

# Mean Field Asymptotics in Statistical Learning.

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Lecture 4: Statistical decision theory,  
 $\mathbb{Z}_2$  synchronization problem,  
 and Spin glass models.

① Statistical models, parameter space, likelihood function.

Concept: A statistical model is family of distribution  $\mathcal{P}$  on a common space  $\mathcal{X}$ , parameterized by  $\theta \in \Theta$ .

$$\mathcal{P} = \{P_\theta : \theta \in \Theta\}.$$

$\Theta$ : parameter space. (Configuration space)

$X \sim P_\theta$ : Sample under measure  $P_\theta$ .

Likelihood function:  $L(\sigma | x) = P_\sigma(x) = P_\sigma(X=x)$   
 $\sigma \in \Theta$ .

$H(\sigma) = -\log L(\sigma | x) : \Theta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . (Hamiltonian)

$\mathbb{Z}_2$  synchronization:

Let  $\theta \in \Theta_n = \{\pm 1\}^n$  parameter space

Observation  $Y = \lambda \underbrace{\left( \frac{\theta \theta^T}{n} \right)}_{\substack{\uparrow \text{scaler} \\ \downarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}}} + \underbrace{W}_{\substack{\uparrow \text{matrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}}} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

$W \sim \text{GOE}(n)$ , (Gaussian orthogonal ensemble).

$W_{ij} \sim \text{i.i.d. } N(0, \frac{1}{n})$   $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ ,  $\perp$   $W_{ii} \sim \text{i.i.d. } N(0, \frac{2}{n})$

$W_{ji} = W_{ij}$   $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ .  $n \sum_{i=1}^n W_{ii}^2 / 4 + n \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} W_{ij}^2 / 2$

$P(W) = \frac{1}{Z_n} \exp \{ -n \|W\|_F^2 / 4 \}$ .  $Z_n$  doesn't depend on  $W$

$\lambda \geq 0$ : signal-to-noise ratio. constant and known

$P_\sigma(Y) = \frac{1}{Z_n} \exp \{ -n \|Y - \lambda \sigma \sigma^T / n\|_F^2 / 4 \}$   $\sigma \in \Theta_n$ .

Likelihood function.

$$L(\sigma | Y) = -\log P_\sigma(Y) = n \|Y - \lambda \sigma \sigma^T / n\|_F^2 / 4 - \text{const.}$$

## ② Loss function.

Sometimes  $A = \mathbb{H}$

Concept:  $L: A \times \mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

$$(a, \theta) \mapsto \mathbb{R}.$$

$$\mathbb{H} = A = \mathbb{R}.$$

Example:  $L(a, \theta) = (a - \theta)^2$ .

$\mathbb{Z}_2$  sync:

a) Vector square loss.

$$A = [-1, 1]^n: L: A \times \mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$(a, \theta) \mapsto \|a - \theta\|_2^2 / n.$$

b) Matrix square loss.

$$A = [-1, 1]^{n \times n}: L: [-1, 1]^{n \times n} \times \{\pm 1\}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$(A, \theta) \mapsto \frac{1}{n} \|A - \theta \theta^T\|_F^2$$

## ③ Statistical estimator.

Concept: A statistical estimator  $\hat{\theta}: X \rightarrow A$ .

Example: Maximum likelihood.  $\hat{\theta}_{ML}(x) = \arg\max_{\theta \in \mathbb{H}} L(\theta | x).$

(Asymptotic efficient in low dimension).

$\mathbb{Z}_2$  sync

MLE

$$\hat{\theta}_{ML}(Y) = \arg\max_{\sigma \in \mathbb{H}_n} L(\sigma | Y)$$

$$\sigma \in \{\pm 1\}^n$$

$$= \arg\min_{\sigma} \|Y - \lambda \sigma \sigma^T / n\|_F^2.$$

$$\| \sigma \|_2^4$$

$$= \arg\min_{\sigma} \|Y\|_F^2 - 2\lambda \langle \sigma, Y \sigma \rangle / n + \lambda^2 \frac{\|\sigma \sigma^T\|_F^2}{n^2}$$

$$= \arg\max_{\sigma \in \{\pm 1\}^n} \langle \sigma, Y \sigma \rangle.$$

## ④ Risk function.

$$L: A \times \mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\hat{\theta}: X \rightarrow A$$

Sample:  $x \in X \quad x \sim P_{\theta}, \quad \theta \in \mathbb{H}.$

Concept:

$$R(\hat{\theta}, \theta) = \mathbb{E}_{\theta} L(\hat{\theta}(x), \theta) = \int_X L(\hat{\theta}(x), \theta) P_{\theta}(dx)$$

Measure of the quality of a statistical estimator  $\hat{\theta}$ .

$\mathbb{Z}_2$  sync:

$$R(\hat{\theta}_{ML}, \theta) = \mathbb{E}_{\theta} \|\hat{\theta}_{ML}(Y) - \theta\|_2^2 / n.$$

Question: Given two estimator  $\hat{\theta}_1, \hat{\theta}_2$ , How to fairly compare?

Two approach: a) Bayes risk b) Minimax.

### ⑤ Bayes optimality.

Concept: Given a prior  $Q$  on the space  $\Theta$ . (Reference measure)

Expected risk:  $R_B(\hat{\theta}, Q) = \int_{\Theta} R(\hat{\theta}, \theta) Q(d\theta).$

Bayes risk:  $R_B(Q) = \inf_{\hat{\theta}: X \rightarrow A} R_B(\hat{\theta}, Q) = R_B(\hat{\theta}_{\text{Bayes}}, Q).$

Bayes estimator:  $\hat{\theta}_{\text{Bayes}} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\hat{\theta}: X \rightarrow A} R_B(\hat{\theta}, Q)$

Thm (Bayes thm) Bayes estimator minimizes the posterior expected value of a loss function.

$$\hat{\theta}_{\text{Bayes}}(x) = \operatorname{argmin}_a \int_{\Theta} L(a, \theta) p(\sigma | x) d\sigma$$

$\uparrow$   
 $\frac{P(\sigma, x)}{P(x)}$

Proof:  $\hat{\theta}$  minimize  $R_B(\hat{\theta}, \theta) = \int L(\hat{\theta}(x), \sigma) P_{\sigma}(x) Q(\sigma) dx d\sigma$

iff  $\forall x \in X, \hat{\theta}(x) = a$  where "a" minimize

$$\int L(a, \sigma) \underbrace{P_{\sigma}(x) Q(\sigma)}_{= P(x, \sigma) = P(\sigma | x) \times P(x)} d\sigma.$$

$= P(x, \sigma) = P(\sigma | x) \times P(x). \quad \square.$

$\mathbb{Z}_2$  sync:  $L(A, \theta) = \|A - \theta\theta^T\|_F^2 / n^2.$

$Q = P_0$  uniform dist.  $\{\pm 1\}^n.$

$$\hat{H}_{\text{Bayes}}(\tilde{Y}) = \operatorname{argmin}_A \int_{\Theta} (\|A - \sigma\sigma^T\|_F^2 / n^2) P(\sigma | \tilde{Y}) d\sigma$$

$$= \int_{\Theta} \sigma\sigma^T P(\sigma | \tilde{Y}) d\sigma$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[\theta\theta^T | Y = \cdot] \Big|_{\cdot = \tilde{Y}} = \tilde{Y}$$

$$P(\sigma | \tilde{Y}) \equiv \frac{P(\sigma, \tilde{Y})}{P(\tilde{Y})} = \frac{P_0(\sigma) P_{\sigma}(\tilde{Y})}{\int P_0(\sigma) P_{\sigma}(\tilde{Y}) d\sigma}$$

$\sigma \in \Theta.$

$$P(\sigma | \tilde{Y}) \propto P_0(\sigma) P_{\sigma}(\tilde{Y})$$

$$\propto \exp\{-n \|\tilde{Y} - \lambda \sigma\sigma^T / n\|_F^2 / 4\} P_0(\sigma)$$

$$= \exp\left\{-n \left[ \underbrace{\|\tilde{Y}\|_F^2}_{\text{Const}} - 2 \langle \sigma, \tilde{Y} \sigma \rangle / n + \underbrace{\frac{\lambda^2 \|\sigma\sigma^T\|_F^2}{n^2}}_{\uparrow} \right] / 4\right\} \underbrace{P_0(\sigma)}_{\uparrow}$$

$$\propto \exp\{\langle \sigma, \tilde{Y} \sigma \rangle / 2\} P_0(\sigma).$$

$$\|\sigma\sigma^T\|_F^2 = \|\sigma\|_2^4 = n^2$$

⑥. Connection  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  sync with SK.

Gibbs dist. of SK.

$$\Omega = \{\pm 1\}^n$$

$$H_{n,\lambda}(\sigma) = -\frac{1}{2} \langle \sigma, W \sigma \rangle - \underbrace{\frac{\lambda}{2n} \langle \sigma, \mathbf{1} \rangle^2}_{\frac{\lambda}{2n} \langle \sigma, \theta \rangle^2} + \underbrace{h \langle \sigma, \theta \rangle}_{\text{blue}}$$

$$P_{n,\beta,\lambda}(\sigma) \propto \exp \{ -\beta H_{n,\lambda}(\sigma) \}.$$

$$\langle \sigma \rangle_{\beta,\lambda} = \sum_{\sigma \in \Omega} \sigma P_{n,\beta,\lambda}(\sigma).$$

Bayes posterior  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  sync.

$$\Theta_n = \{\pm 1\}^n.$$

$$Y = \frac{\lambda}{n} \theta \theta^T + W.$$

$$P(\sigma | Y) \propto \exp \{ \lambda \langle \sigma, Y \sigma \rangle / 2 \}.$$

$$\hat{\theta}_{\text{Bayes}}(Y) = \sum_{\sigma \in \Theta} \sigma P(\sigma | Y).$$

$$\hat{\theta}_{\text{ML}}(Y) = \arg\max_{\sigma} P_{\sigma}(Y) = \arg\max_{\sigma} \langle \sigma, Y \sigma \rangle.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_h \phi(\beta, \lambda, h) |_{\beta=\lambda} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \langle \theta, \hat{\theta}_{\text{Bayes}} \rangle / n \\ \partial_{\lambda} \phi(\beta, \lambda, h) |_{\beta=\lambda} &\stackrel{?}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\hat{\theta}_{\text{Bayes}}\|_2^2 / n \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Connection: } P(\sigma | Y) &\propto \exp \{ -\lambda [ -\langle \sigma, W \sigma \rangle / 2 - \frac{1}{2n} \langle \sigma, \theta \rangle^2 ] \} \\ &= P_{n,\beta=\lambda,\lambda}(\sigma). \end{aligned}$$

$$\langle \sigma \rangle_{\lambda,\lambda} = \hat{\theta}_{\text{Bayes}}(Y).$$

$$\hat{\theta}_{\text{ML}}(Y) = \arg\max_{\sigma} \langle \sigma, Y \sigma \rangle = \arg\min_{\sigma} H_{n,\lambda}(\sigma).$$

⑦ Key questions in  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  sync.

{ What is the asymptotic risk of  $\hat{\theta}_{\text{Bayes}}$ ,  $\hat{\theta}_{\text{ML}}$ ,  $\hat{\theta}_{\text{spectr}} \dots$  ?  
How to efficiently compute  $\hat{\theta}_{\text{Bayes}}$  }

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\hat{\theta}_{\text{Bayes}} - \theta\|_2^2 / n$$

$$\longleftrightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}_W [f(\langle \sigma \rangle_{\beta,\lambda})]$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}_W [ \langle f(\sigma) \rangle_{\beta,\lambda} ]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_{Y \sim P_{\theta}} \\ \theta \sim P_0 \end{aligned}$$

