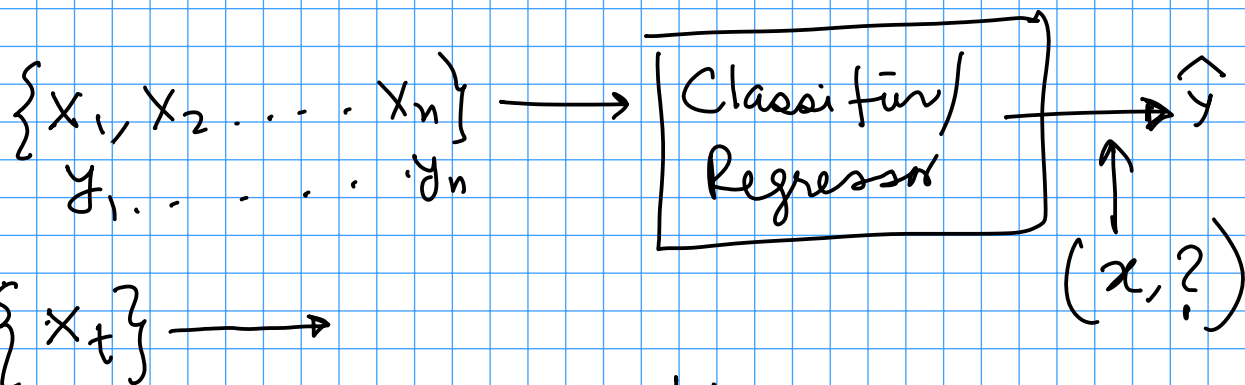


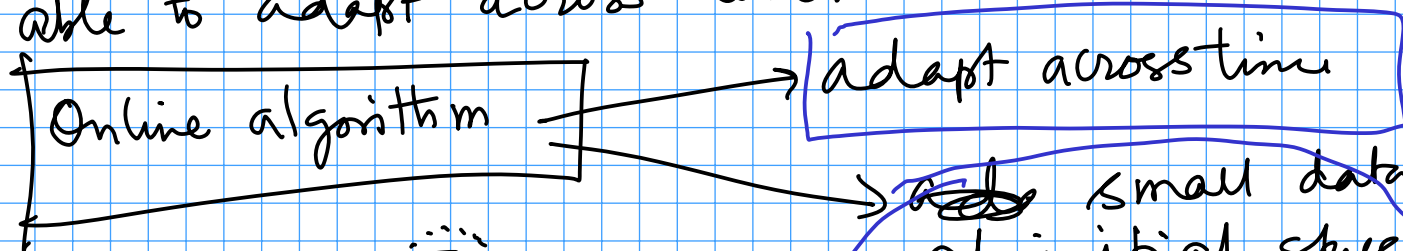
# Online Learning

- (i) Settings
- (ii) Some solution without proof  
— discussion intuition behind the ~~prob~~ solution.

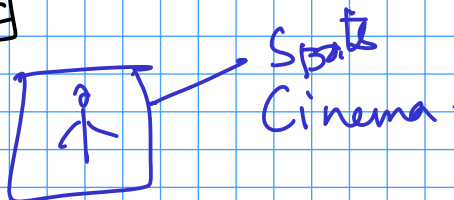
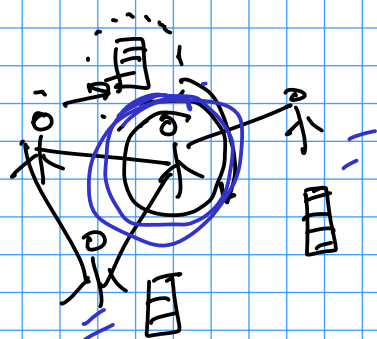


→ Features are arriving across time

→ How to design ML algorithms that will be able to adapt across time.



Facebook



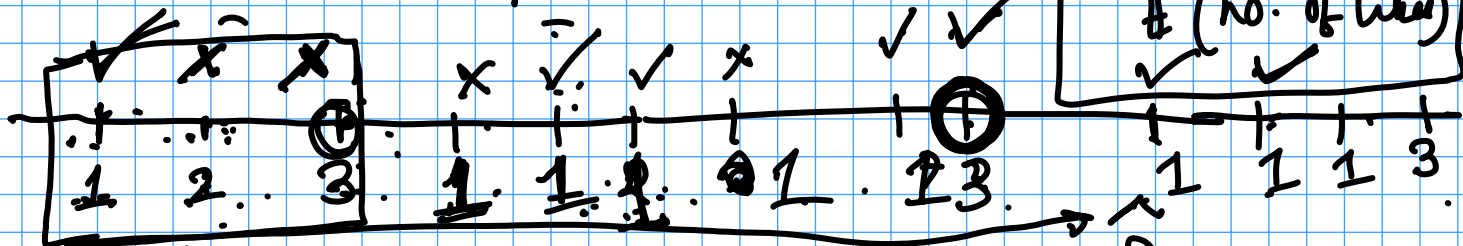
Spate Cinema.

Given that Facebook does not know the preference of the [person icon], what ~~prob~~ topic it should float on the wall of [person icon]

$$P(\text{person likes topic "topic"}) = P_{\text{topic}}$$

$$P(\text{person does not like topic "topic"}) = 1 - P_{\text{topic}}$$

	Topic	$P_{\text{Topic}}$
1	Sports	0.6
2	Cinema	0.3
3	Tech	0.7



Exploit  
Explore

Venkata's algo

Until time  $t$ .

Topic "topic" is liked  $n_{\text{topic}}$  times  
" " is posted  $N_{\text{topic}}$  times

at time  $t+1$

topic ~~Topic~~ is posted with prob

$$p = \frac{n_{\text{topic}}}{N_{\text{topic}}}$$

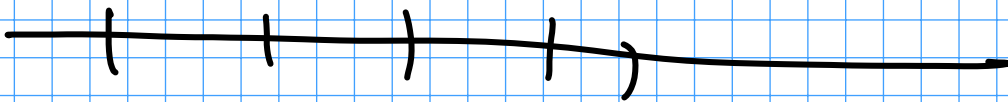
$\approx$

topic is posted if this topic has largest  $\left( \frac{n_{\text{topic}}}{N_{\text{topic}}} \right)$

# Ankan's algorithm

	Topic	$P_{Topic}$	<del>0</del> $\odot$	$n_{like}$	$\overline{n_{like}}$
1	Sports	0.6	:	:	:
2	Cinema	0.3	→ 0	:	:
3	Tech	0.7	1	:	:

~~$n_{like}$~~   
 ~~$N_{like}$~~



at each time  $t$

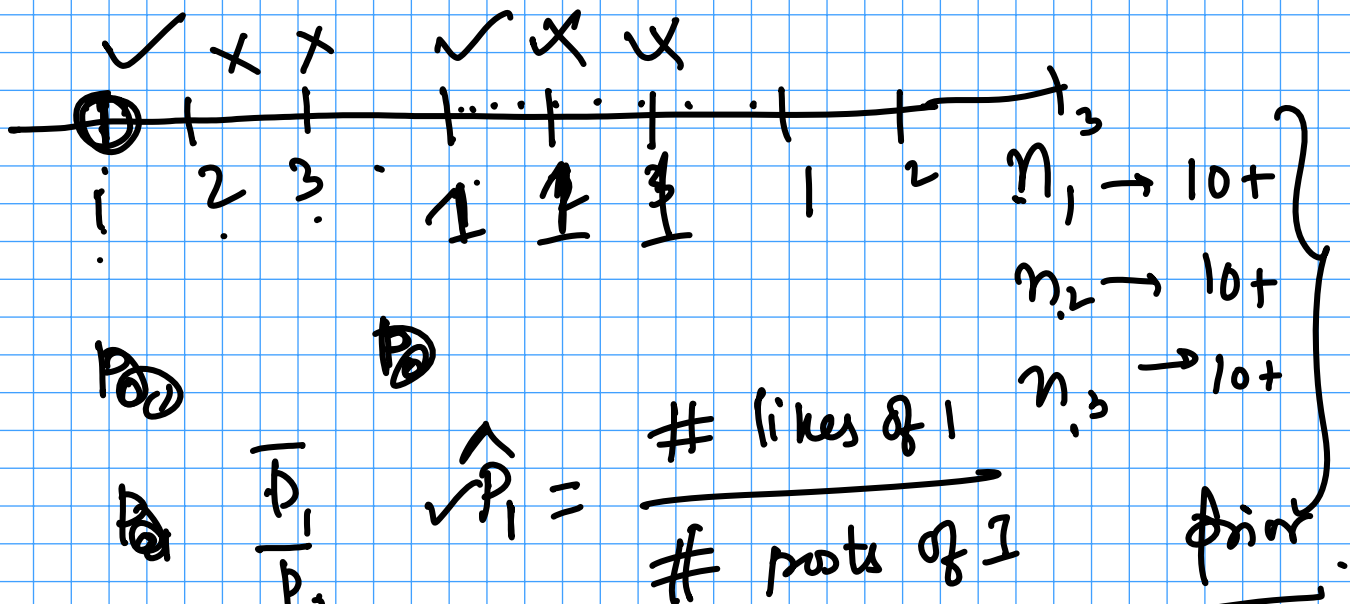
Toss coin with prob.  $p = \text{head}$   
if head

post a topic with prob.

$$\frac{n_{topic}}{\sum_{Topic \text{ in sanitized list}} n_{Topic}}$$

where sanitized list contains  
topics with ~~prob~~  $n_{topic} > \overline{n_{Topic}}$

if tail  
post uniformly random.



$P_0$

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$\hat{p}_1$   
 $\hat{p}_2$   
 $\hat{p}_3$   
 $\vdots$

$$\hat{p}_1 = \frac{\# \text{ likes of } 1}{\# \text{ posts of } 1}$$

$\hat{p}_2, \hat{p}_3$  are defined similarly

$$t \rightarrow \hat{p}_1(t), \hat{p}_2(t), \hat{p}_3(t)$$

$t: n_i(t)$  likes for topic "i"  
 $N_i(t)$  ~~posts~~ " " " " "

$$P_i \sim \text{Beta} \left( n_i(t) + N_0, N_i(t) + N_0 \right)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{p}_1(t) + \text{noise} \\ \hat{p}_2(t) + \text{noise} \\ \hat{p}_3(t) + \text{noise} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{n_i(t)}{N_i(t)}$$

$$\max (\hat{p}_i(t) + \text{noise})$$

$$\text{Beta}(\alpha, \beta) = \frac{2^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha) \Gamma(\beta)}$$

$$p_i \sim \text{Beta}(\eta_i(t) + n_0, N_i(t) + N_0)$$

$$E(p_i) = \frac{\eta_i(t) + n_0}{N_i(t) + N_0} \propto$$

$$p_{\text{ca}} \cdot i = \underset{i}{\text{argmax}} p_i$$

Topic  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$

↓      ↓      ↓

$p_1$     $p_2$     $p_n$

$$\textcircled{i} = \underset{i}{\text{argmax}} p_i$$

$$E(\# \text{ of likes})$$

$$= E\left(\sum_{t=1}^T \mathbb{1}(\text{post at time } t \text{ is liked})\right)$$

$$= \sum_{t=1}^T P(\text{post at time } t \text{ is liked})$$

$$= \sum_{t=1}^T \underbrace{P_i \mathbb{1}(\text{topic } i \text{ is posted at time } t)}$$

↓  
is maximized

when Topic  $i$  is the one

with highest probability.

$$\text{max possible value of } E(\# \text{ of likes}) = T P_{\max}$$

# likes  $\approx 0$

# dislikes  $\approx 0$  for topic  $i$ ,  $i = 1 \dots N$

for each  $t : 1 \dots T$

for each ~~post~~ topic  $i : 1 \dots N$

$$\theta_i \sim \text{Beta}(S_i + 1, F_i + 1)$$

$\downarrow$   $\downarrow$   
 # of likes of topic  $i$  # of no-likes of topic  $i$

$$i^* = \text{argmax}_i \theta_i$$

post the topic with topic-id  $i^*$

$$S_{i^*} = S_{i^*} + 1 \quad \text{if you observe a "like"}$$

$$F_{i^*} = F_{i^*} + 1 \quad \text{otherwise}$$

$$\text{Mean of the beta dist.} = \hat{P}_i = \frac{S_i + 1}{S_i + 1 + F_i + 1} = \frac{N_i + 1}{N_i + 2}$$

$\downarrow$   $\downarrow$   
 total no of posts of topic  $i$  that has been liked. total no of posts of topic  $i$

$\hookrightarrow$   $\mathbb{E}(\# \text{ likes upto time } T) =$   
Thompson Sampling  $\mathbb{E}(\# \text{ likes upto time } T) = \text{max value of } \mathbb{E}(\# \text{ likes upto time } T) - o(\log T)$

max value of  $\mathbb{E}(\# \text{ likes upto time } T)$   
 $= T P_{\max}$

$\mathbb{E}(\# \text{ likes upto time } T)$   
 $= \mathbb{E}(\# \text{ likes upto time } T) - T P_{\max} - c \log T.$

$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \mathbb{E}(\# \text{ likes upto time } T) = P_{\max} \left( \frac{c \log T}{T} \right)$

$\frac{1}{T} \mathbb{E}(\# \text{ likes upto time } T) = P_{\max}$