

126. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be IID normal( $\mu, \sigma^2$ ), where  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$  is the mean of the normal distribution and  $\sigma^2 > 0$  is the variance.

- (a) Show the normal distribution is an exponential family.
- (b) Find a complete minimal sufficient statistic for  $(\mu, \sigma^2)$ .
- (c) Let  $\bar{X}$  and  $S^2$  denote the sample mean and sample variance, respectively, defined by

$$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \text{ and } S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2.$$

Suppose the parameter  $\sigma^2$  is known. Prove  $\bar{X}$  and  $S^2$  are independent.

- (d) Use the Derived Distribution approach to prove

$$T = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{S/\sqrt{n}}$$

has a Student's  $T$  distribution with  $n - 1$  degrees of freedom.