

# How to find the most powerful test?

Given two simple hypotheses  $H_0, H_1$

Design test — dandy up possible outcomes

$$x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n = R_0 \cup R_1$$

$x \in R_0 \Rightarrow$  accept  $H_0$  reject  $H_1$

$x \in R_1 \Rightarrow$  accept  $H_1$  reject  $H_0$

Convention: we call  $R_1 =$  "critical region" =  $C$

$P(x \in C | H_0) = \alpha$  smaller than some fixed value.  
"type 1 errors"

$1 - \beta = P(x \in C | H_1)$   $\leftarrow$  want as large as possible.

$\beta = P(x \notin C | H_1)$  "type 2 error"

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It is possible (reasonable) that for values  $\alpha \notin C$   
(discrete)

$$P(X=x | H_0) < P(X=x | H_1)$$

ex:  $H_0 =$  coin fair       $H_1 = P(\text{heads}) = 80\%$   
experiment: 5 flips.       $C = \{ 5 \text{ heads only} \}$

$$P(\text{type 1 error}) = \frac{1}{32}$$

$$P(X=4 | H_0) = \binom{5}{1} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^1 = \frac{5}{32} \approx 16\%$$

$$P(X=4 | H_1) = \binom{5}{1} \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^4 \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^1 = \frac{5}{5^5} \cdot 4^4 = \frac{2^8}{625} \\ = \frac{256}{625} \approx 40\%$$

else: if allowed  $C = \{4 \text{ or } 5 \text{ heads}\}$

$$P(\text{type 1}) = P(X=5 \text{ or } 4 | H_0)$$

$$= \frac{1}{32} + \frac{5}{32} = \frac{6}{32} = \frac{3}{16} \approx 19\%$$

Its also totally feasible for  $x \in C$

$$P(X=x | H_0) > P(X=x | H_1)$$

$H_0 = \text{fair coin}$      $H_1 = 99.5\% \text{ heads.}$

experiment: 10 flips, accept  $H_1$  if 9 or 10 heads.

$$P(X=9, 10 | H_0) \approx 1\%$$

$$\text{check } P(X=9 | H_0) \approx 1\%$$

$$P(X=9 | H_1) < \frac{1}{2}\%$$

Goal: How to find the most powerful test w/ given  $\alpha$ ?

$\alpha = P(x \in C | H_0)$  "size of C"  
 "significance level of the test"

Def: Fix a size  $\alpha$  for a crit region, only consider regions of size  $\leq \alpha$ .

We say that C is a most powerful region for hypotheses  $H_0, H_1$  if for any other region D of size  $\leq \alpha$ , we have  $P(X \in C | H_1) \geq P(X \in D | H_1)$

(1- $\beta$ )  
 "power"

Neyman-Pearson Lemma

Discrete case

C crit region of size  $\alpha$

If  $\frac{P(X=x | H_0)}{P(X=x | H_1)}$

is at least  $c$  for  $x \in C$

as it is for all  $x \in C$  then

C is a most powerful region for  $\alpha$

assume  $P(X=x | H_1) \neq 0$   
 all  $x \dots$

(in region where we accept  $H_0$  want this big)  
 $\dots \dots \dots H_1 \dots \dots$  small.  
 $\therefore P(X \in C | H_0) \neq 0$

more formally

$$\frac{P(X=x|H_0)}{P(X=x|H_1)} \geq \frac{P(X=y|H_0)}{P(X=y|H_1)}$$

all  $x \notin C, y \in C$ .

Proof

set  $K = \inf \left\{ \frac{P(X=x|H_0)}{P(X=x|H_1)} \mid x \notin C \right\}$

above inequality  $\Rightarrow \frac{P(X=y|H_0)}{P(X=y|H_1)} \leq K$

~~$K > 0$~~   
 $\Rightarrow K \neq 0$

$$\frac{P(X=x|H_0)}{P(X=x|H_1)} \geq K$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{P(X=x|H_0)}{K} \geq P(X=x|H_1) \quad x \notin C$$

$$\frac{P(X=y|H_0)}{K} \leq P(X=y|H_1) \quad y \in C$$

Suppose  $D$  is a region of size  $\leq \alpha$

want  $P(X \in C | H_1) \geq P(X \in D | H_1)$

Know:  $P(X \in C | H_0) = \alpha \geq P(X \in D | H_0)$

$$P(X \in C \cap D | H_0) + P(X \in C \cap D^c | H_0)$$

$$= P(X \in D \cap C | H_0) + P(X \in D \cap C^c | H_0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{P(X \in C \cap D^c | H_0)}{k} \geq \frac{P(X \in D \cap C^c | H_0)}{k} \geq$$

$$P(X \in C \cap D^c | H_1)$$

$$\geq P(X \in D \cap C^c | H_1)$$

$$P(X \in C | H_1)$$

$$P(X \in C \cap D | H_1) + P(X \in C \cap D^c | H_1)$$

$\geq \geq$

$$P(X \in C \cap D | H_1) + P(X \in D \cap C^c | H_1)$$

$$= P(X \in D | H_1) \quad \square$$

## Neyman Pearson (cont case)

heuristically

replace  $P(X=x|H_0)$  by  $f_0(x)$  pdf  $H_0$

∴  $P(X=x|H_1)$  by  $f_1(x)$  pdf  $H_1$

want to say:  $\frac{f_0(x)}{f_1(x)} \geq \frac{f_0(y)}{f_1(y)}$

if

$f_1(x) \neq 0 \dots x \in C, y \in C$

$\Rightarrow C$   
most  
powerful

Actual statement: (if  $C$  has power  $\alpha$ , and

if  $\exists L$  s.t.  $L f_0(x) \geq f_1(x) \quad x \in C$

$L f_0(y) \leq f_1(y) \quad y \in C$

then  $C$  is most powerful  $L_r(\alpha)$ .

$$K = \inf \left\{ \frac{f_0(x)}{f_1(x)} \mid x \in C \right\} \rightsquigarrow L = \frac{1}{K}$$

Pf in cont case

$$P(x \in C | H_0) = \alpha \geq P(x \in D | H_0)$$

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$$\int_{x \in C} f_0(x) dx = \int_C f_0$$

$$\int_{x \in D} f_0(x) dx = \int_D f_0$$

$$\int \dots \int \dots \int_{\prod_{i=1}^n I_i} f_0(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 \dots dx_n$$

$$\int_C f_0 = \alpha \Rightarrow \int_D f_0 = \int_{D \cap C} f_0 + \int_{D \cap C^c} f_0$$

$$\int_{C \cap D} f_0 \geq \int_{D \cap C} f_0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_C f_1 &= \int_{C \cap D} f_1 + \int_{C \cap D^c} f_1 \geq \int_{C \cap D} f_1 + L \int_{C \cap D} f_0 \geq L \int_{D \cap C} f_0 + \int_{C \cap D} f_1 \\ &\geq \int_{D \cap C} f_0 + \int_{C \cap D} f_1 = \int_D f_1 \end{aligned}$$