

# Valid Post-Selection Inference (Berk 2013)

① bound below with intersection

② improve critical value in t test.

Addressing problems: ① inference is not independent with model selection

② meaning of parameters change in every submodel. (# explanation  $\sim p^{2^p-1}$ )

Setting: the true model is  $Y \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2 I_p)$

inference target  $\beta_M = \arg\min_{\beta} \|\mu - X_M \beta\|^2$   $X_M$  is subset of  $X_{n \times p}$   $|M|=m$

Assume: ①  $\beta_M$  is not true model,  $X_M \beta_M = \mu_M \neq \mu$  is approximation of  $\mu$ .  $MC\{1, \dots, p\}$

First order correctness ~~doesn't~~ doesn't hold.

②  $\beta_{M^c}$  is neither correct. Full model has no special status.

③  $\beta_M \neq 0$ ,  $\beta_M$  doesn't exist (not needing to do inference on).

④ homoscedasticity:  $\sigma^2$  constant for all sample.

there is method to estimate  $\hat{\sigma}^2$  independently from model selection. with ~~freedom~~ dof  $r$ .  $\hat{\sigma}^2 \sim \chi_r^2$

Construction:

$$\hat{\beta}_{j,M} = \frac{X_{j,M}^T Y}{\|X_{j,M}\|^2} \quad \hat{\beta}_{j,M} = \frac{X_{j,M}^T Y}{\|X_{j,M}\|^2} \sim N(\beta_{j,M}, \frac{\sigma^2}{\|X_{j,M}\|^2})$$

$$t_{j,M} = \frac{\hat{\beta}_{j,M} - \beta_{j,M}}{(\frac{1}{\|X_{j,M}\|^2})^{1/2} \hat{\sigma}} = \frac{(Y - \mu)^T X_{j,M}}{\hat{\sigma} \|X_{j,M}\|} \sim t_r \quad \text{distribution of } t_{j,M} \text{ is distorted.}$$

known model  $M$  marginally  $\hat{\beta}_{j,M}(k) \in [\hat{\beta}_{j,M} \pm K \frac{1}{\|X_{j,M}\|} \hat{\sigma}]$

target:  $P(\forall j \in \hat{M}, \hat{\beta}_{j,\hat{M}} \in CI_{j,\hat{M}}(k)) \geq 1 - \alpha$  randomness in  $\hat{M}$  comes from  $M$  sample.  $\hat{M}(T)$  only depends on distribution of  $Y$ , not  $T$ .

sol: Find a  $K$ , s.t.  $P(\forall j \in \hat{M}, \hat{\beta}_{j,\hat{M}} \in CI_{j,\hat{M}}(K)) \geq 1 - \alpha$

$K$  is the only thing needs to be specified. and was different for every  $\hat{M}$ .

value of  $K$ : s.t.  $P(\max_{M \in \mathcal{M}} \max_{j \in M} |t_{j,M}| \leq K) \geq 1 - \alpha$   $K = K(X, \mathcal{M}, \alpha, r)$ .

$$\forall \hat{M}, \max_{j \in \hat{M}(T)} |t_{j,\hat{M}(T)}(T)| \leq \max_{M \in \mathcal{M}} \max_{j \in M} |t_{j,M}(T)| \Rightarrow P(\forall j \in \hat{M}, \hat{\beta}_{j,\hat{M}} \in CI_{j,\hat{M}}(K)) \geq 1 - \alpha$$

Note: upper bound is sharp.

sharp model selection:  $\hat{M}_{SPAR}(T) \triangleq \arg\max_{M \in \mathcal{M}} \max_{j \in M} |t_{j,M}(T)|$  "significance hunting".

① in selected model, "max  $j$ " significance was boosted by other less significant covariates.

② care nothing about model fit.

$$d = \text{rank}(X)$$

Compare with Scheffe's method.

$$P(\sup_{x \in \text{span}(X)} \frac{|(Y - \mu)^T x|}{\hat{\sigma} \|x\|} \leq K_{Sch}) = 1 - \alpha \quad K_{Sch} = K_{Sch}(\alpha, d, r) = \sqrt{d F_{d, r, 1-\alpha}}$$

$$K(X, \mathcal{M}, \alpha, r) \leq K_{Sch}(\alpha, d, r) \sim \sqrt{d}$$

if  $X$  orthogonal  $K_{orth} \sim \sqrt{2 \log d}$  but if not, can be as bad as Scheffe (for worst case).