

Integration in the **hyper2** package

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Abstract

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1. Introduction

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2. Chess

Consider Table 1 in which matches between three chess players are tabulated; this dataset was analysed by Hankin (2010).

$$C \frac{p_1^{30} p_2^{36} p_3^{22}}{(p_1 + p_2)^{35} (p_2 + p_3)^{35} (p_1 + p_3)^{18}}$$

(the symbol ‘ C ’ consistently stands for an undetermined constant). This likelihood function is provided in the **hyper2** package as the **chess** dataset:

```
> chess
```

```
log(Anand^36 * (Anand + Karpov)^35 * (Anand + Topalov)^35 * Karpov^22 *  
(Karpov + Topalov)^18 * Topalov^30)
```

We can calculate the normalizing constant:

Topalov	Anand	Karpov	total
22	13	-	35
-	23	12	35
8	-	10	18
30	36	22	88

Table 1: Results of 88 chess matches (dataset `chess` in the **aylmer** package) between three Grandmasters; entries show number of games won up to 2001 (draws are discarded). Topalov beats Anand 22-13; Anand beats Karpov 23-12; and Karpov beats Topalov 10-8

```
B(chess)
```

```
[1] 1.442828e-28
```

comparing well with the value given by the **hyperdirichlet** package of 1.47×10^{-28} . [Hankin \(2010\)](#) went on to calculate the p -value for $H_0: p = (\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3})$ as 0.395, a calculation which may be performed in the **hyper2** package as follows:

```
f <- function(p){loglik(indep(p),chess) > loglik(c(1,1)/3,chess)}
probability(chess, disallowed=f,tol=0.1)
```

```
[1] 0.4099
```

Again comparing well with the older result (smaller values of `tol` give closer agreement at the expense of increased computation time). Finally, we can calculate the probability that Topalov is a better player than Anand:

```
T.lt.A <- function(p){p[1]<p[2]}
probability(chess, disallowed=T.lt.A,tol=0.01)
```

```
[1] 0.7123
```

again showing reasonable agreement with the 2010 value of 0.701.

3. Verification

In a breathtaking display of arrogance and/or incompetence, [Hankin \(2010\)](#) did not actually provide any evidence that the integration suite of **hyperdirichlet** was accurate. Here I compensate for that inexcusable lapse by comparing numerical results with analytical formulae. Consider the standard Dirichlet distribution:

$$\frac{p_1^{\alpha_1-1} \dots p_k^{\alpha_k-1}}{B(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k)} \quad (1)$$

where it is understood that the $p_i > 0$ and $\sum p_i = 1$; here $B = \frac{\Gamma \sum \alpha_i}{\prod \Gamma \alpha_i}$ is the normalization constant. We can verify that **hyper2::B()** is operating as expected for the case $\alpha = (1, 2, 3, 4)$:

```
> x <- c(a=1, b=2, c=3, d=4) # needs a named vector
> ans1 <- B(dirichlet(alpha = x),tol=0.1)
> ans2 <- prod(gamma(x))/gamma(sum(x))
> c(numerical=ans1,theoretical=ans2) # should agree
```

```
numerical theoretical
3.301e-05 3.307e-05
```

Further, consider a Dirichlet distribution with $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \alpha_3 = \alpha_4 = 3$. Then, by symmetry, the probability that $p_1 < p_2$ should be exactly $\frac{1}{2}$:

```
> f <- function(p){p[1]<p[2]}
> H <- dirichlet(alpha=c(a=3,b=3,c=3,d=3))
> probability(H,f,tol=0.1)
```

```
[1] 0.4973
```

(compare exact value of 0.5; note the loose tolerance of 0.1, needed to keep computational time short—the integrand has a severe discontinuity which is computationally expensive to integrate across). Further, $P(p_1 < p_2 < p_3)$ should be exactly $\frac{1}{6}$:

```
> g <- function(p){(p[1]<p[2]) & (p[2]<p[3])}
> 1-probability(H,disallowed=g,tol=0.1)
```

```
[1] 0.1866
```

(compare exact value of 0.1666).

4. More results: icons dataset

Consider the `icons` dataset, shown in table 2, and the following hypotheses, again following Hankin (2010), and reproduced here for convenience.

```
> icons
```

```
log(L^24 * (L + NB + OA + THC)^-20 * (L + NB + OA + WAIS)^-9 * (L + NB
+ THC + WAIS)^-15 * (L + OA + PB + THC)^-11 * (L + OA + PB + WAIS)^-18
* (L + PB + THC + WAIS)^-16 * NB^32 * (NB + OA + PB + THC)^-18 * (NB +
OA + PB + WAIS)^-8 * (NB + PB + THC + WAIS)^-18 * OA^14 * PB^30 *
THC^24 * WAIS^9)
```

```
> maxp(icons)
```

```
      NB      L      PB      THC      OA      WAIS
0.25230 0.17364 0.22458 0.17011 0.11069 0.06867
```

icon						
NB	L	PB	THC	OA	WAIS	total
5	3	-	4	-	3	15
3	-	5	8	-	2	18
-	4	9	2	-	1	16
1	3	-	3	4	-	11
4	-	5	6	3	-	18
-	4	3	1	3	-	11
5	1	-	-	1	2	9
5	-	1	-	1	1	8
-	9	7	-	2	0	18
23	24	30	24	14	9	124

Table 2: Experimental results from O’Neill (2007) (dataset `icons` in the package): respondents’ choice of ‘most concerning’ icon of those presented. Thus the first row shows results from respondents presented with icons NB, L, THC, and WAIS; of the 15 respondents, 5 chose NB as the most concerning (see text for a key to the acronyms). Note the “0” in row 9, column 6: this option was available to the 18 respondents of that row, but none of them actually chose WAIS

For reference, the other hypotheses were:

- $H_1: p_1 \geq \frac{1}{6}$
- $H_2: p_1 \geq \max\{p_2, \dots, p_6\}$
- $H_3: p_5 + p_6 \geq \frac{1}{3}$
- $H_4: \max\{p_5, p_6\} \geq \min\{p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4\}$

```
> f1 <- function(p){p[1] > 1/6}
> f2 <- function(p){p[1] > max(fillup(p)[-1])}
> f3 <- function(p){sum(fillup(p)[5:6]) > 1/3}
> f4 <- function(p){max(fillup(p)[1:2]) > min(fillup(p)[3:6])}
```

Here I will analyse just the first hypothesis, that is $H_1: p_1 \leq \frac{1}{6}$ using the integration facilities of the **hyper2** package, and compare with previous results. Here we perform a Bayesian analysis, made possible by the efficient coding of **hyper2**:

```
probability(icons, disallowed=function(p){p[1] > 1/6}, tol=0.1)
```

```
[1] 0.01502
```

See how the disallowed region is the *expected* bit of the parameter space. Thus the probability that the p_i are unexpected (that is, $p_1 < 1/6$) is about 1.5% or conversely, $P(H_1) \simeq 0.985$. The likelihood ratio reported was about 2.608, which would correspond to a p -value of about

```
> pchisq(2*2.608, df=1, lower.tail=FALSE)
```

[1] 0.02238

or just over 2% under an asymptotic distribution; thus this frequentist technique gives comparable strength of evidence for H_1 to the Bayesian approach.

5. Incomplete survey data

This section performs the analysis originally presented in [Altham and Hankin \(2010\)](#). The data, given here in table 4 arises from 69 medical malpractice claims, and are the two surgeons' answers to the question: was there a communication breakdown in the hand-off between physicians caring for the patient?

Reviewer 1	Reviewer 2			
	Yes	No	Missing	Total
Yes	26	1	2	29
No	5	18	9	32
Missing	4	4	0	8
Total	35	23	11	69

Table 3: Two surgeon reviews of malpractice claims data

Reviewer 1	Reviewer 2			
	Yes	No	Missing	Total
Yes	y_{11}	y_{10}	z_{1+}	$y_{1+} + z_{1+}$
No	y_{01}	y_{00}	z_{0+}	$y_{0+} + z_{0+}$
Missing	u_{+1}	u_{+0}	0	u_{++}
Total	$y_{+1} + u_{+1}$	$y_{+0} + u_{+0}$	z_{++}	n

Table 4: Notation for the data

We may implement an appropriate likelihood function as follows:

```
> H <- hyper2()
> H["t00"] <- 18
> H["t10"] <- 01
> H["t01"] <- 05
> H["t11"] <- 26
> H[c("t11", "t10")] <- 2
> H[c("t01", "t00")] <- 9
> H[c("t11", "t01")] <- 4
> H[c("t10", "t00")] <- 4
> H
log(t00^18 * (t00 + t01)^9 * (t00 + t10)^4 * t01^5 * (t01 + t11)^4 *
t10 * (t10 + t11)^2 * t11^26)
```

(object `H` is provided as `handover` in the package). Then we may estimate the probability that reviewer 2 is more likely to give a ‘yes’ than reviewer 1 as follows:

```
> free <- maxp(H,give=TRUE)
> m <- fillup(free$par)
> names(m) <- pnames(H)
> m
```

```
      t00      t01      t10      t11
0.41955 0.11128 0.01799 0.45119
```

```
> free$value
```

```
[1] -64.15
```

Then the constrained optimization:

```
> obj <- function(p){-loglik(p,H)} # objective func
> gr <- function(p){-gradient(H,p)} # gradient, needed for speed
> UI <- rbind(diag(3),-1)          # UI and CI specify constraints
> CI <- c(rep(0,3),-1)           # p_i >= 0 and sum p_i <= 1
```

We will test $H_A: p_2 < p_3$ using the method of support.

```
> constrained <- maxp(H,give=TRUE, fcm = rbind(c(0,-1,1)), fcv=0,maxtry=1e5)
> constrained
```

```
$par
[1] 0.42735779 0.06018069 0.06018069
```

```
$value
[1] -66.14478
```

```
$counts
function gradient
      318      43
```

```
$convergence
[1] 0
```

```
$message
NULL
```

```
$outer.iterations
[1] 2
```

```
$barrier.value
```

```
[1] 0.0001060435
```

```
$likes
```

```
[1] -82.48451 -66.73119 -82.48454 -66.14478 -67.33553 -67.11853 -66.14607
```

```
[8] -66.16411 -66.27162 -66.67668
```

Thus the support for H_A is about $66.14478 - 64.14538 = 1.9999$, or almost exactly 2 units of support.

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