

# Spring 2017 EECE 5644 Homework #2 Solutions

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## 2.1 Problem 2.12 from Duda's book

**Solution:**

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \sum_{i=1}^c P(\omega_i|x) \leq \sum_{i=1}^c P(\omega_{max}|x) \\ &= P(\omega_{max}|x) \sum_{i=1}^c 1 \\ &= P(\omega_{max}|x)c \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Therefore,

$$P(\omega_{max}|x) = \frac{1}{c} \tag{2}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} p(error) &= 1 - P(correct) \\ &= 1 - \int P(correct|x)p(x)dx \\ &= 1 - \int \max_i P(\omega_i|x)p(x)dx \\ &= 1 - \int P(\omega_{max}|x)p(x)dx \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned} p(error) &= 1 - \int P(\omega_{max}|x)p(x)dx \\ &\leq 1 - \int \frac{1}{c}p(x)dx \\ &\leq 1 - \frac{1}{c} \int p(x)dx \\ &\leq 1 - \frac{1}{c} \\ &\leq \frac{c-1}{c} \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

(d) Equality occurs when probabilities are equal

**2.2** (10 pts) Problem 3.1 from Duda's book. Skip (c) (removed from the problem statements below)

**Solution:**

(a) From the formulas, we obtain figure 1

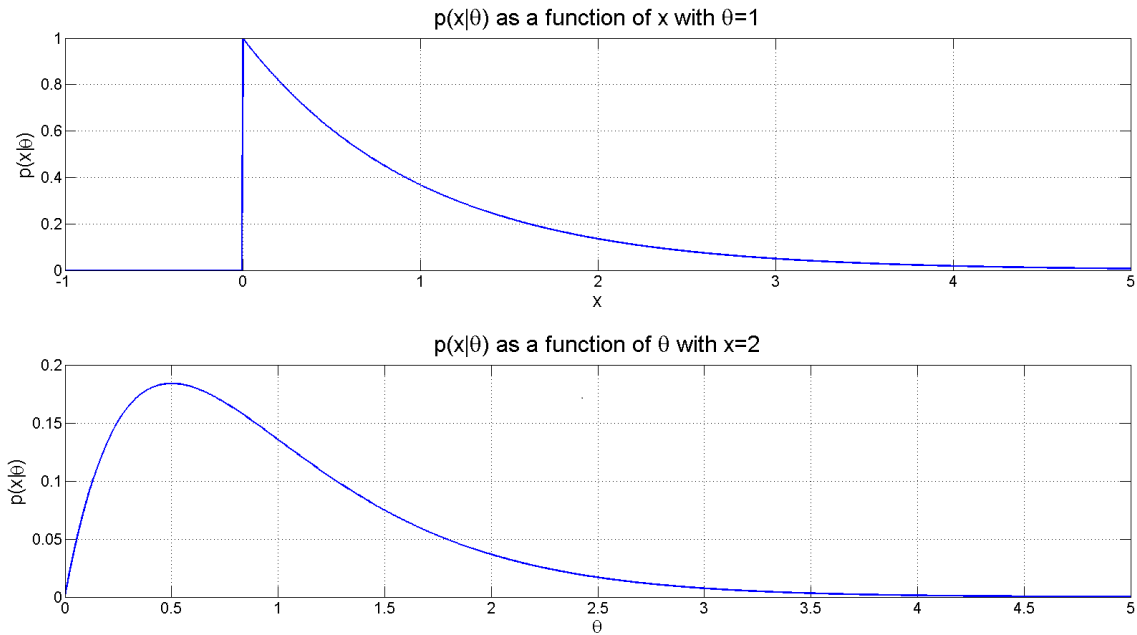


Figure 1: Problem 2.1a

(b) The MLE estimate is given by:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\theta}_{\text{mle}} &= \arg \max_{\theta} p(D|\theta) = \arg \max_{\theta} \prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i|\theta) = \arg \max_{\theta} \prod_{i=1}^n \theta e^{-\theta x_i} = \arg \max_{\theta} \theta^n e^{-\sum_{i=1}^n \theta x_i} \\ &= \arg \max_{\theta} n \ln \theta + \ln e^{-\sum_{i=1}^n \theta x_i} = \arg \max_{\theta} n \ln \theta - \theta \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = \arg \max_{\theta} f(\theta)\end{aligned}$$

Taking the derivative and equating to 0, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}\left. \frac{\partial f(\theta)}{\partial \theta} \right|_{\theta=\hat{\theta}_{\text{mle}}} &= n \frac{1}{\hat{\theta}_{\text{mle}}} - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = 0 \\ \hat{\theta}_{\text{mle}} &= \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i}\end{aligned}$$

**2.3** (10 pts) Problem 3.2 from Duda's book. Skip (b) (removed from the problem statements below)

**Solution:**

(a) The MLE estimate is given by:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\theta}_{\text{mle}} &= \arg \max_{\theta} p(D|\theta) = \arg \max_{\theta} \prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i|\theta) = \arg \max_{\theta} \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\theta} \mathbb{1}\{0 \leq x_i \leq \theta\} \\ &= \arg \max_{\theta} \frac{1}{\theta^n} \prod_{i=1}^n \mathbb{1}\{0 \leq x_i \leq \theta\} \\ &= \arg \max_{\theta} \frac{1}{\theta^n} \mathbb{1}\{\theta \geq \max_i x_i\} \mathbb{1}\{\min_i x_i \geq 0\}\end{aligned}$$

This function decreases as  $\theta$  increases. In addition, we notice that this function is 0 for  $\theta < x_i$  for all  $i$ . Therefore, we need  $\theta$  to be the smallest value that makes the likelihood non-zero. We can achieve this by making  $\hat{\theta}_{\text{mle}} = \max_i \{x_i\}$ .

**2.4** (20 pts) Problem 3.3 from Duda's book.

**Solution:**

(a) Since  $z_{ij}$  can only be 0 or 1, we can express the  $P(z_{ij}|P(\omega_i))$  as:

$$P(z_{ij}|P(\omega_i)) = P(\omega_i)^{z_{ij}}(1 - P(\omega_i))^{1-z_{ij}}$$

Therefore, since the states are sampled independently,

$$P(z_{i1}, \dots, z_{in}|P(\omega_i)) = \prod_{k=1}^n P(z_{ik}|P(\omega_i)) = \prod_{k=1}^n P(\omega_i)^{z_{ik}}(1 - P(\omega_i))^{1-z_{ik}}$$

(b) Let  $\theta = P(\omega_i)$ . Then the MLE estimate is given by

$$\hat{\theta}_{\text{mle}} = \arg \max_{\theta} \ln \left( \prod_{k=1}^n \theta^{z_{ik}} (1 - \theta)^{1-z_{ik}} \right) = \arg \max_{\theta} \sum_{k=1}^n z_{ik} \ln \theta + (1 - z_{ik}) \ln(1 - \theta)$$

Taking the derivative and equating to 0, we get

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{\hat{\theta}_{\text{mle}}} \sum_{k=1}^n z_{ik} - \frac{1}{1 - \hat{\theta}_{\text{mle}}} \sum_{k=1}^n 1 - z_{ik} &= 0 \\ (1 - \hat{\theta}_{\text{mle}}) \sum_{k=1}^n z_{ik} &= \hat{\theta}_{\text{mle}} \sum_{k=1}^n 1 - \hat{\theta}_{\text{mle}} \sum_{k=1}^n z_{ik} \\ \hat{\theta}_{\text{mle}} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n z_{ik}\end{aligned}$$

This result can be interpreted as the Laplacian view of probability: we estimate the probability of an even by counting the number of occurrences and dividing by the total number of events.

**2.5** (10 pts) Problem 3.4 from Duda's book.

**Solution:**

We know that  $P(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \prod_{i=1}^d \theta_i^{x_i} (1 - \theta_i)^{1-x_i}$ . Therefore, we can obtain the MLE estimate by:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{\text{mle}} &= \arg \max_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \ln P(D|\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \arg \max_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \ln \prod_{j=1}^n \prod_{i=1}^d \theta_i^{x_{ji}} (1 - \theta_i)^{1-x_{ji}} \\ &= \arg \max_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^d \ln \theta_i^{x_{ji}} (1 - \theta_i)^{1-x_{ji}} \\ &= \arg \max_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^d x_{ji} \ln \theta_i + (1 - x_{ji}) \ln(1 - \theta_i)\end{aligned}$$

Taking the partial derivative with respect to  $\theta_k$  and equating to 0, we get

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{\hat{\theta}_{\text{mle},k}} \sum_{j=1}^n x_{jk} - \frac{1}{1 - \hat{\theta}_{\text{mle},k}} \left( \sum_{j=1}^n 1 - \sum_{j=1}^n x_{jk} \right) &= 0 \\ \sum_{j=1}^n x_{jk} - \hat{\theta}_{\text{mle},k} \sum_{j=1}^n x_{jk} &= \hat{\theta}_{\text{mle},k} n - \hat{\theta}_{\text{mle},k} \sum_{j=1}^n x_{jk} \\ \hat{\theta}_{\text{mle},k} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n x_{jk}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{\text{mle}} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbf{x}_j$$

**2.6** (40 pts) Problem 3.17 from Duda's book.

**Solution:**

(a) We know that  $\sum_{k=1}^n x_{ji} = s_i$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
P(D|\theta) &= \prod_{k=1}^n P(\mathbf{x}_k|\boldsymbol{\theta}) \\
&= \prod_{k=1}^n \prod_{i=1}^d \theta_i^{x_{ki}} (1 - \theta_i)^{1-x_{ki}} \\
&= \prod_{i=1}^d \prod_{k=1}^n \theta_i^{x_{ki}} (1 - \theta_i)^{1-x_{ki}} \\
&= \prod_{i=1}^d (\theta_i^{x_{1i}} \cdot \theta_i^{x_{2i}} \dots \theta_i^{x_{ni}}) ((1 - \theta_i)^{1-x_{1i}} \cdot (1 - \theta_i)^{1-x_{2i}} \dots (1 - \theta_i)^{1-x_{ni}}) \\
&= \prod_{i=1}^d \theta_i^{\sum_{k=1}^n x_{ki}} (1 - \theta_i)^{\sum_{k=1}^n 1-x_{ki}} \\
&= \prod_{i=1}^d \theta_i^{\sum_{k=1}^n x_{ki}} (1 - \theta_i)^{n-\sum_{k=1}^n x_{ki}} \\
&= \prod_{i=1}^d \theta_i^{s_i} (1 - \theta_i)^{n-s_i}
\end{aligned}$$

(b) We know that  $\theta_i \in [0, 1]$  since it determines a probability. Thus, the prior is a uniform prior between 0 and 1.

$$\begin{aligned}
p(\boldsymbol{\theta}|D) &= \frac{p(D|\boldsymbol{\theta})p(\boldsymbol{\theta})}{\int p(D|\boldsymbol{\theta})p(\boldsymbol{\theta})d\boldsymbol{\theta}} \\
&= \frac{p(D|\boldsymbol{\theta})}{\int p(D|\boldsymbol{\theta})d\boldsymbol{\theta}} \\
&= \frac{\prod_{i=1}^d \theta_i^{s_i} (1 - \theta_i)^{n-s_i}}{\int \prod_{i=1}^d \theta_i^{s_i} (1 - \theta_i)^{n-s_i} d\boldsymbol{\theta}} \\
&= \prod_{i=1}^d \frac{1}{\int \theta_i^{s_i} (1 - \theta_i)^{n-s_i} d\theta_i} \theta_i^{s_i} (1 - \theta_i)^{n-s_i} \\
&= \prod_{i=1}^d \frac{1}{\frac{s_i!(n-s_i)!}{(s_i+(n-s_i)+1)!}} \theta_i^{s_i} (1 - \theta_i)^{n-s_i} \\
&= \prod_{i=1}^d \frac{(n+1)!}{s_i!(n-s_i)!} \theta_i^{s_i} (1 - \theta_i)^{n-s_i}
\end{aligned}$$

(c) Using the attached MATLAB script, we obtain figure 2

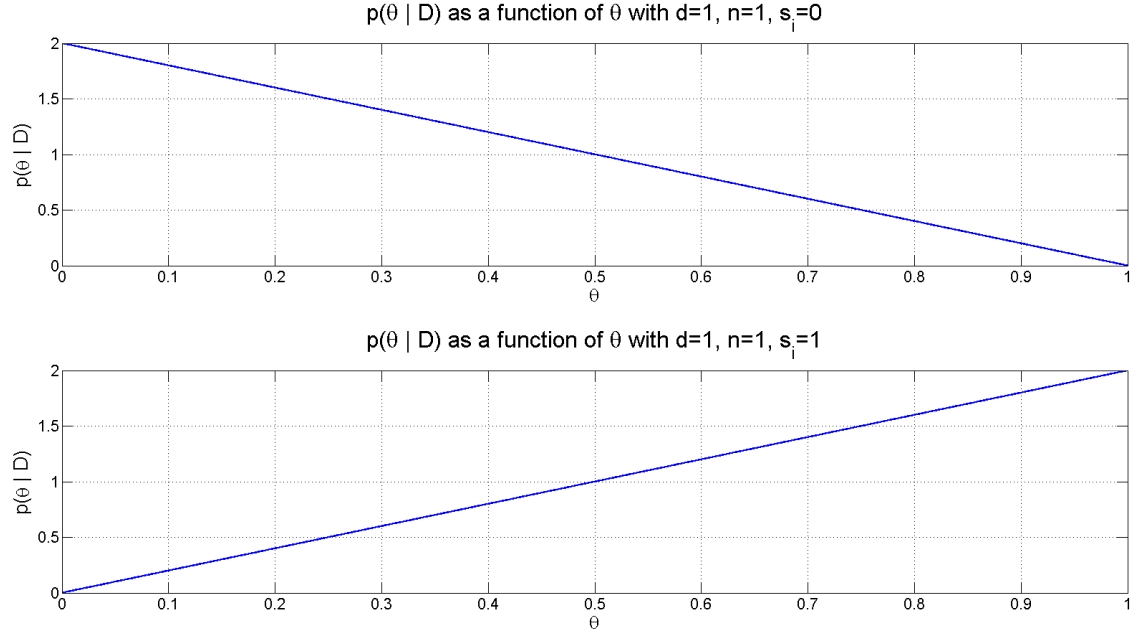


Figure 2: Problem 2.5c

(d)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int P(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta})p(\boldsymbol{\theta}|D)d\boldsymbol{\theta} &= \int \prod_{i=1}^d \theta_i^{x_i} (1 - \theta_i)^{1-x_i} \prod_{i=1}^d \frac{(n+1)!}{s_i!(n-s_i)!} \theta_i^{s_i} (1 - \theta_i)^{n-s_i} d\boldsymbol{\theta} \\
 &= \prod_{i=1}^d \frac{(n+1)!}{s_i!(n-s_i)!} \cdot \int \prod_{i=1}^d \theta_i^{x_i} (1 - \theta_i)^{1-x_i} \theta_i^{s_i} (1 - \theta_i)^{n-s_i} d\boldsymbol{\theta} \\
 &= \prod_{i=1}^d \frac{(n+1)!}{s_i!(n-s_i)!} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^d \int \theta_i^{s_i+x_i} (1 - \theta_i)^{n-s_i+1-x_i} d\theta_i \\
 &= \prod_{i=1}^d \frac{(n+1)!}{s_i!(n-s_i)!} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^d \frac{(s_i+x_i)!(n-s_i+1-x_i)!}{(s_i+x_i+n-s_i+1-x_i+1)!} \\
 &= \prod_{i=1}^d \frac{(n+1)!(s_i+x_i)!(n-s_i+1-x_i)!}{s_i!(n-s_i)!(n+2)!} \\
 &= \prod_{i=1}^d \frac{(s_i+x_i)!(n-s_i+1-x_i)!}{s_i!(n-s_i)!(n+2)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $x_i$  can only be 0 or 1, we have that

$$\int P(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta})p(\boldsymbol{\theta}|D)d\boldsymbol{\theta} = \prod_{i=1}^d \left( \frac{(s_i+1)!(n-s_i)!}{s_i!(n-s_i)!(n+2)} \right)^{x_i} \left( \frac{s_i!(n-s_i+1)!}{s_i!(n-s_i)!(n+2)} \right)^{1-x_i}$$

Simplifying the factorials,

$$\begin{aligned}\int P(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta})p(\boldsymbol{\theta}|D)d\boldsymbol{\theta} &= \prod_{i=1}^d \left(\frac{s_i+1}{n+2}\right)^{x_i} \left(\frac{n-s_i+1}{n+2}\right)^{1-x_i} \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^d \left(\frac{s_i+1}{n+2}\right)^{x_i} \left(1 - \frac{s_i+1}{n+2}\right)^{1-x_i}\end{aligned}$$

- (e) Looking at the formulas for the distributions, we can make  $p(\mathbf{x}|D) = p(\mathbf{x}|\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{\text{bayes}})$  if we let  $\hat{\theta}_{\text{bayes},i} = \frac{s_i+1}{n+2}$