

INTRODUCTION TO
MACHINE LEARNING
COMPSCI 4ML3

LECTURE 10

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MAXIMUM LIKELIHOOD ESTIMATE

- MAXIMIZES THE PROBABILITY OF THE OBSERVATIONS GIVEN THE PARAMETERS

- $\alpha^{ML} = \underset{\alpha}{\operatorname{argmax}} P(X|\alpha)$

- $\alpha^{ML} = \underset{\alpha}{\operatorname{argmin}} -\sum_i \operatorname{LOG} \left(P(x^i|\alpha) \right)$

- FOR BIAS OF THE COIN

- $\alpha^{ML} = \frac{n_0}{n_0+n_1}$

MAXIMUM A POSTERIORI ESTIMATE

- MAXIMIZES THE PROBABILITY OF THE PARAMETERS GIVEN THE OBSERVATIONS

- $\alpha^{MAP} = \operatorname{argmax} P(\alpha|X)$

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{\alpha} p(\alpha|X) = \operatorname{argmax}_{\alpha} \frac{p(x|\alpha) p(\alpha)}{p(x)} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\alpha} p(x|\alpha) p(\alpha)$$

- $\alpha^{MAP} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\alpha} (-\operatorname{LOG}(P(\alpha)) - \sum_{i=1}^n \operatorname{LOG} P(x^i|\alpha))$

PRIOR VS POSTERIOR DISTRIBUTIONS

- $P(\alpha)$ CAPTURES THE **PRIOR** DISTRIBUTION

- $P(\alpha|X)$ CAPTURES THE **POSTERIOR** DISTRIBUTION

- IN OTHER WORDS,

- WE START BY A PRIOR BELIEF ABOUT VALUE OF α

- OUR BELIEF IS UPDATED AFTER SEEING SOME REAL DATA

- THIS IS A **BAYESIAN** APPROACH

* $P(\alpha) =$

MAP FOR COINS – UNIFORM PRIOR

x_1, \dots, x_n : observations

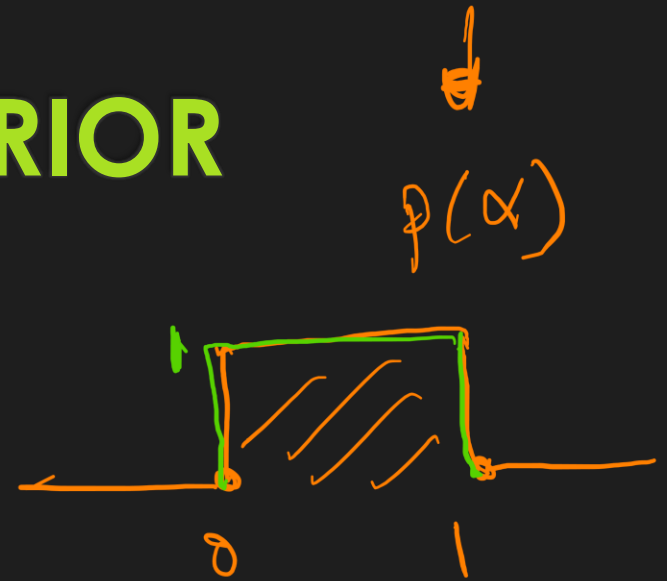
~~observations~~

$x_i \in \{0, 1\}$, e.g. 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, ...

$$\alpha^{\text{MAP}} = \underset{\alpha}{\operatorname{argmax}} p(\alpha | x) = ?$$

$$= \underset{\alpha}{\operatorname{argmax}} p(x | \alpha) p(\alpha) = \underset{\alpha}{\operatorname{argmax}} p(x | \alpha)$$

same solution as ML.



#heads = n_0

#tails = n_1

$$n = n_0 + n_1$$

MAP FOR COINS – NONUNIFORM PRIOR

Map solutions in terms of n_0, n_1 ?

$$\arg \max_{\alpha} \underbrace{p(x|\alpha)}_{\downarrow} \underbrace{p(\alpha)}_{\downarrow} = f(\alpha)$$

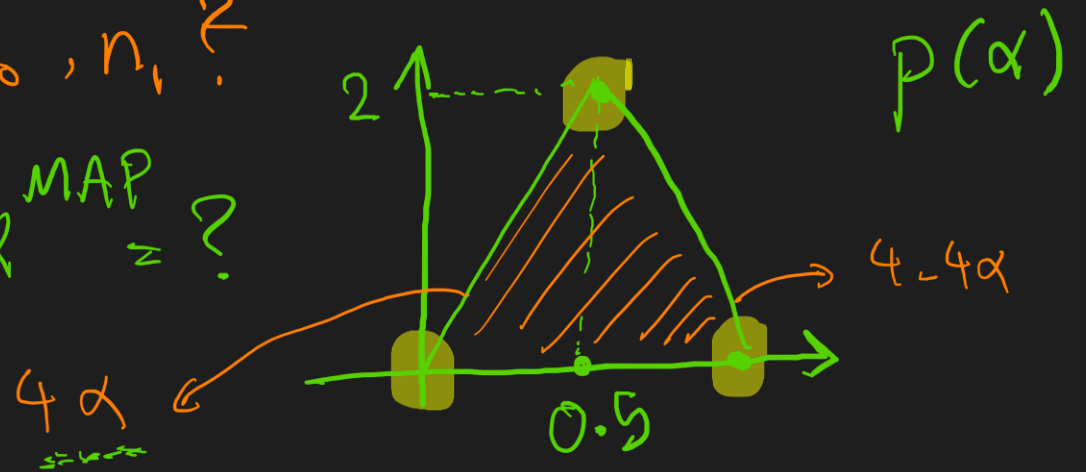
$\alpha^{MAP} = ?$

manually check $\alpha=0, \alpha=1, \alpha=0.5$

$$\alpha \in (0, 0.5) : \frac{\partial f}{\partial \alpha} = \alpha^{n_0} (1-\alpha)^{n_1} 4\alpha = 0 \rightarrow \alpha = \frac{n_0 + 1}{n_0 + n_1 + 1}$$

$$\alpha \in (0.5, 1) : \frac{\partial f}{\partial \alpha} = \alpha^{n_0} (1-\alpha)^{n_1} (4-4\alpha) = 0 \rightarrow \alpha = \frac{n_1}{n_0 + n_1 + 1}$$

pick the best out of these 5.



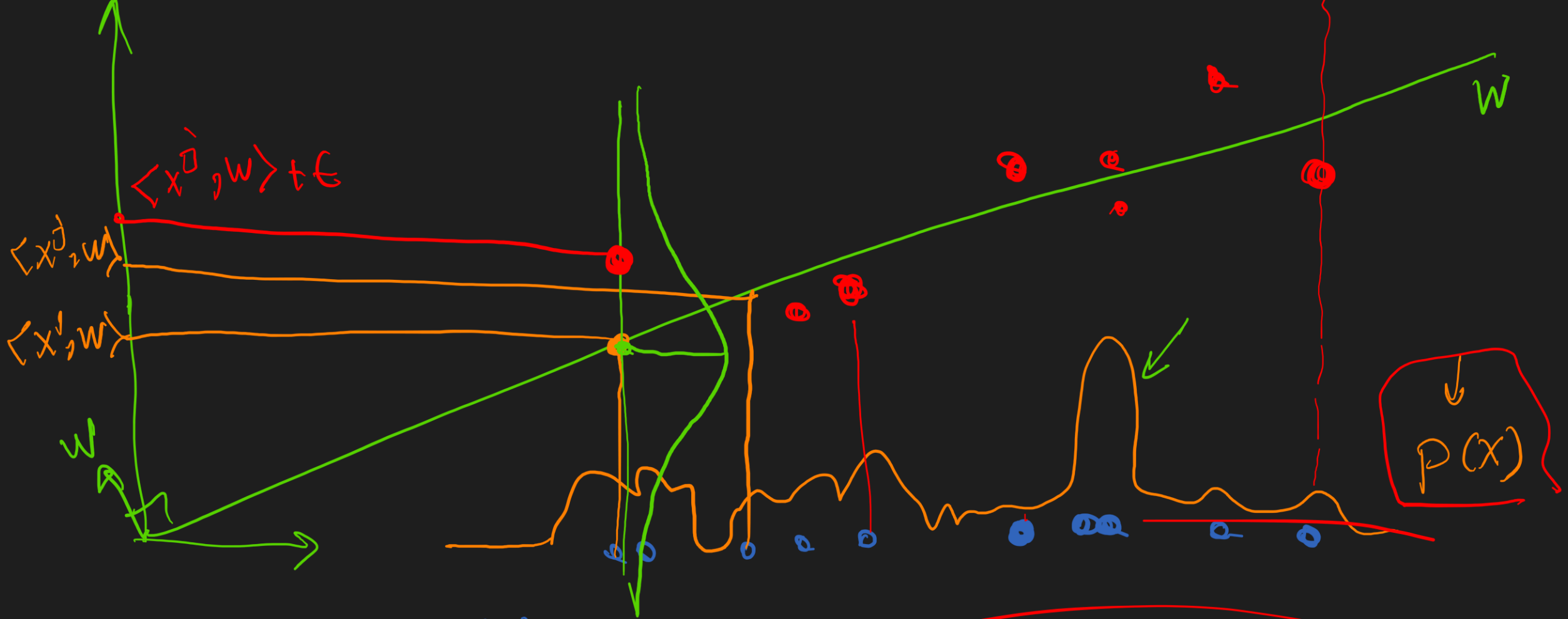
A PROBABILISTIC MODEL FOR REGRESSION

$$\rightarrow \bullet P(y|x, W) = \left(\frac{1}{\gamma}\right) e^{-\frac{(x^T W - y)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

$$\rightarrow \bullet P(x|W) = P(x)$$

• ALTERNATIVELY, WE COULD SAY THAT

$$\bullet \underline{Y} = \underline{X^T W} + \underline{\epsilon} \text{ WHERE } \epsilon \sim N(0,1)$$



$$x \sim p(x)$$

$$\langle x, w \rangle$$

$$\langle x, w \rangle + \epsilon$$

→ • $P(y|x, W) = \left(\frac{1}{\gamma}\right) e^{-\frac{(x^T W - y)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$

$\hat{y} = w^T x$

→ • $P(x|W) = P(x)$

• INPUT: $((x^1, y^1), \dots, (x^n, y^n))$ I.I.D. SAMPLE

• EACH (x^i, y^i) IS DRAWN ACCORDING TO $P(X, Y)$

$P(X, Y) = P(X) P(Y|X)$
 ↓ need to know W

• WHAT DO WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO

• MAKE PREDICTIONS? → just need W

• GENERATE MORE DATA? W and $P(X)$

• FIND MAXIMUM LIKELIHOOD ESTIMATE FOR W ?

→ we don't estimate

ML ESTIMATE

$$Z = \{(x^i, y^i)\}_{i=1}^n$$

$$\operatorname{argmax}_W p(Z | W) = \operatorname{argmax}_W \prod \underbrace{p(x^i, y^i | W)}$$

$\approx \dots$

MAXIMUM A POSTERIORI AND RLS

- $P(y|x, W) = \left(\frac{1}{\gamma}\right) e^{-\frac{(x^T W - y)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$
- $P(x|W) = P(x)$
- $P(W) = \frac{1}{\beta} e^{-\lambda \|W\|_2^2}$

MAP ESTIMATE

