

# Statistics

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Bayes' Theorem: For two events A and B,

$$P(B|A) = \frac{P(A|B) \cdot P(B)}{P(A)}$$

where  $P(x)$  denotes probability of event  $x$ .  
and  $P(x|y)$  denotes conditional probability of A given B.

Comments: Bayes' rule tells us how to invert conditional probabilities. In practice,  $P(A)$  is often computed using law of total probabilities.

$$P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(A|B_i) P(B_i) \text{ if the sample space } \Omega \text{ is divided into } n \text{ disjoint events } B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n.$$

Poisson Distribution: Let  $\Omega = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$

For any  $k \in \Omega$  if  $P(k) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!}$  then the random variable follows a Poisson distribution with parameter  $\lambda$ .

Normal Distribution: Parameters:  $\mu, \sigma$ , Range:  $(-\infty, \infty)$

Probability density function:  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$

Cumulative distribution function  $F(x)$  has no formula

Mean:  $\mu$ , Variance:  $\sigma^2$ . If  $\mu=0, \sigma=1$ , we get

the standard normal distribution:  $\phi(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}}$

Normal probabilities:  $P(-1 \leq Z \leq 1) \approx 0.68, P(-2 \leq Z \leq 2) \approx 0.95, P(-3 \leq Z \leq 3) \approx 0.99$

Notation for normal distribution:  $N(\mu, \sigma)$ .

Central Limit Theorem: Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are independent and identically distributed random variables each having mean  $\mu$  and standard deviation  $\sigma$ . Let

$$\bar{X}_n = \frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n}{n}, \quad Z_n = \frac{\bar{X}_n - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}$$

Then the cumulative ~~density~~ <sup>distribution</sup> function of  $Z_n$  converges to  $\Phi(z)$ :  
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{Z_n}(z) = \Phi(z)$   $\left( \begin{array}{l} \Phi(z) = P(Z \leq z) \\ \text{for standard normal distribution} \end{array} \right)$

Correlation: The correlation coefficient between  $X$  and  $Y$  is

$$\text{Cor}(X, Y) = \rho = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y} \quad \text{where } \text{Cov}(X, Y) \text{ is the covariance of } X \text{ and } Y$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(X, Y) &= E((X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)) \\ &= E(XY) - \mu_X \mu_Y \end{aligned} \quad \text{where } E \text{ denotes expectation value.}$$

Properties: •  $\rho$  is the covariance of  $\frac{X - \mu_X}{\sigma_X}$  and  $\frac{Y - \mu_Y}{\sigma_Y}$

•  $\rho$  is dimensionless

•  $-1 \leq \rho \leq 1$ . Furthermore,

$$\rho = +1 \Leftrightarrow Y = aX + b \text{ with } a > 0$$

$$\rho = -1 \Leftrightarrow Y = aX + b \text{ with } a < 0$$

•  $\rho$  measures the linear relationship between  $X$  &  $Y$ .

Maximum Likelihood Estimates: Given the data, the maximum likelihood estimate (MLE) for the parameter  $\rho$  is the value of  $\rho$  that maximises the likelihood function  $P(\text{data} | \rho)$ . If the data is drawn from a normal distribution  $N(\mu, \sigma)$ , then MLE of  $\mu$  is the mean of the data and MLE of  $\sigma$  is the variance of the data.



Bayesian Classifier: Let  $\vec{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  represent a data, with  $n$  independent variables, by Bayes and let there be  $K$  possible hypotheses  $\{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_K\}$ . Then the Bayes Classifier takes the hypothesis that is most probable, i.e.

$$\hat{y} = \underset{K \in \{1, \dots, K\}}{\operatorname{argmax}} P(c_K) \prod_{i=1}^n P(x_i | c_K)$$

It is based

on the Bayes theorem:

$$P(\text{hypothesis} | \text{data}) = \frac{P(\text{data} | \text{hypothesis}) P(\text{hypothesis})}{P(\text{data})}$$

i.e., posterior =  $\frac{\text{likelihood} \times \text{prior}}{\text{evidence}}$

Regression (Linear): When we fit a line to bivariate data, it is called simple linear regression. The word linear refers to the linear algebraic equations for the unknown parameters  $\beta_i$ . For example we can also fit polynomials by linear regression. Fitting a line using least squares:

Data:  $(x_i, y_i)$ . Goal: Find the line  $y = \beta_1 x + \beta_0$  such that  $\sum_i (y_i - \beta_1 x_i - \beta_0)^2$  is minimized.

We find

$$\beta_1 = \frac{s_{xy}}{s_{xx}} \quad \beta_0 = \bar{y} - \beta_1 \bar{x}$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum x_i, \quad \bar{y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum y_i, \quad s_{xx} = \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n-1}, \quad s_{xy} = \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{n-1}$$

Note that the response variable  $y$  regresses closer to its mean than the prediction variable  $x$ , i.e.,

$$\frac{|y - \bar{y}|}{\sqrt{s_{yy}}} \leq \frac{|x - \bar{x}|}{\sqrt{s_{xx}}}$$

Measuring the fit: The coefficient of determination  $R^2$

$$R^2 = \frac{TSS - RSS}{TSS}$$

$$0 \leq R^2 \leq 1$$

TSS (Total sum of squares) =  $\sum (y_i - \bar{y})^2$

RSS (Residual sum of squares) =  $\sum (y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 x_i)^2$

A value close to 1 indicates a good fit  
while a value close to 0 indicates a poor fit.