

Assignment 9

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False Discovery Rate (FDR)

The FDR is known as the expected proportions of type I errors. A type I error is where we incorrectly reject the null hypothesis. FDR is closely related to FWER (family-wise error rate), the probability of making any type I error at all.

FDR Formula:

$$\text{FDR} = E(V/R \mid R > 0) P(R > 0)$$

where:

- * V = Number of Type I errors
- * R = Number of rejected hypotheses

Below is the function for FDR implementation:

```
false_discovery_rate <- function(p_values, Q){  
  
  sorted_p_values = sort(p_values) #Sorting the p-values -> Step1  
  
  len = length(sorted_p_values)      #Number of p-values  
  
  #Hypothesis 1  
  
  hypothesis_1 = Q*c(1:len)/len  
  
  #Hypothesis 2 - If not independent  
  
  hep = len * sum(1/c(1:len))  
  
  hypothesis_2 = (Q * c(1:len))/hep  
  
  #the p-values less than the hypothesis line are considered to be interesting  
  
  is_interesting_true = (sorted_p_values < hypothesis_1)  
  
  #compute the index below which the sorted p-values are less than the line  
  
  threshold_index = max(which(is_interesting_true == "TRUE"))  
}
```

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print(paste0("The Threshold Index: ", threshold_index)) #The no. of TRUE values

p_star = sorted_p_values[threshold_index]

hypothesis = c(1:len)

plot(hypothesis, sorted_p_values, col="black")

lines(c(1:threshold_index), sorted_p_values[c(1:threshold_index)],
      col = "red", type="o")

lines(hypothesis, hypothesis_1, type="l", col="black")

#list index of hypothesis which are interesting in the original unsorted list of p values

temp = (p_values < p_star)

fd = which(temp == "TRUE")

print("Index of intersting p values in the unsorted list:")

print(fd)

#false rejection rate

frr = -log(p_star)/length(fd)

print(paste0("False Rejection Rate: ", frr))

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# NOTE: FRR depends on the Q value given as an input to the function

# Here, the Q value was 0.05 hence the frr is approximately 0.05

#####

}

```

Below is the code to call the fdr function:

```

# Test Vector of p-values

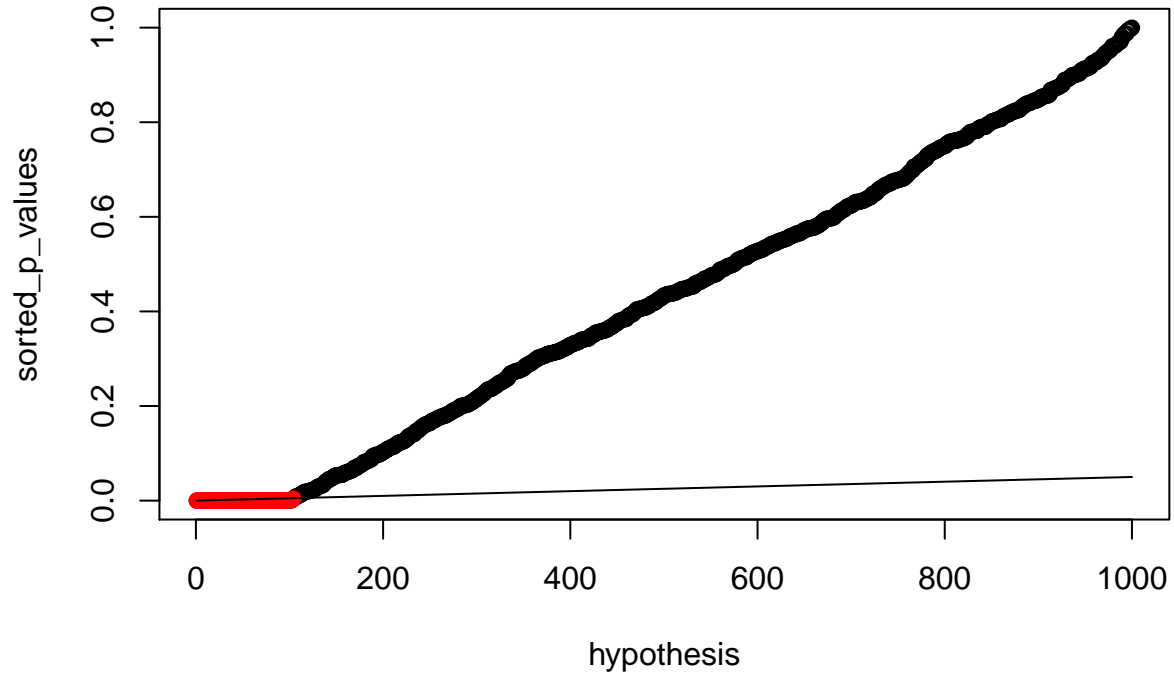
vec <- c(1e-5*runif(100),runif(900))

Q = 0.05

false_discovery_rate(vec, Q)

```

```
## [1] "The Threshold Index: 104"
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## [1] "Index of intersting p values in the unsorted list:"
## [1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18
## [19] 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36
## [37] 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54
## [55] 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72
## [73] 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90
## [91] 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 434 554 665
## [1] "False Rejection Rate: 0.0530982765886552"
```