Real data: CAPE Positive

In: Association Analysis Between Polygenic Risk Scores and Traits: Practical Guidelines and Tutorial with an Illustrative Data Set of Schizophrenia

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Working flow and code

In this real data set there are 106 PRS, and a **binary Trait** ($CAPE_{Positive}$), with gender, age, and two Principal Components as covariates.

• Data reading

```
dat <- read.table("Real_data_Positive.csv", header=TRUE, sep="\t", dec=".", row.names=1)
names(dat) #</pre>
```

```
##
     [1] "Sex"
                           "Age"
                                             "CAPE_Positive"
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## [105] "PRS.102"
                           "PRS.103"
                                             "PRS.104"
## [109] "PRS.106"
                           "PC1"
                                             "PC2"
```

Check that all variables you are interested in are properly read and that there are not other variables you do not need as it is the case.

• Do not forget to declare the categorical variables as factors

```
dat$Sex <- as.factor(dat$Sex)
dat$CAPE_Positive <- as.factor(dat$CAPE_Positive)</pre>
```

1. What full model should be considered?

First, given a particular PRS (named PRS.i), consider all the possible full models:

- FM_{WI} : log(p/1-p) versus PRS.i + Sex + Age + PC1 + PC2
- FM_{Sex} : log(p/1-p) versus PRS.i + Sex + PRS.i, Sex + Age + PC1 + PC2

2. How to make a PRS ranking to find the important ones?

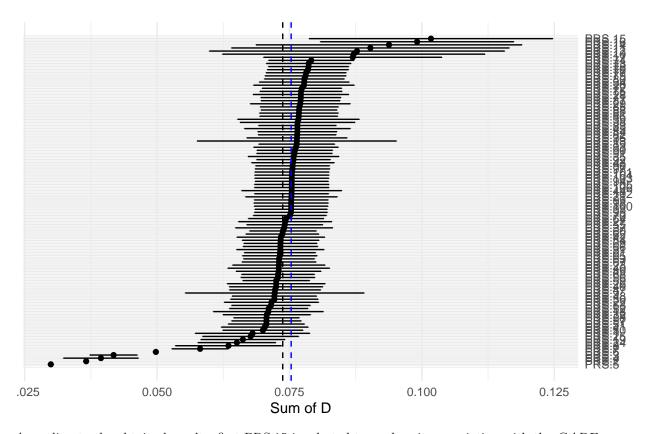
As is described in the paper, for each model, calculate the Tjur's coefficients of discrimination. If Nagelkerke's R^2 is prefered, set statistic="PseudoR2" in function orderBin(), and calculate their sum S.

According to S, list the PRSs in decreasing order:

```
# Order the PRSs
out <- orderBin(dat, yname="CAPE_Positive", prsname = "PRS.", statistic = "D") # Note that this functio
# is included in the customized file via source("Functions.R")
head(out)
##
              Model1
                         Model2
## PRS.15 0.03458250 0.06713832 0.10172083
## PRS.16 0.03662211 0.06247882 0.09910094
## PRS.14 0.02913388 0.06465976 0.09379364
## PRS.11 0.02658133 0.06369724 0.09027858
## PRS.12 0.02415016 0.06359970 0.08774985
## PRS.10 0.02603126 0.06110069 0.08713195
mainfilename <- "Real_data_CAPE_Positive"</pre>
filename <- paste0(mainfilename, "_Ordered_PRS.csv")
write.csv2(out,file=filename)
```

Plot the sum of discrimination coefficients D. Lines: in blue the median; in black the mean.

```
out <- data.frame(out)</pre>
n <- dim(out)[1]</pre>
select <- grep("Model", names(out), value=FALSE)</pre>
out$effect <- out$Sum</pre>
sds <- apply(out[, select], 1, sd)</pre>
out$lower <- out$effect - sds</pre>
out$upper <- out$effect + sds</pre>
out$rank <- n:1
ggplot(data=out, aes(y=rank, x=effect, xmin=lower, xmax=upper)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom errorbarh(height=.1) +
  scale_y_continuous(name=NULL, breaks= n:1, labels=row.names(out), position="right") +
  labs(title='', x='Sum of D', y = 'PRS') +
  geom_vline(xintercept=mean(out$effect), color='black', linetype='dashed') +
  geom_vline(xintercept=median(out$effect), color='blue', linetype='dashed') +
  theme_minimal()
```



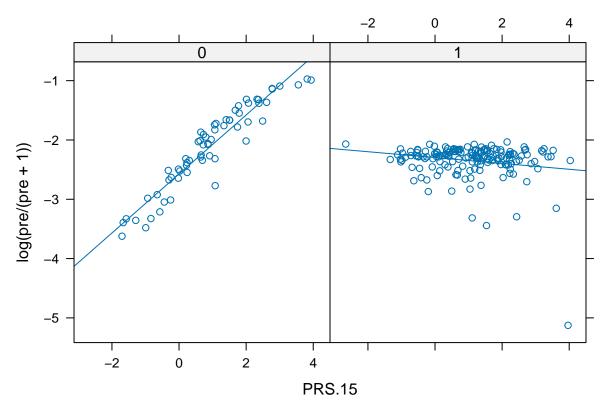
According to the obtained results, first PRS.15 is selected to analyse its association with the $CAPE_{Positive}$.

3. Which model, of all the possible ones, should be used?

The following Figure represents the scatter plot separated by Sex group.

```
# First candidate PRS.15
# Plot it

M <- glm(CAPE_Positive ~ PRS.15*Sex + Age + PC1 + PC2, data=dat, family=binomial())
pre <- M$fitted.values #predict(M, type='response')
xyplot(log(pre/(pre+1))~PRS.15|Sex, data=dat, type=c("p", "r"))</pre>
```



The plots suggest that the interaction between the PRS.15 and the diagnostic is relevant. Thus, we set the full model candidate (FM): $CAPE_{Positive} \sim PRS + Sex + PRS \cdot Sex + Age + PC1 + PC2$

5. For a binary trait, what steps should be followed for a correct analysis?

Check for overdispersion

```
#model
FM <- glm(CAPE_Positive ~ Sex + PRS.15*Sex + Age + PC1 + PC2, data=dat, family=binomial())
#Residual Deviance
FM$deviance
## [1] 165.7134
# Ratio
FM$deviance/FM$df.residual</pre>
```

[1] 0.7532427

Since this ratio is close to 1, there is not evidence of overdispersion.

[1] 0.2651312

With this p-value = 0.2651 we conclude that there is not evedence of overdispersion.

Based on the estimations given in this table:

```
summary(FM)
```

##

```
## Call:
## glm(formula = CAPE_Positive ~ Sex + PRS.15 * Sex + Age + PC1 +
       PC2, family = binomial(), data = dat)
##
## Coefficients:
##
               Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
                           2.22416 0.025
## (Intercept) 0.05492
                                              0.9803
## Sex1
                0.13895
                            0.66711
                                      0.208
                                              0.8350
## PRS.15
                0.74628
                            0.28997
                                     2.574
                                              0.0101 *
## Age
               -0.11833
                           0.10697 -1.106
                                              0.2686
## PC1
               1.95129
                          14.54023
                                     0.134
                                              0.8932
                                              0.8478
## PC2
                2.86709
                          14.94056
                                      0.192
## Sex1:PRS.15 -0.74871
                           0.35877 -2.087
                                              0.0369 *
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## (Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)
##
       Null deviance: 177.27 on 226 degrees of freedom
## Residual deviance: 165.71 on 220 degrees of freedom
## AIC: 179.71
## Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 5
The PRS.15 coefficient will vary depending on the gender, being:
  • log(p/1-p) = 0.055 + 0.746 \times PRS.15 - 0.118 \times Age + 1.951 \times PC1 + 2.867 \times PC2, if Sex = 0.
  • log(p/1-p) = (0.055+0.139) + (0.746-0.749) \times PRS.15 - 0.118 \times Age + 1.951 \times PC1 + 2.867 \times PC2,
    if Sex = 1.
Check whether the respective PRS coefficients under each group are significant or not.
summary(glht(FM, "PRS.15 = 0"))
##
##
     Simultaneous Tests for General Linear Hypotheses
##
## Fit: glm(formula = CAPE_Positive ~ Sex + PRS.15 * Sex + Age + PC1 +
       PC2, family = binomial(), data = dat)
##
##
## Linear Hypotheses:
               Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
## PRS.15 == 0 0.7463
                             0.2900
                                      2.574 0.0101 *
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## (Adjusted p values reported -- single-step method)
summary(glht(FM, "PRS.15 + Sex1:PRS.15 = 0"))
##
##
     Simultaneous Tests for General Linear Hypotheses
## Fit: glm(formula = CAPE_Positive ~ Sex + PRS.15 * Sex + Age + PC1 +
##
       PC2, family = binomial(), data = dat)
```

Linear Hypotheses:

```
## Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|) ## PRS.15 + Sex1:PRS.15 == 0 -0.002425 0.211998 -0.011 0.991 ## (Adjusted p values reported -- single-step method)
```

That means that for those with Sex=1, it seems that the PRS.15 is not related to the Trait with odds = $\exp(-0.002) = 0.991$, but for those with Sex=0 the model indicates that the coefficient of PRS.15 is 0.7463, so the odds increase $\exp(0.7463) = 2.109$ for an incremental of one unit in PRS.15 with a p-value=0.0101.

It is possible to compute a permutation test to assess whether the increase in the coefficient of determination D is significative.

In this particular case, it can be seen that the coefficient of discrimination of the FM model is 0.05 units bigger than the corresponding to the *Null Model NM*, and it is statistically significant.

• Last step: We move to the next PRS.