

Summary (formulation of information and data reduction problem, TBp. 305)

- Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a sample with joint pdf/pmf $f(\mathbf{x}|\Theta)$, where Θ is unknown parameter. $\xrightarrow{\text{statistical modeling}} \text{introduce } \Theta$ (unknown systematic pattern)

Fisher information

X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n contains two types of information:

- * information related to $\Theta \leftarrow$ "important" (useful) information
- * information irrelevant to $\Theta \leftarrow$ useless information

cf.

estimator of θ

For example, toss a coin n times, i.e., X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are i.i.d. from Bernoulli $B(\theta)$, \leftarrow What is important information?

non-invertible

* \bar{X}_n or $T = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ contains information about θ 3/25

what information lost?

* When T is known, say $T = t$, the information that at which trials the t head's occur is irrelevant to θ $\xrightarrow{\text{place heads in } t \text{ out of } n \text{ positions}}$

useless information

* $n=5$, consider the following possible results:

$P(X_1, \dots, X_5 | T=4) \triangleright (0, 1, 1, 1, 1), T=4; (1, 0, 1, 1, 1), T=4;$

$= 1/5 \leftarrow$ irrelevant to $\theta \leftarrow$ true for any t $(1, 1, 0, 1, 1), T=4; (1, 1, 1, 0, 1), T=4;$

$P(X_1, \dots, X_5 | T=1) \triangleright (1, 1, 1, 1, 0), T=4$

$= 1/5 \leftarrow$ irrelevant to $\theta \leftarrow$ $(1, 0, 0, 0, 0), T=1; (0, 1, 0, 0, 0), T=1;$

$(0, 0, 1, 0, 0), T=1; (0, 0, 0, 1, 0), T=1;$

$(0, 0, 0, 0, 1), T=1$

distribution of $X_1, \dots, X_5 | T$

$(0, 0, 0, 0, 1), T=1$

different $\theta \Rightarrow$ the same distribution

cf.

different $\theta \Rightarrow$ different distributions

T $X_1, \dots, X_n | T$

$T \sim \text{Binomial}(5, \theta)$

distribution of T

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- Information about θ is revealed by the different values of T , i.e., larger T , larger θ , and vice versa.

data space (X_1, \dots, X_n) $(0, 1, 0, 0, 0)$

$T = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$

It's enough to keep t

data with same value of T

$T=4$

data reduction

observations that carry same information about θ

- Question.** Is there a statistic $T(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$ which contains all the information in the sample about θ ? If so, a reduction of the original data to this statistic without loss of "information" is possible. useful

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Definition 6.13 (sufficient, TBp. 305)

A statistic $T(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$ is said to be **sufficient** for θ if the conditional distribution of X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n given $T = t$ does not depend on θ for any value of t .

\rightarrow When T is known (given), the rest (probabilistic) information in X_1, \dots, X_n is irrelevant to θ . (check graph in LNp.44)

Note. It is possible that the joint distribution we assigned to the data is not suitable. $\xrightarrow{\text{statistical modeling}}$

Caution: 1. If T is a sufficient statistic, formally, we can keep only T and throw away all X_i 's. Realistically, the X_i 's are used to check whether the model did not fit, or that something was fishy about the data.

2. The definition of "all (important) information" depends on the statistical modeling, i.e., the joint distribution assumption.

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Example 6.20 (sufficient statistics of i.i.d. Bernoulli distribution, TBp. 306)

Let X_1, \dots, X_n be a sequence of independent Bernoulli random variables with $P(X_i = 1) = \theta$. Let $T = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ then $T \sim \text{Binomial}(n, \theta)$

unknown
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$$P(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_n = x_n | T = t) = \frac{P(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_n = x_n, T = t)}{P(T = t)}$$

$$= \frac{\theta^{\sum x_i} (1-\theta)^{n-\sum x_i}}{\binom{n}{t} \theta^t (1-\theta)^{n-t}} = \frac{1}{\binom{n}{t}}$$

This carries information about where the 1's locate, which is irrelevant to θ

If $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \neq t$, the probability is zero

if $x_1 + \dots + x_n = t$ and x_i are nonnegative integers, and 0 otherwise. The conditional distribution is independent of θ . Hence T is sufficient for θ .

Theorem 6.10 (factorization theorem, TBp. 306)

can be a vector, i.e., $T(\underline{x}) = (T_1(\underline{x}), \dots, T_k(\underline{x}))$

A necessary and sufficient condition for $T(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ to be sufficient for a parameter θ is that the joint pdf or pmf of X_1, \dots, X_n factors in the form

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$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n | \theta) = g(T(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n), \theta) h(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

free of θ

multiplication law

intuition: $P(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_n = x_n) = P(T = t) P(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_n = x_n | T = t)$

Proof: only for discrete case (continuous case requires some regularity conditions, but the basic idea are the same.): (\Leftarrow) Suppose

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n | \theta) = g(T(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n), \theta) h(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n).$$

Then

$$P(T = t) = \sum_{T(\mathbf{x})=t} P(\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x}) = g(t, \theta) \sum_{T(\mathbf{x})=t} h(\mathbf{x}),$$

$$P(\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x} | T = t) = \frac{P(\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x}, T = t)}{P(T = t)} = \frac{g(t, \theta) \cdot h(\mathbf{x})}{g(t, \theta) \cdot \sum_{T(\mathbf{x})=t} h(\mathbf{x})},$$

for \mathbf{x} s.t. $T(\mathbf{x}) = t$

the sum is irrelevant to θ

which does not depend on θ . Hence T is sufficient for θ . (\Rightarrow) Conversely, suppose that the conditional distribution of \mathbf{X} given T is independent of θ .

Let

$$g(t, \theta) = P(T = t | \theta), \quad h(\mathbf{x}) = P(\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x} | T = t).$$

Then $P(\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x} | \theta) = P(T = t | \theta) P(\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x} | T = t) = g(t, \theta) h(\mathbf{x})$ as required.

Theorem 6.11 (MLE and sufficient statistics, TBp.309) \rightarrow check \star in LNp 46

If T is sufficient for θ , then the maximum likelihood estimate for θ , if unique, is a function of T .

Note for any sufficient statistics

Proof. From factorization theorem, the likelihood is $g(t, \theta) h(\mathbf{x})$.

To maximize this quantity we only need to maximize $g(t, \theta)$.

Note. It does not mean that MLE is always sufficient.

Example 6.21 (cont. Ex. 6.20, sufficient statistic of i.i.d. Bernoulli distribution, TBp.309)

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be independent Bernoulli random variables

$$P(X_i = x) = \theta^x (1 - \theta)^{1-x}, \quad x = 0 \text{ or } 1.$$

Then

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n | \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \theta^{x_i} (1 - \theta)^{1-x_i} = \theta^{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} (1 - \theta)^{n - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i}$$

dimension
reduction
 $n \rightarrow 1$

$$= \left(\frac{\theta}{1 - \theta} \right)^{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} (1 - \theta)^n = g(t, \theta) h(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

where

$$t = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i, \quad g(t, \theta) = \left(\frac{\theta}{1 - \theta} \right)^t (1 - \theta)^n, \quad h(x) = 1$$

By factorization
Thm.

Note. T and
 (X_1, \dots, X_n)
yield the same
amount of
Fisher
information

Hence $T = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ is sufficient for θ . \longleftrightarrow cf. Ex 6.18 (LN p.36-38)

Example 6.22 (sufficient statistics of i.i.d. Normal distribution, TBp.308)

If $X_i \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, are i.i.d, where μ, σ are unknown. Then

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n | \mu, \sigma) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{2\pi}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (x_i - \mu)^2 \right\}$$

\hookrightarrow parameters

dimension
reduction
 $n \rightarrow 2$

$$= \frac{1}{\sigma^n (2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2 \right\}$$

Sufficient $\rightarrow (\hat{\mu}, \hat{\sigma}^2)$

one-to-one
transformation

$$= \frac{1}{\sigma^n (2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - 2\mu \sum_{i=1}^n x_i + n\mu^2 \right) \right\}$$

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x}_n)^2$$

$$\hat{\mu} = \bar{x}_n$$

and $(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i, \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2)$ is a 2-dimensional sufficient statistic for (μ, σ) .