

# Module 5E: Unsupervised Learning

A smattering of options: PCA, permutations, bootstrap

# Two major categories of computational methods

Null sampling distributions:

**1. Simulation – hypothesis testing**

**2. Randomization/Permutation**

Precision of estimates:

**3. Bootstrapping** – sampling distribution of estimate; the values for the parameter estimates that we might obtain and their probabilities.

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## Null sampling distributions:

### **1. Simulation – hypothesis testing**

Determine the null distribution by simulation of the sampling process

5 main steps

#### **1. Create and sample imaginary population**

- parameters specified by null hypothesis
- Same protocol that was used to collect real data

#### **2. Calculate test statistic on simulated sample**

#### **3. Repeat many times**

#### **4. Form the null distribution**

- Gather simulated values for the test statistic

#### **5. Compare test statistic from the actual data to the null distribution**

This is a BROAD topic. Some of these simulations will be relevant: <https://chi-feng.github.io/mcmc-demo/>

This is an excellent explanation of the simulations: <https://elevanth.org/blog/2017/11/28/build-a-better-markov-chain/>

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