

Fisher-Neyman Factorization Lemma

T is sufficient for θ iff there are functions

$$g \text{ & } h \text{ such that } L(\theta | x_1, \dots, x_n) = g(T(x_1, \dots, x_n), \theta) \cdot h(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

Example: let n iid $X_i \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ be our sample

$$\begin{aligned} f_{X_i}(x) &= \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!}, \quad L(\lambda | x_1, \dots, x_n) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{x_1}}{x_1!} \cdot \dots \cdot \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{x_n}}{x_n!} \\ &= \frac{e^{-n\lambda} \lambda^{x_1 + \dots + x_n}}{x_1! \cdot \dots \cdot x_n!} = \underbrace{e^{-n\lambda} \lambda^{T}}_{g(T, \lambda)} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{1}{x_1! \cdot \dots \cdot x_n!}}_{h(x_1, \dots, x_n)} \end{aligned}$$

thus $T = x_1 + \dots + x_n$ is a sufficient statistic for λ

Example: let n iid $X_i \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2 = 1)$ be our sample

* We want to find a sufficient statistic for μ .

$$\begin{aligned} L(\mu | x_1, \dots, x_n) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x_1 - \mu)^2} \cdot \dots \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x_n - \mu)^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - 2x_i\mu + n\mu^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - 2\mu \sum_{i=1}^n x_i + n\mu^2 \right)} \\ &= \underbrace{\frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2} (n\mu^2 - 2\mu \sum_{i=1}^n x_i)}}_{g(T, \mu)} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2} \\ &\quad h(x_1, \dots, x_n) \end{aligned}$$

so $T = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$ is a sufficient statistic for μ .

We can also say that $\bar{X} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n}$ is a sufficient statistic for μ .

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Find a sufficient statistic for σ^2

$$\begin{aligned} L(\sigma^2 | X_1, \dots, X_n) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}X_1^2} \cdot \dots \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}X_n^2} \\ &= \underbrace{\frac{1}{\sigma^n(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(X_1^2 + \dots + X_n^2)}}_{g(T, \sigma^2)} \cdot \underbrace{1}_{h(X_1, \dots, X_n)} \end{aligned}$$

so $T = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2$ is a sufficient statistic for σ^2

Example: Let n iid $X_i \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ be our sample

We want to find a sufficient statistic for (μ, σ^2)

$$\begin{aligned} L((\mu, \sigma^2) | X_1, \dots, X_n) &= \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{\frac{-1}{2\sigma^2}(X_1 - \mu)^2} \cdot \dots \cdot \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{\frac{-1}{2\sigma^2}(X_n - \mu)^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sigma^n(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \cdot e^{\frac{-1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2} = \frac{1}{\sigma^n(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \cdot e^{\frac{-1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i^2 - 2X_i\mu + \mu^2)} \\ &= \underbrace{\frac{1}{\sigma^n(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \cdot e^{\frac{-1}{2\sigma^2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 - 2\mu \sum_{i=1}^n X_i + n\mu^2 \right)}}_{g((T_1, T_2); (\mu, \sigma^2))} \cdot \underbrace{1}_{h(X_1, \dots, X_n)} \end{aligned}$$

so $(T_1, T_2) = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i, \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 \right)$ is

jointly sufficient for (μ, σ^2)

We also could've solved this problem from a 2nd approach

$$, -\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2$$

$$L((\mu, \sigma^2) | X_1, \dots, X_n) = \frac{1}{\sigma^n (2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sigma^n (2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n ((X_i - \bar{X}) + (\bar{X} - \mu))^2}_{=0}}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2 + \underbrace{2 \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})(\bar{X} - \mu)}_{=0} + \sum_{i=1}^n (\bar{X} - \mu)^2$$

$$L((\mu, \sigma^2) | X_1, \dots, X_n) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{\sigma^n (2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n (\bar{X} - \mu)^2 \right)}}_{g(T_3, T_4, (\mu, \sigma^2))} \cdot h(X_1, \dots, X_n)$$

Note: $\sum_{i=1}^n (\bar{X} - \mu)^2 = n(\bar{X} - \mu)^2$

So the pair $(T_3 = \bar{X}, T_4 = \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2)$ are also jointly sufficient for (μ, σ^2)

Note here $T_4 = \frac{s^2}{n-1}$ so we can also say that $(T_5 = \bar{X}, T_6 = s^2)$ are also jointly sufficient for (μ, σ^2)

Note: we can usually derive one pair from another

Note: Sufficiency is about information, and when we have enough information to find our parameters

examples

Let n iid $U_i \sim \text{uniform}[0, \theta]$ be our sample

find a sufficient statistic for θ $\left\{ f(x, \theta) = \frac{1}{\theta} \text{ for } 0 \leq x \leq \theta \right\}$

$$L(\theta | U_1, \dots, U_n) = \frac{1}{\theta^n} \text{ for } 0 \leq U_i \leq \theta$$

$$g(\tau, \vartheta) = \frac{1}{\vartheta^n} \cdot h(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 1$$

So $T = \max\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ is a sufficient statistic for ϑ

What makes the Fisher-Neyman Lemma True?

$$\text{Suppose } L(\vartheta | x_1, \dots, x_n) = g(s(x_1, \dots, x_n), \vartheta) \cdot h(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & f_{(x_1, \dots, x_n | s)}(x_1, \dots, x_n | s = s(x_1, \dots, x_n)) \\ &= \frac{f_{(x_1, \dots, x_n)}(x_1, \dots, x_n)}{f_s(s)} = \frac{\underset{\text{constant}}{\boxed{g(s(x_1, \dots, x_n))}} \cdot h(x_1, \dots, x_n)}{\int g(s(x_1, \dots, x_n)) \cdot h(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 \dots dx_n} \end{aligned}$$

So if we can factor it implies sufficiency

$$s(x_1, \dots, x_n) = s$$

$h(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ doesn't depend on ϑ