

*Day-2 Session-1:
Incidence Weighting Estimation
under BIG Sampling*

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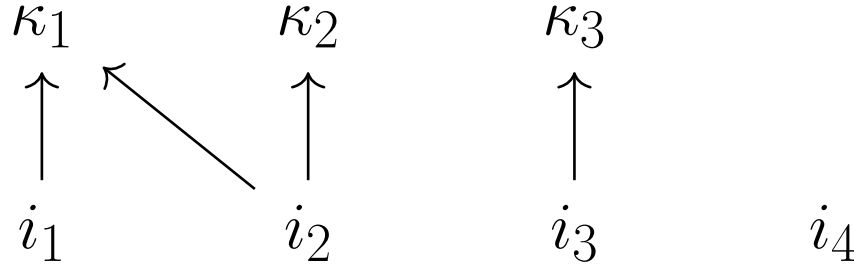
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Sample graph under BIGS

Sample graph by BIGS, or *sample BIG*, defined to be

$$\mathcal{B}_s = (s_0, \Omega_s; H_s)$$

given initial sample s_0 from F , where Ω_s consists of the nodes (in Ω) connected to s_0 , and H_s contains the edges connecting s_0 to Ω_s denoted by $H_s = H \cap (s_0 \times \Omega)$



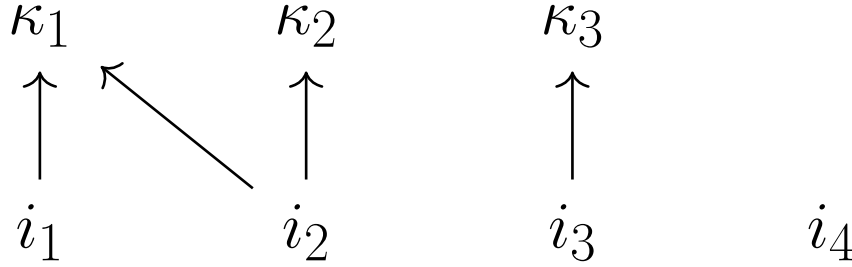
$F = \{i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4\}$ and $\Omega = \{\kappa_1, \kappa_2, \kappa_3\}$		
s_0	Ω_s	H_s
$\{i_1, i_4\}$	$\{\kappa_1\}$	$\{(i_1\kappa_1)\}$
$\{i_2, i_3\}$	$\{\kappa_1, \kappa_2, \kappa_3\}$	$\{(i_2\kappa_1), (i_2\kappa_2), (i_3\kappa_3)\}$

Ancestry knowledge

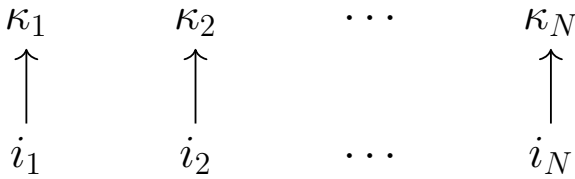
Ancestry knowledge for sample graph $\mathcal{B}_s = (s_0, \Omega_s; H_s)$:

$$\{\beta_\kappa : \kappa \in \Omega_s\} \quad \text{and} \quad \beta(\Omega_s) = \bigcup_{\kappa \in \Omega_s} \beta_\kappa$$

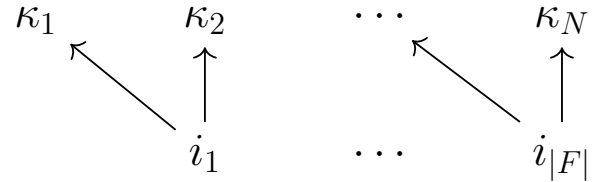
In particular, out-of-sample nodes $\beta(\Omega_s) \setminus s_0$ needed



e.g. $s_0 = \{i_1, i_3\}$, $\Omega_s = \{\kappa_1, \kappa_3\}$, $H_s = \{(i_1\kappa_1), (i_3\kappa_3)\}$
 then $\beta_{\kappa_1} = \{i_1, i_2\}$, $\beta_{\kappa_3} = \{i_3\}$ and $\beta(\Omega_s) \setminus s_0 = \{i_2\}$



Element sampling



Cluster sampling

Incidence weighting estimator (Patone and Zhang, 2020)

Total of interest: $\theta = \sum_{\kappa \in \Omega} y_{\kappa}$

IWE based on $\mathcal{B}_s = (s_0, \Omega_s; H_s)$ by BIGS:

$$\hat{\theta} = \sum_{(i\kappa) \in H_s} W_{i\kappa} \frac{y_{\kappa}}{\pi_i}$$

The IWE is unbiased for θ provided, for each $\kappa \in \Omega$,

$$\sum_{i \in \beta_{\kappa}} E(W_{i\kappa} | \delta_i = 1) = 1$$

Moreover,

$$V(\hat{\theta}) = \sum_{\kappa \in \Omega} \sum_{\ell \in \Omega} (\Delta_{\kappa\ell} - 1) y_{\kappa} y_{\ell}$$
$$\Delta_{\kappa\ell} = \sum_{i \in \beta_{\kappa}} \sum_{j \in \beta_{\ell}} \frac{\pi_{ij}}{\pi_i \pi_j} E(W_{i\kappa} W_{j\ell} | \delta_i \delta_j = 1)$$

HH-type estimator

So-called Hansen-Hurwitz (HH) type estimator uses weights $\omega_{i\kappa}$ that are constant of sampling, such that

$$\sum_{i \in \beta_\kappa} E(\omega_{i\kappa} | \delta_i = 1) = \sum_{i \in \beta_\kappa} \omega_{i\kappa} = 1$$

(Birnbaum and Sirken, 1965), where *multiplicity* weights

$$\omega_{i\kappa} \equiv d_\kappa^{-1} \quad \text{and} \quad d_\kappa = |\beta_\kappa|$$

are common for network sampling (e.g. Sirken, 2005), ACS (Thompson, 1990), indirect sampling (Birnbaum and Sirken, 1965; Lavallo, 2007). Probability and inverse degree-adjusted (PIDA) weights (Patone and Zhang, 2020):

$$\omega_{i\kappa} \propto d_i^{-\gamma} \pi_i$$

where d_i = no. nodes connected to sampling unit i in s_0

HH-type estimator

- $F = \text{clinics}$, $\Omega = \text{patients of a certain disease}$
 $d_i = \text{no. patients receiving treatment at hospital } i$
 $d_\kappa = \text{no. hospitals that treat patient } \kappa$
- $F = \text{parent (mother or father)}$, $\Omega = \text{children}$
 $d_i = \text{no. children of person } i$
 $d_\kappa = \text{no. parents in } F \text{ of child } \kappa$
- $F = \text{Twitter accounts}$, $\Omega = \text{followers (Twitter accounts)}$
 $d_i = \text{no. followers of account } i$
 $d_\kappa = \text{no. accounts } \kappa \text{ follows}$
- $F = \text{products (online market)}$, $\Omega = \text{buying customers}$
 $d_i = \text{no. buyers of product } i$
 $d_\kappa = \text{no. products bought by } \kappa$
- $F = \Omega = \text{individuals}$, $(i\kappa) \in H$ if in-contact, incl. $i = \kappa$

HH-type estimator

$$\hat{\theta}_z = \sum_{i \in s_0} \frac{z_i}{\pi_i} \quad \text{and} \quad z_i = \sum_{\kappa \in \alpha_i} \omega_{i\kappa} y_\kappa$$

where z_i is a constructed constant for each $i \in F$
and $\alpha_i = \{\kappa \in \Omega : (i\kappa) \in H\}$ its connected study units
Associated sampling variance

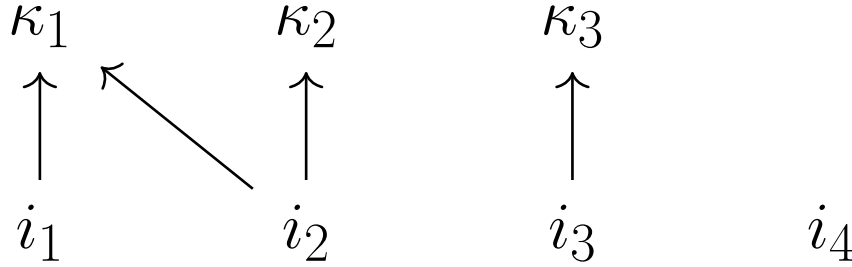
$$V(\hat{\theta}_z) = \sum_{i \in F} \sum_{j \in F} \left(\frac{\pi_{ij}}{\pi_i \pi_j} - 1 \right) z_i z_j$$

PIDA weights (prop. to $d_i^{-\gamma} \pi_i$) aim to even out z_i / π_i
However, $d_i = |\alpha_i|$ for $i \in \beta(\Omega_s) \setminus s_0$ requires additional
information beyond the ancestry knowledge
E.g. no. children to an out-of- s_0 parent in Birth Register

HT-estimator (HTE)

$$\hat{\theta}_y = \sum_{\kappa \in \Omega_s} y_\kappa \pi_{(\kappa)}^{-1} = \sum_{\kappa \in \Omega_s} y_\kappa \left(\sum_{i \in s_0 \cap \beta_\kappa} W_{i\kappa} \pi_i^{-1} \right)$$

is an IWE, where $W_{i\kappa}$ satisfy $\sum_{i \in s_0 \cap \beta_\kappa} W_{i\kappa} \pi_i^{-1} = \pi_{(\kappa)}^{-1}$
 $W_{i\kappa}$ sample-dependent if $|\beta_\kappa| > 1$, e.g. $\beta_{\kappa_1} = \{i_1, i_2\}$ in



- $s_0 \cap \beta_{\kappa_1} = \{i_1\}$: $W_{i_1\kappa_1} = \pi_{i_1}/\pi_{(\kappa_1)}$
- $s_0 \cap \beta_{\kappa_1} = \{i_2\}$: $W_{i_2\kappa_1} = \pi_{i_2}/\pi_{(\kappa_1)}$
- $s_0 \cap \beta_{\kappa_1} = \{i_1, i_2\}$: $W_{i_1\kappa_1} = a \frac{\pi_{i_1}}{\pi_{(\kappa_1)}}$, $W_{i_2\kappa_1} = (1 - a) \frac{\pi_{i_2}}{\pi_{(\kappa_1)}}$

HT-type estimator*

Let sample-dependent weights $W_{i\kappa}$ satisfy

$$\eta_{s_\kappa} = \pi_{(\kappa)} \sum_{i \in s_\kappa} \frac{W_{i\kappa}}{\pi_i}$$

$$\sum_{s_\kappa} \Pr(s_0 \cap \beta_\kappa = s_\kappa) \eta_{s_\kappa} = \pi_{(\kappa)}$$

HTE is the special case of $\eta_{s_\kappa} \equiv 1$

HT-type estimator given η_{s_κ} that differs for different sample intersects s_κ subject to the restriction above

But HTE = RB-estimator of such a HT-type estimator

$$\begin{aligned} E\left(\sum_{\kappa \in \Omega_s} \sum_{i \in s_\kappa} \frac{W_{i\kappa}}{\pi_i} y_\kappa \middle| \Omega_s\right) &= \sum_{\kappa \in \Omega_s} y_\kappa E\left(\frac{\eta_{s_\kappa}}{\pi_{(\kappa)}} \middle| \kappa \in \Omega_s\right) \\ &= \sum_{\kappa \in \Omega_s} \frac{y_\kappa}{\pi_{(\kappa)}} \sum_{s_\kappa} \frac{\Pr(s_0 \cap \beta_\kappa = s_\kappa)}{\pi_{(\kappa)}} \eta_{s_\kappa} = \sum_{\kappa \in \Omega_s} \frac{y_\kappa}{\pi_{(\kappa)}} \end{aligned}$$

Priority-rule estimator (Birnbaum and Sirken, 1965)

Apply *priority rule* to the sample edges H_s :

$$I_{i\kappa} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = \min(s_0 \cap \beta_\kappa) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Let $p_{(i\kappa)} = \Pr(I_{i\kappa} = 1 | \kappa \in \Omega_s)$ for prioritisation, and

$$\hat{\theta}_p = \sum_{(i\kappa) \in H_s} \left(\frac{I_{i\kappa} \omega_{i\kappa}}{p_{(i\kappa)}} \right) \frac{y_\kappa}{\pi_i}$$

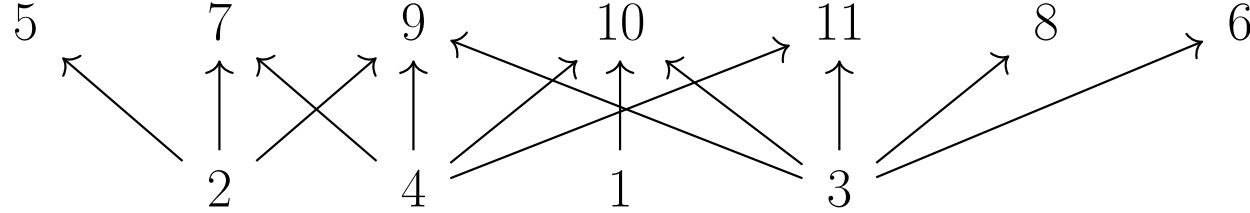
Biased if $p_{(i\kappa)}$ can be 0 for some $(i\kappa) \in H_s$, e.g. $\beta_\kappa = F$, or generally, if $\exists \kappa \in \Omega$ with $|\beta_\kappa| > 1$, where

$$\Pr(|s_0 \cap \beta_\kappa| > 1 \mid \kappa \in \Omega_s) = 1$$

then $p_{(i\kappa)} = 0$ for $i = \max(\beta_\kappa)$ — Patone and Zhang (2020)

Numerical example (Patone, 2020)

Consider BIGS from below, with SRS of s_0 and $|s_0| = 2$:



HH-type PIDA weights given γ

PIDA- γ	z_1	z_2	z_3	z_4	S_z^2
0	0.33	1.83	3.17	1.67	1.34
1	0.69	2.00	2.83	1.48	0.81
2	0.91	2.16	2.61	1.32	0.60
3	0.98	2.31	2.48	1.23	0.57

Variance of IWE

	$\hat{\theta}_{z0}$	$\hat{\theta}_{z1}$	$\hat{\theta}_{z2}$	$\hat{\theta}_{z3}$	$\hat{\theta}_p$	$\hat{\theta}_{pD}$	$\hat{\theta}_{pA}$	$\hat{\theta}_y$
Variance	5.37	3.25	2.41	2.28	3.06	2.55	6.32	3.98
$\hat{\theta}_{pD}$ given ordered $\tilde{F} = \{3, 4, 2, 1\}$					$\hat{\theta}_{pA}$ given $\tilde{F} = \{1, 2, 4, 3\}$			

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