

# 2010 Qualifying Exam Section 1

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## 1 Question 1

### 1.a

Note that  $H_0$  is true iff  $\sigma_2^2/\sigma_1^2 = \Delta_0$  iff  $1/\sigma_1^2 = \Delta_0/\sigma_2^2$  iff  $1/\sigma_1^2 - \Delta_0/\sigma_2^2 = 0$

Let  $\eta = (\mu_1, \sigma_1^2, \mu_2, \sigma_2^2)$ . The likelihood is given by

$$\begin{aligned} L(\eta) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \sqrt{2\pi} |\Sigma|^{-1/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{\sigma_1^2} (x_i - \mu_1)^2 + \frac{1}{\sigma_2^2} (y_i - \mu_2)^2 \right] \right\} \\ &= (2\pi)^{-n} (\sigma_1^2 \sigma_2^2)^{-n/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{\sigma_1^2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - 2n\mu_1 \bar{x} + n\mu_1^2 \right] + \left[ \frac{1}{\sigma_2^2} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 - 2n\mu_2 \bar{y} + n\mu_2^2 \right] \right\} \\ &= (2\pi)^{-n} h(\eta)^{-n/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{\sigma_1^2} - \frac{\Delta_0}{\sigma_2^2} \right) \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 + \frac{n\mu_1}{\sigma_2^2} \bar{x} - \frac{1}{2\sigma_2^2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 + \Delta_0 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \right) + \frac{n\mu_2}{\sigma_2^2} \bar{y} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

The likelihood is written as an exponential family with  $U = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2$ ,  $\theta = -\frac{1}{\sigma_1^2} - \frac{\Delta_0}{\sigma_2^2}$ ,  $T_1 = \bar{x}$ ,  $\xi_1 = \frac{n\mu_1}{\sigma_1^2}$ ,  $T_2 = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2$ ,  $\xi_3 = -\frac{1}{2\sigma_2^2}$ ,  $T_4 = \bar{y}$ . This exponential family is full rank. Moreover, the parameter space is  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^- \times \mathbb{R}$ , which clearly contains an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . Thus, we have a full rank exponential family and we have that the statistics are complete.

Let

$$V = h(U, T) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - n\bar{x}^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 - n\bar{y}^2} = \frac{U - T_1}{T_2 - T_3}$$

$V$  is clearly increasing in  $U$ . We must show it is independent of  $T_1, T_2, T_3$ .  $V$  is independent of  $T_1 = \bar{X}$  since the sum of squares is independent of the sample mean for a normal distribution. Arguing rigorously, we note that  $U = X'(I - (1/n)\mathbf{1}\mathbf{1}^T)X$ . You can show that the matrix is an orthogonal projection operator (it is symmetric and idempotent).  $\bar{X}$  is a function of  $(1/n)\mathbf{1}\mathbf{1}^T$ . Take the product, and you'll see that the product is the 0 matrix. Thus, they are independent.

Moreover, since  $\sigma_{12} = 0$ , the  $x$ 's are independent of the  $y$ 's. Thus,  $V$  is increasing in  $U$  and independent of  $T_1, T_2$ , and  $T_3$ . Under  $H_0$ ,  $\sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2/\Delta_0$ .

We can write  $V$  as

$$V = \frac{1}{\Delta_0} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 / [(n-1)\sigma_2^2 / \Delta_0]}{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2 / [(n-1)\sigma_2^2]}$$

Under  $H_0$ ,  $V$  is a multiple of the ratio of two independent chi-squared random variables divided by their degrees of freedom. Hence,  $V \stackrel{H_0}{\sim} \frac{1}{\Delta_0} F(n-1, n-1)$ . We reject  $H_0$  if  $V < k_1$  or  $V > k_2$  such that  $\alpha = P(V < k_1) + P(V > k_2)$  and  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  satisfy  $\mathbb{E}(\phi(V)) = \alpha$ ,  $\mathbb{E}((T_2 - T_3)U - T_1 | T = t\phi(V)) = \alpha \mathbb{E}((T_2 - T_3)U - T_1 | T = t)$

## 1.b

The likelihood can be written as

$$L(\eta) = (2\pi)^{-n}(\sigma_1^2\sigma_2^2)^{-n/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma_1^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu_1)^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma_2^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu_2)^2 \right\}$$

The likelihood only depends on  $\mu_1$  through  $\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu_1)^2$  and is strictly decreasing in this term. Note that we can write

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu_1)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x} + \bar{x} - \mu_1)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 + n(\bar{x} - \mu_1)^2$$

which is minimized when  $\mu_1 = \bar{x}$  since  $(\bar{x} - \mu_1)^2 \geq 0$  with equality holding if and only if  $\mu_1 = \bar{x}$ . Thus, we have  $\hat{\mu}_1 = \bar{x}$ . Similarly, we have  $\hat{\mu}_2 = \bar{y}$ .

The log-likelihood is given by

$$\ell(\mu_1, \mu_2, \sigma_1^2, \sigma_2^2) = -n \log 2\pi - \frac{n}{2} [\log(\sigma_1^2) + \log(\sigma_2^2)] - \frac{1}{2\sigma_1^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu_1)^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma_2^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu_2)^2$$

We have

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \sigma_1^2} = -\frac{n}{2\sigma_1^2} + \frac{1}{(\sigma_1^2)^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu_1)^2$$

setting this derivative equal to 0 and substituting  $\hat{\mu}_1 = \bar{x}$  for  $\mu_1$ , we have

$$\hat{\sigma}_1^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2$$

Similarly, we have

$$\hat{\sigma}_2^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2$$

The likelihood evaluated at the MLEs is

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{\eta \in H} L(\eta) &= (2\pi)^{-n} (\hat{\sigma}_1^2 \hat{\sigma}_2^2)^{-n/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\hat{\sigma}_1^2} n \hat{\sigma}_1^2 - \frac{1}{2\hat{\sigma}_2^2} n \hat{\sigma}_2^2 \right\} \\ &= (2\pi)^{-n} (\hat{\sigma}_1^2 \hat{\sigma}_2^2)^{-n/2} e^{-n} \end{aligned}$$

Under  $H_0$ , we have that  $\sigma_1^2 = \Delta_0 \sigma_2^2$ . Let  $\sigma_2^2 = \sigma^2$  so that under  $H_0$ ,  $\sigma_1^2 = \Delta_0 \sigma^2$ . Let  $\tilde{L}$  denote the likelihood under  $H_0$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{L}(\mu_1, \mu_2, \sigma^2) &= L(\mu_1, \mu_2, \sigma^2, \sigma^2) \\ &= (2\pi)^{-n} (\Delta_0)^{-n/2} (\sigma^2)^{-n} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left[ \frac{1}{\Delta_0} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu_1)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu_2)^2 \right] \right\}\end{aligned}$$

$\tilde{L}$  only depends on  $\mu_1$  through the sum of squares  $\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu_1)^2$  and is decreasing in this quantity since  $\Delta_0 > 0$ . Thus, for the same reasons as the unrestricted MLE, we have  $\tilde{\mu}_1 = \bar{x}$  and analogously,  $\tilde{\mu}_2 = \bar{y}$ . The restricted log likelihood is

$$\ell(\mu_1, \mu_2, \sigma^2) \propto -n \log \sigma^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left[ \frac{1}{\Delta_0} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu_1)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu_2)^2 \right]$$

Thus,

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \sigma^2} = -\frac{n}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{2(\sigma^2)^2} \left[ \frac{1}{\Delta_0} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu_1)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu_2)^2 \right]$$

and hence  $\tilde{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{2n} \left[ \frac{1}{\Delta_0} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2 \right]$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}\sup_{\eta \in H_0} L(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2, \mu_2, \sigma_2^2) &= (2\pi)^{-n} \Delta_0^{-n/2} (\tilde{\sigma}^2)^{-n} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\tilde{\sigma}^2} 2n\tilde{\sigma}^2 \right\} \\ &= (2\pi)^{-n} \Delta_0^{-n/2} (\tilde{\sigma}^2)^{-n} e^{-n}\end{aligned}$$

Hence, the likelihood ratio statistic is

$$\begin{aligned}\Lambda &= \frac{\Delta_0^{-n/2} (\tilde{\sigma}^2)^{-n}}{(\hat{\sigma}_1^2 \hat{\sigma}_2^2)^{-n/2}} \\ &= \left( \frac{\hat{\sigma}_1 \hat{\sigma}_2}{\Delta_0^{1/2} \tilde{\sigma}^2} \right)^n \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{n} \left[ \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2} \right]}{\Delta_0^{1/2} \frac{1}{2n} \left[ \frac{1}{\Delta_0} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2 \right]} \\ &= \frac{2 \left[ \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2} \right]}{\Delta_0^{1/2} \left[ \frac{1}{\Delta_0} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2 \right]}\end{aligned}$$

## 1.c

Let  $z_i = (x_i, y_i)^T$  and let  $\mu = (\mu_1, \mu_2)^T$ . Then the likelihood can be written as

$$L(\mu, \Sigma) = (2\pi \det\{\Sigma\})^{-n/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (z_i - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (z_i - \mu) \right\}$$

Thus, the log-likelihood is

$$\ell(\mu, \Sigma) = -\frac{n}{2} \log |\Sigma| - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (z_i - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (z_i - \mu) \quad (1.1)$$

$$= -\frac{n}{2} \log |\Sigma| - \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left( \Sigma^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (z_i - \mu)(z_i - \mu)^T \right) \quad (1.2)$$

From (1.1), note that we can write the second term as

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (z_i - \bar{z})^T \Sigma^{-1} (z_i - \bar{z}) + n(\bar{z} - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (\bar{z} - \mu)$$

Since  $\Sigma$  is positive definite, so is  $\Sigma^{-1}$ . Thus since the likelihood is decreasing in the term above, and the term above is minimized when  $\mu = \bar{z}$ , we have  $\hat{\mu} = \bar{z}$

Now, we have

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \Sigma^{-1}} = -\frac{n}{2} \Sigma - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (z_i - \mu)(z_i - \mu)^T$$

This derivative is 0 iff  $\hat{\Sigma} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (z_i - \bar{z})(z_i - \bar{z})^T$

Thus, the likelihood evaluated at the MLE is

$$\begin{aligned} L(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\Sigma}) &= (2\pi)^{-n/2} |\hat{\Sigma}|^{-n/2} - \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left( \hat{\Sigma}^{-1} n \hat{\Sigma} \right) \\ &= (2\pi)^{-n/2} |\hat{\Sigma}|^{-n/2} e^{-n^2/2} \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $H_0$  is true iff  $\sigma_{12} = 0$ . By part (b), we already know the MLEs under the restricted case and we can see that the LRT rejects  $H_0$  when

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{|\tilde{\Sigma}|^{-n/2}}{|\hat{\Sigma}|^{-n/2}} &< k_1 \\ \iff \frac{\hat{\sigma}_1^2 \hat{\sigma}_2^2 - \hat{\sigma}_{12}^2}{\hat{\sigma}_1^2 \hat{\sigma}_2^2} &< k_2 \\ \iff (1 - \rho^2) &< k_2 \\ \iff \rho^2 &> k_3 \\ \iff |\rho| &> k \end{aligned}$$