

## ANSWER SHEET 6

**Assignment 1.** (a) The Neyman–Pearson most powerful test is given by the rejection region

$$\frac{(\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_1)^{-n} \exp\{-\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2/(2\sigma_1^2)\}}{(\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_0)^{-n} \exp\{-\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2/(2\sigma_0^2)\}} > k$$

which is equivalent to

$$\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 < c$$

since  $\sigma_1^2 < \sigma_0^2$ .

To determine the critical value  $c$  it is enough to realize that the  $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2/\sigma_0^2 \sim \chi_n^2$  under  $H_0$ . Denote the  $\alpha$ -quantile of the  $\chi_n^2$  distribution by  $c_\alpha$ , i.e.,  $c_\alpha = H_n^{-1}(\alpha)$ , where  $H_n$  is the cdf of the  $\chi_n^2$  distribution. Therefore, the critical value is  $c = \sigma_0^2 c_\alpha$ .

No, the critical value of the test does not depend on  $\sigma_1^2$ .

(b) The power against  $\sigma_1^2 < \sigma_0^2$  equals

$$P_{\sigma_1^2}\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2}{\sigma_0^2} < c_\alpha\right) = P_{\sigma_1^2}\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2}{\sigma_1^2} < c_\alpha \frac{\sigma_0^2}{\sigma_1^2}\right) = H_n\left(c_\alpha \frac{\sigma_0^2}{\sigma_1^2}\right).$$

(c) The minimal sample size needed to reject  $H_0$  with probability  $\beta$  when the true variance is  $\sigma_1^2$  is given implicitly as the solution to

$$H_n\left(c_\alpha \frac{\sigma_0^2}{\sigma_1^2}\right) \geq \beta.$$

**Assignment 2.** (a) The Neyman–Pearson test rejects for

$$\frac{p_1^T(1-p_1)^{n-T}}{p_0^T(1-p_0)^{n-T}} > k,$$

where  $T = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ . Equivalently, it rejects for

$$\left[\frac{p_1(1-p_0)}{p_0(1-p_1)}\right]^T \left[\frac{1-p_1}{1-p_0}\right]^n > k.$$

Since  $\frac{p_1(1-p_0)}{p_0(1-p_1)} > 1$  (because  $p_1 > p_0$ ), the critical region can be further simplified to  $T > c$ . Under  $H_0$ , the statistic  $T = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \sim \text{Bin}(n, p_0)$ . Let  $c = c_{1-\alpha}$  be the  $(1-\alpha)$ -quantile of this distribution, i.e.,  $c_{1-\alpha} = \inf\{x : G_{n,p_0}(x) \geq 1-\alpha\} = G_{n,p_0}^-(1-\alpha)$ , where  $G_{n,p_0}$  denotes the cdf of the  $\text{Bin}(n, p_0)$  distribution. If  $1 - G_{n,p_0}(c_{1-\alpha}) = \alpha$ , then the test  $T > c_{1-\alpha}$  is the most powerful test of significance level  $\alpha$  of the test. Otherwise, when

$$\mathbb{P}_{H_0}(T > c_{1-\alpha}) < \alpha < \mathbb{P}_{H_0}(T \geq c_{1-\alpha}),$$

we do not get a most powerful test.

No, when a most powerful test exists, the critical value of the test does not depend on  $p_1$ .

(b) For  $p_0 = \frac{3}{10}$ ,  $n = 3$ , we have  $P(T = 3) = \binom{3}{3}(\frac{3}{10})^3 = \frac{27}{1000}$ ,  $P(T = 2) = \binom{3}{2}(\frac{3}{10})^2(1 - \frac{3}{10}) = \frac{189}{1000}$ . Thus, rejecting for  $T > 2$  would give level 0.027 while rejecting for  $T > 1$  would give

level  $0.027 + 0.189 = 0.216$ . Therefore, there does not exist a most powerful test at significance level  $\alpha = 0.05$ .

(c) However, there exists a most powerful test at the significance level  $\alpha = 0.027$ . It is given by  $\delta(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) = \mathbf{1}(T > 2)$ .

(d) The statistic

$$\frac{T - np_0}{\sqrt{np_0(1 - p_0)}}$$

is asymptotically standard normal under  $H_0$ . Hence, the asymptotic significance level- $\alpha$  test rejects when this statistic exceeds the  $(1 - \alpha)$ -quantile of the  $N(0, 1)$  distribution.

**Assignment 3.** (a) The likelihood ratio is

$$\Lambda(X_1, \dots, X_n) = \frac{5^n e^{-5 \sum X_i}}{4^n e^{-4 \sum X_i}} = \exp(n \log(5/4) - \sum X_i).$$

We reject  $H_0$  if  $\Lambda(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  is large; equivalently, if  $T(X_1, \dots, X_n) = \sum X_i$  is small. The test function is therefore  $\delta(X_1, \dots, X_n) = 1$  if  $T \leq q$  and 0 otherwise, where  $q$  is such that  $\mathbb{P}(\sum X_i \leq q) = \alpha$ .

(b) The moment generating function of the sum is

$$\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - t} = \left( \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - t} \right)^n$$

which is the moment generating function of a  $Gamma(n, \lambda)$  random variable.

(c) The test function is the same for all  $\lambda_1 > 4$ . This test can be shown to be uniformly optimal. (If  $\lambda_1 < 4$ , we would reject when  $\sum X_i$  is large.)

(d) Under  $H_0$ ,  $T \sim Gamma(n, 4)$ . Therefore  $q$  is the  $\alpha$ -quantile of the  $Gamma(n, 4)$  distribution. This is a continuous distribution, so  $q$  exists, and it is unique because the density is positive on  $[0, \infty)$ .

(e)–(g) We may use the following code :

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set.seed(18102017)
lambda <- 4
n <- 17
REP <- 1000
alpha <- 0.05
rej <- logical(REP)
q <- qgamma(alpha, shape = n, rate = 4)
for(i in 1:REP)
{
  X <- rexp(n, rate = lambda)
  rej[i] <- (sum(X) <= q) ##### returns 1 if the condition is satisfied, 0 otherwise
}
mean(rej)
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(h) When  $\lambda = 4$ , we indeed reject approximately 50 times, namely 5%. When  $\lambda = 3$  we reject less; the test is conservative and the type I error is smaller than 5%. When  $\lambda = 5$  we reject more (209 times in this particular example), so the power is approximately 0.209; as  $\lambda$

becomes larger we reject more and more and the power increases and approaches one. These two phenomena (increase of power and decrease of type I error) occur more rapidly the larger  $n$  is.

**Assignment 4.** (i) The likelihood function for the sample is the joint probability function of all  $x_i$ 's and  $y_i$ 's and is given by

$$L(\theta_1, \theta_2) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\theta_1^{x_i} e^{-\theta_1}}{x_i!} \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\theta_2^{y_i} e^{-\theta_2}}{y_i!} = \left(\frac{1}{k}\right) \theta_1^{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} e^{-n\theta_1} \theta_2^{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i} e^{-n\theta_2}$$

where  $k = x_1! \dots x_n! y_1! \dots y_n!$  and  $n = 100$ .

We can see that  $L(\theta_1, \theta_2)$  is maximised when both  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  are equal to their m.l.e.  $\theta_1 = \bar{x}$  and  $\theta_2 = \bar{y}$ .

Moreover under  $H_0$  the likelihood is

$$L(\theta) = \left(\frac{1}{k}\right) \theta^{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i + \sum_{i=1}^n y_i} e^{-2n\theta},$$

a function of only one parameter  $\theta = \theta_1 = \theta_2$  maximised in

$$\hat{\theta} = \frac{1}{2n} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i + \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \right) = \frac{1}{2}(\bar{x} + \bar{y}).$$

In this example the parameter space is  $\Theta = \{(\theta_1, \theta_2) : \theta_1 > 0, \theta_2 > 0\}$ , and we can write the likelihood ratio as

$$\Lambda = \frac{L(\hat{\theta})}{L(\theta_0)} = \frac{\bar{x}^{n\bar{x}} \bar{y}^{n\bar{y}}}{\hat{\theta}^{n\bar{x} + n\bar{y}}}.$$

(ii) We will actually need only the value of  $\log \Lambda$ , which is easier to compute  $\log(\Lambda) = 4.76$ . Note that straightforward evaluation of  $\Lambda$  e.g. in R results in NaN.

(iii)  $2 \log \Lambda$  is an approximate  $\chi_1^2$  distribution, therefore we would reject the null hypothesis for value of  $2 \log \Lambda$  larger than the  $k = 3.841$ , where  $k$  is such that  $\mathbb{P}_0[\Lambda \geq k] = \alpha$ . In our case  $2 \log \Lambda = 9.52$  hence we reject the null hypothesis  $\theta_1 = \theta_2$ .

**Assignment 5.** (a) We know that  $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta) \rightarrow N(0, 1/I_1(\theta))$ . The asymptotic variance is therefore  $v(\theta) = 1/(nI_1(\theta))$ .

(b) We have

$$T = nI_1(\hat{\theta})(\hat{\theta} - \theta_0)^2.$$

(c) Since  $v$  is continuous  $v(\hat{\theta})/v(\theta) \rightarrow 1$  in probability. By Slutsky's theorem

$$T = nI_1(\theta)(\hat{\theta} - \theta_0)^2 \frac{v(\theta)}{v(\hat{\theta})} = \left( \sqrt{nI_1(\theta)}(\hat{\theta} - \theta_0) \right)^2 \frac{v(\theta)}{v(\hat{\theta})} \rightarrow \chi_1^2.$$

(d) Write  $\theta = \sigma^2$  to avoid differentiation errors. The log likelihood and its derivatives are

$$\begin{aligned} \ell(x_1, \dots, x_n; \theta) &= -\frac{n}{2} \ln(2\pi\theta) - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}{2\theta} \\ \ell'(x_1, \dots, x_n; \theta) &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}{2\theta^2} - \frac{n}{2\theta} \implies \hat{\theta} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2. \\ \ell''(x_1, \dots, x_n; \theta) &= \frac{n}{2\theta^2} - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}{\theta^3} \implies \ell''(\hat{\theta}) = -\frac{n}{2\hat{\theta}^2} < 0, \end{aligned}$$

so  $\hat{\theta}$  is a maximizer and  $nI_1(\hat{\theta}) = I_n(\hat{\theta}) = -\mathbb{E}\ell''(\hat{\theta}) = n/2\hat{\theta}^2$ . We obtain the Wald test statistic

$$T = \frac{n}{2\hat{\theta}^2}(\hat{\theta} - \theta_0)^2 = \frac{n}{2} \left(1 - \frac{\sigma_0^2}{\hat{\sigma}^2}\right)^2, \quad \hat{\sigma}^2 = \hat{\theta}.$$

Since  $T$  is asymptotically  $\chi_1^2$ , the approximate Wald test rejects  $H_0$  if  $T$  is larger than the  $(1 - \alpha)$ -quantile of the  $\chi_1^2$  distribution,  $\chi_{1,1-\alpha}^2$ .

**Remark.** The distribution of  $\sum x_i^2/\sigma_0^2$  is  $\chi_n^2$ , so we can get an exact Wald test, but it will not have an explicit form.

(e) The likelihood ratio is

$$\Lambda = \left(\frac{\sigma_0^2}{\hat{\sigma}^2}\right)^{n/2} \exp\left(\frac{n}{2} \frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma_0^2}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{n}{2}\right).$$

and twice its logarithm is asymptotically  $\chi_1^2$ . The asymptotic test rejects therefore when

$$n \left[ \frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma_0^2} - \log \frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma_0^2} - 1 \right] > \chi_{1,1-\alpha}^2.$$

The tests are not the same, but can be shown (by a Taylor expansion, essentially) to be rather close to each other.

**Assignment 6.** (a) The model

$$\begin{array}{ll} X_i \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2) & \text{for every } i \in \{1, \dots, 12\}, \\ X_1, \dots, X_{12} & \text{independent,} \\ \text{the parameters } \mu \text{ and } \sigma^2 & \text{unknown.} \end{array}$$

The null and the alternative hypothesis are :

$$H_0 : \mu = 12.2, \quad H_1 : \mu \neq 12.2.$$

(b) As seen in class, you can pick the statistics

$$T = \sqrt{n} \frac{\bar{X}_n - \mu_0}{S_n},$$

where  $\mu_0$  is the value under  $H_0$ , here  $\mu_0 = 12.2$ .

We can see that  $T$  is “small” if  $H_0$  is true, and “large” if  $H_1$  is true. We note as well that  $\bar{X}_n$  is an estimator of the true value of  $\mu$ . So if  $H_0$  is true we expect that  $\bar{X}_n \approx \mu_0$  and  $T \approx 0$ . On the other hand if  $H_1$  is true we expect that  $\bar{X}_n \approx \mu \neq \mu_0$  and  $T \gg 0$  or  $T \ll 0$ .

We could also consider  $|T|$  as a test statistics and expect small values under  $H_0$  and large under  $H_1$ .

(c) Extreme values correspond to a very large  $|T|$ , that is for  $|T| > c$ , where  $c$  is a critical value.

To find  $c$  remember that we want the probability of the type I error (reject  $H_0$  when it's true) to be equal to  $\alpha$ . In our case

$$\alpha = \mathbb{P}_{H_0}(\{T < -c\} \cup \{T > c\}) = 1 - \mathbb{P}_{\mu=\mu_0}(-c \leq T \leq c). \quad (1)$$

We know that

$$\sqrt{n} \frac{\bar{X}_n - \mu}{S_n} \sim t_{n-1}.$$

If  $H_0$  is true,  $\mu = \mu_0$ , so  $T \sim t_{n-1}$ . Hence to satisfy the condition of (1) we can take  $c = t_{n-1}(1 - \alpha/2)$ .

(d)  $\alpha = 0.05$ , so we reject  $H_0$  in favour of  $H_1$  if

$$\left| \sqrt{12} \frac{\bar{X}_n - 12.2}{S_n} \right| > t_{11}(0.975).$$

$$\sqrt{12} \frac{\bar{X}_n - 12.2}{S_n} = 2.002 \quad \text{and} \quad t_{11}(0.975) = 2.20,$$

and we do not have enough evidence to reject  $H_0$ .

(Which doesn't mean that we "accept"  $H_0$ !).

(e) For  $\alpha = 0.10$  we reject  $H_0$  in favour of  $H_1$  if

$$\left| \sqrt{12} \frac{\bar{X}_n - 12.2}{S_n} \right| > t_{11}(0.95).$$

$$\sqrt{12} \frac{\bar{X}_n - 12.2}{S_n} = 2.002 \quad \text{and} \quad t_{11}(0.95) = 1.80,$$

and this time we do reject  $H_0$ .

The difference w.r.t. part (d) is that if we allow a bigger type I error we are satisfied with less evidence to make a decision against  $H_0$ .

(f)

$$p_{obs} = \mathbb{P}_{H_0}(\{T < -2.002\} \cup \{T > 2.002\}) = 1 - \mathbb{P}_{\mu=\mu_0}(-2.002 \leq T \leq 2.002).$$

If  $H_0$  is true  $T \sim t_{11}$ , so

$$p_{obs} = 1 - (F_{t_{11}}(2.002) - F_{t_{11}}(-2.002)),$$

where  $F_{t_{11}}$  is the cdf of the  $t_{11}$  law. Exploiting the symmetry of this distribution around 0 we obtain that

$$p_{obs} = 2(1 - F_{t_{11}}(2.002)) = 2(1 - 0.9647) = 0.071.$$

(g)  $p_{obs} > 0.05$ , so we do not reject  $H_0$  in favour of  $H_1$  at a 5% level, while  $p_{obs} < 0.10$ , thus we do reject  $H_0$  at a 10% significance level.

We could say that  $p_{obs}$  is the smallest level for which we would reject  $H_0$  in favour of  $H_1$ .