

# Statistical Inference Exercises

## Chapter 8

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## 1 Simulation

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1 # For multivariate normal generation
2 library(MASS)
3 # Define the T(X) function with omega = 1/d
4 compute_T <- function(X) {
5   T_val <- mean(tan((2 * pnorm(abs(X)) - 3/2) * pi))
6   return(T_val)
7 }
8
9 # Function to generate the AR(1) correlation matrix
10 generate_ar_matrix <- function(rho, d) {
11   #using outer
12   Sigma <- outer(1:d, 1:d, function(i, j) rho^abs(i - j))
13   return(Sigma)
14 }
15
16 # Set parameters
17 d_values <- c(5, 20, 50, 100, 300, 500) # Different dimensionalities
18 rho_values <- c(0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, 0.99) # Different values of rho
19 alpha_values <- c(0.1, 0.01, 0.001) # Different alpha levels
20 n_samples <- 10^5 # Number of Monte Carlo samples
21
22 # Loop through each combination of d, rho, and alpha
23 results <- data.frame()
24 set.seed(2024)
25 use_time <- system.time({
26   for (d in d_values) {
27     for (rho in rho_values) {
28       # Generate the AR(1) correlation matrix for this rho and d
29       Sigma <- generate_ar_matrix(rho, d)
30
31       # Generate Monte Carlo samples
32       X_matrix <- mvrnorm(n = n_samples, mu = rep(0, d), Sigma = Sigma)
33
34       # Compute T(X) for each sample (each row of X_matrix)
35       T_vals <- apply(X_matrix, 1, compute_T)
36
37       for (alpha in alpha_values) {
38         # Calculate the upper alpha-quantile of the standard Cauchy distribution
39         t_alpha <- qcauchy(alpha, lower.tail = FALSE) # Upper alpha-quantile of the standard
              Cauchy
40
41         # Calculate the empirical probability
42         P_empirical <- mean(T_vals > t_alpha)
43
44         # Store the results
45         results <- rbind(results, data.frame(d = d, rho = rho, alpha = alpha, P = P_empirical))
46       }
47     }
48   }
49 })
50 # Print the time taken
51 print(use_time)
52 user system elapsed
53 57.234 4.470 46.920
54 # Display results
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55 library(dplyr)
56 library(ggplot2)
57 library(magrittr)
58 results %>%
59   mutate(
60     ratio=P/alpha,
61     alpha=factor(alpha, levels=c(0.1,0.01,0.001))
62   ) %>%
63   ggplot(aes(x=alpha,y=ratio))+
64   geom_boxplot()+
65   theme_minimal()+
66   xlab("Significance level")+
67   ylab("(Empirical size)/(Significance level)")

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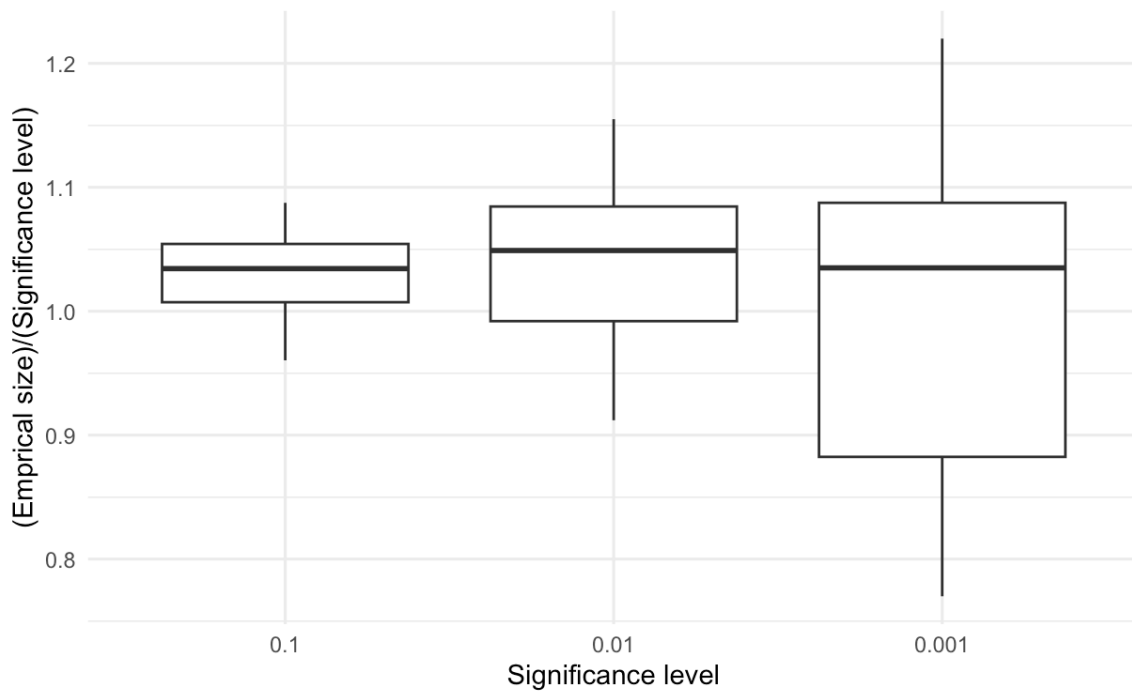


Figure 1: The ratio of empirical size to significance level summarized by boxplots

## 2 Exercises

**Question 1.** A special case of a normal family is one in which the mean and the variance are related, the  $N(\theta, a\theta)$  family. If we are interested in testing this relationship, regardless of the value of  $\theta$ , we are again faced with a nuisance parameter problem.

- Find the LRT of  $H_0 : a = 1$  versus  $H_1 : a \neq 1$  based on a sample  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  from a  $N(\theta, a\theta)$  family, where  $\theta$  is unknown.
- A similar question can be asked about a related family, the  $N(\theta, a\theta^2)$  family. Thus, if  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are iid  $N(\theta, a\theta^2)$ , where  $\theta$  is unknown, find the LRT of  $H_0 : a = 1$  versus  $H_1 : a \neq 1$

**SOLUTION:**

We first determine the maximum likelihood estimators (MLE) under both unrestricted and restricted conditions. Beginning with the unrestricted case, the likelihood function of  $(\theta, a)$  is given by:

$$L(\theta, a) = (2\pi a\theta)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2a\theta} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta)^2 \right\},$$

and the corresponding log-likelihood function is:

$$\begin{aligned}
\log L(\theta, a) &= -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi a\theta) - \frac{1}{2a\theta} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta)^2 \\
&= -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi a\theta) - \frac{1}{2a\theta} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n (\bar{x} - \theta)^2 \right) \quad \text{let } T = \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \\
&= -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi a\theta) - \frac{1}{2a\theta} (T + n(\bar{x} - \theta)^2)
\end{aligned}$$

To obtain the MLE in the unrestricted case, we take partial derivatives of the log-likelihood function with respect to  $a$  and  $\theta$  and set them to zero.

$$\frac{\partial \log L(\theta, a)}{\partial a} = -\frac{n}{2a} + \frac{T + n(\bar{x} - \theta)^2}{2a^2} \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{\partial \log L(\theta, a)}{\partial \theta} = -\frac{n}{2\theta} - \frac{1}{2a\theta^2} (T + n(\bar{x} - \theta)^2 + 2n\theta(\bar{x} - \theta)) \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0 \quad (2)$$

From the equation (1), we solve for  $a$ :

$$a = \frac{T + n(\bar{x} - \theta)^2}{n\theta} = \frac{\hat{\sigma}^2 + (\bar{x} - \theta)^2}{\theta}.$$

Substituting this into the equation (2) simplifies to:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial \log L(\theta, a)}{\partial \theta} &= -\frac{n}{2\theta} - \frac{1}{2a\theta^2} (na\theta + 2n\theta(\bar{x} - \theta)) \\
&= \frac{na\theta - na\theta - 2n\theta(\bar{x} - \theta)}{2a\theta^2} = 0,
\end{aligned}$$

This implies  $\hat{\theta}_{MLE} = \bar{x}$  and  $\hat{a}_{MLE} = \frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{\bar{x}}$  in the unrestricted case.

For the restricted case where  $a = 1$ , we differentiate the log-likelihood function with respect to  $\theta$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial \log L(\theta)}{\partial \theta} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( -\frac{n}{2} \log \theta - \frac{1}{2\theta} (T + n(\bar{x} - \theta)^2) \right) \\
&= -\frac{n}{2\theta} - \frac{1}{2\theta^2} (T + n(\bar{x} - \theta)^2 + 2n\theta(\bar{x} - \theta)) \\
&= \frac{-\theta^2 - \theta + \left(\frac{T}{n} + \bar{x}\right)}{2n\theta^2} \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $\theta > 0$ , we have  $\hat{\theta}_0 = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{1 + 4(\hat{\sigma}^2 + \bar{x}^2)}}{2}$ . (To verify that these are indeed maxima, we need to check the Hessian matrix. However, due to the large calculations, we will omit the details here). The likelihood ratio test (LRT) statistic is given by:

$$\begin{aligned}
\lambda(x) &= \frac{L(\hat{\theta}_{MLE}, \hat{a}_{MLE} | x)}{L(\hat{\theta}_0, a = 1 | x)} \\
&= \frac{(2\pi\hat{\theta}_{MLE}\hat{a}_{MLE})^{-\frac{n}{2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\hat{\theta}_{MLE}\hat{a}_{MLE}} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \hat{\theta}_{MLE})^2 \right\}}{(2\pi\hat{\theta}_0)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\hat{\theta}_0} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \hat{\theta}_0)^2 \right\}} \\
&= \left( \frac{\hat{\theta}_0}{\hat{\sigma}^2} \right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{n}{2} + \frac{1}{2\hat{\theta}_0} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \hat{\theta}_0)^2 \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

With the same steps above, the log likelihood function of model  $N(\theta, a\theta^2)$  is

$$\log L(\theta, a | x) = -\frac{n}{2} \log 2\pi a\theta^2 - \frac{1}{2a\theta^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta)^2$$

Thus

$$\frac{\partial \log L(\theta, a)}{\partial a} = -\frac{n}{2a} + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta)^2}{2\theta^2 a^2} \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0 \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{\partial \log L(\theta, a)}{\partial \theta} = -\frac{n}{\theta} + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta)^2}{a\theta^3} + \frac{n\bar{x} - n\theta}{a\theta^2} \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0 \quad (4)$$

Solving equation (3) we get

$$a = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta)^2}{n\theta^2}.$$

Again, substitute it into equation (4) to get

$$\frac{\partial \log L(\theta, a)}{\partial \theta} = \frac{n\bar{x} - n\theta}{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta)^2}{n}} \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0$$

which implies that  $\hat{\theta} = \bar{x}$  then  $\hat{a} = \frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{\bar{x}^2}$  (Again, it is tedious to operate large calculations to verify it is indeed maxima, so we omit the details here). Under the null hypothesis,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \log L(\theta|x)}{\partial \theta} &= -\frac{n}{\theta} + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta)^2}{\theta^3} + \frac{n\bar{x} - n\theta}{\theta^2} \\ &= \frac{-\theta^2 + \hat{\sigma}^2 + \bar{x}^2 - \bar{x}\theta}{\theta^3/n} \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0 \end{aligned}$$

which have two solutions  $\theta_1 = \frac{-\bar{x} + \sqrt{5\bar{x}^2 + 4\hat{\sigma}^2}}{2}$  and  $\theta_2 = \frac{-\bar{x} - \sqrt{5\bar{x}^2 + 4\hat{\sigma}^2}}{2}$ . In the interval  $(-\infty, \theta_2]$ ,  $\log L(\theta|x)$  is monotonic decreasing, while in  $[\theta_2, \theta_1]$  it is monotonic increasing, and in  $[\theta_1, +\infty)$  it is monotonic decreasing again. Note that  $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow -\infty} \log L(\theta|x) = -\infty$ , so the maximum occurs at  $\theta = \theta_1$ . Therefore, the estimate of  $\hat{\theta}_0$  is,  $\hat{\theta}_0 = \frac{-\bar{x} + \sqrt{5\bar{x}^2 + 4\hat{\sigma}^2}}{2}$ . So, the LRT is

$$\lambda(x) = \frac{L(\hat{\theta}, \hat{a}|x)}{L(\hat{\theta}_0, a = 1|x)} = \left( \frac{\hat{\theta}_0}{\hat{\sigma}} \right)^2 \exp \left\{ -\frac{n}{2} + \frac{1}{2\hat{\theta}_0} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \hat{\theta}_0)^2 \right\}.$$

**Question 2.** Let  $X_1, X_2$  be iid uniform  $(\theta, \theta + 1)$ . For testing  $H_0 : \theta = 0$  versus  $H_1 : \theta > 0$ , we have two competing tests:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_1(X_1) &: \text{Reject } H_0 \text{ if } X_1 > .95 \\ \phi_2(X_1, X_2) &: \text{Reject } H_0 \text{ if } X_1 + X_2 > C \end{aligned}$$

- Find the value of  $C$  so that  $\phi_2$  has the same size as  $\phi_1$ .
- Calculate the power function of each test. Draw a well-labeled graph of each power function.
- Prove or disprove:  $\phi_2$  is a more powerful test than  $\phi_1$ .
- Show how to get a test that has the same size but is more powerful than  $\phi_2$ .

**SOLUTION:**

We first derive the power function for the tests  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$ , respectively. For  $\phi_1$ , the power function is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_1(\theta) &= P_\theta(X_1 > 0.95) \\ &= 1 - P_\theta(X_1 \leq 0.95) \\ &= 1 - P(X_1 - \theta \leq 0.95 - \theta) \\ &= 1 - P(U \leq 0.95 - \theta), \end{aligned}$$

where  $U$  follows a standard uniform distribution. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}\beta_1(\theta) &= 1 - \begin{cases} 0, & 0.95 - \theta < 0; \\ 0.95 - \theta, & 0 \leq 0.95 - \theta \leq 1; \\ 1, & 0.95 - \theta > 1. \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} 0, & \theta < -0.05; \\ \theta + 0.05, & -0.05 \leq \theta \leq 0.95; \\ 1, & \theta > 0.95. \end{cases}\end{aligned}$$

For  $\phi_2$ , the power function is:

$$\beta_2(\theta) = P_\theta(X_1 + X_2 > C) \quad (5)$$

$$= \int_{x_1+x_2>C} \mathbf{1}_{\theta \leq x_1 \leq \theta+1} \mathbf{1}_{\theta \leq x_2 \leq \theta+1} dx_1 dx_2 \quad (6)$$

$$= \begin{cases} 1, & c \leq 2\theta; \\ 1 - \frac{(c-2\theta)^2}{2}, & 2\theta < c < 2\theta + 1; \\ \frac{(2\theta+2-c)^2}{2}, & 2\theta + 1 \leq c \leq 2\theta + 2; \\ 0, & c \geq 2\theta + 2. \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

To find the critical value  $C$ , we set  $\theta = 0$  in equation (7):

$$\beta_2(0) = \begin{cases} 1, & c \leq 0; \\ 1 - \frac{c^2}{2}, & 0 < c < 1; \\ \frac{(2-c)^2}{2}, & 1 \leq c \leq 2; \\ 0, & c \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

Since  $\beta_2(0)$  is monotonic decreasing in  $C$ , we solve for  $C$  such that  $\beta_2(0) = \beta_1(0) = 0.05$ , giving  $C = 2 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \approx 1.68$ .

The power curves for both tests are shown in Figure 2. From this figure, we observe that both  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  control the type-I error well. Test  $\phi_1$  is more powerful than  $\phi_2$  for values of  $\theta$  near 0, while  $\phi_2$  becomes more powerful for larger values of  $\theta$ .

Additionally, we note that  $X_1 > 1$  and  $X_2 > 1$  occur with probability 0 under the null hypothesis. Therefore, if  $X_1 > 1$  or  $X_2 > 1$ , we can conclude that  $\theta > 0$ . Based on this, we construct a new test,  $\phi_3$ , as follows:

$$\phi_3(X_1, X_2) : \text{Reject } H_0 \text{ if } X_1 > 1 \text{ or } X_2 > 1 \text{ or } X_1 + X_2 > C.$$

$\phi_3$  is a test of size 0.05 since

$$\begin{aligned}0.05 &= P_{\theta=0}(X_1 + X_2 > C) < P_{\theta=0}(X_1 > 1 \text{ or } X_2 > 1 \text{ or } X_1 + X_2 > C) \\ &< P_{\theta=0}(X_1 > 1) + P_{\theta=0}(X_2 > 1) + P_{\theta=0}(X_1 + X_2 > C) \\ &= P_{\theta=0}(X_1 + X_2 > C) \quad X_1 > 1 \text{ and } X_2 > 1 \text{ are events with probability 0} \\ &= 0.05\end{aligned}$$

And clearly more powerful than  $\phi_2$ .

**Question 3.** One very striking abuse of  $\alpha$  levels is to choose them after seeing the data and to choose them in such a way as to force rejection (or acceptance) of a null hypothesis. To see what the true Type I and Type II Error probabilities of such a procedure are, calculate size and power of the following two trivial tests:

- Always reject  $H_0$ , no matter what data are obtained (equivalent to the practice of choosing the  $\alpha$  level to force rejection of  $H_0$ ).
- Always accept  $H_0$ , no matter what data are obtained (equivalent to the practice of choosing the  $\alpha$  level to force acceptance of  $H_0$ ).

**SOLUTION:**

If we always reject  $H_0$ , then

$$\text{Size} = P(\text{reject } H_0 | H_0 \text{ is true}) = 1;$$

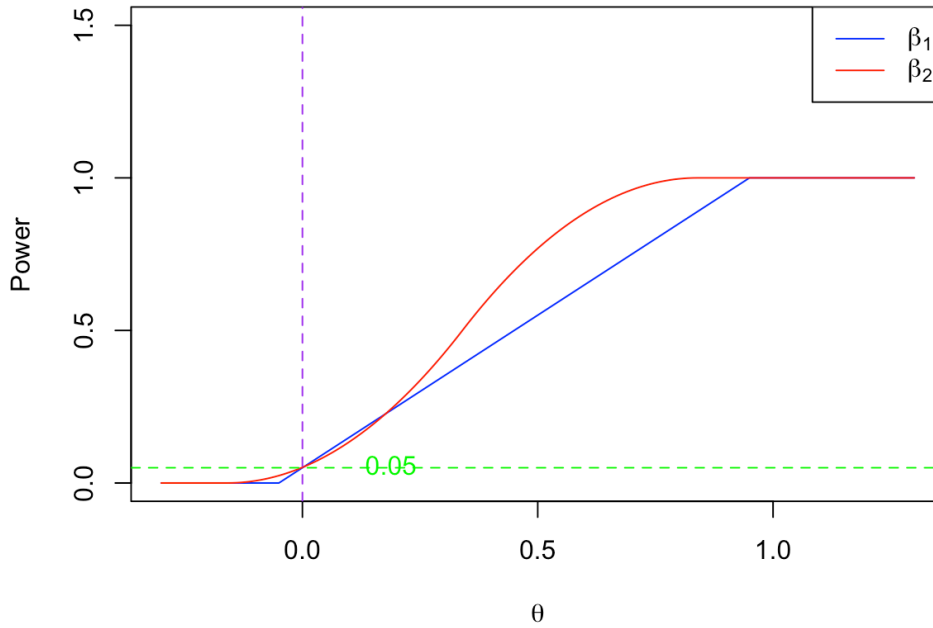


Figure 2: Power of  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$

$$\text{Power} = P(\text{reject } H_0 | H_0 \text{ is false}) = 1$$

So we have type-I error 1 but type-II error 0.

If we always accept  $H_0$ , then

$$\text{Size} = P(\text{reject } H_0 | H_0 \text{ is true}) = 0;$$

$$\text{Power} = P(\text{reject } H_0 | H_0 \text{ is false}) = 0$$

So we have type-I error 0 but type-II error 1.

**Question 4.** Let  $X$  be a random variable whose pmf under  $H_0$  and  $H_1$  is given by

$x$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$f(x   H_0)$	.01	.01	.01	.01	.01	.01	.94
$f(x   H_1)$	.06	.05	.04	.03	.02	.01	.79

Use the Neyman-Pearson Lemma to find the most powerful test for  $H_0$  versus  $H_1$  with size  $\alpha = .04$ . Compute the probability of Type II Error for this test.

**SOLUTION:**

To use Neyman-Pearson Lemma in a discrete variable, we first calculate  $\frac{f(x|H_1)}{f(x|H_0)}$  for each  $x$ :

$x$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$\frac{f(x H_1)}{f(x H_0)}$	6	5	4	3	2	1	0.84

Since the ratio  $\frac{f(x|H_1)}{f(x|H_0)}$  decreases as  $x$  increases, the most powerful test will reject  $H_0$  for smaller values of  $x$ , where the likelihood ratio is larger. To control the size at  $\alpha = 0.04$ , we observe that  $P(x \leq 4 | H_0) = 0.04$ , meaning we reject  $H_0$  if  $x \leq 4$ . The probability of a type-II error in this test is  $P(x > 4 | H_1) = 0.82$ .

**Question 5.** Suppose  $X$  is one observation from a population with beta( $\theta, 1$ ) pdf.

- a) For testing  $H_0 : \theta \leq 1$  versus  $H_1 : \theta > 1$ , find the size and sketch the power function of the test that rejects  $H_0$  if  $X > \frac{1}{2}$ .
- b) Find the most powerful level  $\alpha$  test of  $H_0 : \theta = 1$  versus  $H_1 : \theta = 2$ .
- c) Is there a UMP test of  $H_0 : \theta \leq 1$  versus  $H_1 : \theta > 1$ ? If so, find it. If not, prove so.

**SOLUTION:**

The power function of the given test is derived as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\beta(\theta) &= \int_{1/2}^1 \frac{\Gamma(\theta+1)}{\Gamma(\theta)\Gamma(1)} x^{\theta-1} (1-x)^{1-1} dx \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{2^\theta}.\end{aligned}$$

The size of a test is the supremum of the power function over the null hypothesis  $H_0$ , so the size  $\alpha$  is:

$$\alpha = \sup_{\theta \leq 1} \beta(\theta) = \frac{1}{2}.$$

To construct the most powerful test of  $H_0 : \theta = 1$  against  $H_1 : \theta = 2$ , we use the Neyman-Pearson Lemma. We first calculate the likelihood ratio:

$$\lambda = \frac{f(x|\theta_1)}{f(x|\theta_0)} = \frac{\frac{1}{B(\theta_1,1)} x^{\theta_1-1}}{\frac{1}{B(\theta_0,1)} x^{\theta_0-1}} \propto x^{\theta_1-\theta_0} \quad (8)$$

which is monotone increasing in  $x$  if  $\theta_1 > \theta_0$ , i.e. it is MLR. When  $\theta_1 = 2$  and  $\theta_0 = 1$ ,  $\lambda \propto x$ . According to the Neyman-Pearson Lemma, we reject  $H_0$  if  $\lambda > k$  for some threshold  $k$ , which is equivalent to rejecting  $H_0$  if  $x > k'$  for some corresponding  $k'$ . The Neyman-Pearson Lemma says this test is the most powerful test. Now we determine  $k'$  with  $\alpha$ .

$$\alpha = P_{\theta=1}(X > k') = \int_{k'}^1 \frac{1}{B(1,1)} x^{1-1} (1-x)^{1-1} dx = 1 - k'$$

so the most powerful test is the one we reject  $H_0$  if  $X > 1 - \alpha$ . Since it is MLR, so there is a UMP test of  $H_0 : \theta \leq 1$  versus  $H_1 : \theta > 1$  from the Karlin-Rubin theorem. In fact, the rejection region is also  $X > 1 - \alpha$ .

**Remark 1.** We now consider testing  $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$  against  $H_1 : \theta = \theta_1$  where  $\theta_1 > \theta_0$ . From equation (8), we know that the likelihood ratio is given by:

$$\lambda(x) \propto x^{\theta_1-\theta_0}.$$

This ratio is monotonic in  $x$  whenever  $\theta_1 > \theta_0$ , meaning that rejecting  $H_0$  for large values of  $x$  (i.e. when  $x > k'$  for some threshold  $k'$ ) is optimal. According to the Neyman-Pearson Lemma, this rejection rule provides the most powerful test (MPT). Importantly, the rejection rule  $x > k'$  is independent of the specific values of  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_0$ , as long as  $\theta_1 > \theta_0$ .

Thus, this test can be used for any  $\theta_1$  as long as  $\theta_1 > \theta_0$ . In fact, if  $\phi$  is an MPT of size  $\alpha$  for testing  $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$  against any  $\theta_1 \in \Theta_1$ , then  $\phi$  remains an MPT of size  $\alpha$  for testing  $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$  against  $H_1 : \theta \in \Theta_1$ .

From this discussion, we find that the test  $\phi$ , which rejects  $H_0$  if  $X > 1 - \alpha$ , is the uniformly most powerful test (UMPT) for the following three scenarios:

$$\begin{aligned}H_0 : \theta = 1 \text{ versus } H_1 : \theta = 2, \\ H_0 : \theta = 1 \text{ versus } H_1 : \theta > 1, \\ H_0 : \theta \leq 1 \text{ versus } H_1 : \theta > 1.\end{aligned}$$

We can explain this observation through two key points:

1. Under any  $H_0 : \theta \in \Theta_0$  above, testing  $\theta = 1$  against any  $H_1$  above is the most difficult (because  $\theta = 1$  is the closest to  $\Theta_1$ ). Hence, controlling the type-I error at  $\theta = 1$  is sufficient to control the size.
2. As long as  $\Theta_1$  is on the same side relative to  $\theta = 1$ , the test is the same and does not depend on  $\Theta_1$ . Hence, testing  $H_0$  against  $H_1$  is equivalent to testing  $H_0$  against any simple alternative hypothesis  $\theta = \theta_1$ .

Hence, all three hypothesis testing problems above are reduced to the problem of testing simple hypotheses.

**Question 6.** Let  $f(x | \theta)$  be the Cauchy scale pdf

$$f(x | \theta) = \frac{\theta}{\pi} \frac{1}{\theta^2 + x^2}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty, \quad \theta > 0$$

- Show that this family does not have an MLR.
- If  $X$  is one observation from  $f(x | \theta)$ , show that  $|X|$  is sufficient for  $\theta$  and that the distribution of  $|X|$  does have an MLR.

**SOLUTION:**

For  $\theta_1 > \theta_0 > 0$  the likelihood ratio is given by

$$\lambda = \frac{f(x|\theta_1)}{f(x|\theta_0)} = \frac{\theta_1}{\theta_0} \frac{\theta_0^2 + x^2}{\theta_1^2 + x^2}.$$

Taking its derivative with respect to  $x$ , we obtain

$$\frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial x} = \frac{\theta_1}{\theta_0} \frac{\theta_1^2 - \theta_0^2}{(\theta_1^2 + x^2)^2} x,$$

which have positive value for  $x > 0$  and negative value for  $x < 0$ , hence,  $\lambda$  is not monotone, i.e., this family does not have an MLR.

Given that  $f(x | \theta) = \frac{\theta}{\pi} \frac{1}{\theta^2 + |x|^2}$ , by the factorization theorem,  $|x|$  is a sufficient statistic. The pdf of  $|x|$  is

$$f(y | \theta) = f(y | \theta) = \frac{2\theta}{\pi} \frac{1}{\theta^2 + y^2}, \quad y > 0, \quad \theta > 0.$$

Now, take the derivative of the likelihood ratio of  $|x|$  to get

$$\frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial y} = \frac{\theta_1}{\theta_0} \frac{\theta_1^2 - \theta_0^2}{(\theta_1^2 + y^2)^2} y > 0, \quad y > 0, \quad \theta_1 > \theta_0 > 0.$$

so  $|X|$  has a MLR.

**Question 7.** Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample from the uniform  $(\theta, \theta + 1)$  distribution. To test  $H_0 : \theta = 0$  versus  $H_1 : \theta > 0$ , use the test

$$\text{reject } H_0 \text{ if } Y_n \geq 1 \text{ or } Y_1 \geq k$$

where  $k$  is a constant,  $Y_1 = \min \{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$ ,  $Y_n = \max \{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$ .

- Determine  $k$  so that the test will have size  $\alpha$ .
- Find an expression for the power function of the test in part (a).
- Prove that the test is UMP level  $\alpha$ .
- Find values of  $n$  and  $k$  so that the UMP .10 level test will have power at least .8 if  $\theta > 1$ .

**SOLUTION:**

We first derive the PDF of  $Y_1$  and  $Y_n$ . The joint PDF is given by:

$$f(y_1, y_n) = n(n-1)(y_n - y_1)^{n-2}, \quad \theta < y_1 \leq y_n < \theta + 1.$$

and the marginal PDF for  $Y_1$  and  $Y_n$  are:

$$\begin{aligned} f(y_1) &= n(1 - (y_1 - \theta))^{n-1}, \quad \theta < y_1 < \theta + 1; \\ f(y_n) &= n(y_n - \theta)^{n-1}, \quad \theta < y_n < \theta + 1. \end{aligned}$$



Under  $H_0$ , the event  $Y_n \geq 1$  occurs with probability 0, so we compute the significance level  $\alpha$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha &= P_{\theta=0}(Y_n \geq 1 \text{ or } Y_1 \geq k) \\ &= P_{\theta=0}(Y_1 \geq k) \\ &= P_{\theta=0}(X_i \geq k \text{ for any } i = 1 \cdots n) \\ &= (1 - k)^n \quad (k < 1, \text{ otherwise } \alpha = 0)\end{aligned}$$

so  $k = 1 - \alpha^{\frac{1}{n}}$ .

To find the power of the test, we divide the range of  $\theta$  into four disjoint intervals:  $\theta \leq -\alpha^{\frac{1}{n}}$ ,  $-\alpha^{\frac{1}{n}} < \theta \leq 0$ ,  $0 < \theta \leq 1 - \alpha^{\frac{1}{n}}$ , and  $\theta > 1 - \alpha^{\frac{1}{n}}$ . For each interval, we compute  $P_\theta(Y_n \geq 1 \text{ or } Y_1 \geq k)$ .

When  $\theta \leq -\alpha^{\frac{1}{n}}$ , we have  $\theta + 1 \leq k$  so  $P(Y_1 \geq k) = 0$ , hence  $P(Y_n \geq 1 \text{ or } Y_1 \geq k) = 0$ . When  $-\alpha^{\frac{1}{n}} < \theta \leq 0$ , implying that  $P_\theta(Y_n \geq 1) = 0$ , so

$$P_\theta(Y_n \geq 1 \text{ or } Y_1 \geq k) = P_\theta(Y_1 \geq k) = (\theta + 1 - k)^n.$$

For  $0 < \theta \leq 1 - \alpha^{\frac{1}{n}}$ , we have

$$P_\theta(Y_n \geq 1 \text{ or } Y_1 \geq k) = P_\theta(Y_n \geq 1) + P_\theta(Y_1 \geq k) - P_\theta(Y_n \geq 1, Y_1 \geq k).$$

We calculate them one by one:

$$P_\theta(Y_n \geq 1) = \int_1^{\theta+1} n(y_n - \theta)^{n-1} dy_n = 1 - (1 - \theta)^n.$$

$$P_\theta(Y_1 \geq k) = \int_k^{\theta+1} n(1 - (y_1 - \theta))^{n-1} dy_1 = \alpha.$$

$$P_\theta(Y_n \geq 1, Y_1 \geq k) = \int_1^{\theta+1} \int_k^{y_n} n(n-1)(y_n - y_1)^{n-2} dy_1 dy_n = (\theta + \alpha^{\frac{1}{n}})^n - \alpha.$$

Thus

$$P_\theta(Y_n \geq 1 \text{ or } Y_1 \geq k) = 1 - (1 - \theta)^n + 2\alpha - (\theta + \alpha^{\frac{1}{n}})^n.$$

For  $\theta > 1 - \alpha^{\frac{1}{n}}$ , it is clear that  $P_\theta(Y_n \geq 1 \text{ or } Y_1 \geq k) = 1$ .

Note that

$$f(x_{1:n}|\theta) = \mathbf{1}_{\{\theta < y_1\}} \mathbf{1}_{\{y_n < \theta+1\}} = \mathbf{1}_{\{\theta < y_1 \leq y_n < \theta+1\}}$$

by the factorization theorem,  $(Y_1, Y_n)$  are sufficient statistics for  $\theta$ . We can, therefore apply Corollary 8.3.13 to find the UMP (Uniformly Most Powerful) test. The likelihood ratio is

$$\lambda = \frac{L(y_1, y_n|\theta_1)}{L(y_1, y_n|0)} = \frac{\mathbf{1}_{\{\theta_1 < y_1 \leq y_n < \theta_1+1\}}}{\mathbf{1}_{\{0 < y_1 \leq y_n < 1\}}}.$$

To illustrate how the value of  $\lambda$  changes with different  $(y_1, y_n)$ , we provide two figures, based on  $\theta$ , in Figure 3 and Figure 4. When  $\theta > 1$ ,  $\lambda$  takes two values (if  $\frac{0}{0}$  is defined, the other regions take a value of 1). When  $0 < \theta < 1$ , it takes three values (with other regions similarly defined as 1).

The rejection decision depends on  $k$  and  $\theta$ . If  $\theta > k$ , as shown in Figure 5, when  $\lambda > 0$ , we always reject  $H_0$ , and when  $\lambda < 0$ , we never reject  $H_0$  (the rejection region is  $y_1 > k$  and  $y_n > 1$ ). In Figure 6, if  $\lambda > 1$ , we always reject  $H_0$ , and if  $\lambda < 1$ , we never reject  $H_0$ .

Thus, by Corollary 8.3.13, the test is uniformly most powerful (UMP) at level  $\alpha$  for a given  $\theta$ . Since  $\theta$  is arbitrary, the test is UMP at level  $\alpha$  for  $H_0 : \theta = 0$  versus  $H_1 : \theta > 0$ .

We have known that when  $\theta > 1 - \alpha^{\frac{1}{n}}$ ,  $P_\theta(Y_n \geq 1 \text{ or } Y_1 \geq k) = 1$ , so  $\beta(\theta) = 1$  for any  $\theta > 1$  so any  $n$  is OK and  $k = 1 - 0.1^{\frac{1}{n}}$ .

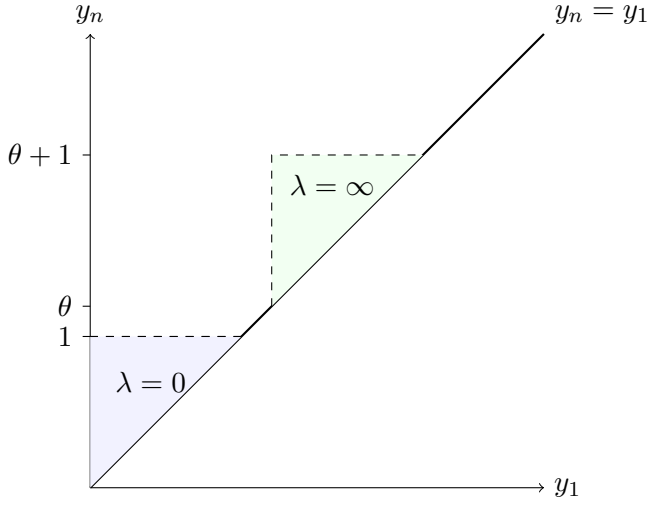


Figure 3:  $\theta > 1$

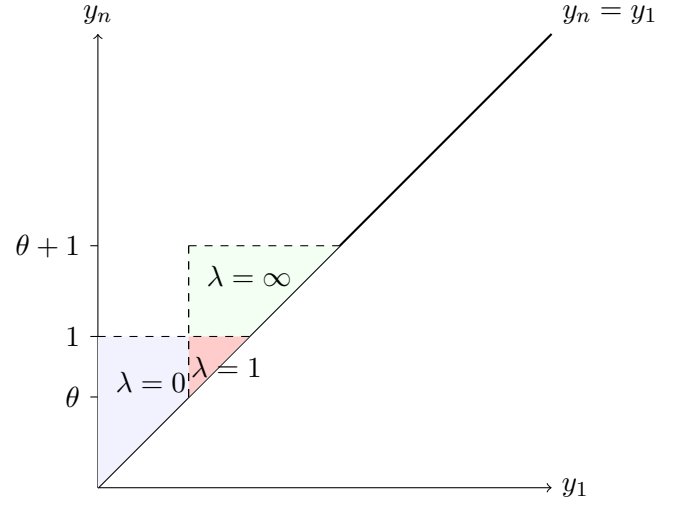


Figure 4:  $0 < \theta < 1$

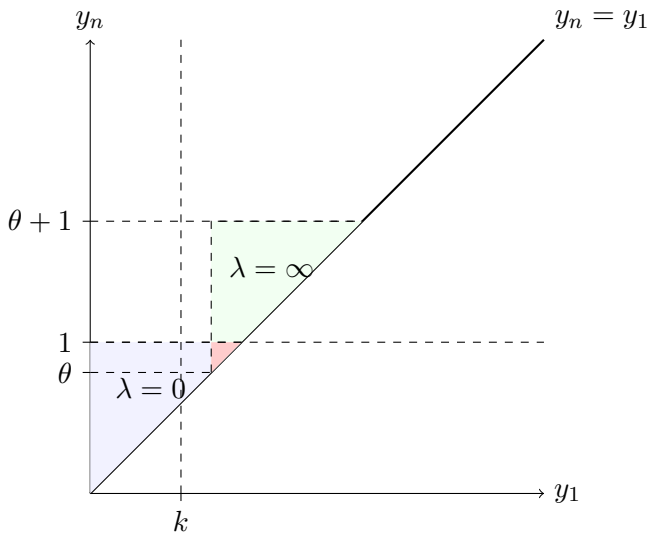


Figure 5:  $\theta > k$

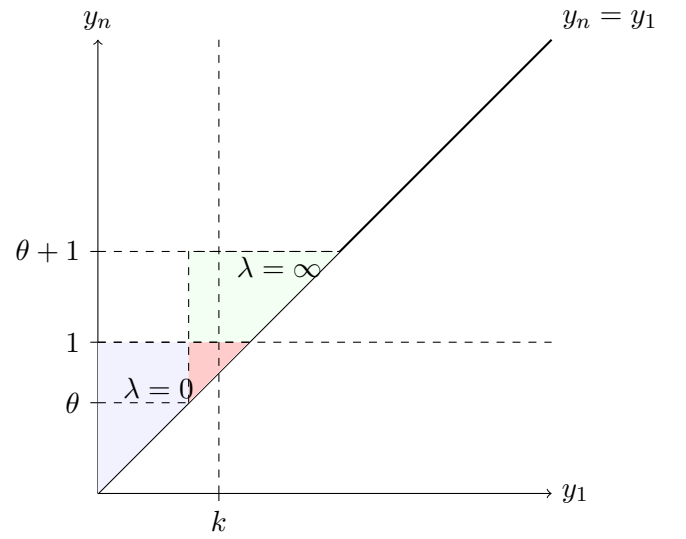


Figure 6:  $0 < \theta < k$

**Question 8.** Let  $(X_1, Y_1), \dots, (X_n, Y_n)$  be a random sample from a bivariate normal distribution with parameters  $\mu_X, \mu_Y, \sigma_X^2, \sigma_Y^2, \rho$ . We are interested in testing

$$H_0 : \mu_X = \mu_Y \quad \text{versus} \quad H_1 : \mu_X \neq \mu_Y$$

- Show that the random variables  $W_i = X_i - Y_i$  are iid  $N(\mu_W, \sigma_W^2)$ .
- Show that the above hypothesis can be tested with the statistic

$$T_W = \frac{\bar{W}}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{n} S_W^2}}$$

where  $\bar{W} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n W_i$  and  $S_W^2 = \frac{1}{(n-1)} \sum_{i=1}^n (W_i - \bar{W})^2$ . Furthermore, show that, under  $H_0$ ,  $T_W \sim$  Student's  $t$  with  $n - 1$  degrees of freedom. (This test is known as the paired-sample  $t$  test.)

**SOLUTION:**

We know that  $(X_i, Y_i)^T \sim N\left(\begin{pmatrix} \mu_X \\ \mu_Y \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_X^2 & \rho\sigma_X\sigma_Y \\ \rho\sigma_X\sigma_Y & \sigma_Y^2 \end{pmatrix}\right)$ , then  $X_i - Y_i = (1, -1)(X_i, Y_i)^T$ , which implies that

$$X_i - Y_i \sim N\left((1, -1)\begin{pmatrix} \mu_X \\ \mu_Y \end{pmatrix}, (1, -1)\begin{pmatrix} \sigma_X^2 & \rho\sigma_X\sigma_Y \\ \rho\sigma_X\sigma_Y & \sigma_Y^2 \end{pmatrix}(1, -1)^T\right).$$

i.e.  $X_i - Y_i \sim N(\mu_W, \sigma_W^2)$  where  $\mu_W = \mu_X - \mu_Y$ ,  $\sigma_W^2 = \sigma_X^2 + \sigma_Y^2 - 2\rho\sigma_X\sigma_Y$ . Clearly,  $X_i - Y_i$  are independent.

Testing  $H_0 : \mu_X = \mu_Y$  is equivalent to testing  $H_0' : \mu_W = \mu_X - \mu_Y = 0$ , so we can base the test on  $W_i$ . Using the likelihood ratio test (LRT) for  $H_0'' : \mu_W = \mu_0$  against  $H_1'' : \mu_W \neq \mu_0$ , we generalize the mean test for a normal distribution, where  $\mu_0 = 0$  is a special case in this context.

The likelihood function for  $(\mu_W, \sigma_W^2)$  is

$$L(\mu_W, \sigma_W^2) = (2\pi\sigma_W^2)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma_W^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (W_i - \mu_W)^2 \right\}.$$

The unrestricted and  $H_0$ -restricted MLEs of  $(\mu_W, \sigma_W^2)$  are  $(\hat{\mu}_W, \hat{\sigma}_W^2)$  and  $(\mu_0, \hat{\sigma}_0^2)$ , respectively, where

$$\hat{\mu}_W = \bar{W} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n W_i, \quad \hat{\sigma}_W^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (W_i - \bar{W})^2, \quad \hat{\sigma}_0^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (W_i - \mu_0)^2.$$

So, the LR is

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda &= \frac{L(\hat{\mu}_W, \hat{\sigma}_W^2)}{L(\mu_0, \hat{\sigma}_0^2)} = \left( \frac{\hat{\sigma}_0^2}{\hat{\sigma}_W^2} \right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \\ &= \left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (W_i - \bar{W})^2 + n(\bar{W} - \mu_0)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (W_i - \bar{W})^2} \right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \\ &= \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n-1} \frac{\frac{(\bar{W} - \mu_0)^2}{\sigma_W^2/n}}{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (W_i - \bar{W})^2}{(n-1)\sigma_W^2}} \right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \\ &= \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n-1} T^2 \right)^{\frac{n}{2}} = \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n-1} \frac{U^2}{V^2} \right)^{\frac{n}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Where

$$T = \frac{U}{V}, \quad U = \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{W} - \mu_0)}{\sigma_W}, \quad V = \frac{\sqrt{S_W^2}}{\sigma_W}.$$

Clearly,  $\lambda$  is increasing with  $T^2$ . The rejection region is  $T^2 > c \iff |T| > c'$ . In fact  $|T|$  is  $|T_W|$ . Under  $H_0$ ,  $U \sim N(0, 1)$  and  $(n-1)V^2 \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$  and they are independent, hence  $T_W = T = \frac{U}{V} \sim t_{n-1}$ .

**Remark 2.** In addition to testing using  $T_W$ , we can also use  $T_W^2$  which follows a  $F_{(1, n-1)}$  distribution. The power function for this test can be derived as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \beta(\mu_W, \sigma_W^2) &= P_{\mu_W, \sigma_W^2} \{ |T_W| > c \} \\ &= P_{\mu_W, \sigma_W^2} \left\{ \frac{|U|}{V} > c \right\} \\ &= P_{\mu_W, \sigma_W^2} \left( \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{W} - \mu_0)}{\sigma_W} < -cV \right) + P_{\mu_W, \sigma_W^2} \left( \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{W} - \mu_0)}{\sigma_W} > cV \right) \\ &= P_{\mu_W, \sigma_W^2} \left( \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{W} - \mu_W)}{\sigma_W} < -cV + \frac{\theta_0 - \mu_W}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \right) + P_{\mu_W, \sigma_W^2} \left( \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{W} - \mu_0)}{\sigma_W} > cV + \frac{\theta_0 - \mu_W}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Note that, generally,  $Z := \sqrt{n}(\bar{W} - \mu_W)/\sigma_W \sim N(0, 1)$  and  $V^2 \sim \chi_{n-1}^2/(n-1)$  are independent. The distribution of  $Z, V$  are free of  $\mu$ . By the law of iterative expectations, we have

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\mu_W, \sigma_W^2} \left( \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{W} - \mu_W)}{\sigma_W} < -cV + \frac{\theta_0 - \mu_W}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \right) &= E \left\{ P_{\mu_W, \sigma_W^2} \left( \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{W} - \mu_W)}{\sigma_W} < -cV + \frac{\theta_0 - \mu_W}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \mid V \right) \right\} \\ &= E \Phi \left( -cV + \frac{\theta_0 - \mu_W}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$P_{\mu_W, \sigma_W^2} \left( \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{W} - \mu_W)}{\sigma_W} > cV + \frac{\theta_0 - \mu_W}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \right) = E \left\{ P_{\mu_W, \sigma_W^2} \left( \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{W} - \mu_W)}{\sigma_W} > cV + \frac{\theta_0 - \mu_W}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \mid V \right) \right\}$$

$$= 1 - E \Phi \left( cV + \frac{\theta_0 - \mu_W}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \right)$$

So

$$\beta(\mu_W, \sigma_W^2) = 1 + E \Phi \left( -cV + \frac{\theta_0 - \mu_W}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \right) - E \Phi \left( cV + \frac{\theta_0 - \mu_W}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \right)$$

Figure 7 illustrates this relationship. As seen in the figure, the power increases as  $\rho$  increases, which is due to the fact that the variance of  $W$  decreases as  $\rho$  grows.

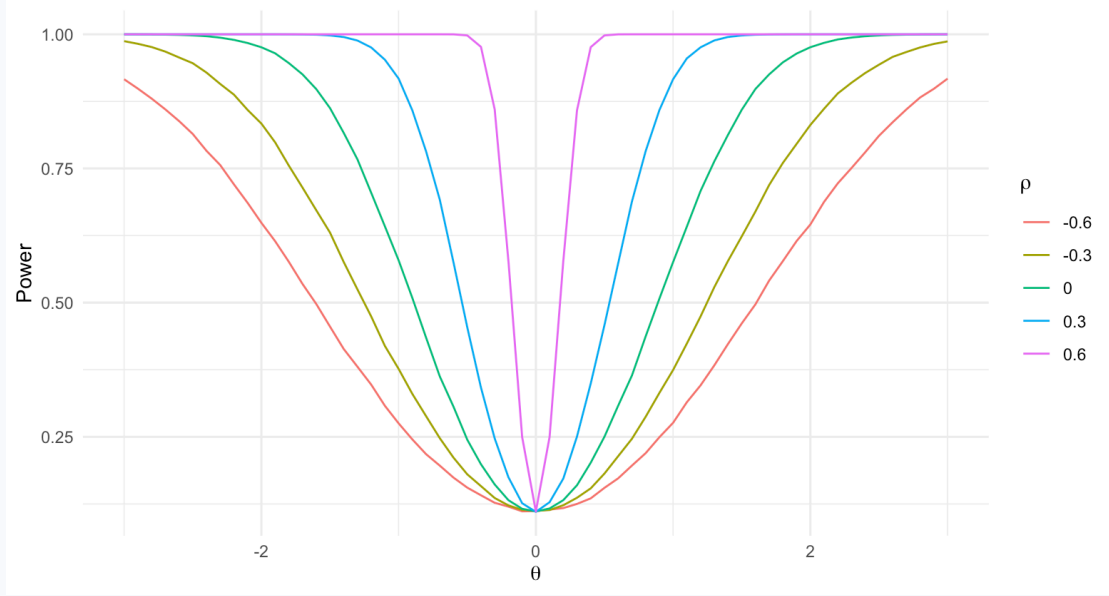


Figure 7: Power of t-test with different  $\rho$

**Question 9.** Let  $(X_1, Y_1), \dots, (X_n, Y_n)$  be a random sample from a bivariate normal distribution with parameters  $\mu_X, \mu_Y, \sigma_X^2, \sigma_Y^2, \rho$

a) Derive the LRT of

$$H_0 : \mu_X = \mu_Y \quad \text{versus} \quad H_1 : \mu_X \neq \mu_Y$$

b) Show that the test derived in part (a) is equivalent to the paired  $t$  test of Exercise 8.39.

(Hint: Straightforward maximization of the bivariate likelihood is possible but somewhat nasty. Filling in the gaps of the following argument gives a more elegant proof.) Make the transformation  $u = x - y, v = x + y$ . Let  $f(x, y)$  denote the bivariate normal pdf, and write

$$f(x, y) = g(v | u)h(u)$$

where  $g(v | u)$  is the conditional pdf of  $V$  given  $U$ , and  $h(u)$  is the marginal pdf of  $U$ . Argue that (1) the likelihood can be equivalently factored and (2) the piece involving  $g(v | u)$  has the same maximum whether or not the means are restricted. Thus, it can be ignored (since it will cancel) and the LRT is based only on  $h(u)$ . However,  $h(u)$  is a normal pdf with mean  $\mu_X - \mu_Y$ , and the LRT is the usual one-sample  $t$  test, as derived in Exercise 8.38.

Before proceeding with the proof, we introduce a helpful lemma:

**Lemma 1** (Conditional distribution of normal). *Let  $X = \begin{bmatrix} X^{(1)} \\ X^{(2)} \end{bmatrix}_{p-r} \sim N_p(\mu, \Sigma)(\Sigma > 0)$ , then the distribu-*

tion of  $X^{(1)}$  conditioning on  $X^{(2)}$  is

$$\left(X^{(1)} \mid X^{(2)}\right) \sim N_r\left(\mu_{1 \cdot 2}, \Sigma_{11 \cdot 2}\right)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_{1 \cdot 2} &= \mu^{(1)} + \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \left(x^{(2)} - \mu^{(2)}\right); \\ \Sigma_{11 \cdot 2} &= \Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \Sigma_{21}.\end{aligned}$$

$X^{(1)}$  and  $X^{(2)}$  are independent. The proof is provided in Appendix A.

SOLUTION:

Denote the PDF of  $(X, Y)$  by  $f(x, y|\theta)$ , where  $\theta = (\mu_X, \mu_Y, \sigma_X^2, \sigma_Y^2, \rho)^T$ . Then the likelihood of  $\theta$  is:

$$L_1(\theta|x_{1:n}, y_{1:n}) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i, y_i|\theta)$$

We now apply the transformation  $h$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}h:(x, y) &\mapsto (u, v) \\ u &= x + y \\ v &= x - y\end{aligned}$$

Denote the distribution of  $(U, V)$  by  $g(u, v)$ . By the transformation theorem, we have  $f(x, y|\theta) = g(h(x, y)) \left| \frac{\partial(u, v)}{\partial(x, y)} \right|$ , and  $(U, V)$  is also bivariate normal:

$$\begin{pmatrix} U \\ V \end{pmatrix} \sim N \left[ \begin{pmatrix} \mu_X + \mu_Y \\ \mu_X - \mu_Y \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{12} & \Sigma_{22} \end{pmatrix} \right].$$

Since  $h$  is a one-to-one mapping, the likelihood can be written as:

$$L_2(\theta|v_{1:n}, u_{1:n}) = \prod_{i=1}^n g(v_i, u_i|\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n g(h(x_i, y_i)|\theta) = \left| \frac{\partial(u, v)}{\partial(x, y)} \right|^{-n} \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i, y_i|\theta) \propto L_1(\theta|x_{1:n}, y_{1:n}),$$

which implies that

$$\arg \max_{\theta} L_2(\theta|v_{1:n}, u_{1:n}) = \arg \max_{\theta} L_1(\theta|x_{1:n}, y_{1:n}).$$

Now consider the likelihood ratio

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda &= \frac{\sup_{\theta \in \Theta} L_1(\theta|x_{1:n}, y_{1:n})}{\sup_{\theta \in \Theta_0} L_1(\theta|x_{1:n}, y_{1:n})} \\ &= \frac{\sup_{\theta \in \Theta} L_2(\theta|u_{1:n}, v_{1:n})}{\sup_{\theta \in \Theta_0} L_2(\theta|u_{1:n}, v_{1:n})} \\ &= \frac{\sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \prod_{i=1}^n g(v_i, u_i|\theta)}{\sup_{\theta \in \Theta_0} \prod_{i=1}^n g(v_i, u_i|\theta)} \\ &= \frac{\sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \prod_{i=1}^n g(u_i|v_i) \prod_{i=1}^n g_1(v_i)}{\sup_{\theta \in \Theta_0} \prod_{i=1}^n g(u_i|v_i) \prod_{i=1}^n g_1(v_i)}\end{aligned}$$

We will now show that the maximum of  $\prod_{i=1}^n g(u_i|v_i, \theta)$  is the same whether or not the means are restricted. Here,  $g(u, v|\theta)$  is the conditional distribution of  $U$  given  $V$ , and  $g_1(v)$  is the marginal distribution of  $V$ .

To maximize  $\prod_{i=1}^n g(u_i|v_i, \theta)g_1(v_i)$ , we take the logarithm:

$$\log \prod_{i=1}^n g(u_i|v_i, \theta)g_1(v_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log g(u_i|v_i, \theta) + \sum_{i=1}^n \log g_1(v_i) \quad (9)$$

From Lemma 1, we know:

$$(U \mid V) \sim N(\mu_{1 \cdot 2}, \Sigma_{11 \cdot 2}),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_{1:2} &= \mu_X + \mu_Y + \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}(v - \mu_X + \mu_Y) := kv + b; \\ \Sigma_{11:2} &= \Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}\Sigma_{21} := \sigma^2.\end{aligned}$$

Since  $U|V$  and  $V$  are independent, we can consider each part of the log-likelihood separately. The unrestricted maximum likelihood estimate (MLE) is found by:

$$\arg \max_{k,b,\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \log g(u_i|v_i, \theta) = \arg \max_{k,b,\sigma^2} -\frac{n}{2} \log 2\pi\sigma^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (u_i - kv_i - b)^2 \quad (10)$$

Under  $H_0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_{1:2} &= 2\mu_X + \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}v := kv + b'; \\ \Sigma_{11:2} &= \Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}\Sigma_{21} := \sigma^2.\end{aligned}$$

the restricted MLE becomes:

$$\arg \max_{k,b',\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \log g(u_i|v_i, \theta) = \arg \max_{k,b',\sigma^2} -\frac{n}{2} \log 2\pi\sigma^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (u_i - kv_i - b')^2. \quad (11)$$

Since equation (11) and equation (10) have the same form, they yield the same maximum, implying:

$$\lambda = \frac{\sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \prod_{i=1}^n g_1(v_i)}{\sup_{\theta \in \Theta_0} \prod_{i=1}^n g_1(v_i)}$$

which is based only on  $x - y$ . This completes the desired result.

**Remark 3.** The equation (11) and equation (10) are the solutions for linear regression using likelihood methods.

**Question 10.** The assumption of equal variances, which was made in Exercise 8.41, is not always tenable. In such a case, the distribution of the statistic is no longer a  $t$ . Indeed, there is doubt as to the wisdom of calculating a pooled variance estimate. (This problem of making inference on means when variances are unequal, is, in general, quite a difficult one. It is known as the Behrens-Fisher Problem.) A natural test to try is the following modification of the two-sample  $t$  test: Test

$$H_0 : \mu_X = \mu_Y \quad \text{versus} \quad H_1 : \mu_X \neq \mu_Y$$

where we do not assume that  $\sigma_X^2 = \sigma_Y^2$ , using the statistic

$$T' = \frac{\bar{X} - \bar{Y}}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{S_X^2}{n} + \frac{S_Y^2}{m}\right)}}$$

where

$$S_X^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2 \quad \text{and} \quad S_Y^2 = \frac{1}{m-1} \sum_{i=1}^m (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2$$

The exact distribution of  $T'$  is not pleasant, but we can approximate the distribution using Satterthwaite's approximation (Example 7.2.3).

a) Show that

$$\frac{\frac{S_X^2}{n} + \frac{S_Y^2}{m}}{\frac{\sigma_X^2}{n} + \frac{\sigma_Y^2}{m}} \sim \frac{\chi_\nu^2}{\nu} \quad (\text{approximately})$$

where  $\nu$  can be estimated with.

$$\hat{\nu} = \frac{\left(\frac{S_X^2}{n} + \frac{S_Y^2}{m}\right)^2}{\frac{S_X^4}{n^2(n-1)} + \frac{S_Y^4}{m^2(m-1)}}$$

- b) Argue that the distribution of  $T'$  can be approximated by a  $t$  distribution with  $\hat{\nu}$  degrees of freedom.
- c) Re-examine the data from Exercise 8.41 using the approximate  $t$  test of this exercise; that is, test if the mean age of the core is the same as the mean age of the periphery using the  $T'$  statistic.
- d) Is there any statistical evidence that the variance of the data from the core may be different from the variance of the data from the periphery? (Recall Example 5.4.1.)

SOLUTION:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\frac{S_X^2}{n} + \frac{S_Y^2}{m}}{\frac{\sigma_X^2}{n} + \frac{\sigma_Y^2}{m}} &= \frac{\sigma_X^2}{n(n-1) \left( \frac{\sigma_X^2}{n} + \frac{\sigma_Y^2}{m} \right)} \frac{(n-1)S_X^2}{\sigma_X^2} \\ &\quad + \frac{\sigma_Y^2}{m(m-1) \left( \frac{\sigma_X^2}{n} + \frac{\sigma_Y^2}{m} \right)} \frac{(m-1)S_Y^2}{\sigma_Y^2} \\ &:= a_1 Y_1 + a_2 Y_2 \end{aligned}$$

where  $Y_1 = \frac{(n-1)S_X^2}{\sigma_X^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$  and  $Y_2 = \frac{(m-1)S_Y^2}{\sigma_Y^2} \sim \chi_{m-1}^2$  and they are independent. According to Satterthwaite's approximation, if  $Y_i \sim \chi_{r_i}^2$  and they are independent, then  $\sum_i a_i Y_i \sim \chi_{\hat{\nu}}^2$ , where  $\hat{\nu} = \frac{(\sum_i a_i Y_i)^2}{\sum_i a_i^2 Y_i^2 / r_i}$ . Thus,

$$\frac{\frac{S_X^2}{n} + \frac{S_Y^2}{m}}{\frac{\sigma_X^2}{n} + \frac{\sigma_Y^2}{m}} \sim \chi_{\hat{\nu}}^2, \text{ where } \hat{\nu} = \frac{\left( \frac{S_X^2}{n} + \frac{S_Y^2}{m} \right)^2}{\frac{S_X^4}{n^2(n-1)} + \frac{S_Y^4}{m^2(m-1)}}.$$

The statistic  $T'$  can be written as

$$T' = T' = \frac{\bar{X} - \bar{Y}}{\sqrt{\left( \frac{S_X^2}{n} + \frac{S_Y^2}{m} \right)}} = \frac{\bar{X} - \bar{Y}}{\sqrt{\left( \frac{S_X^2}{n} + \frac{S_Y^2}{m} \right)}} = \frac{(\bar{X} - \bar{Y}) / \sqrt{\sigma_X^2/n + \sigma_Y^2/m}}{\sqrt{\frac{(S_X^2/n + S_Y^2/m)}{(\sigma_X^2/n + \sigma_Y^2/m)}}},$$

where  $(\bar{X} - \bar{Y}) / \sqrt{\sigma_X^2/n + \sigma_Y^2/m} \sim N(0, 1)$  and  $\sqrt{\frac{(S_X^2/n + S_Y^2/m)}{(\sigma_X^2/n + \sigma_Y^2/m)}} \sim \frac{\chi_{\hat{\nu}}^2}{\hat{\nu}}$  approximately. Thus,  $T'$  can be approximated by a  $t$  distribution with  $\hat{\nu}$  degrees of freedom.

Upon examining the data, the  $p$ -value is greater than 0.05, so under the significance level of 0.05, we cannot reject  $H_0$ .

```

1 > Core <- c(1294, 1279, 1274, 1264, 1263, 1254, 1251, 1251, 1248, 1240, 1232, 1220, 1218, 1210)
2 > Periphery <- c(1284, 1272, 1256, 1254, 1242, 1274, 1264, 1256, 1250)
3 > t.test(Core, Periphery, var.equal = FALSE)
4
5     Welch Two Sample t-test
6
7 data:   Core and Periphery
8 t = -1.4599, df = 20.636, p-value = 0.1594
9 alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
10 95 percent confidence interval:
11  -27.841668  4.889287
12 sample estimates:
13 mean of x mean of y
14 1249.857 1261.333

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To compare the variance of two populations, we derive the LRT for  $H_0 : \sigma_X = \sigma_Y$  against  $H_1 : \sigma_X \neq \sigma_Y$ . First, the likelihood of  $\mu_X, \mu_Y, \sigma_X^2, \sigma_Y^2$  is

$$L(\mu_X, \mu_Y, \sigma_X^2, \sigma_Y^2 | x_{1:n}, y_{1:m}) = (2\pi\sigma_X^2)^{-\frac{n}{2}} (2\pi\sigma_Y^2)^{-\frac{m}{2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma_X^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu_X)^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma_Y^2} \sum_{i=1}^m (y_i - \mu_Y)^2 \right\}$$

In the unrestricted scenario, maximizing the likelihood is equivalent to finding the maxima of  $L(\mu_X, \sigma_X^2)$  and  $L(\mu_Y, \sigma_Y^2)$  individually. So the unrestricted MLEs of  $\mu_X, \mu_Y, \sigma_X^2, \sigma_Y^2$  are

$$\hat{\mu}_X = \bar{x}, \quad \hat{\mu}_Y = \bar{y}, \quad \hat{\sigma}_X^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2, \quad \hat{\sigma}_Y^2 = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (y_i - \bar{y})^2,$$

respectively. Under  $H_0$ , the restricted MLEs of  $\mu_X$  and  $\mu_Y$  are

$$\hat{\mu}_X = \bar{x}, \quad \hat{\mu}_Y = \bar{y},$$

since maximizing  $\mu_X$  does not involve  $\mu_Y$  and vice visa. Finally the restricted MLE of  $\sigma^2$  can be derived by derivating  $\log L(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \sigma^2)$ :

$$\frac{\partial \log L(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \sigma^2)}{\partial \sigma^2} = -\frac{m+n}{2} \frac{1}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{2\sigma^4} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 + \sum_{i=1}^m (y_i - \bar{y})^2 \right) \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0,$$

which implies that

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{m+n} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 + \sum_{i=1}^m (y_i - \bar{y})^2 \right).$$

Further  $\frac{\partial \log L(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \sigma^2)}{\partial (\sigma^2)^2} < 0$ , so  $\hat{\sigma}^2$  is indeed maxima. So, the LRT can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda &= \frac{L(\hat{\mu}_X, \hat{\mu}_Y, \hat{\sigma}_X^2, \hat{\sigma}_Y^2)}{L(\hat{\mu}_X, \hat{\mu}_Y, \hat{\sigma}^2)} = \frac{(\hat{\sigma}^2)^{\frac{n}{2}} (\hat{\sigma}^2)^{\frac{m}{2}}}{(\hat{\sigma}_X^2)^{\frac{n}{2}} (\hat{\sigma}_Y^2)^{\frac{m}{2}}} \\ &= \frac{n^{\frac{n}{2}} m^{\frac{m}{2}}}{(n+m)^{\frac{n+m}{2}}} \left( 1 + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m (y_i - \bar{y})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \left( 1 + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^m (y_i - \bar{y})^2} \right)^{\frac{m}{2}} \\ &= \frac{n^{\frac{n}{2}} m^{\frac{m}{2}}}{(n+m)^{\frac{n+m}{2}}} \left( 1 + \frac{m-1}{n-1} \frac{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^m (y_i - \bar{y})^2}{m-1}}{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n-1}} \right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \left( 1 + \frac{n-1}{m-1} \frac{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n-1}}{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^m (y_i - \bar{y})^2}{m-1}} \right)^{\frac{m}{2}} \\ &= \frac{n^{\frac{n}{2}} m^{\frac{m}{2}}}{(n+m)^{\frac{n+m}{2}}} \left( 1 + \frac{m-1}{n-1} \frac{\hat{\sigma}_Y^2}{\hat{\sigma}_X^2} \right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \left( 1 + \frac{n-1}{m-1} \frac{\hat{\sigma}_X^2}{\hat{\sigma}_Y^2} \right)^{\frac{m}{2}} \\ &= \frac{n^{\frac{n}{2}} m^{\frac{m}{2}}}{(n+m)^{\frac{n+m}{2}}} \left( 1 + \frac{m-1}{n-1} \frac{1}{F} \right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \left( 1 + \frac{n-1}{m-1} F \right)^{\frac{m}{2}} \quad \text{let } \frac{\hat{\sigma}_X^2}{\hat{\sigma}_Y^2} = F > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Now we show the monotonicity of  $\log \lambda$  with  $F$ :

$$\frac{\partial \log \lambda}{\partial F} = \frac{m(n-1)(F-1)}{2(n-1)F^2 + 2(m-1)F}$$

so  $\lambda$  is increasing in  $(1, +\infty)$  and decreasing in  $(0, 1)$ . To get a size  $\alpha$  test, we try to find  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  satisfying

$$P_{H_0}(F < k_1 \text{ or } F > k_2) = \alpha \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda(k_1) = \lambda(k_2) \quad (12)$$

Under  $H_0$   $F \sim F_{(n-1, m-1)}$ , but equation (12) is difficult to find a close form, we can calculate it numerically or use  $k_1 = F_{(n-1, m-1)}(\alpha/2)$  and  $k_1' = F_{(m-1, n-1)}(\alpha/2)$ , where  $F_{(n-1, m-1)}(\cdot)$  is the lower quantile function. According to the results below, we can't reject  $H_0$ .

```

1 > n=length(Core)
2 > m=length(Periphery)
3 > alpha=.05
4 > (k1 <- qf(alpha/2,n-1,m-1))
5 [1] 0.2951605
6 > (k2 <- qf(1-alpha/2,n-1,m-1))
7 [1] 4.16217
8 > (F=var(Core)/var(Periphery))
9 [1] 3.360015 ##k1<F<k2 so do not reject H0
10 > 2*min(1-pf(F,n-1,m-1), pf(F,n-1,m-1)) #p-value
11 [1] 0.09200881 ##p-value tells us the same that do not reject H0

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**Question 11.** Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be iid  $N(\theta, \sigma^2)$ ,  $\sigma^2$  known, and let  $\theta$  have a double exponential distribution, that is,  $\pi(\theta) = e^{-|\theta|/a}/(2a)$ ,  $a$  known. A Bayesian test of the hypotheses  $H_0 : \theta \leq 0$  versus  $H_1 : \theta > 0$  will decide in favor of  $H_1$  if its posterior probability is large.

a) For a given constant  $K$ , calculate the posterior probability that  $\theta > K$ , that is,  $P(\theta > K \mid x_1, \dots, x_n, a)$ .



- b) Find an expression for  $\lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} P(\theta > K \mid x_1, \dots, x_n, a)$ .  
c) Compare your answer in part (b) to the p-value associated with the classical hypothesis test.

To begin with, we introduce a lemma and the definition of the truncated normal distribution.

**Lemma 2** (Normal kernel). *For any  $A > 0$  and  $B \in \mathbf{R}$ , we have*

$$f(\theta) \propto \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2}(A\theta^2 - 2B\theta) \right\} \implies \theta \sim N \left( \frac{B}{A}, \frac{1}{A} \right).$$

*This is straightforward to prove, so we omit the details here.*

**Definition 1.** Suppose  $X$  has a normal distribution with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$  and lies within the interval  $(a, b)$ , with  $-\infty \leq a < b \leq \infty$ . Then  $X$  conditional on  $a < X < b$  has a truncated normal distribution, denoted by  $\text{TN}(\mu, \sigma^2, a, b)$

**Lemma 3.**

$$\int_a^b \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2}(A\theta^2 - 2B\theta) \right\} d\theta = \exp \left\{ \frac{B^2}{2A} \right\} \sqrt{2\pi(1/A)} \Phi(Ab - B) - \Phi(Aa - B)$$

See Appendix B for the proof.

SOLUTION:

Now we calculate the posterior of  $\theta$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \pi(\theta|x_{1:n}) &\propto \pi(\theta) \times f(x_{1:n}|\theta) \\ &= \frac{1}{2a} \exp \left\{ -\frac{|\theta|}{a} \right\} \times \left( \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta)^2 \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2a} \exp \left\{ -\frac{|\theta|}{a} \right\} \times \left( \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} n(\bar{x} - \theta)^2 \right\} \\ &\propto \exp \left\{ -\frac{|\theta|}{a} - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} n(\bar{x} - \theta)^2 \right\} \\ &\propto \exp \left\{ -\frac{|\theta|}{a} + \frac{2n\bar{x}\theta}{2\sigma^2} - \frac{\theta^2}{2\sigma^2} \right\} \\ &= \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{n}{\sigma^2} \theta^2 - 2\left(\frac{n\bar{x}}{\sigma^2} - \frac{1}{a}\right)\theta \right) \right\} \mathbf{1}_{\{\theta > 0\}} + \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{n}{\sigma^2} \theta^2 - 2\left(\frac{n\bar{x}}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{a}\right)\theta \right) \right\} \mathbf{1}_{\{\theta \leq 0\}} \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned} B &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{n}{\sigma^2} \theta^2 - 2\left(\frac{n\bar{x}}{\sigma^2} - \frac{1}{a}\right)\theta \right) \right\} \mathbf{1}_{\{\theta > 0\}} + \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{n}{\sigma^2} \theta^2 - 2\left(\frac{n\bar{x}}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{a}\right)\theta \right) \right\} \mathbf{1}_{\{\theta \leq 0\}} d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{+\infty} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{n}{\sigma^2} \theta^2 - 2\left(\frac{n\bar{x}}{\sigma^2} - \frac{1}{a}\right)\theta \right) \right\} d\theta + \int_{-\infty}^0 \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{n}{\sigma^2} \theta^2 - 2\left(\frac{n\bar{x}}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{a}\right)\theta \right) \right\} d\theta \\ &= \exp \left\{ \frac{n(n\bar{x}/\sigma^2 - 1/a)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right\} \sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2/n} (1 - \Phi(1/a - n\bar{x}/\sigma^2)) \\ &\quad + \exp \left\{ \frac{n(n\bar{x}/\sigma^2 + 1/a)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right\} \sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2/n} \Phi(-1/a - n\bar{x}/\sigma^2) \\ &:= B_1 + B_2 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the posterior distribution is

$$\pi(\theta|x_{1:n}) = \frac{1}{B} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{n}{\sigma^2} \theta^2 - 2\left(\frac{n\bar{x}}{\sigma^2} - \frac{1}{a}\right)\theta \right) \right\} \mathbf{1}_{\{\theta > 0\}} + \frac{1}{B} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{n}{\sigma^2} \theta^2 - 2\left(\frac{n\bar{x}}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{a}\right)\theta \right) \right\} \mathbf{1}_{\{\theta \leq 0\}}$$

In fact  $\pi(\theta|x)$  is a mixed distribution, since

$$\pi(\theta|x) = \pi(\theta|x, \theta < 0)P(\theta < 0) + \pi(\theta|x, \theta > 0)P(\theta > 0)$$

Now  $\pi(\theta|x, \theta < 0)$  and  $\pi(\theta|x, \theta > 0)$  are truncated normal distribuion  $\text{TN}(\bar{x} + \frac{\sigma^2}{na}, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}, -\infty, 0)$  and  $\text{TN}(\bar{x} - \frac{\sigma^2}{na}, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}, 0, +\infty)$ , respectively, (Lemma 2 confirms that they are normal and truncated). And  $P(\theta > 0) = B_1/(B_1 + B_2)$ ,  $P(\theta < 0) = B_2/(B_1 + B_2)$ . To calculate  $P(\theta > K | x_1, \dots, x_n, a)$ , we integrate  $\pi(\theta|x_{1:n})$  from  $K$  to  $+\infty$ , and for  $K > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} P(\theta > K | x_1, \dots, x_n, a) &= \frac{1}{B_1 + B_2} \int_K^{+\infty} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{n}{\sigma^2} \theta^2 - 2 \left( \frac{n\bar{x}}{\sigma^2} - \frac{1}{a} \right) \theta \right) \right\} d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{B_1 + B_2} \exp \left\{ \frac{n(n\bar{x}/\sigma^2 - 1/a)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right\} \sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2/n} (1 - \Phi(1/a + n(K - \bar{x})/\sigma^2)) \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

As  $a \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \pi(\theta|x) &= \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \text{TN}(\bar{x} + \frac{\sigma^2}{na}, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}, -\infty, 0)P(\theta < 0) + \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \text{TN}(\bar{x} - \frac{\sigma^2}{na}, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}, 0, +\infty)P(\theta > 0) \\ &= \text{TN}(\bar{x}, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}, -\infty, 0)P(\theta < 0) + \text{TN}(\bar{x}, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}, 0, +\infty)P(\theta > 0) \\ &= N(\bar{x}, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}) \end{aligned}$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} P(\theta > K | x_1, \dots, x_n, a) &= \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \int_K^{\infty} \pi(\theta|x_{1:n}) dx \\ &= \int_K^{\infty} \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \pi(\theta|x_{1:n}) dx \\ &= \int_K^{\infty} N(\bar{x}, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}) d\theta = 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{\sqrt{n}(K - \bar{x})}{\sigma}\right), \end{aligned}$$

which is  $1 - p$ -value when  $K = 0$  (Let  $a \rightarrow \infty$  in equation (13), the same results can be obtained). With  $a$  increase, the distribution of the prior  $\pi(\theta)$  is more and more flat so that the prior information is intending to 0. When  $a \rightarrow \infty$ , this is the so-called non-informative prior.

**Remark 4.** If we use Bayes inference in the weighted loss function :

$$L(\theta, \hat{\phi}) = a_0 \mathbf{1}(\phi < \hat{\phi}) + a_1 \mathbf{1}(\phi > \hat{\phi}) = \begin{cases} a_0 & \text{if } \phi = 0 \text{ and } \hat{\phi} = 1; \\ a_1 & \text{if } \phi = 1 \text{ and } \hat{\phi} = 0; \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where  $a_0, a_1 \geq 0$ . The Bayes estimator is

$$\hat{\phi}_\pi = \mathbf{1} \left\{ \hat{p}_0 < \frac{a_1}{a_0 + a_1} \right\} = \mathbf{1} \left\{ \hat{p}_1 \geq \frac{a_0}{a_0 + a_1} \right\}, \quad \text{where } \hat{p}_i = P(\theta \in \Theta_i | x).$$

We can interpret it in terms of frequentist's languages:

- $\hat{p}_0$  plays the role of the p-value, and  $\alpha = \frac{a_1}{a_0 + a_1}$  plays the role of the nominal size.
- $\alpha = \frac{a_1}{a_0 + a_1} = 0.05$  means that the loss of committing type-I error is 19 times that of committing type-II error.

If we use  $\alpha = \frac{a_1}{a_0 + a_1} = 0.05$ , the classical test is the same as our Bayes one once we use non-informative prior.

**Question 12.** Here is another common interpretation of p-values. Consider a problem of testing  $H_0$  versus  $H_1$ . Let  $W(\mathbf{X})$  be a test statistic. Suppose that for each  $\alpha, 0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ , a critical value  $c_\alpha$  can be chosen so that  $\{x : W(\mathbf{x}) \geq c_\alpha\}$  is the rejection region of a size  $\alpha$  test of  $H_0$ . Using this family of tests, show that the usual p-value  $p(\mathbf{x})$ , defined by (8.3.9), is the smallest  $\alpha$  level at which we could reject  $H_0$ , having observed the data  $\mathbf{x}$ .

**SOLUTION:**

By definition

$$\alpha = \sup_{\theta \in \Theta_0} P(W(X) \geq c_\alpha)$$

$$p(x) = \sup_{\theta \in \Theta_0} P(W(X) \geq W(x))$$

Here  $W(X)$  is a statistic such that a large value of  $W$  gives evidence that  $H_1$  is true. If  $\alpha < p(x)$ , then  $W(x) < c_\alpha$ , which show that we can not reject  $H_0$ . On the other hand,  $\alpha \geq p(x)$  implies that  $W(x) \geq c_\alpha$ , so we can reject  $H_0$ .

**Question 13.** Consider testing  $H_0 : \theta \in \bigcup_{j=1}^k \Theta_j$ . For each  $j = 1, \dots, k$ , let  $p_j(\mathbf{x})$  denote a valid p-value for testing  $H_{0j} : \theta \in \Theta_j$ . Let  $p(\mathbf{x}) = \max_{1 \leq j \leq k} p_j(\mathbf{x})$ .

- Show that  $p(\mathbf{X})$  is a valid p-value for testing  $H_0$ .
- Show that the  $\alpha$  level test defined by  $p(\mathbf{X})$  is the same as an  $\alpha$  level IUT defined in terms of individual tests based on the  $p_j(\mathbf{x})$ s.

SOLUTION:

$$P(p(\mathbf{X}) \leq \alpha) = P\left(\bigcap_{j=1}^k p_j(\mathbf{X}) \leq \alpha\right) \leq \max_{1 \leq j \leq k} P(p_j(\mathbf{X}) \leq \alpha) \leq \alpha$$

The last inequality holds since  $p_j(\mathbf{x})$ 's are valid p-values.

The rejection region of a level  $\alpha$  test defined by  $p(\mathbf{X})$  is

$$\{\mathbf{X} : p(\mathbf{X}) \leq \alpha\} = \left\{ \mathbf{X} : \bigcap_{j=1}^k (p_j(\mathbf{X}) \leq \alpha) \right\}$$

which shows that it is the same as an  $\alpha$  level IUT defined in terms of individual tests based on the  $p_j(\mathbf{x})$ s

**Question 14.** Consider the hypothesis testing problem and loss function given in Example 8.3.31, and let  $\sigma = n = 1$ . Consider tests that reject  $H_0$  if  $X < -z_\alpha + \theta_0$ . Find the value of  $\alpha$  that minimizes the maximum value of the risk function, that is, that yields a minimax test.

SOLUTION:

The risk function is:

$$\begin{aligned} R(\theta, \delta) &= L(\theta, a_0)(1 - \beta(\theta)) + L(\theta, a_1)\beta(\theta) \\ &= 8\Phi(-z_\alpha + \theta_0 - \theta)\mathbf{1}_{\{\theta \leq \theta_0\}} + 3(1 - \Phi(-z_\alpha + \theta_0 - \theta))\mathbf{1}_{\{\theta > \theta_0\}}. \end{aligned}$$

Here  $z_\alpha$  is the upper  $\alpha$  quantile of standard normal distribution. We find that  $R(\theta, \delta)$  increase in  $(-\infty, \theta]$  and decrease in  $(\theta, +\infty)$ . Hence, the maximum value of the risk function occurs at  $\theta_0$ . With  $\alpha$  grove,  $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow \theta_0^+} R(\theta, \delta)$  incline and  $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow \theta_0^-} R(\theta, \delta)$  increase. So the minimum risk is  $\alpha$  satisfies

$$8\Phi(-z_\alpha) = \lim_{\theta \rightarrow \theta_0^-} R(\theta, \delta) = \lim_{\theta \rightarrow \theta_0^+} R(\theta, \delta) = 3 - 3\Phi(-z_\alpha) \implies \Phi(-z_\alpha) = \frac{3}{11}$$

so  $\alpha = \frac{3}{11}$ .

## A Proof of Lemma 1

Let

$$Z = \begin{bmatrix} X^{(1)} - \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}X^{(2)} \\ X^{(2)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I_r & -\Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1} \\ O & I_{p-r} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X^{(1)} \\ X^{(2)} \end{bmatrix} = BX.$$

By the property of multi-normal distribution, we have

$$Z = \begin{bmatrix} Z^{(1)} \\ Z^{(2)} \end{bmatrix} \sim N_p \left( \begin{bmatrix} \mu^{(1)} - \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}\mu^{(2)} \\ \mu^{(2)} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{11.2} & O \\ O & \Sigma_{22} \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

so  $Z^{(1)}, Z^{(2)}$  are independent and  $Z^{(2)} = X^{(2)}$ . The joint distribution of  $Z$  is

$$g(z^{(1)}, z^{(2)}) = g_1(z^{(1)}) g_2(z^{(2)}) = g_1(z^{(1)}) f_2(z^{(2)}), \quad (\text{since } Z^{(2)} = X^{(2)})$$

We can derive the PDF of  $X$  by  $Y$ :

$$\begin{aligned} f(x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}) &= g(Bx) \left| \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right|_+ \\ &= g_1(x^{(1)} - \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}x^{(2)}) g_2(x^{(2)}) \left| \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right|_+ \\ &= g_1(x^{(1)} - \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}x^{(2)}) f_2(x^{(2)}) \quad \text{since } |B| = 1 \end{aligned}$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} f_1(x^{(1)} | x^{(2)}) &= \frac{f(x^{(1)}, x^{(2)})}{f_2(x^{(2)})} \\ &= g_1(x^{(1)} - \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}x^{(2)}) \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{r/2} |\Sigma_{11.2}|^{1/2}} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (x^{(1)} - \mu_{1.2})' \Sigma_{11.2}^{-1} (x^{(1)} - \mu_{1.2}) \right] \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{1.2} &= \mu^{(1)} + \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}(\mu^{(2)} - \mu^{(2)}); \\ \Sigma_{11.2} &= \Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}\Sigma_{21}. \end{aligned}$$

## B Proof of Lemma 3

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2}(A\theta^2 - 2B\theta) \right\} d\theta &= \int_a^b \exp \left\{ -\frac{A}{2}(\theta^2 - 2\frac{B}{A}\theta) \right\} d\theta \\ &= \int_a^b \exp \left\{ -\frac{A}{2}(\theta - \frac{B}{A})^2 + \frac{B^2}{2A} \right\} d\theta \\ &= \exp \left\{ \frac{B^2}{2A} \right\} \sqrt{2\pi(1/A)} \int_a^b \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi(1/A)}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2(1/A)}(\theta - \frac{B}{A})^2 \right\} d\theta \\ &= \exp \left\{ \frac{B^2}{2A} \right\} \sqrt{2\pi(1/A)} P(a < \theta < b) \quad (\text{here } \theta \sim N(\frac{B}{A}, \frac{1}{A})) \\ &= \exp \left\{ \frac{B^2}{2A} \right\} \sqrt{2\pi(1/A)} P\left(\frac{a - \frac{B}{A}}{\frac{1}{A}} < Z < \frac{b - \frac{B}{A}}{\frac{1}{A}}\right) \quad (\text{here } Z \sim N(0, 1)) \\ &= \exp \left\{ \frac{B^2}{2A} \right\} \sqrt{2\pi(1/A)} (\Phi(Ab - B) - \Phi(Aa - B)) \end{aligned}$$