

Exam 1
Answers to selected problems

1. Let us write the likelihood function:

$$L(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n | \theta) = \frac{\theta^n}{\prod_{i=1}^n (1+x_i)^{\theta+1}}, \theta > 0, 0 < x_i < \infty$$

We then find the MLE of θ by maximizing the log-likelihood function:

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} \ln(L(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n | \theta)) = \frac{n}{\theta} - \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(1+x_i) = 0, \theta = \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n \ln(1+x_i)}.$$

Now, since $L(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n | \theta) = \frac{\theta^n}{\prod_{i=1}^n (1+x_i)^{\theta+1}} = \frac{\theta^n}{\exp\left((\theta+1)\sum_{i=1}^n \ln(1+x_i)\right)}$, in view of

Theorem 5.6.1 (Larsen and Marx) it follows that $\sum_{i=1}^n \ln(1+x_i)$ is a sufficient statistic for θ .

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3. Since the populations are independent, the sample means will be independent as well. Moreover, recall from Theorem 7.3.2 that the sample mean and the sample variance of a sample taken from a normal population are independent, and we have

$$\frac{(n_j-1)S_j^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^2(n_j-1). \text{ We then have the following:}$$

- a) Since $\hat{\theta} = c_1\bar{X}_1 + c_2\bar{X}_2 + \dots + c_k\bar{X}_k$ is a linear combination of independent random variables that are normally distributed $N(\mu_j, \sigma^2/n_j)$, $\hat{\theta}$ is normally distributed with

$$\text{mean } E(\hat{\theta}) = c_1\mu_1 + c_2\mu_2 + \dots + c_k\mu_k = \theta \text{ and variance } V(\hat{\theta}) = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{c_i^2 \sigma^2}{n_j}.$$

- b) In view of what was said above, $\frac{SSE}{\sigma^2} = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^k (n_j-1)S_j^2}{\sigma^2}$ is a sum of independent Chi-

square variables, so the result will be a Chi-square variable whose degrees of freedom equal the sum of the degrees of the variables that have been summated. Therefore,

$$\frac{SSE}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^2(n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_k - k).$$

c) Since the sample means are independent, and the sample variances are independent variables, using again Theorem 7.3.2, it follows that $\hat{\theta}, SSE$ are independent random variables. Now, $\frac{\hat{\theta} - \theta}{V(\hat{\theta})} \sim N(0,1)$. Then, by Definition 7.3.3

$$\frac{\hat{\theta} - \theta}{V(\hat{\theta})} / \sqrt{\frac{SSE}{\sigma^2(n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_k - k)}} \sim T(n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_k - k)$$

But the above is nothing but $\frac{\hat{\theta} - \theta}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{c_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{c_2^2}{n_2} + \dots + \frac{c_k^2}{n_k}\right)MSE}}$, so its distribution is Student

with $n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_k - k$ degrees of freedom.

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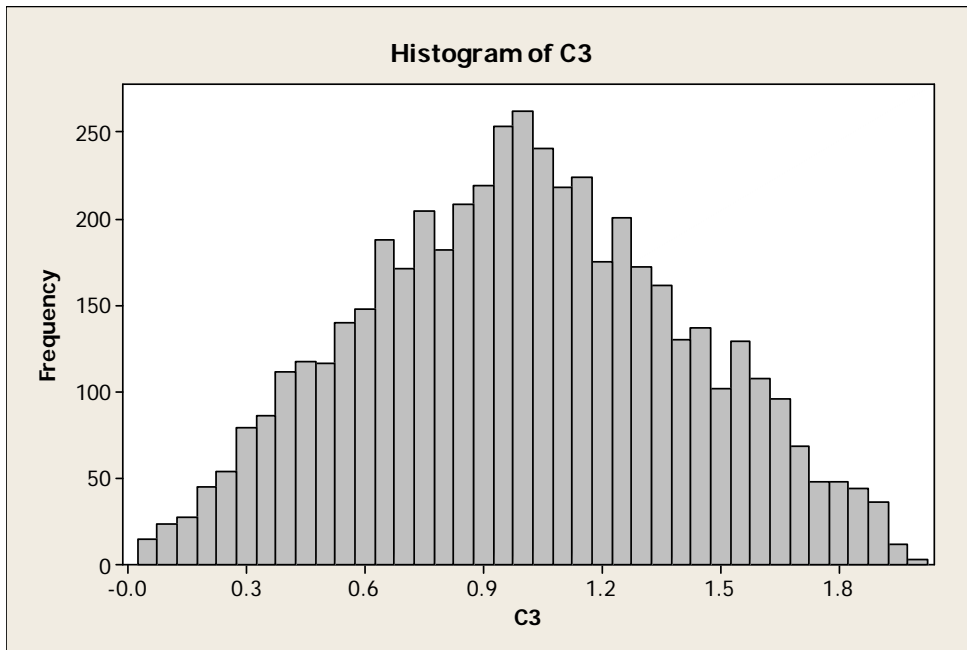
6. a) The level of significance of test (1) is $\alpha = P(X_1 > 0.95 | \theta = 0) = .05$.

Now, from the distribution of $X_1 + X_2 : f(t) = \begin{cases} t - 2\theta, & 2\theta < t < 2\theta + 1 \\ 2\theta + 2 - t, & 2\theta + 1 \leq t < 2\theta + 2 \end{cases}$

$$P(X_1 + X_2 > C | \theta = 0) = \int_c^2 (2-t) dt = 2(2-C) - \frac{t^2}{2} \Big|_c^2 = \frac{C^2 - 4C + 4}{2} = .05 \text{ (assuming that } C$$

will have to be greater than 1). We have $(C - 2)^2 = .1 \Rightarrow C = 2 - \sqrt{.1} \approx 1.684$.

Below is a histogram of 5000 simulated values for $X_1 + X_2$.



b) In order to calculate the power of the first test we need to calculate

$$h_1(\theta) = P(X_1 > 0.95 | \theta > 0). \text{ We have } h_1(\theta) = \begin{cases} \theta + 0.05, & \theta \leq 0.95 \\ 1, & \theta > 0.95 \end{cases}.$$

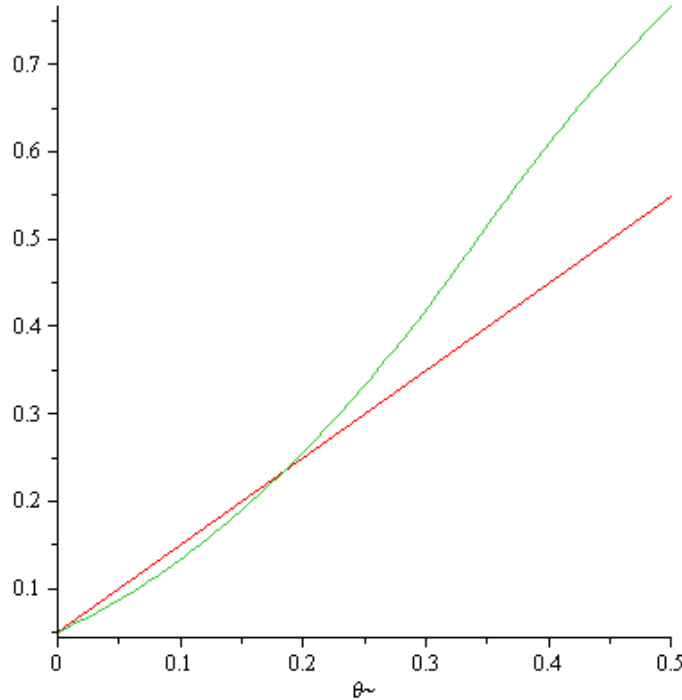
$$\text{For the second test we have: } h_2(\theta) = P(X_1 + X_2 > 2 - \sqrt{1} | \theta > 0) = \int_{2-\sqrt{1}}^{2\theta+2} f(t) dt.$$

$$\text{For } \theta: 2\theta + 1 < 2 - \sqrt{1}, h_2(\theta) = \int_{2-\sqrt{1}}^{2\theta+2} (2\theta + 2 - t) dt = \frac{(2\theta + \sqrt{1})^2}{2}$$

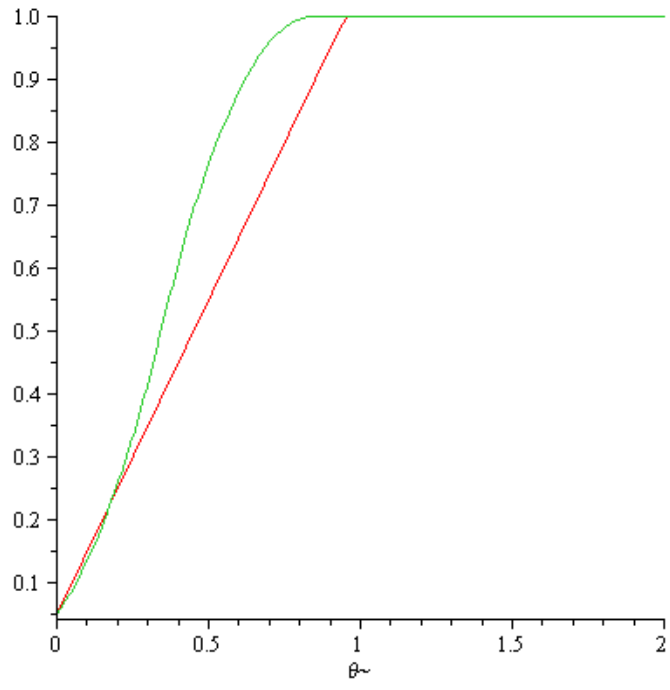
$$\text{For } \theta: 2\theta + 1 \geq 2 - \sqrt{1}, \text{ but } 2\theta < 2 - \sqrt{1}, h_2(\theta) = 1 - \int_{2\theta}^{2-\sqrt{1}} (t - 2\theta) dt = 1 - \frac{(2 - \sqrt{1} - 2\theta)^2}{2}$$

$$\text{For } 2\theta \geq 2 - \sqrt{1}, h_2(\theta) = 1$$

Below is a plot of the two power functions for $0 \leq \theta \leq 0.5$. The graph in red is $h_1(\theta)$ and the graph in green is $h_2(\theta)$. It can be seen that on $[0, 0.2]$ (approximately) the first test is more powerful than the second, and after that, the second test is more powerful.



Here is a graph of the two power functions on the interval $[0, 0.2]$.



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