

Lecture 2

Y - Random Variable (upper case notation)

$$P(Y \leq x) = F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x p(\tau) d\tau$$

Note: $p(\tau)$ may not exist

RV or Number?

example 1)

Let $g(\cdot)$ be a function

$$g(Y) \rightarrow \text{RV}$$

example 2)

$$E[Y] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y p(y) dy \rightarrow \text{number}$$

example 3)

$$p(Y) \rightarrow \text{RV (same as } \tau)$$

example 4) X, Y both RV

$$E[Y | X=3] \rightarrow \text{number}$$

$$E[Y | X=x] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y p_{Y|X}(y|x) dy$$

\triangleq $g(x)$ a function of x
not a RV

example 5)

$$\begin{aligned} E[Y|X] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y P_{Y|X}(y|X) dy \\ &= g(X) \end{aligned}$$

function of a RV \rightarrow RV

example 6)

$$\begin{aligned} E[E[Y|X]] &= E[g(X)] \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) p(x) dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y P_{Y|X}(y|x) dy p(x) dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y P_{Y,X}(y,x) dy dx \\ &= E[Y] \\ E[Y] &= E[E[Y|X]] \end{aligned}$$

Estimation

$$P_{\theta}(Y \leq t) = \int_{-\infty}^t p_{\theta}(y) dy$$

↑
unknown
parameter

• Use Y to guess at θ

$$\hat{\theta} = T(Y)$$

$T(\cdot)$ - estimator (function)

$\hat{\theta}$ - estimate (RV)

θ - parameter (number)

Maximum likelihood (ML) Estimation

$$\underbrace{\hat{\theta}}_{RV} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} \underbrace{p_{\theta}(Y)}_{RV}$$

$$= \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} \log p_{\theta}(Y)$$

$$\left. \frac{d \log p_{\theta}(Y)}{d \theta} \right|_{\theta = \hat{\theta}} = 0$$

Example

$$Y = (Y_1, Y_2, Y_3) \text{ iid } N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

$$p_{\mu}(y) = \prod_{i=1}^3 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(y_i - \mu)^2\right\}$$

$$\log p_{\mu}(y) = \sum_{i=1}^3 \left\{-\frac{1}{2}(y_i - \mu)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi)\right\}$$

$$\hat{\mu} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\mu} \log p_{\mu}(Y)$$

$$= \operatorname{argmax}_{\mu} \sum_{i=1}^3 \left\{-\frac{1}{2}(Y_i - \mu)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi)\right\}$$

$$\frac{d}{d\mu} \log p_{\mu}(Y) \Big|_{\mu=\hat{\mu}} = 0$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^3 (Y_i - \hat{\mu}) = 0$$

$$3\hat{\mu} = \sum_{i=1}^3 Y_i$$

$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{Y_1 + Y_2 + Y_3}{3}$$

Bayesian Estimators

X - unknown RV

Y - observed RV

$$\hat{X} = T(Y)$$

\hat{X} - Best guess at X

What does "best" mean?

(RV) $\rightarrow C(x, \hat{x})$ - cost of guessing \hat{x}
when the correct answer is x

examples

$$C(x, \hat{x}) = \begin{matrix} (x - \hat{x})^2 \\ |x - \hat{x}| \end{matrix}$$

Find \hat{x} that minimizes

$$E[C(x, \hat{x})] = \text{average cost}$$

$$\text{If } C(x, \hat{x}) = (x - \hat{x})^2$$

Find $\hat{X} = T(Y)$ so that

$$E[(x - \hat{x})^2] \text{ is minimum}$$

Minimum mean squared error estimate
(MMSE)

What is $\hat{X} = T(Y)$?

$$\hat{X} = E[X | Y]$$

example

X - unobserved RV

Y - observed

$$X \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$$

$$Y = X + N \quad N \sim N(0, \sigma_n^2)$$

↑
noise

$$\text{Example: } C(x, \hat{x}) = |x - \hat{x}|^2$$

\Rightarrow minimum mean squared error estimation

$$\text{solution: } \hat{x} = E[x|y] = F(y)$$

$$y = x + N \quad x \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$$

$$N \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_n^2)$$

$$\hat{x} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x p_{x|y}(x|y) dx$$

$$p_{x|y}(x|y) = \frac{p_{y|x}(y|x) p_x(x)}{p_y(y)}$$

$$p_{y|x}(y|x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma_n} \exp\left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma_n^2} (y-x)^2 \right\}$$

$$p_x(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma} \exp\left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} x^2 \right\}$$

$$p_{x|y}(x|y) = \frac{1}{2\pi \sigma_n^2 \sigma^2} \exp\left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma_n^2} (y-x)^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} x^2 \right\}$$
$$p_y(y)$$

$$= \frac{1}{Z(y)} \exp\left\{ a(x-b)^2 + c \right\}$$

where $z(y) \leftarrow$ normalizing constant

$a, b, c \leftarrow$ constants

$$(1) \quad \frac{-2}{2\sigma_n^2} (x-y) - \frac{2}{2\sigma^2} x \\ = 2a(x-b)$$

$$(2) \quad \frac{-1}{\sigma_n^2} - \frac{1}{\sigma^2} = 2a$$

$$a = -\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\sigma_n^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \right)$$

from (1)

$$\left(\frac{-1}{\sigma_n^2} - \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \right) x + \frac{1}{\sigma_n^2} y = 2ax - 2ab$$

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_n^2} y = \left(\frac{1}{\sigma_n^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \right) b$$

$$b = \frac{1/\sigma_n^2}{1/\sigma_n^2 + 1/\sigma^2} y \\ = \frac{\sigma^2}{\sigma^2 + \sigma_n^2} y$$

$$a = -\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\sigma_n^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \right)$$

$$b = \frac{\sigma^2}{\sigma^2 + \sigma_n^2} y$$

$$p_{x|y}(x|y) = \frac{1}{Z'(y)} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma_{x|y}} (x - \mu_{x|y}) \right\}$$

Solution

$$\sigma_{x|y} = \frac{\sigma_n^2 \sigma^2}{\sigma_n^2 + \sigma^2}$$

$$\mu_{x|y} = \frac{\sigma^2}{\sigma^2 + \sigma_n^2} y$$