

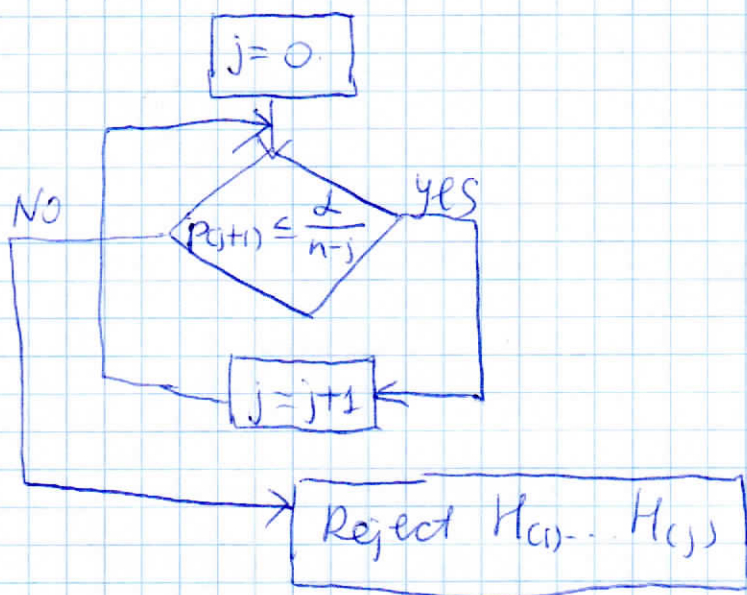
$\Gamma(\Rightarrow) H_{(j)} \text{ is rejected} \Rightarrow \bigcap_{i=1}^n H_{(i)}, \dots, \bigcap_{i=j}^n H_{(i)}$   
 are rejected  $\Rightarrow \varphi_{I_{(1)}}^+ = 1, \dots, \varphi_{I_{(j)}}^+ = 1$

$(\Leftarrow) \varphi_{I_{(1)}}^+ = 1, \dots, \varphi_{I_{(j)}}^+ = 1.$

$\varphi_{I_{(j)}}^+ = 1 \Rightarrow \forall I: I \subset \{i_1, \dots, i_n\}, i_j \in I: \varphi_I = 1$

We can take  $I = \{i_j\} \Rightarrow \varphi_{i_j} = 1 \Rightarrow$   
 $\Rightarrow H_{(j)} \text{ is rejected}$

Procedure Closed Bonferroni:



Closing Simes

p-values are independent!

Simes test statistic:

$$\varphi_I = 1 \quad \text{iff} \quad \begin{cases} R_{(1,I)} \leq \frac{\alpha}{|I|} \\ R_{(2,I)} \leq \frac{2\alpha}{|I|} \\ \vdots \\ R_{(|I|,I)} \leq \frac{|I|\alpha}{|I|} = \alpha \end{cases}$$

Here we derive a simple procedure that is strictly more conservative than the closure of Simes. Our procedure will also control FWER under independence.

Lemma 2.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} p_{(1)} & \leq & p_{(2)} & \leq & \dots & \leq & p_{(j)} & \leq & \dots & \leq & p_{(j')} & \leq & \dots & \leq & p_{(n)} \\ H_{(1)} & & H_{(2)} & & & & H_{(j)} & & & & H_{(j')} & & & & H_{(n)} \\ H_{i_1} & & H_{i_2} & & & & H_{i_j} & & & & H_{i_{j'}} & & & & H_{i_n} \end{array}$$

index set  $I$  Suppose that:

(a)  $i_j \in I$

(b)  $\exists j' \geq j$  such that

$$p_{(j')} \leq \frac{\alpha}{n-j'+1}$$

Then  $\varphi_I = 1$  for the Simes test  $\varphi_I$ .

Let  $k = \max \{l : i_l \in I, l \leq j'\}$ . By (a)  $k$  exists and finite. Then

$$\begin{aligned} p_{(k)} &\leq p_{(j')} \leq \frac{\alpha}{n-j'+1} \leq \left| \{i_{j'+1}, \dots, i_n\} \right| = n-j' \\ &\Rightarrow \left| \{i_{j'+1}, \dots, i_n\} \cap I \right| \leq n-j' \\ &\leq \frac{\alpha}{1 + \left| \{i_{j'+1}, \dots, i_n\} \cap I \right|} = \text{by definition of } k = \\ &= \frac{\alpha}{\left| \{i_k, \dots, i_n\} \cap I \right|} \stackrel{(*)}{\leq} \frac{\left| \{i_1, \dots, i_k\} \cap I \right|}{|I|} \alpha \end{aligned}$$

(\*) by definition  $i_k \in I$ .

Let  $a = \left| \{i_1, \dots, i_{k-1}\} \cap I \right|$ ;  $b = \left| \{i_{k+1}, \dots, i_n\} \cap I \right|$   
 then  $a + b + 1 = |I| \Rightarrow |I| \leq ab + a + b + 1 = (a+1)(b+1)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{b+1} \leq \frac{a+1}{|I|}$$

By definition of Simes procedure  $\varphi_I = 1$

$\Rightarrow$  Reject  $H_{(j)} \Leftrightarrow \exists j' \geq j$  such that  $p_{(j')} \leq \frac{\alpha}{n-j'+1}$   
 closure principle (closing Simes) this procedure controls FWER



This procedure is known as Hochberg's procedure.

### Step-Down vs. Step-Up Procedures

Holm

$j=0$   
while  $p_{(j+1)} \leq \frac{\alpha}{n-j}$  do  
 $j=j+1$

end

Reject  $H_{(1)} \dots H_{(j)}$

Hochberg

$j=n$   
while  $p_{(j)} > \frac{\alpha}{n-j+1}$  do  
 $j=j-1$

end

Reject  $H_{(1)} \dots H_{(j)}$

Example:

$p_1 = \dots = p_n = \alpha \Rightarrow \forall j \quad p_{(j)} \leq \frac{\alpha}{n-j} \Rightarrow$

$\Rightarrow$  Holm's procedure rejects nothing

$\Rightarrow j=n \quad p_{(n)} > \frac{\alpha}{n-n+1} - \text{FALSE}$

$\Rightarrow$  Hochberg procedure rejects everything.

In general, step-up procedures can be more powerful than step-down procedures.

Holm

$j=1$   
while  $p_{(j)} \leq \frac{\alpha}{n-j+1}$  do  
 $j=j+1$

end

Reject  $H_{(1)} \dots H_{(j-1)}$

Step-up procedures are more liberal than step-down procedures. But Hochberg procedure can be applied in the case when  $p_i$  are independent

## FDR (False Discovery Rate)

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	$H_0$ accepted	$H_0$ rejected	Total
$H_0$ true	$U$	$V$	$no$
$H_0$ false	$T$	$S$	$n - no$
	$n - R$	$R$	$n$

FDP (False discovery proportion):

$$FDP = \frac{V}{R} \mathbb{1}_{\{R \geq 1\}} = \begin{cases} \frac{V}{R}, & \text{if } R \geq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

FDP is unobserved random variable - proportion of false discoveries among all discoveries

FDR (False discovery rate):

$$FDR = E(FDP) = E\left(\frac{V}{R} \mathbb{1}_{\{R \geq 1\}}\right)$$

Controlling the FDR allows us to control  $\frac{V}{R}$  across many repetitions of an experiment, but it does not say as much as FWER about a single experiment.

Let us show that FDR is a weaker notion of control than FWER.

Properties of the FDR:

1. Under the global null, the FDR is equivalent to the FWER.

□ When the global null is true then

$$S = 0 \Rightarrow V = R$$

$$\Rightarrow FDP = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } V \geq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} = \mathbb{1}_{\{V \geq 1\}} \Rightarrow$$

$\Rightarrow$



$$\Rightarrow FDR = E(FDP) = E \mathbb{I}_{\{V \geq 1\}} = P(V \geq 1)$$

Conclusion: FDR control  $\Rightarrow$  weak FWER control

2.  $FDR \leq FWER$

$$\Gamma a) \text{ if } R=0 \Rightarrow V=0 \Rightarrow FDR = FWER = 0$$

$$b) \text{ if } R \geq 1 \Rightarrow 1/V \leq R \Rightarrow \frac{V}{R} \leq 1 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{V}{R} \leq \mathbb{I}_{\{V \geq 1\}} \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{if } V=0 \Rightarrow \frac{0}{R}=0 \\ \text{if } V \geq 1 \Rightarrow \frac{V}{R} \leq 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow E \frac{V}{R} \leq E \mathbb{I}_{\{V \geq 1\}} = P(V \geq 1)$$

Conclusion: FWER control  $\Rightarrow$  FDR control

Benjamini - Hochberg procedure (BH)

BH( $\alpha$ ) - Benjamini - Hochberg procedure at level  $\alpha$

Let us order p-values:

$$p_{(1)} \leq p_{(2)} \leq \dots \leq p_{(n)}$$

and fix  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ .

Let  $i_0$  be the largest  $i$  such that  $p_{(i)} \leq \frac{i}{n} \alpha$

$$i_0 = \max \{i : p_{(i)} \leq \frac{i}{n} \alpha\}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Reject  $H_{(i)}$  :  $i \leq i_0$ .

Theorem 1: For independent test statistics

( $\Leftrightarrow p_1, \dots, p_n$  are mutually independent)

BH( $\alpha$ ) controls FDR at level  $\alpha$ :

$$FDR = \frac{n_0}{n} \alpha \leq \alpha.$$

Remarks:

1. Theorem 1 holds for all configurations of the hypotheses



2. BH( $\alpha$ ) threshold is adaptive.
3. Under ~~the~~ the global null BH( $\alpha$ ) controls FWER (by theorem 1). On the other hand, BH( $\alpha$ ) fails to control FWER in a strong sense. (see the example for Simes procedure)
4. Comparison to Hochberg's procedure:

Hochberg's:

$$p_{(1)} \leq \dots \leq p_{(n)} : i_0 = \max(i : p_{(i)} \leq \frac{\alpha}{n-i+1})$$

$$\text{BH}(\alpha) : i_0 = \max(i : p_{(i)} \leq \frac{i}{n} \alpha)$$

$$\frac{i/n}{1/(n-i+1)} = i \frac{n-i+1}{n} = i \left(1 - \frac{i-1}{n}\right) \approx \begin{cases} i, & i \text{ is small} \\ \frac{n}{4}, & i \approx \frac{n}{2} \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow$  BH( $\alpha$ ) is approximately  $i$  times more liberal than Hochberg's procedure. when  $i$  is small and about  $\frac{n}{4}$  times larger when  $i \approx \frac{n}{2}$ .

$\Rightarrow$  big difference from the viewpoint of power.

Proof of the theorem 1.

1) if  $n_0 = 0$ . (all  $H_{0i}$  are not true)  $\Rightarrow V = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \text{FDR} = E \frac{V}{R} \mathbb{1}_{\{R \geq 1\}} = 0 = \frac{n_0}{n} \alpha.$$

2)  $n_0 \geq 1$ .

$$V_i = \mathbb{1}_{\{H_{0i} \text{ is rejected}\}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{FDR} = \frac{V}{R} \mathbb{1}_{\{R \geq 1\}} = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{H}_0} \frac{V_i}{R} \mathbb{1}_{\{R \geq 1\}}$$

$$\mathcal{H}_0 = \{i : H_{0i} \text{ is true}\}$$

For all  $i \in \mathcal{H}_0$ :  $\frac{V_i}{R} \mathbb{1}_{\{R \geq 1\}}$  are identically distributed since  $p$ -values under  $H_0$  have the same (uniform) distribution.

$$\Rightarrow E(FDP) = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{H}_0} E \frac{V_i}{R} \mathbb{1}_{\{R \geq 1\}} = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{H}_0} E \frac{V_i}{R} \mathbb{1}_{\{R \geq 1\}}$$

$\Rightarrow$  it is enough to show that

$$E \frac{V_i}{R} \mathbb{1}_{\{R \geq 1\}} = \frac{\alpha}{n} \quad (\forall i \in \mathcal{H}_0).$$

$$\Gamma \frac{V_i}{R} \mathbb{1}_{\{R \geq 1\}} = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{V_i}{k} \mathbb{1}_{\{R=k\}} \quad \text{— law of total probability}$$

1)  $R = k$  (we have  $k$  rejections)  $\Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow V_i = \mathbb{1}_{\{H_{i0} \text{ is rejected}\}} = \mathbb{1}_{\{p_i \leq \frac{k\alpha}{n}\}}.$$

$$p_i \leq p_{(k)} \leq \frac{k\alpha}{n}$$

2) <sup>let</sup>  $R(p_i \rightarrow 0)$  be the number of rejections we would get from  $BH(\alpha)$  if we changed  $p_i$  to 0 (keeping all the rest the same).

$$p_1 \dots p_{i-1}, p_i, p_{i+1}, \dots, p_n$$

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$$\text{Then } \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{V_i}{k} \mathbb{1}_{\{R=k\}} = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{V_i}{k} \mathbb{1}_{\{R(p_i \rightarrow 0)=k\}}$$

$\Gamma$  if  $V_i = 0 \Rightarrow$  true

if  $V_i = 1 \Rightarrow p_i \leq \frac{k\alpha}{n} \Rightarrow p_i \rightarrow 0$  does not increase the number of rejections since  $p_i$  already below the rejection threshold whenever  $V_i = 1$

Consider  $\mathcal{F}_i = \sigma\{p_1, \dots, p_{i-1}, p_{i+1}, \dots, p_n\}$  —  $\sigma$ -algebra generated all  $p$ -values besides  $p_i$ .







$p_1, \dots, p_n$  are mutually independent  $\Rightarrow$   
 $\Rightarrow \{p_i \leq \frac{kx}{n}\}$  and  $\{R(p_i \rightarrow 0) = k\}$ ,  $\{p_j \leq z_j\}$   
 $j \neq i$   
 are independent.

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k} E \underbrace{\mathbb{I}_{\{p_i \leq \frac{kx}{n}\}}}_{P\{p_i \leq \frac{kx}{n}\} = \frac{kx}{n}} E \mathbb{I}_{\{R(p_i \rightarrow 0) = k\}} \prod_{j \neq i} \mathbb{I}_{\{p_j \leq z_j\}} =$$

$$= \frac{x}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n E \mathbb{I}_{\{R(p_i \rightarrow 0) = k\}} \prod_{j \neq i} \mathbb{I}_{\{p_j \leq z_j\}} = \text{Law of Total Probability}$$

$$= \frac{x}{n} E \prod_{j \neq i} \mathbb{I}_{\{p_j \leq z_j\}}$$

$$\Rightarrow E \frac{V_i}{R} \mathbb{I}_{\{R \geq 1\}} \prod_{j \neq i} \mathbb{I}_{\{p_j \leq z_j\}} = \frac{x}{n} E \prod_{j \neq i} \mathbb{I}_{\{p_j \leq z_j\}}$$

for all  $z_1, \dots, z_{i-1}, z_{i+1}, \dots, z_n \in [0,1]$

$$\Rightarrow E \frac{V_i}{R} \mathbb{I}_{\{R \geq 1\}} = \frac{x}{n}$$

Remark: In the proof we only used that  
 $\{p_i : i \in \mathcal{I}_0\}$  are mutually independent  
 and that  
 $\{p_i : i \in \mathcal{I}_0\}$  and  $\{p_j : j \notin \mathcal{I}_0\}$  are independent