

Ex. 18.16 *Bonferroni method for multiple comparisons.* Suppose we are in a multiple-testing scenario with null hypotheses H_{0j} , $j = 1, 2, \dots, M$, and corresponding p -values p_j , $j = 1, 2, \dots, M$. Let A be the event that at least one null hypothesis is falsely rejected, and let A_j be the event that the j th null hypothesis is falsely rejected. Suppose that we use the Bonferroni method, rejecting the j th null hypothesis if $p_j < \alpha/M$.

- (a) Show that $\Pr(A) \leq \alpha$. [*Hint:* $\Pr(A_j \cup A_{j'}) = \Pr(A_j) + \Pr(A_{j'}) - \Pr(A_j \cap A_{j'})$]
- (b) If the hypotheses H_{0j} , $j = 1, 2, \dots, M$, are independent, then $\Pr(A) = 1 - \Pr(A^C) = 1 - \prod_{j=1}^M \Pr(A_j^C) = 1 - (1 - \alpha/M)^M$. Use this to show that $\Pr(A) \approx \alpha$ in this case.