

different sampling variances

Building on Mate's last document, we consider a case where

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{x}_1 &\sim \mathcal{N}(x_1, \tilde{\sigma}_1) \\ \tilde{x}_2 &\sim \mathcal{N}(x_2, \tilde{\sigma}_2)\end{aligned}$$

with different $\tilde{\sigma}$ for the two observations. This changes a few things, but primarily the covariance matrices for the two causes:

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma_0 &= \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^2 + \tilde{\sigma}_1^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma^2 + \tilde{\sigma}_2^2 \end{pmatrix} \\ \Sigma_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^2 + \tilde{\sigma}_1^2 & \sigma^2 \\ \sigma^2 & \sigma^2 + \tilde{\sigma}_2^2 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

this changes some of the quantities used by Eq. 20 in the original (although sometimes this has no effect in the limit $\sigma \rightarrow \infty$).

determinants and ratio of determinants does not change in the limit:

$$\begin{aligned}det(\Sigma_0) &= (\sigma^2 + \tilde{\sigma}_1^2)(\sigma^2 + \tilde{\sigma}_2^2) \\ det(\Sigma_1) &= (\sigma^2 + \tilde{\sigma}_1^2)(\sigma^2 + \tilde{\sigma}_2^2) - \sigma^4 \\ \frac{det(\Sigma_1)}{det(\Sigma_0)} &= \frac{\tilde{\sigma}_1^2 \tilde{\sigma}_2^2 + \sigma^2 \tilde{\sigma}_1^2 + \sigma^2 \tilde{\sigma}_2^2}{\sigma^4 + \tilde{\sigma}_1^2 \tilde{\sigma}_2^2 + \sigma^2 \tilde{\sigma}_1^2 + \sigma^2 \tilde{\sigma}_2^2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sigma^2}\end{aligned}$$

nor does Σ_0^{-1} :

$$\Sigma_0^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sigma^2 + \tilde{\sigma}_1^2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sigma^2 + \tilde{\sigma}_2^2} \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \mathbf{I} \rightarrow 0$$

but there is a slight change in Σ_1^{-1} :

$$\begin{aligned}
\Sigma_1^{-1} &= \frac{1}{(\sigma^2 + \tilde{\sigma}_1^2)(\sigma^2 + \tilde{\sigma}_2^2) - \sigma^4} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^2 + \tilde{\sigma}_1^2 & -\sigma^2 \\ -\sigma^2 & \sigma^2 + \tilde{\sigma}_2^2 \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \frac{1}{(\sigma^2 + \tilde{\sigma}_1^2)(\sigma^2 + \tilde{\sigma}_2^2) - \sigma^4} \left(\begin{pmatrix} 2\sigma^2 + \tilde{\sigma}_1^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2\sigma^2 + \tilde{\sigma}_2^2 \end{pmatrix} - \sigma^2 \mathbf{1}\mathbf{1}^\top \right) \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2\sigma^2 + \tilde{\sigma}_1^2}{\tilde{\sigma}_1^2 \tilde{\sigma}_2^2 + \sigma^2 \tilde{\sigma}_1^2 + \sigma^2 \tilde{\sigma}_2^2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2\sigma^2 + \tilde{\sigma}_2^2}{\tilde{\sigma}_1^2 \tilde{\sigma}_2^2 + \sigma^2 \tilde{\sigma}_1^2 + \sigma^2 \tilde{\sigma}_2^2} \end{pmatrix} - \frac{\sigma^2}{\tilde{\sigma}_1^2 \tilde{\sigma}_2^2 + \sigma^2 \tilde{\sigma}_1^2 + \sigma^2 \tilde{\sigma}_2^2} \mathbf{1}\mathbf{1}^\top \\
&\rightarrow \frac{2}{\tilde{\sigma}_1^2 + \tilde{\sigma}_2^2} \mathbf{I} - \frac{1}{\tilde{\sigma}_1^2 + \tilde{\sigma}_2^2} \mathbf{1}\mathbf{1}^\top = \frac{1}{\tilde{\sigma}_1^2 + \tilde{\sigma}_2^2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

Which makes sense: we replace a $2\tilde{\sigma}^2$ term with $\tilde{\sigma}_1^2 + \tilde{\sigma}_2^2$

Skipping some intermediate steps, plugging this into Eq. 32:

$$\ell(\tilde{x}) = -\frac{1}{2(\tilde{\sigma}_1^2 + \tilde{\sigma}_2^2)} \left[(\delta\tilde{x})^2 - 2(\tilde{\sigma}_1^2 + \tilde{\sigma}_2^2) \ln \frac{\rho}{1-\rho} \right]$$

and inflection point

$$\delta(\tilde{x}) = \sqrt{2(\tilde{\sigma}_1^2 + \tilde{\sigma}_2^2)} \sqrt{\ln \frac{\rho}{1-\rho}}$$