

Detection Theory - Homework 1

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- 30 students with independent and uniform birthdays
- C_n : # of tuples of students with the same birthday
- $P_n = P(C_n \geq 1)$

P_n : prob. of at least one n -tuple and no $(n+1)$ -tuple

$$P_n = P(C_n \geq 1 \text{ and } C_{n+1} = 0)$$

$$1) a) P_n = P(C_n \geq 1) = 1 - P(C_n = 0)$$

$$P(C_n = 0) = P(C_n = 0, C_{n-1} \geq 1) + P(C_n = 0, C_{n-1} = 0)$$

$$= P_{n-1} + P(C_n = 0, C_{n-1} = 0, C_{n-2} \geq 1) + P(C_n = 0, C_{n-1} = 0, C_{n-2} = 0)$$

$$= P_{n-1} + P_{n-2} + P(C_n = 0, C_{n-1} = 0, C_{n-2} = 0)$$

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$$= P_{n-1} + P_{n-2} + \dots + P_1 + \underbrace{P(C_n = 0, C_{n-1} = 0, \dots, C_1 = 0)}_{= 0}$$

$$\Rightarrow P_n = 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} P_i$$

$$b) \text{ Since } P_n = 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} P_i \text{ and } P_{n-1} = 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} P_i \Rightarrow P_n - P_{n-1} = -P_{n-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow P_n = P_{n-1} - P_{n-1}$$

2) Let's define

• A_n = students i_1, \dots, i_n have the same birthday

$$\boxed{\mathbb{E}[C_n] = \mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_n \leq 30} 1\right] A_n = \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_n \leq 30} \mathbb{E}[1|A_n] = \binom{30}{n} P(A_n) = \binom{30}{n} \frac{1}{365^{n-1}}}$$

$$\bullet \mathbb{E}[C_2] = 435 \cdot \frac{1}{365} \approx 1,192$$

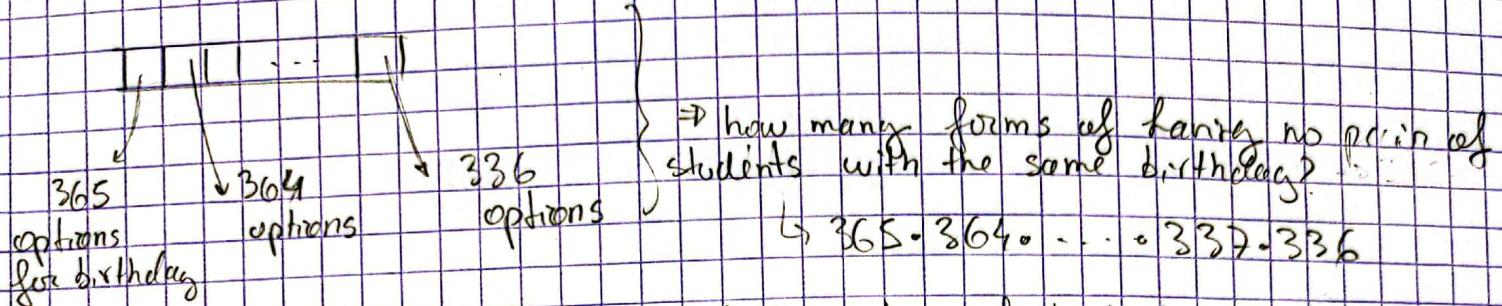
$$\bullet \mathbb{E}[C_2] = 435 \cdot \frac{1}{365^2} \approx 0,0305$$

$$\bullet \mathbb{E}[C_2] = 27405 \cdot \frac{1}{365^3} \approx 5,64 \times 10^{-4}$$

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3) a) $P(C_2 = 0)$: no pair of students with the same birthday



Now we need to divide by the total number of birthdays combinations: 365^{30}

$$\Rightarrow P(C_2 = 0) = \frac{365 \cdot 364 \cdot \dots \cdot 337 \cdot 336}{365^{30}} = \frac{365!}{335!} \cdot \frac{1}{365^{30}}$$

We can approximate this by Stirling's formula: $\log n! \approx n \log n - n$

$$\Rightarrow P(C_2 = 0) \approx \frac{1}{365^{30}} \cdot e^{-\frac{365(365+1)}{2}} \approx 0,281 (\approx 0,294 \text{ in hw})$$

$$b) P_2 = P(C_2 \geq 1) = 1 - P(C_2 = 0) \approx 0,719 (\approx 0,706 \text{ in hw})$$

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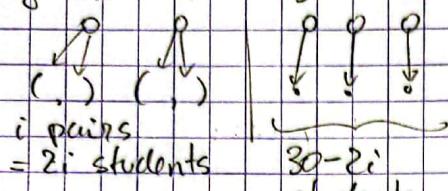
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$$4) P_2 = P(C_2 \geq 1, C_3=0) = \sum_{i=1}^{15} P(C_2=i, C_3=0)$$

$$P(C_2=i, C_3=0) = \frac{\#\text{valid configurations}}{365^30}$$

$$\#\{\text{valid configs}\} = \#\{\text{ways to choose pairs} \mid \#\text{pairs have valid birthdays}\}$$

- If $C_2=i$ and $C_3=0$ then the birthdays in the pairs are unique.



we can assign valid birthdays in:

$$365, 364, 363, 362, 361$$

$$i \text{ times} + 30-2i \text{ times} = 30-i \text{ times}$$

$$\prod_{k=0}^{29-i}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{we can write it as } \prod_{k=0}^{29-i} (365-k)$$

- Now we need to choose i pairs out of 30 students

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{\binom{30}{2} \cdot \binom{28}{2} \cdot \binom{26}{2} \cdots}_{i \text{ terms}} = \prod_{j=1}^i \binom{32-2j}{2}$$

but with this strategy there are "equivalent" cases, for example $\{(1,2), (3,4)\} \sim \{(3,4), (1,2)\}$.

Generally, given i pairs there are $i!$ possibilities

$$\Rightarrow \text{our final number is } \prod_{j=1}^i \binom{32-2j}{2} / i!$$

Finally we get

$$P_2 = \frac{1}{365^{30}} \sum_{i=1}^{15} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^i \binom{32-2j}{2}}{i!} \prod_{k=0}^{29-i} (365-k)$$

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$$5) p_2 \approx 0,678$$

$$6) \boxed{P_3 = P_2 - p_2 \approx 0,706 - 0,678 = 0,028}$$

$$7) p_3 = P(C_3 \geq 1, C_4 = 0) = \sum_{i=1}^{10} P(C_3 = i, C_4 = 0)$$

$$P(C_3 = i, C_4 = 0) = \frac{\#\{\text{ways of choosing triplets}\}}{365^{30}} \cdot \#\{\text{triplets have valid birthdays}\}$$

- There are $\frac{i}{i!} \prod_{j=1}^i \binom{33-3j}{3}$ ways of choosing the triplets

- If $C_3 = i$ and $C_4 = 0 \Rightarrow$ triplet's birthdays are unique and there are at most pairs of different birthdays outside the triplets
We distinguish two cases (we sum the results of each one)

1) Unique birthday outside the triplets

$$\begin{array}{c|c|c} \text{ } & \text{ } & \text{ } \\ \text{ } & \text{ } & \text{ } \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ (\text{, ,}) (\text{, ,}) & \text{ } & \text{ } \\ \text{ } & \text{ } & \downarrow \\ \underbrace{i \text{ triplets}}_{\text{30-3i students}} & \text{ } & \underbrace{\text{30 terms}}_{\text{30-3i terms}} \end{array} \Rightarrow \underbrace{365 \cdot 364 \cdots 363}_{i \text{ terms}} \cdot \underbrace{362 \cdot 361 \cdots 30}_{30-3i \text{ terms}} = \prod_{k=0}^{29-2i} (365-k)$$

2) ℓ pairs of students with the same birthday outside the triplets

\Rightarrow we have at most $\ell = \left[\frac{30-3i}{2} \right]$ pairs

\Rightarrow we can choose the pairs in $\prod_{m=1}^{\ell} \binom{30-3i+2-2m}{2}$ ways

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\Rightarrow we can choose the birthdays in $\sum_{k=0}^{29-2i-\ell} (365-k)$ ways

$$\Rightarrow p_3 = \frac{1}{365^{30}} \sum_{i=1}^{10} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^i \binom{33-3j}{3}}{i!} \left[\prod_{k=0}^{29-2i} (365-k) + \sum_{\ell=1}^{\left[\frac{30-3i}{2} \right]} \frac{\prod_{m=1}^{\ell} \binom{30-3i+2-2m}{2}}{\ell!} \sum_{k=0}^{29-2i-\ell} (365-k) \right]$$

8)

$$9) p_n = \frac{1}{365^{30}} \sum_{i=1}^{\left[\frac{30}{n} \right]} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^i \binom{30+n-nj}{n}}{i!} \left\{ \prod_{k=0}^{29-(n-1)i} (365-k) + \sum_{r=2}^{n-1} \sum_{\ell=1}^{\left[\frac{30-ni}{r} \right]} \frac{\prod_{m=1}^{\ell} \binom{30-ni+r-rm}{r}}{\ell!} \prod_{k=0}^{29-ri-(r-1)\ell} (365-k) \right\}$$

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$$10) \boxed{P_{30}} = P(C_{30} \geq 1) = P(C_{30} = 1) = \frac{365}{365^{30}} = \frac{1}{365^{29}}$$

() All students have
the same birthday

$$\boxed{EC_{30}} = \binom{30}{30} \cdot \frac{1}{365^{29}} = \frac{1}{365^{29}}$$

$$P_{29} = P(C_{29} \geq 1) = P(C_{29} \geq 1, C_{30}=0) + P(C_{29} \geq 1, C_{30}=1)$$

" $P(C_{29}=1, C_{30}=0)$ " " $P(C_{30}=1) = \frac{1}{365^{29}}$

one student has a different
birthday than the rest

$$30 \times 364 \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \downarrow \\ \text{ways of} \\ \text{choosing} \\ \text{the student} \end{array} \right) \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \downarrow \\ \text{ways of} \\ \text{choosing the} \\ \text{birthday at} \\ \text{the other 29 students} \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow P(C_{29}=1, C_{30}=0) = \frac{30 \times 364}{365^{29}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{P_{29} = \frac{30 \times 364 + 1}{365^{29}}}$$

$$\boxed{EC_{29}} = \binom{30}{29} \cdot \frac{1}{365^{28}} = \frac{30}{365^{28}}$$

$$11) n=2 \quad \frac{EC_2 - P_2}{P_2} = \frac{1,192 - 0,706}{0,706} = 0,6884$$

$$n=3 \quad \frac{EC_3 - P_3}{P_3} = \frac{0,0347 - 0,0285}{0,0285} = 0,2175$$

$$n=4 \quad \frac{EC_4 - P_4}{P_4} = \frac{5,6 \times 10^{-4} - 5,3 \times 10^{-4}}{5,3 \times 10^{-4}} = 0,0566$$

$$n=29 \quad \frac{EC_{29} - P_{29}}{P_{29}} = \frac{30/365^{28} - (30 \times 364 + 1)/365^{29}}{(30 \times 364 + 1)/365^{29}} = 2,65 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$n=30 \quad \frac{EC_{30} - P_{30}}{P_{30}} = 0 \quad \text{Since } EC_{30} = P_{30}$$

12) Because of Markov's inequality: $P_n \leq EC_n + \epsilon$

Low values of EC_n are good upper bounds of P_n

Since $EC_{n+1} \leq EC_n$ and $EC_4 = 5,3 \times 10^{-4}$, we have good upper bounds for the cases where $n \geq 4$.