

## Chap 6

### §6.1

- Any statistic,  $T(\underline{X})$ , defines a form of data reduction or data summary
- We treat two samples as equals if  $T(\underline{x}) = T(\underline{y})$
- Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be the sample space
- Let  $\mathcal{T} = \{t \mid t = T(\underline{x}) \text{ for some } \underline{x} \in \mathcal{X}\}$  be the image of  $\mathcal{X}$  under  $T$
- Then  $T(\underline{x})$  partitions the sample space into sets  $A_t, t \in \mathcal{T}$  defined by  $A_t = \{\underline{x} \mid T(\underline{x}) = t\}$

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### §6.2

Def. 6.2.1

A statistic  $T(\underline{X})$  is a sufficient statistic for  $\theta$  if the conditional distribution of the sample  $\underline{X}$ , given the value of  $T(\underline{X})$  does not depend on  $\theta$

\* If  $T(\underline{X})$  has a continuous distribution, then  $P_\theta(T(\underline{X})=t)=0$  for all values of  $t$

\* Let  $t$  be a possible value of  $T(\underline{X})$  i.e.  $P_\theta(T(\underline{X})=t) > 0$ . We wish to consider the conditional probability  $P_\theta(\underline{X}=\underline{x} \mid T(\underline{X})=t)$

\* if  $T(\underline{x}) \neq t \rightarrow P(\underline{X}=\underline{x} \mid T(\underline{X})=t) = 0$

\* thus we are truly interested in  $P_\theta(\underline{X}=\underline{x} \mid T(\underline{X})=T(\underline{x}))$

\* Sufficient if the above probability is the same for all values of  $\theta$



\* A sufficient statistic captures all the information about  $\theta$  in this sense.

\* To show sufficient we must show  $P_{\theta}(X=x | T(x)=T(x))$  does not depend on  $\theta$ .

Theorem 6.2.2

If  $p(x|\theta)$  is the joint pdf or pmf of  $X$  and  $g(t|\theta)$  is the pdf or pmf of  $T(X)$ , then  $T(X)$  is a sufficient statistic for  $\theta$  if, for every  $x$  in the sample space, the ratio  $p(x|\theta)/g(T(x)|\theta)$  is constant as a function of  $\theta$

Example 6.2.3: Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  iid Bernoulli( $\theta$ ),  $0 < \theta < 1$

• Show  $T(X) = X_1 + \dots + X_n$  is sufficient for  $\theta$

$T(X) = \#$  of  $X_i$ 's equal to one

$\therefore T(X) \sim \text{binomial}(n, \theta)$

• To show sufficiency look at:

$$\frac{p(x|\theta)}{g(T(x)|\theta)} = \frac{\prod \theta^{x_i} (1-\theta)^{1-x_i}}{\binom{n}{t} \theta^t (1-\theta)^{n-t}} \quad (t = \sum x_i)$$

$$= \frac{\theta^{\sum x_i} (1-\theta)^{\sum (1-x_i)}}{\binom{n}{t} \theta^t (1-\theta)^{n-t}}$$

$$= \frac{\theta^t (1-\theta)^{n-t}}{\binom{n}{t} \theta^t (1-\theta)^{n-t}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\binom{n}{t}} = \frac{1}{\binom{n}{\sum x_i}}$$

\* Since this ratio doesn't depend on  $\theta$ , by theorem 6.2.2,  $T(X)$  is a sufficient statistic for  $\theta$

$\therefore$  The total # of 1s in this Bernoulli sample contains all the information about  $\theta$  in this data



$$\begin{aligned} \text{If } X &\sim N(\mu, \sigma^2) \\ \bar{X} &\sim N(\mu, \sigma^2/n) \end{aligned}$$

Example 6.2.4 Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\mu, \sigma^2)$  where  $\sigma^2$  is known  
 Show  $T(X) = \bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n)$  sufficient for  $\mu$

$$\begin{aligned} f_X(x | \mu, \sigma^2) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \mathbb{I}(x_i \in \mathbb{R}) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}\right)^n e^{-\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \mathbb{I}(x_i \in \mathbb{R} \forall i=1, 2, 3, \dots, n) \end{aligned}$$

$$f_{T(X)}(t) = \left(\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}\right)^n e^{-\frac{(t - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \mathbb{I}(t \in \mathbb{R})$$

$$\frac{f_X(t)}{f_{T(X)}(t)} = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}\right)^n e^{-\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}}{\left(\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}\right)^n e^{-\frac{(t - \mu)^2}{2(\sigma^2/n)}}} \quad \bar{X} \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2/n)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left(\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}\right)^n \frac{\left(\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}\right)^n e^{-\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}}{\left(\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}\right)^n e^{-\frac{(t - \mu)^2}{2(\sigma^2/n)}}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}\right)^{n-1} e^{\left(\frac{(t - \mu)^2}{2(\sigma^2/n)} - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)} \end{aligned}$$

\* as  $\sigma$  is known we want to get rid of  $\mu$  to show sufficiency of  $T$  for  $\mu$

How w/ this part?

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}\right)^{n-1} e^{\left(\frac{n(\bar{x} - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 + (\bar{x} - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \left(\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}\right)^{n-1} e^{-\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{2\sigma^2}} \mathbb{I}(t, x_i \in \mathbb{R}) \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore T$  is sufficient for  $\mu$



Theorem 6.2.6

Factorization theorem - Let  $f(x|\theta)$  denote the joint pdf or pmf of a sample  $X$ . A statistic  $T(X)$  is a sufficient statistic for  $\theta$  iff  $\exists g(t|\theta)$  and  $h(x) \ni \forall$  sample points  $x$  and all parameters  $\theta$

$$f(x|\theta) = g(T(x)|\theta)h(x)$$

Proof p. 278

Example 6.2.7 for  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\mu, \sigma^2)$  w/ known  $\sigma^2$

we can factor  $f_x(x|\theta)$

$$f_x(x|\theta) = \left(\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}\right)^n e^{-\frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{2\sigma^2} - \frac{(n\bar{x} - n\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

$$h(x) = e^{-\frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

$$g(t|\theta) = \left(\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}\right)^n e^{-\frac{n(\bar{x} - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

$T(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum x_i$  is sufficient for  $\mu$

Example 6.2.8 • Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim}$  Discrete Uniform on  $1, 2, \dots, \theta$

• Thus:  $f_x(x|\theta) = \frac{1}{\theta} I(x=1, 2, \dots, \theta)$

• Thus,  $f_x(x|\theta) = \frac{1}{\theta^n} I(x_i=1, 2, \dots, \theta \forall i=1, 2, \dots, n)$   
 $= \frac{1}{\theta^n} I(x_i=1, 2, \dots \forall i=1, 2, \dots, n) I(X_{(n)} \leq \theta)$

$$h(x) = I(x_i=1, 2, \dots \forall i=1, 2, \dots, n)$$

$$g(t|\theta) = \frac{I(X_{(n)} \leq \theta)}{\theta} = \frac{I(t \leq \theta)}{\theta} \quad \text{for } T(x) = X_{(n)}$$

•• By Factorial theorem  $X_{(n)}$  is sufficient for  $\theta$

Example 6.2.9 • Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\mu, \sigma^2)$   $\Theta = (\mu, \sigma^2)$

• Thus  $f_x(x|\theta) = \frac{1}{(\sigma\sqrt{2\pi})^n} e^{-\frac{\sum (x_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$

• Thus  $f_x(x|\theta) = \left(\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}\right)^n e^{-\frac{\sum (x_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} = \left(\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}\right)^n e^{-\frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{2\sigma^2} - \frac{n(\bar{x} - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$

$$g(t|\theta) = \left(\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}\right)^n e^{-\frac{(n-1)t_1 - n(t_2 - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

$$T(x) = \begin{bmatrix} S^2 \\ \bar{x} \end{bmatrix}$$



Theorem 6.2.10

Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be iid observations from a pdf or pmf  $f(x|\theta)$  that belongs to an exponential family given by

$$f(x|\theta) = h(x) c(\theta) \exp\left(\sum_{i=1}^k w_i(\theta) t_i(x)\right) \quad \text{where } \dim(\theta) = k$$

THEN

$$T(x) = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n t_1(x_i), \sum_{i=1}^n t_2(x_i), \dots, \sum_{i=1}^n t_k(x_i)\right) \text{ is sufficient for } \theta$$

**\*\*  $T(x) = x$  is always a sufficient statistic \*\***

**\*\* Any 1-1 function of a sufficient statistic is \*\***  
also sufficient.

Def 6.2.11

A sufficient statistic  $T(x)$  is called a minimal sufficient statistic if, for another sufficient statistic  $T'(x)$ ,  $T(x)$  is a function of  $T'$ , **\*\* minimal stat provides coarsest partition of  $\mathcal{X}$  \*\***

$$\text{ie: if } T'(x) = T'(y) \rightarrow T(x) = T(y)$$

Theorem 6.2.13

Let  $f(x|\theta)$  be the pmf or pdf of a sample  $\underline{x}$ . Suppose  $\exists$  a function  $T(x)$ ,  $\theta \neq \psi$  two sample points  $x$  and  $y$ , the ratio  $f(x|\theta)/f(y|\theta)$  is constant as a function of  $\theta$  iff  $T(x) = T(y)$ . Then  $T(x)$  is a minimal sufficient stat for  $\theta$

Proof p 281

Example 6.2.14  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\mu, \sigma^2)$  let  $\underline{x}$  and  $\underline{y}$  denote two sample points w/ means and variances

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Consider } \frac{f_{\underline{x}}(\underline{x}|\mu, \sigma^2)}{f_{\underline{y}}(\underline{y}|\mu, \sigma^2)} &= \frac{\left(\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}\right)^n e^{-\sum x_i - \mu)^2 / 2\sigma^2}}{\left(\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}\right)^n e^{-\sum y_i - \mu)^2 / 2\sigma^2}} = e^{\frac{\sum (y_i - \mu)^2 - \sum (x_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \\ &= e^{\frac{\sum (y_i - \bar{y})^2 + n(\bar{y} - \mu)^2 - \sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2 - n(\bar{x} - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \\ &= e^{\frac{n[\bar{y} - \mu]^2 - \sum (\bar{x} - \mu)^2] + \sum (y_i - \bar{y})^2 - \sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{2\sigma^2}} \\ &= e^{n\left[\frac{(\bar{y} - \bar{x})^2}{2} + (\bar{y} - \mu)^2\right] + (n-1)(s_y^2 - s_x^2)} \end{aligned}$$

as this is only constant when  $\bar{y} = \bar{x}$  and  $s_y^2 = s_x^2$

$T(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{x} \\ s_x^2 \end{bmatrix}$  is minimally sufficient.



Example 6.2.15  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim}$  uniform  $(\theta, \theta+1)$

$$f_x(x|\theta) = \mathbb{I}(\theta < x < \theta+1)$$

$$f_x(x|\theta) = \mathbb{I}(\theta < X_{(n)}) \mathbb{I}(\theta+1 > X_{(1)})$$

Notice:  $h(x)=1$   $g(t|\theta) = \mathbb{I}(\theta < X_{(1)}) \mathbb{I}(\theta+1 > X_{(n)})$

$\Rightarrow T(x) = [X_{(1)}, X_{(n)}]$  is a sufficient stat

Consider:  $\frac{f_x(x|\theta)}{f_x(y|\theta)} = \frac{\mathbb{I}(\theta < X_{(n)}) \mathbb{I}(X_{(1)} < \theta+1)}{\mathbb{I}(\theta < Y_{(n)}) \mathbb{I}(Y_{(1)} < \theta+1)}$

Thus, this is free of  $\theta$  if  $X_{(1)} = Y_{(1)}$  &  $X_{(n)} = Y_{(n)}$

$\therefore T(x) = \begin{bmatrix} X_{(1)} \\ X_{(n)} \end{bmatrix}$  is minimally sufficient

**\*\*** Any 1-1 function of a minimally sufficient statistic is **\*\*** also a minimally sufficient statistic

DEF  
6.2.16

A Statistic  $S(x)$  whose distribution does not depend on the parameter  $\theta$  is called an ancillary statistic

- \* An ancillary stat:
  - contains no information about  $\theta$
  - an observation on a RV whose distribution is fixed and known
  - unrelated to  $\theta$
  - in conjunction w/ other statistics, however, ancillary stats can provide info for inferences about  $\theta$



Example 6.2.17  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  iid uniform  $(\theta, \theta+1)$

Let  $X_{(1)}, X_{(2)}, \dots, X_{(n)}$  be ordered stats

Show  $R = X_{(n)} - X_{(1)}$

$$f_x(x) = \frac{1}{\theta+1-\theta} \mathbb{I}(\theta < x < \theta+1) = \mathbb{I}(\theta < x < \theta+1)$$

$$F_x(x) = \int_{\theta}^x 1 dx = x - \theta = x - \theta \mathbb{I}(\theta < x < \theta+1)$$

By theorem 5.4.6:  $f_{X_{(1)}, X_{(n)}}(x_1, x_n) = \left[ \frac{n!}{(n-2)!} (1)(1)(1) \right] * [x_1 - \theta - x_n + \theta]^{n-2} (1)$

$$= n(n-1) * [x_1 - x_n]^{n-2} \mathbb{I}(\theta < x_1 < x_n < \theta+1)$$

$$U = X_{(n)} - X_{(1)}$$

$$V = X_{(1)}$$

$$X_{(1)} = V$$

$$X_{(n)} = U + V$$

$$J = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x_{(1)}}{\partial v} & \frac{\partial x_{(1)}}{\partial u} \\ \frac{\partial x_{(n)}}{\partial v} & \frac{\partial x_{(n)}}{\partial u} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1$$

↓ fix support!

$$f_{u,v}(u,v) = n(n-1) [v - (u+v)]^{n-2} \\ = n(n-1) [-u]^{n-2}$$

$$f_u(u) = \int n(n-1) [-u]^{n-2} dv = n(n-1) [-u]^{n-2} v \\ = n(n-1) [-u]^{n-2} (u-1)$$

$U \sim \text{beta}(n-1, 2)$

Note the distribution of  $U$  doesn't depend on  $\theta$  thus it's ancillary.



Example 6.2.18 Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  iid location family w/ CDF  $F(x-\theta)$

$$-\infty < \theta < \infty$$

• Show  $R = X_{(n)} - X_{(1)}$  is ancillary

• By theorem 3.5.6  $\exists Z$  w/ pdf  $f(z)$  and  $Z = X - \theta$

Thus

$$X = Z + \theta$$

$$F_R(r|\theta) = P(R \leq r) = P(X_{(n)} - X_{(1)} \leq r)$$

$$= P((Z_{(n)} + \theta) - (Z_{(1)} + \theta) \leq r)$$

$$= P(Z_{(n)} - Z_{(1)} \leq r)$$

↑ doesn't depend on  $\theta$  as  $z$  doesn't depend on  $\theta$

∴  $R$  is an ancillary statistic

Example 6.2.19  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  iid scale family w/ CDF  $F(\frac{x}{\sigma})$   $\sigma > 0$

• Show  $R = \frac{X_{(1)} + X_{(2)} + \dots + X_{(n)}}{X_{(n)}}$  is ancillary

• By theorem 3.5.6  $\exists Z$  w/ pdf  $f(z)$  and  $Z = \sigma X$

$$X = Z/\sigma$$

Thus

$$F_R(r|\theta) = P(R \leq r) = P\left(\frac{X_{(1)} + X_{(2)} + \dots + X_{(n)}}{X_{(n)}} \leq r\right)$$

$$= P\left(\frac{\frac{1}{\sigma} Z_{(1)} + \frac{1}{\sigma} Z_{(2)} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sigma} Z_{(n)}}{\frac{1}{\sigma} Z_{(n)}} \leq r\right) = P\left(\frac{Z_{(1)} + Z_{(2)} + \dots + Z_{(n)}}{Z_{(n)}} \leq r\right)$$

this doesn't depend on  $\sigma$  as  $z$  doesn't depend on  $\sigma$

∴  $R$  is an ancillary statistic

Minimal Statistic - a statistic that has achieved maximal data reduction while retaining all the information in the sample

Ancillary Precision - Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be iid observations from a discrete distribution that satisfies

$$P_\theta(X=\theta) = P_\theta(X=\theta+1) = P_\theta(X=\theta+2) = \frac{1}{3} \quad \text{w/ unknown } \theta \in \mathbb{Z}$$

• let  $X_{(1)} \leq X_{(2)}$  be the order stats for the sample

•  $(R = X_{(2)} - X_{(1)}, M = (X_{(1)} + X_{(2)})/2)$  is a minimally sufficient stat

• As this is a location family  $R$  is also ancillary

• The idea is that although  $R$  contains no information on  $\theta$  it could provide valuable information toward the inference of  $\theta$



Def 6.2.21

Let  $f(t|\theta)$  be a family of pdfs or pmfs for a statistic  $T(x)$ . The family of probability distributions is called complete if  $E_{\theta}(g(T))=0 \forall \theta$  implies  $P_{\theta}(g(T)=0)=1 \forall \theta$ ,  $T(x)$  is called a complete statistic

Example 6.2.2 • suppose  $T \sim \text{bm}(n, p)$   $0 < p < 1$   
• Let  $g$  be a function  $\ni E_p(g(T))=0$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then: } 0 &= E_p(g(T)) = \sum_{t=0}^n g(t) \binom{n}{t} p^t (1-p)^{n-t} \\ &= (1-p)^n \sum_{t=0}^n g(t) \binom{n}{t} \left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right)^t \quad \forall 0 < p < 1 \\ &\therefore \sum_{t=0}^n g(t) \binom{n}{t} \left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right)^t = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore g(t) = 0 \quad \forall t$$

$\therefore T$  is a complete statistic

Example 6.2.23 • Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \sim U(0, \theta)$   $0 < \theta < \infty$

$$T(X) = \max_i X_i$$

$$f(t|\theta) = n t^{n-1} \theta^{-n} \mathbb{I}(0 < t < \theta)$$

• Suppose  $g(t)$  is a function  $\ni E_{\theta}(g(T))=0 \forall \theta$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= E_{\theta}(g(T)) = \frac{d}{d\theta} E_{\theta}(g(T)) = \frac{d}{d\theta} \int_0^{\theta} g(t) n t^{n-1} \theta^{-n} dt \\ &= \theta^{-n} \frac{d}{d\theta} \left( \int_0^{\theta} g(t) n t^{n-1} dt \right) + \left( \frac{d}{d\theta} \theta^{-n} \right) \int_0^{\theta} n g(t) t^{n-1} dt \\ &= \theta^{-n} n g(\theta) \theta^{n-1} + 0 \quad \uparrow \leftarrow E_{\theta}(g(t)) \\ &= \theta^{-1} n g(\theta) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore g(\theta) = 0$$

$\therefore T$  is complete



Theorem 6.2.24

Basu's Theorem If  $T(X)$  is complete and minimal sufficient then  $T(X)$  is independent of every ancillary statistic  
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Theorem 6.2.25

Complete stats of exp family:  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be iid from an exponential family i.e. its pdf or pmf  
 $f(x|\theta) = h(x)c(\theta) \exp(\sum w_i(\theta) t_i(x))$   
where  $\theta = \theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_k$   
Then the statistic

$T(X) = [\sum t_1(x_i), \sum t_2(x_i), \dots, \sum t_k(x_i)]$   
is complete if  $\{\sum w_1(\theta), w_2(\theta), \dots, w_k(\theta) | \theta \in \Theta\}$   
contains an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^k$

Example 6.2.26 - Using Basu's Theorem - I

- $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  iid exponential( $\theta$ )
- Consider  $g(X) = \frac{X_n}{X_1 + \dots + X_n}$  is ancillary
- $\frac{1}{\theta} e^{-x/\theta} = \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-x(\frac{1}{\theta})} \Rightarrow T(X) = \sum X$  is a complete statistic 6.2.25  
is a sufficient stat 6.2.10
- $\theta = E_\theta(X_n) = E_\theta(T(X))g(X) = E_\theta(T(X)) (E_\theta g(X)) = n\theta E_\theta g(X)$   
 $\therefore E_\theta g(X) = \frac{1}{n}$

Example 6.2.27 Consider independence of  $\bar{x}$  and  $s^2$ , the sample mean and variance when sampling from  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$   
Let  $\sigma^2$  be fixed and known,  $-\infty < \mu < \infty$   
We know  $\bar{x}$  is sufficient  
6.2.5  $\rightarrow N(\mu, \sigma^2/n)$  is complete which is the pdf of  $\bar{x}$   
 $s^2$  is ancillary (can be shown using location pdf)  
 $\therefore$  By Basu's  $\bar{x} \perp\!\!\!\perp s^2$   
\*ONLY FOR  $\sigma$  unknown\*



Theorem  
6.2.28

## 2) POINT ESTIMATION

If a minimal sufficient statistic exists then any complete statistic is also a minimal sufficient stat,

that is any statistic is a point estimate

NOTE: 1) No correspondence between estimator and parameter  
2) No notion of range

### Estimate vs. Estimator

- Estimator - is a function of the sample
- Estimate - is the realized value of an estimator, a number obtained when a sample is taken

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Estimating a parameter with its sample analog is usually reasonable  
• The sample mean is a good estimate for the population mean

Method of moments - Usually gives an estimator, however this estimate can usually be improved upon.

Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be a sample from a population w/ pdf or pmf  $f(x; \theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_k)$ . Method of moments estimators are found by equating the first  $k$  sample moments to the corresponding  $k$  population moments and solving the resulting system of simultaneous equations for  $\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_k$ .

$$m_1 = \frac{1}{n} \sum X_i \quad \mu_1 = E(X)$$

$$m_2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum X_i^2 \quad \mu_2 = E(X^2)$$

$$\vdots$$

$$m_k = \frac{1}{n} \sum X_i^k \quad \mu_k = E(X^k)$$

NOTE:  $\mu_i$  will typically be a function of  $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k$  say  $\mu_i(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k)$   
the estimator  $(\hat{\theta}_1, \hat{\theta}_2, \dots, \hat{\theta}_k)$  of  $(\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_k)$  is obtained by solving the following system of equations for  $(\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_k)$  in terms of  $(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k)$

$$m_1 = \mu_1(\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_k)$$

$$m_2 = \mu_2(\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_k)$$

$$\vdots$$

$$m_k = \mu_k(\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_k)$$