

Good Turing Smoothing

- Key Idea: Assume total # unseen events to be n_1 (# of singletons), and adjust all the seen events in the same way

Adjusted count

Sum of counts of all terms that occurred $c(w,d)+1$ times

$$p(w|d) = \frac{c^*(w,d)}{|d|}; \quad c^*(w,d) = \frac{c(w,d)+1}{n_{c(w,d)}} n_{c(w,d)+1}, \quad 0^* = \frac{n_1}{n_0}, \quad 1^* = \frac{2^* n_2}{n_1}, \dots$$

n_r = the number of words with count r

What if $n_{c(w,d)} = 0$? What about $p(w|REF)$?

Share the counts among all the words that occurred $c(w,d)$ times

Heuristics are needed