PowerAnalysis.m Guide

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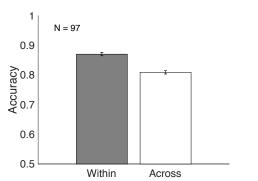
General Notes

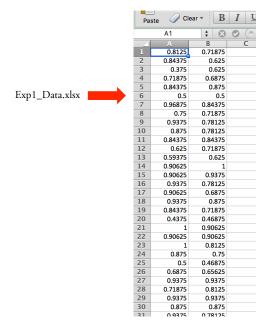
- PowerAnalysis.m does most the work, and is called in the example scripts
- Key Components:
 - prefs.data:
 - either a #subjects (rows) x #conditions (columns) array, or a string file name of an excel or .csv file with data listed as #subjects x #conditions.
 - Data can be listed as either decimal (.5) or percentage (50), although you will get a warning for the later (as data will be converted to decimal)
 - If using excel or csv file, there should NOT be a header row
 - prefs.N_range
 - Range of number of participants to simulate. E.g., 10:10:50 will simulate with 10, 20, 30, 40, and 50 participants
 - prefs.trial_range
 - Range of number of trials per condition to simulate. E.g., 8:4:24 will simulate with 8, 12, 16, 20, and 24 trials per condition
 - prefs.alpha
 - p-value to use in power simulations
 - prefs.nSims
 - How many simulations to use for every participant/trial number combination. 10,000 is a decent estimate and runs pretty quickly, 100,000 is slower but a more stable estimate.
 - prefs.comps
 - Which comparisons to test for significance. Each row is a comparison, with the condition expected to be higher magnitude listed in the first column, and the condition expected to have lower magnitude in the second column. A study will be classified as "successful" only if all listed comparisons are significant (see examples).

Example 1

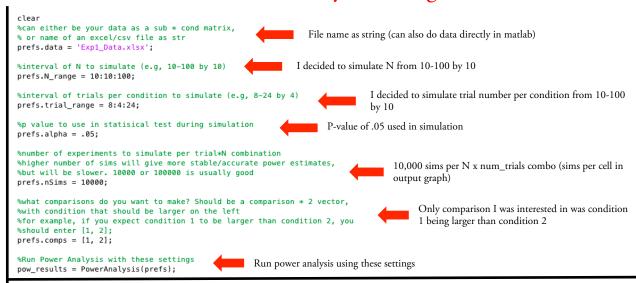
Pilot Data

- 97 subjects, 2 conditions
- Excel file is 97 rows x 2 columns

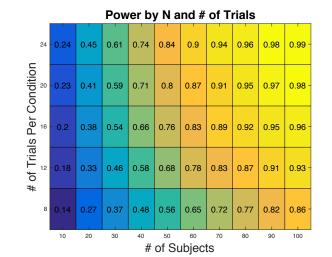




Power Analysis Settings



Power Analysis Output

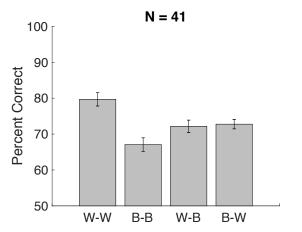


Simulated power for each N X number or trials per condition combo we specified in settings. Looking at this, I know I could achieve > 90% power by running 90 subjects with 12 trials per condition, for example

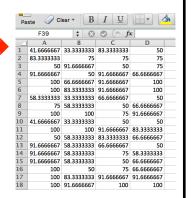
Example 2

Pilot Data

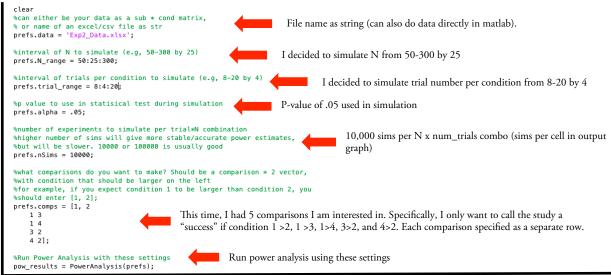
- 41 subjects, 4 conditions
- Excel file is 41 rows x 4 columns



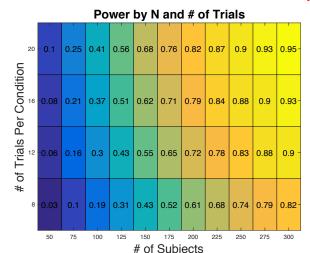




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Simulated power for each N X number or trials per condition combo we specified in settings. Looking at this, I know I could achieve > 90% power by running 300 subjects with 12 trials per condition, for example. Note that this is power for ALL 5 comparisons of interest being significant