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ASYMPTOTIC IDENTITY OF μ-PROJECTIONS AND I-PROJECTIONS

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Abstract. Concept of μ-projection, closely related to that of constrained mode of multinomial distribution, is introduced. Sets of μ-projections and I-projections are shown to be asymptotically identical.

Introduction

At [1], a convergence of constrained mode of a multionomial distribution for sample size $n \to \infty$ to I-projection of q on the constraining set $\mathcal{H}$, was investigated and illustrated by a numeric examples. There the point-wise convergence was also proven, for $\mathcal{H}$ defined by a differentiable constraint (cf. [1], Thm 1).

Here, a concept of μ-projection, closely related to that of the constrained mode of the multinomial distribution, is introduced. For a general feasible set it is shown here that μ-projections are asymptotically indistinguishable from I-projections.

Terminology and notation

Let $\{X\}_{l=1}^n$ be a sequence of independently and identically distributed random variables with a common law (measure) on a measurable space. Let the measure be concentrated on m atoms from a set $\mathcal{X} \triangleq \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m\}$ called support or alphabet. Let q_i denote the probability (measure) of i-th element of $\mathcal{X}$. Let $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{X})$ be a set of all probability mass functions (pmf's) on $\mathcal{X}$.

A type (also called n-type, empirical measure, frequency distribution or occurrence vector) induced by a sequence $\{X\}_{l=1}^n$ is the pmf $\nu^n \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{X})$ whose i-th element ν_i^n is defined as: $\nu_i^n \triangleq n_i/n$ where $n_i \triangleq \sum_{l=1}^n I(X_l = x_i)$; there $I(\cdot)$ is the characteristic function. Multiplicity $\Gamma(\nu^n)$ of type ν^n is: $\Gamma(\nu^n) \triangleq n!/\prod_{i=1}^m n_i!$.

Let $\Pi \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{X})$. Let $\mathcal{P}_n$ denote a subset of $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{X})$ which consists of all n-types. Let $\Pi_n \triangleq \Pi \cap \mathcal{P}_n$.

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μ-projection $\hat{\nu}^n$ of q on Π_n is defined as: $\hat{\nu}^n \triangleq \arg\sup_{\nu^n \in \Pi_n} \pi(\nu^n; q)$, where $\pi(\nu^n; q) \triangleq \Gamma(\nu^n) \prod (q_i)^{n\nu_i^n}$. Equivalently, for $\Pi_n \neq \emptyset$ μ-projection $\hat{\nu}^n$ of q on Π_n can be defined in terms of supremum of a conditional probability: $\hat{\nu}^n \triangleq \arg\sup_{\nu^n \in \Pi_n} \pi(\nu^n | \nu^n \in \Pi_n; q \mapsto \nu^n)$ where $\pi(\nu^n | \nu^n \in \Pi_n; q \mapsto \nu^n)$ denotes the conditional probability that if q generated an n-type from Π_n then it is just the type ν^n.

I-projection $\hat{p}$ of q on Π is $\hat{p} \triangleq \arg\inf_{p \in \Pi} I(p||q)$, where $I(p||q) \triangleq \sum_{\mathcal{X}} p_i \log \frac{p_i}{q_i}$ where $I(\cdot||\cdot)$ is Kullback-Leibler distance, information divergence or (minus) relative entropy.

Asymptotic identity of μ-projections and I-projections

Theorem 1. Let $\mathcal{X}$ be a finite set. Let $\mathcal{M}_n$ be set of all μ-projections of q on Π_n. Let $\mathcal{I}$ be set of all I-projections of q on Π. For $n \to \infty$, $\mathcal{M}_n = \mathcal{I}$.

Proof. Necessary and sufficient conditions for $\hat{\nu}^n$ to be a μ-projection of q on Π_n are: *a)* $\pi(\hat{\nu}^n; q) \geq \pi(\nu^n; q)$, $\forall \nu^n \in \Pi_n$; *b)* whenever $\tilde{\nu}^n$ has the property *a)* then $\pi(\hat{\nu}^n; q) \leq \pi(\tilde{\nu}^n; q)$. The requirement *a)* can be equivalently stated as:

$$\left(\prod \frac{n_i!}{\hat{n}_i!}\right)^{1/n} \geq \left(\prod q_i^{n_i - \hat{n}_i}\right)^{1/n} \tag{1}$$

and *b)* similarly. Standard inequality $(n/e)^n < n! < n(n/e)^n$ (valid for $n > 6$) allows to bind the LHS of (1):

$$\frac{\prod (\nu_i^n)^{\nu_i^n}}{n^{m/n} \prod (\hat{\nu}_i^n)^{\hat{\nu}_i^n} (\prod \hat{\nu}_i^n)^{1/n}} < \text{LHS} < \frac{n^{m/n} \prod (\nu_i^n)^{\nu_i^n} (\prod \nu_i^n)^{1/n}}{\prod (\hat{\nu}_i^n)^{\hat{\nu}_i^n}} \tag{2}$$

and similar bounds can be stated in the case of the requirement *b)*[1]. Since m is by assumption finite, as $n \to \infty$ the upper and lower bounds at (2) collapse into $\prod (\nu_i^n)^{(\nu_i^n)} / \prod (\hat{\nu}_i^n)^{(\hat{\nu}_i^n)}$. Consequently, the necessary and sufficient conditions *a)*, *b)* for μ-projection turn as $n \to \infty$ into (expressed in an equivalent log-form): *i)* $\sum (\nu_i^n \log \nu_i^n - \hat{\nu}_i^n \log \hat{\nu}_i^n) \geq \sum (\nu_i^n - \hat{\nu}_i^n) \log q_i$ for all $\nu^n \in \Pi_n$; and *ii)* whenever $\tilde{\nu}^n$ has the property *i)* then $\sum \hat{\nu}_i^n \log \hat{\nu}_i^n - \tilde{\nu}_i^n \log \tilde{\nu}_i^n \geq \sum (\hat{\nu}_i^n - \tilde{\nu}_i^n) \log q_i$.

Necessary and sufficient conditions for $\hat{p}$ to be an I-projection of q on Π are: *I)* $\sum (p_i \log p_i - \hat{p}_i \log \hat{p}_i) \geq \sum (p_i - \hat{p}_i) \log q_i$ for all $p \in \Pi$; and *II)* whenever $\tilde{p}$ has the property *I)* then $\sum (\hat{p}_i \log \hat{p}_i - \tilde{p}_i \log \tilde{p}_i) \geq \sum (\hat{p}_i - \tilde{p}_i) \log q_i$.

A comparison of *i)*, *ii)* and *I)*, *II)* then completes the proof. □

Note. Since $\pi(\nu^n; q)$ is defined for $\nu^n \in \mathcal{Q}^m$, μ-projection can be defined for Π_n, when n is finite, only. Theorem 1 makes possible to extend the definition by defining a μ-projection of q on Π as follows: $\hat{\nu} \triangleq \arg\sup_{r \in \Pi} - \sum_{\mathcal{X}} r_i \log \frac{r_i}{q_i}$.

Asymptotic identity of γ-projections and J-projections.

γ projection $\tilde{\nu}^n$ of $q \in \mathcal{Q}^m$ on Π_n is $\tilde{\nu}^n \triangleq \arg\sup_{\nu^n \in \Pi_n} \pi(\nu^n; q)\, \pi(nq; \nu^n)$.

J-projection (or Jeffreys' projection) $\tilde{p}$ of $q \in \mathcal{Q}^m$ on Π is defined as: $\tilde{p} \triangleq \arg\inf_{p \in \Pi} \sum_{\mathcal{X}} p_i \log \frac{p_i}{q_i} + q_i \log \frac{q_i}{p_i}$.

[1] Note that if an i-th component of a type is zero then it does not change value of $\pi(\nu^n; q)$. Thus it is assumed that product operations at (1), (2) are performed on non-zero components only.

Theorem 2. Let $q \in \mathcal{Q}^m$. Let $\mathcal{X}$ be a finite set. Let $\mathcal{G}_n$ be set of all γ-projections of q on Π_n. Let $\mathcal{J}$ be set of all J-projections of q on Π. Let n_0 be denominator of the smallest common divisor of $q_1, q_2, \dots, q_m$. Let $n = un_0$, $u \in \mathcal{N}$. Let $u \to \infty$. Then $\mathcal{G}_n = \mathcal{J}$.

Proof. Along the same lines as proof of the Theorem 1.

Comments

1) Theorem 1 which is intended to replace Thm 1 of [1] (a.k.a. MaxProb/MaxEnt Thm) shows that μ-projections are asymptotically indistinguishable from I-projections. In other words, Maximum Probability (MaxProb, cf. [1]) and Relative Entropy Maximization method (REM/MaxEnt) methods, when applied to the Boltzmann-Jaynes inverse problem (cf. [2]), make asymptotically the same choice. However, for finite n, I- and μ-projections on Π_n are in general different. In light of this, the asymptotic identity of I- and μ-projections can be viewed in two ways: either as saying that 1) I-projection is asymptotic form of μ-projection (the view presented at [1]) or that 2) I- and μ-projections asymptotically coincide. If one adopts the second view then for a finite n it is necessary to face a challenge of choosing between I- and μ-projections.

2) μ-projection is related to the probability $\pi(\nu^n; q)$, hence it can be viewed as a 'UNI'-projection. γ-projection is related to $\pi(\nu^n; q)\, \pi(nq; \nu^n)$, thus it can be viewed as an 'AND'-projection (cf. [5]). It is then natural to consider also an 'OR'-projection defined as $\dot{\nu}^n \triangleq \arg\sup_{\nu^n \in \Pi_n} \pi(\nu^n; q) + \pi(nq; \nu^n)$. However there seems to be no analytic way how to define its asymptotic form.

3) In the same manner it can be proven that infimum (minimum) probability type(s) $\arg\inf_{\nu^n \in \Pi_n} \pi(\nu^n; q)$ is asymptotically identical with infimum (minimum) relative entropy distribution(s) $\arg\inf_{p \in \Pi} -\sum p_i \log(p_i/q_i)$.

4) Conditioned Weak Law of Large Numbers (CWLLN, [3]) and Gibbs Conditioning Principle (GCP, [4]) which provide for a convex, closed set Π a probabilistic justification of REM thus thanks to the Theorem 1 justify under that conditions MaxProb, as well.

5) CWLLN and GCP hold when (among other things) the I-projection is unique. An extension of CWLLN to the case of multiple I-projections was explored at [6]. A proof of Conditional Equi-concentration of Types on I-projections (ICET) - which sharpens the Asymptotic Equiprobability of I-projections (cf. [6]) - will be given elsewhere [7]. Theorem 1 of the present paper makes possible to state directly also a Conditional Equi-concentration of Types on μ-projections.

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