

CSE6328.3  
Speech & Language Processing



**No.2**

## **Math Background**

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## **Pattern Classification and Pattern verification**

- Many applications fall into the categories: pattern classification or pattern verification.
- Pattern classification: based on some observed information of an input, classify it into one of the finite number of classes.
  - Speech recognition
  - Speaker identification (recognition)
  - Text categorization
  - Language understanding
  - etc.
- Pattern Verification:
  - Speaker verification
  - Audio/video segmentation
  - etc.

## Major Paradigm Shift: Rule/Knowledge-Based → Data-Driven

- Rule/Knowledge-based method:
  - Experts analyze some samples to gain knowledge.
  - Knowledge representation: rule-based.
  - Inference based on rules: parsing, etc.
- Data-driven statistical approach:
  - Collect a mass amount of representative data.
  - Manually select a statistical model for the underlying data.
  - Model estimation from the data set automatically.
  - Make decision based on the estimated models.
- Recently, data-driven statistical approach has achieved great successes in many many real-world applications:
  - Automatic speech recognition (ASR)
  - Statistical machine translation
  - Computational linguistics

## Probability & Statistics: review

- Probability
- Random variables/vectors: discrete vs. continuous
- Probability distribution of random variables: pmf, pdf, cdf
- Mean, variance, moments
- Conditional probability & Bayes' theorem: independence
- Joint Probability distribution: marginal distribution
- Some useful distributions:
  - Multinomial, Gaussian, Uniform, Dirichlet, Gamma, etc.
- Information Theory: entropy, mutual information, information channel, KL divergence, etc.
- CART (Classification and Regression Tree)
- Function Optimization
- Linear Algebra: matrix manipulation
- Others

## Probability Definition

- **Sample Space:**  $\Omega$ 
  - collection of all possible observed outcomes
- **An Event A:**  $A \subseteq \Omega$  including null event  $\phi$
- **$\sigma$ -field:** set of all possible events  $A \in F_{\Omega}$
- **Probability Function (Measurable)**  $P: F_{\Omega} \rightarrow [0,1]$ 
  - Meet three axioms:
    1.  $P(\phi) = 0$      $P(\Omega) = 1$
    2. If  $A \subseteq B$  then  $P(A) \leq P(B)$
    3. If  $A \cap B = \phi$  then  $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$

## Some Examples

- **Example I: experiment to toss a 6-face dice once:**
  - Sample space:  $\{1,2,3,4,5,6\}$
  - Events:  $X=\{\text{even number}\}$ ,  $Y=\{\text{odd number}\}$ ,  $Z=\{\text{larger than 3}\}$ .
  - $\sigma$ -field: set of all possible events
  - Probability Function (Measurable)  $\rightarrow$  relative frequency
- **Example II:**
  - Sample Space:  
 $\Omega_c = \{x: x \text{ is the height of a person on earth}\}$
  - Events:
    - $A=\{x: x>200\text{cm}\}$
    - $B=\{x: 120\text{cm}<x<130\text{cm}\}$
  - $\sigma$ -field: set of all possible events  $F_{\Omega}$
  - Probability Function (Measurable)  $P: F_{\Omega} \rightarrow [0,1]$
  - measuring A, B:  
$$\Pr(A) = \frac{\# \text{ of persons whose height over } 200\text{cm}}{\text{total \# of persons in the earth}}$$

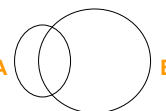
## Conditional Events

- **Prior Probability**
  - probability of an event before considering any additional knowledge or observing any other events (or samples):  $P(A)$
- **Joint probability of multiple events:** probability of several events occurring concurrently, e.g.,  $P(A \cap B)$ .
- **Conditional Probability:** probability of one event ( $A$ ) after another event ( $B$ ) has occurred, e.g.,  $P(A|B)$ .
  - updated probability of an event given some knowledge about another event. Definition is:

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

- Prove the *Addition Rule*:

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$



- From *Multiplication Rule*, show *Chain Rule*:

$$P(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n) = P(A_1)P(A_2 | A_1) \cdots P(A_n | \bigcap_{i=1}^{n-1} A_i)$$

## Bayes' Theorem

- **Swapping dependency between events**
  - calculate  $P(B|A)$  in terms of  $P(A|B)$  that is available and more relevant in some cases

$$P(B|A) = \frac{P(B \cap A)}{P(A)} = \frac{P(A|B)P(B)}{P(A)}$$

- **In some cases, not important to compute  $P(A)$**

$$B^* = \arg \max_B P(B|A) = \arg \max_B \frac{P(A|B)P(B)}{P(A)} = \arg \max_B P(A|B)P(B)$$

- **Another Form of Bayes' Theorem**

- If a set  $B$  partitions  $A$ , i.e.

$$A = \bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i \quad B_i \cap B_k = \phi$$

$$P(B_j|A) = \frac{P(A|B_j)P(B_j)}{P(A)} = \frac{P(A|B_j)P(B_j)}{\sum_{i=1}^n P(B_i)}$$

## Random Variable

- A random variable (R.V.) is a variable which could take various values with different probabilities.
- A R.V. is said to be discrete if its set of possible values is a discrete set. The **probability mass function (p.m.f.)** is defined:

$$f(x) = \Pr(X = x) \quad \text{for } x = x_1, x_2, \dots \quad \sum_{x_i} f(x_i) = 1$$

- A univariate discrete R.V., one p.m.f. example:

<b>x</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>f(x)</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>

- A R.V. is said to be continuous if its set of possible values is an entire interval of numbers. Each continuous R.V. has a distribution function: for a R.V.  $X$ , its **cumulative distribution function (c.d.f.)** is defined as:

$$F(t) = \Pr(X \leq t) \quad (-\infty < t < \infty)$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} F(t) = 0 \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} F(t) = 1$$

- A **probability density function (p.d.f.)** of a continuous R.V. is a function that for any two number  $a, b$  ( $a < b$ ),

$$\Pr(a \leq X \leq b) = \int_a^b f(x) dx \quad F(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t f(x) dx \quad \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x) dx = 1$$

## Random Variable

- **Expectation of random variables and its functions**

$$E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot f(x) dx \quad \text{or} \quad \sum_i x_i \cdot p(x_i)$$

$$E(q(X)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} q(x) \cdot f(x) dx \quad \text{or} \quad \sum_i q(x_i) \cdot p(x_i)$$

- **Mean and Variance**

$$\text{Mean}(X) = E(X) \quad \text{Var}(X) = E([X - E(X)]^2)$$

- **r-th moment ( $r=1,2,3,4,\dots$ )**

$$E(X^r) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^r \cdot f(x) dx \quad \text{or} \quad \sum_i x_i^r \cdot p(x_i)$$

- **Random vector is a vector whose elements are all random variables.**

## Joint and Marginal Distribution

- **Joint Event and Product Space of two (or more) R.V.'s**  $\Omega_c \times \Omega_d$   
– e.g.  $E=(A,B)=(200\text{cm}<\text{height, live in Canada})$

- **Joint p.m.f of two discrete random variables X, Y:**

X \ Y	0	1	2
T	0.03	0.24	0.17
F	0.23	0.11	0.22

- **Joint p.d.f. (c.d.f.) of two continuous random variables X, Y:**

$$p(x,y) = \Pr(X \leq x, Y \leq y)$$

$$\Pr(a \leq x \leq b, c \leq y \leq d) = \int_a^b \int_c^d f(x,y) dy dx$$

- **Marginal p.m.f. and p.d.f.:**

$$p(x) = \sum_y p(x,y) \quad f(x) = \int f(x,y) dy$$

## Conditional Distribution of RVs

- **Conditional p.m.f. or p.d.f. for discrete or continuous R.V.'s**

$$f(x|y) = f(x,y) / f(y)$$

- **Conditional Expectation**

$$E(q(X)|Y=y_0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} q(x)f(x|y_0)dx \quad \text{or} \quad \sum_i q(x_i)p(x_i|y_0)$$

- **Conditional Mean:**

$$E(X|Y=y_0) = \int x \cdot f(x|y_0)dx$$

- **Independence:**

$$f(x,y) = f(x)f(y) \quad f(x|y) = f(x)$$

- **Covariance between two R.V.'s**

$$\text{Cov}(X,Y) = E([X - E(X)][Y - E(Y)])$$

$$= \int \int (x - E(X))(y - E(Y)) \cdot f(x,y) dx dy$$

- **Uncorrelated R.V.'s:**

$$\text{Cov}(X,Y) = E([X - E(X)][Y - E(Y)]) = 0$$

## Some Useful Distributions (I)

- **Binomial Distribution:  $B(R=r; n, p)$** 
  - probability of  $r$  successes in  $n$  trials with a success rate  $p$ 

$$B(r; n, p) = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} p^r (1-p)^{n-r} \quad \text{where } 0 \leq r \leq n$$
  - **For binomial distribution:**

$$\sum_{r=0}^n B(r; n, p) = 1 \quad E_B(R) = \sum_{r=0}^n r B(r; n, p) = np \quad \text{Var}_B(R) = np(1-p)$$
- **Multinomial Distribution**

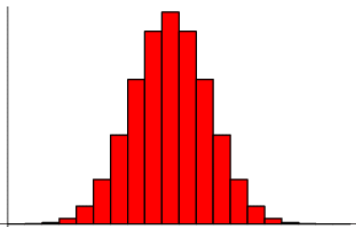
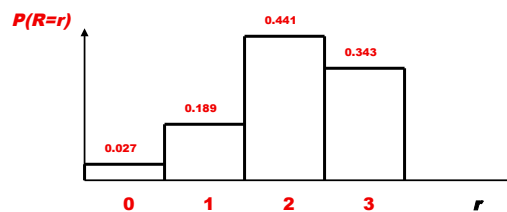
$$M(r_1, \dots, r_m; n, p_1, \dots, p_m) = \frac{n!}{r_1! \dots r_m!} \prod_{i=1}^m p_i^{r_i} \quad 0 \leq r_i \quad \sum_{i=1}^m r_i = n$$
  - **For multinomial distribution**

$$E(R_i) = np_i \quad \text{Var}(R_i) = np_i(1-p_i) \quad \text{Cov}(R_i, R_j) = -np_i p_j$$

## Plot of Probability Mass Function

- **Binomial distribution:  $n=3, p=0.7$** 

$$B(r; n, p) = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} p^r (1-p)^{n-r} \quad \text{where } 0 \leq r \leq n$$



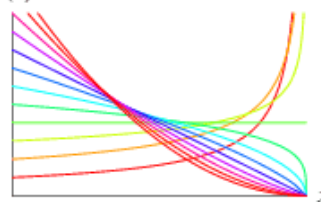
## Some Useful Distributions (II)

- **Poisson Distribution with mean (and var) as  $\lambda$  ( $\lambda \geq 0$ )**

$$p(x|\lambda) = \begin{cases} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \cdot \lambda^x}{x!} & \text{for } x = 0, 1, 2, \dots \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- **Beta distribution with parameters**

$$p(x|\alpha, \beta) = \begin{cases} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha) \cdot \Gamma(\beta)} x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1} & \text{for } 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



- **For Beta distribution:**

$$E(X) = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta} \quad \text{Var}(X) = \frac{\alpha\beta}{(\alpha + \beta)^2 (\alpha + \beta + 1)}$$

## Some Useful Distributions (III)

- **Dirichlet distribution: a random vector  $(X_1, \dots, X_k)$  has a Dirichlet distribution with parameter vector  $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k)$  (for all  $\alpha_k > 0$ ) if**

$$p(X_1, \dots, X_k | \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_k)}{\Gamma(\alpha_1) \dots \Gamma(\alpha_k)} x_1^{\alpha_1-1} \dots x_k^{\alpha_k-1}$$

for all  $x_i > 0$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ ) and  $\sum_{i=1}^k x_i = 1$ .

- **For Dirichlet distribution:**

$$\text{Denote } \alpha_0 = \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i$$

$$E(X_i) = \frac{\alpha_i}{\alpha_0} \quad \text{Var}(X_i) = \frac{\alpha_i(\alpha_0 - \alpha_i)}{\alpha_0^2(\alpha_0 + 1)}$$

$$\text{Cov}(X_i, X_j) = -\frac{\alpha_i \alpha_j}{\alpha_0^2(\alpha_0 + 1)}$$



## Some Useful Distributions (IV)

- Uniform Distribution:  $U(X=x; a, b)$

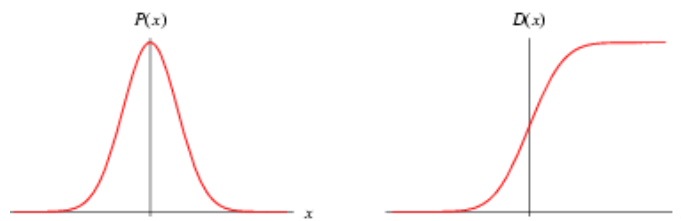
$$U(x; a, b) = \begin{cases} 1/(b-a) & a \leq x \leq b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{with } a < b$$

- Normal (or Gaussian) Distribution: **Bell Curve**

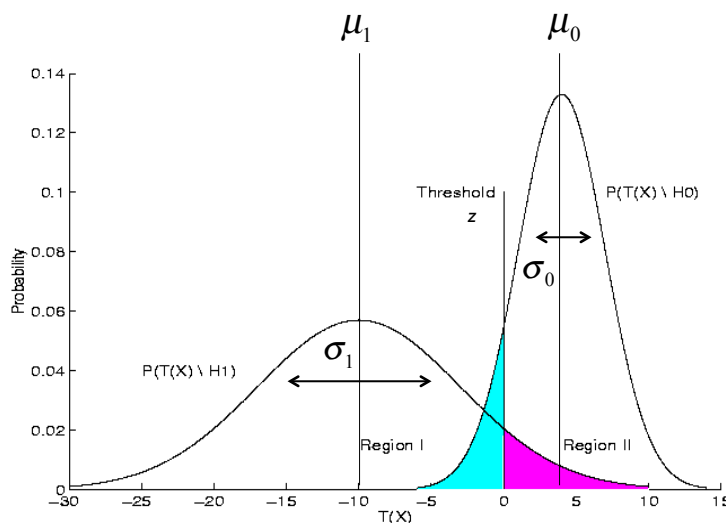
$$N(x; \mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-(x-\mu)^2/2\sigma^2} \quad -\infty < x < \infty \quad \sigma > 0$$

- Show

$$E_U(X) = \frac{a+b}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad E_N(X) = \mu \quad \text{VAR}_U(X) = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{VAR}_N(X) = \sigma^2$$



## Typical Normal Distributions



Standard deviation (s.d. or spread):  $\sigma_1 > \sigma_0$

## Some Useful Distributions (V)

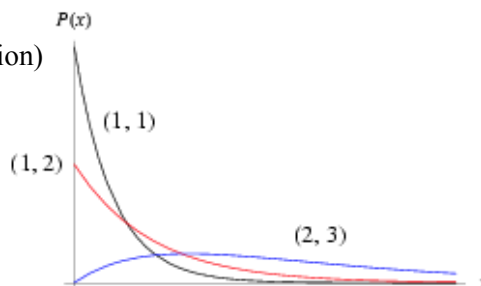
- Gamma Distribution: a random variable  $X$  has a gamma distribution with parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  ( $\alpha > 0, \beta > 0$ ) if

$$p(x | \alpha, \beta) = \begin{cases} \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} x^{\alpha-1} \cdot e^{-\beta x} & \text{for } x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

with

$$\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^\infty u^{\alpha-1} e^{-u} du \quad (\text{gamma function})$$

$$E(X) = \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \quad \text{Var}(X) = \frac{\alpha}{\beta^2}$$



## Some Useful Distributions (VI)

- 2-D Uniform Distribution:

$$U(x, y; a, b, c, d) = \begin{cases} 1/(b-a)(d-c) & a \leq x \leq b, c \leq y \leq d \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{with } a < b, c < d$$

- Multivariate Normal Distribution

$$N(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\mu}, \mathbf{C}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^n |\mathbf{C}|}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}-\boldsymbol{\mu})^T \mathbf{C}^{-1}(\mathbf{x}-\boldsymbol{\mu})} \quad -\infty < \mathbf{x} < \infty$$

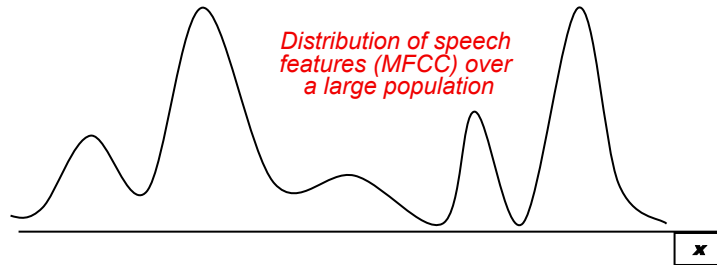
- Show  $E_N(\mathbf{X}) = \boldsymbol{\mu}$  and  $\text{VAR}_N(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{C}$
- Can you write down the 2-D distribution form, compute  $\text{Cov}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})$ , and derive the marginal and conditional densities,  $f(y)$  and  $f(x|y)$ ?

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \quad \boldsymbol{\mu} = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_x \\ \mu_y \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_x^2 & r\sigma_x\sigma_y \\ r\sigma_x\sigma_y & \sigma_y^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Gaussian Mixture Distribution

• Gaussian Mixture distribution:

$$MG(x) = \sum_{m=1}^M \omega_m N(x; \mu_m, \sigma_m^2) \quad \text{with} \quad \sum_{m=1}^M \omega_m = 1 \quad 0 \leq \omega_m \leq 1 \quad \sigma_m > 0$$



- In theory,  $MG(x)$  matches *any probabilistic density* up to second order statistics (mean and variance)
- Approximating multi-modal densities which is more likely to describe real-world data.

## Multinomial Mixture Models

- The idea of mixture applies to other distributions.
- Multinomial Mixture model (MMM):

$$MMM(x) = \sum_{k=1}^K \omega_k \cdot M(r_1, \dots, r_m; n, p_{k1}, \dots, p_{km}) \quad \text{with} \quad \sum_{k=1}^K \omega_k = 1 \quad 0 \leq \omega_k \leq 1$$

- Useful for modeling complex discrete data, such as text, biological sequences, etc...

## Parametric Distributions

- **Parametric Distribution**
  - r.v. described by a small number of parameters in pdf/pmf
  - e.g. Gaussian (2), Binomial (2), 2-d uniform (4)
  - many useful and known parametric distributions
  - Probability distribution of independently and identically distributed (i.i.d.) samples from such distributions can be easily derived.
- **Non-Parametric Distribution**
  - usually described by the data samples themselves
  - Sample distribution & histogram (pmf / bar chart): counting samples in equally-sized bins and plot them
- **Statistic: Function of random samples**
  - sample mean and variance, maximum/minimum, etc.
- **Sufficient Statistics**
  - minimum number of statistics to remember all samples
  - for Gaussian r.v. need count, sample mean and variance
  - for some r.v.'s, no sufficient statistics, need all samples

## Function of Random Variables

- **Function of r.v.'s is also a r.v.**
  - e.g.  $X=U+V+W$ , if we know  $f(u,v,w)$  how about  $f(x)$  ?
  - e.g. sum of dots on two dices
- **Problem easier for known and popular r.v.'s**
  - e.g. if  $U$  and  $V$  are independent Gaussian, so is  $X=U+V$ 
$$N(\cdot | \mu_1, \sigma_1^2) + N(\cdot | \mu_2, \sigma_2^2) = N(\cdot | \mu_1 + \mu_2, \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)$$
  - e.g. if  $W$  and  $Z$  are independent uniform, is  $Y=W+Z$  uniform?
- **Sample mean of  $n$  independent samples of Gaussian r.v.'s is also Gaussian, show that:**
$$E(\bar{X}) = \mu \quad \text{Var}(\bar{X}) = \sigma^2 / n$$
- **Average of two independent samples of uniform r.v.'s form a triangular shape p.d.f.**
- **How about  $n$  samples and  $n$  is very large?**
  - *Law of large numbers* – asymptotic Normal p.d.f. !!

## Transformation of Random Variables

- Given random vectors  $\vec{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$  and  $\vec{Y} = (Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$
- We know  $Y_1 = g_1(\vec{X}), \dots, Y_n = g_n(\vec{X})$
- Given p.d.f. of  $\vec{X}$ ,  $p_X(\vec{X}) = p_X(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ , how to derive p.d.f. for  $\vec{Y}$  ?
- If the transformation is one-to-one mapping, we can derive an inverse transformation as:  $X_1 = h_1(\vec{Y}), \dots, X_n = h_n(\vec{Y})$
- We define the Jacobian matrix as:

$$J(\vec{Y}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial Y_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial Y_n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial h_n}{\partial Y_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial h_n}{\partial Y_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

- We have

$$p_Y(\vec{Y}) = p_X(h_1(\vec{Y}), \dots, h_n(\vec{Y})) \cdot |J(\vec{Y})|$$

## Probability Theory Recap

- Probability Theory Tools
  - fuzzy description of phenomena
  - statistical modeling of data for inference
- Statistical Inference Problems
  - **Classification**: choose one of the stochastic sources
  - **Decision and Hypothesis Testing**: comparing two stochastic assumptions and decide on how to accept one of them
  - **Estimation**: given random samples from an assumed distribution, find “good” guess for the parameters
  - **Prediction**: from past samples, predict next set of samples
  - **Regression (Modeling)**: fit a model to a given set of samples
- Parametric vs. Non-parametric Distributions
  - parsimonious or extensive description (model vs. data)
  - Sampling, data storage and sufficient statistics
- Real-World Data vs. Ideal Distributions
  - “there is no perfect goodness-of-fit”
  - ideal distributions are used for approximation
  - sum of random variables and Law of Large Numbers

## Information Theory & Shannon

- Claude E. Shannon (1916-2001, from Bell Labs to MIT): Father of Information Theory, Modern Communication Theory ...
- Information of an event:  $I(A) = \log_2 1/\Pr(A) = -\log_2 \Pr(A)$
- **Entropy (Self-Information) – in bit, amount of info in a r.v.**

$$H(X) = -\sum_{x \in X} p(x) \log_2 p(x) = E\left[\log_2 \frac{1}{p(X)}\right] \quad 0 \log_2 0 = 0$$
  - Entropy represents average amount of information in a r.v., in other words, the average uncertainty related to a r.v.
- Contributions of Shannon:
  - Study of English – Cryptography Theory, *Twenty Questions* game, Binary Tree and Entropy, etc.
  - Concept of Code – Digital Communication, Switching and Digital Computation (optimal Boolean function realization with digital relays and switches)
  - Channel Capacity – Source and Channel Encoding, Error-Free Transmission over Noisy Channel, etc.
  - C. E. Shannon, “A Mathematical Theory of Communication”, Parts 1 & 2, *Bell System Technical Journal*, 1948.
  - He should have won a Nobel Prize for his contributions (1948 is also the year of the discovery of transistor at Bell Labs)

## Joint and Conditional Entropy

- Joint entropy: average uncertainty about two r.v.'s; average amount of information provided by two r.v.'s.
 
$$H(X, Y) = E\left[\log_2 \frac{1}{p(X, Y)}\right] = -\sum_{x \in X} \sum_{y \in Y} p(x, y) \log_2 p(x, y)$$
- Conditional entropy: average amount of information (uncertainty) of Y after X is known.
 
$$\begin{aligned} H(Y | X) &= -\sum_{x \in X} p(x) H(Y | X = x) = \sum_{x \in X} p(x) \left[-\sum_{y \in Y} p(y | x) \log_2 p(y | x)\right] \\ &= -\sum_{x \in X} \sum_{y \in Y} p(x, y) \log_2 p(y | x) \end{aligned}$$
- Chain Rule for Entropy :
 
$$H(X, Y) = H(X) + H(Y | X) = H(Y) + H(X | Y)$$

$$H(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) = H(X_1) + H(X_2 | X_1) + \dots + H(X_n | X_1, \dots, X_{n-1})$$
- Independence:
 
$$H(X, Y) = H(X) + H(Y) \quad \text{or} \quad H(Y | X) = H(Y)$$

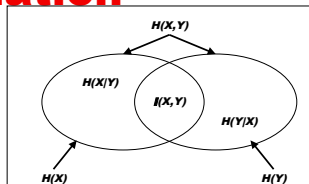
## Mutual Information

- Definition :**  

$$I(X, Y) = H(X) - H(X | Y)$$

$$= H(Y) - H(Y | X)$$

$$= H(X) + H(Y) - H(X, Y)$$



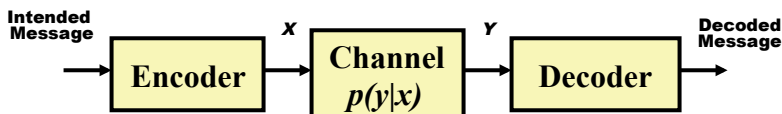
$$I(X, Y) = \sum_{x \in X} p(x) \log_2 \frac{1}{p(x)} + \sum_{y \in Y} p(y) \log_2 \frac{1}{p(y)} - \sum_{x \in X} \sum_{y \in Y} p(x, y) \log_2 \frac{1}{p(x, y)}$$

$$I(X, Y) = \sum_{x \in X} \sum_{y \in Y} p(x, y) \log_2 \frac{p(x, y)}{p(x)p(y)} \quad \text{or} \quad \iint_{x, y} p(x, y) \log_2 \frac{p(x, y)}{p(x)p(y)} dx dy$$

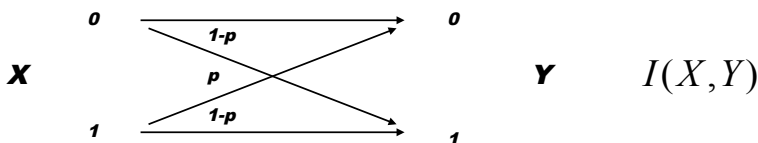
- Intuitive meaning of mutual information:** given two r.v.'s,  $X$  and  $Y$ , mutual information  $I(X, Y)$  represents average information about  $Y$  (or  $X$ ) we can get from  $X$  (or  $Y$ ).
- Maximization of  $I(X, Y)$**  is equivalent to establishing a closer relationship between  $X$  and  $Y$ , i.e., obtaining a low-noise information channel between  $X$  and  $Y$ .

## Shannon's Noisy Channel Model

- Shannon's Noisy Channel Model



- A Binary Symmetric Noisy Channel (Modem Application)



- Channel Capacity

$$C = \max_{p(X)} I(X, Y) = \max_{p(X)} [H(Y) - H(Y | X)]$$

$$C = 1 - H(p) \leq 1$$

- $p(X)$  &  $p(Y|X)$  can be given by design or by nature.

## Mutual Information: Example (I)

In Shannon's noisy channel model: assume  $X=\{0,1\}$   $Y=\{0,1\}$

$X$  is equiprobable  $\Pr(X=0)=\Pr(X=1)=0.5 \rightarrow H(X) = 1$  bit

joint distribution  $p(X,Y)=p(X) p(Y|X)$

– Case I :  $p=0.0$  (noiseless)

$p(X,Y)$	0	1
0	0.5	0.0
1	0.0	0.5

$$I(X,Y) = \sum_{x \in \{0,1\}} \sum_{y \in \{0,1\}} p(x,y) \log_2 \frac{p(x,y)}{p(x)p(y)}$$

$$= 0.5 \cdot \log_2 \frac{0.5}{0.5 \cdot 0.5} + 0.0 + 0.5 \cdot \log_2 \frac{0.5}{0.5 \cdot 0.5} + 0.0 = 1.0$$

– Case II:  $p=0.1$  (weak noise)

$p(X,Y)$	0	1
0	0.45	0.05
1	0.05	0.45

$$I(X,Y) = \sum_{x \in \{0,1\}} \sum_{y \in \{0,1\}} p(x,y) \log_2 \frac{p(x,y)}{p(x)p(y)}$$

$$= 2 \cdot 0.45 \cdot \log_2 \frac{0.45}{0.5 \cdot 0.5} + 2 \cdot 0.05 \cdot \log_2 \frac{0.05}{0.5 \cdot 0.5} = 0.533$$

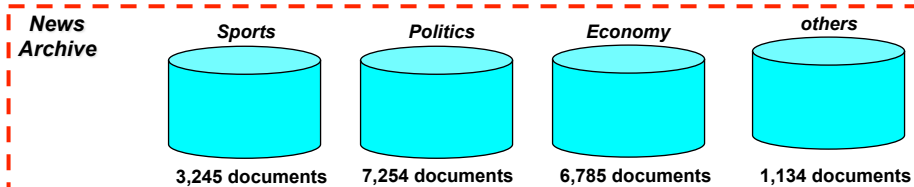
– Case III:  $p=0.4$  (strong noise)

$p(X,Y)$	0	1
0	0.3	0.2
1	0.2	0.3

$$I(X,Y) = \sum_{x \in \{0,1\}} \sum_{y \in \{0,1\}} p(x,y) \log_2 \frac{p(x,y)}{p(x)p(y)}$$

$$= 2 \cdot 0.3 \cdot \log_2 \frac{0.3}{0.5 \cdot 0.5} + 2 \cdot 0.2 \cdot \log_2 \frac{0.2}{0.5 \cdot 0.5} = 0.03$$

## Mutual Information Example(II): Identifying keywords in Text Categorization



- All documents contain 10,345 distinct words in total (vocabulary)
- How to identify which words are more informative with respect to any one topic? (keywords of a topic)
- Use Mutual information as a criterion to calculate correlation of each word with any one topic.
- Example: word "score" vs. topic "sports"
  - Define two binary random variables:
    - $X$ : a document's topic is "sports" or not.  $\{0,1\}$
    - $Y$ : a document contains "score" or not.  $\{0,1\}$
  - $I(X,Y) \rightarrow$  relationship between word "score" vs. topic "sports"



## Identifying keywords in Text Categorization

- Count documents in archive to calculate  $p(X, Y)$

$$p(X=1, Y=1) = \frac{\text{\# of docs with topic "sports" and contains "score"}}{\text{total \# of docs in the archive}}$$

$$p(X=1, Y=0) = \frac{\text{\# of docs with topic "sports" and don't contains "score"}}{\text{total \# of docs in the archive}}$$

$Y \rightarrow$  "score"

$p(X, Y)$	0	1	
0	0.802	0.022	0.824
1	0.106	0.070	0.176
	0.908	0.092	

$$I(X, Y) = \sum_{x \in \{0,1\}} \sum_{y \in \{0,1\}} p(x, y) \log_2 \frac{p(x, y)}{p(x)p(y)}$$

$$= 0.126$$

- How about word "what" – topic "sports"

$Y \rightarrow$  "what"

$p(X, Y)$	0	1	
0	0.709	0.115	0.824
1	0.153	0.023	0.176
	0.862	0.138	

$$I(X, Y) = \sum_{x \in \{0,1\}} \sum_{y \in \{0,1\}} p(x, y) \log_2 \frac{p(x, y)}{p(x)p(y)}$$

$$= 0.000070$$

- "score" is a keyword for the topic "sports"; "what" is not;

## Identifying keywords in Text Categorization

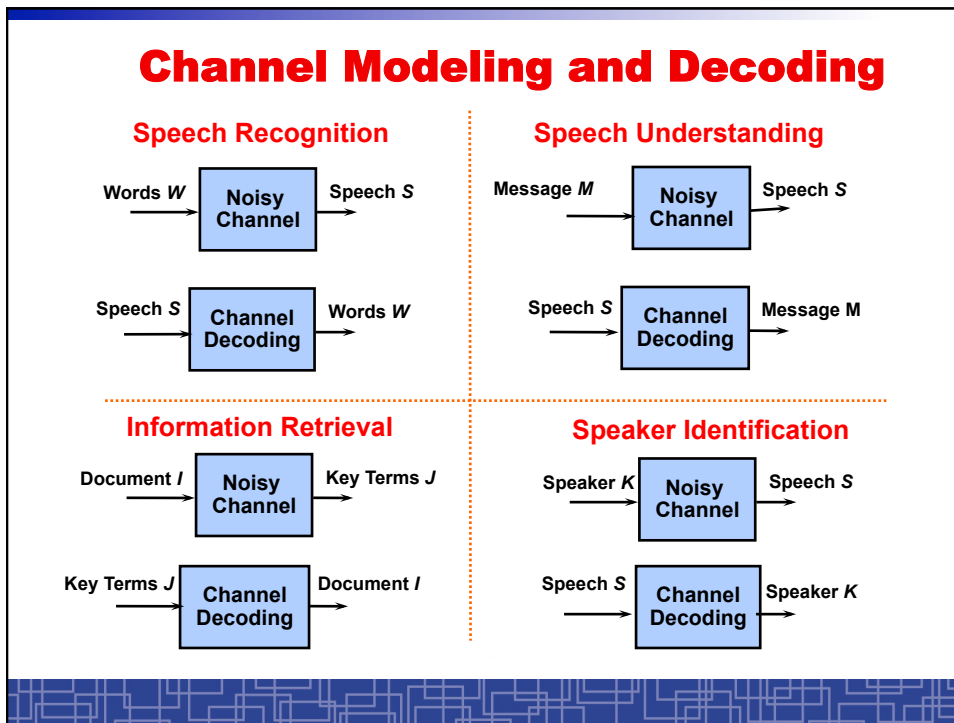
- For topic  $T_i$ , choose its keywords (most relevant)
  - For each word  $W_j$  in vocabulary, calculate  $I(W_j, T_i)$  ;
  - Sort all words based on  $I(W_j, T_i)$  ;
  - Keywords w.r.t. topic  $T_i$ : top N words in the sorted list.

- Keywords for the whole text categorization task:

- For each word  $W_j$  in vocabulary, calculate

$$I(W_j) = \frac{1}{|T|} \sum_{i=1}^{|T|} I(W_j, T_i) \quad \text{or} \quad I'(W_j) = \max_i I(W_j, T_i)$$

- Sort all words based on  $I(W_j)$  or  $I'(W_j)$ .
- Top  $M$  words in the sorted list.



## Bayes' Theorem Applications

· Bayes' Theorem for Channel Decoding

$$I^* = \arg \max_I P(I | \hat{O}) = \arg \max_I \frac{P(\hat{O} | I)P(I)}{P(\hat{O})} = \arg \max_I P(\hat{O} | I)P(I)$$

Application	Input	Output	$p(I)$	$p(O I)$
Speech Recognition	Word Sequence	Speech Features	Language Model (LM)	Acoustic Model
Character Recognition	Actual Letters	Letter images	Letter LM	OCR Error Model
Machine Translation	Source Sentence	Target Sentence	Source LM	Translation (Alignment) Model
Text Understanding	Semantic Concept	Word Sequence	Concept LM	Semantic Model
Part-of-Speech Tagging	POS Tag Sequence	Word Sequence	POS Tag LM	Tagging Model

## Kullback-Leibler (KL) Divergence

- Distance measure between two p.m.f.'s (relative entropy)

$$D(p \parallel q) = E_p[\log_2 \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}] = \sum_{x \in X} p(x) \log_2 \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}$$

- $D(p \parallel q) \geq 0$  and  $D(p \parallel q) = 0$  if only if  $q = p$

- KL Divergence is a measure of the average distance between two probability distributions.

$$D(p(x, y) \parallel q(x, y)) = D(p(x) \parallel q(x)) + D(p(y | x) \parallel q(y | x))$$

- Mutual information is a measure of independence

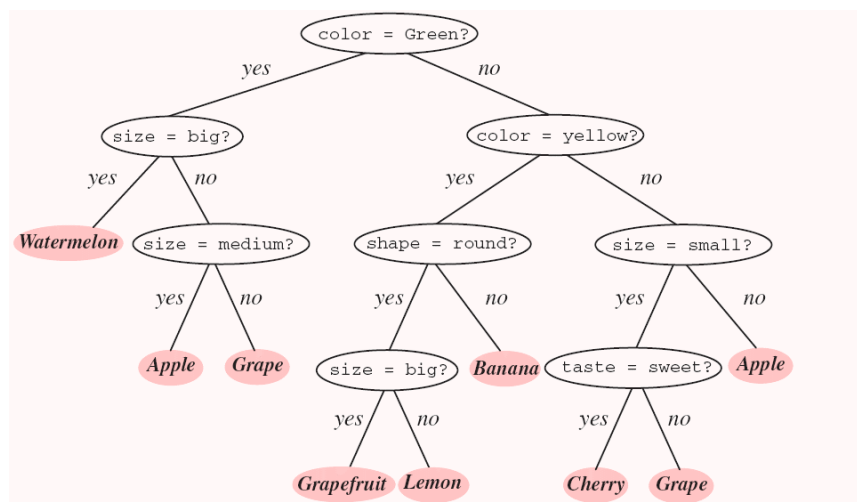
$$I(X, Y) = \sum_{x \in X} \sum_{y \in Y} p(x, y) \log_2 \frac{p(x, y)}{p(x)p(y)} = D(p(x, y) \parallel p(x)p(y))$$

- Conditional Relative Entropy

$$D(p(y | x) \parallel q(y | x)) = \sum_{x \in X} p(x) \sum_{y \in Y} p(y | x) \log_2 \frac{p(y | x)}{q(y | x)}$$

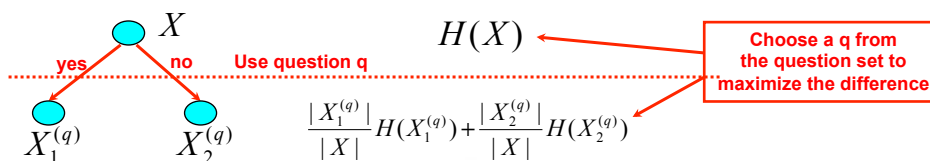
## Classification: Decision Trees

Decision Tree classification: interpretability  
Example: fruits classification based on features



## Classification and Regression Tree (CART)

- Binary tree for classification: each node is attached a YES/NO question; Traverse the tree based on the answers to questions; each leaf node represents a class.
- CART: how to automatically grow such a classification tree on a data-driven basis.
  - Prepare a finite set of all possible questions.
  - For each node, choose the best question to split the node. “best” is in sense of maximum entropy reduction between “before splitting” and “after splitting”.
    - Entropy  $\rightarrow$  uncertainty or chaos in data;  
Small entropy  $\rightarrow$  more homogeneous the data is; less impure



## The CART algorithm

- 1) Question set: create a set of all possible YES/NO questions.
- 2) Initialization: initialize a tree with only one node which consists of all available training samples.
- 3) Splitting nodes: for each node in the tree, find the best splitting question which gives the greatest entropy reduction.
- 4) Go to step 3) to recursively split all its children nodes unless it meets certain stop criterion, e.g., entropy reduction is below a pre-set threshold OR data in the node is already too little.

CART method is widely used in machine learning and data mining:

1. Handle categorical data in data mining;
2. Acoustic modeling (allophone modeling) in speech recognition;
3. Letter-to-sound conversion;
4. Automatic rule generation
5. etc.

## Optimization of objective function (I)

- Optimization:
  - Set up an objective function  $Q()$  ;
  - Maximize or minimize the objective function with respect to the variable(s) in question.
- Maximization (minimization) of a function:
  - Differential calculus;
    - Unconstrained maximization/minimization
 
$$Q = f(x) \Rightarrow \frac{df(x)}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow x = ?$$

$$Q = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) \Rightarrow \frac{\partial f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)}{\partial x_i} = 0 \Rightarrow ??$$
  - Lagrange Optimization:
    - Constrained maximization/minimization
 
$$Q = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) \text{ with constraint } g(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) = 0$$

$$Q' = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) + \lambda \cdot g(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)$$

$$\frac{\partial Q'}{\partial x_1} = 0, \frac{\partial Q'}{\partial x_2} = 0, \dots, \frac{\partial Q'}{\partial x_N} = 0, \frac{\partial Q'}{\partial \lambda} = 0$$

## Karush–Kuhn–Tucker (KKT) conditions

- Primary problem:
 
$$\min_x f(x)$$

subject to

$$g_i(x) \leq 0 \quad (i = 1, \dots, m)$$

$$h_j(x) = 0 \quad (j = 1, \dots, n)$$
- Introduce KKT multipliers:
  - For each inequality constraint:  $\mu_i \quad (i = 1, \dots, m)$
  - For each equality constraint:  $\lambda_i \quad (i = 1, \dots, m)$

## Karush–Kuhn–Tucker (KKT) conditions

- Dual problem:

- if  $\mathbf{x}^*$  is local optimum of the primary problem,  $\mathbf{x}^*$  satisfies:

$$\nabla f(\mathbf{x}^*) + \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i \nabla g_i(\mathbf{x}^*) + \sum_{j=1}^l \lambda_j \nabla h_j(\mathbf{x}^*) = 0$$

$$\mu_i \geq 0 \quad (i = 1, \dots, m)$$

$$\mu_i g_i(\mathbf{x}^*) = 0 \quad (i = 1, \dots, m)$$

- The primary problem can be alternatively solved by the above equations.

## Optimization of objective function (II)

- Gradient descent (ascent) method:

$$Q = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)$$

For any  $x_i$ , start from any initial value  $x_i^{(0)}$

$$x_i^{(n+1)} = x_i^{(n)} \pm \varepsilon \cdot \nabla_{x_i} f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) \Big|_{x_i=x_i^{(n)}}$$

$$\text{where } \nabla_{x_i} f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) = \frac{\partial f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)}{\partial x_i}$$

- Step size is hard to determine
- Slow convergence

## Optimization of objective function (II)

- **Newton's method**

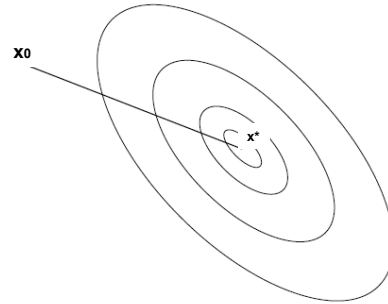
$$Q = f(x)$$

Given any initial value  $x_0$

$$f(x) \approx f(x_0) + \nabla f(x_0)(x - x_0)^t + \frac{1}{2}(x - x_0)^t H(x - x_0)$$

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f(x)}{\partial x_1^2} & \frac{\partial^2 f(x)}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 f(x)}{\partial x_1 \partial x_N} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f(x)}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} & \frac{\partial^2 f(x)}{\partial x_2^2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 f(x)}{\partial x_2 \partial x_N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial^2 f(x)}{\partial x_1 \partial x_N} & \frac{\partial^2 f(x)}{\partial x_2 \partial x_N} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 f(x)}{\partial x_N^2} \end{bmatrix}_{x=x_0}$$

$$x^* = x_0 - H^{-1} \cdot \nabla f(x_0)$$



- Hessian matrix is too big; hard to estimate
- Quasi-Newton's method: no need to compute Hessian matrix; quick update to approximate it.

## Optimization Methods

- **Convex optimization algorithms:**
  - Linear Programming
  - Quadratic programming (nonlinear optimization)
  - Semi-definite Programming
- **EM (Expectation-Maximization) algorithm.**
- **Growth-Transformation method.**

## Other Relevant Topics

- **Statistical Hypothesis Testing**
  - Likelihood ratio testing
- **Linear Algebra:**
  - Vector, Matrix;
  - Determinant and matrix inversion;
  - Derivatives of matrices;
  - etc.
- **A good on-line matrix reference manual**
  - <http://www.ee.ic.ac.uk/hp/staff/dmb/matrix/>
  - <http://www.psi.toronto.edu/matrix/matrix.html>