COMP3670 2021 Theory Assignment 3

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Introduction to Machine Learning

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Exercise 1

a) **Proof:** We will prove by induction that, for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$,

$$p(\theta|x_{1:n} = 1^n) = \frac{\theta^n p(\theta)}{\int_{\theta} \theta^n p(\theta) d\theta}$$
 (1)

Base case: When n = 1,

$$p(\theta|x_1 = 1) = \frac{p(x_1 = 1|\theta)p(\theta)}{p(x_1 = 1)}...$$
Bayes' theorem
$$= \frac{p(x_1 = 1|\theta)p(\theta)}{\int_{\theta} p(x_1 = 1, \theta)d\theta}...$$
sum rule of probability
$$= \frac{p(x_1 = 1|\theta)p(\theta)}{\int_{\theta} p(x_1 = 1|\theta)p(\theta)d\theta}...$$
product rule of probability
$$= \frac{\theta p(\theta)}{\int_{\theta} \theta p(\theta)d\theta}...$$
conditional probability

Induction step: To start with, I will prove Bayes' theorem with 3 events

$$p(x|y,z) = \frac{p(z|x,y)p(x|y)}{p(z|y)}$$

$$p(x|y,z) = \frac{p(x,y,z)}{p(z,y)}$$

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Let $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, $k \geq 2$ be given and suppose (1) is true for n = k. Then

$$\begin{split} p(\theta|x_{1:k+1} = 1^{k+1}) &= p(\theta|x_{1:k} = 1^k, x_{k+1} = 1) \\ &= \frac{p(x_{k+1} = 1|\theta, x_{1:k} = 1^k)p(\theta|x_{1:k} = 1^k)}{p(x_{k+1} = 1|\theta, x_{1:k} = 1^k)p(\theta|x_{1:k} = 1^k)} \dots \quad \text{Bayes' theorem with 3 events} \\ &= \frac{p(x_{k+1} = 1|\theta, x_{1:k} = 1^k)p(\theta|x_{1:k} = 1^k)}{\int_{\theta} p(x_{k+1} = 1, \theta|x_{1:k} = 1^k)p(\theta|x_{1:k} = 1^k)} \dots \quad \text{sum rule of probability} \\ &= \frac{p(x_{k+1} = 1|\theta, x_{1:k} = 1^k)p(\theta|x_{1:k} = 1^k)}{\int_{\theta} p(x_{k+1} = 1|\theta)p(\theta|x_{1:k} = 1^k)d\theta} \dots \quad \text{product rule of probability} \\ &= \frac{p(x_{k+1} = 1|\theta)p(\theta|x_{1:k} = 1^k)}{\int_{\theta} p(x_{k+1} = 1|\theta)p(\theta|x_{1:k} = 1^k)d\theta} \dots \quad \text{independent and identically distributed} \\ &= \frac{\theta p(\theta|x_{1:k} = 1^k)}{\int_{\theta} p(\theta|x_{1:k} = 1^k)d\theta} \dots \quad \text{independent and identically distributed} \\ &= \frac{\theta p(\theta|x_{1:k} = 1^k)}{\int_{\theta} p(\theta|x_{1:k} = 1^k)d\theta} \dots \quad \text{induction proof assumption} \\ &= \frac{\theta \int_{\theta} \frac{\theta^k p(\theta)}{\theta^k p(\theta)d\theta}}{\int_{\theta} \theta^k p(\theta)d\theta} \dots \quad \text{induction proof assumption} \\ &= \frac{\theta^{k+1}p(\theta)}{\int_{\theta} \theta^{k+1}p(\theta)d\theta} \dots \quad \text{expected value is a constant} \end{split}$$

Thus, (1) holds for n = k + 1, and the proof of the induction step is complete.

Conclusion: By the principle of induction, (1) is true for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$.

Since $\mathbb{E}[\theta^n] = \int_{\theta} \theta^n p(\theta) d\theta$, we can simplify the answer as

$$p(\theta|x_{1:n} = 1^n) = \frac{\theta^n p(\theta)}{\mathbb{E}[\theta^n]}.$$

b) **Proof:** We will prove by induction that, for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$,

$$p(\theta|x_{1:n} = 0^n) = \frac{(1-\theta)^n p(\theta)}{\int_{\theta} (1-\theta)^n p(\theta) d\theta}$$
 (2)

Base case: When n = 1,

$$p(\theta|x_1 = 0) = \frac{p(x_1 = 0|\theta)p(\theta)}{p(x_1 = 0)} \dots$$
Bayes' theorem
$$= \frac{p(x_1 = 0|\theta)p(\theta)}{\int_{\theta} p(x_1 = 0,\theta)d\theta} \dots$$
sum rule of probability
$$= \frac{p(x_1 = 0|\theta)p(\theta)}{\int_{\theta} p(x_1 = 0|\theta)p(\theta)d\theta} \dots$$
product rule of probability
$$= \frac{(1-\theta)p(\theta)}{\int_{\theta} (1-\theta)p(\theta)d\theta} \dots$$
conditional probability

Induction step: Let $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, $k \geq 2$ be given and suppose (2) is true for n = k. Then

$$\begin{split} p(\theta|x_{1:k+1} = 0^{k+1}) &= p(\theta|x_{1:k} = 0^k, x_{k+1} = 0) \\ &= \frac{p(x_{k+1} = 0|\theta, x_{1:k} = 0^k)p(\theta|x_{1:k} = 0^k)}{p(x_{k+1} = 0|x_{1:k} = 0^k)} \dots \text{Bayes' theorem with 3 events} \\ &= \frac{p(x_{k+1} = 0|\theta, x_{1:k} = 0^k)p(\theta|x_{1:k} = 0^k)}{\int_{\theta} p(x_{k+1} = 0, \theta|x_{1:k} = 0^k)d\theta} \dots \text{sum rule of probability} \\ &= \frac{p(x_{k+1} = 0|\theta, x_{1:k} = 0^k)p(\theta|x_{1:k} = 0^k)}{\int_{\theta} p(x_{k+1} = 0|\theta)p(\theta|x_{1:k} = 0^k)d\theta} \dots \text{product rule of probability} \\ &= \frac{p(x_{k+1} = 0|\theta)p(\theta|x_{1:k} = 0^k)p(\theta|x_{1:k} = 0^k)d\theta}{\int_{\theta} p(x_{k+1} = 0|\theta)p(\theta|x_{1:k} = 0^k)d\theta} \dots \text{independent and identically distributed} \\ &= \frac{(1-\theta)p(\theta|x_{1:k} = 0^k)}{\int_{\theta} (1-\theta)p(\theta|x_{1:k} = 0^k)d\theta} \\ &= \frac{(1-\theta)p(\theta|x_{1:k} = 0^k)d\theta}{\int_{\theta} (1-\theta)^k p(\theta)d\theta} \\ &= \frac{(1-\theta)\frac{(1-\theta)^k p(\theta)}{\int_{\theta} (1-\theta)^k p(\theta)d\theta}}{\int_{\theta} (1-\theta)^k p(\theta)d\theta} \dots \text{induction proof assumption} \\ &= \frac{(1-\theta)^{k+1}p(\theta)}{\int_{\theta} (1-\theta)^{k+1}p(\theta)d\theta} \dots \text{expected value is a constant} \end{split}$$

Thus, (2) holds for n = k + 1, and the proof of the induction step is complete.

Conclusion: By the principle of induction, (2) is true for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$.

Since $\mathbb{E}[(1-\theta)^n] = \int_{\theta} (1-\theta)^n p(\theta) d\theta$, we can simplify the answer as

$$p(\theta|x_{1:n} = 1^n) = \frac{(1-\theta)^n p(\theta)}{\mathbb{E}[(1-\theta)^n]}.$$

c) Since $p(\theta) = 1$, $\boldsymbol{\theta} = \{\theta \in \mathbb{R} : 0 \le \theta \le 1\}$, from conclusion of a) we have

$$p(\theta|x_{1:n} = 1^n) = \frac{\theta^n}{\int_0^1 \theta^n d\theta}$$
$$= \frac{\theta^n}{\frac{\theta^{n+1}}{n+1} \Big|_0^1}$$
$$= \frac{\theta^n}{\frac{1}{n+1}}$$
$$= (n+1)\theta^n$$

Hence, the answer is $p(\theta|x_{1:n} = 1^n) = (n+1)\theta^n$

d) Since expected value $\mu_n = \int_{\theta} \theta p(\theta|x_{1:n} = 1^n) d\theta$, $\theta = \{\theta \in \mathbb{R} : 0 \leq \theta \leq 1\}$, use conclusion of c) we have

$$\mu_n = \int_0^1 (n+1)\theta^{n+1} d\theta$$

$$= (n+1)\frac{\theta^{n+2}}{n+2}\Big|_0^1$$

$$= (n+1)\frac{1}{n+2}$$

$$= \frac{n+1}{n+2}$$

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \mu_n = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{n+1}{n+2}$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} (1 - \frac{1}{n+2})$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{\infty}$$

$$= 1 - 0$$

$$= 1$$

Hence, the answers are $\mu_n = \frac{n+1}{n+2}$ and $\lim_{n \to \infty} \mu_n = 1$.

e) Since variance $\sigma_n^2 = \int_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} (\theta - \mu_n)^2 p(\theta | x_{1:n} = 1^n) d\theta$, $\boldsymbol{\theta} = \{\theta \in \mathbb{R} : 0 \leq \theta \leq 1\}$, use conclusion of c) and d) we have

$$\sigma_n^2 = \int_0^1 (\theta - \frac{n+1}{n+2})^2 (n+1)\theta^n d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^1 \left[\frac{(n+1)^3}{(n+2)^2} \theta^n - \frac{2(n+1)^2}{n+2} \theta^{n+1} + (n+1)\theta^{n+2} \right] d\theta$$

$$= \left[\frac{(n+1)^2}{(n+2)^2} \theta^{n+1} - \frac{2(n+1)^2}{(n+2)^2} \theta^{n+2} + \frac{n+1}{n+3} \theta^{n+3} \right]_0^1$$

$$= \frac{(n+1)^2}{(n+2)^2} - \frac{2(n+1)^2}{(n+2)^2} + \frac{n+1}{n+3} \dots \text{ uniform prior is } 1$$

$$= \frac{1+n}{3+n} - \frac{(1+n)^2}{(2+n)^2}$$

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\sigma_n^2 = \lim_{n\to\infty} \left(\frac{1+n}{3+n} - \frac{(1+n)^2}{(2+n)^2}\right) = 0\dots \text{ calculated by Wolfram Alpha}$$

Hence, the answers are $\sigma_n^2 = \frac{1+n}{3+n} - \frac{(1+n)^2}{(2+n)^2}$ and $\lim_{n \to \infty} \sigma_n^2 = 0$.

f) If we take the derivative of the conclusion of c), we derive

$$p'(\theta|x_{1:n} = 1^n) = n(n+1)\theta^{n-1}$$
(3)

For $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$: $0 \le \theta \le 1$, we always have $(3) \ge 0$, which means $p(\theta|x_{1:n} = 1^n)$ monotonically increases in the range of θ , then the maximum a posteriori will be always be reached when $\theta = 1$, as known as $\theta_{MAPn} = 1$.

 $\theta_{\text{MAP}n}$ is a constant of 1 and it will not vary with n. Because the uniform prior $p(\theta) = 1$, the value selection of θ will not be biased in the range of $\boldsymbol{\theta}$. And what we observed are n consecutive ones. Consequently, we always have $\theta_{\text{MAP}n} = 1$ regardless of n.

g) In my opinion, μ_n is a better choice for the best guess of the true value of θ . The reason I don't choose θ_{MAPn} is: Regardless of n, θ_{MAPn} is always 1. But when n is small, for instance, if we only flip the coin for once, and we will conclude that the true value of θ is 1 from θ_{MAPn} . I think it is illogical. As for μ_n , it will get closer to 1 when n is large enough, which is a much more logical way for the best guess of the true value of θ .

h) From the conclusion of c), we have

$$p(\theta|x_{1:n} = 1^n) = \begin{cases} 1 & n = 0\\ 2\theta & n = 1\\ 3\theta^2 & n = 2\\ 4\theta^3 & n = 3\\ 5\theta^4 & n = 4 \end{cases}$$

Generated by *Desmos*, the plot is shown as below.

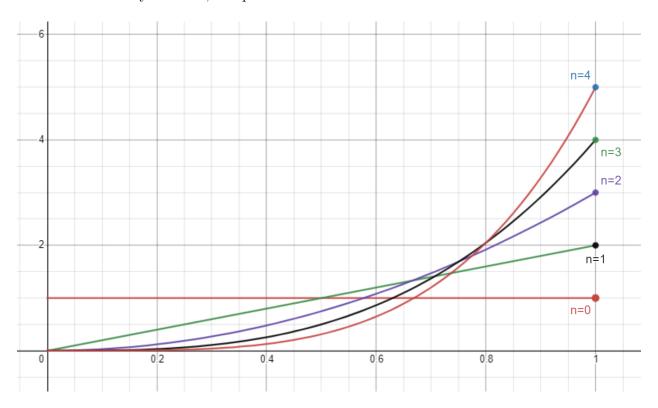


Figure 1: Probability Distributions

We observe from Figure 1 that, with the increase of n, the graphs of probability distributions $p(\theta|x_{1:n}=1^n)$ are skewed towards $\theta=1$.

Exercise 2

a) For $\alpha = \beta = 1$, the camera is noisy-free, and it can perfectly report back the result value. Consequently, the agent updates it's prior to a posterior on θ based on general Bayesian inference.

For $\alpha = \beta = \frac{1}{2}$, the camera has half-n-half probabilities of reporting back a 0 or a 1, regardless of the true result of a coin flip. Consequently, the way that the agent updates it's prior to a posterior on θ will be: A posterior on θ after updating will always be the same as the prior.

For $\alpha = \beta = 0$, the camera reports back an exactly wrong result value of the true result of a coin flip. Consequently, the way that the agent updates it's prior to a posterior on *theta* will be as the following:

- When the observation value is 0, as known as the true result of a coin flip is 1, then a posteriori will skew towards 1.
- When the observation value is 1, as known as the true result of a coin flip is 0, then a posteriori will skew towards 0.
- b) $\forall x \in \{0,1\}$, we have

$$p(\hat{X} = x | \theta) = \sum_{y=0}^{1} p(\hat{X} = x, X = y | \theta)$$

$$= \sum_{y=0}^{1} p(\hat{X} = x | X = y, \theta) p(X = y | \theta)$$

$$= p(\hat{X} = x | X = 1, \theta) p(X = 1 | \theta) + p(\hat{X} = x | X = 0, \theta) p(X = 0 | \theta)$$

$$= \theta p(\hat{X} = x | X = 1) + (1 - \theta) p(\hat{X} = x | X = 0)$$

For x = 0:

$$p(\hat{X} = 0|\theta) = \theta p(\hat{X} = 0|X = 1) + (1 - \theta)p(\hat{X} = 0|X = 0) = \theta(1 - \beta) + (1 - \theta)\alpha$$

For x = 1:

$$p(\hat{X} = 1|\theta) = \theta p(\hat{X} = 1|X = 1) + (1 - \theta)p(\hat{X} = 1|X = 0) = \theta\beta + (1 - \theta)(1 - \alpha)$$

c) Use the conclusion of b), and knowing that $\hat{X} = 1$, we have

$$\begin{split} p(\theta|\hat{X} = 1) &= \frac{p(\hat{X} = 1|\theta)p(\theta)}{p(\hat{X} = 1)} \\ &= \frac{p(\hat{X} = 1|\theta)p(\theta)}{\int_0^1 p(\hat{X} = 1, \theta)d\theta} \\ &= \frac{[\theta\beta + (1 - \theta)(1 - \alpha)]p(\theta)}{\int_0^1 [\theta\beta + (1 - \theta)(1 - \alpha)]p(\theta)d\theta} \end{split}$$

For $\alpha = \beta = 1$, we calculate

$$p(\theta|\hat{X} = 1) = \frac{\theta p(\theta)}{\int_0^1 \theta p(\theta) d\theta} = \frac{\theta p(\theta)}{\mathbb{E}[\theta]}$$

The camera is noisy-free, and it can perfectly report back the result value. Consequently, the agent updates it's prior to a posterior on θ based on general Bayesian inference.

For $\alpha = \beta = \frac{1}{2}$, we calculate

$$p(\theta|\hat{X}=1) == \frac{\frac{1}{2}p(\theta)}{\int_0^1 \frac{1}{2}p(\theta)d\theta} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}p(\theta)}{\frac{1}{2}\int_0^1 p(\theta)d\theta} = p(\theta)\dots \text{ integral of a PDF is 1}$$

The camera has half-n-half probabilities of reporting back a 0 or a 1, regardless of the true result of a coin flip. Consequently, the way that the agent updates it's prior to a posterior on θ will be: A posteriori on θ after updating will always be the same as the prior.

For $\alpha = \beta = 0$, we calculate

$$p(\theta|\hat{X} = 1) = \frac{(1 - \theta)p(\theta)}{\int_0^1 (1 - \theta)p(\theta)d\theta} = \frac{(1 - \theta)p(\theta)}{\mathbb{E}[1 - \theta]}$$

The camera reports back an exactly wrong result value of the true result of a coin flip. Consequently, the way that the agent updates it's prior to a posterior on *theta* will be as the following:

• When the observation value is 0, as known as the true result of a coin flip is 1, then a posteriori will skew towards 1.

- When the observation value is 1, as known as the true result of a coin flip is 0, then a posteriori will skew towards 0.
- d) Take $p(\theta) = 1$ into an equation we derive in c), then

$$p(\theta|\hat{X} = 1) = \frac{[\theta\beta + (1-\theta)(1-\alpha)]p(\theta)}{\int_0^1 [\theta\beta + (1-\theta)(1-\alpha)]p(\theta)d\theta}$$

$$= \frac{\theta\beta + (1-\theta)(1-\alpha)}{\int_0^1 [\theta\beta + (1-\theta)(1-\alpha)]d\theta}$$

$$= \frac{\theta\beta + (1-\theta)(1-\alpha)}{\frac{1}{2}(1-\alpha+\beta)} \dots \text{ calculated by Wolfram Alpha}$$

$$= 2\theta\alpha + 2(1-\theta)(1-\alpha)\dots\beta = \alpha$$

$$= 4\theta\alpha - 2\theta - 2\alpha + 2$$

Hence, the answer is $p(\theta|\hat{X}=1)=4\theta\alpha-2\theta-2\alpha+2$.

e) From the conclusion of d), we have

$$p(\theta|\hat{X} = 1) = \begin{cases} -2\theta + 2 & \alpha = 0\\ -\theta + \frac{3}{2} & \alpha = 1/4\\ 1 & \alpha = 2/4\\ \theta + \frac{1}{2} & \alpha = 3/4\\ 2\theta & \alpha = 1 \end{cases}$$

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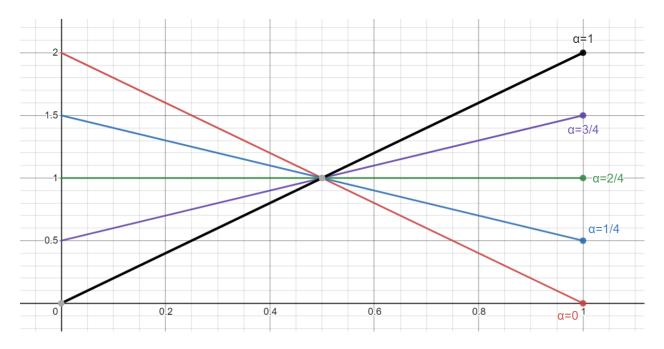


Figure 2: Posterior Distributions

We observe from Figure 2 that, with the increase of α , the graphs of posterior distributions $p(\theta|\hat{X}=1)$ are skewed from 0 to 1.

- For $\alpha > \frac{1}{2}$, the camera reports back relatively true outcome of a coin flip. And the result value is perfectly correct when $\alpha = 1$.
- For $\alpha < \frac{1}{2}$, the camera reports back relatively false outcome of a coin flip. And the result value is exactly wrong when $\alpha = 0$.
- For $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$, the camera cannot report back any useful information of a coin flip.

Question 3

a) The cdf for X can be derived as following:

$$F_{X}(x) = P(X \leq x)$$
 ... by definition
$$= \int_{-\infty}^{x} P_{X}(z) dz \dots \text{ integral of post is colf}$$

$$= \int_{0}^{x} P_{X}(z) dz \dots o \leq x \leq 1$$

The cdf for Y can be derived as following:

$$F_{Y}(y) = P(Y \leq y) \quad \text{in by definition}$$

$$= P(\frac{1}{x} \leq y) \quad \text{in } Y = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$= P(\frac{1}{y} \leq x) \quad \text{in } x, \neq y > 0$$

$$= 1 - P(x \leq \frac{1}{y}) \quad \text{in } x, \neq y > 0$$

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$$= 1 - P(x \leq \frac{1}{y}) \quad \text{in } x$$

$$= 1 - \int_{0}^{\frac{1}{2}} P_{x}(z) dz$$

To get the paf for, we derivate the cdf for Y: $PY(y) = \frac{d}{dy} (1 - \int_{0}^{\frac{1}{y}} P_{x}(z) dz)$

$$= -\frac{d}{dy} \left(\int_0^{\frac{1}{y}} P_x(z) dz \right)$$

Apply the chain rule, we have $\frac{d}{dx} \int_{a}^{u(x)} f(t) dt = u'(x) f(u(x))$, then

Pr(y) =
$$-(\frac{1}{y})^3 P_x(\frac{1}{y})$$

= $-(y^{\frac{1}{y}})^3 P_x(\frac{1}{y})$

= $y^2 P_x(\frac{1}{y})$

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Hence, we proved that $P_x(y) = \frac{1}{y^2} P_x(\frac{1}{y})$.

b) If player's guess m was lower than c : $(m < c, \frac{me}{me} I_{1,000})$)

player wins $m-1$, win probability $\int_0^\infty P_x(y) dy$

If player's guess m at is higher than c : $(m > c, m \in I_{1,000})$)

player losses I , loss probability $\iint_0^m P_x(y) dy$

We compute the expected profit as

 $F = (m-1) \int_0^\infty P_x(y) dy - \int_0^m P_x(y) dy + \int_0^\infty P_x(y) dy$

= $M \int_0^\infty P_x(y) dy - (\int_0^m P_x(y) dy + \int_0^\infty P_x(y) dy)$

= $M \int_0^\infty P_x(y) dy - \int_0^\infty P_x(y) dy - \int_0^\infty P_x(y) dy$

= $M \int_0^\infty P_x(y) dy - \int$

- C) Take the equation of $P_{X(X)}$ into the conclusion of b), we derive expected post $IE = m \int_{m}^{\infty} \frac{1}{y^{2}} dy 1$ $= m \cdot \frac{1}{m} 1 \qquad \text{Calculated by Wolfram Alpha}$
 - = 0

Hence, no matter what strategy the player uses, the expected profit is always 0.

- d) Answer: $P_{X}(X) = -\ln(10) \cdot \log(X)$, $\chi \in [0,1]$. my idea of finding $P_{X}(X)$:
 - $\int_{0}^{1} P_{X}(\mathbf{e}_{X}) dx = | \text{ and } P_{X}(X) \geq 0 \quad (\text{Basic})$
 - I since X is extremely biased towards small values, and $P_X(X) \ge 0$, I think $P_X(X)$ should be monotonically decreasing from ∞ to small values when $0 < X \le |$.
 - => I first thought of -log(x), but its integral over (0,1] is not 1, so I multiply it by (n(10).
 - => Finally, I derive Px(x) = -ln(10). log(x).
- Proof of validity: $\int_0^1 P_X(x) dx = \int_0^1 [-\ln(\log \log_{10}(x))] dx = 1$ (Wolfman Alpha) $P_X(x) dx = -\ln(\log \log(x)) \ge 0$ for $0 < x \le 1$.
- $E = m \int_{m}^{\infty} \frac{1}{y^{2}} P_{x}(\frac{1}{y}) dy 1 = m \int_{m}^{\infty} \frac{1}{y^{2}} (-\ln(10) \log \frac{1}{y^{2}} \frac{1}{y^{2}} dy) 1 = \ln(m)$ (wolfman Alpha)

 For any B > 0, $\exists m \ge e^{B}$, then $E \ge \ln(e^{B}) = B$, expected profit is at least B.

 (eg: $m = 2 \cdot e^{B}$) $\Rightarrow E = \ln(2e^{B}) = \ln(2e^{B}) = \ln(2e^{B}) = B$