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Que 1 → Let the doors be labelled a, b, c , where a is the door you chose initially and b is the door that is opened.

Let $p(a)$ = probability that a leads to the desired prize. and B = the event that door ~~a~~ gets opened and leads to junk.

The aim is to calculate $P(a/b)$ i.e. the probability of opening a to find the prize given that B leads to junk.

We can use Baye's theorem for this:

$$P(a/B) = \frac{P(a, B)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(B/a) P(a)}{P(B)}$$

Now, clearly, $P(a) = P(b) = P(c) = \frac{1}{3}$ (all are equally likely without any experiment knowledge.)

$P(B/a)$ = probability that b is opened given that a leads to prize.

Evidently, $P(B/a) = \frac{1}{2}$

Person could have opened either ~~a~~ b or c since they both lead to junk.

$$\text{and } P(B) = P(B/a) + P(B/b) + P(B/c) \\ = P(B/a)p(a) + P(B/b)p(b) + P(B/c)p(c).$$

We know that $p(a) = p(b) = p(c) = 1/3$, $P(B/a) = 1/2$
and $P(B/b) = 0$

(\therefore person will not open b since it leads to the prize in this case).

Given that you have chosen a, then if c leads to the prize, Monty Hall must open b ~~and~~

$$\therefore P(B/c) = 1$$

\therefore The probability that your ~~orig~~ original choice leads to the prize is:

$$P(a/b) = \frac{P(B/a)p(a)}{P(B/a)p(a) + P(B/b)p(b) + P(B/c)p(c)} \\ = \frac{1/2 \times 1/3}{\frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{2} + \left(0 \times \frac{1}{3}\right) + \left(1 \times \frac{1}{3}\right)} = \frac{1}{3}$$

So you would double your chances from $\frac{1}{3}$ to $\frac{2}{3}$ if you open the other door.

Ques 2 \rightarrow The model probability distribution for SIS:

$$p(s) ds = (\alpha - 1) \left(\frac{s}{s_0} \right)^{-\alpha} \frac{ds}{s_0}$$

$\alpha - 1$ and powers of s_0 arise from the normalization requirement.

$$\int_{s_0}^{\infty} ds p(s) = 1$$

Likelihood function L :

Dividing the flux range into (a very large number) N small bins of width ΔS so that each bin has 0 or 1 source in them. The probability of having 0 sources is $e^{-\lambda}$ and probability of having 1 source is $\lambda e^{-\lambda}$, where.

$\lambda = p(s) \Delta S$ is the expectations value. If $\lambda \ll 1$ (take $\Delta S \rightarrow 0$) then probabilities are $1-\lambda$ and λ respectively.

The joint probability of getting the data observed is:

$$\prod_{\text{empty cells}} (1-\lambda) \prod_{\text{filled cells}} \lambda$$

Ignoring the first product, this becomes:

$$\prod_{\text{filled cells}} p(s_i) \Delta S$$

\therefore the likelihood is (the ΔS terms just affect the proportionality)

$$L(\alpha) \propto \prod_{i=1}^n (\alpha-1) s_0^{\alpha-1} s_i^{-\alpha}$$

Taking ~~large~~ loge on both sides and ignoring

a ~~low~~ constant.

$$\ln L = \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\ln(\alpha-1) + (\alpha-1) \ln(S_0 - \alpha) \ln S_i \right]$$

Maximizing $\ln L$ wrt. α :

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \ln(L) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{\alpha-1} + \ln S_0 - \alpha \ln S_i \right) = 0$$

and we find the minimum for

$$\alpha = 1 + \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n \ln \left(\frac{S_i}{S_0} \right)}$$

Suppose we observe only one source with flux twice that of the cut-off, $S_1 = 2S_0$, then

$$\alpha = 1 + \frac{1}{\ln 2} = 2.44$$

but with a large uncertainty.

We have two pieces of information here. $\therefore S_0$ is known, as slope can be found even with one object. For example if the slope is steep, we can say that S_1 is expected to be close to S_0 .

Ques 3 \rightarrow The extra information in this case is that the ~~chute~~ ~~chute~~ was stolen

Now, probability of theft of cheese is $P(C)$.

The probability that the person is a known thief is $P(T)$.

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So, we have: $P(S|T) = 0.0004$

and $P(C|S, T) = 1$

Using Baye's Theorem:

$$P(S|C, T) = \frac{P(C|S, T) P(S|T)}{P(C|S, T) P(S, T) + P(C|\sim S, T) P(\sim S|T)}$$

Now, ~~$P(C)$~~ $P(C|S, T) = 1$

$$P(S|T) = 0.0004$$

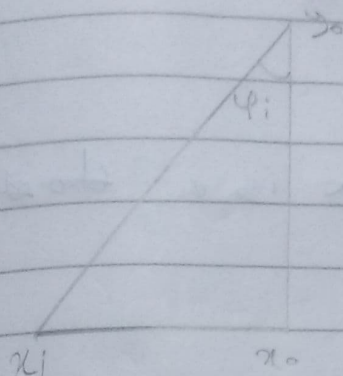
$$\text{and } P(\sim S|T) = 0.9996$$

$P(C|\sim S, T)$ is the probability that there is a cheese theft given that the perpetrator is not a thief. For this, we take the probability of a theft in the general population, i.e., $P(C|\sim S, T) = 0.00005$, so,

$$P(S|C, T) = \frac{1 \times 0.0004}{1 \times 0.0004 + 0.00005 \times 0.9996} = 0.89$$

Put another way, for the landlords / ladies of 100,000 pretty petty thieves, there will be only about 40 cheese thefts and there will only be 5 thefts by strangers.

Que 4 →



We want to know $P(x_0, y_0 | \{u_i\})$
 Now given the position of the light house, the probability of recording a flash is $P(x_i | x_0, y_0)$

$$\therefore P(x_0, y_0 | \{u_i\}) \propto P(\{u_i\} | x_0, y_0) P(x_0, y_0)$$

$$\therefore P(x_0, y_0 | \{u_i\}) \propto \prod_i P(x_i | x_0, y_0)$$

Let the angle of the direction of the flash to the normal to the coastline be φ , then by trigonometry, the position that the flash arrives at is given by

$$\tan \varphi_i = \frac{x_i - x_0}{y_0}$$

So,

$$P(u_i | x_0, y_0) = P(\varphi_i | x_0, y_0) \left| \frac{d\varphi_i}{dx_i} \right|$$

and for signals that are ~~requ~~ required on the shore, φ is uniformly distributed in $-\pi/2 < \varphi < \pi/2$,
 So $P(\varphi_i) = \frac{1}{\pi}$ in this range, ~~in the range~~
 independent of x_0, y_0 , Also

$$\sec^2 \varphi_i \frac{d\varphi_i}{dx_i} = \frac{1}{y_0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[1 + \left(\frac{x_i - x_0}{y_0} \right)^2 \right] \frac{dy_i}{dx_i} = \frac{1}{y_0}$$

and the likelihood of x_i is a ~~good~~ Cauchy distribution.

$$p(x_i | x_0, y_0) = \frac{1}{\pi y_0 \left[1 + \frac{(x_i - x_0)^2}{y_0^2} \right]}$$

Hence, the ~~the~~ unnormalized posterior for x_0, y_0 is

$$p(x_0, y_0 | \{x_i\}) \propto \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{\pi y_0 \left[1 + \frac{(x_i - x_0)^2}{y_0^2} \right]}$$

which is our desired outcome.