

# Tests multiples et bornes post hoc pour des données hétérogènes

Soutenance de thèse

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# Summary of contributions

- ▶ 2 published papers on previous works [Durand and Lessard (2016)], [Chatelain et al. (2018)]
- ▶ 1 paper in revision about optimal weighting arXiv:1710.01094
- ▶ 1 published paper about discrete tests [Döhler, Durand, and Roquain (2018)]
- ▶ 1 submitted paper about post hoc arXiv:1807.01470
- ▶ participation to 2 R packages: DiscreteFDR and sansSouci

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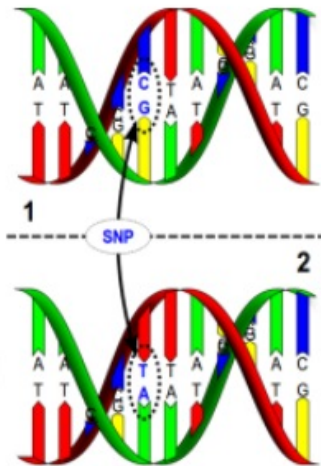
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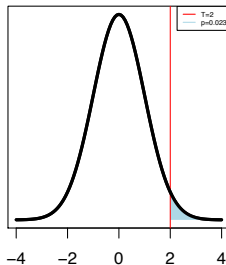
# SNP association study

- ▶ A SNP = a location on the genome where there is variation
- ▶ Study the association of a SNP with a trait: case-control study
- ▶ Apply a **statistical test** to a measure  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, 1)$
- ▶ Question: is  $\mu = 0$  (no association) or  $> 0$  ?



## Single testing

- ▶ Null hypothesis  $H_0$ : " $\mu = 0$ " versus alternative  $H_1$ : " $\mu > 0$ "
- ▶  $X$  in the tail of  $\mathcal{N}(0, 1) \Rightarrow$  unrealistic  $\Rightarrow$  reject  $H_0$
- ▶  $\Leftrightarrow$  Reject  $H_0$  if the  $p$ -value  $p(X) = \bar{\Phi}(X)$  is small ( $\leq \alpha$ )



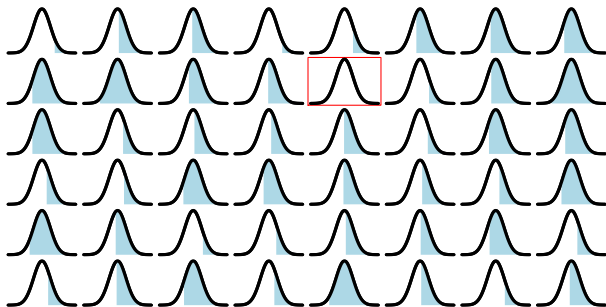
Probability to wrongly reject  $H_0$

$$\mathbb{P}_{H_0}(p(X) \leq \alpha) \leq \alpha \text{ (uniformity under } H_0)$$

$\Rightarrow$  false positive control

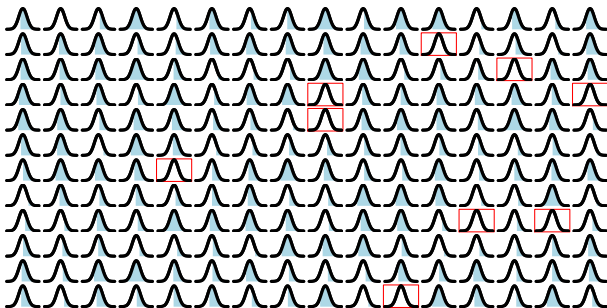
# Multiple testing

- ▶ Now what if we test  $m$  SNPs at the same time?
- ▶  $m$  null hypotheses  $H_{0,i}$ : " $\mu_i = 0$ " versus  $H_{1,i}$ : " $\mu_i > 0$ "
- ▶ Example if  $m = 48$  and only noise (no signal):



# Multiple testing

- ▶  $m = 192$ , and only noise:



- ▶  $\mathbb{P}(\text{make at least one FP}) = 1 - (1 - \alpha)^m \xrightarrow{m \rightarrow \infty} 1$

## Modern days applications

- ▶  $m = 10^4, 10^5, 10^6$
- ▶ Too many false positives if we keep using  $\alpha$  as threshold

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# Multiple testing procedures

- ▶ What we want: a rejection set  $R$  with a control on  $V(R)$  the number of false positives in  $R$

## Bonferroni procedure

- ▶ Use  $\alpha/m$  instead of  $\alpha$
- ▶ Then  $\mathbb{P}(V(R) > 0) \leq \alpha$

## This can be too stringent when:

- ▶ we want a lot of detections
- ▶ we allow some false positives

## False Discovery Proportion (FDP) and False Discovery Rate (FDR)

$$\text{FDP}(R) = \frac{V(R)}{|R| \vee 1} \quad ; \quad \text{FDR}(R) = \mathbb{E}[\text{FDP}(R)]$$

# Benjamini-Hochberg (BH) procedure

[Benjamini and Hochberg (1995)][Benjamini and Yekutieli (2001)]

- ▶ Sort  $p$ -values:  $p_{(1)} \leq \dots \leq p_{(m)}$
- ▶ Let  $\hat{k} = \max \left\{ k \in \llbracket 1, m \rrbracket : p_{(k)} \leq \alpha \frac{k}{m} \right\}$  or 0 if empty set
- ▶ Reject  $H_{0,i}$  if  $p_i \leq \frac{\alpha \hat{k}}{m}$
- ▶ Theorem: FDR of BH  $\leq \alpha$  under independence or PRDS

## Useful other formulation

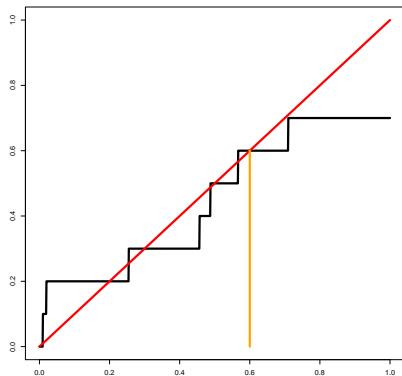
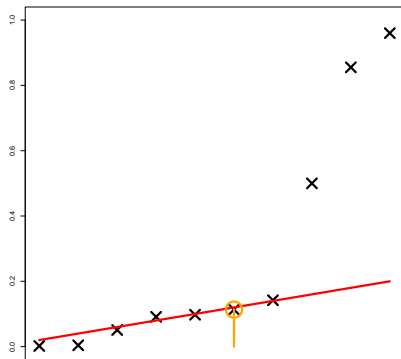
$\frac{\hat{k}}{m} = \max \left\{ u : \hat{G}(u) \geq u \right\} = \mathcal{I}(\hat{G})$  where

$$\hat{G} : u \mapsto m^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbb{1}_{\{p_i \leq \alpha u\}}, u \in [0, 1]$$

- ▶  $\hat{G}$  empirical c.d.f. of  $p$ -values (up to  $\alpha$ )
- ▶ Useful for asymptotics ( $m \rightarrow \infty$ )

# An illustration of $\mathcal{I}(\hat{G})$

Last crossing point between  $\hat{G}$  and the identity function





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# Heterogeneity

## Example: GWAS study

- ▶ Multiple SNPs tested, with heterogeneous Minor Allele Frequency (MAF)
- ▶ Distinguish SNPs with low and large MAF because this changes the power of tests
- ▶  $\implies$  form two groups of SNPs

## Multiple other examples [Cai and Sun (2009)]

- ▶ Sociologic studies, fMRI...

# Setting

- ▶  $G$  groups of sizes  $m_g$  with true null proportion  $\pi_{g,0}$
- ▶  $p_{g,i} \sim \mathcal{U}([0, 1])$  under the null (noise);  $p_{g,i} \sim F_g$  **strictly concave** under the alternative (signal)
- ▶ weak dependence [Storey, Taylor, and Siegmund (2004)] and technical assumptions

## Quantities of interest

- ▶ we want  $\text{FDR}(R)$  control
- ▶ we study the optimality of the global **power**:

$$\text{Pow}(R) = m^{-1} \mathbb{E}[|R| - V(R)]$$

## Main tool

Attribute **weights** to each group [Holm (1979)], [Genovese, Roeder, and Wasserman (2006)], [Blanchard and Roquain (2008)]...

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# Weighted BH (WBH)

Take some weights  $(w_g)_{1 \leq g \leq G}$ ,  $w_g \geq 0$ , apply BH to modified  $p$ -values  $\tilde{p}_{g,i} = p_{g,i}/w_g$

## Interpretation with the $\mathcal{I}$ functional

Define

$$\hat{G}_w : u \mapsto m^{-1} \sum_{g=1}^G \sum_{i=1}^{m_g} \mathbb{1}_{\{p_{g,i} \leq \alpha u w_g\}}$$

and reject all  $p_{g,i} \leq \alpha \hat{u} w_g$  with  $\hat{u} = \mathcal{I}(\hat{G}_w) = \max \{u : \hat{G}_w(u) \geq u\}$ .

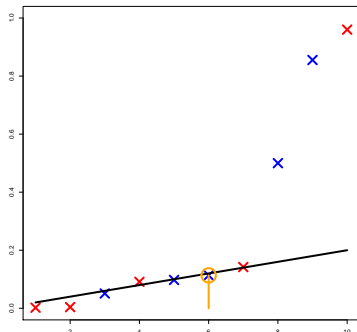
- A constraint is necessary for FDR control, for example:

$$w \in \mathcal{W} = \left\{ w \geq 0, \sum_{g=1}^G m_g w_g \leq m \right\}$$

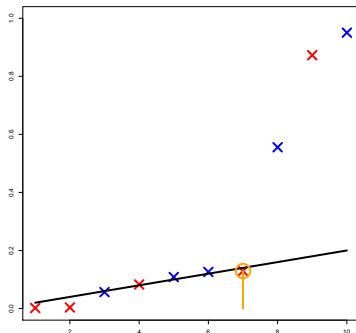
# Unweighted vs Weighted BH procedure

Two groups with  $w_1 + w_2 = 2$

►  $w_1 = w_2 = 1$  (BH):



►  $w_1 = 1.1, w_2 = 0.9$ :



► Weights can increase detections  $\implies$  increase power ?

# Multi-Weighting

[Roquain and van de Wiel (2009)]

- ▶ A generalization needed for the search for optimal power

Now weights are a function  $u \mapsto W(u)$  for  $u \in [0, 1]$ . If

$$\hat{G}_W : u \mapsto m^{-1} \sum_{g=1}^G \sum_{i=1}^{m_g} \mathbb{1}_{\{p_{g,i} \leq \alpha u W_g(u)\}} \text{ is nondecreasing,}$$

then  $\text{MWBH}(W) = \{(g, i) : p_{g,i} \leq \alpha \hat{u} W_g(\hat{u})\}$  with  $\hat{u} = \mathcal{I}(\hat{G}_W)$ .



# Optimal weighting

- ▶ Fix  $u$  and  $w$  and define  $R_{u,w}$  which rejects all  $p_{g,i} \leq \alpha u w_g$
- ▶ Maximize its power for all  $u$  on the weight space  $\mathcal{W}$  :

## Optimal oracle weights [Roquain and van de Wiel (2009)]

$$W_{or}^*(u) = \arg \max_{w \in \mathcal{W}} \text{Pow}(R_{u,w})$$

## Theorem [Roquain and van de Wiel (2009)]

Existence and uniqueness of  $W_{or}^*$  if regularity assumptions on  $F_g$  and  $\pi_{g,0} = \pi_0$ .

Moreover, MWBH ( $W_{or}^*$ ) has asymptotical:

- ▶ FDR control at level  $\pi_0 \alpha$
- ▶ Power optimality among all WBH procedures

# Issues and consequences

- ①  $F_g$ 's are unknown in practice ! So is  $W_{or}^*$
- ② The assumption  $\pi_{g,0} = \pi_0$  removes some heterogeneity
- ③  $\sum_g m_g w_g \leq m \implies \pi_0 \alpha\text{-FDR control} \implies \text{conservativeness}$

## Goal

- ▶ Estimate the oracle optimal weights
  - ▶ enlarge  $\mathcal{W}$  in a way that incorporates  $\pi_{g,0}$  estimators
  - ▶ keep asymptotical results on FDR control and power optimality
- $\implies$  Adaptive Data-Driven Optimal Weighting (ADDOW)

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## $\pi_0$ estimation

- ▶ Each  $\pi_{g,0}$  is estimated with  $\hat{\pi}_{g,0}$
- ▶  $\widehat{\mathcal{W}} = \left\{ w : \sum_g m_g \hat{\pi}_{g,0} w_g \leq m \right\}$  allows larger weights than  $\mathcal{W}$  !
- ▶ Asymptotics:  $\hat{\pi}_{g,0} \xrightarrow[m \rightarrow \infty]{\mathbb{P}} \tilde{\pi}_{g,0} \geq \pi_{g,0} \implies$  over-estimation (e.g. Storey)

### Multiplicative Estimation (ME) case

There exists  $C \geq 1$  such that  $\tilde{\pi}_{g,0} = C \pi_{g,0} \forall g$

- ▶ Includes the consistent case  $\tilde{\pi}_{g,0} = \pi_{g,0} \forall g$  ( $C = 1$ )
- ▶ Includes the case where  $\hat{\pi}_{g,0} = 1$  and  $\pi_{g,0} = \pi_0 \forall g$  ( $C = 1/\pi_0$ )

# Definition of ADDOW

$$\text{ADDOW} = \text{MWBH}(\widehat{W}^*)$$

where

$$\forall u, \widehat{W}^*(u) = \arg \max_{w \in \widehat{\mathcal{W}}} \widehat{G}_w(u)$$

$\Rightarrow \widehat{W}^*$  maximizes the *number of rejections*

## Key idea

Under (ME), maximizing the rejections is the same as maximizing the power

Remark : if  $\hat{\pi}_{g,0} = 1 \ \forall g$ ,  $\text{ADDOW} = \text{IHW}$  [Ignatiadis et al. (2016)]

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# Asymptotic FDR control

## Theorem

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \text{FDR}(\text{ADDOW}) \leq \alpha$$

Moreover if  $\alpha \leq \tilde{\pi}_0$  and (ME):

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \text{FDR}(\text{ADDOW}) = \frac{\alpha}{C}$$

## By-product

If  $\pi_{g,0} = \pi_0 \forall g$ ,

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \text{FDR}(\text{IHW}) = \pi_0 \alpha.$$

Proofs inspired by [Roquain and van de Wiel (2009)], [Hu, Zhao, and Zhou (2010)] and [Zhao and Zhang (2014)].

# Power optimality

## Theorem

If (ME),

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \text{Pow}(\text{ADDOW}) \geq \limsup_{m \rightarrow \infty} \text{Pow}(\text{MWBH}(\widehat{W}))$$

for any weight function sequence such that  $\widehat{W}(u) \in \widehat{\mathcal{W}}$ .

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# Comparison with other methods

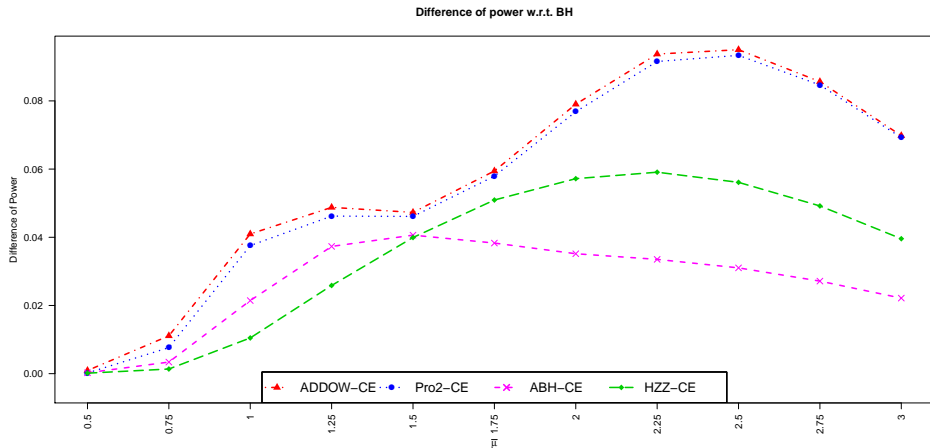
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4 methods compared with  $\hat{\pi}_{g,0} = \pi_{g,0}$  (oracle) and varying signal parameter  $\bar{\mu}$ :

- ▶ ADDOW
- ▶ Pro2 [Zhao and Zhang (2014)]
- ▶ HZZ [Hu, Zhao, and Zhou (2010)]
- ▶ Adaptive BH

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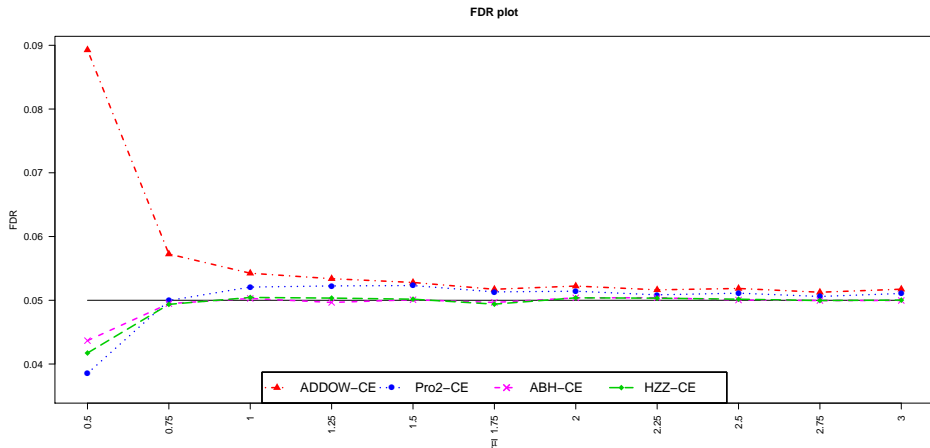
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►  $\text{ADDOW} > \text{Pro2} > \text{HZZ} \ \& \ \text{ABH}$

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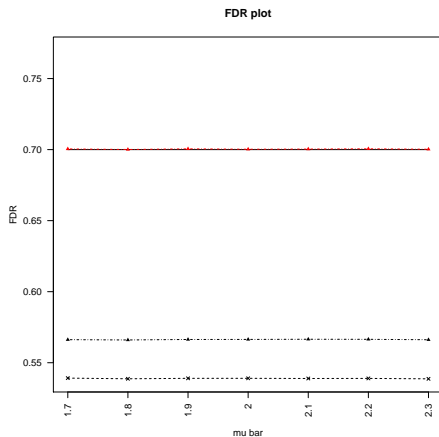
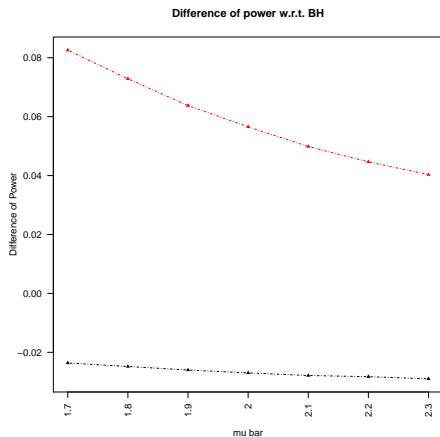


- Overfitting for ADDOW and Pro2

# BH better than IHW?

$\alpha = 0.7$ ,  $\pi_{1,0} = 0.05$ ,  $\pi_{2,0} = 0.85$ ,  $m_1 = 1000$ ,  $m_2 = 9000$ ,  $\mu_1 = 2$  and  $\mu_2 = \bar{\mu}$

- ▶ ADDOW with oracle  $\hat{\pi}_{g,0}$  vs IHW vs BH with heterogeneous  $\pi_{g,0}$



- ▶ Remark:  $m = 10^4$  here and no overfitting

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# Outlook

- ▶ Optimal asymptotical properties but with restrictive dependence assumptions and finite sample overfitting
- ▶ Incorporate the dependence ?
- ▶ Use a better estimator of the rejections than  $\hat{G}_w$  ? LCM ?
- ▶ FDR bound in finite sample ? (done in [\[Ignatiadis and Huber \(2017\)\]](#) with folds and censoring)
- ▶ Convergence rates ? With more regularity assumptions on  $F_g$  ?

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# Replication crisis

- ▶ Published results/experiments impossible to reproduce
- ▶ 70% fail rate (*Nature* poll)

## A possible explanation: *p*-hacking [Wasserstein and Lazar (2016)]

- ▶ Pre-selecting variables that seem significant, exclude others from experiment
- ▶ Theoretical results no longer hold
- ▶ Results poorly interpretable and non reproducible

## Toy example

- ▶ GWAS study with  $10^6$  genetic variants
- ▶ MTP over only the 10 smallest *p*-values
- ▶ Distribution of 10 smallest  $\neq$  distribution of 10 *p*-values taken at random

# Our general problem

Confidence bounds on any set of selected variables [Goeman and Solari (2011)]

A confidence (post hoc) bound is a (random) function  $\hat{V}$  such that

$$\mathbb{P} \left( \forall S \subset \mathbb{N}_m, V(S) \leq \hat{V}(S) \right) \geq 1 - \alpha$$

- ▶ Hence for any selected  $\hat{S}$ ,  $\mathbb{P} \left( V(\hat{S}) \leq \hat{V}(\hat{S}) \right) \geq 1 - \alpha$  holds
- ▶ Not a classic MTP: a guarantee over any selected set instead of a rejected set
- ▶ Originates from [Genovese and Wasserman (2006)], [Meinshausen (2006)]

# BNR methodology

[Blanchard, Neuvial, and Roquain (2018)]

## Key concept: reference family

- ▶  $\mathfrak{R} = (R_k, \zeta_k)$  (random) with Joint Error Rate (JER) control:

$$\mathbb{P}(\forall k, V(R_k) \leq \zeta_k) \geq 1 - \alpha$$

- ▶ Confidence bound only on the members of  $\mathfrak{R}$
- ▶  $\implies$  Derivation of a global confidence bound
- ▶ Flexible approach: we choose  $\mathfrak{R}$

## Two different interpolation bounds

- ▶  $V_{\mathfrak{R}}^*(S) = \max \{|S \cap A|, \forall k, |R_k \cap A| \leq \zeta_k\}$  difficult to compute
- ▶  $\overline{V}_{\mathfrak{R}}(S) = \min_k (\zeta_k + |S \setminus R_k|) \wedge |S|$  less sharp but easy to compute

# Simes bound

[Goeman and Solari (2011)], [Blanchard, Neuvial, and Roquain (2018)]

Choice of  $\mathfrak{R}$ :

- ▶ Fix  $\zeta_k = k - 1, \forall 1 \leq k \leq m$
- ▶  $R_k = \{i : p_i < \alpha k/m\}$

## Simes bound formula

$$V_{\mathfrak{R}}^*(S) = \overline{V}_{\mathfrak{R}}(S) = \min_k \left( k - 1 + \sum_{i \in S} \mathbb{1}_{\{p_i \geq \alpha k/m\}} \right) \wedge |S|$$

Based on:

- ▶ Simes inequality and PRDS for JER control
- ▶ Nestedness of  $R_k$ 's for  $V_{\mathfrak{R}}^*(S) = \overline{V}_{\mathfrak{R}}(S)$

# New approach

## Opposite to Simes approach of BNR

- 1 Deterministic  $R_k$ 's with a localized structure (e.g. chromosomes).  
Requires to compute  $V_{\mathfrak{R}}^*$
- 2 Over-estimate  $V(R_k)$  in each  $R_k$  with a simple method
  - ▶ Example with the DKWM inequality [Dvoretzky, Kiefer, and Wolfowitz (1956)], [Massart (1990)] (independence needed):

▶  $\zeta_k =$

$$|R_k| \wedge \min_{0 \leq \ell \leq |R_k|} \left[ \frac{C}{2(1-p_{(\ell)})} + \left( \frac{C^2}{4(1-p_{(\ell)})^2} + \frac{\sum_{i \in R_k} \mathbf{1}\{p_i > p_{(\ell)}\}}{1-p_{(\ell)}} \right)^{1/2} \right]^2,$$

where  $C = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{K}{\alpha} \right)}$  (union bound)

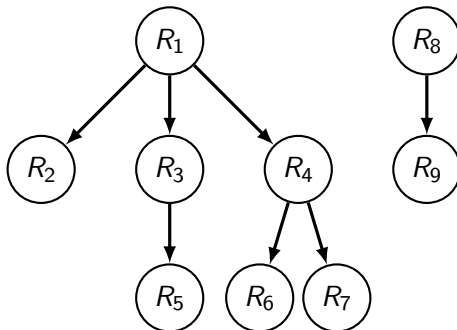
- ▶ Other estimators possible

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## Choice of $R_k$ : Forest structure

- ▶  $\forall k, k' \in \mathcal{K}, R_k \cap R_{k'} \in \{R_k, R_{k'}, \emptyset\}$
- ▶ Includes nested families or totally disjoint families



### Main points

- 1 Accommodates to realistic localization structures
- 2 There is a simple algorithm to compute  $V_{\mathfrak{A}}^*(S)$  with this structure

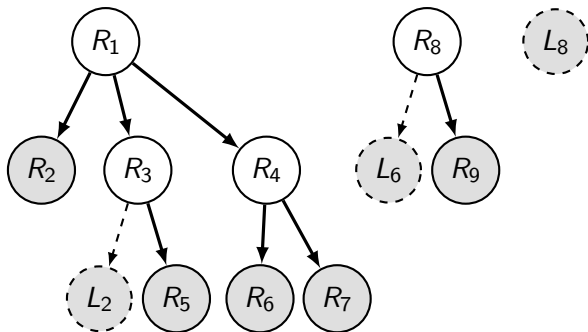
# Properties of forest structures

## Proposition

There is a partition  $(L_n)_{1 \leq n \leq N}$  of  $\mathbb{N}_m$  (the leaves) such that each  $R_k$  can be written as a union  $\bigcup_{i \leq n \leq j} L_n$ .

## Proposition

Each forest structure can be completed to include all leaves.





# New interpolation bounds

Recall:  $\overline{V}_{\mathfrak{H}}(S) = \min_k (\zeta_k + |S \setminus R_k|) \wedge |S|$

## Definition

For any  $q \leq K$ ,

$$\tilde{V}_{\mathfrak{H}}^q(S) = \min_{Q \subset \mathcal{K}, |Q| \leq q} \left( \sum_{k \in Q} \zeta_k \wedge |S \cap R_k| + \left| S \setminus \bigcup_{k \in Q} R_k \right| \right),$$

and

$$\tilde{V}_{\mathfrak{H}}(S) = \tilde{V}_{\mathfrak{H}}^K(S).$$

## Property

$$V_{\mathfrak{H}}^*(S) \leq \tilde{V}_{\mathfrak{H}}(S) \leq \tilde{V}_{\mathfrak{H}}^{K-1}(S) \leq \dots \leq \tilde{V}_{\mathfrak{H}}^2(S) \leq \tilde{V}_{\mathfrak{H}}^1(S) = \overline{V}_{\mathfrak{H}}(S)$$

# Main results

## Theorem

For a reference family with a forest structure and  $\ell =$  number of leaves,

$$V_{\mathfrak{R}}^*(S) = \tilde{V}_{\mathfrak{R}}(S) = \tilde{V}_{\mathfrak{R}}^{\ell}(S).$$

## Lemma

There is a simple algorithm to compute  $\tilde{V}_{\mathfrak{R}}$  if  $\mathfrak{R}$  is complete.

## Lemma

Completing the family does not change  $V_{\mathfrak{R}}^*$  and  $\tilde{V}_{\mathfrak{R}}$ .

## Corollary

There is a simple algorithm to compute  $V_{\mathfrak{R}}^*(S)$  by:

- 1 Completing the family
- 2 Travel across the forest from the leaves

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# Outlook

- ▶ Incorporation of local structure  $\implies$  better power
- ▶ DKWM inequality involves independence
- ▶ Other over-estimators of true nulls ? [Blanchard, Neuvial, and Roquain (2018)], [Hemerik and Goeman (2018)]
- ▶ Other families combining BNR approach and deterministic regions ?
  - ▶  $\mathfrak{R} = (R_{k,i_k}, \zeta_{k,i_k})_{\substack{k \in \mathcal{K} \\ 1 \leq i_k \leq |R_k|}}$

# Conclusion

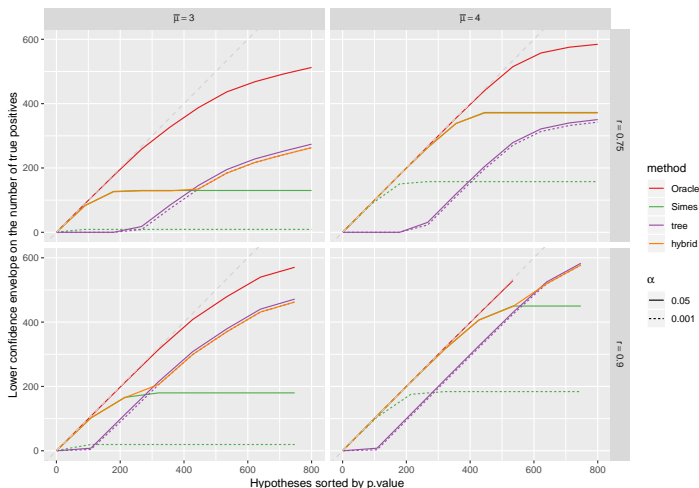
3 different ways to tackle heterogeneity in multiple testing:

- ▶ heterogeneity under the alternative with groups and weights
- ▶ heterogeneity under the discrete null
- ▶ localization heterogeneity with post hoc bounds

Next step: combine them all?

# Hybrid bound

- ▶  $V_{\text{hybrid}}^{\gamma}(\alpha, S) = \min(V_{\text{Simes}}((1 - \gamma)\alpha, S), V_{\text{tree}}(\gamma\alpha, S))$
- ▶  $\gamma = 0.02$ : favors Simes, convenient thanks to  $V_{\text{tree}}$  relation to  $\alpha$



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# Multi-Weighting

A practical way to compute  $\mathcal{I}(\hat{G}_W)$

No need to compute  $W(u)$  for each  $u$  !

$\forall k \in \llbracket 1, m \rrbracket$ , compute all  $\frac{p_i}{W_i(\frac{k}{m})}$  and take  $q_k$  the  $k$ -th smallest.

Let  $q_0 = 0$ .

Then  $\mathcal{I}(\hat{G}_W) = m^{-1} \max\{k \in \llbracket 0, m \rrbracket : q_k \leq \alpha \frac{k}{m}\}$ .

# About the computation of $\widehat{W}^*$

## Key ideas

- ▶ Compute only  $\widehat{W}^*(u)$  for  $u = \frac{1}{m}, \frac{2}{m}, \dots, \frac{m-1}{m}, 1$
- ▶ Fixing  $u$ ,  $w \mapsto \widehat{G}_w(u)$  only jumps at the  $\frac{p_{g,i}}{\alpha u} \implies$  let  $\widehat{W}_g^*(u) = \frac{p_{g,i_g}}{\alpha u}$  such that  $\sum m_g \widehat{\pi}_{g,0} \frac{p_{g,i_g}}{\alpha u} \leq m$  and  $\sum_g i_g$  is maximal
- ▶  $\widehat{G}_w(u)$  nondecreasing in  $u$  AND  $w$  : try to reject 1 hyp, then 2, then 3... for  $u = \frac{1}{m}$ , when fail at  $k$  hyp, try to reject  $k$  hyp for  $u = \frac{2}{m}, \dots$

# Proof ideas

- ▶  $\widehat{G}_{\widehat{W}^*}(\hat{u}) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} G_{W^*}^\infty(u^*)$  by LLN and careful use of maximality
- ▶ Then  $\hat{u} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} u^*$  by continuity of  $\mathcal{I}(\cdot)$
- ▶ Then  $\widehat{W}^*(\hat{u}) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} W^*(u^*)$  by reductio ad absurdum
- ▶  $\implies \text{FDP} = \frac{m^{-1} \sum_g \sum_i \mathbb{1}_{\{p_{g,i} \leq \alpha \hat{u} \widehat{W}_g^*(\hat{u}) \text{ and } H_{g,i} \text{ true}\}}}{\widehat{G}_{\widehat{W}^*}(\hat{u})} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} \frac{\alpha \sum_g \pi_g \pi_{g,0} u^* W_g^*(u^*)}{u^*} = \alpha \sum_g \pi_g \pi_{g,0} W_g^*(u^*) \leq \alpha$  (weight space choice)
- ▶ under (ME), maximize rejections  $\Leftrightarrow$  maximize power because we can write  $\sum_g \pi_g \pi_{g,0} U(\alpha u w_g) \leq \frac{\alpha u}{C} \sum_g \pi_g \tilde{\pi}_{g,0} w_g \leq \frac{\alpha u}{C} \implies$  no dependence in  $w$  in  $G_w^\infty - P_w^\infty$ !

# sADDOW<sub>β</sub>

## Stabilization for weak signal

- ▶ ADDOW overfits so FDR control lost with weak signal in finite sample
- ▶ We should prefer BH then
- ▶  $\implies$  test if there is signal before choosing the procedure, like KS tests

### Definition

$$\text{sADDOW}_\beta = \begin{cases} \text{ADDOW} & \text{if } \phi_\beta = \mathbb{1}_{\{Z_m > q_{\beta,m}\}} = 1 \\ \text{BH} & \text{if } \phi_\beta = \mathbb{1}_{\{Z_m > q_{\beta,m}\}} = 0 \end{cases}$$

with  $Z_m = \sqrt{m} \sup_{u \in [0,1]} \left( \widehat{G}_{\widehat{W}^*}(u) - \alpha u \right)$  and  $q_{\beta,m}$  the  $(1 - \beta)$  quantile of  $Z_{0m}$  (independent copy of  $Z_m$  under full null, and independence).

# sADDOW <sub>$\beta$</sub>

## Stabilization for weak signal

### Main idea (under independence)

Weak signal  $\implies Z_m$  close to  $Z_{0m}$  in distribution, and

$$\begin{aligned}\text{FDR}(\text{sADDOW}_\beta) &= \mathbb{E}[\phi_\beta \text{FDP}(\text{ADDOW}) + (1 - \phi_\beta) \text{FDP}(\text{BH})] \\ &\leq \mathbb{E}[\phi_\beta + \text{FDP}(\text{BH})] \\ &\leq \mathbb{P}(Z_m > q_{\beta,m}) + \frac{m_0}{m} \alpha \\ &\lesssim \mathbb{P}(Z_{0m} > q_{\beta,m}) + \frac{m_0}{m} \alpha \\ &\leq \beta + \frac{m_0}{m} \alpha\end{aligned}$$

►  $\beta \rightarrow 0$  ?

## sADDOW $_{\beta}$ equivalent to ADDOW

### Theorem

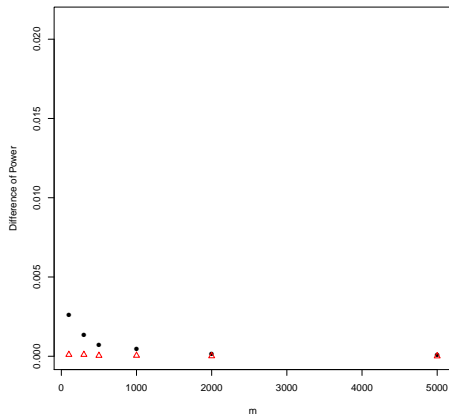
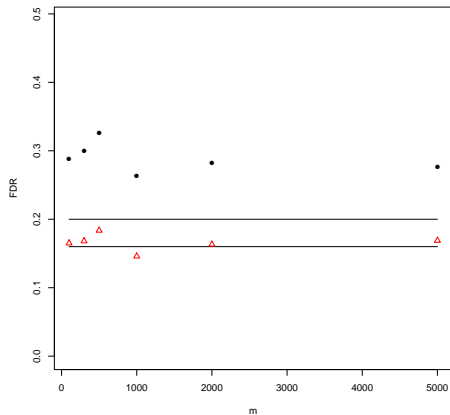
sADDOW $_{\beta}$  is asymptotically equivalent to ADDOW because  $\phi_{\beta} \xrightarrow{a.s.} 1$  when  $m \rightarrow \infty$ , even if  $\beta = \beta_m \rightarrow 0$  not too slowly ( $\beta_m \geq \exp(-m^{1-\nu})$ ,  $\nu > 0$ ).

Proof relies on the DKWM inequality [Massart (1990)]



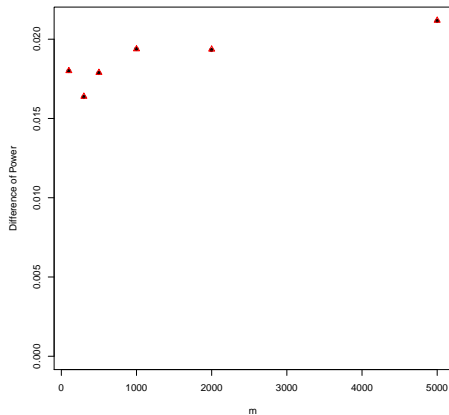
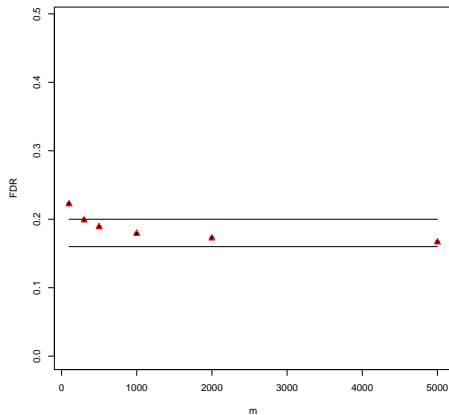
# Stabilization for weak signal : $\bar{\mu} = 0.01$

$\pi_1 = \pi_2 = 0.5$ ,  $\pi_0 = 0.8$ ,  $\mu_1 = \bar{\mu}$ ,  $\mu_2 = 2\bar{\mu}$ , 1000 replications



# Stabilization for strong signal : $\bar{\mu} = 3$

$\pi_1 = \pi_2 = 0.5$ ,  $\mu_1 = \bar{\mu}$ ,  $\mu_2 = 2\bar{\mu}$ , 1000 replications



# Closed testing for post hoc inference

Designed for FWER control [Marcus, Eric, and Gabriel (1976)]

- ▶ Form  $H_{0,I} = \bigcap_{i \in I} H_{0,i}$  all intersection hypotheses
- ▶ Have a collection of  $\alpha$  level local test  $\phi_I$
- ▶ Examples:
  - ▶ Bonferroni test  $\phi_I = 1$  if  $\exists i \in I : p_i \leq \alpha/|I|$
  - ▶ Simes test  $\phi_I = 1$  if  $\exists i \in I : p_{(i:I)} \leq \alpha i/|I|$  (under PRDS)
- ▶ Test  $H_{0,I}$  only if all  $H_{0,J}$ ,  $J \supseteq I$ , are rejected
- ▶ Reject the individual hypotheses  $H_{0,i}$  such that  $H_{0,\{i\}}$  has been rejected that way
- ▶ Then  $\text{FWER}(\text{Closed testing}) \leq \alpha$

# Closed testing for post hoc inference

[Goeman and Solari (2011)]

## Main idea

The closed testing provides more information than just the individual rejects:

- ▶ Let  $\mathcal{X}$  the set of all  $I$  such that we rejected  $H_{0,I}$
- ▶ Simultaneous guarantee over all  $H_{0,I}$ ,  $I \in \mathcal{X}$ :

$$\mathbb{P}(\forall I \in \mathcal{X}, H_{0,I} \text{ is false}) \geq 1 - \alpha$$

Confidence bound derivation:

- ▶  $V_{\text{GS}}(S) = \max_{\substack{I \subseteq S \\ I \notin \mathcal{X}}} |I|$  is a confidence bound because

$$\begin{aligned} \exists S, |S \cap \mathcal{H}_0| > V_{\text{GS}}(S) &\implies \exists S, S \cap \mathcal{H}_0 \in \mathcal{X} \\ &\implies \exists I \in \mathcal{X}, H_{0,I} \text{ is true} \end{aligned}$$

- ▶  $V_{\text{GS}}(S) = V_{\mathfrak{R}}^*(S)$  with  $\mathfrak{R} = (I, |I| - 1)_{I \in \mathcal{X}}$

## DKWM use

- ▶ Let  $S \subset \mathbb{N}_m$
- ▶  $N_t(S) = \sum_{i \in S} \mathbf{1}\{p_i(X) > t\}$
- ▶  $v = |S \cap \mathcal{H}_0|$

$$v \leq \min_{t \in [0,1)} \left( \frac{\sqrt{\log(1/\lambda)/2}}{2(1-t)} + \left\{ \frac{\log(1/\lambda)/2}{4(1-t)^2} + \frac{N_t(S)}{1-t} \right\}^{1/2} \right)^2$$

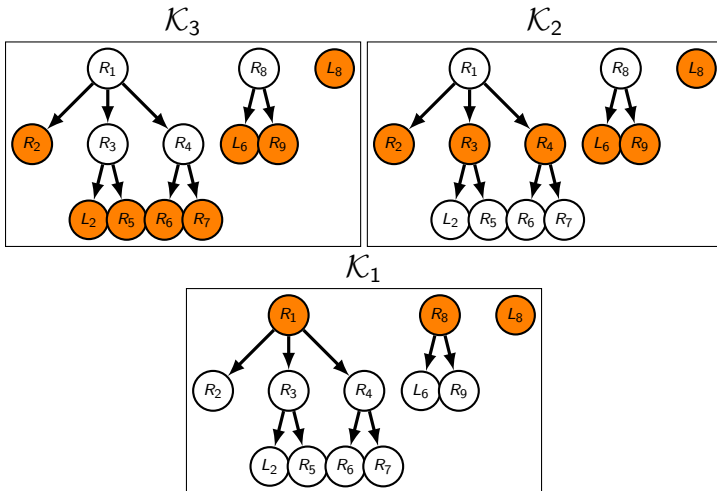
comes from

$$v^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^v \mathbf{1}\{U_i > t\} - (1-t) \geq -\sqrt{\log(1/\lambda)/(2v)}, \quad \forall t \in [0, 1],$$

with probability at least  $1 - \lambda$  ( $U_1, \dots, U_v$  i.i.d. uniform,  $N_t(S)$  dominates  $\sum_{i=1}^v \mathbf{1}\{U_i > t\}$  by independence)

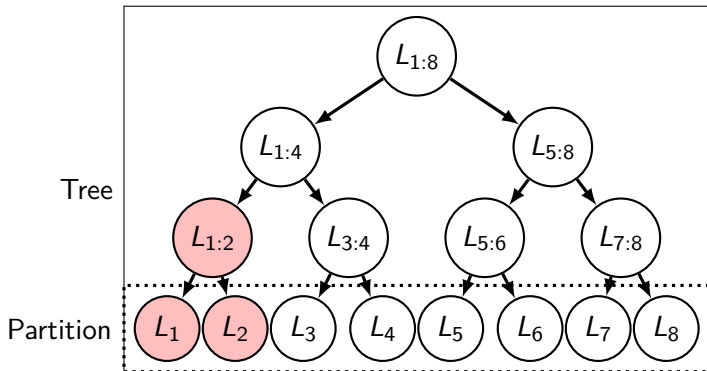
- ▶  $S = R_k$  and  $\lambda = \alpha/K$  (union bound)

# Forest algorithm



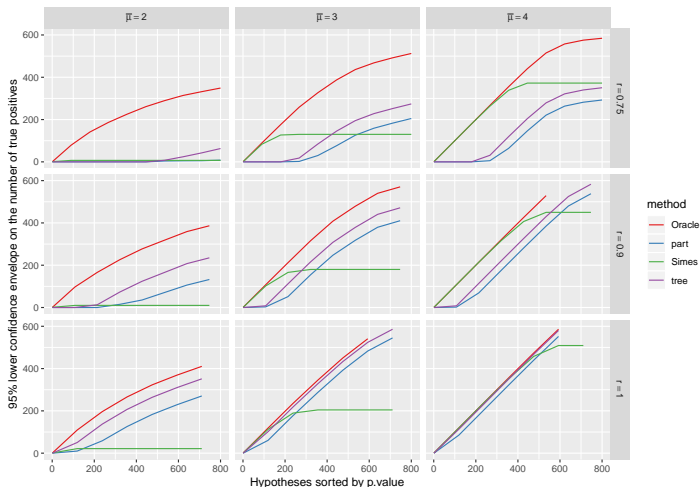
# Comparison of Simes vs 2 new bounds

- ▶  $V_{\text{tree}}$  and  $V_{\text{part}}$ : complete binary tree or only the leaves partition
- ▶ Signal in adjacent leaves, to test  $V_{\text{tree}}$  w.r.t  $V_{\text{part}}$
- ▶ Parameters: signal  $\bar{\mu}$  and signal proportion in active leaves  $r$



# Comparison of Simes vs 2 new bounds

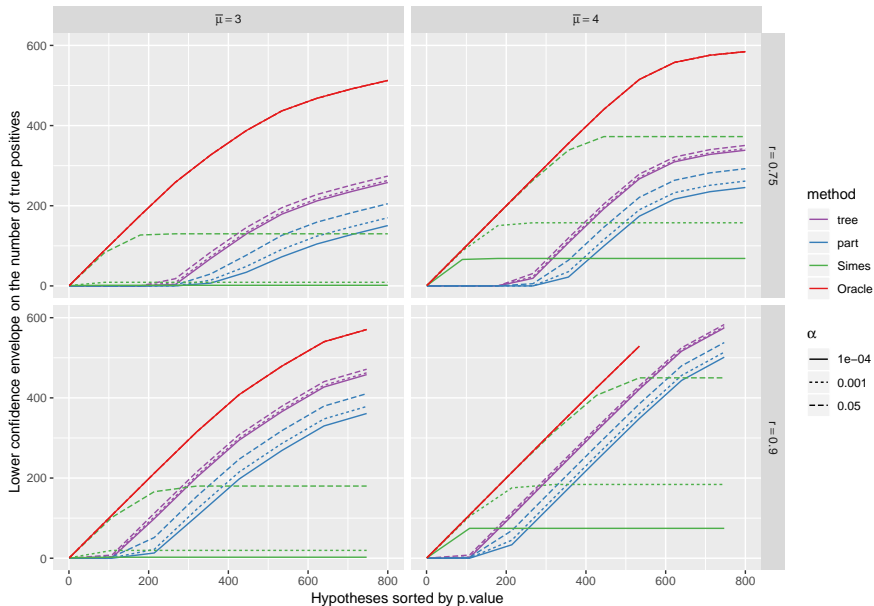
- ▶ The choice of  $S$  favors the Simes bound of BNR
- ▶ Simes better with  $\bar{\mu}$ , new bounds better with  $r$
- ▶  $V_{\text{tree}}$  better than  $V_{\text{part}}$ , despite union bound penalty





# Comparison of 3 bounds

Influence of  $\alpha$



# An example of discrete test

## Fisher's exact test

- ▶ GWAS study
- ▶ Testing association between allele A and a phenotype (1) of interest

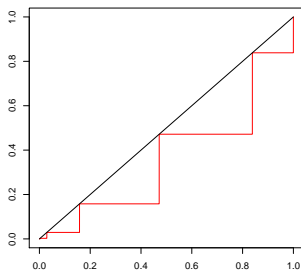
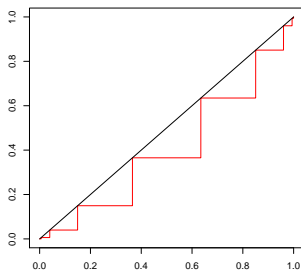
	Phenotype 1	Phenotype 2	Total
Allele A	$n_{1,A}$	$n_{2,A}$	$n_A$
Allele a	$n_{1,a}$	$n_{2,a}$	$n_a$
Total	$n_1$	$n_2$	$N$

- ▶ For large samples,  $\chi^2$  approximation:  $E_{1,A} = \frac{n_1 n_A}{N}$ ,  $\frac{(n_{1,A} - E_{1,A})^2}{E_{1,A}} + \dots$  follows  $\chi^2$  distribution under  $H_0$
- ▶ What if we want an exact test ?
- ▶ Under  $H_0$ , conditionally to  $n_1$  and  $n_A$ ,  $n_{1,A} \sim \mathcal{H}(n_1, n_2, n_A)$ , hypergeometric hence discrete

# Issue of discrete $p$ -values

Super-uniformity rather than uniformity under  $H_0$

Let's see the c.d.f. of  $\mathcal{H}(30, 30, 10)$  and  $\mathcal{H}(14, 42, 6)$ .



Super-uniformity under  $H_0$

$$\mathbb{P}(p \leq u) \leq \mathbb{P}(U \leq u) = u$$

i.e under the null, our  $p$ -values are usually larger than uniforms

# Issue of discrete $p$ -values

Super-uniformity rather than uniformity under  $H_0$

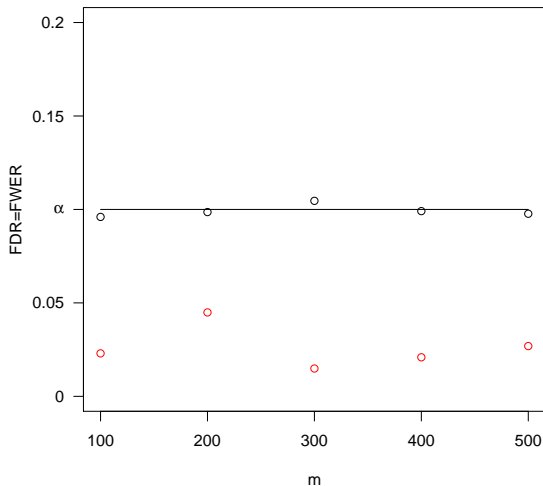
## Problem

Usual MT procedures designed for uniformity

- ▶ As discrete  $p$ -values are larger than uniforms, classic thresholds are too conservative  $\implies$  loss of power

# Issue of discrete $p$ -values

Toy example: BH under full null,  $m/2$   $p$ -values  $\sim \mathcal{H}(30, 30, 10)$ , and  $m/2$   $p$ -values  $\sim \mathcal{H}(14, 42, 6)$



## In this section

- ▶ New procedures that use heterogeneous discrete distributions
- ▶ New FDR bounds and FDR control of our procedures
- ▶ Numerical illustrations

## Back to BH (again)

- ▶ Reject all  $p_i \leq \alpha \frac{\hat{k}}{m}$  where  $\hat{k} = \max\{k : p_{(k)} \leq \alpha k/m\}$

### Step-up procedure, critical constants

- ▶ Take a nondecreasing sequence  $(\tau_k)$ , the critical constants
- ▶ Reject all  $p_i \leq \tau_{\hat{k}}$  where  $\hat{k} = \max\{k : p_{(k)} \leq \tau_k\}$

Examples:

- ▶ BH:  $\tau_k = \alpha k/m$
- ▶ BY [Benjamini and Yekutieli (2001)]:  $\tau_k = \alpha k / (m \times \sum_{i=1}^m i^{-1})$

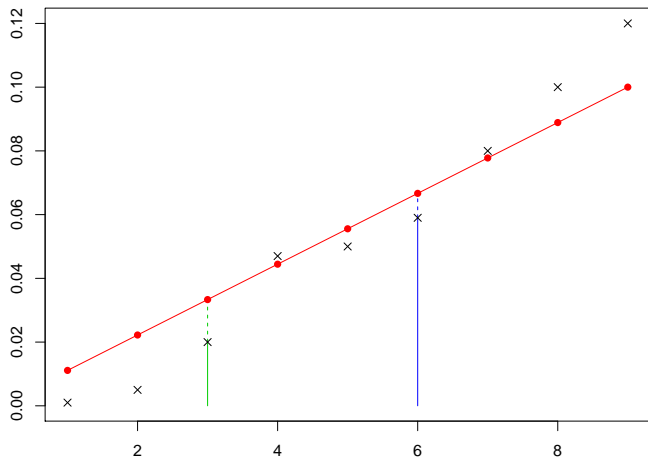
### Step-down procedure

- ▶ Reject all  $p_i \leq \tau_{\hat{k}}$  where  $\hat{k} = \max\{k : \forall k' \leq k, p_{(k')} \leq \tau_{k'}\}$

Example:

- ▶ HB [Holm (1979)]:  $\tau_k = \alpha / (m + k - 1)$

## Step-up, step-down





# Heyse procedure

[Heyse (2011)]

## A step-up procedure

With  $\tau_k = \max\{t \in \mathcal{A} : \bar{F}(t) \leq \alpha k/m\}$ , where  $\bar{F}(t) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m F_i(t)$ ,  $F_i$  (known) c.d.f. under the null,  $\mathcal{A}$  discrete support of  $p$ -values

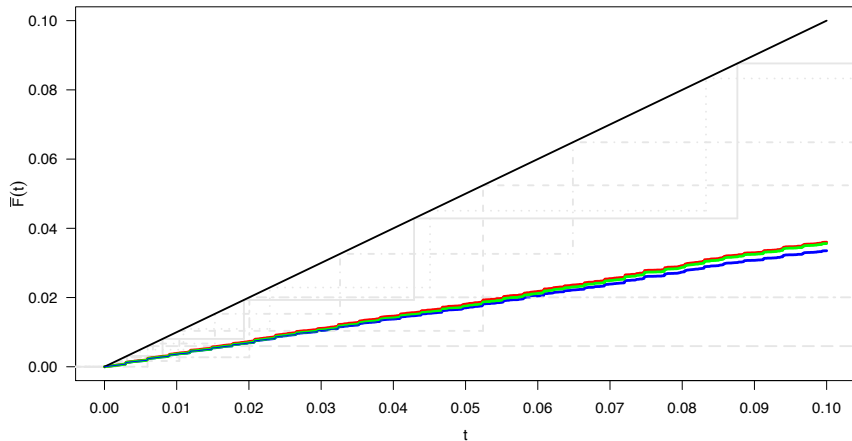
Main ideas:

- ▶ “Invert”  $\bar{F}$  at  $\alpha k/m$
- ▶ As  $\bar{F}(t) \leq t$ , this yields larger critical values than BH
- ▶ The more  $\bar{F}(t)$  is small compared to  $t$ , the larger are the  $\tau_k$
- ▶ But heterogeneity also needed, otherwise Heyse = BH (because  $F_i(t) = t$  when  $t \in \mathcal{A}_i$ )

# Heyse procedure

## An illustration

- Compensation effect from heterogeneity



# Heyse procedure

## Problem

Heyse procedure does not control the FDR

Counter-examples exist

In the following

Build upon Heyse ideas but with FDR control

# HSU and HSD

## Slight modifications of $\bar{F}$

$$\bar{F}_{\text{SU}}(t) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{F_i(t)}{1 - F_i(\tau_m)}; \quad \bar{F}_{\text{SD}}(t) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{F_i(t)}{1 - F_i(t)}$$

where

$$\tau_m = \max\{t \in \mathcal{A} : \bar{F}_{\text{SD}}(t) \leq \alpha\}$$

## HSU

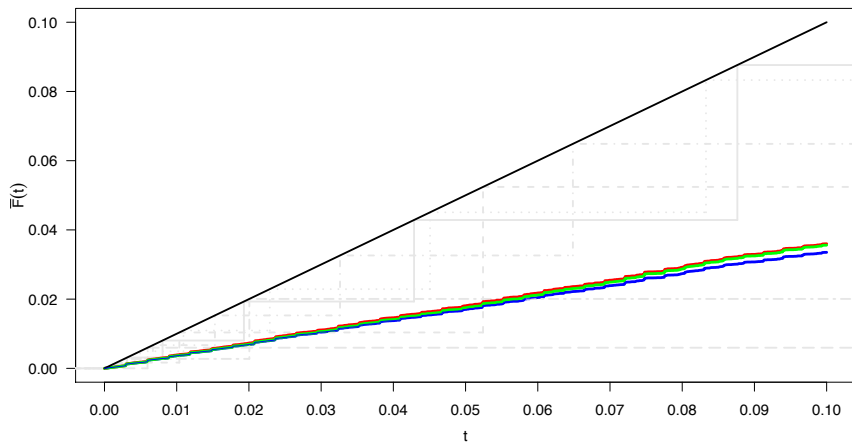
SU with  $\tau_k = \max\{t \in \mathcal{A} : t \leq \tau_m, \bar{F}_{\text{SU}}(t) \leq \alpha k/m\}$ ,  $k \leq m-1$

## HSD

SD with  $\tau_k = \max\{t \in \mathcal{A} : \bar{F}_{\text{SD}}(t) \leq \alpha k/m\}$ ,  $k \leq m$

# HSU and HSD

- ▶  $\bar{F}_{\text{SU}}, \bar{F}_{\text{SD}} \geq \bar{F}$
- ▶ But not that much!



# AHSU ans AHSD

## Adaptive procedures

### AHSU

SU with  $\tau_k =$

$$\max_{k \leq m-1} \left\{ t \in \mathcal{A} : t \leq \tau_m, \left( \frac{F(t)}{1-F(\tau_m)} \right)_{(1)} + \cdots + \left( \frac{F(t)}{1-F(\tau_m)} \right)_{(m-k+1)} \leq \alpha k \right\},$$

### AHSD

SD with

$$\tau_k = \max \left\{ t \in \mathcal{A} : \left( \frac{F(t)}{1-F(t)} \right)_{(1)} + \cdots + \left( \frac{F(t)}{1-F(t)} \right)_{(m-k+1)} \leq \alpha k \right\}, k \leq m$$

# AHSU and AHSD

Why “adaptive” ?

## Back to HB

- ▶ SD with  $\tau_k = \alpha / (m + k - 1)$
  - ▶ Sequential point of view: if  $p_{(1)} \leq \alpha / m$ , then at most  $m - 1$  true nulls, let's see if  $p_{(2)} \leq \alpha / (m - 1) \dots$
  - ▶ Adapts to the quantity of signal
  - ▶ Controls the FWER
- 
- ▶ HSD is the discrete version of GBS [Gavrilov, Benjamini, and Sarkar (2009)]:
$$\tau_k = \frac{\alpha k}{m - (1 - \alpha)k + 1}$$
  - ▶ GBS itself is the FDR version of HB

# New FDR bounds

Under independence

## Theorem

$$\text{FDR}(\mathbf{SU}(\tau)) \leq \min \left( \sum_{i=1}^m \max_k \frac{F_i(\tau_k)}{k}, \right. \\ \left. \max_k \frac{1}{k} \left( \left( \frac{F(\tau_k)}{1 - F(\tau_m)} \right)_{(1)} + \dots + \left( \frac{F(\tau_k)}{1 - F(\tau_m)} \right)_{(m-k+1)} \right) \right)$$



# New FDR bounds

Under independence

## Theorem

$$\text{FDR}(\mathbf{SD}(\tau)) \leq \min \left( \sum_{i=1}^m \max_k \frac{F_i(\tau_k)}{k}, \right. \\ \left. \max_k \frac{1}{k} \left( \left( \frac{F(\tau_k)}{1 - F(\tau_k)} \right)_{(1)} + \dots + \left( \frac{F(\tau_k)}{1 - F(\tau_k)} \right)_{(m-k+1)} \right) \right)$$

# Direct corollaries

## Corollary

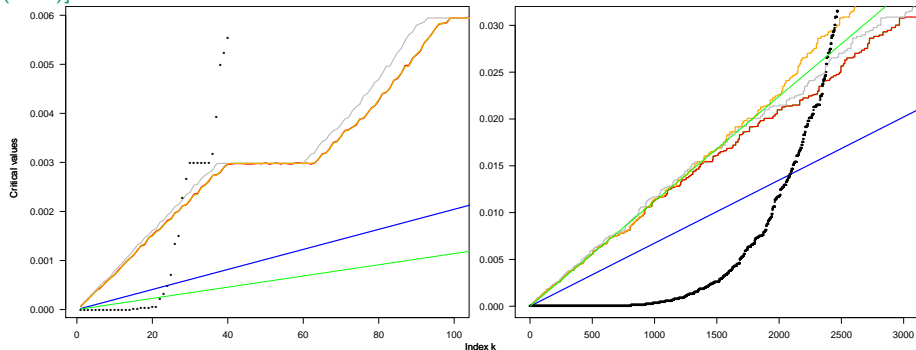
HSU, HSD, AHSU, AHSD all control the FDR under independence

## Also recovery of other results

- ▶ FDR control under independence of BH and GBS
- ▶ [Blanchard and Roquain (2009)] recovered in a special case
- ▶ [Roquain and van de Wiel (2009)] recovered in finite sample  $\implies$  connection with weighting

# Real data analysis

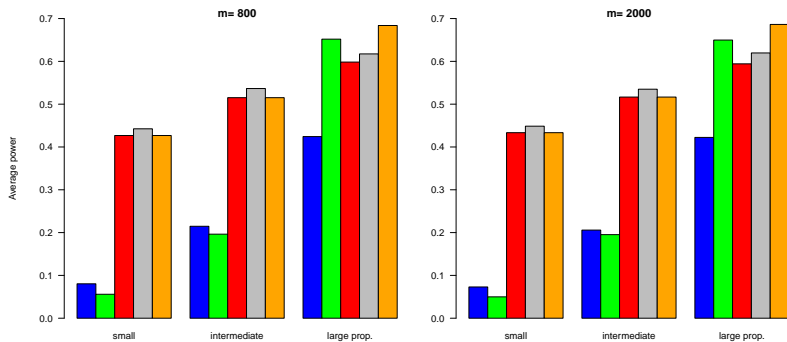
Pharmacovigilance data [Heller and Gur (2011)] and methylation data [Chen and Doerge (2015)]



- ▶ Blue: BH
- ▶ Green: Storey with  $\lambda = 1/2$  but without censoring [Storey, Taylor, and Siegmund (2004)]
- ▶ Grey: Heyse
- ▶ Red: HSU
- ▶ Orange: AHSU

# Simulations

## Fisher's exact test on $m$ contingency tables



$$\pi_0 = 0.9, 0.7, 0.2$$

# Conclusion

- ▶ New powerful procedures well-suited for discrete tests under independence
- ▶ New bounds also relevant in other contexts (i.e. weighting)
- ▶ Positive dependence ? Any dependence ? [Döhler (2016)]
- ▶  $\pi_0$  estimation ?

# A discrete procedure always better than BH: RBH

## SU procedure

With  $\tau_k = \lambda_\alpha k/m$ ,  $\lambda_\alpha = \max\{\lambda \in [0, 1] : \Psi(\lambda_\alpha) \leq \alpha\}$ , and

$$\Psi(\lambda) = \min \left( \lambda, \max_{1 \leq k \leq m} \left( \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{F_i(\lambda k/m)}{1 - F_i(\lambda)} \right) \right)$$

- ▶ FDR control by the new FDR bounds
- ▶ If  $\Psi(\lambda_\alpha) = \alpha$  then RBH always better than BH because  $\alpha \leq \lambda_\alpha$