

**Homework Assignment #3RevA**  
Due Friday, October 14, 2022

*Reading Assignment:* Bell and Chang, Chapter 5 “Detection Theory”, (Ref: Scharf, Sections 4.1–4.3 and 4.7).

1. Let  $X$  be a random variable. Under hypothesis  $H_0$ ,  $X$  comes from an exponential distribution with mean  $\mu_0$ :

$$f_0(x) = \frac{1}{\mu_0} e^{-x/\mu_0} \cdot 1_{[0,\infty)}(x).$$

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Assume that  $\mu_1 > \mu_0$ .

- (a) Find the most powerful test of size  $\alpha$  for testing hypothesis  $H_0$  against the alternative  $H_1$ .
  - (b) Find an expression for the power  $\beta$  of this test in terms of the size  $\alpha$  and the parameters  $\mu_0$  and  $\mu_1$ .
  - (c) Plot the ROC of this statistical test for the cases of  $\mu_1/\mu_0 = 2, 5, 10$ . Plot these three cases on the same set of axes.
2. Let  $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_N)^T$  be an independent identically distributed random sample of  $N$  random variables. Under hypothesis  $H_0$ , each of the random variables comes from an exponential distribution with mean  $\mu_0$ :

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- (c) Plot the ROC of this statistical test for  $\mu_1/\mu_0 = 2$  and  $N = 1, 2, 10$ . Plot these three cases on the same set of axes.

*Note: the sum of  $N$  i.i.d exponentially distributed random variables is a chi-square random variable with  $2N$  degrees of freedom when properly normalized.*

3. In a laser radar system, the number of photons that strike a photon-counter detector during an observation interval is a Poisson random variable  $N$ , with mean  $\lambda_1 = 5$  when a target is present and  $\lambda_0 = 1$  when no target is present. Construct the most powerful test of the hypothesis  $H_1$  that a target is present versus  $H_0$  that no target is present having a probability of false alarm of exactly 0.01. What is the probability of detection for this test?
4. Let  $\mathbf{X}$  be a Gaussian random vector with mean  $\mathbf{m}_0$  and covariance  $C_0$  under hypothesis  $H_0$ , and mean  $\mathbf{m}_1$  and covariance  $C_1$  under hypothesis  $H_1$ . Find the form of the likelihood ratio test of  $H_0$  versus  $H_1$  based on an observation of  $\mathbf{X}$ .
5. Assume that  $X$  is an exponentially distributed random variable with mean  $\mu \in \Theta = [0, \infty)$ . Assume that the compound hypothesis  $H_0$  has the parameter set  $\Theta_0 = (0, 1]$  associated with it and the compound hypothesis  $H_1$  has the parameter set  $\Theta_1 = (1, \infty)$ . Construct the uniformly most powerful test of  $H_0$  versus  $H_1$  of size  $\alpha$ . Plot the power  $\beta(\mu)$  of this test for  $\mu \in \Theta_1$  for this test.
6. The output of one common type of radar receiver has the property that the *amplitude* of its output sampled at any point in time is a Rayleigh distributed random variable  $R$  with pdf

$$f_R(r) = \frac{r}{\sigma^2} e^{-r^2/2\sigma^2} \cdot 1_{[0, \infty)}(r),$$

when zero-mean Gaussian noise only is present at its input, and is a Rician random variable with pdf

$$f_R(r) = \frac{r}{\sigma^2} \exp\left\{-\frac{(r^2 + A^2)}{2\sigma^2}\right\} I_0\left(\frac{rA}{\sigma^2}\right) \cdot 1_{[0, \infty)}(r),$$

when Gaussian noise plus a constant target signal of amplitude  $A$  is present at its input. Here  $\sigma^2$  is the variance of the Gaussian receiver noise,  $A$  is the amplitude of the constant target return, and  $I_0(\cdot)$  is the modified zero-order Bessel function of the third kind:

$$I_0(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \exp[-x \cos \phi] d\phi.$$

- (a) Write down the likelihood ratio test to test the hypothesis  $H_0$  that no target is present versus  $H_1$  that the target  $H_1$  is present.
- (b) What is the threshold on  $R$  to achieve a test of size  $\alpha$ .
- (c) Write down the integral expression for the power of the test.
- (d) Using the *Marcum-Q Function*, defined as

$$Q(a, b) = \int_b^\infty x \exp\left\{-\frac{(x^2 + a^2)}{2}\right\} I_0(ax) dx,$$

express the power of the test in terms of the Marcum-Q function.