

## Tutorial 3

1. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample from a  $\text{Pois}(\theta)$  population where  $\theta > 0$ .

- Show directly that  $\sum_{j=1}^n X_j$  is sufficient for  $\theta$ .
- Establish the same result using the Factorisation Theorem.

2. Suppose that  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  is a random sample from a population with the following density:

$$p(x, \theta) = \begin{cases} \theta a x^{a-1} \exp\{-\theta x^a\} & x > 0, \quad \theta > 0, \quad a > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where  $a$  is fixed. This is known as the *Weibull* density. Find a real-valued sufficient statistic for  $\theta$ .

3. Let  $X$  be a random variable with state space  $\mathcal{X} = \{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$  and probability distribution  $\mathbb{P}_\theta(X = v_i) = \theta_i$  for  $i \in \{1, \dots, k\}$  (so that  $\sum_{i=1}^k \theta_i = 1$ ) and suppose that  $\theta_i \in (0, 1)$  for each  $i = 1, \dots, k$ . Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample from  $X$ . Let

$$N_j = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}_{\{v_j\}}(X_i).$$

(the number of trials such that  $X_i = v_j$ ).

- What is the distribution of  $(N_1, \dots, N_k)$ ?
  - Show that  $N = (N_1, \dots, N_k)$  is sufficient for  $\theta = (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k)$ .
4. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample from a population with density  $p(x, \theta)$  where:

$$p(x, \theta) = \frac{1}{\sigma} \exp\left\{-\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)\right\} \mathbf{1}_{[\mu, +\infty)}(x).$$

Here  $\theta = (\mu, \sigma)$ ,  $\Theta = (-\infty, +\infty) \times (0, +\infty)$ .

- Show that  $\min(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  is sufficient for  $\mu$  when  $\sigma$  is fixed.  
Note: you cannot use the factorisation theorem for this part since the support of the density depends on  $\mu$ .
  - Find a one-dimensional sufficient statistic for  $\sigma$  when  $\mu$  is fixed.
  - Find a two-dimensional sufficient statistic for  $\theta = (\mu, \sigma)$ .
5. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample from a distribution  $F$ . Treating  $F$  as a parameter, show that the order statistic  $(X_{(1)}, \dots, X_{(n)})$  is sufficient for  $F$ .
6. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample from  $f(t-\theta)$ ,  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$ . Show that the order statistic is *minimal sufficient* for  $f$  when  $f$  is the Cauchy density

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{\pi(1+t^2)} \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

7. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_m; Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  be independent and distributed according to  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$  and  $N(\eta, \tau^2)$  respectively. Find minimal sufficient statistics in the following three cases, where  $(\mu, \eta, \sigma, \tau) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}_+$ :

(a)  $\mu, \eta, \sigma, \tau$  arbitrary.

(b)  $\sigma = \tau, \mu, \eta, \sigma$  arbitrary.

(c)  $\mu = \eta, \mu, \sigma, \tau$  arbitrary.

8. Let  $Y = (Y_1, \dots, Y_n)^t$  be a multivariate Gaussian random vector with distribution

$$Y \sim N(X\beta, \sigma^2 I)$$

where  $X$  is an  $n \times p$  design matrix (values are given) and  $\beta = (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_p)^t$  is a parameter vector. Compute a  $p + 1$  dimensional sufficient statistic for  $(\beta, \sigma^2)$ .

9. Let  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  be independent Bernoulli trials, where

$$\mathbb{P}(Y_j = 1) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp\left\{-\sum_{k=1}^p X_{jk}\beta_k\right\}} \quad j = 1, \dots, n.$$

Compute a  $p$  dimensional sufficient statistic for  $\beta$ .

## Short Answers

1. (a) Let  $T = \sum_{j=1}^n X_j$ . Note:  $T \sim \text{Pois}(n\theta)$ . For  $x_1 + \dots + x_n = t$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}_\theta((X_1, \dots, X_n) = (x_1, \dots, x_n) | T = t) &= \frac{\mathbb{P}_\theta((X_1, \dots, X_n) = (x_1, \dots, x_n))}{\mathbb{P}(T = t)} \\ &= \frac{\theta^{\sum_{j=1}^n x_j} \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{x_j!} e^{-n\theta}}{\theta^t \frac{1}{t!} e^{-n\theta}} = \frac{(\sum_j x_j)!}{\prod_{j=1}^n x_j!} \end{aligned}$$

which does not depend on  $\theta$ .

- (b)

$$\mathbb{P}_\theta((X_1, \dots, X_n) = (x_1, \dots, x_n)) = \frac{\theta^{\sum_{j=1}^n x_j}}{\prod_{j=1}^n x_j!} \exp\{-n\theta\}$$

This factorises as  $g(\sum_{j=1}^n x_j, \theta)h(\underline{x})$  where  $g(t, \theta) = \theta^t e^{-n\theta}$  and  $h(\underline{x}) = \frac{1}{\prod_{j=1}^n x_j!}$ .

- 2.

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n; \theta) = \begin{cases} \theta^n a^n \left(\prod_{j=1}^n x_j\right)^{a-1} \exp\left\{-\theta \sum_{j=1}^n x_j^a\right\} & x_1 > 0, \dots, x_n > 0 \\ 0 & \text{other} \end{cases}$$

Set  $t(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{j=1}^n x_j^a$  then

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n; \theta) = g(t(x_1, \dots, x_n), \theta)h(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

where

$$g(t, \theta) = \theta^n e^{-\theta t}, \quad h(x_1, \dots, x_n) = a^n \mathbf{1}_{\{x_1 > 0, \dots, x_n > 0\}} \left(\prod_{j=1}^n x_j\right)^{a-1}$$

Hence  $t(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  is sufficient for  $\theta$ .

3. (a)

$$(N_1, \dots, N_k) \sim \text{mult}(n; \theta_1, \dots, \theta_k).$$

- (b)

$$\mathbb{P}_\theta((X_1, \dots, X_n) = (v_{a_1}, \dots, v_{a_n})) = \theta_1^{n_1} \dots \theta_k^{n_k}$$

where  $n_j = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}(a_i = j)$ . This is in the required form from the factorisation theorem.

4. (a) The joint density is:

$$p(x_1, \dots, x_n, \theta) = \frac{1}{\sigma^n} \exp\left\{-\sum_{j=1}^n \frac{x_j - \mu}{\sigma}\right\} \mathbf{1}_{\{\min_j x_j \geq \mu\}}.$$

The factorisation theorem cannot be used, since the support of the density depends on  $\mu$ . We therefore show that the conditional density  $p(x_1, \dots, x_n | \min_j X_j = y)$  does not depend on  $\mu$ .

Since  $X - \mu \sim \text{Exp}(\frac{1}{\sigma})$ , therefore  $\min_{j \in \{1, \dots, n\}} X_j - \mu \sim \text{Exp}(\frac{n}{\sigma})$  so that the density of  $Y := \min_j X_j$  is:

$$p_Y(y) = \frac{n}{\sigma} \exp \left\{ -\frac{n(y - \mu)}{\sigma} \right\} \mathbf{1}_{\{y \geq \mu\}}$$

and therefore

$$p(x_1, \dots, x_n | \min_j X_j = y) = \frac{p(x_1, \dots, x_n)}{p_Y(y)} = \frac{1}{n\sigma^{n-1}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{\sigma} \sum_{j=1}^n (x_j - \min_i x_i) \right\}$$

which does not depend on  $\mu$ , hence  $\min_i X_i$  is sufficient for  $\mu$  when  $\sigma$  is fixed.

(b) From the factorisation theorem, it follows that  $\sum_{j=1}^n X_j$  is sufficient for  $\sigma$  when  $\mu$  is fixed.

(c) From the factorisation theorem, applied to the conditional density  $p_\sigma(x_1, \dots, x_n | \min_j X_j = y)$ ,  $\sum_{j=1}^n X_j$  is sufficient for  $\sigma$ , conditioned on  $\min_j X_j = y$  for any  $y$ .

Hence  $p(x_1, \dots, x_n | \sum_j x_j = z, \min_j = y)$  depends neither on  $\mu$  nor on  $\sigma$ , hence from the definition of sufficiency  $(\min_j X_j, \sum_j X_j)$  is sufficient for  $\theta = (\mu, \sigma)$ .

5. Once the order statistics  $x_{(1)}, \dots, x_{(n)}$  are given, the problem is then the random assignment (without replacement) of  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  to  $x_{(1)}, \dots, x_{(n)}$ . There are  $n!$  permutations, each with equal probability. Suppose that there are  $m$  groups, group  $j$  contains  $n_j$  so that  $n_1 + \dots + n_m = n$ , and the order statistics are equal within each group. Then

$$\mathbb{P}((X_1, \dots, X_n) = (x_1, \dots, x_n) | x_{(1)}, \dots, x_{(n)}) = \frac{\prod_{j=1}^m n_j!}{n!}$$

which does not depend on  $F$ .

6. We use the Dynkin Lehman Scheffe lemma; a statistic  $T$  is minimal sufficient if  $\frac{L(\theta; \underline{x})}{L(\theta; \underline{y})}$  does not depend on  $\theta$  for  $T(x) = T(y)$  and does depend on  $\theta$  for  $T(x) \neq T(y)$ .

$$L(\theta; x_1, \dots, x_n) = \frac{1}{\pi^n} \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{(1 + (x_j - \theta)^2)}$$

$$\frac{L(\theta; \underline{x})}{L(\theta; \underline{y})} = \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{(1 + (y_j - \theta)^2)}{(1 + (x_j - \theta)^2)}$$

Firstly,  $L(x_1, \dots, x_n; \theta) = L(x_{(1)}, \dots, x_{(n)}; \theta)$  so that if  $\underline{y}$  is a permutation of  $\underline{x}$ , then  $\frac{L(\theta; \underline{x})}{L(\theta; \underline{y})} = 1$ . To see that this is minimal, the function does not depend on  $\theta$  only if the roots of the numerators and denominators are the same (considering as functions of  $\theta$ ). These are:  $\theta = y_j \pm i$  for  $j = 1, \dots, n$  (for the numerator) and  $\theta = x_j \pm i$  for  $j = 1, \dots, n$  for the denominator (where  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ ). These are the same if and only if  $(y_{(1)}, \dots, y_{(n)}) = (x_{(1)}, \dots, x_{(n)})$ .

7. We use the Dynkin Lehman Scheffe lemma; a statistic  $T$  is minimal sufficient if  $\frac{L(\theta;x)}{L(\theta;y)}$  does not depend on  $\theta$  for  $T(x) = T(y)$  and does depend on  $\theta$  for  $T(x) \neq T(y)$ . This is equivalent to these properties holding for the log likelihood;  $\log L(\theta; x) - \log L(\theta; y)$ .

The log likelihood function is:

$$\log L(\mu, \eta; \sigma, \tau; \underline{x}, \underline{y}) = -\frac{(n+m)}{2} \log(2\pi) - m \log \sigma - n \log \tau \\ - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left( \sum_{j=1}^m x_j^2 - \mu \sum_{j=1}^m x_j + m\mu^2 \right) - \frac{1}{2\tau^2} \left( \sum_{j=1}^n y_j^2 - \eta \sum_{j=1}^n y_j + n\eta^2 \right).$$

Write out

$$\log L(\theta; \underline{x}_1, \underline{y}_1) - \log L(\theta; \underline{x}_2, \underline{y}_2) = -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left( \sum_{j=1}^m x_{1j}^2 - \sum_{j=1}^m x_{2j}^2 \right) + \frac{\mu}{2\sigma^2} \left( \sum_{j=1}^m x_{1j} - \sum_{j=1}^m x_{2j} \right) \\ - \frac{1}{2\tau^2} \left( \sum_{j=1}^n y_{1j}^2 - \sum_{j=1}^n y_{2j}^2 \right) + \frac{\eta}{2\tau^2} \left( \sum_{j=1}^n y_{1j} - \sum_{j=1}^n y_{2j} \right)$$

and obtain:

- (a)  $\sum_{j=1}^m X_j, \sum_{j=1}^m X_j^2, \sum_{j=1}^n Y_j, \sum_{j=1}^n Y_j^2$ .
- (b)  $\sum_{j=1}^m X_j, \sum_{j=1}^n Y_j, \sum_{j=1}^m X_j^2 + \sum_{j=1}^n Y_j^2$ .
- (c)  $\sum_{j=1}^m X_j, \sum_{j=1}^n Y_j, \sum_{j=1}^m X_j^2, \sum_{j=1}^n Y_j^2$ . (same as part (a)).

8. Density is:

$$f(y_1, \dots, y_n) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} \sigma^n} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (y^t y - 2y^t X \beta + \beta^t X^t X \beta) \right\}$$

so, by the factorisation theorem, a  $p+1$  dimensional sufficient statistic is  $y^t X, y^t y$ .

9. For an outcome  $(Y_1, \dots, Y_n) = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$  where  $(y_1, \dots, y_n)$  is a vector of 0's and 1's, we have

$$\mathbb{P}_{Y_1, \dots, Y_n}(y_1, \dots, y_n) = \frac{\prod_{j=1}^n \exp\{(1-y_j) \sum_{k=1}^p X_{jk} \beta_k\}}{\prod_{j=1}^n (1 + \exp\{-\sum_{k=1}^p X_{jk} \beta_k\})}$$

The sufficient statistic is therefore  $(\sum_{j=1}^n y_j X_{jk} : k = 1, \dots, p)$ .