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## 1 Introduction

Problem involving a large number of parameters, inference is often made on parameters that are selected based on the data.

### 1.1 Winner's Curse

- The bias introduced by the selection
- Cause the usual confidence interval to have an extremely low coverage probability

### 1.2 Toy Example

$$Y_i | \beta_i \stackrel{ind}{\sim} N(\beta_i, 1)$$
$$\beta_i \sim \begin{cases} 0 & \text{with probability 0.8} \\ N(0, 1) & \text{with probability 0.2} \end{cases}$$

Let  $Y_{(1)} = \max_{1 \leq i \leq p} Y_i$  and  $\beta_{(i)}$  be the corresponding parameter. Constructing usual 95% confidence interval.  $CI_{(1)} = Y_{(1)} \pm 1.95$ . As repeated 10,000 times to simulate the coverage probability. It was 42.4% and it is easy to see that  $E[Y_{(1)}] \geq \beta_{(1)}$ .

- Developing a confidence interval for a selected parameter that is statistically sound is important
- Constructing confidence intervals for multiple selected parameters subject to controlling an overall measure of false coverage

### 1.3 Zero Inflated Mixture Prior(ZIMP)

$$\mathbf{Y} | \boldsymbol{\beta} \sim f(\mathbf{y} | \boldsymbol{\beta})$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\beta} = (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_p)$  and

$$\beta_i \sim \pi(\beta_i) = \pi_0 1(\beta_i = 0) + (1 - \pi_0) \psi(\beta_i)$$

$\pi_0$  is the prior of  $\beta_i$  being zero, and  $\psi(\beta_i)$  is the distribution of  $\beta_i$  given  $\beta_i \neq 0$

- This model is useful in genetic experiments where many of the genes are believed to be non-differentially expressed, and in regressions with sparsity structure.
- If  $\pi_0$  is large, the posterior probability of  $\beta_i$  being 0 can also be large
- this is problematic for equal-tail credible interval since it can obtain zero a high proportion of times
- high-posterior-density(HPD) regions : HPD regions always include zero due to the existence of point mass at zero

## 1.4 Credible interval

We can say that our  $100(1-\alpha)\%$  credible interval  $C$  defines the subset on the parameter space, which we'll call  $\theta$ , such that the integral

$$\int_C \pi(\theta|\mathbf{X})d\theta = 1 - \alpha$$

$\pi$  here is the posterior probability distribution. So, for instance, if you needed a 95 percent credible interval, you would be working to find the interval over which the integral of the posterior probability distribution sums to 0.95

- Choosing the narrowest interval, which for a unimodal distribution will involve choosing those values of highest probability density including the mode. This is sometimes called the highest posterior density interval.
- Choosing the interval where the probability of being below the interval is as likely as being above it. This interval will include the median. This is sometimes called the equal-tailed interval.

## 1.5 Loss Function

Consider a loss function that penalizes the inclusion of zero when  $\beta_i$  is indeed non-zero.

- The Bayesian decision interval is then forced to include zero if there is overwhelming evidence that  $\beta_i$  is 0
- equivalently the local fdr score  $P(\beta_i = 0|\mathbf{Y})$  is large.
- Local fdr score is compared to a tuning parameter  $k_2$  used in loss function

- the zero component is included in the interval if the local fdr score is greater than  $k_2$

We determine the  $k_2$  so that the posterior false coverage rate(PFCR) or the Bayes false coverage rate(BFCR) is controlled at a desired level.  $k_2$  is often larger than  $\alpha$ , the proposed interval doesn't have to include zero even  $P(\beta_i = 0|\mathbf{Y}) > \alpha$

## 2 Traditional Bayes Credible Intervals

There is two measures of false coverage. First one is Posterior False Coverage Rate(PFCR) and second one is Bayesian False Coverage Rate(BFCR)

Let

- $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{Y})$  be the set of indices of the parameters selected based on the observation  $\mathbf{Y}$
- $R$  is the total count of  $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{Y})$
- Given the credible intervals  $CI_i$  for  $\beta_i$ ,  $i \in \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{Y})$
- $\mathcal{V}$  consist of  $i \in \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{Y})$  such that  $\beta_i \notin CI_i$
- $V$  is the total count of  $\mathcal{V}$
- $Q$  is the proportion of the selected parameters that are not covered by their respective intervals  
 $Q = V/R$  if  $R > 0$ , and  $Q = 0$  if  $R = 0$

### 2.1 False Coverage Rate

$$FCR = E[Q|\beta]$$

Measure of false coverage among the selected parameters in a frequentist sense.

### 2.2 PFCR

$$PFCR(\mathbf{Y}) = E[Q|\mathbf{Y}] = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{R} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{R}} P(\beta_i \notin CI_i|\mathbf{Y}) & \text{if } R > 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } R = 0 \end{cases}$$

## 2.3 BFCR

$$BFCR = \int PFCR(\mathbf{Y})m(\mathbf{Y})d\mathbf{Y}$$

where  $m(\mathbf{Y})$  is the marginal density of  $\mathbf{Y}$

if  $P(\beta_i \notin CI_i|\mathbf{Y}) \leq \alpha$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$  then both PFCR and BFCR are less than or equal to  $\alpha$  for any selection rule  $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{Y})$ . Thus  $100(1 - \alpha)\%$  credible intervals obtained from posterior can avoid adjusting for selection rule, but do not have good inferential properties.

let  $\psi(\beta_i|\mathbf{Y}, \beta_i \neq 0)$  be the posterior distribution of  $\beta_i$  given  $\beta_i \neq 0$

$$\psi(\beta_i|\mathbf{Y}) = fdr_i(\mathbf{Y})1(\beta_i = 0) + (1 - fdr_i(\mathbf{Y}))\psi(\beta_i|\mathbf{Y}, \beta_i \neq 0)$$

$fdr_i(\mathbf{Y})$  and  $\psi(\beta_i|\mathbf{Y})$  need to MCMC.

**Theroem 1.** Let  $CI_i$  be a posterior interval for  $\beta_i$  such that  $P(\beta_i \notin CI_i|\mathbf{Y}) \leq \alpha$  . If  $fdr_i(\mathbf{Y}) > \alpha$ , then  $0 \in CI_i$