

## 8. Review: Power of a Test

### Review: Power of a Test for Different Alternative Hypotheses

2/3 points (graded)

Recall that the power  $\pi_\psi$  of a test  $\psi$  for the hypotheses

$$H_0 : \theta^* \in \Theta_0$$

$$H_1 : \theta^* \in \Theta_1$$

也就是说：

alpha是under H0，犯错的概率。

power是under H1，能检验出来的概率。

is

$$\pi_\psi = \inf_{\theta \in \Theta_1} (1 - \beta_\psi(\theta))$$

where  $\beta_\psi(\theta) = \mathbf{P}_\theta(\psi = 0)$ , defined for  $\theta \in \Theta_1$ , is the **type 2 error rate** of  $\psi$ .

Suppose  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are i.i.d. random variables (in 1 dimension). Assume the theorem of MLE applies so that  $\hat{\theta}^{\text{MLE}}$  is asymptotically normal. You use the test

$$\psi = \mathbf{1} \left( \sqrt{nI} \left| \hat{\theta}^{\text{MLE}} - 0 \right| > C_\alpha \right),$$

which has level  $\alpha$  for some threshold  $C_\alpha$ , to test the hypotheses

$$H_0 : \theta^* = 0$$

$$H_1 : \theta^* \neq 0.$$

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What is the power  $\pi_\psi$  in terms of  $\alpha$ ?

$\pi_\psi =$

2\*alpha

☐ Answer: alpha

$2 \cdot \alpha$

测试本身就是双侧的！

Now, you use the same test  $\psi = \mathbf{1} \left( \sqrt{nI} \left| \hat{\theta}^{\text{MLE}} - 0 \right| > C_\alpha \right)$  to test a different alternative hypothesis against the same null hypothesis:

$$H_0 : \theta^* = 0$$

$$H_1 : \theta^* = 1.$$

How do the (smallest) level and the power of  $\psi$  change with this change of the alternative hypothesis? (Choose one for each column.)

The (smallest) level of  $\psi$  ... the power of  $\psi$  ...

☐ increases

☒ increases ☐

☐ decreases

☐ decreases

☒ stays the same ☐

☐ stays the same

(In general, how does the level and power of a test vary as  $\Theta_1$  shrinks?)

Solution:

The power of  $\psi$  with  $H_1 : \theta^* \neq 0$  is

$$\begin{aligned}\pi_\psi &= \inf_{\theta \neq 0} (1 - \beta_\psi(\theta)) \\ &= \inf_{\theta \neq 0} \mathbf{P}_\theta(\psi = 1) = \inf_{\theta \neq 0} \mathbf{P}_\theta\left(\sqrt{nI} \left|\hat{\theta}^{\text{MLE}} - 0\right| > C_\alpha\right)\end{aligned}$$

Since  $\sqrt{nI} \left(\hat{\theta}^{\text{MLE}} - 0\right) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  (asymptotically),  $\mathbf{P}_\theta\left(\sqrt{nI} \left|\hat{\theta}^{\text{MLE}} - 0\right| > C_\alpha\right)$  decreases as  $\theta \rightarrow 0$  and approaches  $\mathbf{P}_0\left(\sqrt{nI} \left|\hat{\theta}^{\text{MLE}} - 0\right| > C_\alpha\right) = \alpha$  (sketch the probability as an area to see this). Hence  $\pi_\psi = \alpha$  in this case.

If we use the same test  $\psi$  for the alternative hypothesis  $H_1 : \theta^* = 1$ , then

$$\pi_\psi = \mathbf{P}_{\theta=1}\left(\sqrt{nI} \left|\hat{\theta}^{\text{MLE}} - 0\right| > C_\alpha\right)$$

which is greater than  $\mathbf{P}_{\theta=0}\left(\sqrt{nI} \left|\hat{\theta}^{\text{MLE}} - 0\right| > C_\alpha\right) = \alpha$ . (Again, sketch the probability as an area to see this.)

On the other hand, the alternative hypothesis has no effect on the level of the test once the test has been fixed.

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你已经尝试了2次（总共可以尝试2次）

☐ Answers are displayed within the problem

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