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**Task:** 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 true st dev of  $\sigma = 5$  min. The two batches of paint have a true average drying time of either 25 min or 10 min.

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

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

Using the 5 observed drying times, find  $\delta^*$  that minimizes  $\beta(\delta^*)$  subject to  $\alpha(\delta^*) \leq .05$  (Note: the level of significance is set to be  $\alpha_0 = 0.05$ .)

**Solution:**

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

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

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

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

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

$$\delta^* : \{ \text{reject } H_0 \text{ if } \bar{x} < 21.32 \}$$

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

**But wait, there is a really important idea here!!!**

We could have done this problem without so much algebra. We know that the test must be based on  $\bar{X}$  because that was the statistic which was isolated when the likelihood ratio was calculated.

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\delta^* : \{\text{reject } H_0 \text{ if } \bar{x} < 21.32\}$$

$$\text{note: } \beta(\delta^*) = P(\bar{X} \geq 21.32 | \theta = 10) \approx 0$$