

Machine Learning Assignment 44

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$$data = \{[12, 13], [12, 13.5], [14, 15], [14, 16]\}$$

Part A

Compute the likelihood function for $\mathbf{L}([a, b]|data)$:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{L}([a, b]|data) &= P([12, 13]) * P(12, 13.5) * P([14, 15]) * P([14, 16]) \\ \frac{13-12}{b-a} \cdot \frac{13.5-12}{b-a} \cdot \frac{15-14}{b-a} \cdot \frac{16-14}{b-a} &= \frac{1 \cdot 1.5 \cdot 1 \cdot 2}{(b-a)^4} \\ &= \frac{3}{(b-a)^4}\end{aligned}$$

Part B

Normalize the probability distribution of $\mathbf{L}([a, b]|data)$

We know that $\mathbf{L}([a, b]|data) = \frac{3}{(b-a)^4}$. And this is a valid probability distribution if

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} c \cdot \frac{3}{(b-a)^4} dadb = 1$$

This integral can be reduced to the following because the distribution is based off of data and we can base it off of the latest arrival and earliest departure

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{3}{(b-a)^4} dadb &= \int_{16}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{12} \frac{3}{(b-a)^4} dadb = \\ \int_{16}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(b-12)^3} - \frac{1}{\infty} db &= \int_{16}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(b-12)^3} db = \left. \frac{-1}{2(b-12)^2} \right|_{16}^{\infty} = 0 + \frac{1}{32}\end{aligned}$$

So we need $c \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 1$ so $c=32$ and the valid probability distribution is

$$\frac{96}{(b-a)^4}$$

Part C

What is the probability that the UFO came and left sometime during the day that it was sighted?

The UFO being seen in the day means that $0 < a < \text{amax}$ and $\text{bmin} < b < 24$. We also know that $\text{amax} = 14$ and $\text{bmin} = 13$. So we need to find the probability that $0 < a < 12$ and $16 < b < 24$. This can be represented as

$$\int_{16}^{24} \int_0^{12} \frac{96}{(b-a)^4} da db = \int_{16}^{24} \frac{32}{(b-12)^3} - \frac{32}{b^3} db = \left. \frac{16}{b^2} - \frac{16}{(b-12)^2} \right|_{13}^{24} = \frac{16}{24^2} - \frac{16}{12^2} - \frac{16}{13^2} + \frac{1}{1^2} = \frac{41}{48}$$

Part D

What is the probability that the UFO arrived before 10am?

The probability that the UFO arrived before 10am is the probability that $a < 10$. With that in mind our limits become $16 < b < \infty$ and $-\infty < a < 10$. So we set up the integral as:

$$\int_{16}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{10} \frac{96}{(b-a)^4} da db = \int_{16}^{\infty} \frac{32}{(b-10)^3} db = \left. \frac{-16}{(b-10)^2} \right|_{16}^{\infty} = \frac{16}{36} = \frac{4}{9}$$