

Theoretical Foundations of the Analysis of Large Data Sets

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Higher Criticism test and detection of signals in sparse mixtures

Definitions

$$V_i(t) = 1\{p_i \leq t\}$$

$$F_n(t) = \frac{\sum V_i}{n}$$

1. Higher Criticism Test (Tukey 1976):

$$HC^* = \max_{1/n < t < 1/2} \sqrt{n} \frac{F_n(t) - t}{\sqrt{t(1-t)}}$$

2. Modification by Stepanova and Pavlenko (2014)

$$HC_{mod} = \max_{0 < t < 1} \sqrt{n} \frac{F_n(t) - t}{\sqrt{t(1-t)q(t)}}$$

where

$$q(t) = \log \log \left(\frac{1}{t(1-t)} \right) .$$

1. For $p \in \{5000, 50000, 500000\}$ estimate the probability of the type I error for HC_{mod} using the asymptotic critical value for 0.05 significance test $C_{crit} = 4.14$.
2. For $p \in \{5000, 50000, 500000\}$ estimate critical values of the Higher-Criticism test at the significance level $\alpha = 0.05$.
3. Using the settings from Problem 4 in Lab 1 and additionally the setup:

$$\mu_1 = \dots = \mu_{100} = 2, \quad \mu_{101} = \dots = \mu_{5000} = 0$$

compare the power of the following tests: Higher-Criticism, modified Higher-Criticism, Bonferroni, chi-square, Kolmogorov-Smirnov (K-S) and Anderson-Darling (A-D). Summarize the results.

4. For each of the settings $\beta = 0.6, \beta = 0.8, r \in \{0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4\}$ and $p \in \{5000, 50000, 500000\}$
 - a) Simulate the critical values for the Neyman-Pearson test in the sparse mixture.
 - b) Compare the power of the Neyman-Pearson test to the power of all the above tests.

Summarize the results referring to the theory learned in class.

5. Simulate 1000 trajectories of the empirical process $U_p(t)$ with $p = 5000$ and 1000 trajectories of the Brownian bridge $B(t)$. Plot 5 trajectories for each of these processes on the same graph. Based on these simulations estimate the 0.8 quantile of the K-S statistics under the null hypothesis as well as 0.8 quantile of $T = \sup_{t \in (0,1)} |B(t)|$. Discuss the results.

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