

(4) Most powerful test for the normal variance - μ is known

Let X_1, \dots, X_n be iid $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$, where μ is known.

(a) Find an MP test at level α for testing two simple hypotheses

$$H_0: \sigma^2 = \sigma_0^2 \quad \text{vs} \quad H_1: \sigma^2 = \sigma_1^2, \quad \sigma_1 > \sigma_0.$$

(b) Show that the MP test is a UMP test for testing

$$H_0: \sigma^2 \leq \sigma_0^2 \quad \text{vs} \quad H_1: \sigma^2 > \sigma_0^2.$$

Hint: $\sum_i (X_i - \mu)^2 \sim \sigma^2 \chi^2(n)$.

$$a) \quad L(\mu, \sigma; x) = (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-n/2} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2\right)$$

$$\lambda(x) = \frac{L(\mu, \sigma_1; x)}{L(\mu, \sigma_0; x)} = \left(\frac{\sigma_0^2}{\sigma_1^2}\right)^{n/2} \exp\left(\left(\frac{1}{\sigma_0^2} - \frac{1}{\sigma_1^2}\right) \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2\right) \text{ is an MP-test}$$

$$T(x) := \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2, \text{ we reject } H_0 \text{ if } T(x) \geq C, \text{ where } \mathbb{P}(T(x) \geq C) = \alpha.$$

$$\frac{X_i - \mu}{\sigma} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1), \text{ hence } \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{X_i - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2 \sim \chi^2(n)$$

$$\text{we write symbolically } T(X) \sim \sigma^2 \chi^2(n)$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \alpha = \mathbb{P}(T(X) \geq C) = 1 - \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{C}{\sigma_0^2} \leq \frac{T(X)}{\sigma_0^2}\right) = 1 - F_{\chi^2(n)}\left(\frac{C}{\sigma_0^2}\right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow F_{\chi^2(n)}\left(\frac{C}{\sigma_0^2}\right) = 1 - \alpha \Leftrightarrow C = \sigma_0^2 F_{\chi^2(n)}^{-1}(1 - \alpha)$$

Our test rejects H_0 , if $T(x) \geq C$.

b) The test from (a) is by the theorem at p. 33 from Lecture 10 also an UMP

For all $\sigma \in (0, \sigma_0]$ we have

$$\mathbb{P}_\sigma(T(X) \geq C) = \mathbb{P}_\sigma\left(\frac{1}{\sigma^2} T(X) \geq \frac{C}{\sigma^2}\right) = 1 - F_{\chi^2(n)}\left(\frac{C}{\sigma^2}\right) = 1 - F_{\chi^2(n)}\left(\frac{\sigma_0^2}{\sigma^2} F_{\chi^2(n)}^{-1}\left(\frac{C}{\sigma_0^2}\right)\right)$$

$$\leq 1 - \frac{C}{\sigma_0^2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{C}{\sigma_0^2} \leq F_{\chi^2(n)}\left(\frac{\sigma_0^2}{\sigma^2} F_{\chi^2(n)}^{-1}\left(\frac{C}{\sigma_0^2}\right)\right)$$

$$\text{and since } \sigma_0^2 > \sigma^2 \text{ we have } F_{\chi^2(n)}\left(\frac{\sigma_0^2}{\sigma^2} F_{\chi^2(n)}^{-1}\left(\frac{C}{\sigma_0^2}\right)\right) \geq F_{\chi^2(n)}\left(F_{\chi^2(n)}^{-1}\left(\frac{C}{\sigma_0^2}\right)\right) = \frac{C}{\sigma_0^2}$$

$$\text{Hence } \sup\{\mathbb{P}_\sigma(T(X) \geq C) \mid \sigma \in (0, \sigma_0]\} = \mathbb{P}_{\sigma_0}(T(X) \geq C) = \alpha$$

To show the remaining property we consider $\sigma_1 > \sigma_0$ and any test at level $\alpha' \leq \alpha$ with rejection region R' . Since our test is an MP for (a), we have

$$\mathbb{P}_{\sigma_1}(T(X) \geq C) \geq \mathbb{P}(X \in R')$$