

6.2.4 Sufficient, Ancillary, and complete statistics.

\Rightarrow A minimal sufficient statistic is a statistic that has achieved the maximal amount of data reduction possible while still retaining all the information about the parameter's θ .

\Rightarrow distribution of ancillary statistic does not depend on θ .

$$X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \sim \text{unif}(\theta, \theta+1)$$

then $(X_{(1)}, X_{(n)})$ is a minimal sufficient statistic

$$\Rightarrow \left(X_{(n)} - X_{(1)}, \frac{X_{(n)} + X_{(1)}}{2} \right)$$

is also a minimal sufficient statistic

$\Rightarrow X(n) - X(1)$ is an ancillary statistic
Statistic is a minimal sufficient
Statistic.

Ex: G.2.20 (Ancillary Precision)

$X_1, X_2 \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} X$

$$P_0(X=0) = P_0(X=0+1) = P_0(X=0+2) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$(R, M) = (X(n) - X(1), \frac{X(1) + X(2)}{2})$$

is the minimal sufficient statistic.

$\&$ R is an ancillary statistic.

+ The knowledge of the value of R
alone would give us no information
about θ , but it increased our
knowledge about θ along with M

For many important situations, however, our intuition that a minimal sufficient statistic is independent of any ancillary statistic is correct.

Definition 6.2.21 :-

Let $f(t|\theta)$ be a family of pdf's or pmf's for a statistic $T(x)$. The family of probability distributions is called complete if

$$\text{if } E_{\theta}[g(T)] = 0 \quad \forall \theta$$



$$P_{\theta}(g(T) = 0) = 1 \quad \forall \theta$$

Equivalently $T(x)$ is called a complete statistic.

Linear algebra Analogy: Completeness

① in linear algebra, a set of vectors $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ is complete if it spans the entire vector space.

\Rightarrow This means any vector w in the space can be written as a linear combination of $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$

\Rightarrow if w is orthogonal to all vectors in $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$, then $w=0$ (the 0 vector)

② For Completeness in statistics

\Rightarrow The family of distributions $\{f(f|\theta)\}$ is analogous to the set of vectors $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$

\Rightarrow A function $g(T)$ is analogous to a vector w

\Rightarrow Completeness means the family $\{f(t|\theta)\}$ spans the entire "function space" of τ , leaving no direction's (function's $g(\tau)$) orthogonal to it except for the zero function.

③ if $g(\tau) \neq 0$ and $E_\theta[g(\tau)] = 0$ for all θ , it implies.

\Rightarrow The family $\{f(t|\theta)\}$ does not span the whole function space.

\Rightarrow Completeness is violated, as $g(\tau)$ represents a "hidden direction" orthogonal to all $f(t|\theta)$

Complete Statistics: Linear Algebra Analogy

1. Family of Distributions as Vectors:

- The family of distributions $f(t|\theta)$ can be thought of as a set of vectors in a vector space of functions of T .

2. Completeness Definition in Linear Algebra Terms:

- A statistic T is **complete** if:

$$E_{\theta}[g(T)] = 0 \text{ for all } \theta \implies g(T) = 0 \text{ for all } T.$$

- This means there is no function $g(T) \neq 0$ that is orthogonal to all $f(t|\theta)$.

3. Orthogonality and the Inner Product:

- The expectation $E_{\theta}[g(T)] = 0$ is analogous to the inner product of two vectors being 0 (orthogonality):

$$\langle g(T), f(t|\theta) \rangle = \int g(T) f(t|\theta) dt = 0.$$

4. Spanning the Space:

- Completeness implies that the family $f(t|\theta)$ spans the entire function space of T .
- Any function $g(T)$ in this space can be written as a "linear combination" of $f(t|\theta)$.

5. No Orthogonal Directions Left:

- If $g(T) \neq 0$ exists and is orthogonal to all $f(t|\theta)$, it lies outside the span of $f(t|\theta)$.
- Completeness ensures there are no such $g(T)$; the family $f(t|\theta)$ is sufficient to describe all functions of T .

Key Points on Completeness

1. Why Completeness Matters:

- Completeness ensures that the statistic T fully captures all the information about θ .
- No "extra" functions $g(T)$ are left unexplained by $f(t|\theta)$.

2. Connection to Sufficiency:

- Completeness often arises in the context of **minimal sufficient statistics**.
- If a statistic T is sufficient and complete, it's often the best summary of the data for inference.

3. What if $g(T) \neq 0$:

- If $g(T) \neq 0$ and is orthogonal to $f(t|\theta)$, it represents a "direction" in the function space that $f(t|\theta)$ does not capture.
- This would mean T is **not complete**, as the family $f(t|\theta)$ is not rich enough to span the space.

4. Analogy to Linear Independence:

- Completeness is similar to a set of vectors being **linearly independent** and spanning the space.
- If the family $f(t|\theta)$ is complete, it forms a "basis" for the function space of T .

To Remember

- **Completeness ensures no hidden dimensions in the function space.**
- **The family $f(t|\theta)$ must span the entire space, leaving no orthogonal directions unexplained.**
- It is a critical property in statistical theory, especially when working with sufficient statistics.

Example 6.2.22 (Binomial complete sufficient statistic)

$$T(X) \sim \text{binomial}(n, p)$$

where $0 < p < 1$

$$E_p(g(T)) = \sum_{t=0}^n g(t) \binom{n}{t} p^t (1-p)^{n-t}$$

$$\Rightarrow (1-p)^n \sum_{t=0}^n g(t) \binom{n}{t} \left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right)^t = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow g(t) = 0 \quad \forall t \in \mathcal{T}$$

$\Rightarrow T(X)$ is a complete statistic

Theorem 6.2.24 (Basu's theorem)

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

Proof:

① understanding the setup:

we are given

(i) $S(x)$ is ancillary, meaning
 $P(S(x) = s)$ does not depend on θ

(ii) $T(x)$ is sufficient, meaning all info about θ in the data x is captured by $T(x)$

The goal is to show that $S(x)$ and $T(x)$ are independent, which means:

$$P(S(x)=s \mid T(x)=t) = IP(S(x)=s) \\ \forall t \in \mathcal{T}$$

② Law of total probability

Using the law of total probability,

we can write the marginal probability of $S(x)=s$ as

$$IP(S(x)=s) = \sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}} P(S(x)=s \mid T(x)=t) P_0(T(x)=t),$$

③ Using completeness of $T(x)$

Assume independence of $S(x)$ & $T(x)$

if they are independent, we can write

$$IP(S(x)=s) = \sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}} IP(S(x)=s \mid T(x)=t) \cdot P_0(T(x)=t)$$

$$= \sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}} \mathbb{P}(S(x)=s) \cdot \mathbb{P}_0(\tau(x)=t)$$

$$= \mathbb{P}(S(x)=s) \sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}} \mathbb{P}_0(\tau(x)=t)$$

$$= \mathbb{P}(S(x)=s)$$

④ define $g(t)$

$$g(t) = \mathbb{P}(S(x)=s \mid \tau(x)=t) - \mathbb{P}(S(x)=s)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E}_0(g(\tau)) = \sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}} g(t) \mathbb{P}(\tau(x)=t)$$

$$= \sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}} \left[\mathbb{P}(S(x)=s \mid \tau(x)=t) - \mathbb{P}(S(x)=s) \right] \mathbb{P}(\tau(x)=t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}} \mathbb{P}(S(x)=s \mid \tau(x)=t) \cdot \mathbb{P}(\tau(x)=t) - \sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}} \mathbb{P}(S(x)=s) \cdot \mathbb{P}(\tau(x)=t)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(S(x)=s) - \sum_{t \in \mathcal{Y}} P(S(x)=s) \cdot P(T(x)=t)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(S(x)=s) - P(S(x)=s) = 0$$

therefore $E_0 [g(T)] = 0$

\Rightarrow according to completeness of $T(x)$

$$g(T) = 0 \quad \forall t \in \mathcal{T}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(S(x)=s | T(x)=t) - P(S(x)=s) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow P(S(x)=s | T(x)=t) = P(S(x)=s)$$

\Rightarrow Both $S(x)$, $T(x)$ are independent.

Example 6.2.26

$$X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \sim \exp(\theta)$$

exponential distributions.

$$f(x|\theta) = \frac{1}{\theta^n} e^{-\frac{\sum x_i}{\theta}}$$

$\Rightarrow \sum x_i$ is sufficient statistic

$$\frac{f(x|\theta)}{f(y|\theta)} = e^{-\frac{1}{\theta}(\sum x_i - \sum y_i)}$$

$\Rightarrow T(x) = T(y)$ to make

$\frac{f(x|\theta)}{f(y|\theta)}$ to be independent of θ

$\Rightarrow T(x) = \sum x_i$ is minimal sufficient statistic.

$$\text{let } g(x) = \frac{x_n}{x_1 + \dots + x_n}$$

Theorem 6.2.28 : if a minimal sufficient statistic exists, then any complete statistic is also a minimal sufficient statistic.