


# Hypothesis testing ← 假設檢定

## • What is hypothesis testing?

### Question 7.1 (What is a hypothesis testing question?)

- observed data.**  $x_1, \dots, x_n$
- statistical modeling.** Regard  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  as a realization of random variables  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ , and assign  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  a joint distribution: a joint cdf  $F(\cdot|\Theta)$ , or a joint pdf  $f(\cdot|\Theta)$ , or a joint pmf  $p(\cdot|\Theta)$ , where  $\Theta = (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k) \in \Omega$ , and  $\theta_i$ 's are **fixed constants**, but their values are **unknown**.   
parameters 規律 parameter space | Note.  $\Omega$  can be regarded as a collection of distributions, or 平行世界 statistical modeling
- point estimation.** What is the value of  $\Theta$ ? Find a function of  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ ,  $\hat{\Theta}$ , to estimate  $\Theta$  or a function of  $\Theta$ . point estimator
- hypothesis testing.** Separate  $\Omega$  into two disjoint sets  $\Omega_0$  and  $\Omega_A$ , i.e.,  $\Omega_0 \cap \Omega_A = \emptyset$  and  $\Omega_0 \cup \Omega_A = \Omega$ . a partition of  $\Omega$ .   
   
 Use the data  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  to answer the question: which of the two hypotheses,  $H_0 : \Theta \in \Omega_0$  versus  $H_A : \Theta \in \Omega_A$  is more favorable.   
true parameter

### Question 7.2

Can we obtain an estimate of  $\Theta$  and accept  $H_0$  if  $\hat{\Theta} \in \Omega_0$  and reject  $H_0$  if  $\hat{\Theta} \in \Omega_A$ ? What if  $X$  is continuous?

**Hint.** Consider the case:  $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$ , 0 < p < 1

Fair coin  $H_0 : p = 0.5$  v.s.  $H_A : p \neq 0.5$ , testing ↔ duality ↔ C.I. (interval estimator) L.Np.54~57

What if  $n = 10^5$  and  $\hat{p} = 0.50001$ ? ≠ 0.5

### Definition 7.1 (null and alternative hypotheses, simple and composite hypotheses, TBp.331,332,334)

- $H_0$  is called **null hypothesis**. 虛無假設 對立假設
- $H_A$  (sometimes denoted as  $H_1$ ) is called **alternative hypothesis**.
- An hypothesis is said to be a **simple hypothesis** if that hypothesis uniquely specifies the distribution.  $\Omega_0$  or  $\Omega_A$  only contain 1 distribution
- Any hypothesis that is not a simple hypothesis is called a **composite hypothesis**.  $\Omega_0$  or  $\Omega_A$  contain at least 2 distributions.

### Question 7.3 (asymmetry between $H_0$ and $H_A$ )

Is there a difference between the roles of  $H_0$  and  $H_A$ ? Can we arbitrary exchange the two hypotheses? No Ans. Yes. See the solution to dilemma (L.Np.8)

**Example 7.1** (some null and alternative hypotheses, TBp.329, 334)

1. Two coins experiment

• Data and problem

- Suppose that I have two coins
- Coin 0 has probability of heads equal to 0.5, and coin 1 has probability of heads equal to 0.7. parameter
- I choose one of the coins, toss it 10 times, and tell you the number of heads  $X$ . data
- On the basis of observed  $X$ , your task is to decide which coin it was. problem

• Statistical modeling.

- $X \sim \text{Binomial}(10, p)$
- $\Omega = \{\text{Binomial}(10, 0.5), \text{Binomial}(10, 0.7)\} = \{p \mid p \in \{0.5, 0.7\}\}$

Note. not  $0 < p < 1$  in the case

• Problem formulation

- $H_0$ : coin 0  $\Rightarrow \Omega_0 = \{\text{Binomial}(10, 0.5)\}$
- $H_A$ : coin 1  $\Rightarrow \Omega_A = \{\text{Binomial}(10, 0.7)\}$
- Both hypotheses are simple.

$\Omega$  can be regarded as the collection of "all possible worlds." In this case, there are only two possible worlds.

2. Testing for ESP ↪ Extra-Sensory Perception

• Data and problem

- A subject is asked to identify, without looking, the suits of 20 cards drawn randomly with replacement from a 52 card deck.

Data

- Let  $T$  be the number of correct identifications.

- We would like to know whether the person is purely guessing or has extrasensory ability. problem

• statistical modeling

- $T \sim \text{Binomial}(20, p)$ . ↪ unknown parameter
- Note that  $p = 0.25$  means that the subject is nearly guessing and has no extrasensory ability.
- $\Omega = \{p : p \in [0.25, 1]\}$  or  $\Omega = \{p : p \in [0, 1]\}$

		card				
		1/4	1/4	1/4	1/4	
		S	H	D	C	
$\theta_1$	S	✓	x	x	x	purely guessing: independent prob. = $\frac{1}{4}$
$\theta_2$	H	x	✓	x	x	
$\theta_3$	D	x	x	✓	x	
$\theta_4$	C	x	x	x	✓	

• Problem formulation

- $\Omega = [0.25, 1]$

What's their difference? ↪ When  $T$  is very small.

$H_0 : p = 0.25$  v.s.  $H_A : p > 0.25$

↪  $\text{dim}=0$  ↪  $\text{dim}=1$

- \* Then,  $\Omega_0 = \{0.25\}$  and  $\Omega_A = (0.25, 1]$ .
- \* The  $H_0$  is simple and  $H_A$  is composite. Furthermore,  $H_A$  is called a one-sided hypothesis.

$\Omega = [0, 1]$

$H_0 : p = 0.25$  v.s.  $H_A : p \neq 0.25$

$dim=0$

$dim=1$

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\* The  $H_0$  is simple and  $H_A$  is composite. Furthermore,  $H_A$  is called a **two-sided hypothesis**.

3. goodness-of-fit test (for Poisson distribution)

Taylor expansion of mgf:  
 $M_X(t) = E(e^{tx})$   
 $= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{E(X^k)}{k!} t^k$   
 kth moment of X: parameter

• Data and problem (LN, CH8, p.3-68,  $\chi^2$ -test)

- Observe an i.i.d. data  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ . Data
- Suppose that we only know that  $X_i$ 's are discrete data. ←  $\in \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$
- We would like to know whether the observations came from a Poisson distribution. problem

$dim=?$   
 $0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$   
 $\downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow$   
 $p_0, p_1, p_2, p_3, \dots$  s.t.  
 $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} p_i = 1$   
 $dim=\infty$

• Statistical modeling:

- $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are i.i.d. from a discrete distribution with cdf  $F$ . on non-negative integers
- $\Omega = \{F : F \text{ is a discrete cdf}\}$  unknown distribution

• Problem formulation ← on  $\{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

- $H_0$  : Data came from some Poisson  $\Rightarrow \Omega_0 = \{F : F \text{ is a } P(\lambda) \text{ cdf}\}$  ←  $dim=1$
- $H_A$  : Data not from Poisson  $\Rightarrow \Omega_A = \Omega \setminus \Omega_0$ .
- Both hypotheses are composite. ←  $dim=\infty$