

STAT 713 hw 1

Sufficiency, minimality, ancillarity, completeness

Do problems 6.7, 6.9 (a)(b)(c), 6.13, 6.14, 6.15, 6.20, 6.21, 6.22 from CB. In addition:

1. Let $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{\text{ind}}{\sim} \text{Uniform}(\theta - 1, \theta + 1)$, $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$.

(a) Show that $T(\mathbf{X}) = (X_{(1)}, X_{(n)})$ is a minimum sufficient statistic for θ .

We have $f(x; \theta) = (1/2)\mathbf{1}(\theta - 1 < x < \theta + 1)$, so the joint pdf of X_1, \dots, X_n is given by

$$f(\mathbf{x}; \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n (1/2) \cdot \mathbf{1}(\theta - 1 < x_i < \theta + 1) = (1/2)^n \cdot \mathbf{1}(\theta - 1 < x_{(1)}) \cdot \mathbf{1}(x_{(n)} < \theta + 1).$$

For two samples \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} we have

$$\frac{f(\mathbf{x}; \theta)}{f(\mathbf{y}; \theta)} = \frac{(1/2)^n \cdot \mathbf{1}(\theta - 1 < x_{(1)}) \cdot \mathbf{1}(x_{(n)} < \theta + 1)}{(1/2)^n \cdot \mathbf{1}(\theta - 1 < y_{(1)}) \cdot \mathbf{1}(y_{(n)} < \theta + 1)},$$

of which the numerator and denominator are nonzero for the same values of θ if and only if $(x_{(1)}, x_{(n)}) = (y_{(1)}, y_{(n)})$, over which same values of θ the numerator and denominator are constant if and only if $(x_{(1)}, x_{(n)}) = (y_{(1)}, y_{(n)})$. Therefore $T(\mathbf{X}) = (X_{(1)}, X_{(n)})$ is a minimal sufficient statistic.

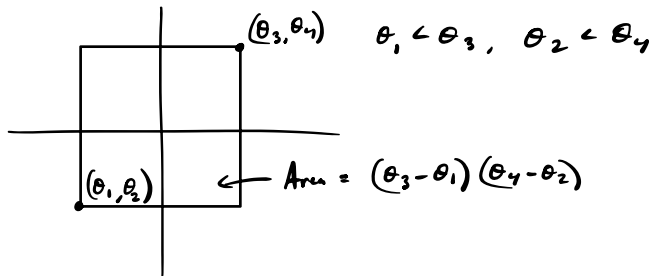
(b) Show that $T(\mathbf{X}) = (X_{(1)}, X_{(n)})$ is not complete.

For every $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$, the pdf $f(x; \theta) = (1/2)\mathbf{1}(\theta - 1 < x < \theta + 1)$ can be written as $f(x; \theta) = f_Z(x - \theta)$, where $f_Z(z) = (1/2)\mathbf{1}(-1 < z < 1)$. Therefore $f(x; \theta)$ belongs to a scale family. In consequence, the statistic $R(\mathbf{X}) = X_{(n)} - X_{(1)}$ is ancillary; since we can define an ancillary statistic as a function of $T(\mathbf{X})$, the latter is not a complete statistic.

2. (Optional) Additional problems from CB: 6.9 (d)(e), 6.23.

Problems 6.7, 6.9 (a-d), 6.13, 6.14, 6.15, 6.20, 6.21, 6.22 from CB.

6.7 Let $f(x, y; \theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \theta_4) = \frac{1}{(\theta_3 - \theta_1)(\theta_4 - \theta_2)} \mathbb{1}(\theta_1 < x < \theta_3, \theta_2 < y < \theta_4)$.



The joint pdf of $(X_1, Y_1), \dots, (X_n, Y_n) \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} f(x, y; \theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \theta_4)$ is

$$f(\underline{x}, \underline{y}; \theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \theta_4) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{(\theta_3 - \theta_1)(\theta_4 - \theta_2)} \mathbb{1}(\theta_1 < x_i < \theta_3, \theta_2 < y_i < \theta_4)$$

$$= \frac{1}{(\theta_3 - \theta_1)(\theta_4 - \theta_2)^n} \mathbb{1}(\theta_1 < X_{(1)}) \mathbb{1}(X_{(n)} < \theta_3) \mathbb{1}(\theta_2 < Y_{(1)}) \mathbb{1}(Y_{(n)} < \theta_4)$$

so, by the factorization theorem, $T(\underline{X}, \underline{Y}) = (X_{(1)}, X_{(n)}, Y_{(1)}, Y_{(n)})$ is a sufficient statistic for $(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \theta_4)$.

6.9 (a) $f(\underline{x}; \theta) = (2\pi)^{-n/2} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta)^2\right]$

$$= (2\pi)^{-n/2} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - 2\theta \sum_{i=1}^n x_i + n\theta^2\right)\right]$$

$$= \underbrace{e^{\frac{\theta n \bar{x}_n - n\theta^2}{2}}}_{g(\bar{x}_n; \theta)} \underbrace{(2\pi)^{-n/2} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}}_{h(\underline{x})}$$

The factorization theorem gives that $T(\underline{X}) = \bar{x}_n$ is a suff. stat. for θ .

To check minimality, write

$$\frac{f(\underline{x}; \theta)}{f(\underline{x}; \theta_0)} = \frac{e^{\frac{\theta n \bar{x}_n - n\theta^2}{2}}}{e^{\frac{\theta_0 n \bar{x}_n - n\theta_0^2}{2}}} \cdot \frac{(2\pi)^{-n/2} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}}{(2\pi)^{-n/2} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}} = \frac{e^{\frac{\theta n \bar{x}_n - n\theta^2}{2}}}{e^{\frac{\theta_0 n \bar{x}_n - n\theta_0^2}{2}}}$$

and note that it is free of θ if and only if $\bar{x}_n = \bar{y}_n$.
Therefore $T(\underline{x}) = \bar{x}_n$ is a minimal sufficient statistic for θ .

$$\begin{aligned} (b) \quad f(\underline{x}; \theta) &= \prod_{i=1}^n e^{-(x_i - \theta)} \mathbb{1}(x_i > \theta) \\ &= e^{-\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} e^{-n\theta} \prod_{i=1}^n \mathbb{1}(x_i > \theta) \\ &= \underbrace{e^{-n\bar{x}_n}}_{h(\underline{x})} \underbrace{e^{-n\theta} \mathbb{1}(x_{(1)} > \theta)}_{g(x_{(1)}; \theta)}. \end{aligned}$$

The factorization theorem gives that $T(\underline{x}) = x_{(1)}$ is a suff. stat. for θ .

Now write

$$\frac{f(\underline{x}; \theta)}{f(\underline{y}; \theta)} = \frac{e^{-n\bar{x}_n} e^{-n\theta} \mathbb{1}(x_{(1)} > \theta)}{e^{-n\bar{y}_n} e^{-n\theta} \mathbb{1}(y_{(1)} > \theta)} = \frac{e^{-n\bar{x}_n}}{e^{-n\bar{y}_n}} \frac{\mathbb{1}(x_{(1)} > \theta)}{\mathbb{1}(y_{(1)} > \theta)}.$$

If $x_{(1)} = y_{(1)}$, then the numerator and the denominator have the same support and the ratio is constant in θ when the denominator is positive (and vice versa).

Therefore $T(\underline{x}) = x_{(1)}$ is a minimal sufficient statistic.

$$(c) \quad f(\underline{x}; \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{e^{-(x_i - \theta)}}{[1 + e^{-(x_i - \theta)}]^2} = \frac{e^{-n(\bar{x}_n - \theta)}}{\prod_{i=1}^n [1 + e^{-(x_{(1)} - \theta)}]^2} \cdot \underbrace{1}_{h(\underline{x})}.$$

The factorization theorem gives that $T(\underline{x}) = (x_{(1)}, \dots, x_{(n)})$.

Now write

$$\frac{f(\underline{x}; \theta)}{f(\underline{y}; \theta)} = \frac{e^{-n(\bar{x}_n - \theta)} / \prod_{i=1}^n [1 + e^{-(x_{(1)} - \theta)}]^2}{e^{-n(\bar{y}_n - \theta)} / \prod_{i=1}^n [1 + e^{-(y_{(1)} - \theta)}]^2}.$$

The above is free of θ iff $(x_{(1)}, \dots, x_{(n)}) = (y_{(1)}, \dots, y_{(n)})$.

Therefore $T(\underline{x}) = (x_{(1)}, \dots, x_{(n)})$ is a minimal sufficient statistic.

Why do we have to "switch" to order statistics?

Why do we not just take the whole sample? Because

$$\text{if } \frac{e^{-n(\bar{x}_n - \theta)} / \prod_{i=1}^n [1 + e^{-(x_i - \theta)}]^2}{e^{-n(\bar{y}_n - \theta)} / \prod_{i=1}^n [1 + e^{-(y_i - \theta)}]^2} \text{ free of } \theta$$

then it is free of θ for any re-ordering of (x_1, \dots, x_n) and (y_1, \dots, y_n) . Therefore the condition only implies that (x_1, \dots, x_n) and (y_1, \dots, y_n) have the same unique values (are the same when sorted).

6.13 Let $X_1, X_2 \stackrel{\text{ind}}{\sim} f(x; \alpha) = \alpha x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x^\alpha} \mathbb{1}(x > 0)$ for $\alpha > 0$.

Let $Y = \log X_1$. Then $Y \in \mathbb{R}$. Moreover

$$y = \log x = g(x) \Leftrightarrow x = e^y = g^{-1}(y), \quad \frac{d}{dy} g^{-1}(y) = e^y,$$

so

$$f_Y(y; \alpha) = \alpha e^{y(d-1)} \frac{e^{y\alpha}}{e^y} = \alpha e^{y\alpha} e^{-y}.$$

Note that

$$f_Y(y; \alpha) = \frac{1}{\alpha^{-1}} f_Z\left(\frac{y}{\alpha^{-1}}\right), \quad \text{where } f_Z(z) = e^z e^{-e^z} \quad \forall \alpha > 0,$$

so $f_Y(y; \alpha)$ belongs to a scale family.

Thus we can write

$$Y = \alpha^{-1} Z, \quad \text{where } Z \sim f_Z(z) = e^z e^{-e^z}.$$

Now we put $\log X_1 = \alpha^{-1} Z_1$ and $\log X_2 = \alpha^{-1} Z_2$, where $Z_1, Z_2 \stackrel{\text{ind}}{\sim} f_Z$.

This gives

$$\frac{\log X_1}{\log X_2} = \frac{\alpha^{-1} Z_1}{\alpha^{-1} Z_2} = \frac{Z_1}{Z_2},$$

which has a distribution not depending on α , so it is ancillary.

6.14 Let X_1, \dots, X_n be a r.s. from a location family, show that $M - \bar{X}_n$ is ancillary, where M is the median.

Since X_1, \dots, X_n come from a location family we may write

$$X_i = Z_i + \mu, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

for some location parameter $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$, where the distribution of Z_i does not depend on μ .

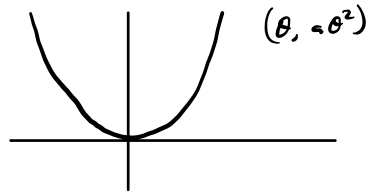
Then

$$\begin{aligned} M - \bar{X}_n &= \begin{cases} X_{(\frac{n}{2})} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i, & n \text{ even} \\ \frac{X_{(\frac{n}{2})} + X_{(\frac{n}{2}+1)}}{2} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i, & n \text{ odd} \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} Z_{(\frac{n}{2})} + \mu - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Z_i + \mu), & n \text{ even} \\ \frac{Z_{(\frac{n}{2})} + \mu + Z_{(\frac{n}{2}+1)} + \mu}{2} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Z_i + \mu), & n \text{ odd} \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} Z_{(\frac{n}{2})} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i, & n \text{ even} \\ \frac{Z_{(\frac{n}{2})} + Z_{(\frac{n}{2}+1)}}{2} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i, & n \text{ odd}, \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

which has a distribution free of μ and is therefore ancillary.

6.15 Let X_1, \dots, X_n i.i.d. Normal ($\mu = \theta$, $\sigma^2 = a\theta^2$), $a > 0$ known, $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$.

(a) The parameter space for $(\mu, \sigma^2) = (\theta, a\theta^2)$ is a curve:



(b) The joint pdf of X_1, \dots, X_n admits the factorization

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(\underline{x}; \theta) &= (2\pi)^{-n/2} (a\theta^2)^{-n/2} \exp\left[-\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta)^2}{2a\theta^2}\right] \\
 &= (2\pi)^{-n/2} (a\theta^2)^{-n/2} \exp\left[-\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x}_n) + (\bar{x}_n - \theta)^2}{2a\theta^2}\right] \\
 &= (2\pi)^{-n/2} (a\theta^2)^{-n/2} \exp\left[-\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x}_n)^2 + n(\bar{x}_n - \theta)^2}{2a\theta^2}\right] \\
 &= \underbrace{(2\pi)^{-n/2} (a\theta^2)^{-n/2} \exp\left[-\frac{(n-1)S_n^2 + n(\bar{x}_n - \theta)^2}{2a\theta^2}\right]}_{g(S_n^2, \bar{x}_n; \theta)} \cdot \underbrace{1}_{h(\underline{x})}
 \end{aligned}$$

so $T(\underline{X}) = (S_n^2, \bar{x}_n)$ is a suff. stat. for θ .

However, for any θ ,

$$\mathbb{E} \bar{x}_n^2 = \text{Var} \bar{x}_n + (\mathbb{E} \bar{x}_n)^2 = a\theta^2 + \theta^2 = \theta^2(a+1)$$

$$\text{and } \mathbb{E} S_n^2 = a\theta^2,$$

$$\text{so } \mathbb{E} \left[\left(\frac{a+1}{a}\right) S_n^2 - \bar{x}_n^2 \right] = 0, \quad \text{but } \mathbb{P} \left(\left(\frac{a+1}{a}\right) S_n^2 - \bar{x}_n^2 = 0 \right) \neq 1.$$

Since we can find a function $g(T(\underline{X}))$ such that $\mathbb{E} g(T(\underline{X})) = 0$ for all $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$, $T(\underline{X}) = (S_n^2, \bar{x}_n)$ is not a complete statistic.

6.20 Find a complete suff stat or show that it does not exist:

(a) let $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{\text{ind}}{\sim} f(x; \theta) = \frac{2x}{\theta^2} \mathbb{1}(0 < x < \theta)$, $\theta > 0$.

We have

$$f(x; \theta) = \underbrace{\left(\frac{2}{\theta^2}\right)^n \mathbb{1}(x_{(n)} < \theta)}_{g(x_{(n)}; \theta)} \underbrace{\prod_{i=1}^n x_i}_{h(x)} \cdot \mathbb{1}(x_{(n)} > 0),$$

so $T(\underline{X}) = X_{(n)}$ is suff by the factorization theorem.

Now let $g(X_{(n)})$ satisfy $\mathbb{E}_\theta g(X_{(n)}) = 0 \quad \forall \theta$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We have } X_{(n)} \sim f_{X_{(n)}}(x) &= n \left[F_x(x; \theta) \right]^{n-1} f_x(x; \theta) \\ &= n \left[\frac{x^2}{\theta^2} \right]^{n-1} \frac{2x}{\theta^2} \mathbb{1}(0 < x < \theta) \\ &= \frac{2n}{\theta^{2n}} x^{2n-1} \mathbb{1}(0 < x < \theta), \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{so } 0 = \mathbb{E}_\theta g(X_{(n)}) = \int_0^\theta g(x) \frac{2n}{\theta^{2n}} x^{2n-1} dx \quad \forall \theta$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 0 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \mathbb{E}_\theta g(X_{(n)}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left[\frac{2n}{\theta^{2n}} \int_0^\theta g(x) x^{2n-1} dx \right] \\ &= -\frac{1}{\theta^{2n+1}} \int_0^\theta g(x) x^{2n-1} dx + \frac{2n}{\theta^{2n}} g(\theta) \theta^{2n-1} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2n\theta} \int_0^\theta \underbrace{\frac{2n}{\theta^{2n}} g(x) x^{2n-1} dx}_{= \mathbb{E}_\theta g(X_{(n)}) = 0} + \frac{2n}{\theta} g(\theta) \\ &= \frac{2n}{\theta} g(\theta) \quad \forall \theta \quad \Rightarrow g(\theta) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$P_\theta(g(X_{(n)}) = 0) = 1,$$

which means $T(\underline{X}) = X_{(n)}$ is a complete sufficient statistic.

(b) Let $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{\text{ind}}{\sim} f(x; \theta) = \frac{\theta}{(1+x)^{1+\theta}} \mathbb{1}(x > 0)$, $\theta > 0$.

We can write

$$f(x; \theta) = \underbrace{\mathbb{1}(x > 0)}_{h(x)} \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{1+x}\right)^\theta}_{c(\theta)} \exp \left[\underbrace{-\theta}_{w_1(\theta)} \underbrace{\log(1+x)}_{t_1(x)} \right],$$

so $f(x; \theta)$, $\theta > 0$ is an exponential family (with $k=d$). Therefore

number of functions
dimension of θ

$$T(\underline{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log(1+X_i)$$

is a complete sufficient statistic.

(c) Let $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{\text{ind}}{\sim} f(x; \theta) = \frac{(\log \theta) \theta^x}{\theta - 1} \mathbb{1}(0 < x < 1)$, $\theta > 1$.

We can write

$$f(x; \theta) = \underbrace{\mathbb{1}(0 < x < 1)}_{h(x)} \underbrace{\frac{1}{\theta - 1} \log \theta}_{c(\theta)} \cdot \exp \left[\underbrace{x}_{t_1(x)} \underbrace{\log \theta}_{w_1(\theta)} \right],$$

so $T(\underline{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ is a complete sufficient statistic.

(d) Let $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{\text{ind}}{\sim} f(x; \theta) = e^{-(x-\theta)} e^{-e^{-(x-\theta)}}$, $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$.

We can write

$$f(x; \theta) = \underbrace{e^{-x}}_{h(x)} \underbrace{e^\theta}_{c(\theta)} \cdot \exp \left[\underbrace{-e^\theta}_{w_1(\theta)} \underbrace{x}_{t_1(x)} \right]. \quad t_1(x) = e^x$$

so $T(\underline{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ is a complete sufficient statistic.

(e) Let $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim f(x; \theta) = \binom{2}{x} \theta^x (1-\theta)^{2-x} \mathbb{1}(x \in \{0, 1, 2\})$.

We may write

$$f(x; \theta) = \underbrace{\mathbb{1}(x \in \{0, 1, 2\})}_{h(x)} \underbrace{\binom{2}{x}}_{c(\theta)} \underbrace{(1-\theta)}_{t(\theta)} \exp \left[\underbrace{x}_{t(x)} \underbrace{\log \left(\frac{\theta}{1-\theta} \right)}_{w(\theta)} \right],$$

from which we see that $T(\underline{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ is a complete suff. stat.

6.21 Let $X \sim f(x; \theta) = \left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)^{|x|} (1-\theta)^{1-|x|} \mathbb{1}(x \in \{-1, 0, 1\})$, $0 \leq \theta \leq 1$.

(a) Is X a complete sufficient statistic for θ ?

We know $T(X) = X$ is suff because there is no reduction of the data.

To check completeness, let $g(\cdot)$ be a function such that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} g(X) &= g(-1) \left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)^{|-1|} (1-\theta)^{1-|-1|} \\ &\quad + g(0) \left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)^{|0|} (1-\theta)^{1-|0|} \\ &\quad + g(1) \left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)^{|1|} (1-\theta)^{1-|1|} \\ &= [g(-1) + g(1)] \left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) + g(0) (1-\theta) \\ &= 0 \quad \forall \theta. \end{aligned}$$

Suppose $g(x) = x$. Then $\mathbb{E}_\theta g(X) = 0 \quad \forall \theta$ but $P_\theta(g(X) = 0) = 1 - \theta \neq 1$.
Therefore $T(X) = X$ is not a complete statistic.

(b) Is $T(X) = |X|$ a complete sufficient statistic for θ ?

By the factorization result, we see that $T(X) = |X|$ is suff for θ .

To check completeness, let $g(\cdot)$ be a function such that

$$\begin{aligned}
 E g(|X|) &= g(1-\theta) \left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)^{|1-\theta|} (1-\theta)^{|1-\theta|} \\
 &\quad + g(\theta) \left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)^{|\theta|} (1-\theta)^{|1-\theta|} \\
 &\quad + g(1) \left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)^{|1|} (1-\theta)^{|1-1|} \\
 &= [g(1) + g(1)] \left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) + g(\theta) (1-\theta) \\
 &= \theta g(1) + (1-\theta) g(\theta) \\
 &= g(\theta) + \theta (g(1) - g(\theta)) \\
 &= 0 \quad \forall \theta.
 \end{aligned}$$

Setting $\theta=1$ gives $g(1)=0$ and setting $\theta=0$ gives $g(\theta)=0$.

So we have $P_{\theta}(g(|X|)=0) = 1$.

Therefore $T(X) = |X|$ is a complete suff. statistic for θ .

(c) To see that $f(x; \theta)$ belongs to an exponential family, write

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x; \theta) &= \left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)^{|x|} (1-\theta)^{|-x|} \mathbb{1}(x \in \{-1, 0, 1\}) \\
 &= \underbrace{\mathbb{1}(x \in \{-1, 0, 1\})}_{h(x)} \underbrace{2^{-|x|}}_{c(\theta)} \exp \left[\underbrace{|x|}_{t(x)} \underbrace{\log \left(\frac{\theta}{1-\theta}\right)}_{w(\theta)} \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

6.22 Let $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} f(x; \theta) = \theta x^{\theta-1} \mathbb{1}(0 < x < 1)$, $\theta > 0$.

(a) The statistic $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ is not sufficient for θ .

We cannot factorize $f(\underline{x}; \theta)$ as $g\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i; \theta\right) h(\underline{x})$.

(b) Write $f(x; \theta) = \underbrace{\mathbb{1}(0 < x < 1)}_{h(x)} \underbrace{\frac{1}{x}}_{c(\theta)} \cdot \theta \cdot \exp \left[\underbrace{\theta}_{w(\theta)} \underbrace{\log x}_{t(x)} \right]$.

From here we see that $T(\underline{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log X_i$ is a comp. suff. stat.