

# Test evaluation without a gold standard

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## Recap from Day 1

- Sensitivity, Specificity - definitions
- Bayes theorem - Markov Chain Monte Carlo
- Apparent & true prevalence estimation

## Familiar with this JAGS model?

```
ap_model <-  
'model {  
  
  # Define likelihood distribution of the data  
  # JAGS Binomial distribution Arguments: ap, n  
  
  y ~ dbin(ap,n)  
  
  # Specify prior distribution for parameters of interest  
  # Uniform (non-informative) prior distribution  
  ap ~ dbeta(1,1)  
  
  #data# n, y  
  #monitor# ap  
  #inits# ap  
}  
'
```

## What about this one?

```
tp_model <-  
'model {  
  
  # Define likelihood distribution of the data  
  # JAGS Binomial distribution Arguments: ap, n
```

```

y ~ dbin(ap,n)

ap <- tp * Se + (1-tp)*(1-Sp)
# Specify prior distribution for parameters of interest
# Uniform (non-informative) prior distribution
tp ~ dbeta(1,1)

# Prior distributions for Se, Sp
Se ~ dbeta(100,9)
Sp ~ dbeta(100,9)

#data# n, y
#monitor# tp, Se, Sp
#inits# tp, Se, Sp
}

```

- Do you see a something weird here (degrees of freedom vs parameters of interest)
- Add a second test and a second population
- Key assumptions of a latent class model

## Sensitivity - Specificity estimation with and without a gold standard

### Hui-Walter paradigm/model (1980)

- A particular model formulation that was originally designed for evaluating diagnostic tests in the absence of a gold standard
- Not originally/necessarily Bayesian - implemented using Maximum Likelihood
- If we don't know the true disease status, how can we estimate sensitivity or specificity for either test?

### Hui-Walter paradigm (1980)

- But we will use the data/observations from the manuscript published back in 1980.

## Hui-Walter (1980) dataset

**Table 1**  
*Results of Mantoux and Tine tests for tuberculosis in two populations*

Mantoux test	Population 1			Population 2		
	Tine test			Tine test		
	Positive	Negative	Total	Positive	Negative	Total
Positive	14	4	18	887	31	918
Negative	9	528	537	37	367	404
Total	23	532	555	924	398	1322

## Encode the Table\_1 data in RStudio

```
pop_1 = matrix(nrow=3,ncol=3)
rownames(pop_1) = c("Mantoux_Test_Pos", "Mantoux_Test_Neg", "Total")
colnames(pop_1) = c("Tine_Test_Pos", "Tine_Test_Neg", "Total")

pop_1[1,1] = 14
pop_1[1,2] = 4
pop_1[2,1] = 9
pop_1[2,2] = 528
#Total rows and columns
pop_1[1,3] = pop_1[1,1] + pop_1[1,2]
pop_1[2,3] = pop_1[2,1] + pop_1[2,2]
pop_1[3,1] = pop_1[1,1] + pop_1[2,1]
pop_1[3,2] = pop_1[1,2] + pop_1[2,2]
N_1 = sum(pop_1[1,1] + pop_1[1,2] + pop_1[2,1] + pop_1[2,2])
pop_1[3,3] = N_1
pop_1
```

```
##           Tine_Test_Pos Tine_Test_Neg Total
## Mantoux_Test_Pos      14             4    18
## Mantoux_Test_Neg      9           528   537
## Total                23           532   555
```

## Now let's do pop\_2

```
pop_2 = matrix(nrow=3,ncol=3)
rownames(pop_2) = c("Mantoux_Test_Pos", "Mantoux_Test_Neg", "Total")
colnames(pop_2) = c("Tine_Test_Pos", "Tine_Test_Neg", "Total")

pop_2[1,1] = 887
pop_2[1,2] = 31
pop_2[2,1] = 37
```

```

pop_2[2,2] = 367
#Total rows and columns
pop_2[1,3] = pop_2[1,1] + pop_2[1,2]
pop_2[2,3] = pop_2[2,1] + pop_2[2,2]
pop_2[3,1] = pop_2[1,1] + pop_2[2,1]
pop_2[3,2] = pop_2[1,2] + pop_2[2,2]
N_2 = sum(pop_2[1,1] + pop_2[1,2] + pop_2[2,1] + pop_2[2,2])
pop_2[3,3] = N_2
pop_2

```

```

##               Tine_Test_Pos Tine_Test_Neg Total
## Mantoux_Test_Pos           887           31   918
## Mantoux_Test_Neg           37           367   404
## Total                     924           398  1322

```

## Hui-Walter paradigm (1980)

### Population 1

		T2+	T2-
D+	T1+	$P1*Se1*Se2$	$P1*Se1*(1-Se2)$
	T1-	$P1*(1-Se1)*Se2$	$P1*(1-Se1)*(1-Se2)$
		T2+	T2-
D-	T1+	$(1-P1)*(1-Sp1)*(1-Sp2)$	$(1-P1)*(1-Sp1)*Sp2$
	T1-	$(1-P1)*Sp1*(1-Sp2)$	$(1-P1)*Sp1*Sp2$

## Hui-Walter paradigm (1980)

Population 1

$$T1+T2+: P1*Se1*Se2+(1-P1)*(1-Sp1)*(1-Sp2)$$

$$T1+T2-: P1*Se1*(1-Se2)+(1-P1)*(1-Sp1)*Sp2$$

$$T1-T2+: P1*(1-Se1)*Se2+(1-P1)*Sp1*(1-Sp2)$$

$$T1-T2-: P1*(1-Se1)*(1-Se2)+(1-P1)*Sp1*Sp2$$

- 5 parameter and 3 degrees of freedom
- Non identifiable model

## Hui-Walter paradigm (1980)

Population 1

$$T1+T2+: P1*Se1*Se2+(1-P1)*(1-Sp1)*(1-Sp2)$$

$$T1+T2-: P1*Se1*(1-Se2)+(1-P1)*(1-Sp1)*Sp2$$

$$T1-T2+: P1*(1-Se1)*Se2+(1-P1)*Sp1*(1-Sp2)$$

$$T1-T2-: P1*(1-Se1)*(1-Se2)+(1-P1)*Sp1*Sp2$$

Population 2

$$T1+T2+: P2*Se1*Se2+(1-P2)*(1-Sp1)*(1-Sp2)$$

$$T1+T2-: P2*Se1*(1-Se2)+(1-P2)*(1-Sp1)*Sp2$$

$$T1-T2+: P2*(1-Se1)*Se2+(1-P2)*Sp1*(1-Sp2)$$

$$T1-T2-: P2*(1-Se1)*(1-Se2)+(1-P2)*Sp1*Sp2$$

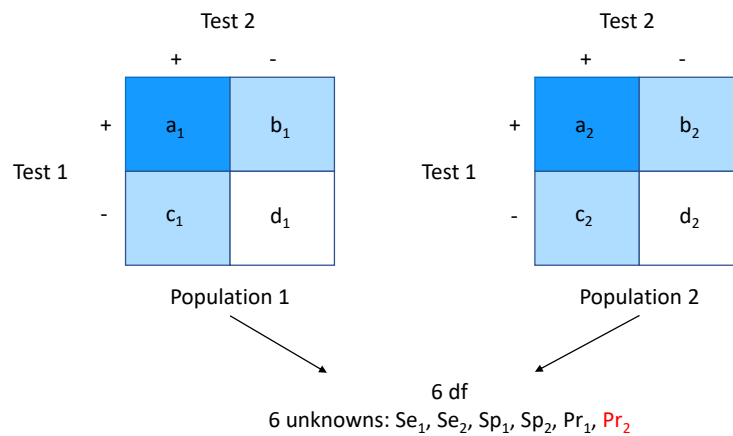


Identifiable model!



## Hui-Walter model

- A particular model formulation that was originally designed for evaluating diagnostic tests in the absence of a gold standard
- Also known as the two\_test - two\_population setting/paradigm



## Model Specification ('hw\_definition')

```
hw_definition <- c("model{
  Population_1 ~ dmulti(prob_1, N_1)
  Population_2 ~ dmulti(prob_2, N_2)

  #Population_1

  # Test1+ Test2+
  prob_1[1] <- (prev[1] * ((se[1])*(se[2]))) + ((1-prev[1]) * ((1-sp[1])*(1-sp[2])))

  # Test1+ Test2-
  prob_1[2] <- (prev[1] * ((se[1])*(1-se[2]))) + ((1-prev[1]) * ((1-sp[1])*(sp[2])))

  # Test1- Test2+
  prob_1[3] <- (prev[1] * ((1-se[1])*(se[2]))) + ((1-prev[1]) * ((sp[1])*(1-sp[2])))

  # Test1- Test2-
  prob_1[4] <- (prev[1] * ((1-se[1])*(1-se[2]))) + ((1-prev[1]) * ((sp[1])*(sp[2])))

  #Population_2
```

```

# Test1+ Test2+
prob_2[1] <- (prev[2] * ((se[1])*(se[2]))) + ((1-prev[2]) * ((1-sp[1])*(1-sp[2])))

# Test1+ Test2-
prob_2[2] <- (prev[2] * ((se[1])*(1-se[2]))) + ((1-prev[2]) * ((1-sp[1])*(sp[2])))

# Test1- Test2+
prob_2[3] <- (prev[2] * ((1-se[1])*(se[2]))) + ((1-prev[2]) * ((sp[1])*(1-sp[2])))

# Test1- Test2-
prob_2[4] <- (prev[2] * ((1-se[1])*(1-se[2]))) + ((1-prev[2]) * ((sp[1])*(sp[2])))

prev[1] ~ dbeta(1, 1)
prev[2] ~ dbeta(1, 1)

se[1] ~ dbeta(1, 1)T(1-sp[1], )
sp[1] ~ dbeta(1, 1)
se[2] ~ dbeta(1, 1)T(1-sp[2], )
sp[2] ~ dbeta(1, 1)

#data# Population_1, Population_2, N_1, N_2
#monitor# prev, prob_1, prob_2, se, sp
#inits# prev, se, sp
}
")

```

```

library('runjags')

Population_1 <- as.numeric(pop_1[1:2,1:2])
Population_2 <- as.numeric(pop_2[1:2,1:2])

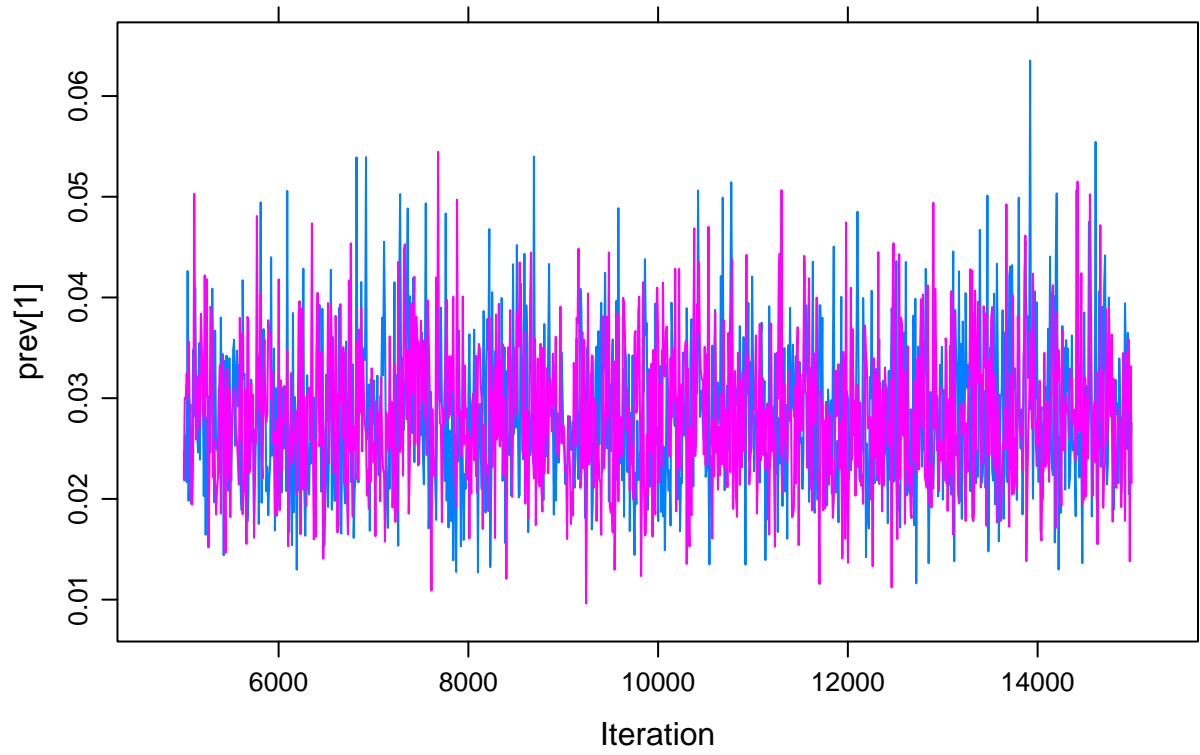
prev <- list(chain1=c(0.05,0.99), chain2=c(0.95,0.05))
se <- list(chain1=c(0.5,0.99), chain2=c(0.99,0.5))
sp <- list(chain1=c(0.5,0.99), chain2=c(0.99,0.5))

results <- run.jags(hw_definition, n.chains=2)

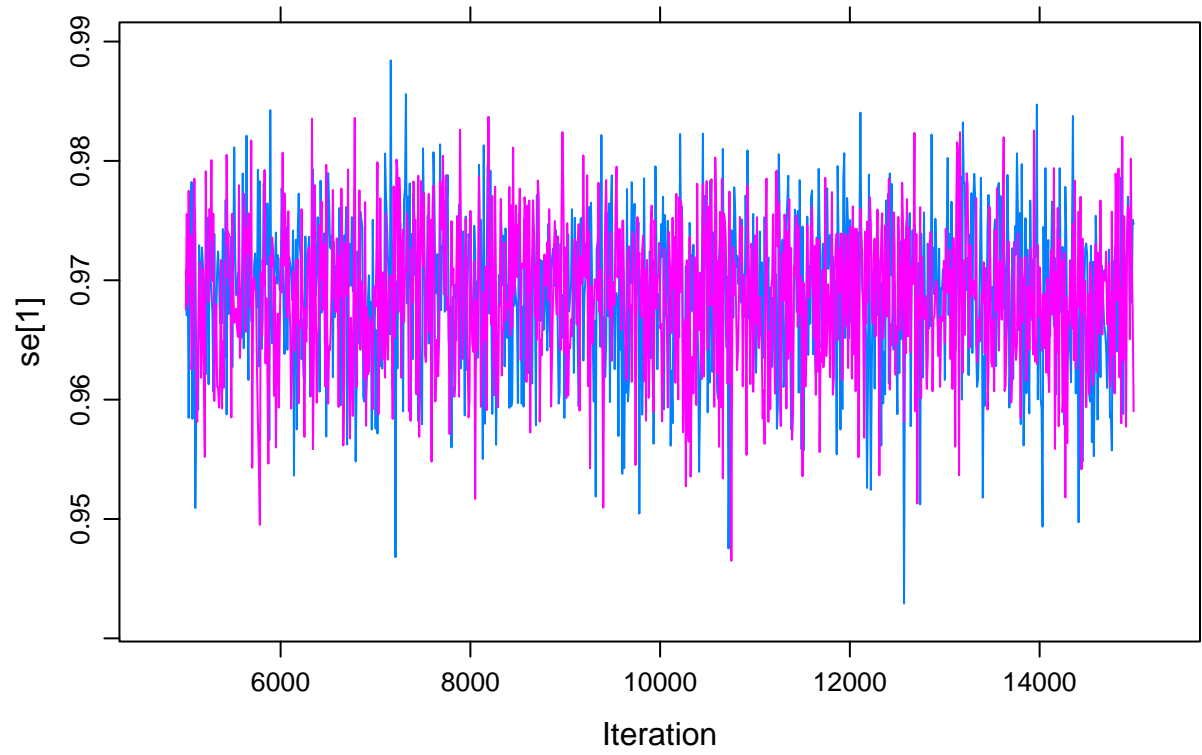
```

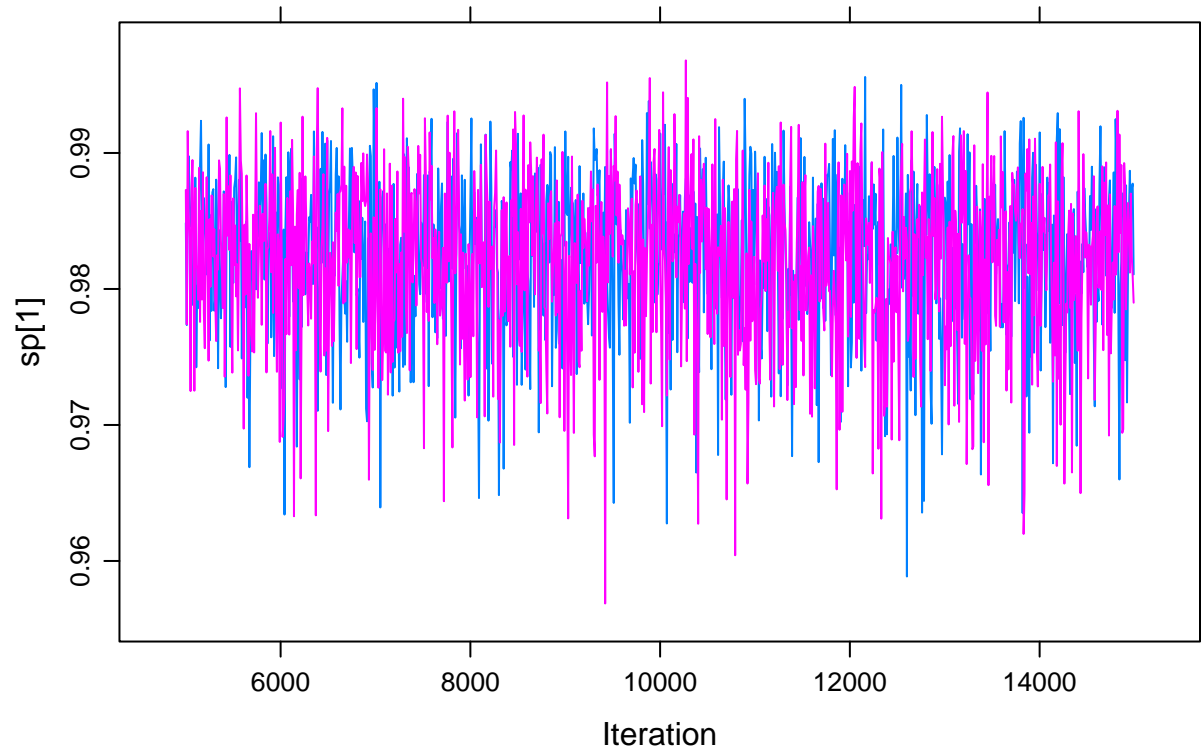
Remember to check convergence and effective sample size!

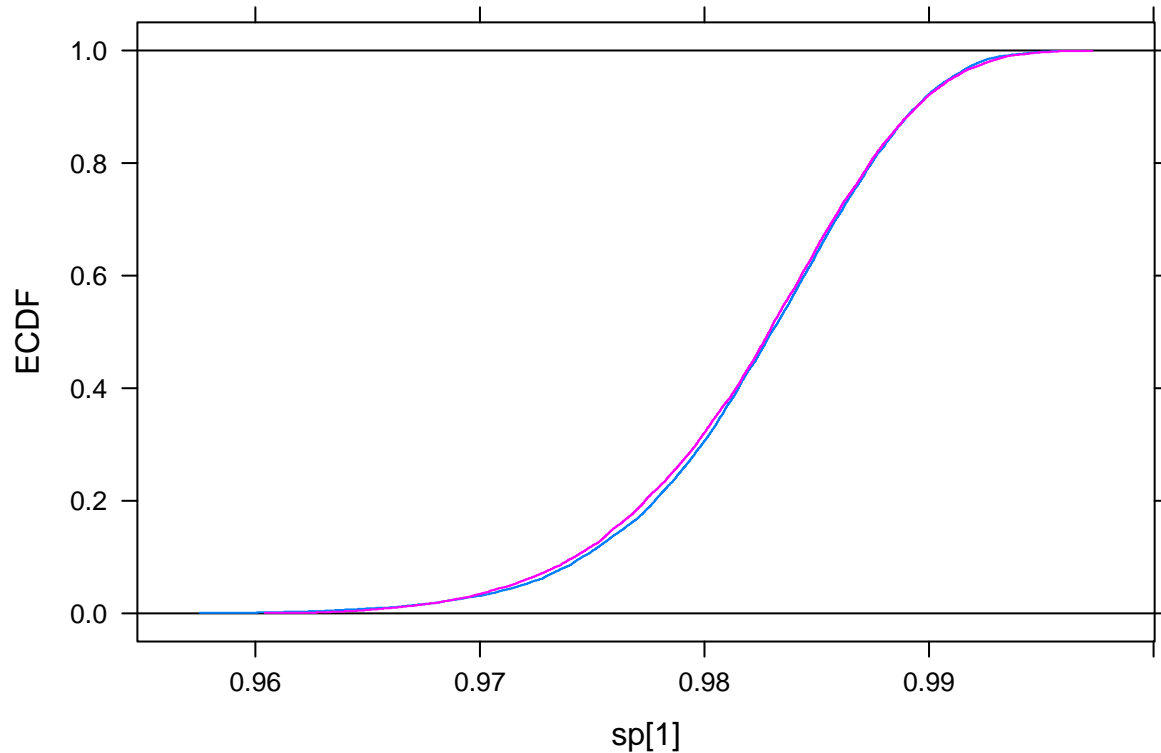
```
plot(results)
```











```
summary(results)
```

## Exercise

Run the model and compare the results we the ones obtained from the original Hui-Walter model.

## Points to discuss

1. Can this type of models support more tests and more populations?
2. What is conditional (in)dependence between diagnostic tests and can we adjust for that? Examples: ELISA vs PCR, Raters
3. Three main assumptions of this model Different prevalence, Constant Se-Sp, Dependence

## Any questions?

## Video Summary - Take home message

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z6devQmW2xE&ab\\_channel=PolychronisKostoulas](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z6devQmW2xE&ab_channel=PolychronisKostoulas)