



Our job is to estimate the probability of selecting the word w_d

$$P(w_d | y = \text{SPAM})$$

Remark: $P([X]_d = c | y = \text{SPAM}) = \binom{m}{c} (P(w_d | y = \text{SPAM}))^c$

where m is the total number of all words across X

Modeling distributions

- $P_\theta(w_d | y = \text{SPAM}) = \theta_{d, \text{SPAM}}$

- $P_\theta([X]_d = c | y = \text{SPAM}) = \binom{m}{c} (\theta_{d, \text{SPAM}})^c$

- $P_\theta(\vec{X} = \vec{x} | y = \text{SPAM}) = \prod_{d=1}^d \binom{m}{x_d} (\theta_{d, \text{SPAM}})^{x_d}$

$$= \binom{m}{x_1} \binom{m-x_1}{x_2} \binom{m-x_1-x_2}{x_3} \dots \binom{m-x_1-x_2-\dots-x_{d-1}}{x_d} \prod_{d=1}^d (\theta_{d, \text{SPAM}})^{x_d}$$

$$= \frac{m!}{x_1! (m-x_1)!} \cdot \frac{(m-x_1)!}{x_2! (m-x_1-x_2)!} \cdot \frac{(m-x_1-x_2)!}{x_3! (m-x_1-x_2-x_3)!} \dots \frac{(m-x_1-x_2-\dots-x_{d-1})!}{x_d! (m-x_1-x_2-\dots-x_{d-1}-x_d)!} \times \prod_{d=1}^d (\theta_{d, \text{SPAM}})^{x_d}$$

$$= \frac{m!}{x_1! x_2! x_3! \dots x_d!} \times \prod_{d=1}^d (\theta_{d, \text{SPAM}})^{x_d}$$

Multinomial distribution

Notice that we only need to estimate $\theta_{d, \text{SPAM}}$

Estimate of $\theta_{d, \text{SPAM}}$

- Intuitively $\theta_{d, \text{SPAM}} \approx \frac{\# \text{ of times } w_d \text{ appears in all spam emails}}{\# \text{ of words in all spam emails combine}}$

- Formally,
$$\theta_{d, \text{SPAM}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n I(y_i = \text{SPAM}) [x_i]_d}{\sum_{i=1}^n I(y_i = \text{SPAM}) \left(\sum_{d=1}^d [x_i]_d \right)}$$