

Tutorial for 11-03 and 11-06

1. Sufficient statistic

• Definition

Definition 2 (One-parameter cases)

Let $\mathbf{X} = \{X_i : i = 1, \dots, n\}$ be a r.s. from pdf $f(\cdot | \theta)$ or pmf $p(\cdot | \theta)$, where $\theta \in \Theta \subset \mathbb{R}$. A statistic $S = S(\mathbf{X})$ is said to be **sufficient** if and only if the conditional distribution of \mathbf{X} given $S = s$ does not depend on θ , for all values s of S .

$$f(\underline{\mathbf{X}} | S(\mathbf{X}) = s)$$

Definition 3 (Multi-parameter cases)

Let $\mathbf{X} = \{X_i : i = 1, \dots, n\}$ be a r.s. from pdf $f(\cdot | \theta)$ or pmf $p(\cdot | \theta)$, where $\theta \in \Theta \subset \mathbb{R}^k$. A vector of statistics $S_1 = S_1(\mathbf{X}), S_2 = S_2(\mathbf{X}), \dots, S_r = S_r(\mathbf{X})$ is said to be **jointly sufficient**, where $r \geq k$, if and only if the conditional distribution of \mathbf{X} given $S_1 = s_1, S_2 = s_2, \dots, S_r = s_r$ does not depend on θ , for all values s_1 of S_1 , s_2 of S_2 , ..., and s_r of S_r .

$$f(\underline{\mathbf{X}} | S_1(\mathbf{X}) = s_1, S_2(\mathbf{X}) = s_2, \dots)$$

the sample are not needed ∵ they can tell us nothing more about θ

• Relation with Fisher Information

Lemma 6. Under the regularity conditions, $T(\mathbf{X})$ is a sufficient statistic for θ if and only if

$$I_{T(\mathbf{X})}(\theta) = I_{\mathbf{X}}(\theta).$$

Remark that this lemma tells us that Fisher information can show the fact that a sufficient statistic carries as much information about as the sample.

2. Factorization Theorem.

The following theorem to give us an easy way of obtaining the sufficient statistic.

Theorem 3 (Fisher-Neyman Factorization Theorem):



Ronald Fisher
(1890 - 1962)



Jerzy Neyman
(1894 - 1981)

Let $X = \{X_i: i = 1, \dots, n\}$ be a r.s. from pdf $f(\cdot | \theta)$ or pmf $p(\cdot | \theta)$, where $\theta \in \Theta \subset R^k$. A set of statistics $S_1(X), S_2(X), \dots, S_r(X)$ is said to be **jointly sufficient**, where $r \geq k$, if and only if the joint pdf $f_{X_1, \dots, X_n}(x_1, \dots, x_n | \theta)$ or the joint pmf $p_{X_1, \dots, X_n}(x_1, \dots, x_n | \theta)$ of the r.s. can be factorized in form of

$$g(S_1(x_1, \dots, x_n), \dots, S_r(x_1, \dots, x_n) | \theta) h(x_1, \dots, x_n),$$

where $g(S_1(x_1, \dots, x_n), \dots, S_r(x_1, \dots, x_n) | \theta)$ is a non-negative function of x_1, \dots, x_n ONLY through the functions S_1, \dots, S_r and depends on θ , and $h(\cdot)$ is a non-negative function of x_1, \dots, x_n alone, i.e. it does not involve θ .

The above theorem indeed tells us that all information about θ contained in the rs is completely transferred into the set of statistics S_1, \dots, S_r .

when $n=1: X = \{X_1\} = X_1$ Take joint pdf as an example

$S(X)$ is sufficient for θ iff $f_\theta(x) = g(S(X), \theta) \cdot h(x)$

$$f_\theta(x) = \prod_{i=1}^n f_\theta(x_i)$$

- relation with MLE

Corollary 2: Let $X = \{X_i: i = 1, \dots, n\}$ be a r.s. from a distribution with a pdf $f(\cdot | \theta)$ or pmf $p(\cdot | \theta)$, where $\theta \in \Theta \subset R$. If a sufficient statistic $S(X)$ for θ exists and if a MLE $\hat{\theta}(X)$ for θ also exists uniquely, then $\hat{\theta}(X)$ is a function of $S(X)$.

- Sufficiency is closed. (doesn't change after transformation)

Theorem 4 (1-1 sufficiency): Let $X = \{X_i: i = 1, \dots, n\}$ be a r.s. of size n . If a set of statistics $S_1(X), S_2(X), \dots, S_r(X)$ is jointly sufficient, where $r \geq k$, then any set of one-to-one function (or transformation) of $S_1(X), S_2(X), \dots, S_r(X)$ is also jointly sufficient.

$$\underline{f_1(S_1(X))}, \underline{f_2(S_2(X))}, \dots, \underline{f_r(S_r(X))} \quad (f_1, f_2, \dots, f_r \text{ can be different})$$

e.g. $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ and $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2$ are jointly sufficient --- 1
 $\downarrow f_1(x) = \frac{x}{n}$ \downarrow \downarrow to
 \bar{X} and $\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$ are also ... --- 1.

if $f(x) = \left(\frac{x}{n}\right)^2$, the conclusion may not valid.

3. Minimal Sufficient Statistic

- Definition:

Given any other sufficient statistic $S(X)$, $T(X)$ is a function of $S(X)$

$\Rightarrow T(X)$ is minimal sufficient [$T(X) = L(S(X))$]

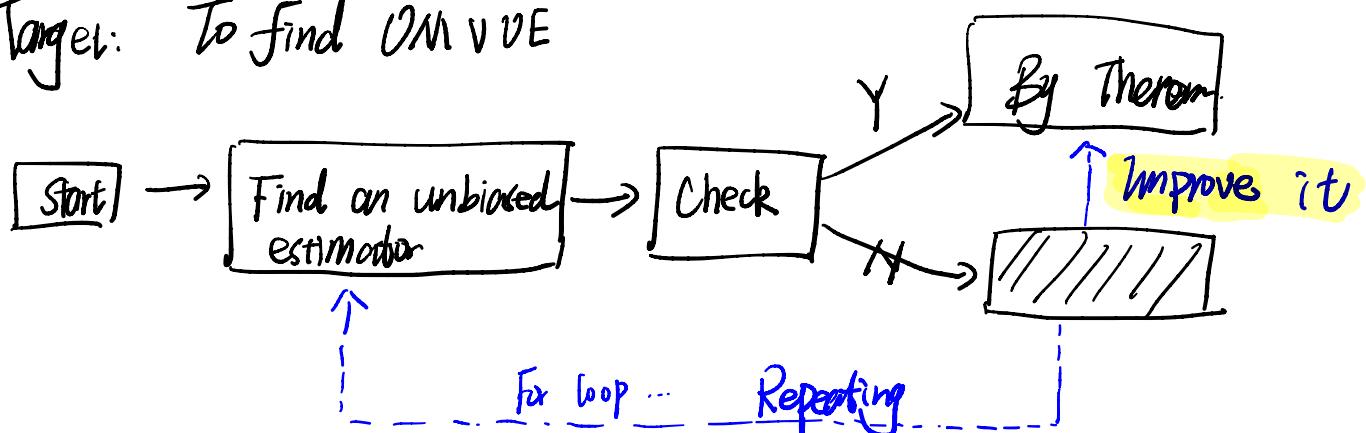
In general, if $T(X) = L[S(X)]$

$T(X)$ is (minimal) sufficient. $S(X)$ is also (minimal) sufficient

4.

- Why we need sufficient statistic ???

Target: To find UMVUE



Rao and Black shows that

The UMVUE must be a function of jointly sufficient statistic

Theorem 5 (Rao-Blackwell Theorem):

Let $X = \{X_i : i = 1, \dots, n\}$ be a r.s. from pdf $f(\cdot | \theta)$ or pmf $p(\cdot | \theta)$, where $\theta \in \Theta \subset R^k$, and a set of statistics $S_1(X), S_2(X), \dots, S_r(X)$ be jointly sufficient, where $r \geq k$. Suppose that a statistic $T = T(X)$ is an unbiased estimator for $g(\theta)$. Define T' by $E(T | S_1, \dots, S_r)$. Then,

1. T' is a statistic, and it is a function of the jointly sufficient statistics.
2. T' is also unbiased for $g(\theta)$.
3. $Var(T') \leq Var(T)$, for all $\theta \in \Theta$.



Example:

Let $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$, find a UMVUE for

$$g(\lambda) = P(X_1 = k) = \frac{\lambda^k e^{-\lambda}}{k!} \quad \text{for any } k=0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Solution:

$$S(X) = I\{X_1 = k\}$$

$$E[S(X)] = g(\lambda) \quad \text{--- Unbiased.}$$

Then, we can find a complete and sufficient statistic (C-S)

$$T(X) = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \sim \text{Poisson}(n\lambda)$$

will learn later.

$$T' = E[S(X) | T(X) = t]$$

{ ① Unbiased estimate
② C-S
③ Add Rao-Blackwell Theorem

$$= \frac{P(X_1 = k | T = t)}{P(T = t)} \Rightarrow \text{UMVUE}$$

$$= \frac{P(X_1 = k, \sum_{i=2}^n X_i = t - k)}{P(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i = t)}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{\theta^k \cdot \lambda^k}{k!} \cdot \frac{e^{-(n-k)\lambda} [(n-k)\lambda]^{t-k}}{(t-k)!}}{e^{-n\lambda} [n\lambda]^t / t!}$$

$$\Rightarrow \binom{t}{k} \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^k \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^{t-k}$$