

7. Let  $Z$  be a Markov random field on a lattice  $L$  and with respect to the relation  $i \sim j$ . Assume that the random variables  $\{Z_i, i \in L\}$  are binary, i.e.  $S = \{0, 1\}$ , and that  $Z_i$  have the same expectation. We want to test the null hypothesis of independence of  $\{Z_i, i \in L\}$ , taking into account the neighbourhood relation  $i \sim j$ . Under the assumptions above, the null hypothesis in fact states that  $\{Z_i, i \in L\}$  are i.i.d. random variables.

- Propose an appropriate test statistics  $T$ ;
- discuss how to perform the test if we can simulate from the model under the null hypothesis;
- discuss how to perform the test if we cannot simulate from the model under the null hypothesis;
- if the point  $i \in L$  has many neighbours and the point  $j \in L$  has few neighbours, the impact of  $Z_i$  on the value of  $T$  can perhaps be much higher than the impact of  $Z_j$  - propose a way how to compensate for that.

$$a) \quad BB = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \in L} \sum_{j \in L} w_{ij} z_i z_j \quad , \quad BW = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \in L} \sum_{j \in L} w_{ij} (z_i - z_j)^2$$

(WW)  $(z_i)(1-z_j)$   $w_{ij} = 0 \iff i \not\sim j$

b) "analytical test": reject iff  $T_0 \notin [w_{\frac{\alpha}{2}}, w_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}]$  → known d

"Monte Carlo test":  $w_{\frac{\alpha}{2}}, w_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}$  estimated from simulations under  $H_0$

$Z = (z_1, \dots, z_n)$  ... observed data  $\rightarrow T_0$

simulate  $z^1, \dots, z^M$  under  $H_0 \rightarrow T_1, \dots, T_M$  ,  $M \in \mathbb{N}$

reject iff  $T_0$  is extreme among  $(T_0, T_1, \dots, T_M)$

(very general, not specific to  $H_0$  of independence)

c) spec. for  $H_0: z_i$  i.i.d. ... use bootstrap (sampling from empirical dist. of  $z$ )

simulation  $\equiv$  sampling from true  $F$

bootstrap  $\equiv \hat{F}$

↳ with replacement .. binomial sampling

↳ without replacement (permutation)

--- hypergeometric sampling

d) we can use normalized weights :  $w_{ij} = \frac{1}{|a_i|} \cdot \mathbb{1}(i \sim j)$   
(not symmetric weights)

instead of binary weights :  $w_{ij} = \mathbb{1}(i \sim j)$   
(symmetric)