

Def Two statistics $T(X)$ and $S(X)$ are equivalent if \exists functions $p(t)$ and $q(s)$ s.t.

$$T(x) = q(S(x)) \text{ and } S(x) = p(T(x))$$

Thm If $T(X)$ and $S(X)$ are equivalent, $T(X)$ is sufficient for θ iff $S(X)$ is sufficient for θ

There is a Bayesian notion of sufficiency - of course (since for a Bayesian it is the posterior dsn that is of interest) it must be phrased in terms of the posterior

Def For a prior G , a statistic $T(X)$ is Bayes sufficient for θ if the posterior for θ (conditional on $\theta | X=x$) depends upon x only through $T(x)$ (any two x 's with the same value of $T(x)$ have the same posterior)

pretty generally

$T(X)$ sufficient
for θ

\Rightarrow

$T(X)$ Bayes
sufficient for
prior G

Why?

$$g(\theta|x) \propto \underbrace{L(\theta)}_{h(x)} g(\theta)$$

$$g(T(x), \theta) h(x)$$

on the other hand

$T(X)$ Bayes sufficient for all G

or
 $T(X)$ Bayes sufficient for a G with $g(\theta) > 0 \forall \theta$

$\Rightarrow T(X)$ is sufficient for θ

As we have a nice / helpful theorem giving an equivalent condition for the factorization theorem in their section 6.1

Lemma 6.1 For a function $T(z)$ the following are equivalent

Factorization criterion \Rightarrow i)

\exists functions $h(z)$ and $g(t, \theta)$ such that

$$f(z|\theta) = g(T(z), \theta) h(z)$$

The likelihood ratio criterion \Rightarrow ii)

For any pair z, z' with $T(z) = T(z')$

$$\frac{f(z|\theta_1)}{f(z|\theta_2)} = \frac{f(z'|\theta_1)}{f(z'|\theta_2)} \quad \forall \theta_1, \theta_2$$

So one immediately has sufficiency \Leftrightarrow l.r. criterion

Example 2-class model $\Theta = \{0, 1\}$ and $f(x|\theta)$

$$\Lambda(x) = \frac{f(x|1)}{f(x|0)}$$

is a sufficient statistic

simple discrete example with $f(x|\theta)$:

	0	1	2	3	4
1	.2	.2	.4	.1	.1
0	.1	.35	.2	.3	.05

$\Lambda(x)$ is:

	0	1	2	3	4
$\Lambda(x)$	2	$\frac{4}{7}$	2	$\frac{1}{3}$	2

$\Lambda(X)$ is sufficient, as is anything equivalent to it, like e.g.

$$T(0) = T(2) = T(4) = \sqrt{\pi}$$

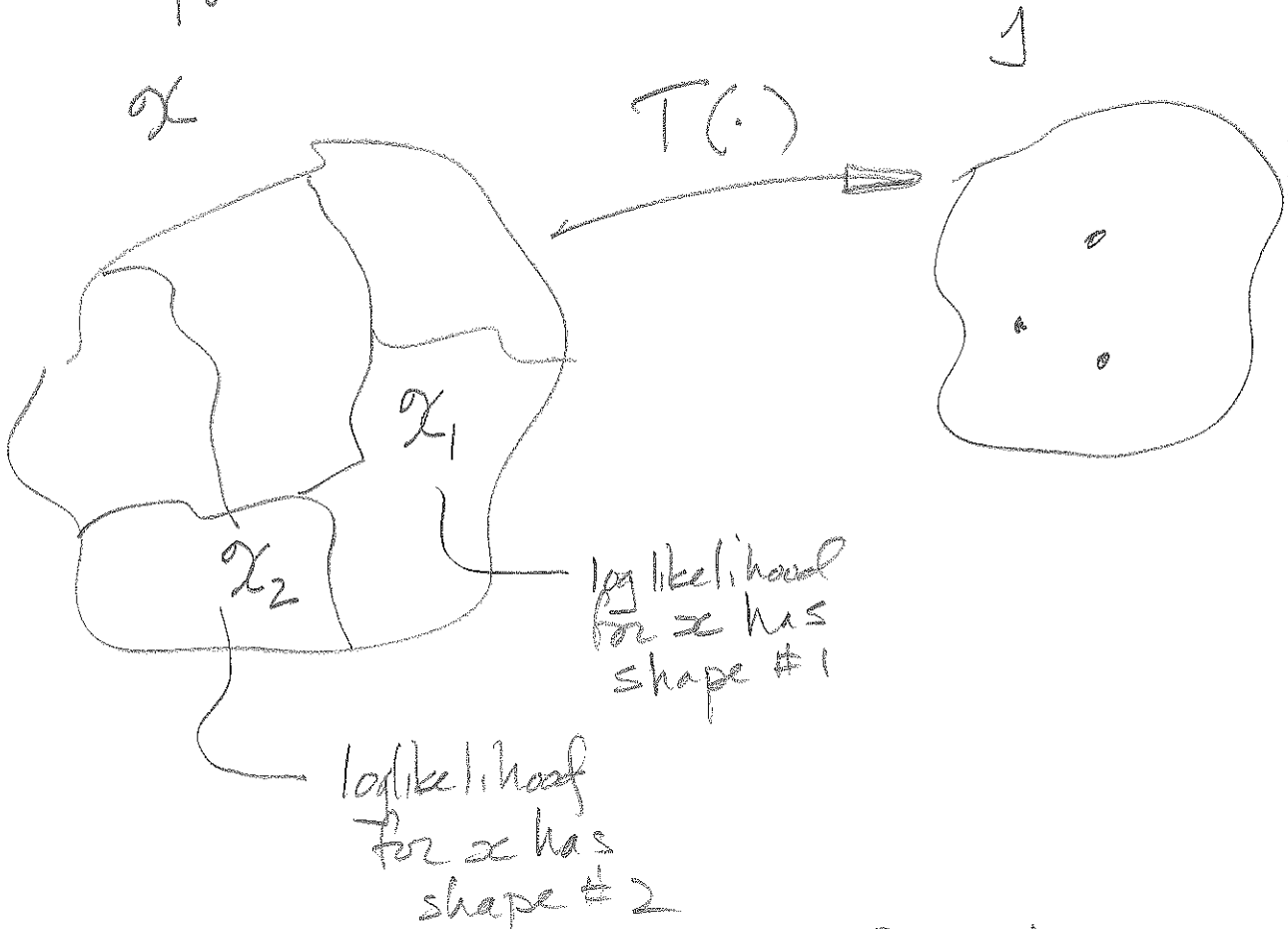
$$T(1) = 17 \quad \text{and} \quad T(3) = -700$$

Minimal Sufficiency

The idea here is to reduce X as far as possible w/o losing sufficiency

Def A statistic $T(X)$ is called minimal sufficient provided it is sufficient for Θ and for any other sufficient statistic S , \exists a function $g(S)$ on

The big picture regarding minimal sufficiency (that has to be quantified + qualified, but nevertheless is the fundamental story) is:



etc. Then T is minimal sufficient iff

$$T(x) = t_1 \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{X}_1$$

$$T(x) = t_2 \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{X}_2$$

etc.

where the t_1, t_2, \dots are all different

The range of S such that
 $T(x) = \eta(S(x))$

What can be said about locating a minimal sufficient statistic and/or proving that a sufficient statistic is minimal sufficient?

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Thm Suppose $f(x|\theta) \forall \theta \in \Theta$ is either a pdf for X on \mathbb{R}^k or a pmf and $T(X)$ is a sufficient statistic. If

(the existence of a number $k(x,y) > 0$
 $f(y|\theta) = f(x|\theta)k(x,y)$
 $\forall \theta$) $\Rightarrow T(y) = T(x)$

Then $T(X)$ is minimal sufficient.

Note:

$\left(\frac{f(y|\theta)}{f(x|\theta)} \right) \approx$

the existence of a number $k(x,y) > 0$ s.t.

$\ln L_y(\theta) = \ln L_x(\theta) + \ln k(x,y)$
 $\forall \theta$

roughly: $\frac{f(y|\theta)}{f(x|\theta)}$ is free of θ

The log likelihoods for y and x have the same shape

we don't quite want to say it these ways because we don't want to worry about division by 0 or $\ln(0)$ cases - but roughly the Thm says

$T(X)$ sufficient and (loglikelihood for x, y with the same shape $\Rightarrow T(x) = T(y)$)
 $\Rightarrow T(X)$ is minimal sufficient

PF: See "handout" on web page

Make some applications to finite Θ (k -class) models =

Application 1 $\Theta = \{0, 1\}$ (2-class problem) -

We've already said that $\frac{f(x|1)}{f(x|0)} = l(x)$

sufficient since the likelihood ratio and factorization criteria are equivalent - Then if for $x, y \exists k(x, y) > 0$ s.t. $f(x|1) = f(y|1) k(x, y)$
 and $f(x|0) = f(y|0) k(x, y)$

then

$$\frac{f(x|1)}{f(x|0)} = \frac{f(y|1)}{f(y|0)} \frac{k(x, y)}{k(x, y)}$$

i.e. $l(x) = l(y)$ and $l(X)$ is minimal sufficient

Application 2 $\Theta = \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ (k -class problem)

and if $f(x|j) > 0 \forall x$, Then with

$$l(x) = \left(\frac{f(x|2)}{f(x|1)}, \frac{f(x|3)}{f(x|1)}, \dots, \frac{f(x|k)}{f(x|1)} \right)$$

The same argument will show $l(X)$ to be minimal sufficient

Application 3 For $\Theta = \{1, 2, \dots, K\}$ (K-class problem) completely generally, with

$$s(x) = \sum_{\theta=1}^K f(x|\theta) > 0 \quad \forall x$$

(If not throw x out of the sample space, since it has 0 probability under any θ) the same argument shows that with

the posterior based on a uniform prior

$$l(x) = \left(\frac{f(x|1)}{s(x)}, \frac{f(x|2)}{s(x)}, \dots, \frac{f(x|K)}{s(x)} \right)$$

The K-dimensional $l(X)$ is minimal sufficient (classification problems with even high-dimensional observables x have low-dimensional minimal sufficient statistics that are sort of likelihood ratios and in fact are posteriors)

Example $K=3$ and pmf's $f(x|\theta)$ below

	1	2	3	4	5	6
θ 3	.1	.2	.1	.2	.2	.2
2	.2	.15	.05	.1	.1	.4
1	.1	.2	.2	.2	.2	.1

	1	2	3	4	5	6
$\frac{f(x 2)}{f(x 1)}$	2	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	4
$\frac{f(x 3)}{f(x 1)}$	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	2

So $T(x)$ with $T(4) = T(5) = 17$

$T(1) = 32 \quad T(2) = 63 \quad T(3) = 11 \quad T(6) = 12$

is minimal sufficient - note that altering it by

- 1) setting $T(1) = T(2) = 32$ destroys sufficiency
- 2) instead setting $T(4) = -60$ and $T(5) = 17$ maintains sufficiency (it's now equivalent to X itself, which is always sufficient) but destroys minimality

Example (standard) X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n iid Beta(α, β)

we've seen that $T(X) = (\prod X_i, \prod (1-X_i))$ is sufficient - The joint pdf on $[0, 1]^n$ is

$$f(z | \alpha, \beta) = \frac{1}{(B(\alpha, \beta))^n} (\prod z_i)^{\alpha-1} (\prod (1-z_i))^{\beta-1}$$

$f(y | \alpha, \beta) = k(y, z) f(z | \alpha, \beta)$ as a function of $(\alpha, \beta) \in (0, \infty)^2$ requires that

$$(\prod y_i)^{\alpha-1} (\prod (1-y_i))^{\beta-1} = k(z, y) (\prod z_i)^{\alpha-1} (\prod (1-z_i))^{\beta-1}$$

Set $\beta=1$ and note that this requires that

$$(\prod y_i)^\alpha = k' (\prod z_i)^\alpha$$

i.e. $\left(\frac{\prod y_i}{\prod z_i}\right)^\alpha = k'$ as a function of α

which requires $\prod y_i = \prod z_i$

similarly setting $\alpha=1$ requires $\prod (1-y_i) = \prod (1-z_i)$
and T is minimal sufficient

Example X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n iid with marginal pmf

$$f(x|\theta) = \begin{cases} c(\theta) \frac{\theta^x}{x!} & x=0,1,2,\dots,\lfloor \theta \rfloor \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$c(\theta) = \left(\sum_{x=0}^{\lfloor \theta \rfloor} \frac{\theta^x}{x!} \right)^{-1}$$

iid truncated Poisson r.v.'s - joint pmf on $\{0,1,2,\dots\}^n$ is

$$f(x|\theta) = c^n(\theta) \frac{\theta^{\sum x_i}}{\prod x_i!} I[\max x_i \leq \theta]$$

The factorization theorem then says that

$$T(x) = (\max x_i, \sum x_i)$$

is sufficient - use

$$g(t, \theta) = c^n(\theta) \theta^{t_2} I[t_1 \leq \theta]$$

$$h(x) = \frac{1}{\prod x_i}$$

Then suppose $\exists k(x,y) > 0$ s.t. as functions of θ

$$f(y|\theta) = f(x|\theta) k(x,y)$$

$f(x|\theta)$ is 0 for $\theta < \max x_i$ and positive for $\theta \geq \max x_i$ and the same is true for $f(y|\theta)$ - That forces $\max x_i = \max y_i$

Then for $x, y \in \{0,1,2,\dots\}^n$ and

$$\theta \geq \max x_i = \max y_i$$

$$C^n(\theta) \frac{\theta^{\sum x_i}}{\pi x_i!} = k(y, x) C^n(\theta) \frac{\theta^{\sum y_i}}{\pi y_i!}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\theta^{\sum x_i}}{\pi x_i!} - k(y, x) \frac{\theta^{\sum y_i}}{\pi y_i!} = 0$$

This is a polynomial in θ identically 0 on an interval - since the coefficients are non-zero, this can only happen if $\sum x_i = \sum y_i$ i.e. we have the same powers of θ in both $f(x|\theta)$ and $f(y|\theta)$ i.e.

$$T(x) = T(y)$$

and T is minimal sufficient