

# Homework 0

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1. (1) The sample space of  $X$  is  $\{000, 001, 010, 011, 100, 101, 110, 111\}$ .  
(2)  $P(X = 0, 0, 0) = (1 - 0.6) * (1 - 0.6) * (1 - 0.6) = 0.064$

Let  $E$  = the outcome has two heads and one tail

$$P(E) = \binom{3}{2} * 0.6 * 0.6 * (1 - 0.6) = 0.432$$

2. (1) Let  $B$  = there is a burglar in the house,  $A$  = the alarm is triggered

$$P(B) = 0.005$$

$$P(A | B) = 0.97$$

$$P(A, B) = P(B) * P(A | B) = 0.00485$$

$$P(A | B_C) = 0.002$$

$$P(A, B_C) = P(A | B_C) * (1 - P(B)) = 0.002 * (1 - 0.005) = 0.00199$$

$$P(A) = P(A, B_C) + P(A, B) = 0.00684$$

$$P(B | A) = P(A, B) / P(A) = 0.00485 / 0.00684 = 0.709$$

Therefore, the probability that there was a burglar in his house, given the alarm triggers, is 70.9%.

(2) Let  $E$  = there is an earthquake

$$P(A | E) = 0.01$$

$$P(E) = 0.001$$

$$P(A, E) = P(A | E)P(E) = 1 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$P(B_C) = 0.995$$

$$P(B_C, E) = P(B_C)P(E) = 9.95 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$P(A | B_C, E) = 0.002$$

$$P(A, B_C, E) = P(A | B_C, E)P(B_C, E) = 1.99 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$P(A, B, E) = P(A, E) - P(A, B_C, E) = 8.01 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(B | A, E) &= P(A, B, E) / P(A, E) \\ &= 0.801 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the probability that there is a burglar given that the earthquake occurs and the alarm triggers, is 80.1%.

3. In this problem, the function that we want to maximize and the constraints are

$$\begin{aligned} \ln f(p) &= \sum_{n=1}^N \ln P(x^{(n)}) \\ \sum_{k=1}^K p_k &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

By Lagrange Multiplier, we have

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial p_k} \left( \sum_{n=1}^N \ln P(X^{(n)}) - \lambda \left( \sum_{k=1}^K p_k - 1 \right) \right) = 0 \quad (*)$$

Note that

$$P(X^{(n)}) = \prod_{k=1}^K p_k^{\delta(X^{(n)}, k)} \quad (1)$$

$$\ln P(X^{(n)}) = \sum_{k=1}^K \ln(p_k) \delta(X^{(n)}, k) \quad (2)$$

Substitute (2) into (\*), we get

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial p_k} \left( \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K \ln(p_k) \delta(X^{(n)}, k) - \lambda \left( \sum_{k=1}^K p_k - 1 \right) \right) = 0$$

Taking the partial derivative with respect to  $p_k$  and using the constraints, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_k &= \sum_{n=1}^N \delta(X^{(n)}, k) / \lambda \\
 \sum_{k=1}^K p_k &= 1 \\
 \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K \delta(X^{(n)}, k) / \lambda &= 1 \\
 N / \lambda &= 1 \\
 \lambda &= N
 \end{aligned} \tag{.1}$$

Finally, substitute  $\lambda = N$  into (.1) above, we get

$$p_k = \sum_{n=1}^N \delta(X^{(n)}, k) / N$$

4. (1)  $E_{P(X)} = 0.7 * 1 + 0.3 * 0 = 0.7$

(2)  $P(X) = -p \log_2 p - (1 - p) \log_2 (1 - p) = 0.8812$

(3)  $KL(P || Q) = \sum_{i=1}^N P(X_i) (\ln(P(X_i)) - \ln(Q(X_i))) = 0.1837$

(4) To prove  $KL \geq 0$ , we try to prove  $-KL \leq 0$ .

First, note that  $\ln x \leq x - 1$ . Let  $f(x) = \ln x - x + 1$  for  $x > 0$

$$f'(x) = 1/x - 1$$

$$f'(1) = 0$$

$$f''(x) = -1/x^2$$

$$f''(1) < 0$$

Therefore,  $f(1) = 0$  is a local maximum.

Also,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} = -\infty = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty}$$

Therefore,  $f(1) = 0$  is the global maximum, and thus  $\ln x \leq x - 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
-KL(P \parallel Q) &= \sum_{i=1}^N P(X_i) \log(Q(X_i)/P(X_i)) \\
&\leq \sum_{i=1}^N P(X_i)(Q(X_i)/P(X_i) - 1) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^N Q(X_i) - P(X_i) \\
&= 1 - 1 \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, since  $-KL(P \parallel Q) \leq 0$ ,  $KL(P \parallel Q) \geq 0$ .

If  $P = Q$  ( $\rightarrow$ ):

$$\begin{aligned}
KL(P \parallel P) &= \sum_{i=1}^N P(X_i) \log(P(X_i)/P(X_i)) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^N P(X_i) \log(1) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^N 0 \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

If  $KL(P \parallel Q) = 0$  ( $\leftarrow$ ):

First note that  $f(x) = \log(x)$  is a convex function. By Jensen's inequality, we have  $f(E(x)) \leq E(f(x))$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
KL(P \parallel Q) &= - \sum_x P(x) \log(Q(x)/P(x)) \\
&\geq - \log\left(\sum_x P(x) Q(x)/P(x)\right) \\
&= - \log\left(\sum_x Q(x)\right) \\
&= - \log(1) \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

The equality is equal to 0, which means that  $f$  is either linear or, for every  $x$

$(Q(x)/P(x))$  is 1. Since  $f(x) = \log(x)$  is convex, the  $Q(x)/P(x) = 1$  for all  $x$ . Therefore,  $P(X) = Q(X)$ . Thus,  $KL(P||Q) = 0$  iff  $P = Q$ .