

**MTH 418a: Inference-I**  
**Assignment No. 3: Minimal Sufficiency and Completeness**

1. Show that every function of a complete statistic is complete.
2. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample from a population with p.d.f./p.m.f.  $f_\theta(\cdot), \theta \in \Theta$ . In each of the following cases, show that  $T(\underline{X})$  is a minimal sufficient statistic. Also verify if it is complete.
  - (a) For known  $\mu_0 \in \mathbb{R}, X_1 \sim N(\mu_0, \theta^2), \Theta = (0, \infty), T(\underline{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu_0)^2$ . Is  $U(\underline{X}) = (\bar{X}, \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2)$  sufficient and complete?;
  - (b) For known  $\sigma_0 > 0, X_1 \sim N(\theta, \sigma_0^2), \Theta = \mathbb{R}, T(\underline{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ ;
  - (c)  $X_1 \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2), \underline{\theta} = (\mu, \sigma) \in \mathbb{R} \times (0, \infty), \underline{T}(\underline{X}) = (\bar{X}, \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2)$ . Is  $U(\underline{X}) = \bar{X} + S^2$  sufficient and complete?;
  - (d) For known  $\mu_0 \in \mathbb{R}, X_1 \sim \text{Exp}(\mu_0, \theta), \Theta = (0, \infty), T(\underline{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu_0)$ . Is  $U(\underline{X}) = \bar{X}$  complete and sufficient?;
  - (e) For known  $\sigma_0 > 0, X_1 \sim \text{Exp}(\theta, \sigma_0), \Theta = \mathbb{R}, T(\underline{X}) = X_{(1)}$ . Is  $U(\underline{X}) = (X_{(1)}, \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - X_{(1)}))$  sufficient and complete?;
  - (f)  $X_1 \sim \text{Exp}(\mu, \sigma), \underline{\theta} = (\mu, \sigma) \in \mathbb{R} \times (0, \infty), \underline{T}(\underline{X}) = (X_{(1)}, \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - X_{(1)}))$ ;
  - (g) For known  $\alpha_0 > 0, X_1 \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha_0, \theta), \Theta = (0, \infty), T(\underline{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ .
3. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample from a population with p.d.f./p.m.f.  $f_\theta(\cdot), \theta \in \Theta$ . In each of the following cases, show that  $T(\underline{X})$  is a minimal sufficient statistic. Also verify if it is complete.
  - (a) For known  $\mu_0 \in \mathbb{R}, X_1 \sim N(\mu_0, \theta^2), \Theta = (0, \infty), T(\underline{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu_0)^2$ ;
  - (b)  $X_1 \sim \text{Beta}(\theta_1, \theta_2), \underline{\theta} = (\theta_1, \theta_2), \Theta = (0, \infty) \times (0, \infty), T(\underline{X}) = (\prod_{i=1}^n X_i, \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - X_i))$ ;
  - (c)  $X_1 \sim N(\theta, \theta), \Theta = (0, \infty), T(\underline{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2$ ;
  - (d)  $X_1 \sim N(\theta, \theta^2), \Theta = (0, \infty), T(\underline{X}) = (\bar{X}, \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2)$ ;
  - (e)  $X_1 \sim U(\theta_1, \theta_2), \underline{\theta} = (\theta_1, \theta_2), \Theta = \{(x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x_1 < x_2\}, T(\underline{X}) = (X_{(1)}, X_{(n)})$ ;
  - (f)  $X_1 \sim U(\theta - \frac{1}{2}, \theta + \frac{1}{2}), \Theta = \mathbb{R}, T(\underline{X}) = (X_{(1)}, X_{(n)})$ ;
  - (g)  $f_\theta(x) = \frac{2(\theta-x)}{\theta^2} I_{(0,\theta)}(x), \Theta = (0, \infty), T(\underline{X}) = (X_{(1)}, \dots, X_{(n)})$ ;
  - (h)  $X_1 \sim \text{Poisson}(\theta), \Theta = (0, \infty), T(\underline{X}) = \bar{X}$ ;
  - (i) For known positive integer  $m, X_1 \sim \text{Bin}(m, \theta), \Theta = (0, 1), T(\underline{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ ;
  - (j) For normalizing constant  $c(\theta), f_\theta(x) = \frac{c(\theta)}{x^2}, x = \theta+1, \theta+2, \dots, \Theta = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}, T(\underline{X}) = X_{(1)}$ .
4. Each of the parts (a)-(j) below correspond to the corresponding parts of Problem 3. For each of the parts (a)-(j), determine whether the statistic  $U(\underline{X})$ , as defined below, is minimal sufficient for  $\theta$ . Also verify if it is complete.
  - (a)  $U(\underline{X}) = (\bar{X}, \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2)$ ;
  - (b)  $U(\underline{X}) = (X_{(1)}, \dots, X_{(n)})$ ;
  - (c)  $U(\underline{X}) = 15T^2(\underline{X}) + 8T(\underline{X}) - 23$ ;
  - (d)  $U(\underline{X}) = (\bar{X}, \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - 1)^2)$ ;

- (e)  $U(\underline{X}) = (2X_{(n)} - X_{(1)}, X_{(n)} + 3X_{(1)});$   
 (f)  $U(\underline{X}) = (X_{(1)}, X_{(2)}, \dots, X_{(n)});$   
 (g)  $U(\underline{X}) = (\prod_{i=1}^n X_i, X_{(2)} + X_{(3)}, 2X_{(2)} + 3X_{(3)}, X_{(4)}, \dots, X_{(n)});$   
 (h)  $U(\underline{X}) = 2\bar{X}^2 + 3\bar{X} - 100;$   
 (i)  $U(\underline{X}) = \bar{X}^5;$   
 (j)  $U(\underline{X}) = 9e^{2X_{(1)}} - 17e^{X_{(1)}} - 1083.$

5. Let  $X_1, X_2$  be a random sample from a discrete uniform distribution on the set  $\{\theta, \theta + 1, \theta + 2\}$ , where  $\theta \in \Theta = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ . Show that  $\underline{T} = (\frac{X_{(1)} + X_{(2)}}{2}, X_{(2)} - X_{(1)})$  is a minimal sufficient statistic. Is it complete?
6. Let  $X$  be a r.v. with distributional support  $\chi = \{-1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  and p.m.f.  $f_\theta, \theta \in (0, 1) = \Theta$ , where  $f_\theta(-1) = \theta$  and  $f_\theta(x) = (1 - \theta)^2 \theta^x, x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Show that the family  $\mathcal{P} = \{f_\theta : \theta \in \Theta\}$  is boundedly complete but not complete.
7. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample from a discrete uniform distribution on the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, \theta\}$ , where  $\theta \in \{1, 2, \dots\} = \Theta$ .
- (a) Show that that the family  $\mathcal{P} = \{f_\theta : \theta \in \Theta\}$  is complete;  
 (b) Let  $m_0 \in \Theta$ . Show that the family  $\mathcal{P}_1 = \{f_\theta : \theta \in \Theta - \{m_0\}\}$  is not complete;  
 (c) Show that  $T(\underline{X}) = X_{(n)}$  is complete.

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8. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  ( $n \geq 2$ ) be a random sample from  $\text{Exp}(\mu, \sigma)$  distribution, where  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}, \sigma > 0$ . Show that  $T_1(\underline{X}) = X_{(1)} \sim \text{Exp}(\mu, \frac{\sigma}{n})$  and  $T_2(\underline{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - X_{(1)}) \sim \text{Gamma}(n - 1, \sigma)$ . Also, show that  $T_1(\underline{X})$  and  $T_2(\underline{X})$  are independently distributed. (**Hint:** Note that  $T_2(\underline{X}) = \sum_{i=2}^n (X_{(i)} - X_{(1)})$ )
9. Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a family of densities with common support, and let  $\mathcal{P}_0 \subseteq \mathcal{P}$ . If a statistic  $T$  is minimal sufficient for  $\mathcal{P}_0$  and sufficient for  $\mathcal{P}$ , show that  $T$  is minimal sufficient for  $\mathcal{P}$ .
10. (a) Let  $\mathcal{P} = \{f_0, f_1, f_2, \dots, f_k\}$  be a family of densities, each having the same support. Prove that the statistic  $\underline{T}(X) = (\frac{f_1(X)}{f_0(X)}, \frac{f_2(X)}{f_0(X)}, \dots, \frac{f_k(X)}{f_0(X)})$  is minimal sufficient;  
 (b) Let  $\mathcal{P} = \{f_0, f_1, f_2\}$ , where  $f_0(x) = I_{(-1,0)}(x)$ ,  $f_1(x) = I_{(0,1)}(x)$  and  $f_2(x) = 2xI_{(0,1)}(x)$ . Show that  $\underline{T}(X) = (\frac{f_1(X)}{f_0(X)}, \frac{f_2(X)}{f_0(X)})$  is not minimal sufficient. Is it sufficient? Find a minimal sufficient statistic.
11. (a) Let  $X$  be a random sample from a population having p.m.f.  $f_\theta, \theta \in (0, 1) = \Theta$ , where  $f_\theta(x) = \frac{1}{4}$ , if  $x = 1, 2$ ;  $= \frac{1+\theta}{4}$ , if  $x = 3$ ;  $= \frac{1-\theta}{4}$ , if  $x = 4$ ;  $= 0$ , otherwise;  $\theta \in \Theta$ . Find a minimal sufficient statistic for  $\theta$ . Is it complete?  
 (b) Let  $X$  be a discrete r.v. with distributional support  $\chi = \{-1, 0, 1\}$  and p.m.f.  $f_\theta, \theta \in \Theta = \{1, 2, 3\}$ . Suppose that  $f_1(-1) = 0.4, f_1(0) = 0.2, f_1(1) = 0.4, f_2(-1) = 0.6, f_2(0) = 0.3, f_2(1) = 0.1, f_3(-1) = 0.2, f_3(0) = 0.1, f_3(1) = 0.7$ . Find a minimal sufficient statistic for  $\theta$ . Is it complete?

12. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample from a population with p.d.f.  $f_\theta(\cdot), \theta \in \Theta$ . In each of the following cases, find a minimal sufficient statistic  $T(\underline{X})$ . Verify if  $T(\underline{X})$  is complete.

(a)  $f_\theta(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{1+(x-\theta)^2}, -\infty < x < \infty, \theta \in \mathbb{R} = \Theta;$

(b)  $f_\theta(x) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot e^{-|x-\theta|}, -\infty < x < \infty, \theta \in \mathbb{R} = \Theta.$

13. (a) Let  $\mathcal{P}_0$  and  $\mathcal{P}_1$  be two families of distributions such that every null set of  $\mathcal{P}_0$  is also a null set of  $\mathcal{P}_1$ , and  $\mathcal{P}_0 \subseteq \mathcal{P}_1$ . Show that a sufficient statistic that is complete for  $\mathcal{P}_0$  is also complete for  $\mathcal{P}_1$ .

(b) Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample from a population having the p.d.f.  $f \in \mathcal{P}$ , where  $\mathcal{P}$  is the family of all the Lebesgue p.d.f.s. Show that  $\underline{T}(\underline{X}) = (X_{(1)}, \dots, X_{(n)})$  is complete. (**Hint:** In (a), take  $\mathcal{P}_0$  to be the exponential family with p.d.f.  $f_{\underline{\theta}} = c(\underline{\theta})e^{-\sum_{i=1}^n \theta_i \sum_{j=1}^n x_j^i - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^{2n}}, \underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \underline{\theta} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ).