

Point Estimation

X_1, \dots, X_n random sample from P_θ with p.d.f. (or p.m.f.) f_θ
 $\theta \in \Theta$

$g(\theta)$: parametric fⁿ of ~~the~~ interest, called estimand

$\delta(X_1, \dots, X_n)$: Estimator (a fⁿ of r.v.s X_1, \dots, X_n)

Defⁿ: Unbiased estimator

$\delta(\underline{x})$ is an unbiased estimator for $g(\theta)$ if

$$E \delta(\underline{x}) = g(\theta) \quad \forall \theta \in \Theta$$

Examples

(i) $N(\theta, 1)$ p.d.fⁿ $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$; $g(\theta) = \theta$

X_1, \dots, X_n random sample $\delta_1(\underline{x}) = \bar{x}$

$$\delta_2(\underline{x}) = X_1$$

$$\delta_3(\underline{x}) = \frac{X_1 + X_2}{2}$$

$$\delta_4(\underline{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i \Rightarrow \sum a_i = 1$$

$$E \delta_i(\underline{x}) = \theta$$

$\delta_1, \delta_2, \delta_3, \delta_4$ are
all unbiased estimator
of θ

(ii) $U(0, \theta)$ p.d.fⁿ $\theta > 0$ $g(\theta) = \theta$

X_1, \dots, X_n
random
sample

$$\delta_1(\underline{x}) = 2X_1$$

$$\delta_2(\underline{x}) = X_1 + X_2$$

$$\delta_3(\underline{x}) = 2\bar{x}$$

$$\delta_4(\underline{x}) = \frac{n+1}{n} X_{(n)}$$

all are unbiased estimator
for θ

(iii) $B(1, \theta)$ p.d.fⁿ $0 < \theta < 1$.

$$g(\theta) = \theta$$

$$\delta_1(\underline{x}) = X_i \quad i=1(1)n$$

$$\delta_2(\underline{x}) = \frac{X_1 + X_2}{2}; \quad \delta_3(\underline{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i / n$$

all are u.e. for θ

$$g(\theta) = \theta(1-\theta)$$

$$\delta(\underline{x}) = \begin{cases} 1, & X_1 = 1, X_2 = 0 \\ 0 & \text{o/w} \end{cases}$$

$\delta(\underline{x})$ is u.e. of $\theta(1-\theta)$

Sufficient statistic

Data dimension reduction without loss of information

X_1, \dots, X_n random sample from a distⁿ with

$T(\underline{X})$: statistic

p.d.f. or p.m.f. $f_\theta(x)$

$T(\underline{X})$ is sufficient for θ if $T(\underline{X})$ contains all information about θ , that is contained in the entire sample (X_1, \dots, X_n) ; i.e. given $T(\underline{X})$, (X_1, \dots, X_n) does not contain any information about θ .

Defⁿ: A statistic $T(\underline{X})$ is said to be sufficient for θ if the conditional distⁿ of (X_1, \dots, X_n) given $T=t$ is independent of θ .

Example:

(i) X_1, \dots, X_n i.i.d. random sample from $B(1, \theta)$

Claim: $T(\underline{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ is sufficient for θ

$$\sum_{i=1}^n X_i \sim B(n, \theta)$$

$$P(X_1=x_1, \dots, X_n=x_n | T=t) = \frac{P(X_1=x_1, \dots, X_n=x_n; T=t)}{P(T=t)} = 0 \quad \text{if } \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \neq t \quad \text{indep of } \theta$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{otherwise if } \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = t &= \frac{P(X_1=x_1, \dots, X_n=x_n)}{P(T=t)} \\ &= \frac{P(X_1=x_1) \dots P(X_n=x_n)}{P(T=t)} \quad (\text{independence}) \\ &= \frac{(\theta^{x_1} (1-\theta)^{1-x_1}) \dots (\theta^{x_n} (1-\theta)^{1-x_n})}{\binom{n}{t} \theta^t (1-\theta)^{n-t}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\binom{n}{t}} \quad \leftarrow \text{indep of } \theta \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow T(\underline{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ is sufficient for θ

Example

(ii) X_1, \dots, X_n i.i.d. random sample from $P(\theta); \theta > 0$

claim: $T(\underline{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ is sufficient for θ

$$P(X_1=x_1, \dots, X_n=x_n | T=t) \quad T \sim P(n\theta)$$

$$= \frac{P(X_1=x_1, \dots, X_n=x_n; T=t)}{P(T=t)} = 0 \quad \text{if } \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \neq t \quad \leftarrow \text{indep of } \theta$$

otherwise if

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = t &= \frac{P(X_1=x_1, \dots, X_n=x_n)}{P(T=t)} \\ &= \frac{P(X_1=x_1) \dots P(X_n=x_n)}{P(T=t)} \quad (\text{independence}) \\ &= \frac{P(x_1=x_1) \dots P(x_n=x_n)}{P(T=t)} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{\left(e^{-\theta} \theta^{x_1} / x_1! \right) \cdots \left(e^{-\theta} \theta^{x_n} / x_n! \right)}{e^{-n\theta} (n\theta)^t / t!}$$

$$= \frac{t!}{\prod_{i=1}^n x_i!} \cdot \frac{1}{n^t} \rightarrow \text{indep of } \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow T(\underline{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \text{ is sufficient for } \theta$$

Remark: The above defⁿ of sufficient statistic is not a constructive definition.

Neyman-Fisher Factorization Theorem

X_1, \dots, X_n be a random sample with p.d.f. or p.m.f. $f_\theta(x)$
 $\theta \in \Theta$. A statistic $T(\underline{x})$ is sufficient for θ iff $f_\theta(\underline{x})$ can be factored as

$$f_\theta(\underline{x}) = h(\underline{x}) g_\theta(t(\underline{x}))$$

Where, $h(\underline{x}) > 0$ is a fⁿ of (x_1, \dots, x_n) only and indep of θ

and $g_\theta(t(\underline{x}))$: fⁿ of θ and depends on (x_1, \dots, x_n) only through $t(x_1, \dots, x_n)$.

Remark: Every 1-1 fⁿ of a sufficient statistic $T(\underline{x})$ is also a sufficient statistic.

Remark: T & T^* be 2 statistic $\ni T = \psi(T^*)$

T is suff $\Rightarrow T^*$ is also sufficient statistic

Examples

(1) X_1, \dots, X_n r.s. from $N(\theta, 1)$ $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$

$$f_{\theta}(\underline{x}) = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}\right)^n e^{-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta)^2} \quad -\infty < x_1, \dots, x_n < \infty$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}\right)^n \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} (\sum x_i^2 + n\theta^2 - 2\theta \sum x_i)\right)$$

$$= \left(\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}\right)^n \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \sum x_i^2\right)\right) \left(\exp\left(-\frac{n}{2} \theta^2 + \theta \sum x_i\right)\right)$$

\nearrow
 $h(\underline{x})$

\nearrow
 $g_{\theta}(\sum x_i)$

By NFFT, $T(\underline{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ is sufficient for θ

\bar{X} is also sufficient for θ

(X_1, \dots, X_n) is suff for θ (it's the trivial suff stat)

$(X_1, \sum_{i=2}^n X_i)$ is also suff for θ

(2) X_1, \dots, X_n r.s. from $P(\theta)$

$$f_{\theta}(\underline{x}) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{e^{-\theta} \theta^{x_i}}{x_i!} = \frac{e^{-n\theta} \theta^{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}}{\prod_{i=1}^n x_i!}$$

$$\text{i.e. } f_{\theta}(\underline{x}) = \left(\frac{1}{\prod_{i=1}^n x_i!}\right) \left(e^{-n\theta} \theta^{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}\right)$$

$$= \underset{\uparrow}{h(\underline{x})} g_{\theta}(\sum x_i)$$

By NFFT, $T(\underline{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ is sufficient for θ

(3) X_1, \dots, X_n random sample from $U(0, \theta)$, $\theta > 0$
 its p.d.f.

$$f_{\theta}(\underline{x}) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\theta^n}, & 0 < x_1, \dots, x_n < \theta \\ 0, & \text{o/w} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{i.e. } f_{\theta}(\underline{x}) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\theta^n}, & 0 < x_{(1)} < \dots < x_{(n)} < \theta \\ 0, & \text{o/w} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{i.e. } f_{\theta}(\underline{x}) = \frac{1}{\theta^n} I(0, x_{(1)}) I(x_{(n)}, \theta)$$

$$\text{where } I(a, b) = \begin{cases} 1, & a < b \\ 0, & \text{o/w} \end{cases}$$

$$f_{\theta}(\underline{x}) = \underbrace{I(0, x_{(1)})}_{h(\underline{x})} \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{\theta^n} I(x_{(n)}, \theta) \right)}_{g_{\theta}(x_{(n)})}$$

By NFFT, $T(\underline{x}) = X_{(n)}$ is suff for θ