

Problem 15

Under hypothesis \mathcal{H}_0 , scalar measurement X is equal to **random variable** w_1 :

$$X = w_1$$

Under hypothesis \mathcal{H}_1 , scalar measurement X is equal to the **sum** of random variable w_1 and w_2 :

$$X = w_1 + w_2$$

Random variables w_1 and w_2 are independent, and each is described with an **exponential pdf**:

$$p(w_1) = \begin{cases} \lambda_1 e^{-\lambda_1 w_1} & \text{for } w_1 \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{for } w_1 < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$p(w_2) = \begin{cases} \lambda_2 e^{-\lambda_2 w_2} & \text{for } w_2 \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{for } w_2 < 0 \end{cases}$$

Note that $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$!

Say we wish to apply the **MAP detection criterion**, and the two hypotheses are **equally probable**.

Determine the correct **threshold y'** for a decision rule of the form:

$$\text{Choose } \mathcal{H}_1 \text{ if } T_d = X > y'$$

Hint: Implement your knowledge of EECS 861, being carefully to consider the **limits of integration**.

1. Determine the correct threshold y' for a decision rule of the form: Choose H_1 if $T_d = x > y'$

Given hypothesis H_0 describes the single random variable w_1 which is exponentially distributed, the likelihood of this hypothesis producing measurement x can be written directly as

$$p(x|H_0) = \lambda_1 e^{-\lambda_1 x}$$

Hypothesis H_1 describes the measurement being the sum of two independent exponentially distributed random variables w_1 and w_2 . The resulting likelihood distribution of H_1 producing this measurement is the convolution of the individual exponential distributions which, using [1], is

$$p(x|H_1) = \frac{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}{\lambda_2 - \lambda_1} (e^{-\lambda_1 x} - e^{-\lambda_2 x}) \quad \text{with } \lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$$

Given the two hypotheses $H_0 = w_1$ and $H_1 = w_1 + w_2$ are equally probable, there a posteriori probabilities are described as

$$p(H_0|x) = \frac{p(x|H_0)p(H_0)}{p(x|H_0)p(H_0) + p(x|H_1)p(H_1)}$$

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From this a posteriori expression, the decision rule for H_1 is thus written as

$$\text{Choose } H_1 \text{ if } p(H_1|x) > p(H_0|x)$$

Dividing the entire rule by $p(H_0|x)$, noting that each a posteriori probability is equal to its likelihood probability of that hypothesis, frames the likelihood ratio test

$$\text{Choose } H_1 \text{ if } \frac{p(H_1|x)}{p(H_0|x)} = L(x) > 1.0$$

To determine this likelihood ratio in terms of the detection statistic $T_d(x)$, simplifications of $L(x)$ are required. First, recognizing that the denominators of both a posteriori distributions are the equal, these denominators are cancelled. This leaves the likelihood ratio

$$L(x) = \frac{p(x|H_1)}{p(x|H_0)} = \frac{\frac{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}{\lambda_2 - \lambda_1} (e^{-\lambda_1 x} - e^{-\lambda_2 x})}{\lambda_1 e^{-\lambda_1 x}} = \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_2 - \lambda_1} (1 - e^{-(\lambda_2 - \lambda_1)x})$$

Moving the scalar to the left handside of the inequality and taking the natural log of both sides leaves

$$-(\lambda_2 - \lambda_1)x > \ln\left(\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_2}\right)$$

Solving for x leaves the detection statistic $T_d(x) = x$ on the left side of the equation and an equivalently scaled decision boundary on the right.

$$\text{if } (\lambda_2 - \lambda_1) > 0 \rightarrow \text{Choose } H_1 \text{ if } T_d(x) = x > \frac{\ln(\lambda_2/\lambda_1)}{\lambda_2 - \lambda_1}$$

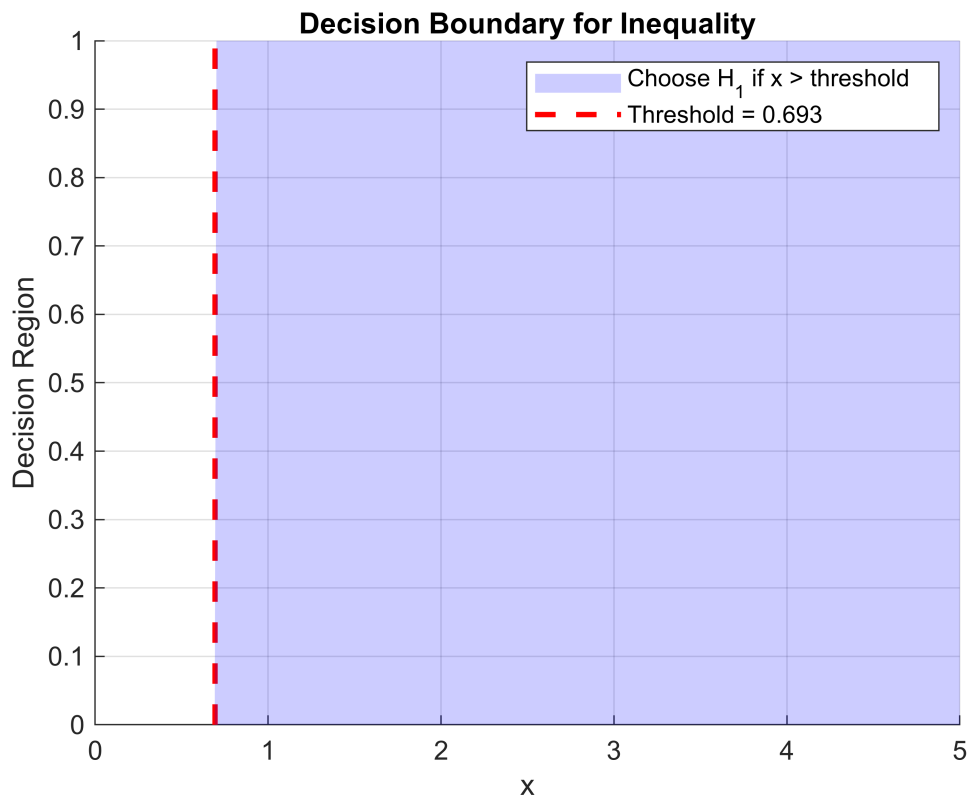
$$\text{if } (\lambda_2 - \lambda_1) < 0 \rightarrow \text{Choose } H_1 \text{ if } T_d(x) = x < \frac{\ln(\lambda_2/\lambda_1)}{\lambda_2 - \lambda_1}$$

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% exponential lambda values
lambda1 = 1;
lambda2 = 2;

% compute detection statistic threshold
threshold = log(lambda2/lambda1) / (lambda2 - lambda1);

% determine decision region depending on sign of (lambda2 - lambda1)
x = linspace(0, 5, 500);
if lambda2 > lambda1
    decisionRegion = (x > threshold);
else
    decisionRegion = (x < threshold);
end

% plot results
figure; hold on; grid on;
plot([threshold threshold], [0 1], 'r--', 'LineWidth', 2);
area(x, decisionRegion, 'FaceAlpha', 0.2, 'FaceColor', 'b', 'EdgeColor', 'none');
xlabel('x'); ylabel('Decision Region');
title('Decision Boundary for Inequality');
if lambda2 > lambda1
    legend(sprintf('Threshold = %.3f', threshold), 'Choose H_1 if x > threshold');
else
    legend(sprintf('Threshold = %.3f', threshold), 'Choose H_1 if x < threshold');
end
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[1] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Exponential_distribution