

Remark 2

Y_2 - estimate of θ , $EY_2 = \theta$, Y_2 - sufficient statistic

$$\varphi(Y_2) = E[Y_2 | Y_2], \text{Var } \varphi(Y_2) \leq \text{Var } Y_2.$$

Y_3 - estimate of θ , $EY_3 = \theta$, Y_3 - is not a suff. stat.

$$\varphi(Y_3) = E[\varphi(Y_2) | Y_3], E\varphi(Y_3) = \theta \text{ and } \text{Var } \varphi(Y_3) < \text{Var } Y_2$$

Since Y_3 is not a sufficient statistic, the conditional distribution of Y_2 given Y_3 depends upon θ . Thus

$\varphi(Y_3)$ is not a statistic because $\varphi(Y_3)$ depends on θ .

Example 2

X_1, X_2, X_3 i.i.d. $\text{Exp}(\theta), \theta > 0$.

$$(X_1, X_2, X_3) \sim \frac{1}{\theta^3} e^{-(x_1+x_2+x_3)/\theta}, x_i > 0, i=1,2,3.$$

The factorization theorem implies that $Y_1 = X_1 + X_2 + X_3$ is a sufficient statistic for θ .

$$EY_1 = E(X_1 + X_2 + X_3) = 3\theta. \text{ Thus } E\left[\frac{Y_1}{3}\right] = \theta. \bar{X} = \varphi(Y_1) = \frac{Y_1}{3}$$

Let $Y_2 = X_2 + X_3, Y_3 = X_3$. The one-to-one transformation

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= y_1 - y_2, && \text{has Jacobian} \\ x_2 &= y_2 - y_3, && J = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1, \\ x_3 &= y_3 \end{aligned}$$

and the joint distribution of (Y_1, Y_2, Y_3) is

$$g(y_1, y_2, y_3) = \frac{1}{\theta^3} e^{-y_1/\theta} I(0 < y_3 < y_2 < y_1 < \infty)$$

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The joint distribution of (Y_1, Y_3)

$$g_{13}(y_1, y_3, \theta) = \int_{y_3}^{y_1} g(y_1, y_2, y_3) dy_2 = \int_{y_3}^{y_1} \left(\frac{1}{\theta}\right)^3 e^{-y_1/\theta} dy_2 = \\ = \frac{1}{\theta^3} e^{-y_1/\theta} (y_1 - y_3), \quad 0 < y_3 < y_1 < +\infty.$$

Obviously, $g_3(y_3, \theta) = \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-y_3/\theta}, \quad 0 < y_3 < +\infty$.

The condition distribution of Y_1 given $Y_3 = y_3$, is

$$g_{1|3}(y_1|y_3) = \frac{g_{13}(y_1, y_3, \theta)}{g_3(y_3, \theta)} = \frac{\frac{1}{\theta^3} e^{-y_1/\theta} (y_1 - y_3)}{\frac{1}{\theta} e^{-y_3/\theta}} =$$

$$\frac{1}{\theta^2} (y_1 - y_3) e^{-(y_1 - y_3)/\theta}, \quad 0 < y_3 < y_1 < +\infty$$

We have

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\frac{Y_1}{3} | Y_3\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{Y_1 - Y_3}{3} | Y_3\right] + \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{Y_3}{3} | Y_3\right] =$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{\theta^2} (y_1 - y_3)^2 e^{-(y_1 - y_3)/\theta} dy_1 + \frac{Y_3}{3} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} z = y_1 - y_3 \\ dz = dy_1 \end{array} \right\} =$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \int_0^{y_3} \frac{1}{\theta^2} z^2 e^{-z/\theta} dz + \frac{Y_3}{3} = \frac{1}{3} \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{\Gamma(3)\theta^3}{\Gamma(3)\theta^3} z^2 e^{-z/\theta} dz + \frac{Y_3}{3} =$$

$$\Gamma(3)\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \Gamma(3)\theta + \frac{Y_3}{3} = \frac{2}{3} \theta + \frac{Y_3}{3}.$$

Put $\psi(Y_3) = \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{Y_1}{3} | Y_3\right] = \frac{2}{3}\theta + \frac{Y_3}{3}$.

$$\mathbb{E}\psi(Y_3) = \theta \text{ and } \text{Var } \psi(Y_3) \leq \text{Var } \left(\frac{Y_1}{3}\right),$$

But $\psi(Y_3)$ is not a statistic. (depends upon the parameter θ).

4. Complete statistics and uniqueness of MVUEs.

Let X_1, \dots, X_n be a random sample from the Poisson distribution (23)

$$f(x_1, \theta) = \frac{\theta^x e^{-\theta}}{x!}, x=0, 1, 2, \dots, \theta > 0.$$

Recall that $Y_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ is a sufficient statistic for θ

and

$$g_1(y_1, \theta) = \frac{(n\theta)^{y_1} e^{-n\theta}}{y_1!}, y_1 = 0, 1, \dots,$$

Consider the family $\{g_1(y_1, \theta) : \theta > 0\}$.

Suppose that the function $u(Y_1)$ of Y_1 is such that $E_\theta[u(Y_1)] = 0$ for every $\theta > 0$. We shall show that

then

$$u(y_1) = 0 \text{ for } y_1 = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

We have, for all $\theta > 0$,

$$0 = E[u(Y_1)] = \sum_{y_1=0}^{\infty} u(y_1) \frac{(n\theta)^{y_1} e^{-n\theta}}{y_1!} = \\ e^{-n\theta} [u(0) + u(1) \frac{n\theta}{1!} + u(2) \frac{(n\theta)^2}{2!} + \dots].$$

Since $e^{-n\theta} > 0$, we have

$$u(0) + u(1) \frac{n\theta}{1!} + u(2) \frac{(n\theta)^2}{2!} + \dots = 0. \quad (\text{polynomial})$$

(Polynomial vanishes, then coefficients as well)

$$u(0) = 0, u(1) \frac{n\theta}{1!} = 0, \frac{n^2 \theta^2}{2!} u(2) = 0, \dots$$

Thereby

$$u(0) = 0, u(1) = 0, u(2) = 0, \dots$$

Definition 1

Let Z be a random variable with "the density" from the family $\{h(z, \theta) : \theta \in \Theta\}$.

If $\bigwedge_{\theta \in \Theta} \bigwedge_{u: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}} \mathbb{E}_\theta[u(Z)] = 0 \Rightarrow u(z) \equiv 0$ almost surely,

then the family $\{h(z, \theta) : \theta \in \Theta\}$ is called a complete family while Z is called a complete statistic.

Let X_1, \dots, X_n be a sample with $f(x_i, \theta), \theta \in \Theta$.

Let $Y_1 = u_1(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ be a sufficient statistic for θ , while $f_{Y_1}(y_1, \theta)$ is the density of Y_1 . If Y_2 is an unbiased estimator of θ which is not a function of Y_1 , then $\varphi(Y_2) = \mathbb{E}[Y_2 | Y_1]$ is also the unbiased estimator of θ . Suppose, there is another function ψ of Y_1 such that $\mathbb{E}[\psi(Y_1)] = \theta$ for any $\theta \in \Theta$.

Thus

$$\mathbb{E}[\varphi(Y_2) - \psi(Y_1)] = 0 \quad \text{for } \theta \in \Theta.$$

If the sa family $\{f_{Y_1}(y_1, \theta) : \theta \in \Theta\}$ is complete, $\varphi(y_1) - \psi(y_1) = 0$ except on a set of points that has probability zero. Equivalently $\varphi(y_1) = \psi(y_1)$ a.s. Therefore, $\varphi(Y_2)$ is the unique function of Y_2 such that $\mathbb{E}[\varphi(Y_2)] = \theta$. As a result, the Rao-Blackwell

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implies that $\varphi(Y_1)$ is uniquely determined MVUE of θ .

Theorem 1 (Lehmann-Scheffé)

Let X_1, \dots, X_n be a sample for $f(x_1|\theta), \theta \in \Theta$.

Let $Y_1 = u_1(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ be a sufficient statistic for θ ,
and let the family $\{f_{Y_1}(y_1|\theta) : \theta \in \Theta\}$ be complete.

If there is a function φ of Y_1 that is $\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \varphi(Y_1)$ unbiased estimator of θ , then ~~this function~~ $\varphi(Y_1)$ is uniquely determined MVUE of θ .

5. Exponential Class of Distributions

Consider a family of distributions $\{f(x_1|\theta) : \theta \in \Theta\}$, where $\Theta = \{\theta : \gamma < \theta < \delta\}$ while γ and δ are known constants (they may be $\pm \infty$), and

$$f(x_1|\theta) = \begin{cases} \exp[p(\theta)K(x) + S(x) + q(\theta)], & x \in S, \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere,} \end{cases}$$

where S is the support of X .

Definition 1

It is said that $f(x_1|\theta)$ is a member of the regular exponential class if

- (i) S does not depend upon θ ,
- (ii) $p(\theta)$ is a nontrivial continuous function of θ
- (iii) - if X is continuous, $K'(x) \neq 0$ and $S(x)$ is a continuous function of $x \in S$
 - if X is discrete, $K(x)$ is a nontrivial function of $x \in S$

Example 1

(i) The family $\{f(x_1|\theta) : 0 < \theta < +\infty\}$, where

$$f(x_1|\theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\theta} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\theta}} = \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\theta}x^2 - \log\sqrt{2\pi\theta}\right], \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

is a regular exponential class of the continuous type.

(ii) The family $\{f(x_1|\theta) : 0 < \theta < +\infty\}$, where

$$f(x_1|\theta) = \frac{1}{\theta} I_{(0,\theta)}(x) = \exp\{-\log\theta\} I_{(0,\theta)}(x)$$

is not a regular exponential class.

Let X_1, \dots, X_n denote a random sample from a distribution being a regular exponential class. The joint distribution has the form

$$\exp\left[p(\theta) \sum_{i=1}^n K(x_i) + \sum_{i=1}^n S(x_i) + ng(\theta)\right] \quad \text{for } x_i \in S, \\ i=1, \dots, n.$$

Equivalently

$$\exp\left[p(\theta) \sum_{i=1}^n K(x_i) + ng(\theta)\right] \cdot \exp\left[\sum_{i=1}^n S(x_i)\right].$$

The factorization theorem implies that $Y_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n K(X_i)$

is a sufficient statistic for θ .

Theorem 2

Let $f(x_1|\theta)$, $\gamma < \theta < \delta$ be the distribution of a random variable X being a member of a regular exponential class. If X_1, \dots, X_n is a random sample from $f(x_1|\theta)$, the statistic $Y_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n K(X_i)$ is a complete sufficient stat for θ .