

Two ways to derive predictive distr. of multinomial-Dirichle

Let $\theta \sim \text{Dir}(\alpha)$ be a Dirichlet r.v. in \mathbb{R}^k .

$Z_1, \dots, Z_N \sim \text{Multinomial}(\theta)$ be i.i.d. draw from multinomial with parameter θ .



Now let $Z_{\text{new}} \sim \text{Multinomial}(\theta)$, we're interested in

$$P(Z_{\text{new}} = j \mid Z_1, \dots, Z_N, \alpha)$$

① The posterior of θ given Z_1, \dots, Z_N is

$$\theta \mid Z_1, \dots, Z_N \sim \text{Dir}(\alpha + \vec{y}) \quad \text{where } \vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^k \text{ and } y_k = \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{1}(Z_i = k)$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(Z_{\text{new}} = j \mid Z_1, \dots, Z_N, \alpha) &= \int P(Z_{\text{new}} = j \mid \theta) P(\theta \mid Z_1, \dots, Z_N, \alpha) d\theta \\ &= \int \theta_j \cdot \frac{\Gamma(k\alpha + N)}{\prod_{k=1}^k \Gamma(\alpha + y_k)} \cdot \prod_{k=1}^k \theta_k^{y_k + \alpha_k - 1} d\theta \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(k\alpha + N)}{\prod_{k=1}^k \Gamma(\alpha + y_k)} \cdot \frac{\prod_{k=1}^k \Gamma(\alpha + y_k) \cdot \Gamma(\alpha + y_j)}{\Gamma(k\alpha + N + 1)} = \frac{y_j + \alpha}{k\alpha + N} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{2} \quad P(Z_1, \dots, Z_N \mid \alpha) &= \int P(Z_1, \dots, Z_N \mid \theta) P(\theta \mid \alpha) d\theta \\ &= \int \prod_{k=1}^k \theta_k^{y_k} \cdot \frac{1}{Z(\alpha)} \prod_{k=1}^k \theta_k^{\alpha_k - 1} d\theta \\ &= \frac{Z(\alpha + \vec{y})}{Z(\alpha)} \end{aligned}$$

$$P(Z_{\text{new}} = j \mid Z_1, \dots, Z_N, \alpha) = \frac{P(Z_{\text{new}} = j, Z_1, \dots, Z_N \mid \alpha)}{P(Z_1, \dots, Z_N \mid \alpha)} = \frac{Z(\alpha + \vec{y} + e_j)}{Z(\alpha + \vec{y})} = \frac{y_j + \alpha}{k\alpha + N}$$