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INTRODUCTION

- The Chinese restaurant process and the stick-breaking process are the two most commonly used representations of the Pitman–Yor process.
- However, the usual proof of the connection between them is indirect.
- [Miller \(2018\)](#) proved directly that the stick-breaking process gives rise to the Chinese restaurant process representation of the Dirichlet process.
- The Dirichlet process is a special case of the Pitman–Yor process.
- We extend Miller’s proof to Pitman–Yor process random measures.

PITMAN–YOR & DIRICHLET PROCESSES

- The Dirichlet Process (DP) and the Pitman–Yor process (PY, [Pitman and Yor, 1997](#)) are discrete random probability measures.
- The PY is parametrized by $d \in (0, 1)$, $\alpha > -d$, and a base probability measure P_0 . The DP is recovered by letting $d = 0$.
- The stick-breaking representation ([Sethuraman, 1994](#)) is given by

$$v_i \sim \begin{cases} \text{Beta}(1, \alpha) & \text{for DP} \\ \text{Beta}(1 + d, \alpha + id) & \text{for PY} \end{cases}$$

$$\pi_k = v_k \prod_{i=1}^{k-1} (1 - v_i), \phi_k \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} P_0.$$

We define the random process P by

$$P = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \pi_k \delta_{\phi_k}.$$

- The Chinese restaurant process ([Antoniak, 1974](#)) is the distribution induced on random partitions \mathcal{C} given by

$$P(\mathcal{C} = C) = \begin{cases} \frac{\alpha^{|\mathcal{C}|} \Gamma(\alpha)}{\Gamma(n + \alpha)} \prod_{c \in C} \Gamma(|c|) & \text{for DP} \\ \frac{d^t (\frac{\alpha}{d})_t}{(\alpha)_{(n)}} \prod_{j=1}^t (1 - d)_{(|c_j| - 1)} & \text{for PY.} \end{cases}$$

THEOREM

Suppose π follows the [PY stick-breaking](#), and

$$z_1, \dots, z_n | \pi = \pi \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \pi, \text{ that is, } \mathbb{P}(z_i = k | \pi) = \pi_k,$$

and \mathcal{C} is the partition of $[n]$ induced by z_1, \dots, z_n . Then \mathcal{C} follows the [PY Chinese restaurant process](#).

TECHNICAL LEMMAS

Our proof relies on the following lemmas, which here we will state without proof. Let us abbreviate $z = (z_1, \dots, z_n)$. Given $z \in \mathbb{N}^n$, let C_z denote the partition $[n]$ induced by z . We define $m(z) = \max\{z_1, \dots, z_n\}$, and $g_k(z) = \#\{i: z_i \geq k\}$.

Lemma 1 For any $z \in \mathbb{N}^n$,

$$\mathbb{P}(z = z) = \frac{1}{(\alpha)_{(n)}} \prod_{c \in C_z} \frac{\Gamma(|c| + 1 - d)}{\Gamma(1 - d)} \prod_{k=1}^{m(z)} \frac{\alpha + (k - 1)d}{g_k(z) + \alpha + (k - 1)d}.$$

Lemma 2 For any partition C of $[n]$,

$$\sum_{z \in \mathbb{N}^n} \mathbb{1}(C_z = C) \prod_{k=1}^{m(z)} \frac{\alpha + (k - 1)d}{g_k(z) + \alpha + (k - 1)d} = \frac{d^t (\frac{\alpha}{d})_t}{\prod_{c \in C} (|c| - d)}.$$

PROOF OF THEOREM

$$\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{C} = C) = \sum_{z \in \mathbb{N}^n} \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{C} = C | z) \mathbb{P}(z = z)$$

$$\stackrel{(a)}{=} \sum_{z \in \mathbb{N}^n} \mathbb{1}(C_z = C) \frac{1}{(\alpha)_{(n)}} \prod_{c \in C_z} \frac{\Gamma(|c| + 1 - d)}{\Gamma(1 - d)} \prod_{k=1}^{m(z)} \frac{\alpha + (k - 1)d}{g_k(z) + \alpha + (k - 1)d}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(\alpha)_{(n)}} \prod_{c \in C} \frac{\Gamma(|c| + 1 - d)}{\Gamma(1 - d)} \sum_{z \in \mathbb{N}^n} \mathbb{1}(C_z = C) \prod_{k=1}^{m(z)} \frac{\alpha + (k - 1)d}{g_k(z) + \alpha + (k - 1)d}$$

$$\stackrel{(b)}{=} \frac{1}{(\alpha)_{(n)}} \prod_{c \in C} \frac{\Gamma(|c| + 1 - d)}{\Gamma(1 - d)} \frac{d^t (\frac{\alpha}{d})_t}{\prod_{c \in C} (|c| - d)}$$

$$\stackrel{(c)}{=} \frac{1}{(\alpha)_{(n)}} \prod_{c \in C} (1 - d)_{(|c| - 1)} \prod_{c \in C} (|c| - d) \frac{d^t (\frac{\alpha}{d})_t}{\prod_{c \in C} (|c| - d)}$$

$$= \frac{d^t (\frac{\alpha}{d})_t}{(\alpha)_{(n)}} \prod_{j=1}^t (1 - d)_{(|c_j| - 1)}$$

where (a) is by Lemma 1, (b) is by Lemma 2, and (c) is since $\Gamma(|c| + 1 - d) = (|c| - d)\Gamma(|c| - d)$.

FURTHER RESEARCH

- The Dirichlet process and the Pitman–Yor process are only special cases of a broad class of random measures called Gibbs-type random measures.
- An interesting further study would be to investigate the possibility of extending this proof to Gibbs-type random measures.

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