

p.m.f. or p.d.f. $f(x; \theta)$, $\theta \in \Omega$.

X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are i.i.d. $f(x; \theta)$

- $\theta \neq \theta' \Rightarrow f(x; \theta) \neq f(x; \theta')$
- $f(x; \theta)$ have common support for all θ
- θ_0 is an interior point in Ω

Let θ_0 be the true parameter.

Then $P[L(\theta_0 | X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) > L(\theta | X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)] \rightarrow 1$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$
for all $\theta \neq \theta_0$.

- $f(x; \theta)$ is differentiable as a function of θ

Then equation $\frac{d}{d\theta} L(\theta) = 0$ has a solution $\hat{\theta}$, such that $\hat{\theta} \xrightarrow{P} \theta_0$.

- $f(x; \theta)$ is twice differentiable as a function of θ
- $\int f(x; \theta) dx$ can be twice differentiable under the integral sign as a function of θ
- $\left| \frac{\partial^3}{\partial \theta^3} \ln f(x; \theta) \right| < M(x)$ with $E[M(X)] < \infty$

Then $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta} - \theta)$ is approx. $N\left(0, \frac{1}{I(\theta)}\right)$ for large n .

That is, for large n , $\hat{\theta}$ is approximately $N\left(\theta, \frac{1}{n \cdot I(\theta)}\right)$.

Likelihood Ratio Test:

$$H_0: \theta = \theta_0 \quad \text{vs.} \quad H_1: \theta \neq \theta_0 \quad \text{Reject } H_0 \quad \text{if} \quad \Lambda = \frac{L(\theta_0)}{L(\hat{\theta})} \leq k.$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \quad -2 \ln \Lambda \geq -2 \ln k = c.$$

$-2 \ln \Lambda$ is approx. $\chi^2(1)$ for large n .

$$\text{Reject } H_0 \quad \text{if} \quad -2 \ln \Lambda \geq \chi^2_{\alpha}(1) \quad (\text{for large } n).$$

Example 2:

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample of size n from $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ distribution (σ^2 known).

$$H_0: \mu = \mu_0 \quad \text{vs.} \quad H_1: \mu \neq \mu_0 \quad \hat{\mu} = \bar{X}.$$

$$\Lambda = \frac{L(\mu_0)}{L(\hat{\mu})} = \exp \left\{ -\frac{n(\bar{X} - \mu_0)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right\}.$$

$$-2 \ln \Lambda = \frac{n(\bar{X} - \mu_0)^2}{\sigma^2} = \left(\frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \right)^2 \text{ is } \chi^2(1).$$

$$\text{Wald-type test:} \quad \text{Reject } H_0 \quad \text{if} \quad \left\{ \sqrt{n I(\hat{\theta})} (\hat{\theta} - \theta_0) \right\}^2 \geq \chi^2_{\alpha}(1) \quad (\text{for large } n).$$

$$\text{Scores-type test:} \quad \text{Reject } H_0 \quad \text{if} \quad \left(\frac{\frac{d}{d\theta} \ln L(\theta_0)}{\sqrt{n I(\theta_0)}} \right)^2 \geq \chi^2_{\alpha}(1) \quad (\text{for large } n).$$