

**MATH20802: STATISTICAL METHODS  
SEMESTER 2  
SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEM SHEET 8**

1. Let  $X_1, X_2, X_3$  be a random sample from the  $Po(\lambda)$  distribution.

(i) Note that

$$\begin{aligned} L(1) &= \prod_{i=1}^3 \frac{1^{X_i} \exp(-1)}{X_i!} \\ &= \frac{1^{\sum_{i=1}^3 X_i} \exp(-1)}{\prod_{i=1}^3 X_i!} \\ &= \frac{\exp(-3)}{\prod_{i=1}^3 X_i!} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} L(2) &= \prod_{i=1}^3 \frac{2^{X_i} \exp(-2)}{X_i!} \\ &= \frac{2^{\sum_{i=1}^3 X_i} \exp(-2)}{\prod_{i=1}^3 X_i!} \\ &= \frac{2^{\sum_{i=1}^3 X_i} \exp(-6)}{\prod_{i=1}^3 X_i!}. \end{aligned}$$

By the N-P lemma, the most powerful test is to reject  $H_0$  if and only if  $L(1)/L(2) = \exp(3)/2^{\sum_{i=1}^3 X_i} < c$  for some  $c$ .

- (ii) One can rearrange  $\exp(3)/2^{\sum_{i=1}^3 X_i} < c$  as  $T = X_1 + X_2 + X_3 \geq k$  for some  $k$ .
- (iii) If  $\alpha = 0.1$  then

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(\text{Type I Error}) &= \Pr(T > k \mid \lambda = 1) \\ &= 1 - \Pr(Po(3) \leq k) \\ &= 1 - \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{3^i \exp(-3)}{i!} \\ &= 0.1. \end{aligned}$$

If  $k = 4$  we get  $\Pr(T > 4) = 0.185$ . If  $k = 5$  we get  $\Pr(T > 5) = 0.084$ . So, our test is to reject  $H_0$  if and only if  $T > 5$  with the significance level of 0.084.

2. (i) Note that

$$\begin{aligned} L(\sigma_0) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_0} \exp\left(-\frac{X_i^2}{2\sigma_0^2}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{(\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_0)^n} \exp\left(-\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2}{2\sigma_0^2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} L(\sigma_1) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_1} \exp\left(-\frac{X_i^2}{2\sigma_1^2}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{(\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_1)^n} \exp\left(-\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2}{2\sigma_1^2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

By the N-P lemma, the most powerful test is to reject  $H_0$  if and only if  $L(\sigma_0)/L(\sigma_1) = (\sigma_1/\sigma_0)^n \exp\{(1/2)(1/\sigma_1^2 - 1/\sigma_0^2) \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2\} < c$ . Since  $\sigma_1 > \sigma_0$  this condition is equivalent to  $T = \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i/\sigma_0)^2 > k$  for some  $k$ .

- (ii) We need  $\Pr(\text{Reject } H_0 \mid \sigma = \sigma_0) = 0.05$ . When  $\sigma = \sigma_0$ ,  $T \sim \chi_n^2$ , so  $k = \chi_{n,0.05}^2$ .
- (iii) If  $n = 10$ ,  $\sigma_0 = 2$  and  $\sigma_1 = 3$  then

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(\text{Type II Error}) &= \Pr(\text{Accept } H_0 \mid \sigma = 3) \\ &= \Pr(T \leq \chi_{10,0.05}^2 \mid \sigma = 3) \\ &= \Pr((2/3)^2 T \leq (2/3)^2 \chi_{10,0.05}^2 \mid \sigma = 3) \\ &= \Pr(\chi_{10}^2 \leq (2/3)^2 \chi_{10,0.05}^2) \\ &= \Pr(\chi_{10}^2 \leq 8.136461). \end{aligned}$$