

Procedures for Bayesian Trader Prediction Market Simulation

- Hyperparameters:

- A random event X with all kinds of outcome x and some probability distribution p ;
- Market maker's belief for this event, $p(x; \theta)$. This belief has a general form:

$$p(x; \theta) = \exp (\langle \theta, \phi(x) \rangle - T(\theta)) ,$$

$T(\theta)$ as the log-partition function.

- Market maker's prior for this event. Prior should be of the form

$$p(\theta; b_0) = \exp (\langle n\nu, \theta \rangle + nT(\theta) - \psi(\nu, n)) ,$$

where $b_0 = \begin{bmatrix} n\nu \\ n \end{bmatrix}$.

- Posterior update:

$$\mathbf{E}_{\theta \sim b_0} \mathbf{E}_{x \sim \theta} [\phi(x)] = \nu ,$$

therefore ν is the posterior mean, because posterior is essentially $p(\theta|x)$. *With regards to cost-function prediction market, we can also see that ν is the price.*

- Procedures:

1. One agent comes into the market and purchase some amount of contracts (securities). Assume the agent possess dataset of size m and mean $\hat{\mu}$.
2. Update the posterior mean (the new price):

$$\nu' = \frac{n\nu + m\hat{\mu}}{n + m} .$$

3. Repeat the above steps until all agents have traded in the market.