

1. Consider samples x and y and let M_1 denote the model considering X and Y independent with binomial distributions

$$P(X = x) = \binom{n}{x} \theta^x (1 - \theta)^{n-x}, \quad P(Y = y) = \binom{n}{y} \eta^y (1 - \eta)^{n-y},$$

where $0 \leq \theta, \eta \leq 1$ are both unknown.

Let similarly M_2 denote the model where $\theta = \eta$ and everything else is as for M_1 .

- (a) Calculate the maximized log-likelihood ratio statistic $D = -2 \log \Lambda$ for comparing the two models;

Under M_1 ,

$$\hat{\theta} = x/n, \quad \hat{\eta} = y/n$$

whereas under M_2 ,

$$\hat{\theta}_2 = \hat{\eta}_2 = (x + y)/(2n)$$

so

$$\Lambda = \frac{L(\hat{\theta}_2)}{L(\hat{\theta})L(\hat{\eta})} = \frac{\{(x + y)/(2n)\}^{x+y} \{1 - (x + y)/(2n)\}^{2n-x-y}}{(x/n)^x (1 - x/n)^{n-x} (y/n)^y (1 - y/n)^{n-y}},$$

yielding the familiar (?) expression

$$\begin{aligned} D &= -2 \log \Lambda = 2 \sum \text{OBS} \log \frac{\text{OBS}}{\text{EXP}} \\ &= 2x \log \frac{2x}{x + y} + 2y \log \frac{2y}{x + y} \\ &\quad + (2n - x) \log \frac{2n - 2x}{2n - x - y} + 2(n - x) \log \frac{2n - 2x}{2n - x - y}. \end{aligned}$$

- (b) For uniform prior distributions on θ, η , calculate the Bayes factor for comparing M_1 to M_2 ;

We have

$$\int_0^1 \theta^x (1 - \theta)^{n-x} d\theta = \frac{\Gamma(x + 1) \Gamma(n - x + 1)}{\Gamma(n + 2)} = \frac{x!(n - x)!}{(n + 1)!}$$

and thus get

$$B_{12} = \frac{f(x, y | M_1)}{f(x, y | M_2)} = \frac{\binom{2n+1}{n+1}}{\binom{x+y}{x} \binom{2n-x-y}{n-x}}.$$

- (c) Find the BIC approximation to the Bayes factor, with or without including all terms, and comment on its accuracy;
 M_1 has 2 parameters and M_2 has 1 so basic BIC is

$$\Delta\text{BIC} = \text{BIC}_1 - \text{BIC}_2 = (D - \log n)/2.$$

With correction factor it will be

$$2\Delta\text{BIC}^* = D - \log(2\pi n) - \log \frac{n}{x(n-x)} - \log \frac{n}{y(n-y)} + \log \frac{2n}{(x+y)(2n-x-y)}.$$

- (d) Find the AIC for the two models

$$2\Delta\text{AIC} = D + 2$$

- (e) Compare the model determination procedures using the three criteria for large values of n .
 If M_2 holds, the deviance D will be approximately $\chi^2(1)$ and the BIC (as well as the Bayes factor) will favour M_2 . Otherwise D will grow at a rate of n and BIC will favour M_1 .

2. Consider regression data $(x, y) = ((x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n))$ with x considered fixed and the responses Y_i being independent with

$$Y_i \sim \mathcal{N}\{\mu_k(x_i), \phi\},$$

where μ_k is determined by model M_k as

$$M_1 : \mu_1(x_i) = \alpha; \quad M_2 : \mu_2(x_i) = \beta x_i; \quad M_3 : \mu_3(x_i) = \gamma x_i^2.$$

- (a) For (improper) prior distributions $\pi_i(\eta, \phi) \propto \phi^{-1}$, where either $\eta = \alpha$, $\eta = \beta$, or $\eta = \gamma$, calculate expressions for the Bayes factor for comparing any pair of these models;

Write $\mu(x_i) = \theta_j z_{ij}$ where z_{ij} is either 1, x_i , or x_i^2 . Next, partition the sum of squares as

$$\sum (y_i - \theta_j z_{ij})^2 = \sum (y_i - \hat{\theta}_j z_{ij})^2 + (\hat{\theta}_j - \theta)^2 \sum_i z_{ij}^2 = s_j + n_j^* (\hat{\theta}_j - \theta)^2.$$

where $\hat{\theta}_j = (\sum y_i z_{ij}) / (\sum z_{ij}^2)$ and $n_j^* = \sum_i z_{ij}^2$. This yields the posterior density as

$$\pi_j(\theta_j, \phi) \propto \phi^{-(n+1)/2} \exp\left\{-\frac{s_j}{2\phi} - \frac{n_j^*(\theta_j - \hat{\theta}_j)^2}{2\phi}\right\}.$$

Integrating yields

$$B_{jl} \propto \sqrt{\frac{n_j^* s_j^{n-1}}{n_l^* s_l^{n-1}}}$$

and the Bayes factor favours the model with a small residual error, but corrects for the variation in the explanatory variable. The controversial issue is that it is generally not clear that different θ_j are meaningfully considered to be on the same scale.

- (b) Find expressions for the BIC approximation to these models;
 Since the MLE for (θ_j, ϕ) is $(\hat{\theta}_j, s_j/n)$ the maximizes log-likelihood is

$$l(\hat{\theta}_j, s_j/n) = \frac{n}{2} \log s_j + \text{constant}$$

so the BIC is equivalent to

$$\text{BIC} = \frac{n}{2} \log s_j + \log n$$

Since the models all have the same number of parameters, the BIC simply favours the model with the smallest residual error.

- (c) Find expressions for the AIC for these models;

$$\text{AIC} = \frac{n}{2} \log s_j + 1$$

same happens here

- (d) Find expressions for Mallows' C_p .

Mallows C_p is per definition

$$C_p = s_j + 2(1 - n)\sigma^2$$

and thus ranks the models by their residual sum of squares.

- (e) Compare the model determination procedures.

Has been done more or less above. The only critical issue is the Bayesian correction using n_j^* . If we from the beginning normalize z such as to have $n_j^* = 1$ for all j , this factor does not enter. If this is not done, the "uniform" prior on θ means different things in the three cases and this is very problematic. Also uniform distributions can have different scales. .