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where $\lambda > 0$, $\alpha > 0$ and $\Gamma(\alpha)$ is the Gamma function defined by

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If X_1, \dots, X_n are a random iid sample from this distribution, determine the minimal sufficient statistic for (α, λ) .

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- ✓ 5. [10 marks] Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample from a Poisson distribution with unknown mean $\mu > 0$.
- Show that any most powerful α -level test for $H_0 : \mu = \mu_0$ versus $H_1 : \mu = \mu_1, \mu_1 > \mu_0$ is based on the minimal sufficient statistic for μ .
 - Generalize this test to find a uniformly most powerful test for $H_0 : \mu = \mu_0$ versus $H_1 : \mu > \mu_0$.
 - Find an expression for the power and show that the test is unbiased.

1. [10 marks] Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample from a Poisson distribution with unknown mean $\mu > 0$. Find a UMVUE for $e^{-\mu}$.

The PMF of X_i is

$$P(X_i=x) = \frac{\mu^x e^{-\mu}}{x!}$$

which can be written in exponential form, in joint case

$$P(X_i=x) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i!} \exp \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \ln \mu - n \mu \right\}$$

Hence, we have $T = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ is sufficient.

Since $m=q=1$ and X_1, \dots, X_n are from iid exponential family, T is complete.

Now, we need an unbiased estimator U for $e^{-\mu}$.

$$\begin{aligned} E(g(t)) &= \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} g(t) P(T=t) \\ &= \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} g(t) \frac{(n\mu)^t e^{-n\mu}}{t!} \stackrel{\text{set } t=n}{=} e^{-\mu} \end{aligned}$$

Dividing both sides by $e^{-n\mu}$ and using Taylor expansion,

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} g(t) \frac{(n\mu)^t}{t!} = e^{-\mu} e^{n\mu}$$

$$= e^{(n-1)\mu}$$

$$= \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \frac{((n-1)\mu)^t}{t!}$$

Hence we need

$$g(t)n^t = (n-1)^t$$

$$\Rightarrow g(t) = \frac{(n-1)^t}{n^t} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^t = V$$

Applying Rao-Blackwell, $V = \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^T$ is unbiased and
 $T = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$ is complete and sufficient, then

$$E(V|T) = \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^T$$

is the UMVUE for $g(\mu) = e^{-\mu}$.

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(a) Find the MLE $\hat{\sigma}^2$ of σ^2 .

(b) Show that $\hat{\sigma}^2$ has a smaller MSE than the UMVUE $s^2 = \sum(X_i - \bar{X}_n)^2 / (n - 1)$.

$$\begin{aligned} a) L(\mu, \sigma^2 | x_1, \dots, x_n) &= \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{2\pi}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{\sigma^2} \right\} \\ &= (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2 \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$l(\mu, \sigma^2 | x_1, \dots, x_n) = -\frac{n}{2} \ln(2\pi) - \frac{n}{2} \ln(\sigma^2) - (2\sigma^2)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2$$

$$\frac{\partial l(\mu, \sigma^2)}{\partial \sigma^2} = \frac{-n}{\sigma^2} + (\sigma^2)^{-2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2 \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \cancel{\frac{n}{\sigma^2}} = \cancel{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2}{4}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2}{\sigma^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2}{n}$$

But since μ is unknown, we find its MLE estimator,

$$\frac{2\lambda(\mu, \sigma^2)}{2n} = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu) \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0 \Rightarrow \hat{\mu} = \frac{\sum x_i}{n} = \bar{x}$$

Hence $\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 / n$

b) $MSE(\hat{\sigma}^2) = \text{Var}(\hat{\sigma}^2) + \text{Bias}^2(\hat{\sigma}^2)$

We first find $\text{Bias}(\hat{\sigma}^2)$

$$\begin{aligned} E(\hat{\sigma}^2) &= E\left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{n} E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i^2 - 2x_i\bar{x} + \bar{x}^2)\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{n} E\left[\sum x_i^2 - n\bar{x}^2\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n E(x_i^2) - nE(\bar{x}^2) \right] \quad \textcircled{*} \end{aligned}$$

Since $\begin{cases} V(x_i) = E(x_i^2) - [E(x_i)]^2 \\ V(\bar{x}) = E(\bar{x}^2) - [E(\bar{x})]^2 \end{cases}$

Then $E(x_i^2) = V(x_i) + [E(x_i)]^2$
 $= \sigma^2 + \mu^2$

And $E(\bar{x}^2) = V(\bar{x}) + [E(\bar{x})]^2$
 $= \sigma^2/n + \mu^2$

Continue from $\textcircled{*}$,

$$= \frac{1}{n} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n (\sigma^2 + \mu^2) - n(\sigma^2/n + \mu^2) \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{n} [n(\sigma^2 + \mu^2) - n(\sigma^2/n + \mu^2)] \\
 &= \sigma^2 + \mu^2 - \sigma^2/n - \mu^2 \\
 &= \sigma^2(1 - 1/n)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } \text{Bias}(\hat{\sigma}^2) = \sigma^2\left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right) - \sigma^2 = -\sigma^2/n \quad (1)$$

Next, we find $V(\hat{\sigma}^2)$

Recall if $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$, then

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(X_i - \bar{X})^2}{\sigma^2} = \frac{n\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^2_{n-1}$$

Also for χ^2 with $df = k$, $V(\chi^2_k) = 2k$
 So, $V(\chi^2_{n-1}) = 2(n-1)$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
 V(\hat{\sigma}^2) &= V\left(\frac{\sigma^2}{n} \cdot \frac{n\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma^2}\right) = \frac{\sigma^4}{n^2} V(\chi^2_{n-1}) \\
 &= \frac{\sigma^4}{n^2} \cdot 2(n-1) \quad (2)
 \end{aligned}$$

Finally, using (1) and (2),

$$MSE(\hat{\sigma}^2) = \left[-\frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right]^2 + \frac{\sigma^4}{n^2} \cdot 2(n-1)$$

$$= \frac{\sigma^4}{n^2} (2n-1)$$

Next, $MSE(s^2) = \text{Var}(s^2) + \cancel{\text{Bias}^2(s^2)}^{>0}$

We only need to find $\text{Var}(s^2)$ since s^2 is unbiased.

$$\text{V}(s^2) = E((s^2)^2) - (E(s^2))^2$$

So we need $E((s^2)^2)$

Since $\frac{(n-1)s^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^2_{n-1}$, hence $s^2 = \frac{\sigma^2}{n-1} \chi^2_{n-1}$

$$\Rightarrow s^4 = \left(\frac{\sigma^2}{n-1}\right)^2 (\chi^2_{n-1})^2$$

$$\Rightarrow E(s^4) = \frac{\sigma^2}{(n-1)^2} E[(\chi^2_{n-1})^2]$$

where $E[(\chi^2_{n-1})^2] = V(\chi^2_{n-1}) + (E(\chi^2_{n-1}))^2$

$$= 2(n-1) + (n-1)^2$$

$$= (n+1)(n-1)$$

Hence,

$$E(s^4) = \frac{\sigma^4}{n-1} (n+1)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Again, } MSE(\hat{s}^2) &= V(\hat{s}^2) = E((\hat{s}^2)^2) - (E(\hat{s}^2))^2 \\ &= \frac{\sigma^4(n+1)}{n-1} - \sigma^4 \\ &= \boxed{\frac{2\sigma^4}{n-1}}\end{aligned}$$

Lastly,

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta &= MSE(\hat{s}^2) - MSE(\bar{s}^2) \\ &= \frac{2\sigma^4}{n-1} - \frac{\sigma^4}{n^2}(2n-1) \\ &= \frac{\sigma^4(3n-1)}{n^2(n-1)} > 0 \text{ since } n>1, \sigma^2>0\end{aligned}$$

Hence, $MSE(\bar{s}^2) < MSE(\hat{s}^2)$

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where $\lambda > 0$, $\alpha > 0$ and $\Gamma(\alpha)$ is the Gamma function defined by

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If X_1, \dots, X_n are a random iid sample from this distribution, determine the minimal sufficient statistic for (α, λ) .

Gamma distribution is a member of the exponential family. Hence its sufficient statistic is a minimum sufficient statistic.

Note, we can rewrite the PDF

$$f(x; \alpha, \lambda) = \frac{\lambda^\alpha x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\lambda x}}{\Gamma(\alpha)}, \quad x > 0$$

$$= \exp[(\alpha-1)\ln(x) - \lambda x + \alpha \ln(\lambda) - \ln(\Gamma(\alpha))]$$

$$\text{we can see } T(x) = (\ln(x), x)$$

The likelihood is then,

$$L(x_1, \dots, x_n; \alpha, \lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\lambda^\alpha x_i^{\alpha-1} e^{-\lambda x_i}}{\Gamma(\alpha)}$$

$$= \frac{\lambda^{n\alpha}}{[\Gamma(\alpha)]^n} \left(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i \right)^{\alpha-1} e^{-\lambda \sum_{i=1}^n x_i}$$

$$= g(T(x_1, \dots, x_n); \alpha, \lambda) \cdot h(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

We can similarly see, using the decomposition, that

$T(x) = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \ln(x_i), \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right)$ is the (minimal) sufficient statistic.

i.e. T preserves all information about α, λ

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$$H_0: \mu = 1 \quad H_1: \mu = 2$$

$$X_1, X_2, \dots, X_5 \sim \text{Poisson}(\mu)$$

The likelihood

$$L(\mu) = \prod_{i=1}^5 \frac{e^{-\mu} \mu^{x_i}}{(x_i)!} = e^{-5\mu} \mu^{\sum x_i} \prod_{i=1}^5 \frac{1}{(x_i)!}$$

Applying NP, the test statistic

$$T = \frac{L(\mu_1)}{L(\mu_0)} = \frac{L(\mu=2)}{L(\mu=1)}$$

$$= \frac{e^{-5(2)} \cdot 2^{\sum x_i} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^5 \cancel{\frac{1}{(x_i)!}}}{e^{-5} \cdot 1^{\sum x_i} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^5 \cancel{\frac{1}{(x_i)!}}}$$

$$= e^{-5} \cdot 2^S > C_\alpha$$

for some $C_\alpha > 0$ and $S = \sum x_i$. Furthermore,

$$\Rightarrow S > k \quad \text{for some } k > 0$$

Under $H_0: \mu = 1$, $S = \sum_{i=1}^5 x_i \sim \text{Poisson}(5)$.

So we are looking for

$$P(S \geq k | H_0) = \alpha = 0.05$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 1 - P(S < k | H_0) = 0.05$$

$$\Leftrightarrow P(S < k | H_0) = 0.95$$

Now we can find k for which the above expression holds.

| > crit_vals <- c(1:10) |
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| > cumulative_probs <- ppois(crit_vals, lambda = 5) |
| > data.frame(k = crit_vals, cumulative_probabilities = cumulative_probs) |
| k cumulative_probabilities |
| 1 1 0.04042768 |
| 2 2 0.12465202 |
| 3 3 0.26502592 |
| 4 4 0.44049329 |
| 5 5 0.61596065 |
| 6 6 0.76218346 |
| 7 7 0.86662833 |
| 8 8 0.93190637 |
| 9 9 0.96817194 |
| 10 10 0.98630473 |

$$\begin{aligned}k=9: P(S \geq 9 | H_0) &= 1 - P(S \leq 8 | H_0) \\&= 1 - 0.9319 \\&= 0.0681 \text{ not smaller than } \alpha\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}k=10: P(S \geq 10 | H_0) &= 1 - P(S \leq 9 | H_0) \\&= 1 - 0.9681 \\&= 0.0319\end{aligned}$$

Hence, by NP lemma, the critical region formed by $S = \sum X_i \geq 10$ is the most powerful region for testing H_1 vs. H_0 . The UZT rejects H_0 at $\alpha = 0.05$ if $S \geq 10$.

To find power of the test, we compute

$$P(S \geq 10 | H_1: \mu = 2) \text{ w/ } S \sim \text{Poisson}(10)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(S \geq 10 | H_1: \mu = 2) = 1 - P(S \leq 9 | H_1: \mu = 2)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{by R}}{=} 1 - 0.458$$

$$= 0.542$$

Hence, power = 0.542.

5. [10 marks] Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample from a Poisson distribution with unknown mean $\mu > 0$.

- (a) Show that any most powerful α -level test for $H_0 : \mu = \mu_0$ versus $H_1 : \mu = \mu_1, \mu_1 > \mu_0$ is based on the minimal sufficient statistic for μ .
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- (c) Find an expression for the power and show that the test is unbiased.

a) Let $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \sim \text{Poisson}(\mu)$ w/ $\mu > 0$

Let $S = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ be a statistic. From lecture notes,

S is a sufficient statistic and hence minimal

sufficient statistic since the Poisson distribution

is from the exponential family.

To identify any most powerful α -level test for the

stated simple hypothesis H_0 and H_1 , we use the

NP lemma. First, compute

$$T = \frac{L(\mu_1)}{L(\mu_0)}$$

$$= \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n e^{\mu_1} \mu_1^{x_i} / x_i!}{\prod_{i=1}^n e^{\mu_0} \mu_0^{x_i} / x_i!}$$

$$= \frac{e^{-n\mu_1}}{e^{-n\mu_0}} \frac{\mu_1^S}{\mu_0^S}$$

$$= e^{-n(\mu_0 - \mu_1)} \left(\frac{\mu_1}{\mu_0} \right)^S$$

Note T is a monotonic decreasing function of S and all quantities except for S is fixed. The condition $T \geq c_\alpha$ is equivalent to $S \geq d_\alpha$ for some other constant d_α .

Recall: If, for all α , $0 < \alpha < 1$ there exist c_α s.t.

$$P(T \geq c_\alpha | H_0) = \alpha$$

then the critical region formed by $T \geq c_\alpha$ is the most powerful critical region for testing H_1 against H_0 .

b) A test is uniformly most powerful (UMP) of level α for testing a simple hypothesis H_0 against a composite hypothesis H_1 , if the test is most powerful of level α for testing H_0 versus H_1 for each simple hypothesis $H \in H_1$.

From a), we shown the most powerful test of level α for testing $H_0: \mu = \mu_0$ vs. $H_1: \mu = \mu_1 (\mu_1 > \mu_0)$ is

rejecting H_0 if $S > c_2$ where c_2 is chosen to satisfy $P(S > c_2 | H_0) = \alpha$

So the CR formed by $S > c_2$ doesn't depend on μ_1 from the simple hypothesis H_1 's parameter space. In other words, the critical region we found is best (most powerful) for any $\mu_1 > \mu_0$. Hence it is the uniformly most powerful test.

Another method from discussing w/ friends

Alternatively, from a),

$$T = \frac{L(\mu_1)}{L(\mu_0)} \geq c_2$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{-n\mu_1 + n\mu_0} \left(\frac{\mu_1}{\mu_0} \right)^S \geq c_2$$

$$\Rightarrow S \geq k^*$$

$$\text{where } k^* = \frac{\ln(c_2) + n\mu_1 - n\mu_0}{\log(\mu_1/\mu_0)}$$

Note the ratio of the likelihoods is big

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{L(\mu_1)}{L(\mu_0)} \geq c_2 \text{ iff } \sum x_i \geq k^*$$

Hence, define $C = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) : \sum x_i \geq k^*\}$ where k^* is chosen s.t. Type I error $\alpha = P(\sum x_i \geq k^* | H_0)$ when $\mu = \mu_0$.

c) To find power, we compute

$$P(S = \sum x_i \geq k^* | H_1)$$

with $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \sim \text{Poisson}(n\mu)$

$$\Rightarrow P(S \geq k^* | H_1) = 1 - P(S < k^* | H_1)$$

$$= 1 - \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \frac{e^{-n\mu} (n\mu)^i}{i!}$$

$$= 1 - e^{-n\mu} \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \frac{(n\mu)^i}{i!}$$

which is the power for the test.

Now, to show if it is unbiased, we show

$$\max_{\mu \in M_0} P_\mu(\text{Reject } H_0) \leq \min_{\mu \in M_1} P_\mu(\text{Reject } H_0)$$

This holds under $H_1: \mu > \mu_0$.

In general, larger μ leads to Poisson with rate $\lambda = \mu n$ larger. So that shifted the graph more to the right.

Thus, for an increasing μ but the same k^* , the probability to the right of k^* increases.

By construction, we know under H_0

$$\max_{\mu \in H_0} P(\text{Reject } H_0) = \alpha$$

While under $H_1: \mu > \mu_0$, $P(S \geq k^* | H_1)$ (the rejection probability) is larger than α because the Poisson graph is shifted more to the right as μ increases.

Hence, we can conclude that the maximum rejection probability under H_0 is α , and for any $\mu > \mu_0$ under H_1 the rejection probability is greater

than λ . That is,

$$\max_{\mu \in H_0} P_\mu(\text{Reject } H_0) \leq \min_{\mu \in H_1} P_\mu(\text{Reject } H_0)$$

holds. Thus, test is unbiased.

Another method from discussing w/ friends

$$\text{Recall } \text{Power}(\mu > \mu_0) = P(\bar{X}_i > d_2 | H_0)$$

$$\text{We know } P(\bar{X}_i \leq d_2 | H_0) = 1 - \alpha = \sum_{\sum X_i=0}^{d_2} \frac{(\mu_0)^{\sum X_i} e^{-\mu_0}}{(\sum X_i)!}$$

Since $\sum X_i \sim \text{Poisson}(\mu_0)$ under H_0

$$\text{Then } d_2 = \min(t : F_{\text{Poisson}(\mu_0)}(t) \geq 1 - \alpha)$$

$$\text{Power}(\mu > \mu_0) = 1 - P(\bar{X}_i \leq d_2 | \mu > \mu_0)$$

$$= 1 - F_{\text{Poisson}(\mu_0)}(d_2) \text{ where } \mu > \mu_0$$

$$= 1 - \sum_{\sum X_i=0}^{d_2} \frac{(\mu)^{\sum X_i} e^{-\mu}}{(\sum X_i)!} \text{ where } \mu > \mu_0$$

$$\text{Since } \mu > \mu_0, \sum_{\sum X_i=0}^{d_2} \frac{(\mu)^{\sum X_i} e^{-\mu}}{(\sum X_i)!} \leq 1 - \alpha$$

$$\text{So } \text{Power}(\mu > \mu_0) \geq \alpha, \text{ hence}$$

$$P_{\text{H}_0}(\text{Reject } H_0) \geq P_{\text{H}_{\neq 0}}(\text{Reject } H_0)$$

Thus, the UMP test in b) is unbiased

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