

Presence sheet 12

Mathematics for Machine Learning

Tutorial of Week 13 (20.01. - 24.01.2024)

Exercise 1 (Marginal distributions). Find an example of (or explain why it cannot exist)

- Two different multivariate distributions that have the same marginal distributions.
- Two different multivariate distributions, with independent components, that have the same marginal distributions.

Exercise 2 (Again marginal distributions). Consider the following experiment: In a bag, there are three balls, one red one, one green one and one blue one. You draw two balls without replacement, X is the color of the first one, Y the color of the second one. Determine the joint distribution (X, Y) and the marginal distributions of X and Y . Is the joint distribution the product of the marginals?

Exercise 3 (Conditional expectation). You roll two dice and consider their sum X .

- What is the distribution of $E(X | Y)$, where Y is the number of the first die?
- What is the distribution of $E(X | Y)$, where Y is 1 if one of the dice shows the number 1 and 0 otherwise?
- What is the distribution of $E(X | Y)$, where Y is the number of a third die?

Exercise 4 (Consistent estimator). Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be n independent and identically distributed random variables from a Bernoulli distribution with parameter p . That is

$$P(X_i = 1) = p, \quad P(X_i = 0) = 1 - p, \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

The task is to estimate the parameter p of the distribution using the sample data. We consider the estimator

$$\hat{p} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i.$$

- What is the parameter space Θ ? What is the statistical model \mathcal{F} ?
- Show that the estimator for \hat{p} is unbiased.
- Compute the variance of the estimator \hat{p} . Can you find an example of an estimator with zero variance?
- Is the estimator \hat{p} (strongly) consistent?