

HW 3 Problems

Assessing whether perchlorate is carcinogenic based on rats (hypothesis testing)

Data:

Control (y): 0/30

Exposed (x): 2/30

$y_i \sim \text{Bern}(\theta_1)$

$x_i \sim \text{Bern}(\theta_2)$

Hypotheses:

$H_0: \theta_1 = \theta_2$

$H_1: \theta_1 \neq \theta_2$

Let $M = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } H_1 \text{ is true} \\ 0, & \text{if } H_0 \text{ is true} \end{cases}$ and let us set a prior on $M \sim \text{Bern}(0.5)$ that doesn't favor either hypotheses.

$\Pr(M = 1|data) = \frac{1}{1+BF}$ where $BF = \frac{L(data|M=0)}{L(data|M=1)}$ is the Bayes factor in favor of H_0 over H_1 .

To do:

Write down simpler expressions for $\Pr(M = 1|data)$ and BF

Trying 2 different priors, report the $\Pr(M = 1|data)$ and BF

Run a simulation study \rightarrow 100 reps under H_0 and $H_1 \rightarrow$ compare Bayes and freq (Fisher's exact test) results