

Lect. 24
Wed. 3/17

St. Patrick's Day!



Sufficient Statistics

A statistic is a "measurable" function of the observed data in a random experiment...

$$Y \in \mathcal{P}$$

$T: \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \Delta$ $T(Y)$ is a random variable in its own right.
It's a statistic.

Goal: Is to estimate θ , a parameter indexing the family of distributions describing model

$$\mathcal{P}_\theta: \theta \in \Delta, f_\theta(y) \theta \in \Delta$$

Usually we think of θ in the non-Bayesian way.

Q: Is possible that some $T(Y)$ carries info needed to est. θ ?

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Bernouli Trials Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_m 0,1 rand. vars.
iid

$$P_{\theta}(y_i) = \begin{cases} \theta & y_i = 1 \\ 1 - \theta & y_i = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$= \theta^{y_i} (1 - \theta)^{1 - y_i}$$

$$P_{\theta}(y) = \prod_{i=1}^m P_{\theta}(y_i) = \theta^k (1 - \theta)^{m-k} \quad \text{where } k = \sum_{i=1}^m y_i$$

$(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m)^T$

= # of 1s in y
 $\triangleq T(y)$

Let K be the corresp. r.v.

It is well known that

$$P_{\theta}(k) = \binom{m}{k} \theta^k (1 - \theta)^{m-k}$$

Consider the joint pmf of Y and K :

$$P_{\theta}(y, k) = P_{\theta}(\{Y=y, K=k\}).$$

$$= \begin{cases} P_{\theta}(y) & \text{if } k = \# \text{ ones in } y \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

With this the conditional pmf is

$$P_{\theta}(y|k) = \frac{P_{\theta}(y, k)}{P_{\theta}(k)} = \frac{P_{\theta}(y)}{P_{\theta}(k)} \quad \text{if } k = \# \text{ ones in } y.$$

$$= \frac{\theta^k (1-\theta)^{m-k}}{\binom{m}{k} \theta^k (1-\theta)^{m-k}} = \frac{1}{\binom{m}{k}} \quad \text{if } k = \# \text{ ones in } y.$$

\Rightarrow Condition prob. of y given k is "unif. dist." on all of the $\binom{m}{k}$ seqs. y which have k ones.

See that the cond. dist. of Y given $K=k$ is indep. of θ .

\Rightarrow The pmf of Y is a scaled version of that for k .

$$P_{\theta}(y) = \underbrace{P_{\theta}(y|k)}_{\binom{m}{k}^{-1} \text{ and indep of } \theta} P_{\theta}(k)$$

\Rightarrow The dependence of the original random sample Y on the param θ is carried by the statistic $T(Y)$.

(Classical Suff. Stat.)

Def: A statistic $T(Y)$ is sufficient for the family $P_{\theta} \theta \in \Lambda$ of dists. for Y if the cond. dist. of Y given $T(Y)$ does not dep. on θ for any $\theta \in \Lambda$.

Bayesian Sufficiency

⊕ a rand. vector.

$T(Y)$ is said to be sufficient for est. ⊕ if

$$P_{\oplus|T}(\theta|t) = P_{\oplus|Y}(\theta|y) \quad t = t(y)$$

Classical → comes from Fisher 1922

Bayes → Kolmogorov 1942


$$P_{\theta}(y) = P_{Y|\oplus}(y|\theta).$$

Another "Look" At Sufficiency (Van Trees Book)

- A likelihood ratio in detection was our 1st example of a suff. statistic.
- The notion of s.s. was a byproduct of standard procedure for solving a H.T. **** Didn't Save Any Work ****
 \Rightarrow Most important ... Find s.s. before lots of work.

Say $Y = (Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n)^T$ a vector of observations.

$T(Y)$ be a one-Lim. statistic.

Imagine a coord transformation

$$X = \tilde{T}(Y) = \left(T(Y), \underbrace{X_2, \dots, X_n}_Z \right)^T \quad \tilde{T} \text{ is invertible}$$

Must be able to write the likelihood ratio

$$L(y) = \tilde{L}(t, z) = \frac{P_{T,Z|H_1}(t, z|H_1)}{P_{T,Z|H_0}(t, z|H_0)}$$

$$\tilde{L}(t, z) = \frac{P_{Z|T, H_1}(z|t, H_1) P_{T|H_1}(t|H_1)}{P_{Z|T, H_0}(z|t, H_0) P_{T|H_0}(t|H_0)}$$

If $T(Y)$ is a suff. stat., then $L(y)$ must reduce to some $\tilde{L}(t)$.

Must be able to cancel terms

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$$P_{Z|T, H_1}(z|t, H_1) = P_{Z|T, H_0}(z|t, H_0).$$

Choosing a scalar suff. stat. is equiv. to picking a coord syst. in which one coord contains all info needed to make dec.