

Log-Linear Expansion: Example

The probability function of bivariate Bernoulli random vector (X_1, X_2) is determined by

$$P(x_1, x_2) = p(x_1, x_2)$$

where $p(x_1, x_2)$ is the table of probabilities:

$p(x_1, x_2)$	$x_2 = 0$	$x_2 = 1$	Total
$x_1 = 0$	$p(0, 0)$	$p(0, 1)$	$p_1(0)$
$x_1 = 1$	$p(1, 0)$	$p(1, 1)$	$p_1(1)$
Total	$p_2(0)$	$p_2(1)$	1

We can write this as a single formula:

$$P(x_1, x_2) = p(0, 0)^{(1-x_1)(1-x_2)} p(0, 1)^{(1-x_1)x_2} p(1, 0)^{x_1(1-x_2)} p(1, 1)^{x_1x_2}$$

Taking logarithms and collecting terms in x_1 , x_2 , and x_1x_2 gives:

$$\begin{aligned} \log P(x_1, x_2) &= (1-x_1)(1-x_2) \log p(0, 0) + (1-x_1)x_2 \log p(0, 1) + x_1(1-x_2) \log p(1, 0) + x_1x_2 \log p(1, 1) \\ &= \log p(0, 0) - x_2 \log p(0, 0) - x_1 \log p(0, 0) + x_1x_2 \log p(0, 0) + x_2 \log p(0, 1) - x_1x_2 \log p(0, 1) + \\ &\quad + x_1 \log p(1, 0) - x_1x_2 \log p(1, 0) + x_1x_2 \log p(1, 1) \\ &= \log p(0, 0) + \log \frac{p(1, 0)}{p(0, 0)} x_1 + \log \frac{p(0, 1)}{p(0, 0)} x_2 + \log \frac{p(1, 1)p(0, 0)}{p(0, 1)p(1, 0)} x_1x_2 \\ &= u_0 + u_1x_1 + u_2x_2 + u_{12}x_1x_2, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} u_0 &= \log p(0, 0) \\ u_1 &= \log \frac{p(1, 0)}{p(0, 0)} \\ u_2 &= \log \frac{p(0, 1)}{p(0, 0)} \\ u_{12} &= \log \frac{p(1, 1)p(0, 0)}{p(0, 1)p(1, 0)} \end{aligned}$$

Elementary properties of logarithms:

1. $\log a^b = b \log a$,
2. $\log \frac{a}{b} = \log a - \log b$, and
3. $\log ab = \log a + \log b$.