

# Biostatistics 602 - Statistical Inference

## Lecture 05

### Complete Statistics

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## Examples of Ancillary Statistics

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- $s_{\mathbf{X}}^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$  is an ancillary statistic
- $X_1 - X_2 \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 2\sigma^2)$  is ancillary.
- $(X_1 + X_2)/2 - X_3 \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1.5\sigma^2)$  is ancillary.
- $\frac{(n-1)s_{\mathbf{X}}^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$  is ancillary.

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As  $Y_{(n)} - Y_{(1)}$  is a function of  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$ . Any joint distribution of  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  does not depend on  $\theta$ . Therefore,  $R$  is an ancillary statistic.

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In this case,  $g_2(T(\mathbf{X})) = 0$  is almost surely true.

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The above equation can be rewritten as

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## Poisson distribution example : Proof (cont'd)

Define  $g(t)$  as

$$g(t) = \begin{cases} 2 & t = 0 \vee t = 2 \\ -3 & t = 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Then

$$\sum_{t=0}^{\infty} g(t)/t! = g(0)/0! + g(1)/1! + g(2)/2! = 2 - 3 + 2/2 = 0$$

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There exists a non-zero function  $g$  that satisfies  $E[g(T)\lambda] = 0$  for all  $\lambda \in \Omega$ . Therefore this family is NOT complete.

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