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sufficiently  
+ completeness  
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- Exam 1 solutions, grading key, summary posted

# STAT 5430: Summary to date

## Where we have been & where we are headed

- Completed
  - Introduction to Statistical Inference
  - Point Estimation
    - \* MME/MLE
  - Criteria for Evaluating Point Estimators
    - \* bias, variance, UMVUE, MSE
  - Elements of Decision Theory
    - \* Minimax, finding Bayes estimators
- Next: Sufficiency and Point Estimation
  -  Sufficiency/Data Reduction
  - Factorization Theorem
  - Rao-Blackwell Theorem
  -  Completeness/Lehman-Scheffe Theorem/UMVUE
  - Exponential Families

# Sufficiency and Point Estimation (Chapter 6)

## Sufficiency as Data Reduction

*Definition:* Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be r.v.'s with joint pdf/pmf  $f(\underline{x}|\theta)$ ,  $\theta \in \Theta \subset \mathbb{R}^p$  and let  $\underline{S} \equiv (S_1, \dots, S_k)$  be a vector of estimators. Then,  $\underline{S}$  is called (jointly) **sufficient** for  $\theta$  if the conditional distribution of  $(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  given  $\underline{S}$  does *not* depend on  $\theta$ .

*Example:* Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be iid Geometric( $\theta$ ),  $0 < \theta < 1$ . Show that  $S \equiv X_1 + \dots + X_n$  is sufficient for  $\theta$ .

Solution: conditional pmf of  $(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  given  $S=s$  is

$$P_\theta(X_1=x_1, \dots, X_n=x_n | S=s) = \frac{P_\theta(X_1=x_1, \dots, X_n=x_n, S=s)}{P_\theta(S=s)}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{P_\theta(X_1=x_1, \dots, X_n=x_n, S=s)}{P_\theta(S=s)} & \text{if } x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n = s \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

Neg-Binomial( $n, \theta$ )  
\* of trials until "n" successes

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{P_\theta(X_1=x_1, \dots, X_n=x_n)}{\binom{s-1}{n-1} \theta^n (1-\theta)^{s-n}} & \text{if } x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n = s \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{P_\theta(X_1=x_1) \cdots P_\theta(X_n=x_n)}{\binom{s-1}{n-1} \theta^n (1-\theta)^{s-n}} & \text{if } x_1 + \dots + x_n = s \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n [\theta(1-\theta)^{x_i-1}]}{\binom{s-1}{n-1} \theta^n (1-\theta)^{s-n}} & \text{if } x_1 + \dots + x_n = s \\ 0 & \text{o.w} \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{\theta^n (1-\theta)^{s-n}}{\binom{s-1}{n-1} \theta^n (1-\theta)^{s-n}} & \text{if } x_1 + \dots + x_n = s \\ 0 & \text{o.w} \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\binom{s-1}{n-1}} & \text{if } x_1 + \dots + x_n = s \\ 0 & \text{o.w} \end{cases}$$

free of  $\theta$ !  $\Rightarrow S$  is sufficient for  $\theta$ .

# Sufficiency and Point Estimation

## Factorization Theorem

### Remarks on Sufficiency:

Recall in the definition:  $p = \#$  of parameters,  $k = \#$  of statistics

$k = p$ : e.g. last example  $\text{Geometric}(\theta)$ ,  $p=1=k$

$k > p$ : e.g.  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  iid  $\text{UNIF}(0, 1)$   $\Rightarrow \underline{S} = (\min X_i, \max X_i)$  sufficient for  $\theta$

$k < p$ : e.g.  $n=1, X_1 \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$   $p=2$  but  $X_1$  is sufficient  $k=1$

**Factorization Theorem:** Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be r.v.'s with joint pdf/pmf  $f(x|\theta)$ ,  $\theta \in \Theta \subset \mathbb{R}^p$  and let  $\underline{S} = (S_1, \dots, S_k)$  be a vector of estimators. Then,  $\underline{S}$  is sufficient for  $\theta$  if and only if there exist functions  $g(\underline{S}, \theta)$  and  $h(x)$  such that  $h(x)$  does NOT depend on  $\theta$  and

$X_1, \dots, X_n \xrightarrow{\text{data pdf/pmf}} f(x|\theta) = g(\underline{S}, \theta)h(x)$  for all  $x$  and all  $\theta$

$\underline{S}$  &  $\theta$  are "linked" inside  $f(x|\theta)$

**Example:** Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be iid Negative-Binomial( $r, \theta$ ),  $0 < \theta < 1$  (known integer  $r \geq 1$ ). Show that  $\underline{S} = X_1 + \dots + X_n$  is sufficient for  $\theta$ . (last time  $\text{Geo}(\theta) \sim \text{Neg-Binom}(r=1, \theta)$ )

**Solution:** joint pmf of  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  is

$$\underline{f}(x|\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i|\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \left[ \binom{x_i-1}{r-1} \theta^r (1-\theta)^{x_i-r} \mathbb{I}_{\{x_i \in A_r\}} \right]$$

Indicator

$$= \theta^{nr} (1-\theta)^{\sum x_i - nr} \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^n \left[ \binom{x_i-1}{r-1} \mathbb{I}_{\{x_i \in A_r\}} \right] \right\}$$

where  $A_r = \{r, r+1, r+2, \dots\}$

$g(\underline{S}, \theta) = \theta^{nr} (1-\theta)^{S-nr}$

$h(\underline{x})$

$\forall \underline{x}$   
 $\forall 0 < \theta < 1$

Hence, by factorization theorem,  $\underline{S} = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$  is sufficient

## Sufficiency and Point Estimation

Factorization Theorem, cont'd

Example: Suppose  $(X_1, \dots, X_n) \sim MVN(\mu \cdot \underline{1}, \sigma^2 \cdot A)$  where  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\sigma^2 > 0$  and  $A$  is a known  $n \times n$  positive definite matrix. Find a sufficient statistic for  $(\mu, \sigma^2)$ .

Solution: joint pdf of  $(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  is

$$f(\underline{x} | \mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{(\sigma^2 2\pi)^{n/2}} \frac{1}{[\det(A)]^{n/2}} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (\underline{x} - \mu \underline{1})' A^{-1} (\underline{x} - \mu \underline{1}) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sigma^n} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left[ \underline{x}' A^{-1} \underline{x} + 2\mu \underline{x}' A^{-1} \underline{1} + \mu^2 \underline{1}' A^{-1} \underline{1} \right] \right] \underbrace{\frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \frac{1}{[\det(A)]^{n/2}}}_{h(\underline{x})}$$

$g(\underline{x}' A^{-1} \underline{x}, \underline{x}' A^{-1} \underline{1}, \mu, \sigma^2)$

Hence, by Factorization Theorem,

$\underline{S} = (\underline{x}' A^{-1} \underline{x}, \underline{x}' A^{-1} \underline{1})$  are sufficient for  $(\mu, \sigma^2)$

### Remarks:

1. The choice of  $g(\underline{S}, \theta)$  and  $h(\underline{x})$  is not unique.
2. Any 1-to-1 function of a sufficient statistic is also sufficient.

Example: In last example, suppose  $A = I_{n \times n}$ .

Then,  $\underline{S} = (\underline{x}' A^{-1} \underline{x}, \underline{x}' A^{-1} \underline{1}) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2, \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right)$

Note  $\underline{T} = \left( \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x}_n)^2, \bar{x}_n \right)$  is a 1-to-1 function of  $\underline{S} \Rightarrow \underline{T}$  is sufficient for  $(\mu, \sigma^2)$

# Sufficiency and Point Estimation

## Minimal Sufficiency

Question: Suppose  $\underline{S} \equiv (S_1, \dots, S_k)$  is sufficient for  $\theta$  and  $S_0$  is another arbitrary statistic. Is  $\underline{S}^* \equiv (S_0, S_1, \dots, S_k)$  is sufficient for  $\theta$ ? **Yes!**

proof: Since  $\underline{S}$  is sufficient,

$f(\underline{x}|\theta) = g(\underline{S}, \theta)h(\underline{x})$  holds by Factorization Theorem

But  $\underline{S} = (S_1, \dots, S_k) = d(\underline{S}^*)$  is a function of  $\underline{S}^*$

So,  $f(\underline{x}|\theta) = g(\underline{S}, \theta)h(\underline{x})$

$= g(d(\underline{S}^*), \theta)h(\underline{x}) = g_1(\underline{S}^*, \theta)h(\underline{x})$

$\therefore \underline{S}^*$  is sufficient Fact. Theorem.

Definition: A vector of statistics  $\underline{S}$  is called **minimally sufficient** if

1.  $\underline{S}$  is sufficient for  $\theta$ , and
2. for any other vector  $\underline{T}$  of sufficient statistics for  $\theta$ ,  $\underline{S}$  is a function of  $\underline{T}$ .

(Later: we can check "minimally sufficient" using "completeness with sufficiency.")

$X_1, \dots, X_n \xrightarrow{\text{data reduction}} \underline{I} \text{ is sufficient for } \theta \text{ (more)}$



data reduction  $g(\underline{I}) = \underline{S}$   
( $\underline{S}$  is a function of  $\underline{I}$ )

minimally sufficient  $\underline{S}$  (less)

e.g. In last MVN example,  $A = I_{n \times n}$ , it turns out that  $\underline{S} = (\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2, \sum_{i=1}^n X_i)$  is minimally sufficient for  $(\mu, \sigma^2)$ .  
Later: We can show "minimal sufficiency" using "completeness"

# Sufficiency and Point Estimation

## Remarks on Sufficiency

1. If  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  is a random sample (iid) from pdf/pmf  $f(x|\underline{\theta})$ ,  $\underline{\theta} \in \Theta$ , then the order statistics  $X_{(1)}, \dots, X_{(n)}$  are sufficient for  $\underline{\theta}$ .

*proof:* By the factorization theorem,  $X_{(1)}, \dots, X_{(n)}$  are sufficient for  $\underline{\theta}$  because we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \text{the joint pdf/pmf } f(\underline{x}|\underline{\theta}) &= \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i|\underline{\theta}) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_{(i)}|\underline{\theta}) \\ &= \underbrace{g(x_{(1)}, \dots, x_{(n)}, \underline{\theta})}_{\prod_{i=1}^n f(x_{(i)}|\underline{\theta})} \underbrace{h(\underline{x})}_1, \quad \text{for all } \underline{x}, \underline{\theta} \end{aligned}$$

2. If  $\underline{S} = (S_1, S_2, \dots, S_k)$  is sufficient for real-valued  $\theta \in \Theta \subset \mathbb{R}$ , then any Bayes estimator is a function of  $\underline{S}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f(\underline{x}|\theta) &\propto f(\underline{x}|\theta)\pi(\theta) \\ &\propto g(\underline{S}, \theta)\pi(\theta) \end{aligned}$$

*Example:* From homework, consider  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  iid Bernoulli( $\theta$ ),  $0 < \theta < 1$ ; loss  $L(t, \theta) = \frac{(t-\theta)^2}{\theta(1-\theta)}$ ; and uniform(0,1) prior  $\pi(\theta)$ .

Then the Bayes estimator is  $T_0 = \bar{X}_n$ , which is sufficient for  $\theta$  (by factorization theorem).

3. If  $\underline{S} = (S_1, S_2, \dots, S_k)$  is sufficient for  $\underline{\theta} \in \Theta \subset \mathbb{R}^p$  and  $\hat{\theta}$  is the unique MLE of  $\underline{\theta}$ , then  $\hat{\theta}$  is a function of  $\underline{S}$ .

$$f(\underline{x}|\theta) = g(\underline{S}, \theta)h(\underline{x}) \text{ by Fact theorem}$$



# Sufficiency and Point Estimation

## Rao-Blackwell Theorem & Sufficiency

**Rao-Blackwell Theorem.** Let  $f(\underline{x}|\underline{\theta}) = f(x_1, \dots, x_n|\underline{\theta})$  be the joint pdf/pmf of  $(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  and  $\underline{S} = (S_1, S_2, \dots, S_k)$  be sufficient for  $\underline{\theta} = (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_p) \in \Theta \subset \mathbb{R}^p$ .

Also let  $T$  be any UE of a real-valued  $\gamma(\underline{\theta})$  and  $T^* = E(T|\underline{S})$  (this conditional expectation does not depend on  $\underline{\theta}$ , since  $\underline{S}$  is sufficient, and so is a statistic).

Then,

1.  $T^*$  is a function of  $\underline{S}$  and an UE of  $\gamma(\underline{\theta})$ .

2.  $\text{Var}_{\underline{\theta}}(T^*) \leq \text{Var}_{\underline{\theta}}(T)$ , for all  $\underline{\theta} \in \Theta$ .

3. If  $\text{Var}_{\underline{\theta}_0}(T^*) = \text{Var}_{\underline{\theta}_0}(T)$  holds for some  $\underline{\theta}_0 \in \Theta$ , then  $P_{\underline{\theta}_0}(T = T^*) = 1$ .

**Idea:**  $T$  is UE of  $\gamma(\underline{\theta})$   $\xrightarrow{\text{condition on sufficient } \underline{S}}$  new  $T^* = E(T|\underline{S})$

"Rao-Blackwellization" or we say we "Rao-Blackwellize"  $T$  using  $\underline{S}$

### Remarks

- Given an UE  $T$  of  $\gamma(\underline{\theta})$ , the theorem shows how to obtain an UE  $T^*$  that is at least as good as  $T$  in terms of variance (in fact, better than  $T$  unless  $T = T^*$  with probability 1 for all  $\underline{\theta}$ ). That is, you can "Rao-Blackwellize" an UE  $T$  by conditioning on a sufficient statistic  $\underline{S}$ .

$$\rightarrow T^* = E(T|\underline{S})$$

$$(ASIDE: T = g(\underline{S}) \Rightarrow T^* = E(T|\underline{S}) = E(g(\underline{S})|\underline{S}) = g(\underline{S}))$$

- For finding an UMVUE of  $\gamma(\underline{\theta})$  we may restrict attention to the class of estimators that are functions of a sufficient statistic.

$$T^* = E(T|\underline{S}) \text{ function of } \underline{S}$$

# Sufficiency and Point Estimation

## Rao-Blackwell Theorem: Illustration

$n=2$

Example: Suppose  $X_1, X_2$  are iid Exponential( $\theta$ ). Note  $T = X_1$  is an UE of  $\theta$  and  $\text{Var}_\theta(T) = \text{Var}_\theta(X_1) = \theta^2$ .

$$E_\theta T = E_\theta X_1 = \theta \rightarrow$$

Also note that  $S = X_1 + X_2$  is sufficient for  $\theta$  by factorization theorem &  $S$  is GAMMA(2,  $\theta$ )-distributed.

Verify that

1.  $T^* = E_\theta(T|S) = E_\theta(X_1|S)$  is a function of  $S$ ;
2.  $T^*$  doesn't depend on  $\theta$ ;
3.  $T^*$  is unbiased for  $\theta$ ;
4. and compare  $\text{Var}_\theta(T)$  and  $\text{Var}_\theta(T^*)$

Solution: Given  $S = s > 0$ , first find the conditional pdf of  $X_1|S = s$  as

$$f(x_1|S=s) \xrightarrow{\text{joint pdf of } (X_1, S)} \frac{f_{X_1, S}(x_1, s|\theta)}{f_S(s|\theta)} = \frac{f_{X_1, X_2}(x_1, x_2 = s - x_1|\theta)}{f_S(s|\theta)}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{\theta^{-2} e^{-x_1/\theta} e^{-(s-x_1)/\theta}}{\theta^{-2} s e^{-s/\theta}} = s^{-1} & \text{if } 0 < x_1 < s \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Gamma pdf

So, given  $S = s > 0$ , the conditional distribution of  $X_1$  is UNIF(0,  $s$ )

Hence, the conditional expectation is  $E_\theta(X_1|S=s) = \frac{0+s}{2} = \frac{s}{2}$

Now, treating  $S$  as a random variable, we have  $T^* = E_\theta(X_1|S) = \frac{S}{2} = \frac{X_1 + X_2}{2} = \bar{X}_2$

- ①  $T^*$  is function of  $S$
- ②  $T^*$  doesn't depend on  $\theta$
- ③  $T^*$  is UE of  $\theta$  ( $E_\theta(\bar{X}_2) = \theta$ )
- ④  $\text{Var}_\theta(\bar{X}_2) = \frac{\theta^2}{2} < \text{Var}_\theta(X_1) = \theta^2$

## Sufficiency and Point Estimation

### Completeness

side note: to be used with sufficiency

- "Completeness" is a statistical property for use in conjunction with sufficiency.

- "Completeness" has a rather technical definition: a statistic  $\underline{T}$  is complete if the only function  $u(\underline{T})$  of  $\underline{T}$  that can be an UE of zero is  $u(\underline{T}) = 0$  w.p.1

Note:  $u(\underline{T}) \equiv 0$  (always zero) has expectation zero

(i.e.  $E_{\theta} u(\underline{T}) = 0$ )

It is true that  $u(\underline{T}) \equiv 0$  is the ONLY function of  $\underline{T}$  that is U.E. of zero? If so,  $\underline{T}$  is complete

"Completeness" Definition: Let  $f(\underline{x}|\underline{\theta}) = f(x_1, \dots, x_n|\underline{\theta})$ ,  $\underline{\theta} \in \Theta \subset \mathbb{R}^p$ , be the joint pdf/pmf of  $(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  and let  $f_{\underline{T}}(\underline{t}|\underline{\theta})$  denote the pdf/pmf of a vector of statistics  $\underline{T}$ . Then,

↑ sampling distribution of  $\underline{T}$

(i)  $\underline{T}$  (and/or the family  $\mathcal{F}_{\underline{T}} \equiv \{f_{\underline{T}}(\underline{t}|\underline{\theta}) : \underline{\theta} \in \Theta\}$ ) is called complete if, for any real-valued function  $u(\underline{T})$ ,

whenever  $E_{\underline{\theta}} u(\underline{T}) = 0$  holds for all  $\underline{\theta} \in \Theta$  then  $P_{\underline{\theta}}[u(\underline{T}) = 0] = 1$  for  $\underline{\theta} \in \Theta$  (3)

says " $u(\underline{T})$  is U.E. of zero"

then,  $u(\underline{T})$  must zero w.p. 1

(ii)  $\underline{T}$  is called **bounded complete** if (4) holds for all *bounded* functions  $u(\cdot)$ .

\* Completeness of  $\underline{T}$  depends on  $f_{\underline{T}}(\underline{t}|\underline{\theta})$  & "richness/size of parameter space  $(\Theta)$ "

The more parameter  $\underline{\theta}$  in  $(\Theta)$ , the more constraints are on  $u(\underline{T})$  in  $E_{\underline{\theta}}(u(\underline{T})) = 0, \forall \underline{\theta} \in (\Theta)$

eg.  $T \equiv X_1 \sim N(0, 1)$ ,  $0 \in \mathcal{H}$

①  $\mathcal{H} = \{1\}$

Note:  $u(X_1) = X_1 - 1$

$$E_0 u(X_1) = E_0 (X_1 - 1) = 0, \forall 0 \in \mathcal{H} = \{1\}$$

But,  $u(X_1)$  is NOT zero w.p. 1  $\leftarrow N(0, 1) \sim X_1 - 1$   
(  $P_0(X_1 - 1 = 0) = P(Z = 0) = 0$  )

So,  $T \equiv X_1$  is NOT complete.

②  $\mathcal{H} \equiv \mathbb{R}$ . Then,  $T \equiv X_1$  is complete  
(later)

## Sufficiency and Point Estimation

### Completeness

*Example.* Suppose  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are iid  $\text{Poisson}(\theta)$ ,  $\theta > 0$ . Show that  $T \equiv \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$  is complete.

*Solution:*  $T \sim \text{Poisson}(n\theta)$ ,  $\theta > 0$ .

Now for some  $u(\cdot)$ , suppose it holds

that  $E_\theta u(T) = 0$ ,  $\forall \theta > 0$ .

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} u(t) e^{-n\theta} \frac{(n\theta)^t}{t!} = 0, \forall \theta > 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} u(t) \frac{(n\theta)^t}{t!} = 0, \forall \theta > 0.$$

$$\Leftrightarrow [u(0) + u(1)(n\theta) + u(2)\frac{(n\theta)^2}{2!} + \dots] = 0, \forall \theta > 0$$

let  $\theta \rightarrow 0$ , get  $u(0) = 0$ .

$$\Leftrightarrow [u(1) + u(2)\frac{(n\theta)}{2!} + \dots] = 0, \forall \theta > 0$$

let  $\theta \rightarrow 0$ , get  $u(1) = 0$ .

So, get for any  $t \geq 0$ ,  $u(t) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow P_\theta(u(T) = 0) = 1 \quad \text{for all } \theta > 0$$

$\therefore T$  is complete!

(Later, we'll see easier ways to check completeness)

# Sufficiency and Point Estimation

## Remarks on Completeness

1. If  $T$  is complete, then  $T$  is boundedly complete; the converse is false.

← connection between sufficiency & completeness

2. If  $T$  is sufficient and boundedly complete, then  $T$  is minimal sufficient.

So by Remark 1 above, if  $T$  is sufficient and complete, then  $T$  is minimal sufficient.

3. Suppose  $T$  is complete and  $h_1(T), h_2(T)$  are two estimators of  $\gamma(\theta)$

$$\text{if } E_{\theta} h_1(T) = \gamma(\theta) = E_{\theta} h_2(T), \text{ for all } \theta \in \Theta$$

$$\Rightarrow E_{\theta} u(T) = 0, \text{ for all } \theta \in \Theta, \text{ where } u(T) = h_1(T) - h_2(T)$$

$$\Rightarrow P_{\theta}(u(T) = 0) = 1, \text{ for all } \theta \in \Theta$$

$$\Rightarrow P_{\theta}(h_1(T) = h_2(T)) = 1, \text{ for all } \theta \in \Theta$$

Hence, there can be at most one (i.e., unique) UE of a parametric function  $\gamma(\theta)$  that is a function of a complete statistic.

4. Let  $T \equiv h(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  be an UE of  $\gamma(\theta)$  & suppose  $\mathcal{S}$  is sufficient.

Recall:

$$T \xrightarrow[\text{ Rao-Blackwellize }]{\text{ sufficient } \mathcal{S}} T^* = E(T|\mathcal{S}) \text{ is U.E of } \gamma(\theta) \\ \text{ \& } \text{Var}_{\theta}(T^*) \leq \text{Var}_{\theta}(T)$$

$$T \xrightarrow[\text{ L-S Theorem (next) }]{\text{ sufficient \& complete } \mathcal{S}} T^* = E(T|\mathcal{S}) \text{ is UMVUE of } \gamma(\theta)!$$

## Sufficiency and Point Estimation

Lehmann-Scheffe Theorem: Completeness + Sufficiency + UE = UMVUE

**Lehmann-Scheffe Theorem.** Let  $f(x|\theta) = f(x_1, \dots, x_n|\theta)$  be the joint pdf/pmf of  $(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ ,  $\theta = (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_p) \in \Theta \subset \mathbb{R}^p$ . Let  $\underline{S} = (S_1, S_2, \dots, S_k)$  be a complete and sufficient statistic. If  $T^* \equiv T(\underline{S})$  is an UE of  $\gamma(\theta)$  and is a function of  $\underline{S}$ , then  $T^*$  is the UMVUE of  $\gamma(\theta)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $T$  be any UE of  $\gamma(\theta)$ . We must show  $\text{Var}_{\theta}(T^*) \leq \text{Var}_{\theta}(T)$

Define  $T_1 = E(T|\underline{S})$ . Since  $\underline{S}$  is sufficient, by the Rao-Blackwell theorem, we know

$T_1$  is a function of  $\underline{S}$  & U.E. of  $\gamma(\theta)$  &

$$\text{Var}_{\theta}(T_1) \leq \text{Var}_{\theta}(T), \forall \theta$$

Now  $T_1$  &  $T^*$  are functions of  $\underline{S}$  (complete) & both are U.E. of  $\gamma(\theta)$   
Since  $\underline{S}$  is complete, we know

$$P_{\theta}(T_1 = T^*) = 1, \forall \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Var}_{\theta}(T^*) = \text{Var}_{\theta}(T_1) \leq \text{Var}_{\theta}(T), \forall \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow T^* = h(\underline{S}) \text{ is UMVUE of } \gamma(\theta) \text{ [ \& so is } T_1 \text{ ]}$$

**Remark.** The R-B theorem & L-S theorem together suggest two methods for finding the UMVUE:

① Method I: Given a parametric function  $\gamma(\theta)$ , find an UE of  $\gamma(\theta)$

that is a function of a complete and sufficient statistic.

$\underline{S}$  sufficient + complete

$$T^* = h(\underline{S})$$

$E T^* = \gamma(\theta), \forall \theta$   
then  $T^*$  is UMVUE

↑  
easier

② Method II: Start with any UE  $T$  of  $\gamma(\theta)$ . Then  $T^* = E(T|\underline{S})$

is the UMVUE of  $\gamma(\theta)$ , if  $\underline{S}$  is complete and sufficient.

↑

a little harder

$$\text{find } T^* = E(T|\underline{S}) = h(\underline{S})$$

↑ any UE  
↑ complete & sufficient



# Sufficiency and Point Estimation

## Lehmann-Scheffe Theorem: Illustrations

Example. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be iid Poisson( $\theta$ ),  $\theta > 0$ . Find the UMVUE of  $\theta$ .

(could here use CRLB to find UMVUE)

Solution: Check  $S = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$  is sufficient (check by Factorization Theorem)  
 $\&$  is also complete (later)

Use  $\bar{X}_n = \frac{S}{n} \Rightarrow$  check  $E_\theta(\bar{X}_n) = E_\theta(X_1) = \theta, \forall \theta$

So  $\bar{X}_n$  is UE of  $\theta$  & a function of complete/sufficient  $S \Rightarrow \bar{X}_n$  is UMVUE of  $\theta$ .  
 Note:  $\tilde{S}^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X}_n)^2$  has  $E_\theta \tilde{S}^2 = \text{Var}_\theta(X_1) = \theta, \forall \theta > 0$ .  
 So  $\tilde{S}^2$  is UE of  $\theta$ . So,  $E(\tilde{S}^2 | S) = \bar{X}_n$  by L-S Theorem

Example. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be iid Bernoulli( $\theta$ ),  $0 < \theta < 1$ . Find the UMVUE of  $\gamma(\theta) = \theta^r(1-\theta)^{n-r}$ , for a fixed (known) integer  $1 \leq r \leq n$ .

Solution: Check  $S = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$  is sufficient & also complete (later)

Note  $S \sim \text{Binomial}(n, \theta)$ ,  $P_\theta(S=s) = \binom{n}{s} \theta^s (1-\theta)^{n-s}$

Define  $T^* = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\binom{n}{r}} & \text{if } S=r \\ 0 & \text{o.w} \end{cases} = \frac{I[S=r]}{\binom{n}{r}}$

which is a function of  $S$   
 $E_\theta(T^*) = \frac{1}{\binom{n}{r}} E_\theta(I[S=r]) = \frac{P_\theta(S=r)}{\binom{n}{r}} = \frac{\theta^r(1-\theta)^{n-r}}{\binom{n}{r}}, \forall \theta$



So,  $T^*$  is UMVUE of  $V(\theta)$  by L-S theorem.

## Sufficiency and Point Estimation

Exponential Families (for Checking Sufficiency/Completeness)

**Definition:** A family of pdf/pmf  $\{f(x|\theta) : \theta \in \Theta\}$ ,  $\Theta \subset \mathbb{R}^p$ , is called an **exponential family** if it can be written in the form

pmf/pdf of data  $\rightarrow$

$$f(x|\theta) = \begin{cases} c(\theta)h(x) \exp \left[ \sum_{i=1}^k q_i(\theta)t_i(x) \right] & x \in A \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$t_i(x), q_i(\theta)$   
 $i=1, \dots, k$

where  $\leftarrow$  support

$A \equiv \{x : f(x|\theta) > 0\}$  does NOT depend on  $\theta$ ,

$c(\theta) > 0$  and  $h(x) > 0$  are positive-valued functions,

and  $q_i(\theta), t_i(x)$  are real-valued functions for  $i = 1, \dots, k$ .

$\leftarrow$  tool to determine/find complete & sufficient statistics

**Theorem:** Let  $\tilde{X}_1, \dots, \tilde{X}_n$  be a (possibly vector-valued) random sample from  $f(x|\theta)$ , where  $\{f(x|\theta) : \theta \in \Theta\}$  is an exponential family admitting a representation as above. If

$\leftarrow$   $k$ -tuple

$$\left\{ [q_1(\theta), \dots, q_k(\theta)] : \theta \in \Theta \right\} \supset (a_1, b_1) \times \dots \times (a_k, b_k)$$

$\leftarrow$  set of all  $k$ -tuples over  $\theta \in \Theta$  must be an "open set" in  $\mathbb{R}^k$

$\leftarrow$  open set/rectangle in  $\mathbb{R}^k$

for some  $a_i < b_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, k$ , then

$$\underline{S} = \left( \sum_{j=1}^n t_1(\tilde{X}_j), \dots, \sum_{j=1}^n t_k(\tilde{X}_j) \right) \leftarrow k \text{ statistics}$$

is complete and sufficient.

# Sufficiency and Point Estimation

## Exponential Families: Illustration

*Example.* Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be iid  $\text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$ ,  $\alpha, \beta > 0$ . Show that  $T = (\sum_{i=1}^n X_i, \prod_{i=1}^n X_i)$  is complete and sufficient.

*Solution:*  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  iid, so consider the pdf of  $X_1$

$$f(x|\alpha, \beta) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)\beta^\alpha} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x/\beta} & , x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} c(\theta) h(x) \exp[-x/\beta + \alpha \log x] & , x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$$\theta = (\alpha, \beta), \quad c(\theta) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)\beta^\alpha}, \quad h(x) = x^{-1}, \quad A = (0, \infty) \text{ support}$$

$$t_1(x) = x, \quad q_1(\theta) = -1/\beta, \quad t_2(x) = \log x, \quad q_2(\theta) = \alpha$$

check

$$\{ [q_1(\theta), q_2(\theta)] \in \mathbb{R}^2 : \theta = (\alpha, \beta) \in (0, \infty) \times (0, \infty) \}$$

$$= \{ [-1/\beta, \alpha] \in \mathbb{R}^2 : \alpha, \beta > 0 \} = (-\infty, 0) \times (0, \infty)$$

$$\supset (-1, 0) \times (0, 1)$$

$$\supset (-10, -\pi) \times (1, 100)$$

contains some open interval

By Theorem

$$S = \left( \sum_{j=1}^n t_1(X_j), \sum_{j=1}^n t_2(X_j) \right) = \left( \sum_{j=1}^n X_j, \sum_{j=1}^n \log X_j \right)$$

is sufficient & complete

So,  $\underline{T} = (\sum_{j=1}^n X_j, \prod_{j=1}^n X_j)$  is one-to-one function with

$$\underline{S} = (\sum_{j=1}^n X_j, \sum_{j=1}^n \log X_j)$$

∴ so  
 $\underline{T}$  is complete &  
sufficient

Note: looked at the problem as  
 "n" iid  $X_i$ 's (real-valued) & worked with  $f(x|\theta)$   
 or could have  
 "1" vector  $\underline{x} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$  & worked with  $f(\underline{x}|\theta)$   
 $\uparrow$  1 obs.  
 $\uparrow$  all data

e.g. Suppose  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are independent  
 &  $X_i \sim \text{Poisson}(i\theta)$ ,  $\theta > 0$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$

$\underline{x} = (X_1, \dots, X_n) \leftarrow$  1 vector

$$f(\underline{x}|\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{e^{-i\theta} (i\theta)^{x_i}}{x_i!} = \underbrace{e^{-\sum_{i=1}^n i\theta}}_{q(\theta)} \underbrace{\left( \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{(i)^{x_i}}{x_i!} \right)}_{h(\underline{x})} \exp \left( \underbrace{\log \theta}_{q_1(\theta)} \cdot \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}_{t_1(\underline{x})} \right)$$

$e^{\log \theta \sum x_i}$

check  $\{q_1(\theta) \equiv \log \theta : \theta > 0\} = (-\infty, \infty)$   
 $> (0,1)$

$\Rightarrow t_1(\underline{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$  is complete & sufficient  
 by theorem  
 (applied to 1  $\underline{x}$ )

# Sufficiency and Point Estimation

## Ancillary Statistics & Basu's Theorem

*Definition:* A statistic  $T$  is called **ancillary** if its distribution does NOT depend on any parameters.

you can know the distribution of  $T$  completely  
... doesn't depend on unknown  $\theta$

*Example 1.* Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be iid  $N(\mu, 1)$ ,  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$ . ← location parameter

$$T = X_1 - X_2 \sim N(0, 2) \leftarrow \text{ancillary stat.}$$

$$= (X_1 - \mu) - (X_2 - \mu) \quad X_i - \mu \sim N(0, 1)_{i=1,2}$$

$$T = \frac{X_1 + X_2}{2} - \frac{X_3 + X_4}{2} \sim N(0, 1) \leftarrow \text{ancillary statistic}$$

(use differences with location parameter)

*Example 2.* Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be iid Exponential( $\theta$ ),  $\theta > 0$ .

$$T = \frac{X_1}{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i} = \frac{Z_1}{\sum_{i=1}^n Z_i}$$

← scale parameter

$$Z_i \equiv X_i / \theta \sim \text{Exp}(1)$$

$$T = X_1 / X_2 = Z_1 / Z_2$$

← ancillary stat.

(use ratios with scale parameter)

**Basu's Theorem:** Let  $f(x|\theta)$ ,  $\theta \in \Theta \subset \mathbb{R}^p$ , be the joint pdf/pmf of  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ .

Suppose that  $\mathcal{S} = (S_1, \dots, S_k)$  is complete and sufficient, and that  $T = (T_1, \dots, T_m)$

is ancillary. Then,  $\mathcal{S}$  and  $T$  are independent for all  $\theta$ .

(doesn't matter which  $\theta$  generates data....  $P(T \in B)$ )

$\mathcal{S}$  &  $T$  are independent

$$P_{\theta}(\mathcal{S} \in A, T \in B) = P_{\theta}(\mathcal{S} \in A) P_{\theta}(T \in B) \quad \theta$$

for any  $\theta$

# Sufficiency and Point Estimation

## Ancillary Statistics & Basu's Theorem: Illustration

*Example.* Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample from  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ ,  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\sigma^2 > 0$ .

1. Show that  $T = \frac{X_1 - \bar{X}_n}{S_n}$  and  $(\bar{X}_n, S_n^2)$  are independent, where  $\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$  and  $S_n^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X}_n)^2$ .

2. Find the UMVUE of  $P_{\mu, \sigma^2}(X_1 \leq 2) = \Phi\left(\frac{2-\mu}{\sigma}\right) = P_{\mu, \sigma^2}\left(\underbrace{\frac{X_1 - \mu}{\sigma}}_{\sim N(0,1)} \leq \frac{2-\mu}{\sigma}\right)$

**Solution:**

**Step 1.** Check that  $(\bar{X}_n, S_n^2)$  is complete & sufficient statistic for  $\mathcal{Q} = (\mu, \sigma^2) \dots$   
Use Exponential Families

Hence, by Basu's theorem, it is enough to show  $T = \frac{X_1 - \bar{X}_n}{S_n}$  is ancillary.

Define  $Z_i = \frac{X_i - \mu}{\sigma} \sim N(0,1)$ ,  $i=1, \dots, n$

$$T = \frac{X_1 - \bar{X}_n}{S_n} = \frac{[(X_1 - \mu) - (\bar{X}_n - \mu)] / \sigma}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{(X_i - \mu)}{\sigma} - \frac{(\bar{X}_n - \mu)}{\sigma} \right]^2}} = \frac{Z_1 - \bar{Z}_n}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (Z_i - \bar{Z}_n)^2}}$$

$\therefore T$  is ancillary & hence independent of  $(\bar{X}_n, S_n^2)$   $\leftarrow$  distribution of  $T$  does NOT depend on  $\mathcal{Q} = (\mu, \sigma^2)$

2. To find UMVUE of  $\Phi\left(\frac{2-\mu}{\sigma}\right)$ , we're going to use Method II

(Find some UE of  $\Phi\left(\frac{2-\mu}{\sigma}\right)$  & compute  $E(\cdot | \underline{S})$ ,  $\underline{S} \equiv (\bar{X}_n, S_n^2)$ )

Note  $T_1 = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } X_1 \leq 2 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$  is UE of  $\Phi\left(\frac{2-\mu}{\sigma}\right)$

Since  $E_{\underline{\theta}} T_1 = P_{\underline{\theta}}(X_1 \leq 2) = \Phi\left(\frac{2-\mu}{\sigma}\right)$

So, by Lehmann-Scheffe theorem, the UMVUE of  $\Phi\left(\frac{2-\mu}{\sigma}\right)$  is

$$T^* = E(T_1 | \underline{S}), \quad \underline{S} = (\bar{X}_n, S_n^2)$$

$$= P(X_1 \leq 2 | \underline{S})$$

$$= P\left(\frac{X_1 - \bar{X}_n}{S_n} \leq \frac{2 - \bar{X}_n}{S_n} \mid (\bar{X}_n, S_n^2)\right)$$

$$= P\left(T \leq \frac{2 - \bar{X}_n}{S_n} \mid (\bar{X}_n, S_n^2)\right)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\frac{2 - \bar{X}_n}{S_n}} f_{T|\underline{S}}(t) dt \quad \leftarrow \text{conditional pdf of } T \text{ given } \underline{S} = (\bar{X}_n, S_n^2)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\frac{2 - \bar{X}_n}{S_n}} f_T(t) dt \quad \leftarrow \text{marginal pdf of } T \text{ by Basu's Theorem (doesn't depend on } \underline{\theta} \text{)}$$

using independence

$$= F_T\left(\frac{2 - \bar{X}_n}{S_n}\right), \text{ where } F_T(t) = P(T \leq t), t \in \mathbb{R}$$

I could compute this (simulation)