

Quiz 1, Statistical Inference I: Date 10/1 (2015 Fall)

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1. Let $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\xi, \sigma^2)$ and $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$.

- 1) Show that the joint density of $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$ forms an exponential family by specifying **all necessary components** (e.g., dimension s , natural parameters, parameter space, T functions, support, etc.).
- 2) Prove that the family is full rank.
- 3) Prove that the family is not full rank if $\xi = \sigma$ is assumed.

Ans:

1)

$X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\xi, \sigma^2)$, $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$ let $\theta = (\xi, \sigma^2)$.

$$\begin{aligned} P_\theta(x) &= \prod_{i=1}^n f_i(x_i) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left\{\frac{-1}{2\sigma^2}(x_i - \xi)^2\right\} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \exp\left\{\frac{-1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \xi)^2\right\} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2\pi}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \exp\left\{\frac{\xi}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - \frac{n}{2} \left(\frac{\xi^2}{\sigma^2} + \log \sigma^2\right)\right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$\eta_1(\theta) = \frac{\xi}{\sigma^2}, \quad \eta_2(\theta) = \frac{-1}{2\sigma^2}, \quad T_1(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i, \quad T_2(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2,$$

$$B(\theta) = \frac{n}{2} \left(\frac{\xi^2}{\sigma^2} + \log \sigma^2 \right) \quad \text{and} \quad h(x) = \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \right)^{\frac{n}{2}}.$$

Therefore,

$$P_\theta(x) = \exp\left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \eta_i(\theta) T_i(x_i) - B(\theta) \right\} h(x)$$

is a two-dimensional exponential family with $\chi = (-\infty, \infty)^n$ and $\Theta = (-\infty, \infty) \times (-\infty, 0)$.

2)

$$P_{\theta}(x) = \left(\frac{1}{2\pi}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \exp\left\{\frac{\xi}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - \frac{n}{2}\left(\frac{\xi^2}{\sigma^2} + \log \sigma^2\right)\right\}.$$

$$\Theta = \left\{ \left(\frac{\xi}{2\sigma^2}, \frac{-1}{2\sigma^2} \right); \xi \in \mathbf{R}, \sigma^2 > 0 \right\} = \{ (\eta_1, \eta_2); \eta_1 \in \mathbf{R}, \eta_2 < 0 \}.$$

Θ contains a two-dimensional open rectangle hence (e.g., $A(1, -1)$, $B(1, -2)$, $C(2, -1)$, $D(2, -2)$) then ABCD is an two-dimensional open rectangle contained by Θ) hence it is full rank.

3)

Let $\xi = \sigma^2$.

$$P_{\theta}(x) = \left(\frac{1}{2\pi}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \exp\left\{\frac{1}{\xi} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - \frac{1}{2\xi^2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - \frac{n}{2}(1 + \log \xi^2)\right\}.$$

$$\text{Since } \Theta = \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{\xi}, \frac{-1}{2\xi^2} \right); \xi > 0 \right\} = \{ (\eta_1, \eta_2); \eta_1 > 0, \eta_2 < 0 \}.$$

Therefore, Θ does not contain a two-dimensional open rectangle hence it is not full rank.

2. Let $X_1, X_2 \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ and $X = (X_1, X_2)$.

1) Derive the canonical form of the joint density of $X = (X_1, X_2)$ by specifying **all necessary components**.

Ans:

$$\begin{aligned} P_\lambda(x) &= \frac{1}{x_1!} \lambda^{x_1} e^{-\lambda} \cdot \frac{1}{x_2!} \lambda^{x_2} e^{-\lambda} \\ &= \frac{1}{x_1! x_2!} \lambda^{x_1+x_2} e^{-2\lambda} \\ &= \frac{1}{x_1! x_2!} \exp\{\log \lambda (x_1 + x_2) - 2\lambda\}. \end{aligned}$$

Let $\eta(\lambda) = \log \lambda$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} p(x|\eta) &= \frac{1}{x_1! x_2!} \exp\{\eta(\lambda)(x_1 + x_2) - 2e^\eta\} \\ &= \exp\{\eta(\lambda)T(x) - A(\eta)\}h(x) \end{aligned}$$

is the canonical form of a one-dimensional exponential family, where

$$\eta(\lambda) = \log \lambda, \quad T(x) = x_1 + x_2, \quad A(\eta) = 2e^\eta, \quad h(x) = \frac{1}{x_1! x_2!},$$

$$\mathcal{X} = \{0, 1, \dots\} \times \{0, 1, \dots\} \quad \text{and} \quad \Theta = (0, \infty).$$

2) Prove that the family is full rank.

Ans:

By 1)

$$p(x|\eta) = \exp\{\eta(\lambda)T(x) - A(\eta)\}h(x).$$

Since $\Theta = \{\eta; \eta > 0\}$ contains an one-dimensional open rectangle (e.g., $(1, 2)$ is an one-dimensional open rectangle contained by Θ) hence it is full rank.

3. Let $p(x|\eta) = \exp\{\eta x - A(\eta)\}$, $x \in X$, be a density w.r.t. the Lebesgue measure $\mu(x) = m(x)$. Derive the form of $A(\eta)$ and the natural parameter space Θ when $X = [0, \infty)$.

Ans:

Since

$$p(x|\eta) = \exp\{\eta x - A(\eta)\}.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \int_x p(x|\eta) dx &= 1 \\ \Rightarrow \int_x \exp\{\eta x - A(\eta)\} dx &= 1 \\ \Rightarrow \int_x \exp\{\eta x\} dx &= e^{A(\eta)} < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

When $X = [0, \infty)$, consider two different cases of $\eta > 0$ and $\eta < 0$.

$$\text{If } \eta > 0 \Rightarrow \int_0^\infty \exp\{\eta x\} dx = \infty.$$

$$\text{If } \eta < 0 \Rightarrow \int_0^\infty \exp\{\eta x\} dx < \infty$$

Therefore, the parameter space $\Theta = (-\infty, 0)$.

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty \exp\{\eta x\} dx &= e^{A(\eta)} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\eta} e^{\eta x} \Big|_0^\infty &= e^{A(\eta)} \\ \Rightarrow 0 - \frac{1}{\eta} &= e^{A(\eta)} \\ \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{\eta} &= e^{A(\eta)} \\ \Rightarrow A(\eta) &= \log\left(\frac{-1}{\eta}\right). \end{aligned}$$

4. Let $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$, where $X_j \stackrel{iid}{\sim} f_\theta(x_j) = \exp\left\{\sum_{i=1}^s \eta'_i(\theta) T'_i(x_j) - B'(\theta)\right\} h'(x_j)$,

$j=1, \dots, n$. Show that the joint density of $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$ forms an exponential family by specifying **all necessary components** (e.g., dimension, natural parameters, parameter space, T functions, support, etc.).

Ans:

$$X_j \stackrel{iid}{\sim} f_\theta(x_j) = \exp\left\{\sum_{i=1}^s \eta'_i(\theta) T'_i(x_j) - B'(\theta)\right\} h'(x_j), \quad j=1, \dots, n \quad \text{and} \quad X = (X_1, \dots, X_n).$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_\theta(x) &= \prod_{j=1}^n f_\theta(x_j) \\ &= \prod_{j=1}^n \exp\left\{\sum_{i=1}^s \eta'_i(\theta) T'_i(x_j) - B'(\theta)\right\} h'(x_j) \\ &= \exp\left\{\eta'_1(\theta) T'_1(x_1) + \eta'_2(\theta) T'_2(x_1) + \dots + \eta'_s(\theta) T'_s(x_1) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \eta'_1(\theta) T'_1(x_2) + \eta'_2(\theta) T'_2(x_2) + \dots + \eta'_s(\theta) T'_s(x_2) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \vdots \qquad \qquad \qquad \vdots \qquad \qquad \qquad \vdots \right. \\ &\quad \left. \eta'_1(\theta) T'_1(x_n) + \eta'_2(\theta) T'_2(x_n) + \dots + \eta'_s(\theta) T'_s(x_n) - nB'(\theta)\right\} \prod_{j=1}^n h'(x_j) \\ &= \exp\left\{\eta'_1(\theta) \sum_{j=1}^n T'_1(x_j) + \eta'_2(\theta) \sum_{j=1}^n T'_2(x_j) + \dots + \eta'_s(\theta) \sum_{j=1}^n T'_s(x_j) - nB'(\theta)\right\} \prod_{j=1}^n h'(x_j) \\ &= \exp\left\{\sum_{i=1}^s \left(\eta'_i(\theta) \sum_{j=1}^n T'_i(x_j)\right) - nB'(\theta)\right\} \prod_{j=1}^n h'(x_j) \\ &= \exp\left\{\sum_{i=1}^s \eta_i(\theta) T_i(x) - B(\theta)\right\} h(x) \end{aligned}$$

is a s-dimensional exponential family with

$$\eta_i(\theta) = \eta'_i(\theta), \quad T_i(\theta) = \sum_{j=1}^n T'_i(x_j), \quad B(\theta) = nB'(\theta), \quad h(x) = \prod_{j=1}^n h'(x_j),$$

$$i = 1, 2, \dots, s \quad \Theta = \left\{(\eta_1, \dots, \eta_s); \int_{\mathcal{X}} \exp\left\{\sum_{i=1}^s \eta_i(\theta) T_i(x)\right\} h(x) < \infty\right\} \quad \text{with}$$

support $\mathcal{X} = \mathbf{R}^n$.