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Study suggests dogs may have self-domesticated for food



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Research proposes that dogs may have domesticated themselves by opting to stay near humans for food, a process potentially driven by natural selection over 15,000 years. Published in the Proceedings of the Royal Society B, the study uses a statistical model to explore this hypothesis, suggesting that wolves who preferred human proximity and selected similarly

tame mates could have initiated the domestication process. **Full Story:** [Live Science](#)

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Abstract

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Rapid evolution of prehistoric dogs from wolves by natural and sexual selection emerges from an agent-based model

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 **Review history**

Abstract

Today

1. Recap Feb 11 confidence intervals and regions, exact and approximate, approximate posterior
2. Hypothesis testing and significance testing
3. Project: Choice of papers
4. HW6

- $p = 1$: $(1 - \alpha)$ confidence interval, confidence bound
- $p > 1$: $(1 - \alpha)$ confidence region see next slides
- $p = 1$: $(1 - \alpha)$ credible interval, credible bound prior $\pi(\theta)$
- $p > 1$: $(1 - \alpha)$ credible set
- $(1 - \alpha)$ is the **coverage** of the confidence interval or region or the **probability** of the credible interval or set
- coverage of confidence regions and intervals can be **exact** or **approximate**

Recap $\mathbf{X} \sim f(\mathbf{x}; \theta), \quad \theta \in \mathbb{R}$

- approximate $(1 - \alpha)$ confidence interval

$$\hat{\theta} \pm z_{1-\alpha/2} \hat{s}e(\hat{\theta}) = \hat{\theta} \pm z_{1-\alpha/2} j^{-1/2}(\hat{\theta})$$

- approximate pivotal quantity $(\hat{\theta} - \theta)j^{1/2}(\hat{\theta}) \sim$

- approximate $(1 - \alpha)$ credible interval

$$\tilde{\theta} \pm z_{1-\alpha/2} \tilde{j}^{-1/2}(\tilde{\theta})$$

- approximate normality of posterior

$$\pi(\theta | \mathbf{x}) \approx N\{\hat{\theta}, j^{-1/2}(\hat{\theta})\} \quad \text{or} \quad \pi(\theta | \mathbf{x}) \approx N\{\tilde{\theta}, \tilde{j}^{-1/2}(\tilde{\theta})\}$$

Recap: Confidence and credible regions

- Bayesian: HPD region C for θ :

$\theta \in \mathbb{R}$ or $\mathbb{R}^p$

$$(1) \quad \int_C \pi(\theta \mid \mathbf{x}) = 1 - \alpha$$

$$(2) \quad \pi(\theta \mid \mathbf{x}) \geq \pi(\theta^* \mid \mathbf{x}), \quad \text{any } \theta \in C \text{ and } \theta^* \notin C$$

- approximate pivotal quantities

$$(\hat{\theta} - \theta)^T I_n(\hat{\theta})(\hat{\theta} - \theta)$$

$$w(\theta) = 2\{\ell(\hat{\theta}) - \ell(\theta)\}$$

- approximate confidence regions

$$R_1(\hat{\theta}) = \{\theta : (\hat{\theta} - \theta)^T I_n(\hat{\theta})(\hat{\theta} - \theta) \leq \chi_{p,1-\alpha}^2\},$$

$$R_2(\hat{\theta}) = \{\theta : w(\theta) \leq \chi_{p,1-\alpha}^2\}$$

regions in Θ , depend on $\hat{\theta}$

- model $Y \sim f(y; \psi, \lambda)$, $\psi \in \mathbb{R}^d, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^{p-d}$, $\theta = (\psi, \lambda)$

$$y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$$

- profile log-likelihood function $\ell_p(\psi) = \ell(\psi, \hat{\lambda}_\psi)$

maximize over λ

- approximate pivotal quantities

MS Thm 7.4,5

$$\frac{(\hat{\psi} - \psi)^T \mathbf{j}_p(\hat{\psi})(\hat{\psi} - \psi)}{2\{\ell_p(\hat{\psi}) - \ell_p(\psi)\}}$$

- approximate confidence regions

$$\begin{aligned} &\{\psi : (\hat{\psi} - \psi)^T \mathbf{j}_p(\hat{\psi})(\hat{\psi} - \psi) \leq \chi_{d,1-\alpha}^2\} \\ &\{\psi : 2\{\ell_p(\hat{\psi}) - \ell_p(\psi)\} \leq \chi_{d,1-\alpha}^2\} \end{aligned}$$

- Textbook version

$$\Lambda = \frac{\sup_{\theta \in \Theta} f(\mathbf{X}; \theta)}{\sup_{\theta \in \Theta_0} f(\mathbf{X}; \theta)} = \frac{\sup_{\theta \in \Theta} L(\theta)}{\sup_{\theta \in \Theta_0} L(\theta)}$$

- Theorem 7.5

$$2 \log \Lambda_n \xrightarrow{d} V \sim \chi_d^2$$

- constraint $\theta \in \Theta_0$ has d restrictions on $\theta = (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_p)$
- version using profile fixes $\psi = (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_d)$, $d < p$

$$X_1, \dots, X_n \sim f(\mathbf{x}; \theta)$$

AoS range $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}$

- **Null** and **alternative** hypothesis
- Test function
- Rejection region
- Type I and Type II error
- Test statistic and critical value

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- **Null** and **alternative** hypothesis: $H_0 : \theta \in \Theta_0$; $H_1 : \theta \in \Theta_1$, $\Theta_0 \cup \Theta_1 = \Theta$

- Test (decision) function: $\phi : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$

MS 7.3

$$\phi(\mathbf{X}) = 1 \text{ decide } \theta \in \Theta_1, \text{ else decide } \theta \in \Theta_0$$

- Rejection region: $R \subset \mathcal{X}$; if $\mathbf{x} \in R$ “reject” H_0

AoS 10.0

$$R = \{\mathbf{x} : \phi(\mathbf{x}) = 1\}$$

- **Type I** and **Type II** error: $\Pr\{\mathbf{X} \in R\}, \theta \in \Theta_0$, $\Pr\{\mathbf{X} \notin R\}, \theta \in \Theta_1$

- Test statistic and critical value: $R = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X} : t(\mathbf{x}) > c\}$

c to be chosen

- goal is to identify R , or $\phi(\cdot)$ with small Type I and Type II errors

- can't reduce both errors at once

see text following Ex. 7.10

- classical solution: require

size α

$$E_{\theta}\{\phi(\mathbf{X})\} \leq \alpha, \quad \theta \in \Theta_0 \quad (1)$$

- subject to this constraint, minimize

$$E_{\theta}\{\phi(\mathbf{X})\}, \quad \theta \in \Theta_1 \quad (2)$$

- find a **test function** $\phi(\mathbf{X})$ to satisfy (1) and (2)
- find a **test statistic**, $T = t(\mathbf{X})$, and define $\phi(\mathbf{x}) = 1\{t(\mathbf{x}) \geq c\}$

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1.2 Hypothesis Testing

Our second example concerns the march of methodology and inference for *hypothesis testing* rather than estimation: 72 leukemia patients, 47 with **ALL** (acute lymphoblastic leukemia) and 25 with **AML** (acute myeloid leukemia, a worse prognosis) have each had genetic activity measured for a panel of 7,128 genes. The histograms in Figure 1.4 compare the genetic activities in the two groups for gene 136.

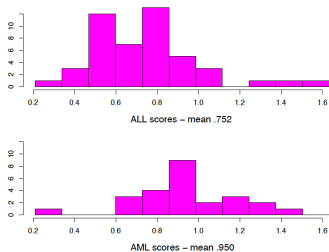
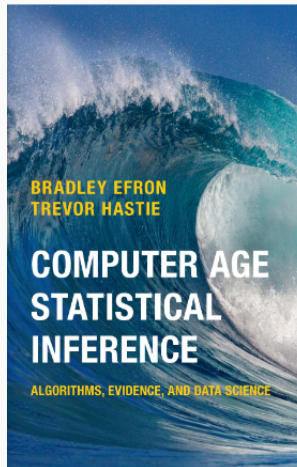


Figure 1.4 Scores for gene 136, leukemia data. Top **ALL** ($n = 47$), bottom **AML** ($n = 25$). A two-sample t -statistic = 3.01 with p -value = .0036.

The **AML** group appears to show greater activity, the mean values being

$$\bar{X}_{ALL} = 0.752 \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{X}_{AML} = 0.950. \quad (1.5)$$



```
leukemia_big <- read.csv  
  ("http://web.stanford.edu/~hastie/CASI_files/DATA/leukemia_big.csv")  
oneline <- leukemia_big[136,]  
one <- c(1:20, 35:61) # I had to extract these manually,  
two <- c(21:34, 62:72) # couldn't figure out the data frame  
n1 <- length(one); n2 <- length(two)  
mean_one <- sum(oneline[1,one])/n1. ##[1] 0.7524794  
mean_two <- sum(oneline[1,two])/n2. ##[1] 0.9499731  
var_one <- sum((oneline[1,one]-mean_one)^2)/(n1-1)  
var_two <- sum((oneline[1,two]-mean_two)^2)/(n2-1)  
pooled <- ((n1-1)*var_one + (n2-1)*var_two)/(n1+n2-1)  
taos <- (mean_one-mean_two)/sqrt((var_one/n1)+(var_two/n2))  
##[1] -3.132304  
tbe <- (mean_one-mean_two)/sqrt(pooled*((1/n1)+(1/n2)))  
##[1] -3.014003
```

```
library("tidyverse")
leukemia_big<- read.csv
  ("http://web.stanford.edu/~hastie/CASI_files/DATA/leukemia_big.csv")
leukemia_big[136,] %>% select(starts_with("ALL")) %>% as.numeric() -> all136
leukemia_big[136,] %>% select(starts_with("AML")) %>% as.numeric() -> aml136
t.test(all136,aml136, var.equal = TRUE)
##
Two Sample t-test

data:  all136 and aml136
t = -3.014, df = 70, p-value = 0.003589
alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
95 percent confidence interval:
 -0.32817995 -0.06680742
sample estimates:
```

- model
- null and alternative hypothesis
- rejection region
- test statistics and critical value
- type I and type II error

A word on the *t*-test

```
## Default S3 method:
t.test(x, y = NULL,
       alternative = c("two.sided", "less", "greater"),
       mu = 0, paired = FALSE, var.equal = FALSE,
       conf.level = 0.95, ...)

> t.test(x= oneline[1,one], y= oneline[1,two], var.equal=T)
t = -3.014, df = 70, p-value = 0.003589

> t.test(x= oneline[1,one], y= oneline[1,two])
t = -3.1323, df = 54.667, p-value = 0.002786

> pt(-3.1323, df=54.667) #[1] 0.001392839
> pt(-3.014, df=70) # [1] 0.001794297
```

model, null, alternative, rejection reg, test stat, ...

10.7 Example (Comparing Two Prediction Algorithms). We test a prediction algorithm on a test set of size m and we test a second prediction algorithm on a second test set of size n . Let X be the number of incorrect predictions for algorithm 1 and let Y be the number of incorrect predictions for algorithm 2. Then $X \sim \text{Binomial}(m, p_1)$ and $Y \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p_2)$. To test the null hypothesis that $p_1 = p_2$ write

$$H_0 : \delta = 0 \quad \text{versus} \quad H_1 : \delta \neq 0$$

where $\delta = p_1 - p_2$. The MLE is $\hat{\delta} = \hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2$ with estimated standard error

$$\widehat{\text{se}} = \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}_1(1-\hat{p}_1)}{m} + \frac{\hat{p}_2(1-\hat{p}_2)}{n}}.$$

The size α Wald test is to reject H_0 when $|W| > z_{\alpha/2}$ where

$$W = \frac{\hat{\delta} - 0}{\widehat{\text{se}}} = \frac{\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2}{\sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}_1(1-\hat{p}_1)}{m} + \frac{\hat{p}_2(1-\hat{p}_2)}{n}}}.$$

The power of this test will be largest when p_1 is far from p_2 and when the sample sizes are large.

- $X \sim \text{Binom}(m, p_1), Y \sim \text{Binom}(n, p_2)$
- $\delta = p_1 - p_2; H_0 : \delta = 0$
- maximum likelihood estimate of δ
- estimated standard error

two prediction algorithms

- composite null hypothesis $H_0 : \theta_1 = \theta_{10}, \dots, \theta_r = \theta_{r0}$

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AoS Def 10.21 λ

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- Theorem MS 7.5, AoS 10.22

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MS Thm 7.2

Suppose $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n) \sim f(\mathbf{x})$. Under H_0 , $f(\mathbf{X}) = f_0(\mathbf{x})$, and under H_1 , $f(\mathbf{X}) = f_1(\mathbf{x})$.

The test with test function

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } f_1(\mathbf{x}) > k f_0(\mathbf{x}), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

(for some $0 < k < \infty$) is a most powerful test of H_0 vs H_1 at level

$$\alpha = E_0\{\phi(\mathbf{X})\}.$$

- The formal theory of testing imagines a decision to “reject H_0 ” or not, according as $X \in R$ or $X \notin R$, for some defined region $R \subset \mathcal{X}$ e.g. $|Z| > 1.96$
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- MS definition: $p(\mathbf{x}) = \inf\{\alpha : \phi_\alpha(\mathbf{x}) = 1\}$ 7.5
- AoS definition: $p\text{-value} = \inf\{\alpha : T(X_n) \in R_\alpha\}$ Def 10.11
- SM definition $p_{obs} = \Pr_{H_0}\{T(X_n) \geq t_{obs}\}$

$X_1, \dots, X_m$ i.i.d. $N(\mu_1, \sigma^2)$, $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$ i.i.d. $N(\mu_2, \sigma^2)$

$H_0 : \mu_1 = \mu_2$

LRT, Wald, score, exact

$$p(t) = \text{pr}_{H_0}(|T| > t)$$

Example: Poisson

$X_1, \dots, X_n$ i.i.d. $Po(\lambda)$

$H_0 : \lambda = \lambda_0$

Example: logistic regression

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z)	
(Intercept)	-34.103704	6.530014	-5.223	1.76e-07	***
zn	-0.079918	0.033731	-2.369	0.01782	*
indus	-0.059389	0.043722	-1.358	0.17436	
chas	0.785327	0.728930	1.077	0.28132	
nox	48.523782	7.396497	6.560	5.37e-11	***
rm	-0.425596	0.701104	-0.607	0.54383	
age	0.022172	0.012221	1.814	0.06963	.
dis	0.691400	0.218308	3.167	0.00154	**
rad	0.656465	0.152452	4.306	1.66e-05	***
tax	-0.006412	0.002689	-2.385	0.01709	*
ptratio	0.368716	0.122136	3.019	0.00254	**
black	-0.013524	0.006536	-2.069	0.03853	*
lstat	0.043862	0.048981	0.895	0.37052	
medv	0.167130	0.066940	2.497	0.01254	*

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- $X_1, \dots, X_n$ i.i.d. $F(\cdot)$
- $H_0 : \mu = \mu_0, \mu = F^{-1}(1/2)$ median of distribution
- $H_1 : \mu > \mu_0$
- test statistic

both H composite

$$T = \sum_{i=1}^n 1\{X_i > \mu_0\}$$

- under H_0 ,

$$T \sim \text{Binom}(n, 1/2)$$

- p -value

$$p_{obs} = \text{pr}_{H_0}(T \geq t_{obs}) = \sum_{r=t_{obs}}^n \binom{n}{r} \frac{1}{2^n} = 1 - \Phi \left\{ \frac{2(t_{obs} - n/2)}{n^{1/2}} \right\}.$$

- $H_0 : F^{-1}(1/2) = \mu_0 \quad H_1 : F^{-1}(1/2) > \mu_0$
- Test statistic $T = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}\{X_i > \mu_0\}$
- $\text{pr}_{H_0}(\text{reject } H_0) = \text{pr}(T \geq c_\alpha \mid H_0) = \alpha \Rightarrow c_\alpha \approx n/2 - n^{1/2}z_\alpha/2$
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- e.g. change to $H_1 : F^{-1}(1/2) = \mu_1$ $\text{pr}_{F\mu_1}(X > \mu_0)$
- SM assumes F is $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$, so $\delta = n^{1/2}(\mu_1 - \mu_0)/\sigma$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{pr}_{\mu_1}(T \geq c_\alpha) &= \text{pr}_{\mu_1}(T \geq n/2 - n^{1/2}z_\alpha/2) \doteq \Phi \left\{ \frac{n\Phi(n^{-1/2}\delta) - n/2 + n^{1/2}z_\alpha}{[n\Phi(n^{-1/2}\delta)\{1 - \Phi(n^{-1/2})\}]} \right\} \\ &\doteq \Phi\{z_\alpha + \delta(2/\pi)^{1/2}\} \end{aligned}$$

- test based on $\bar{X}$ has power $\Phi(z_\alpha + \delta)$

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7 · Estimation and Hypothesis Testing

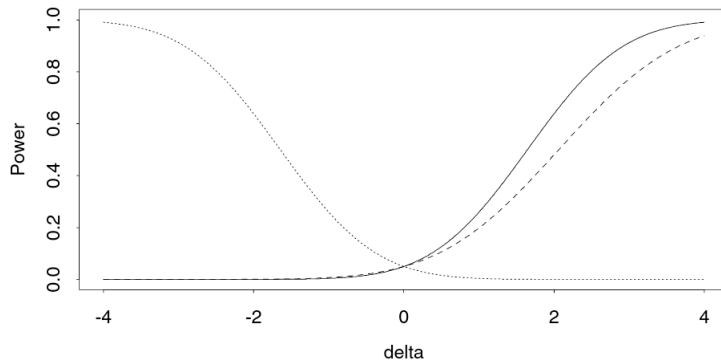


Figure 7.6 Power functions for a test of whether the mean of a $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ random sample of size n equals μ_0 against the alternative $\mu = \mu_1$, as a function of $\delta = n^{1/2}(\mu_1 - \mu_0)/\sigma$. The test size is $\alpha = 0.05$. The solid curve is the power function for a test of $\mu_1 > \mu_0$ based on $\bar{y}$, and the dashed line is the power function for the sign test. Both critical regions are of form $\bar{y} > t_\alpha$. The dotted curve is the power function for $\bar{y}$ when the critical region is $\bar{y} < t_\alpha$.

$$X_1, \dots, X_k \sim \text{Mult}(n; p_1, \dots, p_k)$$

leukemia data (EH): $X_1, \dots, X_{47}$; $Y_1, \dots, Y_{25}$

AoS Ex. 10.20

oneline

	ALL	ALL.1	ALL.2	ALL.3	ALL.4	ALL.5	ALL.6	ALL.7	
136	0.9186952	1.634002	0.4595867	0.6379664	0.3440379	0.8614784	0.5132176	0.9790902	
	ALL.8	ALL.9	ALL.10	ALL.11	ALL.12	ALL.13	ALL.14	ALL.15	ALL.16
136	0.2105782	0.8016072	0.6006949	0.3614374	1.04632	0.9697635	0.4873159	0.4976364	1.101717
	ALL.17	ALL.18	ALL.19	AML	AML.1	AML.2	AML.3	AML.4	AML.5
136	0.8563937	0.661415	0.817711	0.7671718	0.9793741	1.425479	1.074389	0.9839282	0.9859271
	AML.6	AML.7	AML.8	AML.9	AML.10	AML.11	AML.12	AML.13	ALL.20
136	0.3247027	0.7110302	1.09625	0.9675151	0.975123	0.7775957	0.9472205	1.261352	0.5679544
	ALL.21	ALL.22	ALL.23	ALL.24	ALL.25	ALL.26	ALL.27	ALL.28	
136	0.8462901	0.8838616	0.7239931	0.7327029	0.7823618	0.5435396	0.832537	0.5527333	
	ALL.29	ALL.30	ALL.31	ALL.32	ALL.33	ALL.34	ALL.35	ALL.36	
136	0.7327029	0.5510955	0.8214005	0.6418498	0.720798	0.5830999	0.7657568	0.5262976	
	ALL.37	ALL.38	ALL.39	ALL.40	ALL.41	ALL.42	ALL.43	ALL.44	
136	1.466999	0.5445589	0.5725049	1.362768	0.8533535	0.8132982	0.8538596	0.5689876	
	ALL.45	ALL.46	AML.14	AML.15	AML.16	AML.17	AML.18	AML.19	AML.20
136	0.6930355	1.067526	0.9677959	0.9338141	1.138926	1.161753	0.6242354	0.6590103	1.215186
	AML.21	AML.22	AML.23	AML.24					
136	0.9340861	1.310376	0.771426	0.7556606					

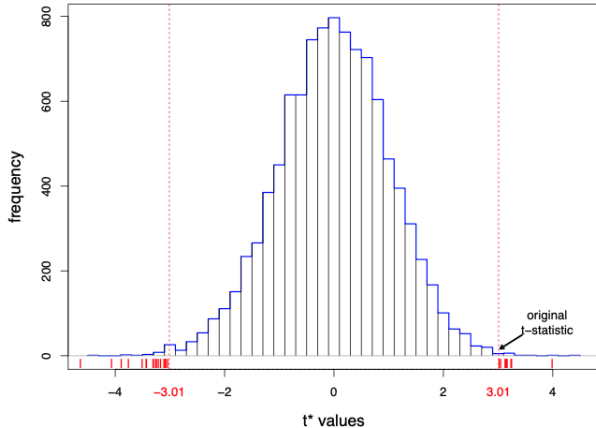


Figure 4.3 10,000 permutation t^* -values for testing **ALL** vs **AML**, for gene 136 in the **leukemia** data of Figure 1.3. Of these, 26 t^* -values (red ticks) exceeded in absolute value the observed t -statistic 3.01, giving permutation significance level 0.0026.

Choosing test statistics

1. Context
2. Pragmatic choice – likelihood-based test statistics
3. Pragmatic choice – nonparametric test statistics
4. Optimal choice – Neyman-Pearson lemma

Hypothesis tests and significance tests

- **Hypothesis tests** typically means:
 - H_0, H_1
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- **Significance tests** typically means:

- H_0 ,
- test statistic T
- observed value t^{obs} ,
- p -value $p^{obs} = \Pr(T \geq t^{obs}; H_0)$
- alternative hypothesis often only implicit

large T points to alternative

Hypothesis tests and significance tests

- overlap: sometimes (**not recommended**)

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