

Assignment #3

Problem #2

Given Information:

- $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim N(\theta, a\theta^2)$
- a is a known constant
- $\theta > 0$

Goals:

- Show (\bar{X}, S^2) is a sufficient statistic for θ
- Show the family of distributions is not complete

Work:

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\theta}(x_1, \dots, x_n) &= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi(a\theta^2)^2}} \right)^n \exp \left\{ -\frac{(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - 2\theta \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - n\theta^2)}{2(a\theta^2)^2} \right\} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{a\theta^2\sqrt{2\pi}} \right)^n \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2a^2\theta^4} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 + \frac{1}{a^2\theta^3} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - \frac{n}{2a^2\theta^2} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

We can see $T(X) = (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2, \sum_{i=1}^n x_i)$ is a two-dimensional sufficient statistic for θ . We also know any one-to-one function composed of sufficient statistics is itself a sufficient statistic. Two such one-to-one functions are \bar{X} and S^2 . Therefore, (\bar{X}, S^2) is a sufficient statistics for θ .

To show (\bar{X}, S^2) is not a complete sufficient statistics, recall that the Normal distribution is of the Exponential Families. Hence, we can identify

$$w_1 = \frac{1}{a^2\theta^3} \text{ and } w_2 = -\frac{1}{2a^2\theta^4}$$

However, the parameter space (θ^3, θ^4) does not contain a two-dimensional open set.

Therefore, (\bar{X}, S^2) is not complete.