

Statement:

Let X be a random variable whose distribution function is indexed by the parameter θ . Let (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) be a sample point in the sample space S . $L(\theta)$ is the likelihood function of the sample. We want to test

$$H_0: \theta = \theta_0$$

against $H_1: \theta = \theta_1$

where θ_0 and θ_1 are two specific values of θ . Let ω_0 be the subset of S such that

$$\frac{L_1}{L_0} \geq K \quad \text{inside } \omega_0$$

$$\text{and } \frac{L_1}{L_0} < K \quad \text{outside } \omega_0$$

Where $K > 0$ and L_0, L_1 are the likelihood functions of the sample observations under H_0 and H_1 respectively.

Then ω_0 is the most powerful critical region of the above test hypothesis.

Proof:

We are given

$$P(X \in \omega_0 / H_0) = \int_{\omega_0} L_0 dx = \alpha$$

If ω is any other region satisfying $\int_{\omega} L_0 dx = \alpha$

$$\text{Clearly } \omega_0 = (\omega_0 \cap \omega) \cup (\omega_0 \cap \bar{\omega})$$

$$\text{and } \omega = (\omega \cap \omega_0) \cup (\omega \cap \bar{\omega}_0)$$

$$\text{Then } \int_{\omega} L_1 dx = \int_{\omega \cap \omega_0} L_1 dx + \int_{\omega \cap \bar{\omega}_0} L_1 dx \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

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Subtracting (2) from (1) we get

$$\int_{\omega} L_1 dx - \int_{\omega_0} L_1 dx = \int_{\omega \cap \bar{\omega}_0} L_1 dx - \int_{\omega \cap \omega_0} L_1 dx \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Now by definition $L_1 \geq K L_0$ for the sample points inside ω_0 and $L_1 < K L_0$ for the sample points outside ω_0 .

$$\int_{\omega \cap \bar{\omega}_0} L_1 dx < K \int_{\omega \cap \bar{\omega}_0} L_0 dx$$

$$\text{and } \int_{\omega \cap \omega_0} L_1 dx \geq K \int_{\omega \cap \omega_0} L_0 dx.$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\omega \cap \bar{\omega}_0} L_1 dx - \int_{\omega \cap \omega_0} L_1 dx &\leq K \left[\int_{\omega \cap \bar{\omega}_0} L_0 dx - \int_{\omega \cap \omega_0} L_0 dx \right] \\ &= K \left[\int_{\omega \cap \bar{\omega}_0} L_0 dx + \int_{\omega \cap \omega_0} L_0 dx \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \int_{\omega \cap \omega_0} L_0 dx - \int_{\omega \cap \bar{\omega}_0} L_0 dx \right] \\ &= K \left[\int_{\omega} L_0 dx - \int_{\omega} L_0 dx \right] \\ &= K [\alpha - \alpha] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{\omega \cap \bar{\omega}_0} L_1 dx \leq \int_{\omega \cap \omega_0} L_1 dx \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

Now from (3) and (4) we get $\int_{\omega} L_1 dx \geq \int_{\omega_0} L_1 dx$

Hence the Lemma.