

1. Matlab code for the BRL method with the gold standard

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% Given information x, m observations from nondiseased group
%           y, n observations from disease group
%           grid, the length of even interval of FPF
%           NSCAN, an integer of MCMC iteration
%           burnin, an integer of burn-in
%           gap, an integer of lag
%           a, initial value of normal mean
%           b, initial value of normal standard deviation
%           gib, vector of MCMC samples
% Help function--generate size=nsample random variables from
% truncated normal with non-truncated normal mean a, standard
% deviation b and corresponding truncation region (kc1,kc2)
function [TN2] =TN2(nsample,a,b,kc1,kc2)
xq=ones(nsample,1);
din= normcdf(kc2,a,b)- normcdf(kc1,a,b);% CDF
for i= 1:nsample
u=rand(1,1);
xq(i)=norminv(din*u+normcdf(kc1,a,b),a,b);
end;
TN2=xq;

%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%start the main codes
z=[x;y];%(m+n)*1 matrix
idd=[zeros(m,1);ones(n,1)];
[temp, index]=sortrows(z);
id=idd(index);%labels of combined ordered statistics denoted as id
orid=1:(m+n);
%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%start to get the iniatial values R=order(Z,W)
Rtemp=zeros(m+n,1);
Rtemp(id==1)=sort(normrnd(a0,b0,n,1));%fill in W initial values
indexy=orid(id==1);%get the indices of W's initial denoted as indexy
if (indexy(1)>1) %fill in Z initial values
Rtemp(1:(indexy(1)-1))=sort(TN2((indexy(1)-1),0,1,-100,Rtemp(indexy(1))));
end;
gum=ones(size(indexy,2),2);
gum(:,2)= [diff(indexy) -1]-1;
gum(:,1)=indexy;
for i=1:n
if (gum(i,2)>0)
Rtemp((gum(i,1)+1):(gum(i+1,1)-1))
=sort(TN2(gum(i,2),0,1, Rtemp(gum(i,1)), Rtemp(gum(i+1,1))));
end;
end;
R=Rtemp;
%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%start Gibbs sampling
for j=1:NSCAN
%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%update R based on current values a(j) and b(j)
i=1;
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if (id(i)==0)
R(i)=TN2(1,0,1,-100,R(2));
else
R(i)=TN2(1,a(j),b(j),-100,R(2));
end;
for i=2:(m+n-1)
if (id(i)==0)
R(i)=TN2(1,0,1,R(i-1),R(i+1));
else
R(i)=TN2(1,a(j),b(j),R(i-1),R(i+1));
end;
end;
i=(m+n);
if (id(i)==0)
R(i)=TN2(1,0,1,R(m+n-1),100);
else
R(i)=TN2(1,a(j),b(j),R(m+n-1),100);
end;
%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%update Z, W values based on R
Z=R(id==0);
W=R(id==1);
vrate=var(W)*(n-1)/2;
%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%update a and b by (Z,W)
b(j+1)=sqrt(1/gamrnd((n-1)/2, 1/vrate));
a(j+1)=normrnd(mean(W), b(j+1)/sqrt(n),1,1);
end;
%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%end of Gibbs sampling

%%%BRL estimate of intercept and slope in the binormal model for ROC
BRLintercept=mean(a(gib)./b(gib));
BRLslope=mean(1./b(gib));

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Other sampling error information and BRL estimate of ROC can be obtained easily.