

# Probability

## (a) Exercise 1.6

Show that if two variables  $x$  and  $y$  are independent, then their covariance is zero.

We can set:

$$E(X) = \mu, E(y) = v.$$

$$\text{According to the rule of covariance, } Cov(x, y) = E[E(x - \mu)E(y - v)] = E(x * y) - \mu v$$

because variables  $x$  and  $y$  are independent then  $E(x*y)=E(x)E(y)=\mu v$

So  $Cov(x,y)=0$

## (b)

the total number of people is 158 and set  $N = 158$

i) from the table, the probability of test being positive given the patient has HIV,  $P(+|HIV) = \frac{72}{75} = 96\%$

ii) from the table, the probability of test being negative given the patient has HIV,  $P(-|HIV) = \frac{3}{75} = 4\%$

iii)  $P(HIV) = 12\%$ ,  $P(\bar{HIV}) = 1 - P(HIV) = 88\%$

$$P(+) = P(+|HIV) * P(HIV) + P(+|\bar{HIV}) * P(\bar{HIV}) = 24.24\%$$

$$P(HIV|+) = \frac{P(+|HIV)*P(HIV)}{P(+)} = 47.52\%$$

$$P(HIV|-) = \frac{P(-|HIV)*P(HIV)}{P(-|HIV)*P(HIV)+P(-|\bar{HIV})P(\bar{HIV})} = 0.63\%$$

# Bayes Theorem

## a)

set  $A, B, C, D$  are the events that there is a big prize behind the door then  $2P(A) = 2P(B) = 2P(D) = P(C)$  and  $P(A) + P(B) + P(D) + P(C) = 1$

$$\text{so } P(C|\bar{B}andopen) = \frac{P(\bar{B}andopen|C)*P(C)}{P(\bar{B}andopen)}$$

$$P(\bar{B}andopen) = P(\bar{B}andopen|\bar{B}andC\bar{A}\bar{D}) * P(\bar{B}andC\bar{A}\bar{D}) + P(B|\bar{A}\bar{D}and\bar{C}) * P(BopenB\bar{A}\bar{D}and\bar{C}) + 2 * P(openB|A\bar{B}\bar{C}\bar{D}) * P(A\bar{B}\bar{C}\bar{D}) = 33.3\%$$

so  $P(C|\bar{B}andopen) = 40\%$

$$\text{then } P(A|\bar{B}andopen) = P(D|\bar{B}andopen) = \frac{P(\bar{B}andopen|A)*P(A)}{P(\bar{B}andopen)}$$

$$P(A|\bar{B}andopen) = P(D|\bar{B}andopen) = 30\%$$

the probability of choosing the door C to get the big prize is larger than choosing door A or door D

Michael doesn't need to change his selection

## b)

Set T is that Professor chin identifies that the student as a cheater, then  $\bar{T}$  is the opposite event

Set S is that the student is cheating, then  $\bar{S}$  is the opposite event

then  $P(T|S) = 90\%$

$$P(T|\bar{S}) = 20\%$$

$$P(T) = P(T|S) * P(S) + P(T|\bar{S}) * P(\bar{S}) = 0.9 * \frac{2}{75} + 0.2 * \frac{72}{75} = 0.219 \quad P(S|T) =$$

$$\frac{P(TS)}{P(T)} = \frac{P(T|S) * P(S)}{P(T)} = 11\%$$

# Linear Algebra

a)

Set A is a symmetric matrix and  $A^{-1}$  is existent

Because A is a symmetric matrix, then  $A^T = A$ .

$$(A^{-1})^T = (A^T)^{-1} = A^{-1}$$

b)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & -1 \\ -1 & -2 & 1 \\ 3 & 9 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Set x is a non-zero 3-by-1  $x^T = [x_1, x_2, x_3]$

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

then  $Ax = \lambda x$ .

$$Ax - I\lambda x = 0$$

$$(A - I\lambda)x = 0$$

$$A - I\lambda = \begin{bmatrix} 3 - \lambda & 4 & -1 \\ -1 & -2 - \lambda & 1 \\ 3 & 9 & -\lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

compute determinant A-I

eigenvalues is  $\lambda_1 = -3, \lambda_2 = 2, \lambda_3 = 2$

compute eigenvectors

$$Ax = \lambda_1 x, Ax = \lambda_2 x, Ax = \lambda_3 x$$

eigenvectors is  $x_1^T = [1, -1, 2]$

$$x_2^T = [-1, 1, 3]$$

$$x_3^T = [-1, 1, 3]$$

it is not a positive definite

# Probability Distributions Exercise2.2

$$P(x|\mu) = \left(\frac{1-\mu}{2}\right)^{\frac{1-x}{2}} \left(\frac{1+\mu}{2}\right)^{\frac{1+x}{2}}$$

$$\text{when } x = -1, P(-1|\mu) = \frac{1-\mu}{2}$$

$$\text{when } x = 1, P(1|\mu) = \frac{1+\mu}{2}$$

$$P(-1|\mu) + P(1|\mu) = 1$$

So the distribution is normalized

$$E(X) = \sum x * P(x|\mu) = -1 * \frac{1-\mu}{2} + 1 * \frac{1+\mu}{2} = \mu$$

$$Var(x) = E(x^2) - [E(x)]^2 = \sum x^2 * P(x|\mu) - \mu^2 = 1 - \mu^2$$

entropy

$$H(x) = - \sum P(x|\mu) * \ln(P(x|\mu)) = -\left(\frac{1-\mu}{2} * \ln\left(\frac{1-\mu}{2}\right) + \frac{1+\mu}{2} * \ln\left(\frac{1+\mu}{2}\right)\right)$$

Exercise2.10

Using the fact that the Dirichlet distribution is normalized

$$\int \prod_{k=1}^M \mu_k^{a_k-1} d\mu = \frac{\Gamma(a_1) \dots \Gamma(a_M)}{\Gamma(a_0)}$$

where  $0 \leq \mu_k \leq 1$  and  $\sum \mu_k = 1$  now consider  $\mu_j$

$$E[\mu_j] = \frac{\Gamma(a_1) \dots \Gamma(a_M)}{\Gamma(a_0)} \int \mu_j \prod_{k=1}^M \mu_k^{a_k-1} d\mu = \frac{\Gamma(a_0)}{\Gamma(a_1) \dots \Gamma(a_M)} * \frac{\Gamma(a_1) \dots \Gamma(a_j+1) \dots \Gamma(a_M)}{\Gamma(a_0+1)} =$$

$$\frac{a_j}{a_0}$$

because  $\Gamma(x+1) = x\Gamma(x)$

$$\text{then } Var[\mu_j] = E[\mu_j^2] - E[\mu_j]^2 = \frac{a_j(a_j+1)}{a_0(a_0+1)} - \frac{a_j^2}{a_0^2} = \frac{a_j(a_0-a_j)}{a_0^2(a_0+1)}$$

$$Cov(\mu_j, \mu_l) = E[\mu_j \mu_l] - E[\mu_j]E[\mu_l] = \frac{a_j a_l}{a_0(a_0+1)} - \frac{a_j}{a_0} \frac{a_l}{a_0} = -\frac{a_j a_l}{a_0^2(a_0+1)}$$

Exercise2.12

$$U(x|a, b) = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \frac{1}{b-a} dx = \frac{x}{b-a} \Big|_a^b = \frac{b}{b-a} - \frac{a}{b-a} = 1$$

this distribution is normalized

$$E(x) = \int_a^b x \frac{1}{b-a} dx = \frac{x^2}{2} \Big|_a^b = \frac{b+a}{2}$$

$$Var(x) = E(x^2) - [E(x)]^2 = \int_a^b x^2 \frac{1}{b-a} dx - \left(\frac{b+a}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$$

Exercise2.15

$$H[X] = \int N(X|\mu, \Sigma) \ln N(X|\mu, \Sigma) dx$$

$$= \int N(X|\mu, \Sigma) \left[ \frac{1}{2}(D \ln(2\pi) + \ln |\Sigma| + (x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu)) \right] dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(D \ln(2\pi) + \ln |\Sigma| + Tr[\Sigma^{-1} \Sigma])$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(D \ln(2\pi) + \ln |\Sigma| + D)$$