



CHAPTER 2

SUFFICIENCY

§2.1 INTRODUCTION

Let X_1, \dots, X_n be a random sample from a density $f(\cdot; \theta)$, and let Ω , called the **parameter space**, denote the set of possible values that the parameter can assume. Recall that a statistic is a function of the sample. Any statistic, $T = \mathcal{L}(X_1, \dots, X_n)$, defines a form of data reduction or data summary; it condenses the n random variables X_1, \dots, X_n into a single random variable. Data reduction in terms of a statistic can also be viewed another way. Let \mathfrak{X} be the range of values that (X_1, \dots, X_n) can take on. Then, a particular statistic induces or defines a partition of \mathfrak{X} .



EX 2.1 : A random sample of size 3 is selected from a Bernoulli distribution, then

$$\begin{aligned}\mathfrak{X} &= \left\{ (X_1, X_2, X_3) : X_i = 0 \text{ or } 1, i = 1, 2, 3 \right\} \\ &= \left\{ (0, 0, 0), (0, 0, 1), \dots, (1, 1, 1) \right\}\end{aligned}$$

and $\text{Card}(\mathfrak{X})=8$. Let $\mathcal{L}(x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_1 + x_2 + x_3$.

Then the partition of \mathfrak{X} induced by $\mathcal{L}(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot)$ is

$$\begin{aligned}& \left\{ (x_1, x_2, x_3) : \mathcal{L}(x_1, x_2, x_3) = 0, 1, 2, 3 \right\} \\ &= \left\{ (0, 0, 0) \right\} \cup \left\{ (0, 0, 1), (0, 1, 0), (1, 0, 0) \right\} \cup \\ & \quad \left\{ (0, 1, 1), (1, 0, 1), (1, 1, 0) \right\} \cup \left\{ (1, 1, 1) \right\}\end{aligned}$$



§2.2 SUFFICIENT STATISTIC

A sufficient statistic is a particular statistic that condenses \mathfrak{X} so that no information about θ is lost. It is good for making inferences about θ .

Def 2.1 : A statistic $T = \mathcal{T}(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ is defined to be a **sufficient statistic** if the conditional distribution of X_1, \dots, X_n given $T = t$ does not depend on θ for any value t of T .



- To use the above definition to verify a statistic T is a sufficient statistic for θ , we need to verify that the conditional probability $P(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_n = x_n | T = t)$ does not depend on θ for all fixed values of (x_1, \dots, x_n) and t . Since $\{X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_n = x_n\}$ is a subset of $\{T = t\}$,

$$\begin{aligned} & P(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_n = x_n | T = t) \\ &= \frac{P(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_n = x_n \text{ and } T = t)}{P(T = t)} \\ &= \frac{P(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_n = x_n)}{P(T = t)} \end{aligned}$$



$$= \frac{f_{X_1, \dots, X_n}(x_1, \dots, x_n; \theta)}{g_T(t; \theta)},$$

where $f_{X_1, \dots, X_n}(x_1, \dots, x_n; \theta)$ is the joint pmf of the sample and $g_T(t; \theta)$ is the pmf of T .

- Note that Equation (2.1) is still appropriate to use if (X_1, \dots, X_n) and T have continuous distributions.



EX 2.2 : $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim iid \text{ Bernoulli}(\theta)$

$f(x; \theta) = \theta^x (1 - \theta)^{1-x}$, $x = 0, 1$, $0 \leq \theta \leq 1$. Let $T = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$. Then

$T \sim B(n, \theta)$ and its pmf is $g(t; \theta) = \binom{n}{t} \theta^t (1 - \theta)^{n-t}$, $t = 0, \dots, n$

$$\therefore P(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_n = x_n | T = t) = \frac{f_{X_1, \dots, X_n}(x_1, \dots, x_n)}{g_T(t)}$$

$$= \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n \theta^{x_i} (1 - \theta)^{1-x_i}}{\binom{n}{t} \theta^t (1 - \theta)^{n-t}} = \frac{\theta^{\sum x_i} (1 - \theta)^{n - \sum x_i}}{\binom{n}{t} \theta^t (1 - \theta)^{n-t}} = \frac{1}{\binom{n}{t}},$$

and it does not depend on θ . T is a sufficient statistic.



Def 2.2 : Let X_1, \dots, X_n be a random sample from a density $f(\cdot; \theta)$, where θ may be a vector. The statistics T_1, \dots, T_r are defined to be **jointly sufficient** if the conditional distribution of X_1, \dots, X_n given $T_1 = t_1, \dots, T_r = t_r$ does not depend on θ .

Thm 2.1 : If $T_1 = \mathcal{L}_1(X_1, \dots, X_n), \dots, T_r = \mathcal{L}_r(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ is a set of jointly sufficient statistics, then any set of one-to-one functions of T_1, \dots, T_r is also sufficient.



EX 2.3 : $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim iid N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

$\sum X_i$ and $\sum X_i^2$ are jointly sufficient.

$\Rightarrow \bar{X}$ and $\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2$ are also jointly sufficient.

Thm 2.2 : (Factorization theorem)

Let X_1, \dots, X_n be a random sample from a density $f(\cdot; \theta)$, where θ may be a vector. A set of statistics

$T_1 = \mathcal{I}_1(X_1, \dots, X_n), \dots, T_r = \mathcal{I}_r(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ is jointly sufficient iff there exists functions $g(t_1, \dots, t_r; \theta)$ and

$h(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ such that for all x_1, \dots, x_n and θ ,

$$f_{X_1, \dots, X_n}(x_1, \dots, x_n; \theta) = g(t_1, \dots, t_r; \theta) h(x_1, \dots, x_n).$$



EX 2.4 : $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim \text{Bernoulli}(\theta)$

$f(x; \theta) = \theta^x (1 - \theta)^{1-x}$, $x = 0, 1$, $0 \leq \theta \leq 1$. Then

$$f_{X_1, \dots, X_n}(x_1, \dots, x_n; \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i; \theta) = \theta^{\sum x_i} (1 - \theta)^{n - \sum x_i}$$

Set $t = \mathcal{T}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum x_i$ and take

$$g(t; \theta) = \theta^{\sum x_i} (1 - \theta)^{n - \sum x_i} \text{ and } h(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 1.$$

So $T = \sum X_i$ is a sufficient statistic.



EX 2.5 : $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim iid N(\mu, \sigma^2)$, $\theta = (\mu, \sigma^2)$

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i; \theta) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x_i - \mu)^2\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} \sigma^n} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i^2 - 2\mu x_i + \mu^2)\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} \sigma^n} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left(\sum x_i^2 - 2\mu \sum x_i + n\mu^2\right)\right] \end{aligned}$$

Set $t_1 = \sum x_i$ and $t_2 = \sum x_i^2$. Then $\sum X_i$ and $\sum X_i^2$ are jointly sufficient statistics. By Thm 2.1, $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum X_i$

and $S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2$ are also jointly sufficient. 

EX 2.6 : X_1, \dots, X_n : random sample from a pdf

$$f(x; \theta) = \begin{cases} \theta x^{\theta-1} & , x \in (0, 1) \\ 0 & , \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i; \theta) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \theta x_i^{\theta-1} = \theta^n (x_1 \cdots x_n)^{\theta-1} \\ &= \theta^n (x_1 \cdots x_n)^\theta \cdot \left(\frac{1}{x_1 \cdots x_n} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Set $t = x_1 \cdots x_n$ and take $g(t; \theta) = \theta^n (x_1 \cdots x_n)^\theta$

and $h(x_1 \cdots x_n) = \frac{1}{x_1 \cdots x_n}$. Then $T = \prod_{i=1}^n X_i$ is a

sufficient statistic.



EX 2.7 : $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim iid U(\theta_1, \theta_2), \theta \in [\theta_1, \theta_2]$.

Then

$$f(x; \theta) = \frac{1}{\theta_2 - \theta_1} \cdot I_{[\theta_1, \theta_2]}(x),$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i; \theta) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\theta_2 - \theta_1} \cdot I_{[\theta_1, \theta_2]}(x_i) \\ &= \frac{1}{(\theta_2 - \theta_1)^n} \cdot I_{[\theta_1, y_1]}(y_1) \cdot I_{[y_1, \theta_2]}(y_n). \end{aligned}$$

Set $t_1 = y_1$, $t_2 = y_n$, and $h(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 1$. Then Y_1 and Y_n are jointly sufficient.



Further, if $\theta_1 = 0$ and $\theta_2 = \theta$, then

$$\begin{aligned}\prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i; \theta) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\theta} \cdot I_{[0, \theta]}(x_i) \\ &= \frac{1}{\theta^n} I_{[0, y_n]}(y_1) \cdot I_{[0, \theta]}(y_n) \\ &= \frac{1}{\theta^n} I_{[0, \theta]}(y_n) \cdot I_{[0, y_n]}(y_1).\end{aligned}$$

Set $t = y_n$, then Y_n is a sufficient statistic.



Def 2.3 : A family of densities $f(\cdot ; \theta_1, \dots, \theta_k)$ is called an **exponential family** if it can be expressed as

$$f(x ; \theta_1, \dots, \theta_k) = a(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k) b(x) \exp \left[\sum_{j=1}^k c_j(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k) d_j(x) \right],$$

for $-\infty < x < \infty$ and for all $\theta \in \Omega$, and for a suitable choice of functions $a(\cdot, \dots, \cdot)$, $b(\cdot)$, $c_j(\cdot, \dots, \cdot)$ and $d_j(\cdot)$.

EX 2.8 : $f(x; \theta) = \theta e^{-\theta x} \cdot I_{(0, \infty)}(x)$

$\Rightarrow f(x; \theta)$ belongs to the exponential family.



EX 2.9 : $X \sim iid N(\mu, \sigma^2)$, $\theta = (\theta_1, \theta_2) = (\mu, \sigma^2)$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x; \mu, \sigma) &= \phi_{\mu, \sigma^2}(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x - \mu)^2\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x^2 - 2\mu x + \mu^2)\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} \exp\left(-\frac{\mu^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}x^2 + \frac{\mu}{\sigma^2}x\right] \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow \{N(\mu, \sigma^2)\}$ belongs to the exponential family.

Remark 2.1 : Any family of densities for which the range of values where the density is nonnegative depends on θ does not belong to the exponential family.



EX 2.10 :

- (1) A family of uniform densities does not belong to the exponential family.
- (2) A family of Binomial densities with n, p unknown does not belong to the exponential family. If n is known and $\theta = p$, then

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, p) &= \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} I_{\{0,1,\dots,n\}}(x) \\ &= \binom{n}{x} I_{\{0,1,\dots,n\}}(x) \exp \left[x \ln p + (n-x) \ln(1-p) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

So $\{B(n, p)\}$ with n known belongs to the exponential family.



Thm 2.3 : Let X_1, \dots, X_n be a random sample from a pdf or pmf $f(x; \theta_1, \dots, \theta_k)$ that belongs to an exponential family given by

$$f(x; \theta_1, \dots, \theta_k) = a(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k) b(x) \exp \left[\sum_{j=1}^k c_j(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k) d_j(x) \right].$$

Then $\sum_{i=1}^n d_1(X_i), \dots, \sum_{i=1}^n d_k(X_i)$ is a set of jointly sufficient statistics.



EX2.11 : $X \sim iid \text{Beta}(\theta_1, \theta_2)$. Then

$$f(x; \theta_1, \theta_2) = \frac{\Gamma(\theta_1 + \theta_2)}{\Gamma(\theta_1)\Gamma(\theta_2)} x^{\theta_1-1} x^{\theta_2-1} I_{[0,1]}(x)$$

$$= \frac{\Gamma(\theta_1 + \theta_2)}{\Gamma(\theta_1)\Gamma(\theta_2)} I_{[0,1]}(x) \exp\left[(\theta_1 - 1)\ln x + (\theta_2 - 1)\ln(1 - x)\right]$$

So $\{\text{Beta}(\theta_1, \theta_2)\}$ belongs to the exponential family.

By Thm2.3, $\sum_{i=1}^n \ln(X_i)$ and $\sum_{i=1}^n \ln(1 - X_i)$ are jointly sufficient statistics.



§2.3 MINIMAL SUFFICIENT STATISTICS

Recall that the purpose of a sufficient statistics is to achieve data reduction without losing any important information about the unknown parameter θ . Thus, a statistic that achieves the most data condensation while still retaining all the information about θ might be preferable. A formal definition of such a statistic is given below.

Def 2.4 : A sufficient statistic $T = \mathcal{t}(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ is called a **minimal sufficient statistic** if it is a function of any other sufficient statistic $T^* = \mathcal{t}^*(X_1, \dots, X_n)$.



- To say that $\mathcal{L}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ is a function of $\mathcal{L}^*(x_1, \dots, x_n)$, if $\mathcal{L}^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \mathcal{L}^*(x_1', \dots, x_n')$, then $\mathcal{L}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \mathcal{L}(x_1', \dots, x_n')$.
- In terms of partition sets, if $\{B_{t^*}\}$ are the partition sets for T^* and $\{A_t\}$ are the partition sets for T , then every B_{t^*} is a subset of some A_t .



Thm 2.4 : Let X_1, \dots, X_n be a random sample from a pdf or pmf $f(x; \theta)$. For every two sample values x_1, \dots, x_n and x'_1, \dots, x'_n , if there exists a function $T = \mathcal{T}(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ such that the ratio

$$\frac{f_{X_1, \dots, X_n}(x_1, \dots, x_n; \theta)}{f_{X_1, \dots, X_n}(x'_1, \dots, x'_n; \theta)}$$

does not depend on θ iff $\mathcal{T}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \mathcal{T}(x'_1, \dots, x'_n)$, then T is a minimal sufficient statistic for θ .



EX 2.12 : $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim iid N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

(i) If μ and σ^2 are unknown, then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i; \mu, \sigma^2)}{\prod_{i=1}^n f(x'_i; \mu, \sigma^2)} &= \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x_i - \mu)^2\right]}{\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x'_i - \mu)^2\right]} \\ &= \frac{\exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 + \frac{\mu}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right]}{\exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i'^2 + \frac{\mu}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n x'_i\right]} \\ &= \exp\left\{ \frac{\mu}{\sigma^2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i - \sum_{i=1}^n x'_i \right) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i'^2 \right) \right\} \dots\dots\dots (*) \end{aligned}$$



(*) does not depend on μ and σ^2 if and only if

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n x'_i \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n x'^2_i.$$

So $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ and $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2$ are jointly minimal sufficient statistics for μ and σ^2 .

(ii) If σ^2 is known and μ is unknown, then (*) does not depend on μ if and only if $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n x'_i$. So

$\sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ is a minimal sufficient statistic.



(iii) If μ is known and σ^2 is unknown, then

$$\frac{\prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i; \sigma^2)}{\prod_{i=1}^n f(x'_i; \sigma^2)} = \frac{\exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2\right]}{\exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x'_i - \mu)^2\right]}$$
$$= \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n (x'_i - \mu)^2 \right]\right\} \dots \dots (**)$$

(**) does not depend on σ^2 if and only if

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (x'_i - \mu)^2$$

So $\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2$ is a minimal sufficient statistic.



§2.4 ANCILLARY STATISTICS

Def 2.5 : A statistic $T = \mathcal{T}(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ is called an **ancillary statistic** if its distribution does not depend on the parameter θ .

EX 2.13 : $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim iid U(\theta, \theta + 1), -\infty < x < \infty$.

Y_1, \dots, Y_n : order statistics corresponding to the sample.

As in EX 1.5 , Sec1.4 , we can show that the pdf of the sample range R is $f_R(r) = n(n-1)(1-r)r^{n-2}, 0 < r < 1$.

i.e. $R \sim Beta(n-1, 2)$. Thus, the distribution of R does not depend on θ and R is an ancillary statistic. 

Def 2.6 : Let $f(x)$ be any pdf. Then the family of pdfs $f(x - \theta)$, indexed by θ , $\theta \in (-\infty, \infty)$, is called the **location family** with standard pdf $f(x)$ and θ is called the **location parameter** for the family.

- The above definition states that, if W is a random variable with pdf $f(w)$, then the pdf of the random variable $X = W + \theta$ is $f(x - \theta)$.



EX 2.14 : Suppose $X \sim N(0,1)$. To form a location family, we replace x with $x - \mu$ to obtain

$$f(x; \mu) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^2\right].$$

So $\{N(\mu, 1)\}$ is a location family.

EX 2.15 : Suppose X_1, \dots, X_n is a random sample such that $X_i = W_i + \theta$, $i = 1, \dots, n$, where $-\infty < \theta < \infty$ and W_1, \dots, W_n are iid r.v.'s with p.d.f $f(w)$ which does not depend on θ . Then the common pdf of X_i is $f(x - \theta)$. Let Y_1, \dots, Y_n be the order statistics in the sample. The cdf of the sample range $R = Y_n - Y_1$ is



$$\begin{aligned}
F_R(r; \theta) &= P(Y_n - Y_1 < r) \\
&= P\left(\max_i X_i - \min_i X_i \leq r\right) \\
&= P\left(\max_i (W_i + \theta) - \min_i (W_i + \theta) \leq r\right) \\
&= P\left(\max_i W_i + \theta - \min_i W_i - \theta \leq r\right) \\
&= P\left(\max_i W_i - \min_i W_i \leq r\right).
\end{aligned}$$

So the c.d.f of R does not depend on θ and hence R is an ancillary statistic.

Def 2.7 : A statistic $T = \mathcal{L}(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ is defined to be

location-invariant iff $\mathcal{L}(x_1 + c, \dots, x_n + c) = \mathcal{L}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$

for all values x_1, \dots, x_n and all real c .



EX 2.16 : Assume that X_1, \dots, X_n is a random sample such that $X_i = W_i + \theta$, $i = 1, \dots, n$, where $-\infty < \theta < \infty$ is a parameter and W_1, \dots, W_n are iid r.v.'s with pdf $f(w)$ which does not depend on θ . Then the common pdf of X_i is $f(x - \theta)$. Let T be a location-invariant statistic. Then

$$\begin{aligned} T &= \mathcal{L}(x_1, \dots, x_n) \\ &= \mathcal{L}(w_1 + \theta, \dots, w_n + \theta) \\ &= \mathcal{L}(w_1, \dots, w_n) \end{aligned}$$

is a function of W_1, \dots, W_n alone. Hence T must have a distribution that does not depend on θ ;
i.e T is an ancillary statistic.



Def 2.8 : Let $f(x)$ be any pdf. Then for any $\theta > 0$, the family of pdfs $\frac{1}{\theta} f\left(\frac{x}{\theta}\right)$, indexed by θ , is called the **scale family** with standard pdf $f(x)$ and θ is called the **scale parameter** for the family.

- The above definition states that, if W is a random variable with pdf $f(w)$, then the pdf of the random variable $X = \theta \cdot W$ is $\frac{1}{\theta} f\left(\frac{1}{\theta}\right)$.



Def 2.9 : Let $f(x)$ be any pdf. Then for any $-\infty < \theta_1 < \infty$ and $\theta_2 > 0$, the family of pdfs $\frac{1}{\theta_2} f\left(\frac{x - \theta_1}{\theta_2}\right)$, indexed by the parameters θ_1 and θ_2 , is called the **location-scale family** with standard pdf $f(x)$.

Def 2.10 : A statistic $T = \mathcal{L}(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ is defined to be **scale-invariant** if and only if

$$\mathcal{L}(cx_1, \dots, cx_n) = \mathcal{L}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

for all values x_1, \dots, x_n and all real $c > 0$.



EX 2.17 : $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim iid F\left(\frac{x}{\theta}\right)$, $\theta > 0$. Then any statistic that depend on the sample only through the $n - 1$ values $\frac{x_1}{x_n}, \dots, \frac{x_{n-1}}{x_n}$ is an ancillary statistic.

For example,

$$\frac{x_1 + \dots + x_n}{x_n} = \frac{x_1}{x_n} + \dots + \frac{x_{n-1}}{x_n} + 1$$

is an ancillary statistic. To see this fact, let

$$W_1, \dots, W_n \sim iid F(w) \text{ with } x_i = \theta w_i.$$



The joint c.d.f of $\frac{x_1}{x_n}, \dots, \frac{x_{n-1}}{x_n}$ is

$$\begin{aligned} F(z_1, \dots, z_n; \theta) &= P_\theta \left(\frac{x_1}{x_n} \leq z_1, \dots, \frac{x_{n-1}}{x_n} \leq z_{n-1} \right) \\ &= P_\theta \left(\frac{\theta w_1}{\theta w_n} \leq z_1, \dots, \frac{\theta w_{n-1}}{\theta w_n} \leq z_{n-1} \right) \\ &= P_\theta \left(\frac{w_1}{w_n} \leq z_1, \dots, \frac{w_{n-1}}{w_n} \leq z_{n-1} \right), \end{aligned}$$

which does not depend on θ .



EX 2.18 : Suppose X_1, \dots, X_n is a random sample such that $X_i = \theta W_i$, $i = 1, \dots, n$, where $\theta > 0$ and W_1, \dots, W_n are iid r.v.'s with p.d.f $f(w)$ which does not depend on θ . Then the common pdf of X_i is

$\frac{1}{\theta} f\left(\frac{x}{\theta}\right)$. Let $T = \mathcal{T}(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ be a scale-

invariant statistic. Then

$$T = \mathcal{T}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \mathcal{T}(\theta w_1, \dots, \theta w_n) = \mathcal{T}(w_1, \dots, w_n).$$

Since neither the joint dist. of w_i nor T contain θ , the distribution of T does not depend on θ . T is an ancillary statistic.



§2.5 SUFFICIENCY, COMPLETENESS, AND INDEPENDENCE

EX 2.19 : Let X_1 and X_2 be iid observations from the discrete distribution

$$P_{\theta}(x = \theta) = P(x = \theta + 1) = P(x = \theta + 2) = \frac{1}{3},$$

where θ is an integer. Let $Y_1 \leq Y_2$ be the order statistics in the sample. We can show that $R = Y_2 - Y_1$ and $M = \frac{Y_1 + Y_2}{2}$ are jointly minimal sufficient statistics.

Consider a sample point, where m is an integer.



If we only consider m , then $\theta = m$ or $\theta = m - 1$ or $\theta = m - 2$. Suppose we know $R = 2$, then $Y_1 = m - 1$ and $Y_2 = m + 1$, with this additional information, the only possible value for θ is $m - 1$.

Def 2.11 : Let X_1, \dots, X_n be a random sample from a pdf or pmf $f(x; \theta)$, and let $T = \mathcal{T}(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ be a statistic. The family of probability distributions of T is defined to be **complete** iff $E_\theta [z(T)] = 0$ for all θ implies $P[z(T) = 0] = 1$ for all θ . Equivalently, the statistic $T = \mathcal{T}(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ is called a **complete statistic**.



EX 2.20 : $X \sim N(0,1)$, $z(x) = x$. Then

$$E[z(x)] = E(x) = 0.$$

But $P[g(x) = 0] = P(x = 0) = 0$. This is a particular distribution, not a family of distributions. If $X \sim N(\theta, 1)$, We can show that if $E(x) = 0$, then $P(x = 0) = 1$.

EX 2.21 : $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim iid \text{ Bernoulli}(\theta)$, $0 < \theta < 1$.

Let $T = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ and let z be a function of T such that

$$E_{\theta}[z(T)] = 0. \text{ Then}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= E_{\theta} [z(T)] = \sum_{t=0}^n z(t) \binom{n}{t} \theta^t (1-\theta)^{n-t} \\
&= (1-\theta)^n \sum_{t=0}^n z(t) \binom{n}{t} \left(\frac{\theta}{1-\theta}\right)^t.
\end{aligned}$$

Since $(1-\theta)^n \neq 0, \forall 0 < \theta < 1$,

$$0 = \sum_{i=0}^n z(t) \binom{n}{t} \left(\frac{\theta}{1-\theta}\right)^t = \sum_{i=0}^n z(t) \binom{n}{t} \alpha^t, \quad \alpha = \frac{\theta}{1-\theta}.$$

So $\binom{n}{t} z(t) = 0, \forall t = 0, \dots, n$. But $\binom{n}{t} \neq 0$ and so

$z(t) = 0, \forall t = 0, \dots, n$. i.e. $P[z(T) = 0] = 1$. Thus, T

is a complete statistic. 

EX 2.22 : $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim iid U(0, \theta)$, $\theta > 0$. Then Y_n is a sufficient statistic. Suppose $z(Y_n)$ is a function of Y_n such that $E_\theta [z(Y_n)] = 0$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= E_\theta [Z(Y_n)] = \int_0^\theta z(y_n) f_{Y_n}(y_n) dy_n \\ &= \int_0^\theta z(y_n) \cdot n \cdot \left(\frac{y_n}{\theta} \right)^{n-1} \frac{1}{\theta} dy_n = \frac{n}{\theta^n} \int_0^\theta z(y_n) y_n^{n-1} dy_n \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^\theta z(y_n) y_n^{n-1} dy_n = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{d}{d\theta} \int_0^\theta z(y_n) y_n^{n-1} dy_n = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow z(\theta) \cdot \theta^{n-1} = 0 \Rightarrow z(\theta) = 0, \forall \theta > 0.$$

Thus, Y_n is complete.



Thm 2.5 : If a minimal sufficient statistic exists, then any complete statistic is also a minimal sufficient statistic.

Thm 2.6 : Let X_1, \dots, X_n be a random sample from a pdf or pmf $f(x; \theta_1, \dots, \theta_k)$ that belongs to an exponential family given by

$$f(x; \theta_1, \dots, \theta_k) = a(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k) b(x) \exp \left[\sum_{j=1}^k c_j(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k) d_j(x) \right].$$

Then $\sum_{i=1}^n d_1(x_i), \dots, \sum_{i=1}^n d_k(x_i)$ is a set of jointly complete

sufficient statistics if $\left\{ \left(c_1(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k), \dots, c_k(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k) \right) : \theta \in \Omega \right\}$

contains an open set in \mathbb{R}^k .

Thm 2.7 : (Basu's theorem) If $T = \mathcal{L}(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ is a complete (and minimal) sufficient statistic, then T is independent of every ancillary statistic.

EX 2.23 : $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim iid N(\mu, \sigma^2)$. We know that the sample mean \bar{X} is, for every known σ^2 , a complete sufficient statistic for μ , $-\infty < \mu < \infty$.

Note that the sample variance $S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$ is a location-invariant statistic. To see this, for any real c , let $T = \mathcal{L}(X_1, \dots, X_n) = S^2$.



Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{L}(X_1 + c, \dots, X_n + c) \\ &= \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[(X_i + c) - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i + c) \right]^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[(X_i + c) - (\bar{X} + c) \right]^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2 = S^2 \\ &= \mathcal{L}(X_1, \dots, X_n). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, S^2 is an ancillary statistic.



EX 2.24 : $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim iid \text{Exp}(\theta)$, $f(x; \theta) = \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-x/\theta}$.

The pdf is of the form $\frac{1}{\theta} f\left(\frac{x}{\theta}\right)$, where $f(w) = e^{-w}$,

$0 < w < \theta$; i.e. the exponential distribution form a scale family. Consider the statistic

$$T_1 = \frac{X_n}{X_1 + \dots + X_n} = \mathcal{I}_1(X_1, \dots, X_n).$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}_1(cX_1, \dots, cX_n) &= \frac{cX_n}{cX_1 + \dots + cX_n} = \frac{X_n}{X_1 + \dots + X_n} \\ &= \mathcal{I}_1(X_1, \dots, X_n). \end{aligned}$$



So T_1 is a scale invariant statistic and hence an ancillary statistic. Since $T = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ is a complete statistic. We conclude T and T_1 are independent. Thus, we have

$$\theta = E_{\theta}(X_n) = E_{\theta} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n X_i \cdot \frac{X_n}{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i} \right] = E_{\theta}(T) \cdot E_{\theta}(T_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow E_{\theta}(T_1) = \frac{1}{n}.$$

