# Solution to 1. Convexity of the Exponent Region

Let

$$\mathcal{R}_n = \left\{ (\alpha, \beta) : \exists \text{ test } \phi_n \text{ s.t. } \pi_{1|0}(\phi_n) \le \alpha, \ \pi_{0|1}(\phi_n) \le \beta \right\},$$

and define the exponent-region

$$\mathcal{E}_n = \left\{ (E_0, E_1) : \exists \phi_n \text{ s.t. } \pi_{1|0}(\phi_n) \le e^{-nE_0}, \ \pi_{0|1}(\phi_n) \le e^{-nE_1} \right\}.$$

We claim  $\mathcal{E}_n$  is convex. Indeed, pick any two achievable pairs  $(E_0^{(1)}, E_1^{(1)})$  and  $(E_0^{(2)}, E_1^{(2)})$ , realized by tests  $\phi_n^{(1)}$  and  $\phi_n^{(2)}$ , respectively. For any  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ , form the randomized test

$$\phi_n = \begin{cases} \phi_n^{(1)}, & \text{with probability } \lambda, \\ \phi_n^{(2)}, & \text{with probability } 1 - \lambda. \end{cases}$$

Then by the law of total probability,

$$\pi_{1|0}(\phi_n) = \lambda \, \pi_{1|0}(\phi_n^{(1)}) + (1-\lambda) \, \pi_{1|0}(\phi_n^{(2)}) \leq \lambda \, e^{-nE_0^{(1)}} + (1-\lambda) \, e^{-nE_0^{(2)}},$$

and similarly for  $\pi_{0|1}(\phi_n)$ . Now observe the elementary inequality

$$\lambda e^{-nE_0^{(1)}} + (1-\lambda) e^{-nE_0^{(2)}} \le e^{-n(\lambda E_0^{(1)} + (1-\lambda)E_0^{(2)})}$$

since the exponential is convex on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Hence

$$\pi_{1|0}(\phi_n) \le e^{-n\left(\lambda E_0^{(1)} + (1-\lambda)E_0^{(2)}\right)}, \quad \pi_{0|1}(\phi_n) \le e^{-n\left(\lambda E_1^{(1)} + (1-\lambda)E_1^{(2)}\right)},$$

showing that  $(\lambda E_0^{(1)} + (1 - \lambda)E_0^{(2)}, \ \lambda E_1^{(1)} + (1 - \lambda)E_1^{(2)}) \in \mathcal{E}_n$ . This proves convexity.

### Solution to 2. Exponential Bounds via the LLR Rule

Under  $H_0: \mathbb{P}^n$  versus  $H_1: \mathbb{Q}^n$ , the log-likelihood ratio (LLR) for a sample  $X^n$  is

$$L_n(X^n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log \frac{q(X_i)}{p(X_i)}.$$

The Neyman–Pearson test with threshold  $\tau = n t$  is

$$\phi_n(x^n) = \begin{cases} 1, & L_n(x^n) \ge n t, \\ 0, & L_n(x^n) < n t. \end{cases}$$

Define the moment-generating-function (MGF)

$$M_P(\lambda) =_P \left[ e^{\lambda \log \frac{q(X)}{p(X)}} \right] = \exp(\psi_P(\lambda)),$$

and analogously  $M_Q(\lambda) = \exp(\psi_Q(\lambda))$ . Note that condition (I)

$$-D_{\mathrm{KL}}(Q \, \| \, P) \, \leq \, t \, \leq \, D_{\mathrm{KL}}(P \, \| \, Q)$$

ensures both tail-probabilities are exponentially small. We mark each bound:

(a) Bound on Type I error,  $\pi_{1|0}^{(n)}$ . Under  $H_0$ , Markov's inequality gives for any  $\lambda > 0$ ,

$$\Pr_{P^n} \{ L_n \ge n \, t \} = \Pr \left\{ e^{\lambda L_n} \ge e^{\lambda n \, t} \right\} \le e^{-\lambda n \, t} \,_{P^n} \left[ e^{\lambda L_n} \right] = \exp \left[ -\lambda n \, t + n \, \psi_P(\lambda) \right].$$

Optimizing over  $\lambda$  yields the Chernoff bound:

$$\pi_{1|0}^{(n)} \le \exp[-n\,\psi_P^*(t)], \quad \psi_P^*(t) = \sup_{\lambda} \{\lambda \, t - \psi_P(\lambda)\}.$$

(b) Bound on Type II error,  $\pi_{0|1}^{(n)}$ . Under  $H_1$ , set  $Y_i = X_i$  but treat them as i.i.d.  $\sim Q$ . Then

$$\Pr_{Q^n} \{ L_n < n t \} = \Pr \left\{ e^{-\lambda L_n} \ge e^{-\lambda n t} \right\} \le e^{\lambda n t} Q^n \left[ e^{-\lambda L_n} \right] = \exp \left[ \lambda n t + n \psi_Q(-\lambda) \right].$$

Writing  $\mu = -\lambda$  and optimizing over  $\mu$  gives

$$\pi_{0|1}^{(n)} \le \exp[-n\,\psi_Q^*(t)], \quad \psi_Q^*(t) = \sup_{\mu} \{\mu\,t - \psi_Q(\mu)\}.$$

Thus both bounds are established under condition (I).

## Solution to 3. Achievable Exponent Pair

By item 2, for each threshold parameter  $t \in [-D(Q \parallel P), D(P \parallel Q)]$  the NP test with  $\tau = n t$  achieves

$$\pi_{1|0}^{(n)} \le e^{-n\psi_P^*(t)}, \qquad \pi_{0|1}^{(n)} \le e^{-n\psi_Q^*(t)}.$$

Hence the error-exponent pair

$$(E_0(t), E_1(t)) = (\psi_P^*(t), \psi_Q^*(t))$$

is attainable. Noting that

$$\psi_Q^*(t) = \sup_{\mu} \{ \mu \, t - \psi_Q(\mu) \} = \sup_{\lambda} \{ (-\lambda) \, t - \psi_Q(-\lambda) \} = \psi_P^*(t) + t,$$

one often writes the pair as

$$E_0(t) = \psi_P^*(t), \quad E_1(t) = \psi_P^*(t) + t.$$

### Solution to 4. Parametric Boundary Curve

The map

$$t \longmapsto (E_0(t), E_1(t)) = (\psi_P^*(t), \psi_P^*(t) + t)$$

traces the boundary of the convex region  $\mathcal{E}_n$  as t varies over [-D(Q|P), D(P|Q)]. Indeed:

1. As t increases,  $E_0(t) = \psi_P^*(t)$  is nondecreasing and  $E_1(t) = E_0(t) + t$  is nonincreasing. 2. For any other achievable pair  $(E_0, E_1)$ , one shows by convexity that it lies below this curve. 3. Thus the parametric curve is exactly the *upper-right* boundary ("ROC boundary") of  $\mathcal{E}_n$ .

# Solution to 5. Optimal Exponent of Weighted Sum of Errors

We wish to find the best exponent for the Bayesian risk

$$R_n = \min_{0 \le \phi_n \le 1} \Big\{ \pi_0 \, \pi_{1|0}(\phi_n) + \pi_1 \, \pi_{0|1}(\phi_n) \Big\},$$

where  $\pi_0, \pi_1 > 0$  are prior weights. By the Neyman–Pearson characterization and convexity, the minimum is attained by an LLR-rule with some threshold t. Hence asymptotically

$$R_n \approx \min_{t} \Big\{ \pi_0 \, e^{-n \, E_0(t)} \, + \, \pi_1 \, e^{-n \, E_1(t)} \Big\} \, = \, \min_{t} \Big\{ \pi_0 \, e^{-n \, \psi_P^*(t)} \, + \, \pi_1 \, e^{-n \, [\psi_P^*(t) + t]} \Big\}.$$

Taking  $-\frac{1}{n}\log(\cdot)$  and letting  $n\to\infty$ , the dominant exponent is

$$E^* = \max_{t} \min \{ \psi_P^*(t), \ \psi_P^*(t) + t \}.$$

Observe the two functions of t,

$$f_1(t) = \psi_P^*(t), \quad f_2(t) = \psi_P^*(t) + t,$$

satisfy  $f_1$  increasing and  $f_2$  decreasing, and they intersect exactly at t=0. Hence

$$\max_{t} \min\{f_1(t), f_2(t)\} = f_1(0) = \psi_P^*(0).$$

But by definition,

$$\psi_P^*(0) = \sup_{\lambda} \left\{ 0 \cdot \lambda - \psi_P(\lambda) \right\} = -\inf_{\lambda} \psi_P(\lambda) = -\min_{\lambda} \log_P \left[ \exp(\lambda \log \frac{q}{p}) \right],$$

which is precisely the *Chernoff information* between P and Q. Therefore the optimal exponent of  $\pi_0 \pi_{1|0} + \pi_1 \pi_{0|1}$  is

$$E^* = \psi_P^*(0).$$

This completes the detailed derivation.