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Q: Consider a random sample of size 'n' from a distribution with pdf $f(x; \theta) = (3x^2/\theta) e^{-x^3/\theta}$ if $0 < x$ and zero otherwise. Derive the form of the critical region for a uniformly most powerful test (UMP) test of size α for $H_0: \theta = \theta_0$ against $H_A: \theta > \theta_0$.

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S1. The pdf:

$$f(x; \theta) = \left(\frac{3x^2}{\theta} \right) e^{-\frac{x^3}{\theta}}$$

S2. The jdf:

$$\begin{aligned} f(\underline{x}; \theta) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{3x_i^2}{\theta} \cdot e^{-\frac{x_i^3}{\theta}} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n I\{x_i > 0\} \\ &= \left(\frac{3}{\theta} \right)^n \left(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \right) \cdot e^{-\frac{\sum x_i^3}{\theta}} \\ &= \left(\frac{3}{\theta} \right)^n \left(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \right) \left(e^{-\frac{\sum x_i^3}{\theta}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

S3. Drawing upon the Neyman-Pearson Lemma:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{f_{\lambda}(\underline{x}; \theta_1)}{f_{\lambda}(\underline{x}; \theta_0)} &= \frac{\left(\frac{3}{\theta_1} \right)^n \left(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \right) \left(e^{-\frac{\sum x_i^3}{\theta_1}} \right)}{\left(\frac{3}{\theta_0} \right)^n \left(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \right) \left(e^{-\frac{\sum x_i^3}{\theta_0}} \right)} \\ &= \frac{\cancel{(3)} \left(\frac{1}{\theta_1} \right)^n \left(e^{-\frac{\sum x_i^3}{\theta_1}} \right)}{\cancel{(3)} \left(\frac{1}{\theta_0} \right)^n \left(e^{-\frac{\sum x_i^3}{\theta_0}} \right)} \\ &= \frac{\left(\frac{1}{\theta_1} \right)^n \left(e^{-\frac{\sum x_i^3}{\theta_1}} \right)}{\left(\theta_0 \right)^{-n} \left(e^{-\frac{\sum x_i^3}{\theta_0}} \right)} \end{aligned}$$

A Bringing into numerator flips the +/- of the denominator exponents

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left(\frac{\theta_0}{\theta_1} \right)^n \left(e^{\frac{\sum x_i^3}{\theta_0} - \frac{\sum x_i^3}{\theta_1}} \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{\theta_0}{\theta_1} \right)^n \left(e^{-\sum x_i^3} \right) \left(\frac{1}{\theta_1} - \frac{1}{\theta_0} \right) \end{aligned}$$

... which is a monotone likelihood ratio of $f(\underline{x}) = \sum x_i^3$.

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Thm 12.7.1 :

• if a joint pdf $f_X(x, \theta)$ has an MLR in statistic $t(\underline{x})$,
the UMP test of size α can be found for:

$$\begin{cases} H_0: \theta \leq \theta_0 \\ H_A: \theta > \theta_0 \end{cases}$$

• if we reject H_0 for $t(\underline{x}) \geq k$ where k satisfies:

$$P[t(\underline{x}) \geq k | H_0] = \alpha$$

\therefore Thus, we can reject the null hypothesis if

$$t(\underline{x}) = \sum x_i^3 \geq k \quad \text{where} \quad P[\sum x_i^3 \geq k | H_0] = \alpha$$

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