

L09 Critical function for a test

1. Randomized test

(1) Reachable level

Let the space for parameter θ is partitioned by H_0 and H_a , and the range of test statistic $T(X)$ is partitioned by R_T and A_T . For test

$H_0 : \theta \in H_0$ versus $H_a : \theta \in H_a$
Test statistic: $T(X)$
Reject H_0 if $T(X) \in R_T$

has $\beta(\theta) = P_\theta(\text{Rejecting } H_0) = P_\theta(T(X) \in R_T)$

with significance level α : $\beta(\theta) \leq \alpha$ for all $\theta \in H_0$.

This level is reachable if $\exists \theta_0 \in H_0$ such that $\beta(\theta_0) = \alpha$.

If $T(X)$ has discrete distribution, level α may or may not be reached.

(2) Randomized test

Suppose the range of test statistic $T(X)$ is partitioned by R_t , P_T and A_T . Then test

$H_0 : \theta \in H_0$ versus $H_a : \theta \in H_a$
Test statistic: $T(X)$
Reject H_0 with probability 1 if $T(X) \in R_T$
with probability r if $T(X) \in P_T$
with probability 0 if $T(X) \in A_T$

is a randomized test with $\beta(\theta) = P_\theta(T(X) \in R_t) + r \cdot P(T(X) \in P_T)$.

For a randomized test one may select R_T , P_T and r to make the level α reachable.

2. Critical function of a test

(1) For the test in (1) of 1,

$H_0 : \theta \in H_0$ versus $H_a : \theta \in H_a$
Critical function $\phi(X) = \begin{cases} 1 & T(X) \in R_T \\ 0 & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$
Reject H_0 with probability $\phi(X)$

This test has $\beta(\theta) = 1 \cdot P_\theta(T(X) \in R_T) + 0 \cdot P_\theta(T(X) \in R_T^c) = E_\theta[\phi(X)]$.

(2) For the test in (2) of 1,

$H_0 : \theta \in H_0$ versus $H_a : \theta \in H_a$
Critical function $\phi(X) = \begin{cases} 1 & T(X) \in R_T \\ r & T(X) \in P_T \\ 0 & T(X) \in A_t \end{cases}$
Reject H_0 with probability $\phi(X)$

This test has

$$\begin{aligned}\beta(\theta) &= 1 \cdot P_\theta(T(X) \in R_T) + r \cdot P_\theta(T(X) \in P_T) + 0 \cdot P_\theta(T(X) \in A_T) \\ &= E_\theta[\phi(X)]\end{aligned}$$

3. A likelihood ratio test

(1) A LRT

Suppose $\theta \in \{\theta_0, \theta_1\}$. pdf/pmf $f(X; \theta_0) \stackrel{def}{=} f_0(X)$ and $f(X; \theta_1) \stackrel{def}{=} f_1(X)$.

Let $\Lambda(X) = \frac{f_1(X)}{f_0(X)}$.

$$\begin{aligned}H_0 : \theta = \theta_0 \text{ versus } H_a : \theta = \theta_1 \\ \text{Critical function } \phi(X) &= \begin{cases} 1 & \Lambda(X) > k \\ r & \Lambda(X) = k \\ 0 & \Lambda(X) < k \end{cases} \\ \text{Reject } H_0 \text{ with probability } &\phi(X)\end{aligned}$$

has $\beta(\theta) = E_\theta[\phi(X)] = P_\theta(\Lambda > k) + r \cdot P_\theta(\Lambda = k)$
with level $\alpha = E_{\theta_0}[\phi(X)] = P_{\theta_0}(\Lambda > k) + r \cdot P_{\theta_0}(\Lambda = k)$.

So $r = \frac{\alpha - P_{\theta_0}(\Lambda > k)}{P_{\theta_0}(\Lambda = k)}$.

One can find k and r to make α reachable.

(2) Equivalent tests

Suppose Λ is an increasing function of T^* and a decreasing function of T_* . Then

$$\Phi(X) = \begin{cases} 1 & \Lambda > k \\ r & \Lambda = k \\ 0 & \Lambda < k \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 1 & T^* > k_1 \\ r & T^* = k_1 \\ 0 & T^* < k_1 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 1 & T_* < k_2 \\ r & T_* = k_2 \\ 0 & T_* > k_2 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{with } \beta(\theta) &= E_\theta[\phi(X)] = P_\theta(\Lambda > k) + r \cdot P_\theta(\Lambda = k) \\ &= P_\theta(T^* > k_1) + r \cdot P_\theta(T^* = k_1) = P_\theta(T_* < k_2) + r \cdot P_\theta(T_* = k_2)\end{aligned}$$

Ex: With Bernoulli(p) design a test on $H_0 : p = 0.3$ versus $H_a : p = 0.5$ at the level $\alpha = 0.05$, based on a sample of size $n = 20$,

$$\Lambda = \frac{f(X; 0.5)}{f(X; 0.3)} = \frac{(0.5)^{\sum X_i} (0.5)^{20 - \sum X_i}}{(0.3)^{\sum X_i} (0.7)^{20 - \sum X_i}} = \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^{\sum X_i} \left(\frac{3}{7}\right)^{20}$$

is an increasing function of $T = \sum_{i=1}^{20} X_i \sim B(20, p)$.

From $\alpha = P_{\theta_0}(T > k) + r \cdot P_{\theta_0}(T = k)$, $0.05 = P(B(20, 0.3) > k) + r \cdot P(B(20, 0.3) = k)$.

So $r = \frac{0.05 - P(B(20, 0.3) > k)}{P(B(20, 0.3) = k)} = \frac{0.05 - P(B(20, 0.3) > 9)}{P(B(20, 0.3) = 9)} = \frac{0.05 - 0.04796}{0.06536} = 0.0312$. Thus

$$\begin{aligned}H_0 : p = 0.3 \text{ versus } H_a : p = 0.5 \\ \text{Critical function } \phi(X) &= \begin{cases} 1 & \sum_{i=1}^{20} X_i > 9 \\ 0.0312 & \sum_{i=1}^{20} X_i = 9 \\ 0 & \sum_{i=1}^{20} X_i < 9 \end{cases} \\ \text{Reject } H_0 \text{ with probability } &\phi(X)\end{aligned}$$

is a test with level 0.05

L10 Neyman-Pearson Lemma

1. Concept of most powerful test

(1) Representation of a test

For testing on hypothesis about θ , critical function $0 \leq \psi(X) \leq 1$ represents scheme.

Reject H_0 with probability $\psi(X)$.

Thus $\beta(\theta) = P_\theta(\text{Rejecting } H_0) = \sum \psi(x)P_\theta(X = x) = E_\theta[\psi(X)]$

(2) For test on $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$ vs $H_a : \theta = \theta_1$

with critical function $\psi(X)$,

$P(\text{Type I Error}) = E_{\theta_0}[\psi(X)]$, power of the test: $E_{\theta_1}[\psi(X)]$

Significance level is α if $E_{\theta_0}[\psi(X)] \leq \alpha$

So the collection of all α -level test is

$$\tau = \{0 \leq \psi(X) \leq 1 : E_{\theta_0}[\psi(X)] \leq \alpha\}$$

(3) α -level most powerful test

$\phi(X)$ is α -level most powerful test if

$$E_{\theta_0}[\phi(X)] \leq \alpha \quad \text{and} \quad E_{\theta_0}[\psi(X)] \leq \alpha \implies E_{\theta_1}[\psi(X)] \leq E_{\theta_1}[\phi(X)].$$

2. Neyman-Pearson Lemma

For $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$ versus $H_a : \theta = \theta_1$, there exist k and r such that $\phi(X) = \begin{cases} 1 & f_1 > kf_0 \\ r & f_1 = kf_0 \\ 0 & f_1 < kf_0 \end{cases}$

with $E_{\theta_0}[\phi(X)] = \alpha$, i.e., $\phi(X)$ is an α -level test.

(1) If $E_{\theta_0}[\psi(X)] \leq \alpha$, then $E_\theta[\psi(X)] \leq E_\theta[\phi(X)]$ for all $\theta = \theta_0, \theta_1$ so that $\phi(X)$ is α -level most powerful (MP) test.

Proof. First, $E_{\theta_0}[\psi(X)] \leq \alpha = E_{\theta_0}[\phi(X)]$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\theta_1}[\phi(X)] - E_{\theta_1}[\psi(X)] &= E_{\theta_1}[\phi(X) - \psi(X)] = \sum_x [\phi(X) - \psi(X)]f_1(X) \\ &= \sum_x [\phi(X) - \psi(X)][(f_1 - kf_0) + kf_0] \\ &= \sum_x [\phi(X) - \psi(X)](f_1 - kf_0) + k\{E_{\theta_0}[\phi(X)] - E_{\theta_0}[\psi(X)]\} \\ &= \sum_x [\phi(X) - \psi(X)](f_1 - kf_0) + k\{\alpha - E_{\theta_0}[\psi(X)]\} \\ &\geq \sum_x [\phi(X) - \psi(X)](f_1 - kf_0) \\ &= \sum_{f_1 - kf_0 > 0} [1 - \psi(X)](f_1 - kf_0) \\ &\quad + \sum_{f_1 - kf_0 = 0} [r - \psi(X)](0) \\ &\quad + \sum_{f_1 - kf_0 < 0} [0 - \psi(X)](f_1 - kf_0) \\ &\geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

So $E_{\theta_1}[\psi(X)] \leq E_{\theta_1}[\phi(X)]$.

(2) If $E_{\theta_0}[\psi(X)] \leq \alpha$ and $E_{\theta_1}[\psi(X)] = E_{\theta_1}[\phi(X)]$, then $E_\theta[\psi(X)] = E_\theta[\phi(X)]$ for all $\theta = \theta_0, \theta_1$ so that $\psi(X)$ is also an α -level MP test, and $\psi(X) = \phi(X)$ on $f_1 - kf_0 \neq 0$.

Proof. Note that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= E_{\theta_1}[\phi(X)] - E_{\theta_1}[\psi(X)] = E_{\theta_1}[\phi(X) - \psi(X)] \\ &= \sum_x [\phi(X) - \psi(X)]f_1(X) = \sum_x [\phi(X) - \psi(X)][(f_1 - kf_0) + kf_0] \\ &= \sum_x [\phi(X) - \psi(X)](f_1 - kf_0) + k \sum_x [\phi(X) - \psi(X)]f_0 \\ &= \sum_{f_1 - kf_0 > 0} [1 - \psi(X)](f_1 - kf_0) + \sum_{f_1 - kf_0 = 0} [r - \psi(X)](0) \\ &\quad + \sum_{f_1 - kf_0 < 0} [0 - \psi(X)](f_1 - kf_0) + k\{\alpha - E_{\theta_0}[\psi(X)]\} \end{aligned}$$

implies $E_{\theta_0}[\psi(X)] = \alpha$ and $\psi(X) = \begin{cases} 1 & f_1 - kf_0 > 0 \\ 0 & f_1 - kf_0 < 0 \end{cases}$.
 So $E_{\theta_0}[\psi(X)] = E_{\theta_0}[\phi(X)]$ and $\psi(X) = \phi(X)$ on $f_1 - kf_0 \neq 0$.

3. Examples

(1) Example 1

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$X = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$ is a random sample from $N(\theta, \sigma^2)$ where σ^2 is known. Derive an α -level MP test on $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$ versus $H_1 : \theta = \theta_1$.

$$\Lambda = \frac{f_1}{f_0} = \frac{\frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{n/2}} \exp[\frac{-1}{2\sigma^2} \sum (X_i - \theta_1)^2]}{\frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{n/2}} \exp[\frac{-1}{2\sigma^2} \sum (X_i - \theta_0)^2]} = \exp\{\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} [n(\theta_0^2 - \theta_1^2) + 2(\theta_1 - \theta_0)n\bar{X}]\}.$$

Case I: $\theta_0 < \theta_1$. Λ is an increasing function of $\bar{X} \sim N\left(\theta, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right)$.

Consider $\phi(X) = \begin{cases} 1 & \bar{X} > c \\ 0 & \bar{X} < c \end{cases}$ with $E_{\theta_0}[\phi(X)] = \alpha$.

$$\alpha = E_{\theta_0}[\phi(X)] = P_{\theta_0}(\bar{X} > c) = P(Z > \frac{c - \theta_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}) \iff \frac{c - \theta_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} = Z_\alpha \iff c = \theta_0 + Z_\alpha \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}.$$

Thus $\phi(X) = \begin{cases} 0 & \bar{X} < \theta_0 + Z_\alpha \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \\ 1 & \bar{X} > \theta_0 + Z_\alpha \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \end{cases}$ is α -level MP test.

Case II: $\theta_0 > \theta_1$. Λ is a decreasing function of $\bar{X} \sim N\left(\theta, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right)$.

Consider $\phi(X) = \begin{cases} 1 & \bar{X} < c \\ 0 & \bar{X} > c \end{cases}$ with $E_{\theta_0}[\phi(X)] = \alpha$the rest is skipped.

(2) Example 2

X	1	2	3	4
$f(x; \theta_1)$	0.05	0.12	0.16	0.67
$f(x; \theta_0)$	0.01	0.03	0.04	0.92
$\Lambda = \frac{f_1}{f_0}$	5	4	4	0.73

find MP test at level $\alpha = 0.05$.

Consider $\phi(X) = \begin{cases} 1 & \Lambda > 4 \\ r & \Lambda = 4 \\ 0 & \Lambda < 4 \end{cases}$. $0.05 = E_{\theta_0}[\phi(X)] = 0.01 + 0.07r \implies r = \frac{4}{7}$.

So $\phi(X) = \begin{cases} 1 & \Lambda > 4 \\ \frac{4}{7} & \Lambda = 4 \\ 0 & \Lambda < 4 \end{cases}$ is MP test at level 0.05.

Note that for $\psi(X) = \begin{cases} 1 & \Lambda > 4 \\ \frac{2}{3} & X = 2 \text{ a case of } \Lambda = 4 \\ \frac{1}{2} & X = 3 \text{ a case of } \Lambda = 4 \\ 0 & \Lambda < 4 \end{cases}$,

$E_\theta[\psi(X)] = E_\theta[\phi(X)]$ for all $\theta = \theta_0, \theta_1$.

Thus $\phi(X)$ is also a MP test at level 0.05. Clearly $\psi(x) = \phi(x)$ when $\Lambda \neq 4$.