Statistics of Signal Detection Models usings GLMs in R

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Goal

Learn to analyze the most common experimental designs in the framework of Signal Detection Theory using GLMs in R

- Signal detection theory
 - Yes/No detection experiment
 - Equal-variance, Gaussian SDT
- Generalized Linear Models
 - GLMs and SDT
 - Conditions and model comparison with GLMs
- Discrimination Experiment: 2-AFC
- MLDS
- Further Exercises
- 6 Appendix: some mathematical derivations

Resources

Knoblauch & Maloney (2012). Modeling Psychophysical Data in R

Signal detection theory

- Wickens (2002). Elementary Signal Detection Theory.
- McNicol (2005). A premier of Signal Detection Theory
- Macmillian (2005). Detection Theory. A User's Guide
- Green & Swets (1966). Signal Detection Theory and Psychophysics.

R

any statistical textbook that uses R

GLMs

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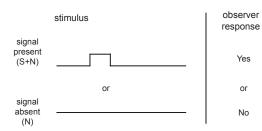
Repository

All slides and code are available in the following *git* repository:

 $https://github.com/guillermoaguilar/sdt_tutorial.git$

Yes/No detection experiment

On each trial, one stimulus is presented



Signal

Response

Yes No

present	absent
Hit	False Alarm
Miss	Correct rejection
N _s	N _n

- Hit rate $pH = \frac{\#H}{\#N_c}$
- False Alarm rate $pFA = \frac{\#FA}{\#N_2}$

Example

Signal

		present	absent
Response	Yes	180	50
	No	20	150
		200	200

- Hit rate $pH = \frac{\#H}{\#N_s} = \frac{180}{200} =$
- False Alarm rate $pFA = \frac{\#FA}{\#N_n} = \frac{50}{200} = 0.25$

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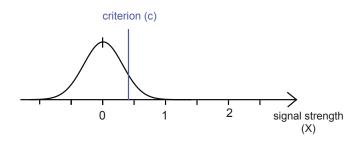
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 $pFA = 0.288$

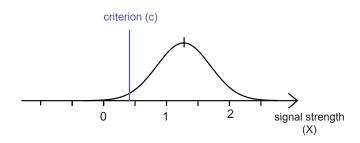
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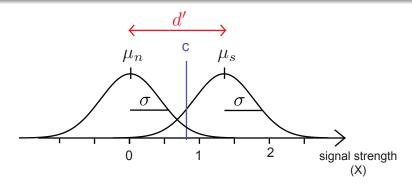
SDT with some added assumptions

1. Assumption of Gaussian distribution

$$\textit{X}_{\textit{n}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1)$$
 and $\textit{X}_{\textit{s}} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_{\textit{s}}, \sigma_{\textit{s}}^2)$

2. Equal-variance assumption

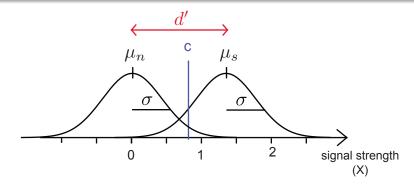
even further simplification $\sigma_s^2 = 1$



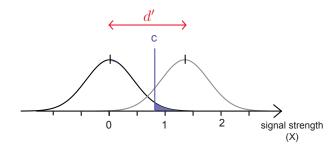
It is then defined

d', a *measure of sensitivity* defined as the distance between the two distributions

c is the sensory criterion and a measure of bias.

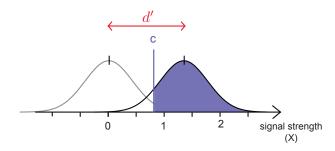


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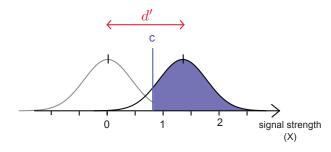
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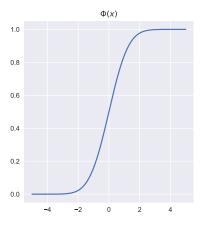
it can be solved for d' and c [full derivation in extra slides *1]

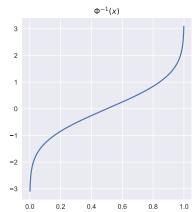
$$c = -\Phi^{-1}(pFA) \tag{1}$$

$$d' = \Phi^{-1}(pH) - \Phi^{-1}(pFA) \tag{2}$$

Exercise 2: explore the normal distribution

$\Phi()$ is the cumulative normal dist. function and $\Phi^{-1}()$ its inverse, or *quantile* function





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```
> dp_hat <- qnorm(pH) - qnorm(pFA)
2.081273
> c_hat <- -qnorm(pFA)
0.559237</pre>
```

$$\hat{d}' = 2.081273$$

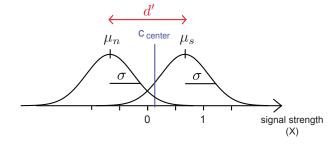
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Some textbooks use the calculation of a modified criterion $c_{center} = C$ that is midway between the two distributions

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= $-[\Phi^{-1}(pH) + \Phi^{-1}(pFA)]/2$

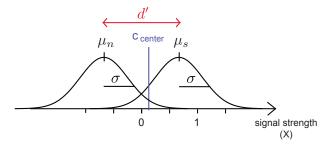


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Generalized Linear Models (GLMs)

Another approach to estimate \hat{d}' and \hat{c} is using GLMs.

A GLM is a linear model generalized for response variables that are not necessarily continuous.

Let's consider a linear model

$$y = \beta_1 \cdot x + \beta_0$$

GLMs made linear models **general** by having y replaced by a probability value (the expectation of Y, E[Y]), and adding a function g() that 'links' the linear predictors (right-hand side) with the probability in the response variable.

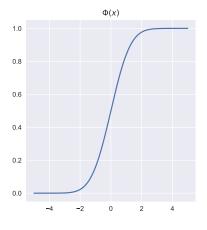
$$g(E[y]) = \beta_1 \cdot x + \beta_0$$

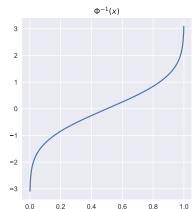
There could be explanatory variables $(\beta_0, \beta_1, \beta_2 ...)$, therefore GLMs are annotated in a vector form

$$g(E[Y]) = X \cdot \beta$$

Link function g()

For this case an appropriate choice of the link function is the quantile normal function $g() = \Phi^{-1}()$





GLM and SDT

Note that the False Alarm and Hit Rates are probabilities

$$pFA = P[R = YES|S = absent] = P[Y = 1|X = 0]$$

 $pH = P[R = YES|S = present] = P[Y = 1|X = 1]$

Thus, one could write

$$g(P[Y = 1]) = \beta_1 \cdot X + \beta_0$$

where

X = 1 for signal-present trials and X = 0 for signal-absent trials.

GLM and SDT

Let's consider our detection experiment. The GLM for a detection experiment can be arranged

$$g(E[\mathbf{Y}]) = \mathbf{X} \cdot \boldsymbol{\beta}$$

$$g(\begin{bmatrix} 0\\1\\0\\\vdots\\1\\1\\1\\1 \end{bmatrix}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1&0\\1&0\\1&0\\\vdots\\1&1\\1&1\\1&1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \beta_0\\\beta_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The first set of responses correspond to signal-absent trials, and the second set to signal-present trials.

This GLM can be then solved using maximum likelihood estimation (MLE). The procedure returns estimates for β_0 and β_1 .

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```
> summary(fit)
Call:
glm(formula = Resp ~ Stim, family = binomial("probit"), data = df)
Deviance Residuals:
   Min 1Q Median 3Q Max
-2.3447 -0.8242 0.3637 0.3637 1.5778
Coefficients:
          Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept) -0.55924 0.05935 -9.422 <2e-16 ***
StimS 2.08127 0.10563 19.704 <2e-16 ***
Signif. codes: 0 *** 0.001 ** 0.01 * 0.05 . 0.1 1
(Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)
   Null deviance: 1335.69 on 999 degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 838.19 on 998 degrees of freedom
ATC: 842.19
Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 5
```

Do these numbers look familiar? $\beta_1 = 2.08127$ and $\beta_0 = -0.55924$

Explanation to the meaning of β_0 and β_1

Remember from before

$$d' = \Phi^{-1}(pH) - \Phi^{-1}(pFA)$$

 $c = -\Phi^{-1}(pFA)$

For **signal-absent** trials, X = 0 and the expanded model is

$$g(P[Y = 1|X = 0]) = \beta_1 \cdot 0 + \beta_0$$

 $\Phi^{-1}(P[Y = 1|X = 0]) = \beta_0$
 $\Phi^{-1}(pFA) = \beta_0$
 $-c = \beta_0$

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For **signal-present** trials, X = 1 and the expanded model is

$$g(P[Y = 1|X = 1]) = \beta_1 \cdot 1 + \beta_0$$

$$\Phi^{-1}(P[Y = 1|X = 1]) = \beta_1 \cdot 1 + \Phi^{-1}(pFA)$$

$$\Phi^{-1}(pH) = \beta_1 + \Phi^{-1}(pFA)$$

$$\Phi^{-1}(pH) - \Phi^{-1}(pFA) = \beta_1$$

$$d' = \beta_1$$

Therefore, the coefficients obtained from GLM have a direct correspondence to the parameters d' and c.

The power of GLMs

Confidence intervals

Exercise 5: Detection exp. in two conditions

To include different conditions in the GLM framework

Reading data from two exp. conditions

```
> df1 <- read.csv("data1.csv")
> df1$Cond <- "A"
> df2 <- read.csv("data2.csv")
> df2$Cond <- "B"
> df <- rbind(df1, df2)</pre>
```

Exercise 5: Detection exp. in two conditions

Fitting different models

(a) Unique model

```
> fit1 <- qlm(Resp ~ Stim,
        family=binomial('probit'), data=df)
```

(b) Model with different criteria, same sensitivity (d')

```
> fit2 <- glm(Resp ~ Stim + Cond,
         family=binomial('probit'), data=df)
```

(c) Model with different criteria and sensitivity (d')

```
> fit3 <- glm(Resp ~ Stim + Cond + Stim:Cond,
         family=binomial('probit'), data=df)
```

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Model selection

```
> anova(fit1, fit2, fit3, test='Chisq')
Analysis of Deviance Table
Model 1: Resp ~ Stim
Model 2: Resp ~ Stim + Cond
Model 3: Resp ~ Stim + Cond + Stim:Cond
 Resid. Df Resid. Dev Df Deviance Pr(>Chi)
    1998 1735.5
2 1997 1701.8 1 33.698 6.435e-09 ***
3 1996 1701.7 1 0.140 0.7081
Signif. codes: 0 *** 0.001 ** 0.01 * 0.05 . 0.1 1
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fit2 explains the data sig. better than fit1, but fit3 does not improve it further

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Remember from earlier that $\beta_0 = -c$ and $\beta_1 = d'$

- The intercept applies for the first condition (A), thus $\beta_0 = -c_A$.
- $\beta_1 = d'$, assumed equal for both conditions A and B.
- The new parameter β_2 is the difference with respecto to β_0 . Thus, $c_B = -(\beta_0 + \beta_2)$.

Thus.

```
> c_b <- -(coef(fit2)[[1]]+coef(fit2)[[3]])
0.9499416</pre>
```

Understanding the design matrix

For the unique model (a), the GLM looks like

$$g(E[Y]) = X \cdot \beta$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$g(\begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}) = \begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ 1 & 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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For the model(b): different intercept (fit2), the GLM looks like

$$g(E[\mathbf{Y}]) = \mathbf{X} \cdot \boldsymbol{\beta}$$

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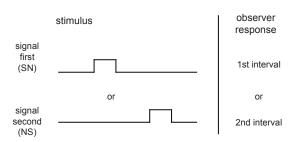
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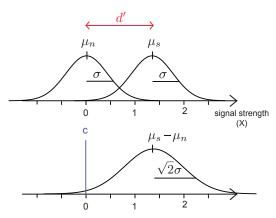
$$g(E[Y]) = X \cdot \beta$$

- The design matrix X is automatically generated by R.
- It can always be obtained using the function model.matrix()



- Statistically similar as in a Yes/No detection experiment
- Signal-present or -absent can be relabeled to 'SN'/'NS' and responses as '1st interval'/'2nd interval', or '1st position'/'2nd position' depending on the exp. design
- Extra step of differencing

On each trial, two stimuli are presented. Thus, two draws are taken, one from each distribution



$$\Delta = X_s - X_n$$
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As $\mu_n = 0$, $\mu_s = d'$, and $\sigma = 1$, we have

$$\Delta \sim \mathcal{N}(d', 2)$$

and the probability of correct when $\Delta > 0$,

$$Pc = 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{-d'}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = \Phi\left(\frac{d'}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$$

Thus, d' can be calculated from the percentage correct in a 2-AFC experiment

$$d' = \Phi^{-1}(Pc)\sqrt{2} \tag{3}$$

Estimates of d' from 2AFC and Yes/No related to each other by

$$d_{AFC}' = d_{YesNo}' \sqrt{2}$$

(see derivation in Wickens 2002, or in McNicol 1972)

However, this relationship has been called into question recently (Yeshurun, Carrasco & Maloney, 2008)

Exercise 6: Discrimination experiment: 2-AFC

Analyze the data from a 2-AFC discrimination experiment using a GLM

Datafile: data2afc.csv Description: columns are:

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or 'NS': stimulus in 2nd interval).

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Solution: d' = 1.53, c = 0.77, $c_{center} = 0.01$

MLDS

Application of GLMs to scaling methods: MLDS

Further Exercises

Thank you

Given
$$pFA = 1 - \Phi(c)$$
 and $pH = 1 - \Phi(c - d')$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(c) &= 1 - pFA & \Phi(c - d') &= 1 - pH \\ c &= \Phi^{-1}(1 - pFA) & c - d' &= \Phi^{-1}(1 - pH) \\ c &= -\Phi^{-1}(pFA) & d' &= c - \Phi^{-1}(1 - pH) \\ d' &= -\Phi^{-1}(pFA) - \Phi^{-1}(1 - pH) \\ d' &= \Phi^{-1}(pH) - \Phi^{-1}(pFA) \end{aligned}$$

Note the symmetry of the quantile function $\Phi^{-1}(1-x) = -\Phi^{-1}(x)$

$$\Psi \quad (1-\lambda) = -\Psi \quad (\lambda)$$

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Writing each case we have

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$$\Phi^{-1}(pH_B) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 + \beta_2 \tag{7}$$

Simplifying Eq. 4,

$$\beta_0 = \Phi^{-1}(pFA_A) = -c_A$$
 $c_A = -\beta_0$

inserting β_0 in Eq. 5...

$$\Phi^{-1}(pH_A) = \Phi^{-1}(pFA_A) + \beta_1$$
 $\Phi^{-1}(pH_A) - \Phi^{-1}(pFA_A) = \beta_1$
 $d' = \beta_1$

Then, Eq. 6..

$$\Phi^{-1}(extit{pFA}_B) = eta_0 + eta_2 \ \Phi^{-1}(extit{pFA}_B) - eta_0 = eta_2 \ -c_B + c_A = eta_2 \ -(c_B - c_A) = eta_2$$

 β_2 is the difference in intercept between conditions B and A

Finally inserting $\beta_0, \beta_1, \beta_2$ in Eq. 7 ..

$$\Phi^{-1}(pH_B) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 + \beta_2$$

$$\Phi^{-1}(pH_B) = \Phi^{-1}(pFA_A) + \Phi^{-1}(pH_A) - \Phi^{-1}(pFA_A)$$

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$$\Phi^{-1}(pH_B) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 + \beta_2 + \beta_3 \tag{11}$$

Simplifying Eq. 8,

$$\beta_0 = \Phi^{-1}(pFA_A) = -c_A$$

inserting β_0 in Eq. 9...

$$\Phi^{-1}(pH_A) = \Phi^{-1}(pFA_A) + \beta_1$$
 $\Phi^{-1}(pH_A) - \Phi^{-1}(pFA_A) = \beta_1$
 $d_A' = \beta_1$

inserting β_0 in Eq. 10 ...

$$\Phi^{-1}(extit{pFA}_B)=\Phi^{-1}(extit{pFA}_A)+eta_2 \ \Phi^{-1}(extit{pFA}_B)-\Phi^{-1}(extit{pFA}_A)=eta_2 \ -(c_B-c_A)=eta_2$$

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$$\begin{split} \Phi^{-1}(pH_B) = & \beta_0 + \beta_1 + \beta_2 + \beta_3 \\ \Phi^{-1}(pH_B) = & \Phi^{-1}(pFA_A) + \Phi^{-1}(pH_A) - \Phi^{-1}(pFA_A) \\ & + \Phi^{-1}(pFA_B) - \Phi^{-1}(pFA_A) + \beta_3 \\ \Phi^{-1}(pH_B) = & \Phi^{-1}(pH_A) + \Phi^{-1}(pFA_B) - \Phi^{-1}(pFA_A) + \beta_3 \\ \Phi^{-1}(pH_B) - & \Phi^{-1}(pFA_B) = & \Phi^{-1}(pH_A) - \Phi^{-1}(pFA_A) + \beta_3 \\ d'_B = & d'_A + + \beta_3 \\ d'_B - & d'_A = & \beta_3 \end{split}$$

 β_3 is the difference in d' between conditions B and A