

# Problems Sheet 8

Statistics 2

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```
xtab<-c(109,65,22,3,1,0)
xobs<-rep(0:5,xtab)
n<-length(xobs)
xobs.bar<-mean(xobs)
```

## Question 1

Let  $\mathbf{X} := (X_1, \dots, X_{200}) \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$  be a random vector representing the number of deaths each year &  $\mathbf{x} := (x_1, \dots, x_{200})$  be a realisation of  $\mathbf{X}$ .

Here we shall test  $H_0 : \lambda \leq 0.5$  against  $H_1 : \lambda > 0.5$ .

Define test statistic  $T(\mathbf{X}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ , from the data we have

$$T(\mathbf{x}) = -\frac{1}{200} \sum_{i=1}^{200} x_i = \frac{122}{200} = -0.61$$

Since  $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i$  is an equivalent test statistic to the Neyman-Pearson Test statistic then  $T(\mathbf{X})$  is an equivalent test statistic too.

Thus  $T(\mathbf{X})$  is the uniformly most powerful test statistic for  $H_0$  &  $H_1$  and has associated  $p$ -value

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{X}) &= \mathbb{P}(T(\mathbf{X}) \geq T(\mathbf{x}); 0.5) \\ &= \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{1}{200} \sum_{i=1}^{200} X_i \geq 0.61; 0.5\right) \\ &= \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{200} X_i \geq 122; 0.5\right) \\ &= \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{200} X_i \geq 122; 0.5\right) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(Y \geq 122) \text{ by independence where } Y \sim \text{Poisson}(200 \times 0.5) = \text{Poisson}(100) \\ &= 1 - \mathbb{P}(Y < 122) \\ &= 0.0180734 \end{aligned}$$

## Question 2

a)

We can approximate  $Y \sim \text{Poisson}(100)$  as  $\tilde{Y} \approx \text{Normal}(100, 100)$ . Then

$$p(\mathbf{X}) = 1 - \mathbb{P}(Y < 122) \approx 1 - \mathbb{P}(\tilde{Y} < 122) = 0.4129356$$

b)

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lambda<-.5
trials<-1000

samples.raw<-sapply(1:trials, function(i) sum(rpois(200,lambda)))
count<-sum(samples.raw<=122)
p<-1-count/trials
p
```

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## [1] 0.012
```

### Question 3

Let  $\mathbf{X} := (X_1, \dots, X_{200}) \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$  be a random vector representing the number of deaths each year &  $\mathbf{x} := (x_1, \dots, x_{200})$  be a realisation of  $\mathbf{X}$ .

I shall test  $H_0 : \lambda = 0.55$  against  $H_1 : \lambda \neq 0.55$  at a significance level of 5% where  $\Theta := \mathbb{R}^{>0}$ .

Thus  $\Theta_0 := \{0.55\}$  and is nested in  $\Theta$ . Note that  $\dim(\Theta) = 1$  and  $\dim(\Theta_0) = 0$ .

Since  $\Theta_0$  is nested within  $\Theta$  we have

$$T_n(\mathbf{X}) := -2 \ln \Lambda_n(\mathbf{X}) \rightarrow_{\mathcal{D}(\cdot; \theta)} \chi_{\dim(\Theta) - \dim(\Theta_0)}^2 = \chi_{1-0}^2 = \chi_1^2 \text{ where } \Lambda_n(\mathbf{x}) := \frac{\sup_{\lambda \in \Theta_0} f_n(\mathbf{x}; \lambda)}{\sup_{\lambda \in \Theta} f_n(\mathbf{x}; \lambda)}$$

We shall use  $T_n(\mathbf{X})$  as our test statistic.

We have

$$\begin{aligned} T(\mathbf{X}) &:= -2 \ln \Lambda_n(\mathbf{X}) \\ &= -2 \ln \frac{\sup_{\lambda=0.55} f_n(\mathbf{x}; \lambda)}{\sup_{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^{>0}} f_n(\mathbf{x}; \lambda)} \\ &= -2 \left[ \ell_n(\mathbf{x}; \lambda) - \ell_n(\mathbf{x}; \hat{\lambda}_{MLE}) \right] \end{aligned}$$

Since I am constructing  $\alpha = 0.95$  confidence interval we wish to retain  $\lambda$  if

$$T_n(\mathbf{x}) := -2 \left[ \ell_n(\lambda; \mathbf{x}) - \ell_n(\hat{\lambda}_{MLE}; \mathbf{x}) \right] < \chi_{1, \alpha}^2$$

This is the confidence set

$$\begin{aligned} C(\mathbf{x}) &= \left\{ \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^{>0} : T_n(\mathbf{x}) < \chi_{1, \alpha}^2 \right\} \\ &= \left\{ \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^{>0} : -2 \left[ \ell_n(\lambda; \mathbf{x}) - \ell_n(\hat{\lambda}_{MLE}; \mathbf{x}) \right] < \chi_{1, \alpha}^2 \right\} \\ &= \left\{ \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^{>0} : \ell_n(\lambda; \mathbf{x}) > \ell_n(\hat{\lambda}_{MLE}; \mathbf{x}) - \frac{1}{2} \chi_{1, \alpha}^2 \right\} \end{aligned}$$

There is a rule of thumb that at the 5 significance level the confidence set can be approximated as

$$C(\mathbf{x}) = \left\{ \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^{>0} : \ell_n(\lambda; \mathbf{x}) \geq \ell(\hat{\theta}_n; \mathbf{x}) - 2 \right\}$$

We can estimate the bounds of this set using `r` to calculate  $\ell_n(\lambda; \mathbf{x})$  at regular intervals.

```
ell <- function(lambda) {
  stopifnot(all(lambda > 0))
  n <- length(xobs)
  n * (-lambda + mean(xobs) * log(lambda))
}

ell.mle <- optimise(ell, interval=c(0,1), maximum=TRUE)$objective
cat("ell.mle=", ell.mle, sep="")
```

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## ell.mle=-182.3042
```

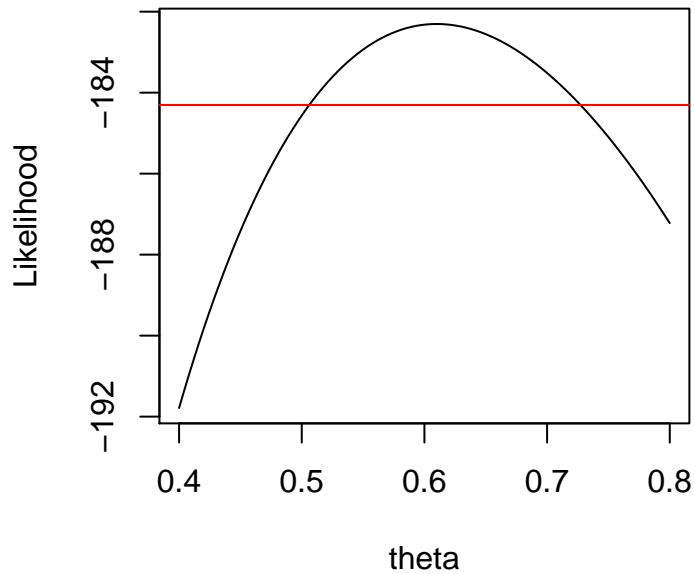
Giving

$$\begin{aligned} C(\mathbf{x}) &= \left\{ \ell_n(\lambda; \mathbf{x}) > \ell_n(\hat{\lambda}_{MLE}; \mathbf{x}) - 2 \right\} \\ &= \left\{ \ell_n(\lambda; \mathbf{x}) > -182.3041513 - 2 \right\} \\ &= \left\{ \ell_n(\lambda; \mathbf{x}) > -184.3041513 \right\} \end{aligned}$$

```
x <- seq(0.4, .8, length.out=100)
y <- sapply(x, function(p) ell(p))
z <- x[which(y > ell.mle-2)] # The values where the inequality holds
cat("lower:", min(z), "\nupper:", max(z), sep="")

## lower:0.5090909
## upper:0.7232323
```

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plot(x,y,type="l",xlab="theta",ylab="Likelihood")
abline(h=ell.mle-2,col="red")
```



Thus

$$C(\mathbf{x}) = \{\theta \in [0.5090909, 0.7232323]\}$$

We accept  $H_0$  in this case.

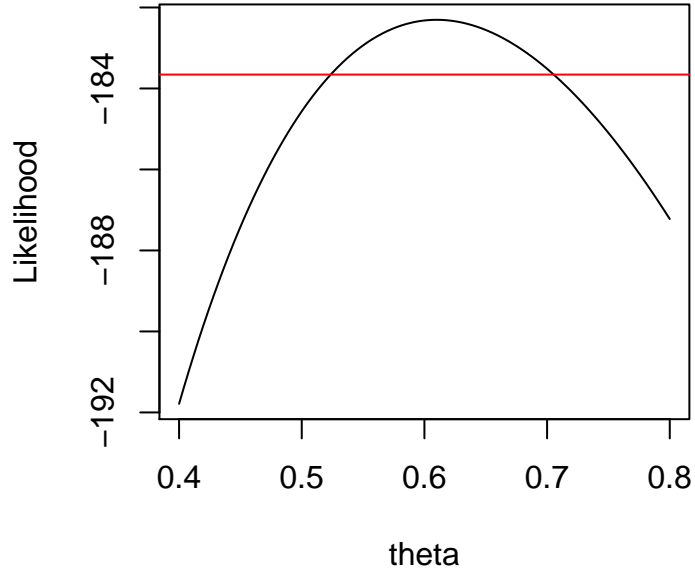
b)

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alpha=0.9
quantile<-qchisq(alpha,1)

z<-x[which(y>ell.mle-.5*quantile)] # The values where the inequality holds
cat("chisq_alpha=",quantile,"\nlower:",min(z),"\nupper:",max(z))

## chisq_alpha= 2.705543
## lower: 0.5252525
## upper: 0.7030303

plot(x,y,type="l",xlab="theta",ylab="Likelihood")
abline(h=ell.mle-.5*quantile,col="red")
```



Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
 C(\mathbf{x}) &= \left\{ \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^{>0} : \ell_n(\lambda; \mathbf{x}) > \ell_n(\hat{\lambda}_{MLE}; \mathbf{x}) - \frac{1}{2} 2.7055435 \right\} \\
 &= \left\{ \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^{>0} : \ell_n(\lambda; \mathbf{x}) > -182.3041513 - 1.3527717 \right\} \\
 &= \left\{ \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^{>0} : \ell_n(\lambda; \mathbf{x}) > -183.656923 \right\} \\
 &= \{ \lambda \in [0.5252525, 0.7030303] \text{ from R} \}
 \end{aligned}$$

We accept  $H_0$  in this case.