

(1) The GLRT for the normal variance - simple hypotheses

Derive the generalized likelihood ratio test (GLRT) for the normal variance: Assume  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are iid  $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , where both  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$  are unknown. We want to test

$$H_0: \sigma^2 = \sigma_0^2 \quad \text{vs} \quad H_1: \sigma^2 \neq \sigma_0^2.$$

The likelihood function is given by  $L(\mu, \sigma^2; x) = (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-n/2} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2\right)$

We have  $\Theta_0 := \mathbb{R} \times \{\sigma_0^2\}$ ,  $\Theta := \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^+$  and  $\Theta_1 := \Theta \setminus \Theta_0$

We can use the MLEs  $\hat{\mu} = \bar{x}$  and  $\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2$  to obtain the GLR

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda(x) &= \frac{\sup\{L(\mu, \sigma^2; x) \mid (\mu, \sigma^2) \in \Theta\}}{\sup\{L(\mu, \sigma^2; x) \mid (\mu, \sigma^2) \in \Theta_0\}} = \frac{L(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\sigma}^2; x)}{L(\hat{\mu}, \sigma_0^2; x)} = \left(\frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma_0^2}\right)^{-n/2} \exp\left(\left(\frac{1}{\sigma_0^2} - \frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}^2}\right) \frac{n}{2} \hat{\sigma}^2\right) \\ &= \left(\frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma_0^2}\right)^{-n/2} \exp\left(\frac{n}{2} \left(\frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma_0^2} - 1\right)\right) \end{aligned}$$

We take  $T(x) := \lambda(x)$  as our test statistic.

We reject  $H_0$ , if  $\lambda(x) \geq c$ , where  $\alpha = \sup\{P(\lambda(X) \geq c) \mid (\mu, \sigma^2) \in \Theta_0\}$

Since  $T(X)$  does not depend on  $\mu$ , we have to solve  $\alpha = P(\lambda(X) \geq c)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We have } \lambda(X) \geq c &\Leftrightarrow \left(\left(\frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma_0^2}\right)^{-1} \exp\left(\frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma_0^2} - 1\right)\right)^{n/2} \geq c \\ &\Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma_0^2}\right)^{-1} \exp\left(\frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma_0^2}\right) \exp(-1) \geq c^{-n/2} \\ &\Leftrightarrow c^{n/2} \exp\left(\frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma_0^2}\right) \geq \left(\frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma_0^2}\right) \exp(1) \\ &\Leftrightarrow c^{n/2} \exp\left(\frac{1}{n\sigma_0^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2\right) \geq \exp(1) \frac{1}{n\sigma_0^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $X_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$  we have  $\frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \sim \chi^2(n-1)$