Evaluating Summary Statistics with Mutual Information for Cosmological Inference

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Statistical Inference in Cosmology



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- 1. Through theoretic interpretation
- 2. Fisher Analysis

3. Running inferences with one mock observation

Method: Mutual information as a probe of Sufficient Statistics

Mutual information

$$I(\theta; x) = \mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{KL}}[p(\theta, x) || p(\theta) p(x)] = E_{p(\theta, x)} \left[\log \frac{p(\theta, x)}{p(\theta) p(x)} \right]$$

MI is a fundamental measure of Statistical Dependence



It evaluates how much uncertainty is reduced

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MI reflects "proximity" to sufficiency

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How to estimate mutual information?

$$I(\theta; x) \equiv E_{p(\theta, x)} \left[\log \frac{p(\theta | x)}{p(\theta)} \right] \approx E_{p(\theta, x)} \left[\log \frac{q(\theta | x)}{p(\theta)} \right]$$

Variational Lower Bound

Summary Statistics Considered in this work

Power Spectrum $\langle \delta(k)\delta(k')\rangle = (2\pi)^3 \delta^D(k+k')P(k)$

Bipectrum $\langle \delta(k_1)\delta(k_2)\delta(k_3)\rangle = (2\pi)^3 \delta^D(k_1 + k_2 + k_3)B(k_1, k_2, k_3)$

Scattering Transform

$$S\delta[\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k] = \left| \psi_{\lambda_k} \star \cdots |\psi_1 \star \delta| \right|$$

Use designed wavelets to convolve the field (Anden & Mallat 2014, Eickenberg et al. 2017,2018)

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Results are consistent with theoretical interpretations

Experiments II: Evaluate Statistics in an EoR inference Task



Experiments: MI-based comparison of statistics in an EoR Inference task

ST: Wavelet Transform **PS:** Power spectrum **BS:** Bispectrum



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Conditional Mutual Information:

 $I(\theta; S^*|S)$

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CMB Experiment



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Mutual Information for Learning Summaries

1. Learn a new optimal summary by maximizing mutual information

 $\max_{S} I(\theta; S(x))$



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2. Learn a complementary summary by maximizing conditional mutual information

 $\max_{S} I(\theta; S^*(x) | S)$



2. Learn a complementary summary by maximizing conditional mutual information

Learn two complementary features for Power Spectrum

Experiment:

Infer Reionization Parameter from 21cm images.



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2. Learn a complementary summary by maximizing conditional mutual information



The learned representations are indeed complementary to power spectrum

Summary



More Details:

Previous conference paper: https://arxiv.org/abs/2307.04994 Codes and experiments: <u>https://github.com/suicee/MI4StatsEval</u> Journal Paper in prep