

MATH 503: Mathematical Statistics

Lecture 5: More on Point Estimation

Reading: C&B Sec. 6.2, and HMC Sec. 7.7

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Today's Topics

- Final comments connecting Rao-Blackwell and Lehmann-Scheffé
- Joint sufficiency
- Minimal sufficiency
- Ancillary statistics
- Sufficiency, Completeness & Independence

Rao-Blackwell Theorem

Let X_1, \dots, X_n , n a fixed positive integer, denote a random sample from a distribution that has pdf/pmf $f(x; \theta)$, $\theta \in \Omega$. Let $Y_1 = u_1(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ be a sufficient statistic for θ , and let $Y_2 = u_2(X_1, \dots, X_n)$, not a function of Y_1 alone, be an unbiased estimator of θ . Then $E(Y_2|y_1) = \varphi(y_1)$ defines a statistic $\varphi(Y_1)$. This statistic $\varphi(Y_1)$ is a function of the sufficient statistic for θ ; it is an unbiased estimator of θ ; and its variance is less than that of Y_2 .

Lehmann-Scheffé Theorem

Let X_1, \dots, X_n , n a fixed positive integer, denote a random sample from a distribution that has pdf/pmf $f(x; \theta)$, $\theta \in \Omega$, let $Y_1 = u_1(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ be a sufficient statistic for θ , and let the family $\{f_{Y_1}(y_1; \theta): \theta \in \Omega\}$ be complete. If there is a function of Y_1 that is an unbiased estimator of θ , then this function of Y_1 is the unique UMVUE of θ .

Theorem

Let $f(x; \theta), \gamma < \theta < \delta$, be a pdf/pmf of a rv X whose distribution is a regular case of the exponential class. Then if X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n (where n is a fixed positive integer) is a random sample from the distribution of X , the statistic $Y_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n K(X_i)$ is a sufficient statistic for θ and the family $\{f_{Y_1}(y_1; \theta): \gamma < \theta < \delta\}$ of pdfs of Y_1 is complete. That is, Y_1 is a complete sufficient statistic for θ .

Implication: After determining the sufficient statistic, $Y_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n K(X_i)$, we form a function, $\varphi(Y_1)$, so that $E(\varphi(Y_1)) = \theta \Rightarrow \varphi(Y_1)$ is unique MVUE of θ .

Example

Let $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim \text{Bernoulli}(\theta)$ iid, $0 < \theta < 1$. Find the UMVUE of θ .

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \theta^x (1-\theta)^{1-x} = \left(\frac{\theta}{1-\theta}\right)^x (1-\theta) \\ &= \exp \left[x \ln \left(\frac{\theta}{1-\theta} \right) + \ln(1-\theta) \right] \\ &= \exp \left[\underbrace{x \ln \theta}_{\tilde{K}(x)} - \underbrace{x \ln(1-\theta)}_{p(\theta)} + \underbrace{\ln(1-\theta)}_{q(\theta)} + \underbrace{0}_{S(x)} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore Y = \sum_{i=1}^n K(X_i) = \sum X_i$ is complete sufficient for θ since pdf has exponential family form.

$$E(Y) = \sum_{i=1}^n E(X_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n \theta = n\theta \Rightarrow E(Y/n) = E\left(\frac{\sum X_i}{n}\right) = \frac{n\theta}{n} = \theta$$

$\therefore \frac{Y}{n} = \bar{X}$ is ^{unique} UMVUE of θ by Lehmann-Scheffe Thm.

Example

Let a random sample of size n , i.e. X_1, \dots, X_n , be taken from a distribution that has the pdf $f(x; \theta) = \frac{1}{\theta} \exp\left(-\frac{x}{\theta}\right) I_{(0, \infty)}(x)$.

Find the MLE and the UMVUE of $P(X_1 \leq 2)$.

To find MLE of $P(X \leq 2) = \int_0^2 \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-x/\theta} dx = (-e^{-x/\theta}) \Big|_0^2 = 1 - e^{-2/\theta}$, find MLE of θ and apply invariance property:

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta; \mathbf{x}) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i; \theta) = \frac{1}{\theta^n} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right]$$

$$\ln \mathcal{L}(\theta; \mathbf{x}) = -n \ln \theta - \frac{1}{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

$$\frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{L}(\theta; \mathbf{x})}{\partial \theta} = -\frac{n}{\theta} + \frac{\sum x_i}{\theta^2} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\sum x_i}{\theta^2} = \frac{n}{\theta} \Rightarrow \hat{\theta} = \frac{\sum x_i}{n} = \bar{x}$$

$\therefore Y_1 = 1 - e^{-2/\bar{x}}$ is MLE of $P(X_1 \leq 2) = 1 - e^{-2/\theta}$ by invariance property.

SEE ATTACHED for UMVUE solution.

Joint Sufficiency

Let X_1, \dots, X_n denote a random sample from a distribution that has pdf/pmf $f(x; \theta)$, $\theta \in \Omega \subset R^p$. Let S denote the support of X . Let Y be an m -dimensional random vector of statistics, $Y = (Y_1, \dots, Y_m)'$, where $Y_i = u_i(X_1, \dots, X_n)$, for $i = 1, \dots, m$. Denote the pdf/pmf of Y by $f_Y(y; \theta)$ for $y \in R^m$. The random vector of statistics Y is jointly sufficient for θ iff.

$$\frac{\prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i; \theta)}{f_Y(y; \theta)} = H(x_1, \dots, x_n) \quad \forall x_i \in S$$

where $H(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ does not depend on θ .

To find the UMVUE,

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-x/\theta} = \exp \left[\underbrace{-\ln \theta}_{q(\theta)} + \underbrace{\left(-\frac{1}{\theta}\right)}_{p(\theta)} \underbrace{x}_{K(x)} + \underbrace{0}_{S(x)} \right] \text{ is an exponential family}$$

$$\Rightarrow Y = \sum_{i=1}^n K(X_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \text{ is complete sufficient for } \theta.$$

$$\text{Let } Z = \begin{cases} 1 & X_1 \leq 2 \\ 0 & \text{on} \end{cases} \quad E(Z) = \sum_{z=0}^1 z P(z) = 1 \cdot P(X_1 \leq 2) + 0 \cdot P(X_1 > 2) = P(X_1 \leq 2)$$

$\therefore Z$ is unbiased for $P(X_1 \leq 2)$

By Rao-Blackwellization, then $E(Z|Y)$ is unique UMVUE of $P(X_1 \leq 2)$ (because Y complete sufficient and applying Lehmann-Scheffe Thm.), where

$$E(Z|Y=y) = \sum_{z=0}^1 z P(z|y) = 1 \cdot P(X_1 \leq 2|Y) + 0 \cdot P(X_1 > 2|Y) = P(X_1 \leq 2|Y=y)$$

$$\text{where } P(X_1 \leq 2|Y=y) = \int_0^2 f(x_1|y) dx \text{ where}$$

$$f(x_1|y) = \frac{f_{X_1, Y}(x_1, y)}{f_Y(y)} = \frac{f_{X_1}(x_1) \cdot f_{\sum_{i=2}^n X_i}(y-x_1)}{f_{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}(y)} \quad \text{where } X_i \sim \text{Exp}(\theta)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n X_i \sim \text{Gamma}(n, \theta)$$

$$\sum_{i=2}^n X_i \sim \text{Gamma}(n-1, \theta)$$

$$= \frac{\left(\frac{1}{\theta} e^{-x_1/\theta} \right) \left(\frac{1}{\Gamma(n-1)\theta^{n-1}} (y-x_1)^{(n-1)-1} e^{-(y-x_1)/\theta} \right)}{\frac{1}{\Gamma(n)\theta^n} y^{n-1} e^{-y/\theta}} = \frac{\Gamma(n)}{\Gamma(n-1)} \frac{(y-x_1)^{n-2}}{y^{n-1}}$$

$$= \frac{(n-1)\Gamma(n-1)}{\Gamma(n-1)} \frac{(y-x_1)^{n-2}}{y^{n-1}} = \frac{(n-1)(y-x_1)^{n-2}}{y^{n-1}}, \quad 0 < x_1 < y$$

$$\therefore P(X_1 \leq 2|Y) = \int_0^2 \frac{(n-1)(y-x_1)^{n-2}}{y^{n-1}} dx_1 = \left. \frac{-1}{y^{n-1}} (y-x_1)^{n-1} \right|_0^2 = \frac{-1}{y^{n-1}} [(y-2)^{n-1} - y^{n-1}]$$

$$= 1 - \left(\frac{y-2}{y} \right)^{n-1} \text{ where } y = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \text{ is } \hat{\text{UMVUE}} \text{ of } P(X_1 \leq 2) \text{ by Lehmann-Scheffe}$$

The (Generalized) Factorization Thm

The vector of statistics Y is jointly sufficient for the parameter $\theta \in \Omega$ iff we can find two nonnegative functions k_1 and k_2 s.t.

$$\prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i; \theta) = k_1(y; \theta) k_2(x_1, \dots, x_n), \text{ for all } x_i \in S$$

where the function $k_2(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ does not depend on θ .

Example

Let X_1, \dots, X_n be a random sample from a distribution having pdf

$$f(x; \theta_1, \theta_2) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2\theta_2} & \theta_1 - \theta_2 < x < \theta_1 + \theta_2 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere,} \end{cases}$$

Find the joint sufficient statistics for θ_1 and θ_2 .

$$\prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i; \theta_1, \theta_2) = \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{2\theta_2}\right)^n I_{(\theta_1 - \theta_2, \theta_1 + \theta_2)}(X_{(1)}, X_{(n)})}_{k_1(X_{(1)}, X_{(n)}; \theta)} \cdot \underbrace{1}_{k_2(x)}$$

\therefore by generalized NFFT, $(X_{(1)}, X_{(n)})$ are the joint sufficient statistics for (θ_1, θ_2) .

(Extension of) Exponential Families

Let X be a rv with pdf/pmf $f(x; \theta)$ where the vector of parameters $\theta \in \Omega \subset R^m$. Let S denote the support of X . If X is continuous assume that $S = (a, b)$, where a or b may be $-\infty$ or ∞ , respectively. If X is discrete assume that $S = \{a_1, a_2, \dots\}$. Suppose $f(x; \theta)$ is of the form

$$f(x; \theta) = \begin{cases} \exp\left(\sum_{j=1}^m p_j(\theta)K_j(x) + S(x) + q(\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_m)\right) & \text{for all } x \in S \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

Then we say this pdf/pmf is a member of the exponential class.

(Ext. of) Exponential Families (cont.)

It is a regular case of the exponential family if, addition,

- 1) The support does not depend on the vector of parameters θ
- 2) The space Ω contains a nonempty, m -dimensional open rectangle,
- 3) The $p_j(\theta)$, $j = 1, \dots, m$, are nontrivial, functionally independent, continuous functions of θ ,
- 4) and
 - (a) If X is a continuous r.v., then the m derivatives $K_j'(x)$, for $j = 1, \dots, m$, are continuous for $a < x < b$ and no one is a linear homogeneous function of the others and $S(x)$ is a continuous function of x , $a < x < b$.
 - (b) If X is discrete, the $K_j(x)$, $j = 1, \dots, m$ are nontrivial functions of x on the support S and no one is a linear homogeneous function of the others.

Further Extensions

- Rao-Blackwell
- Lehmann-Scheffe
- Joint complete sufficient statistics for θ

Minimal Sufficiency

- **Goal:** reduce data contained in entire sample as much as possible without losing relevant information about important characteristics of underlying distribution
- **Definition:** a sufficient statistic, $T(X) = T(X_1, \dots, X_n)$, is called a minimal sufficient statistic if, for any other sufficient statistic $T'(X)$, $T(x)$ is a function of $T'(x)$ [i.e. if $T'(x) = T'(y)$, then $T(x) = T(y)$].

Theorem

Let $f(x|\theta)$ be the pmf/pdf of a sample X_1, \dots, X_n . Suppose there exists a function $T(x)$ s.t., for two sample points x and y , the ratio

$$\frac{f(x|\theta)}{f(y|\theta)}$$

is constant as a function of θ iff $T(x)=T(y)$. Then $T(X)$ is a minimal sufficient statistic for θ .

Example

Let $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ iid, both μ and σ^2 unknown. Let x and y denote two sample points and let (\bar{x}, s_x^2) and (\bar{y}, s_y^2) be the sample means and variances corresponding to the x and y samples, respectively. Then, the ratio of densities is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{f(x|\mu, \sigma^2)}{f(y|\mu, \sigma^2)} &= \frac{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{-n/2} \exp(-[n(\bar{x} - \mu)^2 + (n-1)s_x^2]/(2\sigma^2))}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{-n/2} \exp(-[n(\bar{y} - \mu)^2 + (n-1)s_y^2]/(2\sigma^2))} \\ &= \exp([-n(\bar{x}^2 - \bar{y}^2) + 2n\mu(\bar{x} - \bar{y}) - (n-1)(s_x^2 - s_y^2)]/(2\sigma^2)) \end{aligned}$$

This ratio will be constant as a function of μ and σ^2 iff $\bar{x} = \bar{y}$ and $s_x^2 = s_y^2$. Thus, (\bar{X}, S^2) is a minimal sufficient statistic for (μ, σ^2) .

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$X_1, \dots, X_n \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)^{\text{iid}}$ where both μ, σ^2 unknown

$$f(x_i | \mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x_i - \mu)^2} = (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x_i - \mu)^2\right]$$

$$\therefore f(\mathbf{x} | \mu, \sigma^2) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i | \mu, \sigma^2)$$

$$= (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2\right]$$

$$= (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \{(x_i - \bar{x}) + (\bar{x} - \mu)\}^2\right]$$

$$= (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left\{ \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}_{(n-1)S_x^2} + n(\bar{x} - \mu)^2 + 2(\bar{x} - \mu) \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x}) \right\}\right]$$

$$= (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \{(n-1)S_x^2 + n(\bar{x} - \mu)^2\}\right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i | \mu, \sigma^2)}{\prod_{i=1}^n f(y_i | \mu, \sigma^2)} = \frac{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \{(n-1)S_x^2 + n(\bar{x} - \mu)^2\}\right]}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \{(n-1)S_y^2 + n(\bar{y} - \mu)^2\}\right]}$$

$$= \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \{(n-1)S_x^2 + n(\bar{x} - \mu)^2 - (n-1)S_y^2 - n(\bar{y} - \mu)^2\}\right]$$

$$= \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \{(n-1)(S_x^2 - S_y^2) + n(\bar{x}^2 - 2\bar{x}\mu + \mu^2) - n(\bar{y}^2 - 2\bar{y}\mu + \mu^2)\}\right]$$

$$= \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \{(n-1)(S_x^2 - S_y^2) + n(\bar{x}^2 - \bar{y}^2) + 2n\mu(\bar{y} - \bar{x})\}\right]$$

is constant for μ and $\sigma^2 \iff S_x^2 = S_y^2$ and $\bar{x} = \bar{y}$

$\Rightarrow (\bar{x}, S_x^2)$ is a minimal sufficient statistic of (μ, σ^2) .

Example

Suppose $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim \text{Bernoulli}(\theta)$ iid, $0 \leq \theta \leq 1$.
Find the MLE of θ and show that it is a sufficient statistic for θ and hence a minimal sufficient statistic for θ .

$$f(x) = \theta^x (1-\theta)^{1-x} \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\theta, \bar{x}) = \theta^{\sum x_i} (1-\theta)^{n-\sum x_i} = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i)$$

$$\ln \mathcal{L} = (\sum x_i) \ln \theta + (n - \sum x_i) \ln (1-\theta)$$

$$\frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{L}}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\sum x_i}{\theta} - \frac{n - \sum x_i}{1-\theta} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\sum x_i}{\theta} = \frac{n - \sum x_i}{1-\theta}$$

$$\therefore \sum x_i - \theta \sum x_i = n\theta - \theta \sum x_i \Rightarrow \hat{\theta} = \frac{\sum x_i}{n} = \bar{x}$$

$$\frac{\prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i)}{\prod_{i=1}^n f(y_i)} = \frac{\theta^{\sum x_i} (1-\theta)^{n-\sum x_i}}{\theta^{\sum y_i} (1-\theta)^{n-\sum y_i}} = \frac{\theta^{n\bar{x}} (1-\theta)^{n-n\bar{x}}}{\theta^{n\bar{y}} (1-\theta)^{n-n\bar{y}}} = \theta^{n(\bar{x}-\bar{y})} (1-\theta)^{n(\bar{y}-\bar{x})}$$

is constant wrt $\theta \iff \bar{x} = \bar{y} \implies \bar{x}$ is minimal sufficient for θ .

Example

Suppose $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim \text{Unif}(\theta, \theta + 1)$ iid. Determine the minimal sufficient statistic for θ .

$$f(x_i) = \begin{cases} 1 & \theta < x_i < \theta + 1 \\ 0 & \text{ow.} \end{cases} = \mathbb{I}_{(\theta, \theta+1)}(x_i)$$

$$\prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i) = \mathbb{I}_{(\theta, \theta+1)}(\underline{x}) = \mathbb{I}_{(\theta, \theta+1)}(x_{(1)}, x_{(n)})$$

$$\frac{\prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i)}{\prod_{i=1}^n f(y_i)} = \frac{\mathbb{I}_{(\theta, \theta+1)}(x_{(1)}, x_{(n)})}{\mathbb{I}_{(\theta, \theta+1)}(y_{(1)}, y_{(n)})} \text{ is constant wrt } \theta \iff \begin{aligned} x_{(1)} &= y_{(1)} \text{ and} \\ x_{(n)} &= y_{(n)} \end{aligned}$$

Note: the dimension of minimal sufficient statistic doesn't have to equal number of parameters.

$\therefore (x_{(1)}, x_{(n)})$ minimal sufficient statistics for θ

Ancillary Statistics

- **Definition:** A statistic $S(X)$ whose distribution does not depend on the parameter θ is an ancillary statistic.
- Alone, contains no information about θ
- Observation on a r.v. whose distribution is fixed and known, unrelated to θ
- When used in conjunction with other statistics, sometimes contain valuable information for inferences about θ

Example

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Let $X_1, X_2 \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha, \theta)$, α known. Show that $Z = X_1/(X_1 + X_2)$ is an ancillary statistic for θ .

$$\text{Let } \begin{cases} Y = X_1 + X_2 \\ Z = \frac{X_1}{X_1 + X_2} = \frac{X_1}{Y} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} X_2 = Y - YZ \\ X_1 = YZ \end{cases} \quad J = \begin{vmatrix} 1-z & -y \\ z & y \end{vmatrix} = y(1-z) + yz = y > 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} g(y, z) &= f(yz, y-yz) \cdot |J| = f_{X_1}(yz) f_{X_2}(y-yz) \cdot y \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha) \theta^\alpha} (yz)^{\alpha-1} e^{-yz/\theta} \right) \left(\frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha) \theta^\alpha} (y-yz)^{\alpha-1} e^{-(y-yz)/\theta} \right) y \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha) \theta^\alpha} \right)^2 y^{2\alpha-1} z^{\alpha-1} (1-z)^{\alpha-1} e^{-y/\theta} \end{aligned}$$

; $0 < z < 1, y \geq 0$ where $Y \sim \text{Gamma}(2\alpha, \theta)$

$$\begin{aligned} g(z) &= \int_0^\infty g(y, z) dy = \left(\frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha) \theta^\alpha} \right)^2 z^{\alpha-1} (1-z)^{\alpha-1} \cdot \Gamma(2\alpha) \theta^{2\alpha} \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\Gamma(2\alpha) \theta^{2\alpha}} y^{2\alpha-1} e^{-y/\theta} dy \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(2\alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha) \Gamma(\alpha)} z^{\alpha-1} (1-z)^{\alpha-1} \text{ i.e. } Z \sim \text{Beta}(\alpha, \alpha) \text{ which does not depend on } \theta \therefore Z \text{ is ancillary statistic for } \theta. \end{aligned}$$

Example

Consider X_1, \dots, X_n random sample having the model $X_i = \theta + W_i$, $i = 1, \dots, n$, where $-\infty < \theta < \infty$ and W_1, \dots, W_n are iid r.v.'s whose pdf does not depend on θ .

Let $Z = u(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ be a statistic s.t.

$$u(x_1 + d, \dots, x_n + d) = u(x_1, \dots, x_n), \text{ for all real } d.$$

Hence, $Z = u(W_1 + \theta, \dots, W_n + \theta) = u(W_1, \dots, W_n)$ is a function of W 's alone (ie, no θ).

$\Rightarrow Z$ has a distribution that doesn't depend on θ , therefore Z is ancillary.

Z is called a location-invariant statistic.

distributions
 W_i don't depend on θ

$X_i = \theta + W_i$
 $W_i = X_i - \theta$ doesn't depend on θ

\Rightarrow
 $f_W(w) = f_X(\theta + w_i)$
 does not depend on θ

$u(X_1 + d, \dots, X_n + d) = u(W_1 + \theta + d, \dots, W_n + \theta + d) = u(W_1, \dots, W_n)$ by location invariance $\therefore f(z) = f(u(W_1, \dots, W_n))$ where W 's pdfs don't depend on $\theta \therefore f(z)$ doesn't depend on $\theta \Rightarrow Z$ ancillary.

Example (cont.)

- Location-invariant statistics are ancillary.

- Examples of location-invariant statistics:

- Sample variance, $S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[(X_i + d) - \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n (X_j + d)}{n} \right]^2$
- Sample range, $R = X_{(n)} - X_{(1)}$
- Mean deviation from the sample median,

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n |X_i - \text{med}(X_i)|$$

- Analogous arguments for scale-invariant statistics

Example

Consider X_1, \dots, X_n random sample having the model $X_i = \theta W_i, i = 1, \dots, n$, where $\theta > 0$ and W_1, \dots, W_n are iid r.v.'s whose pdf does not depend on θ .

Let $Z = u(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ be a statistic s.t.

$$u(dx_1, \dots, dx_n) = u(x_1, \dots, x_n), \text{ for all real } d.$$

Hence, $Z = u(\theta W_1, \dots, \theta W_n) = u(W_1, \dots, W_n)$ is a function of W 's alone (ie, no θ).

$\Rightarrow Z$ has a distribution that doesn't depend on θ , therefore Z is ancillary.

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distribution
 W_i doesn't depend on θ

$$X_i = \theta W_i \\ \Rightarrow W_i = X_i / \theta$$

$$\therefore g(W_i) = f(\theta W_i) \cdot \theta \\ \text{doesn't depend on } \theta$$

$$Z = u(\theta W_1, \dots, \theta W_n) \\ = u(W_1, \dots, W_n) \\ \text{by scale invariance, where } W_i \text{ pdf doesn't depend on } \theta \therefore Z$$

has pdf that doesn't depend on $\theta \Rightarrow Z$ ancillary.

Theorem

Let X_1, \dots, X_n denote a random sample from a distribution having a pdf $f(x; \theta), \theta \in \Omega$, where Ω is an interval set. Suppose that the statistic Y_1 is a complete and sufficient statistic for θ . Let $Z = u(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ be any other statistic (not a function of Y_1 alone). If the distribution of Z does not depend upon θ , then Z is independent of the sufficient statistic Y_1 .

Basu's Theorem

If $T(X)$ is a complete and minimal sufficient statistic, then $T(X)$ is independent of every ancillary statistic.

The point: Complete sufficient statistic is indpt of ancillary statistic.

Example

Let X_1, \dots, X_n be a random sample from a distribution having pdf $f(x; \theta) = \exp[-(x - \theta)]$, $\theta < x < \infty$, $-\infty < \theta < \infty$. Show that $X_{(1)}$ is independent of location-invariant statistics.

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Example

Let X_1, X_2 be a random sample from a distribution having pdf $f(x; \theta) = (1/\theta)\exp(-x/\theta)$, $0 < x < \infty$, $0 < \theta < \infty$. Show that $Y = X_1 + X_2$ is a complete sufficient statistic for θ . Hence, Y is independent of scale-invariant statistics.

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X_1, \dots, X_n $f(x) = e^{-(x-\theta)}$, $\theta < x < \infty$. Show $X_{(1)}$ indpt of location-invariant statistics.

① Show $X_{(1)}$ complete and minimal sufficient.

$$\prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i) = e^{-\sum (x_i - \theta)} I_{(\theta, \infty)}(X_{(1)}) = \underbrace{e^{-\sum x_i}}_{k_2(x)} \underbrace{e^{n\theta} I_{(\theta, \infty)}(X_{(1)})}_{k_1(X_{(1)}, \theta)} \quad \therefore \text{by NFFT, } Y = X_{(1)} \text{ sufficient}$$

$$f_{X_{(1)}}(y) = n[1 - (1 - e^{-(y-\theta)})]^{n-1} e^{-(y-\theta)} = ne^{-n(y-\theta)}, y > \theta$$

Setting $E(g(Y)) = E(g(X_{(1)})) = 0 \forall \theta$:

$$E(g(Y)) = \int_{\theta}^{\infty} g(y) \cdot ne^{-n(y-\theta)} dy = 0 \forall \theta. \text{ Letting } w = y - \theta, dw = dy$$

$$= n \int_0^{\infty} g(w+\theta) e^{-nw} dw = 0$$

$\int_0^{\infty} h(w) e^{-nw} dw = 0$ is a Laplace transform so its integral

equals zero $\Leftrightarrow h(w) = g(w+\theta) = 0 \forall w$. Because $g(w+\theta) = 0 \forall w, \forall \theta$

$\Rightarrow Y = X_{(1)}$ complete sufficient for θ .

To show minimal sufficient, $\frac{\prod f(x_i)}{\prod f(y_i)} = \frac{e^{-\sum x_i} e^{n\theta} I_{(\theta, \infty)}(X_{(1)})}{e^{-\sum y_i} e^{n\theta} I_{(\theta, \infty)}(Y_{(1)})}$

is constant wrt $\theta \Leftrightarrow X_{(1)} = Y_{(1)} \therefore X_{(1)}$ minimal sufficient

② Show location-invariant statistics are ancillary.

For a particular statistic that is location-invariant, we can show ancillary because, letting $W_i = X_i - \theta$, $f(w) = e^{-w}$, $0 < w < \infty$ does not depend on θ .

Depending on the structure of $Z = u(X_1 + d, \dots, X_n + d) = u(X_1, \dots, X_n)$, we can show that Z can be written as a function of W s where the W s have pdf that doesn't depend on $\theta \Rightarrow Z$ has pdf that doesn't depend on $\theta \therefore Z$ ancillary.

\Rightarrow By Basu's Thm., $X_{(1)}$ indpt of location-invariant statistics.

$$X_1, X_2 \text{ iid } f(x; \theta) = \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-x/\theta}, 0 < x < \infty, 0 < \theta < \infty$$

$$= \exp \left[\underbrace{-\ln \theta}_{q(\theta)} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{\theta} x}_{p(\theta)K(x)} + \underbrace{0}_{S(x)} \right] \text{ has the form of an exponential family}$$

$$\Rightarrow Y = \sum_{i=1}^2 K(x_i) = X_1 + X_2 \text{ complete sufficient.}$$

$$\prod_{i=1}^2 f(x_i) = \left(\frac{1}{\theta} e^{-x_1/\theta} \right) \left(\frac{1}{\theta} e^{-x_2/\theta} \right) = \frac{1}{\theta^2} e^{-\frac{(x_1+x_2)}{\theta}}$$

$$\frac{\prod_{i=1}^2 f(x_i)}{\prod_{i=1}^2 f(y_i)} = \frac{\frac{1}{\theta^2} e^{-\frac{(x_1+x_2)}{\theta}}}{\frac{1}{\theta^2} e^{-\frac{(y_1+y_2)}{\theta}}} = \exp \left[\frac{-1}{\theta} \{ (x_1+x_2) - (y_1+y_2) \} \right]$$

$$\text{is constant w.r.t } \theta \Leftrightarrow \sum_{i=1}^2 X_i = \sum_{i=1}^2 Y_i \therefore X_1 + X_2 \text{ minimal sufficient for } \theta.$$

Meanwhile, for a statistic that is scale-invariant, we can show it is ancillary because, letting $W_i = X_i/\theta$, $f(w_i) = e^{-w_i}$, $0 < w_i < \infty$ does not depend on θ . Thus, given ~~some~~ $Z = u(dx_1, \dots, dx_n) = u(x_1, \dots, x_n) \forall d$, we can show that $Z = u(x_1, \dots, x_n) = u(\theta w_1, \dots, \theta w_n) = u(w_1, \dots, w_n)$, i.e. a function of W s where the W s have pdf that doesn't depend on $\theta \Rightarrow Z$ has pdf that doesn't depend on $\theta \therefore Z$ ancillary

\Rightarrow by Basu's Thm., $X_1 + X_2$ indpt of scale-invariant statistics.