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# Statistical Data Reduction via Construction of Sample Space Partitions\*

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The statistical data reduction problem is presented as a problem of construction of sample space partitions. Then, the algorithm for synthesis of an  $\epsilon$ -sufficient partition of a sample space is derived and its modification from the view-point of applications is formulated and discussed.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let the triple  $(\Omega, \mathfrak{A}, P_\zeta)$  be a probability space: here  $\Omega$  is a set whose elements are called  $\omega$ 's,  $\mathfrak{A}$  denotes the  $\sigma$ -algebra of all subsets of  $\Omega$ ,  $P_\zeta$  is a probability measure defined on the (measurable) space  $(\Omega, \mathfrak{A})$ . Let  $\zeta(\omega)$  be the random variable corresponding to  $P_\zeta$  and with range  $\Omega$ . We shall call  $(\Omega, \mathfrak{A}, P_\zeta)$  the *parameter space*. This name will be used also in referring simply to  $\Omega$ .

We shall call  $(X, \mathfrak{X}, \Omega, P_{\xi|\omega})$  the *sample space*, where  $(X, \mathfrak{X})$  is the measurable space of outcomes of an experiment and  $P_{\xi|\omega}$  are conditional probability measures defined on  $(X, \mathfrak{X})$  for each given parameter value  $\omega \in \Omega$ . Elements of the real space  $X$  are called  $x$ 's,  $\mathfrak{X}$  denotes the  $\sigma$ -algebra of all subsets of  $X$ . The set  $\Omega$  can be also considered as an *index set* of probability measures  $P_{\xi|\omega}$  on  $(X, \mathfrak{X})$ .  $\xi(\omega)$  is a random variable defined on the space  $\Omega$  and taking its values in  $X$ . The name "sample space" is also used when referring only to  $X$ , its first element.

Let  $Y$  be a proper subset of  $X$  and let  $(Y, \mathfrak{Y})$  be the measurable space with  $\mathfrak{Y}$  being the  $\sigma$ -algebra of all subsets of  $Y$ . We define the *problem of data reduction* as the problem of finding a partition  $\mathcal{A}_T$  of  $X$  defined by some measurable transformation  $T$  from  $(X, \mathfrak{X})$  onto  $(Y, \mathfrak{Y})$ . In other words, the problem of data reduction may be considered as the problem of searching the new experiment to be performed which is nothing different than the determination of a new random variable  $\eta(\omega)$  defined

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on  $\Omega$  which may be expressed as a following composition:

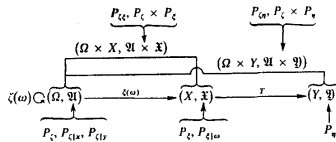
$$(1) \quad \eta(\omega) = T \circ \xi(\omega)$$

To each point  $y \in Y$  corresponds some event  $A_y \in \mathfrak{X}$  such that

$$(2) \quad Tx = y \quad \text{for all } x \in A_y$$

and, of course, by definition  $A_y \in \mathcal{A}_T$ .

The diagram below summarizes the principle notations to be used and gives the view of their relationships, where all the probability measures are generated in a standard way, provided  $P_{\xi}, \{P_{\xi|\omega}, \omega \in \Omega\}$ ,  $T$  are given and  $\eta$  is defined by (1).



It should be clear that usually some constraints are imposed on a class of transformations to which  $T$  belongs. These are constraints concerning preservation under transformation  $T$  of information about the unknown value of parameter  $\omega$  which is incorporated in events  $A \in \mathfrak{X}$ . To be able to make it more clear we introduce now some additional notations. Let  $D$  be an arbitrary space of actions or decisions  $d$ , let  $L$  be a loss function defined on  $\Omega \times D$ , let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a class of  $\mathfrak{X}$ -measurable decision functions  $\delta$  with the range  $D$ . Further, let  $\mathfrak{X}' \subset \mathfrak{X}$  be the  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by the partition  $\mathcal{A}_T$  and let  $\mathcal{B}' \subset \mathcal{B}$  be a class of  $\mathfrak{X}'$ -measurable decision functions  $\delta'$ . We are now in position to give the following definition.

**Definition 1.** The space  $X$  and the partition  $\mathcal{A}_T$  are said to be equally informative if there exists an element  $\delta'_0 \in \mathcal{B}'$  such that

$$(3) \quad r(P_{\xi}, \delta'_0) = \inf_{\delta \in \mathcal{B}'} r(P_{\xi}, \delta)$$

where

$$(4) \quad r(P_{\xi}, \delta) = \int_{\Omega \times X} L(\omega, \delta(x)) dP_{\xi}$$

In the sequel we shall consider partitions  $\mathcal{A}_T$  which are "as informative as"  $X$ , as well as, such which are not. We remark that in general case only the latter lead to the essential data reduction. This statement is clarified later.

In Backwell and Girshick [1] may be found the following definition of a *sufficient partition*.

**Definition 2.** Let  $(X, \mathfrak{X}, \Omega, P_{\xi|\omega})$  be a sample space. A partition  $\mathcal{A}$  of  $X$  is said to be sufficient on  $(X, \mathfrak{X}, \Omega, P_{\xi|\omega})$  if for every bounded function  $f$  defined on  $X$  and every  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ , the conditional expectation of  $f$ , given  $A$  and  $\omega$

$$E_{\omega}(f | A) = \frac{1}{P_{\xi|\omega}(A)} \int_A f dP_{\xi|\omega}$$

is independent of  $\omega$  for those  $\omega \in \Omega$  for which  $P_{\xi|\omega}(A) > 0$ .

Using the factorization theorem (see [1] for the formulation and proof) one can prove

**Theorem 1.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a sufficient partition on  $(X, \mathfrak{X}, \Omega, P_{\xi|\omega})$ . Then  $X$  and  $\mathcal{A}$  are equally informative.

It follows from Theorem 1 that if  $\mathcal{A}$  is a non-trivial sufficient partition (i.e. such a sufficient partition which does not exclusively consists of individual points of  $X$ ), then instead of making precise measurements of the physical parameters of some objects represented by the vector  $x \in X$ , one can check only to which  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  this vector belongs. If there exist non-trivial sufficient partitions  $\mathcal{A}$  of  $X$ , the question arises how to construct the minimal sufficient partition.

The appropriate algorithm may be readily written on the basis of Lemma 8.4.1 and Lemma 8.4.3 given in [1] under the following assumptions:

- (a) the sample space  $(X, \mathfrak{X}, \Omega, P_{\xi|\omega})$  is such that for each  $x \in X$  there exists at least one  $\omega \in \Omega$  with  $P_{\xi|\omega}(x) > 0$ ,
- (b) the parameter space  $\Omega$  is finite.

The assumption (a) means that the space  $X$  is such that its points really occur as results of the experiment performed. It is clear that from the view-point of applications the assumption (b) can not be considered as a restriction.

### 3. SUFFICIENT STATISTICS

Classically the sufficient statistic  $T$  on  $(X, \mathfrak{X}, \Omega, P_{\xi|\omega})$  is defined as a random variable such that the partition  $\mathcal{A}_T$  of  $X$  determined by  $T$  is sufficient on  $(X, \mathfrak{X}, \Omega, P_{\xi|\omega})$ .

**Proposition 1.** Let  $(X, \mathfrak{X}, \Omega, P_{\xi|\omega})$  be a sample space, let  $(\Omega, \mathfrak{Y}, P_{\xi})$  be a parameter space, and let  $T$  be a random variable defined on  $X$  and with range  $Y \ni y$ . Then  $T$  is a sufficient statistic on  $(X, \mathfrak{X}, \Omega, P_{\xi|\omega})$  if and only if for each pair  $(x, y)$  such

that

$$(5) \quad y = Tx$$

the equality

$$(6) \quad P_{\xi|x}(B) = P_{\xi|y}(B)$$

holds for all  $B \in \mathfrak{A}$  such that  $\int_B P_{\xi|\omega}(x) P_{\xi}(\omega) d\omega > 0$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $T$  is a sufficient statistic on  $(X, \mathfrak{X}, \Omega, P_{\xi|\omega})$  and  $\mathfrak{A}_T$  is the corresponding sufficient partition. Then for every  $x \in A_y$  and each  $A_y \in \mathfrak{A}_T$

$$Tx = y$$

Define

$$s_{\omega}(x) = \frac{P_{\xi|\omega}(x)}{\int_{\Omega} P_{\xi|\omega}(x) P_{\xi}(\omega) d\omega}$$

assuming that for each  $x$  the denominator is positive which is true by hypothesis (see Definition 2). This is also equivalent to the appropriate condition in Proposition 1. Then, from factorization theorem for sufficient statistics

$$s_{\omega}(x) = \frac{h(Tx, \omega) q(x)}{\int_{\Omega} h(Tx, \omega) q(x) P_{\xi}(\omega) d\omega} = \frac{h(Tx, \omega)}{\int_{\Omega} h(Tx, \omega) P_{\xi}(\omega) d\omega} = r_{\omega}(Tx)$$

and

$$(7) \quad P_{\xi|\omega}(x) = r_{\omega}(Tx) P_{\xi}(x).$$

Using (7) we obtain

$$(8) \quad \begin{aligned} P_{\xi|A}(B) &= \frac{1}{P_{\xi}(A)} \int_A dx \int_B P_{\xi|\omega}(x) P_{\xi}(\omega) d\omega = \\ &= \frac{1}{P_{\xi}(A)} \int_A P_{\xi}(x) dx \int_B r_{\omega}(Tx) P_{\xi}(\omega) d\omega \end{aligned}$$

where  $A \in \mathfrak{X}$ ,  $B \in \mathfrak{A}$ .  $P_{\xi|A}(B)$  may be also expressed as

$$(9) \quad P_{\xi|A}(B) = \frac{1}{P_{\xi}(A)} \int_A P_{\xi|x}(B) dP_{\xi}(x) = \frac{1}{P_{\xi}(A)} \int_A P_{\xi}(x) dx \int_B P_{\xi|x}(\omega) d\omega$$

Now, assuming that  $A = A_y \in \mathfrak{A}_T$  we conclude that for  $x \in A_y$   $r_{\omega}(Tx)$  does not depend upon  $x$ . Moreover, the left hand sides of (8) and (9) become  $P_{\xi|y}(B)$ . Next, comparing the right hand sides of (8) and (9) we conclude that  $\int_B P_{\xi|x}(\omega) d\omega$  does not

446 depend upon  $x \in A_y$ . This means that (6) holds for all  $x \in A_y$  and  $B \in \mathfrak{A}$  such that  $\int_B P_{\xi|\omega}(x) P_{\xi}(\omega) d\omega > 0$ . Conversely, suppose (6) together with (5) holds. Since

$$P_{\xi|x}(\omega) = \frac{P_{\xi|\omega}(x) P_{\xi}(\omega)}{P_{\xi}(x)}$$

and

$$P_{\xi|y}(\omega) = \frac{P_{\eta|\omega}(y) P_{\xi}(\omega)}{P_{\eta}(y)}$$

we obtain

$$P_{\xi|\omega}(x) = \frac{P_{\eta|\omega}(y)}{P_{\eta}(y)} P_{\xi}(x)$$

or

$$P_{\xi|\omega}(x) = \frac{P_{\eta|\omega}(Tx)}{P_{\eta}(Tx)} P_{\xi}(x)$$

which making appropriate definitions is equivalent to the necessary and sufficient condition (given by factorization theorem) for a random variable  $T$  to be a sufficient statistic.

This completes the proof of the proposition.

#### 4. PARTITIONS WHICH ARE $\varepsilon$ -SUFFICIENT ON A SAMPLE SPACE. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

Let  $T$  be any measurable transformation from the measurable space  $(X, \mathfrak{X})$  onto a measurable space  $(Y, \mathfrak{Y})$  as stated in Introduction. We have by definition

$$(10) \quad P_{\xi|y}(B) = \frac{P_{\xi\eta}(B, y)}{P_{\eta}(y)} = \frac{P_{\xi\zeta}(B, A)}{P_{\zeta}(A)}, \quad B \in \mathfrak{Y}, \quad A \in \mathfrak{X}$$

where

$$(11) \quad A = T^{-1}y = \{x : Tx = y\}.$$

From (10)

$$(12) \quad P_{\xi|y}(B) = \frac{P_{\xi\zeta}(B, A)}{P_{\eta}(y)} = \frac{1}{P_{\eta}(y)} \int_A P_{\xi|x}(B) dP_{\xi}$$

which is equivalent to (6), provided  $A$  is an element of a sufficient partition. Note that  $[P_{\eta}]$  the following relations hold:

$$(13) \quad \frac{P_{\xi}(x)}{P_{\eta}(y)} \geq 0, \quad x \in X, \quad y \in Y$$

$$(14) \quad \frac{1}{P_{\eta}(y)} \int_A dP_{\xi} = 1, \quad A \in \mathfrak{X} \quad \text{and} \quad A = T^{-1}y.$$

Let  $h$  be any concave function. Then, since (13) and (14) hold, we can apply to (12) Jensen's inequality. We get then

$$(15) \quad h\left(\frac{1}{P_{\eta}(y)} \int_A P_{\xi|x}(B) dP_{\xi}\right) \geq \frac{1}{P_{\eta}(y)} \int_A h(P_{\xi|x}(B)) dP_{\xi}.$$

Taking the integral of the both sides of (15) over the space  $\Omega \times Y$ , we obtain

$$(16) \quad \int_{\Omega} d\omega \int_Y P_{\eta}(y) h(P_{\xi|y}(\omega)) dy \geq \int_{\Omega} d\omega \int_X P_{\xi}(x) h(P_{\xi|x}(\omega)) dx.$$

If we denote

$$\varepsilon' = \int_{\Omega} d\omega \int_Y P_{\eta}(y) h(P_{\xi|y}(\omega)) dy - \int_{\Omega} d\omega \int_X P_{\xi}(x) h(P_{\xi|x}(\omega)) dx$$

and if we choose

$$(17) \quad h(P) = -P \log P$$

where the basis of logarithms is equal to 2, then, from (16) we get

$$(18) \quad - \int_{\Omega} d\omega \int_Y P_{\eta}(\omega, y) \log P_{\xi|y}(\omega) dy + \\ + \int_{\Omega} d\omega \int_X P_{\xi}(\omega, x) \log P_{\xi|x}(\omega) dx \leq \varepsilon$$

where  $\varepsilon \geq \varepsilon'$  is a non-negative number.

**Definition 3.** The measurable transformation  $T$  from the measurable space  $(X, \mathfrak{X})$  onto a measurable space  $(Y, \mathfrak{Y})$  is  $\varepsilon$ -sufficient if the inequality (18) holds with  $\varepsilon > 0$ . The partition  $\mathcal{A}_T$  of  $X$  determined by such  $T$  is said to be  $\varepsilon$ -sufficient on  $(X, \mathfrak{X}, \Omega, P_{\xi|\omega})$ .

*Remark 1.* It is obvious that if and only if  $\varepsilon = 0$  in (18) then  $T$  is sufficient.

The concept of  $\varepsilon$ -sufficient transformation was in the different way first introduced by Perez [2] and was studied by him in [3, 4, 5]. The equivalence of both definitions is straightforward.

Equality (3) defines the Bayes risk. As stated by Theorem 1 the Bayes risk remains unchanged if  $X$  is replaced by its sufficient partition  $\mathcal{A}_T$ . This is, however, no longer the case if  $\mathcal{A}_T$  is an  $\varepsilon$ -sufficient partition. This means that in the case of  $\varepsilon$ -sufficient data reduction we do need an estimate of the Bayes risk increase. Such an estimate

448 is given by the Perez's theorem to be found in [3]. See also Perez [4, 5] for further considerations.

### 5. $\varepsilon$ -SUFFICIENT DATA REDUCTION. CONSTRUCTIVE RESULTS

The class of sample spaces to be considered in this section is that with finite parameter space  $\Omega$ ; a member of this class is denoted by  $(X, \mathfrak{X}, \Omega, P_{\xi|\omega_i})$ . Let  $M$  be the number of points  $\omega_i$  in  $\Omega$ . We will give an algorithm for constructing an  $\varepsilon$ -sufficient partition. This partition turns out to be finite. The considerations of this section extend the earlier results of the author presented in [6] and [7].

Let us assume, for a moment without any motivation, that in the case of finite parameter space it is possible for any positive value  $\varepsilon$  to construct an  $\varepsilon$ -sufficient partition of  $X$  which is finite. This implies the finiteness of the space  $Y$ . Let  $K$  be the number of elements  $A_j$  in  $\mathcal{A}_T$  (or the number of elements  $y_j$  in  $Y$ ). With these assumptions we can replace the inequality (18) by

$$(19) \quad - \sum_{\Omega} \sum_{j=1}^K P_{\xi|\omega}(\omega, A_j) \log P_{\xi|A_j}(\omega) + \sum_{\Omega} \int_X P_{\xi|x}(\omega) \log P_{\xi|x}(\omega) dP_{\xi}(x) \leq \varepsilon.$$

Now, we give an information-theoretic interpretation of the problem of searching an  $\varepsilon$ -sufficient transformation in the case considered. Let  $(\Omega, X, \mathfrak{X}, P_{\xi|\omega_i})$  and  $(\Omega, \mathfrak{A}, P_{\xi})$  be a semicontinuous channel and a source of information, respectively. The average amount of information per transmission received through the channel is given by

$$R = H(\Omega) - H(\Omega | X)$$

where

$$H(\Omega) = - \sum_{\Omega} P_{\xi}(\omega) \log P_{\xi}(\omega),$$

$$H(\Omega | X) = - \sum_{\Omega} \int_X P_{\xi|x}(\omega) \log P_{\xi|x}(\omega) dP_{\xi}(x).$$

It was proved by Feinstein [8] that for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  one can replace the semicontinuous channel defined above by a discrete one which assures the decrease of the average amount of information per transmission not greater than  $\varepsilon$ . This means that one can find the transformation  $T$  defined above for which

$$(20) \quad R - R' \leq \varepsilon$$

with

$$R' = H(\Omega) - H(\Omega | \mathcal{A}_T)$$



where

$$H(\Omega | \mathcal{A}_T) = -\sum_{\Omega} \sum_{j=1}^K P_{\zeta_i}(\omega, A_j) \log P_{\zeta_i|A_j}(\omega).$$

Clearly, (20) is equivalent to (19). This leads us to the following assertion:

**Theorem 2.** *If the parameter space  $\Omega$  is finite, then for any positive  $\varepsilon$  there exists an  $\varepsilon$ -sufficient measurable transformation  $T$  from the measurable space  $(X, \mathfrak{X})$  onto a finite measurable space  $(Y, \mathfrak{Y})$ . This means that the corresponding  $\varepsilon$ -sufficient partition of  $X$  is finite.*

We propose an algorithm for constructing an  $\varepsilon$ -sufficient partition  $\mathcal{A}_T$  of  $X$ . This algorithm is based on the proof of Feinstein's theorem, given in [8].

To construct an appropriate set  $\mathcal{A}_T = \{A_j\}$  we explicitly put

$$(21) \quad -\log P_{\zeta_i|x}(\omega_i) = 0 \quad \text{for} \quad P_{\zeta_i|x}(\omega_i) = 0, \quad \omega_i \in \Omega.$$

Then, denoting by  $m$  any positive integer, we define the following sets:

$$(22) \quad A_m(\omega_i) = \{x : -\log P_{\zeta_i|x}(\omega_i) < m\}, \quad \omega_i \in \Omega,$$

$$(23) \quad A_m = \bigcap_{\Omega} A_m(\omega_i).$$

#### Algorithm 1

1° Find the smallest subscript  $m = m_0$  such that

$$(24) \quad -\sum_{\Omega} P_{\zeta_i}(\omega_i, X \setminus A_{m_0}) \log P_{\zeta_i}(\omega_i, X \setminus A_{m_0}) \\ + P_{\zeta_i}(X \setminus A_{m_0}) \log P_{\zeta_i}(X \setminus A_{m_0}) \leq \gamma$$

where

$$(25) \quad P_{\zeta_i}(\omega_i, X \setminus A_{m_0}) = P_{\zeta_i|\omega_i}(X \setminus A_{m_0}) P_{\zeta_i}(\omega_i),$$

$$(26) \quad P_{\zeta_i}(X \setminus A_{m_0}) = \sum_{\Omega} P_{\zeta_i}(\omega_i, X \setminus A_{m_0})$$

and  $\gamma$  is a positive number such that

$$(27) \quad \gamma < \varepsilon$$

where  $\varepsilon$  is a positive number chosen before.

As a result of this step of the algorithm we obtain the set  $A_{m_0}$ .

2° Choose the smallest positive integer  $n$  such that

$$(28) \quad \frac{1}{n} P_{\zeta_i}(A_{m_0}) \leq \varepsilon - \gamma.$$

450 3° Find

$$(29) \quad P_{\max} = \sup_{\Omega \times A_{m_0}} P_{\zeta|x}(\omega_i)$$

and then

$$(30) \quad k_{\min} = \lceil 1 - n \log P_{\max} \rceil.$$

4° For each  $\omega_i \in \Omega$  construct the following sequence of sets

$$(31) \quad A_{k,\omega_i} = \{x : 2^{-k/n} < P_{\zeta|x}(\omega_i) \leq 2^{-(k-1)/n}\} \cap A_{m_0}$$

$$k = k_{\min}, \dots, nm_0,$$

$$(32) \quad A_{0,\omega_i} = \{x : P_{\zeta|x}(\omega_i) = 0\} \cap A_{m_0}.$$

5° Construct all the following sets:

$$(33) \quad A(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_M) = \bigcap_{i=1}^M A_{k_i, \omega_i}$$

where

$$(34) \quad k_i = 0, k_{\min}, k_{\min} + 1, \dots, nm_0.$$

It is proved in the sequel that as a result of this step we obtain the set

$$(35) \quad \mathcal{A}_T = \{A_j\} = \{A(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_M)\}, \quad X \setminus A_{m_0}.$$

Now we make some remarks which will be found helpful in proving that the formulated algorithm possesses the desired properties.

*Remark 2.* The sequence  $A_m$  is a non-decreasing sequence of sets. Therefore

$$(36) \quad \lim A_m = \bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} A_m = X.$$

*Remark 3.* It follows from relations (29), (30), (31) and (32) that

$$(37) \quad \bigcup_{k=0, k_{\min}, \dots, nm_0} A_{k,\omega_i} = A_{m_0}, \quad \omega_i \in \Omega,$$

$$(38) \quad \bigcup_{k=0, k_{\min}, \dots, nm_0} A_{k,\omega_i} = \emptyset, \quad \omega_i \in \Omega.$$

The same assertions are clearly true for the sets  $A(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_M)$ .

*Remark 4.* The set  $\mathcal{A}_T$  given by (35) is a partition of the space  $X$  (it is motivated by Remarks 2 and 3).

*Remark 5.* Since  $0 < \gamma < \varepsilon$  and  $\gamma$  may assume any value from this interval, then for the fixed value  $\varepsilon$  we can obtain uncountably many partitions  $\mathcal{A}_T$  of the space  $X$ .

We formulate now the theorem concerning Algorithm 1.

**Theorem 3.** Let  $(X, \mathfrak{X}, \Omega, P_{\xi|\omega_i})$  be a given sample space with the parameter space  $\Omega$  which consists of  $M$  points, and let also the a priori probability measure  $P_{\xi}(\omega)$  be given. Then a partition  $\mathcal{A}_T = \{A_j\}$  of the space  $X$  obtained as a result of Algorithm 1 is  $\varepsilon$ -sufficient.

Proof. Taking into account Remark 2 and  $\lim_{a \rightarrow 0} a \log a = 0$  we conclude that it is possible to find  $m = m_0$  such that for the chosen positive  $\gamma < \varepsilon$  and any  $\varepsilon < 0$  we will have

$$(39) \quad \begin{aligned} & - \sum_{\omega_i \in \Omega} P_{\xi|\omega_i}(\omega_i, X \setminus A_{m_0}) \log P_{\xi|X \setminus A_{m_0}}(\omega_i) = \\ & = - \sum_{\omega_i \in \Omega} P_{\xi|\omega_i}(\omega_i, X \setminus A_{m_0}) \log P_{\xi|\omega_i}(\omega_i, X \setminus A_{m_0}) \\ & \quad + P_{\xi}(X \setminus A_{m_0}) \log P_{\xi}(X \setminus A_{m_0}) \leq \gamma \end{aligned}$$

where the set  $A_{m_0}$  is defined in the step 1° of Algorithm 1.

If  $r > 0$ , then

$$(40) \quad 2^{-r/n} < P_{\xi|x}(\omega_i) \leq 2^{-(r-1)/n}$$

for all  $x$  belonging to any  $A(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_M)$  for which  $k_i = r$ , where  $n$  is defined by (28) and the sets  $A(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_M)$  are defined by (33). Since

$$(41) \quad P_{\xi|A(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_M)}(\omega_i) = \frac{1}{P_{\xi}(A(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_M))} \int_{A(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_M)} P_{\xi|x}(\omega_i) dP_{\xi}$$

the same inequality should be true for  $P_{\xi|A(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_M)}(\omega_i)$  except those cases when  $P_{\xi}(A(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_M)) = 0$ , which means that  $P_{\xi|\omega_i}(\omega_i, A(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_M)) = 0$ .

Further, if  $k_i = 0$ , then

$$(42) \quad P_{\xi|\omega_i}(\omega_i, A(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_M)) = 0$$

for all corresponding sets  $A(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_M)$ .

Define on  $A_{m_0}$  for each  $\omega_i$  the following function (recall Remark 3):

$$(43) \quad g(\omega_i, x) = \begin{cases} -\log P_{\xi|A(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_M)}(\omega_i) & \text{if } x \in A(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_M) \\ \text{such that } P_{\xi|\omega_i}(\omega_i, A(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_M)) > 0, \\ \text{any value at all other points of } A_{m_0}. \end{cases}$$

Thus

$$(44) \quad |-\log P_{\xi|x}(\omega_i) - g(\omega_i, x)| \leq \frac{1}{n} [P_{\xi|\omega_i}]$$

452 on  $A_{m_0}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, M$ . Since  $-\log P_{\zeta|x}(\omega_i)$  and  $g(\omega_i, x)$  are positive  $[P_{\zeta\xi}]$ , we have

$$(45) \quad \int_{A_{m_0}} \log P_{\zeta|x}(\omega_i) dP_{\zeta\xi}(\omega_i, x) \geq - \int_{A_{m_0}} g(\omega_i, x) dP_{\zeta\xi}(\omega_i, x) - \frac{1}{n} P_{\zeta\xi}(\omega_i, A_{m_0}).$$

But

$$(46) \quad \int_{A_{m_0}} \varrho(\omega_i, x) dP_{\zeta\xi}(\omega_i, x) = - \sum_{(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_M)} P_{\zeta\xi}(\omega_i, A(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_M)) \log P_{\zeta|A(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_M)}(\omega_i).$$

So that, taking into account the definition of conditional entropy  $H(\Omega | X)$  given above, and Eqs. (45) and (46), we obtain

$$(47) \quad H(\Omega | X) \geq - \sum_{i=1}^M \int_{A_{m_0}} \log P_{\zeta|x}(\omega_i) dP_{\zeta\xi}(\omega_i, x) \geq - \sum_{i=1}^M \left\{ \sum_{(k_1, \dots, k_M)} P_{\zeta\xi}(\omega_i, A(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_M)) \log P_{\zeta|A(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_M)}(\omega_i) - \frac{1}{n} P_{\zeta\xi}(\omega_i, A_{m_0}) \right\}.$$

Now, taking into account (28) and (39), we obtain from (47) the following inequalities:

$$(48) \quad H(\Omega | X) \geq - \sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{(k_1, \dots, k_M)} P_{\zeta\xi}(\omega_i, A(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_M)) \log P_{\zeta|A(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_M)}(\omega_i) - \frac{1}{n} P_{\zeta}(A_{m_0}) - \sum_{i=1}^M P_{\zeta\xi}(\omega_i, X \setminus A_{m_0}) \log P_{\zeta|X \setminus A_{m_0}}(\omega_i) - \gamma \geq - \sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{A_j \in \mathcal{A}_T} P_{\zeta\xi}(\omega_i, A_j) \log P_{\zeta|A_j}(\omega_i) - \varepsilon$$

where  $\mathcal{A}_T$  is defined by (35). One can very easily see that the inequality (48) is equivalent to the inequality (20). This proved  $\varepsilon$ -sufficiency of the partition  $\mathcal{A}_T$  of  $X$ .

This completes the proof of the theorem.

One can easily see that since  $0 < \gamma < \varepsilon$  there exists some optimal  $\gamma$  which minimizes

$$(49) \quad \Delta = nm_0 - [1 - n \log P_{\max}],$$

i.e.,  $\gamma$  corresponding to the minimal amount of the computational work to be done in steps 4° and 5° of Algorithm 1. The problem of this optimization, however, is in fact not very important from the view-point of applications of  $\varepsilon$ -sufficient data reduction.

In practical cases one will:

1. Restrict the computation to some bounded space  $X$ .
2. Assume some "regular" partition  $\mathcal{S} = \{S\}$  of the space  $X$ , where the sets  $S \in \mathcal{S}$  are "sufficiently small".
3. Assign the values  $P_{\zeta|S}(\omega_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, M$ , found experimentally, to all points  $x \in S$ . This means that one will have in  $X$  only points  $x$  such that either  $P_{\zeta|x}(\omega_i) = 0$  or  $P_{\zeta|x}(\omega_i) > 0$  with the condition

$$(50) \quad P_{\zeta|x}(\omega_i) > \varrho$$

fulfilled for every  $x$  and each  $\omega_i$  for which  $P_{\zeta|x}(\omega_i) \neq 0$ , where  $\varrho > 0$  is small.

4. Construct  $\mathcal{A}_T = \{A_j\}$ , where every  $A_j \in \mathcal{A}_T$  will consist of at least one set  $S \in \mathcal{S}$ , according to Algorithm 2, which is given below and is the obvious modification of Algorithm 1.

#### Algorithm 2

- 1° Find the smallest positive value of  $P_{\zeta|S}(\omega_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, M$ ,

$$P_{\min} = \inf_{\substack{S \in \mathcal{S} \\ P_{\zeta|S}(\omega_i) \neq 0}} P_{\zeta|S}(\omega_i)$$

and then choose

$$m_0 = \lceil -\log P_{\min} \rceil + 1.$$

- 2° Choose the smallest positive integer  $n$  such that

$$\frac{1}{n} \leq \varepsilon$$

where  $\varepsilon$  is a positive number chosen before.

- 3° Proceed as in Algorithm 1 with  $x$  replaced by  $S$ .

4° Proceed as in Algorithm 1 with  $x$  replaced by  $S$  and the operations of intersection with  $A_{m_0}$  deleted.

- 5° Proceed as in Algorithm 1.

As a result of Algorithm 2 one obtains a partition

$$\mathcal{A}_T = \{A(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_M)\}.$$

We remark that such a partition will be  $\varepsilon$ -sufficient with respect to the computed probability measures  $P_{\zeta|S}(\omega_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, M$ ,  $S \in \mathcal{S}$ .

Even if  $\{P_{\zeta|\omega_i}\}$  and  $P_{\zeta}$  are exactly known one can assume some "convenient" partition  $\mathcal{S}$  of  $X$  and compute "how sufficient" is this partition, i.e., one can compute the number

$$\varepsilon_{\mathcal{S}} = - \sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{S_j \in \mathcal{S}} P_{\zeta\zeta^c}(\omega_i, S_j) \log P_{\zeta|\mathcal{S}}(\omega_i) + \sum_{i=1}^M \int_X \log P_{\zeta|x}(\omega_i) dP_{\zeta\zeta^c}(\omega_i, x)$$

Then, if a partition  $\mathcal{A}_T$  should be  $\varepsilon$ -sufficient one can find

$$\varepsilon_{\mathcal{A}_T|\mathcal{S}} = \varepsilon - \varepsilon_{\mathcal{S}}$$

provided  $\varepsilon > \varepsilon_{\mathcal{S}}$ . Further, using Algorithm 2 one can find  $\mathcal{A}_T$  being an  $\varepsilon_{\mathcal{A}_T|\mathcal{S}}$ -sufficient partition with respect to  $\mathcal{S}$  and being  $\varepsilon$ -sufficient on  $(X, \mathfrak{X}, \Omega, P_{\zeta|\omega_i})$ .

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## Statistická redukce dat pomocí konstrukce rozkladů výběrového prostoru

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V článku je problém statistické redukce dat formulován jako problém konstrukce rozkladů výběrového prostoru. Uvažují se suficientní a  $\varepsilon$ -suficientní rozklady. Je uvedena nová definice suficientní statistiky, ze které plyne definice  $\varepsilon$ -suficientního rozkladu, jež je ekvivalentní definici Perezově. Nová definice suficientní statistiky umožnila dokázat, že pro konečný parametrový prostor je problém syntézy  $\varepsilon$ -suficientního rozkladu ekvivalentní problému redukce polospojitého kanálu na diskrétní kanál, nemá-li pokles průměrné informace na přenos překročit  $\varepsilon$ . To umožnilo odvodit algoritmus pro syntézu  $\varepsilon$ -suficientního rozkladu výběrového prostoru inspirovaný prací Feinsteina [8]. Je předložena a studována modifikace tohoto algoritmu.

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