

6.2 Noncentral hypergeometric distribution:

There are several ways to derive the univariate noncentral hypergeometric distribution.

Source 1

The noncentral hypergeometric distribution with odd ratio φ is an exponentially weighted version of the central hypergeometric distribution. Let Y has a noncentral hypergeometric distribution. Then,

$$P(Y = y) = \frac{\binom{m_1}{y} \binom{m_2}{s_1 - y} \varphi^y}{P_0(\varphi)} = \frac{\binom{m_1}{y} \binom{m_2}{s_1 - y} \varphi^y}{\sum_{k=a}^b \binom{m_1}{k} \binom{m_2}{s_1 - k} \varphi^k},$$

where

$$P_0(\varphi) = \sum_{k=a}^b \binom{m_1}{k} \binom{m_2}{s_1 - k} \varphi^k$$

and

$$a = \max(0, s_1 - m_2) \leq y \leq \min(m_1, s_1) = b.$$

The distribution arises in the exponentially weighted sampling scheme in which each of the $\binom{m_1 + m_2}{m_1}$ possible samples is weighted proportionally to φ^y . We denote

$$Y \sim H(m, s, \varphi) \text{ or } Y \sim H(s, m, \varphi),$$

where

$$m = (m_1, m_2), s = (s_1, s_2), s_1 + s_2 = m_1 + m_2.$$

Note that

$$H(m, s, 1) = H(m, s)$$

is the central hypergeometric distribution.

Source 2:

Let $Y_1 \sim B(m_1, \pi_1), Y_2 \sim B(m_2, \pi_2)$ are independent and

$$\varphi = \frac{\left(\frac{\pi_1}{1 - \pi_1}\right)}{\left(\frac{\pi_2}{1 - \pi_2}\right)}.$$

Then, the conditional distribution of Y_1 given $Y_1 + Y_2 = s_1$ is the noncentral hypergeometric distribution $H(m, s, \varphi)$.

The distribution of $Y \sim H(m, s, \varphi)$ is

$$f(y|\varphi) \propto \exp\left\{\log\left[\frac{\varphi^y}{P_0(\varphi)}\right]\right\} = \exp\{y \cdot \log(\varphi) - \log[P_0(\varphi)]\}.$$