

Some probabilistic aspects of FCA II

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|-----|-----|------|---------|----------|----------------|
| 14 | 10 | 0.3 | 32.48 | 6.47 | [3, 62] |
| 15 | 15 | 0.9 | 489.47 | 373.74 | [1, 2161] |
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| 20 | 20 | 0.65 | 1945.49 | 469.16 | [1, 4044] |
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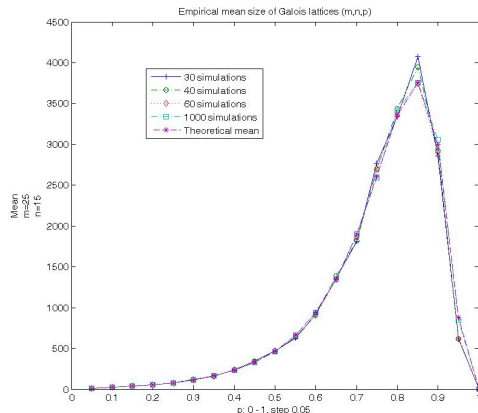


Figure: Estimated and Exact Mean size of Bernoulli Concept Lattices

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| m | n | p | σ | S_{300} | 95% CI | S_{1000} |
|-----|-----|------|----------|-----------|-------------------|------------|
| 14 | 10 | 0.3 | 6.47 | 5.94 | 5.03 - 7.94 | 6.40 |
| 15 | 15 | 0.9 | 373.74 | 321.43 | 284.39 - 386.57 | 370.6 |
| 20 | 15 | 0.25 | 11.09 | 11.14 | 8.92 - 12.96 | 11.04 |
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R.E., *Selected contributions in Data Analysis and Classification*, 247-259, Springer, 2007

Context: $m \times r$ random binary matrix \mathcal{C}

U a latent class variable $\in \{1, \dots, K\}$ over the individuals

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} q = (q_1, \dots, q_K) & \sim \text{Dirichlet}(\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_K) \\ U \in \{1, \dots, K\} : P(U = u|q) & = q_u \\ \mathcal{C}|_{U=u,q} & \sim \bigotimes_{j=1}^r B(p_{u,j}) \\ \mathcal{C}|_q & \sim \sum_{u=1}^K q_u \bigotimes_{j=1}^r B(p_{u,j}) \end{array} \right.$$

Y. W. Teh, D. Gorur, Z. Ghahramani

Beta – Bernoulli Context: $m \times r$ random binary matrix \mathcal{C}

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} p_1, \dots, p_r & \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} \text{Beta}\left(\frac{\alpha}{r}, 1\right) \\ \mathcal{C}_{ij} | p_1, \dots, p_r & \stackrel{ind}{\sim} \text{Bernoulli}(p_j) \end{array} \right.$$

Limit:

Step 1: Customer 1 chooses $K^{(1)}$ different items, where $K^{(1)} \sim \text{Poisson}(\alpha)$

Step 2: Customer 2 arrives and chooses to enjoy each of the items already chosen with probability $1/2$. In addition, he chooses $K^{(2)}$ new items, where $K^{(2)} \sim \text{Poisson}(\alpha/2)$

Steps 3 through N: The i th customer arrives and chooses to enjoy each of the items already chosen with probability m_{ki}/i , where m_{ki} is the number of customers who have chosen the k th item before the i th customer. In addition, the i th customer chooses $K^{(i)} \sim \text{Poisson}(\alpha/i)$ new items.

G. Govaert, M. Nadif, Bi-clustering.

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\mathcal{Z} set of partitions of I into g subsets

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$$f(\mathcal{C}; \theta) = \sum_{(z,w) \in \mathcal{Z} \times \mathcal{W}} p(z; \theta) p(w; \theta) \prod_{i,j,k,l} \text{Bernoulli}(c_{i,j}; \alpha_{k,l})^{z_{i,k} w_{j,l}}$$

III - Sampling

Sampling in a large set

Markov Chains in \mathcal{L}

Sampling and Counting concepts

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