

# Biostat 279 Hw 2

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- 4 I have posted several reading materials on the entire class website to date, and you will continue to see more today. Browse through them and you may pick your project based on one of the papers. You can expand on ideas in the paper or propose interesting design problems motivated by one or more papers. Alternatively, you can also propose an optimal design project. The contents on the project can be theoretical or based on developing a software program using PSO or other metaheuristic or traditional algorithms for finding new optimal designs.

# Q1:

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S.o.L.

$$m(\xi) = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda(x_i) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_i \\ x_i & x_i^2 \end{pmatrix} (1 \ x_i) w_i$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda(x_i) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_i \\ x_i & x_i^2 \end{pmatrix} w_i$$

$$\text{where } \xi = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & \cdots & x_n \\ w_1 & \cdots & w_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(a): Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \epsilon_i, \epsilon_i \sim N(0, \frac{1}{c-x_i^2})$$

$$\text{Let } \xi = \begin{pmatrix} -a & a \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}, \text{ then}$$

$$\begin{aligned} m(\xi) &= (c-a^2) \left[ \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -a \\ -a & a^2 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a \\ -a & a^2 \end{pmatrix} \right] \\ &= c(c-a^2) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & a^2 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow m'(\xi) = \frac{1}{c-a^2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{a^2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Sensitivity function:

$$\begin{aligned} d(x, \xi) &= \lambda(x) f(x)^T m'(\xi) f(x) - 2 \\ &= \frac{c-x^2}{c-a^2} (1 \ x) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{a^2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ x \end{pmatrix} - 2 \\ &= \frac{1}{c-a^2} (c-x^2) \left( 1 + \frac{x^2}{a^2} \right) - 2 \\ &= -\frac{x^4}{(c-a^2)a^2} + \frac{1}{a^2} x^2 + \frac{c}{c-a^2} - 2 \end{aligned}$$

So  $d(x, \xi)$  attains maximum when

$$x^2 = \frac{c-a^2}{2}$$

If plug-in  $x = \pm a$ , then

$$d(\pm a, \xi) = 0 !$$

Simplification

Thus, if  $\frac{c-a^2}{2} \geq 1$  i.e.,

$c \geq 3$ , then  $a = \pm 1$ ,

$$\xi_D = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

if  $c < 3$ , then  $\frac{c-a^2}{2} = a^2$

$\Rightarrow a = \pm \sqrt{\frac{c}{3}}$ , which results in

$$\xi_D = \begin{pmatrix} -\sqrt{\frac{c}{3}} & +\sqrt{\frac{c}{3}} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$(b): \lambda(x) = x + c.$$

$$\text{Let } \xi = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & +1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$m(\xi) = \frac{-1+c}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1+c}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} c & 1 \\ 1 & c \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow$$

$$m'(\xi) = \frac{1}{c^2-1} \begin{pmatrix} c & -1 \\ -1 & c \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(x, \xi) &= \lambda(x) f(x)^T M^T(\xi) f(x) - 2 \\
 &= \frac{(x+c)}{c^2-1} x \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x \\ -1 & c \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ x \end{pmatrix} - 2 \\
 &= \frac{x+c}{c^2-1} (cx^2 - 2x + c) - 2 \\
 &= \frac{1}{c^2-1} [cx^3 + (c^2-2)x^2 - cx + c^2] - 2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let } g(x) = cx^3 + (c^2-2)x^2 - cx + c^2$$

$$\Rightarrow g'(x) = 3cx^2 + 2(c^2-2)x - c$$

$$\text{At } x=1: g(1) = 2(c^2-1)$$

$$g'(1) = 2(c-1)(c+2) > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow d(1, \xi) = 0 \quad \&$$

$$d(1^-, \xi) < 0.$$

$$\text{At } x=-1: g(-1) = 2(c^2-1)$$

$$g'(-1) = -2(c+1)(c-2)$$

$$\text{if } c > 2, g'(-1) < 0 \quad \&$$

$$d(-1, \xi) = 0 \quad \&$$

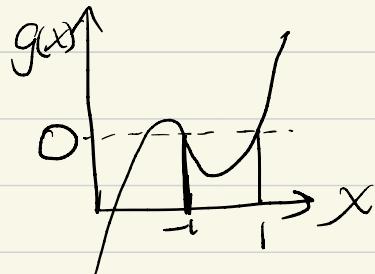
$$d(-1^+, \xi) < 0$$

Thus,

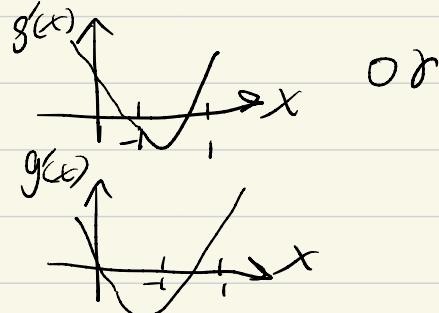
$$\xi_D = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \text{ is D-opt}$$

if  $c \geq 2$ .

The reason is,  $g(x)$  looks like this: (if  $c > 2$ )



Since  $g(x)$  is like this



□.

Next, if  $c < 2$ :

$$\text{Let } \xi = \begin{pmatrix} a & 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M(\xi) =$$

$$\frac{(a+c)}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a \\ a & a^2 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1+c}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \left( \frac{c + \frac{a+1}{2}}{2}, \frac{\frac{a^2+a+c+1}{2}}{2} \right)$$

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By equi-thm, the checking condition is indeed (for D-opt design)

$$\lambda(x)f(x)^T m^T(\xi) f(x) - 2 \leq 0 \quad (\star)$$

$\forall x \in [-1, 1]$  & when  $x=1$  &  $a$ , equality is attained.

After some tedious manipulation on Mathematica, I got

$$\text{LHS}(\star) = \frac{2(a-x)(x-1) \left[ 1 + a^2 - 2c^2 - x - a(2+c+x) \right]}{(a-1)^2(1+c)(a+c)} \quad (\Delta)$$

which is 0 when  $x=a, x=1$ .

Further Hand movement manually simplification outputs

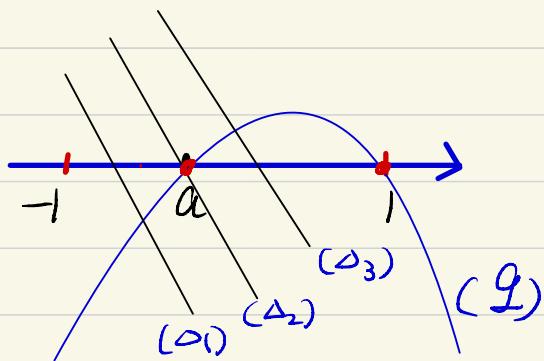
$$(\Delta) = -(1+a+2c)x - (a-1)^2 c (a+1+2c)$$

Next, I will show that

( $\star$ ) attains maxima iff

( $\Delta$ ) is 0 when  $x=a$ .

Pf: The quadratic part & linear part of ( $\star$ ) should be plotted as:



- For ( $\Delta_1$ ): Since ( $\star$ ) is continuous, so  $\exists a^* \in (-1, a)$  such that  $(Q) < 0, (\Delta_1) < 0 \Rightarrow (Q) \cdot (\Delta_1) > 0$ , thus, ( $\star$ )  $> 0$ , a contradiction to equivalence theorem.

- For ( $\Delta_3$ ):  $\exists a^* (a, 1]$  s.t.  $(Q) > 0, (\Delta_3) > 0$  & thus ( $\star$ )  $> 0$ . A contradiction.

- Thus, ( $\Delta_2$ ) is the only possible choice for the linear part ( $\Delta$ ) & we have

$$(\Delta) = 0 \text{ at point } x=a. \quad \square$$

This gives

$$a = \frac{1-2c^2-c}{3c(c+1)} \text{ for } c < 2.$$

after some calculation.

## Ex 2:

- 2 Let  $\text{Tr } A$  denote the trace of the square matrix  $A$ . Show that the function  $\text{Tr } M^{-1}$  is a convex function of  $M$  over the space of all information matrices generated by approximate designs on a compact interval  $X$ , i.e. show that if  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  are two approximate designs defined on  $X$  and  $0 \leq a \leq 1$ , then

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Sol. (1)  $\text{Tr } M^{-1}$  is a conv fct. of  $M$  over the sp. of all info. matrices on a compact  $X$ .

Pf: ETS  $\forall \mu_1, \mu_2$  approx designs,  $\forall a \in [0,1]$ ,  
 $\text{Tr}(aM(\mu_1) + (1-a)M(\mu_2))^{-1} \leq a\text{Tr}[M(\mu_1)]^{-1} + (1-a)\text{Tr}[M(\mu_2)]^{-1}$

By 250A & simultaneous diag. thm,  
 $\exists U, |U| \neq 0$  s.t.

$$U^T M(\mu_1) U = I, U^T M(\mu_2) U = I,$$

diag. of  $I$  are eigenvals of  $M(\mu_1)^{-1} M(\mu_2) M(\mu_2)^{-1}$   
 And  $U = M(\mu_2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} P$ ,  $P^T P = P P^T = I$

$$\text{Thus, } \begin{cases} M(\mu_1) = U U^T \\ M(\mu_2) = U^T I U^T. \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \text{Tr}(aM(\mu_1) + (1-a)M(\mu_2))^{-1} \\ &= \text{Tr}(aU^T U^{-1} + (1-a)U^T I U^{-1})^{-1} \\ &= \text{Tr}[U^T(aI + (1-a)I)U^{-1}]^{-1} \\ &= \text{Tr}[U(aI + (1-a)I)^{-1} U^T] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\stackrel{(*)}{\leq} \text{Tr}[U(aI + (1-a)I)^{-1} U^T] \\ &= a\text{Tr } U U^T + (1-a)\text{Tr } U I U^T \end{aligned}$$

Where  $(*)$  comes from:

$$\frac{1}{a+(1-a)\lambda} \leq \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{(1-a)\lambda}$$

$$\forall \lambda > 0. \quad a \in [0,1].$$

(Harmonic mean  $\leq$  Arithmetic mean)

(2) - Show A-D-optimal are equivalent if  $M(\emptyset) \propto I$ .

Pf: if  $M(\emptyset) = cI$  for  $c > 0$ .

Then the sensitivity fct for

$$\begin{aligned} \text{D-opt: } & f(x)^T M(\emptyset)^{-1} f(x) - P \\ &= \frac{1}{c} f(x)^T f(x) - P \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{A-opt: } f(x)^T M(\emptyset)^{-1} f(x) - \text{Tr}(M(\emptyset)^{-1})$$

$$= \frac{1}{c^2} f(x)^T f(x) - \frac{1}{c} P$$

$$= \frac{1}{c} \left[ \frac{1}{c} f(x)^T f(x) - P \right]$$

So up to a const., D-opt and A-opt designs are equivalent.

Q3:

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Sol. ①  $y_i = \log \frac{p_i}{1-p_i} = b(x_i - a)$ , let  
 $\ell_i = \log(e^{y_i} - \log(1+e^{y_i}))$ ,  $\theta = (a, b)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{\partial^2 \ell_i}{\partial \theta \partial \theta^T} &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial y_i} \left( \frac{\partial \ell_i}{\partial y_i} \frac{\partial y_i}{\partial \theta} \right) \frac{\partial y_i}{\partial \theta^T} \\ &= \frac{e^{y_i}}{(1+e^{y_i})^2} \times \begin{pmatrix} -b \\ x_i - a \end{pmatrix} (-b \quad (x_i - a)) \\ &= p_i(1-p_i) \begin{pmatrix} b^2 & -b(x_i - a) \\ -b(x_i - a) & x_i^2 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Then the info matrix associated with

$$\xi = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & \cdots & x_n \\ w_1 & & w_n \end{pmatrix} \text{ is}$$

$$-\bar{I} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial^2 \ell_i}{\partial \theta \partial \theta^T} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i(1-p_i)b^2 + b \sum_{i=1}^n p_i(1-p_i)(x_i - a) \\ b \sum_{i=1}^n p_i(1-p_i)(x_i - a) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 p_i(1-p_i) \end{bmatrix}$$

② Let  $\xi = \begin{pmatrix} r & 2a-r \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$

and note that  $e^{-b(x_i-a)}$

$$p_i(1-p_i) = \frac{e^{-b(x_i-a)}}{(1+e^{-b(x_i-a)})^2}$$

Then, let  $t = -b(r-a)$ , we have

$$M(\xi) =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} b^2 & 0 \\ 0 & (r-a)^2 \end{bmatrix} \frac{e^t}{(1+e^t)^2}$$

using the fact

$$P_1(1-P_1) = P_2(1-P_2) = \frac{e^t}{(1+e^t)^2}$$

Then

$$\det(M(\xi)) = \frac{t^2 e^{2t}}{(1+e^t)^4} \equiv e^{g(t)}$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$g(t) = 2\log t + 2t - 4\log(1+e^t)$$

$$g'(t) = \frac{2}{t} + 2 - \frac{4e^t}{1+e^t} = 0$$

produces

$$t_1 = 1.543405, t_2 = -1.543405$$

Finally,

$$\gamma_1 = -\frac{t_1}{b} + a \quad \text{plug-in them into}$$

$$\gamma_2 = -\frac{t_2}{b} + a \quad \log \frac{P_1}{1-P_1} = -b(x_i - a)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} P_1 = 0.82396 \\ P_2 = 0.17604 \end{cases}$$

To check

$$\xi_D = \begin{pmatrix} r & 2a - r \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{for } r = -\frac{t}{b} + a,$$

$$t = 1.543405$$

is indeed D-opt  $\forall a, b$ ,

use equivalence thm:

$$\nabla P_x(\theta) M^T(\xi_D) \nabla P_x(\theta) = 2$$

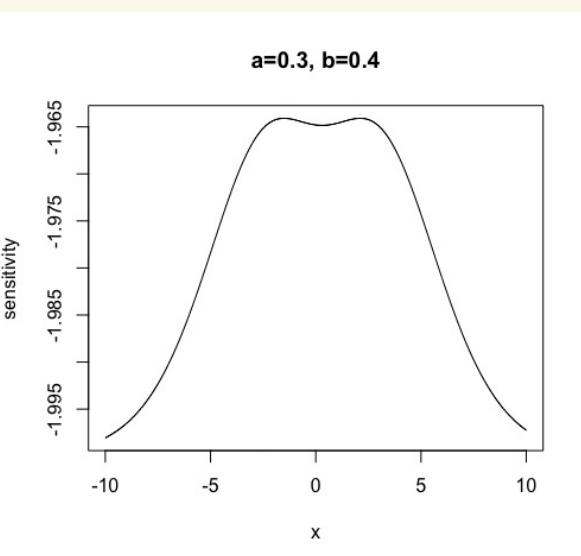
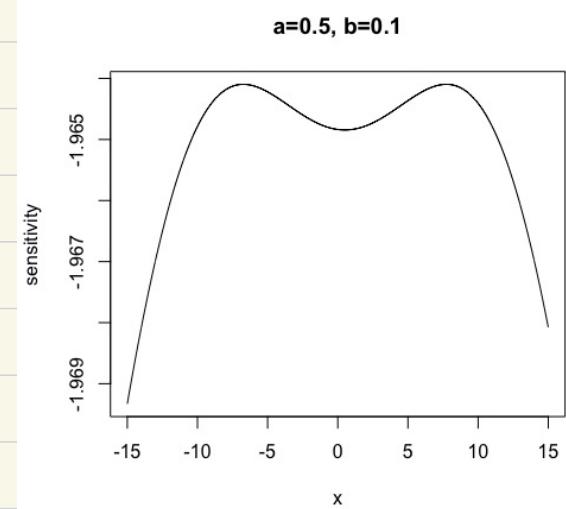
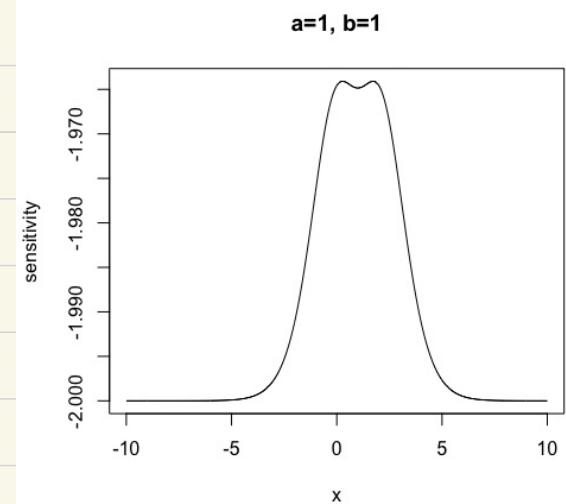
with nominal values

$$\Theta_1 = (0.3, 0.4)$$

$$\Theta_2 = (1, 1)$$

$$\Theta_3 = (0.5, 1)$$

Plots are shown below.



③ what if

$$y_i = \log \frac{P_i}{1-P_i} = a + b x_i ?$$

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{\partial l_i}{\partial \theta \theta^T} &= P_i(1-P_i) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ x_i \end{pmatrix} (1-x_i) \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} P_i(1-P_i) & x_i P_i(1-P_i) \\ x_i P_i(1-P_i) & x_i^2 P_i(1-P_i) \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

The info. mat  $M(\xi)$  is

$$-\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial^2 l_i}{\partial \theta \partial \theta^T} w_i$$

$$\text{Note } P_i(1-P_i) = \frac{e^{a+b x_i}}{(1+e^{a+b x_i})^2}$$

$$\text{Let } \xi = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & -\frac{2a}{b} - \gamma \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{and } t = a + b \gamma$$

Then we have

$$M(\xi) = \frac{e^t}{(1+e^t)^2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\frac{a}{b} \\ -\frac{a}{b} & (\gamma + \frac{a}{b})^2 + \frac{a^2}{b^2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|M(\xi)| = \frac{e^{2t}}{(1+e^t)^4} \left( \gamma + \frac{a}{b} \right)^2 \stackrel{g(t)}{=} e^{g(t)}$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} g(t) &= 2t - 4 \log(1+e^t) \\ &\quad + 2 \log\left(\frac{t}{b}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$g'(t) = 2 - \frac{4e^t}{1+e^t} + \frac{2}{t} = 0$$

produces

$$t_1 = +1.5434 ;$$

$$t_2 = -1.5434 .$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma_1 = \frac{t_1 - a}{b}, \gamma_2 = \frac{t_2 - a}{b}$$

which results in

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} P_1 = 0.82396 \end{array} \right.$$

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This is the same locally D-opt design as we had before.