

MTH 375
Fall 2020
Hw 8 – due 3/24/2022

Key Concepts: Bayesian credible intervals, hypothesis testing, size = level of significance, power curve, likelihood ratio, Neyman-Pearson most powerful test.

Read Sec 6.1-2.

#1. Let X_1, \dots, X_{50} be iid $\text{Poisson}(\theta)$ random variables, where θ has the prior distribution $\text{exponential}(5)$. Determine a 98% Bayesian credible interval for θ when $\sum_{i=1}^{50} X_i = 170$.

Hints: For this problem and for #4,

1. Use the version of the exponential distribution with pdf $f(x|\theta) = \frac{1}{\theta}e^{-x/\theta}$, $x > 0$.
2. The sum of n independent $\text{exponential}(\theta)$ RV's is $\text{gamma}(n, \theta)$.

#2. Let X_1, \dots, X_{25} be a sample of iid $\text{Bernoulli}(p)$ random variables, with p uniform on $[0, 1]$. Determine a 96% credible interval for p when $\sum_{i=1}^{25} X_i = 10$.

#3. Let X_1, \dots, X_{25} be a sample of iid $\text{Binomial}(1, p)$ random variables. Suppose we test the hypotheses $H_0 : p = 0.6$ vs. $H_A : p > 0.6$ using the test “Reject H_0 if $\sum_{i=1}^{25} x_i \geq 20$.” Determine

- a) the level of significance, α .
- b) the power of this test for $p = .7, .8, .9$, and 1.0 .

#4. Let X_1, \dots, X_{10} be iid $\text{exponential}(\theta)$ random variables. For testing $H_0 : \theta = 5$ vs. $H_A : \theta = 8$, determine

- a) the form of the Neyman-Pearson most powerful test.
- b) the actual test at level $\alpha = .05$. (Your answer will be “Reject H_0 if ...”.)
- c) The power of this test.

#5. Let X_1, \dots, X_{15} be of iid $\text{Normal}(\mu = 10, \sigma^2 = \theta)$ random variables. For testing $H_0 : \theta = 6$ vs. $H_A : \theta = 2$, determine

- a) the form of the Neyman-Pearson most powerful test at level of significance α .
- b) the actual test at level $\alpha = .05$.
- c) The power of your test.