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- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=emnfg4txDuI>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3OgCcnpZtZ8>

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1a: Problem Statement

Let $\rho \in (0.0, 1.0)$ be a Beta-distributed random variable: $p \sim \text{Beta}(a, b)$.

Show that $\mathbb{E}[\rho] = \frac{a}{a+b}$.

Hint: You can use these identities, which hold for all $a > 0$ and $b > 0$:

$$\Gamma(a) = \int_{t=0}^{\infty} e^{-t} t^{a-1} dt \quad (1)$$

$$\Gamma(a+1) = a\Gamma(a) \quad (2)$$

$$\int_0^1 \rho^{a-1} (1-\rho)^{b-1} d\rho = \frac{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)}{\Gamma(a+b)} \quad (3)$$

1a: Solution

The expected value is the total of all potential decision outcomes multiplied by each possibility's probability:

$$E(\rho) = \int \rho \cdot f(\rho) dx. \quad (4)$$

The probability density function of the beta distribution is the following:

$$f(\rho) = \text{Beta}(\mu|a, b) = \frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a) \cdot \Gamma(b)} \cdot \rho^{a-1} \cdot (1-\rho)^{b-1}, 0 \leq x \leq 1 \quad (5)$$

Then, we combine the expressions (4) and (5) and perform algebraic manipulation:

$$E(\rho) = \int_0^1 x \cdot \frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a) \cdot \Gamma(b)} \rho^{a-1} (1-\rho)^{b-1} dx \quad (6)$$

$$(7)$$

$$= \int_0^1 \frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a) \cdot \Gamma(b)} \rho^{(a+1)-1} (1-\rho)^{b-1} dx \quad (8)$$

$$(9)$$

$$= \frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)} \int_0^1 \frac{\rho^{(a+1)-1} (1-\rho)^{b-1}}{\Gamma(b)} dx \quad (10)$$

$$(11)$$

$$= \frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(a+1)}{\Gamma(a+b+1)} \int_0^1 \frac{\Gamma(a+b+1)}{\Gamma(a+1) \cdot \Gamma(b)} \cdot \rho^{(a+1)-1} (1-\rho)^{b-1} dx \quad (12)$$

Then, we use the identity $\Gamma(a+1) = a \cdot \Gamma(a)$ to the coefficient and simplify it.

$$= \frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)} \cdot \frac{a \cdot \Gamma(a)}{(a+b) \cdot \Gamma(a+b)} \int_0^1 \frac{\Gamma(a+b+1)}{\Gamma(a+1) \cdot \Gamma(b)} \cdot \rho^{(a+1)-1} (1-\rho)^{b-1} dx \quad (13)$$

$$= \frac{a}{(a+b)} \int_0^1 \frac{\Gamma(a+b+1)}{\Gamma(a+1) \cdot \Gamma(b)} \cdot \rho^{(a+1)-1} (1-\rho)^{b-1} dx \quad (14)$$

$$(15)$$

Recognize that the part in blue is a Beta distribution and substitute $Beta(\mu|(a+1), b)$ in it:

$$= \frac{a}{(a+b)} \int_0^1 Beta(\mu|(a+1), b) dx \quad (16)$$

Since $\int_0^1 Beta(\mu|(a+1), b) dx = 1$, we have:

$$= \frac{a}{a+b} \quad (17)$$

1b: Problem Statement

Let μ be a Dirichlet-distributed random variable: $\mu \sim \text{Dir}(a_1, \dots, a_V)$.

Show that $\mathbb{E}[\mu_w] = \frac{a_w}{\sum_{v=1}^V a_v}$, for any integer w that indexes a vocabulary word.

Hint: You can use the identity:

$$\int \mu_1^{a_1-1} \mu_2^{a_2-1} \dots \mu_V^{a_V-1} d\mu = \frac{\prod_{v=1}^V \Gamma(a_v)}{\Gamma(a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_V)} \quad (18)$$

1b: Solution

$$E[\mu_w] = \int \mu_w \cdot \frac{\Gamma(a_0)}{\Gamma(a_1) \dots \Gamma(a_V)} \cdot \prod_{v=1}^V \mu_v^{a_v-1} d\mu \quad (19)$$

$$(20)$$

Rearrange the terms with μ in red for easier integration.

$$= \int \frac{\Gamma(a_0)}{\Gamma(a_1) \dots \Gamma(a_V)} \cdot \mu_w \cdot \mu_w^{a_w-1} \cdot \prod_{\substack{v=1 \\ v \neq w}}^V \mu_v^{a_v-1} d\mu \quad (21)$$

$$= \int \frac{\Gamma(a_0)}{\Gamma(a_1) \dots \Gamma(a_V)} \cdot \mu_w^{(a_w+1)-1} \cdot \prod_{\substack{v=1 \\ v \neq w}}^V \mu_v^{a_v-1} d\mu \quad (22)$$

$$(23)$$

Define a set of new parameters:

$$b_W = a_W + 1 \quad (24)$$

$$b_i = a_i, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq V \quad (25)$$

For these parameters, we have these identities:

$$\Gamma(b_W) = \Gamma(a_W + 1) = a_W \cdot \Gamma(a_W) \quad (26)$$

$$\Gamma(b_i) = \Gamma(a_i) \quad (27)$$

$$b_0 = 1 + \sum_{v=1}^V a_i = 1 + a_0 \quad (28)$$

Combining (26) and (27), we derive the following:

$$\Gamma(b_1) \dots \Gamma(b_v) = a_w \cdot \Gamma(a_1) \dots \Gamma(a_v) \quad (29)$$

$$\Gamma(a_1) \dots \Gamma(a_v) = \frac{\Gamma(b_1) \dots \Gamma(b_v)}{a_w} \quad (30)$$

$$(31)$$

Using (28), we derive the following:

$$\Gamma(b_0) = \Gamma(1 + a_0) \quad (32)$$

$$= a_0 \cdot \Gamma(a_0) \quad (33)$$

$$\Gamma(a_0) = \frac{\Gamma(b_0)}{a_0} \quad (34)$$

$$(35)$$

Substitute (30) and (31) in the the equation at (22):

$$= \int \frac{a_w}{a_0} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(b_0)}{\Gamma(b_1) \dots \Gamma(b_V)} \cdot \mu_w^{(a_w+1)-1} \cdot \prod_{\substack{v=1 \\ v \neq w}}^V \mu_v^{a_v-1} d\mu \quad (36)$$

$$(37)$$

Substitute (24) and (24) in the equation at (36):

$$= \int \frac{a_w}{a_0} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(b_0)}{\Gamma(b_1) \dots \Gamma(b_V)} \cdot \mu_w^{b_w-1} \cdot \prod_{\substack{v=1 \\ v \neq w}}^V \mu_v^{b_v-1} d\mu \quad (38)$$

$$(39)$$

Then, take the coefficients out oand simplify the integral :

$$= \frac{a_w}{a_0} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(b_0)}{\Gamma(b_1) \dots \Gamma(b_V)} \int \prod_{v=1}^V \mu_v^{b_v-1} d\mu \quad (40)$$

$$(41)$$

Realize that you can rewrite the given identity at (12) in question as:

$$\int \prod_{v=1}^V \mu_v^{b_v-1} d\mu = \int \mu_1^{b_1-1} \dots \mu_V^{b_V-1} d\mu \quad (42)$$

$$= \frac{\prod_{v=1}^V \Gamma(b_v)}{\Gamma(b_1) + \dots + b_V)} = \frac{\Gamma(b_1) \dots \Gamma(b_V)}{\Gamma(b_0)} \quad (43)$$

Substitute the simplified version of the give identity at (43) in the integral:

$$= \frac{a_w}{a_0} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(b_0)}{\Gamma(b_1) \dots \Gamma(b_V)} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(b_1) \dots \Gamma(b_V)}{\Gamma(b_0)} \quad (44)$$

$$(45)$$

$$= \frac{a_w}{a_0} \quad (46)$$

$$= \frac{a_w}{\sum_{v=1}^V a_v} \quad (47)$$

2a: Problem Statement

Show that the likelihood of all N observed words can be written as:

$$p(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_N = x_N | \mu) = \prod_{v=1}^V \mu_v^{n_v} \quad (48)$$

Hint: It may be helpful to recall the definition of the Categorical PMF using indicator notation:

$$p(X_n = x_n | \mu) = \prod_{v=1}^V \mu_v^{[x_n=v]} \quad (49)$$

Also, remember the relationship between this bracket notation and the count of how often vocabulary term v appears in the training data: $n_v = \sum_{n=1}^N [x_n = v]$

2a: Solution

Because we assume that each word is conditionally independent of the other words given a parameter vector, the likelihood of all N observed words is:

$$p(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_N = x_N | \mu) = \prod_{n=1}^N p(X_n = x_n | \mu) \quad (50)$$

Furthermore, since each individual word is identically distributed according to μ , we can write:

$$p(X_n = x_n | \mu) = \mu_{x_n} \quad (51)$$

Then, the likelihood can be written as:

$$p(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_N = x_N | \mu) = \prod_{n=1}^N \mu_{x_n} \quad (52)$$

We can reformulate the likelihood as a product over the vocabulary, where each vocabulary probability μ_v is raised to the power of its corresponding

count.

$$L(\mu) = \prod_{n=1}^N \mu_{x_n} = \prod_{v=1}^V \mu_v^{n_v} \quad (53)$$

The Iverson bracket $[x_n = v]$ counts occurrences. It equals 1 if x_n equals v (the n -th word is the v -th vocabulary term) and 0 otherwise. Therefore, n_v , can be expressed using the Iverson bracket as:

$$n_v = \sum_{n=1}^N [x_n = v] \quad (54)$$

2b: Problem Statement

Derive the next-word posterior predictive, after integrating away parameter μ .

That is, show that after seeing the N training words, the probability of the next word X_* being vocabulary word v is:

$$\begin{aligned} p(X_* = v | X_1 = x_1 \dots X_N = x_N) &= \int p(X_* = v, \mu | X_1 = x_1 \dots X_N = x_N) d\mu \\ &= \frac{n_v + \alpha}{N + V\alpha} \end{aligned} \quad (55)$$

Hint: You will use the expectation of a Dirichlet-distributed random variable that we proved in 1b

2b: Solution

The posterior predictive for a new observation X^* given the data D is the integral over all possible parameter vectors μ :

$$p(X^* = v | D) = \int p(X^* = v | \mu, D) p(\mu | D) d\mu \quad (56)$$

Since X^* is conditionally independent of D given μ , we can simplify the first term in the integral as following:

$$p(X^* = v | D) = \int p(X^* = v | \mu) p(\mu | D) d\mu \quad (57)$$

From the problem statement, we know that the posterior $p(\mu | D)$ is Dirichlet with parameters $\alpha + m$. So, we use the equation for the Dirichlet posterior (Eq. 2.41) and substitute $p(\mu | D)$:

$$p(X^* = v | D) = \int \mu_v \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_0 + N)}{\prod_{k=1}^K \Gamma(\alpha_k + m_k)} \prod_{k=1}^K \mu_k^{\alpha_k + m_k - 1} d\mu \quad (58)$$

Recognize that the integral in (57) is the expected value of μ_v under the Dirichlet distribution, and therefore we don't need to perform an explicit

integration:

$$E[\mu_v] = \frac{\alpha_v + m_v}{\sum_{v=1}^V (\alpha_v + m_v)} \quad (59)$$

We know that, in our Dirichlet distribution, all α_k are equal to α , so $\alpha_v = \alpha$ for all v , and $m_v = n_v$, which is the count of the v -th word. So, we substitute these in.

$$p(X^* = v|D) = E[\mu_v] = \frac{\alpha_v + n_v}{\sum_{v=1}^V (\alpha_v + n_v)} \quad (60)$$

Since $\alpha_v = \alpha$ for all v , and $\sum_{v=1}^V (\alpha_v + n_v) = V\alpha + N$ because the sum of all n_v is N , the total count of words, we have:

$$p(X^* = v|D) = \frac{n_v + \alpha}{V\alpha + N} \quad (61)$$

2c: Problem Statement

Derive the marginal likelihood of observed training data, after integrating away the parameter μ .

That is, show that the marginal probability of the observed N training words has the following closed-form expression:

$$p(X_1 = x_1 \dots X_N = x_N) = \int p(X_1 = x_1, \dots X_N = x_N, \mu) d\mu \quad (62)$$

$$= \frac{\Gamma(V\alpha) \prod_{v=1}^V \Gamma(n_v + \alpha)}{\Gamma(N + V\alpha) \prod_{v=1}^V \Gamma(\alpha)} \quad (63)$$

2c: Solution

Using the product rule, we can rewrite the marginal probability of the observed N training words as follows:

$$p(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_N = x_N) \quad (64)$$

$$= \int p(X_1 = x_1, \dots X_N = x_N, \mu) d\mu \quad (65)$$

$$= \int p(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_N = x_N | \mu) p(\mu) d\mu \quad (66)$$

First, let's evaluate likelihood of the data given the parameter μ . We know that

$$p(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_N = x_N | \mu) = \prod_{v=1}^V \mu_v^{n_v} \quad (67)$$

because of conditional independence from 2(a).

Second, we evaluate the Dirichlet prior $p(\mu)$. Dirichlet prior is

$$p(\mu) = \frac{1}{B(\alpha)} \prod_{v=1}^V \mu_v^{\alpha_v - 1} \quad (68)$$

where $B(\alpha)$ is the beta function (or the normalization constant for the Dirichlet distribution), and α_v are the parameters of the Dirichlet distribution.

Combine the likelihood and the prior:

$$p(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_N = x_N) = \int \left(\prod_{v=1}^V \mu_v^{n_v} \right) \left(\frac{1}{B(\alpha)} \prod_{v=1}^V \mu_v^{\alpha_v-1} \right) d\mu \quad (69)$$

(70)

Simplify the expression and recognize the new Dirichlet distribution.

$$= \int \frac{1}{B(\alpha)} \prod_{v=1}^V \mu_v^{n_v+\alpha_v-1} d\mu \quad (71)$$

(72)

$$= \frac{1}{B(\alpha)} B(n + \alpha) \quad (73)$$

(74)

Now, we can use the properties of the gamma function and the definition of the beta function in terms of gamma functions:

$$B(\alpha) = \frac{\prod_{v=1}^V \Gamma(\alpha_v)}{\Gamma\left(\sum_{v=1}^V \alpha_v\right)}$$

$$B(n + \alpha) = \frac{\prod_{v=1}^V \Gamma(n_v + \alpha_v)}{\Gamma\left(\sum_{v=1}^V (n_v + \alpha_v)\right)}$$

Combining these properties, we get the marginal likelihood:

$$= \frac{\Gamma\left(\sum_{v=1}^V \alpha_v\right)}{\prod_{v=1}^V \Gamma(\alpha_v)} \frac{\prod_{v=1}^V \Gamma(n_v + \alpha_v)}{\Gamma\left(\sum_{v=1}^V (n_v + \alpha_v)\right)} \quad (75)$$

(76)

$$= \frac{\Gamma(V\alpha) \prod_{v=1}^V \Gamma(n_v + \alpha)}{\Gamma(N + V\alpha) \prod_{v=1}^V \Gamma(\alpha)} \quad (77)$$