

STAT 701 HW6 Solutions,      5/11/23

(# 1). In this problem, the score and information involve the digamma and trigamma functions,  $D(a_0) = d \log \Gamma(a_0)/da = \Gamma'(a_0)/\Gamma(a_0)$  and trigamma function  $T(a_0) = d^2 \log \Gamma(a_0)/da^2$ . At  $a_0 = 2$ ,  $\text{digamma}(2) = 0.4227843$ ,  $\text{trigamma}(2) = 0.6449341$ . In this Problem, the Neyman-Pearson test would be fully optimal if there were no nuisance parameter  $b$ . Since  $b$  is unknown, it must be estimated. In part (c), you are asked to approximate (using the CLT) the probability of rejection of your tests when  $a = 3$  (but  $b$  is still unknown). The answer is based on the asymptotic distributions under the alternative, which depend on  $\alpha, b, n$ .

(a) ‘Locally optimal’ signals the Rao Score approach. The (one-sided, un-squared) score statistic for fixed  $b$  is

$$n^{-1/2} \nabla_a \log L(\mathbf{X}, a, b) \Big|_{a=2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \log X_i + n(\log b - 0.4228)$$

and the restricted MLE  $\hat{b}^{(r)} = 2/\bar{X}$ , so

$$R_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \log X_i + \sqrt{n} \{ \log(2/\bar{X}) - 0.4228 \}$$

and the asymptotic variance is  $(I(\theta)^{-1})_{aa} = T(2) - 1/2 = 0.1449$ . Thus the one-sided test rejects when

$$(0.1449 n)^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\log(2X_i/\bar{X}) - 0.4228) > z_\alpha = \Phi^{-1}(1 - \alpha) \tag{1}$$

(b). Since the likelihood ratio at  $a = 3$  over  $a = 2$  for each fixed  $b$  is  $(2b)^n (X_1 \cdots X_n)$ , the optimal Neyman-Pearson test statistic **for any known  $\mathbf{b}$**  would be  $\sum_{i=1}^n \log X_i$ . But the Neyman-Pearson Lemma does not quite apply here, and the ”locally optimal” rationale is not immediately persuasive versus the alternative  $a = 3$ . No test we have studied is exactly optimal here, but a reasonable test statistic would be the LRT, although the Wilks Theorem does not apply to it because our alternative does not consist of all possible values for the parameter  $a$ . Nevertheless the LRT statistic is

$$\log \frac{(\prod_{i=1}^n X_i)^2 (3/\bar{X})^{3n} e^{-3n}}{(\prod_{i=1}^n X_i) (2/\bar{X})^{3n} e^{-2n}} = \text{Const.} + \sum_{i=1}^n \log(X_i) - n \log(\bar{X})$$

After centering under  $H_0$  and scaling by  $1/\sqrt{n}$ , this statistic is exactly the same as the Rao Score statistic. It is definitely a sensible statistic. Another choice, which is asymptotically the same under the null hypothesis, is the Wald test based on the MLE  $\hat{a}$ . This statistic  $\hat{a}$

standardized using large-sample theory at  $a = 2$  has mean 2 and asymptotic variance (that turns out not to depend on  $b$ ) obtained from the (per-observation) Information matrix as

$$(I(a, b))_{11}^{-1} \Big|_{a=2, b=\hat{b}(\tau)} = \left( \begin{array}{cc} T(a) & -1/b \\ -1/b & a/b^2 \end{array} \right)_{11}^{-1} \Big|_{a=2, \hat{b}(\tau)} = (T(2) - 1/2)^{-1} = 6.8997$$

So the Wald test rejects when  $\sqrt{n/6.8997}(\hat{a} - 2) > \Phi^{-1}(\alpha)$ .

(c). The asymptotic equivalence mentioned in (b) between Wald and Rao-Score does not persist under distant alternatives. So it makes sense to approximate the power of each versus  $H_A : a = 3$ . We use  $n = 40$ ,  $\alpha = 0.05$ . The Rao-score statistic at  $a = 3$  has mean and variance not depending on  $b$  and found by numerical integration, respectively equal to

$$(40 \cdot 0.1449)^{-1/2}(40) \cdot (0.0693) = 1.1514$$

and

$$(40 \cdot 0.1449)^{-1}(40) \cdot (T(3) - 1/3) = 0.4250$$

So the approximate  $\text{Normal}(1.1514, 0.4250)$  probability of  $[1.96, \infty)$  is  $1 - \Phi((1.96 - 1.1514)/\sqrt{0.4250}) = 0.1074$ . The corresponding approximate mean and variance for the Wald Test Statistic under  $H_A : a = 3$  are respectively

$$(40/6.8997)^{1/2} = 2.4078 \quad \text{and} \quad (T(3) - 1/3)^{-1}/6.8997 = 2.3528$$

So the approximate power for the Wald test is

$$1 - \Phi((1.96 - 2.4078)/\sqrt{2.3528}) = 0.615$$

This calculation suggests that the Wald test is much more powerful for the distant alternative  $H_A : a = 3$  in this example than the Rao-Score test.

(# 2). Denote the log-likelihoods for  $X_1, \dots, X_m$  and for  $X_{m+1}, \dots, X_n$  respectively as  $\log L_{f,m}(\theta)$ ,  $\log L_{g,n-m}(\theta)$ , so that the overall log-likelihood  $\log L(\theta)$  is just the sum of these separate log-likelihoods. Let the per-observation information for  $\theta$  with density  $f$  as  $I_f(\theta)$  and with density  $g$  as  $I_g(\theta)$ . Then our large-sample MLE theory under the regularity conditions in Bickel-Doksum chapter 6 assure us that there exists  $\epsilon > 0$  (not shrinking to 0 as  $m, n - m \rightarrow \infty$ ) such that with probability converging to 1 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , both log-likelihoods are strictly concave on  $B_\epsilon(\theta)$  and with a unique maximum, and that

$$\frac{-1}{m} \nabla_\theta^{\otimes 2} \log L_{f,m}(\theta) \stackrel{P}{\approx} I_f(\theta) \quad , \quad \frac{-1}{n-m} \nabla_\theta^{\otimes 2} \log L_{g,n-m}(\theta) \stackrel{P}{\approx} I_g(\theta)$$

so that  $\log L(\cdot)$  is strictly concave on  $B_\epsilon(\theta)$  and

$$\frac{-1}{n} \nabla_\theta^{\otimes 2} \log L(\theta) \stackrel{P}{\approx} \lambda I_f(\theta) + (1 - \lambda) I_g(\theta) \equiv I(\theta)$$

Moreover,

$$\sqrt{m}(\theta^{(1)} - \theta) \stackrel{P}{\approx} (I_f(\theta))^{-1} m^{-1/2} \nabla \log L_{f,m}(\theta)$$

and

$$\sqrt{n-m}(\theta^{(2)} - \theta) \stackrel{P}{\approx} (I_g(\theta))^{-1} (n-m)^{-1/2} \nabla \log L_{g,n-m}(\theta)$$

The standard Taylor Series expansion of  $0 = \nabla \log L(\hat{\theta})$  around the base-point  $\theta$  shows that

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta} - \theta) \stackrel{P}{\approx} [I(\theta)]^{-1} n^{-1/2} \nabla \log L(\theta) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}} \mathcal{N}(\underline{0}, (I(\theta))^{-1})$$

The existence and consistency of  $\hat{\theta}$  can also be shown by checking that

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta} - (I(\theta)^{-1} \lambda I_f(\theta) \theta^{(1)} - (I(\theta)^{-1} (1 - \lambda) I_g(\theta) \theta^{(2)})) \xrightarrow{P} 0$$

(#2.4.18). The problem requires a lot of careful algebra. But the most economical approach is to use the conditional density (coming from prediction theory or projections)

$$\mathcal{L}(Z_i | Y_i) = \mathcal{N}(\mu_1 + \beta_2 \gamma (Y_i - \alpha), \gamma \sigma^2), \quad \gamma \equiv \frac{\sigma_1^2}{\beta_2^2 \sigma_1^2 + \sigma^2}, \quad \alpha \equiv \beta_1 + \beta_2 \mu_1$$

Then the complete-data log-likelihood has the form  $\sum_{i=1}^n [\log f_{Y_i}(Y_i) + \log f_{Z_i|Y_i}(Z_i | Y_i)]$

$$= -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi \sigma_1^2 \sigma^2) - \frac{1-\gamma}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \alpha)^2 - \frac{1}{2\gamma \sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (Z_i - \mu_1 - \beta_2 \gamma (Y_i - \alpha))^2$$

Then the major E-step calculation based on an initial parameter  $\theta_* = (\mu_{1*}, \alpha_{1*}, \beta_{2*}, \gamma_*, \sigma_*^2)$  and final parameter  $\theta$  is for  $i \geq m+1$  given by

$$E_{\theta_*}[(Z_i - \mu_1 - \beta_2 \gamma (Y_i - \alpha))^2 | Y_i] = (\mu_{1*} + \beta_{2*} \gamma_* (Y_i - \alpha_*) - \mu_1 - \beta_2 \gamma (Y_i - \alpha))^2 + \sigma_*^2 \gamma_*$$

Like all EM problems, this one is impossible if you do not carefully distinguish the initial parameters (used to calculate conditional expectations) from the M-step free-and-then-maximized parameters. The M-step maximizes over  $\theta$  in the expression

$$\begin{aligned} & -\frac{n}{2} \log\left(\frac{\sigma^2 \gamma}{1-\gamma}\right) - \frac{1-\gamma}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \alpha)^2 - \frac{1}{2\gamma \sigma^2} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^m (Z_i - \mu_1 - \beta_2 \gamma (Y_i - \alpha))^2 \right. \\ & \left. + \sum_{i=m+1}^n (\mu_{1*} + \beta_{2*} \gamma_* (Y_i - \alpha_*) - \mu_1 - \beta_2 \gamma (Y_i - \alpha))^2 + (n-m) \sigma_*^2 \gamma_* \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Maximization is still a bit laborious, but you can verify without too much trouble by substituting the expression for  $\partial/\partial \mu_1 = 0$  into  $\partial/\partial \alpha = 0$ , that  $\hat{\alpha} = \bar{Y}$  and then

$$\hat{\mu}_1 = \frac{1}{n} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^m Z_i + (\mu_{1*} - \beta_{2*} \gamma_* \alpha_*) (n-m) + \beta_{2*} \gamma_* \sum_{i=m+1}^n Y_i \right\}$$

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(# 4). (Chi-squared goodness of fit test problem.)

prob4dat = scan("hw6prob4.dat", sep=" ") # numeric vector, length 80
      ## first step is to find the discrete dataset based on given cut-points
cvec = c(0, 0.35, 0.5, 0.625, 0.8, Inf)
count4 = hist(prob4dat, breaks=cvec, plot=F)$count
> count4
[1] 18 10 14 22 16

      ## maximize Weibull logLik for these count data
negWeib = function(x, dat=count4, cuts=cvec) {
  alph=x[1]; lam=x[2]
  probs = diff(pweibull(cuts, alph, lam^(-1/alph)))
  -sum(count4*log(probs)) }
tmp = nlm(negWeib, c(2.5,3))
tmp$estimate
[1] 2.387675 2.589567
> expec4 = 80*diff(pweibull(cvec, tmp$est[1], tmp$est[2]^(-1/tmp$est[1])))
> expec4
[1] 15.22838 15.99817 14.34189 16.93424 17.49733
sum((count4-expec4)^2/expec4)
[1] 4.405005 # df = 5-1-2 =2
1-pchisq(4.405,2)
[1] 0.1105265 ## so we would accept the null that the data are Weibull

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(# 5). Here the  $\epsilon_i$  are the unobserved variables, and the complete-data log-likelihood is

$$n \log(\lambda(1-p)) + (n - \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i) \log(2) + \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i \log(p\lambda/(1-p)) - \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n (2 - \epsilon_i) Y_i$$

The conditional expectation needed is  $E(\epsilon_i | Y_i) = p e^{-\lambda Y_i} / (p e^{-\lambda Y_i} + 2(1-p)e^{-2\lambda Y_i})$ , and the M-steps are straightforward.

Define  $\rho_* = p_*/(p_* + 2(1-p) \exp(-\lambda Y_i))$ . Then the M-step maximizes

$$n \log(\lambda(1-p)) + n\rho_* \log(p/(\lambda(1-p))) - n\lambda\bar{Y}(2 - \rho_*)$$

and max occurs at  $p = \rho_*$ ,  $\lambda = (1 - \rho_*)/(\bar{Y}(2 - \rho_*))$ .