

# Conflicting Outputs in R

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## Motivations

We want to see if there are any conflicting outputs with the confidence intervals and p-values in the `prop.test` function in R. This is because the function uses Wald Confidence Interval, whereas a Score test is used to find the p-value.

## Methods and Criteria

To see if there are any conflicts, we will compare the confidence interval and p-value with  $\alpha = 0.05$ . If the confidence interval includes a 0 and the p-value is less than 0.05, then there is a conflict. We will also check to see the cases in which the confidence interval does not include 0 but the p-value is greater than 0.05.

## Conflict Checking Function

Below is the code used to find conflicts amongst 26,502,500 different combinations of inputs for `prop.test()`. This checks for conflicts where the corrections are enabled and disabled in the `prop.test()` function.

```
num.cores <- detectCores()

cluster <- makeCluster(num.cores - 2)

n1 <- seq(1,100)
n2 <- seq(1,100)
y1 <- seq(0,100)
y2 <- seq(0,100)

df <- expand.grid(y1, y2, n1, n2)
colnames(df) <- c("y1", "y2", "n1", "n2")

df <- subset(df, y1 <= n1 & y2 <= n2)
df <- df[which(df$y1 > 0 | df$y2 > 0),]
df <- df[which(df$y1 != df$n1 | df$y2 != df$n2),]

conflict.check <- function(vector.data){
  y1 <- vector.data[1]
  y2 <- vector.data[2]
  n1 <- vector.data[3]
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n2 <- vector.data[4]

prop.info.correction <- prop.test(c(y1, y2), c(n1, n2), correct = TRUE)

p.value.correction <- prop.info.correction$p.value
conf.int.low.correction <- prop.info.correction$conf.int[1]
conf.int.up.correction <- prop.info.correction$conf.int[2]

if (conf.int.low.correction < 0 & 0 < conf.int.up.correction & p.value.correction < 0.05){
  conflict.correction <- TRUE
} else if (conf.int.low.correction < 0 & conf.int.up.correction < 0 & p.value.correction > 0.05){
  conflict.correction <- TRUE
} else if (conf.int.low.correction > 0 & conf.int.up.correction > 0 & p.value.correction > 0.05){
  conflict.correction <- TRUE
} else {
  conflict.correction <- FALSE
}

prop.info.no <- prop.test(c(y1, y2), c(n1, n2), correct = FALSE)

p.value.no <- prop.info.no$p.value
conf.int.low.no <- prop.info.no$conf.int[1]
conf.int.up.no <- prop.info.no$conf.int[2]

if (conf.int.low.no < 0 & 0 < conf.int.up.no & p.value.no < 0.05){
  conflict.no <- TRUE
} else if (conf.int.low.no < 0 & conf.int.up.no < 0 & p.value.no > 0.05){
  conflict.no <- TRUE
} else if (conf.int.low.no > 0 & conf.int.up.no > 0 & p.value.no > 0.05){
  conflict.no <- TRUE
} else {
  conflict.no <- FALSE
}

info.vector <- c(n1, n2, y1, y2, conflict.correction, conflict.no)

return(info.vector)
}

object.export.names <- c("df", "conflict.check")
clusterExport(cluster, object.export.names)

output <- parApply(cl = cluster, X = df, 1, FUN = conflict.check)
output <- t(output)
conflict.output <- as.data.frame(output)
colnames(conflict.output) <- c("n1", "n2", "y1", "y2", "conflict.correction", "conflict.no.correction")

View(conflict.output)

stopCluster(cluster)

```

## Results

Out of the 26,502,500 combinations, there were 571,288 conflicts (2.1556%) when there was a correction and 575,266 conflicts (2.17061%) when there was no correction. There were also 133,240 (0.0503%) combinations that had conflicts with both a correction and not a correction. In total, there were 1,013,314 conflicts (3.823466%).