STAT 447C: Bayesian Statistics

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Exercise 1

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1 sampling from a joint distribution

1. Since flips are independent, then the joint pmf: $p(x, y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) = p(y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4|x) \cdot p(x) = \prod_{i=1}^4 p(y_i|x) \cdot p(x)$.

Let $g(X, Y_1, Y_2, Y_3, Y_4) = (1 + Y_1)^X$, then by LOTUS,

$$\begin{split} &\mathbb{E}(1+Y_1)^X = \mathbb{E}g(X,Y_1,Y_2,Y_3,Y_4) \\ &= \sum_{x \in \{0,1,2\}} \sum_{y_1 \in \{0,1\}} \sum_{y_2} \sum_{y_3} \sum_{y_4} g(x,y_1,y_2,y_3,y_4) \cdot p(x,y_1,y_2,y_3,y_4) \\ &= \sum_{x} \sum_{y_1} (1+y_1)^x \cdot p(y_1|x) \cdot p(x) \sum_{y_2} p(y_2|x) \sum_{y_3} p(y_3|x) \sum_{y_4} p(y_4|x) \\ &= \sum_{x} \sum_{y_1} (1+y_1)^x \cdot p(y_1|x) \cdot p(x) \\ &= \frac{13}{6} \end{split}$$

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21 library(extraDistr)
      set.seed(2024)
      # theoretical expectation
      X = c(0,1,2)
      Y = c(0,1)
      p_mtx = matrix(c(1,1/2,0,0,1/2,1), byrow = FALSE, nrow=3)
      for (i in (1:length(X))) {
        x = X[i]
       for (j in (1:length(Y))) {
          y = Y[j]
          p = p_mtx[i,j]
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          sum = sum + (1+y)^x * p *(1/3)
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        }
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      sum #2.1666666666667
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      # sample function
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      forward_sample = function() {
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        x = rdunif(1, 0, 2)
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        Y = rbinom(4, 1, x/2)
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        return (c(x, Y))
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      forward_sample()
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      # 1 1 0 1 0
      # function of (x, Y)
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      f_{eval} = function(v) ((1 + v[2])^v[1])
      # compute expectation
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      mean(replicate(f_eval(forward_sample()), n = 100000))
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      # 2.16713
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- 3. we use the sample mean of the function values of $g = (1 + y_1)^x$ to approximate the expectation by the LLN
- 4. From the simulation results, if the number of simulation gets larger, then the sample mean is closer to the true expectation.

2 computing a conditional

- 1. If $p = \frac{1}{2}$, then X = 1, so we want: $\mathbb{P}(X = 1 | (Y_1, Y_2, Y_3, Y_4) = (0, 0, 0, 0))$
- 2. Note that

$$\mathbb{P}(Y_i = 0, \forall i | X = 0) = 1$$

and

$$\mathbb{P}(Y_i = 0, \forall i | X = 1) = (\frac{1}{2})^4$$

and

$$\mathbb{P}(Y_i = 0, \forall i | X = 2) = 0$$

, so by Bayes rule and total probability:

$$\begin{split} & \mathbb{P}(X=1|(Y_1,Y_2,Y_3,Y_4)=(0,0,0,0)) \\ & = \frac{\mathbb{P}(Y_i=0,\forall i|X=1) \cdot \mathbb{P}(X=1)}{\sum_{j=0}^2 \mathbb{P}(Y_i=0,\forall i|X=j) \cdot \mathbb{P}(X=j)} \\ & = \frac{(\frac{1}{2})^4 \cdot \frac{1}{3}}{1 \cdot \frac{1}{3} + (\frac{1}{2})^4 \cdot \frac{1}{3} + 0 \cdot \frac{1}{3}} \\ & = \frac{1}{17} \end{split}$$

3 non uniform prior on coin types

1.

$$\begin{split} X \sim Categorical((0,1,2)|(\frac{1}{100},\frac{98}{100},\frac{1}{100})) \\ Y_i|X \sim \text{Bernoulli}(\frac{X}{2}) \end{split}$$

2.

$$\begin{split} & \mathbb{P}(X=1|(Y_1,Y_2,Y_3,Y_4)=(0,0,0,0)) \\ & = \frac{\mathbb{P}(Y_i=0,\forall i|X=1)\cdot \mathbb{P}(X=1)}{\sum_{j=0}^2 \mathbb{P}(Y_i=0,\forall i|X=j)\cdot \mathbb{P}(X=j)} \\ & = \frac{(\frac{1}{2})^4 \cdot \frac{98}{100}}{1 \cdot \frac{1}{100} + (\frac{1}{2})^4 \cdot \frac{98}{100} + 0 \cdot \frac{1}{100}} \\ & = \frac{98}{114} \end{split}$$