

Defn: Likelihood Ratio Test (LRT)

Consider the hypothesis

$$H_0: \theta \in \Theta_0 \quad \text{v.} \quad H_a: \theta \in \Theta_a$$

Let

$$\lambda(\underline{x}) = \frac{\max_{\theta \in \Theta_0} L(\theta)}{\max_{\theta \in \Theta} L(\theta)} = \frac{L(\hat{\theta}_0)}{L(\hat{\theta})}$$

$$0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$$

$\lambda \approx 0$   $\Rightarrow$  much more likely  $\theta \in \Theta_a$   
than  $\theta \in \Theta_0$

(probably reject)

$\lambda \approx 1$   $\Rightarrow$  as likely that  $\theta \in \Theta_0$  as  $\theta \in \Theta_a$

If  $\hat{\theta} \in \Theta_0$  then  $\lambda = 1$

Idea: reject if  $\lambda$  is small enough

LRT has rejection region

$$R = \{ \underline{x} \mid \lambda(\underline{x}) \leq c \}$$

↑ some threshold

Choose  $c$  to strike a balance between type I and II error.

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Ex. Let  $X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\theta, \sigma^2)$

↑ known

$$H_0: \theta \leq a \quad \text{v.} \quad \theta > a$$


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Let's form our LRT

$$\Theta_0 = (-\infty, a] \quad \text{and} \quad \Theta_a = (a, \infty)$$

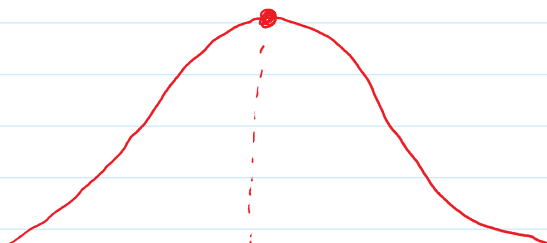
$$\Theta = \mathbb{R}$$

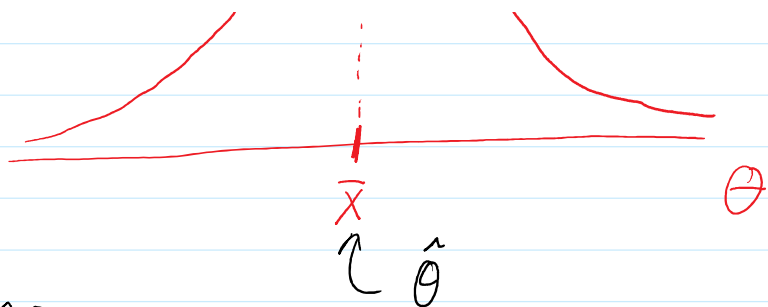
$$L(\theta) = \prod_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x_n - \theta)^2\right)$$

↑ looks quadratic in  $\theta$

$$= (2\pi)^{-N/2} (\sigma^2)^{-N/2} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{n=1}^N (x_n - \theta)^2\right)$$

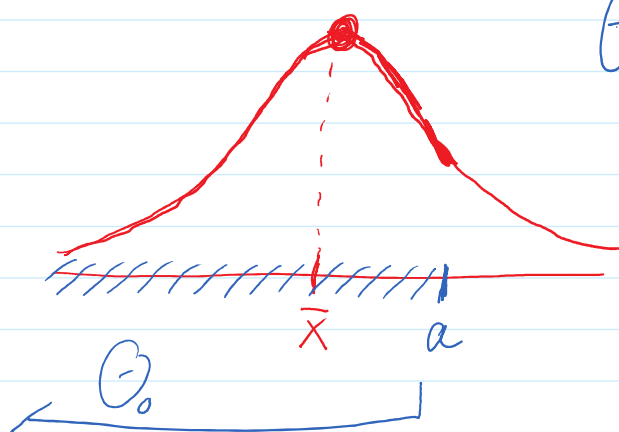
$L(\theta)$





$$\lambda = \frac{L(\hat{\theta}_0)}{L(\hat{\theta})} = \frac{L(\hat{\theta}_0)}{L(\bar{x})}$$

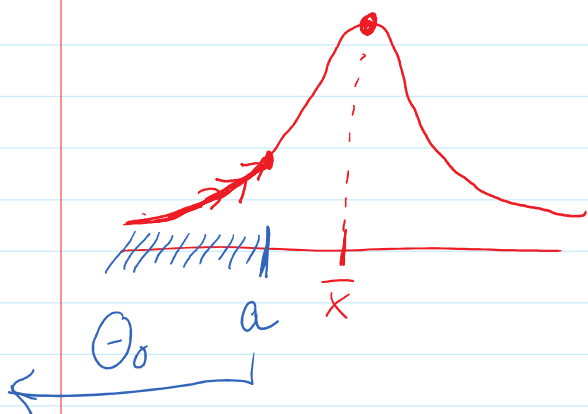
two cases:  $\bar{x} \leq a$



$$\hat{\theta}_0 = \max_{\theta \in \Theta_0} L(\theta) = \bar{x}$$

$$\text{so } \lambda = \frac{L(\bar{x})}{L(\bar{x})} = 1$$

Case 2:  $\bar{x} > a$



$$\hat{\theta}_0 = \max_{\theta \in \Theta_0} L(\theta) = a$$

$$\lambda = \frac{L(a)}{L(\bar{x})}$$

$$\hat{\theta}_0 = \begin{cases} \bar{x} & \bar{x} \leq a \\ a & \bar{x} > a \end{cases}$$

$$\lambda = \begin{cases} 1 & \bar{x} \leq a \leftarrow \text{never reject} \\ \frac{L(a)}{L(\bar{x})} & \boxed{\bar{x} > a} \leftarrow \text{sometimes reject} \end{cases}$$

LRT says reject  $H_0: \theta \leq a$  if

$$\frac{L(a)}{L(\bar{x})} \leq c \quad \text{where } c \in (0, 1)$$

$$\lambda = \frac{L(a)}{L(\bar{x})} = \frac{(\cancel{2\pi})^{-N/2} (\cancel{\sigma^2})^{-N/2} \exp(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_n (x_n - a)^2)}{(\cancel{2\pi})^{-N/2} (\cancel{\sigma^2})^{-N/2} \exp(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_n (x_n - \bar{x})^2)}$$

$$= \frac{\exp(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_n (x_n^2 - 2x_n a + a^2))}{\exp(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_n (x_n^2 - 2x_n \bar{x} + \bar{x}^2))}$$

$$= \frac{\exp(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} [\cancel{\sum_n x_n^2} - 2a \overbrace{\sum_n x_n}^{N\bar{x}} + Na^2])}{\exp(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} [\cancel{\sum_n x_n^2} - 2\bar{x} \underbrace{\sum_n x_n}_{N\bar{x}} + N\bar{x}^2])}$$

$$\frac{1}{e^a} = e^{-a}$$

$$= \exp(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (-2a N\bar{x} + Na^2 - N\bar{x}^2))$$

$$= \exp(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} [N\bar{x}^2 - 2a N\bar{x} + Na^2])$$

$$\lambda = \exp\left(-\frac{N}{2\sigma^2} (\bar{X} - a)^2\right)$$

So LRT says reject when

$$\exp\left(-\frac{N}{2\sigma^2} (\bar{X} - a)^2\right) \leq c$$

$$\Leftrightarrow -\frac{N}{2\sigma^2} (\bar{X} - a)^2 \leq \log c$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (\bar{X} - a)^2 \geq \frac{-2\sigma^2 \log c}{N}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{X} &> a \\ \bar{X} - a &> 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \bar{X} - a \geq \sqrt{\frac{-2\sigma^2 \log c}{N}}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \bar{X} \geq a + \sqrt{\frac{-2\sigma^2 \log c}{N}}$$

$$\frac{\bar{X} - a}{\sigma/\sqrt{N}} \geq \sqrt{-2 \log c}^{c^*}$$

LRT says reject if  $\bar{X}$  is more than  $c^*$   
s.e.s. bigger than  $a$

How do we choose  $c^*$ ?

Maybe want LRT to be a size  $\alpha$  test

$$\max_{\theta \in G_0} \underbrace{P_{\theta}(\text{reject})}_{\beta(\theta)} = \alpha$$

$$\underline{P_{\theta}(\text{reject } H_0) = \beta(\theta)}$$

$$= P_{\theta}(\lambda \leq c)$$

$$= P_{\theta}\left(\frac{\bar{X} - a}{\sigma/\sqrt{N}} \geq c^*\right)$$

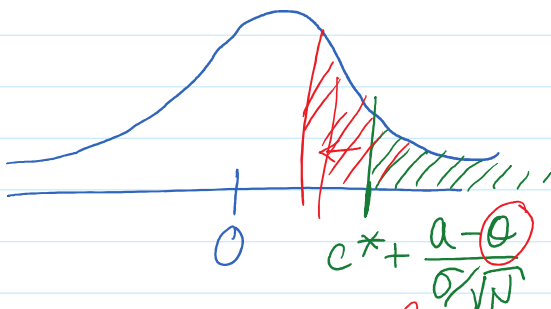
$$X_n \sim N(\theta, \sigma^2)$$

$$\bar{X} \sim N(\theta, \sigma^2/N)$$

$$\frac{\bar{X} - \theta}{\sigma/\sqrt{N}} \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$= P_{\theta}\left(\frac{\bar{X} - a}{\sigma/\sqrt{N}} + \frac{a - \theta}{\sigma/\sqrt{N}} \geq c^* + \frac{a - \theta}{\sigma/\sqrt{N}}\right)$$

$$= P_{\theta}\left(\underbrace{\frac{\bar{X} - \theta}{\sigma/\sqrt{N}}}_{Z \sim N(0, 1)} \geq c^* + \frac{a - \theta}{\sigma/\sqrt{N}}\right)$$



$$H_0: \theta \leq a \quad \text{v.} \quad H_a: \theta > a$$

maximal  
a when  $\theta$  as large as  
possible

i.e.  $\theta = a$

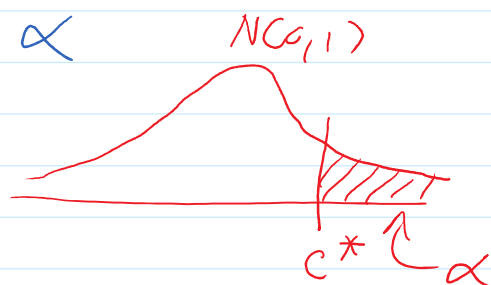
Then  $\theta = a$

$$p(\theta) = P_{\theta} \left( Z \geq c^* + \frac{\mu - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{N}} \right)$$

$$= P_{\theta} (Z \geq c^*)$$

to make a size  $\alpha$  test I need to choose  $c^*$  so that

$$P(Z \geq c^*) = \alpha$$



$$F_Z(c^*) = P(Z \leq c^*) = 1 - \alpha$$

$$c^* = F_Z^{-1}(F_Z(c^*)) = F_Z^{-1}(1 - \alpha)$$

Ex.

$$H_0: \theta \leq 5 \quad H_a: \theta > 5$$

$$x_1 = 1, \quad x_2 = 7, \quad x_3 = 9, \quad x_4 = 5, \quad x_5 = 6$$

$$N = 5$$

$$\sigma = 1.2$$

$$\alpha = .05$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1 + 7 + 9 + 5 + 6}{5} = 5.6$$

$$\bar{x} - a = .6$$

$$z = \frac{\bar{x} - a}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} = \frac{.6}{1.2/\sqrt{5}} = \dots 1.11$$

$$c^* = F_z^{-1}(1 - .05) = 1.64$$

$z < c^*$  so we don't  
have evidence to reject.

Defn: Uniformly Most-Powerful Tests (UMP)

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a collection of tests testing  
the hypothesis

$$H_0: \theta \in \Theta_0 \quad \text{v.} \quad H_a: \theta \in \Theta_a$$

A test w/ the power function  $\beta^*(\theta) = P_\theta(\underline{X} \in R)$   
is called the uniformly most powerful  
test (UMP) [for the collection  $\mathcal{C}$ ]

if

$$\beta^*(\theta) \geq \underset{\text{in } \mathcal{C}}{\beta(\theta)} \quad \forall \theta \in \Theta_a$$



for any other test <sup>int</sup> w/ power for  $\beta$ .  $\beta^*$

