

• goal:

1. Derive the ML estimator for θ
2. " " MAP " " , assuming Dirichlet prior

1. ML Estimator:

• probability of a single sample: $P(z^n | \theta) = \prod_{k=1}^K \theta^{z_k^n}$

• likelihood function: (assuming independence)

$$: L(\theta | D) = P(z^1, z^2, \dots, z^N | \theta)$$

$$= \prod_{n=1}^N P(z^n | \theta)$$

$$= \prod_{n=1}^N \prod_{k=1}^K \theta^{z_k^n}$$

$$= \prod_{k=1}^K \theta^{\sum_{n=1}^N z_k^n}$$

$$= \prod_{k=1}^K \theta^{N_k} \quad \text{where } N_k = \sum_{n=1}^N z_k^n = \# \text{ of samples in state } k$$

• log likelihood: $\log(L(\theta | D)) = \log\left(\prod_{k=1}^K \theta^{N_k}\right) = \sum_{k=1}^K N_k \log \theta_k$

• constrained optimization:

: maximize $\log(L(\theta | D))$ subject to $\sum_{k=1}^K \theta_k = 1$

$$\therefore \mathcal{L}(\theta, \lambda) = \sum_{k=1}^K N_k \log \theta_k + \lambda \left(\sum_{k=1}^K \theta_k - 1 \right)$$

: For each $k \in \{1, \dots, K\}$:

$$\partial \mathcal{L} / \partial \theta_k = N_k / \theta_k + \lambda = 0$$

$$\therefore \theta_k = -N_k / \lambda$$

$$\implies \sum_{k=1}^K \theta_k = 1 \implies \sum_{k=1}^K -N_k / \lambda = 1$$

$$\implies -1/\lambda \sum_{k=1}^K N_k = 1 \implies -N/\lambda = 1$$

$$\implies \lambda = -N, \text{ where } N = \sum_k N_k \text{ is the total \# of samples}$$

$$\cdot \text{ ML Estimator: } \theta_k^{(ML)} = -N_k / (-N) = N_k / N$$

2. MAP Estimator:

: Given Prior: Dirichlet distribution w/ hyperparameter $\alpha = [\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_K]^T$:

$$p(\theta|\alpha) = 1/B(\alpha) \cdot \prod_{k=1}^K \theta_k^{\alpha_k-1}$$

$$B(\alpha) = \left\{ \prod_{k=1}^K \Gamma(\alpha_k) \right\} / \left\{ \Gamma\left(\sum_{k=1}^K \alpha_k\right) \right\}$$

• Posterior Distribution: $p(\theta|D) = p(D|\theta) \cdot p(\theta) / p(D)$

$$= p(D|\theta) \cdot p(\theta) \quad (\text{w/c } p(D) \text{ doesn't depend on } \theta)$$

$$= \prod_{k=1}^K \theta_k^{N_k} \cdot \prod_{k=1}^K \theta_k^{\alpha_k-1}$$

$$= \prod_{k=1}^K \theta_k^{(N_k + \alpha_k - 1)}$$

• log posterior: $\log(p(\theta|D)) = \sum_{k=1}^K (N_k + \alpha_k - 1) \log \theta_k$

• constrained optimization:

: maximize $\log(p(\theta|D))$ subject to $\sum_{k=1}^K \theta_k = 1$

$$\therefore \mathcal{L}(\theta, \lambda) = \sum_{k=1}^K (N_k + \alpha_k - 1) \log \theta_k + \lambda \left(\sum_{k=1}^K \theta_k - 1 \right)$$

\therefore For each $k \in \{1, \dots, K\}$:

$$\partial \mathcal{L} / \partial \theta_k = (N_k + \alpha_k - 1) / \theta_k + \lambda = 0$$

$$\therefore \theta_k = -(N_k + \alpha_k - 1) / \lambda$$

$$\implies \sum_{k=1}^K [-(N_k + \alpha_k - 1) / \lambda] = 1 \implies -1/\lambda \sum_{k=1}^K (N_k + \alpha_k - 1) = 1$$

$$\implies -1/\lambda [\sum_k N_k + \sum_k \alpha_k - K] = 1 \implies -1/\lambda [N + \sum_{k=1}^K \alpha_k - K] = 1$$

$$\implies \lambda = -(N + \sum_{k=1}^K \alpha_k - K)$$

• MAP Estimator:

$$\therefore \theta_k^{(MAP)} = -(N_k + \alpha_k - 1) / [-(N + \sum_{k=1}^K \alpha_k - K)]$$

$$= (N_k + \alpha_k - 1) / (N + \sum_{k=1}^K \alpha_k - K)$$