

S1 Solution

1. (a) The sequential probability test will require fewer observations on average to achieve the same size and power. seen ↓

Also acceptable: Approximate thresholds can be obtained for the sequential probability ratio test even when the distribution of the likelihood ratio test statistic is unknown. 2

- (b) $A \leq \frac{1-\alpha_2}{\alpha_1} \iff \alpha_2 \leq 1 - A\alpha_1$ and $B \geq \frac{\alpha_2}{1-\alpha_1} \iff \alpha_2 \leq B - B\alpha_1$. The shaded region is a quadrilateral delimited by the the axes and the lines $\alpha_2 = 1 - 4\alpha_1$ and $\alpha_2 = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4}\alpha_1$. part seen ↓

When the two lines intersect $1 - 4\alpha_1 = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4}\alpha_1 \implies \alpha_1 = \frac{1}{5}$ and $\alpha_2 = 1 - 4\frac{1}{5} = \frac{1}{5}$. Hence the four vertices of the shaded region are $(0,0)$, $(0, \frac{1}{4})$, $(\frac{1}{5}, \frac{1}{5})$ and $(\frac{1}{4}, 0)$. [3 points for the graph and 3 points for the vertex coordinates] 6

- (c) $\frac{f_1(0)}{f_0(0)} = \frac{0.2}{0.5} = 0.4$ and $\frac{f_1(1)}{f_0(1)} = \frac{0.8}{0.5} = 1.6$.

Hence $\lambda_1 = 1.6$, $\lambda_2 = 1.6 \cdot 0.4 = 0.64$, and $\lambda_3 = 0.64 \cdot 0.4 = 0.256$.

Since $\lambda_3 \leq \frac{1}{3}$ the algorithm terminates after 3 observations and we accept H_0 . 4

- (d) (i)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{P_1(S = (x_1, \dots, x_n))}{P_0(S = (x_1, \dots, x_n))} &= \frac{P_1(S = (x_1, \dots, x_n) | N = n) P(N = n)}{P_0(S = (x_1, \dots, x_n) | N = n) P(N = n)} \\ &= \frac{P_1(S = (x_1, \dots, x_n) | N = n)}{P_0(S = (x_1, \dots, x_n) | N = n)} \quad \text{Correction made after exam.} \\ &= \frac{\prod_{m=1}^n f_1(x_m)}{\prod_{m=1}^n f_0(x_m)} \\ &= \lambda_n \end{aligned}$$

Because $S = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ leads to accepting H_1 , we must have $\lambda_n \geq A$. Hence $\frac{P_1(S=(x_1, \dots, x_n))}{P_0(S=(x_1, \dots, x_n))} \geq A$. 2

- (ii) Let $Q_1 = \{s : S = s \text{ leads to the decision "Accept } H_1\}\}$. Then the event " H_1 is accepted" is the same as the event $S \in Q_1$. By the law of total probability $P_1(S \in Q_1) = \sum_{s \in Q_1} P_1(S = s)$. By (d)(i) for each $s \in Q_1$ $P_1(S = s) \geq AP_0(S = s)$. 2

Hence $P_1(S \in Q_1) \geq \sum_{s \in Q_1} AP_0(S = s) = A \sum_{s \in Q_1} P_0(S = s) = AP_0(S \in Q_1)$. 4