

Supplementary code to reproduce the numerical results in Di Caterina and Kosmidis (2019)

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Workspace preparation

This document provides R (R Core Team, 2017) code to reproduce the results in the manuscript ‘Location-adjusted Wald statistics for scalar parameters’ by Di Caterina and Kosmidis (2019).

This script assumes that the current working directory has the sub-directories `code`, `results` and `lesion` data as provided in the supplementary material.

```
path <- "."
code_path <- paste(path, "code", sep = "/")
results_path <- paste(path, "results", sep = "/")
lesions_path <- paste(path, "lesion data", sep = "/")
```

The contents of the directories are as follows

```
dir(code_path)
# [1] "babies_simulation.R"      "brains_case_study.R"
# [3] "clotting_simulation.R"    "dyslexia_simulation.R"
# [5] "logodds_functions.R"     "meta_analysis_simulation.R"
# [7] "overlay2_nifti.R"
dir(results_path)
# [1] "babies_simulation.rda"    "brains_case_study.rda"
# [3] "clotting_simulation.rda"  "dyslexia_simulation.rda"
# [5] "meta_analysis_simulation.rda"
dir(lesions_path)
# [1] "data_demo.dat" "images"
```

First, make sure that you have the latest version of the **waldi** R package installed.

```
waldi_version <- try(packageVersion("waldi"), silent = TRUE)
if (inherits(waldi_version, "try-error")) {
  devtools::install_github("ikosmidis/waldi")
}
```

The following code chunk loads the required packages

```
library("waldi")
library("oro.nifti")
library("boot")
library("plyr")
library("plotrix")
library("dplyr")
library("survival")
library("cond")
library("lmttest")
library("betareg")
library("enrichwith")
```

```
library("brglm2")
library("ggplot2")
library("gridExtra")
library("colorspace")
```

Pre-saved R image files

Some of the code-chunks below load objects from the pre-saved R image files in the results directory. These image files are the outputs of the script `babies_simulation.R`, `meta_analysis_simulation.R`, `clotting_simulation.R`, `dyslexia_simulation.R`.

Table 1

```
data("ReadingSkills", package = "betareg")
## maximum likelihood estimates and corresponding 95% Wald confidence intervals
rs_beta_ml <- betareg(accuracy ~ dyslexia * iq | dyslexia + iq,
                      data = ReadingSkills, type = "ML", hessian = FALSE)
rs_summary_ml <- coef(summary(rs_beta_ml))
rs_ml_estimates <- do.call("rbind", lapply(rs_summary_ml,
                                           function(z) z[, c("Estimate", "Std. Error")])))
rs_ml_cis <- confint(rs_beta_ml)
## bias corrected fit and corresponding 95% Wald confidence intervals
rs_beta_br <- update(rs_beta_ml, type = "BR")
rs_summary_br <- coef(summary(rs_beta_br))
rs_br_estimates <- do.call("rbind", lapply(rs_summary_br,
                                           function(z) z[, c("Estimate", "Std. Error")])))
rs_br_cis <- confint(rs_beta_br)
round(cbind(rs_ml_estimates, rs_br_estimates, rs_ml_cis, rs_br_cis), 3)
#           Estimate Std. Error Estimate Std. Error  2.5 % 97.5 %  2.5 % 97.5 %
# (Intercept)   1.123    0.143    1.114    0.148  0.843  1.403  0.824  1.405
# dyslexia      -0.742    0.143   -0.734    0.148 -1.021 -0.462 -1.024 -0.444
# iq            0.486    0.133    0.441    0.141  0.225  0.747  0.165  0.717
# dyslexia:iq   -0.581    0.133   -0.532    0.140 -0.841 -0.321 -0.807 -0.257
# (Intercept)   3.304    0.223    3.092    0.225  2.868  3.741  2.652  3.533
# dyslexia      1.747    0.262    1.654    0.264  1.232  2.261  1.138  2.171
# iq            1.229    0.267    1.048    0.271  0.705  1.753  0.518  1.578
```

Table 2

`dyslexia_simulation.rda` contains the outputs of `dyslexia_simulation.R` in `./code`, which replicates the simulation study described in Example 1.1 of Di Caterina and Kosmidis (2019)

```
load(paste(results_path, paste0("dyslexia_simulation.rda"), sep = "/"))
rs_coverage <- results %>%
  filter(parameter %in% c("dyslexia", "iq", "dyslexia:iq", "(phi)_dyslexia", "(phi)_iq")) %>%
  filter(statistic %in% c("ml", "br", "ml_cor", "br_cor",
                        "ml_stud", "ml_cor_stud", "br_stud", "br_cor_stud",
                        "ml_cor_ses_cor", "br_cor_ses_cor")) %>%
```

```

mutate(parameter = recode(parameter,
                          "dyslexia" = 2, "iq" = 3, "dyslexia:iq" = 4,
                          "(phi)_dyslexia" = 6, "(phi)_iq" = 7)) %>%
mutate(level = 100 * level) %>%
group_by(level, statistic, parameter) %>%
summarize(coverage = round(mean(cover, na.rm = TRUE) * 100, 1)) %>%
as.data.frame() %>%
reshape(idvar = c("statistic", "parameter"), v.names = "coverage",
        timevar = "level",
        direction = "wide")
# Warning: package 'bindrcpp' was built under R version 3.4.4
rs_coverage %>% filter(statistic %in% c("ml", "br")) %>%
  select(statistic, parameter, coverage.90, coverage.95, coverage.99)
#   statistic parameter coverage.90 coverage.95 coverage.99
# 1         br          2      88.1      93.4      98.2
# 2         br          3      87.2      92.9      98.0
# 3         br          4      87.3      92.9      98.0
# 4         br          6      83.8      90.2      96.7
# 5         br          7      82.7      89.2      96.1
# 6         ml          2      86.9      92.4      97.7
# 7         ml          3      84.8      91.0      97.1
# 8         ml          4      85.0      91.2      97.2
# 9         ml          6      82.4      89.1      96.1
# 10        ml          7      79.1      86.0      94.4

```

Figure 1

```

rs_cor_ml_cis <- waldi_confint(rs_beta_ml, level = 0.95, adjust = TRUE)
interpolation <- waldi_confint(rs_beta_ml, level = 0.95,
                              which = rownames(rs_cor_ml_cis),
                              adjust = TRUE,
                              return_values = TRUE,
                              length = 20)
intervals <- data.frame(low = rs_cor_ml_cis[, 1],
                       upp = rs_cor_ml_cis[, 2],
                       parameter = rownames(rs_cor_ml_cis))
interpolation <- interpolation %>%
  filter(!(parameter %in% c("(Intercept)", "(phi)_(Intercept)"))) %>%
  mutate(parameter = recode(parameter,
                            "dyslexia" = "beta[2]",
                            "iq" = "beta[3]",
                            "dyslexia:iq" = "beta[4]",
                            "(phi)_dyslexia" = "gamma[2]",
                            "(phi)_iq" = "gamma[3]"))
intervals <- intervals %>%
  filter(!(parameter %in% c("(Intercept)", "(phi)_(Intercept)"))) %>%
  mutate(parameter = recode(parameter,
                            "dyslexia" = "beta[2]",
                            "iq" = "beta[3]",
                            "dyslexia:iq" = "beta[4]",
                            "(phi)_dyslexia" = "gamma[2]",

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                                "(phi)_iq" = "gamma[3]"))
ggplot(interpolation) +
  geom_point(aes(x = grid, y = value)) +
  geom_line(aes(x = grid, y = value), col = "grey") +
  geom_hline(aes(yintercept = qnorm(0.975)), col = "grey", lty = 3) +
  geom_hline(aes(yintercept = qnorm(0.025)), col = "grey", lty = 3) +
  geom_vline(data = intervals, aes(xintercept = low), col = "grey", lty = 2) +
  geom_vline(data = intervals, aes(xintercept = upp), col = "grey", lty = 2) +
  facet_grid(~ parameter, scale = "free_x", labeller = "label_parsed") +
  theme_minimal() +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(size = 7)) +
  labs(x = "parameter value", y = "statistic")

```

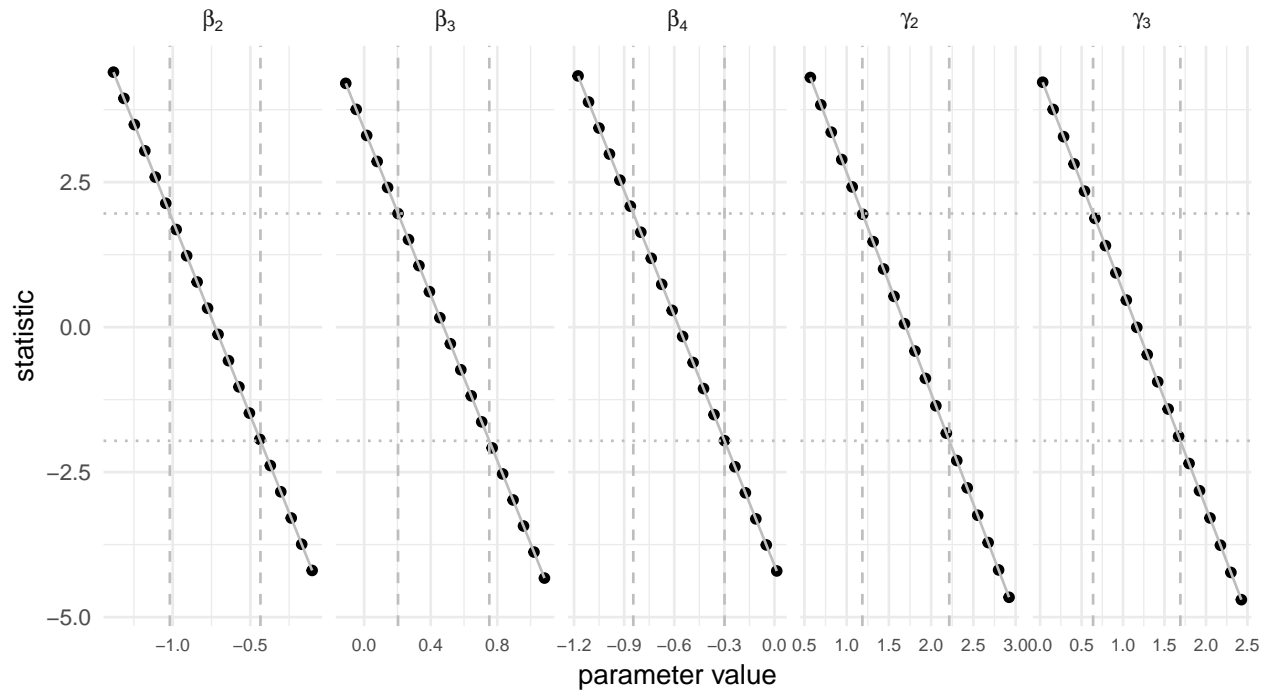


Table 3

```

## Confidence intervals based on the location-adjusted Wald statistic
rs_cor_ml_cis <- waldi_confint(rs_beta_ml, level = 0.95, adjust = TRUE, parallel = FALSE)
rs_cor_br_cis <- waldi_confint(rs_beta_br, level = 0.95, adjust = TRUE, parallel = FALSE)
## Studentized bootstrap intervals
set.seed(123)
quantiles_ml <- dyslexia_bootstrap(rs_beta_ml, R = 500, ncores = 1)$quantiles
quantiles_br <- dyslexia_bootstrap(rs_beta_br, R = 500, ncores = 1)$quantiles
rs_ml_stud_cis <- waldi_confint(rs_beta_ml, adjust = FALSE, parallel = FALSE,
                              quantiles = quantiles_ml$zstat[, c("0.025", "0.975")])
rs_br_stud_cis <- waldi_confint(rs_beta_br, adjust = FALSE, parallel = FALSE,
                              quantiles = quantiles_br$zstat[, c("0.025", "0.975")])
rs_cor_ml_stud_cis <- waldi_confint(rs_beta_ml, adjust = TRUE, parallel = FALSE,
                                   quantiles = quantiles_ml$zstat_cor[, c("0.025", "0.975")])
rs_cor_br_stud_cis <- waldi_confint(rs_beta_br, adjust = TRUE, parallel = FALSE,

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quantiles = quantiles_br$zstat_cor[, c("0.025", "0.975")]

round(rbind(cbind(rs_cor_ml_cis, rs_cor_br_cis),
                 cbind(rs_cor_ml_stud_cis, rs_cor_br_stud_cis)), 3)
#           2.5 % 97.5 %   2.5 % 97.5 %
# (Intercept)      0.816  1.400  0.827  1.411
# dyslexia        -1.019 -0.435 -1.031 -0.446
# iq              0.204  0.752  0.165  0.719
# dyslexia:iq     -0.845 -0.299 -0.809 -0.257
# (phi)_(Intercept) 2.689  3.564  2.652  3.532
# (phi)_dyslexia    1.186  2.214  1.134  2.169
# (phi)_iq          0.639  1.691  0.513  1.574
# (Intercept)      0.812  1.420  0.830  1.481
# dyslexia        -1.059 -0.442 -1.091 -0.440
# iq              0.171  0.792  0.159  0.758
# dyslexia:iq     -0.871 -0.268 -0.853 -0.264
# (phi)_(Intercept) 2.709  3.680  2.654  3.682
# (phi)_dyslexia    1.112  2.303  1.040  2.241
# (phi)_iq          0.565  1.835  0.394  1.769
rs_coverage %>% filter(statistic %in% c("ml_cor", "br_cor")) %>%
  select(statistic, parameter, coverage.90, coverage.95, coverage.99)
#           statistic parameter coverage.90 coverage.95 coverage.99
# 1      br_cor           2           88.3           93.5           98.3
# 2      br_cor           3           87.3           93.0           98.0
# 3      br_cor           4           87.5           93.0           98.0
# 4      br_cor           6           83.9           90.3           96.8
# 5      br_cor           7           82.7           89.2           96.2
# 6      ml_cor           2           88.5           93.7           98.4
# 7      ml_cor           3           87.1           92.8           98.0
# 8      ml_cor           4           87.2           92.8           98.0
# 9      ml_cor           6           83.5           90.0           96.6
# 10     ml_cor           7           81.8           88.6           95.7
rs_coverage %>% filter(statistic %in% c("ml_cor_stud", "br_cor_stud")) %>%
  select(statistic, parameter, coverage.90, coverage.95, coverage.99)
#           statistic parameter coverage.90 coverage.95 coverage.99
# 1 br_cor_stud           2           89.4           94.6           98.6
# 2 br_cor_stud           3           89.4           94.5           98.5
# 3 br_cor_stud           4           89.5           94.4           98.6
# 4 br_cor_stud           6           90.1           94.9           98.8
# 5 br_cor_stud           7           90.5           95.1           98.8
# 6 ml_cor_stud           2           89.5           94.5           98.7
# 7 ml_cor_stud           3           89.2           94.3           98.5
# 8 ml_cor_stud           4           89.3           94.3           98.5
# 9 ml_cor_stud           6           89.9           94.7           98.7
# 10 ml_cor_stud          7           90.1           94.9           98.7

```

The following chunk of code reproduces the times for the computation of the confidence intervals reports in Section 6.

```

## Intervals based on the location-adjusted Wald statistic
system.time({
  waldi_confint(rs_beta_ml, adjust = TRUE, parallel = FALSE, length = 5)
})
#      user system elapsed

```

```

# 2.420 0.051 2.486
simu_fun <- get_simulate_function(rs_beta_ml)
generate_dyslexia <- function(data, mle) {
  simu_fun(mle)
}
stat <- function(data, psi) {
  temp <- ReadingSkills
  temp$accuracy <- data
  temp_fit <- try(update(rs_beta_ml, data = temp))
  if (inherits(temp_fit, "try-error")) {
    rep(NA, 7)
  }
  else {
    waldi(temp_fit, null = psi, adjust = TRUE)
  }
}
## Studentized bootstrap intervals
system.time({
  stats <- boot(ReadingSkills$accuracy, statistic = stat,
    R = 500, sim = "parametric", ran.gen = generate_dyslexia,
    mle = coef(rs_beta_ml), psi = coef(rs_beta_ml), ncpus = 1)$t
  quant <- t(apply(stats, 2, quantile, probs = c(0.025, 0.975), na.rm = TRUE))
  waldi_confint(rs_beta_br, adjust = TRUE, parallel = FALSE,
    quantiles = quant)
})
# user system elapsed
# 248.818 4.227 258.126

```

Figure 2

```

source(paste0(code_path, "/", "logodds_functions.R"))
## Distribution of the statistic against normal
settings <- expand.grid(m = c(8, 16, 32), theta0 = c(-2, -1, 0))
plot_data <- NULL
for (j in seq.int(nrow(settings))) {
  setting <- settings[j, ]
  z <- seq(-3, 3, length = 100)
  dat <- t(sapply(z, dist_function, n = setting$m, theta0 = setting$theta0))
  dd <- stack(as.data.frame(dat))
  dd$z <- z
  names(dd) <- c("prob", "method", "z")
  dd$theta0 <- setting$theta0
  dd$m <- setting$m
  plot_data <- rbind(plot_data, dd)
}
plot_data$theta0 <- paste0("theta[0] == ", plot_data$theta0)
plot_data$theta0 <- factor(plot_data$theta0, levels = unique(plot_data$theta0),
  ordered = TRUE)
plot_data$m <- paste0("n == ", plot_data$m)
plot_data$m <- factor(plot_data$m, levels = unique(plot_data$m), ordered = TRUE)
plot_data$method <- factor(plot_data$method, levels = c("ml", "a_ml", "br", "a_br"),

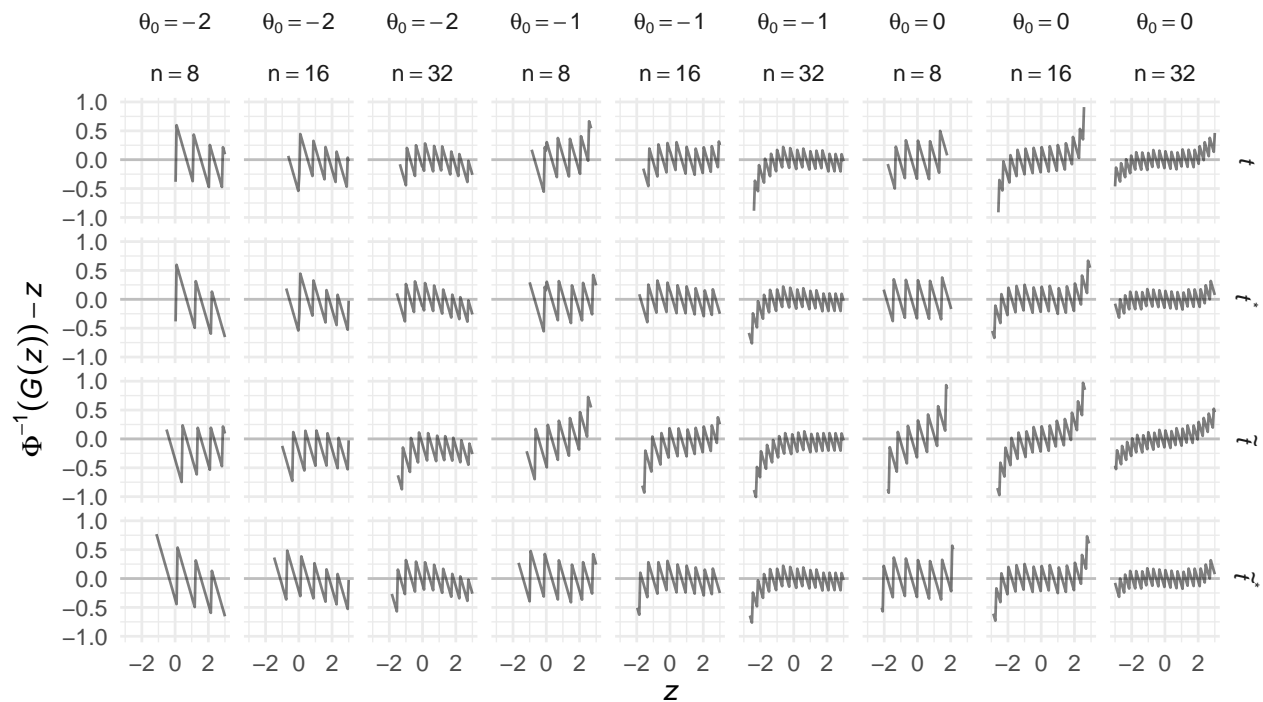
```

```

        ordered = TRUE)
plot_data$method <- recode(plot_data$method,
  "ml" = "italic(t)",
  "a_ml" = "italic(t)^{'*'}",
  "br" = "tilde(italic(t))",
  "a_br" = "tilde(italic(t))^{'*'}")

ggplot(plot_data) +
  geom_abline(aes(intercept = 0, slope = 0), col = "grey") +
  geom_line(aes(z, qnorm(prob) - z), alpha = 0.5) +
  facet_grid(method ~ theta0 + m, label = label_parsed) +
  theme_minimal() +
  labs(y = expression(paste(Phi~list(-1),(italic(G)(italic(z)))-italic(z))),
    x = expression(italic(z))) +
  theme(text=element_text(size = 11))

```



Coverage and length of confidence intervals for a binomial proportion

This section provides evidence for the stated coverage and expected length properties of confidence intervals for a binomial proportion in Section 8 of the main text. The code chunk below computes and visualised the coverage and expected length of the 95% confidence intervals $\bar{y} \pm z_{0.975} \sqrt{\bar{y}(1-\bar{y})/n}$ (Wald), $\tilde{p} \pm z_{0.975} \sqrt{\tilde{p}(1-\tilde{p})/(n+4)}$, where $\tilde{p} = (\sum y_i + 2)/(n+4)$ (Agresti-Coull; Agresti and Coull, 1998; Agresti and Caffo, 2000), and the intervals based on the transformation of the endpoints of the confidence intervals for the log-odds based on \hat{t}^* .

```

probs <- seq(1e-08, 1 - 1e-08, length = 500)
df <- ddply(data.frame(m = c(8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256)), ~ m, function(x) {
  m <- x$m
  cis <- compute_cis(m, level = 0.95)

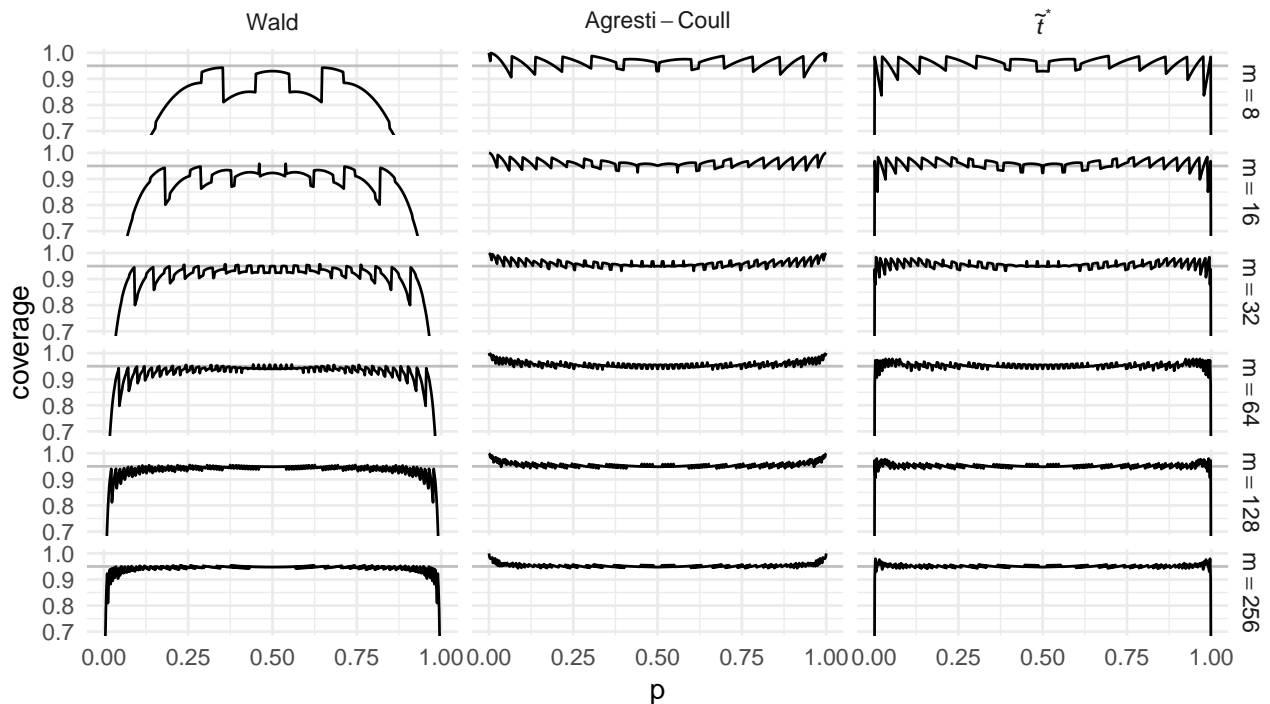
```

```

cc <- lapply(probs, function(pp) cover_ci_prop(n = m, p = pp, level = 0.95, cis = cis))
do.call("rbind", cc)
})
df$m <- factor(paste("m ==", df$m), levels = paste("m ==", sort(unique(df$m))),
               ordered = TRUE)
df$method <- factor(df$method, levels = c("wald", "ac", "a_br", "ml", "a_ml", "br"),
                   ordered = TRUE)
df$method <- recode(df$method,
                  "wald" = "Wald",
                  "ml" = "italic(t)[trans]",
                  "a_ml" = "italic(t)^*[trans]",
                  "br" = "tilde(italic(t))[trans]",
                  "a_br" = "tilde(italic(t))^{'*'}",
                  "ac" = "Agresti-Coull")

## coverage
ggplot(df %>% filter(method %in% c("Wald", "Agresti-Coull", "tilde(italic(t))^{'*'}"))) +
  geom_hline(aes(yintercept = 0.95), col = "grey") +
  geom_line(aes(x = p, y = coverage)) +
  facet_grid(m ~ method, label = label_parsed) +
  coord_cartesian(ylim = c(0.7, 1)) +
  theme_minimal()

```



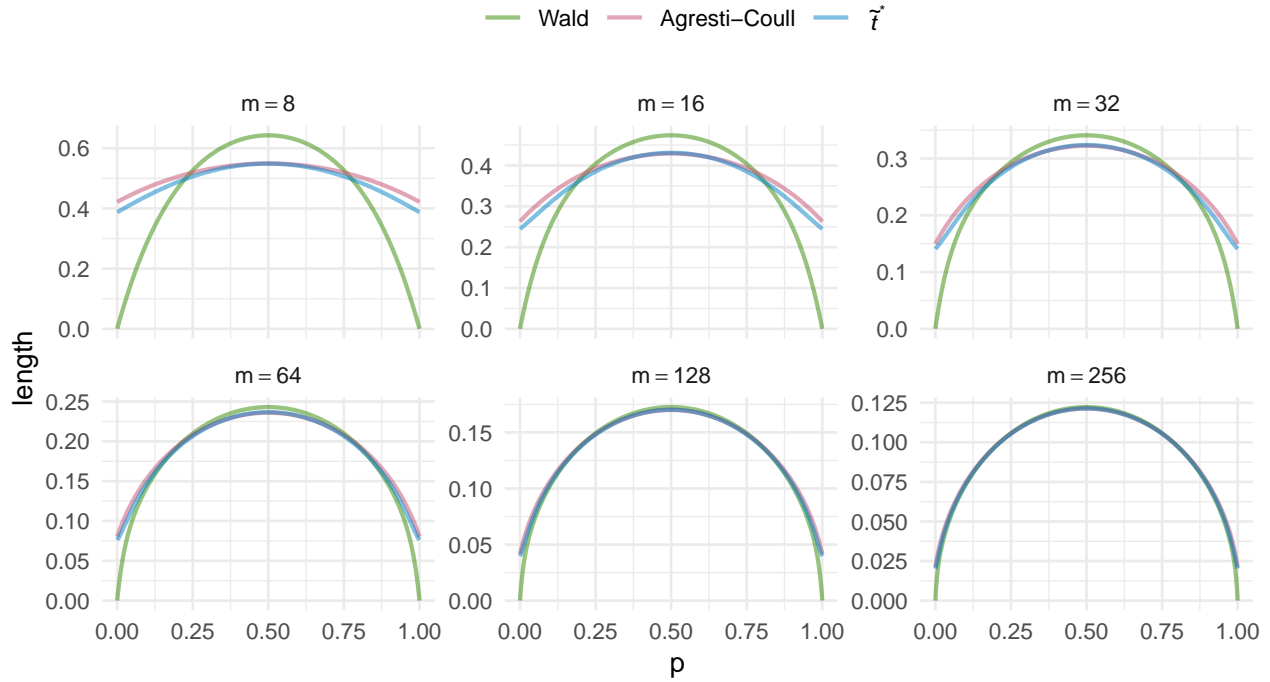
```

## expected length
ggplot(df %>% filter(method %in% c("Wald", "Agresti-Coull", "tilde(italic(t))^{'*'}"))) +
  geom_line(aes(x = p, y = length, col = method), alpha = 0.5, size = 0.8) +
  facet_wrap(~ m, label = label_parsed, scales = "free_y", ncol = 3) +
  scale_colour_manual(values = c("#328900", "#C54E6D", "#0080C5"),
                     name = "",
                     labels = c("Wald",
                                "Agresti-Coull",
                                bquote(tilde(italic(t))^{'*'}))) +

```



```
theme_minimal() +
theme(legend.position = "top")
```



Hauck and Donner effect

```
sapply(28:32, t_ml, n = 32, theta0 = 0)
# [1] 3.640465 3.740749 3.708150 3.379905 0.000000
sapply(28:32, t_adjusted_ml, n = 32, theta0 = 0)
# [1] 3.770481 3.912737 3.955360 3.816022 0.000000
sapply(28:32, t_br, n = 32, theta0 = 0)
# [1] 3.583279 3.712935 3.744298 3.587411 2.884566
sapply(28:32, t_adjusted_br, n = 32, theta0 = 0)
# [1] 3.763721 3.902155 3.935838 3.762302 2.921237
```

Table 4

```
## The clotting data set
clotting <- data.frame(
  conc = c(118,58,42,35,27,25,21,19,18,69,35,26,21,18,16,13,12,12),
  u = c(5,10,15,20,30,40,60,80,100, 5,10,15,20,30,40,60,80,100),
  lot = factor(c(rep(1, 9), rep(2, 9))))
## The maximum likelihood fit of the gamma regression model
clotting_ml <- glm(conc ~ log(u)*lot, data = clotting, family = Gamma(link = "log"))
## Maximum likelihood estimates and Wald statistics using maximum likelihood estimator
## of the dispersion parameter
dispersion_ml <- MASS::gamma.dispersion(clotting_ml)
clotting_summary_ml <- summary(clotting_ml, dispersion = dispersion_ml)
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clotting_ml_estimates <- coef(clotting_summary_ml)[, c("Estimate", "z value")]
## Reduced-bias estimates and Wald statistics
clotting_summary_rb <- summary(update(clotting_ml, method = "brglmFit"))
## Maximum likelihood estimates and Wald statistics using the moment-based estimator
## of the dispersion parameter
clotting_summary_mom <- summary(clotting_ml)
dispersion_mom <- clotting_summary_mom$dispersion
clotting_mom_estimates <- coef(clotting_summary_mom)[, c("Estimate", "t value")]
## Location-adjusted Wald statistic
clotting_waldi <- waldi(clotting_ml, null = 0, adjust = TRUE)
round(cbind(c(clotting_ml_estimates[, 1], dispersion_ml, dispersion_mom),
             c(clotting_ml_estimates[, 2], NA, NA),
             c(clotting_mom_estimates[, 2], NA, NA),
             c(clotting_waldi, NA, NA)), 3)
#           [,1]      [,2]      [,3]      [,4]
# (Intercept)  5.503   34.124   29.282   28.953
# log(u)       -0.602  -12.842  -11.020  -10.896
# lot2         -0.584   -2.563   -2.199   -2.173
# log(u):lot2  0.034    0.520    0.446    0.441
#              0.017      NA      NA      NA
#              0.024      NA      NA      NA

```

Figure 3 including rejection probabilities based on \tilde{t} and \tilde{t}^*

clotting_simulation.rda below is the output of clotting_simulation.R in ./code, which replicates the simulation study described in Section 9.3 of Di Caterina and Kosmidis (2019).

```

load(paste(results_path, "clotting_simulation.rda", sep = "/"))

## Summary of results
res_statistics <- ldply(res, function(x) x$stats)
res_pvalues <- ldply(res, function(x) x$boot_pvalues)

## Type I error rates
typeI_statistics <- ddply(res_statistics, ~ name + parameter, function(x) {
  levels <- c(0.1, 1, 2.5, 5)/100
  p_value_2sided <- 2 * pnorm(-abs(x$value))
  p_value_left <- pnorm(x$value)
  p_value_right <- 1 - pnorm(x$value)
  rate_2sided <- sapply(levels, function(alpha) mean(p_value_2sided < alpha))
  rate_left <- sapply(levels, function(alpha) mean(p_value_left < alpha))
  rate_right <- sapply(levels, function(alpha) mean(p_value_right < alpha))
  out <- data.frame(
    test = rep(c("2sided", "left", "right"), each = length(levels)),
    typeI = c(rate_2sided, rate_left, rate_right),
    level = rep(levels, times = 3))
  out
})

typeI_pvalues <- ddply(res_pvalues, ~ statistic + parameter, function(x) {
  levels <- c(0.1, 1, 2.5, 5)/100
  rate_2sided <- sapply(levels, function(alpha) mean(x$value[x$type ==

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                                'boot_conv_2sided'] < alpha))
rate_left <- sapply(levels, function(alpha) mean(x$value[x$type ==
                                'boot_conv_left'] < alpha))
rate_right <- sapply(levels, function(alpha) mean(x$value[x$type ==
                                'boot_conv_right'] < alpha))

out <- data.frame(
  test = rep(c("2sided", "left", "right"), each = length(levels)),
  typeI = c(rate_2sided, rate_left, rate_right),
  level = rep(levels, times = 3))
out
})

names(typeI_statistics) <- names(typeI_pvalues)
levels(typeI_pvalues$statistic) <- c("ml_boot", "ml_cor_boot", "mom_boot")

typeI <- rbind(typeI_statistics, typeI_pvalues)

typeI <- typeI %>%
  filter(test != "right") %>%
  mutate(test = recode(test,
    "2sided" = "H[1]: beta[italic(j)] != beta[paste(italic(j), 0)]",
    "left" = "H[1]: beta[italic(j)] < beta[paste(italic(j), 0)]",
    "right" = "H[1]: beta[italic(j)] > beta[paste(italic(j), 0)]",
    level_chr = paste(level*100, "~symbol('\045')"),
    upper = typeI - qnorm(1 - 0.01/2)*sqrt(typeI*(1-typeI)/nsimu),
    lower = typeI + qnorm(1 - 0.01/2)*sqrt(typeI*(1-typeI)/nsimu))

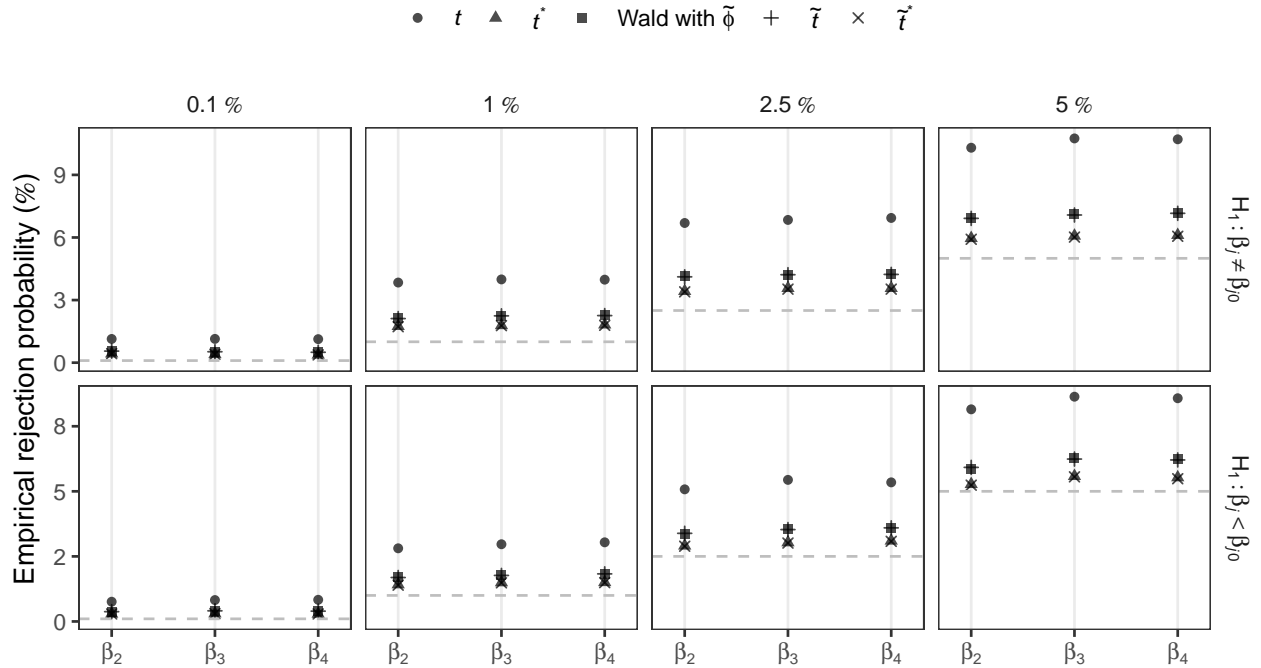
ggplot(typeI %>% filter(parameter != 1, is.element(statistic,
                                c("ml", "ml_cor", "mom",
                                "rb", "rb_cor")))) +
  geom_point(aes(parameter, typeI, pch = statistic), alpha = 0.7) +
  geom_hline(aes(yintercept = level), col = "grey", lty = 2) +
  facet_grid(test ~ level_chr, labeller = label_parsed, scales = "free") +
  scale_x_continuous(name = element_blank(),
    breaks = c(2, 3, 4),
    limits = c(1.8, 4.2),
    labels = c(
      expression(beta[2]),
      expression(beta[3]),
      expression(beta[4])) +
  scale_y_continuous(name = expression(paste("Empirical rejection probability (",
                                symbol('\045'), ")")),
    labels = function (x) {
      if (length(x) == 0)
        return(character())
      x <- round_any(x, scales::precision(x)/100)
      scales::comma(x * 100)
    }) +
  scale_shape_manual(name = " ", values = c(16, 17, 15, 3, 4), labels = c(expression(italic(t)), expres
    expression(paste("Wald with ", tilde(phi))), expression(tilde(italic(t))),
    expression(tilde(italic(t))^list("*")))) +
  theme_bw() +
  theme(legend.position = "top",

```

```

panel.grid.major.y = element_blank(),
panel.grid.minor.y = element_blank(),
panel.grid.minor.x = element_blank(),
strip.background = element_blank()

```



Scale adjustment via bootstrap

The following figure shows how precise the testing accuracy of the location- and scale-adjusted statistic t^{**} obtained via parametric bootstrap is, further enhancing the performance of t^* .

```

ggplot(typeI %>% filter(parameter != 1, is.element(statistic,
                                                    c("ml", "ml_cor", "mom",
                                                      "sc_ml_cor_conv")))) +
  geom_point(aes(parameter, typeI, pch = statistic), alpha = 0.7) +
  geom_hline(aes(yintercept = level), col = "grey", lty = 2) +
  facet_grid(test ~ level_chr, labeller = label_parsed, scales = "free") +
  scale_x_continuous(name = element_blank(),
                    breaks = c(2, 3, 4),
                    limits = c(1.8, 4.2),
                    labels = c(expression(beta[2]),
                                expression(beta[3]),
                                expression(beta[4])) +
  scale_y_continuous(name = expression(paste("Empirical rejection probability (", symbol('\045'), ")")),
                    labels = function(x) {
                      if (length(x) == 0)
                        return(character())
                      x <- round_any(x, scales::precision(x)/100)
                      scales::comma(x * 100)
                    }) +
  theme_bw() +
  scale_shape_manual(name = "", values = c(16, 17, 15, 18), labels = c(expression(italic(t)), expression(italic(t*)),

```

```

expression(paste("Wald with ", tilde(phi))), expression(italic(t)^list("**")))) +
theme(legend.position = "top",
      panel.grid.major.y = element_blank(),
      panel.grid.minor.y = element_blank(),
      panel.grid.minor.x = element_blank(),
      strip.background = element_blank())

```

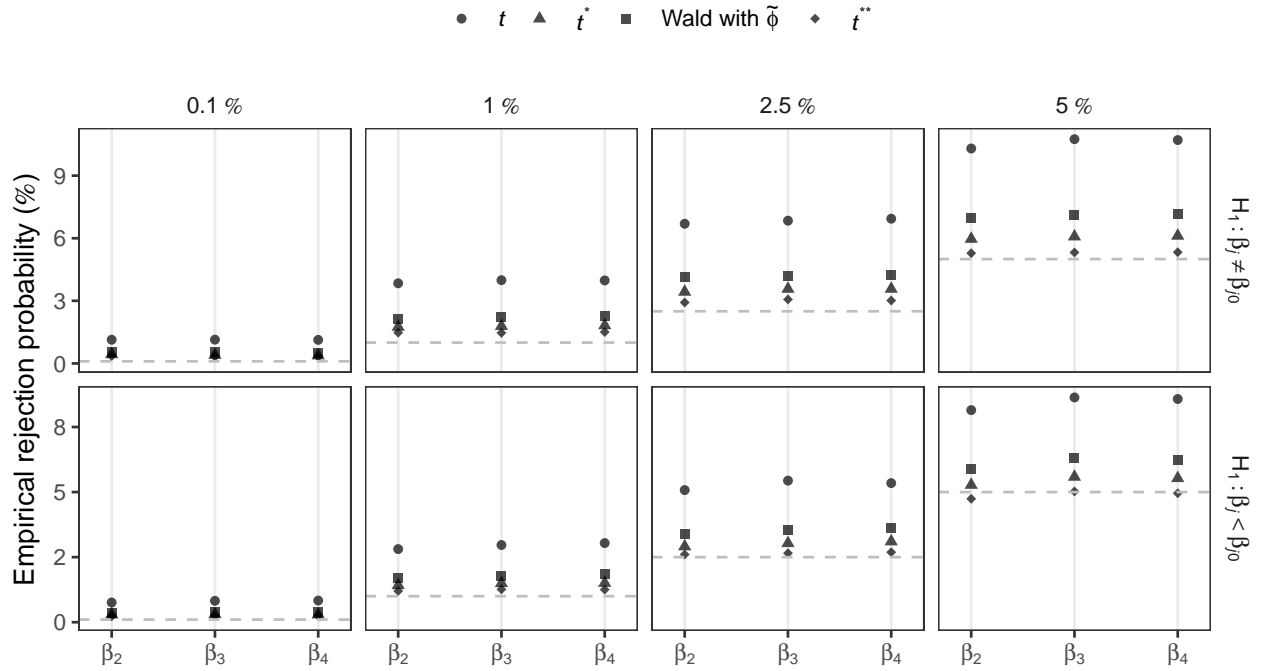


Table 5

```

data("babies", package = "cond")
## clogit understands only 0-1 so expand
babies_expand <- ddpily(babies, ~ lull1 + day, function(z) {
  data.frame(y = rep(c(0, 1), c(z$r2, z$r1)))
})
## Maximum likelihood fit
babies_ml <- glm(formula = y ~ day + lull1 - 1,
                 family = binomial, data = babies_expand)
babies_rb <- update(babies_ml, method = "brglmFit")
## Maximum conditional likelihood fit
babies_cond <- clogit(y ~ strata(day) + lull1, data = babies_expand)
ml <- coef(summary(babies_ml))["lullyes", ]
rb <- coef(summary(babies_rb))["lullyes", ]
mcl <- coef(summary(babies_cond))["lullyes", ]
r <- lrtest(update(babies_ml, . ~ . - lull1),
            babies_ml)
rc <- summary(babies_cond)$logtest[1]
scorec <- summary(babies_cond)$sctest[1]
out1 <- c(
  ml = unname(ml["Estimate"]),
  rb = unname(rb["Estimate"]),

```

```

mcl = unname(mcl["coef"]),
wald_ml = unname(ml["z value"]),
wald_mcl = unname(mcl["z"]),
wald_rb = unname(rb["z value"]),
r = unname(sign(ml["Estimate"]) * sqrt(r$Chisq[2])),
rc = unname(sign(mcl["coef"]) * sqrt(rc)),
wald_ml_adjusted = unname(waldi(babies_ml, which = 19)),
wald_rb_adjusted = unname(waldi(babies_rb, which = 19)))
out2 <- c(
  ml_se = unname(ml["Std. Error"]),
  rb_se = unname(rb["Std. Error"]),
  mcl_se = unname(mcl["se(coef)"]),
  ml_p = ml["Pr(>|z|)"],
  mcl_p = mcl["Pr(>|z|)"],
  rb_p = rb["Pr(>|z|)"],
  r_p = 2 * pnorm(-abs(out1["r"])),
  rc_p = 2 * pnorm(-abs(out1["rc"])),
  cor_ml_p = 2 * pnorm(-abs(out1["wald_ml_adjusted"])),
  cor_rb_p = 2 * pnorm(-abs(out1["wald_rb_adjusted"])))
round(matrix(c(out1, out2), ncol = 10, byrow = TRUE,
  dimnames = list(NULL,
    c("mle", "rb", "mcl", "wald_ml", "wald_mlc",
      "wald_rb", "r", "rc", "wald_ml_adjusted",
      "wald_rb_adjusted"))), 4)
#           mle      rb    mcl wald_ml wald_mlc wald_rb      r      rc
# [1,] 1.4324 1.1562 1.2561 1.9511 1.8307 1.7362 2.1596 2.0214
# [2,] 0.7341 0.6659 0.6861 0.0510 0.0671 0.0825 0.0308 0.0432
#           wald_ml_adjusted wald_rb_adjusted
# [1,]                1.9257                1.9064
# [2,]                0.0541                0.0566

```

Figure 4

babies_simulation.rda below is the output of babies_simulation.R in ./code, which replicates the simulation study described in Section 9.4 of Di Caterina and Kosmidis (2019).

```

load(paste(results_path, "babies_simulation.rda", sep = "/"))

## The bootstrap p-value for the babies data is
set.seed(123)
babies_bootstrap(babies_ml, R = 1000)$conv
# [1] 0.0230001
## Compute pvalues from the various statistics account for the existence of bootstrap
## p-values
pval <- ddply(res %>% filter(!infinite & !is.na(value) & type != "summary"),
  ~ name,
  function(data) {
    if (all(data$type == "bootstrap_statistic")) {
      data.frame(sample = pnorm(data$value),
        test = gsub("boot_prep_|boot_conv_", "", data$name))
    }
    else {

```

```

    p2 <- 2 * pnorm(-abs(data$value))
    p1 <- pnorm(data$value)
    pr <- 1 - p1
    data.frame(sample = c(p2, p1, pr),
               test = rep(c("2sided", "left", "right"), each = length(p2))) }
})
## Get rid of left right 2sided from statistic names
pval <- pval %>% mutate(name = gsub("_left|_right|_2sided", "", name))
pval <- pval %>%
  filter(!(name %in% c("scorec", "boot_prep"))) & test != "right") %>%
  mutate(test = dplyr::recode(test,
                              "2sided" = "gamma != 0",
                              "left" = "gamma < 0",
                              "right" = "gamma > 0"),
         name = factor(name,
                       levels = c("mle", "rbe", "r", "cond", "scorec", "rc",
                                   "boot_conv", "cor", "cor_rb"),
                       ordered = TRUE)) %>%
  mutate(name = factor(name,
                       levels = c("mle", "r", "boot_conv", "rbe",
                                   "cond", "scorec", "rc",
                                   "cor", "cor_rb"),
                       ordered = TRUE)) %>%
  mutate(statistic = dplyr::recode(name,
                                   "mle" = "italic(t)",
                                   "rbe" = "italic(tilde(t))",
                                   "r" = "italic(r)",
                                   "cond" = "italic(t)[c]",
                                   "scorec" = "italic(s)[c]",
                                   "rc" = "italic(r)[c]",
                                   "cor" = "italic(t)^'*'",
                                   "cor_rb" = "tilde(italic(t))^'*'",
                                   "boot_conv" = "italic(boot)"))

## Bin sample
breaks <- (0:20)/20
pval <- pval %>%
  group_by(statistic, test) %>%
  mutate(sample = cut(sample, breaks = breaks, include.lowest = TRUE)) %>%
  group_by(statistic, test, sample)
ggplot(pval) +
  geom_hline(aes(yintercept = 1)) +
  geom_bar(aes(x = sample, y = ..count../2500), fill = "darkgray", alpha = 0.5) +
  facet_grid(test ~ statistic, labeller = label_parsed) +
  theme_bw() +
  scale_x_discrete(breaks = c("[0,0.05]", "(0.25,0.3]", "(0.5,0.55]",
                              "(0.75,0.8]", "(0.95,1]"),
                  labels = c(0, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1)) +
  theme(legend.position = "top",
        panel.grid.major.y = element_blank(),
        panel.grid.minor.y = element_blank(),
        panel.grid.minor.x = element_blank(),
        panel.grid.major.x = element_blank(),
        strip.background = element_blank(),

```

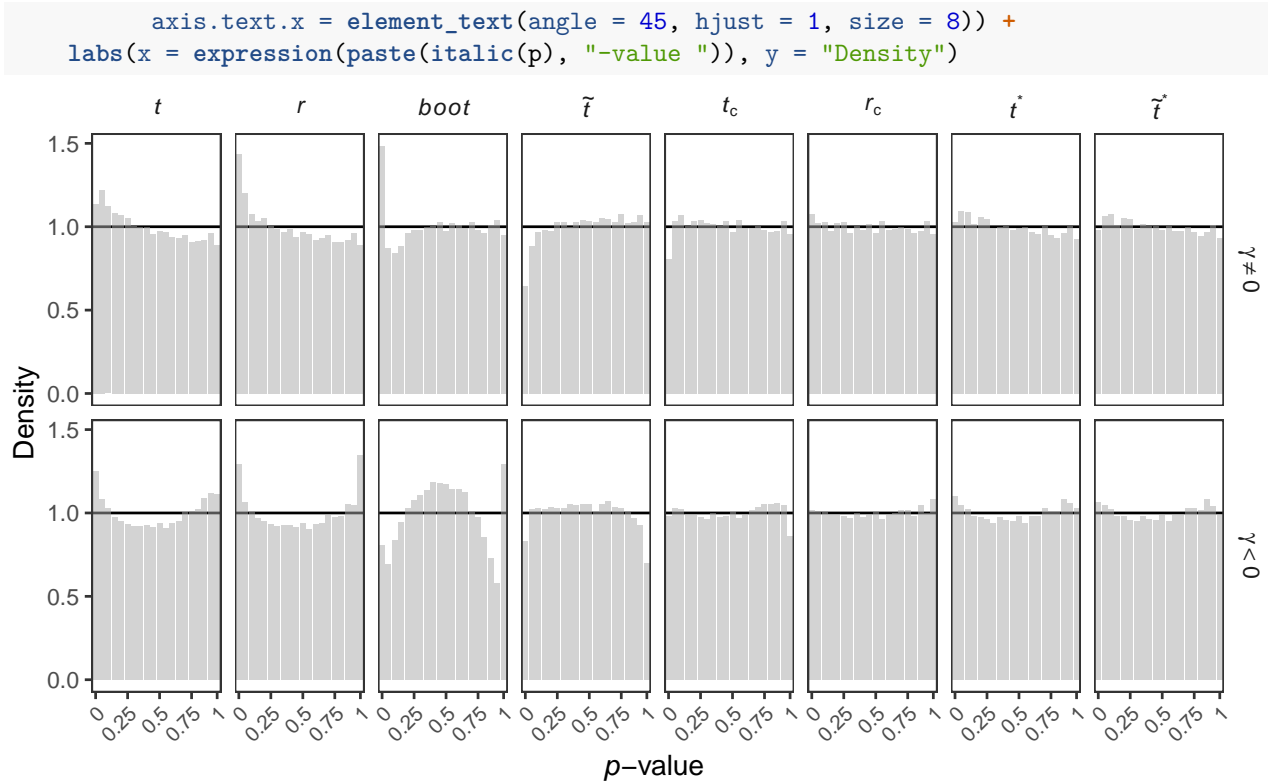


Figure 5

brains_case_study.rda below is the output of brains_case_study.R in ./code, which replicates the simulation study described in Section 10 of Di Caterina and Kosmidis (2019).

```
source(paste0(code_path, "/", "overlay2_nifti.R"))
load(paste(results_path, "brains_case_study.rda", sep = "/"))

## Check how many times LR failed, excluding trivial voxels, and compute probability of
## infinite estimates
fits_mat %>% filter(statistic == "r" & voxel != 1) %>% group_by(parameter) %>%
  summarize(failed = 100 * sum((value == -Inf) * count) / sum(count),
            infinite = 100 * sum(infinite * count) / sum(count))

## A tibble: 6 x 3
##   parameter failed infinite
##   <fct>      <dbl>    <dbl>
## 1 age        20.5      63.7
## 2 DD         18.1      63.7
## 3 EDSS       10.3      63.2
## 4 PASAT      16.8      63.6
## 5 sex        22.4      78.3
## 6 type2      19.2      75.5

## detections
fits_mat %>%
  group_by(parameter, statistic) %>%
  filter(statistic %in% c("z_br", "corz_br")) %>%
  summarize(detections = mean(value < -1 | value > 1) * 100)
```

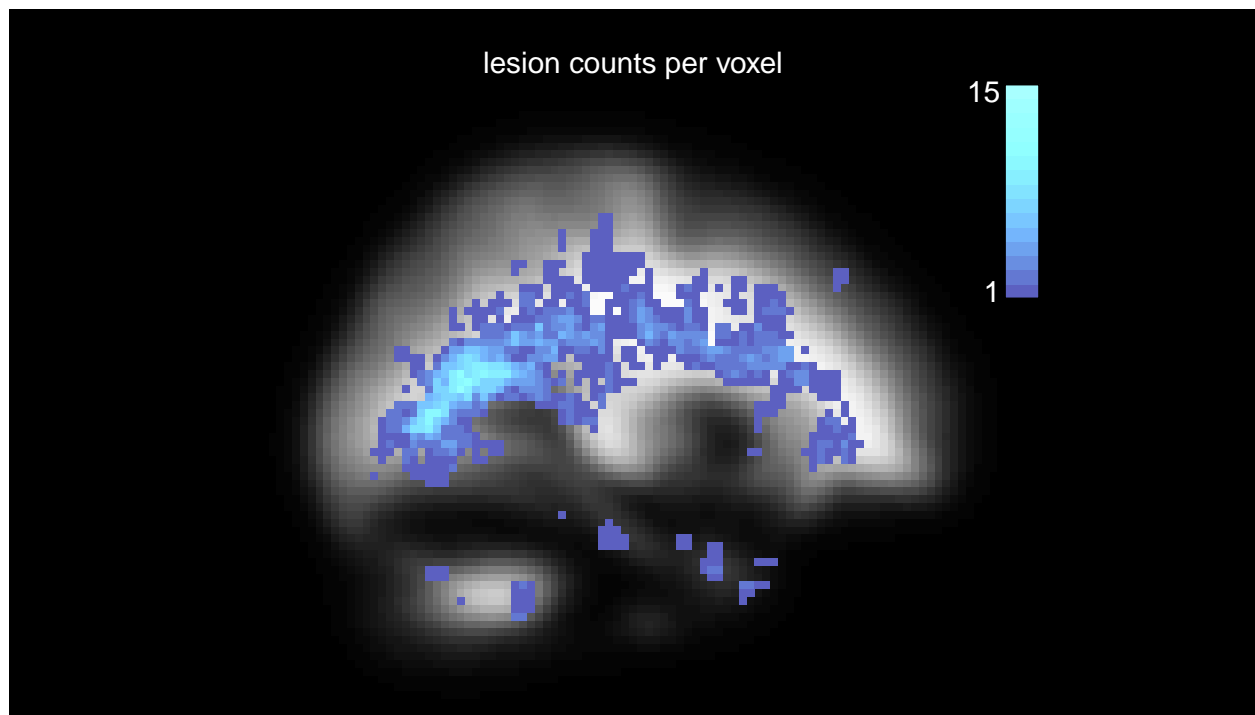


```

## A tibble: 12 x 3
## Groups:   parameter [?]
#   parameter statistic detections
#   <fct>      <fct>      <dbl>
# 1 age        corz_br        39.2
# 2 age        z_br          33.0
# 3 DD         corz_br        24.8
# 4 DD         z_br          18.9
# 5 EDSS       corz_br        26.0
# 6 EDSS       z_br          19.8
# 7 PASAT      corz_br        37.1
# 8 PASAT      z_br          29.9
# 9 sex        corz_br        29.9
#10 sex        z_br          22.7
#11 type2      corz_br        22.1
#12 type2      z_br          17.1

## Empirical lesion counts
lesion_counts <- colSums(lesions)
lesion_counts[lesion_counts == 0] <- NA
nifti_counts <- nifti(img = array(lesion_counts, dim(white_matter)))
lumin <- c(45, 100)
cols_counts <- heat_hcl(n = max(lesion_counts, na.rm = TRUE),
                        h = c(265, 200),
                        c = c(80, 50),
                        l = lumin,
                        power = c(0.7, 2))
overlay2.nifti(white_matter, y = nifti_counts, z = 32,
               plot.type = "single", plane = "sagittal",
               col.y = cols_counts, title = "lesion counts per voxel",
               col.main = "white")

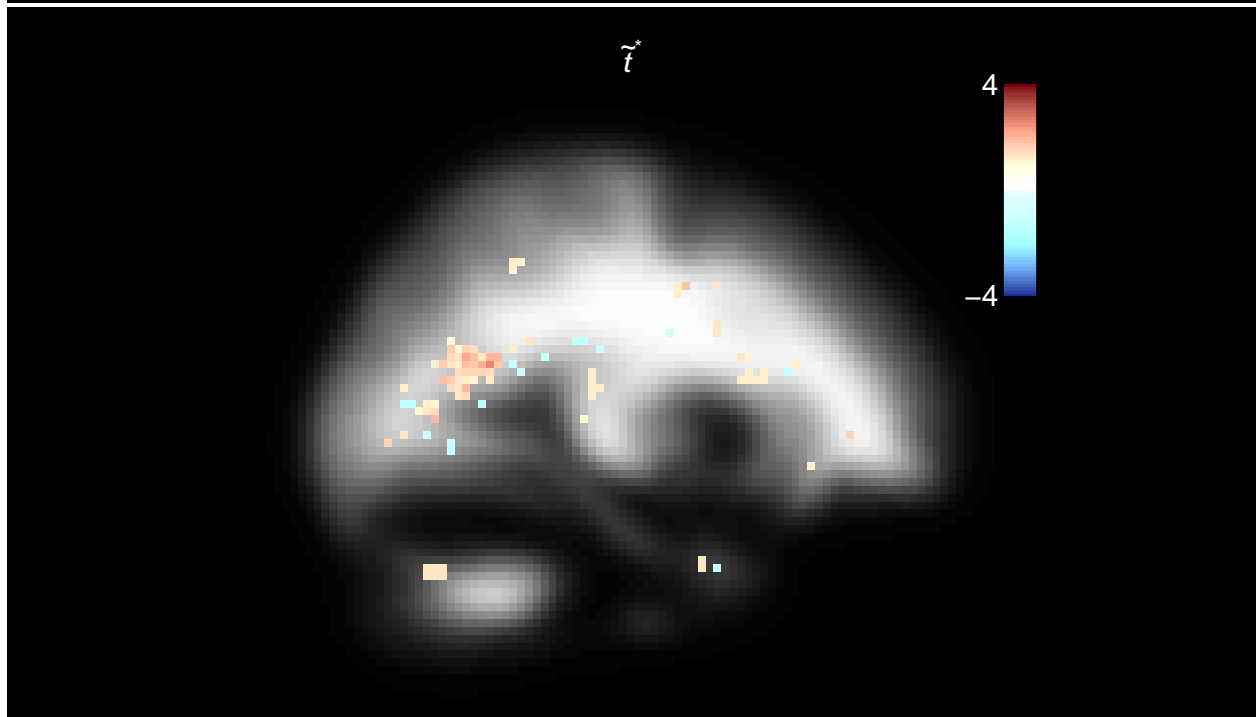
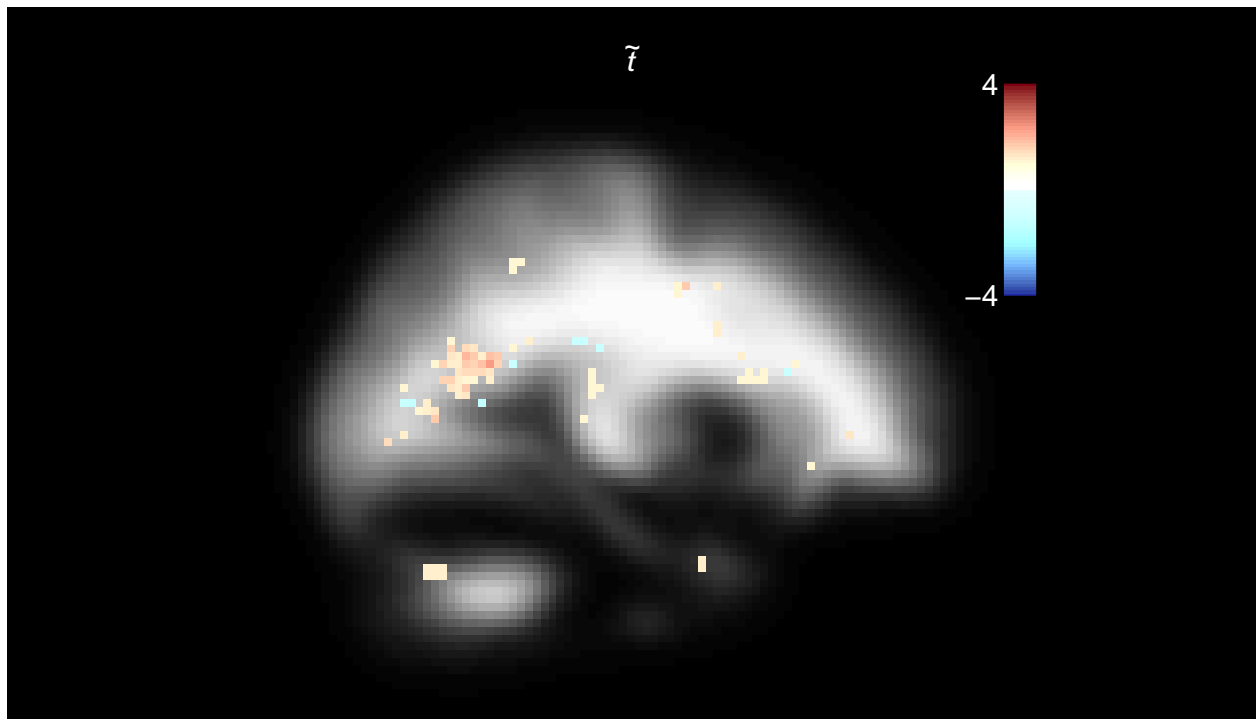
```



```

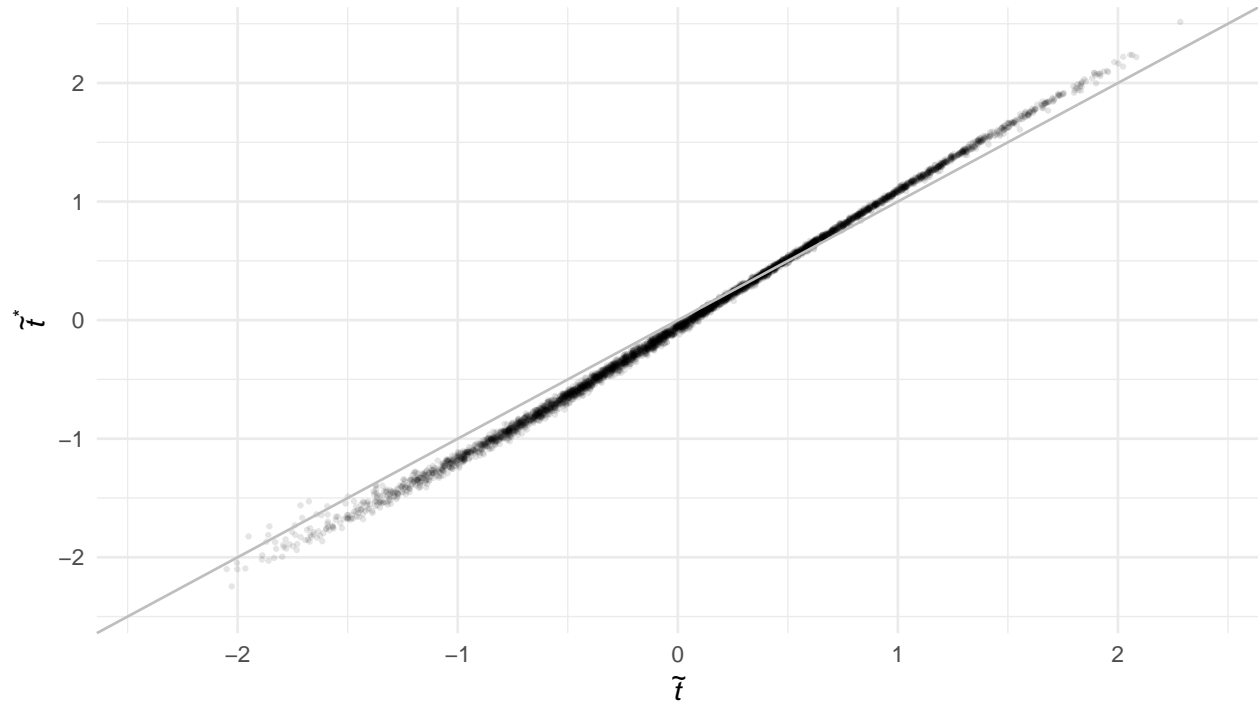
## Significance maps
param <- "DD"
low <- 1
upp <- 4
lumin <- c(25, 120)
cols <- c(heat_hcl(n = 32,
  h = c(265, 200),
  c = c(80, 50),
  l = lumin,
  power = c(0.7, 2)),
  rev(heat_hcl(n = 32,
    h = c(10, 40),
    c = c(80, 50),
    l = lumin,
    power = c(0.4, 1.3))))))
for (stat in c("z_br", "corz_br")) {
  zz <- (fits_mat %>% filter(statistic == stat & parameter == param))
  zz <- zz$value[array_indices]
  ## Threshold as in Ge et al (2014, AOAS)
  low_ind <- abs(zz) < low
  low_ind[is.na(low_ind)] <- FALSE
  zz[low_ind] <- NA
  upp_ind <- abs(zz) >= upp
  upp_ind[is.na(upp_ind)] <- FALSE
  zz[upp_ind] <- sign(zz[upp_ind]) * upp
  nifti_z <- nifti(img = array(zz, dim(white_matter)))
  nifti_z[1,1,1] <- -upp
  nifti_z[1,1,2] <- upp
  main <- switch(stat,
    z_br = expression(tilde(italic(t))),
    corz_br = expression(tilde(italic(t))'*'))
  overlay2.nifti(white_matter, y = nifti_z, z = 32, plot.type = "single",
    plane = "sagittal", col.y = cols, title = main,
    col.main = "white")
}

```



```
### Plot z_br vs corz_br per parameter
v1 <- fits_mat %>%
  filter(statistic == "z_br", parameter == param) %>%
  select(z_br_value = value, voxel, parameter)
v2 <- fits_mat %>%
  filter(statistic == "corz_br", parameter == param) %>%
  select(corz_br_value = value, voxel, parameter)
v <- join(v1, v2, by = c("voxel", "parameter"))
```

```
ggplot(v) +
  geom_point(aes(x = z_br_value, y = corz_br_value), alpha = 0.1, size = 0.5) +
  geom_abline(aes(intercept = 0, slope = 1), col = "grey") +
  coord_cartesian(xlim = c(-2.4, 2.4), ylim = c(-2.4, 2.4)) +
  theme_minimal() +
  labs(x = expression(tilde(italic(t))), y = expression(tilde(italic(t))^'*'))
```



Timings in Concluding Remarks

```
numerical_time <- system.time(
  numerical <- waldi(babies_ml, numerical = TRUE, which = 19)
)
analytic_time <- system.time(
  analytic <- waldi(babies_ml, numerical = FALSE, which = 19)
)
(numerical_time/analytic_time)["elapsed"]
# elapsed
# 7.5
```

Meta-regression and meta-analysis

Wald statistics

The random-effects meta-regression model, i.e. the extension to random-effects meta-analysis for combining information from K studies about a common effect of interest (DerSimonian and Laird, 1986), assumes that Y_1, \dots, Y_n are independent random variables conditionally on independent random effects U_1, \dots, U_K . The conditional distribution of Y_i given x_i and $U_i = u_i$ is $N(u_i + x_i^\top \beta, \hat{\sigma}_i^2)$, where $\hat{\sigma}_i^2$ is the known within-study

variance and u_i is the realization of a $N(0, \psi)$. The unknown parameters are the k -vector of effects β and the between-study heterogeneity ψ . Note that this specification reduces to the meta-analysis model if $x_i = 1$ for every $i = 1, \dots, K$. The expected information matrix depends only on ψ and is

$$i(\psi) = \begin{bmatrix} X^\top W(\psi)X & 0_k \\ 0_k^\top & \frac{1}{2}\text{tr}\{W(\psi)^2\} \end{bmatrix}, \quad (1)$$

where $W(\psi) = \text{diag}\{w_1, \dots, w_n\}$, with $w_i = (\hat{\sigma}_i^2 + \psi)^{-1}$. Thus, the Wald statistic for testing $H_0 : \beta_j = \beta_{j0}$ takes the form $t_j = (\hat{\beta}_j - \beta_{j0})/\kappa_j(\hat{\psi})$ ($j = 1, \dots, k$), and can be seen as the estimate of the transformation $T_j(\beta, \psi; \beta_{j0}) = (\beta_j - \beta_{j0})/\kappa_j(\psi)$, where $\kappa_j(\psi) = [\{X^\top W(\psi)X\}^{-1}]_{jj}^{1/2}$.

Guolo and Varin (2015) provide extensive evidence that Wald and other first-order likelihood-based procedures can be highly inaccurate when the number of studies is small or moderate. In these cases, Kosmidis et al. (2017) illustrate that the downward bias of the maximum likelihood estimator $\hat{\psi}$ affects conclusions on β , leading to anti-conservative tests and narrow confidence intervals, and propose asymptotic bias reduction as a means to refine first-order inference about the mean effect size.

Implementation

The calculation of the location-adjusted Wald statistic for the simulation studies is done analytically using the formula for the first-order bias of $\hat{\psi}$, namely $b_\psi(\psi) = -\text{tr}\{W(\psi)H(\psi)\}/\text{tr}\{W(\psi)^2\}$ where $H(\psi) = X\{X^\top W(\psi)X\}^{-1}X^\top W(\psi)$ (Kosmidis et al., 2017, equation (5)), the derivatives of $T_j(\beta, \psi; \beta_{j0})$, and the expression of the information matrix $i(\psi)$. The partial derivatives of the latter with respect to β are zero, while

$$\frac{di(\psi)}{d\psi} = \begin{bmatrix} X^\top W'(\psi)X & 0_k \\ 0_k^\top & -\sum_{i=1}^K (\hat{\sigma}_i^2 + \psi)^{-3} \end{bmatrix},$$

and

$$\frac{d^2i(\psi)}{d\psi^2} = \begin{bmatrix} X^\top W''(\psi)X & 0_k \\ 0_k^\top & 3\sum_{i=1}^K (\hat{\sigma}_i^2 + \psi)^{-4} \end{bmatrix},$$

where $W'(\psi) = \text{diag}\{w'_1, \dots, w'_n\}$, with $w'_i = -(\hat{\sigma}_i^2 + \psi)^{-2}$ and $W''(\psi) = \text{diag}\{w''_1, \dots, w''_n\}$, with $w''_i = 2(\hat{\sigma}_i^2 + \psi)^{-3}$.

Simulation studies

This section illustrates results of the simulations performed under the random-effects meta-analysis model using the same design as in Brockwell and Gordon (2001). In particular, the realizations y_i are simulated from a meta-analysis model with $\beta = 0.5$ and variance $\hat{\sigma}_i + \psi$, where $\hat{\sigma}_i$ are independently generated from a χ_1^2 distribution multiplied by 0.25 and then restricted to the interval (0.009, 0.6). The parameter ψ ranges from 0 to 0.1, and the number of studies K from 5 to 200. Due to long execution times, we have ran the experiment based on 10 000 Monte Carlo iterations for only those combinations of ψ and K which are needed to reproduce below Figure 1 of Kosmidis et al. (2017).

```
load(paste(results_path, "meta_analysis_simulation.rda", sep = "/"))
### top row
## plot K = 10, 20
fig1 <- ggplot(cov_df_K %>% filter(test == "2sided")) +
  geom_line(aes(psi, cov, group = statistic, col = statistic), size = 0.5, alpha = 0.8) +
  geom_hline(aes(yintercept = 95), col = "grey") +
```

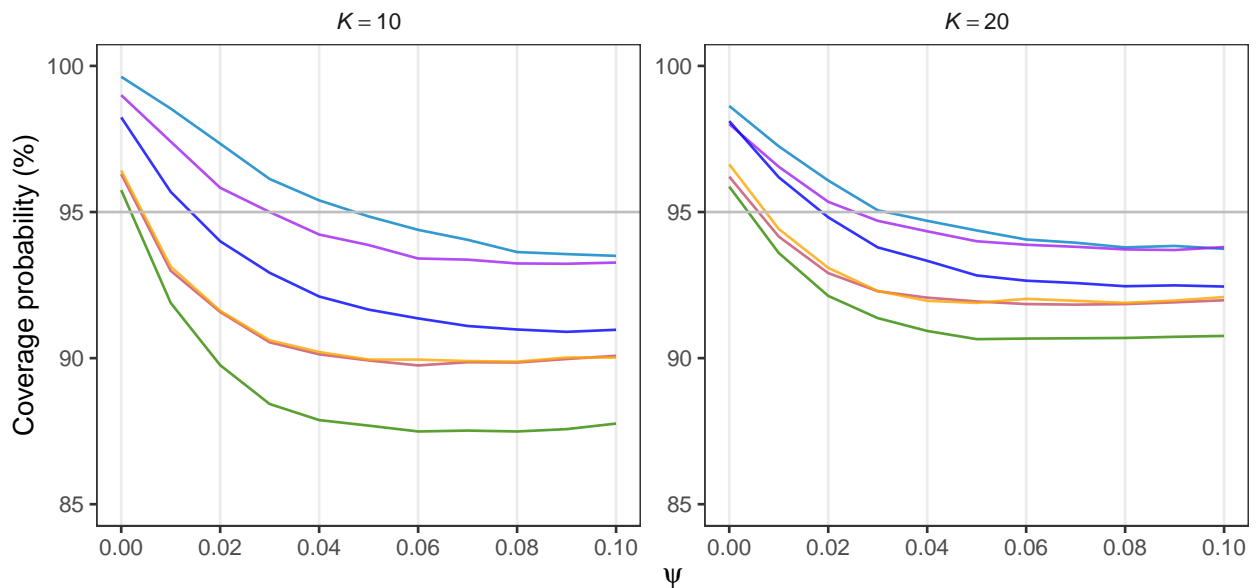
```

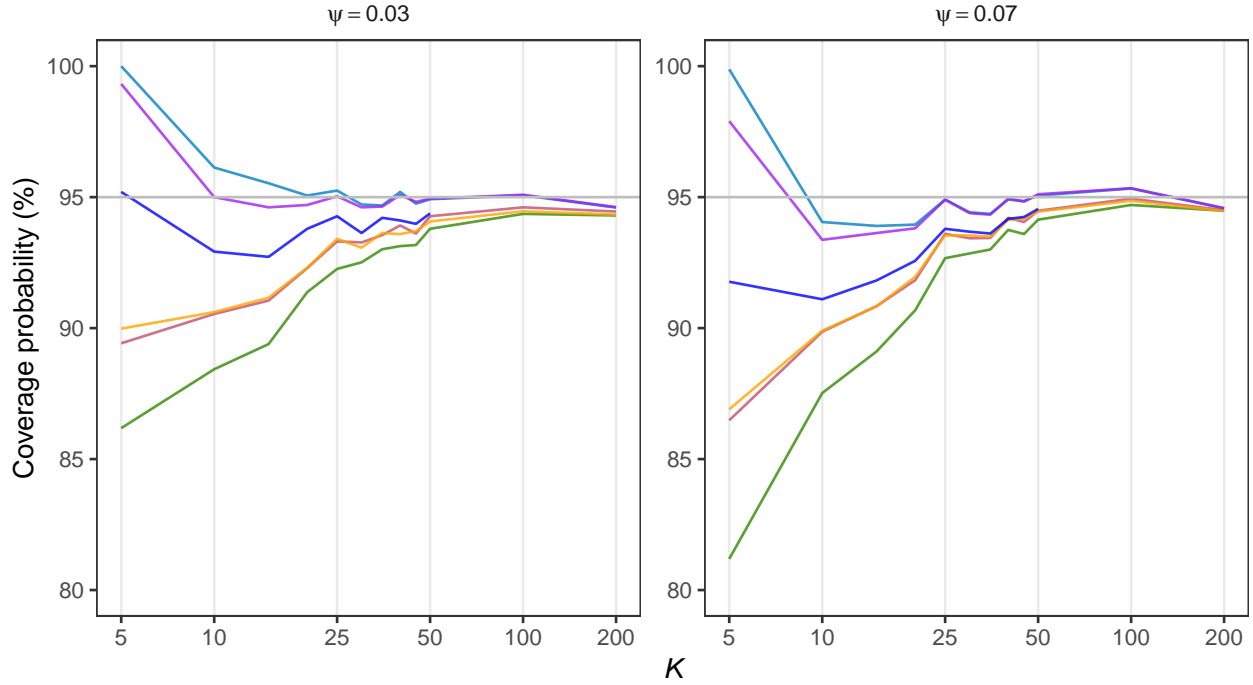
facet_wrap( ~ Klab, labeller = label_parsed, scales = "free") +
labs(y = "Coverage probability (%)", x = expression(psi)) +
lims(y = c(85, 100)) +
scale_x_continuous(name = expression(psi), breaks = seq(0, 0.1, length = 6),
  labels = c("0.00", "0.02", "0.04", "0.06", "0.08", "0.10")) +
scale_colour_manual(name = "", values = c("#328900", "#0080C5", "#C54E6D", "purple",
  "orange", 4), labels = c(expression(italic(t)), expression(italic(t)^list("*")),
  expression(tilde(italic(t))), expression(tilde(italic(t))^list("*")), "DL", "ZL")) +
theme_bw() +
theme(legend.position = "top", panel.grid.major.y = element_blank(),
  panel.grid.minor.y = element_blank(), panel.grid.minor.x = element_blank(),
  strip.background = element_blank()) +
guides(colour = guide_legend(nrow = 1))

## plot psi = 0.03, 0.07
fig2 <- ggplot(cov_df_psi %>% filter(test == "2sided")) +
  geom_line(aes(log(K), cov, group = statistic, col = statistic), size = 0.5, alpha = 0.8) +
  geom_hline(aes(yintercept = 95), col = "grey") +
  facet_wrap( ~ psilab, labeller = label_parsed, scales = "free") +
  labs(y = "Coverage probability (%)", x = expression(italic(K))) +
  lims(y = c(80, 100)) +
  scale_x_continuous(name = expression(italic(K)), breaks = c(log(5), log(10), log(25), log(50),
    log(100), log(200)), labels = c("5", "10", "25", "50", "100", "200")) +
  scale_colour_manual(name = "", values = c("#328900", "#0080C5", "#C54E6D", "purple",
    "orange", 4), labels = c(expression(italic(t)), expression(italic(t)^list("*")),
    expression(tilde(italic(t))), expression(tilde(italic(t))^list("*")), "DL", "ZL")) +
  theme_bw() +
  theme(legend.position = "none", panel.grid.major.y = element_blank(),
    panel.grid.minor.y = element_blank(), panel.grid.minor.x = element_blank(),
    strip.background = element_blank())

```

— t — t^* — \tilde{t} — \tilde{t}^* — DL — ZL





The last plots show the empirical coverage probabilities of individual confidence intervals for β , as ψ varies when $K \in \{10, 20\}$ (top row) and as K increases (in log scale) when $\psi \in \{0.03, 0.07\}$ (bottom row). The curves correspond to t , t^* , \tilde{t} , \tilde{t}^* , the Wald statistic based on the DerSimonian & Laird estimator (DL) and, for $K \leq 50$, the Zeng & Lin double-resampling method (ZL). The grey horizontal line is the target 95% nominal level.

The inversion of the location-adjusted Wald statistic, both that based on maximum likelihood and that based on reduced-bias estimates, results in intervals with empirical coverage that is remarkably close to the nominal level in all scenarios. Whereas the adoption of \tilde{t} produces an improvement over t which is similar to that implied by using the DerSimonian & Laird estimator of ψ (DerSimonian and Laird, 1986) in the standard Wald statistic, the adjustment in location performed through t^* and \tilde{t}^* proves to be even more effective than the double resampling, despite the significantly higher computational intensity of the approach proposed by Zeng & Lin (2015).

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