

### 4.3.2 Two-sample t-test assuming equal variances

(Test 2 in Matlab)

Remove the assumption that the samples are paired. So, we have two independent normal samples  $(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  and  $(Y_1, \dots, Y_m)$ . We know:

$$A_x = \frac{\sqrt{n}(\hat{\mu}_x - \mu_x)}{\sigma_x} \sim N(0,1), \quad B_x = \frac{n\hat{\sigma}_x^2}{\sigma_x^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$$

$$A_y = \frac{\sqrt{m}(\hat{\mu}_y - \mu_y)}{\sigma_y} \sim N(0,1), \quad B_y = \frac{m\hat{\sigma}_y^2}{\sigma_y^2} \sim \chi_{m-1}^2$$

and  $A_x, A_y, B_x, B_y$  are independent.

$$\text{So, } \frac{\hat{\mu}_x - \mu_x}{\sigma_x} \sim N\left(0, \frac{1}{n}\right), \quad \frac{\hat{\mu}_y - \mu_y}{\sigma_y} \sim N\left(0, \frac{1}{m}\right) \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\hat{\mu}_x - \mu_x}{\sigma_x} - \frac{\hat{\mu}_y - \mu_y}{\sigma_y} \sim N\left(0, \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{m}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \left( \frac{\hat{\mu}_x - \mu_x}{\sigma_x} - \frac{\hat{\mu}_y - \mu_y}{\sigma_y} \right) / \left( \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{m} \right)^{1/2} \sim N(0,1)$$

Also, by definition of  $\chi^2$ -distributions,

$$B = \frac{n\hat{\sigma}_x^2}{\sigma_x^2} + \frac{m\hat{\sigma}_y^2}{\sigma_y^2} \sim \chi_{m+n-2}^2$$

$$\text{So, } \frac{A}{\sqrt{\frac{B}{n+m-2}}} \sim t_{n+m-2}$$

However,  $\sigma_x^2$  and  $\sigma_y^2$  are unknown, so we cannot compute this expression.

Assume  $\sigma_x^2 = \sigma_y^2 = \sigma^2$ . Then

$$\frac{A}{\sqrt{\frac{B}{n+m-2}}} = \frac{\frac{(\hat{\mu}_x - \hat{\mu}_y) - (\mu_x - \mu_y)}{\left(\frac{m+n}{mn}\right)^{1/2}}}{\sqrt{\frac{\frac{n\hat{\sigma}_x^2 + m\hat{\sigma}_y^2}{\sigma^2}}{n+m-2}}} =$$

$$= \underbrace{\left(\frac{mn(m+n-2)}{m+n}\right)^{1/2}}_{\text{depends only on } \mu_x - \mu_y} \cdot \frac{(\hat{\mu}_x - \hat{\mu}_y) - (\mu_x - \mu_y)}{(n\hat{\sigma}_x^2 + m\hat{\sigma}_y^2)^{1/2}} \sim t_{n+m-2}$$

depends only on  $\mu_x - \mu_y$

So, we can test the hypotheses about this difference based on the t-statistic

$$T = \left(\frac{mn(m+n-2)}{m+n}\right)^{1/2} \cdot \frac{\hat{\mu}_x - \hat{\mu}_y}{(n\hat{\sigma}_x^2 + m\hat{\sigma}_y^2)^{1/2}}$$

For example, if you want to test  $H_0: \mu_x = \mu_y$  (i.e.  $\mu_x - \mu_y = 0$ ), we use the t-test:

$$\delta = \begin{cases} H_0, & \text{if } |T| \leq c \\ H_1, & \text{if } |T| > c \end{cases}$$

where  $c$  is found from  $2t_{n+m-2}(c, \infty) = \alpha$  (just as in 4.1 ①, the only change is the # of degrees of freedom!)

Note: There is an approximation t-test which handles even the case when the variances are not assumed to be equal ... too complicated ... no time.  
"Satterthwaite approximation"

### 4.3.3 Comparing the variances of two normal distributions: F-test (var test 2 in MATH)

Suppose we have two normal samples  $(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  and  $(Y_1, \dots, Y_m)$ , and we want to test  $H_0: \sigma_X = \sigma_Y$  or  $H_0: \sigma_X \leq \sigma_Y$ .

We know:  $B_X = \frac{n \hat{\sigma}_X^2}{\sigma_X^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$ ,  $B_Y = \frac{m \hat{\sigma}_Y^2}{\sigma_Y^2} \sim \chi_{m-1}^2$ .

The ratio  $\left( \frac{B_X}{n-1} \right) / \left( \frac{B_Y}{m-1} \right) = \frac{n(m-1) \hat{\sigma}_X^2 \sigma_Y^2}{m(n-1) \hat{\sigma}_Y^2 \sigma_X^2} \sim F_{n-1, m-1}$

is the F-distr. with  $(n-1, m-1)$  degrees of freedom.

We use the following statistic:

$$F = \frac{n(m-1) \hat{\sigma}_X^2}{m(n-1) \hat{\sigma}_Y^2} \sim \frac{\sigma_X^2}{\sigma_Y^2} F_{n-1, m-1}$$

When  $\sigma_X^2 = \sigma_Y^2$  we have  $F \sim F_{n-1, m-1}$

① ( $H_0: \sigma_X = \sigma_Y$ ) We use the following test:

$$\delta = \begin{cases} H_0, & \text{if } c_1 \leq F \leq c_2 \\ H_1, & \text{if } F < c_1 \text{ or } F > c_2 \end{cases}$$

Thresholds  $c_1, c_2$  should satisfy the condition:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &= P(\delta = H_1 | H_0) = P(F < c_1 | \sigma_X = \sigma_Y) + P(F > c_2 | \sigma_X = \sigma_Y) = \\ &= F_{n-1, m-1}(0, c_1) + F_{n-1, m-1}(c_2, \infty) \end{aligned}$$

So, how do we find  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ ? Set  $F_{n-1, m-1}(0, c_1) = F_{n-1, m-1}(c_2, \infty) = \frac{\alpha}{2}$

② ( $H_0: \sigma_X \leq \sigma_Y$ ) We use the following test:

$$\delta = \begin{cases} H_0, & \text{if } F \leq c \\ H_1, & \text{if } F > c \end{cases}$$

where  $c$  can be found from  $\alpha = P(\delta = H_1 | H_0) = P(F > c | \sigma_X = \sigma_Y) = F_{n-1, m-1}(c, \infty)$

## 5 Testing simple hypothesis. Bayes decision rules

Setup: We have an i.i.d. sample  $(X_1, \dots, X_n) \in S$  from unknown distribution  $P$ .

Suppose  $P$  belongs to a set of  $k$  specified distributions  $\{P_1, \dots, P_k\}$ .

Then, given the sample  $(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  we have to decide among  $k$  hypotheses

$$\begin{cases} H_1: P=P_1 \\ H_2: P=P_2 \\ \vdots \\ H_k: P=P_k \end{cases}$$

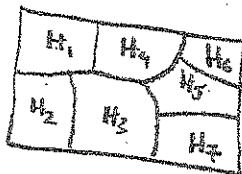
, i.e. we need a test  $\delta: S \rightarrow \{H_1, \dots, H_k\}$

Def: Error of type  $i$ ,  $i=1, \dots, k$ , is  $P(\delta \neq H_i | H_i) = P_i(\delta \neq H_i) = \alpha_i$

Def ( $k=2$ )  $\alpha_1 = P_1(\delta \neq H_1)$  is also called the size of test  $\delta$ . or level of significance

$\beta = 1 - \alpha_2 = 1 - P_2(\delta \neq H_2) = P_2(\delta = H_2)$  is also called the power of  $\delta$ .

Ideally, we want to minimize errors of all types. This is usually impossible, so there is a trade-off.



$S = \{(X_1, \dots, X_n)\}$

Question: How do we compare decision rules?

Bayesian approach: Consider  $k$  weights  $E_i(i)$ ,  $i=1, \dots, k$  s.t.  $\sum_{i=1}^k E_i(i) = 1$ .

Think of  $E_i(i)$  as a priori probability on the set of  $k$  hypothesis that represent their relative importance. Then the Bayes error is

$$\alpha(E) = \sum_{i=1}^k E_i(i) \alpha_i = \sum_{i=1}^k E_i(i) P_i(\delta \neq H_i) \quad (\text{simply weighted error})$$

Def. Test  $\delta$  that minimizes  $\alpha(E)$  is called a Bayes decision rule.

Theorem 1 Assume that each distribution  $P_i$  has a p.d.f.  $f_i(x)$ .

A test  $\delta$  that chooses  $H_j$  when

$$\xi(j) f_j(x_1) \dots f_j(x_n) = \max_{i=1, \dots, k} \xi(i) f_i(x_1) \dots f_i(x_n)$$

is the Bayes decision rule.

Note: If the max. is achieved simultaneously on several  $j$ 's, pick any one at random.

proof: The Bayes error is  $\alpha(\xi) = \sum_{i=1}^k \xi(i) P_i(\delta \neq H_i) =$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^k \xi(i) \int I(\delta \neq H_i) f_i(x_1) f_i(x_2) \dots f_i(x_n) dx_1 \dots dx_n =$$

$$= \int \sum_{i=1}^k \xi(i) f_i(x_1) \dots f_i(x_n) (1 - I(\delta = H_i)) dx_1 \dots dx_n =$$

indicator variable  
of the event  
 $\delta \neq H_i$

$$= \int \sum_{i=1}^k \xi(i) f_i(x_1) \dots f_i(x_n) dx_1 \dots dx_n - \int \sum_{i=1}^k \xi(i) f_i(x_1) \dots f_i(x_n) I(\delta = H_i) dx_1 \dots dx_n$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^k \xi(i) \int f_i(x_1) \dots f_i(x_n) dx_1 \dots dx_n - \int \sum_{i=1}^k \xi(i) f_i(x_1) \dots f_i(x_n) I(\delta = H_i) dx_1 \dots dx_n$$

integral of joint density = 1  
and  $\sum_{i=1}^k \xi(i) = 1$

$$= 1 - \int \sum_{i=1}^k \xi(i) f_i(x_1) \dots f_i(x_n) I(\delta = H_i) dx_1 \dots dx_n$$

So, to minimize Bayes error, we need to maximize  $\int \sum_{i=1}^k \xi(i) f_i(x_1) \dots f_i(x_n) I(\delta = H_i) dx_1 \dots dx_n$   
i.e. we need to maximize the sum

$$\xi(1) f_1(x_1) \dots f_1(x_n) I(\delta = H_1) + \dots + \xi(k) f_k(x_1) \dots f_k(x_n) I(\delta = H_k). \quad (*)$$

by choosing  $\delta$  appropriately.

For each  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ ,  $\delta$  chooses exactly one  $H_j$ , so all but one term in (\*) are zero. So, the contribution will be  $\xi(j) f_j(x_1) \dots f_j(x_n)$  for some  $j$ .

Hence, in order to minimize Bayes error,  $\delta$  should choose  $j$  that maximizes this!  $\square$

Example  $k=2$

$$H_1: P=P_1$$

$$H_2: P=P_2$$

Denote:  $f_1(x_1, \dots, x_n) = f_1(x_1) \dots f_1(x_n)$  joint p.d.f. of  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  if  $P=P_1$

$$f_2(x_1, \dots, x_n) = f_2(x_1) \dots f_2(x_n) \quad \text{---||---} \quad \text{if } P=P_2$$

Bayes error:

$$\alpha = \xi(1)P_1(\delta \neq H_1) + \xi(2)P_2(\delta \neq H_2)$$

Our test is:

$$\delta = \begin{cases} H_1, & \text{if } \xi(1)f_1(x_1, \dots, x_n) > \xi(2)f_2(x_1, \dots, x_n) \\ H_2, & \text{if } \xi(2)f_2(x_1, \dots, x_n) > \xi(1)f_1(x_1, \dots, x_n) \\ H_1 \text{ or } H_2, & \text{if } \xi(1)f_1(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \xi(2)f_2(x_1, \dots, x_n) \end{cases}$$

i.e.

$$\delta = \begin{cases} H_1, & \text{if } \frac{f_1(x_1, \dots, x_n)}{f_2(x_1, \dots, x_n)} > \frac{\xi(2)}{\xi(1)} \\ H_2, & \text{if } \frac{f_1(x_1, \dots, x_n)}{f_2(x_1, \dots, x_n)} < \frac{\xi(2)}{\xi(1)} \\ H_1 \text{ or } H_2, & \text{if } \frac{f_1(x_1, \dots, x_n)}{f_2(x_1, \dots, x_n)} = \frac{\xi(2)}{\xi(1)} \end{cases}$$

This type of test is usually called the likelihood ratio test since it's based on the quotient  $\frac{f_1(x_1, \dots, x_n)}{f_2(x_1, \dots, x_n)}$  of likelihood functions.

So, suppose now that we have a sample  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and two hypotheses:

$$H_1: P=N(0, 1)$$

$$H_2: P=N(1, 1)$$

and arbitrary a priori weights  $\xi(1)$  and  $\xi(2)$

The likelihood ratio is:

$$\frac{f_1(x_1, \dots, x_n)}{f_2(x_1, \dots, x_n)} = \frac{\frac{1}{(\sqrt{2\pi})^n} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}}{\frac{1}{(\sqrt{2\pi})^n} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - 1)^2}}$$

which can be simplified to 
$$e^{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n ((X_i - 1)^2 - X_i^2)} = e^{\frac{n}{2} - \sum_{i=1}^n X_i}$$

So, our test is:

$$\delta = \begin{cases} H_1, & \text{if } \sum_{i=1}^n X_i < \frac{n}{2} - \log \frac{\xi(2)}{\xi(1)} \\ H_2, & \text{if } \sum_{i=1}^n X_i > \frac{n}{2} - \log \frac{\xi(2)}{\xi(1)} \\ H_1 \text{ or } H_2, & \text{if } \sum_{i=1}^n X_i = \frac{n}{2} - \log \frac{\xi(2)}{\xi(1)} \end{cases}$$

## 6 Most powerful tests (Neyman-Pearson) for $k=2$

Sometimes, an error of type 1 is more important than the error of type 2.

So, often, instead of minimizing the weighted (Bayes) error, we want to construct a test with CONTROLLED error of type 1 that minimizes error of type 2.

So, we fix  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  and consider only tests in the following class:

$$K_\alpha = \{ \delta : P_1(\delta \neq H_1) \leq \alpha \} \quad \text{and we try to find } \delta \in K_\alpha$$

that minimizes  $\alpha_2 = P_2(\delta \neq H_2)$ .

In some cases, this is easy!

Theorem If there exists  $c$  s.t.  $P_1\left(\frac{f_1(x_1, \dots, x_n)}{f_2(x_1, \dots, x_n)} < c\right) = \alpha$ , then the test

$$\delta = \begin{cases} H_1, & \text{if } \frac{f_1(x_1, \dots, x_n)}{f_2(x_1, \dots, x_n)} \geq c \\ H_2, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

is the most powerful test in class  $K_\alpha$ .

proof: The idea is to reduce this to Theorem 1 from Section 5.

So, set  $\xi_1(1) = \frac{1}{1+c}$  and  $\xi_1(2) = \frac{c}{1+c}$ . Then  $\xi_1(1) + \xi_1(2) = 1$  and

$\frac{\xi_1(2)}{\xi_1(1)} = c$ . So, the test  $\delta$  becomes 
$$\delta = \begin{cases} H_1, & \text{if } \frac{f_1(x_1, \dots, x_n)}{f_2(x_1, \dots, x_n)} \geq \frac{\xi_1(2)}{\xi_1(1)} \\ H_2, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

which is equivalent to the Bayes decision test in Theorem 4 of Section 5. (see example in Section 5)

Note: The only difference is that here we break the tie in favor of  $H_1$  always.

So, our test  $\delta$  minimizes the Bayes error for these a priori weights  $\xi(1)$  and  $\xi(2)$ .  
In other words, for any other test  $\delta'$ , we have

$$\xi(1)P_1(\delta \neq H_1) + \xi(2)P_2(\delta \neq H_2) \leq \xi(1)P_1(\delta' \neq H_1) + \xi(2)P_2(\delta' \neq H_2) \quad (*)$$

Is  $\delta \in K_\alpha$ ? Yes, since  $P_1(\delta \neq H_1) = P_1\left(\frac{f_1(x_1, \dots, x_n)}{f_2(x_1, \dots, x_n)} < c\right) = \alpha$ .

If  $\delta' \in K_\alpha$ , then  $P_1(\delta' \neq H_1) \leq \alpha$  and thus, from (\*), we have that  $P_2(\delta \neq H_2) \leq P_2(\delta' \neq H_2)$ , which exactly means that  $\delta$  is more powerful than any other test in  $K_\alpha$ .

Example Given: a sample  $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$  & two hypotheses  $H_1: \mathbb{P} = N(0, 1)$   
 $H_2: \mathbb{P} = N(1, 1)$ .  
Let's find the most powerful test  $\delta$  with the error of type 1  $\alpha_1 \leq \alpha = 0.05$

So, according to Theorem 1, we look for  $c$  s.t.  $P_1\left(\frac{f_1(x_1, \dots, x_n)}{f_2(x_1, \dots, x_n)} < c\right) = \alpha = 0.05$

This becomes

$$P_1\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i > \frac{n}{2} - \log c\right) = \alpha = 0.05, \text{ i.e.}$$

$$P_1\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i > c' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \left(\frac{n}{2} - \log c\right)\right) = \alpha = 0.05$$

But, if  $H_1$  holds, then  $\mathbb{P}_1 = N(0, 1)$  and, hence,  $Y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \sim N(0, 1)$

$$\text{so, } P(Y > c') = 0.05 \Rightarrow c' = 1.64$$

So, the most powerful test w/ level of significance  $\alpha = 0.05$  is

$$\delta = \begin{cases} H_1, & \text{if } \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \leq 1.64 \\ H_2, & \text{if } \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i > 1.64 \end{cases}$$



What is error of type 2?

$$\alpha_2 = P_2(\mathcal{D} \neq H_2) = P_2\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \leq 1.64\right) =$$

$$= P_2\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - 1) \leq 1.64 - \sqrt{n}\right)$$

we subtracted 1 from each  $X_i$   
since under  $H_2$ ,  $X_i \sim N(1, 1)$

Now  $Y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - 1) \sim N(0, 1)$ , under  $H_2$ ,

$$\text{so } \alpha_2 = P(Y \leq 1.64 - \sqrt{n}) = N(0, 1)(-\infty, 1.64 - \sqrt{n})$$

For  $n=10$ , we would get  $\alpha_2 = P(Y \leq 1.64 - \sqrt{10}) = 0.087$ .

Note: It is not always true that there exists  $c$  s.t.  $P_1\left(\frac{f_1(x_1, \dots, x_n)}{f_2(x_1, \dots, x_n)} < c\right) = \alpha$ .  
What do we do then? This is especially the case with discrete distributions  $P_i$ .  
In this case, there is a way to randomly break ties so that the  
condition still holds. We will not go into that, as it has little practical  
significance.

# 7 Chi-squared goodness-of-fit test

(chi2gof in Matlab)

Setup: Given an i.i.d. sample  $(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  from unknown distribution  $\mathbb{P}$ .

We want to test hypotheses of the type:  $H_0: \mathbb{P} = N(1, 2)$

$H_0: \mathbb{P} \neq N(1, 2)$

It is different from t-tests where we would assume that data comes from some normal distribution w/ unknown parameters

$\chi^2$ -goodness-of-fit test are based on Pearson's theorem.

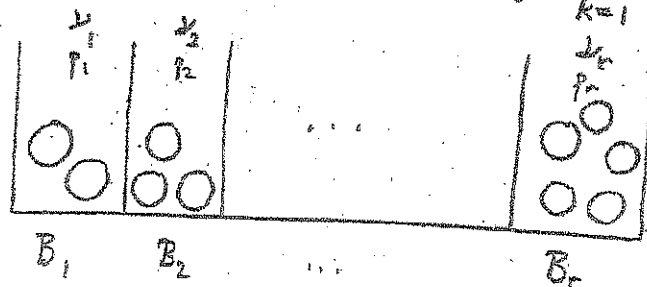
Setup:  $r$  boxes  $B_1, \dots, B_r$

- throw  $n$  balls  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  into these boxes independently of each other with probabilities

$$\mathbb{P}(X_1 \in B_1) = p_1, \dots, \mathbb{P}(X_1 \in B_r) = p_r.$$

Of course,  $\sum_{i=1}^r p_i = 1$ .

Let  $y_j$  be the # of balls in  $B_j$ , i.e.  $y_j = \sum_{k=1}^n I(X_k \in B_j)$



$$E(y_j) = E\left(\sum_{k=1}^n I(X_k \in B_j)\right) = \sum_{k=1}^n E(I(X_k \in B_j)) = \sum_{k=1}^n \mathbb{P}(X_k \in B_j) = np_j.$$

(linearity of  $E$ )

So, by CLT,  $y_j$  should be close to  $np_j$ .

However, we want something much stronger now: we want to describe the closeness of  $y_j$  to  $np_j$  simultaneously for all boxes  $B_j$ ,  $j=1, \dots, r$ .

Q: What's the difficulty? Random var's  $y_j$ ,  $j=1, \dots, r$  are not independent.

E.g.  $y_1 + \dots + y_r = n$ .

Theorem (Pearson) The random variable  $\sum_{j=1}^r \frac{(y_j - np_j)^2}{np_j}$

converges in distribution to  $\chi^2_{r-1}$ -distribution (as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ).

proof: Consider the indicator random var's

$$I(X_1 \in B_j), \dots, I(X_n \in B_j) \quad \text{for the box } B_j$$

They are i.i.d. Bernoulli  $B(p_j)$  with probability of success

$$P(X_i \in B_j) = E(I(X_i \in B_j)) = p_j \text{ and variance}$$

$$\text{Var}(I(X_i \in B_j)) = p_j(1-p_j)$$

By (FACT 3)

CLT, we have:

$$\sqrt{n} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n I(X_i \in B_j) - E(I(X_i \in B_j)) \right) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \text{Var}(I(X_i \in B_j)))$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n I(X_i \in B_j) - np_j}{\sqrt{n}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, p_j(1-p_j))$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad \frac{y_j - np_j}{\sqrt{np_j}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1-p_j)$$

$$\text{So, } \frac{y_j - np_j}{\sqrt{np_j}} \xrightarrow{d} Z_j \text{ where } Z_j \sim N(0, 1-p_j)$$

Idea We would like to know the distribution of  $\sum_{j=1}^r Z_j^2$ .

Correlation plays an important role, since  $Y_j$ 's are not independent.

$$\text{So, let's compute } \text{Cov}\left(\frac{y_i - np_i}{\sqrt{np_i}}, \frac{y_j - np_j}{\sqrt{np_j}}\right) = E\left(\frac{y_i - np_i}{\sqrt{np_i}} \cdot \frac{y_j - np_j}{\sqrt{np_j}}\right) -$$

$$= E\left(\frac{y_i - np_i}{\sqrt{np_i}}\right) E\left(\frac{y_j - np_j}{\sqrt{np_j}}\right) = E\left(\frac{y_i - np_i}{\sqrt{np_i}} \cdot \frac{y_j - np_j}{\sqrt{np_j}}\right) =$$

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$$= \frac{1}{n p_i p_j} (E(y_i y_j) - n p_i E(y_i) - n p_j E(y_j) + n^2 p_i p_j) =$$

$$= \frac{1}{n p_i p_j} (E(y_i y_j) - n p_i n p_j - n p_j n p_i + n^2 p_i p_j) = \frac{1}{n p_i p_j} (E(y_i y_j) - n^2 p_i p_j)$$

So, we need to find  $E(y_i y_j)$ :

$$E(y_i y_j) = E\left(\left(\sum_{s=1}^n I(X_s \in B_i)\right)\left(\sum_{t=1}^n I(X_t \in B_j)\right)\right) = E\left(\sum_{s,t=1}^n I(X_s \in B_i) I(X_t \in B_j)\right)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{linearity of } E}{=} E\left(\sum_{s \neq t} I(X_s \in B_i) I(X_t \in B_j)\right) + E\left(\sum_{s=t} I(X_s \in B_i) I(X_t \in B_j)\right)$$

this is 0, since the same ball cannot be in two boxes at once

$$= E\left(\sum_{s \neq t} I(X_s \in B_i) I(X_t \in B_j)\right) =$$

$$= n(n-1) E(I(X_s \in B_i) I(X_t \in B_j)) \stackrel{\text{independence}}{=} n(n-1) E(I(X_s \in B_i)) E(I(X_t \in B_j))$$

$$= n(n-1) p_i p_j$$

$$\text{So, } \text{Cov}\left(\frac{y_i - n p_i}{\sqrt{n p_i}}, \frac{y_j - n p_j}{\sqrt{n p_j}}\right) = \frac{1}{n p_i p_j} (n(n-1) p_i p_j - n^2 p_i p_j) = -\sqrt{p_i p_j}$$

Summary so far

$$\sum_{j=1}^r \frac{(y_j - n p_j)^2}{n p_j} \xrightarrow{d} \sum_{j=1}^r Z_j^2, \text{ where } Z_j \sim N(0, 1 - p_j)$$

Now, we need to show that  $\sum_{j=1}^r Z_j^2 \sim \chi_{r-1}^2$  and  $E(Z_i Z_j) = -\sqrt{p_i p_j}$ .

$$\text{Let } \vec{g} = \begin{pmatrix} g_1 \\ \vdots \\ g_r \end{pmatrix}$$

, where  $g_1, \dots, g_r$  are i.i.d.  $N(0, 1)$ , i.e.  $\vec{g}$  is  $r$ -variate standard normal random

$$\text{Let } \vec{p} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{1-p_1} \\ \vdots \\ \sqrt{1-p_r} \end{pmatrix}$$

. Consider a vector  $\vec{g} - \langle \vec{g}, \vec{p} \rangle \vec{p}$  where

$\langle \vec{g}, \vec{p} \rangle = g_1 \sqrt{1-p_1} + \dots + g_r \sqrt{1-p_r}$  is the usual scalar product of  $\vec{g}$  and  $\vec{p}$ , i.e.  $\vec{g}' \vec{p}$

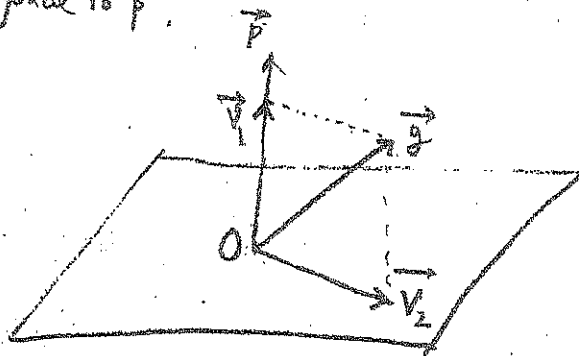
Claim  $\vec{g} - \langle \vec{g}, \vec{p} \rangle \vec{p}$  has the same joint distribution as  $(\tilde{g}_1, \dots, \tilde{g}_r)$

proof: Consider two coordinates, the  $i$ th:  $g_i - (\sum_{e=1}^r g_e \sqrt{p_e}) \sqrt{p_i}$  and the  $j$ th:  $g_j - (\sum_{e=1}^r g_e \sqrt{p_e}) \sqrt{p_j}$

Their covariance is  $E[(g_i - (\sum_{e=1}^r g_e \sqrt{p_e}) \sqrt{p_i})(g_j - (\sum_{e=1}^r g_e \sqrt{p_e}) \sqrt{p_j})] = E[g_i g_j] - E[(\sum_{e=1}^r g_e \sqrt{p_e}) g_i \sqrt{p_i}] - E[(\sum_{e=1}^r g_e \sqrt{p_e}) g_j \sqrt{p_j}] + E[(\sum_{e=1}^r g_e \sqrt{p_e})^2 \sqrt{p_i} \sqrt{p_j}]$

$$\text{So, } \sum_{j=1}^r \left( \frac{g_j - \sum_{e=1}^r g_e \sqrt{p_e} \sqrt{p_j}}{\sqrt{p_j}} \right)^2 \xrightarrow{d} \|\vec{g} - \langle \vec{g}, \vec{p} \rangle \vec{p}\|^2$$

But, what is  $\vec{g} - \langle \vec{g}, \vec{p} \rangle \vec{p}$  geometrically? Well,  $\|\vec{p}\| = \sum_{i=1}^r (\sqrt{p_i})^2 = \sum_{i=1}^r p_i = 1$  so  $\vec{p}$  is a unit vector,  $\vec{V}_1 = \langle \vec{g}, \vec{p} \rangle \vec{p}$  is the projection of  $\vec{g}$  onto the line along  $\vec{p}$ , and finally  $\vec{V}_2 = \vec{g} - \langle \vec{g}, \vec{p} \rangle \vec{p}$  is the projection of  $\vec{g}$  onto the hyperplane orthogonal to  $\vec{p}$ .



Similarly, it is easy to compute that

$$E\left[\left(g_i - \left(\sum_{e=1}^r g_e \sqrt{p_e}\right) \sqrt{p_i}\right)^2\right] = \dots$$

Let's consider a new orthonormal coordinate system with the  $\hat{e}_1$  basis vector (i.e. axis) equal to  $\vec{p}$ . In this new coordinate system vector  $\vec{g}$  has new coordinates  $\vec{g}^v = (g_1^v, g_2^v, \dots, g_r^v) = V \vec{g}$  obtained from  $\vec{g}$  by orthogonal transform  $V = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{p_1} \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$  (i.e. first row of  $V$  is  $\vec{p}$ ) that maps the old basis into the new one.

Now,  $\tilde{g}_1, \dots, \tilde{g}_r$  are also i.i.d.  $N(0, 1)$ .

In the new coordinate system vector  $\vec{V}_2 = \vec{g} - \langle \vec{g}, \vec{p} \rangle \vec{p}$  has new coordinates  $(0, \tilde{g}_2, \dots, \tilde{g}_r)$ , so

$$\|\vec{V}_2\|^2 = \|\vec{g} - \langle \vec{g}, \vec{p} \rangle \vec{p}\|^2 = (\tilde{g}_2^2 + \dots + \tilde{g}_r^2)$$

i.e.  $\|\vec{V}_2\|^2$  has  $\chi_{r-1}^2$ -distribution.  $\square$

OK! So, suppose we have an i.i.d. sample  $(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  of random variables that take a finite # of values  $B_1, \dots, B_r$  with unknown probabilities  $p_1, \dots, p_r$ .

Consider a hypothesis:

$$\begin{cases} H_1: p_i = p_i^0, \text{ for all } i=1, \dots, r \\ H_2: p_i \neq p_i^0 \text{ for some } i \end{cases}$$

If  $H_1$  is true, then by Pearson's theorem

$$T = \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{(v_i - np_i^0)^2}{np_i^0} \xrightarrow{d} \chi_{r-1}^2$$

Where  $v_i = \#\{X_j: X_j = B_i\}$  are the observed counts in each category.

On the other hand, if  $H_2$  holds, then for some  $i$ ,  $p_i \neq p_i^0$  and statistics  $T$  will behave differently. How differently?

Well, by CLT:  $\frac{v_i - np_i}{\sqrt{np_i}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1 - p_i)$  and thus

$$\frac{v_i - np_i^0}{\sqrt{np_i^0}} = \frac{v_i - np_i + n(p_i - p_i^0)}{\sqrt{np_i^0}} = \sqrt{\frac{p_i}{p_i^0}} \frac{v_i - np_i}{\sqrt{np_i}} + \sqrt{n} \frac{p_i - p_i^0}{\sqrt{p_i^0}}$$

this goes to  $\pm \infty$

So, if  $H_2$  holds, then  $\frac{(v_i - np_i^0)^2}{np_i^0} \rightarrow +\infty$  for some  $i$ , and therefore  $T \rightarrow +\infty$ .

this converges to  $N(0, (1-p_i) \cdot \frac{p_i}{p_i^0})$

Conclusion: As  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , the distribution of  $T$  under null hypothesis  $H_1$  will approach  $\chi_{r-1}^2$ -distr; and under  $H_2$  it will shift to  $+\infty$ .

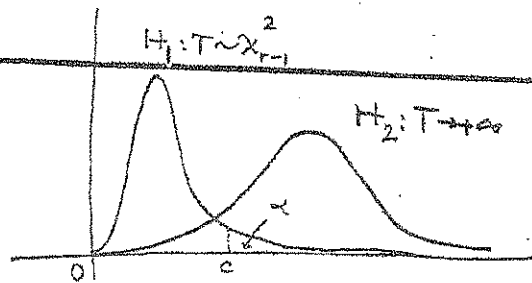
So, we define our test as follows:

$$\mathcal{T} = \begin{cases} H_1: T \leq c \\ H_2: T > c \end{cases}$$

$c$  is chosen so that

$$\alpha = P_1(\mathcal{T} \neq H_1) = P_1(T > c) \approx \chi^2_{r-1}(c, \infty) \quad ; \text{ i.e. } \alpha = \chi^2_{r-1}(c, \infty)$$

$\mathcal{T}$  is called the  $\chi^2$ -goodness-of-fit test.



Example: In 1989, 189 Zimbabwe residents were polled whether their financial status was better, worse or same than 1 year ago.

worse	same	better	total
58	64	67	189

We want to test the hypothesis that the underlying distribution is uniform, i.e.  $H_1: p_1 = p_2 = p_3 = 1/3$ . Take  $\alpha = 0.05$  as the level of significance.

$c$  is found from  $\chi^2_{3-1}(c, \infty) = 0.05$ , which gives  $c = 5.9$

The chi-squared statistic is

$$T = \frac{(58 - 189/3)^2}{189/3} + \frac{(64 - 189/3)^2}{189/3} + \frac{(67 - 189/3)^2}{189/3} = 0.66 < 5.9$$

So, we accept  $H_1$  at the level of significance 0.05.

Question: All of this works for distributions with finite # of values in their range. What about continuous distributions? We perform discretization.

For example, consider a random variable  $X$  which takes values in the interval  $0 < X < 1$  but has an unknown p.d.f. on this interval.

Suppose that a random sample of 100 observations is taken from this unknown distribution, and we want to test the null hypothesis that the distribution is uniform on  $(0, 1)$ . What do we do?

Divide the interval  $(0, 1)$  into 20 subintervals of equal length:  $(0, 0.05), (0.05, 0.1)$  etc.

If the actual distribution is uniform, then the probability that any particular observation falls into the  $i^{\text{th}}$  interval is  $1/20$ ,  $i=1, 20$ .

Since the sample size is  $n=100$ , then the expected # of observations in each subinterval is 5. If  $\mathcal{V}_i$  is the # of observations in the sample that actually fall within the  $i^{\text{th}}$  subinterval, then the statistic  $T$  is

$$T = \sum_{i=1}^{20} \frac{(\mathcal{V}_i - 5)^2}{5}$$

If the null hypothesis is true, then  $T$  will have approximately a  $\chi^2_{19}$ -distribution. This method can be applied to any continuous distribution.

Step 1: partition the real line into a finite # of intervals,  $r$ .

Sometimes, this is done so that the expected count in each interval

$np_i^0 \geq 5$  (Matlab does this). Here  $p_i^0$  is the probability that the particular hypothesized distribution would assign to the  $i^{\text{th}}$  interval.

(Sometimes the intervals are defined so that  $p_i^0 = \frac{1}{r}$  for all  $i$  so that  $np_i^0 = \frac{n}{r} \geq 5$  and  $r$  is chosen)

Step 2: Count  $\mathcal{V}_i$ : # of observations in the sample that fall within the  $i^{\text{th}}$  subinterval

Step 3: Calculate  $T = \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{(\mathcal{V}_i - np_i^0)^2}{np_i^0}$

If the null hypothesis is true, then  $T \approx \chi^2_{r-1}$ .



Setup: Before - given a sample  $(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  from unknown distribution, we want to test whether the distribution is some specific distribution, e.g.  $U(0,1)$ .

Now, we want to test whether data comes from a FAMILY of distributions (this is called a composite hypothesis). We will use  $\chi^2$ -g.o.f. tests again!

### 8.1 Discrete distributions

In this case, a random variable (i.e. datapoint, i.e. observation) takes a finite number of values  $B_1, \dots, B_r$  with probabilities

$$P_1 = P(X=B_1), P_2 = P(X=B_2), \dots, P_r = P(X=B_r)$$

Based on a given sample  $(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ , we would like to test a hypothesis that this sample comes from a family of distributions  $\{P_\theta : \theta \in \Omega\}$ .

Denote  $p_j(\theta) = P_\theta(X=B_j)$ ,  $j=1, \dots, r$ . Then, we want to test

$$\begin{cases} H_0: p_j = p_j(\theta) \text{ for all } j=1, \dots, r, \text{ for some } \theta \in \Omega \\ H_1: \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

What we did in Section 7 is the case when  $\Omega$  has a single possible value for  $\theta$ . We know that in this case we would use the simple  $\chi^2$ -g.o.f. test based on the statistic

$$T = \sum_{j=1}^r \frac{(Y_j - np_j(\theta))^2}{np_j(\theta)}$$

Now, the situation is more complicated, since there are many candidates for  $\theta$ . One way to approach this is as follows:

Step 1. Assuming that  $H_0$  holds (i.e.  $P=P_\theta$  for some  $\theta \in \Omega$ ), we find an estimate  $\theta^*$  of the unknown  $\theta$ . It turns out that a good choice for  $\theta^*$  is the MLE of  $\theta$ , i.e. the value of  $\theta$  that maximizes the likelihood function

$$P(\theta) = P_1(\theta)^{Y_1} \dots P_r(\theta)^{Y_r} \quad (\text{or its log})$$

Step 2. Try to test if, indeed, the distribution  $TP$  is equal to  $P_{\theta^*}$  by using the statistic

$$T = \sum_{j=1}^r \frac{(y_j - np_j(\theta^*))^2}{np_j(\theta^*)}$$

and the usual  $\chi^2$ -g.o.f. test.

It turns out that if  $\theta^*$  is the MLE for  $\theta$ , then

$$T = \sum_{j=1}^r \frac{(y_j - np_j(\theta^*))^2}{np_j(\theta^*)} \xrightarrow{d} \chi_{r-s-1}^2$$

where  $s$  is the "dimension" of the parameter set  $\Omega$ .

(We'll see in an example below how to determine dimension of  $\Omega$ )

Step 3. Our test is

$$\mathcal{J} = \begin{cases} H_0: T \leq c \\ H_1: T > c \end{cases}$$

where  $c$  is determined from

$$\alpha = P(\mathcal{J} \neq H_0 | H_0) = P(T > c | H_0) \approx \chi_{r-s-1}^2(\alpha)$$

Example A gene has 2 alleles  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  and the combinations of these alleles define three genotypes  $A_1A_1$ ,  $A_1A_2$  and  $A_2A_1$  and  $A_2A_2$ . We want to test a theory

(binomial distribution)  
 $B(2, \theta)$

$$H_0: \begin{cases} p_1(\theta) = P(A_1A_1) = \theta^2 \\ p_2(\theta) = P(A_1A_2) = 2\theta(1-\theta) \\ p_3(\theta) = P(A_2A_1) = 2\theta(1-\theta) \\ p_4(\theta) = P(A_2A_2) = (1-\theta)^2 \end{cases}$$

In other words, we want to test the theory that the probability to pass on  $A_1$  is  $\theta$  and the probability to pass on  $A_2$  is  $1-\theta$  for some  $0 < \theta < 1$ .

Suppose we've given a random sample  $X_1, \dots, X_{353}$  from the population with counts of each genotype:  $y_1 = 35$ ,  $y_2 = 150$ ,  $y_3 = 158$

Step 1. Find the MLE  $\theta^*$  of  $\theta$ , assuming  $H_0$  is true.

So, we are maximizing  $p(\theta) = p_1(\theta)^{y_1} p_2(\theta)^{y_2} p_3(\theta)^{y_3}$ , or equivalently,

$$\log p_1(\theta)^{u_1} p_2(\theta)^{u_2} p_3(\theta)^{u_3} = u_1 \log p_1(\theta) + u_2 \log p_2(\theta) + u_3 \log p_3(\theta) =$$

$$= u_1 \log \theta^2 + u_2 \log 2\theta(1-\theta) + u_3 \log (1-\theta)^2$$

Find the derivative  $\frac{d}{d\theta}$  & set to 0  $\Rightarrow$

$$\frac{2u_1}{\theta} + u_2 \cdot \frac{2-4\theta}{2\theta(1-\theta)} - \frac{2u_3}{1-\theta} = 0 \Rightarrow 4u_1(1-\theta) + u_2(2-4\theta) - 4u_3\theta = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta(4u_1 + 4u_2 + 4u_3) = 4u_1 + 2u_2 \Rightarrow 4\theta \cdot n = 4u_1 + 2u_2 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta^* = \frac{2u_1 + u_2}{2n} = 0.325779$$

Step 2. Under  $H_0$ ,  $T = \frac{(u_1 - np_1(\theta^*))^2}{np_1(\theta^*)} + \frac{(u_2 - np_2(\theta^*))^2}{np_2(\theta^*)} + \frac{(u_3 - np_3(\theta^*))^2}{np_3(\theta^*)}$

should converge in distribution to  $\chi_{r-s-1}^2 = \chi_{3-1-1}^2 = \chi_1^2$

Since  $s=1$  (distribution is determined by one parameter, namely  $\theta$ )

Calculating ...  $T = 0.052819 + 0.156683 + 0.037854 = 0.247356$

Step 3. Our test is:

$$\delta = \begin{cases} H_0: T \leq c \\ H_1: T > c \end{cases}$$

where  $c$  comes from

$$\alpha = 0.05 = \chi_1^2(c, \infty), \text{ i.e.}$$

$$c = 3.841$$

Now  $T \leq c$ , so we accept the hypothesis  $H_0$ .

## 8.2 Continuous distributions

What if the distributions  $P_\theta, \theta \in \Omega$  are continuous distributions?

Our hypothesis:  $H_0: P = P_\theta$  for some  $\theta \in \Omega$ .

Group the data into  $r$  intervals  $I_1, \dots, I_r$  and instead test the hypothesis:

$$H_0: p_j = p_j(\theta) = P_\theta(X \in I_j) \text{ for all } j=1, \dots, r \text{ for some } \theta \in \Omega$$

Example: Discrete normal distribution by grouping the data into  $r$  intervals  $I_1, \dots, I_r$ .  
The hypothesis is:

$$H_0: P_j = N(\mu, \sigma^2)(I_j) \text{ for all } j=1, \dots, r \text{ for some } (\mu, \sigma^2)$$

There are 2 parameters  $(\mu \text{ and } \sigma^2)$  that describe all probabilities, so  $s=2$ .  
Our statistic  $T$  should converge to  $\chi^2_{r-s-1} = \chi^2_{r-3}$  - distribution.

Note: It can be difficult to maximize the "grouped" likelihood function  $P_\theta(I_1)^{y_1} \dots P_\theta(I_r)^{y_r}$  in order to get  $\hat{\theta}^*$ .

It's tempting to use a usual non-grouped MLE  $\hat{\theta}$  of  $\theta$  instead, because we know explicit formulae for the MLE's of many distributions.

However, the statistic 
$$T = \sum_{j=1}^r \frac{(y_j - np_j(\hat{\theta}))^2}{np_j(\hat{\theta})}$$
 no longer converges to  $\chi^2_{r-s-1}$  - distribution.

A famous result of Chernoff & Lehmann states that  $T$  DOES CONVERGE to some distribution "in between"  $\chi^2_{r-1}$  and  $\chi^2_{r-s-1}$ .

### 8.3. Asymptotic inference with the MLE

As in Section 2, let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be an i.i.d. sample from a family of distributions  $\{P_\theta: \theta \in \Omega\}$ .  
Let  $l(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log f_\theta(X_i)$  be the log-likelihood of this sample and let  $\hat{\theta}$  denote the MLE.

By FACT 11 (page 24.), we have:  $(\hat{\theta} - \theta_0)' (-(\nabla^2 l(\theta))|_{\theta=\hat{\theta}}) (\hat{\theta} - \theta_0) \xrightarrow{d} \chi_p^2$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

One can use this asymptotic behaviour to set up a  $100(1-\alpha)\%$  confidence ellipsoid for  $\theta_0$ , the  $p$ -dimensional vector containing the true values of the unknown parameters  $\theta$ :

The  $100(1-\alpha)\%$  confidence ellipsoid is:  $\{\theta: (\hat{\theta} - \theta)' (-(\nabla^2 l(\theta))|_{\theta=\hat{\theta}}) (\hat{\theta} - \theta) \leq \chi_{p; 1-\alpha}^2\}$

where  $\alpha$  is usually set to 0.05 and  $\chi_{p; 1-\alpha}^2$  denotes the  $(1-\alpha)$ -quantile of  $\chi_p^2$ -distribution.

So, approximately speaking,  $\theta_0$  is inside this ellipsoid with probability  $\geq 1-\alpha$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

One can also test the hypothesis of the form  $H_0: \theta \in \Omega_0$ , where  $\Omega_0$  is a  $g$ -dimension subspace of the parameter space  $\Omega$  ( $0 \leq g < p$ ) using the generalized likelihood ratio (GLR) statistic

$\Delta := 2 \{l(\hat{\theta}) - \sup_{\theta \in \Omega_0} l(\theta)\}$ . It is known that, under  $H_0$ ,  $\Delta$  has a limit  $\chi^2_{p-g}$  distribution (as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ). Hence, the GLR test with significance level  $\alpha$  rejects  $H_0$  if  $\Delta$  exceeds  $\chi^2_{p-g; 1-\alpha}$ .

## 9 Test of independence

Setup: Our observations are classified by two different features and we would like to test, if these features are independent.

Each observation  $X$  is of the type  $(i, j)$ :  $i = \overline{1, a}$ ,  $j = \overline{1, b}$ .

Contingency table for an i.i.d. sample  $(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ :   
 notation:  $X^1 = i$ ,  $X^2 = j$ .   
 1st feature 2nd feature

Feature 1	Feature 2			
	1	2	...	b
1	$N_{11}$	$N_{12}$	...	$N_{1b}$
2	$N_{21}$	$N_{22}$	...	$N_{2b}$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
a	$N_{a1}$	$N_{a2}$	...	$N_{ab}$

$N_{ij}$  = # of observations in cell  $(i, j)$ .

Let  $P(X = (i, j)) = \theta_{ij}$ ,  $P(X^1 = i) = p_i$ ,  $P(X^2 = j) = q_j$ .  
Then, our hypotheses are:

$$\begin{cases} H_0: \theta_{ij} = p_i q_j \text{ for all } (i, j) \text{ for some } (p_1, \dots, p_a) \text{ and } (q_1, \dots, q_b) \\ H_1: \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The null hypothesis  $H_0$  is a special case of the composite hypotheses from Section 8. So, the idea is to use chi-squared goodness-of-fit test.

What is the dimension of the parameter set?

$$p_1 + \dots + p_a = 1 \text{ and } q_1 + \dots + q_b = 1, \text{ so}$$

we can take  $(p_1, \dots, p_{a-1})$  and  $(q_1, \dots, q_{b-1})$  as free parameters of the model.

So, the dimension of the parameter set is

$$s = (a-1) + (b-1) = a+b-2.$$

Therefore, if we find the MLE's for the parameters of this model, then

$$T = \sum_{i,j} \frac{(N_{ij} - np_i^* q_j^*)^2}{np_i^* q_j^*} \xrightarrow{d} \chi_{r-s-1}^2 = \chi_{(a-1)(b-1)}^2$$

Since  $r = a \cdot b$  is the # of groups and  $s = a + b - 2$ .

To formulate the test, it remains to find the MLE's of the parameters.

We need to maximize the likelihood function

$$\prod_{i,j} (p_i q_j)^{N_{ij}} = \prod_i p_i^{\sum_j N_{ij}} \prod_j q_j^{\sum_i N_{ij}} = \prod_i p_i^{N_{i+}} \prod_j q_j^{N_{+j}}$$

where we introduced notation  $N_{i+} = \sum_j N_{ij}$  and  $N_{+j} = \sum_i N_{ij}$  for the total # of observations in the  $i$ th row and  $j$ th column, respectively.

$p_i$ 's and  $q_j$ 's are not related, so maximizing the likelihood function above is equivalent to maximizing  $\prod_i p_i^{N_{i+}}$  and  $\prod_j q_j^{N_{+j}}$  separately.

So, let's maximize  $\prod_i p_i^{N_{i+}}$ , or taking the logarithm, maximize

$$\sum_{i=1}^a N_{i+} \log p_i = \sum_{i=1}^{a-1} N_{i+} \log p_i + N_{a+} \log(1 - p_1 - \dots - p_{a-1})$$

$$\frac{d}{dp_i} \sum_{i=1}^a N_{i+} \log p_i = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{N_{i+}}{p_i} - \frac{N_{a+}}{1 - p_1 - \dots - p_{a-1}} = \frac{N_{i+}}{p_i} - \frac{N_{a+}}{p_a} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{N_{i+} p_a = N_{a+} p_i} \quad \text{Add these equations for all } i = \overline{1, a}, \text{ we get}$$

$$n p_a = N_{a+} \Rightarrow p_a = \frac{N_{a+}}{n} \Rightarrow p_i = \frac{N_{i+}}{n}$$

Therefore, the MLE for  $p_i$ ,  $i = \overline{1, a}$  is  $p_i^* = \frac{N_{i+}}{n}$

Similarly, the MLE for  $q_j$ ,  $j = \overline{1, b}$  is  $q_j^* = \frac{N_{+j}}{n}$

So, the chi-square statistic  $T$  is:

$$T = \sum_{ij} \frac{(N_{ij} - \frac{N_{i+} N_{+j}}{n})^2}{\frac{N_{i+} N_{+j}}{n}}$$

and our test is

$$\delta = \begin{cases} H_1 : T \leq c \\ H_2 : T > c \end{cases}$$

where the threshold  $c$  comes from  $\alpha = \chi^2_{(a-1)(b-1)}(c, +\infty)$ , or in a quantile

Example In 2008, Zimbabwe poll: ? notation  $C = \chi^2_{(a-1)(b-1); 1-\alpha}$  personal financial status better than 1 yr ago?

Income \ Opinion	b = 3			
	Worse	Same	Better	
a = 3				
≤ 20K	20	15	12	47
≥ 20K < 35K	24	27	32	83
≥ 35K	14	22	23	59
	58	64	67	189

$$T = \frac{(20 - 47 \times 58 / 189)^2}{47 \times 58 / 189} + \dots + \frac{(23 - 67 \times 59 / 189)^2}{67 \times 59 / 189} = 5.21$$

If we take  $\alpha = 0.05$ , then

$$0.05 = \chi^2_{(a-1)(b-1)}(c, +\infty) = \chi^2_4(c, \infty) \Rightarrow c = 9.488$$

$T = 5.21 < C = 9.488$ , so we accept the null hypothesis that opinions are independent of income.

# 10. Kolmogorov-Smirnov Test

(kstest in Matlab)  
(lillietest in Matlab)

(for Lilliefors  $\equiv$  adjusted K-S test)

Given an i.i.d. sample  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  with some UNKNOWN distribution  $P$ , we would like to test the hypothesis that  $P$  is equal to a particular distribution  $P_0$ , i.e. decide between the hypotheses:

$$\begin{cases} H_0: P = P_0 \\ H_1: P \neq P_0 \end{cases}$$

We already know how to test this hypothesis using  $\chi^2$ -goodness-of-fit test.

If distribution  $P_0$  is continuous, we had to group the data and consider a weaker discretized null hypothesis. We now consider a different test for  $H_0$  based on a very different (perhaps even more natural) idea that AVOIDS DISCRETIZATION!

Let  $F(x) = P(X_1 \leq x)$  be a c.d.f. of a true underlying distribution of the data. Define an EMPIRICAL C.D.F by:

$$F_n(x) = P_n(X \leq x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n I(X_i \leq x)$$

Note: Some authors call this the sample c.d.f.

i.e. as the proportion of the sample points that are below level  $x$ .

Note that by the LLN (Law of large numbers), we have for every fixed  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ :

$$F_n(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n I(X_i \leq x) \rightarrow E[I(X_1 \leq x)] = P(X_1 \leq x) = F(x)$$

So  $F_n(x) \rightarrow F(x)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , i.e.

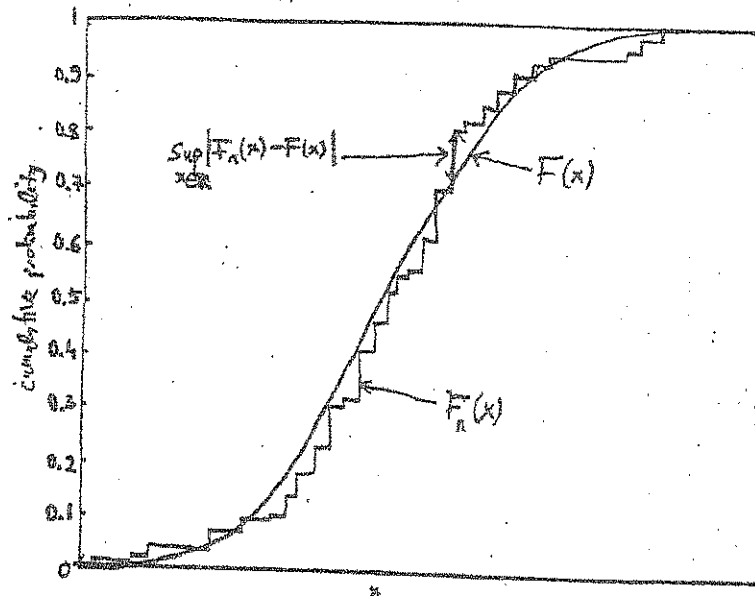
$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N(\epsilon, x)$  s.t. for all  $n \geq N$ :  $P(|F_n(x) - F(x)| > \epsilon) = 0$   
(so called pointwise convergence).

Also, by CLT, we have:

$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}: \sqrt{n}(F_n(x) - F(x)) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, F(x)(1-F(x)))$  (as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ), since  $F(x)(1-F(x))$  is the variance of  $I(X_1 \leq x)$ .



Kolmogorov and Smirnov proved more (we will not go into this as the proof is out of scope and difficult). They considered the following natural random variable:



Theorem 1) If the unknown distribution  $P$  of the sample is continuous, then

$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |F_n(x) - F(x)|$  does not depend on  $F$  (i.e. on  $P$ ).

2)  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N(\epsilon)$  s.t. for all  $n \geq N$ :  $P\left(\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |F_n(x) - F(x)| > \epsilon\right) = 0$ , i.e.

$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N(\epsilon)$  s.t. for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , and all  $n \geq N$ :  $P(|F_n(x) - F(x)| > \epsilon) = 0$   
(so called uniform convergence, which is much stronger than the pointwise convergence that follows from LLN)

3) The random variable  $\sqrt{n} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |F_n(x) - F(x)|$  also converges in distribution as follows:

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\left(\sqrt{n} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |F_n(x) - F(x)| \leq t\right) = H(t)$ , where

$H(t) = 1 - 2 \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{i-1} e^{-2i^2 t^2}$  is the c.d.f. of Kolmogorov-Smirnov distribution.

Let's use the Theorem to set up the K-S test:

First, we reformulate our hypotheses in terms of the cumulative distribution functions:

$$\begin{cases} H_0: F = F_0 \\ H_1: F \neq F_0 \end{cases}, \text{ where } F_0 \text{ is the c.d.f. of } P_0.$$

We consider the following statistic:

$$D_n = \sqrt{n} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |F_n(x) - F_0(x)|$$

If the null hypothesis is true, then by Theorem, the distribution of  $D_n$  will depend only on  $n$ , and if  $n$  is large, the distribution of  $D_n$  is approximated by the Kolmogorov-Smirnov distribution.

<sup>i.e. if  $F \neq F_0$</sup>   
If the null hypothesis is not true, then since  $F$  is the true c.d.f. of the data, by LLN the empirical c.d.f.  $F_n$  converges to  $F$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , and as a result will not approximate  $F_0$ , i.e. for large  $n$  we will have:

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |F_n(x) - F_0(x)| > \epsilon \text{ for some small enough } \epsilon.$$

This implies that

$$D_n = \sqrt{n} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |F_n(x) - F_0(x)| > \sqrt{n} \epsilon. \text{ So,}$$

$$\text{if } H_0 \text{ fails, then } D_n > \sqrt{n} \epsilon \rightarrow +\infty \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Therefore, to test  $H_0$  we will consider a decision rule:

$$\delta = \begin{cases} H_0, & \text{if } D_n \leq c \\ H_1, & \text{if } D_n > c, \end{cases}$$

Where the threshold  $c$  depends on the level of significance  $\alpha$ :

$$\alpha = P(\delta \neq H_0 | H_0) = P(D_n > c | H_0)$$

Since under  $H_0$ , the distribution of  $D_n$  depends only on  $n$  and can be tabulated,

We can find the threshold from the tables. Most software/statistical tables have these distributions  <sup>$c=c_\alpha$</sup>  for  $n \leq 100$ . Moreover, when  $n$  is large (as often in practice), we can use the KS distribution to find  $c$ , since

$$\alpha = P(D_n \geq c/H_0) \approx 1 - H(c)$$

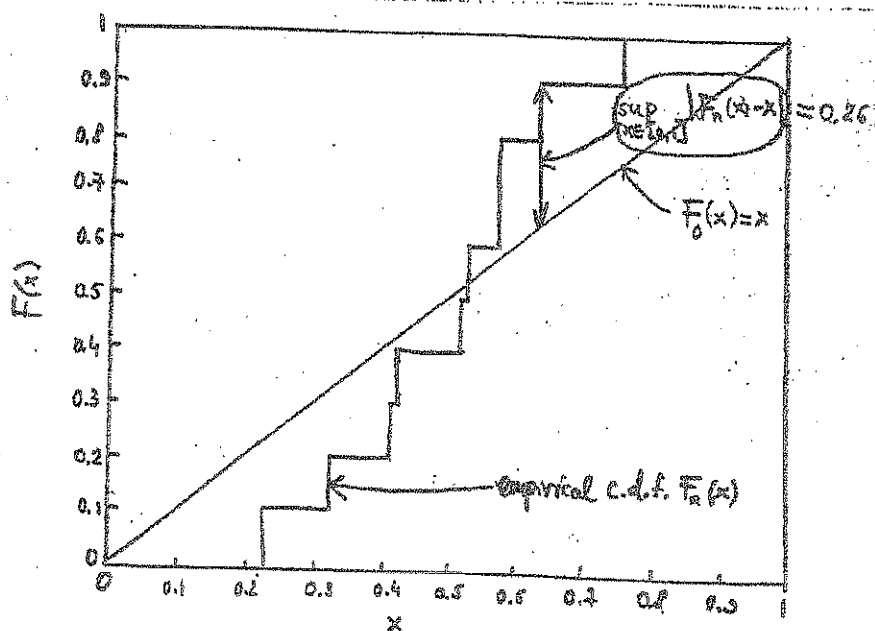
and we can use the tables for  $H$  to find  $c$ .

Example Consider a sample of size 10:

0.58, 0.42, 0.52, 0.33, 0.43, 0.23, 0.58, 0.76, 0.53, 0.64.

Let's test the hypothesis that the distribution of the sample is uniform on  $[0,1]$ , i.e.

$$H_0: F(x) = F_0(x) = x.$$



To compute  $D_n$ , notice that the largest difference between  $F_0(x)$  and  $F_n(x)$  is achieved either before or after one of the jumps; so calculate  $|F_n(x) - F_0(x)|$  before and after each jump.

before the jump	after the jump
$ 0 - 0.23 $	$ 0.1 - 0.23 $
$ 0.1 - 0.23 $	$ 0.2 - 0.33 $
$ 0.2 - 0.42 $	$ 0.3 - 0.42 $
$ 0.3 - 0.43 $	$ 0.4 - 0.43 $
$\vdots$	$\vdots$

The largest value is  $|0.9 - 0.64| = 0.26$ , so  $D_n = \sqrt{n} \sup_{x \in [0,1]} |F_n(x) - x| = \sqrt{10} \cdot 0.26 = 0.82$ .

Now, close your eyes and pretend that  $n=10$  is very large. Then the KS approximation from part 3) of Theorem gives:  $1 - H(C) = \underbrace{0.05}_{\alpha} \Rightarrow C = 1.35$

So, the KS test is:

$$\mathcal{F} = \begin{cases} H_1, & \text{if } D_n \leq 1.35 \\ H_2, & \text{if } D_n > 1.35 \end{cases}$$

So we accept the null hypothesis  $H_0$ , since  $D_n = 0.82 < C = 1.35$ .

K-S test for two samples (`kstest2` in Matlab)

This is very similar. Suppose that a first sample  $X_1, \dots, X_m$  of size  $m$  has distribution with c.d.f.  $F(x)$  and the second sample  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n$  of size  $n$  has distribution with c.d.f.  $G(x)$  and we want to test

$$\begin{cases} H_0: F = G \\ H_1: F \neq G. \end{cases}$$

Let  $F_n(x)$  and  $G_n(x)$  be the corresponding empirical c.d.f.'s. Then the statistic

$$D_{m,n} = \left( \frac{mn}{m+n} \right)^{1/2} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |F_n(x) - G_n(x)| \quad \text{satisfies the same}$$

Theorem as before. The rest is the same.

# 10] Addendum: Practical measures of nonnormality

A widely popular and disputed hypothesis in financial markets is that the log returns on stocks are normally distributed. There are several ways to test this hypothesis in practice:

## A) Look at the normal probability plot of returns, also known as the Q-Q plots.

This is a plot of the sample quantiles versus the quantiles of the standard normal  $N(0, 1)$  distribution. We know what quantiles are; but, what are sample quantiles?

Order the data  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  from smallest to largest to get  $X_{(1)}, X_{(2)}, \dots, X_{(n)}$ ; i.e. so called order statistics. The  $g$ -sample quantile (also known as the 100 $g$ th sample percentile) is  $X_{(k)}$ , where  $k = gn$  rounded to an integer. Some authors round up, some down, some round in both directions and use a weighted average of the two results.

If the normality assumption is true, then the  $g$ th sample quantile will be approximately equal to  $\mu + \sigma \Phi^{-1}(g)$ , where  $\Phi^{-1}$  denotes the inverse of the standard normal c.d.f.

In other words, aside for sampling variation, a plot of the sample quantiles versus the normal quantiles  $\Phi^{-1}$  will be linear.

Another way to put it is that the normal probability plot is a plot of  $X_{(i)}$  versus  $\Phi^{-1}\left(\frac{i}{n+1}\right)$ .

Systematic deviation of the plot from a straight line is evidence of nonnormality! (In Matlab normplot)

## B) Stock return distributions have often been observed to have heavy tails (which indicate the possibility of an extremely large negative return which could, for example, entirely deplete the capital reserves of a firm). Good measure for heavy tails is high kurtosis. Check the homework for definition of a kurtosis of a random variable.

Sample kurtosis is defined as  $\hat{K} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{X_i - \bar{X}}{s} \right)^4$ , where  $s^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$  as before

Both the sample skewness  $\left( \hat{S}_k = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{X_i - \bar{X}}{s} \right)^3 \right)$  and the excess sample kurtosis  $(\hat{K} - 3)$  should be near zero if a sample is from a normal distribution. Caveat: be aware of possible outliers when using B)

## C) Use normality tests such as Kolmogorov-Smirnov, Shapiro-Wille, Anderson-Darling etc. Check the p-values. For example, procedure PROC UNIVARIATE of SAS does all this for you!