

Ch7. Multiple Regression: Tests of Hypothesis and Confidence Intervals

In this chapter we consider hypothesis tests and confidence intervals for the parameters β_0, \dots, β_k in $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ in the model $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$. We will assume throughout the chapter that \mathbf{y} is $N_n(\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})$, where \mathbf{X} is $n \times (k + 1)$ of rank $k + 1 < n$, and the x 's are fixed constants.

1 Test of Overall Regression

We begin with a test of the overall regression hypothesis that none of the x 's predict y . This hypothesis can be expressed as $H_0 : \boldsymbol{\beta}_1 = 0$, where $\boldsymbol{\beta}_1 = (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k)'$. Note that we wish to test $H_0 : \boldsymbol{\beta}_1 = 0$, not $H_0 : \boldsymbol{\beta} = 0$, where $\boldsymbol{\beta} = (\beta_0, \boldsymbol{\beta}_1)'$. Since β_0 is usually not zero, rejection of $H_0 : \boldsymbol{\beta} = 0$ might be due solely to β_0 , and we would not learn if the x 's predict y .

For this test, we use the centered model

$$\mathbf{y} = (\mathbf{j}, \mathbf{X}_c) \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \boldsymbol{\beta}_1 \end{pmatrix} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}, \quad (1)$$

where $\mathbf{X}_c = (\mathbf{I} - \frac{1}{n}\mathbf{J})\mathbf{X}_1$ is the centered matrix and \mathbf{X}_1 contains all the columns of \mathbf{X} except the first. Note the partition identity

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{y}'(\mathbf{I} - \frac{1}{n}\mathbf{J})\mathbf{y} &= SSR + SSE \\ &= \mathbf{y}'\mathbf{X}_c(\mathbf{X}'_c\mathbf{X}_c)^{-1}\mathbf{X}'_c\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{y}'(\mathbf{I} - \frac{1}{n}\mathbf{J})\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}'\mathbf{X}_c(\mathbf{X}'_c\mathbf{X}_c)^{-1}\mathbf{X}'_c\mathbf{y} \\ &= \mathbf{y}'\mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{y}'(\mathbf{I} - \frac{1}{n}\mathbf{J} - \mathbf{A})\mathbf{y}, \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{X}_c(\mathbf{X}'_c\mathbf{X}_c)^{-1}\mathbf{X}'_c$.

In the following theorem we establish some properties of the matrices of the quadratic forms in (2).

Theorem 1.1 *The matrices $\mathbf{I} - \frac{1}{n}\mathbf{J}$, $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{X}_c(\mathbf{X}'_c\mathbf{X}_c)^{-1}\mathbf{X}'_c$, and $\mathbf{I} - \frac{1}{n}\mathbf{J} - \mathbf{A}$ have the following properties:*

- (i) $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{I} - \frac{1}{n}\mathbf{J}) = \mathbf{A}$.
- (ii) \mathbf{A} is idempotent of rank k .
- (iii) $\mathbf{I} - \frac{1}{n}\mathbf{J} - \mathbf{A}$ is idempotent of rank $n - k - 1$.
- (iv) $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{I} - \frac{1}{n}\mathbf{J} - \mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{O}$.

PROOF: Part (i) follows from $\mathbf{X}'_c\mathbf{j} = 0$. The other parts are left as exercises.

Theorem 1.2 *If \mathbf{y} is $N_n(\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2\mathbf{I})$, then $SSR/\sigma^2 = \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}'_1\mathbf{X}'_c\mathbf{X}_c\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_1/\sigma^2$ and $SSE/\sigma^2 = [\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2 - \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}'_1\mathbf{X}'_c\mathbf{X}_c\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_1]/\sigma^2$ have the following distributions:*

- (i) SSR/σ^2 is $\chi^2(k, \lambda_1)$, where $\lambda_1 = \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}'_1\mathbf{X}'_c\mathbf{X}_c\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_1/[2\sigma^2]$.
- (ii) SSE/σ^2 is $\chi^2(n - k - 1)$.

PROOF: The results follows from (2), theorem 1.1 (ii) and (iii).

The following theorem shows that SSR and SSE are independent.

Theorem 1.3 *If \mathbf{y} is $N_n(\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2\mathbf{I})$, then SSR and SSE are independent.*

PROOF: It follows from equation (2) and theorem 1.1(iv).

Theorem 1.4 *If \mathbf{y} is $N_n(\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2\mathbf{I})$, the distribution of*

$$F = \frac{SSR/(k\sigma^2)}{SSE/[(n-k-1)\sigma^2]} = \frac{SSR/k}{SSE/(n-k-1)}$$

is as follows:

(i) *If $H_0 : \boldsymbol{\beta}_1 = 0$ is false, then*

F is distributed as $F(k, n - k - 1, \lambda_1)$,

where $\lambda_1 = \boldsymbol{\beta}'_1 \mathbf{X}'_c \mathbf{X}_c \boldsymbol{\beta}_1 / 2\sigma^2$.

(ii) *If $H_0 : \boldsymbol{\beta}_1 = 0$ is true, then $\lambda_1 = 0$ and*

F is distributed as $F(k, n - k - 1)$.

Table 1: Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) for F -test of $H_0 : \beta_1 = 0$.

Source of Variation	d.f.	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	Expected Mean Square
Due to β_1	k	SSR	SSR/k	$\sigma^2 + \frac{1}{k}\beta_1' \mathbf{X}'_c \mathbf{X}_c \beta_1$
Error	$n - k - 1$	SSE	$SSE/(n - k - 1)$	σ^2
Total	$n - 1$	SST		

PROOF: Exercise.

Note that $\lambda_1 = 0$ if and only if $\beta_1 = 0$, since $\mathbf{X}'_c \mathbf{X}_c$ is positive definite.

The test for $H_0 : \beta_1 = 0$ is carried out as follows: reject H_0 if $F \geq F_{\alpha, k, n-k-1}$, where $F \geq F_{\alpha, k, n-k-1}$ is the upper α percentile of the central F -distribution. In table 1, we summarize the results leading to the F -test.

If $H_0 : \beta_1 = 0$ is true, both of the expected mean squares in table 1 are equal to σ^2 , and we expect F to be near 1. If $\beta_1 \neq 0$, then $E(SSR/k) \geq \sigma^2$ since $\mathbf{X}'_c \mathbf{X}_c$ is positive definite, and we expect F to exceed 1. We therefore reject H_0 for

large value of F .

Example 1.1 For the data in Table 7.1, test $H_0 : \beta_1 = 0$. In this case,

$$\beta_1 = (\beta_1, \beta_2)',$$

$$\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y} = (90, 482, 872)',$$

$$\hat{\beta} = (5.3754, 3.0118, -1.2855)',$$

$$\mathbf{y}'\mathbf{y} = \sum_{i=1}^{12} y_i^2 = 840,$$

$$\hat{\beta}'\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y} = 814.5410,$$

$$n\bar{y}^2 = 675.$$

Thus, we have

$$SSR = \hat{\beta}'\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y} - n\bar{y}^2 = 139.5410,$$

$$SSE = \mathbf{y}'\mathbf{y} - \hat{\beta}'\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y} = 25.4590,$$

$$SST = \mathbf{y}'\mathbf{y} - n\bar{y}^2 = 165.$$

Table 2: ANOVA for overall regression test for the data in Table 7.1

Source	d.f.	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F
Due to β_1	2	139.5410	69.7705	24.665
Error	9	25.4590	2.8288	
Total	11	165.0000		

The F -test is given in Table 2. Since $24.665 > F_{.05,2,9} = 4.26$, we reject H_0 and conclude that at least one of β_1 or β_2 is not zero.

2 Test on a subset of the β 's

In some cases, we wish to test the hypothesis that a subset of the x 's is not useful in predicting y . Without loss of generality, we assume that the β 's to be tested have been arranged last in β , with a corresponding arrangement of the columns of \mathbf{X} , i.e., the

model becomes

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{y} &= \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon} = (\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2) \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\beta}_1 \\ \boldsymbol{\beta}_2 \end{pmatrix} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \\ &= \mathbf{X}_1\boldsymbol{\beta}_1 + \mathbf{X}_2\boldsymbol{\beta}_2 + \boldsymbol{\epsilon},\end{aligned}\tag{3}$$

where $\boldsymbol{\beta}_2$ contains the β 's to be tested. The intercept β_0 would ordinarily be included in $\boldsymbol{\beta}_1$.

To test $H_0 : \boldsymbol{\beta}_2 = 0$ versus $H_1 : \boldsymbol{\beta}_2 \neq 0$, we use a full-reduced-model approach. The full model is given by (3), the reduced model becomes

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}_1\boldsymbol{\beta}_1^* + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}^*.$$

Typically, $\boldsymbol{\beta}_1^*$ and $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}^*$ will be different from $\boldsymbol{\beta}_1$ and $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}$ in the full model (unless \mathbf{X}_1 and \mathbf{X}_2 are orthogonal). For $\mathbf{y}'\mathbf{y}$ we have the following partitioning:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{y}'\mathbf{y} &= (\mathbf{y}'\mathbf{y} - \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}' \mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y}) + (\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}' \mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y} - \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_1^{*'} \mathbf{X}_1\mathbf{y}) + \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_1^{*'} \mathbf{X}_1\mathbf{y} \\ &= SSE + SS(\boldsymbol{\beta}_2|\boldsymbol{\beta}_1) + SS(\boldsymbol{\beta}_1^*)\end{aligned}\tag{4}$$

where $\hat{\beta} = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y}$ and $\hat{\beta}_1^* = (\mathbf{X}'_1\mathbf{X}_1)^{-1}\mathbf{X}'_1\mathbf{y}$. Note that

$$SS(\beta_2|\beta_1) = (\hat{\beta}'\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y} - n\bar{y}^2) - (\hat{\beta}_1^{*\prime}\mathbf{X}'_1\mathbf{y} - n\bar{y}^2) = SSR(full) - SSR(reduced).$$

Substituting $\hat{\beta}$ and $\hat{\beta}_1^*$ into equation (4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{y}'\mathbf{y} &= \mathbf{y}'[\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}']\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{y}'[\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}' - \mathbf{X}_1(\mathbf{X}'_1\mathbf{X}_1)^{-1}\mathbf{X}'_1]\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{y}'\mathbf{X}_1(\mathbf{X}'_1\mathbf{X}_1)^{-1}\mathbf{X}'_1\mathbf{y} \\ &= \mathbf{y}'(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}_1)\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{y}'(\mathbf{A}_1 - \mathbf{A}_2)\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{y}'\mathbf{A}_2\mathbf{y}, \end{aligned}$$

(5)

where $\mathbf{A}_1 = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'$ and $\mathbf{A}_2 = \mathbf{X}_1(\mathbf{X}'_1\mathbf{X}_1)^{-1}\mathbf{X}'_1$.

Theorem 2.1 *The matrix $\mathbf{A}_1 - \mathbf{A}_2 = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}' - \mathbf{X}_1(\mathbf{X}'_1\mathbf{X}_1)^{-1}\mathbf{X}'_1$ is idempotent with rank h , where h is the number of elements in β_2 .*

PROOF: Multiplying \mathbf{X} by \mathbf{A}_1 , we have

$$\mathbf{A}_1\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{X},$$

or

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}. \quad (6)$$

Partitioning \mathbf{X} on the left side of (6) and the last \mathbf{X} on the right side, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{X}_1 &= \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}_1, \\ \mathbf{X}_2 &= \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}_2. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Using (7) and its transpose, we have

$$\mathbf{A}_1\mathbf{A}_2 = \mathbf{A}_2 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{A}_2\mathbf{A}_1 = \mathbf{A}_2.$$

Note \mathbf{A}_1 and \mathbf{A}_2 are both idempotent. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{A}_1 - \mathbf{A}_2)^2 &= \mathbf{A}_1 - \mathbf{A}_1\mathbf{A}_2 - \mathbf{A}_2\mathbf{A}_1 + \mathbf{A}_2^2 \\ &= \mathbf{A}_1 - \mathbf{A}_2 - \mathbf{A}_2 + \mathbf{A}_2 = \mathbf{A}_1 - \mathbf{A}_2. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $\mathbf{A}_1 - \mathbf{A}_2$ is idempotent.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{rank}(\mathbf{A}_1 - \mathbf{A}_2) &= \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}_1 - \mathbf{A}_2) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}_1) - \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}_2) \\ &= \text{tr}(I_{k+1}) - \text{tr}(I_{k-h+1}) = k + 1 - (k - h + 1) = h. \end{aligned}$$

The next theorem gives the distribution of $\mathbf{y}'(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}_1)\mathbf{y}$ and $\mathbf{y}'(\mathbf{A}_1 - \mathbf{A}_2)\mathbf{y}$ and shows that they are independent.

Theorem 2.2 *If \mathbf{y} is $N_n(\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2\mathbf{I})$, then*

(i) $\mathbf{y}'(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}_1)\mathbf{y}/\sigma^2$ is $\chi^2(n - k - 1)$.

(ii) $\mathbf{y}'(\mathbf{A}_1 - \mathbf{A}_2)\mathbf{y}/\sigma^2$ is $\chi^2(h, \lambda_1)$, where

$$\lambda_1 = \boldsymbol{\beta}'_2[\mathbf{X}'_2\mathbf{X}_2 - \mathbf{X}'_2\mathbf{X}_1(\mathbf{X}'_1\mathbf{X}_1)^{-1}\mathbf{X}'_1\mathbf{X}_2]\boldsymbol{\beta}_2/2\sigma^2.$$

(iii) $\mathbf{y}'(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}_1)\mathbf{y}$ and $\mathbf{y}'(\mathbf{A}_1 - \mathbf{A}_2)\mathbf{y}$ are independent.

PROOF: (i) and (ii) are left for exercises. (iii) Note that $\mathbf{A}_2 = \mathbf{A}_1\mathbf{A}_2$, hence

$$(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}_1)(\mathbf{A}_1 - \mathbf{A}_2) = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}_1)(\mathbf{A}_1 - \mathbf{A}_1\mathbf{A}_2) = \mathbf{O}.$$

Since $\mathbf{X}'_2\mathbf{X}_2 - \mathbf{X}'_2\mathbf{X}_1(\mathbf{X}'_1\mathbf{X}_1)^{-1}\mathbf{X}'_1\mathbf{X}_2$ is positive definite (see problem 8.10 of Rencher and Schaalje (2008)), $\lambda_1 = 0$ if and only if $\boldsymbol{\beta} = \mathbf{0}$.

Theorem 2.3 Let \mathbf{y} be $N_n(\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2\mathbf{I})$ and define an F -statistic as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} F &= \frac{\mathbf{y}'(\mathbf{A}_1 - \mathbf{A}_2)\mathbf{y}/h}{\mathbf{y}'(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})\mathbf{y}/(n - k - 1)} = \frac{SS(\boldsymbol{\beta}_2|\boldsymbol{\beta}_1)/h}{SSE/(n - k - 1)} \\ &= \frac{[SSR(full) - SSR(reduced)]/h}{SSE/(n - k - 1)}. \end{aligned}$$

The distribution of F is as follows:

(i) If $H_0 : \boldsymbol{\beta}_2 = 0$ is false, then

F is distributed as $F(h, n - k - 1, \lambda_1)$,

where $\lambda_1 = \boldsymbol{\beta}'_2[\mathbf{X}'_2\mathbf{X}_2 - \mathbf{X}'_2(\mathbf{X}'_1\mathbf{X}_1)^{-1}\mathbf{X}'_1\mathbf{X}_2]\boldsymbol{\beta}_2/2\sigma^2$.

(ii) If $H_0 : \boldsymbol{\beta}_2 = 0$ is true, then $\lambda_1 = 0$ and

F is distributed as $F(h, n - k - 1)$.

PROOF: Exercise.

Table 3: Analysis of Variance for F -test of $H_0 : \beta_2 = 0$.

Source of Variation	d.f.	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F-statistic
Due to β_2 adjusted for β_1	h	$SS(\beta_2 \beta_1)$	$SS(\beta_2 \beta_1)/h$	$\frac{SS(\beta_2 \beta_1)/h}{SSE/(n-k-1)}$
Error	$n - k - 1$	SSE	$SSE/(n - k - 1)$	
Total	$n - 1$	SST		

The test for $H_0 : \beta_2 = 0$ is carried as follows: reject H_0 if $F \geq F_{\alpha, h, n-k-1}$, where $F_{\alpha, h, n-k-1}$ is the upper percentile of the central F -distribution. Note

$$E[SS(\beta_2|\beta_1)/h] = \sigma^2 + \frac{1}{h} \beta_2' [\mathbf{X}_2' \mathbf{X}_2 - \mathbf{X}_2' (\mathbf{X}_1' \mathbf{X}_1)^{-1} \mathbf{X}_1' \mathbf{X}_2] \beta_2,$$

and

$$E[SSE/(n - k - 1)] = \sigma^2,$$

hence, if H_0 is false, F will have a large value. The test is summarized in table 3.

3 The general linear hypothesis tests for $H_0 :$

$$\mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\beta} = 0 \text{ and } H_0 : \mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\beta} = \mathbf{t}$$

3.1 The Test for $H_0 : \mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\beta} = 0$

General linear hypothesis: the hypothesis $H_0 : \mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\beta} = 0$, where \mathbf{C} is a $q \times (k + 1)$ coefficient matrix of rank $q \leq k + 1$, is known as the general linear hypothesis. The alternative hypothesis is $H_1 : \mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\beta} \neq 0$. Note that the formulation $H_0 : \mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\beta} = 0$ includes as special cases the hypotheses in last two sections.

Theorem 3.1 *If \mathbf{y} is distributed as $N_n(\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2\mathbf{I})$ and \mathbf{C} is $q \times (k + 1)$ of rank $q \leq k + 1$, then*

- (i) $\mathbf{C}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$ is $N_q(\mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{C}')$.
- (ii) $SSH/\sigma^2 = (\mathbf{C}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})'[\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{C}']^{-1}(\mathbf{C}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})/\sigma^2$ is $\chi^2(q, \lambda)$, where

$$\lambda = (\mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\beta})'[\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{C}']^{-1}\mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\beta}/2\sigma^2;$$

(iii) $SSE/\sigma^2 = \mathbf{y}'(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}')\mathbf{y}/\sigma^2$ is $\chi^2(n - k - 1)$.

(iv) SSH and SSE are independent.

PROOF: (ii) Since $cov(\mathbf{C}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) = \sigma^2\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{C}'$ and $\sigma^2[\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{C}']^{-1}\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{C}'/\sigma^2$ \mathbf{I} , which is idempotent.

(iv) Since $SSH = (\mathbf{C}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})'[\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{C}']^{-1}\mathbf{C}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = \mathbf{y}'\mathbf{X} \cdots \mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y}$, and $\mathbf{X}'(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}') = \mathbf{O}$, SSE and SSH are independent.

Theorem 3.2 Let \mathbf{y} be $N_n(\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2\mathbf{I})$ and define the statistic

$$\begin{aligned} F &= \frac{SSH/q}{SSE/(n - k - 1)} \\ &= \frac{(\mathbf{C}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})'[\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{C}']^{-1}\mathbf{C}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}/q}{SSE/(n - k - 1)} \end{aligned}$$

where \mathbf{C} is $q \times (k + 1)$ of rank $q \leq k + 1$ and $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y}$. The distribution of F is as follows:

(i) If $H_0 : \mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\beta} = 0$ is false, then

F is distributed as $F(q, n - k - 1, \lambda)$,

where $\lambda = (\mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\beta})'[\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{C}']^{-1}\mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\beta}/2\sigma^2$.

(ii) If $H_0 : \mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\beta} = 0$ is true, then

F is distributed as $F(q, n - k - 1)$.

PROOF: Exercise.

This test is usually called the *general linear hypothesis test*. The degrees of freedom q is the number of linear combinations in $\mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\beta}$. Reject H_0 if $F \geq F_{\alpha, q, n-k-1}$, where $F \geq F_{\alpha, q, n-k-1}$ is the upper percentile of the central F -distribution. Since $\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{C}'$ is positive definite, $\lambda > 0$ if H_0 is false. Hence, we reject H_0 for large values of F . The expected mean squares for the F -test are given by

$$E\left(\frac{SSH}{q}\right) = \sigma^2 + \frac{1}{q}(\mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\beta})'[\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{C}']^{-1}\mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\beta},$$
$$E\left(\frac{SSE}{n - k - 1}\right) = \sigma^2.$$

Theorem 3.3 *The F -test in theorem 3.2 for the general linear hypothesis $H_0 : \mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\beta} = 0$ is a full-and-reduced-model test.*

PROOF: The reduced model under H_0 is

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \text{ subject to } \mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\beta} = 0.$$

Using Lagrange multipliers, it can be shown (problem 8.19 of Rencher and Schaalje (2008)) that the estimator for $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ in this reduced model is

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_c = \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{C}'[\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{C}']^{-1}\mathbf{C}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}},$$

where $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$ is estimated from the full model unrestricted by the hypothesis. In the reduced model, the \mathbf{X} matrix is unchanged from the full model, and the regression sum of squares for the reduced model is therefore $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_c'\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y}$. (since $\mathbf{C}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_c = 0$.) Hence, the regression sum of squares due to the hypothesis is

$$SSH = \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}'\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y} - \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_c'\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y}.$$

By substituting $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_c$ into SSH, we obtain

$$SSH = (\mathbf{C}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})'[\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{C}']^{-1}\mathbf{C}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}},$$

thus establishing that the F -test in theorem 3.2 for $H_0 : \mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\beta} = \mathbf{0}$ is a full-and-reduced-model test.

3.2 The Test for $H_0 : \mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\beta} = \mathbf{t}$

We assume that the system $\mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\beta} = \mathbf{t}$ is consistent, that is, $\text{rank}(\mathbf{C}) = \text{rank}(\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{t})$.

Theorem 3.4 *If \mathbf{y} is distributed as $N_n(\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2\mathbf{I})$ and \mathbf{C} is $q \times (k + 1)$ of rank $q \leq k + 1$, then*

- (i) $\mathbf{C}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \mathbf{t}$ is $N_q(\mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\beta} - \mathbf{t}, \sigma^2\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{C}')$.
- (ii) $SSH/\sigma^2 = (\mathbf{C}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \mathbf{t})'[\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{C}']^{-1}(\mathbf{C}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \mathbf{t})/\sigma^2$ is $\chi^2(q, \lambda)$, where

$$\lambda = (\mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\beta} - \mathbf{t})'[\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{C}']^{-1}(\mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\beta} - \mathbf{t})/2\sigma^2;$$
- (iii) $SSE/\sigma^2 = \mathbf{y}'(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}')\mathbf{y}/\sigma^2$ is $\chi^2(n - k - 1)$.
- (iv) SSH and SSE are independent.

PROOF: (iv) A simple argument is that: since $\hat{\beta}$ and SSE are independent, SSH and SSE are independent (Seber 1977, pp.17, 33-34). A formal proof is as follows.

First, note that

$$C(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{t} = C(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'[\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}C'(CC')^{-1}\mathbf{t}],$$

so that

$$SSH = [\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}C'(C'C)^{-1}\mathbf{t}]' \mathbf{A} [\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}C'(CC')^{-1}\mathbf{t}],$$

where $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{C}'[C(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{C}']^{-1}C(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'$.

$$SSE = [\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}C'(C'C)^{-1}\mathbf{t}]' \mathbf{B} [\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}C'(C'C)^{-1}\mathbf{t}],$$

where $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'$. Since $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{O}$, SSH and SSE are independent.

Theorem 3.5 Let \mathbf{y} be $N_n(\mathbf{X}\beta, \sigma^2\mathbf{I})$ and define the statistic

$$\begin{aligned} F &= \frac{SSH/q}{SSE/(n-k-1)} \\ &= \frac{(\mathbf{C}\hat{\beta} - \mathbf{t})'[C(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{C}']^{-1}(\mathbf{C}\hat{\beta} - \mathbf{t})/q}{SSE/(n-k-1)} \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

where \mathbf{C} is $q \times (k + 1)$ of rank $q \leq k + 1$ and $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y}$. The distribution of F is as follows:

(i) If $H_0 : \mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\beta} = \mathbf{t}$ is false, then

F is distributed as $F(q, n - k - 1, \lambda)$,

where $\lambda = (\mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\beta} - \mathbf{t})'[\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{C}']^{-1}(\mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\beta} - \mathbf{t})/2\sigma^2$.

(ii) If $H_0 : \mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\beta} = \mathbf{t}$ is true, then $\lambda = 0$ and

F is distributed as $F(q, n - k - 1)$.

3.3 Tests on β_j and $\mathbf{a}'\boldsymbol{\beta}$

A test for an individual β_j can be obtained using either the full-and-reduced-model approach in section 2 or the general linear hypothesis approach in section 3.

The test statistic for $H_0 : \beta_k = 0$ using a full and reduced model is then

$$F = \frac{\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}' \mathbf{X}' \mathbf{y} - \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}^{*'} \mathbf{X}_1 \mathbf{y}}{SSE / (n - k - 1)}, \quad (9)$$

which is distributed as $F(1, n - k - 1)$ if H_0 is true.

To test $H_0 : \mathbf{a}'\boldsymbol{\beta} = 0$ for a single linear combination, for example, $\mathbf{a}' = (0, 1, -1, 1)$, we use \mathbf{a}' in place of the matrix \mathbf{C} in $H_0 : \mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\beta} = 0$. Then $q = 1$, and the test statistic becomes

$$F = \frac{(\mathbf{a}'\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})'[\mathbf{a}'(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{a}]^{-1}(\mathbf{a}'\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})}{SSE/(n - k - 1)} = \frac{(\mathbf{a}'\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})^2}{s^2\mathbf{a}'(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{a}}, \quad (10)$$

where $s^2 = SSE/(n - k - 1)$. The F -statistic is distributed as $F(1, n - k - 1)$ if $H_0 : \mathbf{a}'\boldsymbol{\beta} = 0$ is true.

One special case of $\mathbf{a}' = (0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$, where 1 is in the j th position.

This gives

$$F = \frac{\hat{\beta}_j^2}{s^2 g_{jj}}, \quad (11)$$

where g_{jj} is the j th diagonal element of $(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}$. If $H_0 : \beta_j = 0$ is true, F is distributed as $F(1, n - k - 1)$, we reject $H_0 : \beta_j = 0$ if $F \geq F_{\alpha, 1, n - k - 1}$ or, equivalently, if $p \leq \alpha$, where p is the p -value for F . (The p -value is the probability that $F(1, n - k - 1)$ exceeds the observed value of F .)

Since the F -statistic has 1 and $n - k - 1$ degrees of freedom, we can equivalently use the t -statistic

$$t_j = \frac{\hat{\beta}_j}{s\sqrt{g_{jj}}} \quad (12)$$

to test the effect of β_j .

4 Confidence Intervals and Prediction Intervals

4.1 Confidence Region for β

If $C = I$ in (8), q becomes $k + 1$, and $t = \beta$, we obtain a central F -distribution and make the probability statement

$$P[(\hat{\beta} - \beta)' \mathbf{X}' \mathbf{X} (\hat{\beta} - \beta) / (k + 1)s^2 \leq F_{\alpha, k+1, n-k-1}] = 1 - \alpha,$$

where $s^2 = SSH/(n - k - 1)$. From this statement, a $100(1 - \alpha)\%$ joint confidence region for $\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_k$ in $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ is given by all vectors $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ that satisfy

$$(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \boldsymbol{\beta})' \mathbf{X}' \mathbf{X} (\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \boldsymbol{\beta}) \leq (k + 1)s^2 F_{\alpha, k+1, n-k-1}.$$

For $k = 1$, this region can be plotted as an ellipse in two dimensions. For $k > 1$, the elliptical region is unwidely to interpret.

4.2 Confidence Interval for β_j

If $\beta_j \neq 0$, we can subtract β_j in (12) so that

$$t_j = \frac{\hat{\beta}_j - \beta_j}{s\sqrt{g_{jj}}}$$

has the central t -distribution, where g_{jj} is the j th diagonal element of $(\mathbf{X}' \mathbf{X})^{-1}$.

Then

$$P\left[-t_{\alpha/2, n-k-1} \leq \frac{\hat{\beta}_j - \beta_j}{s\sqrt{g_{jj}}} \leq t_{\alpha/2, n-k-1}\right] = 1 - \alpha.$$

i.e.,

$$P(\hat{\beta}_j - t_{\alpha/2, n-k-1} s \sqrt{g_{jj}} \leq \beta_j \leq \hat{\beta}_j + t_{\alpha/2, n-k-1} s \sqrt{g_{jj}}) = 1 - \alpha.$$

Before taking the sample, the probability that the random interval will contain β_j is $1 - \alpha$. After taking the sample, the $100(1 - \alpha)\%$ confidence interval for β_j ,

$$\hat{\beta}_j \pm t_{\alpha/2, n-k-1} s \sqrt{g_{jj}},$$

is no longer random, and we say that we are $100(1 - \alpha)\%$ confident that the interval contains β_j .

Example 4.1 *Example 8.6.2 (Rencher and Schaalje(2008), pp.210).*

4.3 Confidence Interval for $\mathbf{a}'\boldsymbol{\beta}$

If $\mathbf{a}'\boldsymbol{\beta} \neq 0$, we can subtract $\mathbf{a}'\boldsymbol{\beta}$ from $\mathbf{a}'\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$ in (11) to obtain

$$F = \frac{(\mathbf{a}'\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \mathbf{a}'\boldsymbol{\beta})^2}{s^2 \mathbf{a}'(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{a}},$$

which is distributed as $F(1, n - k - 1)$. Then

$$t = \frac{\mathbf{a}'\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \mathbf{a}'\boldsymbol{\beta}}{s\sqrt{\mathbf{a}'(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{a}}},$$

is distributed as $t(n - k - 1)$, and a $100(1 - \alpha)\%$ confidence interval for a single value of $\mathbf{a}'\boldsymbol{\beta}$ is given by

$$\mathbf{a}'\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \pm t_{\alpha/2, n-k-1} s\sqrt{\mathbf{a}'(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{a}}.$$

4.4 Confidence Interval for $E(\mathbf{y})$

Let $\mathbf{x}_0 = (1, x_{01}, x_{02}, \dots, x_{0k})'$ denote a particular choice of \mathbf{x} . Note that \mathbf{x}_0 need not be one of the \mathbf{x} 's in the sample. Let y_0 be an observation corresponding to \mathbf{x}_0 . Then

$$y_0 = \mathbf{X}'_0\boldsymbol{\beta} + \epsilon,$$

and

$$E(y_0) = \mathbf{x}'_0\boldsymbol{\beta}. \tag{13}$$

The minimum variance unbiased estimator of $E(y_0)$ is given by

$$\widehat{E(y_0)} = \mathbf{x}'_0 \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}. \quad (14)$$

Since (13) and (14) are of the form $\mathbf{a}'\boldsymbol{\beta}$ and $\mathbf{a}'\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$, respectively, we obtain a $100 \times (1 - \alpha)\%$ confidence interval for $E(y_0)$:

$$\mathbf{x}'_0 \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \pm t_{\alpha/2, n-k-1} s \sqrt{\mathbf{x}'_0 (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{x}_0}.$$

The confidence interval can also be expressed in terms of the centered model,

$$E(y_0) = \alpha + \boldsymbol{\beta}'_1 (\mathbf{x}_{01} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1),$$

$$\widehat{E(y_0)} = \bar{y} + \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}'_1 (\mathbf{x}_{01} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1),$$

$$\bar{y} + \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}'_1 (\mathbf{x}_{01} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1) \pm t_{\alpha/2, n-k-1} s \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} + (\mathbf{x}_{01} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1)' (\mathbf{X}'_c \mathbf{X}_c)^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_{01} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1)}.$$

4.5 Prediction interval for a future observation

For a future observation, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{var}(y_0 - \hat{y}_0) &= \text{var}(y_0) + \text{var}(\mathbf{x}'_0 \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) = \sigma^2 + \sigma^2 \mathbf{x}'_0 (\mathbf{X}' \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{x}_0 \\ &= \sigma^2 [1 + \mathbf{x}'_0 (\mathbf{X}' \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{x}_0], \end{aligned}$$

which is estimated by $s^2 [1 + \mathbf{x}'_0 (\mathbf{X}' \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{x}_0]$. Note that in the derivation, we used the fact that y_0 is independent of \hat{y}_0 . Since s^2 is independent of both y_0 and $\hat{y}_0 = \mathbf{x}'_0 \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$, we have that

$$t = \frac{y_0 - \hat{y}_0}{s \sqrt{1 + \mathbf{x}'_0 (\mathbf{X}' \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{x}_0}}$$

is distributed as $t(n - k - 1)$, and the $100(1 - \alpha)\%$ prediction interval is

$$\mathbf{x}'_0 \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \pm t_{\alpha/2, n-k-1} s \sqrt{1 + \mathbf{x}'_0 (\mathbf{X}' \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{x}_0}.$$

In terms of the centered model, the $100(1 - \alpha)\%$ prediction interval becomes

$$\bar{y} + \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}'_1 (\mathbf{x}_{01} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1) \pm t_{\alpha/2, n-k-1} s \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{n} + (\mathbf{x}_{01} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1)' (\mathbf{X}'_c \mathbf{X}_c)^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_{01} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1)}.$$

4.6 Confidence interval for σ^2

Since $(n - k - 1)s^2/\sigma^2$ is $\chi^2(n - k - 1)$, the $100(1 - \alpha)\%$ confidence interval for σ^2 is

$$\frac{(n - k - 1)s^2}{\chi_{\alpha/2, n-k-1}^2} \leq \sigma^2 \leq \frac{(n - k - 1)s^2}{\chi_{1-\alpha/2, n-k-1}^2}.$$

A $100(1 - \alpha)\%$ confidence interval for σ is

$$\sqrt{\frac{(n - k - 1)s^2}{\chi_{\alpha/2, n-k-1}^2}} \leq \sigma \leq \sqrt{\frac{(n - k - 1)s^2}{\chi_{1-\alpha/2, n-k-1}^2}}.$$

5 Likelihood Ratio Tests

Suppose that $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ has density or frequency function $p(\mathbf{x}, \theta)$ and we wish to test $H_0 : \theta \in \Theta_0$ versus $H_1 : \theta \in \Theta_1$. The test statistic we want to consider is the *likelihood ratio* given by

$$LR = \frac{\sup\{p(\mathbf{x}, \theta) : \theta \in \Theta_0\}}{\sup\{p(\mathbf{x}, \theta) : \theta \in \Theta_1\}}.$$

Tests that reject H_0 for small value of LR are called *likelihood ratio tests*.

In the cases we shall consider, $p(\mathbf{x}, \theta)$ is a continuous function of θ and Θ_0 is of smaller dimension than $\Theta = \Theta_0 \cap \Theta_1$ so that the likelihood ratio equals the test statistic

$$\lambda(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\sup\{p(\mathbf{x}, \theta) : \theta \in \Theta_0\}}{\sup\{p(\mathbf{x}, \theta) : \theta \in \Theta\}},$$

whose computation is often simple. It follows that (Wilks, 1938) for $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$-2 \log \lambda(\mathbf{x}) \rightarrow \chi_d^2,$$

where $d = \dim(\Theta) - \dim(\Theta_0)$. In some cases, the χ^2 approximation is not needed because $\lambda(\mathbf{x})$ turns out to be a function of a familiar test statistic, such as t or F , whose exact distribution is available.

Theorem 5.1 *If \mathbf{y} is $N_n(\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})$, the likelihood ratio test for $H_0 : \boldsymbol{\beta} = 0$ can be test on*

$$F = \frac{\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}' \mathbf{X}' \mathbf{y} / (k + 1)}{(\mathbf{y}' \mathbf{y} - \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}' \mathbf{X}' \mathbf{y}) / (n - k - 1)}.$$

We reject H_0 if $F > F_{\alpha, k+1, n-k-1}$.

PROOF: To find $\sup L(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2)$, we use the MLEs $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y}$ and $\hat{\sigma}^2 = (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})'(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})/n$. Substituting we have

$$\sup L(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2) = \frac{n^{n/2}e^{-n/2}}{(2\pi)^{n/2}[(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})'(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})]^{n/2}}.$$

To find $\sup L(0, \sigma^2)$, we solve $\partial L(0, \sigma^2)/\partial \sigma^2 = 0$ to obtain

$$\hat{\sigma}_0^2 = \mathbf{y}'\mathbf{y}/n.$$

Then

$$\sup_{H_0} L(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2) = L(0, \hat{\sigma}_0^2) = \frac{n^{n/2}e^{-n/2}}{(2\pi)^{n/2}(\mathbf{y}'\mathbf{y})^{n/2}}.$$

Thus, we have

$$\lambda(\mathbf{x}) = \left[\frac{(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})'(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})}{\mathbf{y}'\mathbf{y}} \right]^{n/2} = \left[\frac{1}{1 + (k+1)F/(n-k-1)} \right]^{n/2},$$

where

$$F = \frac{\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}'\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y}/(k+1)}{(\mathbf{y}'\mathbf{y} - \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}'\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y})/(n-k-1)}.$$

Thus, rejecting $h_0 : \beta = 0$ for a small value of $\lambda(\mathbf{x})$ is equivalent to rejecting H_0 for a large value of F .

The four steps of deriving likelihood ratio tests:

- (1) Calculate the MLE $\hat{\theta}$ of θ .
- (2) Calculate the MLE $\hat{\theta}_0$ where θ may vary only over Θ_0 .
- (3) Form $\lambda(\mathbf{x}) = p(\mathbf{x}, \hat{\theta}_0) / p(\mathbf{x}, \hat{\theta})$.
- (4) Find a function h which is strictly decreasing on the range of λ such that $h(\lambda(\mathbf{x}))$ has a simple form and a tabled distribution under h_0 . Since $h(\lambda(\mathbf{x}))$ is equivalent to $\lambda(\mathbf{x})$ we specify the size α likelihood ratio test through the test statistic $h(\lambda(\mathbf{x}))$ and its $(1 - \alpha)$ th quantile obtained from the table.