**HoleFiller**

**General:**

This suite of functions enables you to run a series of diagnostics on a second-level analysis to determine whether you are losing a lot of image due to missing voxels scattered amongst your subjects. It assumes you have already run an initial second-level analysis.

**Installation:**

Ensure the three HoleFiller functions are in your Matlab path (HoleDiagnostics, MultipleImputations\_SPMest, CombiningEstimates)

**Diagnostics:**

Call HoleDiagnostics as a function

You can either type HoleDiagnostics into the command window, or you can assign an output variable e.g.:

DodgyFiles=HoleDiagnostics

In which case you will end up with a variable called “DodgyFiles” that will contain the filepaths of the subjects you decide need further investigation, normally those with concerningly small masks as indicated by the bar chart that will be displayed.

You will then be presented with a series of dialog boxes – follow the on-screen instructions. The first will let you navigate to the folder containing your initial second-level analysis.

**Multiple Imputations**

To impute missing data, again, you will need your original second-level analysis. It is best to run all the second-level contrasts you are interested in at this stage, as these will then also be output as part of the MI function.

Then type:

MultipleImputations\_SPMest(OriginalDirectory,NewDirectoryName,Threshold,NumberImputations)

where OriginalDirectory is the full path to your original second level analysis; NewDirectoryName is the name you want to give the MI analysis folder (it will prefix this name with the name of your original analysis folder); Threshold is either the maximum number or the maximum proportion of missing values you want to impute (if you enter a value >=1, the function will interpret this as a number of voxels (rounding if necessary), and if you enter a proportion of unity, it will interpret this as a proportion of missing values); and NumberImputations is the number of imputations you want to run (5 is standard).

For each imputation, the function will write a new first level con image (named ImpNo1\_con0001.img etc) for the relevant contrast in each subject file, and run a new second level analysis on each subject, which will be stored in the ImputationsDirectory in a separate subdirectory (ImpNo1, ImpNo2 etc).

When these have been done, the results will be combined using CombiningEstimates, and written to an additional subdirectory, called MeanAnalysis which will become the new working directory. You can then call SPM and interrogate this analysis (using the Results menu), which should contain all the contrasts specified in your original second level analysis.

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