

Advanced Machine Learning course, IDC

Assignment 1

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Question 1

Given:

$$P(Fair) = 0.999$$

$$P(Head|Fair) = 0.5$$

$$P(Forged) = 0.001$$

$$P(Head|Forged) = 0.9$$

Definition: n = The number of times coin falls on "heads" out of 10 coin tosses

According to Bayes rule:

$$P(Forged|n=9) = \frac{P(n=9|Forged) \cdot P(Forged)}{P(n=9)}$$

$$P(Fair|n=9) = \frac{P(n=9|Fair) \cdot P(Fair)}{P(n=9)}$$

From binomial distribution:

$$P(n=9|Forged) = \binom{10}{9} \cdot 0.9^9 \cdot 0.1 = 0.38742$$

$$P(n=9|Fair) = \binom{10}{9} \cdot 0.5^9 \cdot 0.5 = 0.009765625$$

$$P(n=9) = P(n=9|Forged) \cdot P(Forged) + P(n=9|Fair) \cdot P(Fair) = 0.010143279864$$

Putting it together:

$$\text{a. Chance this is a Forged coin: } P(Forged|n=9) = \frac{0.38742 \cdot 0.001}{0.010143279864} = 0.038195$$

$$\text{b. Chance this is a Fair coin: } P(Fair|n=9) = \frac{0.009765625 \cdot 0.999}{0.010143279864} = 0.961805$$

Question 2

Definition: n = Random variable which represents the number of girls born in a family

According to the above, $n \sim \text{Geom}(p = 0.5)$

The The expected number of girls per family in the country is: $E(n) = \frac{1-p}{p} = 1$

The number of boys per family is deterministic (always 1) for families that are done with the recreation phase.

Given the above:

- If we look only at families which already finished making kids - We should expect equal numbers of boys and girls.
- If we look at the entire population, including families which are in the middle of the recreational process - we should expect slightly more girls, because there will be families with girls only who did not make a boy just yet.

Question 3

Using log likelihood:

$$\theta_{ML} = \underset{\theta \in \Omega}{\operatorname{argmax}} LL(\theta) =$$

$$\underset{\theta \in \Omega}{\operatorname{argmax}} \log(P(x_1, \dots, x_n | \theta)) =$$

$$\underset{\theta \in \Omega}{\operatorname{argmax}} \log \prod_{i=1}^n (P(x_i | \theta)) =$$

$$\underset{\theta \in \Omega}{\operatorname{argmax}} \sum_{i=1}^n \log(P(x_i | \theta)) =$$

a. Binomial MLE:

Suppose we got "Heads" k times in our sample.

$$LL(\theta) = \log P(x_1 \dots x_n | \theta) = \log(p^k \cdot (1-p)^{n-k}) = k \cdot \log(p) + (n-k) \cdot \log(1-p)$$

Differentiate and set to Zero:

$$\frac{dL(\theta)}{dp} = \frac{k}{p} - \frac{n-k}{1-p} = 0$$

$$p = \frac{k}{n}$$

b. Poisson MLE:

$$L(\theta) = L(\lambda | x_1 \dots x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i | \lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^n e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^{x_i}}{x_i!}$$

$$LL(\theta) = \ln L(\theta) = \ln \left(\prod_{i=1}^n e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^{x_i}}{x_i!} \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \ln \left(e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^{x_i}}{x_i!} \right) = -\lambda n - \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(x_i!) + \ln \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

Differentiate and set to Zero:

$$\frac{dL(\theta)}{d\lambda} = -n + \frac{1}{\lambda} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = 0$$

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

c. Normal MLE:

$$L(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \cdot e^{-\frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

$$LL(\theta) = -n \cdot \ln(\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}) - \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}$$

Differentiate and set each parameter μ, σ to Zero:

$$\frac{\partial L(\theta)}{\partial \mu} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i - \mu}{\sigma^2} = 0$$

$$\mu = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

$$\frac{\partial L(\theta)}{\partial \sigma} = -\frac{n}{\sigma} + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^3} = 0$$

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2$$

Question 4

Section a.

To obtain the marginal distribution of each random variable, we need to integrate the bivariate term on the other variable in the range $[-\infty, \infty]$.

Since the bivariate Normal density function is symmetric for the two variables, I will integrate explicitly for one, the other will be the same with the opposite parameters.

The bivariate normal distribution density:

$$f(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_1\sigma_2\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)}\left[\left(\frac{x_1-\mu_1}{\sigma_1}\right)^2 - 2\rho\left(\frac{x_1-\mu_1}{\sigma_1}\right)\left(\frac{x_2-\mu_2}{\sigma_2}\right) + \left(\frac{x_2-\mu_2}{\sigma_2}\right)^2\right]\right\}$$

The marginal density $m(x_1)$ is the integral of f on x_2 from $-\infty$ to ∞ :

$$m(x_1) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x_1, x_2) dx_2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_1\sigma_2\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)}\left[\left(\frac{x_1-\mu_1}{\sigma_1}\right)^2 - 2\rho\left(\frac{x_1-\mu_1}{\sigma_1}\right)\left(\frac{x_2-\mu_2}{\sigma_2}\right) + \left(\frac{x_2-\mu_2}{\sigma_2}\right)^2\right]\right\} dx_2 =$$

Taking constants elements out of the integral:

$$\frac{\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)}\left(\frac{x_1-\mu_1}{\sigma_1}\right)^2\right)}{2\pi\sigma_1\sigma_2\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)}\left[\left(\frac{x_2-\mu_2}{\sigma_2}\right)^2 - 2\rho\left(\frac{x_1-\mu_1}{\sigma_1}\right)\left(\frac{x_2-\mu_2}{\sigma_2}\right)\right]\right\} dx_2 =$$

Complete to square (Algebra):

$$\frac{\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)}\left(\frac{x_1-\mu_1}{\sigma_1}\right)^2\right)}{2\pi\sigma_1\sigma_2\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)}\left[\left(\frac{x_2-\mu_2}{\sigma_2}\right)^2 - 2\rho\left(\frac{x_1-\mu_1}{\sigma_1}\right)\left(\frac{x_2-\mu_2}{\sigma_2}\right) + \rho^2\left(\frac{x_1-\mu_1}{\sigma_1}\right)^2 - \rho^2\left(\frac{x_1-\mu_1}{\sigma_1}\right)^2\right]\right\} dx_2 =$$

Take the new independent element out of the integral:

$$\frac{\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)}\left(\frac{x_1-\mu_1}{\sigma_1}\right)^2 + \frac{\rho^2}{2(1-\rho^2)}\left(\frac{x_1-\mu_1}{\sigma_1}\right)^2\right)}{2\pi\sigma_1\sigma_2\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)}\left[\left(\frac{x_2-\mu_2}{\sigma_2}\right)^2 - 2\rho\left(\frac{x_1-\mu_1}{\sigma_1}\right)\left(\frac{x_2-\mu_2}{\sigma_2}\right) + \rho^2\left(\frac{x_1-\mu_1}{\sigma_1}\right)^2\right]\right\} dx_2 =$$

Simplify:

$$\frac{\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x_1-\mu_1}{\sigma_1}\right)^2\right)}{2\pi\sigma_1\sigma_2\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)}\left[\left(\frac{x_2-\mu_2}{\sigma_2}\right) - \rho\left(\frac{x_1-\mu_1}{\sigma_1}\right)\right]^2\right\} dx_2$$

Define:

$$v := \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \left[\frac{x_2-\mu_2}{\sigma_2} - \rho\left(\frac{x_1-\mu_1}{\sigma_1}\right) \right]$$

So we get:

$$dv = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\rho^2}\sigma_2} dx_2$$

Now we can introduce v instead of x_2 into the equations of $m(x_1)$ and continue from the last step:

$$\begin{aligned} m(x_1) &= \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x_1-\mu_1}{\sigma_1}\right)^2\right)}{2\pi\sigma_1\sigma_2\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}v^2\right) \sqrt{1-\rho^2}\sigma_2 dv = \\ &= \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x_1-\mu_1}{\sigma_1}\right)^2\right)}{2\pi\sigma_1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}v^2\right) dv \end{aligned}$$

We can now use this integral:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}v^2\right)}{\sqrt{2\pi}} dv = 1 \Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}v^2\right) dv = \sqrt{2\pi}$$

Introducing the integral into the last step:

$$m(x_1) = \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x_1 - \mu_1}{\sigma_1}\right)^2\right)}{2\pi\sigma_1} \sqrt{2\pi} =$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_1} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x_1 - \mu_1}{\sigma_1}\right)^2\right)$$

And as expected, we got the monivariate normal distribution density function.

Section b.

$$f_{x_1|x_2}(x_1) = \frac{f(x_1, x_2)}{f_{x_2}(x_2)} =$$

$$\frac{\frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_1\sigma_2\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)}\left[\left(\frac{x_1 - \mu_1}{\sigma_1}\right)^2 - 2\rho\left(\frac{x_1 - \mu_1}{\sigma_1}\right)\left(\frac{x_2 - \mu_2}{\sigma_2}\right) + \left(\frac{x_2 - \mu_2}{\sigma_2}\right)^2\right]\right\}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_2} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x_2 - \mu_2}{\sigma_2}\right)^2\right)} =$$

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_1\sqrt{2\pi}\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)}\left[\left(\frac{x_1 - \mu_1}{\sigma_1}\right)^2 - 2\rho\left(\frac{x_1 - \mu_1}{\sigma_1}\right)\left(\frac{x_2 - \mu_2}{\sigma_2}\right) + \left(\frac{x_2 - \mu_2}{\sigma_2}\right)^2\right] + \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x_2 - \mu_2}{\sigma_2}\right)^2\right\} =$$

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_1\sqrt{2\pi}\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)}\left[\left(\frac{x_1 - \mu_1}{\sigma_1}\right)^2 - 2\rho\left(\frac{x_1 - \mu_1}{\sigma_1}\right)\left(\frac{x_2 - \mu_2}{\sigma_2}\right) + \left(\frac{x_2 - \mu_2}{\sigma_2}\right)^2 - (1-\rho^2)\left(\frac{x_2 - \mu_2}{\sigma_2}\right)^2\right]\right\} =$$

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_1\sqrt{2\pi}\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)}\left[\left(\frac{x_1 - \mu_1}{\sigma_1}\right)^2 - 2\rho\left(\frac{x_1 - \mu_1}{\sigma_1}\right)\left(\frac{x_2 - \mu_2}{\sigma_2}\right) + \rho^2\left(\frac{x_2 - \mu_2}{\sigma_2}\right)^2\right]\right\} =$$

Take $\frac{1}{\sigma_1^2}$ out of the brackets:

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_1\sqrt{2\pi}\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2\sigma_1^2(1-\rho^2)}\left[\left(x_1 - \mu_1\right)^2 - \frac{2\rho\sigma_1}{\sigma_2}\left((x_1 - \mu_1)(x_2 - \mu_2)\right) + \frac{\rho^2\sigma_1^2}{\sigma_2^2}\left(x_2 - \mu_2\right)^2\right]\right\} =$$

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_1\sqrt{2\pi}\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2\sigma_1^2(1-\rho^2)}\left[\left(x_1 - \mu_1\right) - \frac{\rho\sigma_1}{\sigma_2}\left(x_2 - \mu_2\right)\right]^2\right\} =$$

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_1\sqrt{2\pi}\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2\sigma_1^2(1-\rho^2)}\left[x_1 - \left(\mu_1 + \frac{\rho\sigma_1}{\sigma_2}(x_2 - \mu_2)\right)\right]^2\right\} =$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}(\sigma_1\sqrt{1-\rho^2})} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\left[\frac{x_1 - \left(\mu_1 + \frac{\rho\sigma_1}{\sigma_2}(x_2 - \mu_2)\right)}{\sigma_1\sqrt{1-\rho^2}}\right]^2\right\}$$

As required - This is the normal density function with parameters:

$$\mu = \mu_1 + \frac{\rho\sigma_1}{\sigma_2}(x_2 - \mu_2)$$

$$\sigma^2 = \sigma_1^2(1 - \rho^2)$$

Question 5.

We can define an inner product on a set of random variables using the expected value of their product:

$$\langle X, Y \rangle := E(XY)$$

We can now use the above definition with the covariance definition:

$$Cov(X, Y) = E[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)] = \langle X - \mu_X, Y - \mu_Y \rangle$$

Cauchy-Schwartz inequality states that:

$$|\langle u, v \rangle|^2 \leq \langle u, u \rangle \cdot \langle v, v \rangle$$

Then, using Cauchy-Schwartz inequality with the covariance we get:

$$|Cov(X, Y)|^2 = |\langle X - \mu_X, Y - \mu_Y \rangle|^2 \leq \langle X - \mu_X, X - \mu_X \rangle \langle Y - \mu_Y, Y - \mu_Y \rangle = E((X - \mu_X)^2)E((Y - \mu_Y)^2) = Var(X)Var(Y)$$

divide by the variances and take square root, we get:

$$\frac{|Cov(X, Y)|}{\sqrt{Var(X)}\sqrt{Var(Y)}} \leq 1$$

Note that the left side of the inequality is actually the definition of pearson ρ in absolute value. so we get:

$$|\rho| \leq 1$$

As required.