

9.6 Multinomial

$\mathcal{H}_0 : \mathbf{p} = \mathbf{p}(\theta) \in \omega_0$

$\mathcal{H}_A : \Omega = \{\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2, \dots, \mathbf{p}_n = \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2 + \dots + \mathbf{p}_n = \mathbf{1}\}$

Numerator:

$$\max_{\mathbf{p} \in \omega_0} \left(\frac{n!}{x_1! \dots x_m!} \right) p_1^{x_1} (\theta) p_2^{x_2} (\theta) \dots p_m^{x_m} (\theta)$$

we saw that the maximum will be attained at $(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2, \dots, \mathbf{p}_n)_i(\hat{\theta})$, and the MLE is $\hat{p}_i = \frac{x_i}{n}$.

$$\Lambda = \prod_{i=1}^m \left(\frac{p_i(\hat{\theta})}{\hat{p}_i} \right)^{x_i}$$

$$-2 \log \Lambda = 2 \sum x_i \log \left(\frac{\hat{p}_i}{p_i(\hat{\theta})} \right) = 2 \sum O_i \log \left(\frac{O_i}{E_i} \right)$$

For large samples, we have $-2 \log \Lambda \sim \chi_{m-1-k}^2$, where k is the dimension of ω_0 .

To see this, use the Taylor expansion around x_0 of the function $f(x) = x \log \frac{x}{x_0}$:

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \log \frac{x}{x_0} + 1 & f'(x_0) &= 1 \\ f''(x) &= \frac{1}{x} & f''(x_0) &= \frac{1}{x_0} \\ f(x) &\approx (x - x_0) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{x_0} (x - x_0)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Now taking $x_0 = p_i(\hat{\theta})$, we get the equivalent form of the statistic:

$$-2 \log \Lambda \approx n \sum_{i=1}^m [\hat{p}_i - p_i(\hat{\theta})] + \frac{(\hat{p}_i - p_i(\hat{\theta}))^2}{p_i(\hat{\theta})} = \sum \frac{[x_i - np_i(\hat{\theta})]^2}{np_i(\hat{\theta})} = \sum \frac{(O_i - E_i)^2}{E_i}$$

This latter is known as Pearson's Chisquare statistic.

9.6.1 Examples: Normal: testing the mean with variance known

Null hypothesis $\mathcal{H}_0 : \mu = \mu_0$.

Alternative may be two-sided ($\mathcal{H}_A : \mu \neq \mu_0$) or one-sided. The same pivotal quantity is used, but the shape of the critical region is different.

Using the maximum likelihood ratio test we get

$$\Lambda = \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu_0)^2\right)}{\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2\right)} = \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu_0)^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2\right)\right\}$$

$$-2 \log \Lambda = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu_0)^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2\right)$$

and

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu_0)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2 + n(\bar{X} - \mu_0)^2$$

the LRT rejects for large values of

$$W = \frac{n(\bar{X} - \mu_0)^2}{\sigma^2}.$$

What is the null distribution of the test statistic W ? χ_1^2 .

Another “pivotal” quantity is

$$Z = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}$$

which has $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ distribution if \mathcal{H}_0 is true.

9.6.2 Examples:Normal: testing the mean with variance unknown

(And a small sample, otherwise the above applies).

\mathcal{H}_0 and \mathcal{H}_A as above. *The pivotal* quantity is

$$T = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}}$$

with reference distribution t_{n-1} under H_0 .

In fact it can be shown that this t-test is the likelihood ratio test (try it as a warm-up for the exam).

Example: Effectiveness of a drug in reducing ventricular premature beats (VPB's) a clinician administers the drug to 10 patients, the following reduction after a prescribed, fixed interval is: 0, 7, -2, 14, 15, 14, 6, 16, 19, 26. with $\bar{X} = 11.5$, $s = 8.67$, we set up the test:

$\mathcal{H}_0 : \mu = 0$.

$\mathcal{H}_A : \mu > 0$

Test statistic:

$$T = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{s/\sqrt{n}} = \frac{11.5 - 0}{8.67/\sqrt{10}} = 4.19$$

Take $\alpha = 0.01$, large values of T are extreme.

Under \mathcal{H}_0 , $T \sim t_9$, and the table gives **Pvalue** $\approx .001$.

Counterexample: Suppose the average heart beat for pigs is supposed to be 114 beats/min. The paper gives the heart rates of 4 pigs under anesthesia: 116, 85, 116, 118. Suppose we want to test $\mu = 114$ against $\mu \neq 114$. Large values of T are extreme, $\bar{X} = 109.25$, $s = 16.19$,

$$T = \frac{109.25 - 114}{16.19/\sqrt{4}} = -0.59$$

$T \sim t_3$ under the null hypothesis, and the observed value is nothing like significant, however, if we didn't put in observation 2 for some reason and redid the test the new mean is 117.33 and the new $s = 1.155$ and the $T = 5$, which for 2 degrees of freedom gives a significant p-value, even though the new mean is closer to μ , the standard deviation is so much smaller which makes the ratio larger.

This is due to the fact that these do not seem to come from a Normal distribution to begin with, and the 85 value suggests a long left hand tail.

9.6.3 Examples:Normal: testing the variance with mean unknown

$\mathcal{H}_0 : \sigma^2 = \sigma_0^2$, with \mathcal{H}_A one-sided or two-sided, but in practice frequently $\sigma^2 > \sigma_0^2$.

Pivotal quantity is $(n - 1)S^2/\sigma_0^2$, which has a χ_{n-1}^2 distribution under \mathcal{H}_0 .

9.7 Testing Goodness of Fit

There are many ways of testing goodness of fit. We use the simplest, the Pearson's χ^2 statistic test. It is based on the idea that the set of possible values of X can be cut into k distinct pieces; then we compare the number of observations in each piece with what is predicted by the hypothesis. For discrete distributions this is simple; for continuous ones cut points must be chosen. Basic idea: an experiment has k possible outcomes, with probabilities p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k . We perform the experiment n times; let $\{O_i, i = 1, \dots, k\}$ represent the frequencies of the possible outcomes. Then

$$\sum_{i=1}^k \frac{(O_i - E_i)^2}{E_i} \sim \chi_{k-1}^2$$

where $E_i = np_i$, this is just like the multinomial above.

The condition for knowing the null distribution of the test statistic is that $E_i \geq 5$ for each i . If this fails, group some adjacent classes together: choose them in such a way as to minimise the number of classes lost, or you have to do an exact test.

Examples

Testing a common Poisson rate against a variety of rates: \mathcal{H}_0 :Poisson(λ)

\mathcal{H}_A :Poisson($\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$)

In ω_0 : $\hat{\lambda} = \bar{X}$,

Ω :mle of λ_i is $x_i = \tilde{\lambda}_i$.

$$\Lambda = \frac{\prod \hat{\lambda}^{x_i} e^{-\hat{\lambda}} / x_i!}{\prod \tilde{\lambda}_i^{x_i} e^{-\tilde{\lambda}_i} / x_i!} = \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\bar{x}}{x_i}\right)^{x_i} e^{x_i - \bar{x}}$$

$$-2 \log \Lambda = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \log\left(\frac{x_i}{\bar{x}}\right) = 2 \sum O \log\left(\frac{O}{E}\right)$$

Should tend to a χ_{n-1}^2 .

This can be seen to be equivalent to a Pearson's χ^2 statistic:

$$\sum_i \frac{(O_i - E_i)^2}{E_i}$$

To see this, use the Taylor expansion around x_0 of the function $f(x) = x \log \frac{x}{x_0}$:

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Now taking $x_0 = \bar{x}$, we get the equivalent form of the statistic:

$$\sum O_i \frac{O_i}{E_i} \approx 2 \left[\sum (x_i - \bar{x}) + \frac{1}{2} (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \frac{1}{\bar{x}} \right] \approx \frac{n \hat{\sigma}^2}{\bar{x}}$$

Comparing two populations

Distributions may differ in location and/or dispersion, the samples are usually made under different conditions.

When the control distribution is already well known, it is a one sample situation.

To test $\mathcal{H}_0: \mu = \mu_0$, if the sample size is big enough:

1) $\bar{X} \sim \mathcal{N}$

2) $\hat{\sigma}$ is a good approximation of σ .

When sample sizes are small, 2) is worrisome. Instead we use:

$$T = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}} = \frac{\frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}}{\sqrt{s^2/\sigma^2}} = \frac{\mathbf{u}}{\mathbf{v}}$$

Where $\mathbf{u} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ and $(n-1)v^2 \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$, $(n-1)s^2/\sigma^2$ is χ_{n-1}^2 (see theorem 6.3.B, page 181). See page 178, where the t_n distribution is defined as that of the ratio $Z/\sqrt{\mathbf{U}/n}$ of $Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ variable independent of its denominator $\sqrt{\mathbf{U}/n}$, where $\mathbf{U} \sim \chi_n^2$. It is a symmetric distribution, with larger tails than the \mathcal{N} normal.

Comparison of two small Normal samples

If σ^2 is the same for both samples, and is known, we use:

$$\bar{X} - \bar{Y} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mu_x - \mu_y, \sigma^2\left(\frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{m}\right)\right)$$

When σ^2 is the same for both samples, but unknown, we use the pooled variance:

$$s_p^2 = \frac{(n-1)s_x^2 + (m-1)s_y^2}{m+n-2}$$

It is a theorem, that:

$$T = \frac{(\bar{X} - \bar{Y}) - (\mu_x - \mu_y)}{s_p \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{m}}}$$

follows a t_{m+n-2} distribution.

So we have a pivotal quantity even when the variances are unknown.

Of course the power is going to depend on the actual difference between the means:

$$\Delta = |\mu_x - \mu_y|.$$

There are non central t-tables for finding the power.