

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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Determine the null distribution (from the parameters expected under the null hypothesis) 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/>

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