

Exercise Data Science

Bayesian Statistics

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Sum rule: $p(C) = \int_M p(C, M) dM$

Product rule: $p(C, M) = p(M | C) p(C)$

The sum rule and the product rule are the fundamental rules of probability. How can we derive from them Bayes' rule?

$$\overbrace{p(M | C)}^{\text{posterior}} = \frac{\overbrace{p(C | M)}^{\text{likelihood}} \overbrace{p(M)}^{\text{prior}}}{\underbrace{p(C)}_{\text{marginal likelihood}}}$$

Let's assume a simple world whose inhabitants have one of two mindsets: With a probability of 0.6 they have a 'liberal' mindset and with a probability of 0.4 they have a 'conservative' one. The liberal minded, in this world, drink latte with a probability of 0.7 and mocha with a probability of 0.3 , and the conservatives drink mocha with a probability of 0.8 and latte with a probability of 0.2 .

We observe someone is drinking mocha. Can we use Bayes' rule to compute the probability of here/him having a liberal mindset?

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$$\theta_d \sim \text{Dir}(\alpha) \quad \forall d \in [1, D]$$

$$z_{di} \sim \text{Cat}(\theta_d) \quad \forall i \in [1, n_d], d \in [1, D]$$

$$w_{di} \sim \text{Cat}(\phi_{z_{di}}) \quad \forall i \in [1, n_d], d \in [1, D]$$

How would an appropriate inference algorithm look in pseudo code?

$$z_{di} \propto (n_{dk}^{-di} + \alpha) \frac{n_{kw_{di}}^{-di} + \beta}{n_k^{-di} + V\beta}$$

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What are the parameters of the posterior distribution?