

## Lecture 3 : Frequency typicality

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## 1 Definitions

- $[m] := \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m\}$
- $Z_{[m]} := (Z_1 Z_2 Z_3 \dots Z_m)$  a random vector taking values in  $\mathbb{Z}_1 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}_m =: \mathbb{Z}_{[m]}$
- For any  $A \subseteq [m]$ ,  $Z_A := (Z_k : k \in A) \in \prod_{k \in A} \mathbb{Z}_k =: \mathbb{Z}_A$
- $Z_{[m]}^n := (Z_{[m],1} Z_{[m],2} \dots Z_{[m],n})$ ,  $Z_{[m],i} \in \mathbb{Z}_{[m]}$
- $Z_A^n := (Z_{A,1} Z_{A,2} \dots Z_{A,n})$ , where  $Z_{A,i} = (Z_{k,i} : k \in A)$ ,  $Z_{A,i} \in \mathbb{Z}_A$
- $z_{[m]}^n \in \mathbb{Z}_{[m]}^n = \prod_{i=1}^n \mathbb{Z}_{[m]}$
- $z_A^n \in \mathbb{Z}_A^n = \prod_{i=1}^n \mathbb{Z}_A$
- $N(a_{[m]} | z_{[m]}^n) := \sum_{i=1}^n 1 \{z_{[m],i} = a_{[m]}\} =$  frequency of occurrence of the  $m$ -tuple  $a_{[m]}$ , where  $a_{[m]} \in \mathbb{Z}_{[m]}$ , in the given sequence  $z_{[m]}^n$ .
- $T_\delta^{(n)} := \left\{ z_{[m]}^n \in \mathbb{Z}_{[m]}^n : \left| \frac{1}{n} N(a_{[m]} | z_{[m]}^n) - p_{Z_{[m]}}(a_{[m]}) \right| \leq \frac{\delta p_{Z_{[m]}}(a_{[m]})}{\log |\mathbb{Z}_{[m]}|}, \forall a_{[m]} \in \mathbb{Z}_{[m]} \right\}$
- $T_\delta^{(n)}(Z_A) := \left\{ z_A^n \in \mathbb{Z}_A^n : (z_A^n, z_{A^c}^n) \in T_\delta^{(n)}, \text{ for some } z_{A^c}^n \in \mathbb{Z}_{A^c}^n \right\}$ .  $T_\delta^{(n)}(Z_A)$  is the projection of  $T_\delta^{(n)}$  on  $\mathbb{Z}_A^n$ .
- For any  $z_B^n \in \mathbb{Z}_B^n$ ,  $T_\delta^{(n)}(Z_A | z_B^n) := \left\{ z_A^n \in \mathbb{Z}_A^n : (z_A^n, z_B^n) \in T_\delta^{(n)}(Z_{A \cup B}) \right\}$ . This is the projection of those sequences in  $T_\delta^{(n)}$  with a specific component in  $B$ .
- $\left| \frac{1}{n} \log a_n - b \right| \leq \epsilon \iff a_n \doteq 2^{nb \pm n\epsilon}$

**Remarks:**

1.  $z_{[m]}^n \in T_\delta^{(n)} \implies z_A^n \in T_\delta^{(n)}(Z_A)$ , for any  $A \subseteq [m]$  (by definition).
2.  $N(a_A | z_A^n) := \sum_{i=1}^n 1 \{z_{A,i} = a_A\} = \sum_{a_{A^c}} N(a_A, a_{A^c} | z_A^n, z_{A^c}^n)$ , for any arbitrary  $z_{A^c}^n \in \mathbb{Z}_{A^c}^n$ .
3.  $z_{[m]}^n \in T_\delta^{(n)} \implies \left| \frac{1}{n} N(a_A | z_A^n) - p_{Z_A}(a_A) \right| \leq \frac{\delta p_{Z_A}(a_A)}{\log |\mathbb{Z}_{[m]}|}$ . Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned}
\left| \frac{1}{n} N(a_A | z_A^n) - p_{Z_A}(a_A) \right| &= \left| \sum_{a_{A^c}} \frac{1}{n} N(a_A, a_{A^c} | z_A^n, z_{A^c}^n) - \sum_{a_{A^c}} p_{Z_{[m]}}(a_A, a_{A^c}) \right| \\
&\leq \sum_{a_{A^c}} \left| \frac{1}{n} N(a_A, a_{A^c} | z_A^n, z_{A^c}^n) - p_{Z_{[m]}}(a_A, a_{A^c}) \right| \\
&\leq \sum_{a_{A^c}} \delta \frac{p_{Z_{[m]}}(a_A, a_{A^c})}{\log |\mathbb{Z}_{[m]}|} \\
&= \delta \frac{p_{Z_A}(a_A)}{\log |\mathbb{Z}_{[m]}|}.
\end{aligned}$$

## 2 Frequency typicality

**Lemma 1** For every  $\delta > 0$ , the following hold for all sufficiently large  $n$ .

1.  $Pr\left\{Z_{[m]}^n \in T_\delta^{(n)}\right\} \geq 1 - \delta$  and therefore  $Pr\left\{Z_A^n \in T_\delta^{(n)}(Z_A)\right\} \geq 1 - \delta$ .
2.  $z_A^n \in T_\delta^{(n)}(Z_A) \implies \left|\frac{1}{n} \log p_{Z_A^n}(z_A^n) + H(Z_A)\right| \leq \delta$ .
3.  $(z_A^n, z_B^n) \in T_\delta^{(n)}(Z_{A \cup B}), A \cap B = \emptyset \implies \left|\frac{1}{n} \log p_{Z_A^n | Z_B^n}(z_A^n | z_B^n) + H(Z_A | Z_B)\right| \leq 2\delta$ .
4.  $(1 - \delta)2^{nH(Z_A) - n\delta} \leq \left|T_\delta^{(n)}(Z_A)\right| \leq 2^{nH(Z_A) + n\delta}$  so that  $\left|T_\delta^{(n)}(Z_A)\right| \doteq 2^{nH(Z_A) \pm 2n\delta}$ .
5.  $\tilde{Z}_{[m]}^n \sim p_{Z_A} p_{Z_B | Z_A} p_{Z_C | Z_A}, A \cup B \cup C = [m], A \cap B = B \cap C = C \cap A = \emptyset, \tilde{Z}_{[m]}^n$  i.i.d. copies with generic distribution that of  $\tilde{Z}_{[m]}^n$ . Then  $Pr\left\{\tilde{Z}_{[m]}^n \in T_\delta^{(n)}\right\} \doteq 2^{-nI(Z_B; Z_C | Z_A) \pm 7n\delta}$ .

**Proof** See solution to homework 1. ■

## 3 Conditional frequency typicality

**Lemma 2** For every  $\delta > 0$ , the following hold for all sufficiently large  $n$ .

1.  $z_A^n \in T_\delta^{(n)}(Z_A) \implies Pr\left\{Z_{A^c}^n \in T_{2\delta}^{(n)}(Z_{A^c} | z_A^n) \mid Z_A^n = z_A^n\right\} \geq 1 - \delta$ , so that for any  $B \subseteq A^c$ ,  
 $Pr\left\{Z_B^n \in T_{2\delta}^{(n)}(Z_B | z_A^n) \mid Z_A^n = z_A^n\right\} \geq 1 - \delta$ .
2.  $z_A^n \in T_\delta^{(n)}(Z_A)$  and  $B \subseteq A^c \implies (1 - \delta)2^{nH(Z_B | Z_A) - 2n\delta} \leq \left|T_{2\delta}^{(n)}(Z_B | z_A^n)\right| \leq 2^{nH(Z_B | Z_A) + 2n\delta}$ .

**Proof** See solution to homework 1. ■

**Remarks:** Note the  $2\delta$  in  $T_{2\delta}^{(n)}(Z_B | z_A^n)$ .