

S4 Text: Optimal estimator for 0,1 cost function is MAP estimator

The cost function associated with the L0 norm is given by

$$\gamma(\hat{X}, X) = E\left[(\hat{X} - X)^0\right]$$

$$\gamma(\hat{X}, X) = \sum_X (\hat{X} - X)^0 p(X)$$

Splitting the summation for all \hat{X} that do and do not equal X

$$\gamma(\hat{X}, X) = \sum_{X_k = \hat{X}} 0 p(X_k) + \sum_{\forall X \neq \hat{X}} p(X)$$

The first term disappears and the second term can be rewritten

$$\gamma(\hat{X}, X) = 1 - p(X_k)$$

The value of \hat{X} that corresponds to the maximally probable X minimizes the cost.

$$\hat{X}^{opt} = \arg \max_X p(X) \quad (\text{S23})$$

Thus, for the 0,1 cost function, the maximum a posteriori (MAP) estimator is the optimal estimator.