

Question 3

Show an example where sufficiency holds but not separation, and one where separation holds but not sufficiency.

A = gender (protected attribute)

C = log-probability of hyperlipidmia

Y = has hyperlipidmia or not (ground truth)

P (A, C, Y) separation holds: A independent of C

Showing P(A indep C | Y)

A	C	Y	P(A, C, Y)
Female	0.1	True	0.4
Female	0.9	True	0.7
Female	0.9	False	0.6
Female	0.1	False	0.3
Male	0.1	True	0.4
Male	0.9	True	0.7
Male	0.9	False	0.6
Male	0.1	False	0.4

In this example separation holds because A is independent of C, for example when (A = Female, C = 0.1, Y = True), P(A,C,Y) is 0.4 and when (A = Male, C = 0.1, Y = True) P(A, C, Y) is still 0.4.

Sufficiency doesn't hold because A is not independent of Y, for example P(A = Female, C = 0.9, Y = True) = 0.7 which does not equal P(A = Female, C = 0.9, Y = False) which is 0.6.

P(A, C, Y) sufficiency holds: A independent of Y

Showing P(A indep Y | C)

A	C	Y	P(A, C, Y)
Female	0.2	True	0.3
Female	0.8	True	0.3
Female	0.8	False	0.7
Female	0.2	False	0.7
Male	0.2	True	0.3
Male	0.8	True	0.3
Male	0.8	False	0.7
Male	0.2	False	0.7

In this example sufficiency holds because A is independent of Y, for example when (A = Female, C = 0.2, Y = True), $P(A, C, Y)$ is 0.3 and when (A = Male, C = 0.2, Y = True) $P(A, C, Y)$ it is still 0.3.