AdaPT: Interactive Multiple Testing with Side Information

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Multiple Hypothesis Testing

Setting: hypotheses H_1, \ldots, H_n with p-values p_1, \ldots, p_n

Notation:

- $\mathcal{H}_0 = \{i : H_i \text{ is true}\}: \text{ null hypotheses}$
- $S = \{i : H_i \text{ is rejected}\}$: set of rejections (discoveries)
- $R = |\mathcal{S}|$ total rejections
- $V = |S \cap \mathcal{H}_0|$ incorrect rejections

False Discovery Proportion $FDP = \frac{V}{R \vee 1}$

Goal: control False Discovery Rate [Benjamini and Hochberg, 1995]

$$\mathrm{FDR} = \mathbb{E}[\mathrm{FDP}] \leq \alpha$$

Side Information

Observe side information $x_i \in \mathcal{X}$ for each H_i [Ferkingstad et al., 2008, Ignatiadis et al., 2016] x_1, \ldots, x_n treated as fixed

Ordered multiple testing [Foster and Stine, 2008, G'Sell et al., 2015]

- H_1 most "promising," then H_2, \ldots, H_n $(x_i = i)$
- Focus power on early hypotheses

Other examples:

- Data from a similar experiment
- Spatiotemporal location e.g. $H_i: f(t_i) \leq 0$
- "Collaborative filtering" e.g. H_{ij} : gene i is associated with disease j

Idea: if we learn a region of $\mathcal X$ has many non-nulls, can relax multiplicity correction in that region

Motivating Example: GEOquery Data

Li and Barber [2016a] proposed ingenious ordered analysis of gene expression data [Coser et al., 2003, Davis and Meltzer, 2007]

Expression in breast cancer cells in response to estrogen

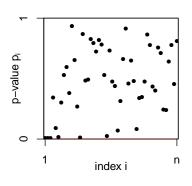
- n=22283 genes, 25 trials at 5 doses incl. control
- H_i : no differential response in low-dose vs. control
- p_i computed via permutation t-test

Ordered by \tilde{p}_i , permutation p-value comparing high-dose vs. pooled sample of low-dose + control

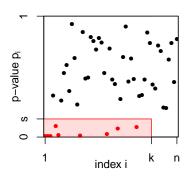
Can show p_i independent of \tilde{p}_i if H_i true under some conditions

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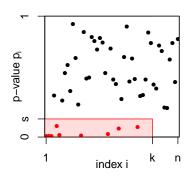
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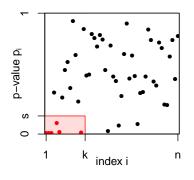
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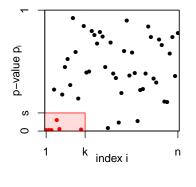
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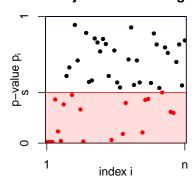
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- Reject $\{H_i: i \leq \hat{k}, p_i < \hat{s}\}$ (red points)

Methods differ on sequence of rectangles, formula for $\widehat{\mathrm{FDP}}$

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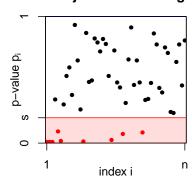




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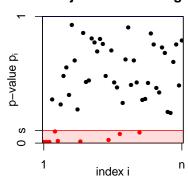




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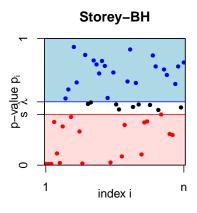
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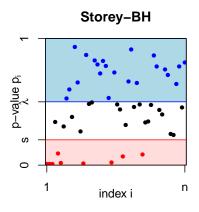
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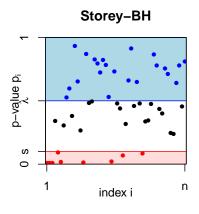
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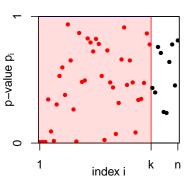


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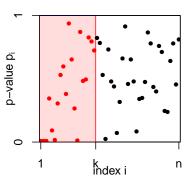
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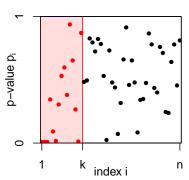
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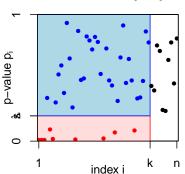
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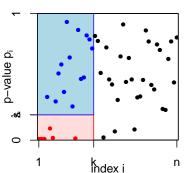


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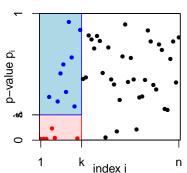


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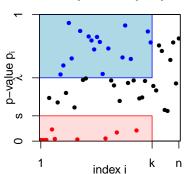


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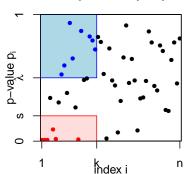
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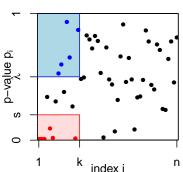
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Related Work: FDR Control with Side Information

Methods directly trying to learn using generic x_i to learn data-adaptive weights for weighted BH:

Independent Hypothesis Weighting (IHW): [Ignatiadis et al., 2016]

- Bin x_i , estimate optimal stepwise rejection thresholds
- Requires the threshold not depending on p_i ;

Structure-Adaptive BH Algorithm (SABHA): [Li and Barber, 2016b]

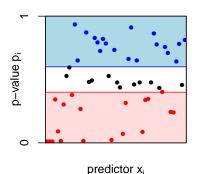
- Estimate $\pi_0(x)$ using truncated $p_i 1\{p_i > \tau\}$,
- Can't reject $p_i > \tau$, can't learn from $p_i \leq \tau$
- Requires correction to α (via Rademacher complexity of $\hat{\pi}_0$)

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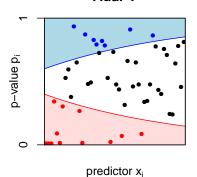
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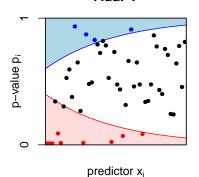
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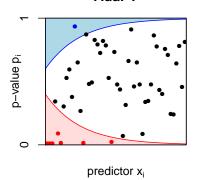
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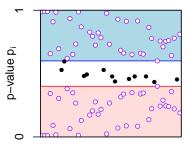
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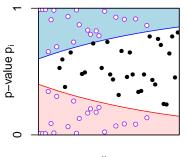
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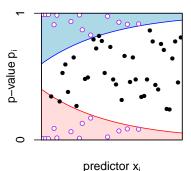
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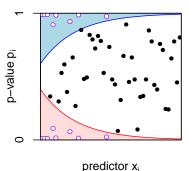
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AdaPT: Finite-Sample FDR Control

Theorem 1 (Lei and Fithian, 2016).

Assume that, conditional on $(x_i)_{i=1}^n$ and $(p_i)_{i\notin\mathcal{H}_0}$, the null p-values $(p_i)_{i\in\mathcal{H}_0}$ are independent and mirror-conservative. Then AdaPT controls FDR at level α .

Mirror-conservative: $f(p) \le f(1-p), \forall p \le 0.5$. Includes:

- Uniform
- Discrete p-values after randomization
- Permutation test p-values
- · One-sided tests for
 - MLR families (e.g. log-concave location, exponential family)
 - Symmetric unimodal location families

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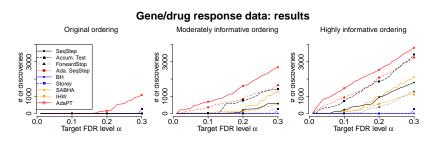
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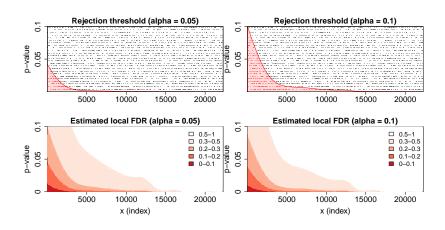
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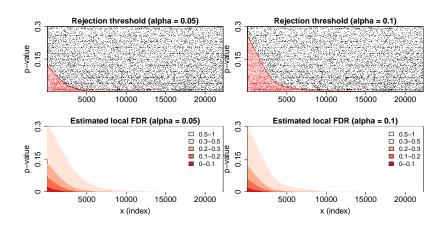
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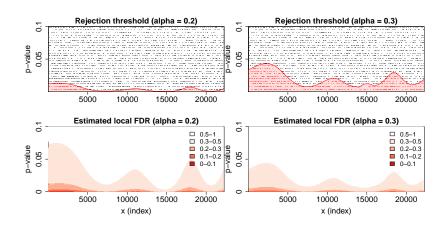
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