

• Neyman-Pearson paradigm --- concept and procedure of hypothesis testing

Definition 7.2 (test, rejection region, acceptance region, test statistic, TBp. 331)

• A **test** is a rule defined on sample space of data (denoted as S) that specifies:

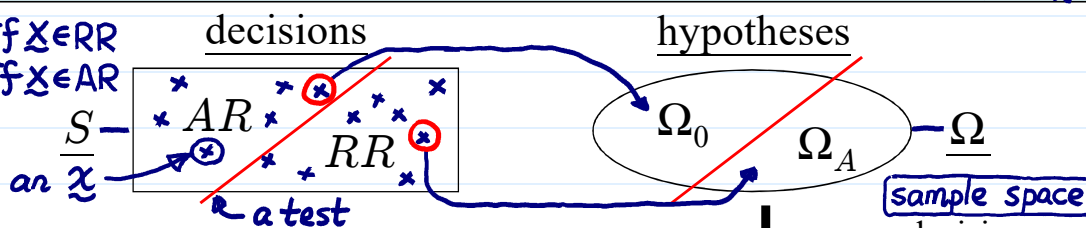
1. for which sample values $\mathbf{x} \in S$, the decision is made to accept H_0

2. for which sample values $\mathbf{x} \in S$, reject H_0 in favor of H_A

• The subset of the sample space for which H_0 will be rejected is called the **rejection region**, denoted as RR .

• The complement of the rejection region is called the **acceptance region**, denoted as $AR = S \setminus RR = RR^c$.

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \mathbf{x} \in RR \\ 0, & \text{if } \mathbf{x} \in AR \end{cases}$$



Note. Two types of errors may be incurred in applying this paradigm

parameter space		sample space decisions	
		accept H_0	reject H_0
hypotheses	H_0 is true	Bingo!	Type I error
	H_A is true	Type II error	Bingo!

Definition 7.3 (type I error, significance level, type II error, power, TBp. 331)

Let Θ_0 denote the true value of parameters. **random** **an event** **not random**

• **Type I error:** reject H_0 when H_0 is true, i.e., $\mathbf{x} \in RR$ when $\Theta_0 \in \Omega_0$.

α_{Θ_0} = probability of Type I error = $P(RR|\Theta_0)$, where $\Theta_0 \in \Omega_0$.

Significance level α : the maximum (or the least upper bound) of the Type I error probability, i.e., $\alpha = \max_{\Theta \in \Omega_0} \alpha_{\Theta}$ or $\alpha = \sup_{\Theta \in \Omega_0} \alpha_{\Theta}$.

• **Type II error:** accept H_0 when H_A is true, i.e., $\mathbf{x} \in AR$ when $\Theta_0 \in \Omega_A$

β_{Θ_0} = probability of Type II error = $P(AR|\Theta_0)$, where $\Theta_0 \in \Omega_A$

For $\Theta_0 \in \Omega_A$, **power** $_{\Theta_0} = 1 - \beta_{\Theta_0} = P(RR|\Theta_0)$ = probability of rejecting H_0 when H_A is true

right decision when H_A true

Question 7.4 (dilemma between type I and type II errors)

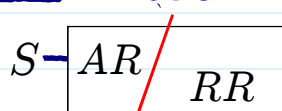
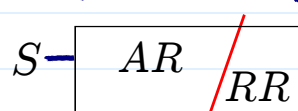
An ideal test would have $\alpha_{\Theta} = 0$, for $\Theta \in \Omega_0$ and $\beta_{\Theta} = 0$, for $\Theta \in \Omega_A$; but this can be achieved only in trivial cases. (Example?)

In general, when α decreases, β increases, and vice versa.

$$\begin{cases} \Omega_0 = \{\text{uniform}(0,1)\} \\ \Omega_A = \{\text{uniform}(2,3)\} \end{cases}$$

Q: Can we find test s.t. α is minimized, and β is minimized?

smaller α ,
larger β



larger α ,
smaller β

A solution to the dilemma

The Neyman-Pearson approach imposes an asymmetry between H_0 and H_A :

1. the significance level α is fixed in advance, usually at a rather small number (e.g. 0.1, 0.05, and 0.01 are commonly used), and
2. then try to construct a test yielding a small value of β_Θ for $\Theta \in \Omega_A$.

argmin β_Θ subject to tests with $\sup_{\Theta \in \Omega_0} \alpha_\Theta \leq \alpha$

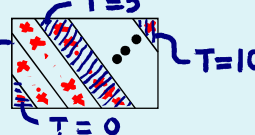
Example 7.2 (cont. Ex. 7.1 item 1 (LNp.3), TBp.330-331)

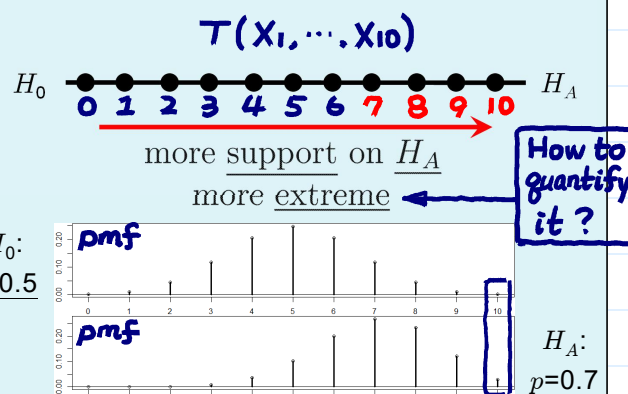
- Testing the value of the parameter p of a Bernoulli distribution with 10 trials. Let X be the number of successes, then $X \sim B(10, p)$

Data $\Omega = \{B(10, 0.5), B(10, 0.7)\}$
 $H_0 : p = 0.5$ vs. $H_A : p = 0.7$

- Different observations of X give different support on H_A

$X_1, \dots, X_{10} \sim B(1, p)$ $\uparrow$ $X = T(X_1, \dots, X_{10})$
 $T = X = \sum_{i=1}^{10} X_i$

$S = \{(x_1, \dots, x_{10}) \mid x_i \in \{0, 1\}, i=1, \dots, 10\}$




- In this case, larger observations of X give more support on H_A .
- Rejection region should consist of large values of X .
- The observations that give more support on H_A are called “more extreme” observations

- If the rejection region is $\{7, 8, 9, 10\}$, then a test is formed. $X \sim B(10, 0.5)$ under H_0

$$\alpha = P(X \in \{7, 8, 9, 10\} \mid p = 0.5) = 1 - P(X \leq 6 \mid p = 0.5) = 0.18.$$

- Set the significance level as 0.18.

- The probability of Type II error (i.e., β) is

$$P(X \notin \{7, 8, 9, 10\} \mid p = 0.7) = P(X \leq 6 \mid p = 0.7) = 0.35,$$

- and the power (i.e., $1 - \beta$) is

$$P(X \in \{7, 8, 9, 10\} \mid p = 0.7) = 1 - P(X \leq 6 \mid p = 0.7) = 0.65.$$

- Suppose that we are interested in testing

$\Omega = \{p \mid p \in [0, 1]\}$ $\leftarrow (\leq)$
 $H_0 : p = 0.5$ vs. $H_A : p > 0.5$ $\leftarrow \Omega = \{p \mid p \in [0.5, 1]\}$

and the rejection region is still set to be $\{7, 8, 9, 10\}$:

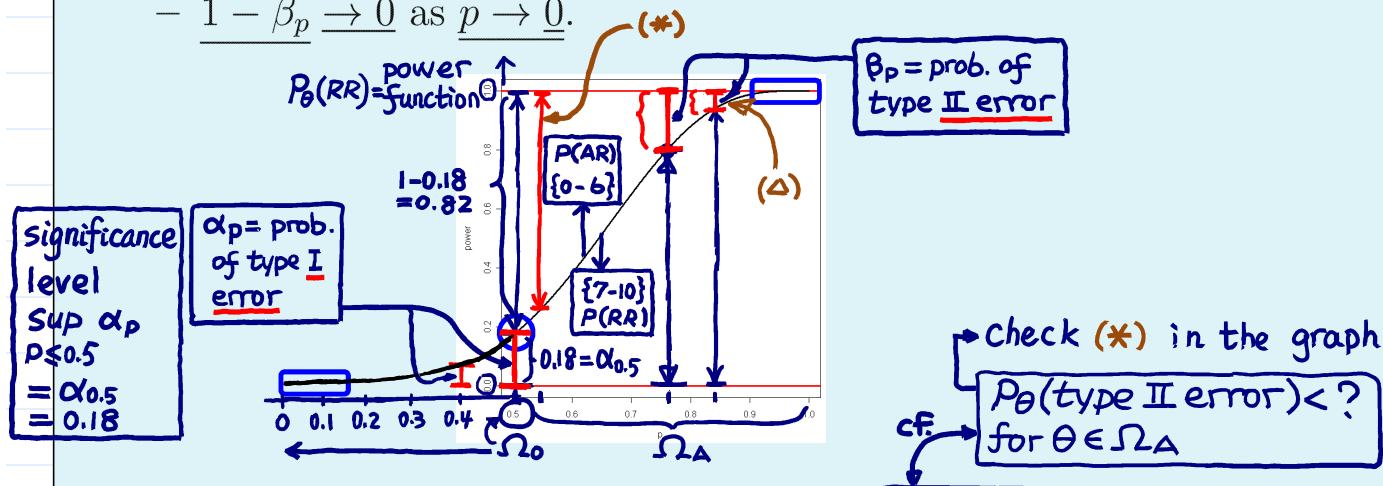
– Note that β_p is a function of p :

defined for $\begin{cases} p \in \Omega_A, \text{ and } \rightarrow 1 - \beta_p \\ p \in \Omega_0 \rightarrow \alpha_p \end{cases} \quad \beta_p = P(X \notin \{7, 8, 9, 10\} | p) \quad X \sim B(10, p)$

power function $\equiv 1 - \beta_p = P(RR | p)$ AR

– $1 - \beta_p \rightarrow 1$ as $p \rightarrow 1$, and $1 - \beta_p \rightarrow \alpha$ as $p \rightarrow 0.5$.

– $1 - \beta_p \rightarrow 0$ as $p \rightarrow 0$.



Question 7.5

1. Which hypothesis get more protection? (H_0) What kind of protection?
2. Can the protection make $P(\text{Type I error})$ always smaller than $P(\text{Type II error})$, i.e., $\alpha < \beta_\theta$ for any $\theta \in \Omega_A$? No, check (Δ) in the graph