

# Statistical Theory Problem Set 1

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1. When condition 1 or 3 holds then  $E[l_i(S(X_i)) | \theta(i)] = E[l(\theta(i), S(X_i)) | \theta(i)]$

Actually condition 1 is contained in condition 3, because condition 1 says that given  $\theta(i)$ ,  $l_i(a)$  is just a constant, and constant will be independent with every random variable  $X_i$ . So we just need to prove for condition 3.

Proof:

Here the probability space is  $(X_i, \theta(i), l_i(a_1), l_i(a_2))$ , and the expectation will perform on the joint distribution of  $X_i, \theta(i), l_i(a_1), l_i(a_2)$ .

Then:

$$E\{l_i[S(X_i)] | \theta(i)\} = E\{E[l_i[S(X_i)] | X_i, \theta(i)] | \theta(i)\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Consider } E\{l_i[S(X_i)] | X_i = x, \theta(i) = k\} \\ &= E\{l_i[S(x)] | X_i = x, \theta(i) = k\} \\ &= E\{l_i(S(x)) | \theta(i) = k\} \quad \text{--- because of the conditional independence} \\ &= l(k, S(x)) \quad \text{--- by definition} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } E[l_i(S(X_i)) | X_i, \theta(i)] = l(\theta(i), S(X_i))$$

$$\text{So } E\{l_i[S(X_i)] | \theta(i)\} = E[l(\theta(i), S(X_i)) | \theta(i)]$$

For the counter-example that condition 2 is not sufficient, it needs some computation and looked unpractical.

$$\text{Let } L_i(a_1) = \begin{cases} 6 & \text{probability } \frac{1}{2} \\ -3 & \text{--- } \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

$$L_i(a_2) = 5 L_i(a_1) - 5 \text{ (determined by } L_i(a_1)) = \begin{cases} 25 & \text{--- } \frac{1}{2} \\ -20 & \text{--- } \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

$$X_i = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{--- } \frac{4}{9} \\ -1 & \text{--- } \frac{5}{9} \end{cases} \quad \text{and } X_i \perp L_i(a_1), \text{ so } X_i \perp L_i(a_2)$$

$$\text{Set } \theta(i) = 1_{X_i \cdot L_i(a_1) > 0} + 1$$

Then  $X_i \perp L_i(a_1)$ , but given  $\theta(i)$  we will know that if  $X_i$  and  $L_i(a_1)$  are of same sign, then they are not conditional independent.

$$\begin{aligned} E[L_i(a_1) | \theta(i)=1] &= 6 \cdot P[L_i(a_1)=6 | X_i \cdot L_i(a_1) \leq 0] - 3 \cdot P[L_i(a_1)=-3 | X_i \cdot L_i(a_1) \leq 0] \\ &= 6 \cdot \frac{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{5}{9}}{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{4}{9} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{5}{9}} - 3 \cdot \frac{4}{9} = 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$E[L_i(a_1) | \theta(i)=2] = 6 \cdot \frac{4}{9} - 3 \cdot \frac{5}{9} = 1$$

$$\text{and } E[L_i(a_2) | \theta(i)] = 5 E[L_i(a_1) | \theta(i)] - 5$$

So they satisfy the condition in this question

But:

$$E\{L_i(a_1), S(X_i) | \theta(i)=1\} = 2 \cdot \frac{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{4}{9}}{\frac{1}{2}} + 5 \cdot \frac{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{5}{9}}{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{33}{9} = \frac{11}{3}$$

$$E\{L_i(a_2), S(X_i) | \theta(i)=1\} = -3 \cdot \frac{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{4}{9}}{\frac{1}{2}} + 25 \cdot \frac{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{5}{9}}{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{113}{9}$$

$$\text{So } E[L_i(a_1), S(X_i) | \theta(i)] \neq E[L_i(a_2), S(X_i) | \theta(i)]$$

So 2. is not sufficient.

2. We have that

$$P(X_i^* > 0 \mid \theta(i)=1) = 0.94$$

$$P(X_i^* < 0 \mid \theta(i)=2) = 0.98$$

$$\text{and } \text{pr}(X_i^* \mid \theta(i)) = N[\mu[\theta(i)], 1]$$

$$\text{so we have that } E[X_i^* \mid \theta(i)=1] = 1.554774$$

$$\text{and } E[X_i^* \mid \theta(i)=2] = -2.053749$$

$$\text{Also, } P_r(L_i(a_1), L_i(a_2), X_i^* \mid \theta(i)=1) = N\left(\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 1.554774 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 0 & \frac{7\sqrt{10}}{10} \\ 0 & 10 & \frac{7\sqrt{10}}{10} \\ \frac{7\sqrt{10}}{10} & \frac{7\sqrt{10}}{10} & 1 \end{pmatrix}\right)$$

$$P_r(L_i(a_1), L_i(a_2), X_i^* \mid \theta(i)=2) = N\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2.053749 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 0 & \frac{7}{\sqrt{10}} \\ 0 & 10 & \frac{7}{\sqrt{10}} \\ \frac{7}{\sqrt{10}} & \frac{7}{\sqrt{10}} & 1 \end{pmatrix}\right)$$

(we assume  $L_i(a_1), L_i(a_2)$  are independent given  $\theta(i)$ )

Use simulation, we get that (1000 simulations)

$$E[L_i(S(X_i)) \mid \theta(i)=1] = 2.1721854$$

$$E[L_i(S(X_i)) \mid \theta(i)=2] = \cancel{0.991985}$$

$$E[L(\theta(i), S(X_i)) \mid \theta(i)=1] = 2.201$$

$$E[L(\theta(i), S(X_i)) \mid \theta(i)=2] = \cancel{0.918}$$

simulate 0.2 billion times

$$/ 2.18006754$$

$$0.008223 / 0.02008129$$

$$\cancel{0.02}$$

$$/ 2.18001206$$

$$0.023 / 0.01999644$$



3. Without any loss, we can suppose  $\text{median}(X) = 0$

$$\text{Because } E |X-a| = E |(X - \text{med}(X)) - (a - \text{med}(X))|$$

and 0 is the median of  $X - \text{med}(X)$

if we proof  $b=0$  is the argmin of  $E |(X - \text{med}(X)) - b|$

the  $a = 0 + \text{med}(X) = \text{med}(X)$  is the argmin of  $E |X-a|$

Suppose the density is  $f(x)$

$$\text{Then for any } a: E |X-a| - E |X - \text{med}(X)|$$

$$= E |X-a| - E |X|$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^a (a-x)f(x)dx + \int_a^{+\infty} (x-a)f(x)dx$$

$$- \int_{-\infty}^0 -x f(x)dx - \int_0^{+\infty} x f(x)dx$$

$$= a P(X \leq a) - a P(X > a) + 2 \int_a^0 x f(x)dx$$

1° if  $a > 0$ , then  $E |X-a| - E |X|$

$$= a P(X \leq a) - a P(X > a) - 2 \int_0^a x f(x)dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\xrightarrow{\text{continuous}} a P(X \leq a) - a P(X > a) - 2a \int_0^a f(x)dx \\ &= a P(X \leq a) - a P(X > a) - 2a (P(X \leq a) - \frac{1}{2}) \\ &= a [1 - P(X > a)] > a(1 - \frac{1}{2}) > 0 \end{aligned}$$

2° if  $a < 0$ , then:  $E |X-a| - E |X| = a P(X \leq a) - a P(X > a) + 2 \int_a^0 x f(x)dx$

$$> a P(X \leq a) - a P(X > a) + 2a (P(X > a) - \frac{1}{2})$$

$$= a (P(X \leq a) - 1) = (-a) [1 - P(X \leq a)]$$

$$> -a \cdot \frac{1}{2} > 0$$

So  $a=0$  is indeed the minimum point.

$$4: \Pr(\theta|x) = \frac{\Pr(x|\theta)\Pr(\theta)}{\Pr(x)} = \frac{\Pr(x|\theta)\Pr(\theta)}{\int_{\mathbb{R}} \Pr(x|\theta)\Pr(\theta) d\theta}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(x|\theta) \cdot \Pr(\theta) &\sim e^{-\frac{(x-\theta)^2}{2\sigma_0^2}} \cdot e^{-\frac{(\theta-\mu_0)^2}{2\tau_0^2}} \\ &= e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\theta^2}{\sigma_0^2} + \frac{\theta^2}{\tau_0^2} - \left( \frac{2x\theta}{\sigma_0^2} + \frac{2\mu_0\theta}{\tau_0^2} \right) + \frac{x^2}{\sigma_0^2} + \frac{\mu_0^2}{\tau_0^2} \right)} \\ &\sim e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left[ \theta^2 \left( \frac{1}{\sigma_0^2} + \frac{1}{\tau_0^2} \right) - 2 \left( \frac{x}{\sigma_0^2} + \frac{\mu_0}{\tau_0^2} \right) \theta \right]} \\ &\sim e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\sigma_0^2 \tau_0^2}{\sigma_0^2 + \tau_0^2} \right)^{-1} \cdot \left( \theta - \frac{x\tau_0^2 + \mu_0\sigma_0^2}{\tau_0^2 + \sigma_0^2} \right)^2} \\ \Rightarrow \Pr(\theta|x) &= N \left( \frac{x\tau_0^2 + \mu_0\sigma_0^2}{\tau_0^2 + \sigma_0^2}, \frac{\sigma_0^2 \tau_0^2}{\sigma_0^2 + \tau_0^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$2: E\{E[l(\theta, s(x))|\theta]\} = E\{l(\theta, s(x))\} = E\{E[l(\theta, s(x))|\theta]\}$$

for  $E[l(\theta, s(x))|x]$  we can minimize every  $E[l(\theta, s(x))|x=x]$   
 $= E\{|\theta - s(x)| | x=x\}$

to get the minimizer of original function

Since give  $x=x$ ,  $\theta \sim N \left( \frac{x\tau_0^2 + \mu_0\sigma_0^2}{\tau_0^2 + \sigma_0^2}, \frac{\sigma_0^2 \tau_0^2}{\sigma_0^2 + \tau_0^2} \right)$ ,  $s(x)$  should be chosen as the median of  $\Pr(\theta|x)$

$$\text{So } \hat{s}(x) = \frac{x\tau_0^2 + \mu_0\sigma_0^2}{\tau_0^2 + \sigma_0^2}$$

5: Suppose samples are  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(X|\theta) \cdot \Pr(\theta) &\sim \prod_{i=1}^n e^{-\frac{(X_i - \theta)^2}{2\tau_0^2}} \cdot e^{-\frac{\theta^2}{2\tau_0^2}} \\ &\sim e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\tau_0^2 \tau_0^2}{n\tau_0^2 + \tau_0^2} \right)^{-1} \left[ \theta - \frac{(\sum X_i) \tau_0^2}{n\tau_0^2 + \tau_0^2} \right]^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Pr(\theta|X) = N\left(\frac{(\sum X_i) \tau_0^2}{n\tau_0^2 + \tau_0^2}, \frac{\tau_0^2 \tau_0^2}{n\tau_0^2 + \tau_0^2}\right)$$

So the Bayes strategy for prior  $N(0, \tau_0^2)$  is  $S_{0, \tau_0} = \frac{(\sum X_i) \tau_0^2}{n\tau_0^2 + \tau_0^2}$

~~then~~ And consider the loss  $L(\pi_{0, \tau_0}, S_{0, \tau_0})$

$$= E_\theta E_{X|\theta} \left| \bar{X} \left( \frac{\tau_0^2}{\tau_0^2 + \frac{\tau_0^2}{n}} \right) - \theta \right| = E_\theta E_{X|\theta} [Y]$$

$$\text{where } Y \sim N\left[\left(\frac{\tau_0^2}{\tau_0^2 + \frac{\tau_0^2}{n}} - 1\right)\theta, \frac{\tau_0^4}{(\tau_0^2 + \frac{\tau_0^2}{n})^2} \cdot \frac{\tau_0^2}{n}\right]$$

$$\text{So } L(\pi_{0, \tau_0}, S_{0, \tau_0}) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} N(0, \tau_0^2) d\theta \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |x| \underbrace{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{\tau_0^2 \tau_0^2}{\sqrt{n}(\tau_0^2 + \frac{\tau_0^2}{n})^2}}_{f(\theta, \tau_0^2)} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(x + \frac{\tau_0^2}{\tau_0^2 + \frac{\tau_0^2}{n}} - \theta)^2}{\frac{\tau_0^4}{(\tau_0^2 + \frac{\tau_0^2}{n})^2} \cdot \frac{\tau_0^2}{n}}} dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \leq f(\theta, \tau_0^2) &\leq \frac{|x| \sqrt{n} (1 + \frac{\tau_0^2}{n})^2}{\sqrt{2\pi} \tau_0} e^{-\frac{n}{2\tau_0^2} \left[ x + \frac{\tau_0^2}{n} / \left( \frac{\tau_0^2 + \frac{\tau_0^2}{n}}{\tau_0^2} \right) \theta \right]^2} \quad (\text{we suppose } \tau_0 \geq 1) \\ &\leq C |x| e^{-\frac{n}{2\tau_0^2} (2x^2 + 2 \left[ \frac{\tau_0^2}{n} / \left( \frac{\tau_0^2 + \frac{\tau_0^2}{n}}{\tau_0^2} \right) \right]^2 \theta^2)} \\ &\leq C |x| e^{-\frac{n}{\tau_0^2} x^2} \quad \text{for some } C. \\ &\text{and } C |x| e^{-\frac{n}{\tau_0^2} x^2} \text{ is integrable} \end{aligned}$$

So by dominant convergent theorem (use it in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $C|x|e^{-\frac{n}{\tau_0^2}x^2} \cdot N(0, \tau_0^2)$  dominant  $N(0, \tau_0^2) f(\theta, \tau_0^2)$ )  
we have  $\lim_{\tau_0 \rightarrow +\infty} L(\pi_{0, \tau_0}; S_{0, \tau_0}) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} N(0, \tau_0^2) d\theta \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \lim_{\tau_0 \rightarrow +\infty} f(\theta, \tau_0^2) dx$



$$= E[|Z|] \quad \text{where } Z \sim N(0, \frac{\sigma_0^2}{n})$$

Also, for strategy  $S(x) = \bar{X}$

the loss is  ~~$L(\theta, x)$~~   $L(\theta, x) = E_{x|\theta} [|\bar{X} - \theta|]$

$$= E_{\theta} [|Z|] \quad Z \sim N(0, \frac{\sigma_0^2}{n})$$

is constant to  $\theta$  and of course  $\leq E[|Z|]$

So by theorem of (Ferguson 1967)

$S(x) = \bar{X}$  is minimax strategy.