

Sample size computation activity for Lab 7, ST512  
(also for HW3)

Obtain the sample size necessary to detect differences among weight-reducing agents under certain assumptions.

1. Using SAS code similar to that on p. 115, write a program to compute the sample size necessary to obtain a power of  $1 - \beta = 0.9$  under the assumptions that

$$\mu_A = \mu_E = 12, \mu_B = 11, \mu_C = 10, \mu_D = 9, \sigma^2 = 1$$

- (a) Create a bunch of values for  $n$ , say between  $n = 2$  and  $n = 20$  with a do loop. (Recall the need for an `output;` statement. Try running without it and you'll see that the only time writing to the dataset occurs is over the last iteration, when the `datastep` has reached its end:

```
data powercomp;
  do n=2 to 20;
    output;
  end;
run;
proc print data=powercomp;run;
```

- (b) Add commands within the do-loop that will create values need to get the appropriate areas underneath  $F$ -distributions:
  - numerator and denominator degrees of freedom `df1,df2`
  - the noncentrality parameter `ncp`
  - critical values `critval`

```
data powercomp;
  array muvec{5} mu1-mu5 (12,12,11,10,9);/* creates a vector of hypoth. means under H1 */
  sigma=1;
  do n=2 to 20;
    df1=5-1;    df2=(n-1)*5;
    sumtau2=css(of mu1-mu5);           /* effect of treatments */
    ncp=sumtau2*n/(sigma*sigma);       /* noncentrality ("shift") parameter */
    critval=finv(.95,df1,df2);         /* critical value */
    beta = probf(critval,df1,df2,ncp); /* Type II error rate */
    power=1-beta;                       /* power */
    output;
  end;
  drop mu1-mu5;
run;
proc print data=powercomp;run;
```

(Note the built-in SAS functions: `css`, `finv`, `probf`.)

- (c) Plot the power against the sample size.

```
proc gplot data=powercomp;
  plot power*n;
run;
```

- (d) Enhance the plot with a `symbol` statement before the `gplot`:

```
symbol value=dot;
proc gplot data=powercomp;
  plot power*n;
run;
```

- (e) For the homework, you're asked about how things change as  $\sigma$  increases. Make an outside do loop with three values of  $\sigma = 1, 1.5, 2.0$ :

```
data powercomp;
  array muvec{5} mu1-mu5 (12,12,11,10,9); /* creates a vector of hypoth. means under H1 */
  sigma=1;
  do sigma=1 to 2 by 0.5;
  do n=2 to 20;
    df1=5-1;    df2=(n-1)*5;
    sumtau2=css(of mu1-mu5); /* effect of treatments */
    ncp=sumtau2*n/(sigma*sigma); /* noncentrality ("shift") parameter */
    critval=finv(.95,df1,df2); /* critical value */
    beta = probf(critval,df1,df2,ncp); /* Type II error rate */
    power=1-beta; /* power */
    output;
  end;
end;
drop mu1-mu5;
run;
```

- (f) Produce a different symbol for each value of  $\sigma$ :

```
symbol value=dot;
proc gplot data=powercomp;
  plot power*n;
run;
```

- (g) Connect the dots with the `join` option for the `interpolate` command in the `symbol` statement:

```
symbol value=dot i=join;
proc gplot data=powercomp;
  title "HW3, problem 2";
  plot power*n;
run;
```