

## WMS: 9.4

## L. Sufficiency:

## 1. Sufficiency Criterion

- a. How much of information do we have to consider,
- b. and how much can we toss away as not giving information about the quantity of interest?
- c. Express generic data as  $X_1, \dots, X_n = \mathbf{X}$ , with observed values  $x_1, \dots, x_n = \mathbf{x}$ .

## 2. Sufficiency Example:

- a.  $\mathbf{X} \sim \text{Bin}(m, \theta)$  an ind. sample.
- b.  $\hat{\theta} = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i / (mn)$  is an unbiased, consistent estimator of  $\theta$ .
- c. Is there any other part of the data, other than that summarized by  $\hat{\theta}$ , that gives information about  $\theta$ ?
- d. The separate p.m.f.s for the variables are  $\binom{m}{x_i} \pi^{x_i} (1 - \pi)^{m-x_i}$ .
- e. Hence the joint p.m.f. is  $p_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}; \pi) = \prod_{i=1}^n \binom{m}{x_i} \pi^{x_i} (1 - \pi)^{m-x_i}$ .

## i. Collect exponents

$$p_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}; \pi) = \pi^{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} (1 - \pi)^{mn - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i} \prod_{i=1}^n \binom{m}{x_i}$$

## ii. Substitute in statistic value

$$p_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}; \pi) = \pi^{mn\hat{\theta}}(1 - \pi)^{mn - mn\hat{\theta}} \prod_{i=1}^n \binom{m}{x_i}$$

iii. Calculate marginal probability from distribution of sum of binomials:

$$p(\hat{\theta}; \pi) = \binom{mn}{mn\hat{\theta}} \pi^{mn\hat{\theta}}(1 - \pi)^{mn - mn\hat{\theta}};$$

f. Hence  $p_{\mathbf{X}|\hat{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}|\hat{\theta}; \pi) = \prod_{i=1}^n \binom{m}{x_i} / \binom{mn}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}$ .

g. Hence the additional information given by the  $X_i$  beyond their total tells nothing about  $\pi$ .

3. Sufficiency Definition:

a.  $T(\mathbf{X})$  is *sufficient* for  $\theta$  if the dist<sup>n</sup> of  $\mathbf{X}$  conditional on  $T$  doesn't depend on  $\theta$ .

b. *factorization theorem*:  $T$  is sufficient if and only if full p.m.f. can be factored as

$$p_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) = g(t(\mathbf{x}); \theta)u(\mathbf{x}).$$

i.  $T$  sufficient  $\Rightarrow$  p.m.f.  $p_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}; \theta)$  is  $p_T(t; \theta)p_{\mathbf{X}|T}(\mathbf{x}|t(\mathbf{x}))$ .

• the latter factor independent of  $\theta$

ii. p.m.f. factors as described  $\Rightarrow p_{\mathbf{X}|T}(\mathbf{x}|t; \pi) =$

$$g(t; \theta)u(\mathbf{x}) / \sum_{\mathbf{z}|t(\mathbf{z})=t} g(t; \theta)u(\mathbf{z}) =$$

$$u(\mathbf{x}) / \sum_{\mathbf{z}|t(\mathbf{z})=t} u(\mathbf{z}).$$

- The conditional p.m.f. does not depend on  $\theta$ .

c. The ideas and theorems above also hold for densities.

d. Entire data set  $\mathbf{X}$  is sufficient.

i. For independent data, so is ordered data set.

ii. Generally want more concise summary.

4. Example: \*\*\*\*\*

a. Consider  $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ .

b. The joint p.d.f. is

$$f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\exp(-(x_i - \mu)^2 / (2\sigma^2))}{\sigma \sqrt{2\pi}}$$

i. Simplify exponentials:

$$f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\exp(-(\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2) / (2\sigma^2))}{\sigma^n (2\pi)^{n/2}}$$

ii. Expand squares:

$$f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\exp\left(\frac{-\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 + 2\mu \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - n\mu^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)}{(\sigma^n (2\pi)^{n/2})}$$

iii. Simplify to obtain density  $\frac{\exp((2\mu \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - n\mu^2) / (2\sigma^2)) \times \exp((- \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 / (2\sigma^2))}{\sigma^n (2\pi)^{n/2}}$

c. If  $\sigma$  is known without looking at the data, sum of observations is sufficient.

i. Factorization shows that  $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i$  is sufficient for  $\mu$ .

- ii. So is  $\hat{\mu} = T/n$ .
- iii.  $\hat{\mu}$  is a good estimator but  $T$  is not.
- iv. Factorization shows that  $(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i, \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2)$  is sufficient for  $(\mu, \sigma^2)$ .
- v. So is  $\bar{X}$ ,  $s^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2 / (n - 1)$

## 5. Poisson Example

a.  $X, Y \sim P(\theta)$

b. Consider summary  $\hat{\mu} = \frac{1}{3}X + \frac{2}{3}Y$

i.  $\hat{\mu} = \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow X = 2 \text{ and } Y = 0 \text{ or } X = 0 \text{ and } Y = 1$

ii.  $P \left[ X = 2 | \hat{\mu} = \frac{2}{3} \right] =$

$$\frac{\exp(-\mu)\mu^2/2! \exp(-\mu)}{\exp(-\mu)\mu^2/2! \exp(-\mu) + \exp(-\mu)\exp(-\mu)\mu^1/1!} = \frac{\mu^2}{\mu^2 + 2\mu},$$

iii. depends on  $\mu$ :  $\hat{\mu}$  not sufficient

c. Consider summary  $\hat{\mu} = \frac{1}{2}X + \frac{1}{2}Y$

i.  $P [X = x | \hat{\mu} = u] =$

$$\frac{\exp(-\mu)\mu^x/x! \exp(-\mu)\mu^{2u-x}/(2u-x)!}{\exp(-2\mu)\mu^{2u}/(2u)!} = \frac{2u!}{x!(2u-x)!},$$

ii. does not depend on  $\mu$ : sufficient

## 6. Example where sufficient statistic doesn't tell whole story:

- a. A collection of cars is inspected for defective wheels
- b. Estimate the proportion  $\pi$  of wheels which are defective.

- c. Under the binomial model, the sample proportion is sufficient for inference on  $\pi$ .
- d. Table 2 contains two scenarios:

Scenario 1:		Scenario 2:	
# of wheels defective	# of times observed	# of wheels defective	# of times observed
0	5	0	44
1	19	1	0
2	36	2	0
3	27	3	0
4	13	4	56
Total	100	Total	100

- i. Both scenarios give the same estimate of  $\pi$
- ii. the second case gives strong evidence that the binomial model is wrong.
- iii. Hence the sufficient statistic tells about the parameters in the model; remainder tells about the suitability of the model itself.