

The Poisson Dispersion Test.

The two key assumptions underlying the Poisson distribution are that

1. the rate is constant
2. the counts in one interval of time or space are independent of the counts in disjoint intervals.

$X_1, \dots, X_n \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda)$?

$$H_0: X_i \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda) \quad H_0: \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n = \lambda_n$$

$$H_1: X_i \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda_i) \quad H_1: \lambda_i \text{'s not all equal}$$

$i=1, \dots, n.$

under Ω_0 $\hat{\lambda} = \bar{X}$

under Ω $\hat{\lambda}_i = x_i$

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda &= \frac{\max_{\Omega_0} L(\lambda)}{\max_{\Omega} L(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)} = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n \hat{\lambda}^{x_i} e^{-\hat{\lambda}} / x_i!}{\prod_{i=1}^n \hat{\lambda}_i^{x_i} e^{-\hat{\lambda}_i} / x_i!} \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\bar{X}}{x_i} \right)^{x_i} e^{x_i - \bar{X}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} -2 \log \Lambda &= -2 \sum_{i=1}^n \left[x_i \log \left(\frac{\bar{X}}{x_i} \right) + (x_i - \bar{X}) \right] \\ &= 2 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \log \left(\frac{x_i}{\bar{X}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

using Taylor series approximation

$$-2 \log \Lambda \approx \frac{1}{\bar{x}} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2 = \frac{n \sigma^2}{\bar{x}}$$

under Ω $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ $\dim \Omega = n$.

under Ω_0 λ $\dim \Omega = 1$

$$df = n - 1$$

Reject H_0 if $-2 \log \Lambda > \chi_{n-1, \alpha}^2$

Ex. X_1, \dots, X_n rpois (n, λ) \bar{x}, s^2 equal

Ex: X_1, \dots, X_n rnegbin (n, r, p) \bar{x}, s^2 not.

Recall $\frac{(n-1)s^2}{\sigma^2} = \frac{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2}{\sigma^2}$

If $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda)$
then $E[X] = V(X) = \lambda$