

(Prob. 8.8)

$$\Lambda(x) \underset{H_0}{\overset{H_1}{\geq}} \eta = \lambda \quad (8.17)$$

where the threshold value  $\eta$  of the test is equal to the Lagrange multiplier  $\lambda$ , which is chosen to satisfy the constraint  $\alpha = \alpha_0$ .

**D. Bayes' Test:**

Let  $C_{ij}$  be the cost associated with  $(D_i, H_j)$ , which denotes the event that we accept  $H_i$  when  $H_j$  is true. Then the average cost, which is known as the *Bayes' risk*, can be written as

$$\bar{C} = C_{00}P(D_0, H_0) + C_{10}P(D_1, H_0) + C_{01}P(D_0, H_1) + C_{11}P(D_1, H_1) \quad (8.18)$$

where  $P(D_i, H_j)$  denotes the probability that we accept  $H_i$  when  $H_j$  is true. By Bayes' rule (1.42), we have

$$\bar{C} = C_{00}P(D_0|H_0)P(H_0) + C_{10}P(D_1|H_0)P(H_0) + C_{01}P(D_0|H_1)P(H_1) + C_{11}P(D_1|H_1)P(H_1) \quad (8.19)$$

In general, we assume that

$$C_{10} > C_{00} \quad \text{and} \quad C_{01} > C_{11} \quad (8.20)$$

since it is reasonable to assume that the cost of making an incorrect decision is higher than the cost of making a correct decision. The test that minimizes the average cost  $\bar{C}$  is called the *Bayes' test*, and it can be expressed in terms of the likelihood ratio test as (Prob. 8.10)

$$\Lambda(x) \underset{H_0}{\overset{H_1}{\geq}} \eta = \frac{(C_{10} - C_{00})P(H_0)}{(C_{01} - C_{11})P(H_1)} \quad (8.21)$$

Note that when  $C_{10} - C_{00} = C_{01} - C_{11}$ , the Bayes' test (8.21) and the MAP test (8.15) are identical.

**E. Minimum Probability of Error Test:**

If we set  $C_{00} = C_{11} = 0$  and  $C_{01} = C_{10} = 1$  in Eq. (8.18), we have

$$\bar{C} = P(D_1, H_0) + P(D_0, H_1) = P_e \quad (8.22)$$

which is just the probability of making an incorrect decision. Thus, in this case, the Bayes' test yields the minimum probability of error, and Eq. (8.21) becomes

$$\Lambda(x) \underset{H_0}{\overset{H_1}{\geq}} \eta = \frac{P(H_0)}{P(H_1)} \quad (8.23)$$

We see that the minimum probability of error test is the same as the MAP test.

**F. Minimax Test:**

We have seen that the Bayes' test requires the a priori probabilities  $P(H_0)$  and  $P(H_1)$ . Frequently, these probabilities are not known. In such a case, the Bayes' test cannot be applied, and the following minimax (min-max) test may be used. In the minimax test, we use the Bayes' test which corresponds to the least favorable  $P(H_0)$  (Prob. 8.12). In the minimax test, the critical region  $R_1^*$  is defined by

$$\max_{P(H_0)} \bar{C}[P(H_0), R_1^*] = \min_{R_1} \max_{P(H_0)} \bar{C}[P(H_0), R_1] < \max_{P(H_0)} \bar{C}[P(H_0), R_1] \quad (8.24)$$