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Methods of finding tests:

- Likelihood ratio tests
- Union - intersection / Intersection - union tests
- Bayes test

1. Likelihood ratio tests:

Unrestricted likelihood maximum

$$\sup_{\theta \in \Theta} L(\theta | x)$$

Null-restricted likelihood maximum

$$\sup_{\theta \in \Theta_0} L(\theta | x)$$

The likelihood ratio test statistic for

$$\begin{cases} H_0: \theta \in \Theta_0 \\ H_1: \theta \in \Theta \setminus \Theta_0 \end{cases}$$

$$\lambda(x) = \frac{\sup_{\theta \in \Theta_0} L(\theta | x)}{\sup_{\theta \in \Theta} L(\theta | x)} \quad \begin{matrix} \leftarrow \text{null-restricted} \\ \leftarrow \text{unrestricted} \end{matrix}$$

Likelihood ratio test: H_0 is rejected iff $\lambda(x) < c$
 for some $0 < c < 1$.

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Usually, we find two mles:

$$\hat{\theta}_0 = \underset{\theta \in \Theta_0}{\operatorname{argmax}} L(\theta | \mathbf{x}) \quad \text{and}$$

$$\hat{\theta} = \underset{\theta \in \Theta}{\operatorname{argmax}} L(\theta | \mathbf{x}).$$

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

Example 1. $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{\text{"iid."}}{\sim} N(\theta, \sigma^2)$. σ^2 is known
Find the LR statistic for

$$\begin{cases} H_0: \theta = \theta_0 \\ H_1: \theta \neq \theta_0 \end{cases}.$$

Here $\Theta_0 = \{\theta_0\}$, $\Theta_1 = (-\infty, \theta_0) \cup (\theta_0, +\infty)$.

Recall that

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

Null-restricted mle:

$$\hat{\theta}_0 = \underset{\theta \in \Theta_0}{\operatorname{argmax}} L(\theta | \mathbf{x}) = \theta_0$$

Unrestricted mle:

$$\hat{\theta} = \underset{\theta \in \Theta}{\operatorname{argmax}} L(\theta | \mathbf{x}) = \bar{x}$$

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Then

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda(\mathbf{x}) &= \frac{L(\hat{\theta}_0 | \mathbf{x})}{L(\hat{\theta} | \mathbf{x})} \\ &= \frac{\left(\frac{1}{n\sqrt{2\pi}}\right)^n \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2\hat{\theta}^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta_0)^2\right\}}{\left(\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}\right)^n \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2\right\}} \\ &= \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2\hat{\theta}^2} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta_0)^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \right]\right\}\end{aligned}$$

It's straightforward to verify

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta_0)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 + n(\bar{x} - \theta_0)^2.$$

Then

$$\lambda(\mathbf{x}) = \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2\hat{\theta}^2} n(\bar{x} - \theta_0)^2\right\}$$

The rejection region:

$$\begin{aligned}\{ \mathbf{x} : \lambda(\mathbf{x}) \leq c \} &\iff \{ \mathbf{x} : |\bar{x} - \theta_0| \geq \sqrt{\frac{-2\hat{\theta}^2 \log c}{n}} \} \\ &\iff \{ \mathbf{x} : \sqrt{n} \left| \frac{\bar{x} - \theta_0}{\sigma} \right| \geq \sqrt{-2 \log c} \}.\end{aligned}$$

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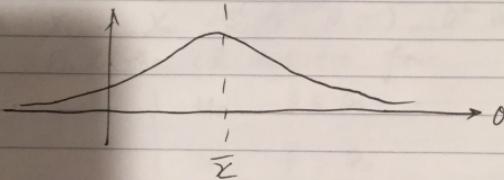
Example 2: Under the same setup. Find the LR statistic

for $\left| \begin{array}{l} H_0: \theta \leq \theta_0 \\ H_1: \theta > \theta_0 \end{array} \right.$

Here $\Theta_0 = (-\infty, \theta_0]$

$\Theta_1 = (\theta_0, \infty)$

Recall the graph of $L(\theta | \bar{x})$.



Null-restricted mle :

$$\hat{\theta}_0 = \underset{\theta \leq \theta_0}{\operatorname{argmax}} L(\theta | \bar{x}) = \begin{cases} \theta_0 & \text{if } \theta_0 < \bar{x} \\ \bar{x} & \text{if } \theta_0 \geq \bar{x} \end{cases}$$

Unrestricted mle :

$$\hat{\theta} = \bar{x}$$

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Then $\lambda(x) = \frac{L(\hat{\theta}_0 | x)}{L(\hat{\theta} | x)} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \bar{x} \leq \theta_0 \\ \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} n(\bar{x} - \theta_0)^2\right) & \text{if } \bar{x} > \theta_0 \end{cases}$

For $0 < c \leq 1$, the rejection region becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \{x : \lambda(x) \leq c\} &= \{x : \sqrt{n} \left| \frac{\bar{x} - \theta_0}{\sigma} \right| \geq \sqrt{-2 \log c}, \bar{x} > \theta_0\} \\ &= \{x : \sqrt{n} \left(\frac{\bar{x} - \theta_0}{\sigma} \right) \geq \sqrt{-2 \log c}\} \end{aligned}$$

Example 3: $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\theta, \sigma^2)$, σ^2 is unknown.
Find the LR statistic for

$$\begin{cases} H_0: \theta \leq \theta_0 \\ H_1: \theta > \theta_0 \end{cases}$$

Note that we now have two parameters, θ and σ^2

$$\Theta_0 = \{(\theta, \sigma^2) : \theta \leq \theta_0\}$$

$$\Theta_1 = \{(\theta, \sigma^2) : \theta > \theta_0\}$$

The likelihood function is

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

For the unrestricted mle,

It's well known that

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

$$\begin{aligned} L(\hat{\theta}, \hat{\sigma}^2 | X) &= \left(\frac{1}{\hat{\sigma} \sqrt{2\pi}} \right)^n \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\hat{\sigma}^2} n \hat{\sigma}^2 \right\} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{\hat{\sigma} \sqrt{2\pi}} \right)^n \exp \left\{ -\frac{n}{2} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Under the null restriction $\theta \leq \theta_0$. Notice that we can first obtain

$$\hat{\theta}_{\text{res}} = \begin{cases} \theta_0 & \text{if } \theta_0 < \bar{x} \\ \bar{x} & \text{if } \theta_0 \geq \bar{x} \end{cases}$$

Then

$$\hat{\sigma}_{\text{res}}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \hat{\theta}_{\text{res}})^2 = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta_0)^2 := \hat{\sigma}_0^2 & \text{if } \theta_0 < \bar{x} \\ \hat{\sigma}^2 & \text{if } \theta_0 \geq \bar{x} \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow L(\hat{\theta}_{\text{res}}, \hat{\sigma}_{\text{res}}^2 | X) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}_0 \sqrt{2\pi}} \right)^n \exp \left(-\frac{n}{2} \right) & \text{if } \theta_0 < \bar{x} \\ \left(\frac{1}{\hat{\sigma} \sqrt{2\pi}} \right)^n \exp \left(-\frac{n}{2} \right) & \text{if } \theta_0 \geq \bar{x} \end{cases}$$

Then

$$\lambda(X) = \frac{L(\hat{\theta}_{\text{res}}, \hat{\sigma}_{\text{res}}^2 | X)}{L(\hat{\theta}, \hat{\sigma}^2 | X)} = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{\hat{\sigma}}{\hat{\sigma}_0} \right)^n & \text{if } \theta_0 < \bar{x} \\ 1 & \text{if } \theta_0 \geq \bar{x} \end{cases}$$

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Then for any $0 < c < 1$, H_0 is rejected if

$$\lambda(\bar{x}) < c \iff \left(\frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{\hat{\sigma}_0^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} < c \text{ and } \bar{x} > \theta_0.$$

Note that $n \hat{\sigma}_0^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta_0)^2$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{i=1}^n (\bar{x} - \bar{x})^2 + n(\bar{x} - \theta_0)^2 \\ &= n \hat{\sigma}^2 + n(\bar{x} - \theta_0)^2 \\ \Rightarrow \hat{\sigma}_0^2 &= \hat{\sigma}^2 + (\bar{x} - \theta_0)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Then $\frac{\hat{\sigma}_0^2}{\hat{\sigma}^2} = \frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{\hat{\sigma}^2 + (\bar{x} - \theta_0)^2} < c^{\frac{2}{n}}$

$$\iff \hat{\sigma}^2 < \frac{c^{\frac{2}{n}}}{1 - c^{\frac{2}{n}}} (\bar{x} - \theta_0)^2.$$

Along with $\bar{x} > \theta_0$, we get the rejection region

$$\bar{x} - \theta_0 > \sqrt{\frac{1 - c^{\frac{2}{n}}}{c^{\frac{2}{n}}}}.$$

Notice that $\log b \approx b - 1$ when $b \gg 1$.

$$\text{Then } \sqrt{\frac{1 - c^{\frac{2}{n}}}{c^{\frac{2}{n}}}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{c^{\frac{2}{n}}} - 1} \approx \sqrt{\log \frac{1}{c^{\frac{2}{n}}}} = \sqrt{-\frac{2}{n} \log c}$$

Then when n is large, the rejection region is approximately

$$\sqrt{n} \left(\frac{\bar{x} - \theta_0}{\hat{\sigma}} \right) > \sqrt{-2 \log c}.$$

Example 4 : Shift family of exponential distribution

X_1, \dots, X_n iid exponential with pdf

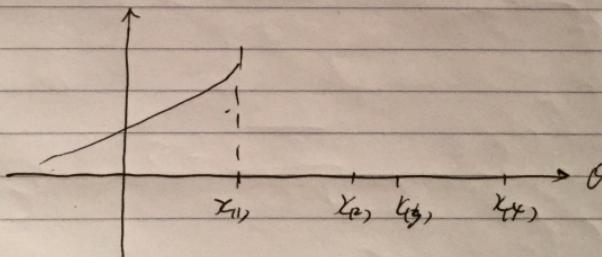
$$f(x|\theta) = \begin{cases} e^{-(x-\theta)} & x > \theta \\ 0 & x < \theta \end{cases}$$

Find the LR statistic for $\begin{cases} H_0: \theta \leq \theta_0 \\ H_1: \theta > \theta_0 \end{cases}$

Recall that in this case

$$L(\theta|x) = \begin{cases} e^{-\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta)} & \theta < x_{(1)} \\ 0 & \theta > x_{(1)} \end{cases}$$

where $x_{(1)} = \min_i x_i$. The graph is



For this testing problem, $\theta_0 = (-\infty, \theta_0]$
 $\theta_1 = (\theta_0, \infty)$

The unrestricted mle: $\hat{\theta} = x_{(1)}$

The null-restricted mle: $\hat{\theta}_0 = \begin{cases} \theta_0 & \text{if } \theta_0 \leq x_{(1)} \\ x_{(1)} & \text{if } \theta_0 > x_{(1)} \end{cases}$

Then the LR test statistic is

$$\lambda(X)$$

The unrestricted maximum likelihood

$$L(\hat{\theta}|X) = L(x_{11}|X) = e^{-\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x}_{11})}$$

The null-restricted maximum likelihood

$$L(\hat{\theta}_0|X) = \begin{cases} e^{-\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta_0)} & \text{if } \theta_0 \leq x_{11} \\ e^{-\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})} & \text{if } \theta_0 > x_{11} \end{cases}$$

Then the LR test statistic is

$$\lambda(X) = \frac{L(\hat{\theta}_0|X)}{L(\hat{\theta}|X)} = \begin{cases} e^{n(\theta_0 - \bar{x}_{11})} & \text{if } x_{11} \geq \theta_0 \\ 1 & \text{if } x_{11} < \theta_0 \end{cases}$$

Then for any $0 < c < 1$, the rejection region is

$$\begin{aligned} \{\lambda(X) < c\} &\iff \{x: e^{n(\theta_0 - \bar{x}_{11})} < c\} \\ &\iff \{x: \bar{x}_{11} - \theta_0 > -\frac{1}{n} \log c\} \end{aligned}$$

Note that in these examples, likelihood ratio is based on the sufficient statistic. In fact, by the factorization theorem,

$$f(x|\theta) = g(T(x)|\theta) h(x), \text{ then}$$

$$\lambda(x) = \frac{\sup_{\theta_0} L(\theta|x)}{\sup_{\theta} L(\theta|x)} = \frac{\sup_{\theta_0} g(T(x)|\theta)}{\sup_{\theta} g(T(x)|\theta)} := \lambda^*(T(x)).$$

This implies that if the sufficient statistic is known, we might be able to find the LR test more simply.

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Examples of LRT in linear models and multivariate statistics

Example 1. Linear models.

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 z_{i1} + \beta_2 z_{i2} + \dots + \beta_r z_{ir} + \varepsilon_i \quad i=1, \dots, n$$

where $\varepsilon_i \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} N(0, \sigma^2)$

In matrix form, $\vec{Y} = Z \vec{\beta} + \vec{\varepsilon}$, where

$$\vec{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} Y_1 \\ \vdots \\ Y_n \end{bmatrix}, \quad Z = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & z_{11} & z_{12} & \dots & z_{1r} \\ 1 & z_{21} & z_{22} & \dots & z_{2r} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & z_{n1} & z_{n2} & \dots & z_{nr} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_r \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{\varepsilon} = \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \\ \varepsilon_2 \\ \vdots \\ \varepsilon_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Test: $\beta_{r+1} = \dots = \beta_r = 0$.

Denote $\vec{z}_i^T = [1, z_{i1}, \dots, z_{ir}]$. We have the distribution $Y_i \sim N(\vec{z}_i^T \vec{\beta}, \sigma^2)$, with

the pdf $f(Y_i | \vec{\beta}, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{2\pi}} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (Y_i - \vec{z}_i^T \vec{\beta})^2 \right]$

$$\text{Then } f(\vec{\beta} | \vec{\beta}, \sigma^2) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(y_i | \vec{\beta}, \sigma^2)$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{2\pi}} \right)^n \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \vec{z}_i^\top \vec{\beta})^2 \right\}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{2\pi}} \right)^n \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|\vec{y} - Z\vec{\beta}\|^2 \right\}$$

In other words

$$L(\vec{\beta}, \sigma^2 | \vec{y}) = \left(\frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{2\pi}} \right)^n \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|\vec{y} - Z\vec{\beta}\|^2 \right\}$$

Unrestricted MLE:

$$\hat{\vec{\beta}} = (Z^\top Z)^{-1} Z^\top \vec{y}, \quad \hat{\vec{\varepsilon}} = \vec{y} - Z\hat{\vec{\beta}}, \quad \hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \|\hat{\vec{\varepsilon}}\|^2$$

Then

$$L(\hat{\vec{\beta}}, \hat{\sigma}^2 | \vec{y}) = \left(\frac{1}{\hat{\sigma} \sqrt{2\pi}} \right)^n \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\hat{\sigma}^2} \|\vec{y} - Z\hat{\vec{\beta}}\|^2 \right\}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{\hat{\sigma} \sqrt{2\pi}} \right)^n \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\hat{\sigma}^2} n \hat{\sigma}^2 \right\}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{\hat{\sigma} \sqrt{2\pi}} \right)^n \exp \left\{ -\frac{n}{2} \right\}$$

Under the null model:

$$Z = \begin{bmatrix} I_n \\ Z_{1,1} & | & Z_{2,1} \end{bmatrix}$$

Under the null, $\beta_{2+1} = \dots = \beta_r = 0$, similarly we have

$$L(\hat{\vec{\beta}}_0, \hat{\sigma}_0^2 | \vec{y}) = \left(\frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}_0 \sqrt{2\pi}} \right)^n \exp \left\{ -\frac{n}{2} \right\},$$

$$\text{where } \hat{\sigma}_0^2 = \frac{1}{n} \|\hat{\vec{\varepsilon}}_0\|^2 = \frac{1}{n} \|\vec{y} - Z_{1,1} (Z_{1,1}^\top Z_{1,1})^{-1} Z_{1,1}^\top \vec{y}\|^2.$$

Then

$$\lambda(\vec{y}) = \frac{L(\hat{\vec{\beta}}_0, \hat{\sigma}_0^2 | \vec{y})}{L(\vec{\beta}, \sigma^2 | \vec{y})} = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}_0 \sqrt{2\pi}} \right)^n \exp \left(-\frac{n}{2} \right)}{\left(\frac{1}{\hat{\sigma} \sqrt{2\pi}} \right)^n \exp \left(-\frac{n}{2} \right)} = \left(\frac{\hat{\sigma}}{\hat{\sigma}_0} \right)^n.$$

Then the rejection region = For some $0 < c < 1$,

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda(\hat{\gamma}) < c &\Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{\hat{\gamma}^2}{\hat{\sigma}_0^2}\right)^n < c \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{\hat{\gamma}^2 - \hat{\sigma}_0^2}{\hat{\sigma}_0^2} > \left(\frac{c}{e}\right)^{\frac{2}{n}} - 1 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}_0^2} \left(\|\hat{\varepsilon}_0\|^2 - \|\hat{\varepsilon}\|^2 \right) > n \left[\left(\frac{1}{e}\right)^{\frac{2}{n}} - 1 \right]\end{aligned}$$

This is the same as F-test.

Example 2: The Two-way Layout

$$Y_{ij} = \mu + \alpha_i + \beta_j + \varepsilon_{ij}, \quad i=1, \dots, I, \quad j=1, \dots, J$$

$$\varepsilon_{ij} \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, \sigma^2), \quad \sum_{i=1}^I \alpha_i = 0, \quad \sum_{j=1}^J \beta_j = 0.$$

Test: $H_0: \alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \dots = \alpha_I = 0, \quad H_1: H_0 \text{ is NOT true.}$

As a particular example of linear model,

$$\lambda(Y) = \left(\frac{\hat{\gamma}}{\hat{\sigma}_0}\right)^{IJ}, \quad \text{where}$$

$\hat{\gamma}^2$ is the MLE of $\hat{\gamma}$ under the full model.

$\hat{\sigma}_0^2$ is the MLE of σ^2 under the null model.

Denote

$$\bar{Y}_{i\cdot} = \frac{1}{J} \sum_{j=1}^J Y_{ij} \quad \text{for } i=1, \dots, I$$

$$\bar{Y}_{\cdot j} = \frac{1}{I} \sum_{i=1}^I Y_{ij} \quad \text{for } j=1, \dots, J$$

$$\bar{Y}_{..} = \frac{1}{IJ} \sum_{i=1}^I \sum_{j=1}^J Y_{ij}.$$

We also have the sum-of-squares decomposition

$$\sum_{i=1}^I \sum_{j=1}^J (Y_{ij} - \bar{Y}_{..})^2 = \sum_{i=1}^I \sum_{j=1}^J (Y_{ij} - \bar{Y}_{i.} - \bar{Y}_{.j} + \bar{Y}_{..})^2$$

$$+ J \sum_{i=1}^I (\bar{Y}_{i.} - \bar{Y}_{..})^2$$

$$+ I \sum_{j=1}^J (\bar{Y}_{.j} - \bar{Y}_{..})^2$$

denoted as $S_{\text{Tot}}^2 = S_{\text{Resid}}^2 + S_A^2 + S_B^2$.

Under the full model

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{IJ} \sum_{i=1}^I \sum_{j=1}^J (Y_{ij} - \bar{Y}_{i.} - \bar{Y}_{.j} + \bar{Y}_{..})^2 = \frac{1}{IJ} S_{\text{Resid}}^2$$

Under the null model $x_1 = \dots = x_I = 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\sigma}_0^2 &= \frac{1}{IJ} \sum_{i=1}^I \sum_{j=1}^J (Y_{ij} - \bar{Y}_{.j})^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{IJ} \sum_{i=1}^I \sum_{j=1}^J (Y_{ij} - \bar{Y}_{.j} - \bar{Y}_{i.} + \bar{Y}_{..} + \bar{Y}_{i.} - \bar{Y}_{..})^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{IJ} \sum_{i=1}^I \sum_{j=1}^J [(Y_{ij} - \bar{Y}_{.j} - \bar{Y}_{i.} + \bar{Y}_{..})^2 + 2(Y_{ij} - \bar{Y}_{.j} - \bar{Y}_{i.} + \bar{Y}_{..})(\bar{Y}_{i.} - \bar{Y}_{..}) \\ &\quad + (\bar{Y}_{i.} - \bar{Y}_{..})^2] \\ &= \frac{1}{IJ} \sum_{i=1}^I \sum_{j=1}^J (Y_{ij} - \bar{Y}_{.j} - \bar{Y}_{i.} + \bar{Y}_{..})^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{IJ} \sum_{i=1}^I \left[(\bar{Y}_{i.} - \bar{Y}_{..}) \sum_{j=1}^J (Y_{ij} - \bar{Y}_{.j} - \bar{Y}_{i.} + \bar{Y}_{..}) \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{I} \sum_{i=1}^I (\bar{Y}_{i.} - \bar{Y}_{..})^2 - \\ &= \frac{1}{IJ} S_{\text{Resid}}^2 + \frac{1}{IJ} S_A^2 \end{aligned}$$

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Then $\lambda(Y) = \left(\frac{\hat{r}}{s_0}\right)^{2J} = \left(\frac{s_{\text{resid}}^2}{s_{\text{resid}}^2 + s_A^2}\right)^{\frac{IJ}{2}}$

Then

$$\lambda(Y) < c \Leftrightarrow \frac{s_{\text{resid}}^2}{s_{\text{resid}}^2 + s_A^2} < c^{\frac{2}{IJ}} \Leftrightarrow \frac{s_A^2}{s_{\text{resid}}^2} > \frac{1}{c^{\frac{2}{IJ}}} - 1$$