

I have 3 kids. Each roll a pair of dice, & I have at least one boy who got (1,1). What is the prob. that all three are boys?

BBB = all 3 kids are boys

$\tilde{B}_s$ = at least one is a boy who rolled (1,1)

$$P(BBB | \tilde{B}_s) = \frac{P(\tilde{B}_s | BBB) P(BBB)}{P(\tilde{B}_s)}$$

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

$$P(BBB) = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$P(\tilde{B}_s | BBB) = 1 - \underbrace{(1-\epsilon)^3}_{\text{prob. of none get. (1,1)}}$$

$$\epsilon = \text{prob of (1,1)} = \frac{1}{36}$$

$$1 = \sum_A P(A|B) = \sum_A \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)}$$

$$\text{normalization} \quad = \frac{1}{P(B)} \sum_A P(B|A)P(A)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(B) = \sum_A P(B|A)P(A) = \sum_A P(A,B)$$

$$P(\tilde{B}_s) = \sum_{\substack{XYZ \\ \in \text{all 3 kid combos}}} P(\tilde{B}_s | XYZ) \underbrace{P(XYZ)}_{1/8}$$

$$P(\tilde{B}_s | GGG) = 0$$

$$P(GGG) = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$P(\tilde{B}_s | BGG) = \epsilon$$

...

$$P(\tilde{B}_s | BBG) = 1 - (1 - \epsilon)^2$$

⋮

algebra : $P(\tilde{B}_s) = \frac{1}{8} \epsilon (12 - 6\epsilon + \epsilon^2)$

$$\Rightarrow P(BBB | \tilde{B}_s) = \frac{1 - (1 - \epsilon)^3}{\epsilon (12 - 6\epsilon + \epsilon^2)}$$

$$\epsilon = \frac{1}{36} \Rightarrow \approx 0.247 > \frac{1}{7}$$

limit of
Small ϵ Taylor expand $\approx \frac{1}{4} - \frac{\epsilon}{8}$

more
abstract
interpretation

$$\underbrace{P(BBB | \tilde{B}_s)}_{\text{"posterior" knowledge after accounting for data}} = \underbrace{\left[\frac{P(\tilde{B}_s | BBB)}{P(\tilde{B}_s)} \right]}_{\substack{\text{rule for} \\ \text{updating} \\ \text{knowl.}}} \underbrace{P(BBB)}_{\substack{\text{"prior"} \\ \text{knowl.} \\ \text{before} \\ \text{knowing} \\ \text{data}}}$$

↑
data

$$P(\tilde{B}_s | BBB) = \text{"likelihood"} : \text{prob. of data given knowledge}$$

$$P(\tilde{B}_s) = \text{normaliz. constant}$$

model fitting : dataset $\mathcal{D}$
 model w/ some parameters
 $\vec{w} = (w_1, w_2, \dots)$

$$P(\vec{w} | \mathcal{D}) = \frac{P(\mathcal{D} | \vec{w})}{P(\mathcal{D})} \underbrace{P(\vec{w})}_{\substack{\text{prior} \\ \text{usually} \\ \text{reflects} \\ \text{physical ranges} \\ \text{of possible params}}}$$

posterior

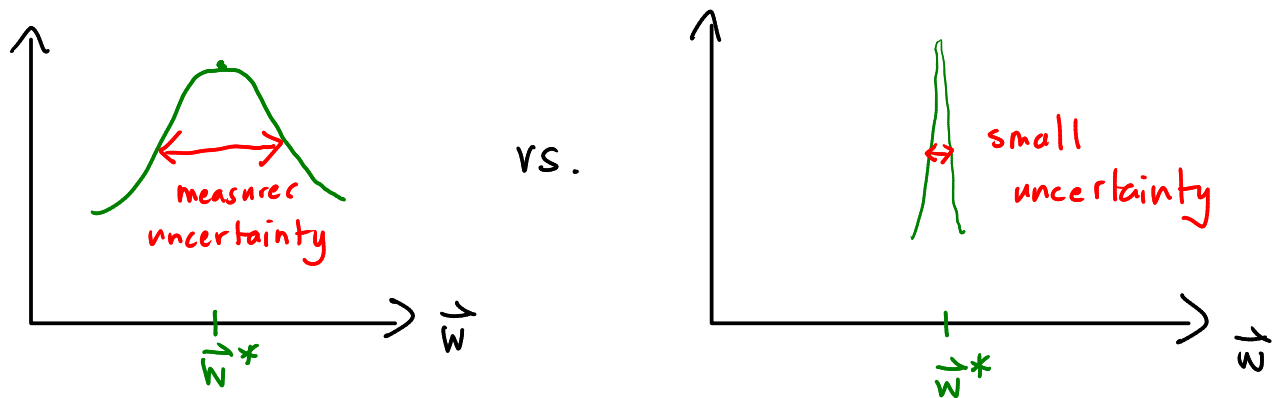
alternative: $P(\vec{w}) = \text{const.}$
 $\Rightarrow$ no clue what params are ("uniform" prior)

Two major applications:

- 1) find "best" model parameters
 $\Rightarrow$ maximize $P(\vec{w} | \mathcal{D})$ w/ respect to $\vec{w}$
 $\Rightarrow \vec{w}^*$ is the "best" param. set

$\Rightarrow$ MAP: maximum a posteriori fitting
(typical model fitting, i.e. training
neural networks)

2) find $\mathcal{P}(\vec{w} | \mathcal{D})$ directly:



$\Rightarrow$ gives you info. about uncertainty
of $\vec{w}^*$ estimate

$\Rightarrow$ generally hard: Bayesian
neural networking

$\Rightarrow$ later on: use a neat from
stat. mech to do this