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Abstract

The joint distributions of samples from distributions chosen from a Dirichlet process with nonatomic parameter are given and the conditional distributions of the samples are derived, by the method different from Yamato [4]. By making use of the above result, the expectations of functions of the samples are evaluated.

1. Introduction

The Dirichlet process was introduced by Ferguson [2] for Bayesian nonparametric inference. It is well-known that a distribution chosen from a Dirichlet process is discrete with probability one. The purpose of this paper is to show properties of samples from distributions chosen from a Dirichlet process with nonatomic parameter by the method different from Yamato [4] and to give its application. The author assumes that readers are familiar with the Dirichlet process. For the definition of the Dirichlet process, see Ferguson [2].

Let \mathbf{R} be the real line and let \mathbf{B} be the σ -field of Borel sets. Let α be a nonnull finite measure on (\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{B}) . $Q(\cdot)$ denotes $\alpha(\cdot)/\alpha(\mathbf{R})$ and M denotes $\alpha(\mathbf{R})$. We list some properties of the Dirichlet process for the later use.

LEMMA 1 (Ferguson [2]). Let \mathbf{P} be a Dirichlet process on (\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{B}) with parameter α and let X be a sample of size 1 from \mathbf{P} . Then for $A \in \mathbf{B}$

$$P(X \in A) = Q(A).$$

Let X_1, \dots, X_n be a sample of size n from a distribution \mathbf{P} chosen from a Dirichlet process on (\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{B}) with parameter α . Then, as stated in Korwar and Hollander [3], we can view the observations X_1, \dots, X_n as being obtained sequentially as follows: Let X_1 be a sample of size 1 from \mathbf{P} ; having obtained X_1 , let X_2 be a sample of size 1 from the conditional distribution \mathbf{P} given X_1 ; and so on until X_1, \dots, X_n are obtained. Thus by Lemma 1 we have the following lemma, which is essentially similar to the statement of Zehnwirth [5, p. 16].

LEMMA 2. Let \mathbf{P} be a Dirichlet process on (\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{B}) with parameter α and let X_1, \dots, X_n be a sample of size n from \mathbf{P} . Then we can view X_1 has the distribution Q

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and for $k=1, \dots, n-1$ the conditional distribution X_{k+1} given X_1, \dots, X_k is given by $\left(MQ(\cdot) + \sum_{j=1}^k \delta_{X_j}(\cdot)\right) / (M+k)$, where for $x \in X$, δ_x denotes the measure on (R, B) giving the mass one to the point x .

In Section 2, we shall give the joint distribution of samples from distributions chosen from a Dirichlet process with nonatomic parameter, by the method different from Yamato [4]. Furthermore, we shall derive the conditional distribution of the samples, which is essentially similar to Theorem 3.1 of Yamato [4].

We shall use the above result to evaluate expectation of functions of the samples for nonatomic parameter in Section 3.

2. Properties of Samples

Let R be the real line and let B be the σ -field of Borel sets. Let α be a nonnull finite measure on (R, B) and nonatomic. $Q(\cdot)$ denotes $\alpha(\cdot)/\alpha(R)$ and M denotes $\alpha(R)$. Let X_1, \dots, X_n be a sample of size n from a distribution P chosen from a Dirichlet process on (R, B) with parameter α . We can consider that the sample X_1, \dots, X_n is obtained sequentially, as stated in Section 1. For nonnegative integers $m(1), \dots, m(n)$ with $\sum_{i=1}^n im(i) = n$, let $(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) \in C(m(1), \dots, m(n))$ be the event that there are $m(1)$ distinct values of X that occur only once, $m(2)$ that occur exactly twice, \dots , $m(n)$ that occur exactly n times. We denote the sample (X_1, \dots, X_n) with $(X_1, \dots, X_n) \in C(m(1), \dots, m(n))$ by $(X_{11}, \dots, X_{1m(1)}, X_{21}, X_{22}, \dots, X_{2m(2)}, X_{2m(2)}, \dots, X_{n1}, \dots, X_{n1})$. Note that if $m(n) \geq 1$ then $m(1) = \dots = m(n-1) = 0$ and $m(n) = 1$. If $m(1) = 2$ and $X_s \neq X_t$ with $s < t$ are different from the remainders, then $X_{11} = X_s$, $X_{12} = X_t$. Suppose that $m(j) = m(1 < j < m)$. If $X_{s(1)} = \dots = X_{t(1)}$, $X_{s(2)} = \dots = X_{t(2)}$, \dots , $X_{s(m)} = \dots = X_{t(m)}$ with $s(1) < s(2) < \dots < s(m)$ and $s(i) = \min(s(i), \dots, t(i))$ ($i=1, \dots, m$) and the number of each equal X 's are j , then $X_{j1}, X_{j2}, \dots, X_{jm(j)}$ are equal to $X_{s(1)}, X_{s(2)}, \dots, X_{s(m)}$ in that order. The following lemma is essentially similar to Proposition 3.2 of Yamato [4].

LEMMA 3. For any $A_{ij} \in B (i=1, \dots, n, j=1, \dots, m(i))$,

$$P(X_{ij} \in A_{ij} (i=1, \dots, n, j=1, \dots, m(i)), (X_1, \dots, X_n) \in C(m(1), \dots, m(n))) \\ = n! M^{\sum_{i=1}^n m(i)} \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^{m(i)} Q(A_{ij}) / M^{(n)} \prod_{i=1}^n (m(i)! i^{m(i)}), \quad (2.1)$$

where $M^{(n)} = M(M+1) \dots (M+n-1)$.

Before proving Lemma 3 we shall prepare Lemma 4. For nonnegative integers $m(1), \dots, m(n)$ with $\sum_{i=1}^n im(i) = n$, let $(X_n, X_{n-1}, \dots, X_1) \in C_0(m(1), \dots, m(n))$ be the event that $X_n, X_{n-1}, \dots, X_{n-(m(1)-1)}$, in that order, are unique in the sample and occur only once; that $X_{n-m(1)}, \dots, X_{n-(m(1)+2m(2)-1)}$ occur twice each in the order $X_{n-m(1)} = X_{n-m(1)-1}$, \dots , $X_{n-(m(1)+2m(2)-2)} = X_{n-(m(1)+2m(2)-1)}$ and etc. We use the similar notations to Antoniak [1] with respect to C and C_0 . We denote the sample X_n, X_{n-1}, \dots, X_1 with $(X_n, \dots, X_1) \in C_0(m(1), \dots, m(n))$ by $Y_{11}, \dots, Y_{1m(1)}, Y_{21}, Y_{22}, \dots, Y_{2m(2)}, Y_{2m(2)}, \dots$. Similarly we denote the realization of the above sample, x_n, x_{n-1}, \dots, x_1 , by $y_{11}, \dots, y_{1m(1)}, y_{21}, y_{22}, \dots, y_{2m(2)}, y_{2m(2)}, \dots$. Then we have the following

LEMMA 4. For any $A_{ij} \in \mathbf{B} (i=1, \dots, n, j=1, \dots, m(i))$

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y_{ij} \in A_{ij} (i=1, \dots, n, j=1, \dots, m(i)), (X_n, \dots, X_1) \in C_0(m(1), \dots, m(n))) \\ = \prod_{i=1}^n ((i-1)! M)^{m(i)} \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^{m(i)} Q(A_{ij}) / M^{(n)}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

PROOF. At first we shall prove the lemma for $n=2$. Two non-negative integers $(m(1), m(2))$ with $m(1)+2m(2)=2$ are $(2, 0)$ and $(0, 1)$. Let X_1, X_2 be a sample of size 2.

For $(X_2, X_1) \in C_0(m(1), m(2))$ with $m(1)=2$ and $m(2)=0$, we have $Y_{11}=X_2, Y_{12}=X_1$. For any $A_1, A_2 \in \mathbf{B}$, from Lemma 2 we have

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y_{11} \in A_2, Y_{12} \in A_1, (X_2, X_1) \in C_0(2, 0)) \\ = P(X_2 \in A_2, X_1 \in A_1, X_2 \neq X_1) \\ = \int_{A_1} P(X_2 \in A_2, X_2 \neq x_1 | x_1) dQ(x_1). \end{aligned}$$

Since from Lemma 2, given $X_1=x_1, X_2$ has the distribution $(\alpha(\cdot) + \delta_{x_1}(\cdot)) / (M+1)$ and α is nonatomic, we have

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y_{11} \in A_2, Y_{12} \in A_1, (X_2, X_1) \in C_0(2, 0)) \\ = \int_{A_1} \alpha(A_2) / (M+1) dQ(x_1) = Q(A_1) \alpha(A_2) / (M+1) \\ = M^{m(1)} Q(A_1) Q(A_2) / M^{(2)} \quad \text{with } m(1)=2, m(2)=0. \end{aligned}$$

For $(X_2, X_1) \in C_0(m(1), m(2))$ with $m(1)=0$ and $m(2)=1$, we have $Y_{21}=X_2=X_1$. For any $A \in \mathbf{B}$, from Lemma 2 we have

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y_{21} \in A, (X_2, X_1) \in C_0(0, 1)) \\ = P(X_2 = X_1 \in A) = \int_A P(X_2 = x_1 | x_1) dQ(x_1) = \int_A 1 / (M+1) dQ(x_1) \\ = M^{m(2)} Q(A) / M^{(2)} \quad \text{with } m(1)=0, m(2)=1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the lemma holds for $n=2$. Next we assume that the lemma holds for $n \geq 2$ and show that it holds for $n+1$. We denote the sample X_{n+1}, X_n, \dots, X_1 with $(X_{n+1}, X_n, \dots, X_1) \in C_0(m'(1), \dots, m'(n+1))$ and $\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} im'(i) = n+1$ by $Y'_{11}, \dots, Y'_{1m'(1)}, Y'_{21}, Y'_{21}, \dots, Y'_{2m'(2)}, Y'_{2m'(2)}, \dots$. For a sample of size $n+1$ we have two cases: The one is that X_{n+1} occurs only once and the other is that X_{n+1} equals to the previous observation.

For the case that X_{n+1} occurs only once, we have $m'(1) \geq 1, m'(n+1)=0$ and for $A_{ij} \in \mathbf{B} (i=1, \dots, n, j=1, \dots, m'(i))$

$$\begin{aligned} p_1 = P(Y'_{ij} \in A_{ij} (i=1, \dots, n, j=1, \dots, m'(i)), (X_{n+1}, \dots, X_1) \in C_0(m'(1), \dots, m'(n+1))) \\ = \int_{D_1} P(X_{n+1} \in A_{11}, X_{n+1} \neq x_1, \dots, x_n | x_1, \dots, x_n) dH(x_1, \dots, x_n), \end{aligned}$$

where $H(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ is the joint distribution of X_1, \dots, X_n and

$$\begin{aligned} D_1 = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) | (x_n, \dots, x_1) \in C_0(m(1), \dots, m(n)), m(1)=m'(1)-1, \\ m(i)=m'(i) (i=2, \dots, n), y_{1,j-1} \in A_{1j} (j=2, \dots, m'(1)), \end{aligned}$$

$$y_{ij} \in A_{ij} (i=2, \dots, n, j=1, \dots, m'(i)) \}.$$

Since from Lemma 2, given X_1, \dots, X_n, X_{n+1} has the distribution $\left(\alpha(\cdot) + \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_{X_i}(\cdot)\right) / (M+n)$ and α is nonatomic,

$$\begin{aligned} p_1 &= \int_{D_1} \alpha(A_{11}) / (M+n) dH(x_1, \dots, x_n) \\ &= [\alpha(A_{11}) / (M+n)] P((X_1, \dots, X_n) \in D_1) \\ &= [\alpha(A_{11}) / (M+n)] P(Y_{1,j-1} \in A_{1j} (j=2, \dots, m'(1)), \\ &\quad Y_{ij} \in A_{ij} (i=2, \dots, n, j=1, \dots, m'(i)), \\ &\quad (X_n, \dots, X_1) \in C_0(m'(1)-1, m'(2), \dots, m'(n))) \}. \end{aligned}$$

Since we assume that the lemma holds for n and $m'(n+1)=0$,

$$\begin{aligned} p_1 &= [\alpha(A_{11}) / (M+n)] M^{m'(1)-1} \prod_{i=2}^n ((i-1)! M)^{m'(i)} \\ &\quad \times \prod_{j=2}^{m'(1)} Q(A_{1j}) \prod_{i=2}^n \prod_{j=1}^{m'(i)} Q(A_{ij}) / M^{(n)} \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^{n+1} ((i-1)! M)^{m'(i)} \prod_{i=1}^{n+1} \prod_{j=1}^{m'(i)} Q(A_{ij}) / M^{(n+1)}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

For the case that X_{n+1} equals to the previous observation, at first we consider the case of $m'(n+1)=1$ and next the case of $m'(n+1)=0$. In case of $m'(n+1)=1$ where X_1, \dots, X_{n+1} are all equal, for $A_{n+1,1} \in \mathbf{B}$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} p_2 &= P(Y'_{n+1,1} \in A_{n+1,1}, (X_{n+1}, \dots, X_1) \in C_0(m'(1), \dots, m'(n+1)), m'(n+1)=1) \\ &= \int_{D_2} P(X_{n+1}=x_n | x_1, \dots, x_n) dH(x_1, \dots, x_n), \end{aligned}$$

where $D_2 = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) | x_1 = \dots = x_n \in A_{n+1,1}\}$. Since from Lemma 2 given X_1, \dots, X_n, X_{n+1} has the distribution $\left(\alpha(\cdot) + \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_{X_i}(\cdot)\right) / (M+n)$ and α is nonatomic,

$$\begin{aligned} p_2 &= \int_{D_2} n / (M+n) dH(x_1, \dots, x_n) \\ &= [n / (M+n)] P(X_n = \dots = X_1 \in A_{n+1,1}) \\ &= [n / (M+n)] P(Y_{n1} \in A_{n+1,1}, (X_n, \dots, X_1) \in C_0(m(1), \dots, m(n)), m(n)=1). \end{aligned}$$

We assume that the lemma holds for n and therefore

$$\begin{aligned} p_2 &= [n / (M+n)] ((n-1)! M) Q(A_{n+1,1}) / M^{(n)} \\ &= (n! M)^{m'(n+1)} Q(A_{n+1,1}) / M^{(n+1)} \quad \text{with } m'(n+1)=1. \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

Finally we consider the case that X_{n+1} equals to the previous observation and $m'(n+1)=0$. Since $m'(1)=0$, we suppose that there exists an integer k such that $2 \leq k \leq n$, $m'(1) = \dots = m'(k-1) = 0$, $m'(k) \geq 1$ and $m'(n+1)=0$.

For $A_{ij} \in \mathbf{B} (i=k, \dots, n, j=1, \dots, m'(i))$, we have

$$p_3 = P(Y'_{ij} \in A_{ij}(i=k, \dots, n, j=1, \dots, m'(i)), (X_{n+1}, \dots, X_1) \in C_0(m'(1), \dots, m'(n+1))) \\ = \int_{D_3} P(X_{n+1} = x_n = \dots = x_{n-k+2} | x_1, \dots, x_n) dH(x_1, \dots, x_n),$$

where

$$D_3 = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) | (x_n, \dots, x_1) \in C_0(m(1), \dots, m(n)), m(i)=0 \\ (i=1, \dots, k-2), m(k-1)=1, m(k)=m'(k)-1 \\ m(i)=m'(i)(i=k+1, \dots, n), y_{k-1,1} \in A_{k1} \\ y_{k,j-1} \in A_{kj}(j=2, \dots, m'(k)), y_{ij} \in A_{ij}(i=k+1, \dots, n, j=1, \dots, m'(i))\}.$$

By the similar argument to p_2 , we have

$$p_3 = \int_{D_3} (k-1)/(M+n) dH(x_1, \dots, x_n) \\ = [(k-1)/(M+n)] P((X_1, \dots, X_n) \in D_3) \\ = [(k-1)/(M+n)] P(Y_{k-1,1} \in A_{k1}, Y_{k,j-1} \in A_{kj}(j=2, \dots, m'(k)), \\ Y_{ij} \in A_{ij}(i=k+1, \dots, n, j=1, \dots, m'(i)), \\ (X_n, \dots, X_1) \in C_0(0, \dots, 0, 1, m'(k)-1, m'(k+1), \dots, m'(n))) \\ = [(k-1)/(M+n)] [(k-2)! M^{m'(k)-1} \prod_{i=k+1}^n ((i-1)! M^{m'(i)}) \\ \times Q(A_{k1}) \prod_{j=2}^{m'(k)} Q(A_{kj}) \prod_{i=k+1}^n \prod_{j=1}^{m'(i)} Q(A_{ij}) / M^{(n)} \\ = \prod_{i=k}^n ((i-1)! M^{m'(i)}) \prod_{i=k}^n \prod_{j=1}^{m'(i)} Q(A_{ij}) / M^{(n+1)} \quad (2.5)$$

From the evaluations of p_1 , p_2 , p_3 , we know that the lemma holds for $n+1$ and thus proved it by induction.

PROOF OF LEMMA 3. Lemma 4 also holds for $(X_1, \dots, X_n) \in C_0(m(1), \dots, m(n))$. The number of ways that n observations X_1, \dots, X_n are permuted differently with $(X_1, \dots, X_n) \in C(m(1), \dots, m(n))$ and $\sum_{i=1}^n im(i) = n$ is $n! / \sum_{i=1}^n [m(i)! (i!)^{m(i)}]$. To multiply the right-hand side of (2.2) with $(X_1, \dots, X_n) \in C_0(m(1), \dots, m(n))$ by this number yields (2.1).

If we take $A_{ij} = \mathbf{R}$ for $i=1, \dots, n, j=1, \dots, m(i)$ in Lemma 3, then we have the following lemma which is found in Antoniak [1].

LEMMA 5. (Antoniak [1]).

$$P((X_1, \dots, X_n) \in C(m(1), \dots, m(n))) = n! M^{\sum_{i=1}^n m(i)} / M^{(n)} \prod_{i=1}^n (m(i)! i^{m(i)}).$$

The following theorem is essentially similar to Theorem 3.1 of Yamato [4].

THEOREM 1. Given $(X_1, \dots, X_n) \in C(m(1), \dots, m(n))$, $X_{11}, X_{12}, \dots, X_{1m(1)}, X_{21}, X_{22}, \dots, X_{2m(2)}, \dots, X_{n1}$ are independent and identically distributed with the distribution Q .

PROOF. For any $A_{ij} \in \mathbf{B}(i=1, \dots, n, j=1, \dots, m(i))$, by Lemma 3 and 5 we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& P(X_{ij} \in A_{ij} | i=1, \dots, n, j=1, \dots, m(i)) | (X_1, \dots, X_n) \in C(m(1), \dots, m(n)) \\
& = P(X_{ij} \in A_{ij} | i=1, \dots, n, j=1, \dots, m(i)), \\
& \quad (X_1, \dots, X_n) \in C(m(1), \dots, m(n)) / P((X_1, \dots, X_n) \in C(m(1), \dots, m(n))) \\
& = \sum_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^{m(i)} Q(A_{ij}).
\end{aligned}$$

3. Expectation of Random Functionals

By the use of Theorem 1 we shall prove the following theorem (Yamato [4]) for nonatomic parameter α . Our method of proof is different from Yamato [4]. \mathbf{R}^n is the n -dimensional Euclidean space and \mathbf{B}^n is the σ -field of Borel subsets of \mathbf{R}^n for $n=2, 3, \dots$.

THEOREM 2 (Yamato [4]). *Let $h(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ be a real-valued measurable function defined on $(\mathbf{R}^n, \mathbf{B}^n)$ and symmetric in x_1, \dots, x_n . Let \mathbf{P} be a Dirichlet process on (\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{B}) with parameter α . Let X_1, \dots, X_n be a sample from \mathbf{P} . Then*

$$\begin{aligned}
Eh(X_1, \dots, X_n) &= \Sigma^* \left[n! M^{\Sigma_{i=1}^n m(i)} / M^{(n)} \prod_{i=1}^n (m(i)! i^{m(i)}) \right] \\
& \quad \int_{\mathbf{X}^{\Sigma m(i)}} h(x_{11}, \dots, x_{1m(1)}, x_{21}, x_{21}, \dots, \\
& \quad x_{2m(2)}, x_{2m(2)}, \dots, x_{n1}, \dots, x_{n1}) \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^{m(i)} dQ(x_{ij}), \tag{3.1}
\end{aligned}$$

provided all integrals of the right-hand side exist. Where Σ^* denotes the summation over all n nonnegative integers $m(1), \dots, m(n)$ satisfying $\sum_{i=1}^n im(i) = n$ and in the arguments of the integrand of the right-hand side x_{is} appears at exactly i times for $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ and $s=1, \dots, m(i)$.

PROOF. We give the proof for nonatomic parameter α . From Theorem 1, for nonnegative integers $m(1), \dots, m(n)$ with $\sum_{i=1}^n im(i) = n$, given $(X_1, \dots, X_n) \in C(m(1), \dots, m(n))$, $X_{11}, \dots, X_{1m(n)}, X_{21}, \dots, X_{2m(2)}, \dots, X_{n1}$ are independent and identically distributed with the distribution Q . h is symmetric in x_1, \dots, x_n . Therefore we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& E[h(X_1, \dots, X_n) | (X_1, \dots, X_n) \in C(m(1), \dots, m(n))] \\
& = E[h(X_{11}, \dots, X_{1m(1)}, X_{21}, X_{21}, \dots, X_{2m(2)}, X_{2m(2)}, \dots, \\
& \quad X_{n1}, \dots, X_{n1}) | (X_1, \dots, X_n) \in C(m(1), \dots, m(n))] \tag{3.2} \\
& = \int_{\mathbf{X}^{\Sigma m(i)}} h(x_{11}, \dots, x_{1m(1)}, x_{21}, x_{21}, \dots, \\
& \quad x_{2m(2)}, x_{2m(2)}, \dots, x_{n1}, \dots, x_{n1}) \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^{m(i)} dQ(x_{ij}),
\end{aligned}$$

which exists for each n nonnegative integers $m(1), \dots, m(n)$ with $\sum_{i=1}^n im(i) = n$ by the assumption. Since by Lemma 5 for each n nonnegative integers $m(1), \dots, m(n)$ with

$$\sum_{i=1}^n im(i) = n,$$

$$P((X_1, \dots, X_n) \in C(m(1), \dots, m(n))) = n! M^{\sum_{i=1}^n m(i)} / M^{(n)} \prod_{i=1}^n (m(i)! i^{m(i)}),$$

taking expectation of (3.2) we have (3.1).

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