

Higher criticism for estimating proportion of non-null effect in high-dimensional multiple comparison

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We have *n* observations where each observation $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_p)$ corresponds to *p* number of features. Supervised classification problem with C classes, class label $y_j = c$ where $j = 1, \dots, n, c \in \{1, \dots, C\}$

$$\mathcal{T} = \{(\mathbf{x}_1, y_1), (\mathbf{x}_2, y_2), \dots, (\mathbf{x}_n, y_n)\}.$$

Using the training data a prediction model is built which enables prediction of new observations where the outcome is unknown.

Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA)



Assume that the outcome in each class is modeled by the Gaussian distribution, i.e. $\mathbf{x}_c \sim N(\mu_c, \Sigma_c)$, where μ_c is the class mean and Σ_c is the class-wise covariance matrix.

$$D_c(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}' \Sigma_c^{-1} \mu_c - \frac{1}{2} \mu_c' \Sigma_c^{-1} \mu_c + \log \pi_c$$

 π_c is the prior probability of class *c* and $\sum_{c=1}^{c} \pi_c = 1$.

 $c^* = \operatorname{argmax}_{c=1,...,\mathcal{C}} D_c(\mathbf{x})$



Assign **x** to class 1 if $\log \frac{\pi_1}{\pi_2} + (\mathbf{x} - \frac{1}{2}(\mu_1 + \mu_2))' \Sigma^{-1}(\mu_1 - \mu_2) \ge 0$

High dimensionality



It is the relation between the number of observation (n) and the number of features (p) that decides the dimensionality of the data.

In the case with more features than available observations, the problem is said to be "high-dimensional" (p > n).

Standard asymptotic

p is fixed and $n \to \infty$

Asymptotic when *p* is not fixed

 $p = p_n$ grows with $n, p_n \gg n$ for $n \to \infty$

gLasso



Using the correlation matrix \mathcal{K}^{-1} instead of covariance allows for faster convergence in high-dimensional setting Rothman et al. (2008).

Let $\ensuremath{\Gamma}$ denote the diagonal matrix of true standard deviations

 $\Sigma^{-1}=\Gamma^{-1}\mathcal{K}\Gamma^{-1}$

Sparse inverse covariance estimation with the graphical lasso Friedman et al. (2009) $\hat{\mathcal{K}}_{\lambda} = \arg\min_{\mathcal{K}\succ 0} \left\{ \operatorname{trace} \left(\mathcal{K}\hat{\mathcal{K}}^{-1} \right) - \log\det\mathcal{K} + \lambda \left\| \mathcal{K}^{-1} \right\|_{1} \right\}$

Cuthill-McKee ordering



Reducing the bandwidth of sparse symmetric matrices Cuthill & McKee (1969)

Let **S** be a $p \times p$ symmetric matrix where *i* denote rows and *j* denote columns.

The bandwidth of **S** is the maximum value of |i - j| for the non-zero elements

Determine a permutation matrix \mathcal{P} such that non-zero elements will cluster about the main diagonal

 $\bm{S}^{C} = \mathcal{P} \bm{S} \mathcal{P}^{T}$

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True block-structure







Algorithm



Combining gLasso and Cuthill-McKee ordering Bootstrap sample, calculate $\hat{\mathcal{K}}_j^{-1}$ Estimate $\hat{\mathcal{K}}_j [\lambda_i]$ with gLasso $\mathbf{S}_{ij} = \mathbf{1}_{\hat{\mathcal{K}}_j [\lambda_i] > 0}$ $\tilde{\mathbf{S}}_{ik} = \mathbf{1}_{\substack{r \\ j = 1 \\ j = 1 \\ r \\ r} > q_k}$

Find permutation matrix \mathcal{P}_{ik} for skeleton $\tilde{\mathbf{S}}_{ik}$ with Cuthill-McKee ordering algorithm

Identifying block-structure





Additive classifier



Block diagonal segmentation $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} = \text{diag}\left[\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_1^{-1}, \dots, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_b^{-1}\right]$

where *b* is the number of blocks. Both the class means μ_c and the observed vector **x** can be partioned into *b* disjoint subsets $\mu_{c,i} = (\mu_{c,i_1}, \ldots, \mu_{c,i_{p_i}})$ and $\mathbf{x}_i = (x_{i_1}, \ldots, x_{i_{p_i}})$, p_i is the block size, $i = 1, \ldots, b$, such that for any $i \neq j$, \mathbf{x}_i and \mathbf{x}_j are conditionally independent given the class variable *y*.

Two-class linear function with additive structure $D(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^{b} (\mathbf{x}_i - \frac{1}{2}(\mu_{1,i} + \mu_{2,i}))' \Sigma_i^{-1}(\mu_{1,i} - \mu_{2,i})$



Let $\pi_1 = \pi_2 = 1/2$ then the optimal misclassification probability can be expressed as $\varepsilon = \Phi\left(-\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\delta^2}\right)$

where $\Phi(\cdot)$ is the Gaussian cumulative distribution function and $\delta^2 = \left\| \Sigma^{-1/2} \mu \right\|^2$ is the Mahalanobis shift vector norm, where $\mu = \mu_1 - \mu_2$ is a shift vector and $\|\cdot\|$ denotes the ℓ^2 norm.

Separation strength



The *i*th block separation strength

 $\delta_i^2 = \left\| \Sigma_i^{-1/2} \boldsymbol{\mu}_i \right\|^2$

Rescaled estimate of the *i*th separation strength

$$\mathcal{S}_i^2 = \eta \hat{\mu}_i' \hat{\Sigma}_i^{-1} \hat{\mu}_i$$

where $\eta = \frac{n_1 n_2}{n}$, $\hat{\mu}_i = \hat{\mu}_{1i} - \hat{\mu}_{2i}$ is the shift vector of the sample class means and $\hat{\Sigma}_i$ is the maximum likelihood estimate of the covariance matrix of the *i*th block. $S^2 \sim \chi^2(p_0, \omega^2)$ where p_0 degrees of freedom and $\omega^2 = \eta \delta^2$ the non-centrality parameter.

Misclassifiation





¹Data from West et al. (2001) and Pawitan et al. (2005)

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Sparse and weak setting





Sparse and weak mixture



 β : sparsity parameter, proportion of non-null effect ω^2 : weakness parameter, effect strength

Asymptotic sparse and weak model

$$eta = b^{-\gamma}$$
 where $\gamma \in (0, 1)$
 $\omega^2 = 2r \log b$ where $r \in (0, 1)$

For $p_0 = 1$ and p = b



$$\begin{array}{ll} H_0: & \mathcal{S}_i \sim N(0,1) \text{ i.i.d } 1 \leq i \leq p \\ H_1: & \mathcal{S}_i \sim (1-\beta)N(0,1) + \beta N(\sqrt{\omega^2},1) \text{ i.i.d } 1 \leq i \leq p \end{array}$$

Ingster (1999), Donoho & Jin (2008), Klaus & Strimmer (2013)



Detection boundary for blocks



$$\begin{array}{ll} H_0: & \mathcal{S}_i^2 \sim \chi^2_{p_0}\left(\cdot; 0\right) \text{ i.i.d, } 1 \leq i \leq b \\ H_1: & \mathcal{S}_i^2 \sim \left(1 - \beta\right) \chi^2_{p_0}\left(\cdot; 0\right) + \beta \chi^2_{p_0}\left(\cdot; \omega^2\right) \text{ i.i.d, } 1 \leq i \leq b \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} LR_{i} &= \frac{f_{H_{1}}(s_{i}^{2})}{f_{H_{0}}(s_{i}^{2})} = \frac{(1-\beta)\chi_{p_{0}}^{2}(s_{i}^{2};0) + \beta\chi_{p_{0}}^{2}(s_{i}^{2};\omega^{2})}{\chi_{p_{0}}^{2}(s_{i}^{2};0)} \\ LR_{b} &= LR_{b}(s_{1}^{2},s_{2}^{2},\ldots,s_{b}^{2};\beta,\omega^{2}) \end{aligned}$$

Reject H_0 iff $\log(LR_b) > 0$

Detection boundary for blocks









Let π_i denote the significance level ("*p*-value") Under the global null hypothesis $\pi_i \sim U(0, 1)$

where U denotes the uniform distribution.

 β denote the proportion false null hypotheses

$$\beta = \frac{\sum\limits_{i=1}^{b} \mathbf{1}\{\omega_i \neq \mathbf{0}\}}{b}$$



Rank the *p*-values in increasing order $\pi_{(1)} \leq \pi_{(2)} \leq \ldots \leq \pi_{(b)}$

Storey & Tibshirani (2003)

$$\hat{\beta} = 1 - \frac{\sum\limits_{1=i}^{b} \mathbf{1}\{\pi_{(i)} > t\}}{(1-t)b}$$

Meinshausen & Rice (2006)

$$\hat{\beta} = \max_{t \in (0,1)} \frac{F_b(t) - t - \mathbf{B}_{b,\alpha} \Delta(t)}{1 - t}$$

where $F_b(t) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{b} 1\{\pi_i \le t\}}{b}$ is the empirical distribution of *p*-values, $\Delta(t) = \sqrt{t(1-t)}$ the standard deviation-proportional bounding function and $B_{b,\alpha}$ the bounding sequence for $\Delta(t)$ at level α given by $B_{b,\alpha} = \frac{G^{-1}(1-\alpha)+m_b}{n_b}$ where *G* is the Gumbel distribution, $m_b = 2\log_2 b + \frac{1}{2}\log_3 b - \frac{1}{2}\log 4\pi$

















Higher criticism

Donoho & Jin (2004, 2008, 2009)

$$\mathrm{HC}_{i,\pi_{(i)}} = \sqrt{p} \frac{i/p - \pi_{(i)}}{\sqrt{i/p(1 - i/p)}}$$

 $i = 1, \dots, p$ and for fixed $\alpha_0 \in (0, 1)$ the HC test statistic is

$$\mathrm{HC}^* = \max_{1 \leq i \leq (\alpha_0 \times p)} \mathrm{HC}_{i,\pi_{(i)}}$$

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$$bHC_{i,\pi_{(i)}} = \sqrt{b} \frac{i/b - \pi_{(i)}}{\sqrt{i/b(1 - i/b)}}$$

 $i = 1, \dots, b$ and for fixed $\alpha_0 \in (0, 1)$ the bHC test statistic is

$$bHC^* = \max_{1 \le i \le (\alpha_0 \times b)} bHC_{i,\pi_{(i)}}$$

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False Discovery Rates



Benjamini & Hochberg (1995) Fdr $(\pi_i) = P$ (Non informative $|\Pi \le \pi_i) = \frac{(1-\beta)\pi_i}{F(\pi_i)} \le \frac{p}{i}\pi_{(i)}$

Efron et al. (2001), Efron (2004) Lfdr(π_i) = P {Non-informative $|\pi_i$ } = $\frac{(1-\beta)f_{H_0}(\pi_i)}{f(\pi_i)}$

Sun & Cai (2007)
Ofdr
$$(s_i^2) = \frac{(1-\beta)\chi_{p_0}^2(s_i^2;0)}{(1-\beta)\chi_{p_0}^2(s_i^2;0) + \beta\chi_{p_0}^2(s_i^2;\omega^2)}$$

 $k = \max_{1 \le i \le k} \left\{ i; \frac{1}{i} \sum_{j=1}^i \text{Ofdr}_{(j)} \le \alpha \right\}$





















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| | | bHC | | | | | Fdr | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-----|-------|------|------|------|------|----------|-----|------|------|------|------|
| | | ñ | | fpr | | mc | | <i>b</i> | | fpr | | mc | |
| β | ε | m | sd | m | sd | m | sd | m | sd | m | sd | m | sd |
| 0.010 | 0.005 | 36 | 41.1 | 0.03 | 0.04 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 11 | 5.9 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.06 | 0.08 |
| 0.020 | 0.005 | 42 | 64.5 | 0.03 | 0.06 | 0.04 | 0.03 | 12 | 7.6 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.09 | 0.09 |
| 0.030 | 0.005 | 94 | 106.6 | 0.08 | 0.10 | 0.04 | 0.05 | 7 | 7.7 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.17 | 0.11 |
| 0.010 | 0.010 | 39 | 42.1 | 0.03 | 0.04 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 9 | 6.1 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.10 | 0.10 |
| 0.020 | 0.010 | 62 | 68.8 | 0.05 | 0.07 | 0.04 | 0.05 | 7 | 7.2 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.15 | 0.11 |
| 0.030 | 0.010 | 99 | 103.7 | 0.09 | 0.10 | 0.05 | 0.08 | 3 | 4.0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.26 | 0.10 |
| 0.010 | 0.050 | 53 | 55.0 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.06 | 0.07 | 2 | 2.1 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.26 | 0.08 |
| 0.020 | 0.050 | 30 | 58.2 | 0.03 | 0.06 | 0.14 | 0.11 | 1 | 0.4 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.33 | 0.05 |
| 0.030 | 0.050 | 21 | 24.5 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.16 | 0.13 | 1 | 0.4 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.34 | 0.04 |
| 0.010 | 0.100 | 21 | 21.2 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.14 | 0.12 | 1 | 0.6 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.32 | 0.05 |
| 0.020 | 0.100 | 14 | 20.5 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.20 | 0.13 | 1 | 0.2 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.34 | 0.03 |
| 0.030 | 0.100 | 19 | 34.4 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.17 | 0.12 | 1 | 0.3 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.33 | 0.05 |
| 0.010 | 0.150 | 23 | 32.1 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.18 | 0.13 | 1 | 0.2 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.34 | 0.04 |
| 0.020 | 0.150 | 12 | 16.1 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.22 | 0.12 | 1 | 0.0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.34 | 0.04 |
| 0.030 | 0.150 | 17 | 31.1 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.18 | 0.12 | 1 | 0.0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.34 | 0.03 |

Table: Number of blocks selected as informative (\tilde{b}) , proportion of falsely selected blocks (*fpr*) and the misclassification rate (*mc*) averaged over 100 runs, presented as mean (m) and standard deviation (sd) for block size $p_0 = 20$.

Real data



| | Block | No.s | selected b | locks | Misclassification rate | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------|------|------------|----------|------------------------|------|------|------|--|--|--|
| | size | bHC | Fdr | Lfdr | bHC | Fdr | Lfdr | All | | | |
| Breast cancer data I | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 657 999 | | | | 583 | 0.24 | 0.23 | 0.24 | - | | | |
| | 2 | 328 | 1461 | 804 | 0.23 | 0.23 | 0.22 | 0.28 | | | |
| | 5 | 131 | 1219 | 929 | 0.22 | 0.27 | 0.25 | 0.26 | | | |
| | 10 | 65 | 657 | 601 | 0.20 | 0.26 | 0.25 | 0.28 | | | |
| | 15 | 43 | 438 | 393 | 0.21 | 0.28 | 0.26 | 0.28 | | | |
| | 20 | 32 | 328 | 308 | 0.19 | 0.28 | 0.28 | 0.26 | | | |
| | 30 | 21 | 219 | 209 | 0.14 | 0.26 | 0.25 | 0.30 | | | |
| | 40 | 16 | 164 | 156 | 0.17 | 0.26 | 0.25 | 0.26 | | | |
| | 50 | 13 | 131 | 121 | 0.15 | 0.25 | 0.26 | 0.25 | | | |
| | | | | Prostate | e cancer da | ta | | | | | |
| | 1 | 126 | 808 | 442 | 0.10 | 0.20 | 0.13 | - | | | |
| | 2 | 630 | 5547 | 4082 | 0.14 | 0.38 | 0.35 | 0.36 | | | |
| | 5 | 252 | 2520 | 2427 | 0.09 | 0.26 | 0.28 | 0.25 | | | |
| | 10 | 126 | 1260 | 1254 | 0.08 | 0.19 | 0.19 | 0.17 | | | |
| | 15 | 84 | 840 | 838 | 0.07 | 0.14 | 0.13 | 0.15 | | | |
| | 20 | 63 | 630 | 620 | 0.06 | 0.13 | 0.12 | 0.13 | | | |
| | 30 | 42 | 420 | 411 | 0.05 | 0.11 | 0.13 | 0.10 | | | |
| | 40 | 31 | 315 | 309 | 0.05 | 0.11 | 0.09 | 0.12 | | | |
| | 50 | 25 | 252 | 247 | 0.04 | 0.12 | 0.09 | 0.13 | | | |
| Breast cancer data II | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 1 | 712 | 165 | 61 | 0.02 | 0.08 | 0.04 | - | | | |
| | 2 | 712 | 1254 | 696 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.04 | 0.10 | | | |
| | 5 | 285 | 1313 | 759 | 0.04 | 0.08 | 0.06 | 0.14 | | | |
| | 10 | 142 | 712 | 705 | 0.04 | 0.12 | 0.10 | 0.08 | | | |
| | 15 | 95 | 475 | 443 | 0.06 | 0.10 | 0.14 | 0.16 | | | |
| | 20 | 71 | 356 | 351 | 0.02 | 0.16 | 0.10 | 0.10 | | | |
| | 30 | 1 | 237 | 235 | 0.10 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.10 | | | |
| | 40 | 1 | 178 | 176 | | | | | | | |
| | 50 | | 1 | | | | | | | | |

Real data



| | Block | N | o.inf.blocl | ks | Misclassification rate | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------|---------------|-------------|---------|------------------------|------|------|------|--|--|
| | size | bHC | Fdr | Lfdr | bHC | Fdr | Lfdr | All | | |
| Breast cancer data I | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 1 | 1 328 550 | | 315 | 0.22 | 0.21 | 0.23 | - | | |
| | 2 | 164 | 614 | 342 | 0.22 | 0.22 | 0.21 | 0.28 | | |
| | 5 | 65 | 565 | 384 | 0.21 | 0.26 | 0.23 | 0.26 | | |
| | 10 | 32 | 328 | 286 | 0.21 | 0.30 | 0.28 | 0.27 | | |
| | 15 | 21 | 219 | 188 | 0.20 | 0.27 | 0.28 | 0.26 | | |
| | 20 | 16 | 164 | 152 | 0.16 | 0.28 | 0.27 | 0.28 | | |
| | 30 | 10 | 109 | 105 | 0.18 | 0.24 | 0.28 | 0.26 | | |
| | 40 | 8 | 82 | 77 | 0.18 | 0.25 | 0.27 | 0.26 | | |
| | 50 | 6 | 65 | 60 | 0.20 | 0.27 | 0.24 | 0.26 | | |
| | | | | Prostat | e cancer da | ta | | | | |
| | 1 | 315 | 89 | 43 | 0.36 | 0.34 | 0.28 | - | | |
| | 2 | 157 | 150 | 54 | 0.27 | 0.30 | 0.23 | 0.38 | | |
| | 5 | 63 | 260 | 99 | 0.16 | 0.25 | 0.20 | 0.31 | | |
| | 10 | 31 | 218 | 101 | 0.09 | 0.19 | 0.14 | 0.25 | | |
| | 15 | 21 | 188 | 127 | 0.06 | 0.21 | 0.16 | 0.23 | | |
| | 20 | 15 | 155 | 134 | 0.11 | 0.18 | 0.16 | 0.19 | | |
| | 30 | 10 | 105 | 97 | 0.11 | 0.14 | 0.10 | 0.15 | | |
| | 40 | 7 | 78 | 72 | 0.09 | 0.10 | 0.12 | 0.13 | | |
| | 50 | 6 | 63 | 60 | 0.15 | 0.14 | 0.14 | 0.16 | | |
| Breast cancer data II | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 1 | 356 | 230 | 133 | 0.22 | 0.20 | 0.22 | - | | |
| | 2 | 307 | 217 | 97 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.27 | | |
| | 5 | 142 | 461 | 289 | 0.02 | 0.06 | 0.02 | 0.14 | | |
| | 10 | 71 | 356 | 271 | 0.02 | 0.12 | 0.06 | 0.14 | | |
| | 15 | 47 | 237 | 225 | 0.04 | 0.12 | 0.16 | 0.12 | | |
| | 20 | 35 | 178 | 174 | 0.02 | 0.12 | 0.12 | 0.18 | | |
| | 30 | 1 | 118 | 115 | 0.12 | 0.10 | 0.08 | 0.10 | | |
| | 40 | 1 | 89 | 87 | 0.18 | 0.16 | 0.12 | 0.16 | | |
| | 50 | | | | | | | | | |

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