



# Advanced Statistical Inference

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# Part One

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# 1. Basic Ideas in Bayesian Analysis

## Mathematical Preparation

Monday January 9

### 1. Product $\sigma$ -Field

$(\Omega_1, \mathcal{F}_1, \mu_1), (\Omega_2, \mathcal{F}_2, \mu_2)$  are two measure spaces. The goal is to construct a  $\sigma$ -field on  $\Omega_1 \times \Omega_2$ .

Let  $\mathcal{A} = \{A \times B : A \in \mathcal{F}_1, B \in \mathcal{F}_2\}$ .

The  $\sigma$ -field generated  $\mathcal{A}$  is called the product  $\sigma$ -field, written as  $\mathcal{F}_1 \times \mathcal{F}_2$ , that is  $\sigma(\mathcal{A})$ . This is NOT a cartesian product, which would be  $\{(A, B) : A \in \mathcal{F}_1, B \in \mathcal{F}_2\}$ .

### 2. Product Measure

Let  $E \in \mathcal{F}_1 \times \mathcal{F}_2$ . Let  $E_2(\omega_1) = \{\omega_2 : (\omega_1, \omega_2) \in E\}$  and similarly,  $E_1(\omega_2) = \{\omega_1 : (\omega_1, \omega_2) \in E\}$ .

It is true (in Billingsly) that

**Theorem 1.0.1 — Number Unknown.** If  $E \in \mathcal{F}_1 \times \mathcal{F}_2$  then  $E_1(\omega_2) \in \mathcal{F}_1$  for all  $\omega_2 \in \Omega_2$ . Similarly,  $E_2(\omega_1) \in \mathcal{F}_2$  for all  $\omega_1 \in \Omega_1$ .

If  $f : \Omega_1 \times \Omega_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  measurable  $\mathcal{F}_1 \times \mathcal{F}_2 \setminus \mathcal{R}$ . Then for each  $\omega_1 \in \Omega_1$ ,

$$f(\omega_1, \cdot) \in \mathcal{R} \text{ for each } \omega_1 \in \Omega_1.$$

$$f(\cdot, \omega_2) \otimes \mathcal{F}_1 \setminus \mathcal{R}$$

Now, for each  $E \in \mathcal{F}_1 \times \mathcal{F}_2$  consider

$$f_{1,E} : \Omega_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{R}, \omega_1 \mapsto \mu_2(E_2, (\omega_2))$$

It can be shown that  $f_{1,E}$  is uniformly measurable  $\mathcal{F}_1 \setminus \mathcal{R}$  for all  $E$ .

*Proof. Outline.*

- Show that if  $\mathcal{L} = \{E : f_{1,E} \otimes \mathcal{F}_1 \setminus \mathcal{R}\}$  then  $\mathcal{L}$  is a  $\lambda$ -system.
  - Let  $\mathcal{P} = \{A \times B : A \in \mathcal{F}_1, B \in \mathcal{F}_2\}$  then it is a  $\pi$ -system.
- Furthermore, if  $E = A \times B$ ,

$$E_2(\omega_1) = \begin{cases} B & \omega_1 \in A \\ \emptyset & \omega_1 \notin A \end{cases}$$

$$\text{So, } \mu_2(E_2(\omega_1)) = \begin{cases} \mu_2(B) & \omega_1 \in A \\ 0 & \omega_1 \notin A \end{cases} = I_A(\omega_1)\mu(B) = f_{1,E}$$

So,  $f_{1,E} \otimes \mathcal{F}_1$ .

Thus  $\mathcal{P} \subseteq \mathcal{L}$ .

- By  $\pi - \lambda$  Theorem,  $\mathcal{F}_1 \times \mathcal{F}_2 \subseteq \mathcal{L}$ .

Similarly,  $f_{2,E} \otimes \mathcal{F}_2 \setminus \mathcal{R}$ .

We can now define two set functions,

$$\pi'(E) = \int f_{1,E} d\mu_1$$

$$\pi''(E) = \int f_{2,E} d\mu_2$$

Again using  $\pi - \lambda$  Theorem, it can be shown that,  $\pi', \pi''$  are both measure and if  $\mu_1, \mu_2$  are  $\sigma$ -finite, then

$$\pi' = \pi'' \text{ on } \mathcal{F}_1 \times \mathcal{F}_2$$

Note that here,  $\mathcal{P}$  equals  $\mathcal{A}$  used at beginning of notes.

We did not have a measure in  $\mathcal{F}_1 \times \mathcal{F}_2$ . Now we have  $\pi', \pi''$  both measures on  $\mathcal{F}_1 \times \mathcal{F}_2$ , they are the same. We call this measure the product measure, written as  $\mu_1 \times \mu_2$ .

Note that  $(\Omega_1 \times \Omega_2, \mathcal{F}_1 \times \mathcal{F}_2, \mu_1 \times \mu_2)$  is called product measure space. ■

### 3. Tonelli's Theorem

$(\Omega_1, \mathcal{F}_1, \mu_1), (\Omega_2, \mathcal{F}_2, \mu_2)$  are two  $\sigma$ -finite measure spaces.

$(\Omega_1 \times \Omega_2, \mathcal{F}_1 \times \mathcal{F}_2, \mu_1 \times \mu_2)$  is the product measure space.

Suppose we have  $f : \Omega_1 \times \Omega_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \otimes \mathcal{F}_1 \times \mathcal{F}_2 \setminus \mathcal{R}$ . Where  $f \geq 0$  and

$$\int f d(\mu_1 \times \mu_2) = \int \left[ \int (f(\cdot, \omega_2) d\mu_1) \right] d\mu_2$$

### 4. Fubini's Theorem



The conclusion of Tonelli's Theorem still holds if  $f$  is NOT nonnegative, but if  $f$  is integrable  $\mu_2$ . (integrable - integral of absolute value of function is finite)

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#### 5. Conditional Probability

This is a special application of Radon- Nikodgm Theorem. We know that

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A,B)}{P(B)}$$

We may define  $P(A|\mathcal{G})$  when  $\mathcal{G} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$  as sub- $\sigma$ -field. We defined this intuitively in elementary probability course (definition above), but we are not going to define it generally.

Now let  $A \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{F}$  be a  $\sigma$ -field. Consider the set function

$$\nu : \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, G \mapsto P(AG)$$

It can be easily shown that  $\nu$  is a measure on  $\mathcal{G}$ . Consider another set function,

$$\mu : \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, G \mapsto P(G)$$

So  $\mu$  is nothing but  $P$  restricted on  $\mathcal{G}$ .

It's easy to show that  $\nu \ll \mu$ .

$$\mu(G) = 0 \Rightarrow P(G) = 0 \Rightarrow P(AG) = 0 \Rightarrow \nu(G) = 0$$

By Radon-Nikodgm Theorem, there exists a  $\delta$  such that

$$\nu(G) = \int_G \delta d\mu \quad \forall G \in \mathcal{G}$$

$\delta$  is called R-N Derivative, written as

$$\delta = \frac{d\nu}{d\mu}$$

and is similar in to  $\frac{P(AG)}{P(G)}$ , but it's more general.

$\delta$  is called the conditional probability of  $A$  given  $\mathcal{G}$ . To distinguish it from  $P(A|B)$ , where  $B$  is a set, we use  $P(A|\mathcal{G})$ , where  $\mathcal{G}$  is a  $\sigma$ -field. By construction,

- (a)  $\delta$  is measurable  $\mathcal{G}$
- (b)  $\int_G \delta d\mu = P(AG) \quad \forall G \in \mathcal{G}$

Note that, by RNT,  $\delta$  is unique with probability 1. Any  $\delta'$  satisfying (a) and (b) has  $\delta' = \delta a.e.P$ . So, we say that  $\delta$  is a version of conditional probability.

So,  $\delta$  is a version of  $P(A|\mathcal{G})$  if and only if (a) and (b) are satisfied. We may define  $P(A|\mathcal{G})$  either by RNT or (a) and (b).

### Properties of Conditional Probability

It behaves like probability, but since it is a function, unique up to a.e. P, these properties have to be qualified by a.s. P.

$$(a) P(\emptyset|\mathcal{G}) = 0, P(\Omega|\mathcal{G}) = 1 \text{ a.s. P}$$

$$(b) 0 \leq P(A|\mathcal{G}) \leq 1 \text{ a.s. P}$$

$$(c) \text{ If } A_1, A_2, \dots \text{ are disjoint members of } \mathcal{F} \text{ then } P(\bigcup_n A_n|\mathcal{G}) = \sum_n P(A_n|\mathcal{G}) \text{ a.s. P}$$

Let's consider the special case where  $\mathcal{G}$  is a  $\sigma$ -field generated by some random element, T (i.e.  $\mathcal{G} = \sigma(T)$ ). More specifically, for some measurable space  $(\Omega_T, \mathcal{F}_T)$  where

$$T : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega_T \text{ in } \mathcal{F} \setminus \mathcal{F}_T \quad \mathcal{G} = T^{-1}(\mathcal{F}_T)$$

Here, we write

$$\begin{aligned} P(A|\mathcal{G}) &= P(A|\sigma(T)) \\ &= P(A|T^{-1}(\mathcal{F}_T)) \\ &= P(A|T) \end{aligned}$$

The following theorem makes checking that something is a conditional probability easier. In principle, we have to check  $\int_G \delta dp = P(AG) \quad \forall G \in \mathcal{G}$ .

**Theorem 1.0.2 — 33.1 in Billingsly.** Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a  $\pi$ -system generating  $\mathcal{G}$  and suppose that  $\Omega$  is a countable union of sets in  $\mathcal{P}$ . An integrable function,  $f$ , is a version of  $P(A|\mathcal{G})$  if

$$(a) f \text{ is measurable } \mathcal{G}$$

$$(b) \int_G f dp = P(AG) \quad \forall G \in \mathcal{P}$$

### 6. Conditional Distribution

Let there be probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ , measurable space  $(\Omega_X, \mathcal{F}_X)$ , and a random element,  $X : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega_X \text{ in } \mathcal{F} \setminus \mathcal{F}_X$ . Also, let  $\mathcal{G} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$  be a sub  $\sigma$ -field.

We are going to define conditional distribution of X given G. Under very mild conditions there is a function

$$f : \mathcal{F}_X \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

such that for each  $A \in \mathcal{F}_X$ ,  $f(A, \cdot)$  is a version of

$$P(X \in A|\mathcal{G}) = P(X^{-1}(A)|\mathcal{G})$$

and, for each  $\omega \in \Omega$ ,  $f(\cdot, \omega)$  is a probability measure on  $(\Omega_X, \mathcal{F}_X)$ .

The only condition for this existence is  $(\Omega_X, \mathcal{F}_X)$  must be a Borel Space, that is  $\mathcal{F}_X$  is Borel  $\sigma$ -field. This should always be the case for our purposes.

### 7. Conditional Expectation

Let us have the same probability space, measurable space, random element, and sub  $\sigma$ -field as defined before, but here with  $\mathbb{R}$ .

We want to define conditional expectation of X given  $\mathcal{G}$ .

First, assume  $X \geq 0$ . Consider a set function,

$$\nu : \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, G \mapsto \int_G X dP$$

It can be easily shown that  $\nu$  is a measure.

Let  $\mu$  again be  $\mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, G \mapsto P(G)$ . Then  $\nu \ll \mu$ . By RNT,  $\delta = \frac{d\nu}{d\mu}$  is well defined. This is defined to be conditional expectation of  $X$  given  $\mathcal{G}$ , written as

$$E(X|\mathcal{G})$$

Suppose  $X \not\geq 0$ , but integrable  $P$ . Recall that  $X = X^+ - X^-$ . Since  $X^+, X^- \geq 0$ , then both  $E(X^+|\mathcal{G}), E(X^-|\mathcal{G})$  are defined by RNT. We define,

$$E(X|\mathcal{G}) = E(X^+|\mathcal{G}) - E(X^-|\mathcal{G})$$

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As in the case of  $P(A|\mathcal{G})$ , the equivalent conditions for  $d : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a version of  $E(X|\mathcal{G})$ .

- (a)  $\delta$  measurable  $\mathcal{G}$
- (b)  $\int_G \delta dP = \int_G X dP \quad \forall G \in \mathcal{G}$

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The value of  $\delta$  in each thick outlined cell is the average (with respect to  $P$  measure) of  $X(\omega)$  over the subcells (thin outlined) in thick cells.

We see from this definition that if  $A \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $X = I_A$  then the second condition becomes

$$\int_G \delta dP = \int_G I_A dP = P(A \cap G)$$

So,  $E(I_A|\mathcal{G}) = P(A|\mathcal{G})$ .

### Properties of Conditional Expectations

**Theorem 1.0.3** 34.2 in Billingsly Suppose that  $X, Y, X_n$  are integrable  $P$ .

If  $X = a$  a.e.  $P$ , then  $E(X|\mathcal{G})$  a.s.  $P$

(b)  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  then

$$E(aX + bY|\mathcal{G}) = a(E(X|\mathcal{G})) + b(E(Y|\mathcal{G})) \text{ a.s. } P$$

(c) If  $X \leq Y$  a.s.  $P$  then

$$E(X|\mathcal{G}) \leq E(Y|\mathcal{G})$$

(d)  $|E(X|\mathcal{G})| \leq E(|X|\mathcal{G})$  a.s.  $P$  (in fact this is true for all convex functions).

(e) If  $X_n \rightarrow X$  a.s.  $P$ ,  $|X_n| \leq Y$ , and  $Y$  integrable  $P$ , then

$$E(X_n|\mathcal{G}) \rightarrow E(X|\mathcal{G}) \text{ a.s. } P$$

*Proof.* Found in Billingsly. ■

**Theorem 1.0.4 — 34.4 in Billingsly.** If  $\mathcal{G}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{G}_2 \subseteq \mathcal{F}$  and  $X$  integrable  $P$ , then

$$E(E(X|\mathcal{G}_2)|\mathcal{G}_1) = E(X|\mathcal{G}_1)$$

This is called the Law of Iterative Conditional Expectation.

**Theorem 1.0.5 — 34.3 in Billingsly.** If  $X$  measurable  $\mathcal{G}$ ,  $Y \in \mathcal{F}$ , then

$$E(XY|\mathcal{G}) = XE(Y|\mathcal{G}) \text{ a.s. } P$$

Other Properties

- (a)  $X, Y$  are random elements such that  $XY$  integrable  $P$ .
- (b) If  $\mathcal{G} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$  is the sub  $\sigma$ -field, then

$$E(XE(Y|\mathcal{G})) = E(E(X|\mathcal{G})Y) = E(E(X|\mathcal{G})E(Y|\mathcal{G}))$$

Conditional expectation is a self-adjoint operation.

*Proof.* "Wire Theorem"

$$\begin{aligned} E(XE(Y|\mathcal{G})) &= E(E(XE(Y|\mathcal{G})|\mathcal{G})) \\ &= E(E(Y|\mathcal{G})E(X|\mathcal{G})) \\ &= E(E(E(X|\mathcal{G})Y|\mathcal{G})) \\ &= E(E(X|\mathcal{G})Y) \end{aligned}$$

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## 8. Conditional Distribution of a Random Element Given Another Random Element

Here we have the typical probability space, measurable spaces for  $X$  and  $Y$ .

Let there be a function,

$$h : \mathcal{F}_X \times \Omega_Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

This function is called the conditional distribution of  $X$  given  $Y$  if

$$\tilde{h}(A, \omega) = h(A, Y(\omega))$$

We say that  $\tilde{h} : \mathcal{F}_X \times \Omega_Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is the conditional distribution of  $X$  given  $\mathcal{G} = Y^{-1}(\mathcal{F}_Y)$ .

That is,

- (a) For each  $A \in \mathcal{F}_X$

$$\tilde{h}(A, Y(\cdot)) = P(X^{-1}(A) | Y^{-1}(\mathcal{F}_Y))$$

- (b) For each  $\omega \in \Omega$

$$\tilde{h}(\cdot, Y(\omega)) = P_{X|Y}(A|y)$$

## 9. Conditional Density of One Random Element Given Another Random Element

Suppose probability space and  $\sigma$ -finite measure spaces for  $X$  and  $Y$ .

Here our relevant function is

$$g : \Omega_X \times \Omega_Y$$

which is the conditional density of  $X$  given  $Y$  if for all  $A \in \mathcal{F}_X$ ,

$$\int_A g(x, y) d\mu_X(x) = P_{X|Y}(A|y)$$

In the following special case,  $g$  has an explicit formula.

$$\begin{aligned}
&(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P) \\
&(\Omega_X, \mathcal{F}_X, \mu_X) \\
&(\Omega_Y, \mathcal{F}_Y, \mu_Y) \\
&(\Omega_X \times \Omega_Y, \mathcal{F}_X \times \mathcal{F}_Y, \mu_X \times \mu_Y) \\
&(X, Y) : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega_X \times \Omega_Y \subseteq \mathcal{F} \setminus \mathcal{F}_X \times \mathcal{F}_Y
\end{aligned}$$

Let  $P_X = PX^{-1}, P_Y = PY^{-1}, P_{XY} = P(XY)^{-1}$ .

Assume  $P_X \ll \mu_X, P_Y \ll \mu_Y, P_{XY} \ll \mu_X \times \mu_Y$ .

$$f_X = \frac{dP_X}{d\mu_X}$$

$$f_Y = \frac{dP_Y}{d\mu_Y}$$

$$f_{XY} = \frac{dP_{XY}}{d(\mu_X \times \mu_Y)}$$

Let

$$f_{X|Y} = \begin{cases} \frac{f_{XY}}{f_Y} & \text{if } f_Y \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } f_Y = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$f_{Y|X} = \begin{cases} \frac{f_{XY}}{f_X} & \text{if } f_X \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } f_X = 0 \end{cases}$$

Then it is easy to show that each is indeed the conditional density of their respective elements (first given second).

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Claim:  $g(x, y)$  is the conditional density.

*Proof.* Want to show that for all  $A \in \mathcal{F}_X$ ,

$$\int_A g(x, y) d\mu_x(x) = P_{X|Y}(A|y)$$

Which means that

$$\int_A g(x, y(\omega)) d\mu_x(x) = P_{X|Y}(X^{-1}(A) | \sigma(y))$$

This is true if for all  $G' \in \sigma(y)$

$$\int_{G'} \int_A g(x, y(\omega)) d\mu_x(x) dP(\omega) = P(X^{-1}(A) \cap G')$$

But note that

$$\begin{aligned}
&G' \in \sigma(y) \\
&\Leftrightarrow G' \in Y^{-1}(\mathcal{F}_Y) \\
&G' = Y^{-1}(G) \text{ for some } G \in \mathcal{F}_Y
\end{aligned}$$

So we want to check that

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{Y^{-1}(G)} \int_A g(x, y(\omega)) d\mu_X(x) dP(\omega) &= P(X^{-1}(A) \cap Y^{-1}(G)) \\
\int_{Y^{-1}(G)} \int_A g(x, y(\omega)) d\mu_X(x) dP(\omega) &= \int_G \int_A g(x, y) d\mu_X(x) dP_Y(y) \\
&= \int_G \int_A \frac{f_{XY}(x, y)}{f_Y(y)} d\mu_X(x) [f_Y(y)] d\mu_Y(y) \\
&= \int_G \int_A f_{XY}(x, y) d\mu_X(x) d\mu_Y(y) \\
&= \int_{G \times A} f_{XY}(x, y) d(\mu_X \times \mu_Y)(x, y) \\
&= P_{XY}(G \times A) \\
&= P \circ (X, Y)^{-1}(A \times G) \\
&= P(X \in A, Y \in G) \\
&= P(\omega : \omega \in X^{-1}(A) \& \omega \in Y^{-1}(G)) \\
&= P(X^{-1}(A) \cap Y^{-1}(G))
\end{aligned}$$

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## 1.1 Frequentist & Bayesian Settings

We have our probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ . We also have some data,

$$\begin{aligned}
&(\Omega_X, \mathcal{F}_X, \mu_X) \\
X : \Omega &\rightarrow \Omega_X \text{ (mod) } \mathcal{F} / \mathcal{F}_X
\end{aligned}$$

Here, usually  $\Omega_X$  is a  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

Typically we have

$$X = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$$

and possibly,

$$X_i = \begin{pmatrix} X_{i1} \\ \vdots \\ X_{ip} \end{pmatrix}$$

We could say that these data are independent and identically distributed (iid) random vectors of dimension  $p$ . In this case  $m = np$ .

The goal of statistical inference is to estimate.

$$P_X = PX^{-1} = P_0$$

The ?? distribution of  $X$ .

There are two schools of thought

1. Frequentist Approach - assume a family of distributions,  $\mathcal{P}$ , where  $\mathcal{P} \ll \mu_X$ . Usually we assume that  $\mathcal{P}$  is a parametric family,  $\mathcal{P} = \{P_\theta : \theta \in \Omega_\theta \subseteq \mathbb{R}^p\}$ . We assume that  $P_0 \in \mathcal{P}$ , that is there exists  $\theta_0 \in \Omega_\theta$  such that  $P_\theta = P_0$ . The goal is to estimate  $P_0$ .
2. Bayesian Approach - here we assume the data is generated by the conditional distribution  $P_{X|\theta}$ . We observe  $X$ , then determine what is the best estimate of the random  $\theta$ .

## 1.2 Prior Posterior & Likelihood

Here let there be probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ ;  $\sigma$ -finite measurable spaces  $(\Omega_X, \mathcal{F}_X, \mu_X)$ ,  $(\Omega_\theta, \mathcal{F}_\theta, \mu_\theta)$ . Together,

$$(\Omega_X \times \Omega_\theta, \mathcal{F}_X \times \mathcal{F}_\theta, \mu_X \times \mu_\theta)$$

Also, a random element,

$$(X, \theta) : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega_X \times \Omega_\theta \subseteq \mathcal{F} \setminus \mathcal{F}_X \times \mathcal{F}_\theta$$

$P_X = P \circ X^{-1} \leftarrow$  marginal distribution of  $X$   
 $P_\theta = P \circ \theta^{-1} \leftarrow$  prior distribution  
 $P_{X,\theta} = P \circ (X, \theta)^{-1} \leftarrow$  joint distribution of  $X$  and  $\theta$   
 $P_{X|\theta}(A|\theta) : \mathcal{F}_X \times \Omega_\theta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Likelihood distribution  
 $P_{\theta|X}(G|x) : \mathcal{F}_\theta \times \Omega_X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Posterior distribution

Note in the following the first inequalities are **assumed**.

$P_X \ll \mu_X \Rightarrow f_X = \frac{dP_X}{d\mu_X}$  Marginal Density  
 $P_\theta \ll \mu_\theta \Rightarrow \pi_\theta = \frac{dP_\theta}{d\mu_\theta}$  Prior Density  
 $P_{X,\theta} \ll \mu_X \times \mu_\theta \Rightarrow f_{X,\theta}(x, \theta) = \frac{dP_{X,\theta}}{d(\mu_X \times \mu_\theta)}$  Joint Density

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One way to estimate  $\theta$  is by maximizing  $\pi_{\theta|X}(\theta|x)$ . Want to do so with value that is most likely to happen (given the data).

$$\pi_{\theta|X}(\theta|x) = P_{\theta|X}(\theta = \theta|x)$$

By construction,

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_{\theta|X} &= \frac{f_{X,\theta}}{f_X} \\ &= \frac{f_{X|\theta} \pi_\theta}{\int_{\Omega_\theta} f_{X|\theta} \pi_\theta d\mu_\theta} \end{aligned}$$

## 1.3 Conditional Independence and Frequentist/Bayesian Sufficiency

### Independence

Two random elements are said to be independent if for all  $A' \in \sigma(X)$ ,  $G' \in \sigma(\theta)$  we have

$$P(A' \cap G') = P(A')P(G')$$

This statement can also be expressed in  $(\Omega_X \times \Omega_\Theta, \mathcal{F}_X \times \mathcal{F}_\Theta, P_X \times P_\Theta)$  as follows.

Since  $A' \in \sigma(X) = X^{-1}(\mathcal{F}_X)$ ,  $A' = X^{-1}(A)$  for some  $A \in \mathcal{F}_X$ . So  $G' = \Theta^{-1}(G)$ ,  $G \in \mathcal{F}_\Theta$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(A' \cap G') &= P(X^{-1}(A) \cap \Theta^{-1}(G)) \\
 &= P(\{\omega : \omega \in X^{-1}(A) \cap \Theta^{-1}(G)\}) \\
 &= P(\{\omega : \omega \in X^{-1}(A) \& \omega \in \Theta^{-1}(G)\}) \\
 &= P(\{\omega : X(\omega) \in A, \Theta(\omega) \in G\}) \\
 &= P(\{\omega : (X(\omega), \Theta(\omega)) \in AxG\}) \\
 &= P(\{\omega : (X, \Theta)(\omega) \in AxG\}) \\
 &= P(\{\omega : \omega \in (X, \Theta)^{-1}AxG\}) \\
 &= [P \circ (X, \Theta)^{-1}](AxG) \\
 &= P_{X, \Theta}(AxG)
 \end{aligned}$$

Also note that

$$P(A') = P(X^{-1}(A)) = P_X(A)$$

$$P(G') = P_\Theta(G)$$

So with independence, (and for  $A \in \mathcal{F}_X, G \in \mathcal{F}_\Theta$ )

$$P_{X, \Theta}(AxG) = P_X(A)P_\Theta(G)$$

But we know that this implies that  $P_{X, \Theta}$  is the product measure  $P_X \times P_\Theta$ .

### Conditional Independence

Now, given sub  $\sigma$ -field  $\mathcal{G} \in \mathcal{F}$  we want to define  $X \& \Theta$  conditionally independent given  $\mathcal{G}$ .

**Definition 1.3.1** We say that  $X \& \Theta$  are conditionally independent given  $\mathcal{G}$  (i.e.  $X \perp\!\!\!\perp \Theta | \mathcal{G}$ ) if for all  $A' \in \sigma(X), G' \in \sigma(\Theta)$  we have

$$P[A' \cap G' | \mathcal{G}] = P[A' | \mathcal{G}]P[G' | \mathcal{G}] \text{ a.s. } P$$

Equivalently for all  $A \in \mathcal{F}_X, G \in \mathcal{F}_\Theta$ ,

$$P[X^{-1}(A) \cap \Theta^{-1}(G) | \mathcal{G}] = P[X^{-1}(A) | \mathcal{G}]P[\Theta^{-1}(G) | \mathcal{G}]$$

Equivalently,

$$P_{X, \Theta | \mathcal{G}}(AxG | \mathcal{G}) = P_{X | \mathcal{G}}(A | \mathcal{G})P_{\Theta | \mathcal{G}}(G | \mathcal{G})$$

### Equivalent Condition for Conditional Independence

**Theorem 1.3.1 — 1.1 in Notes.** The following statements are equivalent.

1.  $X \perp\!\!\!\perp \Theta | \mathcal{G}$
2.  $P(X^{-1}(A) | \Theta, \mathcal{G}) = P(X^{-1}(A) | \mathcal{G}) \text{ a.s. } P \quad \forall A \in \sigma(X)$
3.  $P(\Theta^{-1}(G) | X, \mathcal{G}) = P(\Theta^{-1}(G) | \mathcal{G}) \text{ a.s. } P \quad \forall G \in \sigma(\Theta)$



*Proof.* It suffices to proof that  $1 \Leftrightarrow 2$ .

$1 \Rightarrow 2$ . We know that for all  $A \in \mathcal{F}_X, G \in \mathcal{F}_\Theta$  that

$$P[X^{-1}(A) \cap \Theta^{-1}(G) | \mathcal{G}] = P[X^{-1}(A) | \mathcal{G}] P[\Theta^{-1}(G) | \mathcal{G}]$$

Want that for all  $A \in \mathcal{F}_X$  that  $P(X^{-1}(A) | \Theta, \mathcal{G}) = P(X^{-1}(A) | \mathcal{G})$ .

$$\begin{aligned} P(X^{-1}(A) | \Theta, \mathcal{G}) &\equiv P(X^{-1}(A) | \sigma(\sigma(\Theta) \cup \mathcal{G})) \\ &= P(\dots | \sigma(\Theta^{-1}(\mathcal{F}_\Theta) \cup \mathcal{G})) \end{aligned}$$

So it suffices to show that

$$P(X^{-1}(A) | \sigma(\Theta^{-1}(\mathcal{F}_\Theta) \cup \mathcal{G})) = P(X^{-1}(A) | \mathcal{G})$$

From the definition given we want to show that the above statement is true. which is so that the for all  $B \in \sigma(\Theta^{-1}(\mathcal{F}_\Theta) \cup \mathcal{G})$ ,

$$\int_B P(X^{-1}(A) | \mathcal{G}) dP = P(X^{-1}(A) \cap B)$$

But this is very hard because B is hard to characterize. But we have theorem that says you only have to check (\*) for all B in a  $\pi$ -system generating  $\sigma(\Theta^{-1}(\mathcal{F}_\Theta) \cup \mathcal{G})$ .

$$\mathcal{P} = \{\Theta^{-1}(G) \cap F : G \in \mathcal{F}_\Theta, F \in \mathcal{G}\}$$

It is trivial to show that  $\mathcal{P}$  is a  $\pi$ -system.

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Meanwhile,

$$\mathcal{P} \subseteq \sigma(\Theta^{-1}(\mathcal{F}_\Theta) \cup \mathcal{G})$$

Therefore,

$$\sigma(\Theta^{-1}(\mathcal{F}_\Theta) \cup \mathcal{G}) = \sigma(\mathcal{P})$$

So, sufficient to check (\*)  $\forall B \in \mathcal{P}'$

$$B \in \mathcal{P} \Rightarrow B = \Theta^{-1}(G) \cap F, G \in \mathcal{F}_\Theta, F \in \mathcal{G}$$

So, we want

$$\int_{\Theta^{-1}(G) \cap F} P(X^{-1}(A) | \mathcal{G}) dP = P(\Theta^{-1}(G) \cap F \cap X^{-1}(A))$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{\Theta^{-1}(G) \cap F} P(X^{-1}(A) | \mathcal{G}) dP &= \int_{\Theta^{-1}(G) \cap F} E(I_{X^{-1}(A)} | \mathcal{G}) dP \\
&= E(I_{\Theta^{-1}(G)} I_F E(I_{X^{-1}(A)} | \mathcal{G})) \\
&= E(E(I_{\Theta^{-1}(G)} I_F | \mathcal{G}) E(I_{X^{-1}(A)} | \mathcal{G})) \\
&= E(I_F E(I_{\Theta^{-1}(G)} | \mathcal{G}) E(I_{X^{-1}(A)} | \mathcal{G})) \\
&= E(I_F E(I_{\Theta^{-1}(G)} I_{X^{-1}(A)} | \mathcal{G})) \\
&= E(E(I_F I_{\Theta^{-1}(G)} I_{X^{-1}(A)} | \mathcal{G})) \\
&= E(I_F I_{\Theta^{-1}(G)} I_{X^{-1}(A)}) \\
&= P(F \cap \Theta^{-1}(G) \cap X^{-1}(A))
\end{aligned}$$

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$2 \Rightarrow 1$ . We want to show that

$$P(X^{-1}(A) | \mathcal{G}) P(\Theta^{-1}(G) | \mathcal{G})$$

is conditional probability of

$$P(X^{-1}(A) \cap \Theta^{-1}(G) | \mathcal{G})$$

for all  $F \in \mathcal{G}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_F P(X^{-1}(A) | \mathcal{G}) P(\Theta^{-1}(G) | \mathcal{G}) dP &= E[I_F E(I_{X^{-1}(A)} | \mathcal{G}) E(I_{\Theta^{-1}(G)} | \mathcal{G})] \\
&= E[E(I_{X^{-1}(A)} | \mathcal{G}) E(I_F I_{\Theta^{-1}(G)} | \mathcal{G})] \\
&= E[E(I_{X^{-1}(A)} | \mathcal{G}) I_F I_{\Theta^{-1}(G)}] \\
&= E[E(I_{X^{-1}(A)} I_F I_{\Theta^{-1}(G)} | \Theta, \mathcal{G})] \\
&= E[I_{X^{-1}(A)} I_F I_{\Theta^{-1}(G)}] \\
&= P(X^{-1}(A) \cap \Theta^{-1}(G) \cap F)
\end{aligned}$$

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## 1.4 Equivalence of Frequentist & Bayesian Sufficiency

Here we have,

$$(\Omega_\Theta, \mathcal{F}_\Theta, \mu_\Theta), (\Omega_X, \mathcal{F}_X, \mu_X), (\Omega_T, \mathcal{F}_T)$$

Where

$$T : \Omega_X \rightarrow \Omega_T \text{ } \mathbb{M} \mathcal{F}_X / \mathcal{F}_T$$

is called a statistic.

$$T = T(X) \text{ or } T \circ X = T(X(\omega))$$

In frequentist setting, we say that  $T$  is **sufficient** if  $P_{X|T,\Theta}$  does not depend on  $\Theta$ . It can be easily verified (see Homework) that  $P_{X|T,\Theta}$  doesn't depend on  $\Theta$  implies that

$$P_{X|T,\Theta} = P_{X|T} \text{ a.s. } P$$

This is "nearly" frequentist. Above is exchangeable with " $X \perp\!\!\!\perp \Theta | T$ ", but can't say this in frequentist setting.

$$P_{\Theta|T,X} = P_{\Theta|T} \Leftrightarrow P_{\Theta|X} = P_{\Theta|T}$$

That is to say that a statistic,  $T$ , is sufficient for  $\Theta$  if and only iff the posterior distribution of  $\Theta|X$  is the same as the posterior distribution of  $\Theta|T$ . This would be used in a Bayesian setting.

**Definition 1.4.1 — Bayesian Sufficient.** We say that  $T \circ X$  is **Bayesian sufficient** if

$$P_{\Theta|X} = P_{\Theta|T} \text{ a.s. } P$$

**Lemma 1.1** (HW 2) Suppose that  $f(\theta)$  is a p.d.f such that

$$f(\theta) \propto \exp\{-a\theta^2 + b\theta\}, \quad a > 0$$

Then,

1.  $\theta \sim N(\frac{b}{2a}, \frac{1}{2a})$
2.  $\int \exp\{-a\theta^2 + b\theta\} d\theta = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a}} \exp\{\frac{b^2}{4a}\}$

■ **Example 1.1** Suppose that

$$\begin{aligned} X|\Theta &\sim N(\Theta, \sigma^2) \\ \Theta &\sim N(\mu, \tau^2) \end{aligned}$$

Find  $\pi_{\Theta|X}(\theta|x), f_X(x)$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \pi(\theta|x) &\propto f(x|\theta)\pi(\theta) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(x-\theta)^2}{\sigma^2}\right\} * \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\tau^2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(\theta-\mu)^2}{\tau^2}\right\} \\ &\propto \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(x-\theta)^2}{\sigma^2}\right\} * \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(\theta-\mu)^2}{\tau^2}\right\} \\ &= \exp\left\{-\left(\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{2\tau^2}\right)\theta^2 + \left(\frac{x}{\sigma^2} + \frac{\mu}{\tau^2}\right)\theta\right\} \end{aligned}$$

Using Lemma 1.1,

$$\theta|X \sim N\left(\frac{\frac{x}{\sigma^2} + \frac{\mu}{\tau^2}}{1/2(2\sigma^{-2} + 1/2\tau^{-1})}, \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{\tau^2}}\right)$$

How about  $f_X(x)$ ?

$$\begin{aligned}
f_X(x) &= \int f(x|\theta)\pi(\theta)d\theta \\
&\vdots \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma\tau} * \exp\left\{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2} - \frac{\mu^2}{2\tau^2}\right\} \int \exp\left\{-\left(\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{2\tau^2}\right)\theta^2 + \left(\frac{x}{\sigma^2} + \frac{\mu}{\tau^2}\right)\theta\right\} \\
&= \dots * \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{2\tau^2}}} \exp\left\{\frac{\left(\frac{x}{\sigma^2} + \frac{\mu}{\tau^2}\right)^2}{4\left(\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{2\tau^2}\right)}\right\}
\end{aligned}$$

We want to identify this as a p.d.f of  $x$ , so we can treat anything that is not  $x$  as a constant. Using elementary algebra we get...

$$\propto \exp\left\{-\left(\frac{x^2}{2(\tau^2 + \sigma^2)} + \frac{x\mu}{(\sigma^2 + \tau^2)}\right)\right\}$$

Applying Lemma 1.1 for  $x$  and simplifying,

$$X \sim N(\mu, \tau^2 + \sigma^2)$$

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This can be extended to multivariate setting, 2-sample setting, ANOVA setting, regression setting, etc. It is essential to all aspects of linear models.