Classic methods for multiple comparisons

Bonferroni and Sidak

The simplest multiple comparison method is the *Bonferroni correction*:

$$P_{\text{adjusted}} = k P_{min}$$
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Almost identical, and slightly more justified perhaps, is the *Sidak correction*:

$$P_{\text{adjusted}} = 1 - (1 - P_{min})^k$$
, which is roughly $k P_{min} - k (k-1)/2 P_{min}^2$

This is exactly correct when the k P-values are independent U(0,1) given H0. Since the P values are generally positively correlated, it is usually conservative (too big).

Non-independent cases

There are many many special adjustments in special cases to avoid being too conservative: Tukey LSD, Duncan range test, Dunnett's test, Neuman-Keuls, randomization tests, permutation tests,...