

Testing the Association between Two Ordinal Variables with Adjusting for Covariates

1 Introduction

Ordinal variable has always gotten great attention in biomedical research. Among all the issues about ordinal variable, testing the association between two ordinal variables with adjusting for covariates is an important one. Testing whether two ordinal variables are related is a common issue and there have been many test statistics measuring the association between two ordinal variables, such as Kruskal's gamma statistic, the Wilcoxon statistic, the Kruskal-Wallis statistic and the Jonckheere-Terpstra statistic. All these statistics only measuring the association between the two ordinal variables we are interested in regardless of the effect of other covariates. However, sometimes we need to test this kind of association with adjusting for other covariates. On the one hand, there are many practical problems of this type. For example, if we want to test whether smoking and lung cancer are related when other covariates, such as sex and age, have been adjusted, we need to solve this issue. On the other hand, adjusting for other covariates can be more powerful in testing the null hypothesis of no association between the two ordinal variables, especially when other covariates are related with at least one of the two ordinal variables. For example, if we want to test whether smoking and lung cancer are related, the test statistic coming from the logistic regression model is more powerful when we adjust for the covariate such as age, since age can affect the probability of getting cancer. So special attention should be paid to the issue of testing association between two ordinal variables with adjusting for covariates.

There have been many papers focusing on this issue. Using the proportional odds model is a widely acknowledged method, but it has its own defects. Proportional odds model treat the value of ordinal variables as numeric value. That is, in ordinal variables, this model sets the distance of 1 and 2 the same as that of 2 and 3, which is obvious unfounded in real situation. To solve this problem, we propose a new method for this issue. In our method, we do not use the value of the ordinal variables. Instead, we bring in a latent variable which follows multivariate normal distribution to picture the relationship between all the variables, including the two ordinal variables and other covariates. The normality assumption is reasonable since it is the most common one in real life. We made simulations to compare the proportional odds model method and the new method. It is shown that our new method have less type I error and greater power.

2 Method

2.1 Notations

Suppose that X and Y are two ordinal variables with k and m categories, respectively. Denote the categories of X and Y by a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k with $a_1 < a_2 < \dots < a_k$ and b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m with $b_1 < b_2 < \dots < b_m$, respectively. Let $\mathbf{Z} = (Z_1, Z_2, \dots, Z_L)^\tau$ be a L -dimensional continuous covariate. We want to detect the association between X and Y after adjusting for \mathbf{Z} . The null hypothesis is

$$H_{01} : \Pr(X, Y | \mathbf{Z}) = \Pr(X | \mathbf{Z}) \Pr(Y | \mathbf{Z}).$$

Let $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$, $\{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\}$ and $\{\mathbf{z}_1, \mathbf{z}_2, \dots, \mathbf{z}_n\}$ be the n observations of X , Y and \mathbf{Z} , respectively.

2.2 Models

Suppose that X , Y and \mathbf{Z} come from a $L + 2$ -dimensional multi-normal variable $\mathbf{U} = (U_1, U_2, \dots, U_{L+2})^\tau$ with zero-vector mean and the variance and covariance matrix Δ , where $\Delta = (\delta_{l_1 l_2})_{(L+2) \times (L+2)}$ and $\delta_{ll} = 1$ for $l = 1, 2, \dots, L + 2$. The covariates $\mathbf{Z} = (U_3, U_4, \dots, U_{L+2})^\tau$, and X and Y are obtained based on the following strategies

$$X = \begin{cases} a_1 & -\infty < U_1 \leq \xi_1 \\ a_2 & \xi_1 < U_1 \leq \xi_2 \\ \dots & \dots \\ a_k & \xi_{k-1} < U_1 < \infty; \end{cases}$$

and

$$Y = \begin{cases} b_1 & -\infty < U_2 \leq \eta_1 \\ b_2 & \eta_1 < U_2 \leq \eta_2 \\ \dots & \dots \\ b_m & \eta_{m-1} < U_2 < \infty. \end{cases}$$

where $-\infty < \xi_1 < \xi_2 < \dots < \xi_{k-1} < \infty$ and $-\infty < \eta_1 < \eta_2 < \dots < \eta_{m-1} < \infty$.

Denote

$$\Delta = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta_{11} & \Delta_{12} \\ \Delta_{21} & \Delta_{22} \end{pmatrix},$$

where Δ_{11} is a 2 by 2 matrix. Then

$$(U_1, U_2 | \mathbf{Z})^\tau \sim N(\Delta_{12} \Delta_{22}^{-1} \mathbf{Z}, \Delta_{11} - \Delta_{12} \Delta_{22}^{-1} \Delta_{21}).$$

Denote $\delta = (\delta_{12}, \delta_{13}, \dots, \delta_{1(L+2)}, \delta_{23}, \delta_{24}, \dots, \delta_{2(L+2)}, \dots, \delta_{(L+1)(L+2)})^T$, $\zeta_1 = (\delta_{13}, \delta_{14}, \dots, \delta_{1(L+2)})^T$, $\zeta_2 = (\delta_{23}, \delta_{24}, \dots, \delta_{2(L+2)})^T$, then

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_{11} - \Delta_{12}\Delta_{22}^{-1}\Delta_{21} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \delta_{12} \\ \delta_{12} & 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \zeta_1^T \\ \zeta_2^T \end{pmatrix} \Delta_{22}^{-1}(\zeta_1, \zeta_2) \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \zeta_1^T \Delta_{22}^{-1} \zeta_1 & \delta_{12} - \zeta_1^T \Delta_{22}^{-1} \zeta_2 \\ \delta_{12} - \zeta_2^T \Delta_{22}^{-1} \zeta_1 & 1 - \zeta_2^T \Delta_{22}^{-1} \zeta_2 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

Denote $\varrho(\delta) = \delta_{12} - \zeta_1^T \Delta_{22}^{-1} \zeta_2$. Then testing H_{01} is equivalent to test

$$H_{02} : \varrho(\delta) = 0.$$

Now we need to estimate the value of $\delta_{12}, \zeta_1, \zeta_2, \Delta_{22}$.

From

$$(U_1, \mathbf{Z}^T)^T \sim N \left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0_{L \times 1} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \zeta_1^T \\ \zeta_1 & \Delta_{22} \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

we get the conditional distribution of U_1 when \mathbf{Z} is given,

$$(U_1 | \mathbf{Z}) \sim N(\zeta_1^T \Delta_{22}^{-1} \mathbf{Z}, 1 - \zeta_1^T \Delta_{22}^{-1} \zeta_1)$$

Similarly, from

$$(U_2, \mathbf{Z}^T)^T \sim N \left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0_{L \times 1} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \zeta_2^T \\ \zeta_2 & \Delta_{22} \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

we get the conditional distribution of U_2 when \mathbf{Z} is given,

$$(U_2 | \mathbf{Z}) \sim N(\zeta_2^T \Delta_{22}^{-1} \mathbf{Z}, 1 - \zeta_2^T \Delta_{22}^{-1} \zeta_2)$$

Denote $\xi_0 = -\infty, \xi_k = \infty, \eta_0 = -\infty, \eta_m = \infty$. Then the marginal density functions have

the following form

$$f_1(X, Y, \delta_{12}, u_i) = \prod_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq k \\ 1 \leq j \leq m}} \left[\int_{\eta_{j-1}}^{\eta_j} \int_{\xi_{i-1}}^{\xi_i} \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{1-\delta_{12}^2}} e^{-\frac{u_1^2 - 2\delta_{12}u_1u_2 + u_2^2}{2(1-\delta_{12}^2)}} du_1 du_2 \right]^{I(X=a_i, Y=b_j)} \quad (1)$$

$$f(\mathbf{Z}, \Delta_{22}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{L}{2}} |\Delta_{22}|} \exp\left(-\frac{\mathbf{Z}^\tau \Delta_{22}^{-1} \mathbf{Z}}{2}\right) \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_2(X, \mathbf{Z}, \zeta_1) &= f(\mathbf{Z}) f(X|\mathbf{Z}) \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{L}{2}} |\Delta_{22}|} \exp\left(-\frac{\mathbf{Z}^\tau \Delta_{22}^{-1} \mathbf{Z}}{2}\right) \prod_{j=1}^k \left[\int_{\xi_{j-1}}^{\xi_j} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi(1-\zeta_1^\tau \Delta_{22}^{-1} \zeta_1)}} \exp\left(-\frac{(u_1 - \zeta_1^\tau \Delta_{22} \mathbf{Z})^2}{2(1-\zeta_1^\tau \Delta_{22}^{-1} \zeta_1)}\right) du_1 \right]^{I(X=a_j)} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_3(Y, \mathbf{Z}, \zeta_2) &= f(\mathbf{Z}) f(Y|\mathbf{Z}) \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{L}{2}} |\Delta_{22}|} \exp\left(-\frac{\mathbf{Z}^\tau \Delta_{22}^{-1} \mathbf{Z}}{2}\right) \prod_{l=1}^m \left[\int_{\eta_{l-1}}^{\eta_l} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi(1-\zeta_2^\tau \Delta_{22}^{-1} \zeta_2)}} \exp\left(-\frac{(u_2 - \zeta_2^\tau \Delta_{22} \mathbf{Z})^2}{2(1-\zeta_2^\tau \Delta_{22}^{-1} \zeta_2)}\right) du_2 \right]^{I(Y=b_l)} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

And the joint distribution of X, Y, \mathbf{Z} can be approximated by

$$f(X, Y, \mathbf{Z}, \delta_{12}, \zeta_1, \zeta_2) = f_1(X, Y, \delta_{12}) f_2(X, \mathbf{Z}, \zeta_1) f_3(Y, \mathbf{Z}, \zeta_2) \quad (5)$$

2.3 Method

Suppose there are n observations denoted as $\{(x_i, y_i, \mathbf{z}_i), i = 1, \dots, n\}$ in the sample. The process of estimating $\delta_{12} - \zeta_1^\tau \Delta_{22}^{-1} \zeta_2$ is as follows:

1. In our model, X and Y are ordinal variables that both come from standard normal distribution. So we can use the distribution of X and Y to estimate $\{\xi_j, j = 1, \dots, k-1\}$ and $\{\eta_l, l = 1, \dots, m-1\}$, respectively. That is, denote the numbers of a_j as u_j and that of b_l as $v_l, j = 1, \dots, k, l = 1, \dots, m$. Then the estimators of $\{\xi_j, j = 1, \dots, k-1\}$ and $\{\eta_l, l = 1, \dots, m-1\}$ are the roots of the following equations, which are denoted as $\{\hat{\xi}_j, j = 1, \dots, k-1\}$ and $\{\hat{\eta}_l, l = 1, \dots, m-1\}$

$$\begin{aligned} u_j &= \Phi(\hat{\xi}_j) - \Phi(\hat{\xi}_{j-1}), j = 1, \dots, k-1 \\ v_l &= \Phi(\hat{\eta}_l) - \Phi(\hat{\eta}_{l-1}), l = 1, \dots, m-1 \end{aligned}$$

Denote $P_{jl} = P(X = a_j, Y = b_l) = \int_{\hat{\eta}_{l-1}}^{\hat{\eta}_l} \int_{\hat{\xi}_{j-1}}^{\hat{\xi}_j} g(u_1, u_2) du_1 du_2$, where

$$g(u_1, u_2) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{1-\delta_{12}^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{u_1^2 - 2\delta_{12}u_1u_2 + u_2^2}{2(1-\delta_{12}^2)}\right).$$

So the likelihood function of $\{(x_i, y_i), i = 1, \dots, n\}$ is

$$L_1(\delta_{12}) = \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{\substack{j=1, \dots, k \\ l=1, \dots, m}} P_{jl}^{I\{x_i=a_j, y_i=b_l\}}.$$

Maximize L_1 , we get the maximum likelihood estimator(MLE) of δ_{12} , denoted as $\hat{\delta}_{12}$.

- Using the marginal density function (2) for \mathbf{Z} , we have the likelihood function

$$L_2(\Delta_{22}) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(\mathbf{z}_i, \Delta_{22}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{L}{2}} |\Delta_{22}|} \exp\left(-\frac{\mathbf{z}_i^T \Delta_{22}^{-1} \mathbf{z}_i}{2}\right).$$

Maximize L_2 , we get the MLE of Δ_{22} , denoted as $\hat{\Delta}_{22}$.

- Plug the estimators $\hat{\xi}_j, j = 1, \dots, k$ and $\hat{\Delta}_{22}$ in the marginal density function (3), we obtain the likelihood function

$$L_3(\zeta_1) = \prod_{i=1}^n f_2(x_i, \mathbf{z}_i, \zeta_1).$$

Maximizing L_3 results in the estimator of ζ_1 , denoted as $\hat{\zeta}_1$.

- Plug the estimators $\hat{\eta}_l, l = 1, \dots, m$ and $\hat{\Delta}_{22}$ in the marginal density function (4), we obtain the likelihood function

$$L_4(\zeta_2) = \prod_{i=1}^n f_2(x_i, \mathbf{z}_i, \zeta_2).$$

Maximizing L_4 results in the estimator of ζ_2 , denoted as $\hat{\zeta}_2$.

- The estimator of $\varrho(\delta)$ is $\hat{\varrho}(\delta) = \hat{\delta}_{12} - \hat{\zeta}_1^T \hat{\Delta}_{22}^{-1} \hat{\zeta}_2$

Having estimated $\varrho(\delta)$, we want to obtain the approximate distribution of $\hat{\varrho}(\delta)$ and the Type I error and power of our method. The procedure is as follows:

1. Denote $\delta_0 = (\delta_{12}, \zeta_1, \zeta_2)$. Using (5), the likelihood function of $\{(x_i, y_i, \mathbf{z}_i), i = 1, \dots, n\}$ is

$$L(\delta_0) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i, y_i, \mathbf{z}_i, \delta_{12}, \zeta_1, \zeta_2) = \prod_{i=1}^n (f_1(x_i, y_i, \delta_{12}) f_2(x_i, \mathbf{z}_i, \zeta_1) f_3(y_i, \mathbf{z}_i, \zeta_2)).$$

And the log-likelihood function is

$$\begin{aligned} l(\delta_0) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \log(f(x_i, y_i, \mathbf{z}_i, \delta_{12}, \zeta_1, \zeta_2)) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (\log(f_1(x_i, y_i, \delta_{12})) + \log(f_2(x_i, \mathbf{z}_i, \zeta_1)) + \log(f_3(y_i, \mathbf{z}_i, \zeta_2))) \end{aligned}$$

So the $\hat{\delta}_{12}, \hat{\zeta}_1, \hat{\zeta}_2$ that we obtained before are also the MLE of the joint distribution of (X, Y, \mathbf{Z}) . That is, they are the roots of

$$\frac{\partial l(\delta_0)}{\partial \delta_0} = 0.$$

2. Define

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(X, Y, \mathbf{Z}, \delta_0) &= \frac{\partial \log f(X, Y, \mathbf{Z}, \delta_0)}{\partial \delta_0} \\ &= \frac{\partial (\log f_1(X, Y, \delta_{12}) + \log f_2(X, \mathbf{Z}, \zeta_1) + \log f_3(Y, \mathbf{Z}, \zeta_2))}{\partial \delta_0} \\ &= \left(\frac{\partial \log f_1}{\partial \delta_{12}}, \left(\frac{\partial \log f_2}{\partial \zeta_1} \right)^\tau, \left(\frac{\partial \log f_3}{\partial \zeta_2} \right)^\tau \right)^\tau. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \varphi(X, Y, \mathbf{Z}, \delta_0)}{\partial \delta_0^\tau} &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 \log f_1}{\partial \delta_{12} \partial \delta_{12}} & \frac{\partial^2 \log f_1}{\partial \delta_{12} \partial \zeta_1^\tau} & \frac{\partial^2 \log f_1}{\partial \delta_{12} \partial \zeta_2^\tau} \\ \frac{\partial^2 \log f_2}{\partial \zeta_1 \partial \delta_{12}} & \frac{\partial^2 \log f_2}{\partial \zeta_1 \partial \zeta_1^\tau} & \frac{\partial^2 \log f_2}{\partial \zeta_1 \partial \zeta_2^\tau} \\ \frac{\partial^2 \log f_3}{\partial \zeta_2 \partial \delta_{12}} & \frac{\partial^2 \log f_3}{\partial \zeta_1 \partial \zeta_2^\tau} & \frac{\partial^2 \log f_3}{\partial \zeta_2 \partial \zeta_2^\tau} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 \log f_1}{\partial \delta_{12} \partial \delta_{12}} & & \\ & \frac{\partial^2 \log f_2}{\partial \zeta_1 \partial \zeta_1^\tau} & \\ & & \frac{\partial^2 \log f_3}{\partial \zeta_2 \partial \zeta_2^\tau} \end{pmatrix}, \\ \varphi(X, Y, \mathbf{Z}, \delta_0) \varphi^\tau(X, Y, \mathbf{Z}, \delta_0) &= \begin{pmatrix} \left(\frac{\partial \log f_1}{\partial \delta_{12}} \right)^2 & \frac{\partial \log f_1}{\partial \delta_{12}} \cdot \frac{\partial \log f_2}{\partial \zeta_1} & \frac{\partial \log f_1}{\partial \delta_{12}} \cdot \frac{\partial \log f_3}{\partial \zeta_2} \\ \frac{\partial \log f_2}{\partial \zeta_1} \cdot \frac{\partial \log f_1}{\partial \delta_{12}} & \left(\frac{\partial \log f_2}{\partial \zeta_1} \right)^2 & \frac{\partial \log f_2}{\partial \zeta_1} \cdot \frac{\partial \log f_3}{\partial \zeta_2} \\ \frac{\partial \log f_3}{\partial \zeta_2} \cdot \frac{\partial \log f_1}{\partial \delta_{12}} & \frac{\partial \log f_3}{\partial \zeta_2} \cdot \frac{\partial \log f_2}{\partial \zeta_1} & \left(\frac{\partial \log f_3}{\partial \zeta_2} \right)^2 \end{pmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

Denote

$$\begin{aligned}
I(\delta_0) &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi(x_i, y_i, \mathbf{z}_i, \delta_0) \varphi^\tau(x_i, y_i, \mathbf{x}_i, \delta_0) \\
J(\delta_0) &= -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial \varphi(x_i, y_i, \mathbf{z}_i, \delta_0)}{\partial \delta_0^\tau} \\
V(\delta_0) &= J(\delta_0)^{-1} I(\delta_0) J(\delta_0)^{-1}
\end{aligned}$$

where $J(\delta_0)^{-1}$ is the reverse matrix of $J(\delta_0)$. Then using the M-Esitimation method, we know that $\hat{\varrho}(\delta)$ is asymptotically multivariate normal(AMN), that is

$$\hat{\varrho}(\delta) \text{ is AMN } \left(\varrho(\delta), \frac{V(\delta_0)}{n} \right) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Plug in the estimator of δ_0 , we have the estimated variance for $\varrho(\delta)$, that is $\frac{V(\hat{\delta}_0)}{n}$. Now we can calculate the p-value of $\varrho(\hat{\delta})$.

3 Simulation Studies

In this section, we carried out simulation studies to investigate the performance of our method and to compare it with the approach using the proportional odds model. The first subsection is the simulation for two ordinary ordinal variables. The second subsection is the simulation for two ordinal variables and one of these two variables follows the genotype distribution.

3.1 Simulation for two ordinal variables

In this subsection, X and Y are ordinal variables whose values are both in $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$ but follow different distributions, with the former being $\{0.7, 0.1, 0.08, 0.07, 0.05\}$ and the latter being $\{0.8, 0.08, 0.05, 0.04, 0.03\}$, respectively. Z is a one dimension vector. The specifics of our data generating scenarios are as follows. We first generated a three dimension vector \mathbf{U} using the three dimension normal distributions, with mean vector being $\{0, 0, 0\}$ and variance-covariance matrix being Σ . Σ has the form as

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & r & 0.1 \\ r & 1 & 0.1 \\ 0.1 & 0.1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

We change the value of r to change the conditional correlation between U_1 and U_2 . Then we recoded the U_1 and U_2 as X and Y according to their values. We set r to be $-0.3, -0.2, -0.1, 0.1, 0.2, 0.3$ to compare the two methods. Besides, we set Σ to be

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0.4 & 0.5 \\ 0.4 & 1 & 0.8 \\ 0.5 & 0.8 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

to compare under the null hypothesis.

For each specific conditional correlation coefficient, we generate 1000 datasets, each consisting of n subjects, to obtain the power and type I error of these two methods. The simulation results are summarized in Table 1.

From the Table 1, we can see that compared with the method using proportional odds model, our new method has bigger power and smaller type I error in almost all settings.

3.2 Simulation for genotype variables

In this subsection, one of the two ordinal variables is genotype variable. A genotype variable is a variable which has three levels with the distribution being $\{(1-p)^2, 2p(1-p), p^2\}$. p is a number between 0 and 1, representing the proportion of a gene. In our simulation, X is still a general ordinal variable with five levels, while Y is a genotype variables, with p changing among $\{0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5\}$. With every specific p value, we generate 1000 datasets, each consisting of 1000 subjects to estimate the power and type I error. The results are summarized in table 2 and the folling Figure1-5. From the table and figures we can see that, when the two ordinal variables are conditional related, our proposed method has bigger power. And at the same time, the new method can control the type I error rate.

From the results above, we conclude that our new method performs better.

Table 1: Table 1 power and type I error

n	$r = -0.3$		$r = -0.2$		$r = -0.1$		null hypothesis		$r = 0.1$		$r = 0.2$		$r = 0.3$	
	new	prop	new	prop	new	prop	new	prop	new	prop	new	prop	new	prop
250	0.854	0.747	0.534	0.382	0.209	0.135	0.061	0.06	0.144	0.146	0.484	0.462	0.809	0.804
300	0.879	0.781	0.579	0.463	0.24	0.17	0.049	0.057	0.156	0.146	0.525	0.508	0.866	0.854
350	0.939	0.889	0.639	0.518	0.24	0.167	0.063	0.059	0.159	0.162	0.565	0.547	0.911	0.908
400	0.957	0.905	0.717	0.612	0.261	0.202	0.053	0.064	0.176	0.167	0.654	0.644	0.954	0.941
450	0.977	0.94	0.754	0.657	0.278	0.209	0.048	0.06	0.202	0.212	0.677	0.665	0.965	0.961
500	0.988	0.97	0.784	0.71	0.331	0.253	0.042	0.059	0.225	0.216	0.743	0.721	0.988	0.975

Table 2: Table 1 power and type I error

	$r = -0.2$		$r = -0.1$		null hypothesis		$r = 0.1$		$r = 0.2$	
p	new	prop	new	prop	new	prop	new	prop	new	prop
0.1	0.962	0.935	0.489	0.425	0.045	0.055	0.378	0.371	0.942	0.94
0.2	0.995	0.992	0.639	0.584	0.039	0.037	0.471	0.458	0.975	0.968
0.3	0.997	0.995	0.687	0.65	0.037	0.047	0.538	0.517	0.994	0.993
0.4	0.999	0.998	0.731	0.694	0.034	0.049	0.536	0.509	0.991	0.988
0.5	0.998	0.998	0.741	0.714	0.033	0.036	0.582	0.559	0.991	0.992

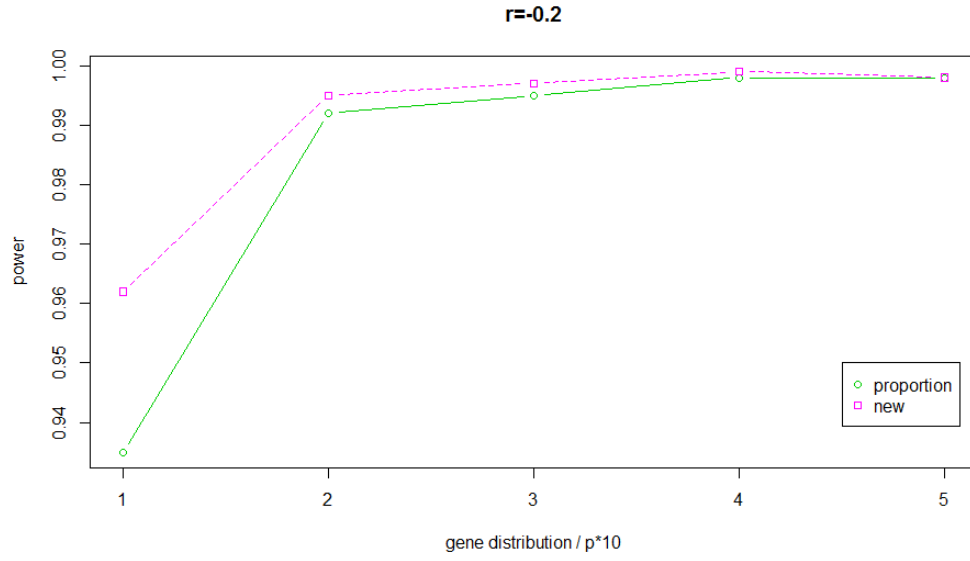


Figure 1: $r = -0.2$

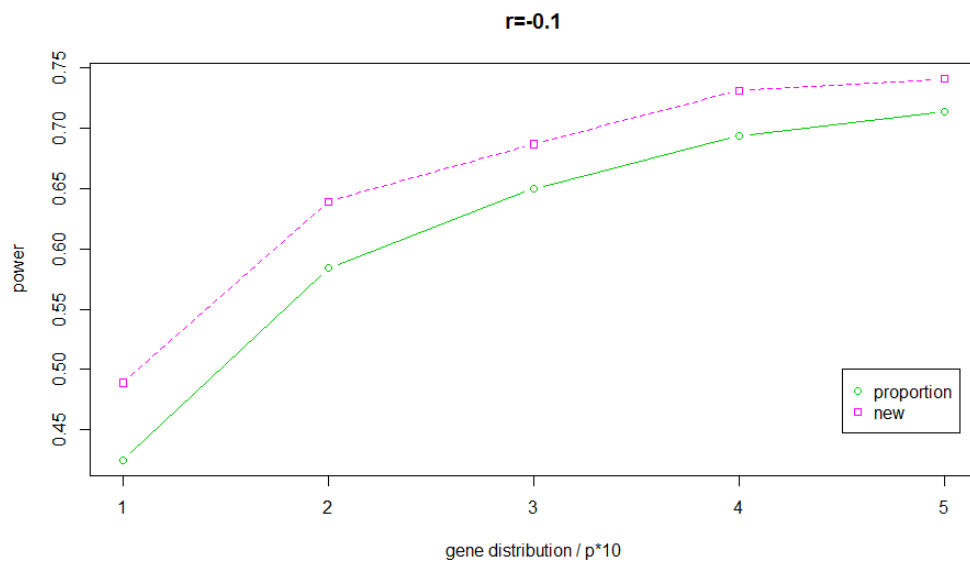


Figure 2: $r = -0.1$

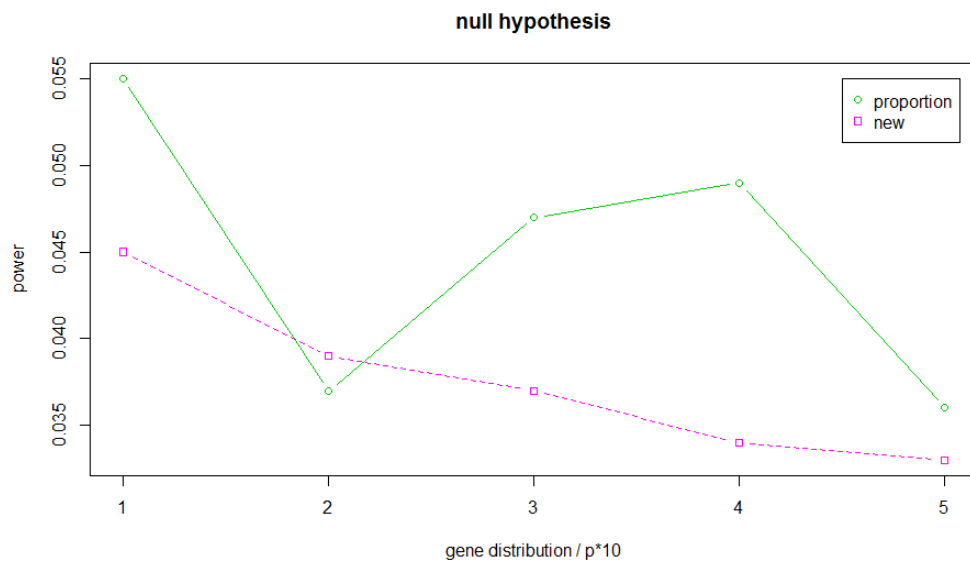


Figure 3: null hypothesis

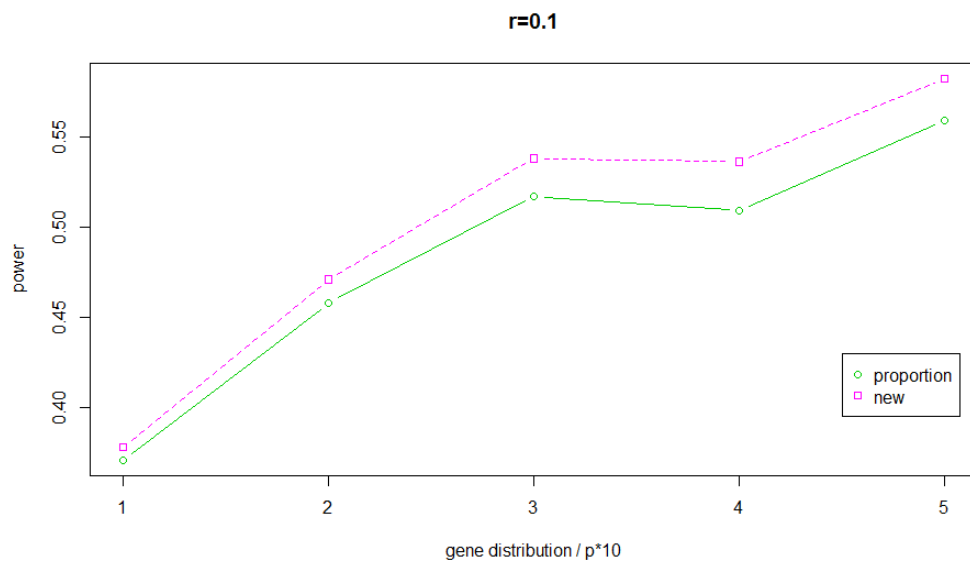


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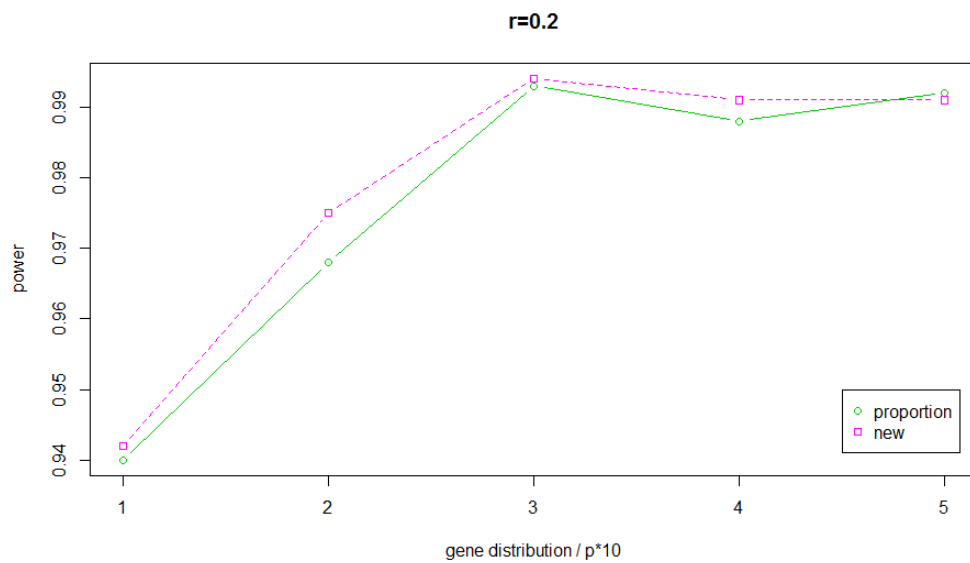


Figure 5: $r = 0.2$