

# Last lecture

Geometric distribution (Ch 2.5)

- Memoryless property

Bernoulli Process (Ch 2.6)

- Definition
- Connect to distributions

Poisson Distribution (Ch 2.7)

# Agenda

## Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE) (Ch 2.8)

- Not focus

## Markov and Chebychev inequalities (Ch 2.9)

- Markov inequality
- Chebychev inequality
- Confidence interval

## Binary Hypothesis Testing (Ch 2.11)

- Definition
- Likelihood table
- Maximum likelihood decision rule

# Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE)

Not in the exam

# Definition

How *likely* a distribution is of parameter  $\theta$  given the observation  $k$ .

- $\operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} p_{\theta}(k)$   $\rightarrow w$
- If I get  $\{H, H, H, T, H\}$  out of unfair coin toss, what's  $p^* = \frac{4}{5}$

Likelihood  $p_{\theta}(k)$

- $P(k|\theta)$  for different  $\theta$

- How likely there will be 1R2B if I draw  $\{R, R, B\}$

$$\rightarrow P^4(1-P) = P(w)$$

$$\operatorname{argmax}_p P^4(1-p)$$

MLE

- Find  $\theta$  that “Maximize” the (log)-likelihood given  $k$

- $\frac{\partial P_{\theta}(k)}{\partial \theta} = 0$   $\frac{\partial \log P}{\partial \theta} = 0$

# Example – Special Lottery

In the first draw, the customer has a probability of  $\theta$  to win ( $W$ ) and  $(1 - \theta)$  to lose ( $L$ ).

For each  $L$  ticket drawn in a sequence, the winning rate is doubled.

E.g. If Alice draws  $\{L, L\}$ , she has the probability  $4\theta$  to draw a  $W$  ticket.

Estimate  $\theta$  if Alice draw  $\{L, L W\}$

$$P_{\theta}(k) = (1-\theta)(1-2\theta)4\theta = 4(2\theta^3 - 3\theta^2 + \theta)$$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial \theta} = 0 \Rightarrow 6\theta^2 - 6\theta + 1 = 0$$

$$\theta = \frac{3 - \sqrt{3}}{6}$$

$$4 \frac{3 + \sqrt{3}}{6} > 1$$

# #1 Midterm Reminder

- March 2 (Mon.) 7-8:30 PM @ 1002/1013 ECEB
  - Conflict - March 3 8-9:30AM @ 3081 ECEB
  - Please register the conflict exam by next Friday
    - <https://forms.illinois.edu/sec/665800842>
- All topics in ~~Ch 2.~~  
*until*
- 1 Letter size HAND-WRITTEN notes
- No calculator
- Exam will be scanned and graded on Gradescope

# Markov and Chebychev Inequalities

# Markov Inequality

What if we only know  $E[Y]$  or  $Var(Y)$ ?

- Can we know more?

Markov inequality – If  $Y$  is a non-negative RV, for  $c > 0$

- $P\{Y \geq c\} \leq \frac{E[Y]}{c}$

$$\begin{aligned} E[Y] &= \sum_i u_i p_Y(u_i) \\ \text{bucket } u &\rightarrow &= \sum_{u_i < c} u_i p_Y(u_i) + \sum_{u_i \geq c} u_i p_Y(u_i) \\ \text{by } > \text{ or } < c &\geq \sum_{u_i < c} 0 \times p_Y(u_i) + \sum_{u_i \geq c} c p_Y(u_i) \\ &= c \sum_{u_i \geq c} p_Y(u_i) = cP(Y \geq c) \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds iff  $p_Y(0) + p_Y(c) = 1$

# Example

Through 200 balls into 100 bins randomly. At most how many bins can contain  $c \geq 5$  balls?

- Intuitive solution  $\frac{200}{5} = 40$

- Markov inequality

- $E[Y] = \frac{200}{100} = 2$

- $P\{Y \geq 5\} \leq \frac{E[Y]}{5} = \frac{2}{5}$

$$\begin{aligned} \# \text{ bins} &= 100 \times P\{Y \geq 5\} = 100 \times \frac{2}{5} \\ &= 40. \end{aligned}$$

# Chebyshev Inequality

Give information regarding  $Var(X)$

If  $X$  is a RV, for  $d > 0$

$$P\{|X - \mu_X| \geq d\} \leq \frac{\sigma_X^2}{d^2}$$

$$d = a\sigma_X$$

- $P\{|X - \mu_X| \geq a\sigma_X\} \leq \frac{1}{a^2}$

- Proof - Extension of Markov inequality

Markov

$$P\{Y \geq c\} \leq \frac{\mu_Y}{c}$$

$$Y = (X - \mu_X)^2$$

$$P\{(X - \mu_X)^2 \geq d^2\} \leq \frac{Var(X)}{d^2}$$

# Confidence Interval

How close is our estimate  $\hat{p}$  to the real parameter  $p$

- Do a poll of 200 people -  $X$  denotes # of people agree

- $X \sim Bi(n = 200, p)$

- $\hat{p} = \frac{X}{n} \neq p$

complement

Cheb.

- $P\{|X - np| \geq a\sigma\} \leq \frac{1}{a^2}$

- $P\left\{\left|\frac{X}{n} - p\right| \leq \frac{a\sigma}{n}\right\} \geq 1 - \frac{1}{a^2}$

$$P\{|X - np| < a\sigma\} \geq 1 - \frac{1}{a^2}$$

$$P \in \hat{p} \pm \frac{a\sigma}{n}$$

$(\hat{p} - a\sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}}, \hat{p} + a\sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}})$  is called **Confidence interval**

$$\sigma_x^2 = np(1-p)$$

# Closer look – confidence interval

- $(\hat{p} - a\sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}}, \hat{p} + a\sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}})$  is called **Confidence interval**
- $P \left\{ p \in \left( \hat{p} - a\sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}}, \hat{p} + a\sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}} \right) \right\} \geq 1 - \frac{1}{a^2}$
- Before starting the poll, if we take  $a = 5$ ,
  - we have  $1 - \frac{1}{25} = \underline{96\%}$  confidence that  $p$  will locate at this interval ↳  $1 - \frac{1}{25}$
  - But we don't know  $p(1 - p)$ ? Replace it with a loose bound  $p(1 - p) \leq \underline{0.25}$ .
  - $P \left\{ p \in \left( \hat{p} - \frac{a}{2\sqrt{n}}, \hat{p} + \frac{a}{2\sqrt{n}} \right) \right\} \geq 1 - \frac{1}{a^2}$

# Example

We want to do an opinion poll of size  $n$  for a policy.

- $X$  is # of positive votes
- $\hat{p} = \frac{X}{n}$  be the estimate of the support rate. *error wrt  $\hat{p}$*
- If we want true  $p$  within 0.1 with 96% confidence
- How many participants  $n$  do we need?

$$1. \quad P \left\{ p \in \left[ \hat{p} - \frac{a}{2\sqrt{n}}, \hat{p} + \frac{a}{2\sqrt{n}} \right] \right\} \geq 1 - \frac{1}{a^2}$$

*0.1* *96%*

$$2. \quad 1 - \frac{1}{a^2} = 96\% \quad a = 5.$$

$$3. \quad \frac{5}{2\sqrt{n}} = 0.1 \quad \sqrt{n} = 25 \quad n = 625 \quad \square$$

# Example

We want to do guess the phone busy rate  $p$  from survey size  $n$

- $X$  is # of busy lines
- $\hat{p} = \frac{X}{n}$  be the estimate of the support rate.
- If we want true  $p$  within 0.05 with 99% confidence
- How many phones  $n$  do we need to check?



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$$\frac{10}{2\sqrt{n}} = \frac{1}{50}$$

$$\sqrt{n} = 100$$

$$n = 10000$$

$$P \left\{ p \in \left( \hat{p} - \frac{a}{2\sqrt{n}}, \hat{p} + \frac{a}{2\sqrt{n}} \right) \right\} \geq 1 - \frac{1}{a^2}$$

99%

$$a = 10$$

# Hypothesis Testing

# Binary Hypothesis Testing with Discrete Observations

Given two hypotheses  $H_1$  and  $H_0$  where  $H_0 = H_1^C$

- E.g.,  $H_1 \triangleq$  "Patient has tumor(s)";  $H_0 \triangleq$  "Patient has no tumor"
- Decision rule
  - Decide  $H_1$  or  $H_0$  given  $X$
  - E.g.,  $X \triangleq$  "Suspect circles in ultrasound scan"
  - How can we pick the best rule?

# Maximum Likelihood Table

- Table showing likelihood of two hypotheses

$$P(X | H_i)$$

	$X = 0$	$X = 1$	$X = 2$	$X \geq 3$
$H_1$	0	0.1	<u>0.3</u>	<u>0.6</u>
$H_0$	<u>0.4</u>	<u>0.3</u>	0.2	0.1

$\Sigma = 1$

- Decision rule can be shown on the table by underline on each column.

# False alarm and missing

	$X = 0$	$X = 1$	$X = 2$	$X = 3$
$H_1$	0	<u>0.1</u>	<u>0.3</u>	<u>0.6</u>
$H_0$	<u>0.4</u>	0.3	0.2	0.1

- $P_{false\ alarm} = P\{\text{Claim } H_1 \mid H_0\} \downarrow = 0.3 + 0.2 + 0.1 = 0.6$
- $P_{miss} = P\{\text{Claim } H_0 \mid H_1\} = 0$

$$P_{false\ alarm} = 0.2 + 0.1 = 0.3 \downarrow$$

	$X = 0$	$X = 1$	$X = 2$	$X = 3$
$H_1$	0	0.1	<u>0.3</u>	<u>0.6</u>
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$$P_{miss} = 0 + 0.1 = 0.1 \uparrow$$

# Maximum Likelihood (ML) decision rule

Pick whichever is higher per column!

	$X = 0$	$X = 1$	$X = 2$	$X = 3$
$H_1$	0	0.1	<u>0.3</u>	<u>0.6</u>
$H_0$	<u>0.4</u>	<u>0.3</u>	0.2	0.1

What's the problem?

✓ balance  $P_{miss}$  &  $P_{false\ alarm}$   
if  $P(H_0) \gg P(H_1)$  or vice versa  
 $\Rightarrow P_{false\ alarm}$  is much more important than  $P_{miss}$