

ML & Advanced Analytics For Biomedicine



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Today

- **Bayesian Statistics (Contd.)**
- **MLE vs MAP Estimates**
- **Naive Bayes Classifier**
- **Nearest Neighbor Classifier**



Bayes Theorem

Likelihood

How probable is the evidence
given that our hypothesis is true?

Prior

How probable was our hypothesis
before observing the evidence?

$$P(H | e) = \frac{P(e | H) P(H)}{P(e)}$$

Posterior

How probable is our hypothesis
given the observed evidence?
(Not directly computable)

Marginal

How probable is the new evidence
under all possible hypotheses?
 $P(e) = \sum P(e | H_i) P(H_i)$

A Bayesian is one who, vaguely expecting a horse and catching a glimpse of a donkey, strongly concludes he has seen a mule.

– Senn, 1997–



Maximum Likelihood vs Maximum a Posteriori Probability Estimation

MLE vs MAP

$$\theta_{MLE} = \arg \max_{\theta} Pr(X|\theta) \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_{MAP} &= \arg \max_{\theta} Pr(\theta|X) \\ &= \arg \max_{\theta} \left(\log P(X|\theta) + \log Pr(\theta) \right) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$



Sufficient Statistic

- Intuitively, a sufficient statistic for a parameter is a statistic that captures all the information about a given parameter contained in the sample.
- Sufficiency Principle: If $T(X)$ is a sufficient statistic for θ , then any inference about θ should depend on the sample X only through the value of $T(X)$.
- That is, if x and y are two sample points such that $T(x) = T(y)$, then the inference about θ should be the same whether $X = x$ or $X = y$.
- **Definition:** A statistic $T(x)$ is a sufficient statistic for θ if the conditional distribution of the sample X given $T(x)$ does not depend on θ .



Sufficient Statistic

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n denote a random sample of size n from a distribution that has a pdf $f(x, \theta)$, $\theta \in \Theta$. Let $Y = g(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ be a statistic whose pdf or pmf is $f_Y(g(x_1, \dots, x_n); \theta)$. Then Y is a sufficient statistic for θ if and only if

$$\frac{\prod_i f(x_i; \theta)}{f_Y(x_1, \dots, x_n; \theta)} = H(x_1, \dots, x_n) \quad (3)$$



Sufficient Statistic

Example: Normal Sufficient Statistic

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be independently and identically distributed $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ where the variance is known. The sample mean

$$T(X) = \bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_i X_i \quad (4)$$

is a sufficient statistic for μ .



Sufficient Statistic

Factorization Theorem

Let $f(x|\theta)$ denote the joint pdf or pmf of a sample X . A statistic $T(X)$ is a sufficient statistic for θ if and only if there exists functions $g(t|\theta)$ and $h(x)$ such that, for all sample points x and all parameter points θ , we have:

$$\boxed{f(x|\theta) = g(T(x)|\theta)h(x)} \quad (5)$$



Posterior Distribution Through Sufficient Statistics

Theorem: The posterior distribution depends only on sufficient statistics.

$$f(\theta|X) = f(\theta|T(X)) \quad (6)$$

Proof:



Mean Square Error (MSE)

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n denote the vector of observations having joint density $f(X; \theta)$ with unknown parameter θ .

Let $\hat{\theta}$ be an estimator for θ . Then, the MSE of th estimator:

$$MSE(\hat{\theta}) = E(\theta - \hat{\theta})^2 \quad (7)$$

$$= \int (\theta - \hat{\theta})^2 Pr(X|\theta)Pr(\theta)dx d\theta \quad (8)$$



Bayes Estimator

$$\hat{\theta} = E(\theta|X) \quad (9)$$

Theorem:

The Bayes estimator minimizes the mean square error

Thus:

Posterior mean is the best estimator under quadratic loss

Recall: Posterior depends only on sufficient statistics.

Hence:

$$\hat{\theta} = E(\theta|T(X)) \quad (10)$$



Credible Intervals

