

Exponential Family (*canonical form*)

$$f(y; \theta) = \exp[y\theta - b(\theta) + c(y)]$$

- Binomial Distribution:

$$\begin{aligned} f(y; p) &= \binom{n}{y} p^y (1-p)^{n-y} \\ &= \exp \left[\ln \left(\binom{n}{y} p^y (1-p)^{n-y} \right) \right] \\ &= \exp \left[\ln \left(\binom{n}{y} \right) + y \ln(p) + (n-y) \ln(1-p) \right] \\ &= \exp \left[\ln \left(\binom{n}{y} \right) + y \ln(p) + n \ln(1-p) - y \ln(1-p) \right] \\ &= \exp \left[\ln \left(\binom{n}{y} \right) + y \ln \left(\frac{p}{1-p} \right) + n \ln(1-p) \right] \\ &= \exp \left[y \ln \left(\frac{p}{1-p} \right) + n \ln(1-p) + \ln \left(\binom{n}{y} \right) \right] \\ &= \exp[y\theta - b(\theta) + c(y)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{With } \theta &= \ln \left(\frac{p}{1-p} \right) \\ b(\theta) &= n \ln(1 + \exp(\theta)) \\ c(y) &= \ln \left(\binom{n}{y} \right) \end{aligned}$$

**** Note:**

$$\begin{aligned} n \ln(1 + \exp(\theta)) &= n \ln \left(1 + \exp \left(\ln \left(\frac{p}{1-p} \right) \right) \right) \\ &= n \ln \left(1 + \left(\frac{p}{1-p} \right) \right) = n \ln \left(\frac{1}{1-p} \right) = n \ln(1) - n \ln(1-p) \\ &= -n \ln(1-p) \end{aligned}$$

- Poisson Distribution:

$$\begin{aligned}f(y; \lambda) &= \frac{\lambda^y e^{-\lambda}}{y!} \\&= \exp \left[\ln \left(\frac{\lambda^y e^{-\lambda}}{y!} \right) \right] \\&= \exp[y \ln(\lambda) - \lambda - \ln(y!)] \\&= \exp[y\theta - b(\theta) + c(y)]\end{aligned}$$

With $\theta = \ln(\lambda)$

$$b(\theta) = e^{\theta}$$

$$c(y) = -\ln(y!)$$

Exponential Dispersion Family (*canonical form*)

$$f(y; \theta, \phi) = \exp \left[\frac{y\theta - b(\theta)}{a(\phi)} + c(y, \phi) \right]$$

- Normal Distribution:

$$\begin{aligned} f(y; \mu, \sigma^2) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(y-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \\ &= \exp \left[\ln \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(y-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \right) \right] \\ &= \exp \left[\ln \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \right) - \frac{(y-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right] \\ &= \exp \left[\ln \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \right) - \frac{(y^2 - 2y\mu + \mu^2)}{2\sigma^2} \right] \\ &= \exp \left[\frac{(2y\mu - \mu^2 - y^2)}{2\sigma^2} - \frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi\sigma^2) \right] \\ &= \exp \left[\frac{y\mu - \frac{1}{2}\mu^2}{\sigma^2} - \left(\frac{y^2}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi\sigma^2) \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

With $\theta = \mu$

$$b(\theta) = \frac{1}{2}\theta^2$$

$$a(\phi) = \sigma^2$$

$$c(y, \phi) = - \left(\frac{y^2}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi\sigma^2) \right)$$