

Expected Value of the Flow of Knowledge

$$\text{flow} = \mu - \alpha + \gamma + \frac{1}{n} (1 - \mu - \gamma + \alpha) - \left(\mu + \frac{1}{n} (1 - \mu) \right)$$

`FullSimplify[flow]`

`Limit[flow, n → ∞]`

$$\begin{aligned} & -\alpha + \gamma - \frac{1 - \mu}{n} + \frac{1 + \alpha - \gamma - \mu}{n} \\ & - \frac{(-1 + n)(\alpha - \gamma)}{n} \\ & -\alpha + \gamma \end{aligned}$$

Expected Value of Positive Learning

$$\text{pl} = \frac{n-1}{n} \gamma + (1 - \mu - \gamma) \frac{1}{n} \frac{n-1}{n}$$

`FullSimplify[pl]`

`Limit[pl, n → ∞]`

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(-1 + n) \gamma}{n} + \frac{(-1 + n)(1 - \gamma - \mu)}{n^2} \\ & \frac{(-1 + n)(1 + (-1 + n) \gamma - \mu)}{n^2} \\ & \gamma \end{aligned}$$

Expected Value of Negative Learning

$$\text{nl} = \frac{n-1}{n} \alpha + \frac{1}{n} \frac{n-1}{n} (1 - \gamma - \mu)$$

`FullSimplify[nl]`

`Limit[nl, n → ∞]`

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(-1 + n) \alpha}{n} + \frac{(-1 + n)(1 - \gamma - \mu)}{n^2} \\ & \frac{(-1 + n)(1 + n \alpha - \gamma - \mu)}{n^2} \\ & \alpha \end{aligned}$$

Expected Value of Retained Learning

$$rl = \mu - \alpha + (1 - \gamma - \mu) \frac{1}{n} \frac{1}{n} + \gamma \frac{1}{n} + \alpha \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\text{Limit}[rl, n \rightarrow \infty]$$

$$-\alpha + \frac{\alpha}{n} + \frac{\gamma}{n} + \frac{1 - \gamma - \mu}{n^2} + \mu$$

$$-\alpha + \mu$$

Expected Value of Zero Learning

$$zl = (1 - \mu - \gamma) \frac{n-1}{n} \frac{n-1}{n}$$

$$\text{FullSimplify}[zl]$$

$$\text{Limit}[zl, n \rightarrow \infty]$$

$$\frac{(-1+n)^2 (1-\gamma-\mu)}{n^2}$$

$$- \frac{(-1+n)^2 (-1+\gamma+\mu)}{n^2}$$

$$1 - \gamma - \mu$$

Solve for Estimators

$$\text{FullSimplify}[\text{Solve}[\{epl == pl, enl == nl, erl == rl\}, \{\mu, \gamma, \alpha\}]]$$

$$\left\{ \left\{ \mu \rightarrow enl + erl + \frac{-1 + enl + erl}{-1 + n}, \gamma \rightarrow \frac{n(-1 + enl + erl + epl n)}{(-1 + n)^2}, \alpha \rightarrow \frac{n(-1 + epl + erl + enl n)}{(-1 + n)^2} \right\} \right\}$$

Comparative Statics

$$\text{FullSimplify}[D[pl, \mu]]$$

$$\text{FullSimplify}[D[nl, \mu]]$$

$$\text{FullSimplify}[D[zl, \mu]]$$

$$\text{FullSimplify}[D[rl, \mu]]$$

$$\frac{1-n}{n^2}$$

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$$- \frac{(-1+n)^2}{n^2}$$

$$1 - \frac{1}{n^2}$$

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FullSimplify[D[pl, n]]
FullSimplify[D[nl, n]]
FullSimplify[D[zl, n]]
FullSimplify[D[rl, n]]

$$\frac{-2(-1 + \gamma + \mu) + n(-1 + 2\gamma + \mu)}{n^3}$$


$$\frac{-2(-1 + \gamma + \mu) + n(-1 + \alpha + \gamma + \mu)}{n^3}$$


$$-\frac{2(-1 + n)(-1 + \gamma + \mu)}{n^3}$$


$$\frac{-n(\alpha + \gamma) + 2(-1 + \gamma + \mu)}{n^3}$$


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Comparing Bias

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FullSimplify[pl - \gamma]
FullSimplify[nl - \alpha]
FullSimplify[zl - (1 - \mu - \gamma)]
FullSimplify[rl - (\mu - \alpha)]

$$\frac{-1 + \gamma + \mu - n(-1 + 2\gamma + \mu)}{n^2}$$


$$\frac{-1 + \gamma + \mu - n(-1 + \alpha + \gamma + \mu)}{n^2}$$


$$\frac{(-1 + 2n)(-1 + \gamma + \mu)}{n^2}$$


$$-\frac{-1 + \gamma - n(\alpha + \gamma) + \mu}{n^2}$$


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Observed zl is smaller than the true value, while observed rl is greater than the true value. There is no simple relationship for pl and nl.