

§6 Hypothesis Testing

§6.1 Introduction

6.1.1 \mathbf{X} : observed dataset \sim probability function $f(\cdot|\theta)$

θ : unknown parameter

A *hypothesis test* of

$$(\text{null hypothesis}) H_0 : \theta \in \Theta_0 \quad \text{vs} \quad (\text{alternative hypothesis}) H_1 : \theta \in \Theta_1$$

seeks from empirical data evidence that supports rejection of H_0 in favour of H_1 .

6.1.2 **Definition.** A hypothesis test may take the form of a *test function* $\varphi(\mathbf{X})$, such that

H_0 is rejected with probability $\varphi(\mathbf{X})$.

Special case: Given a *critical region* $\mathcal{C} \subset$ sample space,

$$\varphi(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{1}\{\mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{C}\} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{reject } H_0 \text{ if observe } \mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{C}.$$

6.1.3 **Definition.** If a critical region has the form $\{\mathbf{X} : T(\mathbf{X}) > c\}$ for some constant c and statistic $T(\mathbf{X})$, then $T(\mathbf{X})$ is called a *test statistic* and c is called a *critical value*.

6.1.4 **Definition.** The *power function* of the test φ is

$$w(\theta) = \mathbb{E}_\theta[\varphi(\mathbf{X})] = \mathbb{E}_\theta[\mathbb{P}(\text{reject } H_0 | \mathbf{X})] = \mathbb{P}_\theta(\text{reject } H_0).$$

- for $\theta \in \Theta_0$, $w(\theta)$ = probability of rejecting **true** H_0 (i.e. *type I error*) at θ
- for $\theta \notin \Theta_0$, $1 - w(\theta)$ = probability of accepting **false** H_0 (i.e. *type II error*) at θ

6.1.5 **Definition.** The *size* of a test φ is defined to be $\sup_{\theta \in \Theta_0} w(\theta)$.

Definition. The *power* of the test φ at $\theta \in \Theta_1 \setminus \Theta_0$ is defined to be $w(\theta)$.

The size of a test gives its maximum *Type I error* probability, while the power of a test equals $1 - \text{Type II error}$ probability at a particular $\theta \in \Theta_1 \setminus \Theta_0$.

6.1.6 In hypothesis testing, one typically seeks a test φ whose size is kept below some prescribed level α and whose power is as large as possible for $\theta \in \Theta_1 \setminus \Theta_0$.

6.1.7 Let \mathcal{T} be a collection of test functions such that

- \mathcal{T} contains the trivial tests $\varphi \equiv 0$ and $\varphi \equiv 1$,
- for any $\varphi, \varphi^* \in \mathcal{T}$, we have either $\varphi(\mathbf{x}) \leq \varphi^*(\mathbf{x}) \forall \mathbf{x}$ or $\varphi^*(\mathbf{x}) \leq \varphi(\mathbf{x}) \forall \mathbf{x}$.

The above conditions imply that we can rank the tests in \mathcal{T} by their degree of conservativeness (“reluctance to reject”), with $\varphi \equiv 0$ and $\varphi \equiv 1$ being the most and least conservative, respectively.

Definition. Suppose that $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x}$ is observed. With respect to the test function collection \mathcal{T} , we may define the p-value $pv(\mathbf{x})$ to be the smallest size of the test $\varphi \in \mathcal{T}$ with $\varphi(\mathbf{x}) > 1/2$, i.e.

$$pv(\mathbf{x}) = \inf \left\{ \sup_{\theta \in \Theta_0} \mathbb{E}_\theta[\varphi(\mathbf{X})] : \varphi(\mathbf{x}) > 1/2, \varphi \in \mathcal{T} \right\}.$$

The **smaller** the value of $pv(\mathbf{x})$, the **stronger** is the evidence contained in \mathbf{x} against H_0 .

Special case:

If $\mathcal{T} = \{\mathbf{1}\{T(\cdot) > \tau\} : -\infty \leq \tau \leq \infty\}$ for some test statistic $T = T(\mathbf{X})$, then

$$pv(\mathbf{x}) = \inf_{\tau < T(\mathbf{x})} \sup_{\theta \in \Theta_0} \mathbb{P}_\theta(T(\mathbf{X}) > \tau) = \sup_{\theta \in \Theta_0} \mathbb{P}_\theta(T(\mathbf{X}) \geq T(\mathbf{x})).$$

§6.2 Likelihood ratio test

6.2.1 **Definition.** The *likelihood ratio* for the test of $H_0 : \theta \in \Theta_0$ vs $H_1 : \theta \in \Theta_1$, given data \mathbf{X} , is defined to be

$$\Lambda_{\mathbf{X}}(H_0, H_1) = \frac{\sup_{\theta \in \Theta_1} \ell_{\mathbf{X}}(\theta)}{\sup_{\theta \in \Theta_0} \ell_{\mathbf{X}}(\theta)},$$

where $\ell_{\mathbf{X}}(\theta)$ is the likelihood function.

The likelihood ratio may be loosely interpreted as the *odds* of H_1 against H_0 .

6.2.2 **Definition.** A *likelihood ratio test* uses $\Lambda_{\mathbf{X}}(H_0, H_1)$ as the test statistic, with large values of $\Lambda_{\mathbf{X}}(H_0, H_1)$ being evidence against H_0 in favour of H_1 .

6.2.3 Based on observed data \mathbf{x} , the likelihood ratio test yields the p-value

$$pv(\mathbf{x}) = \sup_{\theta \in \Theta_0} \mathbb{P}(\Lambda_{\mathbf{X}}(H_0, H_1) \geq \Lambda_{\mathbf{x}}(H_0, H_1)).$$

6.2.4 **Example §6.2.1** Let $\mathbf{X} = (M, N)$ be a pair of independent random variables such that $N - \beta \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ and $(M - \beta) | N \sim \text{binomial}(N - \beta, \rho)$, for unknown parameters $\lambda > 0$, $\rho \in [0, 1]$ and $\beta \in \{0, 1\}$.

Mass function of $\mathbf{X} = (M, N)$:

$$f(m, n | \lambda, \rho, \beta) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{n-\beta}}{(n-\beta)!} \binom{n-\beta}{m-\beta} \rho^{m-\beta} (1-\rho)^{n-m} \mathbf{1}\{n \geq m \geq \beta\}.$$

We wish to test

$$H_0 : \beta = 0 \quad \text{against} \quad H_1 : \beta = 1.$$

Notes:

- 0^0 is interpreted as 1 in the following expressions.
- Elementary probability calculations show that $M - \beta \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda\rho)$ unconditionally.

Likelihood: $\ell_{\mathbf{X}}(\lambda, \rho, \beta) \propto \mathbf{1}\{\beta \leq M\} e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{N-\beta} \rho^{M-\beta} (1-\rho)^{N-M} / (M-\beta)!$

→ likelihood ratio test statistic:

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda_{\mathbf{X}}(H_0, H_1) &= \frac{\sup_{\lambda>0, \rho \in [0,1]} \ell_{\mathbf{X}}(\lambda, \rho, 1)}{\sup_{\lambda>0, \rho \in [0,1]} \ell_{\mathbf{X}}(\lambda, \rho, 0)} \\ &= \frac{\mathbf{1}\{M \geq 1\} e^{-(N-1)} (N-1)^{N-1} \left(\frac{M-1}{N-1}\right)^{M-1} \left(\frac{N-M}{N-1}\right)^{N-M} / (M-1)!}{e^{-N} N^N \left(\frac{M}{N}\right)^M \left(\frac{N-M}{N}\right)^{N-M} / M!} \\ &= e \mathbf{1}\{M \geq 1\} (1 - 1/M)^{M-1} \begin{cases} = 0, & M = 0, \\ \downarrow \text{ strictly,} & \text{as } M \uparrow \text{ on } [1, \infty), \\ 1, & M = \infty. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Based on observed data $\mathbf{X} = (m, n)$, the p-value is given by

$$\begin{aligned} pv(m, n) &= \sup_{\lambda>0, \rho \in [0,1], \beta=0} \mathbb{P}_{\lambda, \rho, \beta}(\mathbf{1}\{M \geq 1\} (1 - 1/M)^{M-1} \geq \mathbf{1}\{m \geq 1\} (1 - 1/m)^{m-1}) \\ &= \begin{cases} 1, & m = 0, \\ \sup_{\lambda>0, \rho \in [0,1]} \mathbb{P}_{\lambda, \rho, 0}(1 \leq M \leq m), & m \geq 1. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Under $\beta = 0$, we have $M \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda\rho)$, so that for $m \geq 1$,

$$\sup_{\lambda>0, \rho \in [0,1]} \mathbb{P}_{\lambda, \rho, 0}(1 \leq M \leq m) = \sup_{\lambda>0, \rho \in [0,1]} \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{e^{-\lambda\rho} (\lambda\rho)^j}{j!} = \sup_{\theta>0} \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{e^{-\theta} \theta^j}{j!}.$$

To maximise $\sum_{j=1}^m e^{-\theta}\theta^j/j!$ over $\theta > 0$, consider

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \ln \left(\sum_{j=1}^m \frac{e^{-\theta}\theta^j}{j!} \right) = \frac{1 - \theta^m/m!}{\sum_{j=1}^m \theta^j/j!} \begin{cases} > 0, & \theta < (m!)^{1/m}, \\ < 0, & \theta > (m!)^{1/m}. \end{cases}$$

It follows that $\sum_{j=1}^m e^{-\theta}\theta^j/j!$ is maximised at $\theta = (m!)^{1/m}$, so that

$$pv(m, n) = e^{-(m!)^{1/m}} \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{(m!)^{j/m}}{j!}, \quad \text{for } m \geq 1.$$

§6.3 Criteria for optimal tests

6.3.1 **Definition.** The test φ is *unbiased of size α* if

$$\sup_{\theta \in \Theta_0} \mathbb{E}_{\theta}[\varphi(\mathbf{X})] = \alpha \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{E}_{\theta}[\varphi(\mathbf{X})] \geq \alpha \quad \forall \theta \in \Theta_1 \setminus \Theta_0.$$

An unbiased test of size α has *Type II error* probability $\leq 1 - \alpha$.

6.3.2 **Definition.** A test φ_0 is *uniformly most powerful* (UMP) among all tests φ of size $\leq \alpha$ if

$$\begin{cases} \mathbb{E}_{\theta}[\varphi_0(\mathbf{X})] \leq \alpha \quad \forall \theta \in \Theta_0, \quad \text{and} \\ \mathbb{E}_{\theta}[\varphi_0(\mathbf{X})] \geq \mathbb{E}_{\theta}[\varphi(\mathbf{X})] \quad \forall \theta \in \Theta_1 \setminus \Theta_0 \quad \text{and} \quad \forall \text{ tests } \varphi \text{ of size } \leq \alpha. \end{cases}$$

6.3.3 Sometimes, for rather general Θ_0, Θ_1 , we cannot find the UMP test. But if we restrict consideration to **unbiased** tests, we may be able to find the UMP test.

6.3.4 **Definition.** A test φ_0 is *uniformly most powerful unbiased* (UMPU) among all unbiased tests φ of size $\leq \alpha$ if

$$\begin{cases} \mathbb{E}_{\theta}[\varphi_0(\mathbf{X})] \leq \alpha \quad \forall \theta \in \Theta_0, \quad \text{and} \\ \mathbb{E}_{\theta}[\varphi_0(\mathbf{X})] \geq \mathbb{E}_{\theta}[\varphi(\mathbf{X})] \quad \forall \theta \in \Theta_1 \setminus \Theta_0 \quad \text{and} \quad \forall \text{ unbiased tests } \varphi \text{ of size } \leq \alpha. \end{cases}$$

6.3.5 A UMP (or UMPU) test among all (or all unbiased) tests of size $\leq \alpha$ is necessarily unbiased.

Proof: The test $\varphi \equiv \alpha$ has $\mathbb{E}_{\theta}[\varphi(\mathbf{X})] = \alpha \quad \forall \theta$, so that it has size $\leq \alpha$ and is unbiased. Thus, the UMP (or UMPU) test φ_0 satisfies $\mathbb{E}_{\theta}[\varphi_0(\mathbf{X})] \geq \mathbb{E}_{\theta}[\varphi(\mathbf{X})] = \alpha \geq \sup_{\theta \in \Theta_0} \mathbb{E}_{\theta}[\varphi_0(\mathbf{X})] \quad \forall \theta \in \Theta_1 \setminus \Theta_0$. **■**

§6.4 UMP test under monotone likelihood ratio

6.4.1 Lemma. (Neyman-Pearson)

For testing $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$ vs $H_1 : \theta = \theta_1$, the likelihood ratio test of size α is UMP among all tests of size $\leq \alpha$.

Proof:

Let $\varphi_0(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{1}\{f(\mathbf{X}|\theta_1)/f(\mathbf{X}|\theta_0) > k\}$ be the test function of the likelihood ratio test. Then $k > 0$ necessarily. Take any test φ of size $\leq \alpha$ such that

$$\mathbb{E}_{\theta_0}[\varphi(\mathbf{X})] \leq \alpha = \mathbb{E}_{\theta_0}[\varphi_0(\mathbf{X})].$$

Consider

$$[\varphi_0(\mathbf{X}) - \varphi(\mathbf{X})][f(\mathbf{X}|\theta_1) - kf(\mathbf{X}|\theta_0)] \geq 0,$$

so that

$$\int [\varphi_0(\mathbf{x}) - \varphi(\mathbf{x})][f(\mathbf{x}|\theta_1) - kf(\mathbf{x}|\theta_0)] d\mathbf{x} \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E}_{\theta_1}[\varphi_0(\mathbf{X})] - \mathbb{E}_{\theta_1}[\varphi(\mathbf{X})] \geq k \{\mathbb{E}_{\theta_0}[\varphi_0(\mathbf{X})] - \mathbb{E}_{\theta_0}[\varphi(\mathbf{X})]\} \geq 0 \Rightarrow \mathbb{E}_{\theta_1}[\varphi_0(\mathbf{X})] \geq \mathbb{E}_{\theta_1}[\varphi(\mathbf{X})]. \quad \blacksquare$$

Note: Since H_1 consists of only a singleton $\{\theta_1\}$, we may drop the word “uniformly” and simply say the likelihood ratio test is *most powerful* among all tests of size $\leq \alpha$.

6.4.2 Example.

$\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$ iid $\sim \exp(\theta)$

Likelihood $\ell_{\mathbf{X}}(\theta) \propto \theta^n \exp(-\theta \sum_{i=1}^n X_i)$

Test $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$ vs $H_1 : \theta = \theta_1$ [$\theta_1 > \theta_0 > 0$ fixed]

Likelihood ratio: $\Lambda_{\mathbf{X}}(H_0, H_1) = (\theta_1/\theta_0)^n \exp\{-(\theta_1 - \theta_0) \sum_{i=1}^n X_i\}$.

Since $\Lambda_{\mathbf{X}}(H_0, H_1)$ is decreasing in $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i$, a likelihood ratio test has critical region equivalent to $\{\mathbf{X} : \sum_{i=1}^n X_i < c\}$, for some $c > 0$. It has size

$$\alpha = \mathbb{P}_{\theta_0}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i < c\right) = \mathbb{P}_{\theta_0}(\text{Gamma}(n, 1) < \theta_0 c) = \int_0^{\theta_0 c} \frac{y^{n-1} e^{-y}}{(n-1)!} dy,$$

since $\theta \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \sim \text{Gamma}(n, 1)$. Thus,

likelihood ratio test: reject H_0 if $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i < c$

is most powerful among all tests of size $\leq \alpha = \int_0^{\theta_0 c} \frac{y^{n-1} e^{-y}}{(n-1)!} dy$.

6.4.3 Definition.

Data $\mathbf{X} \sim f(\cdot|\theta)$ (probability function)

Test $H_0 : \theta \in \Theta_0$ vs $H_1 : \theta \in \Theta_1$

If there exists a statistic $T = T(\mathbf{X})$ such that for any $\theta_0 \in \Theta_0$ and $\theta_1 \in \Theta_1$, the ratio $f(\mathbf{X}|\theta_1)/f(\mathbf{X}|\theta_0)$ is **nondecreasing** in $T(\mathbf{X})$, then the parametric family $\{f(\cdot|\theta) : \theta \in \Theta\}$ has *monotone likelihood ratio* (mlr) in $T(\mathbf{X})$ (w.r.t. the test of H_0 vs H_1).

6.4.4 Examples.

(i) Data $\mathbf{X} \sim$ probability function $f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) = c(\theta)h(\mathbf{x}) \exp \{ \theta t(\mathbf{x}) \}$

Test $H_0 : \theta \leq \theta^*$ vs $H_1 : \theta > \theta^*$ (some given constant θ^*)

For any $\theta_0 \leq \theta^*$ and $\theta_1 > \theta^*$, we have

$$\frac{f(\mathbf{X}|\theta_1)}{f(\mathbf{X}|\theta_0)} = \frac{c(\theta_1)}{c(\theta_0)} \exp \{ (\theta_1 - \theta_0)t(\mathbf{X}) \},$$

which is nondecreasing in the natural statistic $t(\mathbf{X})$ (since $\theta_1 > \theta_0$). Thus

the model has mlr in $t(\mathbf{X})$.

Clearly, the model also has mlr in $t(\mathbf{X})$ w.r.t. the test of $H_0 : \theta \leq \theta^*$ vs $H_1 : \theta \geq \theta^*$.

(ii) $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$ iid $\sim U[0, \theta]$

Test $H_0 : \theta \geq c$ vs $H_1 : \theta < c$ (some given constant $c > 0$)

For any $\theta_0 \geq c$ and $\theta_1 < c$, we have

$$f(\mathbf{X}|\theta_1)/f(\mathbf{X}|\theta_0) = (\theta_0/\theta_1)^n \mathbf{1}_{\{\max_i(X_i) \leq \theta_1\}} / \mathbf{1}_{\{\max_i(X_i) \leq \theta_0\}},$$

which is nondecreasing in $T(\mathbf{X}) = -\max_i(X_i)$ (since $\theta_1 < \theta_0$). Thus

the model has mlr in $T(\mathbf{X}) = -\max_i(X_i)$.

Clearly, the model also has mlr in $-\max_i(X_i)$ w.r.t. the test of $H_0 : \theta \geq c$ vs $H_1 : \theta \leq c$.

(iii) Test $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$ vs $H_1 : \theta = \theta_1$ (some given constants θ_0, θ_1)

It is trivial that

$$f(\mathbf{X}|\theta_1)/f(\mathbf{X}|\theta_0) = \Lambda_{\mathbf{X}}(H_0, H_1)$$

is nondecreasing in $T(\mathbf{X}) = \Lambda_{\mathbf{X}}(H_0, H_1)$. Thus, w.r.t. any test of simple against simple hypotheses, it is always true that

the model has mlr in $T(\mathbf{X}) = \Lambda_{\mathbf{X}}(H_0, H_1)$.

6.4.5 The mlr property enables us to construct UMP tests for θ easily.

Theorem.

Consider the test of $H_0 : \theta \in \Theta_0$ vs $H_1 : \theta \in \Theta_1$.

Suppose $\{f(\cdot|\theta) : \theta \in \Theta\}$ has mlr in T w.r.t. the test. Define, for some constant t_0 , the test function

$$\varphi_0(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{1}\{T(\mathbf{X}) > t_0\}.$$

Then the following results hold.

- (i) φ_0 is a likelihood ratio test.
- (ii) $\sup_{\theta \in \Theta_0} \mathbb{E}_\theta[\varphi_0(\mathbf{X})] \leq \inf_{\theta \in \Theta_1} \mathbb{E}_\theta[\varphi_0(\mathbf{X})]$.
- (iii) φ_0 is **UMP** among all tests of size $\leq \sup_{\theta \in \Theta_0} \mathbb{E}_\theta[\varphi_0(\mathbf{X})]$.

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Proof:

(i) Fix \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} such that $T(\mathbf{x}) \geq T(\mathbf{y})$. For any $\theta_0 \in \Theta_0$, $\theta_1 \in \Theta_1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{\theta \in \Theta_1} f(\mathbf{x}|\theta)/f(\mathbf{x}|\theta_0) &\geq f(\mathbf{x}|\theta_1)/f(\mathbf{x}|\theta_0) \\ &\geq f(\mathbf{y}|\theta_1)/f(\mathbf{y}|\theta_0). \quad (\text{by mlr property}) \end{aligned}$$

The above relation holds for all $\theta_0 \in \Theta_0$ and $\theta_1 \in \Theta_1$, and so

$$\Lambda_{\mathbf{x}}(H_0, H_1) = \inf_{\theta_0 \in \Theta_0} \sup_{\theta \in \Theta_1} f(\mathbf{x}|\theta)/f(\mathbf{x}|\theta_0) \geq \inf_{\theta_0 \in \Theta_0} \sup_{\theta_1 \in \Theta_1} f(\mathbf{y}|\theta_1)/f(\mathbf{y}|\theta_0) = \Lambda_{\mathbf{y}}(H_0, H_1),$$

which implies that $\Lambda_{\mathbf{x}}(H_0, H_1)$ is nondecreasing in $T(\mathbf{x})$.

(ii) Take any $\theta_0 \in \Theta_0$ and $\theta_1 \in \Theta_1$. By mlr, φ_0 defines a likelihood ratio test of $\theta = \theta_0$ against $\theta = \theta_1$, with

$$\text{size} = \mathbb{E}_{\theta_0}[\varphi_0(\mathbf{X})] = \alpha_0 \text{ say, } \text{power} = \mathbb{E}_{\theta_1}[\varphi_0(\mathbf{X})].$$

By Neyman-Pearson Lemma, φ_0 is most powerful among all tests of size $\leq \alpha_0$. The trivial test $\varphi_r(\mathbf{X}) \equiv \alpha_0$ has size = power = α_0 . Neyman-Pearson Lemma implies that

$$\mathbb{E}_{\theta_1}[\varphi_0(\mathbf{X})] \geq \mathbb{E}_{\theta_1}[\varphi_r(\mathbf{X})] = \alpha_0 = \mathbb{E}_{\theta_0}[\varphi_0(\mathbf{X})].$$

The result (ii) follows since $\theta_0 \in \Theta_0$ and $\theta_1 \in \Theta_1$ are arbitrary.

(iii) Define $\alpha = \sup_{\theta \in \Theta_0} \mathbb{E}_\theta[\varphi_0(\mathbf{X})]$. Then for any $\alpha' < \alpha$, there exists $\theta^* \in \Theta_0$ with $\alpha' < \mathbb{E}_{\theta^*}[\varphi_0(\mathbf{X})] \leq \alpha$. Let φ be an arbitrary test of size $\leq \alpha$. Then necessarily $\mathbb{E}_{\theta^*}[(\alpha'/\alpha)\varphi(\mathbf{X})] \leq \alpha' < \mathbb{E}_{\theta^*}[\varphi_0(\mathbf{X})]$. Fix any $\theta_1 \in \Theta_1$. Regarding φ_0 and $(\alpha'/\alpha)\varphi$ as tests of size $\leq \mathbb{E}_{\theta^*}[\varphi_0(\mathbf{X})]$ for testing $\theta = \theta^*$ vs $\theta = \theta_1$, Neyman-Pearson Lemma implies that $\mathbb{E}_{\theta_1}[\varphi_0(\mathbf{X})] \geq \mathbb{E}_{\theta_1}[(\alpha'/\alpha)\varphi(\mathbf{X})]$, as φ_0 defines a likelihood ratio test of $\theta = \theta^*$ against $\theta = \theta_1$. Letting $\alpha' \uparrow \alpha$, we have $\mathbb{E}_{\theta_1}[\varphi_0(\mathbf{X})] \geq \mathbb{E}_{\theta_1}[\varphi(\mathbf{X})]$. Since θ_1 is arbitrary, we have $\mathbb{E}_\theta[\varphi_0(\mathbf{X})] \geq \mathbb{E}_\theta[\varphi(\mathbf{X})]$ for all $\theta \in \Theta_1$, so that φ_0 is UMP among all tests of size $\leq \alpha$. I

6.4.6 **Remark.** If $\Theta_0 \cap \Theta_1 \neq \emptyset$, then it follows from Theorem §6.4.5 that for any $\theta^\dagger \in \Theta_0 \cap \Theta_1$,

$$\mathbb{E}_{\theta^\dagger}[\varphi_0(\mathbf{X})] = \sup_{\theta \in \Theta_0} \mathbb{E}_\theta[\varphi_0(\mathbf{X})] = \text{size of } \varphi_0.$$

6.4.7 **Examples §6.4.4.** (cont'd)

(i) Data $\mathbf{X} \sim$ probability function $f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) = c(\theta)h(\mathbf{x}) \exp\{\theta t(\mathbf{x})\}$.

Test $H_0 : \theta \leq \theta^*$ vs $H_1 : \theta > \theta^*$.

The model has mlr in $T = t(\mathbf{X})$ w.r.t. the above test, as well as the test of $H_0 : \theta \leq \theta^*$ vs $H_1 : \theta \geq \theta^*$.

Likelihood ratio test: reject H_0 if $t(\mathbf{X}) > t_0$

is UMP among all tests of size $\leq \alpha = \sup_{\theta \leq \theta^*} \mathbb{P}_\theta(t(\mathbf{X}) > t_0) = \mathbb{P}_{\theta^*}(t(\mathbf{X}) > t_0)$.

Based on the observation $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x}$, the p-value is given by

$$pv(\mathbf{x}) = \sup_{\theta \leq \theta^*} \mathbb{P}_\theta(t(\mathbf{X}) \geq t(\mathbf{x})) = \mathbb{P}_{\theta^*}(t(\mathbf{X}) \geq t(\mathbf{x})).$$

(ii) $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$ iid $\sim U[0, \theta]$

Test $H_0 : \theta \geq c$ vs $H_1 : \theta < c$

The model has mlr in $T = -\max_i(X_i)$ w.r.t. the above test, as well as the test of $H_0 : \theta \geq c$ vs $H_1 : \theta \leq c$.

Likelihood ratio test: reject H_0 if $\max_i(X_i) < t_0$

is UMP among all tests of size

$$\leq \alpha = \sup_{\theta \geq c} \mathbb{P}_\theta(\max_i X_i < t_0) = \mathbb{P}_c(\max_i X_i < t_0) = \min\{(t_0/c)^n, 1\}.$$

Based on the observation $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x}$, the p-value is given by

$$pv(\mathbf{x}) = \sup_{\theta \geq c} \mathbb{P}_\theta(\max_i X_i \leq \max_i x_i) = \mathbb{P}_c(\max_i X_i \leq \max_i x_i) = \min\left\{\left(\max_i x_i/c\right)^n, 1\right\}.$$

6.4.8 Example.

Let X be a discrete random variable distributed over the set $\{1, 2, \dots, r\}$ with probabilities $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (p_1, \dots, p_r)$, such that

$$\mathbb{P}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(X = i) = p_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, r.$$

Let $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_r)$ be a given sequence of probabilities such that $\sum_{i=1}^r a_i = 1$.

Define $\Theta_1 = \left\{ \boldsymbol{\theta} = (p_1, \dots, p_r) : \frac{p_1}{p_2} \geq \frac{a_1}{a_2}, \frac{p_2}{p_3} \geq \frac{a_2}{a_3}, \dots, \frac{p_{r-1}}{p_r} \geq \frac{a_{r-1}}{a_r} \right\}$.

Consider the test of

$$H_0 : \boldsymbol{\theta} = \mathbf{a} \quad \text{vs} \quad H_1 : \boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta_1.$$

Note that for any $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (p_1, \dots, p_r) \in \Theta_1$, we have

$$\frac{p_1}{a_1} \geq \frac{p_2}{a_2} \geq \dots \geq \frac{p_r}{a_r},$$

so that $\ell_X(\boldsymbol{\theta})/\ell_X(\mathbf{a}) = p_X/a_X$ is nondecreasing in $-X$. Thus the model has mlr in $-X$ w.r.t. the test.

Likelihood ratio test: reject H_0 if $X < t_0$

is UMP among all tests of size $\leq \alpha = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{a}}(X < t_0) = \sum_{\{i: i < t_0\}} a_i$.

Based on the observation $X = x$, the p-value is given by

$$pv(x) = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{a}}(X \leq x) = a_1 + \dots + a_x.$$

We see that the significance of an observation x depends not only on its actual value (the smaller the more significant) but also on the probability of observing a value at least as small as x under H_0 .

§6.5 Two-sided UMPU test under exponential family

6.5.1 No UMP test exists for testing $H_0 : \theta \in [\theta_1, \theta_2]$ vs $H_1 : \theta \notin [\theta_1, \theta_2]$, in which case one might need to weaken the optimality criterion to UMPU.

6.5.2 Data $\mathbf{X} \sim$ probability function $f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) = c(\theta)h(\mathbf{x}) \exp \{ \theta t(\mathbf{x}) \}$.

Natural parameter: θ , natural statistic: $t(\mathbf{X})$.

Test $H_0 : \theta \in [\theta_1, \theta_2]$ vs $H_1 : \theta \notin [\theta_1, \theta_2]$.

We assume without loss of generality that $[\theta_1, \theta_2]$ is contained in the natural parameter space.

Define test function

$$\varphi(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{1}\{t(\mathbf{X}) \notin [t_1, t_2]\},$$

where t_1, t_2 satisfy

$$\mathbb{E}_{\theta_1}[\varphi(\mathbf{X})] = \mathbb{E}_{\theta_2}[\varphi(\mathbf{X})] = \alpha.$$

Theorem. The test φ is the UMPU size α test of H_0 against H_1 .

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Proof: We start by proving the following lemma.

Lemma. Let $\tilde{\varphi}$ be an arbitrary test function such that $\mathbb{E}_{\theta_1}[\tilde{\varphi}(\mathbf{X})] = \mathbb{E}_{\theta_2}[\tilde{\varphi}(\mathbf{X})] = \alpha$. Then

$$\mathbb{E}_{\theta}[\varphi(\mathbf{X})] \begin{cases} \geq \mathbb{E}_{\theta}[\tilde{\varphi}(\mathbf{X})], & \theta \notin [\theta_1, \theta_2], \\ \leq \mathbb{E}_{\theta}[\tilde{\varphi}(\mathbf{X})], & \theta \in [\theta_1, \theta_2]. \end{cases}$$

Proof of lemma:

Let $u < v < w$ be fixed in the natural parameter space. For any $K_1, K_2 > 0$, consider the function

$$\begin{aligned} g(\mathbf{X}) &\equiv K_1 \frac{f(\mathbf{X}|u)}{f(\mathbf{X}|v)} + K_2 \frac{f(\mathbf{X}|w)}{f(\mathbf{X}|v)} - 1 \\ &= K_1 \frac{c(u)}{c(v)} e^{(u-v)t(\mathbf{X})} + K_2 \frac{c(w)}{c(v)} e^{(w-v)t(\mathbf{X})} - 1, \end{aligned}$$

which is convex in $t(\mathbf{X})$, diverges to ∞ as $t(\mathbf{X}) \rightarrow \pm\infty$, and negative at $t(\mathbf{X}) = 0$ for sufficiently small $K_1, K_2 > 0$. We can find constants $K_1, K_2 > 0$ such that $g(\mathbf{X}) > 0$ if and only if $t(\mathbf{X}) \notin [t_1, t_2]$.

Thus

$$\varphi(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{1}\{g(\mathbf{X}) > 0\} = \mathbf{1}\{K_1 f(\mathbf{X}|u) + K_2 f(\mathbf{X}|w) > f(\mathbf{X}|v)\}.$$

Consider

$$[\varphi(\mathbf{X}) - \tilde{\varphi}(\mathbf{X})][K_1 f(\mathbf{X}|u) + K_2 f(\mathbf{X}|w) - f(\mathbf{X}|v)] \geq 0,$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} &\int [\varphi(\mathbf{x}) - \tilde{\varphi}(\mathbf{x})][K_1 f(\mathbf{x}|u) + K_2 f(\mathbf{x}|w) - f(\mathbf{x}|v)] d\mathbf{x} \geq 0 \\ \Rightarrow &K_1 \{\mathbb{E}_u \varphi(\mathbf{X}) - \mathbb{E}_u \tilde{\varphi}(\mathbf{X})\} + K_2 \{\mathbb{E}_w \varphi(\mathbf{X}) - \mathbb{E}_w \tilde{\varphi}(\mathbf{X})\} \geq \mathbb{E}_v \varphi(\mathbf{X}) - \mathbb{E}_v \tilde{\varphi}(\mathbf{X}). \end{aligned}$$

If $\theta < \theta_1$, setting $u = \theta$, $v = \theta_1$ and $w = \theta_2$ in the above gives that

$$K_1 \{\mathbb{E}_{\theta} \varphi(\mathbf{X}) - \mathbb{E}_{\theta} \tilde{\varphi}(\mathbf{X})\} + K_2(\alpha - \alpha) \geq \alpha - \alpha \Rightarrow \mathbb{E}_{\theta} \varphi(\mathbf{X}) \geq \mathbb{E}_{\theta} \tilde{\varphi}(\mathbf{X}).$$

Similarly, if $\theta > \theta_2$, setting $u = \theta_1$, $v = \theta_2$ and $w = \theta$ gives also that $\mathbb{E}_{\theta} \varphi(\mathbf{X}) \geq \mathbb{E}_{\theta} \tilde{\varphi}(\mathbf{X})$.

If $\theta \in (\theta_1, \theta_2)$, setting $u = \theta_1$, $v = \theta$ and $w = \theta_2$ gives that

$$K_1(\alpha - \alpha) + K_2(\alpha - \alpha) \geq \mathbb{E}_\theta \varphi(\mathbf{X}) - \mathbb{E}_\theta \tilde{\varphi}(\mathbf{X}) \Rightarrow \mathbb{E}_\theta \varphi(\mathbf{X}) \leq \mathbb{E}_\theta \tilde{\varphi}(\mathbf{X}). \quad \blacksquare$$

Taking $\tilde{\varphi}(\mathbf{X}) \equiv \alpha$ in the above lemma, we have

$$\mathbb{E}_\theta[\varphi(\mathbf{X})] \begin{cases} \geq \alpha, & \theta \notin [\theta_1, \theta_2], \\ \leq \alpha, & \theta \in [\theta_1, \theta_2]. \end{cases}$$

Thus φ has size α and is unbiased.

Let φ^* be an arbitrary unbiased test function of size α . The exponential family form ensures continuity of its power function, so that $\mathbb{E}_{\theta_1}[\varphi^*(\mathbf{X})] = \mathbb{E}_{\theta_2}[\varphi^*(\mathbf{X})] = \alpha$. Taking $\tilde{\varphi} \equiv \varphi^*$ in the lemma, we have

$$\mathbb{E}_\theta[\varphi(\mathbf{X})] \geq \mathbb{E}_\theta[\varphi^*(\mathbf{X})] \quad \forall \theta \notin [\theta_1, \theta_2].$$

The above results together imply that φ is the UMPU size α test. \blacksquare

6.5.3 Data $\mathbf{X} \sim$ probability function $f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) = c(\theta)h(\mathbf{x}) \exp \{ \theta t(\mathbf{x}) \}$.

Natural parameter: θ , natural statistic $t(\mathbf{X})$.

Test $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$ vs $H_1 : \theta \neq \theta_0$.

Define test function

$$\varphi(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{1}\{t(\mathbf{X}) \notin [t_1, t_2]\},$$

where t_1, t_2 satisfy

$$\mathbb{E}_{\theta_0}[\varphi(\mathbf{X})] = \alpha, \quad \left. \frac{d}{d\theta} \mathbb{E}_\theta[\varphi(\mathbf{X})] \right|_{\theta_0} = 0.$$

Theorem. The test φ is the UMPU size α test of H_0 against H_1 .

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Proof: (outline)

Let $\delta > 0$ be fixed and small. Then the UMPU size α test of $\theta \in [\theta_0 - \delta, \theta_0 + \delta]$ against $\theta \notin [\theta_0 - \delta, \theta_0 + \delta]$ has the form $\varphi_\delta(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{1}\{t(\mathbf{X}) \notin [t_1(\delta), t_2(\delta)]\}$, which satisfies

$$\mathbb{E}_{\theta_0 \pm \delta}[\varphi_\delta(\mathbf{X})] = \alpha \leq \mathbb{E}_\theta[\varphi_\delta(\mathbf{X})] \quad \forall \theta \notin [\theta_0 - \delta, \theta_0 + \delta].$$

Letting $\delta \downarrow 0$, we have $\varphi_\delta(\mathbf{X}) \rightarrow \varphi(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{1}\{t(\mathbf{X}) \notin [t_1, t_2]\}$ and

$$\mathbb{E}_{\theta_0}[\varphi(\mathbf{X})] = \alpha \leq \mathbb{E}_\theta[\varphi(\mathbf{X})] \quad \forall \theta \neq \theta_0.$$

Note that φ is UMPU for testing $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$ against $H_1 : \theta \neq \theta_0$, and that the function $\theta \mapsto \mathbb{E}_\theta[\varphi(\mathbf{X})]$ attains its minimum α at $\theta = \theta_0$, so that t_1, t_2 can be found by solving the equations

$$\mathbb{E}_{\theta_0}[\varphi(\mathbf{X})] = \alpha, \quad \left. \frac{d}{d\theta} \mathbb{E}_\theta[\varphi(\mathbf{X})] \right|_{\theta_0} = 0. \quad \mathbf{I}$$

6.5.4 Examples. Denote by Φ and ϕ the cdf and pdf of $N(0, 1)$ respectively.

$\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$ iid $\sim N(\theta, 1) \rightarrow$ Natural statistic $t(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$.

Test $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$ vs $H_1 : \theta \neq \theta_0$.

Define $w(\theta) = \mathbb{P}_\theta(t(\mathbf{X}) \notin [t_1, t_2])$.

Since $t(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \sim N(n\theta, n)$, we have

$$w(\theta) = 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{t_2 - n\theta}{\sqrt{n}}\right) + \Phi\left(\frac{t_1 - n\theta}{\sqrt{n}}\right).$$

Fix t_1, t_2 by

$$w(\theta_0) = \alpha, \quad w'(\theta_0) = 0.$$

Solving $w'(\theta_0) = 0$ gives $\theta_0 = (t_1 + t_2)/(2n)$. Note that $w(\theta)$ has a minimum at and is symmetric about θ_0 , which is the mid-point of $[t_1/n, t_2/n]$. Thus, we have

$$t_1/n = \theta_0 - c, \quad t_2/n = \theta_0 + c, \quad c > 0,$$

where c is given by

$$w(\theta_0) = \alpha \Leftrightarrow \Phi(\sqrt{n}c) = 1 - \alpha/2 \Leftrightarrow c = n^{-1/2}\Phi^{-1}(1 - \alpha/2).$$

\rightarrow UMPU test of size α :

$$\text{reject } H_0 \text{ if } \bar{X} \notin [\theta_0 - n^{-1/2}\Phi^{-1}(1 - \alpha/2), \theta_0 + n^{-1/2}\Phi^{-1}(1 - \alpha/2)].$$

The above critical region is equivalent to $\{\sqrt{n}|\bar{X} - \theta_0| > \Phi^{-1}(1 - \alpha/2)\}$.

The p-value $pv(\mathbf{x})$ based on the observation $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x}$ is given by the smallest value of α that leads to rejection of H_0 , which satisfies

$$\sqrt{n}|\bar{x} - \theta_0| = \Phi^{-1}(1 - \alpha/2) \Rightarrow pv(\mathbf{x}) = 2\{1 - \Phi(\sqrt{n}|\bar{x} - \theta_0|)\}.$$

§6.6 Conditional test under exponential family

6.6.1 General exponential family: one-sided case —

Data $\mathbf{X} \sim$ exponential family $f(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\pi}) = C(\boldsymbol{\pi})h(\mathbf{x}) \exp \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^k \pi_j t_j(\mathbf{x}) \right\}$.

Test $H_0 : \pi_1 \leq \pi_1^*$ against $H_1 : \pi_1 > \pi_1^*$.

[Assume that the natural parameter space contains an open rectangle in \mathbb{R}^k around $(\pi_1^*, \pi_2^*, \dots, \pi_k^*)$, for some $(\pi_2^*, \dots, \pi_k^*)$.]

It is known that the conditional distribution of $t_1(\mathbf{X})$ given $(t_2(\mathbf{X}), \dots, t_k(\mathbf{X}))$ has an exponential family form with natural parameter π_1 and natural statistic $t_1(\mathbf{X})$ — hence free of the unknown *nuisance parameters* (π_2, \dots, π_k) .

Define test function

$$\varphi_0(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{1}\{t_1(\mathbf{X}) > c\},$$

where $c = c(\alpha, \pi_1^*, t_2(\mathbf{X}), \dots, t_k(\mathbf{X}))$ satisfies

$$\mathbb{E}_{\pi_1^*}[\varphi_0(\mathbf{X}) | t_2(\mathbf{X}), \dots, t_k(\mathbf{X})] = \mathbb{P}_{\pi_1^*}(t_1(\mathbf{X}) > c | t_2(\mathbf{X}), \dots, t_k(\mathbf{X})) = \alpha.$$

This is called a *conditional test*.

Theorem. The test φ_0 is the UMPU size α test of H_0 against H_1 .

6.6.2 General exponential family: two-sided case —

Data $\mathbf{X} \sim$ exponential family $f(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\pi}) = C(\boldsymbol{\pi})h(\mathbf{x}) \exp \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^k \pi_j t_j(\mathbf{x}) \right\}$.

Test $H_0 : \pi_1 \in [\pi_1^*, \pi_1^{**}]$ against $H_1 : \pi_1 \notin [\pi_1^*, \pi_1^{**}]$.

[Assume that the natural parameter space contains open rectangles in \mathbb{R}^k around $(\pi_1^*, \pi_2^*, \dots, \pi_k^*)$ and $(\pi_1^{**}, \pi_2^{**}, \dots, \pi_k^{**})$, respectively, for some $(\pi_2^*, \dots, \pi_k^*)$ and $(\pi_2^{**}, \dots, \pi_k^{**})$.]

Define test function

$$\varphi_0(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{1}\{t_1(\mathbf{X}) \notin [c^*, c^{**}]\},$$

where $c^* = c^*(\alpha, \pi_1^*, \pi_1^{**}, t_2(\mathbf{X}), \dots, t_k(\mathbf{X}))$ and $c^{**} = c^{**}(\alpha, \pi_1^*, \pi_1^{**}, t_2(\mathbf{X}), \dots, t_k(\mathbf{X}))$ satisfy

$$\begin{cases} \mathbb{P}_{\pi_1^*}(t_1(\mathbf{X}) \notin [c^*, c^{**}] | t_2(\mathbf{X}), \dots, t_k(\mathbf{X})) = \alpha, \\ \mathbb{P}_{\pi_1^{**}}(t_1(\mathbf{X}) \notin [c^*, c^{**}] | t_2(\mathbf{X}), \dots, t_k(\mathbf{X})) = \alpha, \end{cases}$$

or, if $\pi_1^* = \pi_1^{**}$,

$$\begin{cases} \mathbb{P}_{\pi_1^*}(t_1(\mathbf{X}) \notin [c^*, c^{**}] | t_2(\mathbf{X}), \dots, t_k(\mathbf{X})) = \alpha, \\ \left. \frac{d}{d\pi_1} \mathbb{P}_{\pi_1}(t_1(\mathbf{X}) \notin [c^*, c^{**}] | t_2(\mathbf{X}), \dots, t_k(\mathbf{X})) \right|_{\pi_1=\pi_1^*} = 0. \end{cases}$$

Theorem. The test φ_0 is the UMPU size α test of H_0 against H_1 .

6.6.3 Outline of proof of Theorems §6.6.1 and §6.6.2

Let φ be an arbitrary unbiased test of size α .

Write $\boldsymbol{\eta} = (\pi_2, \dots, \pi_k)$. Continuity of the power function of φ and its unbiasedness imply

$$\mathbb{E}_{\pi_1^*, \boldsymbol{\eta}}[\varphi(\mathbf{X})] = \alpha \quad (\text{and, for two-sided case, } \mathbb{E}_{\pi_1^{**}, \boldsymbol{\eta}}[\varphi(\mathbf{X})] = \alpha) \quad \forall \boldsymbol{\eta}.$$

For fixed $\pi_1 = \pi_1^*$ or π_1^{**} , the statistic $\mathbf{T}_2 = (t_2(\mathbf{X}), \dots, t_k(\mathbf{X}))$ has a distribution of the exponential family form with natural parameter $\boldsymbol{\eta}$, and that \mathbf{T}_2 is complete sufficient for $\boldsymbol{\eta}$ under the conditions assumed on the natural parameter space.

Define $g(\mathbf{T}_2) = \mathbb{E}_{\pi_1^*}[\varphi(\mathbf{X})|\mathbf{T}_2] - \alpha$. Then

$$\mathbb{E}_{\pi_1^*, \boldsymbol{\eta}}[g(\mathbf{T}_2)] = \mathbb{E}_{\pi_1^*, \boldsymbol{\eta}}[\varphi(\mathbf{X})] - \alpha = 0 \quad \forall \boldsymbol{\eta},$$

so that by completeness of \mathbf{T}_2 for $\boldsymbol{\eta}$,

$$\mathbb{P}_{\pi_1^*, \boldsymbol{\eta}}\{g(\mathbf{T}_2) = 0\} = 1 \quad \forall \boldsymbol{\eta}.$$

Similar results hold with π_1^* replaced by π_1^{**} . Thus, almost surely,

$$\mathbb{E}_{\pi_1^*}[\varphi(\mathbf{X})|\mathbf{T}_2] = \mathbb{E}_{\pi_1^{**}}[\varphi(\mathbf{X})|\mathbf{T}_2] = \alpha.$$

Conditional on \mathbf{T}_2 , \mathbf{X} has distribution of exponential family form with natural parameter π_1 and natural statistic $t_1(\mathbf{X})$. Under this “one-parameter” conditional model:

(a) The test φ_0 has size α and is unbiased according to results stated in §6.4 and §6.5. Thus

$$\mathbb{E}_{\pi_1}[\varphi_0(\mathbf{X})|\mathbf{T}_2] \leq \alpha \quad \text{under } H_0 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{E}_{\pi_1}[\varphi_0(\mathbf{X})|\mathbf{T}_2] \geq \alpha \quad \text{under } H_1.$$

Taking expectations on both sides, we have

$$\mathbb{E}_{\pi_1, \boldsymbol{\eta}}[\varphi_0(\mathbf{X})] \leq \alpha \quad \text{under } H_0 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{E}_{\pi_1, \boldsymbol{\eta}}[\varphi_0(\mathbf{X})] \geq \alpha \quad \text{under } H_1.$$

(b) According to Theorem §6.4.5(iii) (for the one-sided case) and the lemma in §6.5.2 (for the two-sided case), we see that

$$\mathbb{E}_{\pi_1}[\varphi_0(\mathbf{X})|\mathbf{T}_2] \geq \mathbb{E}_{\pi_1}[\varphi(\mathbf{X})|\mathbf{T}_2] \quad \text{under } H_1.$$

Taking expectations on both sides, we have

$$\mathbb{E}_{\pi_1, \boldsymbol{\eta}}[\varphi_0(\mathbf{X})] \geq \mathbb{E}_{\pi_1, \boldsymbol{\eta}}[\varphi(\mathbf{X})] \quad \text{under } H_1.$$

Results (a) and (b) above together imply that φ_0 is UMPU of size α . ■

6.6.4 Example.

$\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$ iid $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$.

Test $H_0 : \sigma = \sigma_0$ vs $H_1 : \sigma \neq \sigma_0$ (for a specified constant $\sigma_0 > 0$).

Natural parameter: $(\pi_1, \pi_2) = (-1/(2\sigma^2), \mu/\sigma^2)$, natural statistic: $(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2, \sum_{i=1}^n X_i)$.

Equivalent problem \rightarrow test $H_0 : \pi_1 = -1/(2\sigma_0^2)$ vs $H_1 : \pi_1 \neq -1/(2\sigma_0^2)$.

Given $\bar{X} = \bar{x}$, choose constants c_1, c_2 such that

$$\begin{cases} \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 \notin [c_1, c_2] \mid \bar{X} = \bar{x}, \pi_1 = -1/(2\sigma_0^2)\right) = \alpha, \\ \frac{d}{d\pi_1} \mathbb{P}_{\pi_1}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 \notin [c_1, c_2] \mid \bar{X} = \bar{x}\right) \Big|_{\pi_1 = -1/(2\sigma_0^2)} = 0. \end{cases}$$

Basic facts: under normal distribution,

$$S_{xx} = \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 - n\bar{X}^2 \text{ and } \bar{X} \text{ are independent, and } S_{xx}/\sigma^2 \sim \chi_{n-1}^2.$$

Let F_d and f_d denote the χ_d^2 cdf and pdf, respectively. Then c_1, c_2 satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{cases} \mathbb{P}\left(\chi_{n-1}^2 \in \left[\frac{c_1 - n\bar{x}^2}{\sigma_0^2}, \frac{c_2 - n\bar{x}^2}{\sigma_0^2}\right]\right) = 1 - \alpha, \\ \frac{d}{d\pi_1} \mathbb{P}_{\pi_1}\left(\chi_{n-1}^2 \in [-2\pi_1(c_1 - n\bar{x}^2), -2\pi_1(c_2 - n\bar{x}^2)]\right) \Big|_{\pi_1 = -1/(2\sigma_0^2)} = 0 \end{cases} \\ \Leftrightarrow & \begin{cases} F_{n-1}\left(\frac{c_2 - n\bar{x}^2}{\sigma_0^2}\right) - F_{n-1}\left(\frac{c_1 - n\bar{x}^2}{\sigma_0^2}\right) = 1 - \alpha, \\ -2\left(\frac{c_2 - n\bar{x}^2}{\sigma_0^2}\right) f_{n-1}\left(\frac{c_2 - n\bar{x}^2}{\sigma_0^2}\right) = -2\left(\frac{c_1 - n\bar{x}^2}{\sigma_0^2}\right) f_{n-1}\left(\frac{c_1 - n\bar{x}^2}{\sigma_0^2}\right). \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

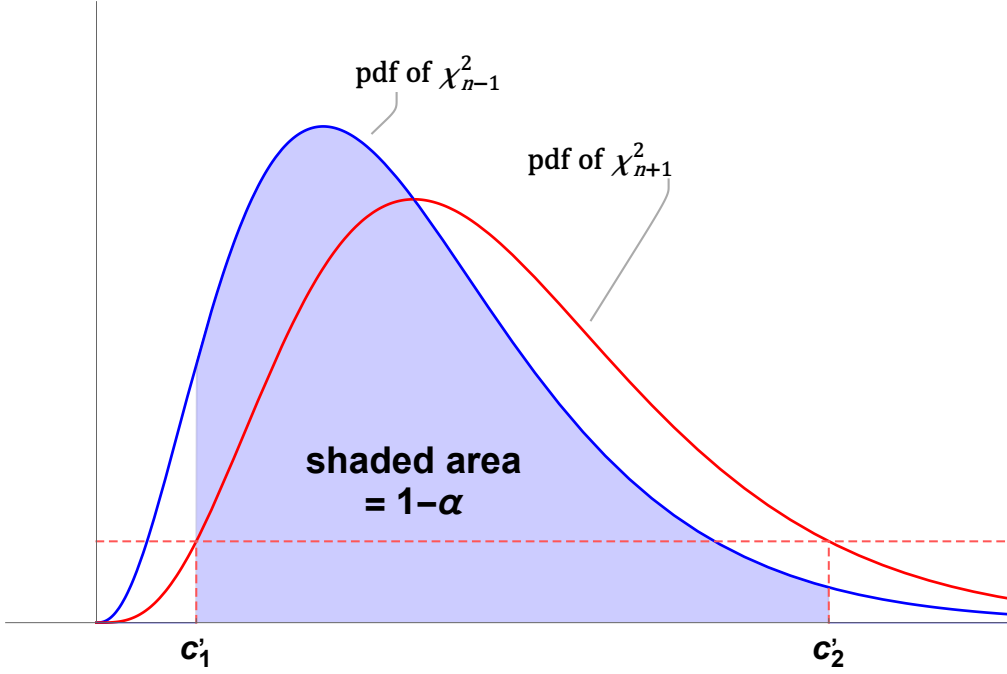
Writing $c'_i = \frac{c_i - n\bar{x}^2}{\sigma_0^2}$, $i = 1, 2$, and noting that

$$f_{n+1}(x) = \frac{x^{(n-1)/2} e^{-x/2}}{2^{(n+1)/2} \Gamma((n+1)/2)} = \left(\frac{x}{n-1}\right) \frac{x^{(n-3)/2} e^{-x/2}}{2^{(n-1)/2} \Gamma((n-1)/2)} = \frac{1}{n-1} \{x f_{n-1}(x)\}, \quad x > 0,$$

we have

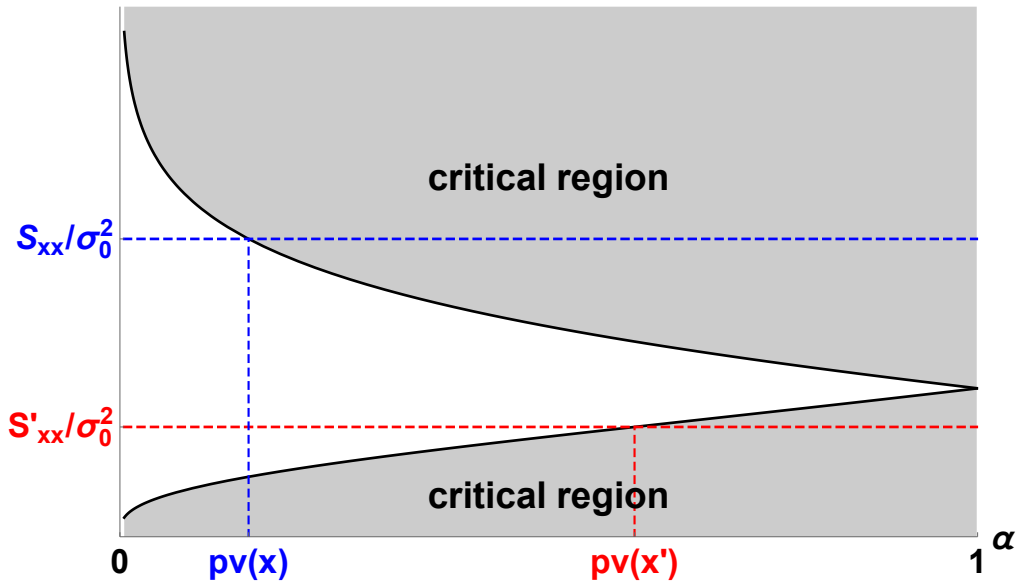
$$\begin{cases} F_{n-1}(c'_2) - F_{n-1}(c'_1) = 1 - \alpha, \\ f_{n+1}(c'_2) = f_{n+1}(c'_1), \end{cases}$$

which can be solved numerically for c'_1, c'_2 as illustrated in the diagram below.



UMPU test of size α : reject H_0 if $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 \notin [c_1, c_2]$, i.e. $S_{xx}/\sigma_0^2 \notin [c'_1, c'_2]$.

The following diagram displays the critical region $[0, c'_1) \cup (c'_2, \infty)$ under different values of α . It also shows the p-values $pv(\mathbf{x})$ and $pv(\mathbf{x}')$ based on two possible datasets \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{x}' , respectively, which are given by the smallest values of α that lead to rejection of H_0 .



6.6.5 Data $\mathbf{X} \sim$ exponential family $f(\mathbf{x}|\pi) = C(\pi)h(\mathbf{x}) \exp \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^k \pi_j t_j(\mathbf{x}) \right\}$.

Parameter of interest: $\xi = \sum_{j=1}^k c_j \pi_j$ (e.g. $\pi_1 - \pi_2$).

Suppose, w.l.o.g., $c_1 > 0$. Putting $\pi_1 = (\xi - \sum_{j=2}^k c_j \pi_j) / c_1$, then

$$\sum_{j=1}^k \pi_j t_j(\mathbf{X}) = \xi t_1(\mathbf{X}) / c_1 + \sum_{j=2}^k \pi_j \{t_j(\mathbf{X}) - c_j t_1(\mathbf{X}) / c_1\}.$$

We can test hypotheses about ξ by considering

conditional distribution of

$$t_1(\mathbf{X}) \quad \text{given} \quad (t_2(\mathbf{X}) - c_2 t_1(\mathbf{X}) / c_1, \dots, t_k(\mathbf{X}) - c_k t_1(\mathbf{X}) / c_1),$$

which is free of nuisance parameters.

6.6.6 Example.

Two independent samples: (X_1, \dots, X_m) i.i.d. \sim Poisson (λ) , (Y_1, \dots, Y_n) i.i.d. \sim Poisson (μ)

Test: $H_0 : \lambda \leq \mu$ vs $H_1 : \lambda > \mu$.

Joint mass function of the two samples:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_1, \dots, x_m, y_1, \dots, y_n | \lambda, \mu) &\propto \left(\prod_i x_i! \prod_j y_j! \right)^{-1} \exp \left\{ (\ln \lambda) \sum_i x_i + (\ln \mu) \sum_j y_j \right\} \\ &= \left(\prod_i x_i! \prod_j y_j! \right)^{-1} \exp \left\{ \xi \sum_i x_i + \eta \left(\sum_i x_i + \sum_j y_j \right) \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\xi = \ln \lambda - \ln \mu$ and $\eta = \ln \mu$. Equivalently, we wish to

$$\text{test } H_0 : \xi \leq 0 \text{ vs } H_1 : \xi > 0.$$

Given that $\sum_i X_i + \sum_j Y_j$ is observed to be t , let $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ and c satisfy

$$\mathbb{P} \left(\sum_i X_i > c \mid \sum_i X_i + \sum_j Y_j = t, \xi = 0 \right) = \alpha.$$

[Note: Above conditional probability does **not** depend on nuisance parameter η and can therefore be computed numerically.]

At $\xi = 0$, i.e. $\lambda = \mu$,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}\left(\sum_i X_i = x \mid \sum_i X_i + \sum_j Y_j = t, \xi = 0\right) &= \frac{\{e^{-m\lambda}(m\lambda)^x/x!\}\{e^{-n\lambda}(n\lambda)^{t-x}/(t-x)!\}}{e^{-(m+n)\lambda}\{(m+n)\lambda\}^t/t!} \\ &= \binom{t}{x} \left(\frac{m}{m+n}\right)^x \left(\frac{n}{m+n}\right)^{t-x} = \mathbb{P}\left(\text{binomial}(t, m/(m+n)) = x\right).\end{aligned}$$

Hence α and c are related by the equation

$$\left(\frac{n}{m+n}\right)^{\sum_i X_i + \sum_j Y_j} \sum_{c < x \leq \sum_i X_i + \sum_j Y_j} \binom{\sum_i X_i + \sum_j Y_j}{x} \left(\frac{m}{n}\right)^x = \alpha.$$

UMPU test of size α : reject H_0 if $\sum_i X_i > c$.

Similarly, the p-value can be calculated as the smallest α which leads to rejection of H_0 , given by

$$\left(\frac{n}{m+n}\right)^{\sum_i X_i + \sum_j Y_j} \sum_{x=\sum_i X_i}^{\sum_i X_i + \sum_j Y_j} \binom{\sum_i X_i + \sum_j Y_j}{x} \left(\frac{m}{n}\right)^x.$$

§6.7 Test based on large-sample theory

6.7.1 Problem setting:

Data $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n) \sim$ joint probability function $p_1(x_1|\boldsymbol{\theta}) \times \dots \times p_n(x_n|\boldsymbol{\theta})$, $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta \subset \mathbb{R}^r$.

Test $H_0 : \boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta_0$ vs $H_1 : \boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta_1$, where

$$\Theta_0 = \left\{ \mathbf{g}(\boldsymbol{\psi}) = \begin{bmatrix} g_1(\boldsymbol{\psi}) \\ \vdots \\ g_r(\boldsymbol{\psi}) \end{bmatrix} : \boldsymbol{\psi} \in \Psi \subset \mathbb{R}^s \right\} \subset \Theta_1 \subset \Theta$$

for continuously differentiable functions $g_1, \dots, g_r : \Psi \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $s < r$.

Define mle: $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n$ [maximises $\ell_{\mathbf{X}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \propto \prod_{i=1}^n p_i(X_i|\boldsymbol{\theta})$ over $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta_1$],

constrained mle: $\hat{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_n$ [maximises $\ell_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{g}(\boldsymbol{\psi}))$ over $\boldsymbol{\psi} \in \Psi$].

6.7.2 Recall: *likelihood ratio test statistic*

$$\Lambda_{\mathbf{X}}(H_0, H_1) = \ell_{\mathbf{X}}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n) / \ell_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{g}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_n)).$$

Theorem. (*Wilks*)

Under regularity conditions² and if H_0 is true, then as $n \rightarrow \infty$,

$$2 \ln \Lambda_{\mathbf{X}}(H_0, H_1) \longrightarrow \chi_{r-s}^2 \quad \text{in distribution.}$$

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Proof: (outline)

Denote by \mathbb{I}_k the $k \times k$ identity matrix, by $\mathbf{U}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ the score function and by $I(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ the Fisher information matrix. Suppose H_0 is true, and let $\boldsymbol{\theta}_0 = \mathbf{g}(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0) \in \Theta_0$ be the true value of $\boldsymbol{\theta}$. Large-sample theory of mle implies that $\hat{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_n$ and $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n$ are consistent estimators of $\boldsymbol{\psi}_0$ and $\boldsymbol{\theta}_0$, respectively.

Define $G(\boldsymbol{\psi}) = \frac{\partial \mathbf{g}(\boldsymbol{\psi})}{\partial \boldsymbol{\psi}^\top}$ to be the $r \times s$ matrix with (a, b) th entry equal to $\frac{\partial g_a(\boldsymbol{\psi})}{\partial \psi_b}$, and

$$Q_1 = \{G(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0)^\top I(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0) G(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0)\}^{-1/2} G(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0)^\top I(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)^{1/2}, \quad (\text{which is an } s \times r \text{ matrix}).$$

Since $Q_1 Q_1^\top = \mathbb{I}_s$, we can find an $(r-s) \times r$ matrix Q_2 such that the rows of Q_1 and Q_2 together form an orthonormal basis for \mathbb{R}^r . Thus, we have

$$Q_2 Q_2^\top = \mathbb{I}_{r-s} \quad \text{and} \quad Q_1^\top Q_1 + Q_2^\top Q_2 = \mathbb{I}_r.$$

Since $\hat{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_n$ satisfies $G(\hat{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_n)^\top \mathbf{U}(\mathbf{g}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_n)) = \mathbf{0}$, Taylor expanding \mathbf{U} and \mathbf{g} gives

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{0} &= G(\hat{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_n)^\top \mathbf{U}(\mathbf{g}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_n)) \approx G(\hat{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_n)^\top \mathbf{U}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0) - G(\hat{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_n)^\top I(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0) G(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0) (\hat{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_n - \boldsymbol{\psi}_0) \\ &\Rightarrow G(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0)^\top \mathbf{U}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0) \approx G(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0)^\top I(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0) G(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0) (\hat{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_n - \boldsymbol{\psi}_0) \\ &\Rightarrow \hat{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_n - \boldsymbol{\psi}_0 \approx \{G(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0)^\top I(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0) G(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0)\}^{-1/2} Q_1 I(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)^{-1/2} \mathbf{U}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0) \\ &\Rightarrow \mathbf{g}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_n) - \boldsymbol{\theta}_0 \approx G(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0) (\hat{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_n - \boldsymbol{\psi}_0) \approx I(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)^{-1/2} Q_1^\top Q_1 I(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)^{-1/2} \mathbf{U}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$-\mathbf{U}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0) = \mathbf{U}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n) - \mathbf{U}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0) \approx -I(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0) (\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n - \boldsymbol{\theta}_0) \Rightarrow \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n - \boldsymbol{\theta}_0 \approx I(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)^{-1} \mathbf{U}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0).$$

It follows that

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n - \mathbf{g}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_n) \approx I(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)^{-1} \mathbf{U}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0) - I(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)^{-1/2} Q_1^\top Q_1 I(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)^{-1/2} \mathbf{U}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0) = I(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)^{-1/2} Q_2^\top Q_2 I(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)^{-1/2} \mathbf{U}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0).$$

Taylor expanding $\ln \ell_{\mathbf{X}}(\cdot)$ implies

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \ln \{\ell_{\mathbf{X}}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n) / \ell_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{g}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_n))\} &= -2 \{ \ln \ell_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{g}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_n)) - \ln \ell_{\mathbf{X}}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n) \} \\ &\approx (\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n - \mathbf{g}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_n))^\top I(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0) (\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n - \mathbf{g}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_n)) \approx \|Q_2 I(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)^{-1/2} \mathbf{U}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)\|_2^2. \end{aligned}$$

²For details see Bradley, R.A. and Gart, J.J. (1962). The asymptotic properties of ML estimators when sampling from associated populations. *Biometrika*, **49**, 205–214.

Theorem §5.5.6(iii) asserts that $I(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)^{-1/2}\mathbf{U}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)$ converges in distribution to the r -variate standard normal distribution $N(\mathbf{0}, \mathbb{I}_r)$. Thus we have

$$Q_2 I(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)^{-1/2} \mathbf{U}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0) \rightarrow N(\mathbf{0}, Q_2 Q_2^\top) \equiv N(\mathbf{0}, \mathbb{I}_{r-s}) \quad \text{in distribution.}$$

It follows that $2 \ln \{ \ell_{\mathbf{X}}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n) / \ell_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{g}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_n)) \} \approx \|Q_2 I(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)^{-1/2} \mathbf{U}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)\|_2^2$ converges in distribution to the sum of squares of $(r-s)$ i.i.d. standard normal random variables, i.e. to the χ_{r-s}^2 distribution. **I**

6.7.3 Define $\chi_f^2(\alpha)$ to be α^{th} upper quantile of χ_f^2 .

Wilks' Theorem suggests an approximate size α *generalised likelihood ratio test*.

Generalised likelihood ratio test: $\text{reject } H_0 \text{ iff } 2 \ln \Lambda_{\mathbf{X}}(H_0, H_1) > \chi_{r-s}^2(\alpha).$

6.7.4 Special case:

Test $H_0 : \boldsymbol{\theta} = \boldsymbol{\theta}_0$ vs $H_1 : \boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta$ (subset of dimension k in \mathbb{R}^k) (hence $r = k, s = 0$).

mle: $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n$ maximises $\ell_{\mathbf{X}}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ over $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta$

Under H_0 , $2 \ln \Lambda_{\mathbf{X}}(H_0, H_1) = 2 \{ \ln \ell_{\mathbf{X}}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n) - \ln \ell_{\mathbf{X}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0) \}$ converges in distribution to χ_k^2 .

6.7.5 **Example §6.6.4.** (*cont'd*)

$\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$ iid $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$.

Test $H_0 : \sigma = \sigma_0$ vs $H_1 : \sigma \neq \sigma_0$ (for a specified constant $\sigma_0 > 0$).

Loglikelihood function: $S_{\mathbf{X}}(\mu, \sigma) = -n \ln \sigma - (1/2) \sigma^{-2} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2$

Score function: $\mathbf{U}(\mu, \sigma) = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^{-2} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu) \\ -n \sigma^{-1} + \sigma^{-3} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2 \end{bmatrix}$

Solving $\mathbf{U}(\mu, \sigma) = \mathbf{0}$ gives the (unconstrained) mle under H_1 :

$$\hat{\mu}_n = \bar{X} = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\sigma}_n^2 = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2 = n^{-1} S_{xx}.$$

Solving $\sigma_0^{-2} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu) = 0$ for μ gives the (constrained) mle under H_0 :

$$\tilde{\mu}_n = \bar{X} \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{\sigma}_n^2 = \sigma_0^2.$$

Generalised likelihood ratio (GLR) test statistic:

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \ln \Lambda_{\mathbf{X}}(H_0, H_1) &= 2 \{ S_{\mathbf{X}}(\hat{\mu}_n, \hat{\sigma}_n) - S_{\mathbf{X}}(\tilde{\mu}_n, \tilde{\sigma}_n) \} \\ &= n \left\{ \left(\frac{\hat{\sigma}_n}{\sigma_0} \right)^2 - 2 \ln \left(\frac{\hat{\sigma}_n}{\sigma_0} \right) - 1 \right\} = \frac{S_{xx}}{\sigma_0^2} - n \ln \left(\frac{S_{xx}}{n \sigma_0^2} \right) - n. \end{aligned}$$

Size α GLR test: $\text{reject } H_0 \text{ if } 2 \ln \Lambda(H_0, H_1) > \chi_1^2(\alpha).$

§6.8 Bootstrap test

6.8.1 Data: $\mathbf{X} \sim G$.

Given some subclasses of distributions \mathcal{G}_0 and \mathcal{G}_1 , we wish to conduct a test of

$$H_0 : G \in \mathcal{G}_0 \quad \text{vs} \quad H_1 : G \in \mathcal{G}_1,$$

based on a test statistic $W = W(\mathbf{X}, \mathcal{G}_0, \mathcal{G}_1)$, extreme values of which suggest evidence against H_0 in favour of H_1 .

In a typical real-life problem, the distributions of W under $H_0 : G \in \mathcal{G}_0$ are not explicitly available, making it difficult to construct a critical region for the test. The bootstrap method provides a possible solution to the problem.

6.8.2 Let $T^* = T(\mathbf{X}^*; \mathbf{X})$ be a bootstrap statistic for which

- \mathbf{X}^* denotes a sample drawn in *some* way from \mathbf{X} ;
(e.g. \mathbf{X}^* may be, but not necessarily, a conventional bootstrap sample drawn with replacement from $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$)
- the bootstrap distribution function $\hat{F}_T(\cdot) = \mathbb{P}(T^* \leq \cdot | \mathbf{X})$ approximates $\mathbb{P}_G(W \leq \cdot)$ if $G \in \mathcal{G}_0$, and does not deviate much from the above null distribution if $G \in \mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{G}_0$.

Note: To ensure the above properties, one possible approach is to draw \mathbf{X}^* from an estimated distribution (likely to be different from the empirical distribution) which belongs to \mathcal{G}_0 , i.e. respects the null hypothesis.

Denote by $\hat{F}_T^{-1}(\xi)$ the ξ^{th} quantile of the bootstrap distribution $\hat{F}_T(\cdot)$.

A size α bootstrap test

$$\text{rejects } H_0 \text{ if } W \notin [\hat{F}_T^{-1}((1 - \lambda)\alpha), \hat{F}_T^{-1}(1 - \lambda\alpha)],$$

for some pre-specified $\lambda \in [0, 1]$. As a general rule, λ is set to ensure that under $G \in \mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{G}_0$, the distribution of W concentrates outside $[\hat{F}_T^{-1}((1 - \lambda)\alpha), \hat{F}_T^{-1}(1 - \lambda\alpha)]$, thus yielding a satisfactory power for the test.

Commonly, we set:

	λ	$\mathbb{P}_G(W \leq \cdot), G \in \mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{G}_0$
(i)	1/2	concentrate on either small or large values relative to H_0
(ii)	1	concentrate on large values relative to H_0
(iii)	0	concentrate on small values relative to H_0

Alternatively, based on observed values $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x}$ and $W = w = W(\mathbf{x}, \mathcal{G}_0, \mathcal{G}_1)$, calculate

$$\begin{aligned} p\text{-value} &= \inf \left\{ \alpha \in [0, 1] : w \notin [\hat{F}_T^{-1}((1 - \lambda)\alpha), \hat{F}_T^{-1}(1 - \lambda\alpha)] \right\} \\ &\approx \min \left\{ \frac{\mathbb{P}(T^* \leq w | \mathbf{x})}{1 - \lambda}, \frac{\mathbb{P}(T^* \geq w | \mathbf{x})}{\lambda}, 1 \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Informal justification of bootstrap test: (denote by $J_G(\cdot)$ the cdf of W under G)

- At $G \in \mathcal{G}_0$ —

the power function of the bootstrap test is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}_G(W \notin [\hat{F}_T^{-1}((1 - \lambda)\alpha), \hat{F}_T^{-1}(1 - \lambda\alpha)]) &\approx \mathbb{P}_G(W \notin [J_G^{-1}((1 - \lambda)\alpha), J_G^{-1}(1 - \lambda\alpha)]) \\ &\approx 1 - J_G(J_G^{-1}(1 - \lambda\alpha)) + J_G(J_G^{-1}((1 - \lambda)\alpha)) = \alpha. \end{aligned}$$

- At $G \in \mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{G}_0$ —

by the property of \hat{F}_T and the choice of λ , J_G has a concentration outside the interval $[\hat{F}_T^{-1}((1 - \lambda)\alpha), \hat{F}_T^{-1}(1 - \lambda\alpha)]$, implying a high power for the bootstrap test.

6.8.3 Monte Carlo procedure for size α bootstrap test:

1. simulate a large number, B say, of independent replicates of \mathbf{X}^* ;
2. calculate $T^* = T(\mathbf{X}^*; \mathbf{X})$ for each \mathbf{X}^* and rank their values as

$$-\infty = t_{(0)}^* < t_{(1)}^* \leq \dots \leq t_{(B)}^* < t_{(B+1)}^* = \infty,$$

3. reject H_0 if $W \notin [t_{(k_1)}^*, t_{(k_2)}^*]$, where $k_1 \approx (1 - \lambda)\alpha(B + 1)$ and $k_2 \approx (1 - \lambda\alpha)(B + 1)$,
or compute p-value to be

$$\min \left\{ \frac{\sum_{b=1}^B \mathbf{1}\{t_{(b)}^* \leq W\}}{(1 - \lambda)B}, \frac{\sum_{b=1}^B \mathbf{1}\{t_{(b)}^* \geq W\}}{\lambda B}, 1 \right\}.$$

6.8.4 Example §6.8.1 Consider two independent random samples, $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$ and $\mathbf{Y} = (Y_1, \dots, Y_m)$, drawn respectively from the distribution functions F and G . For given constants $c \in \mathbb{R}$ and $p_0 \in (0, 1)$, we wish to test

$$H_0 : \mathbb{P}_{F,G}(X_1 > cY_1) = p_0 \quad \text{against} \quad H_1 : \mathbb{P}_{F,G}(X_1 > cY_1) \neq p_0.$$

Consider \rightarrow parameter of interest: $\theta(F, G) = \mathbb{P}_{F,G}(X_1 > cY_1)$

$$\text{nonparametric mle:} \quad \hat{\theta}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) = \theta(\hat{F}_n, \hat{G}_m) = (mn)^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}\{X_i > cY_j\},$$

where \hat{F}_n and \hat{G}_m denote the empirical cdf's of the samples \mathbf{X} and \mathbf{Y} , respectively.

The test amounts to setting

$$\mathcal{G}_0 = \{F \times G : \theta(F, G) = p_0\} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{G}_1 = \{F \times G : \theta(F, G) \neq p_0\}.$$

Based on the observed dataset, a natural choice of test statistic is $W = \hat{\theta}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) - p_0$, since an observed value of W too large or too small provides evidence against H_0 in favour of H_1 .

Consider a bootstrap test as follows. Draw bootstrap samples $(\mathbf{X}^*, \mathbf{Y}^*)$ such that

- $\mathbf{X}^* = (X_1^*, \dots, X_n^*)$ i.i.d. from \hat{F}_n (sampling from \mathbf{X} with replacement),
- $\mathbf{Y}^* = (Y_1^*, \dots, Y_m^*)$ i.i.d. from \hat{G}_m (sampling from \mathbf{Y} with replacement).

Reasonable choice of bootstrap statistic:

$$\begin{aligned} T^* &= \hat{\theta}(\mathbf{X}^*, \mathbf{Y}^*) - \hat{\theta}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) \\ &= \frac{1}{mn} \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}\{X_i^* > cY_j^*\} - \frac{1}{mn} \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}\{X_i > cY_j\}. \end{aligned}$$

Informal justification:

The bootstrap distribution of T^* is always centred at 0, no matter which hypothesis is correct. Thus, it is similar to the null distribution of W , which is also centred at 0. However, if H_0 is wrong, then W has a distribution centred away from 0, rendering it different from that of T^* .

A size α bootstrap test can be set up to

$$\text{reject } H_0 \text{ if } \hat{\theta}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) - p_0 \notin [\hat{F}_T^{-1}(\alpha/2), \hat{F}_T^{-1}(1 - \alpha/2)],$$

where \hat{F}_T denotes the cdf of T^* conditional on (\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) .

The p-value is approximated by

$$2 \min \left\{ \mathbb{P}(T^* \leq \hat{\theta}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) - p_0 | \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}), \mathbb{P}(T^* \geq \hat{\theta}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) - p_0 | \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}), 1/2 \right\}.$$

Note: For a size α one-sided test of

$$H_0 : \mathbb{P}_{F,G}(X_1 > cY_1) \geq p_0 \quad \text{against} \quad H_1 : \mathbb{P}_{F,G}(X_1 > cY_1) < p_0,$$

we may follow a similar procedure and reject H_0 if $\hat{\theta}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) - p_0 < \hat{F}_T^{-1}(\alpha)$. The p-value is approximated by $\mathbb{P}(T^* \leq \hat{\theta}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) - p_0 | \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})$.

§6.9 Confidence set based on test inversion

6.9.1 Definitions.

\mathbf{X} (data) $\sim f(\mathbf{x}|\theta)$ (probability function), $\theta \in \Theta$.

A *confidence set* for θ of *confidence level* $1 - \alpha$ is a **random** set $\mathcal{S}_{1-\alpha}(\mathbf{X}) \subset \Theta$ such that

$$\mathbb{P}_\theta(\theta \in \mathcal{S}_{1-\alpha}(\mathbf{X})) = 1 - \alpha \text{ for all } \theta \in \Theta.$$

6.9.2 How to find a “good” confidence set $\mathcal{S}_{1-\alpha}(\mathbf{X})$ for θ ?

By *inverting* an appropriate hypothesis test of size α —

Idea:

Consider testing $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$ against $H_1 : \theta \neq \theta_0$ with a size α test. Let $\mathcal{C}_\alpha(\theta_0)$ be the critical region, i.e.

$$\mathbb{P}_{\theta_0}(\mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{C}_\alpha(\theta_0)) = \alpha \text{ for all } \theta_0.$$

Define

$$\mathcal{S}_{1-\alpha}(\mathbf{X}) = \{\vartheta \in \Theta : \mathbf{X} \notin \mathcal{C}_\alpha(\vartheta)\},$$

i.e. those parameter values not conflicting with data \mathbf{X} according to the above test. Then $\mathcal{S}_{1-\alpha}(\mathbf{X})$ is a level $(1 - \alpha)$ confidence set for θ , since

$$\mathbb{P}_\theta(\theta \in \mathcal{S}_{1-\alpha}(\mathbf{X})) = 1 - \mathbb{P}_\theta(\mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{C}_\alpha(\theta)) = 1 - \alpha.$$

Typically, an **optimal** test yields an **optimal** confidence set.

6.9.3 The above procedure produces a *two-sided* confidence interval in general. If we adopt a one-sided $H_1 : \theta < \theta_0$ (or $H_1 : \theta > \theta_0$), a *one-sided* confidence interval in the form of an *upper* (or *lower*) *confidence bound* will result instead.

6.9.4 **Example.** (cf. §6.6.4 and §6.7.5)

$\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$ iid $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

Suppose we want to find a level $(1 - \alpha)$ confidence set for σ .

Consider inversion of a size α test of $H_0 : \sigma = \sigma_0$ vs $H_1 : \sigma \neq \sigma_0$.

§6.6.4 shows that a UMPU test of size α rejects H_0 if $S_{xx} \notin [\sigma_0^2 c'_1, \sigma_0^2 c'_2]$, which leads to a level $(1 - \alpha)$ confidence set for σ :

$$\left\{ \sigma : S_{xx} \in [\sigma^2 c'_1, \sigma^2 c'_2] \right\} = \left[\sqrt{\frac{S_{xx}}{c'_2}}, \sqrt{\frac{S_{xx}}{c'_1}} \right].$$

§6.7.5 shows that a GLR test of size α rejects H_0 if $\frac{S_{xx}}{\sigma_0^2} - n \ln \left(\frac{S_{xx}}{n\sigma_0^2} \right) - n > \chi_1^2(\alpha)$, which leads to an *approximate* level $(1 - \alpha)$ confidence set for σ :

$$\left\{ \sigma : \frac{S_{xx}}{\sigma^2} - n \ln \left(\frac{S_{xx}}{n\sigma^2} \right) - n \leq \chi_1^2(\alpha) \right\}.$$

6.9.5 Exercise: (continuing **Exercise** §5.6)

Let θ_0 be a fixed positive integer. Construct a size α UMP test of $H_0 : \theta \leq \theta_0$ against $H_1 : \theta > \theta_0$. By inverting the above UMP test, construct a level $(1 - \alpha)$ lower confidence bound for θ .

6.9.6 Bootstrap confidence intervals can be derived by inverting appropriate bootstrap tests.

Consider the problem of constructing a level $1 - \alpha$ confidence interval for $\theta = \theta(F) \in \mathbb{R}$.

Data: $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$ i.i.d. from F Empirical cdf: \hat{F}_n

Parameter of interest: $\theta = \theta(F) \in \mathbb{R}$ Estimator: $\hat{\theta} = \hat{\theta}(\mathbf{X})$

A test of $H_0 : \theta = \vartheta$, for some specified ϑ , can often be based on the test statistic

$$R(\mathbf{X}, \vartheta) = \hat{\theta} - \vartheta \quad \text{or} \quad R(\mathbf{X}, \vartheta) = \frac{\hat{\theta} - \vartheta}{\sqrt{\hat{v}}},$$

where $\hat{v} = \hat{v}(\mathbf{X})$ is a consistent estimator of $\text{Var}_F(\hat{\theta})$.

Let $\mathbf{X}^* = (X_1^*, \dots, X_n^*)$ be i.i.d. from \hat{F}_n . Let \hat{r}_ξ be the ξ^{th} bootstrap quantile which satisfies

$$\mathbb{P}_{\hat{F}_n} \left(R(\mathbf{X}^*, \theta(\hat{F}_n)) \leq \hat{r}_\xi \right) = \xi.$$

Approximate level $1 - \alpha$ *bootstrap confidence intervals* for θ are obtained generally as

$$\left\{ \vartheta : \hat{r}_{(1-\lambda)\alpha} \leq R(\mathbf{X}, \vartheta) \leq \hat{r}_{1-\lambda\alpha} \right\},$$

for some pre-specified $\lambda \in [0, 1]$.

Method 1: ***Bootstrap percentile method***

Set $R(\mathbf{X}, \vartheta) = \hat{\theta} - \vartheta$. Write $\hat{\theta}^* = \hat{\theta}(\mathbf{X}^*)$. Then $R(\mathbf{X}^*, \theta(\hat{F}_n)) = \hat{\theta}^* - \theta(\hat{F}_n)$ and \hat{r}_ξ solves

$$\mathbb{P}_{\hat{F}_n} (\hat{\theta}^* - \theta(\hat{F}_n) \leq \hat{r}_\xi) = \xi.$$

The corresponding level $1 - \alpha$ bootstrap confidence intervals are given generally by

$$[\hat{\theta} - \hat{r}_{1-\lambda\alpha}, \hat{\theta} - \hat{r}_{(1-\lambda)\alpha}].$$

Special cases:

- $\lambda = 1/2 \rightarrow$ equal-tailed interval $\rightarrow [\hat{\theta} - \hat{r}_{1-\alpha/2}, \hat{\theta} - \hat{r}_{\alpha/2}]$
- $\lambda = 1 \rightarrow$ lower confidence bound $\rightarrow [\hat{\theta} - \hat{r}_{1-\alpha}, \infty)$
- $\lambda = 0 \rightarrow$ upper confidence bound $\rightarrow (-\infty, \hat{\theta} - \hat{r}_{\alpha}]$

Method 2: *Bootstrap-t method*

Set $R(\mathbf{X}, \vartheta) = \frac{\hat{\theta} - \vartheta}{\sqrt{\hat{v}}}$. Write $\hat{v}^* = \hat{v}(\mathbf{X}^*)$. Then $R(\mathbf{X}^*, \theta(\hat{F}_n)) = \frac{\hat{\theta}^* - \theta(\hat{F}_n)}{\sqrt{\hat{v}^*}}$ and \hat{r}_{ξ} solves

$$\mathbb{P}_{\hat{F}_n} \left(\frac{\hat{\theta}^* - \theta(\hat{F}_n)}{\sqrt{\hat{v}^*}} \leq \hat{r}_{\xi} \right) = \xi.$$

The corresponding level $1 - \alpha$ bootstrap confidence intervals are given generally by

$$[\hat{\theta} - \sqrt{\hat{v}} \hat{r}_{1-\lambda\alpha}, \hat{\theta} - \sqrt{\hat{v}} \hat{r}_{(1-\lambda)\alpha}].$$

Special cases:

- $\lambda = 1/2 \rightarrow$ equal-tailed interval $\rightarrow [\hat{\theta} - \sqrt{\hat{v}} \hat{r}_{1-\alpha/2}, \hat{\theta} - \sqrt{\hat{v}} \hat{r}_{\alpha/2}]$
- $\lambda = 1 \rightarrow$ lower confidence bound $\rightarrow [\hat{\theta} - \sqrt{\hat{v}} \hat{r}_{1-\alpha}, \infty)$
- $\lambda = 0 \rightarrow$ upper confidence bound $\rightarrow (-\infty, \hat{\theta} - \sqrt{\hat{v}} \hat{r}_{\alpha}]$

Both bootstrap percentile and bootstrap- t intervals can be obtained by calculating \hat{r}_{ξ} for suitably chosen ξ . Monte Carlo procedure for approximating \hat{r}_{ξ} :

1. calculate $\theta(\hat{F}_n)$ based on \mathbf{X} ,
2. simulate a large number, B say, of bootstrap samples \mathbf{X}^* from \hat{F}_n ,
3. calculate $R(\mathbf{X}^*, \theta(\hat{F}_n))$ for each \mathbf{X}^* to obtain R^{*1}, \dots, R^{*B} say,
4. rank the R^{*b} 's into a sorted sequence $-\infty = R_{(0)}^* < R_{(1)}^* \leq \dots \leq R_{(B)}^* < R_{(B+1)}^* = \infty$,
5. set $k \approx \xi(B + 1)$, approximate \hat{r}_{ξ} by $R_{(k)}^*$.

6.9.7 Exercise. (c.f. Example §6.8.1)

Consider two independent random samples, $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$ and $\mathbf{Y} = (Y_1, \dots, Y_m)$, drawn respectively from the distribution functions F and G , which are defined on $(0, \infty)$.

Construct a level $(1 - \alpha)$ upper confidence bound on the median of X_1/Y_1 by inverting an appropriate bootstrap test.