

Proof: (i)  $FDR(R^{BH}, P) = \sum_{j=1}^m (1 - \theta_j) \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{\mathbb{1}\{P_j \leq \alpha(\hat{e}v_1)/m\}}{\hat{e}v_1} \right]$

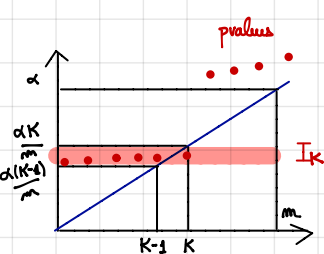
Use that for any  $\ell \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ ,  $\frac{1}{\ell} = \sum_{k \geq \ell} \left( \frac{1}{k} - \frac{1}{k+1} \right) = \sum_{k \geq \ell} \frac{1}{k(k+1)}$

Therefore  $\mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{\mathbb{1}\{P_j \leq \alpha(\hat{e}v_1)/m\}}{\hat{e}v_1} \right] \stackrel{\text{Fubini}}{=} \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{k=1}^m \frac{1}{k(k+1)} \mathbb{1}\{P_j \leq \alpha(\hat{e}v_1)/m\} \mathbb{1}\{k \geq \hat{e}v_1\} \right]$

$\leq \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{1}{k(k+1)} \mathbb{P}(P_j \leq \frac{\alpha(k \wedge m)}{m}, k \geq \hat{e}v_1) \leq \frac{\alpha}{m} \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{k \wedge m}{k(k+1)}$  because  $\theta_j = 0$

$\sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{k \wedge m}{k(k+1)} = \sum_{k=1}^m \frac{1}{k+1} + \sum_{k \geq m} m \frac{1}{k(k+1)} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{m}$

(ii) assume  $\alpha \gamma_m \leq 1$ . We build a special distribution on  $[0, 1]^m$  in the following way



Let  $I_k = \left( \frac{\alpha(k-1)}{m}, \frac{\alpha k}{m} \right]$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq m$  and  $I_0 = (\alpha, 1]$

\*  $K$  is drawn on  $\{0, 1, \dots, m\}$  with  $\begin{cases} \mathbb{P}(K=k) = \alpha/k, & 1 \leq k \leq m \\ \mathbb{P}(K=0) = 1 - \alpha \gamma_m \end{cases}$

\* conditionally on  $\{K=k\}$ , pick  $S_k$  uniformly in the subsets of  $\{1, \dots, m\}$  of cardinal  $k$

- pick  $U_j, j \in S_k$ , iid uniform in  $I_k$
- pick  $U_j, j \notin S_k$  iid uniform in  $I_0$

Then each  $U_j$  has a uniform distribution:

$\forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}, \forall k \in \{1, \dots, m\}, \mathbb{P}(U_j \in I_k) = \mathbb{P}(U_j \in I_k, K=k) = \mathbb{P}(j \in S_k, K=k)$

$= \mathbb{P}(j \in S_k | K=k) \times \mathbb{P}(K=k)$

$= \frac{k}{m} \times \alpha/k = \frac{\alpha}{m}$

and, clearly,  $U_j$  uniform on  $I_k$  cond. on " $U_j \in I_k$ "

Now, by assumption,  $\exists P_0 \in \mathcal{P}$  such that  $\mathcal{D}(P_0) = 0$  (full null) and

$(P_j(X), 1 \leq j \leq m) \stackrel{d}{\sim} (U_j, 1 \leq j \leq m)$   
 $X \sim P_0$

We merely check that the number of rejections of BH procedure satisfies  $\hat{\ell} \sim K$

Therefore  $FDR(R^{BH}, P_0) = \mathbb{P}(\hat{\ell} \geq 1) = \mathbb{P}(K \geq 1) = \alpha \gamma_m$

if  $\alpha \delta_m > 1$  i.e.  $\alpha > \delta_m^{-1} := \alpha^*$  choose  $P_0$  as before with  $\alpha^*$  instead of  $\alpha$   
(so that  $\alpha^* \delta_m = 1$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \text{FDR}(R^{\text{BH}(\alpha)}, P_0) &= P(|R^{\text{BH}(\alpha)}| \geq 1) \\ &\geq P(|R^{\text{BH}(\alpha^*)}| \geq 1) = \text{FDR}(R^{\text{BH}(\alpha^*)}, P_0) = 1 \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

↑ from above

Consequence:  $R^{\text{BH}(\frac{\alpha}{\delta_m})}$  always controls the FDR at level  $\alpha$ . called the BY procedure

Exercise generalization of BY procedure [Blanchard and R. (2008)]

Consider  $p(\mathcal{E}) = \sum_{k=1}^{\ell} k \nu_k$  with  $\nu_k, 1 \leq k \leq m$  some proba measure

Show that the step-up stopping rule  $\tilde{\ell} = \max\{\ell \in \{0, \dots, m\} : p(\mathcal{E}) \leq \alpha \frac{p(\mathcal{E})}{m}\}$  always provides a control at level  $\alpha$ .

But: known to be conservative procedure for a 'realistic'  $P$   
so users prefer BH

② Dependence conditions ensuring that BH control the FDR

Theorem: consider  $p$ -values satisfying (\*) and the BH procedure at level  $\alpha$  with  $\hat{\ell}$  rejections  
Assume that  $P \in \mathcal{P}$  is such that

$$\forall j \text{ with } \theta_j = 0, \forall \ell \in \{2, \dots, m\}, P(\hat{\ell} \leq \ell - 1 \mid p_j \leq \frac{\alpha(\ell-1)}{m}) \leq P(\hat{\ell} \leq \ell - 1 \mid p_j \leq \frac{\alpha \ell}{m}) \quad (\#)$$

Then  $\text{FDR}(R^{\text{BH}}, P) \leq \frac{m_0(P)}{m} \alpha$

Proof:  $\text{FDR}(R^{\text{BH}}, P)$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^m (1 - \theta_j) \sum_{\ell=1}^m \frac{1}{\ell} P(\hat{\ell} = \ell, p_j \leq \frac{\alpha \ell}{m})$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^m (1 - \theta_j) \sum_{\ell=1}^m \frac{1}{\ell} \left[ P(\hat{\ell} \leq \ell, p_j \leq \frac{\alpha \ell}{m}) - P(\hat{\ell} \leq \ell - 1, p_j \leq \frac{\alpha \ell}{m}) \right] \leq \frac{\alpha \ell}{m} \text{ by } (*)$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^m (1 - \theta_j) \sum_{\ell=1}^m \frac{1}{\ell} \left[ P(\hat{\ell} \leq \ell \mid p_j \leq \frac{\alpha \ell}{m}) - \underbrace{P(\hat{\ell} \leq \ell - 1 \mid p_j \leq \frac{\alpha \ell}{m})}_{\geq P(\hat{\ell} \leq \ell - 1 \mid p_j \leq \frac{\alpha(\ell-1)}{m}) \text{ by } (\#)} \right] P(p_j \leq \frac{\alpha \ell}{m})$$

Hence  $FDR(R^{BH}, P)$

$$\leq \frac{\alpha}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m (1 - \theta_j) \left[ \sum_{\ell=1}^m \left[ P(\hat{\ell} \leq \ell \mid p_j \leq \frac{\alpha \ell}{m}) - P(\hat{\ell} \leq \ell - 1 \mid p_j \leq \frac{\alpha(\ell-1)}{m}) \right] \right] \text{ telescopic sum!}$$

$$= \frac{\alpha}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m (1 - \theta_j) P(\hat{\ell} \leq m \mid p_j \leq \alpha) = \frac{\alpha m_m}{m} \quad \square$$

How to ensure (#)?

Application 1: positive dependence

[Benjamini and Yekutieli (2001)]



$\mathcal{D}_\ell = \{p \in [0, 1]^m : \hat{\ell}(p) \leq \ell - 1\}$  is a non decreasing set of  $[0, 1]^m$

i.e.  $\forall p, p' \in [0, 1]^m, p \in \mathcal{D}_\ell$  and  $p_j \leq p'_j \forall j$  implies  $p' \in \mathcal{D}_\ell$

(#) holds if  $\int$  for all DC  $[0, 1]^m$  non decreasing (measurable) for all  $j \in \mathcal{I}_0(P)$

$$t \in [0, 1] \mapsto P(p \in \mathcal{D}_\ell \mid p_j \leq t) \text{ is } \nearrow$$

weak PRDS

(positively regressively dependent on each one of a subset)

For instance:

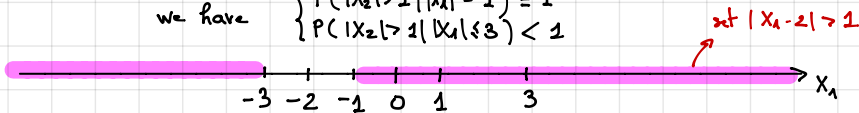
\* weak PRDS satisfied in the Gaussian one sided setting when  $\tau_{ij} \geq 0$  for all  $ij$

$$\left[ \text{use for all } j, D \left( \begin{matrix} X_j \\ \vdots \\ X_{j-1} \\ \vdots \\ X_{j+1} \end{matrix} \mid X_j = y \right) = N \left( \begin{matrix} \mu_j \\ \vdots \\ \mu_{j-1} \\ \vdots \\ \mu_{j+1} \end{matrix} + \begin{matrix} \tau_{jj} \\ \vdots \\ \tau_{jj} \end{matrix} (y - \mu_j), \begin{matrix} \tau_j \\ \vdots \\ \tau_j \end{matrix} \right) \right]$$

$\hookrightarrow$  indep of  $y$

\* weak PRDS not necessarily satisfied in the Gaussian two-sided setting when  $\tau_{ij} \geq 0$  for instance  $m=2, \tau = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  then  $X_2 = X_1 + 2$  a.s.

we have 
$$\begin{cases} P(|X_2| > 1 \mid |X_1| \leq 1) = 1 \\ P(|X_2| > 1 \mid |X_1| \leq 3) < 1 \end{cases}$$



Open problem: find  $\sup \left\{ FDR(R^{BH}, P) \right\}$  should be not so far from  $\alpha$

$P$  Gaussian one sided  $(\mu, \tau)$

show  $\sup \left\{ FDR(R^{BH}, P) \right\} \leq \alpha$

$P$  Gaussian two sided  $(\mu, \tau)$

satisfied in cases that are usually 'wast cases'

## Application 2 Martingale dependence [Steyn et al (2004)] [Heesen Janssen (2015)]



$\mathcal{D}_\ell = \{ \hat{e} \leq \ell - 1 \}$  is measurable with respect to the filtration (with time running backwards)

$$\mathcal{F}_\ell = \sigma \left( \mathbb{1} \{ p_j \leq \frac{\alpha \ell'}{m} \}, \ell \leq \ell' \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq m \right), 1 \leq \ell \leq m$$

$$\text{Indeed } \hat{e} \leq \ell - 1 \Leftrightarrow \forall \ell' \geq \ell, P(\ell') > \frac{\alpha \ell'}{m} \Leftrightarrow \forall \ell' \geq \ell, \sum_{j=1}^m \mathbb{1} \{ p_j \leq \frac{\alpha \ell'}{m} \} < \ell'$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } P(\hat{e} \leq \ell - 1 \mid p_j \leq \frac{\alpha(\ell-1)}{m}) &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \mathbb{1} \{ \hat{e} \leq \ell - 1 \} \frac{\mathbb{1} \{ p_j \leq \frac{\alpha(\ell-1)}{m} \}}{P(p_j \leq \frac{\alpha(\ell-1)}{m})} \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \mathbb{1} \{ \hat{e} \leq \ell - 1 \} \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{\mathbb{1} \{ p_j \leq \frac{\alpha(\ell-1)}{m} \}}{P(p_j \leq \frac{\alpha(\ell-1)}{m})} \mid \mathcal{F}_\ell \right] \right] \\ &=: M_{\ell-1}^{(j)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{If } \forall \ell \in \{2, \dots, m\}, \forall j \in \mathcal{H}_\ell(\mathcal{P}), \mathbb{E} [M_{\ell-1}^{(j)} \mid \mathcal{F}_\ell] \leq M_\ell^{(j)} \quad \text{martingale-type condition}$$

$$\text{Then } \leq \mathbb{E} \left[ \mathbb{1} \{ \hat{e} \leq \ell - 1 \} M_\ell^{(j)} \right] = \mathbb{P}(\hat{e} \leq \ell - 1 \mid p_j \leq \frac{\alpha \ell}{m}) \text{ and } (\#) \text{ holds}$$

**Exercise** show that martingale condition is satisfied under independence and directly prove FDR control by using that  $\hat{e}$  is a stopping time

A non positive dependence configuration covered by the martingale condition:

Choose  $(p_j, j \in \mathcal{H}_0)$  iid uniform and for  $j \notin \mathcal{H}_0$ , any  $p_j$  in  $[0, \min_{j \in \mathcal{H}_0} p_j]$

Then

$$P(p_j \leq \frac{\alpha(\ell-1)}{m} \mid \mathcal{F}_\ell) = P(p_j \leq \frac{\alpha(\ell-1)}{m} \mid \mathbb{1} \{ p_{j'} \leq \frac{\alpha \ell'}{m}, \ell \leq \ell' \leq m, 1 \leq j' \leq m \}) \times \mathbb{1} \{ p_j \leq \frac{\alpha \ell}{m} \}$$

$$= P(p_j \leq \frac{\alpha(\ell-1)}{m} \mid p_j \leq \frac{\alpha \ell}{m}, p_{j'} \leq \frac{\alpha \ell'}{m} \text{ pour } j' \neq j \text{ et } j' \in \mathcal{H}_0) \times \mathbb{1} \{ p_j \leq \frac{\alpha \ell}{m} \}$$

$$= P(p_j \leq \frac{\alpha(\ell-1)}{m} \mid p_j \leq \frac{\alpha \ell}{m}) \times \mathbb{1} \{ p_j \leq \frac{\alpha \ell}{m} \} \quad \text{car } p_j \geq p_{j'} \text{ si } j' \notin \mathcal{H}_0$$

by independence inside  $\mathcal{H}_0$  so same as under indep

### ③ Adaptation to dependence

[Lehmann Romano (2005), Romano Wolf (2007), Guo et al (2014)]

- \* FDR control does not really allow to incorporate the dependence (recall  $FDR = E[FDP]$ )
- \* we should control the fluctuations of the FDP

New goal: find  $t = \hat{t}$  such that  $\forall P \in \mathcal{P}, \mathbb{P}(FDP(\hat{t}, P) \leq \alpha) \geq 1 - \gamma$   
often referred to as 'FDP control'

Via a corrected step up procedure: find new critical values  $\tau_\ell, 1 \leq \ell \leq m$ ,  
such that for  $\hat{t} = \max\{\ell \in \{0, 1, \dots, m\} : p_{(\ell)} \leq \tau_\ell\}$   
the threshold  $t = \hat{t}$  controls the FDP

Default critical values  $\tau_\ell = \gamma \frac{(\ell+1)}{m}, 1 \leq \ell \leq m$  Lehmann Romano critical values

Controls the FDP under weak PRDS assumption [Guo et al (2014)]

**Proposition:** consider p-values satisfying (\*) and  $P \in \mathcal{P}$  satisfying the PRDS assumption  
consider the step-up procedure with Lehmann Romano critical values  
then  $\mathbb{P}(FDP(\hat{t}, P) \leq \alpha) \geq 1 - \gamma$

**Proof:**  $\{FDP(\hat{t}) > \alpha\} = \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^m (1 - \mathbb{1}_{\{p_j \leq \tau_{\hat{t}}\}}) \geq \alpha \hat{t} + 1 \right\}$   
 $\implies m_0 \geq \alpha \hat{t} + 1$

$\subset \left\{ \exists k \in \{1, \dots, m_0\} : p_{(k)} \leq \frac{\gamma k}{m} \right\}$   
 $\uparrow$   $\uparrow$   
 $\alpha \hat{t} + 1$   $k$ th smallest p-value

Hence  $\mathbb{P}(FDP(\hat{t}, P) > \alpha) \leq \mathbb{P}(\exists k \in \{1, \dots, m_0\} : p_{(k)} \leq \frac{\gamma k}{m_0}) \leq \gamma$   
 $\uparrow$   
from control of BH( $\gamma$ )  
procedure under the full null  $\square$

Better result in Gaussian setting with known  $\Upsilon$ ?

Reasoning like [Romano Shaikhi (2006)] we search a bound on  $P(\text{FDP} > \alpha)$

$$P(\text{FDP}(\mathcal{T}_e, P) > \alpha) = P\left(\sum_{j=1}^m (1 - \mathbb{1}\{p_j(x) \leq \mathcal{T}_e\} \geq [\alpha \hat{e}] + 1)\right) \\ \leq \sum_{\ell=1}^m \mathbb{E}\left[Z_{e,\ell} \mathbb{1}\{\hat{e} = \ell\}\right]$$

where  $Z_{e,\ell} = \mathbb{1}\left\{\sum_{j=1}^m \mathbb{1}\{p_j(x - \mu) \leq \mathcal{T}_e\} \geq [\alpha \ell] + 1\right\}$   $\nearrow$  in  $\ell$   $\searrow$  in  $\ell'$   
whose distribution is known!

$$\leq \sum_{\ell=1}^m \mathbb{E}\left[Z_{e,\ell} \mathbb{1}\{\hat{e} \geq \ell\}\right] - \underbrace{\sum_{\ell=1}^{m-1} \mathbb{E}\left[Z_{e,\ell} \mathbb{1}\{\hat{e} \geq \ell+1\}\right]}_{= \sum_{\ell=2}^m \mathbb{E}\left[Z_{e,\ell-1} \mathbb{1}\{\hat{e} \geq \ell\}\right]} \\ = \sum_{\ell=1}^m \mathbb{E}\left[\underbrace{(Z_{e,\ell} - Z_{e,\ell-1})}_\leq (Z_{e,\ell} - Z_{e,\ell-1})_+ \mathbb{1}\{\hat{e} \geq \ell\}\right] \\ \leq \sum_{\ell=1}^m \mathbb{E}\left[(Z_{e,\ell} - Z_{e,\ell-1})_+\right] = B((\mathcal{T}_e)_e, \alpha, S, \Upsilon) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{computable} \\ \text{bound} \end{array}$$

[Dall'Aglio R. (2015)]

**Proposition:** in the Gaussian setting with known  $\Upsilon$ , choose  $\mathcal{T}_e = \frac{\mathbb{E}[\alpha P] + 1}{m}$  and the step-up procedure with critical values  $\alpha \times \mathcal{T}_e$ ,  $1 \leq \ell \leq m$  where  $\alpha$  is the largest such that  $B(\alpha \mathcal{T}_e, \alpha, S, \Upsilon) \leq \mathbb{E}$ . Then this procedure controls the FDP.

It incorporates dependencies, state of art

**Open problem:** adaptive FDP control with unknown dependence