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Let's say we have 2 batches of paint one of which is quick-dry. The paint is unlabeled, and we forgot which was which! We paint 5 boards from batch 1 and record the drying time. We think batch 1 is quick dry. We also believe that the drying times are normally distributed with a standard deviation of 5 min.

$$H_0 : \theta = 25 \text{ min}$$

$$H_1 : \theta = 10 \text{ min}$$

Find δ^* that minimizes $\beta(\delta^*)$ subject to $\alpha(\delta^*) < .05$.

Solution

For funzies, let's find δ^* that minimizes $a\alpha(\delta^*) + b\beta(\delta^*)$.

$$\begin{aligned} f_0(\underline{x}) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}25} \exp\left(\frac{-1}{2 \cdot 25} \sum (x_i - 25)^2\right) \\ f_1(\underline{x}) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}25} \exp\left(\frac{-1}{2 \cdot 25} \sum (x_i - 10)^2\right) \\ \frac{f_1(\underline{x})}{f_0(\underline{x})} &= \exp\left(\frac{-1}{2 \cdot 25} \sum ((x_i - 10)^2 - (x_i - 25)^2)\right) \\ &= \exp\left(\frac{-1}{2 \cdot 25} \sum (x_i^2 - 20x_i + 100 - x_i^2 + 50x_i - 625)\right) \\ &= \exp\left(\frac{-1}{50} \sum (30x_i - 525)\right) \\ &= \exp\left(\frac{-30}{50} \sum (x_i - 17.5)\right) \\ &= \exp\left(\frac{-3n}{5} (\bar{x} - 17.5)\right) \\ &> \frac{a}{b} \\ \bar{x} - 17.5 &< \frac{-5}{3n} \ln\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) \\ \bar{x} &< 17.5 - \frac{5}{3n} \ln\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) \end{aligned}$$

- If a type I error is worse ($\alpha(\delta) \ll$) then $\frac{a}{b} > 1$, and your rejection rule would be when $\bar{x} < c_1$ where $c_1 < 17.5$ (we reject H_0 less often).

- If a type II error is worse ($\beta(\delta) \ll$) then $\frac{a}{b} < 1$, and your rejection rule would be when $\bar{x} < c_2$ where $c_2 > 17.5$ (we reject H_0 more often).

$$\delta^* = \left\{ \text{reject } H_0 \text{ if } \bar{x} < 17.5 - \frac{5}{3n} \ln(k) \right\}$$

$$P(\bar{X} < 17.5 - \frac{5}{3n} \ln(k) | \theta = 25) = 0.05$$

$$P(Z < \frac{17.5 - 5/3n \ln(k) - 25}{5/\sqrt{n}}) = 0.05$$

$$\frac{17.5 - 5/3n \ln(k) - 25}{5/\sqrt{n}} = -1.645$$

$$\ln(k) = -11.47$$

$$\delta^* = \left\{ \text{reject } H_0 \text{ if } \bar{x} < 21.32 \right\}$$

$$\text{note: } P(\bar{X} > 21.32 | \theta = 10) = 0$$

The problem can be done without so much algebra. The test must be:

$$\delta^* = \left\{ \text{reject } H_0 \text{ if } \bar{x} < \text{some constant} \right\}$$

So, we set the probability of rejecting H_0 when H_0 is true to 0.05.

$$P(\bar{X} < c | \theta = 25) = 0.05$$

$$P(Z < \frac{c - 25}{5/\sqrt{n}}) = 0.05$$

$$\frac{c - 25}{5/\sqrt{n}} = -1.645$$

$$c = -1.645 \cdot 5/\sqrt{5} + 25$$

$$\delta^* = \left\{ \text{reject } H_0 \text{ if } \bar{x} < 21.32 \right\}$$

$$\text{note: } P(\bar{X} > 21.32 | \theta = 10) \approx 0$$