

**IE 605: Engineering Statistics**

## Tutorial 8

**Exercise 1.** Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be independent random variables from pdfs

$$f(x_i|\theta) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2i\theta}, & -i(\theta - 1) < x_i < i(\theta + 1) \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where  $\theta > 0$ . Find the sufficient statistics of  $\theta$ .

**Exercise 2.** Let  $X_1, X_2$  be iid Poisson( $\lambda$ ) RVs.

1. Is  $T_1 = X_1 + X_2$  sufficient for  $\lambda$ ?
2. Is  $T_2 = X_1 + 2X_2$  sufficient for  $\lambda$ ?

**Exercise 3.** Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be a sequence of independent Bernoulli trials with  $P(X_i = 1) = \theta$ . Prove that  $T = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$  is sufficient for  $\theta$ . Show that  $T$  is also complete.

**Exercise 4.** Suppose that  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  form a random sample from a normal distribution for which the mean  $\mu$  is unknown but the variance  $\sigma^2$  is known. Find a sufficient statistic for  $\mu$ .

**Exercise 5.** Suppose that  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  form a random sample from a beta distribution with parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , where the value of  $\alpha$  is known and the value of  $\beta$  is unknown ( $\beta > 0$ ). Show that the following statistic  $T$  is a sufficient statistic for the parameter  $\beta$ :

$$T = \frac{1}{n} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \log \frac{1}{1 - X_i} \right)^3$$

**Exercise 6.** Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample drawn from the pdf given as,

$$f_X(x) = \frac{e^{-(x-\theta)}}{(1 + e^{-(x-\theta)})^2} \quad -\infty < x < \infty, -\infty < \theta < \infty$$

Find the minimal sufficient statistic of  $\theta$ .

**Exercise 7.** Show that the minimal sufficient statistic of  $U(\theta, \theta + 1)$  is not complete.

**Exercise 8.** Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be a sample from  $N(\theta, \theta^2)$  where  $\theta > 0$ . Show that  $T = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n X_i, \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 \right)$  is sufficient for  $\theta$  but  $T$  is not complete.

**Exercise 9.** Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be a sample from  $N(\theta, \alpha\theta^2)$ , where  $\alpha$  is known constant and  $\theta > 0$ . Show that  $T = (\bar{X}, S^2)$  is sufficient statistics for  $\theta$  but  $T$  is not complete.

**Exercise 10.** Suppose  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are i.i.d. observations from the pdf  $f(x|\alpha) = \alpha x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x^\alpha}$ ,  $x > 0, \alpha > 0$ . Show that  $\frac{\log X_1}{\log X_2}$  is an ancillary statistic.

**Exercise 11.** Samples are drawn from  $Unif(\theta, \theta + 1)$ , where  $\theta$  is unknown. Joint PDF of sample  $x$  is then

$$f(x|\theta) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \theta < x_i < \theta + 1 \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Find the minimal sufficient statistic for  $\theta$ . Show that  $T(X) = ((X_{(n)} - X_{(1)}), (X_{(n)} + X_{(1)})/2)$  is also a minimum sufficient statistic.

**Exercise 12.** In Exercise 11, show that the range statistic, i.e.,  $R = X_{(n)} - X_{(1)}$  is an ancillary statistic.

**Exercise 13.** A natural ancillary statistic in most problems is the sample size. For example, let  $N$  be a random variable taking values  $1, 2, \dots$  with known probabilities  $p_1, p_2, \dots$  where  $\sum_i p_i = 1$ . Having observed  $N = n$ , perform  $n$  Bernoulli trials with success probability  $\theta$ , getting  $X$  successes.

(a) Prove that the pair  $(X, N)$  is minimal sufficient and  $N$  is ancillary for  $\theta$ .

(b) Prove that the estimator  $X/N$  is unbiased for  $\theta$  and has variance  $\theta(1 - \theta)\mathbb{E}[1/N]$ .

**Exercise 14.** Consider the model in Exercise 13 above. Show that the Formal Likelihood Principle implies that any conclusions about  $\theta$  should not depend on the fact that the sample size  $n$  was chosen randomly. That is, the likelihood for  $(n, x)$ , a sample point from Exercise 13, is proportional to the likelihood for the sample point  $x$ , a sample point from a fixed-sample-size binomial  $(n, \theta)$  experiment.

**Exercise 15.** A risky experiment treatment is to be given to at most three patients. The treatment will be given to one patient. If it is a success, then it will be given to a second. If it is a success, it will be given to a third patient. Model the outcomes for the patients as independent Bernoulli ( $p$ ) r.v.s. Identify the four sample points in this model and show that, according to the Formal Likelihood Principle, the inference about  $p$  should not depend on the fact that the sample size was determined by the data.

**Exercise 16.** Consider a Negative Binomial Distribution with  $r = 3$  and probability of success be  $p$ . If  $X = 3$  ( $X$  represents no of success) is observed, then find its likelihood in terms of  $p$ . Also generalize the result for  $X = x$

**Exercise 17.** Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample from the Inverse Gaussian distribution with pdf

$$f(x|\mu, \lambda) = \left( \frac{\lambda}{2\pi x^3} \right)^{1/2} e^{-\frac{\lambda(x-\mu)^2}{2\mu^2 x}}, 0 < x < \infty$$

(a) Show that the statistics

$$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \text{ and } T = \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{X_i} - \frac{1}{\bar{X}}}$$

are sufficient and complete.

(b) For  $n = 2$ , show that  $\bar{X}$  has an inverse Gaussian distribution,  $n\lambda/T$  has a  $\chi_{n-1}^2$  distribution, and they are independent.

**Exercise 18.** Suppose that  $(X_1, Y_1), \dots, (X_n, Y_n)$  are independent and identically distributed random 2-vectors having the normal distribution with  $\mathbb{E}[X_1] = \mathbb{E}[Y_1] = 0$ ,  $\text{Var}(X_1) = \text{Var}(Y_1) = 1$ , and  $\text{Cov}(X_1, Y_1) = \theta \in (-1, 1)$ .

1. Find a minimal sufficient statistic for  $\theta$ .
2. Show whether the minimal sufficient statistic in (i) is complete or not.
3. Prove that  $T_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2$  and  $T_2 = \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i^2$  are both ancillary but  $(T_1, T_2)$  is not ancillary.

**Exercise 19.** One advantage of using a minimal sufficient statistic is that unbiased estimators will have smaller variance, as the following exercise will show. Suppose that  $T_1$  is sufficient and  $T_2$  is minimal sufficient,  $U$  is an unbiased estimator of  $\theta$ , and define  $U_1 = \mathbb{E}[U|T_1]$  and  $U_2 = \mathbb{E}[U|T_2]$ .

(a) Show that  $U_2 = \mathbb{E}[U_1|T_2]$ .

(b) Now use conditional variance formula to show that  $\text{Var}(U_2) \leq \text{Var}(U_1)$ .

**Exercise 20.** Let  $(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  be a random sample of random variables having the Cauchy distribution with location parameter  $\mu$  and scale parameter  $\sigma$ , where  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\sigma > 0$  are unknown parameters. Show that the vector of order statistics is minimal sufficient for  $(\mu, \sigma)$ .