

Model Selection and Hypothesis Testing

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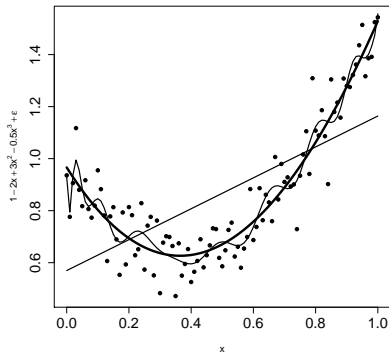
Computational Statistics

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Model selection



Tools for model selection

- **Comparing different models**
- Information criteria (not this course)
- Cross-validation
- Hypothesis testing
- **Uncertainty estimation**
- Confidence intervals

Hypothesis testing: Recap

- 1 Assume a probabilistic model
State a null hypothesis (H_0 e.g. no difference) and alternative (H_1 difference)
- 2 Observe data X
- 3 Calculate a test statistic e.g. $T(X) = (\bar{X})/(\widehat{\text{sd}}(X))$
(different statistics will have different **efficiency** (power, ability to distinguish between hypotheses) associated with them)
- 4 Under H_0 $T(X)$ has “known” distribution
- 5 Decision: Is the value of $T(X)$ *surprising* (in the **critical region**)? If so reject H_0 in favour of H_1 .

Hypothesis testing: Example

```
x<-rnorm(10,mean=4,sd=1)
```

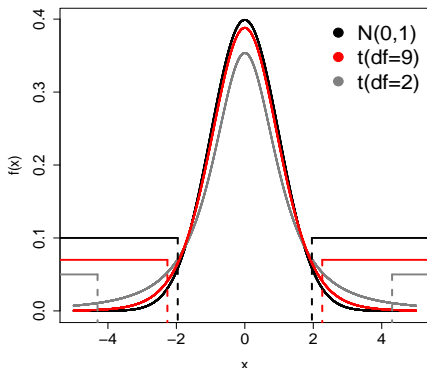
Hypotheses:

$$H_0 : \mu = 4, X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

$$H_1 : \mu \neq 4, X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

Test statistic

$$T(x) = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{s/\sqrt{n}} \sim t(n-1)$$



```
tx<-(mean(x)-4)/(sqrt(var(x)/length(x)))
```

```
t0<-qt(0.975,df=length(x)-1)
```

```
(tx>t0) || (tx<(-t0)) ## reject if TRUE
```

Hypothesis testing: Power

How does one compares different statistics?

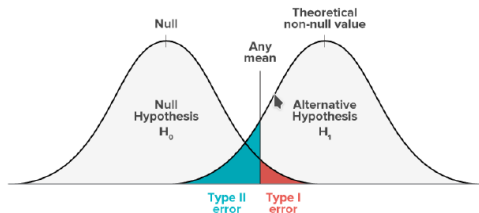
POWER

$$\text{Power} = 1 - \text{Type II error}$$

Ability to correctly identify *surprise*,
i.e. indicate H_1 .

How to compute power?

- Analytically (?)
- Generate data samples that satisfy H_1
Compute percent of correct rejections



Source: grasshopper.com

Monte Carlo Hypothesis testing

We may use “any” test statistic.

We do **not** need to know its distribution.

$$H_0 : \mu = 4, X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

$$H_1 : \mu \neq 4, X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

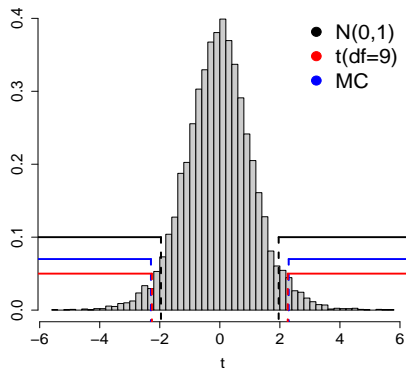
Test statistic

$$T(x) = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{s/\sqrt{n}} \sim t(n-1)$$

- 1: **for** $i = 1$ to B **do**
- 2: Generate Y_1, \dots, Y_n i.i.d. from H_0 , i.e. $\mathcal{N}(4, \sigma^2)$
- 3: Compute t_i from Y_1, \dots, Y_n
- 4: **end for**
- 5: Use t_1, \dots, t_B to construct a histogram
- 6: Use the histogram as the distribution of $T(x)$ under H_0

Monte Carlo Hypothesis testing

```
x<-rnorm(10,4,1)
s<-var(x)
B<-10000
n<-length(x)
tsamp<-rep(NA,B)
for (i in 1:B){
  Y<-rnorm(n,4,s)
  tsamp[i]<-(mean(Y)-4)/(sd(Y)/sqrt(length(Y)))
}
hist(tsamp,breaks=50,col=gray(0.8),main="",xlab="t",
      ,ylab="",freq=FALSE,cex.axis=1.5,cex.lab=1.5)
```



Permutation tests

- A. k. a. randomization tests
- One solution if we do not know the distribution under H_0
- Computationally expensive
- Any sample size
- Two sample problem:
 - Population 1 distributed as F
 - Population 2 distributed as G
 - $H_0 : F = G$
 - $H_1 : F \neq G$

Permutation tests: mouse data

- Control group
- Treatment group
- Group variable g
- Values variable v

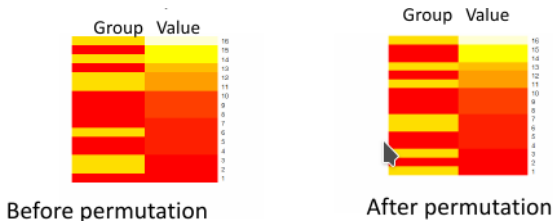
```
> t(mouse)
      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4] [,5] [,6] [,7] [,8] [,9] [,10] [,11] [,12]
Group "y"  "z"  "z"  "y"  "y"  "z"  "y"  "y"  "y"  "y"  "z"  "z"
Value " 10" " 16" " 23" " 27" " 31" " 38" " 40" " 46" " 50" " 52" " 94" " 99"
      [,13] [,14] [,15] [,16]
Group "y"    "z"    "y"    "z"
Value "104" "141" "146" "197"
```

Do the values differ significantly between control and treatment groups?

Permutation tests

IDEA: If $F = G$ then **group label does not matter**

We may permute labels and still have a sample from F (or G)



Test statistic:

$$T(X) = \text{mean}(\text{values} | \text{group} = z) - \text{mean}(\text{values} | \text{group} = y)$$

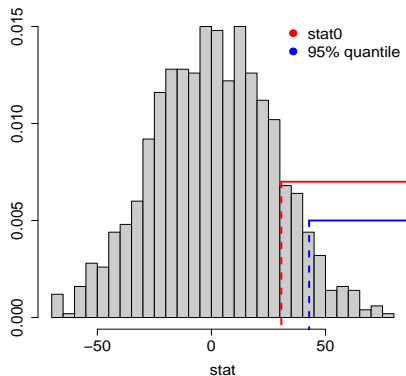
Permutation test: scheme

- 1: $T(X)$ value of statistic from observed data
- 2: Create permutations g_1^*, \dots, g_B^* of group variable
{If the number of permutations is too large, sample B randomly **without** replacement. E.g. generate random permutations and keep only unique ones.}
- 3: Evaluate test statistic on each permutation
- 4: Estimate p-value: $\hat{p} = \# \{T(X_{g_b^*}) \geq T(X)\} / B$
- 5: If test is two-sided: $\hat{p} = \# \{|T(X_{g_b^*})| \geq |T(X)|\} / B$

Permutation tests

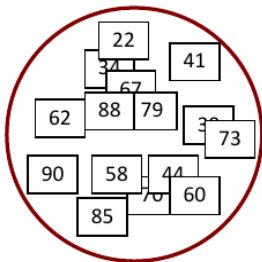
Do we reject the null?

```
B=1000
stat=numeric(B)
n=dim(mouse)[1]
for(b in 1:B){
  Gb=sample(mouse$Group, n)
  stat[b]=mean(mouse$Value[Gb=='z'])-mean(mouse$
    Value[Gb=='y'])
}
stat0=mean(mouse$Value[mouse$Group=='z'])-mean(
  mouse$Value[mouse$Group=='y'])
print(c(stat0, mean(stat>stat0)))
## [1] 30.63492 0.12700
```



Resampling methods

Observed data



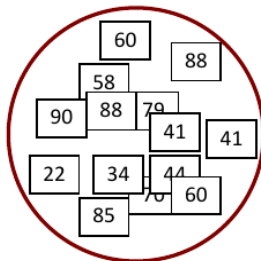
\bar{X}

Sampling with
replacement



Sampling without
replacement

Resampled data



$\bar{X}_1^*, \bar{X}_2^*, \dots, \bar{X}_N^*$

Jackknife and bootstrap

Theory **different**, coding **similar**

Data (**i.i.d.**) $X \sim F(\cdot, w)$

- 1: Observed data: $D = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$, estimator $\hat{w} = T(D)$
- 2: **for** $i = 1, \dots, B$ { Jackknife $B \leq n$ } **do**
- 3: Generate

$D_i^* = (X_1^*, \dots, X_n^*)$ by sampling with replacement
{**Nonparametric Bootstrap**, F unknown}

$D_i^* = X[-i]$ {**Jackknife**, F unknown}

$D_i^* = (X_1^*, \dots, X_n^*)$ by generating from $F(\cdot, \hat{w})$
{**Parametric Bootstrap**, F known}

- 4: **end for**
- 5: Distribution of \hat{w} is estimated by $T(D_1^*), \dots, T(D_B^*)$
{The histogram based on resampled values is used in place of the true density.}

Uncertainty estimation: confidence intervals

Estimate $100(1 - \alpha)\%$ percentile confidence interval for w

$se(\cdot)$ is the square root of estimated variance (computationally heavy)

NOT by jackknife **TOO DEPENDENT!!**

- 1: Compute $T(D_1^*), \dots, T(D_B^*)$
- 2: Sort in ascending order, obtaining y_1, \dots, y_B
 {percentile method} **OR**
 Compute $y_i = (T(D_i^*) - T(D)) / (se(T(D_i^*)))$ $i = 1, \dots, B$
 {t method}
- 3: Define $A_1 = \lceil (B\alpha/2) \rceil$, $A_2 = \lfloor (B - B\alpha/2) \rfloor$
- 4: Confidence interval is given by
 (y_{A_1}, y_{A_2}) {percentile method} **OR**
 $(T(D) - se(T(D^*)) \cdot y_{A_1}, T(D) + se(T(D^*)) \cdot y_{A_2})$
 {t method}

Hypothesis testing: does statistic from observed data fall into CI (H_0) or not (H_1)

Uncertainty estimation: variance of estimator

Bootstrap

$$\widehat{\text{Var}}[T(\cdot)] = \frac{1}{B-1} \sum_{i=1}^B \left(T(D_i^*) - \overline{T(D^*)} \right)^2$$

Jackknife ($n = B$)

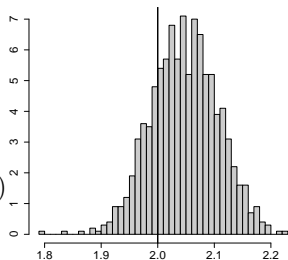
$$\widehat{\text{Var}}[T(\cdot)] = \frac{1}{n(n-1)} \sum_{i=1}^n (T_i^* - J(T))^2,$$

where

$$T_i^* = nT(D) - (n-1)T(D_i^*) \quad J(T) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n T_i^*$$

Bootstrap in R

```
library("boot")
stat1<-function(data,vn){
  data<-as.data.frame(data[vn,])
  res<-lm(Response~Predictor,data)
  res$coefficients[2]
}
x<-rnorm(100);data<-cbind(Predictor=x,Response=3+2*
  x+rnorm(length(x),sd=0.5))
res<-boot(data,stat1,R=1000)
print(boot.ci(res))
## BOOTSTRAP CONFIDENCE INTERVAL CALCULATIONS
##Based on 1000 bootstrap replicates
#Intervals :
#Level      Normal              Basic
#95%      ( 1.933,  2.164 )    ( 1.935,  2.162 )
# Level      Percentile          BCa
#95%      ( 1.934,  2.161 )    ( 1.936,  2.166 )
```



Bootstrap bias correction

- 1: Observed data: $D = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$, estimator $\hat{w} = T(D)$
- 2: **for** $i = 1, \dots, B$ **do**
- 3: Generate

 $D_i^* = (X_1^*, \dots, X_n^*)$ by sampling with replacement.
- 4: Calculate $T_i^* = T(D_i^*)$.
- 5: **end for**
- 6: Bias corrected estimator is

$$T_1 := 2T(D) - \frac{1}{B} \sum_{i=1}^B T_i^*.$$

Jackknife also has a bias correction method (see last year's slides).

- Jackknife overestimate variance
- Bootstrap-t method is more accurate than percentile
- Permutations: sampling **without** replacement, bootstrap **with**
- Permutation p-value exact if all permutations used, bootstrap always approximate
- Bootstrap may be used for a wider class of problems
- Nonparametric bootstrap works badly for small samples ($n < 40$)
- Parametric bootstrap can work for small samples
- Bias corrections
- Methods do not require distributional assumptions

Permutation tests for model selection

Data predictors: $X[,c(V1,V2)]$, response: Y

Model M relating Y and X

Competing models

H_0 variables $V1$ should not be in M (smaller model)

H_1 all variables are significant

Test statistic: $T(M)$

Permutation test

- 1: **for** $i = 1 \dots B$ **do**
- 2: Obtain $V1^*$ by permuting order of columns in $V1$,
 fit model $Y=M(X[,c(V1^*,V2)])$
- 3: Compute test statistic T_i for this model
- 4: **end for**
- 5: Compute p-value using above distribution of T

- Why are some models better than others?
- Hypothesis testing
- Monte Carlo hypothesis testing
- Resampling methods (permutations, jackknife, bootstrap)
- Simulation methods (parametric bootstrap)