

# AI1103-Assignment-8

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## QUESTION

Suppose  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are independent and identically distributed random variables each following an exponential distribution with mean  $\theta$ , i.e., the common pdf is given by  $f_\theta(x) = \frac{1}{\theta}e^{-\frac{x}{\theta}}$ ,  $0 < x < \infty$ ,  $0 < \theta < \infty$ . Then which of the following is true? Conditional distribution of  $X_2$  given  $X_1 + X_2 = t$  is

- 1) exponential with mean  $\frac{t}{2}$  and hence  $X_1 + X_2$  is sufficient for  $\theta$
- 2) exponential with mean  $\frac{t\theta}{2}$  and hence  $X_1 + X_2$  is not sufficient for  $\theta$
- 3) uniform(0,  $t$ ) and hence  $X_1 + X_2$  is sufficient for  $\theta$
- 4) uniform(0,  $t\theta$ ) and hence  $X_1 + X_2$  is not sufficient for  $\theta$

## SOLUTION

Given in the question,

$$0 < \theta < \infty \quad (0.0.1)$$

$$f_{X_1}(x_1) = \frac{1}{\theta}e^{-\frac{x_1}{\theta}}, 0 < x_1 < \infty \quad (0.0.2)$$

$$f_{X_2}(x_2) = \frac{1}{\theta}e^{-\frac{x_2}{\theta}}, 0 < x_2 < \infty \quad (0.0.3)$$

Let  $f_{X_1, X_2}(x_1, x_2)$  denote the joint probability distribution of random variables  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ . Since  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are independent,

$$f_{X_1, X_2}(x_1, x_2) = f_{X_1}(x_1) \times f_{X_2}(x_2) \quad (0.0.4)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\theta}e^{-\frac{x_1}{\theta}} \times \frac{1}{\theta}e^{-\frac{x_2}{\theta}} \quad (0.0.5)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\theta^2}e^{-\frac{(x_1+x_2)}{\theta}} \quad (0.0.6)$$

Let  $Z$  be another random variable such that  $Z = X_1 + X_2$ .

$$f_Z(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X_1}(z - x_2)f_{X_2}(x_2) dx_2 \quad (0.0.7)$$

$$= \int_0^z f_{X_1}(z - x_2)f_{X_2}(x_2) dx_2 \quad (0.0.8)$$

$$= \int_0^z f_{X_1, X_2}(z - x_2, x_2) dx_2 \quad (0.0.9)$$

$$= \int_0^z \frac{1}{\theta^2}e^{-\frac{(z-x_2+x_2)}{\theta}} dx_2 \quad (0.0.10)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\theta^2} \int_0^z e^{-\frac{z}{\theta}} dx_2 \quad (0.0.11)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\theta^2}e^{-\frac{z}{\theta}} z \quad (0.0.12)$$

$$f_{X_2|(X_1+X_2=t)}(x_2) = \begin{cases} \frac{f_{X_1, X_2}(x_1, x_2)}{f_Z(t)} & x_2 \in [0, t] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (0.0.13)$$

Let  $x_2 \in [0, t]$ .

$$f_{X_2|(X_1+X_2=t)}(x_2) = \frac{f_{X_1, X_2}(x_1, x_2)}{f_Z(t)} \quad (0.0.14)$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{\theta^2}e^{-\frac{(x_1+x_2)}{\theta}}}{\frac{1}{\theta^2}e^{-\frac{t}{\theta}}} \quad (0.0.15)$$

$$= \frac{e^{-\frac{t}{\theta}}}{e^{-\frac{t}{\theta}}} \quad (0.0.16)$$

$$= \frac{1}{t} \quad \forall x_2 \in [0, t] \quad (0.0.17)$$

The obtained pdf is uniform(0,  $t$ ). And since the conditional distribution of  $X_2$  does not depend on

$\theta$  for any value of  $t$ ,  $X_1 + X_2$  is sufficient for  $\theta$ .  
Verifying the pdf,

$$\text{total probability} = \int_0^t f_{X_2|(x_1+x_2=t)}(x_2) dx_2 \quad (0.0.18)$$

$$= \int_0^t \frac{1}{t} dx_2 \quad (0.0.19)$$

$$= 1 \quad (0.0.20)$$

Hence, the correct answer is option (3)