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Math 152

Paired Sampler

- e.g.
- subjects matched by age and weight.
or severity of condition
then one member of each pair
randomly assigned to treatment or control.
 - littermates divided into treatment
and control randomly.
 - before, after measurements
on same subject

The purpose of such an experimental design
is to reduce variance.

e.g. In a paired design let the
pairs be (X_i, Y_i) $i = 1, \dots, n$

assume $\text{mean}(X_i) = \mu_X$
 $\text{mean}(Y_i) = \mu_Y \quad \forall i.$

and $\text{Var}(X_i) = \sigma_x^2$

$$\text{Var}(Y_i) = \sigma_y^2 \quad \forall i.$$

~~Also~~ Different pairs are independent
but.

assume $\text{Cov}(X_i, Y_i) = \sigma_{xy}$

Then for $D_i = X_i - Y_i$ we
have.

$$E(D_i) = \mu_x - \mu_y$$

$$\text{Var}(D_i) = \text{Cov}(X_i - Y_i, X_i - Y_i)$$

$$= \sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2 - 2\sigma_{xy}$$

$$= \sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2 - 2\rho\sigma_x\sigma_y$$

where $\rho = \frac{\sigma_{xy}}{\sigma_x\sigma_y}$ is the

correlation coefficient
of (X, Y) .

Using $\bar{D} = \bar{X} - \bar{Y}$ to estimate

$\mu_x - \mu_y$, we have.

$$E(\bar{D}) = \mu_x - \mu_y$$

$$\text{Var}(\bar{D}) = \frac{1}{n} (\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2 - 2\rho\sigma_x\sigma_y)$$

In an unpaired design, we have.

(with sample sizes = n for both groups)

$$E(\bar{X} - \bar{Y}) = \mu_x - \mu_y$$

$$\text{Var}(\bar{X} - \bar{Y}) = \frac{1}{n} (\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2)$$

If $\rho > 0$ then $\text{Var}(\bar{D}) < \text{Var}(\bar{X} - \bar{Y})$.

If $\sigma_x = \sigma_y$ we have.

$$\frac{\text{Var}(\bar{D})}{\text{Var}(\bar{X} - \bar{Y})} = 1 - \rho.$$

e.g. with $\rho = .5$.

$$\text{Var}(\bar{D}) = \frac{1}{2} \text{Var}(\bar{X} - \bar{Y}).$$

$$\frac{1}{n} (\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2 - 2\rho\sigma_x\sigma_y) = \frac{1}{2n} (\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2).$$

So twice as many subjects are required in the unpaired experiment to get the same precision.

A non-parametric method for the paired samples comparison

The Signed Rank Test

e.g.

Before	After	Diff	Diff	Rank	Signed Rank
25	27	+2	2	2	2
27	25	-4	4	3	-3
60	59	-1	1	1	-1
27	37	+10	10	4	4

$$W_+ = 2 + 4 = 6.$$

1. Find differences D_i and abs. $|D_i|$
rank the $|D_i|$.
2. restore signs of differences to the ranks.
3. find $W_+ =$ sum of positive ranks.

IF there is no difference in groups,
we expect \approx half the D_i to be
positive

so W_+ should not be too large or
too small.

H_0 : the distribution of the D_i
is symmetric about zero.

Under the null hypothesis, any
possible assignment of signs to
the ranks is equally likely.

There are 2^n possible assignments
each with prob. $\frac{1}{2^n}$.

Corresponding to each is a sum
 W^+ , and so we can determine
the null distribution of W^+ .

If $n \geq 20$, the null distribution
is approximately normal and
we have

Thm: $E(W^+) = \frac{n(n+1)}{4}$

$$\text{Var}(W^+) = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{24}$$

Pf: $W_+ = \sum_{k=1}^n k I_k$

$$I_k = \begin{cases} 1 & k^{\text{th}} \text{ largest } \{D_i\} \\ & \text{has } D_i > 0 \\ 0 & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

Under H_0 .

$$E(I_n) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Var}(I_n) = \frac{1}{4}$$

(Bernoulli
with $p = 1/2$.)

so

$$E(W^+) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^n k = \frac{n(n+1)}{4}$$

$$\text{Var}(W^+) = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{k=1}^n k^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{24}.$$

Too many ties can throw off the
test.
