

Example  $X \sim N(\theta, 1)$       $\theta \sim N(0, \gamma^2)$  a priori

$$\theta | X=x \text{ is } N\left(\frac{\gamma^2}{\gamma^2+1} x, \frac{\gamma^2}{\gamma^2+1}\right)$$

Suppose I want to test  $H_0: |\theta| \leq .3$  vs  $H_1: |\theta| > .3$

$$(\mathcal{H}_0 = [-.3, .3], \mathcal{H}_1 = (-\infty, -.3) \cup (.3, \infty))$$

The posterior probability of  $\theta \in \mathcal{H}_0$  is

$$P[\theta \in \mathcal{H}_0 | X=x] = \Phi\left(\frac{.3 - \frac{\gamma^2}{\gamma^2+1} x}{\sqrt{\frac{\gamma^2}{\gamma^2+1}}}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{-.3 - \frac{\gamma^2}{\gamma^2+1} x}{\sqrt{\frac{\gamma^2}{\gamma^2+1}}}\right)$$

So the Bayes optimal test under 0-1 loss is the indicator that the above is less than .5

Example Simple discrete one with finite parameter space  
Suppose for  $\theta \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  pmf's  $f(x|\theta)$  are as below

		$x$					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
1		.05	.1	.025	.3	.375	.15
2		.2	.4	.1	.1	.15	.05
3		.1	.2	.05	.2	.35	.1
4		.05	.1	0	.4	.25	.2

Suppose I use a prior specified by pmf

$\theta$	1	2	3	4
$g(\theta)$	.4	.2	.2	.2

	$x$					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	.02	.04	.01	.12	.15	.06
2	.04	.08	.02	.02	.03	.01
3	.02	.04	.01	.04	.07	.02
4	.01	.02	0	.08	.05	.04

So if, for example, I want a 0-1 loss Bayes test of  $H_0: \theta = 1 \text{ or } 3$  vs  $H_a: \theta = 2 \text{ or } 4$  I sum the rows above for 1+3 and the rows for 2+4 and compare in order to identify an optimal rule

$(H_0)$ $\theta$ 1 and 3 sum	1	2	3	4	5	6
	.04	.08	.02	.16	.22	.08
$(H_a)$ $\theta$ 2 and 4 sum	.05	.10	.02	.10	.08	.05

So a Bayes test has

$$\phi(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x = 1, 2 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 4, 5, 6 \end{cases}$$

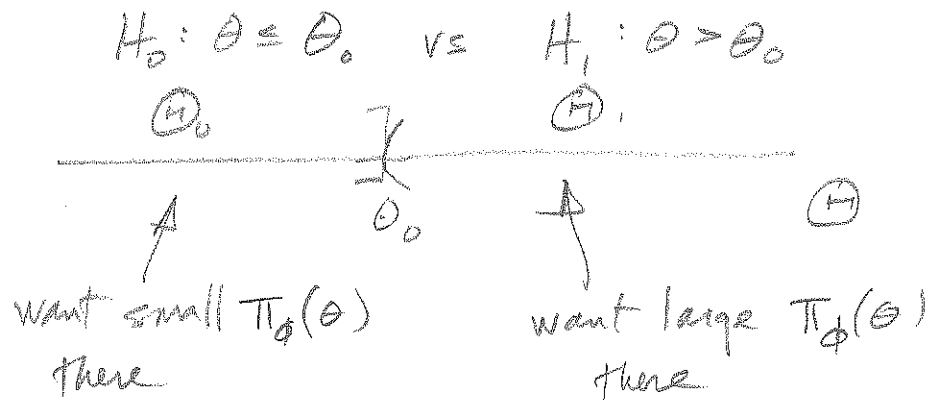
( $\phi(3)$  can be anything 0 to 1 inclusive)

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What about non-Bayes optimality theory for other than simple vs simple testing?

There is some optimality theory for some "one-sided" one-parameter problems -

What might one want?



Since I'm out of the "simple null hypothesis" world, I need a more general definition of "size" of a test

Def The size of a test  $\phi(x)$  is

$$\text{really sup} \rightarrow \text{"max"} \ E_\theta \phi(X) = \text{"max"} \ \pi_\phi(\theta)$$

$$\theta \in \textcircled{H_0} \qquad \theta \in \textcircled{H_0}$$

It would be "ideal" if we could look around in the set of  $\phi$ 's of size  $\leq \alpha$  and find one that has the largest possible power

Def A test  $\phi(x)$  is UMP (uniformly (in  $\Theta$  across  $\textcircled{H_1}$ ) most powerful) of size  $\alpha$  provided

$$1) \ \pi_\phi(\theta) \leq \alpha \quad \forall \theta \in \textcircled{H_0}$$

and 2) for any other test  $\phi'$  of size  $\leq \alpha$

$$\pi_\phi(\theta) \geq \pi_{\phi'}(\theta) \quad \forall \theta \in \textcircled{H_1}$$

How to find these in some limited contexts is illustrated in the archetypal example

## Archetypal Example (of development of a UMP test)

$$X \sim N(\theta, 1)$$

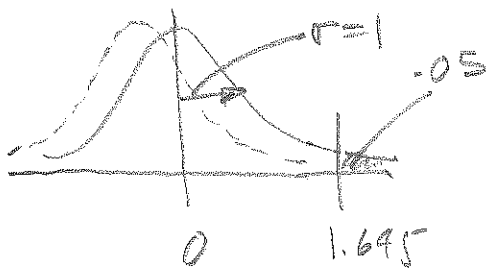
$$H_0: \theta \leq 0 \quad \text{vs} \quad H_1: \theta > 0$$

Suppose that I'm interested in size  $\alpha = .05$  tests - a perfectly plausible one is

$$\phi(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x > 1.645 \\ 0 & \text{if } x \leq 1.645 \end{cases}$$

This is, in fact, UMP size  $\alpha = .05$  for these hypotheses - how to argue this?

Step 1 Note that  $\phi$  is of size  $\alpha = .05$



$$\pi_{\phi}(\theta) = 1 - \Phi(1.645 - \theta)$$

for  $\theta \leq 0 \Rightarrow 1 - \Phi(1.645) = .05$

$$\text{i.e. } \sup_{\theta \leq 0} \pi_{\phi}(\theta) = \pi_{\phi}(0) = .05$$

Step 2 Note that for  $\theta_1 > 0$ ,  $\phi$  is a MP size  $\alpha = .05$  test of  $H_0: \mu = 0$  vs  $H_1: \mu = \theta_1$ . Why?

$$\frac{f(x|\theta_1)}{f(x|0)} = \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x^2 - 2\theta_1 x + \theta_1^2)\right)}{\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}x^2\right)}$$

$$= \exp(\theta_1 x) \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\theta_1^2\right) \begin{matrix} \nearrow \text{in } x \\ \text{since } \theta_1 > 0 \end{matrix}$$

Hence  $\phi$  is of the right form to apply the NP Lemma

Step 3 Note that step 2 implies that  $\phi$  is UMP size  $\alpha = .05$  for  $H_0: \theta = 0$  vs  $H_1: \theta > 0$

Why? NP says that any other test  $\phi'$  with

$$\pi_{\phi'}(0) \leq \pi_{\phi}(0) = .05$$

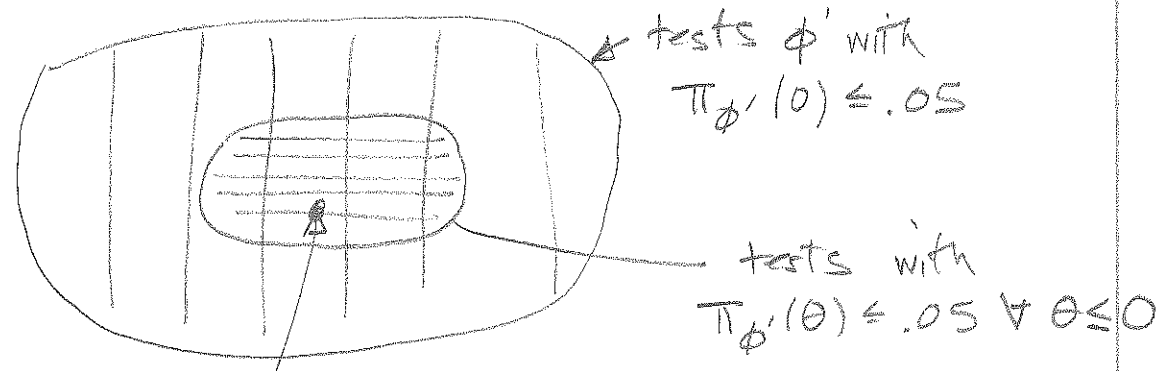
has  $\pi_{\phi'}(\theta_1) \leq \pi_{\phi}(\theta_1)$  (for each  $\theta_1 > 0$  !)

Step 4 Recognize that the set of tests  $\phi'$  with

$$\pi_{\phi'}(\theta) \leq .05 \quad \forall \theta \leq 0$$

is a subcollection of the tests  $\phi'$  with

$$\pi_{\phi'}(0) \leq .05$$



$\phi$  is in there by step 1

Step 5 Since from step 3, if  $\phi'$  is in it must be the case that

$$\pi_{\phi'}(\theta) \leq \pi_{\phi}(\theta) \quad \forall \theta > 0$$

it is also true that if  $\phi'$  is in

$$\pi_{\phi'}(\theta) \leq \pi_{\phi}(\theta) \quad \forall \theta > 0$$

Murden: The toughest guy in town is also the toughest guy on his block

But this is exactly that  $\phi$  is UMP level  $\alpha = .05$  for  $H_0: \theta \leq 0$  vs  $H_a: \theta > 0$

The preceding is a very important example - the following shows how far it is possible to generalize the argument - The very key idea is that for any  $\theta_0 < \theta_1$

$$R(x) = \frac{f(x|\theta_1)}{f(x|\theta_0)}$$

this (statistic) doesn't depend on  $\theta_1 (> \theta_0)$

is increasing in  $x$ , so that rejecting  $H_0$  for large  $x$  substitutes for rejecting for large  $R(x)$  for all  $\theta_0 < \theta_1$

Consider  $\Theta \subset \mathbb{R}^1$  and hypotheses

$$A \quad H_0: \theta \leq \theta_0 \quad \text{or} \quad B \quad H_0: \theta \geq \theta_0$$

$$H_1: \theta > \theta_0 \quad \quad \quad H_1: \theta < \theta_0$$

where  $X$  has pdf or pmf  $f(x|\theta)$

Def The family of distributions specified by  $f(x|\theta)$  has monotone likelihood ratio provided for  $\theta_0 < \theta_1$  both belonging to  $\Theta$

$$\frac{f(x|\theta_1)}{f(x|\theta_0)}$$

is non-decreasing in some  $T(x)$  on

$$\{x \mid f(x|\theta_1) + f(x|\theta_0) > 0\}$$

Example  $N(\mu, 1)$  for  $\mu_1 < \mu_2$

$$\frac{f(x|\mu_2)}{f(x|\mu_1)} = \exp -\frac{1}{2} \left[ (x-\mu_2)^2 - (x-\mu_1)^2 \right]$$
$$= \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (\mu_2^2 - \mu_1^2) + x(\mu_2 - \mu_1) \right]$$

and this is clearly monotone non-decreasing in  $x$ , i.e. we have MLR in  $T(X) = X$

Example Binomial  $(n, p)$  family for  $p_1 < p_2$

$$\frac{f(x|p_2)}{f(x|p_1)} = \left( \frac{p_2}{p_1} \right)^x \left( \frac{1-p_2}{1-p_1} \right)^{n-x}$$
$$= \left[ \frac{p_2/(1-p_2)}{p_1/(1-p_1)} \right]^x \left( \frac{1-p_2}{1-p_1} \right)^n$$

and this is monotone non-decreasing in  $x$ , i.e. we have MLR in  $X$

Example single parameter exponential family in natural parametrization - for a single observation

PDF form

$$f(x|\eta) = h(x) \exp(\eta T(x) - A(\eta))$$

$X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  iid  $f(x|\eta)$  has joint pdf

$$f(x|\eta) = \prod_{i=1}^n h(x_i) \exp(\eta \sum T(x_i) - nA(\eta))$$

So the likelihood ratio for  $\eta_1 < \eta_2$  is

$$\frac{f(x|\eta_2)}{f(x|\eta_1)} = \exp\left[(\eta_2 - \eta_1) \sum T(x_i)\right] \exp\left[-n(A(\eta_2) - A(\eta_1))\right]$$

and this is clearly monotone non decreasing in  $\sum T(x_i)$ , i.e. there is MLR in  $\sum T(x_i)$

Example single parameter exponential family with

$$f(x|\theta) = h(x) \exp(\eta(\theta)T(x) - A(\eta(\theta)))$$

if  $\eta(\theta)$  is increasing in  $\theta$  we have, again, MLR in  $T(x)$

Note BTW that if

$$\frac{f(x|\theta_2)}{f(x|\theta_1)} \text{ is non-increasing in } T(x)$$

the family has MLR in  $-T(x)$

There are a number of convenient mathematical properties that follow from MLR - for one, if one assumes that  $\theta \sim \eta(\theta)$  and there is MLR in  $X$  or  $-X$ ,  $E[\theta | X=x]$  is monotone in  $x$