## P-values and statistical tests 7. Statistical power

Marek Gierliński Division of Computational Biology



Hand-outs available at http://is.gd/statlec

#### Statistical power: what is it about?



How does our ability to call a change "significant" depend on the effect size and the sample size?

## Effect size

#### Effect size describes the alternative hypothesis



#### Effect size for two sample means



#### Effect size for two sample means



Cohen, J. (1988). *Statistical power analysis for the behavioral sciences* 

#### Effect size depends on the standard deviation



#### Effect size does not depend on the sample size



# Effect size describes the alternative hypothesis

#### Effect size in ANOVA



Test statistic
$$F = \frac{MS_B}{MS_W}$$

$$H_0: MS_B = MS_W$$
$$H_1: MS_B = MS_W + nMS_A$$
Added variance

$$f^2 = \frac{MS_A}{MS_W}$$
Cohen's f

$$f^2 = \frac{F-1}{n}$$

For the purpose of this calculation we only consider groups of equal sizes, n

#### Effect size in ANOVA



#### Effect size in frequency tables: odds ratio

	Dead	Alive	Total
Drug A	68	12	80
Drug B	70	30	100
Total	138	42	180

p = 0.013

$q_B - q_A = 0.30 - 0.15 = 0.1$
---------------------------------

Not useful for small proportions

Odds of survival  

$$\frac{q_A}{p_A} = \frac{0.15}{0.85} = 0.18 : 1$$
  
 $\frac{q_B}{p_B} = \frac{0.30}{0.70} = 0.43 : 1$ 

Odds ratio
$$\omega = \frac{q_B/p_B}{q_A/p_A} = \frac{0.43}{0.18} = 2.4$$

	Dead	Alive	Total
Drug A	$p_{A} = 0.85$	$q_{A} = 0.15$	1
Drug B	$p_{B} = 0.70$	$q_{B} = 0.30$	1
Total	1	1	

## Effect size

Data	Statistical test	Effect size	Formula
Two sets, size $n_1$ and $n_2$	t-test	Cohen's d	$d = t \sqrt{\frac{n_1 + n_2}{n_1 n_2}}$
k groups of $n$ points each	ANOVA	Cohen's <i>f</i>	$f = \sqrt{\frac{F-1}{n}}$
2×2 contingency table	Fisher's exact	Odds ratio	$\omega = \frac{q_B/p_B}{q_A/p_A}$
Paired data $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ and $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$	Significance of correlation	Pearson's <i>r</i>	$r = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( \frac{x_i - M_x}{SD_x} \right) \left( \frac{y_i - M_y}{SD_y} \right)$

#### How to do it in R?

```
> library(MBESS)
# Mouse body weight data
> English = c(16.5, 21.3, 12.4, 11.2, 23.7, 20.2, 17.4, 23, 15.6, 26.5, 21.8, 18.9)
> Scottish = c(19.7, 29.3, 27.1, 24.8, 22.4, 27.6, 25.7, 23.9, 15.4)
> n1 = length(English)
> n2 = length(Scottish)
# t-test with equal variances, extract test statistic
> test = t.test(English, Scottish, var.equal=TRUE)
> t = test$statistic[['t']]
# confidence limits on the non-centrality parameter (t in this case)
> nct.limits = conf.limits.nct(t, n1 + n2 - 2)
# find Cohen's distance and its limits
> sn = sqrt((n1 + n2) / (n1 * n2))
> d = t * sn
> d.lower = nct.limits$Lower.Limit * sn
> d.upper = nct.limits$Upper.Limit * sn
> d
[1] -1.102067
> d.lower
[1] -2.021337
> d.upper
[1] -0.1579345
```

## Statistical power t-test

## Statistical testing



	H <sub>o</sub> is true	H <sub>o</sub> is false	
H <sub>o</sub> rejected	<b>type I error</b> (α) false positive	<b>correct decision</b> true positive	Positive
H <sub>o</sub> accepted	<b>correct decision</b> true negative	<b>type II error (β</b> ) false negative	Negative
	No effect	Effect	

### Gedankenexperiment



#### One alternative hypothesis



## Statistical power

## The probability of correctly rejecting the null hypothesis

(choosing the alternative, when it is true)

## Multiple alternative hypotheses



#### Power curve





#### How to do it in R?

```
# Find sample size required to detect the effect size d = 1
> power.t.test(d=1, sig.level=0.05, power=0.8, type="two.sample",
alternative="two.sided")
```

```
One-sample t test power calculation
```

```
n = 16.71473
d = 1
sig.level = 0.05
power = 0.8
alternative = two.sided
```

```
> power.t.test(d=1, sig.level=0.05, power=0.95, type="two.sample",
alternative="two.sided")
```

One-sample t test power calculation n = 26.98922 d = 1 sig.level = 0.05 power = 0.95

alternative = two.sided

## Statistical power ANOVA

#### One alternative hypothesis



### Multiple alternative hypotheses



#### Power curves



#### How to do it in R?

> library(pwr)

```
# Find sample size required to detect a "large" effect size f = 0.4
> pwr.anova.test(k=4, f=0.4, sig.level=0.05, power=0.8)
```

Balanced one-way analysis of variance power calculation

NOTE: n is number in each group

## Worked example

#### Example: how toxicity affects rat brains

#### **Pilot experiment**

Connected neurons in 5 chambers Put neurotoxin in C3 Count dead and alive cells See how it spreads

#### **Power analysis**

How many replicates do we need to...

- 1) detect a 10% difference between chambers? (power in t-test)
- 2) detect the observed C1-C5 effect in ANOVA? (power in ANOVA)



Samson *at al.* (2016) DOI:10.1038/srep33746 How many replicates to detect a difference of 0.1 between chambers?

#### Assess your data variability based on the pilot



#### Better scenario: SD = 0.1



> power.t.test(d=1, sig.level=0.05, power=0.8, type="two.sample", alternative="two.sided")

```
Two-sample t test power calculation
```

```
n = 16.71477
delta = 1
    sd = 1
sig.level = 0.05
    power = 0.8
```

#### Worse scenario: SD = 0.15



> power.t.test(d=0.67, sig.level=0.05, power=0.8, type="two.sample", alternative="two.sided")

```
Two-sample t test power calculation
```

```
n = 35.95548
delta = 0.67
sd = 1
sig.level = 0.05
power = 0.8
```

How many replicates to detect the observed C1-C5 effect in ANOVA?

#### Power in ANOVA



## How many replicates do we need?

```
> library(pwr)
> rat = read.table('http://tiny.cc/rat_toxicity', header=TRUE)
# Here n = 6 and k = 4
> rat.aov = aov(Proportion \sim Chamber, data=rat)
# Extract F value
> F = summary(rat.aov)[[1]] [1]
# Effect size: Cohen's f
> f = sqrt((F - 1)/n)
# What is the power of this experiment?
> pwr.anova.test(k=4, n=6, f=f, sig.level=0.05)
              k = 6
              n = 5
              f = 0.3760972
      sig.level = 0.05
          power = 0.2507655
# How many replicates to get power of 0.8?
> pwr.anova.test(k=4, f=f, sig.level=0.05, power=0.8)
              k = 6
              n = 16.06243
              f = 0.3760972
      sig.level = 0.05
          power = 0.8
```



#### Hand-outs available at

http://tiny.cc/statlec





