

PS2 Solutions

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Solution (a).

Step 1: Write the pdf of observations $x_i|\theta$

Since $x_i = \theta + u_i$, and we assume $u_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$, then $x_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\theta, \sigma^2)$, and we have:

$$p(x_i|\theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \frac{(x_i - \theta)^2}{\sigma^2} \right\}.$$

Step 2: Define Likelihood Function

We have assumed that observations in the sample are independent. Thus,

$$L_n(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i|\theta) = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \right)^n \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta)^2 \right\}$$

Log-linearize the function, and we define the log-likelihood function:

$$\ell_n(\theta) = n \log \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \right) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta)^2$$

Step 3: Define the Likelihood Estimation problem and find the $\hat{\theta}$

For maximum likelihood estimation, we need to solve the following problem:

$$\hat{\theta}_{ML} = \arg \max_{\theta \in \Theta} L_n(\theta) = \arg \max_{\theta \in \Theta} \ell_n(\theta)$$

So, we need to maximize:

$$\ell_n(\theta) = n \log \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \right) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta)^2$$

Take the derivative of $\ell_n(\theta)$ with respect to θ , and set it to zero for maximization,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \ell_n(\theta)}{\partial \theta} &= \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i - n\theta \right) \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have

$$\hat{\theta}_{ML} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

Solution (b).

Step 1: Find the likelihood function

For $\mathcal{H}_0 : \theta = \theta_0$, the likelihood function is:

$$L_n(\theta_0) = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \right)^n \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta_0)^2 \right\}$$

For $\mathcal{H}_1 : \theta \neq \theta_0$, the maximum likelihood estimator is $\hat{\theta}_{ML} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = \bar{x}$. The likelihood function is:

$$L_n(\theta_1) = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \right)^n \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \right\}$$

Step 2: Define the likelihood ratio test and c_α

The likelihood ratio and the test is firstly defined as follows (we'll simplify to another version later):

$$\varphi_{LR}(x) = \mathbf{1} \{ LR_n < c \}$$

$$\begin{aligned}LR_n &= \frac{L_n(\theta_1)}{L_n(\theta_0)} \\ &= \exp \left\{ \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta_0)^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \right] \right\}\end{aligned}$$

Denote

$$D = \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta_0)^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2$$

Using the identity:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta_0)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x} + \bar{x} - \theta_0)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 + n(\bar{x} - \theta_0)^2$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} D &= \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta_0)^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 + n(\bar{x} - \theta_0)^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \\ &= n(\bar{x} - \theta_0)^2 \\ &= n(\hat{\theta} - \theta_0)^2 \end{aligned}$$

So, the likelihood ratio LR_n is:

$$LR_n = \exp \left\{ \frac{n}{2\sigma^2} (\hat{\theta} - \theta_0)^2 \right\}$$

Then, we simplify the expression and define the test statistic $T(x)$ as below:

$$T(x) = 2 \log(LR_n) = \frac{n}{\sigma^2} (\hat{\theta} - \theta_0)^2 = \frac{n}{\sigma^2} (x - \theta_0)^2$$

And our LR test would be:

$$\varphi_{LR}(x) = \mathbf{1} \left\{ T(x) = \frac{n}{\sigma^2} (x - \theta_0)^2 < c' \right\}$$

where $c' = 2 \log(c)$. To get a size α test, we find c' so as to set the Type I error to α , which is:

$$\mathbb{P}[T(x) \geq c' | \mathcal{H}_0] = \alpha$$

we can denote that $c' = c_\alpha$.

Step 3: Determine the distribution of $T(x)$ under \mathcal{H}_0 and find the value of c_α

Under \mathcal{H}_0 , $\bar{x} \sim \mathcal{N}(\theta_0, \frac{\sigma^2}{n})$, because:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[\bar{x}] &= \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[x_i] = \frac{1}{n} \cdot n\theta_0 = \theta_0 \\ \mathbb{V}[\bar{x}] &= \mathbb{V}\left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right] = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{V}[x_i] = \frac{1}{n} \cdot n\sigma^2 = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\end{aligned}$$

Then, standardizing \bar{x} , we'll have:

$$Z = \frac{\bar{x} - \theta_0}{\sqrt{\sigma^2/n}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

Using the hint, we know that

$$Z^2 = \left(\frac{\bar{x} - \theta_0}{\sqrt{\sigma^2/n}}\right)^2 = \frac{n}{\sigma^2}(\bar{x} - \theta_0)^2 \sim \chi_1^2$$

Therefore, under \mathcal{H}_0 ,

$$T(x) = \frac{n}{\sigma^2}(x - \theta_0)^2 = Z^2 \sim \chi_1^2$$

Given $\alpha = 0.05$,

$$c_\alpha = \chi_{1,0.95}^2 \approx 3.84$$

Step 4: Set the decision rule

- Reject \mathcal{H}_0 : $T(x) > c_\alpha = 3.84$
- Do not reject \mathcal{H}_0 : $T(x) \leq c_\alpha = 3.84$

Solution (c).

We have $\sigma^2 = 6$, $n = 4$, $x_1 = 178$, $x_2 = 161$, $x_3 = 168$, $x_4 = 172$, $\theta_0 = 175$, so $\bar{x} = 169.75$.

Put this data back into our $T(x)$ and LR test, we have:

$$T(x) = \frac{n}{\sigma^2}(\bar{x} - \theta_0)^2 = \frac{4}{6}(169.75 - 175)^2 = 18.735 > 3.84$$

We reject \mathcal{H}_0 .

Solution (d).

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1 rm(list = ls())
2 set.seed(2024)
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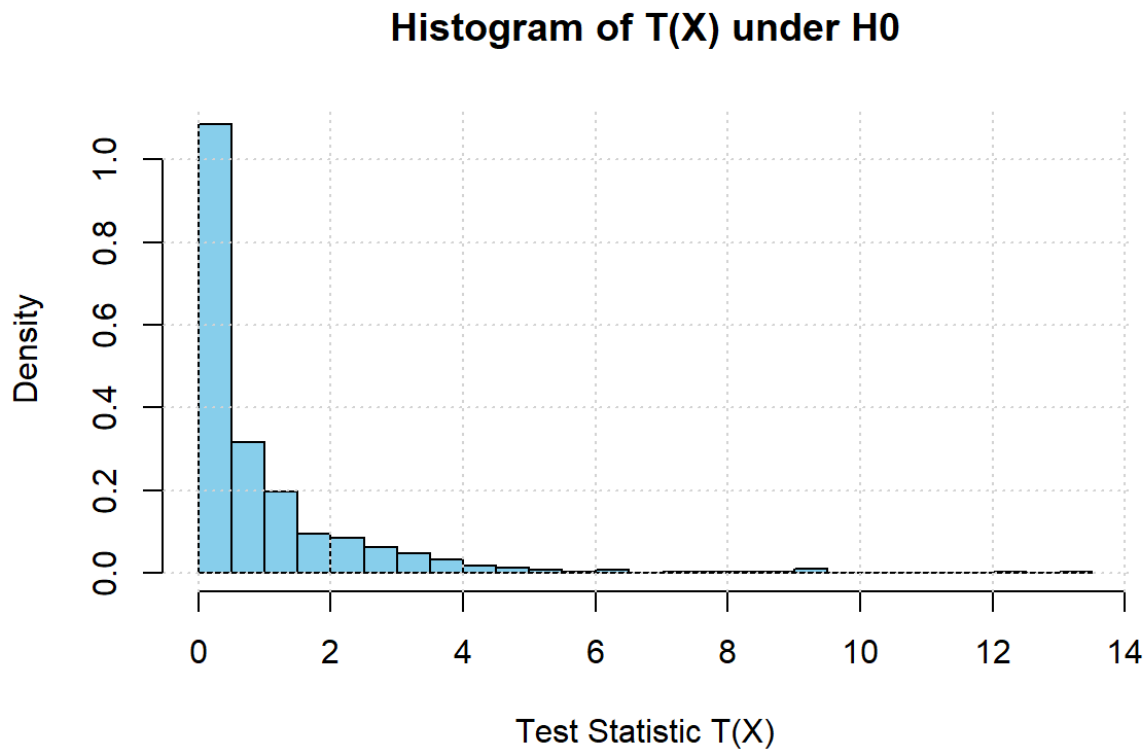
3
4 theta_0 <- 175
5 sigma_squared <- 6
6 sigma <- sqrt(sigma_squared)
7 n <- 4
8 alpha <- 0.05
9 M <- 1000
10 T_values <- numeric(M)
11
12 for (m in 1:M) {
13   x_m <- rnorm(n, mean = theta_0, sd = sigma)
14   x_bar_m <- mean(x_m)
15   T_m <- (n / sigma_squared) * (x_bar_m - theta_0)^2
16   T_values[m] <- T_m
17 }
18
19 hist(T_values, breaks = 30, col = 'skyblue', border = 'black', freq =
    FALSE,
20     main = 'Histogram of T(X) under H0', xlab = 'Test Statistic T(X)')
21 grid()
22
23 T_values_sorted <- sort(T_values)
24 c_alpha_index <- ceiling(M * (1 - alpha))
25 c_alpha <- T_values_sorted[c_alpha_index]
26
27 cat(sprintf('Numerical approximation of c_alpha: %.4f\n', c_alpha))
28
29 c_alpha_analytical <- qchisq(1 - alpha, df = 1)
30 cat(sprintf('Analytical c_alpha from chi-squared distribution: %.4f\n',
    c_alpha_analytical))
31
32 difference <- abs(c_alpha - c_alpha_analytical)
33 cat(sprintf('Difference between numerical and analytical c_alpha: %.4f\n',
    difference))

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Numerical approximation of c_α : 3.6266

Analytical c_α from chi-squared distribution: 3.8415

Difference between numerical and analytical c_α : 0.2148, which is about 5.6% of the analytical c_α , so our approximation is not very close to the true value c_α .



I expect the estimated approximation get closer to the real analytical value of c_α as M is larger.

Since the $T(x)$ we get is 18.735 which is greatly larger than 3.84 and 3.62, which is our numerical result, the conclusion from previous exercise doesn't change, we still reject \mathcal{H}_0 .

Solution (e).

Based on our previous LR test, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \varphi_{LR}(x) &= \mathbf{1} \left\{ T(x) = \frac{n}{\sigma^2} (x - \theta_0)^2 < c_\alpha \right\} \\
 &= \mathbf{1} \left\{ \frac{n}{\sigma^2} (\bar{x} - \theta_0)^2 < c_\alpha \right\} \\
 &= \mathbf{1} \left\{ (\bar{x} - \theta_0)^2 < \frac{c_\alpha \sigma^2}{n} \right\} \\
 &= \mathbf{1} \left\{ -\sqrt{\frac{c_\alpha \sigma^2}{n}} < (\bar{x} - \theta_0) < \sqrt{\frac{c_\alpha \sigma^2}{n}} \right\} \\
 &= \mathbf{1} \left\{ \bar{x} - \sqrt{\frac{c_\alpha \sigma^2}{n}} < \theta_0 < \bar{x} + \sqrt{\frac{c_\alpha \sigma^2}{n}} \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we can define $C(X)$ as:

$$C(X) = \left[\bar{x} - \sqrt{\frac{c_\alpha \sigma^2}{n}}, \bar{x} + \sqrt{\frac{c_\alpha \sigma^2}{n}} \right]$$

Apply our previous data: $\sigma^2 = 6$, $n = 4$, $x_1 = 178$, $x_2 = 161$, $x_3 = 168$, $x_4 = 172$, $\theta_0 = 175$, $\bar{x} = 169.75$, and $c_\alpha = 3.84$, we have:

$$C(X) = [169.75 - 2.4, 169.75 + 2.4] = [167.35, 172.15]$$

$\theta_0 = 175$ is not in this interval.

Because we rejected $\mathcal{H}_0 : \theta = 175$, it's consistent that 175 is not within the 95% confidence interval.

Solution (f).

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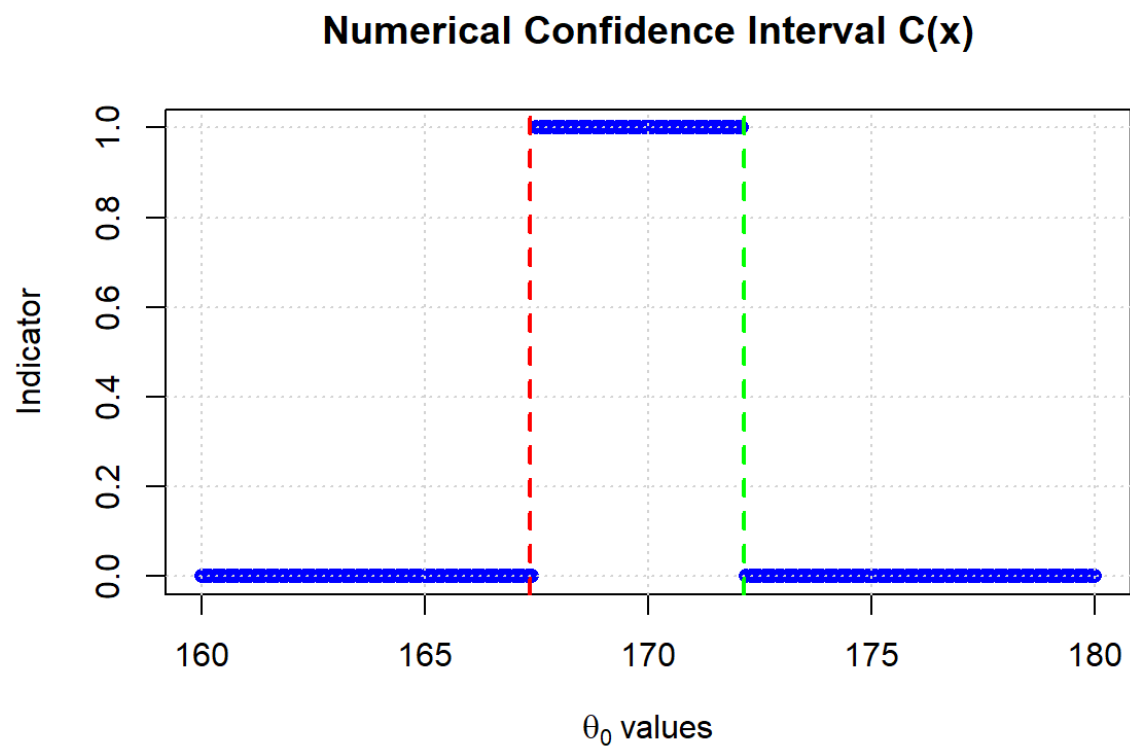
1 rm(list = ls())
2 set.seed(2024)
3 M <- 1000
4 alpha <- 0.05
5 n <- 4
6 sigma_squared <- 6
7 sigma <- sqrt(sigma_squared)
8 theta_values <- seq(160, 180, by = 0.1)
9 vc <- numeric(length(theta_values))
10
11 theta_true <- 175
12 x <- rnorm(n, mean = theta_true, sd = sigma)
13 x_bar <- mean(x)
14
15 for (i in seq_along(theta_values)) {
16   theta_0 <- theta_values[i]
17
18   T_values <- numeric(M)
19   for (m in 1:M) {
20     x_m <- rnorm(n, mean = theta_0, sd = sigma)
21     x_bar_m <- mean(x_m)
22     # Compute the test statistic T(x~m)
23     T_m <- (n / sigma_squared) * (x_bar_m - theta_0)^2

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24   T_values[m] <- T_m
25 }
26
27 T_values_sorted <- sort(T_values)
28 c_alpha_theta <- T_values_sorted[ceiling(M * (1 - alpha))]
29 T_x_theta <- (n / sigma_squared) * (x_bar - theta_0)^2
30
31 if (T_x_theta < c_alpha_theta) {
32   vc[i] <- 1
33 } else {
34   vc[i] <- 0
35 }
36 }
37
38 theta_in_Cx <- theta_values[vc == 1]
39 if (length(theta_in_Cx) > 0) {
40   numerical_Cx <- c(min(theta_in_Cx), max(theta_in_Cx))
41 } else {
42   cat("No values of theta_0 are included in the numerical confidence
43       interval C(x).\n")
44 }
45
46 c_alpha <- qchisq(1 - alpha, df = 1)
47 margin <- sqrt((c_alpha * sigma_squared) / n)
48 analytical_Cx <- c(x_bar - margin, x_bar + margin)
49
50 plot(theta_values, vc, type = "p", col = "blue", pch = 16,
51      main = "Numerical Confidence Interval C(x)",
52      xlab = expression(theta[0] ~ "values"),
53      ylab = expression(Indicator))
54 grid()
55 abline(v = analytical_Cx[1], col = 'red', lty = 2, lwd = 2)
56 abline(v = analytical_Cx[2], col = 'green', lty = 2, lwd = 2)
57
58 cat(sprintf("Numerical Confidence Interval C(x): [%.2f, %.2f]\n",
59            numerical_Cx[1], numerical_Cx[2]))
60 cat(sprintf("Analytical Confidence Interval C(x): [%.2f, %.2f]\n",
61            analytical_Cx[1], analytical_Cx[2]))

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Numerical $C(x)$: [167.50, 172.10]

Analytical $C(x)$: [167.35, 172.15]

The numerical confidence interval $C(x)$ aligns closely with the analytical interval, confirming our earlier findings that 175 is not included.