Inference for Clustering and Anomaly Detection

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RNA sequence data: Head and neck squamous cell carcinoma (HNSC), lung squamous cell carcinoma (LUSC) and lung adenocarcinoma (LUAD). (Network et al. (2012), Network et al. (2014))

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k-means optimal split, splits horizontally!

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2. Test if a mixture of two Gaussians fits the data significantly better than a single Gaussian.

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RIFT can be applied both hierarchically and sequentially to detect more than two clusters with asymptotic error control!

RIFT also has a more robust version - Median RIFT (M-RIFT)!

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Example where SigClust's power converges to 1 as $n \to \infty$.



Comparing Clustering Techniques with n varying

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CERN and the Large Hadron Collider



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The ATLAS and the CMS experiments at the LHC

CMS experiment



ATLAS experiment



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Events from the experiments



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The Standard Model of particle physics



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Topics in Inference

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	AUC	Permutation 1	97	62	18	16	6	8	
		Permutation 2	100	74	38	23	4	6	
	NN Two-Sample	Permutation	74	33	10	10	8	5	

Density of the training data variables, $\lambda = 0.15$



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Interdisciplinary Collaborations.

TCGA project: Multi-Cancer Gene Expression Dataset

- RNA sequence data from 3 types of cancer (Network et al. (2012), Network et al. (2014)).
- Head and neck squamous cell carcinoma (HNSC), lung squamous cell carcinoma (LUSC) and lung adenocarcinoma (LUAD).
- 300 samples: 100 from each of HNSC, LUSC and LUAD.



TCGA project: Multi-Cancer Gene Expression Dataset



- SigClust: 9 clusters.
- AIC: 12, BIC: 8.



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Asymptotic normality of $\hat{\Gamma}$

• Let
$$\hat{p}_1 = N(\hat{\mu}_0, \hat{\Sigma}_0)$$
 and $\hat{p}_2 = \hat{\alpha}N(\hat{\mu}_1, \hat{\Sigma}_1) + (1 - \hat{\alpha})N(\hat{\mu}_2, \hat{\Sigma}_2)$.

Theorem 3

Assume each $\hat{\mu}_i \in A$, a compact set and the eigenvalues of $\hat{\Sigma}_i \in [c_1, c_2]$. Let $Z \sim N(0, \tau^2)$ where $\tau^2 = \mathbb{E}[(\tilde{R}_i - \Gamma)^2 | \mathcal{D}_1]$. Then, under H_0

$$\sup_{t} \left| P(\sqrt{n}(\hat{\Gamma} - \Gamma) \le t \mid \mathcal{D}_{1}) - P(Z \le t) \right| \le \frac{C}{\sqrt{n}}$$
(1)

where C is a constant that does not depend on \mathcal{D}_1 .

Median RIFT (M-RIFT): A more robust test.

•
$$\Gamma = \mathbb{E}_{\rho}[R]$$
, where $R = \log \hat{p}_2(X) / \hat{p}_1(X)$.

- Robustified version: $\tilde{\Gamma} = \operatorname{Median}_{\rho}[R]$, where $R = \log \hat{p}_2(X) / \hat{p}_1(X)$.
- Sample median of R_1, \ldots, R_n is a consistent estimator, where $R_i = \log \hat{p}_2(X_i) / \hat{p}_1(X_i)$.
- Test $H_0: \tilde{\Gamma} \leq 0$ versus $H_1: \tilde{\Gamma} > 0$ using the sign test.
- Replace KL distance with its median version. Gives an exact test!

4 Normals: Hierarchical SigClust and RIFT

• $X_1, \ldots, X_n \sim 4$ Normals at vertices of a regular tetrahedron with side $\delta = 5$ in \mathbb{R}^3 . 50 samples from each. 100 simulations. $\alpha = 0.05$.



Hierarchical RIFT has Type I error control but hierarchical SigClust does not! Carnegie Mellon University

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Sequential RIFT (S-RIFT)

• Using \mathcal{D}_1 , fit a mixture of k Normals for $k = 1, 2, ..., K_n$, $K_n = \sqrt{n}$ (say).

• Using
$$\mathcal{D}_2$$
, for $j = 1, 2, ...$, we test

$$H_{0j} := \mathcal{K}(p, \hat{p}_j) - \mathcal{K}(p, \hat{p}_s) \leq 0 \quad \text{for all } s > j \text{ versus}$$

$$H_{1j} := \mathcal{K}(p, \hat{p}_j) - \mathcal{K}(p, \hat{p}_s) > 0 \quad \text{for some } s > j.$$

• Reject H_{0j} if

$$\max_{s} \hat{\Gamma}_{js} > \frac{Z_{\alpha/m_j} \hat{\tau}_{js}}{\sqrt{n}}$$
$$m_j = K_n - j, \ \hat{\Gamma}_{js} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{D}_2} R_i, \ R_i = \log\left(\frac{\hat{p}_s(X_i)}{\hat{p}_j(X_i)}\right) \text{ and }$$
$$\hat{\tau}_{js}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{D}_2} (R_i - \overline{R})^2.$$

• \hat{k} is the first value of j for which H_{0j} is not rejected. $\hat{p}_{\hat{k}}$ defines the clusters. Carnegie Mellon University

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Unlike AIC or BIC, provides a valid, asymptotic, type I error control.

Lemma 4
Under
$$H_{0j}$$
,

$$\limsup_{n \to \infty} P(\text{rejecting } H_{0j}) \le \alpha.$$

Note: Can be used with L_2 distance or Median version of KL distance.

4 Normals: Comparing S-RIFT to AIC and BIC

- $X_1, \ldots, X_n \sim 4$ Normals at vertices of a regular tetrahedron with side $\delta = 6$ in \mathbb{R}^{10} .
- 100 samples from each. 100 simulations. $\alpha = 0.05$.



Model-independent Method using Gaussian Mixture Models (GMMs)

Two sources of data are at hand:

• Background (Monte Carlo) sample - labelled observations

$$X_1,\ldots,X_m\sim p_b$$

Background + possible signal (experimental) sample - unlabelled observations

$$W_1,\ldots,W_N\sim q=(1-\lambda)p_b+\lambda p_s.$$

$$q(w| heta_{sb}) = (1-\lambda)p_b(w| heta_b) + \lambda p_s(\mathbf{y}| heta_s),$$

where $\theta_{sb} = (\theta_s, \theta_b, \lambda)$ and both the distribution of the anomaly p_s and the distribution of the background p_b are modeled by mixtures of Gaussian components.

Test for $H_0: \lambda = 0$ versus $H_1: \lambda > 0$ using likelihood <u>Catioetestellon</u> University

Confidence Intervals for AUC

• Newcombe's Wald Method (Newcombe, 2006) gives

$$\widehat{V(\hat{\theta})} = \frac{\hat{\theta}(1-\hat{\theta})}{(n-1)(m-1)} \left[2M - 1 - \frac{3M-3}{(2-\hat{\theta})(1+\hat{\theta})} \right],$$

where $M = \frac{n+m}{2}$.

• $100(1-\alpha)\%$ confidence interval for AUC θ is given by

$$\hat{\theta} \pm z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\widehat{V(\hat{\theta})}},$$

where $z_{\alpha/2}$ is the upper $\alpha/2$ percentile of N(0, 1).

• Test by rejecting $H_0: \theta = 0.5$ if 0.5 is not in the $100(1 - \alpha)$ % Cl.

Density of the variables



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Hierarchical RIFT (H-RIFT) vs Sequential RIFT (S-RIFT)





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Hierarchical RIFT (H-RIFT) vs Sequential RIFT (S-RIFT) \hat{p}_1 vs $\hat{p}_2, \hat{p}_3, \dots, \hat{p}_{K_n}$

















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