



AN INTRODUCTION TO DETECTION THEORY

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A1. The detection problem : formulation

Observe $x \in \Omega$ where $x \stackrel{d}{\simeq} Q$, $Q \in \{P_1, P_0\}$

or

Observe : $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \in \mathcal{X}$, n i.i.d. realizations,

thus $\mathcal{X} = \Omega^n$ and $X \stackrel{d}{\simeq} Q^n \in \{P_1^n, P_0^n\}$

Problem statement : Design a “receiver” that makes as few errors as possible, in deciding

for the **SIMPLE** hypothesis framework (no unknown parameters) :

$$\begin{cases} H_0 : X \stackrel{d}{\simeq} P_0^n \\ H_1 : X \stackrel{d}{\simeq} P_1^n \end{cases}$$

or for the **COMPOSITE** hypothesis framework : (unknown parameters)

$$\begin{cases} H_0 : X \stackrel{d}{\simeq} P_0^n(X, \theta_0), \quad \theta_0 \in \Theta_0 \\ H_1 : X \stackrel{d}{\simeq} P_1^n(X, \theta_1), \quad \theta_1 \in \Theta_1 \end{cases}$$

The detection problem : formulation, cont'nd

- The choices H_0, H_1 are mutually exclusive
- The receiver ALWAYS makes a choice

→ Design a **decision function** ϕ , which expresses a partition of \mathcal{X}

$\mathcal{X}_0 = \{x : \phi(x) = 0 : \text{decide } H_0\}$ Rejection region

$\mathcal{X}_1 = \{x : \phi(x) = 1 : \text{decide } H_1\}$ Acceptance region

where

$$\mathcal{X}_1 = \mathcal{X}_0^c \text{ and } \mathcal{X}_1 \cup \mathcal{X}_0 = \mathcal{X}$$

A.2. Detection errors

For the binary hypothesis testing problem , 2 kinds of errors :

False Alarm (FA) and Miss (M)

$$P_{FA}(\theta_0) = \int_{\mathcal{X}_1} P_0^n(X, \theta_0) dX = \mathbf{E}_{P_0}[\phi] , \theta_0 \in \Theta_0$$

$$P_M(\theta_1) = \int_{\mathcal{X}_0} P_1^n(X, \theta_1) dX = 1 - \int_{\mathcal{X}_1} P_1^n(X, \theta_1) dX = \mathbf{E}_{P_1}[1 - \phi] , \theta_1 \in \Theta_1$$

The correct detection probability is expressed by $P_D = 1 - P_M, \theta \in \Theta_1$.

A.3. Example : test on the mean of a gaussian observation

Let x be a normal R.V. wich has pdf $p_{\theta_i}(x)$ under $H_i, i \in \{0, 1\}$

$$\begin{cases} P_0(x|\theta_0) = p_{\theta_0}(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) & \text{under } H_0 \\ P_1(x|\theta_1) = p_{\theta_1}(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-m)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) & \text{under } H_1 \end{cases}$$

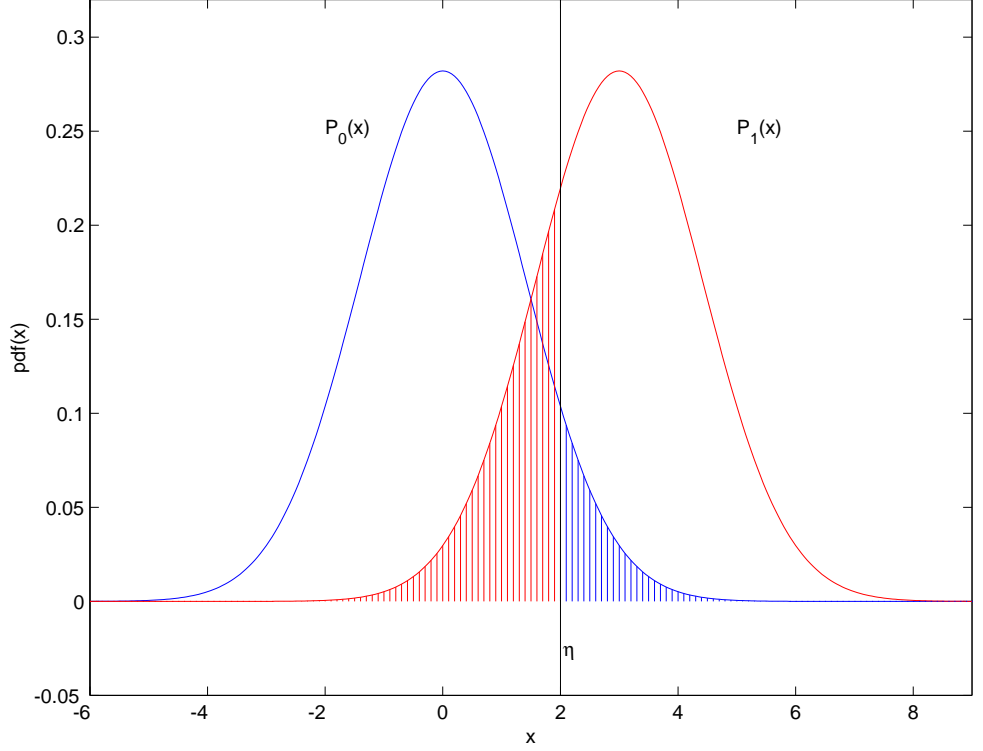
where σ^2 and m are known.

Here, $n = 1$, $\Theta_0 = \{0\}$ and $\Theta_1 = \{m\}$

$p(\theta_0) = \delta(\theta_0)$ and $p(\theta_1) = \delta(\theta_1 - m)$

→ The test resumes to compare x to a threshold η :

$\mathcal{X}_0 =] - \infty, \eta]$ and $\mathcal{X}_1 =]\eta, \infty[$;

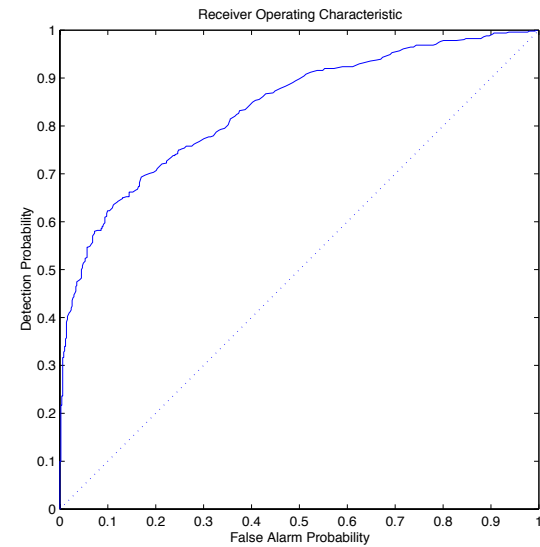
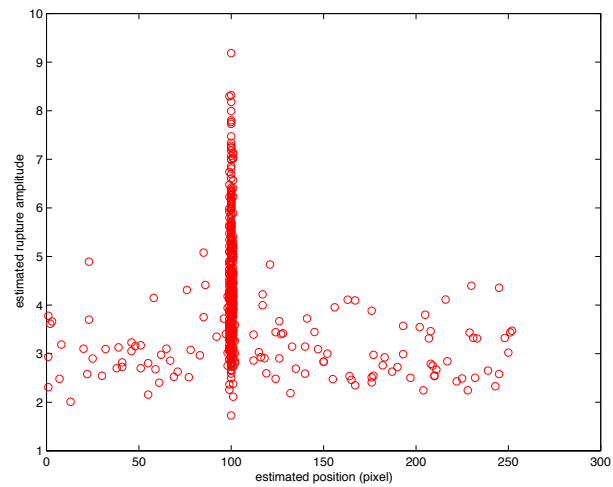
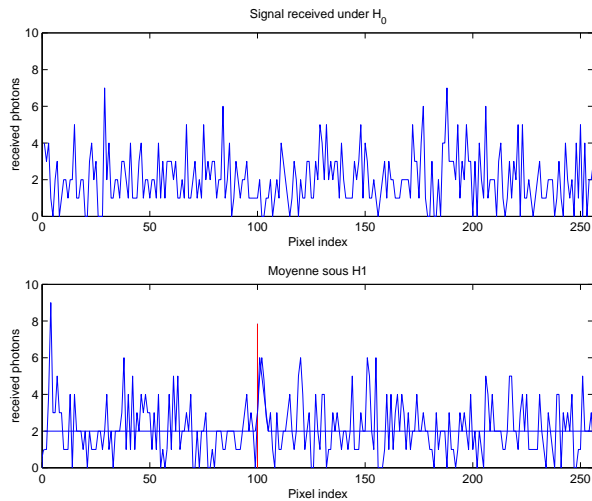


Another example

Detecting a change in the rate of a random Poisson process

- CCD , 256 pixels on a unique line
- Background noise : Poisson process of rate $f = 2$
- *Random Signal* : Poisson process of rate $\lambda = h \times$ “Airy PSF” , $r = 5$,
 $\frac{h}{f} = 2$;

Illustration *Generalized Max likelihood*



Signal model (H0, H1)

Perf. (position,amplitude)

ROC

$H_0 : \lambda = \text{cste} = f = 2 ; H_1 : r=5, n1=100, \text{amp}=4$

A. 4. Binary hypothesis testing strategy :

Bayes approach for designing of the minimum error receiver

Maximize the probability of correct classification, P_C

!! PRIORS !! : $(\{P(H_0), P(H_1)\})$, or prior density $p(\theta_i)$ and $p_{\theta_i}(x)$

$$P_C = \sum_{i=0,1} P(H_i) \int_{\mathcal{X}_i} \int_{\Theta_i} p_{\theta_i}(x) p(\theta_i) d\theta_i dx$$

Rk : Maximizing P_C amounts to define Bayes cost functions

$C_{11}(\theta_1) = C_{00}(\theta_0) = 0$ and $C_{10}(\theta_0) = C_{01}(\theta_1) = 1, \forall \theta_1, \forall \theta_0$

where C_{ij} is the cost of deciding H_i when H_j is true.

This leads to select the hypothesis with the largest posterior probability

→ evaluate

$$p(H_i|x) = \frac{P(H_i) \cdot p(x|H_i)}{p_{\mathcal{X}}(x)}$$

hence, the MAP test is expressed by a LR Test

$$L(x) = \frac{p(x|H_1)}{p(x|H_0)} \underset{H_0}{\overset{H_1}{\geq}} \frac{p(H_0)}{p(H_1)}$$

A.5. Case of Multiple hypothesis testing-1- (skip next 3 slides ?)

$$\begin{aligned} H_0 : \quad & \theta_0 \in \Theta_0 \quad [x \simeq p_{\theta_0}(x), \quad \theta \in \Theta_0] \\ & \vdots \\ H_M : \quad & \theta_M \in \Theta_M \quad [x \simeq p_{\theta_M}(x), \quad \theta \in \Theta_M] \end{aligned}$$

The decision function $\phi(x) = [\phi_1(x), \dots, \phi_M(x)]^T$ verifies

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(x) &\in \{0, 1\} \forall x \in \mathcal{X} \\ \sum_{i=1}^M \phi_i(x) &= 1 \forall x \in \mathcal{X} \end{aligned}$$

Let C_{ij} = cost to decide H_i when H_j is true, and $p(\hat{H}_i|H_j)$ the proba of such decision

$$\bar{C} = \sum_{i,j=1}^M C_{ij} p(\hat{H}_i|H_j) p(H_j)$$

Consider the case

$$\begin{aligned} C_{ii} &= 0 & i \in \{1, \dots, M\} \\ C_{ij} &= 1, \quad i \neq j, \quad i, j \in \{1, \dots, M\} \end{aligned}$$

The P_{err} equals Bayes's risk :

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{C} &= \sum_{i \neq j=1}^M C_{ij} p(\hat{H}_i | H_j) p(H_j) \\ &= 1 - \sum_{i=1}^M C_{ii} p(\hat{H}_i | H_i) p(H_i) \\ &= 1 - \sum_{i=1}^M C_{ii} p(H_i) \int_{\mathcal{X}_i} p(x | H_i) dx \end{aligned}$$

where $p(x | H_i) = \frac{\int_{\Theta_i} p(x, \theta) d\theta}{p(H_i)}$

\bar{C} is minimal if $\forall i \in \{1, \dots, M\}$, \mathcal{X}_i are such that

$$x \in \mathcal{X}_i \Leftrightarrow p(H_i)p(x|H_i) \geq p(H_j)p(x|H_j) \quad j \neq i$$

Thus the decision rule

$$\hat{H}_i = \text{ArgMax}_{H_j} [p(H_j)p(x|H_j)] = \text{ArgMax}_{H_j} [p(H_j|x)]$$

Decision rules are non transitive in general

For example

$$\begin{aligned} H_1 \text{ vs } H_2 &\rightarrow \hat{H}_2 \\ H_2 \text{ vs } H_3 &\rightarrow \hat{H}_3 \\ H_1 \text{ vs } H_3 &\rightarrow \hat{H}_1 \end{aligned}$$

But, as the LR for the test H_i vs H_j is $L_{ij} = \frac{f(x|H_i)}{f(x|H_j)}$,

$$L_{ik}(x) = L_{ij}(x)L_{jk}(x)$$

The decision rule $L_{ij}(x) \underset{H_0}{\overset{H_1}{\gtrless}} \eta_{ij}$, shows that transitivity is obtained if

$$\eta_{ik} = \eta_{ij}\eta_{jk} \Leftrightarrow \frac{(C_{ji} - C_{ii})(C_{kj} - C_{jj})}{(C_{ij} - C_{jj})(C_{jk} - C_{kk})} = \frac{(C_{ki} - C_{ii})}{(C_{ik} - C_{kk})}$$

BUT .. if no available prior ($\{P(H_0), P(H_1)\}$), and densities p_{θ_i})

A.6. The neymann pearson framework

Constrain $\max_{\theta \in \Theta_0} P_{FA}(\theta) \leq \alpha$ and maximize $P_D(\theta)|_{\theta \in \Theta_1}$ maximal.

neymann Pearson Lemma *The most powerfull test (MP) of level $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ is a randomized LRT of the form*

$$\phi(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & p_{\theta_1}(x) > \eta p_{\theta_0}(x) \\ q, & p_{\theta_1}(x) = \eta p_{\theta_0}(x) \\ 0, & p_{\theta_1}(x) < \eta p_{\theta_0}(x) \end{cases}$$

where the parameters η and q are choosen to satisfy the constraint $E_{\theta_0}[\phi] = \alpha$

⇒ Likelihood ratio tests

Summarizing :

If known priors $p(H_i)$ and $C_{ij} \rightarrow$ Bayes approach \rightarrow LRT with “well defined threshold” η : *Min-error or min-cost test*

If unknown priors $p(H_i)$ but known $C_{ij} \rightarrow$ Bayes approach \rightarrow LRT with $\eta(p_0)$ where p_0 *minimizes the maximal (worst case) bayes cost.*

Otherwise \rightarrow NP approach \rightarrow LRT with η satisfying constraints on P_{FA} :
Most powerfull test of level $\alpha = P_{FA}$

Evaluation of the performances ?

B. Evaluating signal detectability, or the performances of a test

Assume that n indep. observations x_i are available ;

Take for the test statistics e.g ;

$$G = \sum_{i=1}^n \log L(x_i)$$

ROC computation requires the evaluation of

$$P_{FA} = \int_{\eta}^{\infty} p_{G,\theta_0}(g)dg \quad \text{and} \quad P_D = \int_{\eta}^{\infty} p_{G,\theta_1}(g)dg$$

where $p_{G,\theta_i}(g)dg = \text{pdf of the test statistics } G \text{ under hypothesis } H_i$.

In most cases : no closed form expressions for these integrals...

(Evaluating signal detectability, or the performances of a test, cont'nd)

Note : For next section : Both hypothesis are simple

Signal detectability ?

a- ROC, either by direct calculation or by numerical methods

(not in this course) b- Methods relying upon **limited expansions of the stats. around the normal distribution** : *~ more accurate for large n ; rely upon CLT \rightarrow accuracy obtained only if $\eta \simeq \bar{G}$*

c- Minimal performances **Chernoff Bounds** :

Give lower bound for P_D and upper bound for P_{FA}

Interesting relations with the frame of information theory

d- Getting some hint on the error decay rate when n increases ?

Stein's Lemma and Chernoff information

B.1. : Receiver operating characteristics : ROC curves

A good receiver : HIGH P_D , LOW P_{FA}

P_D, P_{FA} depends upon the threshold η only.

Definition : the ROC curve is the parametric curve $P_D(\eta, q)$ plotted versus $P_{FA}(\eta, q)$.

Example : test on the mean of a normal RV
(known identical variances under H_i)

The log-LRT is simply expressed by $x \underset{H_0}{\overset{H_1}{\gtrless}} \gamma$

Hence,

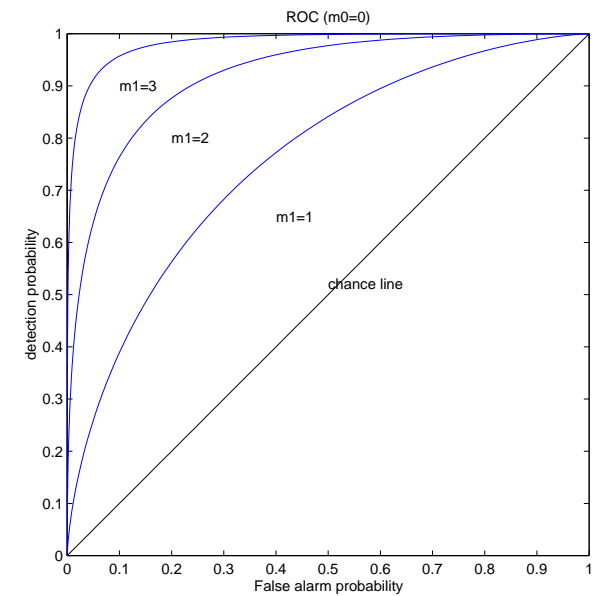
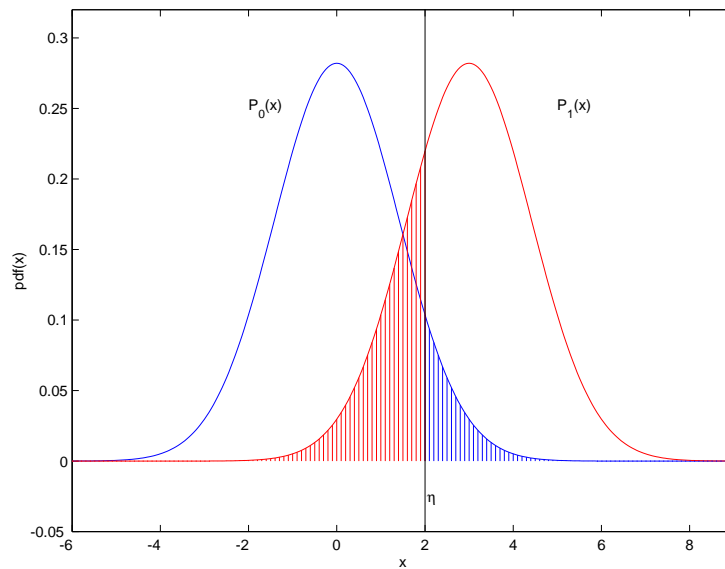
$$\begin{cases} P_{FA}(\eta) = \frac{1}{2} \left[1 - \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{\eta}{\sigma\sqrt{2}}\right) \right] \\ P_D(\eta) = \frac{1}{2} \left[1 - \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{\eta-m}{\sigma\sqrt{2}}\right) \right] \end{cases}$$

where $\operatorname{erf}(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^x \exp(-t^2) dt$

note that for n multiple indep. observations, the test reads

$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \underset{H_0}{\overset{H_1}{\gtrless}} \gamma$ where $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$ is a normal R.V. with same mean as x and variance $\frac{\sigma^2}{n}$.

Example : ROC, test on mean of a normal R.V.



$$(\mu = m \cdot \delta_{1i} \text{ under } H_i).$$

ROC properties

- If $\eta \rightarrow \infty$, $P_D = 0$ and $P_{FA} = 0$; If $\eta \rightarrow -\infty$, $P_D = 1$ and $P_{FA} = 1$.
- ROC curve for a coin flip detector : diagonal line with unit slope ($\phi(x) = q$ indep. of the data) .
- ROC curve always lies above the chance line ; otherwise, flipping a coin has better performances.
- ROC curve of any LRT is concave (if the ROC was convex a randomized test would perform better.)
- For differentiable ROC $P_D(P_{FA})$, the threshold for the MP-LRT which lead to the perf. $P_{FA}(\eta), P_D(\eta)$ is given by (letting $g(x)$ stand for the LR in x)

$$g(\eta) = \frac{d}{dP_{FA}} P_D(P_{FA})$$

Testing the increase in rate λ of a Poisson R.V.

“ H_1 : the rate is λ_1 ” vs “ H_0 : the rate is λ_0 ” ($\lambda_1 > \lambda_0$)

$$L(x) = \left(\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_0}\right)^x \exp(\lambda_0 - \lambda_1)$$

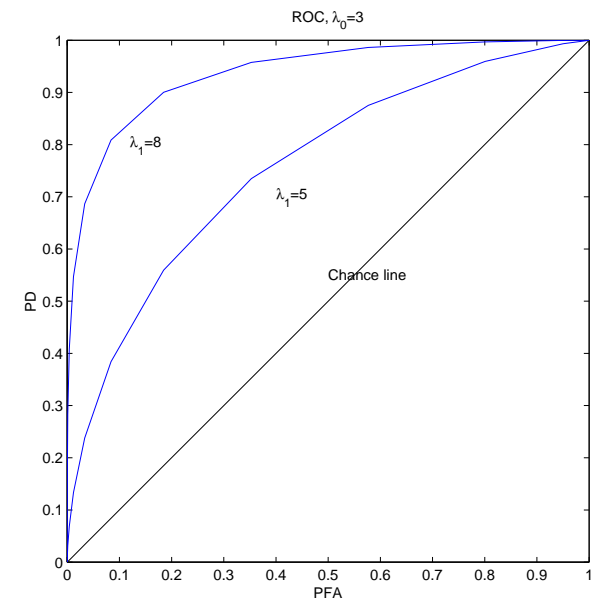
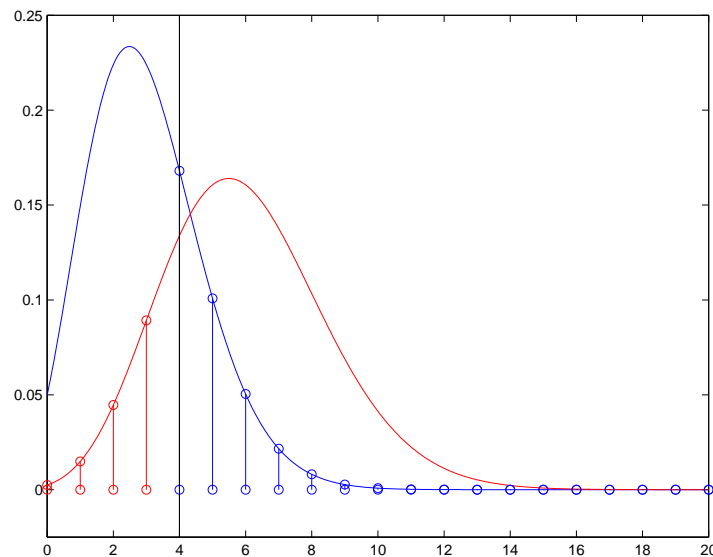
Taking the log-likelihood function for the test statistics, one gets $x \underset{H_0}{\overset{H_1}{\geq}} \gamma$

and

$$\begin{cases} P_{FA}(\eta) = 1 - \lambda_0 \sum_{x=0}^{\eta-1} \frac{\lambda_0^x}{x!} \\ P_D(\eta) = 1 - \lambda_1 \sum_{x=0}^{\eta-1} \frac{\lambda_1^x}{x!} \end{cases}$$

(notice that here both λ_0 and λ_1 are assumed to be known...)

test on the rate of Poisson R.V. : ROC



$\lambda_0 = 3$ (H_0) and $\lambda_1 = 5$ (H_1); left plot : ROC for two values of λ_1

B.2. Detectability and min performances, Chernoff Bounds

Let

$$P_{FA}(\eta) = \int_{\eta}^{\infty} p_{G,\theta_0}(g)dg = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} U(g - \eta)p_{G,\theta_0}(g)dg$$

then, for $s \geq 0$

$$P_{FA} \leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp((g - \eta)s)p_{G,\theta_0}(g)dg = \exp(\eta s)h(s)$$

where $h(s) = E_G[\exp(-gs)]$: moment generating function of the pdf of the test statistics G .

Minimizing the rhs wrt s gives after some algebra the [Chernoff Bound](#)

$$P_{FA} \leq \exp(\eta s_0)h(s_0) \quad \text{where} \quad \eta = \frac{h'(s_0)}{h(s_0)}$$

Chernoff Bounds interpretation

Let $\mu(s) = \log(h(s))$, then

$$\eta = \frac{h'(s_0)}{h(s_0)} = \frac{d\mu(s)}{ds} = \mu'(s)$$

hence, taking for the test statistics $G(x) = \log\left(\frac{p_{\theta_1}(x)}{p_{\theta_0}(x)}\right)$, we get after some calculation

$$\begin{cases} P_{FA} \leq \exp(\mu(s) - s\mu'(s)), & s \geq 0 \\ \mu(s) = \log \int_{\mathcal{X}} \left(\frac{p_{\theta_1}(x)}{p_{\theta_0}(x)}\right)^s p_{\theta_0}^s(x) dx = (1-s)D_s(p_{\theta_1}||p_{\theta_0}) \end{cases}$$

where D_s is the Rényi info. divergence of order s .

Similar derivation for P_D leads to

$$(1 - P_D) = P_M \leq \exp(\mu(s) + (1-s)\mu'(s)), \quad s \leq 1$$

Chernoff bounds are loose, alternative : study error decay rate

B.3. Hypothesis testing in an Information theoretic framework

Reformulate NP lemma (Simple hypothesis framework) :

Let $x \stackrel{d}{\simeq} Q$ and $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ a set of n i.i.d. samples, test $Q = P_0$ vs $Q = P_1$, and for $\eta \geq 0$

$$\mathcal{X}_1 = \left\{ \frac{P_1(X)}{P_0(X)} > \eta \right\}$$

Let $\alpha = P_{FA} = P_0(\mathcal{X}_1) = \int_{\mathcal{X}_1} P_0(X) dX$

and $\beta = P_M = P_1(\mathcal{X}_0) = P_1(\mathcal{X}_1^c) = \int_{\mathcal{X}_0} P_1(X) dX$

Define another acceptance region

$$\mathcal{X}_1^* = \left\{ \frac{P_1(X)}{P_0(X)} > \eta^* \right\}$$

with corresponding (α^*, β^*) , then

$$\alpha^* \leq \alpha \Rightarrow \beta \leq \beta^* \quad \text{equiv. to} \quad (\pi^* = 1 - \beta^*) \leq (\pi = 1 - \beta)$$

where $\pi \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{power of the test}$

Alternate interpretation for LR test : IT Approach

Let $X \in \mathcal{X} = \Omega^n$ be a set of n i.i.d. samples ($x_i \in \Omega$), with probability distribution $P(x, \theta_j) = P_j(x)$ under H_j .

$$\log \frac{P_1(X)}{P_0(X)} = \log \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{P_1(x_i)}{P_0(x_i)} = \sum_{i=1}^n \log \frac{P_1(x_i)}{P_0(x_i)}$$

but for any function h of the r.v.

$$\sum_{i=1}^n h(x_i) = n \sum_{x \in \Omega} P_{x_i}(x) h(x)$$

where $P_{x_i}(x)$ is defined by

$$P_{x_i}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\delta(x - x_i)}{n}$$

- $P_{x_i}(x)$ is the empirical histogram

Alternate interpretation for LR test -continued-

From the previous expression of the average of any function of the r.v,

$$\begin{aligned}\log \frac{P_1(X)}{P_0(X)} &= n \sum_{x \in \Omega} P_{x_i}(x) \log \frac{P_1(x)}{P_0(x)} \\ &= n \sum_{x \in \Omega} P_{x_i}(x) \log \frac{P_1(x) P_{x_i}(x)}{P_0(x) P_{x_i}(x)} \\ &= n \sum_{x \in \Omega} P_{x_i}(x) \log \frac{P_1(x)}{P_{x_i}(x)} - n \sum_{x \in \Omega} P_{x_i}(x) \log \frac{P_0(x)}{P_{x_i}(x)} \\ &= n \mathbb{D}(P_{x_i}(x) \parallel P_0(x)) - n \mathbb{D}(P_{x_i}(x) \parallel P_1(x))\end{aligned}$$

and finally

$$\mathbb{D}(P_{x_i}(x) \parallel P_0(x)) - \mathbb{D}(P_{x_i}(x) \parallel P_1(x)) \underset{H_0}{\overset{H_1}{\geq}} \frac{1}{n} \log \eta$$

- The accepted hypothesis is chosen according to the minimal divergence between the empirical law and the law under each hypothesis.

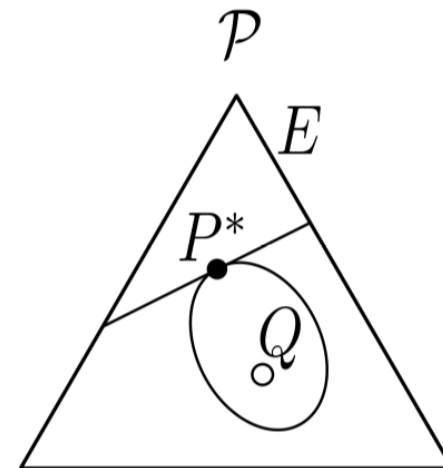
Insights from IT

Reminder : Sanov and conditional limit theorems

Let $x \stackrel{d}{\simeq} Q$ and $E \subseteq \mathcal{P}$ and
 $P^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{P \in E} D(P \parallel Q)$

Sanov : $Q^n(E) \doteq e^{-nD(P^* \parallel Q)}$

Cond Limit : $\Pr(x = a | P_{x_i} \in E) = P^*(a)$
in propability for large n

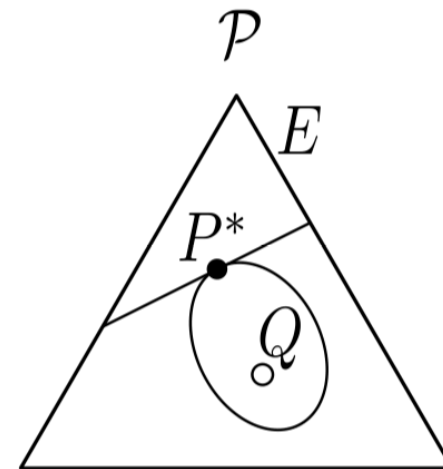


This means

- Probability of E is close to proba. of P^* (Sanov)
- Total probability of $P_{x_i} \in E$ far from P^* is negligible (Cond.Lim)
- With high probability, P_{x_i} is close to P^* (Cond. Lim.)

Sanov and conditional limit theorems : some consequences

$$\begin{aligned} \log \text{LRT} &= \log \frac{P_1(X)}{P_0(X)} \\ &= \sum_{x \in \Omega} P_{x_i}(x) g(x) \\ \text{where } g(x) &= n \log \frac{P_1(x)}{P_0(x)} \end{aligned}$$



Let $E = \left\{ P : P^T g = \sum_{x \in \Omega} P(x) g(x) \geq \eta \right\}$, then, using Lagrange multipliers

$$P^*(x) = \arg \min_{\substack{P^T g \geq \eta \\ \sum_a P(a) = 1}} D(P \parallel Q) = c Q(x) e^{\lambda g(x)}$$

where λ satisfies $P^T g = \eta$ and c is a normalizing constant.

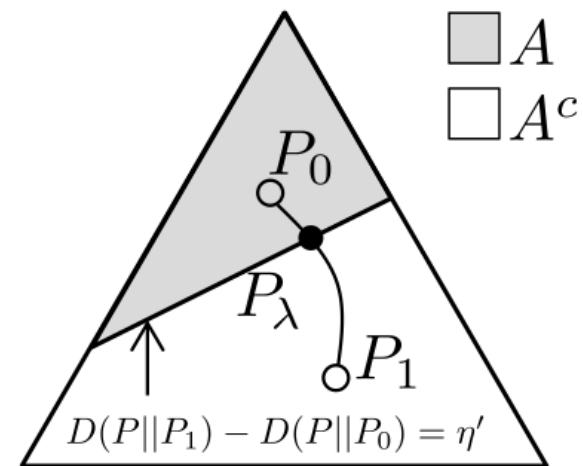
$$\text{LRT}(X) \underset{H_0}{\overset{H_1}{\geq}} \eta \Leftrightarrow P_{x_i}^T g \underset{H_0}{\overset{H_1}{\geq}} \eta'$$

$$A = \{P : P_{x_i}^T g < \eta'\}$$

From Sanov th. (note A is convex) :

$$\alpha = P_0(P_{x_i} \in A^c) \doteq e^{-nD(P_0^*||P_0)}$$

$$\beta = P_1(P_{x_i} \in A) \doteq e^{-nD(P_1^*||P_1)}$$



and from result of the previous slide, we get

$$P_1^* = cP_1 e^{\lambda' g} = cP_1 e^{\lambda' \log \frac{P_1}{P_0}} = cP_1^{1+\lambda'} P_0^{-\lambda'} = cP_1^\lambda P_0^{1-\lambda} = P_0^* = P_\lambda$$

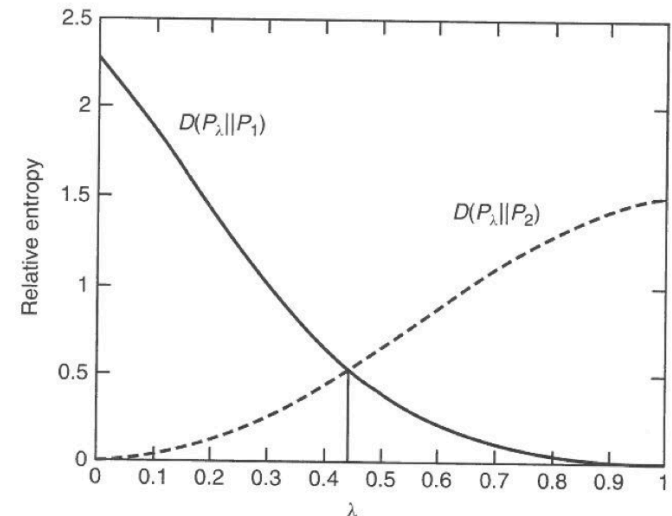
Chernoff information

Question : what is the best error exponent for the Bayes criterion ? (assume that $p(H_0)$ is known)

$$\begin{aligned} P_E &= p(H_0)P_{FA} + p(H_1)P_M \\ &= p(H_0)\alpha + (1 - p(H_0))\beta \end{aligned}$$

We have seen that LRT is optimal in this case, so previous results apply :

$$\begin{cases} P_E &\doteq p(H_0)e^{-nD(P_\lambda||P_0)} + (1 - p(H_0))e^{-nD(P_\lambda||P_1)} \\ &\doteq e^{-n\min\{D(P_\lambda||P_0), D(P_\lambda||P_1)\}} \\ P_\lambda &= cP_1^\lambda P_0^{1-\lambda} \end{cases}$$



Min in the decay rate exponent occurs when

$$D(P_\lambda || P_1) = D(P_\lambda || P_0) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} C(P_1, P_0)$$

Equivalently

$$C(P_1, P_0) = - \min_{0 \leq \lambda \leq 1} \log \left(\sum_{a \in \Omega} P_1^\lambda(a) P_0^{1-\lambda}(a) \right)$$

$P(H_0)$ unknown : non Bayesian case, the Stein Lemma

Reminder

$X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ where $x_i \stackrel{d}{\simeq} Q$, i.i.d and $Q \in \{P_1, P_0\}$

$\alpha = P_{FA} = P_0(\mathcal{X}_1)$, $\beta = P_M = P_1(\mathcal{X}_0)$

Stein Lemma (csq of Sanov th.) :

$\forall 0 < \varepsilon < \frac{1}{2}$,

define $\beta_\varepsilon = \min_{\alpha < \varepsilon} \beta$, then
 \mathcal{X}_1

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log \beta_\varepsilon = -D(P_0 \parallel P_1)$$

1. $D(P_0 \parallel P_1)$ is the best β exponent
2. if instead $\beta < \varepsilon$ then
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log \alpha_\varepsilon = -D(P_1 \parallel P_0)$$
3. the most different P_1 is from P_0 , the easier is the pb
4. !! $D(P_0 \parallel P_1) \neq D(P_1 \parallel P_0)$

Summary bounds on exponential decay rate

Distribution	KL (Stein) $D(P_0 \parallel P_1)$ $\beta \doteq e^{-nD(P_0 \parallel P_1)}$	Chernoff $C(P_1, P_0)$ $P_E \doteq e^{-nC(P_1, P_0)}$
Gaussian (m_1, m_0, σ^2)	$\frac{(m_1 - m_0)^2}{2\sigma^2}$	$\frac{(m_1 - m_0)^2}{8\sigma^2}$
Poisson $r = \frac{\lambda_0}{\lambda_1}$	$\lambda_1(1 - r + r \log r)$	$\lambda_0 \frac{(r-1) \left\{ \log\left(\frac{r-1}{\log r}\right) - 1 \right\} + \log r}{\log r}$

C - Composite hypothesis testing

Up to now : θ_0 or θ_1 could assume only one value : conditional pdfs were precisely known under each H_i .

this is however not the case in many applications

Example : Test presence vs absence of a sinusoidal signal with unknown phase embedded in noise.

→ The pdfs under H_i depends on the values taken by θ_i :
These random parameters are included in the hypotheses to be tested.

Let us consider the composite hypothesis testing problem

$$H_0 : f(x|H_0) = f_0(x|\theta) = f_{\theta_0}(x), \theta \in \Theta_0$$

$$H_1 : f(x|H_1) = f_1(x|\theta) = f_{\theta_1}(x), \theta \in \Theta_1$$

where θ_0 and θ_1 are unknown parameters vectors (possibly with comon comp.)

⇒ HOW DO BAYES, nP, LRT approaches generalize ?

Bayes cost for cht

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{C} = & p(H_0) \int_{\mathcal{X}_0} \int_{\Theta_0} f_{\theta_0}(x) p_0(\theta) C_{00}(\theta) d\theta dx \\ & + p(H_0) \int_{\mathcal{X}_1} \int_{\Theta_0} f_{\theta_0}(x) p_0(\theta) C_{10}(\theta) d\theta dx \\ & + p(H_1) \int_{\mathcal{X}_0} \int_{\Theta_1} f_{\theta_1}(x) p_1(\theta) C_{01}(\theta) d\theta dx \\ & + p(H_1) \int_{\mathcal{X}_1} \int_{\Theta_1} f_{\theta_1}(x) p_1(\theta) C_{11}(\theta) d\theta dx\end{aligned}$$

but ϕ verifies

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{\mathcal{X}_1} f_{\theta_0}(x) dx &= 1 - \int_{\mathcal{X}_0} f_{\theta_0}(x) dx \\ \int_{\mathcal{X}_1} f_{\theta_1}(x) dx &= 1 - \int_{\mathcal{X}_0} f_{\theta_1}(x) dx\end{aligned}$$

thus

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{C} = & p(H_0) \int_{\Theta_0} p_0(\theta) C_{10}(\theta) d\theta + p(H_1) \int_{\Theta_1} p_1(\theta) C_{11}(\theta) d\theta \\ & + \int_{\mathcal{X}_0} \left[p(H_1) \int_{\Theta_1} f_{\theta_1}(x) p_1(\theta) [C_{01}(\theta) - C_{11}(\theta)] d\theta \right. \\ & \left. - p(H_0) \int_{\Theta_0} f_{\theta_0}(x) p_0(\theta) [C_{10}(\theta) - C_{00}(\theta)] d\theta \right] dx\end{aligned}$$

and the Bayes optimal test is

$$\frac{\int_{\Theta_1} f_{\theta_1}(x) p_1(\theta) [C_{01}(\theta) - C_{11}(\theta)] d\theta}{\int_{\Theta_0} f_{\theta_0}(x) p_0(\theta) [C_{10}(\theta) - C_{00}(\theta)] d\theta} \underset{H_0}{\overset{H_1}{\gtrless}} \frac{p(H_0)}{p(H_1)}$$

notice : if C_{ij} do not depend upon θ , as

$$f_{\theta_1}(x)p_1(\theta) = f_1(x|\theta)p_1(\theta) = f_1(x, \theta)$$

and

$$f_{\theta_0}(x)p_0(\theta) = f_0(x|\theta)p_0(\theta) = f_0(x, \theta)$$

the test takes the bayes sht expression, after the density marginals over θ are computed.

Example Let $x \in \mathcal{X}$ be a set of n i.i.d. samples from a normal r.v. with mean θ_1 and variance σ^2 :

Test the simple null hypothesis $H_0 : \theta_1 = 0$:

$$H_0 : f(x|H_0) = f_0(x) = \frac{1}{(\sigma\sqrt{2\pi})^n} e^{-\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

against

$H_1 : \theta_1 \neq 0$:

$$H_1 : f(x|H_1) = f_{\theta_1}(x) = \frac{1}{(\sigma\sqrt{2\pi})^n} e^{-\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta_1)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

Bayes decision costs are $C_{00} = C_{11} = 0$, $C_{01}(\theta_1) = 1$, $C_{10}(\theta_1) = k$, $\forall \theta_1$

A priori knowledge about θ_1 is given by

$$p_1(\theta_1) = \frac{1}{m}, -m \leq \theta_1 \leq m$$

and we know $p(H_0) = p(H_1) = 1/2$

Solution

The sufficient statistics $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$ is used. \bar{x} is a normal r.v. with variance $\frac{\sigma^2}{n}$ and mean θ_1 under H_1 , zero under H_0 .

Applying the preceding general results :

$$\frac{\int_{\Theta_1} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{(\sigma\sqrt{2\pi})} e^{-\frac{n(x_i - \theta_1)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \frac{1}{m} d\theta}{k \frac{\sqrt{n}}{(\sigma\sqrt{2\pi})} e^{-\frac{nx_i^2}{2\sigma^2}}} \underset{H_0}{\overset{H_1}{\geq}} 1$$

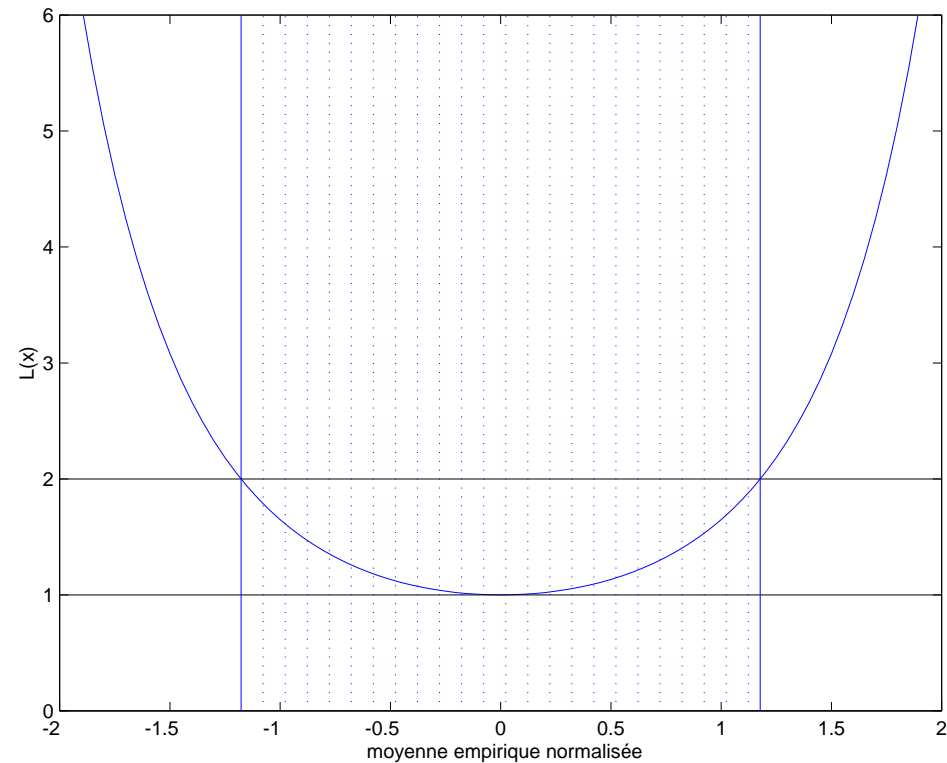
and after some algebra

$$L(\bar{x}) = e^{\frac{x^2}{2}} \left(F\left(\frac{\sqrt{n}(m - \bar{x})}{\sigma}\right) - F\left(\frac{\sqrt{n}(m + \bar{x})}{\sigma}\right) \right) \underset{H_0}{\overset{H_1}{\geq}} k$$

where

$$F(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^x e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}} dt$$

is the Laplace Gauss pdf.



Rapport de vraisemblance pour le test optimal de Bayes trait dans l'ex. précédent. ($\sigma^2 = 2; n = 8, k = C_{10} = 2$). La zone grisée correspond à la région de décision $\theta_1 = 0$. Pour ce problème, le test de minimum de probabilité d'erreur de décision ($k = 1$) conduit à ne retenir H_0 que si $\bar{x} = 0$.

C.1. UMP Test : definitions, existence

In general, no basis for picking θ_1 : UMP is a procedure to test composite hypothesis

Def : ϕ is the *Most Powerful Test of size* $\alpha(\phi)$ if $\forall \phi'$ of size α , then $\beta(\phi) \leq \beta(\phi')$

Def : ϕ is the *Most Powerful Test of level* α , i.e. such that $\alpha(\phi) \leq \alpha$, if $\forall \phi'$ of level α (i.e. $\alpha(\phi) \leq \alpha$), then $\beta(\phi) \leq \beta(\phi')$

def : ϕ^* is UMP of level α if for any level α test or decision function ϕ , the power ($P(\hat{H}_1|H_1) = 1 - \beta$) of the test verifies for all $\theta \in \Theta_1$,

$$\mathcal{P}_\alpha^* = 1 - \beta^*(\theta_1) = E_{(\theta_1)}[\phi^*] \geq E_{(\theta_1)}[\phi] = 1 - \beta(\theta_1)$$

→ the test maximizes the detection probability (or power) independant of the value θ_1 .

An UMP test does not always exist (ex. testing non-zero mean of a R.V. :the sign cannot be integrated in any decision function).

- Necessary condition for existence of UMP : the likelihood must be a monotone increasing function of a sufficient test statistics.

def : Monotone Likelihood Ratio (MLR)

A model $P(X|\theta)$ (with θ is real valued), has Monotone Likelihood Ratio if there exists a real valued function $u(X)$ such that $\forall \theta_1 > \theta_0$,

$LR = \frac{P(X|\theta_1)}{P(X|\theta_0)}$ is monotone increasing function of $u(X)$ on $\{X : L(X|\theta_1) > 0 \text{ and } L(X|\theta_0) > 0\}$

Then the higher the observed $u(X)$, the more likely X was drawn from $P(X|\theta_1)$ rather than from $P(X|\theta_0)$

Example (MLR), the exponential family

$$P(X, \theta) = \exp\left\{\sum_i C(x_i) - A(\theta) \sum_i T(x_i) + nB(\theta)\right\}$$

$$\text{then } \log LR = \sum_i T(x_i)[A(\theta_1) - A(\theta_0)] + n[B(\theta_1) - B(\theta_0)]$$

Let $u(X) = \sum_i T(x_i)$, then

$$\frac{\partial \log LR}{\partial u} = [A(\theta_1) - A(\theta_0)] > 0$$

if $A(\cdot)$ is monotonic in θ . Note that $u(X)$ is a sufficient statistic.

- Normal (known σ) , Poisson, binomial, exponential are MLRP with $u(X) = \sum_i x_i$.

Example Consider the preceding problem studied as an example, but now, no a priori knowledge about θ_1 is available.

The log-LRT for this problem is

$$\sigma^2 n^{-1} \log L(x) = \frac{\theta_1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - \frac{\theta_1^2}{2} \underset{H_0}{\overset{H_1}{\geq}} \eta$$

where the threshold η depends upon the adopted strategy for the test. Equivalently, the test is summarized by

$$\theta_1 \bar{x} \underset{H_0}{\overset{H_1}{\geq}} \eta'$$

with $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$, gaussian r.v. $\mathcal{N}(\theta, \frac{\sigma^2}{n})$ ($\theta_1 \neq 0$ under H_1).

Single sided test

The test is derived with the assumption that $\theta_1 > 0$

From the preceding, and by normalizing the statistics \bar{x} , one gets

$$T = \frac{\sqrt{n\bar{x}}}{\sigma} \underset{H_0}{\overset{H_1}{\geq}} \gamma$$

The most powerful test of level at most α allows to determine γ by

$$P_{FA} = \alpha = P_0\left(\frac{\sqrt{n\bar{x}}}{\sigma} > \gamma\right)$$

and therefore

$$\alpha = 1 - F(\gamma), \quad \gamma = F^{-1}(1 - \alpha),$$

Finally

$$\frac{\sqrt{n\bar{x}}}{\sigma} \underset{H_0}{\overset{H_1}{\geq}} F^{-1}(1 - \alpha)$$

- The decision function obtained does not depend upon θ_1 , and the power is maximal (**among all test of level at most α**) : this test is UMP under assumption $\theta_1 > 0$.

- $d = \frac{\theta_1 \sqrt{n}}{\sigma}$ appears as a correction to the threshold for the test applied to normalized statistics. d is sometimes referred to as *the detectability index*

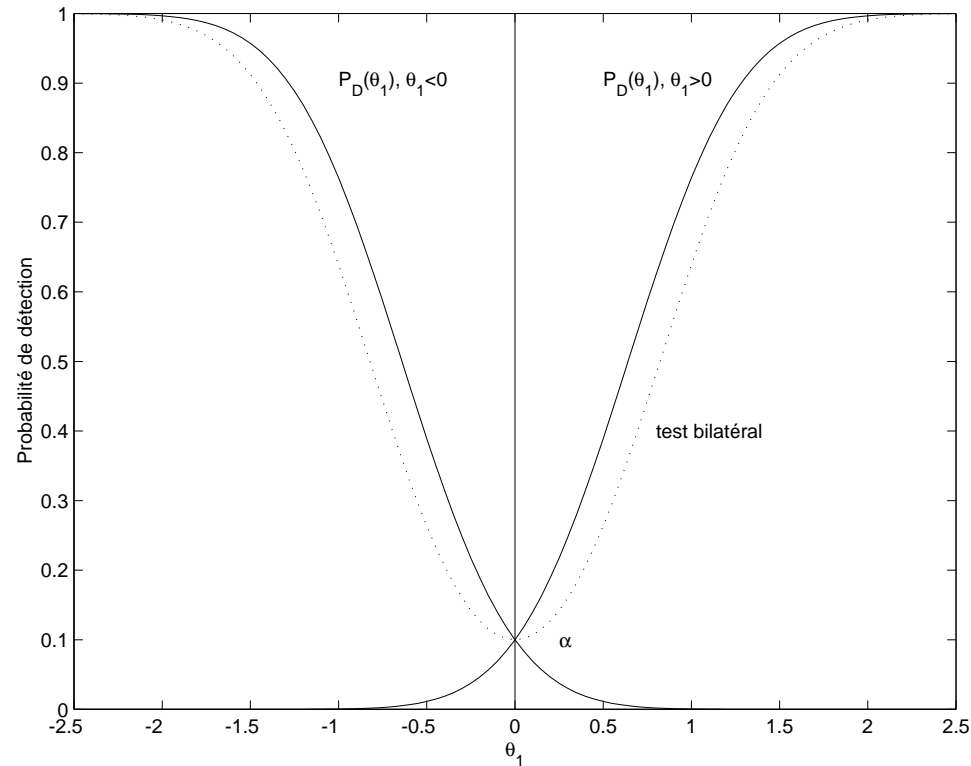
$$d = \frac{\mathbb{E}[T|H_1] - \mathbb{E}[T|H_0]}{\sqrt{\text{var}_0(T)}}$$

where $\text{var}_0(T)$ is the variance of T under H_0 . Increased d leads to better test.

- Single sided test under assumption $\theta_1 < 0$ leads to symmetrical results :

$$\frac{\sqrt{n\bar{x}}}{\sigma} \underset{H_1}{\overset{H_0}{\gtrless}} F^{-1}(1 - \alpha)$$

- The power curve for the SS test ($\theta_1 > 0$) crosses the vertical axis at $P_D(\theta_1 = 0) = P_{FA}$.



Test power for the "non zero mean" detection problem θ_1 of a random Gaussian process with known variance . Solid lines are obtained for single sided UMP tests under each hypothesis for the sign of θ_1 . Dashed line show the sub-optimal double-sided test power for a fixed P_{FA} . That test does not require any hypothesis on the sign of θ_1 ($\sigma^2 = 2; n = 8$).

Double sided test : $\theta \neq 0$

Motivation : if the assumption e.g. $\theta_1 > 0$ is wrong, the single sided resulting test is BIASED :

A decision test is said to be biased if for some values of the parameters (say θ), $P_{FA}(\theta) > P_D(\theta)$.

Approach :

$$\left| \frac{\sqrt{n}\bar{x}}{\sigma} \right| \underset{H_0}{\overset{H_1}{\gtrless}} \gamma$$

For this test $P_{FA} = \alpha = 2(1 - F(\gamma))$, and therefore

$$\gamma = F^{-1}\left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}\right)$$

and the power of the test is

$$P_D(\theta_1) = 1 - \left(F\left(\gamma - \frac{\theta_1\sqrt{n}}{\sigma}\right) - F\left(-\gamma - \frac{\theta_1\sqrt{n}}{\sigma}\right) \right)$$

see the resulting powre curve on preceding figure.

C.2. Possible strategies : general approaches and insights

- Define a locally optimal test, i.e. for small range of values of the unknown parameters : $\theta \simeq \theta_0$
- Define a restricted subset of decision functions (e.g. leading to unbiased tests) the within which the solution is derived from some optimality criterion ;
- Determine the least favorable prior distribution $w(\theta)$, to minimize the power of the test :

$$\beta(w) = \int_{\Theta_1} \int_{\mathcal{X}_1} p(x|\theta)w(\theta)d\theta dx$$

... most often very difficult to find.

- Popular alternative : Generalized Likelihood ratio test

The unknown parameters are replaced by some estimated values

LMP single sided Test

$$H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$$

$$H_1 : \theta > \theta_0 \text{ but } \theta \simeq \theta_0$$

Expand the power around θ_0 :

$$P_D(\phi, \theta) = \int_{\mathcal{X}_1} f(x, \theta) \phi(x) dx \simeq P_D(\phi, \theta_0) + (\theta - \theta_0) \left. \frac{\partial P_D(\phi, \theta)}{\partial \theta} \right|_{\theta_0}$$

where $P_D(\phi, \theta_0) = P_{FA}(\phi)$; Thus, maximize $P_D(\phi, \theta) \Leftrightarrow$ maximize

$$\left. \frac{\partial P_D(\phi, \theta)}{\partial \theta} \right|_{\theta_0} = \left. \frac{\partial \int_{\mathcal{X}_1} \phi(x) f(x, \theta) dx}{\partial \theta} \right|_{\theta_0} = \int_{\mathcal{X}_1} \phi(x) \left. \frac{\partial f(x, \theta)}{\partial \theta} \right|_{\theta_0} dx$$

Using Lagrange multipliers,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(\phi) &= \int_{\mathcal{X}_1} \phi(x) \left. \frac{\partial f(x, \theta)}{\partial \theta} \right|_{\theta_0} dx - \eta (1 - \int_{\mathcal{X}_1} \phi(x) f_0(x) dx - \alpha) \\ &= \int_{\mathcal{X}_1} \phi(x) \left[\left. \frac{\partial f(x, \theta)}{\partial \theta} \right|_{\theta_0} - \eta f_0(x) \right] dx - \eta \alpha \end{aligned}$$

which is max if the bracketed term is always > 0 ;

LMP single sided test, cont'nd

the test is therefore given by

$$\frac{\left. \frac{\partial f_1(x, \theta)}{\partial \theta} \right|_{\theta_0}}{f_0(x)} = \left. \frac{\partial \log f(x, \theta)}{\partial \theta} \right|_{\theta_0} \underset{H_0}{\overset{H_1}{\gtrless}} \eta$$

- H_0 is accepted if the log-likelihood is close to a stationary point, i.e. the ML estimate of θ_0 .
- This test recovers exactly the solution exhibited for UMP single side test in the previous example.

The solution is sought among the set of unbiased tests

⇒ add the unbiasedness constraint !

Property : If ϕ leads to an unbiased test, then $P_D(\phi, \theta)$ has a global minimum for $\theta = \theta_0$.

The constraint may then be expressed

$$\left. \frac{\partial E_1(\phi)}{\partial \theta} \right|_{\theta_0} = \left. \frac{\partial \int_{\mathcal{X}_1} \phi(x) f(x, \theta) dx}{\partial \theta} \right|_{\theta_0} = 0$$

and in order to maximize $P_D(\phi, \theta)$ when θ varies :

$$\left. \frac{\partial^2 E_1(\phi)}{\partial \theta^2} \right|_{\theta_0} = \left. \frac{\partial^2 \int_{\mathcal{X}_1} \phi(x) f(x, \theta) dx}{\partial \theta^2} \right|_{\theta_0} \text{ Max}$$

LMP Double sided Test, cont'nd

Construct the Lagrange function :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(\phi) &= \int_{\mathcal{X}_1} \phi(x) \left. \frac{\partial^2 f(x, \theta)}{\partial \theta^2} \right|_{\theta_0} dx \\ &\quad - \lambda \left(1 - \int_{\mathcal{X}_1} \phi(x) f(x, \theta) dx - \alpha \right) - \eta \int_{\mathcal{X}_1} \left. \frac{\partial f(x, \theta)}{\partial \theta} \right|_{\theta_0} dx \\ &= \int_{\mathcal{X}_1} \phi(x) \left[\left. \frac{\partial^2 f(x, \theta)}{\partial \theta^2} \right|_{\theta_0} - \lambda f_0(x) - \eta \left. \frac{\partial f(x, \theta)}{\partial \theta} \right|_{\theta_0} \right] dx + \lambda \alpha - \lambda \end{aligned}$$

which is max if

$$\frac{\left. \frac{\partial^2 f(x, \theta)}{\partial \theta^2} \right|_{\theta_0}}{\left. \frac{\partial f(x, \theta)}{\partial \theta} \right|_{\theta_0} + \rho f(x, \theta)} \underset{H_0}{\overset{H_1}{\geq}} \eta$$

where η et $\rho = \lambda/\eta$ are set to match the constraints.

LMP Double sided Test, cont'nd

Form the test on the means of normal random variables (see preceding example),

$$f(x, \theta) = \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{n(\bar{x}-\theta)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

then by substitution

$$\frac{\bar{x}^2 - \sigma^2/n}{\sigma^2/n - \rho\bar{x}} \underset{H_0}{\overset{H_1}{\gtrless}} \eta$$

and fixing $\rho = 0$, one gets

$$|\bar{x}| \underset{H_0}{\overset{H_1}{\gtrless}} \sigma\sqrt{\eta + 1}/\sqrt{n} = \gamma\sigma/\sqrt{n}$$

which was previously obtained...

LMP Double sided Test, cont'nd

These results generalize straightforwardly ;-) to the multiple unknown parameters case :

unbiased test constraint :

$$\| \nabla E_{\vec{\theta}}[\phi] |_{\vec{\theta}_0} \| = 0$$

Maximal concavity constraint :

$$\text{tr } \nabla^2 E_{\vec{\theta}}[\phi] |_{\vec{\theta}_0} \text{ Max}$$

Resulting test

$$\frac{\text{tr } \nabla^2 f(x, \theta) |_{\vec{\theta}_0}}{f_0(x) + \rho \| \nabla f(x, \theta) |_{\vec{\theta}_0} \|} \underset{H_0}{\overset{H_1}{\geq}} \eta$$

Neyman-Pearson MinMax test

IDEA : Maximize the power of the test for the least favorable distribution of the unknown parameters

Find $p_0^*(\theta)$ and $p_1^*(\theta)$ in order to

$$\text{Maximize } \int_{\Theta_1} \int_{\mathcal{X}_1} f_1(x|\theta) p_1^*(\theta) d\theta$$

with the constraint on the level of the test

$$\int_{\Theta_0} \int_{\mathcal{X}_1} f_0(x|\theta) p_0^*(\theta) d\theta \leq \alpha$$

Problems

- if $p_0^*(\theta)$ concentrates upon very unlikely (atypical) values, the test may be very poor (low power).
- $p_0^*(\theta)$ and $p_1^*(\theta)$ may be extremely difficult to find.

Classical example : detection of a sinusoidal signal with unknown phase ψ ; $\psi \in [0, 2\pi]$ is the least favorable dist.

Generalized LRT

- “ad-hoc” detector
- “plug-in” receiver
- in general, no optimality is asserted

most commonly : the unknown parameters are replaced by their “maximum likelihood” estimates

$$L_{GLR} = \frac{\max_{\theta \in \Theta_1} p(x, \theta)}{p_{\theta_0}(x)} \underset{H_0}{\overset{H_1}{\gtrless}} \eta$$

(notice that in our case H_0 is a simple hypothesis, and no plug in estimate is necessary under H_0).

GLRT asymptotics

- As the nb. of indep. obs. $n \rightarrow \infty$, the ML estimate θ_{1MLE} is a consistent estimator of θ_1 , **the GLRT is asymptotically UMP**.
- The GLR statistic has a Chi-square limiting distribution : if $p_{\theta_0}(x)$ is smooth (under H_0), it can be shown that for large n

$$2 \log L_{GLR} \sim \chi_p^2$$

p = nb. of components of the unknown parameter θ_1 , which are relevant in for the test under consideration

GLRT asymptotics : proof of convergence toward the χ^2 law

(H_0 is simple and θ_0 is a scalar)

• Let $\hat{\theta}_n$ an ML estimate from a set x of n i.i.d. observations.

$$\begin{aligned} \log \mathcal{L}(x, \theta_0) &= \log \mathcal{L}(x, \hat{\theta}_n) \\ &\quad + (\theta_0 - \hat{\theta}_n) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log \mathcal{L}(x, \hat{\theta}_n) + \frac{1}{2} (\theta_0 - \hat{\theta}_n)^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \log \mathcal{L}(x, \hat{\theta}^*) \end{aligned}$$

where $\theta^* \in [\theta_0, \hat{\theta}_n]$.

• $\hat{\theta}_n$ is the ML estimate $\Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log \mathcal{L}(x, \hat{\theta}_n) = 0$

• By the law of large numbers, noticing that MLE is consistent, for $n \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\theta}_n &\rightarrow \theta_0 \\ \hat{\theta}^* &\rightarrow \theta_0 \\ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \log f(x_i, \theta^*) &\rightarrow \mathbb{E}_{\theta_0} \left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \log f_0(x) \right] = -I_0 \end{aligned}$$

where I_0 is the Fisher information of the sample for estimating θ_0 .

GLRT asymptotics : proof of convergence, continued.

From estimation theory :

$$\sqrt{n\mathbf{I}_0}(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta_0) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

thus

$$n\mathbf{I}_0(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta_0)^2 \rightarrow \chi_1^2$$

and by inserting this in the previous expansion of the log-likelihood

$$2 \log \mathcal{L}(x, \theta_0) \rightarrow \chi_1^2$$

if \mathcal{L} is not a smooth function of θ_0 :- (

Approximate statistics with e.g. Gram Charlier or Edgeworth expansions

This course : test H_0 against H_1 , in a single (or multiple, with not that many) hypothesis framework

What happens for hundreds or thousands of possible instances, possibly departing from H_0 ?

Next Lecture : multiple hypothesis testing and false discovery rate control

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