

Markov tree models and L -cumulants

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Main themes

- Tree cumulants and tree models.
- L -cumulants.

Algebraic statistical model

- $X \in \{1, \dots, m\}$, $p = (p_1, \dots, p_m)$ distribution
- p identified with a point in

$$\Delta_{m-1} = \{p \in \mathbb{R}^m : \sum_i p_i = 1, p_i \geq 0\}.$$

- a statistical model is any family of points in Δ_{m-1}
- algebraic statistical model $p : \Theta \rightarrow \Delta$ and p is a polynomial map
 - e.g. $X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y$ then $p_{ij} = s_i t_j$ and hence $p : \Delta_{m-1} \times \Delta_{n-1} \rightarrow \Delta_{mn-1}$

The multivariate cumulants

- let $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$ such that $\mu_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n} = \mathbb{E}(X_1^{\alpha_1} \dots X_n^{\alpha_n})$.
- $M_X(t) = \sum_{\alpha \geq 0} \frac{\mu_\alpha}{\alpha!} t^\alpha$ is the m.g.f, $t^\alpha = t_1^{\alpha_1} \dots t_n^{\alpha_n}$, $\alpha! = \alpha_1! \dots \alpha_n!$
- $K_X(t) = \log M_X(t) = \sum_{\alpha \geq 0} \frac{k_\alpha}{\alpha!} t^\alpha$ is the c.g.f

The setting

- Here $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n) \in \{0, 1\}^n$.
- $P = [p_\alpha]$ s.t. $\alpha \in \{0, 1\}^n$

- Square-free moments: $m_\beta = \sum_{\alpha \geq \beta} p_\alpha$ for $\beta \in \{0, 1\}^n$
- change notation: $m_\beta \mapsto m_B$ for $B \subseteq [n] = \{1, \dots, n\}$.
- e.g. $n = 3$ then $\mu_{110} \mapsto \mu_{12}$, $\mu_{111} \mapsto \mu_{123}$

The tripod tree model

- $X_1 \perp\!\!\!\perp X_2 \perp\!\!\!\perp X_3 | H, X = (X_1, X_2, X_3) \sim p$

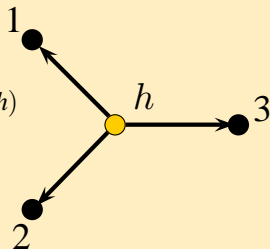
- $\mathbb{P}(X = x) = \sum_h \mathbb{P}(H) \prod_{i=1}^3 \mathbb{P}(X_i = x_i | H = h)$

- $$p_{ijk}(t, a^{(0)}, a^{(1)}, b^{(0)}, b^{(1)}, c^{(0)}, c^{(1)}) =$$

$$= (1 - t)a_i^{(0)}b_j^{(0)}c_k^{(0)} + ta_i^{(1)}b_j^{(1)}c_k^{(1)}.$$

- e.g. $a_i^{(0)} = \mathbb{P}(X_1 = i | H = 0)$

- $a_0^{(i)} + a_1^{(i)} = 1, b_0^{(i)} + b_1^{(i)} = 1, c_0^{(i)} + c_1^{(i)} = 1$ for $i = 0, 1$.



Change of coordinates

- cumulants: $k_1, k_2, k_3, k_{12}, k_{13}, k_{23}, k_{123}$.

- $[p_{ijk} : i, j, k = 0, 1] \xleftrightarrow{1-1} [k_I : I \subseteq [3]]$.

$$k_1 = a_1^{(0)} + t(a_1^{(1)} - a_1^{(0)}), \dots$$

$$k_{12} = t(1-t)(a_1^{(1)} - a_1^{(0)})(b_1^{(1)} - b_1^{(0)}), \dots$$

$$k_{123} = t(1-t)(1-2t)(a_1^{(1)} - a_1^{(0)})(b_1^{(1)} - b_1^{(0)})(c_1^{(1)} - c_1^{(0)}).$$

- define $\bar{a} = a_1^{(1)} - a_1^{(0)}$, $\bar{b} = b_1^{(1)} - b_1^{(0)}$, $\bar{c} = c_1^{(1)} - c_1^{(0)}$ and $s = 1 - 2t$ then

$$(t, a_1^{(0)}, a_1^{(1)}, b_1^{(0)}, b_1^{(1)}, c_1^{(0)}, c_1^{(1)}) \xleftrightarrow{1-1} (k_1, k_2, k_3, s, \bar{a}, \bar{b}, \bar{c})$$

The new parametrization

 $\mathcal{M}_T :$

$$k_{12} = \frac{1}{4}(1-s^2)\bar{a}\bar{b},$$

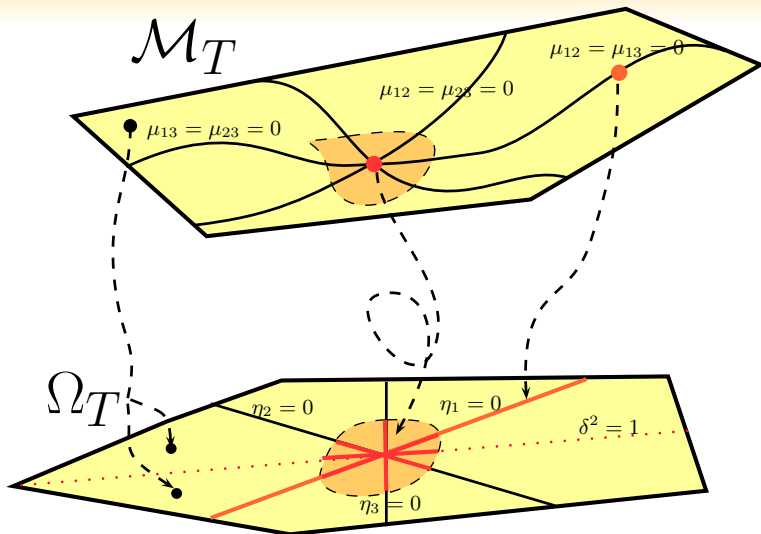
$$k_{13} = \frac{1}{4}(1-s^2)\bar{a}\bar{c},$$

$$k_{23} = \frac{1}{4}(1-s^2)\bar{b}\bar{c},$$

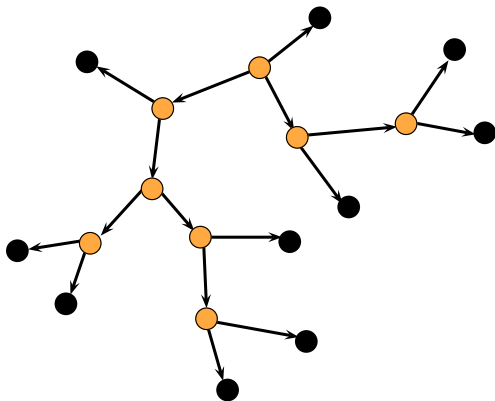
$$k_{123} = \frac{1}{4}(1-s^2)s\bar{a}\bar{b}\bar{c}$$

[◀ general formula](#)

Application: Identifiability



Does it generalize?

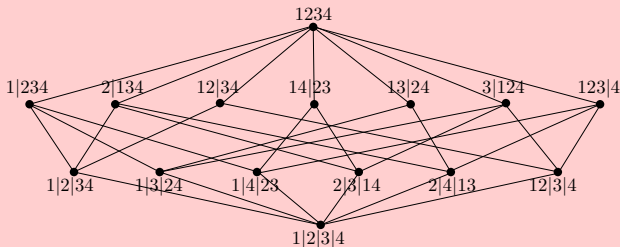


The general Markov model

- Let $T = (V, E)$ be a rooted tree with n leaves.
- for the root: $[\theta_0^{(r)}, \theta_1^{(r)}]$
- for each edge (u, v) : $\theta_{i|j}^{(v)}$ for $i, j = 0, 1$ s.t. $\theta_{0|j}^{(v)} + \theta_{1|j}^{(v)} = 1$
- $p_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n} = \sum_{\beta \in \mathcal{H}(\alpha)} \theta_{\beta_r}^{(r)} \prod_{v \in V \setminus r} \theta_{\beta_v | \beta_{\text{pa}(v)}}^{(v)}$ for all $\alpha \in \{0, 1\}^n$, where $\mathcal{H}(\alpha) \subset \{0, 1\}^V$ are sequences β such that $\beta_i = \alpha_i$ for all leaves i .
- e.g. for the tripod: $p_{ijk} = \theta_0^{(r)} \theta_{i|0}^{(1)} \theta_{j|0}^{(2)} \theta_{k|0}^{(3)} + \theta_1^{(r)} \theta_{i|1}^{(1)} \theta_{j|1}^{(2)} \theta_{k|1}^{(3)}$.

Poset of set partitions

- poset $\Pi(n)$ of all partitions of $[n] := \{1, \dots, n\}$
 - $\pi = B_1 | \dots | B_r$ where $B_i \subseteq [n]$ s.t. $\bigcup_i B_i = [n]$ and $B_i \cap B_j = \emptyset$
- ordering
 - $\pi \leq \delta$ if every block of π is contained in one of the blocks of δ
 - e.g. $n = 4$ then $\hat{\mathbf{0}} = 1|2|3|4 < 1|4|23 < 14|23 < 1234 = \hat{\mathbf{1}}$



Moment-cumulant formula

Let $A \subseteq [n]$:

$$k_A = \sum_{\pi \in \Pi(A)} m(\pi, \hat{1}) \prod_{B \in \pi} \mu_B,$$

where $m(\pi, \hat{1}) = (-1)^{|\pi|-1} (|\pi| - 1)!$

If $n = 3$

- $k_{12} = \mu_{12} - \mu_1 \mu_2$
- $k_{123} = \mu_{123} - \mu_1 \mu_{23} - \mu_2 \mu_{13} - \mu_3 \mu_{12} + 2\mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_3$

L -cumulants

$$\ell_A = \sum_{\pi \in L(A)} m_L(\pi, \hat{1}) \prod_{B \in \pi} \mu_B,$$

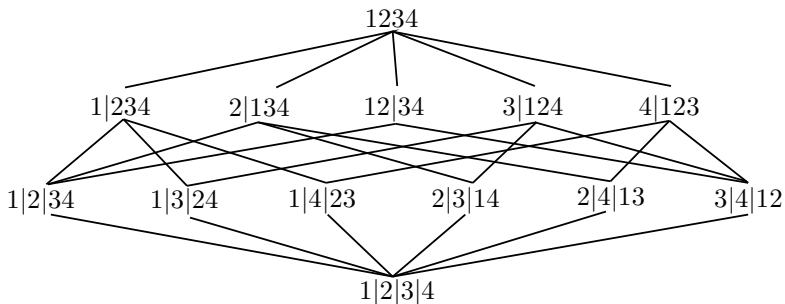
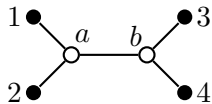
where $L(A)$ is any other poset of partitions with $\hat{0}$ and $\hat{1}$ as in $\Pi(|A|)$; and m_L is the Möbius function on $L(A)$.

- Formally we need an inverse system $\mathbf{L} = (L(A))$ of partition lattices such that $L(A) \rightarrow L(B)$, for any two multisets $B \subseteq A$, is a restriction to B .

L -cumulants generalize...

- cumulants for all partitions of $[n]$
- free cumulants for non-crossing partitions
- Boolean cumulants for interval partitions
- central moments for one-cluster partitions

Tree partitions



Tree cumulants

- T tree with n leaves, $[n] = \{1, \dots, n\}$ the set of leaves
- Π_T the poset of all the partitions of $[n]$ induced by removing inner nodes together with the Möbius function m_T

$$\ell_{1\dots n}^t = \sum_{\pi \in \Pi_T([n])} m_T(\pi, \hat{1}) \prod_{B \in \pi} \mu_B$$

Reparameterization

- let $s_v = 1 - 2\mathbb{E}(Y_v)$ and $\eta_{uv} = \theta_{1|1}^{(v)} - \theta_{1|0}^{(v)}$ for all $(u, v) \in E$
- $\theta = (\theta_1^{(r)}, \theta_{1|0}^{(v)}, \theta_{1|1}^{(v)}) \xleftrightarrow{1-1} \omega = (\delta_v, \eta_{uv})$

Theorem[Z.,Smith]

$$\ell_{1\dots n}^t = \frac{1}{4} (1 - s_r^2) \prod_{v \in \text{int}(V)} s_v^{\deg(v)-2} \prod_{e \in E} \eta_e$$

► recall: tripod

Properties of L -cumulants (1)

Proposition [Z.] (semi-invariance)

Let $X' = X + a$. If $L(n)$ is such that $i|[n] \setminus i \in L(n)$ for every $i \in [n]$ then $\ell'_i = \ell_i + a_i$ and

$$\ell'_A = \ell_A \quad \text{for all } A \text{ such that } |A| \geq 2.$$

If $n = 3$ then there are four interval partitions: 123, 1|23, 12|3 and 1|2|3 and hence $2|13 \notin L^{\text{int}}([3])$

$$\ell'_{123} = \ell_{123} + a_2\ell_{13}.$$

Properties of L -cumulants (2)

Proposition [Z.] (multilinearity)

If \mathbf{L} is such that $L(A) \simeq L(n)$ for every multiset A with n elements then $l_{\text{cum}}(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ is multilinear.

Satisfied by non-crossing, interval and one-cluster partitions.

Properties of L -cumulants (3)

Proposition [Z.]

- For two random vectors we say they are L -independent if all mixed L -cumulants of X and Y vanish.
- If X and Y are L -independent then

$$\ell(X + Y) = \ell(X) + \ell(Y).$$

Conclusions and open questions

- L -cumulants generalize in an elegant way various probabilistic notions. However it is not entirely clear now to what extent this generalization is useful.
- L -cumulants can be used in various fields of mathematics. Is there a general theory of that?

Thank you!

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