

Example (Normal) - $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

$$f_Y(y; \theta, \phi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma^2} \exp\left(-\frac{(y-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

$$= \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{(y-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

$$= \exp\left(\frac{y\mu - \frac{\mu^2}{2}}{\sigma^2} - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{y^2}{2\sigma^2} + \ln(2\pi\sigma^2)\right)\right)$$

$$\theta = \mu \quad \phi = \sigma^2, \quad b(\theta) = \frac{\theta^2}{2}, \quad a(\phi) = \phi$$

$$c(y, \phi) = -\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{y^2}{2\phi} + \ln(2\pi\phi)\right)$$

It can be shown for any Y in the exponential

Family

$$E(Y) = b'(\theta)$$

$$\text{Var}(Y) = a(\phi) b''(\theta)$$

$$\text{For normal } b'(\theta) = \theta = \mu \quad \checkmark$$

$$a(\phi) \cdot b''(\theta) = \phi \cdot 1 = \sigma^2 \quad \checkmark$$

Example (Poisson) Poisson (λ)

$$f_Y(y; \theta, \phi) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^y}{y!}$$

$$= \exp(-\lambda + y \ln \lambda - \ln y!)$$

$$= \exp(y \ln \lambda - \lambda - \ln y!)$$

$\theta = \ln \lambda$, $b(\theta) = \lambda = e^{\ln \lambda} = e^\theta$
 Set $\phi = 1$, $a(\phi) = 1$, $c(y, \phi) = -\ln y!$

Example (Binomial) $Z \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$

Set $Y = \frac{Z}{n}$, the proportion of trials which are successes

$$f_Z(z; \theta, \phi) = \binom{n}{z} p^z (1-p)^{n-z}$$

$$Z = nY$$

$$f_Y(y; \theta, \phi) = \binom{n}{ny} p^{ny} (1-p)^{n-ny}$$

$$= \exp\left(n \left\{ y \ln p + (1-y) \ln(1-p) \right\} + \ln \binom{n}{ny} \right)$$

$$= \exp\left(n \left\{ y \ln \frac{p}{1-p} + \ln(1-p) \right\} + \ln \binom{n}{ny} \right)$$

$$\theta = \ln \frac{p}{1-p} \quad b(\theta) = -\ln(1-p) = -\ln\left(1 - \frac{e^\theta}{1+e^\theta}\right)$$

because $e^\theta = \frac{p}{1-p} \Rightarrow e^\theta - pe^\theta = p = p = \frac{e^\theta}{1+e^\theta}$

$\phi = n$ $a(\phi) = \sqrt{\phi}$, $c(y, \phi) = \ln \binom{n}{\phi y}$.

Example (Gamma) $\text{Gamma}(\alpha, \lambda)$

$$f_Y(y, \theta, \phi) = \frac{\lambda^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} y^{\alpha-1} e^{-\lambda y}$$

$\mu = E(Y) = \frac{\alpha}{\lambda}$
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 new parameter

$$= \exp \left(\alpha \ln \lambda - \ln \Gamma(\alpha) + (\alpha-1) \ln y - \lambda y \right)$$

so $\lambda = \frac{\alpha}{\mu}$

$$= \exp \left(\alpha \ln \lambda - \ln \Gamma(\alpha) + (\alpha-1) \ln y - \frac{\alpha y}{\mu} \right)$$

new parameters are μ and α

$$= \exp \left(\cancel{\frac{\alpha y}{\mu}} \exp \left(\alpha \ln \frac{\alpha}{\mu} - \ln \Gamma(\alpha) + (\alpha-1) \ln y - \frac{\alpha y}{\mu} \right) \right)$$

$$= \exp \left[\left(-\frac{y}{\mu} - \ln \mu \right) \alpha + (\alpha-1) \ln y - \ln \Gamma(\alpha) + \alpha \ln \alpha \right]$$

$\theta = \frac{1}{\mu}$, $b(\theta) = \ln(-\frac{1}{\theta})$

$\phi = \alpha$, $a(\phi) = \frac{1}{\phi}$, $c(y, \phi) = (\phi-1) \ln y + \phi \ln \phi - \ln \Gamma(\phi)$

$\theta = -\frac{1}{\mu}$ but we can take $\theta = \frac{1}{\mu}$