

Supplementary Materials for “Optimality of Group Testing

with Differential Misclassification” by

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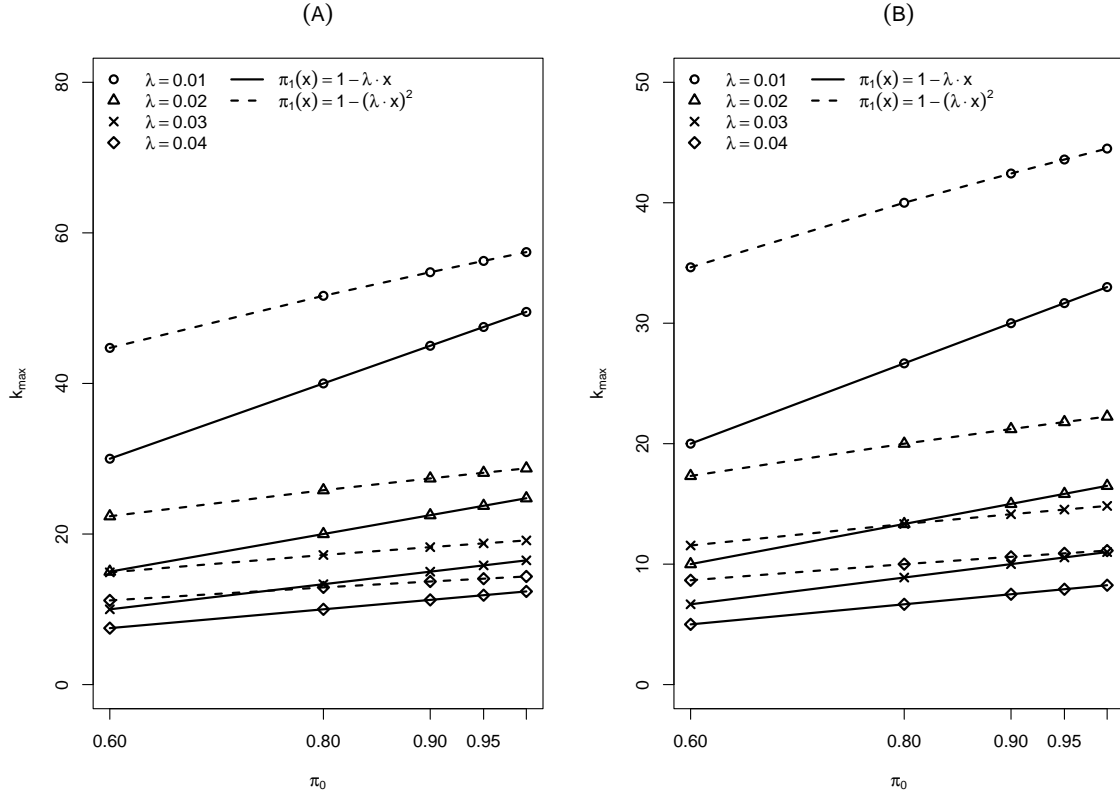


Figure S1: The maximal value k_{\max} of group sizes under which the group testing (group size $k \geq 2$) is more efficient than non-group testing (group size = 1). (A) The number of groups are the same for the test strategies so that the number of individuals are kn and n , respectively. (B) The total number of individuals are the same (both are kn) for the test strategies.

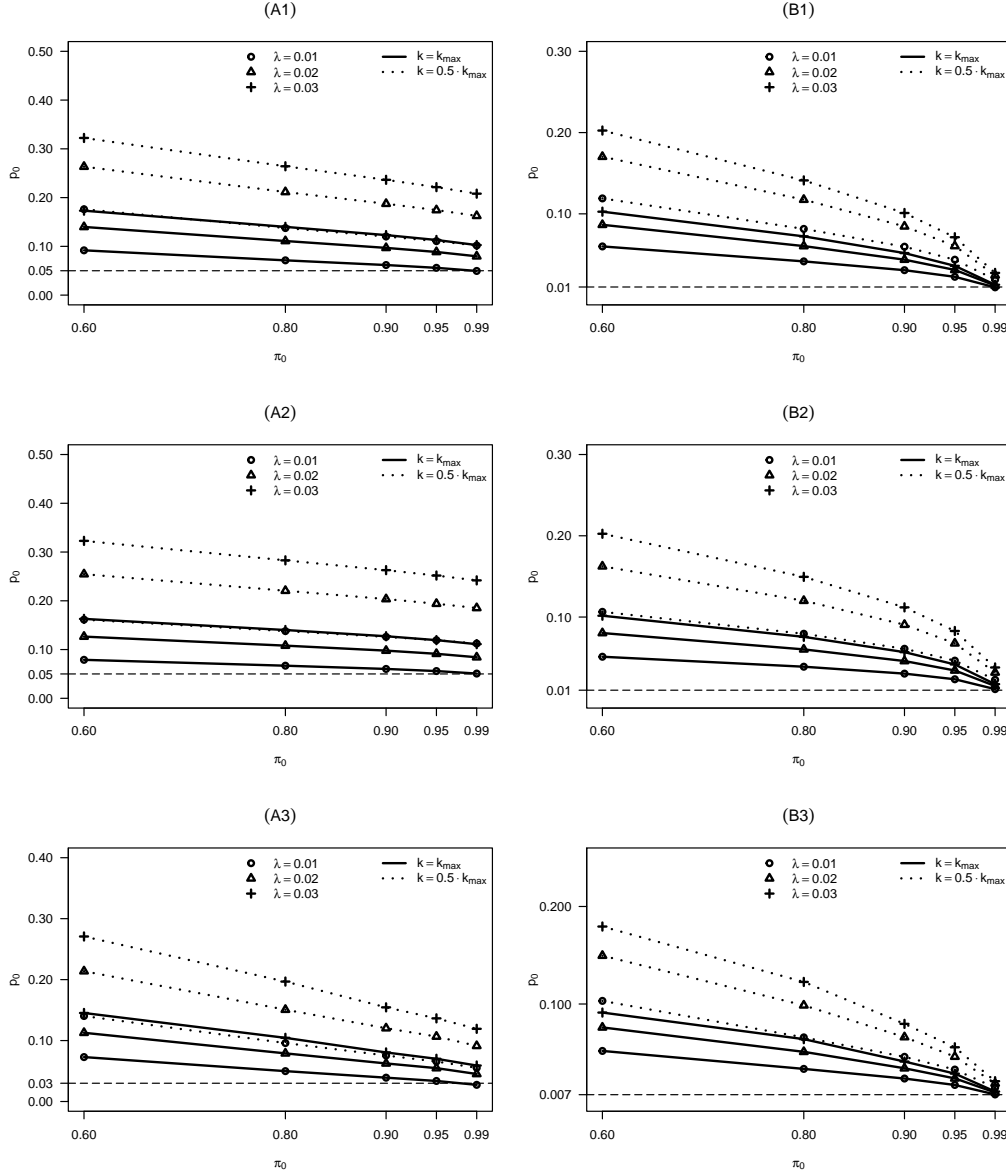


Figure S2: The values of prevalence p_0 such that the variances of \hat{p} are equal for the group testing and non-group testing, where the value of k_{\max} is the maximal value of group sizes satisfying Condition 1 (column (A)) or Condition 2 (column (B)) given in Figure S1. (A) The group testing (n groups with group size k) and non-group testing (n groups with group size 1) have the same number of groups; (B) The group testing (n groups with group size k) and non-group testing (kn groups with group size 1) have the same number of individuals. Row 1, 2 and 3 represent $\pi_1(x) = 1 - \lambda x$, $\pi_1(x) = e^{-\lambda x}$ and $\pi_1(x) = 1 - (\lambda x)^2$, respectively.

We can easily derive the following corollary from Theorem 1.

Corollary S1 *If Condition 1 holds, then the group testing (n groups with a common size $k \geq 2$) is more efficient than the non-group testing (n individuals) in estimating the disease prevalence p if and only if $p < p_0$, where p_0 is the unique solution to the equation $\sigma^2(p_0, k, n) = \sigma^2(p_0, 1, n)$.*

We can easily derive the following corollary from Theorem 2.

Corollary S2 *If Condition 2 holds, then the group testing (n groups with a common group size k) is more efficient than the non-group testing (kn individuals) in estimating the disease prevalence p if and only if $p < p_0$, where p_0 is the unique solution to the equation $\sigma^2(p_0, k, n) = \sigma^2(p_0, 1, nk)$.*