

1. For each example, either verify that it is a member of the exponential family and identify the sufficient statistics, or explain why it is not a member of the exponential family.

(a) X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are an IID sample from a $\text{Poisson}(\mu)$ distribution.

(b) X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are an IID sample from a $\text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$ distribution.

(c) X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are an IID sample from a $\text{Uniform}(0, \theta)$ distribution.

(d) X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are an IID sample from the 5 parameter mixture distribution with density

$$f(x) = p n(x | \mu_1, \sigma_1^2) + (1 - p) n(x | \mu_2, \sigma_2^2)$$

where $n(x | \mu, \sigma^2)$ is the $\text{Normal}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ density.

(e) X is a $\text{Negative Binomial}(r, p)$ random variable.

(f) X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are an IID sample from a $\text{Cauchy}(\theta)$ distribution.

2. Let X be a $\text{Negative Binomial}(r, p)$ random variable. Recall that if $X = k$ then there were $r + k$ independent $\text{Bernoulli}(p)$ trials with r 1's and k 0's.

(a) Show that the outcome of the first trial, call it Y_1 , is an unbiased estimator for p .

(b) Use the Rao-Blackwell theorem to find a better unbiased estimator.

3. Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be an IID sample from a $\text{Poisson}(\mu)$ distribution.

Note that $\mathbb{P}(X_i = 0) = e^{-\mu}$.

(a) What is the MLE for $\theta = e^{-\mu}$? What is its variance (exactly if possible, otherwise approximately)?

(b) Define $Y_i = 1$ if $X_i = 0$, and 0 else. Show that \bar{Y} is unbiased for θ . What is its variance?

(c) Evaluate $\hat{\theta} = \mathbb{E}(Y_1 | \sum X_i)$ and find its variance.