

STA261: Problems 8

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This assignment is not for credit. Complete the questions as preparation for the quiz in tutorial 8 on August 1st. The questions on the quiz will be very similar to the questions on the assignment.

1. Suppose $X_i \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ is an IID sample from a normal distribution with mean parameter μ and known variance σ^2 . We are interested in developing a likelihood ratio procedure for seeing whether the observed data supports a candidate value $\mu = \mu_0$.

- (a) State the full parameter space Ω and its dimension.
- (b) State the restricted parameter space Ω_0 and its dimension.
- (c) Show that the likelihood ratio as defined in lecture can be written

$$-2 \log \Lambda = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{X_i - \mu_0}{\sigma} \right)^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{X_i - \bar{X}}{\sigma} \right)^2$$

- (d) We proved in class that Λ has an approximate χ_1^2 distribution when defined this way. Show that in this example, $-2 \log \Lambda$ has an exact χ_1^2 distribution:

$$-2 \log \Lambda \sim \chi_1^2$$

Remember the proof from a few lectures back that $\frac{(n-1)s^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$? This is similar.

- (e) Show that the likelihood ratio simplifies to

$$-2 \log \Lambda = \left(\frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \right)^2$$

2. Consider the previous question, but now the variance is unknown.

- (a) Show that the likelihood ratio simplifies to

$$-2 \log \Lambda = \log \hat{\sigma}_0^2 - \log \hat{\sigma}^2$$

- (b) Show that it simplifies even further to

$$-2 \log \Lambda = n \log \left(1 + \frac{t^2}{n-1} \right)$$

$$\text{where } t^2 = \frac{(\bar{X} - \mu_0)^2}{s^2/n}.$$

3. Show that if $X_i \stackrel{IID}{\sim} N(\mu, 1)$, the distribution of $-2 \log \Lambda(\mathbf{x})$ is exact, not approximate. You already showed this in question 1 but just computing it and its distribution; now we do it using Taylor series like with the CLT for the MLE.

- (a) Write down the likelihood and the log-likelihood for μ .
- (b) Write $-2 \log \Lambda(\mathbf{x}) = 2(\ell(\hat{\mu}) - \ell(\mu_0))$. Take a second order Taylor expansion of $\ell(\mu_0)$ about the point $\mu = \hat{\mu}$.
- (c) What is the remainder term equal to and why?
- (d) Explain why this completes the proof.

4. Suppose now that we have K random samples from normal distributions, all mutually independent, with different means and the same known variance. That is, we have

$$\begin{aligned} X_{ij} &\sim N(\mu_i, \sigma^2) \\ i &= 1 \dots K \\ j &= 1 \dots n \end{aligned}$$

We wish to develop a likelihood ratio for seeing whether the observed data supports all the means being equal to each other, $\mu_i = \mu_0$ for $i = 1 \dots K$. We do not specify what μ_0 is- we estimate it from the data.

- (a) State the full parameter space Ω .
- (b) State the restricted parameter space Ω_0 . What type of geometrical object is this?
- (c) Show that the numerator of the likelihood ratio

$$L_0(\mu_0|\mathbf{x}) = c \times \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^K \sum_{j=1}^n (x_{ij} - \mu_0)^2 \right)$$

where c is some constant that does not depend on μ (you don't need to say what it is).

- (d) Show that the (restricted) MLE of μ_0 under the assumption that $\mu_i = \mu_0$ is

$$\hat{\mu}_0 = \frac{1}{nK} \sum_{i=1}^K \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij} \equiv \bar{x}_{..}$$

- (e) Show that the denominator of the likelihood ratio is

$$L_1(\mu_1, \dots, \mu_K|\mathbf{x}) = c \times \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^K \sum_{j=1}^n (x_{ij} - \mu_i)^2 \right)$$

where c is some constant that does not depend on μ_0 (you don't need to say what it is).

- (f) Show that the (unrestricted) MLEs of $\mu_1 \dots \mu_K$ are

$$\hat{\mu}_i = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij} \equiv \bar{x}_i$$

- (g) Show that the likelihood ratio in this problem can be written

$$-2 \log \Lambda = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^K \sum_{j=1}^n (x_{ij} - \bar{x}_{..})^2 - \sum_{i=1}^K \sum_{j=1}^n (x_{ij} - \bar{x}_i)^2 \right)$$

- (h) What is the distribution of $-2 \log \Lambda$, including the relevant degrees of freedom, if $\mu_i = \mu_0$?