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STAT 244

HOMEWORK 6

Question 1

Suppose X follows a geometric distribution with parameter p .

1. Derive the likelihood ratio for testing the hypothesis $p = p_0$ versus the alternative $p \neq p_0$.

THE variable X has PMF given

$$p(X = x) = p(1 - p)^{x-1}, x = 1, 2, \dots$$

We have a composite hypothesis a generalized likelihood ratio test is in order.

$$\Lambda = \frac{\max_{p \in w_0} [L(p)]}{\max_{p \in \Omega} [L(p)]}$$

Where the rejection region consists of small values for Λ . In this case $w_0 = \{p_0\}$ and $\Omega = \{0 < p < 1\}$

$$\max_{p \in w_0} [L(p)] = p_0(1 - p_0)^{x-1}.$$

For the denominator we have to maximize the likelihood for $p \in \Omega$. Which is the mle of $f(x | p) = p(1 - p)^x$, $\hat{p} = \frac{1}{x}$. Which makes

$$\max_{p \in \Omega} [L(p)] = \frac{1}{\bar{X}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\bar{X}}\right)^{x-1}.$$

Therefore

$$\Lambda = \frac{\bar{X} p_0 (1 - p_0)^{x-1} \bar{X}^{x-1}}{(\bar{X} - 1)^{x-1}}$$

It's important to note that I've set this up observing only 1 X , otherwise this would look slightly different, in fact I will end up replacing x for \bar{X} soon.

Which is the generalized likelihood ratio that will test the hypothesis.

2. For $p_0 = 0.01$, by some combination of numerical experimentation and mathematical analysis, find the set of possible values of x for X for which the likelihood ratio is less than 0.1.

EVALUATING Λ for a few values of X yields.

x	1	2	3	4	5
Λ	.01	.0396	.0066	.09	.117

Table 1: GLR

Hence for $x \leq 4$ we have likelihood ratio less than 0.1.

3. Find the probability of Type 1 error for the test that rejects $p_0 = 0.01$ when the likelihood ratio is less than 0.1. Find the power of this test when $p = 0.5$. Find the power of this test when $p = 0.001$.

Question 2 Rice 9.12

Let X_1, \dots, X_n be a random sample from an exponential distribution with the density function $f(x | \theta) = \theta e^{-\theta x}$. Derive a likelihood ratio test of $H_0: \theta = \theta_0$ versus $H_A: \theta \neq \theta_0$, and show that the rejection region is of the form $\{\bar{X}e^{-\theta_0 \bar{X}} \leq c\}$.

FIRST, recall that the mle of $L(\theta)$ is $\hat{\theta} = \bar{X}$. Set up the likelihood ratio test

I've found this in previous homeworks.

$$\Lambda = \frac{\max_{p \in w_0} [L(p)]}{\max_{p \in \Omega} [L(p)]}.$$

The numerator will be

$$L(\theta_0) = \prod_{i=1}^n \theta e^{-\theta_0 x_i}$$

and the denominator

$$L(\hat{\theta}) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\bar{X}} e^{-\frac{x_i}{\bar{X}}}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda &= \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n \theta e^{-\theta_0 x_i}}{\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\bar{X}} e^{-\frac{x_i}{\bar{X}}}} \\ &= \frac{\theta^n e^{-\theta_0 n \bar{X}}}{\frac{1}{\bar{X}^n} e^{-\frac{\bar{X} n}{\bar{X}}}} \\ &= \frac{\theta^n \bar{X}^n e^{-\theta_0 n \bar{X}}}{e^{-n}} \\ &= (e \theta_0 \bar{X} e^{(-\theta_0 \bar{X})})^n \end{aligned}$$

Where H_0 is rejected when Λ is small. Since e, n, θ are positive, Λ is small when $\bar{X} e^{(-\theta_0 \bar{X})}$ is small.

$$\begin{aligned} (e \theta_0 \bar{X} e^{(-\theta_0 \bar{X})})^n &< c_1 \\ e \theta_0 \bar{X} e^{(-\theta_0 \bar{X})} &< c_1^{\frac{1}{n}} \\ \bar{X} e^{(-\theta_0 \bar{X})} &< \frac{c_1^{\frac{1}{n}}}{\theta_0 e} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we see the rejection region takes the form $\bar{X}e^{(-\theta_0\bar{X})} \leq c = \frac{c_1^{\frac{1}{n}}}{\theta_0 e}$.

Question 3 Rice 9.13

Suppose, to be specific, that in problem 12, $\theta_0 = 1$, $n = 10$, and that $\alpha = .05$. In order to use the test, we must find the appropriate value of c .

1. Show that rejection region is of the form $\{\bar{X} \leq x_0\} \cup \{\bar{X} \geq x_1\}$, where x_0 and x_1 are determined by c .

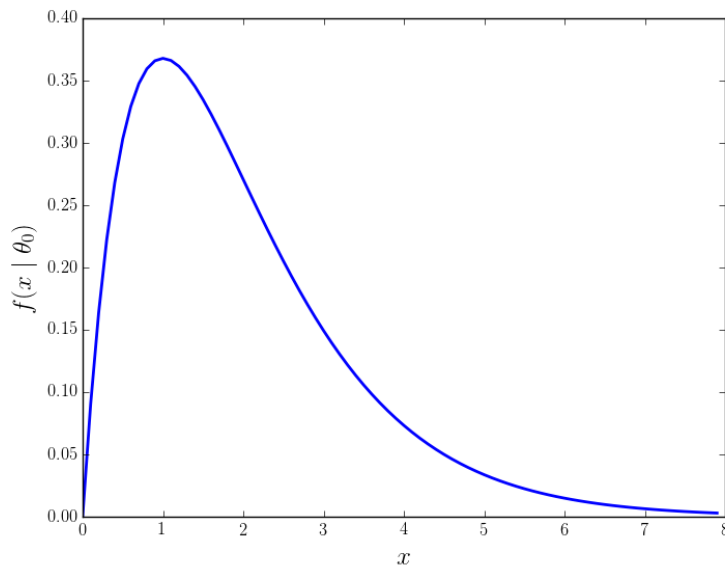
Now that we are given a value for θ_0 we have

$$f(x | \theta_0) = xe^{-x}.$$

But we also found in the previous question that our test rejects when

$$f(\bar{X} | \theta_0) = \bar{X}e^{(-\bar{X})}$$

is small, specifically when less than c . To see why it takes the form $\{\bar{X} \leq x_0\} \cup \{\bar{X} \geq x_1\}$, consider the graph of the function.



There would be a c chosen that corresponds with the Y axis of the graph and a horizontal line would intersect the function at two values of x .

2. Explain why c should be chosen so that $P(\bar{X}e^{(-\bar{X})} \leq c) = .05$.

THIS is just a restatement of Type I error under Neyman-Pearson.

$$Pr(\text{Reject } H_0 \mid H_0) = Pr(x \in [0, c] \mid \theta_0)$$

Which can be worded to say, the probability that x falls in the rejection zone. Furthermore, we found that $P(\bar{X}e^{(-\bar{X})})$ provides a rejection zone for Λ . What remains is to determine how willing we are to make Type 1 error.

If we want $\alpha = .05$ then we should set

$$Pr(x \in [0, c] \mid \theta_0) = Pr(f(\bar{X} \mid \theta) < c) = .05$$

to determine what c should be.

3. Explain why $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ and hence \bar{X} follow gamma distributions when $\theta_0 = 1$. How could this knowledge be used to choose c ?

Under H_0 : $\theta_0 = 1$ $X_i \sim \text{Exponential}(1)$ which is a special case of $\Gamma(1, \lambda)$ or in this particular case $\Gamma(1, 1)$. On the last homework, I found that $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i \sim \Gamma(n, 1)$ and $\bar{X} \sim \Gamma(n, n)$. Knowing the exact distribution, means I could compute the exact value of c for which 95 coverage for acceptable values of H_0 .

In this day and age, a computer would be the easiest way to do this. The gist would be first solve $f(\bar{X}) = c$ to get $x_0(c)$ and $x_1(c)$. Then solve

$$\alpha(c) = F(x_0(c)) + 1 - F(x_1(c))$$

Where $F(x)$ is cdf of $\Gamma(10, 10)$.

4. Suppose you hadn't thought of the preceding fact. Explain how you could determine a good approximation to c by generating random numbers on a computer (simulation).

GENERATE a bunch of samples from $\text{Exponential}(1)$ of size $n = 10$. Then compute $\bar{X}e^{\bar{X}}$ for each sample. Sort the result and set the cutoff as the value indexed at the 5% of the number of samples generated. For example, if the results are stored in some list of size 10000 then you'd take value indexed at list[500] as the cutoff value for a close approximation.

Question 4

Call "This, it thus, and" Class I words; Class II is "everything else". For each of 215 groups of 5 of James Mill's sentences, the number of Class I words was counted.

Test whether a Binomial Distribution ($n = 5, \theta$) fits these data.

FIRST, knowing the MLE of a binomial will be useful.

$$\begin{aligned} L(\theta) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \binom{n}{x_i} \theta^{x_i} (1 - \theta)^{n - x_i} \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \binom{n}{x_i} \theta^{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} (1 - \theta)^{n - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i} \end{aligned}$$

Taking the log and the derivative we have

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} \log L(\theta) = \frac{\bar{X}n}{\theta} + \frac{n - \bar{X}n}{\theta - 1}$$

Setting the above equal to zero and solving for θ give the mle.

$$\hat{\theta} = \bar{X}$$

Using the table we can compute the mle, $\hat{\theta} = 339/215(5) = .31$.

No. Class I words	0	1	2	3	4	5
No. groups(observed)	87	11	51	42	20	4
No. groups(expected)	34	76	68	30	7	1



Figure 1: James Mill, the economist

Table 2: Class I words