

Mathematical Statistics

Tutorial 1

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2. Let X be a random variable with Probability Density Function (PDF) given by

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Prove that this distribution is a 2-parameter exponential family.

Excercise 1

Prove that the Multinomial distribution $\mathbf{X} \sim \text{Multinomial}(n, \mathbf{p})$ is a **$k - 1$ parameter exponential family**. The **Probability Mass Function (PMF)** for $\mathbf{X} \sim \text{Multinomial}(n, \mathbf{p})$ is:

$$f(\mathbf{x}; n, \mathbf{p}) = \binom{n}{\mathbf{x}} p_1^{x_1} p_2^{x_2} \cdots p_k^{x_k}, \quad \text{where } \binom{n}{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{n!}{x_1! x_2! \cdots x_k!}.$$

The Multinomial distribution is the generalization of the Binomial distribution. It models the counts resulting from a fixed number of independent trials (n), where each trial can result in one of k distinct categories.

- **Trials (n):** Fixed number of independent trials.
 - **Probabilities (\mathbf{p}):** A vector $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, \dots, p_k)$ where p_j is the probability of outcome j , constrained by $\sum_{j=1}^k p_j = 1$.
 - **Variable (\mathbf{X}):** A random vector of counts $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_k)$, where X_j is the count for category j , constrained by $\sum_{j=1}^k X_j = n$.
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Tasks:

1. **Transform** the Multinomial PMF, $f(\mathbf{x}; n, \mathbf{p})$, into the canonical form of a $k - 1$ parameter exponential family:

$$f(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\eta}) = h(\mathbf{x}) \exp \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \eta_j T_j(\mathbf{x}) - A(\boldsymbol{\eta}) \right\}.$$

2. **Explicitly identify** the following components of the canonical form based on the original parameters (\mathbf{p}) and variables (\mathbf{x}):

- The base measure $h(\mathbf{x})$.
- The vector of statistics $\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{x}) = (T_1(\mathbf{x}), \dots, T_{k-1}(\mathbf{x}))^\top$.
- The vector of natural parameters $\boldsymbol{\eta} = (\eta_1, \dots, \eta_{k-1})^\top$.
- The log-normalizer function $A(\boldsymbol{\eta})$, expressed as a function of $\boldsymbol{\eta}$.

Using the k -th category as the reference (p_k and X_k), the Probability Mass Function (PMF) in the canonical form is:

$$\begin{aligned} f(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\eta}) &= \binom{n}{\mathbf{x}} \exp \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \log(p_j) x_j + x_k \log(p_k) \right\} \\ &= \binom{n}{\mathbf{x}} \exp \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \log(p_j) x_j + \left(n - \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} x_j \right) \log(p_k) \right\} \\ &= \underbrace{\binom{n}{\mathbf{x}}}_{h(\mathbf{x})} \exp \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \underbrace{\log\left(\frac{p_j}{p_k}\right)}_{\eta_j} \underbrace{x_j}_{T_j(\mathbf{x})} - \underbrace{[-n \log(p_k)]}_{A(\boldsymbol{\eta})} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

with $\boldsymbol{\eta} = (n, \mathbf{p})$

This is due to the inherent constraint $\sum p_j = 1$, meaning that only $k - 1$ parameters are functionally independent.

1. **Vector of Statistics $\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{x})$:** The sufficient statistic is the vector of the first $k - 1$ counts:

$$\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{x}) = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{k-1})^\top.$$

2. **Vector of Natural Parameters $\boldsymbol{\eta}$:**

$$\boldsymbol{\eta} = \left(\log \left(\frac{p_1}{p_k} \right), \dots, \log \left(\frac{p_{k-1}}{p_k} \right) \right)^\top.$$

3. **Log-Normalizer Function $A(\boldsymbol{\eta})$:** Expressing p_k in terms of $\boldsymbol{\eta}$ allows $A(\boldsymbol{\eta})$ to be written solely as a function of the natural parameters:

$$A(\boldsymbol{\eta}) = -n \log(p_k) = n \log \left(1 + \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} e^{\eta_j} \right).$$

since $e^{\eta_j} = \frac{p_j}{p_k}$ and $\sum_{j=1}^{k-1} e^{\eta_j} = \frac{1-p_k}{p_k}$, therefore $1 + \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} e^{\eta_j} = \frac{1}{p_k}$ and $\log(1 + \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} e^{\eta_j}) = -\log p_k$

Note that the Multinomial distribution can be written using k exponential terms. The PMF is written by incorporating all p_j 's into the exponential term:

$$f(\mathbf{x} \mid \boldsymbol{\eta}) = \underbrace{\binom{n}{\mathbf{x}}}_{h(\mathbf{x})} \exp \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^k \underbrace{\log(p_j)}_{\eta_j} \underbrace{x_j}_{T_j(\mathbf{x})} \right\}.$$

1. **Vector of Statistics $\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{x})$:** The vector includes all k counts:

$$\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{x}) = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k)^\top.$$

2. **Vector of Natural Parameters $\boldsymbol{\eta}$:**

$$\boldsymbol{\eta} = (\log(p_1), \log(p_2), \dots, \log(p_k))^\top.$$

This k -parameter form is correct but the $k - 1$ form is preferred for theoretical statistical analysis.

Excercise 2

Let X be a random variable with Probability Density Function (PDF) given by

$$f(x \mid \theta) = (1 - \theta)e^x \cdot \mathbf{I}_{\{x < 0\}} + \theta^2 e^{-\theta x} \cdot \mathbf{I}_{\{x \geq 0\}}, \quad \text{where } \theta \in (0, 1).$$

Prove that this distribution is a 2-parameter exponential family.

We aim to write $f(x \mid \theta)$ in the canonical form:

$$f(x \mid \boldsymbol{\eta}) = h(x) \exp \{ \eta_1 T_1(x) + \eta_2 T_2(x) - A(\boldsymbol{\eta}) \}.$$

Note that

$$f(x \mid \theta) = [(1 - \theta)e^x]^{\mathbf{I}_{\{x < 0\}}} [\theta^2 e^{-\theta x}]^{\mathbf{I}_{\{x \geq 0\}}}$$

We use $\mathbf{I}_{\{x<0\}} = 1 - \mathbf{I}_{\{x\geq 0\}}$ and we have that

$$\begin{aligned}
f(x \mid \theta) &= [(1 - \theta)e^x]^{1 - \mathbf{I}_{\{x\geq 0\}}} [\theta^2 e^{-\theta x}]^{\mathbf{I}_{\{x\geq 0\}}} \\
&= (1 - \theta)e^x [(1 - \theta)^{-1} e^{-x} \theta^2 e^{-\theta x}]^{\mathbf{I}_{\{x\geq 0\}}} \\
&= (1 - \theta)e^{x - x\mathbf{I}_{\{x\geq 0\}}} e^{2\log(\theta/1-\theta)\mathbf{I}_{\{x\geq 0\}} - \theta x\mathbf{I}_{\{x\geq 0\}}} \\
&= e^{x - x\mathbf{I}_{\{x\geq 0\}}} e^{2\log(\theta/1-\theta)\mathbf{I}_{\{x\geq 0\}} - \theta x\mathbf{I}_{\{x\geq 0\}} - \log(1-\theta)}
\end{aligned}$$

$$f(x \mid \theta) = \underbrace{e^{x - x\mathbf{I}_{\{x\geq 0\}}}}_{h(x)} e^{\underbrace{2\log(\theta/1-\theta)\mathbf{I}_{\{x\geq 0\}}}_{\eta_1} + \underbrace{-\theta}_{\eta_2} \underbrace{x\mathbf{I}_{\{x\geq 0\}}}_{T_2(x)} - \underbrace{\log(1-\theta)}_{A(\theta)}}$$

1. $h(x)$:

$$h(x) = \exp(x - x \cdot \mathbf{I}_{\{x\geq 0\}}) = \exp(x \cdot \mathbf{I}_{\{x<0\}})$$

2. **Statistics $\mathbf{T}(x)$:**

$$\mathbf{T}(x) = \begin{pmatrix} T_1(x) \\ T_2(x) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_{\{x\geq 0\}} \\ x\mathbf{I}_{\{x\geq 0\}} \end{pmatrix}$$

3. **Natural Parameters $\boldsymbol{\eta}$:**

$$\boldsymbol{\eta} = \begin{pmatrix} \eta_1 \\ \eta_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2\log\left(\frac{\theta}{1-\theta}\right) \\ -\theta \end{pmatrix}$$

4. $A(\boldsymbol{\eta})$:

$$A(\boldsymbol{\eta}) = \log(1 - \theta)$$