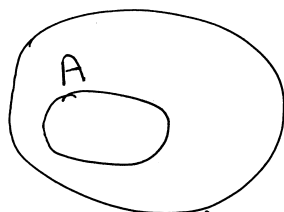


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Conditional Expectation

Ω



Average over A

$A \subseteq \Omega$

Z is a random variable = function

$$E(Z|A) = \sum_{\omega \in A} Z(\omega) P(\omega|A)$$

$\uparrow$
 "given"
 or
 "conditional on"

$$= \sum_k k P(Z=k|A)$$

Ex

$$S = X_1 + X_2 \quad A = \{X_1 \geq X_2 + 4\}$$

$$A = \{(5,1), (6,1), (6,2)\} \quad P(A) = \frac{1}{12}$$

$$E(Z|A) = 6 \times \frac{1}{3} + \dots = 7$$

$\uparrow$
 $P(5,1|A)$

Step "Average of averages = average"

$B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n$ partition Ω

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"Sample" events

$$E(Z) = \sum_{i=1}^n \underbrace{E(Z|B_i)}_{\text{average}} \underbrace{P(B_i)}_{\text{average}}.$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n E(Z|B_i) P(B_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{\omega \in B_i} \overbrace{Z(\omega) \cdot \frac{P(\omega)}{P(B_i)}}^{P(\omega|B_i)} \cdot P(B_i)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{\omega \in B_i} Z(\omega) P(\omega)$$

$$= \sum_{\omega \in \Omega} Z(\omega) P(\omega) \quad \xrightarrow{\text{partition}}$$

$$= E(Z)$$

First Moment Method

X is a random variable

$$X: \Omega \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$$

$$P(X \geq 1) \leq E(X).$$

Proof

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= E(X|X=0)P(X=0) + E(X|X \geq 1)P(X \geq 1) \\ &\geq P(X \geq 1) \end{aligned}$$

$B_1 = \{\omega \mid X(\omega) = 0\}$
 $\downarrow$
 B_2
 $\downarrow$

Union Distinct Families

$\mathcal{A}$ is a family of subsets of $[n]$ ($\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{P}([n])$)
 It is union-free if for distinct $A, B, C, D \in \mathcal{A}$ ^{power set}

$$A \cup B \neq C \cup D$$

Suppose $\mathcal{A}$ consists of p randomly chosen subsets,
 $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p$.

$$Z = \# \{i, j, k, \ell \text{ such that } X_i \cup X_j = X_k \cup X_\ell\}$$

$$\mathcal{A} \text{ is union-free} \Leftrightarrow Z = 0.$$

$$P(Z \geq 1) \leq ?$$

$$E(Z) = p(p-1)(p-2)(p-3) P(X_i \cup X_j = X_k \cup X_\ell),$$

$$< p^4 \left(\frac{5}{8}\right)^n$$

Choose a random set
by flipping n coins.

$$\frac{5}{8} = 1 - \frac{3}{8}$$

$$\frac{3}{8} = \frac{3}{16} + \frac{3}{16}$$

coin $X = 1, 2, \dots, n$
 "mess" thing up

$$P(X \notin X_i \cup X_j) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$X \in (X_i \cup X_j) \setminus (X_k \cup X_\ell) = \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{4}$$

$$E(Z) < p^4 \left(\frac{5}{8}\right)^n$$

So if $p \ll \left(\frac{8}{5}\right)^{n/4}$ then $E(Z) < 1$.

Minor Question

What if $\exists i, j : A_i = A_j$

Then I get fewer than p sets.

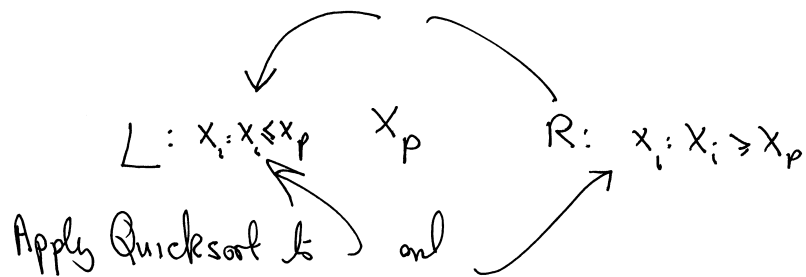
$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(\exists i, j : A_i = A_j) &\leq E(\# i < j : A_i = A_j) \\ &= \binom{p}{2} \frac{1}{2^n} \end{aligned}$$

Choose p so that

$$p^4 \left(\frac{5}{8}\right)^n < \frac{1}{2} \quad \& \quad \binom{p}{2} \frac{1}{2^n} < \frac{1}{2}$$

Sort $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$

Choose p (randomly) [other choices]



How many comparisons:

T_n is a random variable. $\left[T_n \leq n^2 \right]$
worst-case

$E(T_n) = ?$

$$T_n$$
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 Expectation

$$\sum_{i=1}^n E(\# \text{ comparisons} \mid p \text{ is the } i^{\text{th}} \text{ largest}) \times P(p \text{ is the } i^{\text{th}} \text{ largest})$$

from producing L & R

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n (T_{i-1} + T_{n-i}) \times \frac{1}{n}$$

$\langle i-1 \rangle$ $\langle n-i \rangle$
 $\quad \quad \quad \times$
 $\quad \quad \quad \frac{1}{n}$
 $\quad \quad \quad \frac{1}{n}$

L x_p R

Finding Minimum

$X = \# \text{ executions}$

$$= X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$$

$$X_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i\text{th step requires execution} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$E(X) = E(X_1) + \dots + E(X_n)$$

$$= P(X_1=1) + \dots + P(X_n=1)$$

$$P(X_i=1) = \frac{1}{i} \quad X_i=1 \Leftrightarrow x_i \text{ is smallest of } x_1, \dots, x_i$$

$$E(X) = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} = H_n$$

$$\approx \log_e n$$