

# Ch 8. Hypothesis Testing

## Intro

### Definition

1. Any statement about the unknown parameter  $\theta$  is called a *hypothesis*
2. One of the complementary hypothesis is called *Null Hypothesis* (denoted by  $H_0$ ) and other is called *Alternative Hypothesis* (denoted by  $H_1$  or  $H_A$ ).

▷ Example:  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\theta_1, \sigma^2)$  - regular diet program,  
 $Y_1, \dots, Y_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\theta_2, \sigma^2)$  - Caloric restricted diet program

$$H_0 : \theta_1 = \theta_2 \quad vs \quad H_1 : \theta_1 > \theta_2$$

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◁ Note:  $\Theta_0$  and  $\Theta_1$  are often called *Null* and *Alternative* space of parameter and the hypotheses are expressed as

$$H_0 : \boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta_0 \quad vs \quad \boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta_1$$

## Definition

A hypothesis that completely specifies the distribution of  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  is called a *simple hypothesis* otherwise it is called *composite hypothesis*.

▷ Example:  $\theta_1 = \theta_2$ ,  $\theta_1 = \theta_2 = 2$ ,  $\theta_1 > \theta_2$ .

- ▶ After observing  $X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_n = x_n$ , we need to decide which hypothesis,  $H_0$  or  $H_1$ , we will accept. Let  $\mathfrak{X}$  denote the set of all possible realization of  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ . Testing function (rule) plays the same role as estimator in point estimation.

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1. A function  $\phi : \mathfrak{X} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is called a *testing function*.
2. If a testing function takes a values in  $\{0, 1\}$ , i.e.  
 $\phi : \mathfrak{X} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ , it is called a *simple testing function*.

◁ Note: The interpretation of definition 1 is that after observing  $X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_n = x_n$ , reject  $H_0$  with probability  $\phi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and accept  $H_0$  with probability  $1 - \phi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ . This is called a randomized procedure.

### Definition

- ▶  $R_\phi = \{\mathbf{x} : \phi(\mathbf{x}) = 1\}$  is called the *rejection region* or *critical region*
- ▶  $A_\phi = \{\mathbf{x} : \phi(\mathbf{x}) = 0\}$  is called the *acceptance region*

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## Evaluating the test

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The *power function*  $\beta_\phi(\theta)$  of a test  $\phi(\mathbf{x})$  is the function defined as

$$\beta_\phi(\theta) = P_\theta[\phi(\mathbf{X}) = 1] = E_\theta[\phi(\mathbf{X})] = P_\theta(\mathbf{X} \in R_\phi)$$

◁ Note:

- ▶  $\theta \in \Theta_0$ ,  $\beta_\phi(\theta) = \Pr[\text{Type I error}]$ .  
 $\theta \in \Theta_1$ ,  $\beta_\phi(\theta) = 1 - \Pr[\text{Type II error}]$ .
- ▶  $\sup_{\theta \in \Theta_0} \beta_\phi(\theta)$  is called the *size of the test*  $\phi$ . Thus, any test such that  $\sup_{\theta \in \Theta_0} \beta_\phi(\theta) = \alpha$  is called as a *size  $\alpha$  test*.
- ▶ Test  $\phi$  such that  $\sup_{\theta \in \Theta_0} \beta_\phi(\theta) \leq \alpha$  is called a *level  $\alpha$  test*.

**Example** Suppose  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  is a random sample from  $N(\theta, 1)$ . We're interested in testing the hypotheses

$$H_0 : \theta \leq 10 \quad H_1 : \theta > 10.$$

$$\Theta = (-\infty, \infty) \quad \Theta_0 = (-\infty, 10]$$

$$\Theta_0^c = (10, \infty)$$

For example:

- $X_i$  might be a measure of product quality when a new process is used.
- The average quality measure using the old process is 10.
- $H_0$  says that the new process is no better than the old.
- $H_1$  says the new process *is* better than the old.

A sufficient statistic in this model is

$$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i.$$

Also, we know that  $\bar{X}$  is both the MLE and the UMVUE of  $\theta$ . A sensible test would have the following form:

Take action  $a_1$  if  $\bar{x} \geq c_n$ , and

take action  $a_0$  if  $\bar{x} < c_n$ ,

where  $\bar{x}$  is the observed value of  $\bar{X}$  and  $c_n$  is some constant larger than 10.

**Type I error:** *Conclude new process is better when it isn't.*

**Type II error:** *Conclude new process is no better than the old when in fact it is better.*



### Example (continued)

Suppose we use a test function  $\phi$  as follows:

$$\phi(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \bar{x} \geq 10 + \frac{1.645}{\sqrt{n}} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

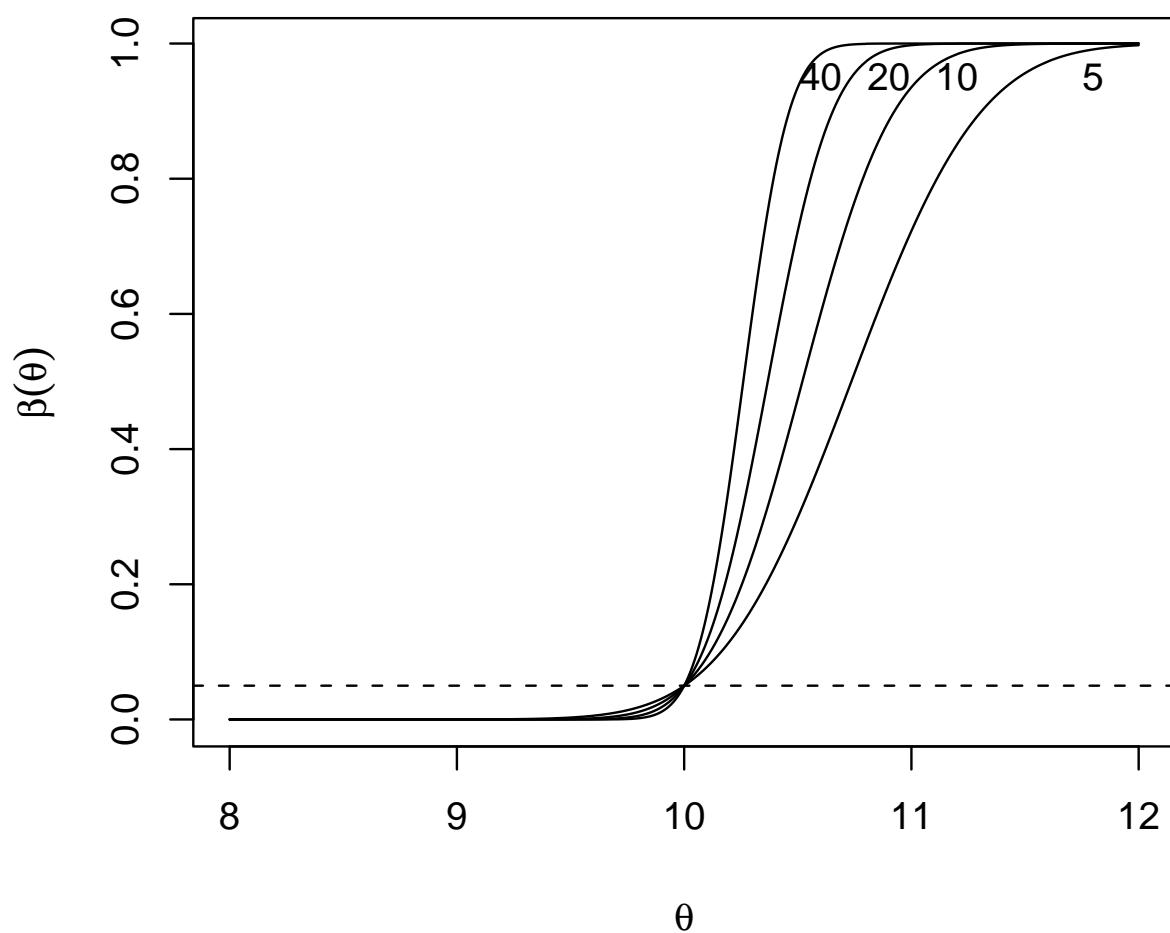
$$\begin{aligned} \beta(\theta) &= P_{\theta} \left( \bar{X} \geq 10 + \frac{1.645}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \\ &= P_{\theta} \left( \frac{\bar{X} - \theta}{1/\sqrt{n}} \geq \sqrt{n}(10 - \theta) + 1.645 \right) \\ &= P(Z \geq \sqrt{n}(10 - \theta) + 1.645), \end{aligned}$$

where  $Z \sim N(0, 1)$ .

### Remarks

- $\beta(10) = 0.05$  for each  $n$ .
- $\beta(\theta)$  increases monotonically, from 0 at  $\theta = -\infty$  to 1 at  $\theta = \infty$ .
- So, the size of the test is 0.05, no matter the value of  $n$ .

## Power curves for Example



The numbers beside the curves indicate sample size,  $n$ .

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▷ Example:  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{exponential}(\theta)$ .

$$H_0 : \theta \geq 1 \quad vs \quad H_1 : \theta < 1$$

Consider a test function

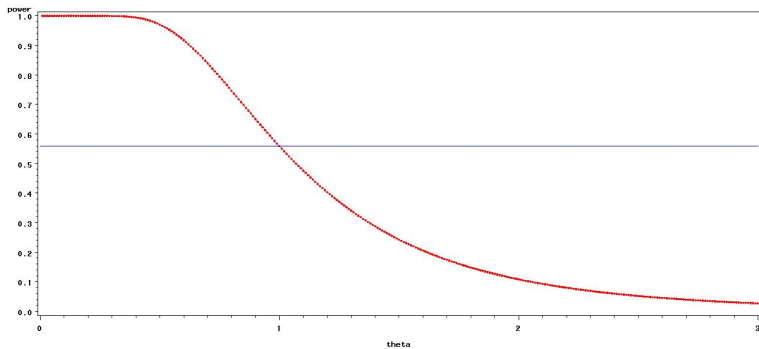
$$\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \bar{x} < 1 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

$$n\bar{X} = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \sim \Gamma(n, \theta)$$

$$\frac{2n\bar{X}}{\theta} \sim \Gamma(n, 2), \quad \text{i.e. } \chi^2(2n)$$

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▷ Example:  $X \sim \text{Binomial}(2, \theta)$

$$H_0 : \theta = \frac{1}{2} \quad vs \quad H_1 : \theta = \frac{3}{4}$$

Find a test of size 0.

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▷ Example:  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\theta, \sigma^2)$ .

$$H_0 : \theta = \theta_0 \quad vs \quad H_1 : \theta \neq \theta_0$$

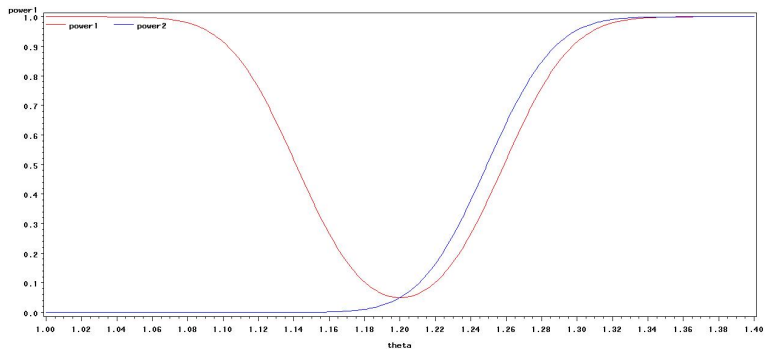
Consider the following two test functions

$$\phi_1(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 1 & |\bar{x} - \theta_0| > c_1 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

$$\phi_2(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \bar{x} > \theta_0 + c_2 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

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## Evaluating the test - MP test

### Definition

A test function  $\phi[\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)]$  is said to be the *most powerful* test of size  $\alpha$  for testing

$$H_0 : \theta = \theta_0 \quad vs \quad H_1 : \theta = \theta_1$$

if

1.  $E_{\theta_0}[\phi(\mathbf{X})] = \alpha, [\beta_{\phi}(\theta_0) = \alpha.]$
2. for any other test function  $\tilde{\phi}(\mathbf{X})$  with  $E_{\theta_0}[\tilde{\phi}(\mathbf{X})] \leq \alpha,$

$$E_{\theta_1}[\phi(\mathbf{X})] \geq E_{\theta_1}[\tilde{\phi}(\mathbf{X})], \quad [\beta_{\phi}(\theta_1) \geq \beta_{\tilde{\phi}}(\theta_1)]$$

MP test has the smallest probability of type II error among all test rules with probability of type I error no bigger than  $\alpha$ .



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▷ Example:  $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$  vs  $H_1 : \theta = \theta_1$

$X = x$	0	1	2
$p(x \theta_0)$	0.05	0.05	0.90
$p(x \theta_1)$	0.90	0.08	0.02
$p(x \theta_1)/p(x \theta_0)$	18	1.6	0.022

Size  $\alpha = 0.05$  tests?

Find the MP test of size 0.05? Choose the test that has the largest/smallest ratio?

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## Evaluating the test - MP test

### Theorem (Neyman-Pearson Lemma)

$X_1, \dots, X_n$  has a joint pdf/pmf  $f(\mathbf{x}|\theta)$ ,  $\theta \in \Theta$ . Consider the testing the hypotheses,

$$H_0 : \theta = \theta_0 \quad vs \quad H_1 : \theta = \theta_1$$

Then, for any  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ , there exist a MP test of size  $\alpha$  given below;

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } f(\mathbf{x}|\theta_1) > k f(\mathbf{x}|\theta_0), \\ \gamma & \text{if } f(\mathbf{x}|\theta_1) = k f(\mathbf{x}|\theta_0), \\ 0 & \text{if } f(\mathbf{x}|\theta_1) < k f(\mathbf{x}|\theta_0), \end{cases}$$

where the constants  $k$  and  $\gamma$  are chose to satisfy

$$E_{\theta_0}[\phi(\mathbf{X})] = \beta_{\phi}(\theta_0) = \alpha.$$

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We will prove the theorem for the continuous case. In this case, we take  $r=0$ . There exists  $k>0$  such that  $P(\phi(\mathbf{x})=1)=$

Let  $\phi'(\mathbf{x})$  be the test function of any other level test

Since  $0 \leq \phi'(\mathbf{x}) \leq 1$ , (1) implies that

$$[\phi(\mathbf{x}) - \phi'(\mathbf{x})][f(\mathbf{x}|\theta_1) - kf(\mathbf{x}|\theta_0)] \geq 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \int [\phi(\mathbf{x}) - \phi'(\mathbf{x})][f(\mathbf{x}|\theta_1) - kf(\mathbf{x}|\theta_0)] d\mathbf{x} \\ &= \beta(\theta_1) - \beta'(\theta_1) - k[\beta(\theta_0) - \beta'(\theta_0)]. \quad (3) \\ &\leq \beta(\theta_1) - \beta'(\theta_1) \end{aligned}$$

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## Evaluating the test - MP test

◁ Note:

1. The MP test  $\phi$  reject  $H_0$  if the likelihood ratio

$$L = \frac{f(\mathbf{x}|\theta_1)}{f(\mathbf{x}|\theta_0)}$$

is large.

2. In general, there may be more than one choice of  $k$  and  $\gamma$  that  $\beta_\phi(\theta_0) = \alpha$ . Then each is MP test of size  $\alpha$ .
3. When  $f(\mathbf{x}|\theta_1)/f(\mathbf{x}|\theta_0)$  has a continuous distribution under the null,  $H_0$ ,  $\gamma = 0$  is usually taken and considered as the MP test of size  $\alpha$ .

**Example** Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be i.i.d.  $N(\theta, 1)$ , and suppose  $\theta_0 < \theta_1$ . Find the most powerful size  $\alpha$  test of

$$H_0 : \theta = \theta_0 \quad \text{vs.} \quad H_1 : \theta = \theta_1,$$

and the power of this test.

$$f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right)^n \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta)^2 \right).$$

$$f(\mathbf{x}|\theta_1) > k f(\mathbf{x}|\theta_0) \quad \text{iff}$$

$$\log f(\mathbf{x}|\theta_1) - \log f(\mathbf{x}|\theta_0) > \log k = k'.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \log f(\mathbf{x}|\theta_1) - \log f(\mathbf{x}|\theta_0) = \\ - \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta_1)^2 / 2 + \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta_0)^2 / 2 \end{aligned}$$

The last quantity exceeds  $k'$  iff

$$\bar{x} > \frac{(\theta_1^2 - \theta_0^2)/2 + k'/n}{(\theta_1 - \theta_0)}.$$

The test function of the most powerful test thus has the form

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 1, & \bar{x} > c \\ 0, & \bar{x} < c, \end{cases}$$

where  $c$  is determined from  $E_{\theta_0}[\phi(\mathbf{X})] = \alpha$ .

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\theta_0}[\phi(\mathbf{X})] &= P_{\theta_0}(\bar{X} > c) \\ &= P_{\theta_0}\left(\frac{\bar{X} - \theta_0}{1/\sqrt{n}} > \sqrt{n}(c - \theta_0)\right) = \alpha. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that  $\sqrt{n}(c - \theta_0) = z_\alpha$ , or  $c = \theta_0 + z_\alpha/\sqrt{n}$ . So, we reject  $H_0$  iff  $\bar{x} > \theta_0 + z_\alpha/\sqrt{n}$ .

Power of the test is

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\theta_1}(\bar{X} > \theta_0 + z_\alpha/\sqrt{n}) &= \\ P_{\theta_1}\left(\frac{\bar{X} - \theta_1}{1/\sqrt{n}} > z_\alpha - \sqrt{n}(\theta_1 - \theta_0)\right) &= \\ 1 - \Phi(z_\alpha - \sqrt{n}(\theta_1 - \theta_0)). \end{aligned}$$

What happens to the power as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ?

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## Evaluating the test - MP test

▷ Example:  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ .

$$H_0 : \mu = \mu_0 \quad vs \quad H_1 : \mu = \mu_1 (< \mu_0)$$

Find the MP-test of size  $\alpha$ .

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

$$\frac{L(\theta_1)}{L(\theta_0)} > k \implies \bar{x} < \frac{(2\sigma^2 \log k)/n - \theta_0^2 + \theta_1^2}{2(\theta_1 - \theta_0)}.$$

$$\alpha = P_{\theta_0}(\bar{X} < c). \quad \bar{X} < c = -\sigma z_\alpha / \sqrt{n} + \theta_0.$$

**Example** Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be i.i.d. Bernoulli rv's with success probability  $\theta$ . Test

$$H_0 : \theta = \theta_0 \quad \text{vs.} \quad H_1 : \theta = \theta_1, \quad \theta_1 > \theta_0.$$

Define  $c_1 = \log(\theta_1/\theta_0)$  and

$$c_2 = -\log((1 - \theta_1)/(1 - \theta_0)).$$

Then

$$\log L(\mathbf{x}|\theta_0, \theta_1) = (c_1 + c_2) \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - nc_2.$$

Since  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are positive,

$$L(\mathbf{x}|\theta_0, \theta_1) > k \quad \text{iff} \quad \sum_{i=1}^n x_i > k'.$$

When  $H_0$  is true,  $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i$  has a  $\text{bin}(n, \theta_0)$  distribution. The possible sizes for tests of the form

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 1, & L(\mathbf{x}|\theta_0, \theta_1) > k, \\ 0, & L(\mathbf{x}|\theta_0, \theta_1) < k \end{cases}$$

are 0 and  $\sum_{i=j}^n \binom{n}{i} \theta_0^i (1 - \theta_0)^{n-i}$ ,  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n$ .



Let  $k'$  be such that  $j - 1 < k' < j$ , where  $j$  is an integer and  $0 \leq j \leq n$ . The test

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 1, & \sum_{i=1}^n x_i > k', \\ 0, & \sum_{i=1}^n x_i < k' \end{cases}$$

has size  $\alpha = E_{\theta_0}[\phi(\mathbf{X})]$ , which is

$$\sum_{i=j}^n \binom{n}{i} \theta_0^i (1 - \theta_0)^{n-i}.$$

The power of the test is

$$E_{\theta_1}[\phi(\mathbf{X})] = \sum_{i=j}^n \binom{n}{i} \theta_1^i (1 - \theta_1)^{n-i}.$$

For a specified  $\alpha$ , we may need to be satisfied with a *level*  $\alpha$  test.

Example continued:

*Randomized tests*

Let  $n = 10$  and  $\theta_0 = 1/2$ . Suppose we would like our test to have size .05. Let  $T = \sum_{i=1}^{10} X_i$ , which has distribution  $\text{bin}(10, 1/2)$  under  $H_0$ .

$$P(T = 10) = (1/2)^{10} = 0.0009766$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(T \geq 9) &= 10(1/2)^{10} + 0.0009766 \\ &= 0.0107422 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(T \geq 8) &= 45(1/2)^{10} + 0.0107422 \\ &= 0.0546875 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\phi_R(x) = P(\text{rejecting } H_0 | T = x)$ . The form of the randomized test is

$$\phi_R(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x = 9, 10, \\ p, & x = 8, \\ 0, & x \leq 7, \end{cases}$$

where  $p$  is chosen so that the size of the test is .05.

We have

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha &= E_{\theta_0}[\phi_R(T)] \\ &= \sum_{x=0}^{10} \phi_R(x) \binom{10}{x} (1/2)^{10} \\ &= p45(1/2)^{10} + P_{\theta_0}(T \geq 9).\end{aligned}$$

In order for  $\alpha$  to be .05, we need

$$p = \frac{[.05 - P_{\theta_0}(T \geq 9)]}{45(1/2)^{10}} = .8933.$$

Given a data set, if  $T = 8$ , we could generate a value from the  $U(0, 1)$  distribution (using a computer), and reject  $H_0$  iff the generated value is less than .8933.

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## Evaluating the test - UMP test

### Definition

Let  $f(\mathbf{x}|\theta)$ ,  $\theta \in \Theta$  be the joint pdf/pmf of  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ . Let  $\Theta_0$  and  $\Theta_1$  be the nonempty disjoint subsets of  $\Theta$ . A test rule  $\phi(\mathbf{x})$  is said to be a *uniformly most powerful (UMP)* test of size  $\alpha$  for testing

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

if

1.  $\max_{\theta \in \Theta_0} E_{\theta}[\phi(\mathbf{X})] = \alpha$
2. for any other test  $\tilde{\phi}(\mathbf{x})$  with  $\max_{\theta \in \Theta_0} E_{\theta}[\tilde{\phi}(\mathbf{X})] \leq \alpha$ , we have

$$E_{\theta}[\phi(\mathbf{X})] \geq E_{\theta}[\tilde{\phi}(\mathbf{X})]$$

for each  $\theta \in \Theta_1$ .

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## Evaluating the test - UMP test

◁ Note:

1. A UMP test has the smallest probability of type II error for every  $\theta \in \Theta_1$  among all the test with size  $\leq \alpha$ .
2. Condition 2 is a really strong requirement. Unlike the simple versus simple case, UMP test may not exist for composite  $H_0$  and for composite  $H_1$ .
3. NP lemma can be used to show that UMP test does not exist or identify the UMP test if it exists. HOW ?

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## Evaluating the test - UMP test

- a. Fix  $\theta_0 \in \Theta_0$  appropriately (usually boundary of  $\Theta_0$ ).
- b. Choose any  $\theta_1 \in \Theta_1$
- c. Then find a MP test of size  $\alpha$ ,  $\phi(\mathbf{x})$ , for

$$H_0 : \theta = \theta_0 \quad vs \quad H_1 : \theta = \theta_1.$$

If

- i  $\phi(\mathbf{x})$  does not depend on  $\theta_1$
- ii  $\max_{\theta \in \Theta_0} E_{\theta}[\phi(\mathbf{X})] = \alpha$

then  $\phi(\mathbf{x})$  is the UMP-test of size  $\alpha$ .

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▷ Example:  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ .

$$H_0 : \mu = \mu_0 \quad vs \quad H_1 : \mu > \mu_0$$

$$H_0 : \mu \leq \mu_0 \quad vs \quad H_1 : \mu > \mu_0$$

For the first case,

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 1, & \bar{x} \geq \theta_0 + z_\alpha / \sqrt{n} \\ 0, & \bar{x} < \theta_0 + z_\alpha / \sqrt{n}. \end{cases}$$

This test does not depend on  $\theta_1$ . Does it have level  $\alpha$  when used to test  $H_0$  vs.  $H_1$  in the 2nd case?

Let  $\tilde{\theta} < \theta_0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\tilde{\theta}} \left( \bar{X} \geq \theta_0 + \frac{z_\alpha}{\sqrt{n}} \right) &= \\ P_{\tilde{\theta}} \left( \frac{\bar{X} - \tilde{\theta}}{1/\sqrt{n}} \geq \sqrt{n}(\theta_0 - \tilde{\theta}) + z_\alpha \right) &= \\ P(Z \geq \sqrt{n}(\theta_0 - \tilde{\theta}) + z_\alpha) &< \alpha \end{aligned}$$

since  $\theta_0 > \tilde{\theta}$ . This explains why  $\theta_0$  was used in  $H'_0$ .

In many cases the most powerful level  $\alpha$  test of  $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$  vs.  $H_1 : \theta = \theta_1$  ( $\theta_1 > \theta_0$ ) will depend on  $\theta_1$ . In such cases a UMP test for  $H_0 : \theta \leq \theta_0$  vs.  $H_1 : \theta > \theta_0$  does not exist. However, there is a large class of distributions for which UMP tests do exist.



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### Evaluating the test - UMP test

▷ Example:  $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim f(x|\lambda)$ .

$$f(x|\lambda) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, \quad x > 0$$

$$H_0 : \lambda \leq \lambda_0 \quad vs \quad H_1 : \lambda > \lambda_0$$

$$L(\lambda) = \lambda^n \exp\left[-\lambda \sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right] = \lambda^n \exp[-n\lambda \bar{x}]$$

$$\frac{L(\lambda_1)}{L(\lambda_0)} = \left(\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_0}\right)^n \exp(-n(\lambda_1 - \lambda_0)\bar{x}) > k \Leftrightarrow \bar{x} < c^* \Leftrightarrow 2n\lambda_0\bar{x} < c$$

$$2n\lambda_0\bar{X} \stackrel{\lambda=\lambda_0}{\sim} \chi^2(2n) \quad \phi(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \begin{cases} 1, & 2n\lambda_0\bar{x} < \chi_{0.05}^2(2n) \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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## Evaluating the test - UMP test

### Definition

Let  $f(\mathbf{x}|\theta)$ ,  $\theta \in \Theta$  be the joint pdf/pmf of  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ . The family is said to have *Monotone Likelihood Ratio (MLR)* in a statistic  $T(\mathbf{X})$  if, for all  $\theta'' > \theta'$ ,  $\theta'', \theta' \in \Theta$ , there exist a nondecreasing function of  $T$ ,  $g$ , such that

$$L = \frac{f(\mathbf{x}|\theta'')}{f(\mathbf{x}|\theta')} = g_{\theta', \theta''}[T(\mathbf{x})]$$

in a support of  $\mathbf{x}$ .

◁ Note:

- ▶ if  $g_{\theta', \theta''}(x)$  is decreasing then  $g_{\theta', \theta''}(-x)$  is increasing.
- ▶ if  $f(\mathbf{x}|\theta'') > 0$  and  $f(\mathbf{x}|\theta') = 0$  then  $L = \infty$ .

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## Evaluating the test - UMP test

### Theorem

Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  have joint pdf/pmf  $f(\mathbf{x}|\theta)$ ,  $\theta \in \Theta$ . Assume the family has MLR in  $T(\mathbf{X})$ . Then

1. A UMP test of size  $\alpha$  for

$$H_0 : \theta \leq \theta_0 \quad vs \quad H_1 : \theta > \theta_0$$

is given by

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 1, & T(\mathbf{x}) > k, \\ \gamma, & T(\mathbf{x}) = k, \\ 0, & T(\mathbf{x}) < k, \end{cases}$$

where  $k$  and  $\gamma$  are determined by

$$P_{\theta_0}[T(\mathbf{X}) > k] + \gamma P_{\theta_0}[T(\mathbf{X}) = k] = \alpha.$$

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#### Theorem (-Continued)

2. A UMP test of size  $\alpha$  for

$$H_0 : \theta \geq \theta_0 \quad \text{vs} \quad H_1 : \theta < \theta_0$$

is given by

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 1, & T(\mathbf{x}) < k, \\ \gamma, & T(\mathbf{x}) = k, \\ 0, & T(\mathbf{x}) > k, \end{cases}$$

where  $k$  and  $\gamma$  are determined by

$$P_{\theta_0}[T(\mathbf{X}) < k] + \gamma P_{\theta_0}[T(\mathbf{X}) = k] = \alpha.$$

**Example** Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be i.i.d.  $N(0, \theta)$ .  
 $\Theta = \{\theta : \theta > 0\}$ . Find UMP test of

$$H_0 : \theta \geq \theta_0 \quad \text{vs.} \quad H_1 : \theta < \theta_0.$$

Check for the MLR property.

$$f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) = \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2\theta} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - \frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi\theta) \right)$$

$$\frac{f(\mathbf{x}|\theta'')}{f(\mathbf{x}|\theta')} \quad \uparrow \quad \text{in} \quad \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \quad \text{if} \quad \theta'' > \theta'$$

Since  $1/\theta$  is a decreasing function of  $\theta$ , Theorems 9 and 10 tell us that the UMP level  $\alpha$  test of  $H_0$  vs.  $H_1$  has the form

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \leq c^* \\ 0, & \text{if } \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 > c^*. \end{cases}$$

The constant  $c^*$  is such that

$$P_{\eta_0} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 \leq c^* \right) = \alpha.$$

When  $\theta = \theta_0$ , we know that  $X_i / \sqrt{\theta_0} \sim N(0, 1)$ , and so  $X_i^2 / \theta_0 \sim \chi_1^2$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 / \theta_0 \sim \chi_n^2$ .

It follows that  $c^* = \chi_{n,\alpha}^2 \theta_0$ , where  $\chi_{n,p}^2$  is the 100pth percentile of the  $\chi_n^2$  distribution.

So, we have found the most powerful level  $\alpha$  test of  $H'_0$  vs.  $H'_1$ , and hence of  $H_0$  vs.  $H_1$ .

$$\beta(\theta) = P_\theta \left[ \chi_n^2 \leq \left( \frac{\theta_0}{\theta} \right) \chi_{n,\alpha}^2 \right]$$

Limiting cases:  $\theta = 0$  and  $\theta = \infty$ .

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▷ Example:  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} f(x|\theta)$  ,  $f(x|\theta) = c(\theta)h(x) \exp[w(\theta)t(x)]$

$$T^*(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^n t(X_i)$$

if  $w(\theta)$  is an increasing function of  $\theta$     let  $T(X) = T^*(X)$

if  $w(\theta)$  is a decreasing function of  $\theta$     let  $T(X) = -T^*(X)$

$$H_0 : \theta \leq \theta_0 \quad vs \quad H_1 : \theta > \theta_0$$

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 1, & T(\mathbf{x}) > k, \\ \gamma, & T(\mathbf{x}) = k, \\ 0, & T(\mathbf{x}) < k, \end{cases}$$

$$H_0 : \theta \geq \theta_0 \quad vs \quad H_1 : \theta < \theta_0$$

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 1, & T(\mathbf{x}) < k, \\ \gamma, & T(\mathbf{x}) = k, \\ 0, & T(\mathbf{x}) > k, \end{cases}$$

**Example:**      *UMP tests do not always exist*

Let the probability model be as in previous Example  
Want to test

$$H_0 : \theta = \theta_0 \quad \text{vs.} \quad H_1 : \theta \neq \theta_0.$$

$$\Theta_0 = \{\theta_0\} \quad \Theta_0^c = (0, \infty) \cap \{\theta_0\}^c$$

MP test of  $H'_0 : \theta = \theta_0$  vs.  $H'_1 : \theta = \theta_1$  for  $\theta_1 > \theta_0$  is

$$\phi_1(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \geq c \\ 0, & \text{if } \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 < c. \end{cases}$$

MP test of  $H''_0 : \theta = \theta_0$  vs.  $H''_1 : \theta = \theta_2$  for  $\theta_2 < \theta_0$  is

$$\phi_2(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \leq c_1 \\ 0, & \text{if } \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 > c_1. \end{cases}$$

Assume  $\phi^*$  is UMP for testing  $H_0$  vs.  $H_1$ . Then it is most powerful for  $H'_0 : \theta = \theta_0$  vs.  $H'_1 : \theta = \theta_1$  and hence agrees with  $\phi_1$  by N-P lemma.

Also, it must agree with  $\phi_2$  by the same logic. But  $\phi_1 \neq \phi_2$ , which yields a contradiction. Hence, there is no UMP test.



When a UMP test doesn't exist, one can look at a smaller class of tests and try to find the most powerful test within the smaller class.

Examples of such tests:

*Class of unbiased tests* A test is said to be unbiased if  $\beta(\theta) \geq \text{size of test}$  for all  $\theta \in \Theta_0^c$ .

i.e. power function of a test satisfies

$$\begin{aligned}\beta(\theta) &\leq \alpha && \text{if } \theta \in \Theta_0, \\ \beta(\theta) &\geq \alpha && \text{if } \theta \in \Theta_1.\end{aligned}$$

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## Finding test - LRT

### Definition

Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  have joint pdf/pmf  $f(\mathbf{x}|\theta)$ ,  $\theta \in \Theta$ . Let  $\Theta_0$  be a proper subset of  $\Theta$ . Define the likelihood ratio

$$\lambda(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\sup_{\theta \in \Theta_0} f(\mathbf{x}|\theta)}{\sup_{\theta \in \Theta} f(\mathbf{x}|\theta)}.$$

Then the Likelihood Ratio Test (LRT) of size  $\alpha$  for testing  $H_0 : \theta \in \Theta_0$  vs  $H_1 : \theta \in \Theta_0^c$  is

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 1, & \lambda(\mathbf{x}) < k, \\ \gamma, & \lambda(\mathbf{x}) = k, \\ 0, & \lambda(\mathbf{x}) > k, \end{cases}$$

where  $k$  and  $\gamma$  satisfy  $\sup_{\theta \in \Theta_0} E_{\theta}[\phi(\mathbf{x})] = \alpha$ .

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## Finding test - LRT

◁ Note:

1. Let  $\hat{\theta}_0$  be the MLE of  $\theta$  under  $H_0$  and  $\hat{\theta}$  be the MLE of  $\theta$  without any restriction. Then,

$$\lambda(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{f(\mathbf{x}|\hat{\theta}_0)}{f(\mathbf{x}|\hat{\theta})}.$$

2.  $0 \leq \lambda(\mathbf{x}) \leq 1$ .

▷ Example:  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\theta, \sigma^2)$ ,  $\sigma^2$  is known.

$$H_0 : \theta = \theta_0 \quad vs \quad H_1 : \theta \neq \theta_0$$

Likelihood ratio tests are especially useful in two situations:

- (i) Two-sided tests
- (ii) Tests in the presence of nuisance parameters

**Example** (Likelihood ratio test for the mean in normal pdf)

$X_1, \dots, X_n$  (iid) from a  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$  distribution,  
where  $-\infty < \mu < \infty$ ,  $\sigma > 0$ . Consider the hypotheses

$$H_0 : \mu = \mu_0 \quad H_1 : \mu \neq \mu_0,$$

where  $\mu_0$  is specified. The likelihood function

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \left( \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \right)^{n/2} \exp \left[ -\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right] \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \right)^{n/2} \exp \left[ -\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(x_i - \bar{x})^2}{2\sigma^2} \right] \exp \left[ -\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(\bar{x} - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

**(1)  $\sigma (> 0)$  is known** (p408, 8.37)

$$\Theta = \{\mu : -\infty < \mu < \infty\}; \quad \Theta_0 = \{\mu_0\}.$$

$$\text{m.l.e in } \Theta : \hat{\mu} = \bar{X}$$

$$\text{Restricted m.l.e in } \Theta_0 : \hat{\mu} = \mu_0$$

$$\lambda = \frac{L(\mu_0)}{L(\bar{X})} = \exp \{-(2\sigma^2)^{-1} n(\bar{X} - \mu_0)^2\}.$$

$$-2 \ln \lambda = \frac{n(\bar{X} - \mu_0)^2}{\sigma^2} \triangleq Z^2.$$

$$\lambda \leq \lambda_0 \Leftrightarrow |Z| \geq c = \sqrt{-2 \ln \lambda_0}$$

$$Z = \frac{\bar{X} - \theta_0}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}} \stackrel{H_0}{\sim} N(0,1)$$

Therefore the reject region is

$$|Z| = \sqrt{-2 \ln \lambda} \geq \Phi^{-1}\left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}\right).$$

**(2)  $\sigma (> 0)$  is unknown** (p408, 8.37,8.38)

$$\Theta = \{(\mu, \sigma^2): -\infty < \mu < \infty, \sigma^2 > 0\}$$

$$\Theta_0 = \{(\mu_0, \sigma^2): \sigma^2 > 0\}.$$

$$H_0 : \mu_1 = \mu_0, \sigma^2 > 0 \quad vs \quad H_1 : \mu \neq \mu_0, \sigma^2 > 0$$

m.l.e in  $\Theta$  :

$$\hat{\mu} = \bar{X} \text{ and } \hat{\sigma}^2 = (1/n) \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2,$$

$$L(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\sigma}^2) = \frac{1}{(2\pi e \hat{\sigma}^2)^{n/2}}$$

m.l.e in  $\Theta_0$  :

$$\hat{\mu}^* = \mu_0 \text{ and } \hat{\sigma}^{*2} = (1 / n) \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu_0)^2 ,$$

$$L(\hat{\mu}^*, \hat{\sigma}^{*2}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi e \hat{\sigma}^{*2})^{n/2}}$$



Therefore, the likelihood ratio test statistic

$$\lambda = \left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu_0)^2} \right)^{n/2} = \left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2 + n(\bar{X} - \mu_0)^2} \right)^{n/2}.$$

$$\lambda \leq \lambda_0 \Leftrightarrow \lambda^{-2/n} = 1 + \frac{n(\bar{X} - \mu_0)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2} \geq c,$$

$$\therefore T = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{S / \sqrt{n}} \stackrel{H_0}{\sim} t(n-1)$$

$$\alpha = P\{|T| \geq t_{1-\alpha/2}(n-1)\} \Leftrightarrow \text{Reject } H_0 \text{ if } |T| \geq t_{1-\alpha/2}(n-1).$$

**Example:** (p409,8.41)

$X_1, \dots, X_n$  iid.  $\sim N(\theta_1, \theta_3)$ ,

$Y_1, \dots, Y_m$  iid.  $\sim N(\theta_2, \theta_3)$ ,

where  $\Theta = \{(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3) : \theta_1, \theta_2 \in \mathbb{R}^1, \theta_3 > 0\}$

$$H_0 : \theta_1 = \theta_2, \quad H_1 : \theta_1 \neq \theta_2.$$

$$L(\theta) = \left( \frac{1}{2\pi\theta_3} \right)^{\frac{n+m}{2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\theta_3} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta_1)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^m (y_i - \theta_2)^2 \right] \right\}$$

$$\sup_{\theta \in \Theta_0} L(\theta) = \left( \frac{1}{2\pi e\omega} \right)^{\frac{mn}{2}},$$

where

$$\omega = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - u)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^m (y_i - u)^2}{m + n},$$

$$u = \frac{n\bar{x} + m\bar{y}}{m + n}.$$

$$\sup_{\theta \in \Theta} L(\theta) = \left( \frac{1}{2\pi e \omega'} \right)^{\frac{mn}{2}}$$

with

$$\omega' = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 + \sum_{i=1}^m (y_i - \bar{y})^2}{m + n}.$$

$$\lambda = \frac{\sup_{\theta \in \Theta_0} L(\theta)}{\sup_{\theta \in \Theta} L(\theta)} = \left( \frac{\omega'}{\omega} \right)^{\frac{n+m}{2}},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\omega'}{\omega} &= \frac{(n-1)S_x^2 + (m-1)S_y^2}{(n-1)S_x^2 + (m-1)S_y^2 + \frac{nm}{m+n}(\bar{X} - \bar{Y})^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + \frac{nm}{m+n} \frac{(\bar{X} - \bar{Y})^2}{(n-1)S_x^2 + (m-1)S_y^2}} \\ &= \frac{m+n-2}{(m+n-2) + T^2}. \end{aligned}$$

where

$$T = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{nm}{m+n}}(\bar{X} - \bar{Y})}{\frac{(n-1)S_x^2 + (m-1)S_y^2}{m+n-2}}.$$

- If  $H_0$  holds,

$$T \sim^{H_0} t(n+m-2).$$

Therefore

$$\lambda \leq \lambda_0 \Leftrightarrow |T| \geq c$$

with  $\alpha = P(|T| \geq c; H_0)$ .

- $n = 10, m = 6, \alpha = 0.05, \Rightarrow c = 2.145$ .

**Example** (Likelihood ratio test for the **variance** in normal pdf )

$X_1, \dots, X_n$  (iid) from a  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$  distribution,  
where  $-\infty < \mu < \infty$ ,  $\sigma > 0$ . Consider the hypotheses

$$H_0 : \sigma^2 = \sigma_0^2 \quad H_1 : \sigma^2 \neq \sigma_0^2$$

where  $\sigma_0$  is specified. The likelihood function

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



## (1) $\mu$ is known

$$\Theta = \{ \sigma^2 : \sigma^2 > 0 \}, \quad \Theta_0 = \{ \sigma_0^2 \}$$

$$\text{m.l.e in } \Theta : \quad \hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2$$

$$\text{m.l.e in } \Theta_0 : \quad \hat{\sigma}_{(0)}^2 = \sigma_0^2$$

$$\lambda = \frac{L(\sigma_0^2)}{L(\hat{\sigma}^2)} = \left( \frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma_0^2} \right)^{n/2} \exp \left[ -\frac{n}{2} \left( \frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma_0^2} - 1 \right) \right] = \left( \frac{Q}{n} \right)^{n/2} \exp \left( -\frac{Q}{2} + \frac{n}{2} \right)$$

$$Q = \frac{n\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma_0^2} = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{X_i - \mu}{\sigma_0} \right)^2 \stackrel{H_0}{\sim} \chi^2(n)$$

$$\frac{d(\ln \lambda(Q))}{dQ} = \frac{n}{2Q} - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$Q < 1/n, \frac{d(\ln \lambda)}{dQ} > 0, \lambda(Q) \uparrow; \quad Q > 1/n, \frac{d(\ln \lambda)}{dQ} < 0, \lambda(Q) \downarrow$$

Therefore the reject region

$$\lambda(Q) = \left(\frac{Q}{n}\right)^{n/2} \exp\left(-\frac{Q}{2} + \frac{n}{2}\right) \leq k \Leftrightarrow Q \leq c_1 \text{ or } Q \geq c_2$$

Let  $f(x)$  be pdf of  $\chi^2(n)$ . Then  $c_1, c_2$  satisfy

$$\begin{cases} \int_{c_1}^{c_2} f(x) dx = 1 - \alpha \\ \lambda(c_1) = \lambda(c_2) \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \int_{c_1}^{c_2} f(x) dx = 1 - \alpha \\ c_1^{n/2} e^{-c_1/2} = c_2^{n/2} e^{-c_2/2} \end{cases}$$

For convenience, we take  $c_1, c_2$  as  $\chi^2_{\alpha/2}(n), \chi^2_{1-\alpha/2}(n)$

## (2) $\mu$ is unknown

$$\Theta = \{(\mu, \sigma^2): -\infty < \mu < \infty, \sigma^2 > 0\}$$

$$\Theta_0 = \{(\mu, \sigma_0^2): -\infty < \mu < \infty\}.$$

$$\text{m.l.e in } \Theta : \hat{\mu} = \bar{X} \text{ and } \hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2,$$

$$\text{m.l.e in } \Theta_0 : \hat{\mu} = \bar{X} \text{ and } \hat{\sigma}_{(0)}^2 = \sigma_0^2,$$

$$\lambda = \frac{L(\bar{X}, \sigma_0^2)}{L(\bar{X}, \hat{\sigma}^2)} = \left( \frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma_0^2} \right)^{n/2} \exp \left[ -\frac{n}{2} \left( \frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma_0^2} - 1 \right) \right] = \left( \frac{Q}{n} \right)^{n/2} \exp \left( -\frac{Q}{2} + \frac{n}{2} \right)$$

$$Q = \frac{n\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma_0^2} = \frac{1}{\sigma_0^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2 \stackrel{H_0}{\sim} \chi^2(n-1)$$

Similarly, the reject region

$$\lambda(Q) = \left(\frac{Q}{n}\right)^{n/2} \exp\left(-\frac{Q}{2} + \frac{n}{2}\right) \leq k \Leftrightarrow Q \leq c_1 \text{ or } Q \geq c_2$$

Let  $f(x)$  be pdf of  $\chi^2(n-1)$ . Then  $c_1, c_2$  satisfy

$$\begin{cases} \int_{c_1}^{c_2} f(x)dx = 1 - \alpha \\ \lambda(c_1) = \lambda(c_2) \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \int_{c_1}^{c_2} f(x)dx = 1 - \alpha \\ c_1^{n/2} e^{-c_1/2} = c_2^{n/2} e^{-c_2/2} \end{cases}$$

For convenience, we take  $c_1, c_2$  as  $\chi^2_{\alpha/2}(n-1)$ ,  $\chi^2_{1-\alpha/2}(n-1)$

## **p-values**

Instead of reporting that we reject or do not reject a null hypothesis, we can report what is called the  $p$ -value of the test.

The  $p$ -value is the probability (under the null hypothesis) of seeing a value of the test statistic as extreme as the one that we have observed.

The  $p$ -value is also the smallest possible level at which the null hypothesis would be rejected. Thus it gives more information than just that we reject or don't reject at a certain level. It tells us how significant the evidence was in the sample.

If we reject the null hypothesis for large values of the test statistic, then the  $p$ -value is a statistic defined by

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \sup_{\theta \in \Theta_0} P_{\theta}(W(\mathbf{X}) \geq W(\mathbf{x})),$$

where  $W(\mathbf{x})$  is the observed value of the test statistic.

Whereas the choice of the level  $\alpha$  is subjective, one can report the  $p$ -value associated with the test and allow the user to determine whether the results are significant enough to reject  $H_0$ .

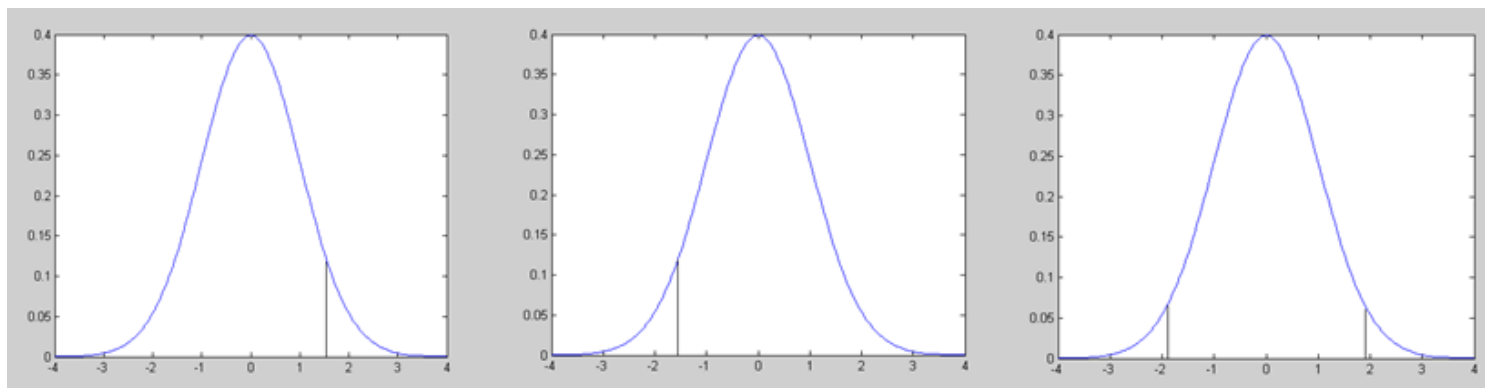
## Example

Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample from  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , where  $\sigma^2$  is known. Suppose that we are testing  $H_0 : \mu \leq \mu_0$  against  $H_1 : \mu > \mu_0$  and we observe  $\frac{(\bar{x} - \mu_0)}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}} = 3$ , then the  $p$ -value is  $P(Z > 3) = .0013$ .

If  $\frac{(\bar{x} - \mu_0)}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}} = 2$ , then the  $p$ -value is

$P(Z > 2) = .0228$ . If  $\frac{(\bar{x} - \mu_0)}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}} = 1.5$ , then

the  $p$ -value is  $P(Z > 1.5) = 0.0668$



$$H_1 : \mu > \mu_0$$

$$P_{\mu_0} \{Z > z\}$$

$$H_1 : \mu < \mu_0$$

$$P_{\mu_0} \{Z < z\}$$

$$H_1 : \mu \neq \mu_0$$

$$P_{\mu_0} \{|Z| < |z|\}$$

## Bayesian tests

From a Bayesian point of view,  $\theta$  is considered as random. We can then consider

$$P(\theta \in \Theta_0 | \mathbf{x}) \text{ and } P(\theta \in \Theta_0^c | \mathbf{x})$$

using the posterior distribution.

One approach to Bayesian hypothesis testing is to reject the null hypothesis if

$$P(\theta \in \Theta_0^c | \mathbf{x}) > P(\theta \in \Theta_0 | \mathbf{x}).$$

This is the same as  $P(\theta \in \Theta_0^c | \mathbf{x}) > 1 / 2$ .



Note that  $P(\theta \in \Theta_0^c | \mathbf{x}) = \int_{\Theta_0^c} \pi(\theta | \mathbf{x}) d\theta$ .

From a frequentist point of view, probabilities

$$P(\theta \in \Theta_0 | \mathbf{x}) \text{ and } P(\theta \in \Theta_0^c | \mathbf{x})$$

aren't very meaningful because  $\theta$  is considered as fixed, so that either the null hypothesis is true or it isn't (and we don't know the value of the parameter to determine which is correct).

## Example

Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be i.i.d.  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$  ( $\sigma^2$  known)  
and  $\pi(\mu) \sim N(\theta, \tau^2)$ .

We have shown that

$$\pi(\mu|\mathbf{x}) \sim N\left(\frac{n\tau^2\bar{x} + \sigma^2\theta}{n\tau^2 + \sigma^2}, \frac{\sigma^2\tau^2}{n\tau^2 + \sigma^2}\right).$$

We test  $H_0 : \mu \leq \mu_0$  vs.  $H_1 : \mu > \mu_0$ .

We reject if  $P(\mu > \mu_0|\mathbf{x}) > 1/2$ .

If  $\mu_0 > \frac{n\tau^2\bar{x} + \sigma^2\theta}{n\tau^2 + \sigma^2}$  then the area under the curve to the right of  $\mu_0$  is less than 1/2.

If  $\mu_0 < \frac{n\tau^2\bar{x} + \sigma^2\theta}{n\tau^2 + \sigma^2}$  then the area under the curve to the right of  $\mu_0$  is greater than 1/2.

So we reject  $H_0$  if

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_0 < \frac{n\tau^2\bar{x} + \sigma^2\theta}{n\tau^2 + \sigma^2} &\Leftrightarrow n\tau^2\mu_0 + \sigma^2\mu_0 < n\tau^2\bar{x} + \sigma^2\theta \\ \Leftrightarrow \mu_0 + \frac{\sigma^2(\mu_0 - \theta)}{n\tau^2} &< \bar{x}.\end{aligned}$$

(Note, if our prior mean was  $\theta = \mu_0$ , then a priori we would be putting equal weight on  $H_0$  and  $H_1$ . We would reject  $H_0$  if  $\bar{x} > \mu_0$ .)

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