

**Statistics 582, Problem Set 8 Solutions**

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1. Lehmann and Casella, problem 5.4, page 289 (with a modification to the posterior variance formula):

Albert and Gupta (1985) investigate theory and applications of the hierarchical model

$$\begin{aligned} X_i | \boldsymbol{\theta}_i &\sim \text{Binomial}(n, \boldsymbol{\theta}_i), \quad i = 1, \dots, p, \quad \text{independent} \\ \boldsymbol{\theta}_i | \eta &\sim \text{Beta}(k\eta, k(1 - \eta)), \quad k \text{ known,} \\ \eta &\sim \text{Uniform}(0, 1). \end{aligned}$$

- (a) Show that

$$\begin{aligned} E(\boldsymbol{\theta}_i | \underline{X}) &= \left( \frac{n}{n+k} \right) \frac{X_i}{n} + \frac{k}{n+k} E(\eta | \underline{X}), \\ \text{Var}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_i | \underline{X}) &= \frac{k^2}{(n+k)(n+k+1)} \text{Var}(\eta | \underline{X}) + \frac{E(\boldsymbol{\theta}_i | \underline{X})(1 - E(\boldsymbol{\theta}_i | \underline{X}))}{n+k+1}. \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Show that the  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_i$ 's have posterior covariance

$$\text{Cov}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}_j | \underline{X}) = \left( \frac{k}{n+k} \right)^2 \text{Var}(\eta | \underline{X}), \quad i \neq j.$$

- (c) Ignoring the prior distribution of  $\eta$ , show how to construct an empirical Bayes estimator of  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_i$ . (This might not be expressible in simple closed form.)

**Solution:** (a) Conditionally on  $\eta$ , the posterior distribution of the  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_i$ 's is that of independent  $\text{Beta}(X_i + k\eta, n - X_i + k(1 - \eta))$  random variables. Since the mean and variance of  $Y \sim \text{Beta}(\alpha, \beta)$  are given by  $E(Y) = \alpha/(\alpha + \beta)$  and  $\text{Var}(Y) = \alpha\beta/((\alpha + \beta)^2(\alpha + \beta + 1))$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} E\{\boldsymbol{\theta}_i | \underline{X}\} &= EE\{\boldsymbol{\theta}_i | \eta, \underline{X}\} = E\left( \frac{X_i + k\eta}{n+k} \middle| \underline{X} \right) \\ &= \frac{n}{n+k} \frac{X_i}{n} + \frac{k}{n+k} E(\eta | \underline{X}), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_i | \underline{X}) &= E\{\text{Var}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_i | \eta, \underline{X}) | \underline{X}\} + \text{Var}\{E(\boldsymbol{\theta}_i | \eta, \underline{X})\} \\ &= E\left\{ \frac{(X_i + k\eta)(n - X_i + k(1 - \eta))}{(n+k)^2(n+k+1)} \middle| \underline{X} \right\} + \text{Var}\left\{ \frac{X_i + k\eta}{n+k} \middle| \underline{X} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{n+k+1} E\{\hat{a}_i(1 - \hat{a}_i) | \underline{X}\} + \left( \frac{k}{n+k} \right)^2 \text{Var}(\eta | \underline{X}) \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

with  $\hat{a}_i \equiv (X_i + k\eta)/(n + k)$ . Now  $E(\hat{a}_i|\underline{X}) = E\{\boldsymbol{\theta}_i|\underline{X}\}$ , and we can write

$$\hat{a}_i = \hat{a}_i - E(\hat{a}_i|\underline{X}) + E(\hat{a}_i|\underline{X}) \equiv c + d$$

with  $c \equiv \hat{a}_i - E(\hat{a}_i|\underline{X})$  and  $d \equiv E(\hat{a}_i|\underline{X})$ . Then

$$\hat{a}_i(1 - \hat{a}_i) = (c + d)(1 - (c + d)) = c - 2cd + d(1 - d) - c^2$$

where  $E(c|\underline{X}) = E\{E(\hat{a}_i - E(\hat{a}_i|\underline{X}))|\underline{X}\} = 0$  a.s. and

$$E(dc|\underline{X}) = E\{E(\hat{a}_i|\underline{X})(\hat{a}_i - E(\hat{a}_i|\underline{X}))|\underline{X}\} = 0 \text{ a.s.}$$

Thus it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} E\{\hat{a}_i(1 - \hat{a}_i)|\underline{X}\} &= E\{d(1 - d)|\underline{X}\} - E\{c^2|\underline{X}\} \\ &= E(\boldsymbol{\theta}_i|\underline{X})(1 - E(\boldsymbol{\theta}_i|\underline{X})) - Var(\hat{a}_i|\underline{X}) \\ &= E(\boldsymbol{\theta}_i|\underline{X})(1 - E(\boldsymbol{\theta}_i|\underline{X})) - \frac{k^2}{(n + k)^2}Var(\eta|\underline{X}). \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Combining (1) and (2) yields

$$\begin{aligned} Var(\boldsymbol{\theta}_i|\underline{X}) &= \frac{1}{n + k + 1} \left\{ E(\boldsymbol{\theta}_i|\underline{X})(1 - E(\boldsymbol{\theta}_i|\underline{X})) - \frac{k^2}{(n + k)^2}Var(\eta|\underline{X}) \right\} \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{k}{n + k} \right)^2 Var(\eta|\underline{X}) \\ &= \frac{1}{n + k + 1} E(\boldsymbol{\theta}_i|\underline{X})(1 - E(\boldsymbol{\theta}_i|\underline{X})) + \frac{k^2}{(n + k)(n + k + 1)}Var(\eta|\underline{X}). \end{aligned}$$

(b) Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} Cov(\boldsymbol{\theta}_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}_j|\underline{X}) &= E\{Cov(\boldsymbol{\theta}_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}_j|\eta, \underline{X})|\underline{X}\} + Cov[E(\boldsymbol{\theta}_i|\eta, \underline{X}), E(\boldsymbol{\theta}_j|\eta, \underline{X})|\underline{X}] \\ &= E\{0|\underline{X}\} + Cov\left[\frac{X_i + k\eta}{n + k}, \frac{X_j + k\eta}{n + k} \middle| \underline{X}\right] \\ &= \left( \frac{k}{n + k} \right)^2 Var(\eta|\underline{X}). \end{aligned}$$

(c) The joint distribution of  $\underline{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_p)$  and  $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\boldsymbol{\theta}_1, \dots, \boldsymbol{\theta}_p)$  is given by

$$p(\underline{x}, \underline{\theta}; \eta, k) = \prod_{i=1}^p \left\{ \binom{n}{x_i} \theta_i^{x_i + k\eta - 1} (1 - \theta_i)^{n - x_i + k(1 - \eta) - 1} \frac{\Gamma(k)}{\Gamma(k\eta)\Gamma(k(1 - \eta))} \right\}.$$

As we know, the Bayes estimators of  $\theta_i$  for known  $\eta$  and  $k$  are given by

$$d_i(X_i) = E(\boldsymbol{\theta}_i|X_i) = (X_i + k\eta)/(n + k), \quad i = 1, \dots, p. \quad (3)$$

When  $\eta$  (and / or  $k$ ) are unknown, the empirical Bayes approach is to estimate these by maximum likelihood from the marginal distribution of  $\underline{X}$ . In the present case, the marginal distribution of  $\underline{X}$  is obtained by integrating over  $\underline{\theta}$  in the joint density given in the last display: thus

$$\begin{aligned} p(\underline{x}; \eta, k) &= \int_0^1 \cdots \int_0^1 \prod_{i=1}^p \binom{n}{x_i} \frac{\Gamma(k)}{\Gamma(k\eta)\Gamma(k(1-\eta))} \theta_i^{x_i+k\eta-1} (1-\theta_i)^{n-x_i+k(1-\eta)-1} d\theta \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^p \binom{n}{x_i} \frac{\Gamma(k)}{\Gamma(k\eta)\Gamma(k(1-\eta))} \int_0^1 \theta_i^{x_i+k\eta-1} (1-\theta_i)^{n-x_i+k(1-\eta)-1} d\theta_i \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^p \binom{n}{x_i} \frac{\Gamma(k)}{\Gamma(k\eta)\Gamma(k(1-\eta))} \frac{\Gamma(x_i+k\eta)\Gamma(n-x_i+k(1-\eta))}{\Gamma(n+k)}. \end{aligned}$$

If we regards  $k$  as fixed and known, then the empirical Bayes estimators  $\hat{d}_i(X_i)$  of  $\theta_i$  are obtained by replacing  $\eta$  in (3) by  $\hat{\eta}$ , the MLE of  $\eta$  based on the marginal distribution  $p(\underline{x}; \eta, k)$  in the last display. This estimator can be calculated numerically by maximizing  $\log p(\underline{X}; \eta, k)$  as a function of  $\eta$ , or by solving the score equation

$$0 = \dot{l}_\eta(\underline{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^p k \{ \psi(X_i + k\eta) - \psi(n - X_i + k(1 - \eta)) - \psi(k\eta) + \psi(k(1 - \eta)) \}$$

where  $\psi = \Gamma'/\Gamma$  is the digamma function.

2. Suppose that  $X_i \sim \text{Binomial}(n, \theta_i)$  are independent for  $i = 1, \dots, k$  conditionally on  $\theta_i \sim \text{Beta}(a, b)$ . Let  $L(\underline{\theta}, \underline{a}) = \sum_{i=1}^k (\theta_i - a_i)^2$ .
  - (a) Find the Bayes rules  $d(\underline{X}) \equiv (d_i(X_i) = d_i(X_i; a, b), i = 1, \dots, k)$  for estimation of  $\theta_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, k$ , assuming that  $a, b > 0$  are known.
  - (b) Find the marginal distribution (or mass function) of  $\underline{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_k)$ .
  - (c) Consider estimation of the parameters  $a, b$  by maximizing the marginal likelihood resulting from part (b). Denote the resulting estimators of  $a, b$  by  $\hat{a}, \hat{b}$ . (These will not be expressible in closed form in general.)
  - (d) Now consider the *empirical Bayes* rules

$$\hat{d}(\underline{X}, \hat{a}, \hat{b}) \equiv (d_i(X_i, \hat{a}, \hat{b}), i = 1, \dots, k).$$

- (e) Compare the Bayes risks of  $d(\underline{X})$ ,  $\hat{d}(\underline{X}, \hat{a}, \hat{b})$ , and  $\underline{X}/n$  when  $a = b = 2$ ,  $n = 20$ , and  $k = 10$ . [Hint: see Lehmann and Casella, pages 263-266, including Table 6.1 and Theorem 6.3 on page 265, and (6.16) on page 266.]

**Solution:** This is closely related to problem 5.6.5 on page 295 of Lehmann and Casella.

(a) As in problem 1, the Bayes estimators of  $\theta_i$  for fixed  $a, b$  are given by

$$d_i(X_i) \equiv d_i(X_i; a, b) = \frac{a + X_i}{a + b + n}, \quad i = 1, \dots, k.$$

(b) The marginal distribution of  $\underline{X}$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} p(\underline{x}; a, b) &= \int_0^1 \cdots \int_0^1 \prod_{i=1}^p \binom{n}{x_i} \frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} \theta_i^{x_i+a-1} (1-\theta_i)^{n-x_i+b-1} d\theta \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^p \binom{n}{x_i} \frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} \frac{\Gamma(x_i+a)\Gamma(n-x_i+b)}{\Gamma(n+a+b)}. \end{aligned}$$

(c) The MLE's  $\hat{a}, \hat{b}$  of  $a, b$  maximize  $l(a, b|\underline{X}) = \log p(\underline{X}; a, b)$ .

(d) The empirical Bayes estimators of  $\theta_i$  are given by

$$\hat{d}_i(X_i) \equiv d_i(X_i; \hat{a}, \hat{b}) = \frac{\hat{a} + X_i}{\hat{a} + \hat{b} + n}, \quad i = 1, \dots, k$$

where  $\hat{a}, \hat{b}$  are the MLE's based on the marginal likelihood as in (b), (c).

(e) Now the ordinary risks of the Bayes rules are given by

$$\begin{aligned} R_i(\theta_i, d_i) &= E_{\theta_i}(\theta_i - d_i(X_i))^2 = Var_{\theta_i}(d_i(X_i)) + \{\text{bias}_{\theta_i}(d_i(X_i))\}^2 \\ &= \left(\frac{n}{a+b+n}\right)^2 \frac{\theta_i(1-\theta_i)}{n} + \left(\frac{a+b}{a+b+n}\right)^2 \left(\theta_i - \frac{a}{a+b}\right)^2. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the Bayes risk is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}(\Lambda, d_\Lambda) &= \sum_{i=1}^k \int_0^1 R_{\theta_i}(\theta_i, d_\Lambda) d\Lambda(\theta_i) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^k \left\{ \left(\frac{n}{a+b+n}\right)^2 \frac{E\theta_i(1-\theta_i)}{n} + \left(\frac{a+b}{a+b+n}\right)^2 Var(\theta_i) \right\} \\ &= k \left\{ \frac{n}{(a+b+n)^2} \frac{ab}{(a+b)^2(a+b+1)} + \left(\frac{a+b}{a+b+n}\right)^2 \frac{ab}{(a+b)(a+b+1)} \right\} \\ &= k \frac{ab}{(a+b+n)^2(a+b+1)} \left\{ \frac{n}{(a+b)} + 1 \right\} \\ &= k \frac{ab}{(a+b+n)(a+b)(a+b+1)}. \end{aligned}$$

The ordinary risks of the unbiased estimator  $\underline{X}/n$  are given by

$$R_i(\theta_i, X_i/n) = \frac{\theta_i(1-\theta_i)}{n},$$

so the Bayes risk under the Beta( $a, b$ ) prior on all the  $\theta_i$ 's is

$$\mathcal{R}(\Lambda, \underline{X}/n) = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{1}{n} E\theta_i(1 - \theta_i) = \frac{k}{n} \frac{ab}{(a+b)(a+b+1)}.$$

Note that

$$\frac{\mathcal{R}(\Lambda, d_\Lambda)}{\mathcal{R}(\Lambda, \underline{X}/n)} = \frac{k \frac{ab}{(a+b+n)(a+b)(a+b+1)}}{\frac{k}{n} \frac{ab}{(a+b)(a+b+1)}} = \frac{n}{a+b+n}.$$

The Bayes risk of the empirical Bayes estimator  $\hat{d}$  is more difficult, as far as I know. As noted in (6.37) of Lehmann and Casella, page 272, for any estimator  $d$  and squared error loss,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}(\Lambda, d) &= E\|\underline{\theta} - \underline{d}(X)\|^2 \\ &= E\|\underline{\theta} - \underline{d}_\Lambda(X) + \underline{d}_\Lambda(X) - \underline{d}(X)\|^2 \\ &= E\|\underline{\theta} - \underline{d}_\Lambda(X)\|^2 + E\|\underline{d}_\Lambda(X) - \underline{d}(X)\|^2 \\ &\quad \text{by using } d_\Lambda(X) = E(\underline{\theta}|X) \\ &\quad \text{and computing conditionally on } \underline{\theta} \\ &= \mathcal{R}(\Lambda, d_\Lambda) + E\|\underline{d}_\Lambda(X) - \underline{d}(X)\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Applying this to  $\underline{d} = \hat{d}$ , the empirical Bayes estimator, yields

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}(\Lambda, \hat{d}) &= \mathcal{R}(\Lambda, d_\Lambda) + E\|d_\Lambda(X) - \hat{d}_\Lambda(X)\|^2 \\ &= k \frac{ab}{(a+b+n)(a+b)(a+b+1)} + \sum_{i=1}^k E \left| \frac{a + X_i}{a+b+n} - \frac{\hat{a} + X_i}{\hat{a} + \hat{b} + n} \right|^2 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\hat{a} = \hat{a}(\underline{X})$  and  $\hat{b} = \hat{b}(\underline{X})$  are the MLE's of  $a$  and  $b$  based on the marginal distribution of  $\underline{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$  and the expectation is with respect to this same marginal distribution with the "true" values of the parameters  $a$  and  $b$ . I do not know how to calculate this exactly, so I resorted to Monte-carlo estimation. Here is a table of (exact) values of  $\mathcal{R}(\Lambda, d_\Lambda)$ ,  $\mathcal{R}(\Lambda, \underline{X}/n)$  together with estimated values of  $\mathcal{R}(\Lambda, \hat{d})$  based on 500 monte-carlo replications with the same parameter values for  $n$ ,  $k$ ,  $a$ , and  $b$  as in the table on page 265 of Lehmann and Casella. For comparison, I have included the column  $\delta^{\hat{\pi}}$  (corresponding to my  $\mathcal{R}(\Lambda, \hat{d}_\Lambda)$ ) in column 4.

$(a, b)$	$\mathcal{R}(\Lambda, d_\Lambda)$	$\mathcal{R}(\Lambda, X/n)$	$\mathcal{R}(\Lambda, \hat{d}_\Lambda)$	$\widehat{\mathcal{R}}(\Lambda, \hat{d}_\Lambda)$	$\widehat{E} d_\lambda - \hat{d} ^2$	Est. SD $\times 10^3$
(2, 2)	0.0833	0.1000	.0850	0.0901	0.0068	0.467
(6, 6)	0.0721	0.1154	.0726	0.0867	0.0145	0.616
(20, 20)	0.0407	0.1220	.0407	0.0564	0.0157	0.615
(3, 1)	0.0625	0.0750	.0641	0.0677	0.0052	0.380
(9, 3)	0.0541	0.0865	.0565	0.0657	0.0116	0.491
(30, 10)	0.0305	0.0915	.0326	0.0438	0.0132	0.553

My estimates of the Bayes risk of the empirical Bayes rule  $\hat{d}_\Lambda$  are larger than the Bayes risks of the empirical Bayes rule as given the Table 6.1 of Lehmann and Casella. But the general pattern does hold up: my estimated Bayes risks of the empirical Bayes rule  $\hat{d}_\Lambda$  are indeed between the Bayes risks  $\mathcal{R}(\Lambda, d_\Lambda)$  of the Bayes rule based on knowing  $a$  and  $b$ , and the Bayes risks of the unbiased estimator  $\underline{X}/n$ .

3. Suppose that  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are i.i.d.  $N(\theta, \sigma^2)$ .
- Suppose that  $\sigma = \sigma_0$  is known. Consider testing  $H : \theta = \theta_0 = 0$  versus  $K : \theta = \theta_1 = 1$ . In the spirit of chapter 5, plot  $(R(\theta_0, \phi), R(\theta_1, \phi))$  for your favorite family of tests  $\phi$ . Find the entire risk body and plot it.
  - What happens to the risk body as  $n$  grows or as  $\sigma_0 \rightarrow 0$ ?
  - What happens to the risk body as  $\theta_1$  decreases toward  $\theta_0 = 0$ ?
  - What happens to the risk bodies  $\{(R(\theta_0, \phi), R(\theta_{1,n}, \phi)) : n \geq 1\}$  when  $\theta_1 \equiv \theta_{1,n} \equiv \theta_0 + cn^{-1/2}$ ?

**Solution:** (a) If  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are i.i.d.  $N(\theta, \sigma_0)$ , to find optimal tests  $\phi$  we can reduce (by sufficiency) to consideration of  $\bar{X} \sim N(\theta, \sigma_0^2/n)$ . My favorite family of tests (in fact the most powerful tests) of  $H$  versus  $K$  are the tests  $\phi_c(\underline{X}) = 1\{\bar{X} > c\}$ . For these tests

$$\begin{aligned}
R(0, \phi_c) &= E_0 \phi_c(\underline{X}) = P_0(\bar{X} > c) \\
&= P_0(\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - 0)/\sigma_0 > \sqrt{nc}/\sigma_0) \\
&= 1 - \Phi(\sqrt{nc}/\sigma_0)
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
R(1, \phi_c) &= E_1(1 - \phi_c(\underline{X})) \\
&= P_1(\bar{X} \leq c) = P_1(\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - 1) \leq \sqrt{n}(c - 1)) \\
&= \Phi(\sqrt{n}(c - 1)/\sigma_0).
\end{aligned}$$

Since these tests are MP for testing  $H$  versus  $K$ , there are no points with risks below the curve given by  $\{(R(0, \phi_c), R(1, \phi_c)) : c \in \mathbb{R}\}$ ; this is the lower boundary

of the risk body. Note that the tests  $\phi_{\text{ignore}}(\underline{X}) \equiv \alpha$  have risks  $R(0, \phi_{\text{ignore}}) = \alpha$ ,  $R(1, \phi_{\text{ignore}}) = 1 - \alpha$ . Thus the line  $\{(\alpha, 1 - \alpha) : \alpha \in [0, 1]\}$  is in the risk body. Furthermore, note that the tests  $\phi'_c(\underline{X}) \equiv 1 - \phi_c(\underline{X}) = 1\{\overline{X} \leq c\}$  are MP for testing  $H : \theta = 0$  versus  $K' : \theta = \theta_1 < 0$ , and by the Karlin - Rubin theorem these tests minimize the power function at points  $\theta = \theta_1$  in the class of all tests with fixed power function (say at  $\alpha$ ) at  $\theta = \theta_0$ . Since

$$\text{Power}_{\phi'_c}(\theta) = E_{\theta}\phi'_c = 1 - R(\theta, \phi_c),$$

this says that the tests  $\phi'_c$  maximize  $R(1, \phi_c)$  over tests  $\phi$  with  $R(0, \phi) = \alpha$ . Hence there are no points in the risk body with risks above the curve given by  $\{(1 - R(0, \phi_c), 1 - R(1, \phi_c)) : c \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .

(b) As  $n$  grows or  $\sigma_0 \rightarrow 0$  the risk body expands out toward the boundary of the square  $[0, 1]^2$ ; see the plots below.

(c) As  $\theta_1 \rightarrow \theta_0 = 0$ , the risk body contracts toward the diagonal line  $(\alpha, 1 - \alpha)$  – since the testing problem becomes harder. See the plots below.

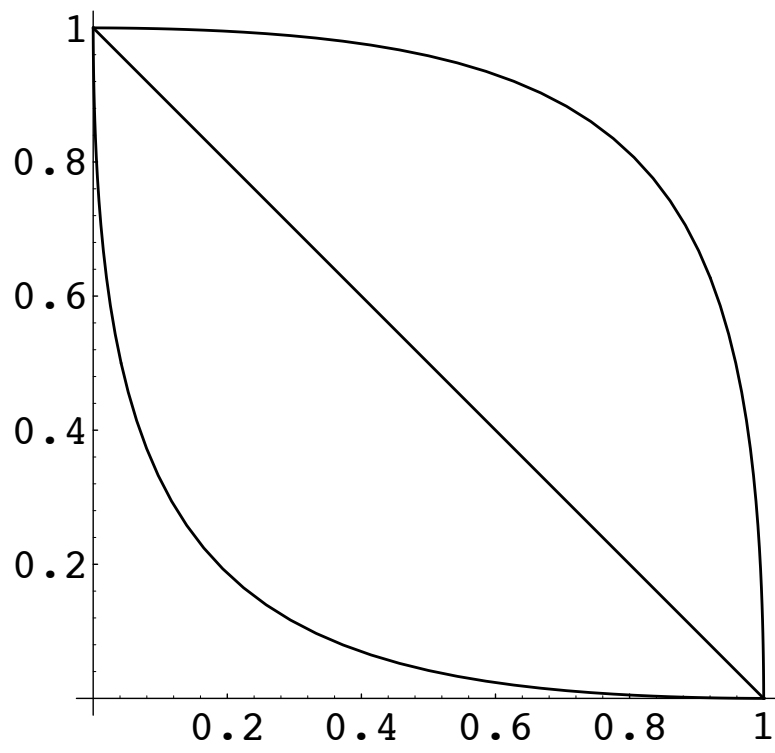


Figure 1: Risks for normal mean test,  $n = 3$ ,  $\sigma_0 = 1$ ,  $\theta_1 = 1$

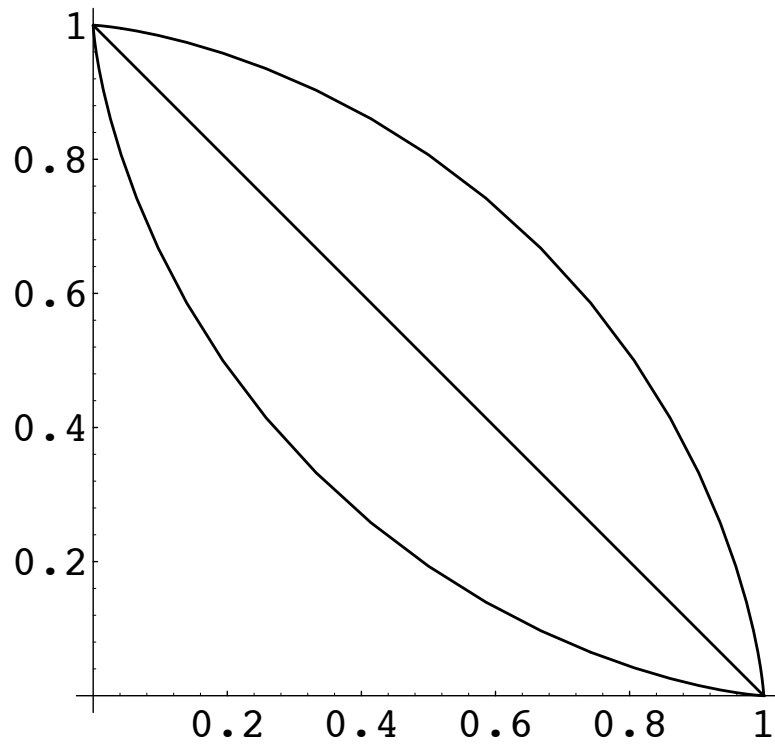


Figure 2: Risks for normal mean test,  $n = 3$ ,  $\sigma_0 = 1$ ,  $\theta_1 = .5$

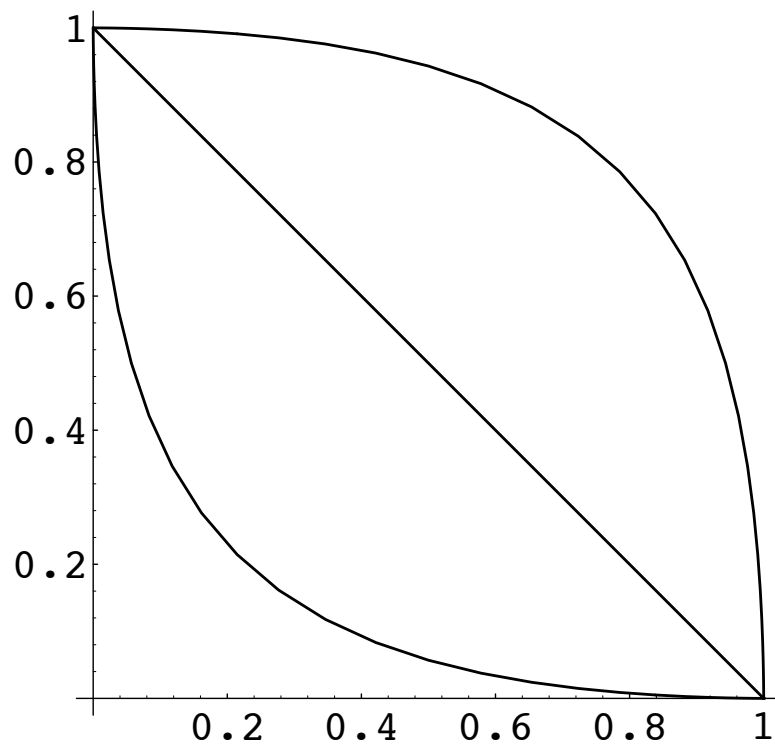


Figure 3: Risks for normal mean test,  $n = 10$ ,  $\sigma_0 = 1$ ,  $\theta_1 = .5$

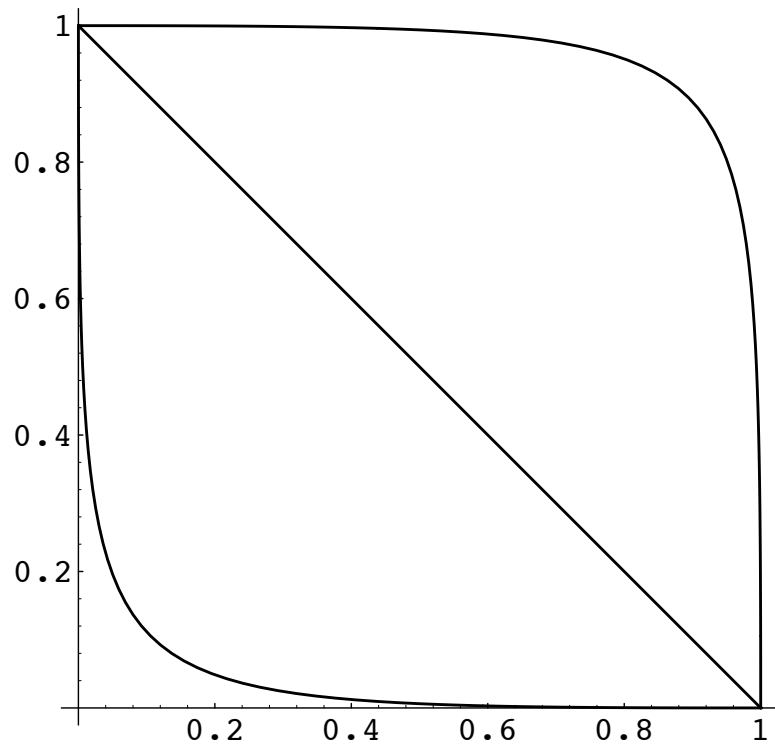


Figure 4: Risks for normal mean test,  $n = 25$ ,  $\sigma_0 = 1$ ,  $\theta_1 = .5$

4. A random variable  $X$  takes on the values 1, 2, 3, 4 with probability distribution  $p_0(x)$  or  $p_1(x)$  as follows:

$x$	1	2	3	4
$p_0(x)$	.18	.06	.36	.40
$p_1(x)$	.36	.18	.24	.22

(a) Find a most powerful test of size  $\alpha = .2$  for testing  $p_0$  versus  $p_1$  and determine its power.

(b) Find a Bayes rule  $\phi$  for testing  $H_0 : p = p_0$  versus  $H_1 : p = p_1$  when the prior distribution is given by  $(\lambda, 1 - \lambda) = (1/2, 1/2)$ . What is the relationship between the Bayes rule and the rule which minimizes the sum of risks  $a + b$  where  $a = E_0\phi$  and  $b = E_1(1 - \phi)$ ?

**Solution:** (a) Now  $p_1(x)/p_0(x) = 2, 3, 2/3, 22/40 = 11/20$ , according as  $x = 1, 2, 3, 4$ , so a MP test of size  $\alpha = .2$  is given by

$$\phi(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x = 2 \\ .14/.18, & \text{if } x = 1 \\ 0, & \text{if } x = 3, 4. \end{cases}$$

Then

$$E_0\phi(X) = P_0(X = 2) + \frac{.14}{.18}P_0(X = 1) = .06 + \frac{.14}{.18}.18 = .2,$$

while

$$\text{Power} = E_1\phi(X) = P_1(X = 2) + \frac{.14}{.18}P_1(X = 1) = .18 + \frac{.14}{.18}.36 = .18 + .28 = .46.$$

(b) A Bayes rule (test)  $\phi_\lambda$  with respect to the prior  $\underline{\lambda} = (1/2, 1/2)$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_\lambda(x) &= \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } p_1(x) \geq p_0(x) \\ 0, & \text{if } p_1(x) < p_0(x) \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x = 1, 2 \\ 0, & \text{if } x = 3, 4. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Then  $R(0, \phi_\lambda) = E_0\phi_\lambda(X) = .24$ ,  $R(1, \phi_\lambda) = E_1(1 - \phi_\lambda(X)) = .46$ , and hence the Bayes risk is  $\mathcal{R}(\underline{\lambda}, \phi_\lambda) = (.24 + .46)/2 = .35$  Note that the sum of the two types of error is

$$R(0, \phi_\lambda) + R(1, \phi_\lambda) = .7 = \int p_0 \wedge p_1 d\mu = 1 - d_{TV}(P_0, P_1),$$

so this result agrees with the solution of a previous problem Also note that for the Neyman Pearson test with  $\alpha = .2$ , the sum of the two types of error is  $.2 + .54 = .74 > .7$ .