

Recall:  $H_0$  null hypothesis,  $H_1$  alternative hypothesis.

$$\alpha = \text{prob of type I error} = P(\text{reject } H_0, H_0 \text{ is true})$$

$$\beta = \text{prob of type II error} = P(\text{accept } H_0, H_0 \text{ is false})$$

Remarks: ① as long as sample size is fixed, cannot decrease both  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  at once by changing critical region.  
by collecting more data, can reduce  $\alpha$  &  $\beta$ .

② The selection of the threshold (or in general, critical region) is based on application.

Ex: Blood Test for HIV.

$H_0$  = you don't have HIV.  $H_1$  = you have HIV.

Let  $X$  be the value of HIV-Level. assume higher value of  $X$ , more likely to have HIV.

how to decide threshold  $t$  for acceptance region  $X \leq t$ ?

Want to make  $t$  small; care more about  $\beta$  type II error rate (false negative).

Ex: Consider a RS  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  from a normal population with  $\sigma^2 = 1$ . Want to test hypotheses:

$$H_0: \mu = \mu_0 \text{ vs. } H_1: \mu = \mu_1 \text{ where } \mu_1 > \mu_0$$

find value  $K$  so that  $\bar{X} > K$  provides a critical region for which  $\alpha = 0.05$ .

Guess:  $K = \mu_0 + \frac{Z_{0.05}}{\sqrt{n}}$  Note  $\alpha = P(\mu = \mu_0; \bar{X} > K)$ .

$$\text{under } H_0, \bar{X} \sim N(\mu_0, \frac{1}{n}) \text{ so } \frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}} \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$\text{so } P\left(\frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}} > \frac{K - \mu_0}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}}\right) = 0.05$$

$$\Rightarrow K = \mu_0 + Z_{0.05} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \quad \text{so want } \frac{K - \mu_0}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}} = Z_{0.05}$$

$$= \mu_0 + 1.65 \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$$

Q: to test  $H_0: \mu = 10$  vs  $H_1: \mu = 11$ , find minimal sample size needed in order to have  $\beta \leq 0.06$   $\alpha = 0.05$  fixed

$$\beta = P(\text{accept } H_0; H_0 \text{ is false})$$

$$\text{under } H_1, \text{ this is } P(\bar{X} < K, \mu = 11) = P\left(\frac{\bar{X} - 11}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}} < \frac{K - 11}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}}\right) \sim N(0, 1)$$

want this  $\leq -Z_{0.05}$

$$-1.65 \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} = 10 + 1.65 \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} - 11$$

$$= \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{\bar{x} - 11}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}} < \frac{10 + 1.65 \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} - 11}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}}\right) = 0.06$$

so want  $1.65 - \sqrt{n} \leq -Z_{0.06} = -1.56$ , so want  $n > (-1.56 - 1.65)^2 \approx 10.3$

so  $n \geq 11$  is necessary.

Remark: in "classical" Hyp. testing, restrict ourselves to tests for which  $\alpha$  is specified to be acceptably low. generally,  $\alpha \leq 0.05$ , but 0.01 and 0.1 are also used.  
<sup>↑ Sometimes don't have cts dist so cannot pick  $\alpha = 0.05$ .</sup>

## § 12.4: Neyman-Pearson Lemma:

Consider fixed  $\alpha$  and look for tests that minimize  $\beta$  (or maximize  $1 - \beta$ ) where  $1 - \beta$  is the power of the test.  <sup>$\beta$  (reject  $H_0$  |  $H_0$  is false)</sup>  
 We would like to find tests that maximize power for particular alternatives.

Let  $f(x; \theta)$  be dist. of a pop.

Consider testing  $H_0: \theta = \theta_0$  and  $H_1: \theta = \theta_1$  (simple vs. simple)

would like to find test that has max power at  $\theta = \theta_1$ .

This is called the "best" or "most powerful" test, and corresponding critical region is called the "most powerful" critical region.

Given a sample  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  to construct such a test, consider likelihood under two hypotheses:

$$L_0 = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i; \theta_0), \quad L_1 = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i; \theta_1).$$

Idea: Reject  $H_0$  when  $L_0$  small and  $L_1$  big. one way is to look at ratio  $\frac{L_0}{L_1}$  <sup>test statistic</sup>

Rejection/Critical region.

- for the values of sample points that fall inside critical region,  $\frac{L_0}{L_1}$  should be small.
- " " " " outside " " " large.

Define critical region to be  $\left\{ \bar{x} : \frac{L_0(\bar{x})}{L_1(\bar{x})} \leq K \right\}$