# Analyze\_ab\_test\_results\_notebook

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# 0.1 Analyze A/B Test Results

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This project will assure you have mastered the subjects covered in the statistics lessons. The hope is to have this project be as comprehensive of these topics as possible. Good luck!

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#### ### Introduction

A/B tests are very commonly performed by data analysts and data scientists. It is important that you get some practice working with the difficulties of these

For this project, you will be working to understand the results of an A/B test run by an ecommerce website. Your goal is to work through this notebook to help the company understand if they should implement the new page, keep the old page, or perhaps run the experiment longer to make their decision.

As you work through this notebook, follow along in the classroom and answer the corresponding quiz questions associated with each question. The labels for each classroom concept are provided for each question. This will assure you are on the right track as you work through the project, and you can feel more confident in your final submission meeting the criteria. As a final check, assure you meet all the criteria on the RUBRIC.

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#### Part I - Probability
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To get started, let's import our libraries.

```
In [38]: import pandas as pd
    import numpy as np
    import random
    import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
    %matplotlib inline
    #We are setting the seed to assure you get the same answers on quizzes as we set up
    random.seed(42)
```

- 1. Now, read in the ab\_data.csv data. Store it in df. Use your dataframe to answer the questions in Quiz 1 of the classroom.
  - a. Read in the dataset and take a look at the top few rows here:

```
In [39]: #Load data
        df = pd.read_csv('ab_data.csv')
        # Show first rows
        df.head()
Out[39]:
           user id
                                     timestamp
                                                    group landing_page converted
        0
            851104 2017-01-21 22:11:48.556739
                                                              old_page
                                                                               0
                                                  control
            804228 2017-01-12 08:01:45.159739
                                                  control
                                                              old_page
                                                                               0
          661590 2017-01-11 16:55:06.154213 treatment
                                                                               0
                                                              new_page
        3 853541 2017-01-08 18:28:03.143765 treatment
                                                              new_page
                                                                               0
            864975 2017-01-21 01:52:26.210827
                                                  control
                                                             old_page
```

b. Use the below cell to find the number of rows in the dataset.

c. The number of unique users in the dataset.

d. The proportion of users converted.

e. The number of times the new\_page and treatment don't line up.

```
df_cone = df.query('group == "control" and landing_page == "new_page"')
len(df_cone)
# Sum
total = len(df_trol) + len(df_cone)
print(total)
```

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f. Do any of the rows have missing values?

- 2. For the rows where **treatment** is not aligned with **new\_page** or **control** is not aligned with **old\_page**, we cannot be sure if this row truly received the new or old page. Use **Quiz 2** in the classroom to provide how we should handle these rows.
  - a. Now use the answer to the quiz to create a new dataset that meets the specifications from the quiz. Store your new dataframe in **df2**.

- 3. Use df2 and the cells below to answer questions for Quiz3 in the classroom.
- a. How many unique **user\_id**s are in **df2**?

b. There is one **user\_id** repeated in **df2**. What is it?

```
      Out[49]:
      user_id
      timestamp
      group landing_page
      converted

      1899
      773192
      2017-01-09
      05:37:58.781806
      treatment
      new_page
      0

      2893
      773192
      2017-01-14
      02:55:59.590927
      treatment
      new_page
      0
```

d. Remove **one** of the rows with a duplicate **user\_id**, but keep your dataframe as **df2**.

```
In [50]: # Remove the row with timestamp 2017-01-09 05:37:58.781806
         df2 = df2[df2['timestamp'] != '2017-01-09 05:37:58.781806']
         df2.info()
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
Int64Index: 290584 entries, 0 to 294477
Data columns (total 5 columns):
                290584 non-null int64
user id
timestamp
                290584 non-null object
                290584 non-null object
group
                290584 non-null object
landing_page
                290584 non-null int64
converted
dtypes: int64(2), object(3)
memory usage: 13.3+ MB
```

- 4. Use df2 in the below cells to answer the quiz questions related to Quiz 4 in the classroom.
- a. What is the probability of an individual converting regardless of the page they receive?

b. Given that an individual was in the control group, what is the probability they converted?

```
Out [52]: 0.1203863045004612
```

c. Given that an individual was in the treatment group, what is the probability they converted?

d. What is the probability that an individual received the new page?

e. Use the results in the previous two portions of this question to suggest if you think there is evidence that one page leads to more conversions? Write your response below.

**Answer**: >According to above proportions, there is a small difference between users converted from treatment group and from control group, and, therefore we cannot conclude that the new treatment page leads to more conversions.

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### Part II - A/B Test
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Notice that because of the time stamp associated with each event, you could technically run a hypothesis test continuously as each observation was observed.

However, then the hard question is do you stop as soon as one page is considered significantly better than another or does it need to happen consistently for a certain amount of time? How long do you run to render a decision that neither page is better than another?

These questions are the difficult parts associated with A/B tests in general.

1. For now, consider you need to make the decision just based on all the data provided. If you want to assume that the old page is better unless the new page proves to be definitely better at a Type I error rate of 5%, what should your null and alternative hypotheses be? You can state your hypothesis in terms of words or in terms of  $p_{old}$  and  $p_{new}$ , which are the converted rates for the old and new pages.

```
H_0: p_{new} - p_{old} <= 0 H_1: p_{new} - p_{old} > 0
```

2. Assume under the null hypothesis,  $p_{new}$  and  $p_{old}$  both have "true" success rates equal to the **converted** success rate regardless of page - that is  $p_{new}$  and  $p_{old}$  are equal. Furthermore, assume they are equal to the **converted** rate in **ab\_data.csv** regardless of the page.

Use a sample size for each page equal to the ones in **ab\_data.csv**.

Perform the sampling distribution for the difference in **converted** between the two pages over 10,000 iterations of calculating an estimate from the null.

Use the cells below to provide the necessary parts of this simulation. If this doesn't make complete sense right now, don't worry - you are going to work through the problems below to complete this problem. You can use **Quiz 5** in the classroom to make sure you are on the right track.

a. What is the **convert rate** for  $p_{new}$  under the null?

```
p_new
Out [55]: 0.11959708724499628
  b. What is the convert rate for p_{old} under the null?
In [56]: #Find the proportion of converted rate assuming p_new and p_old are equal
         p_old = df2['converted'].mean()
         p_old
Out [56]: 0.11959708724499628
  c. What is n_{new}?
In [57]: #Number of users landing on new page
         n_new = df2.query('group == "treatment"')['user_id'].count()
         n_new = int(n_new)
         n new
Out [57]: 145310
  d. What is n_{old}?
In [58]: #Number of users landing on old page
         n_old = df2.query('group == "control"')['user_id'].count()
         n_old = int(n_old)
         n_old
Out [58]: 145274
  e. Simulate n_{new} transactions with a convert rate of p_{new} under the null. Store these n_{new} 1's
     and 0's in new_page_converted.
In [59]: #Draw samples from a binomial distribution
         new_page_converted = np.random.binomial(1, p_new, n_new)
  f. Simulate n_{old} transactions with a convert rate of p_{old} under the null. Store these n_{old} 1's and
     0's in old_page_converted.
In [60]: #Draw samples from a binomial distribution
         old_page_converted = np.random.binomial(1, p_old,n_old)
  g. Find p_{new} - p_{old} for your simulated values from part (e) and (f).
In [61]: #Number of rows from new page are higher than the ones on old page, therefore we trunce
         #page and compute the difference
         new_page_converted = new_page_converted[:145274]
         new_page_converted.mean() - old_page_converted.mean()
```

In [55]: #Find the proportion of converted rate assuming p\_new and p\_old are equal

p\_new = df2['converted'].mean()

#### Out[61]: -0.00078472403871304719

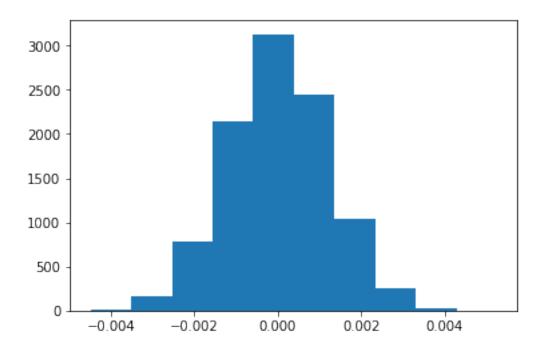
h. Simulate 10,000  $p_{new}$  -  $p_{old}$  values using this same process similarly to the one you calculated in parts **a. through g.** above. Store all 10,000 values in **p\_diffs**.

```
In [62]: #Simulate 10000 samples of the differences in conversion rates
    p_diffs = []

for _ in range(10000):
    new_page_converted = np.random.binomial(1, p_new, n_new)
    old_page_converted = np.random.binomial(1, p_old, n_old)
    new_page_p = new_page_converted.mean()
    old_page_p = old_page_converted.mean()
    p_diffs.append(new_page_p - old_page_p)
```

i. Plot a histogram of the **p\_diffs**. Does this plot look like what you expected? Use the matching problem in the classroom to assure you fully understand what was computed here.

```
In [63]: #Show the histogram
    plt.hist(p_diffs);
```



j. What proportion of the **p\_diffs** are greater than the actual difference observed in **ab\_data.csv**?

#### Out[64]: -0.0015782389853555567

k. In words, explain what you just computed in part **j**.. What is this value called in scientific studies? What does this value mean in terms of whether or not there is a difference between the new and old pages?

**Answer**: >\* We are computing p-values here.

- As explained in the videos and quizzes, this is the probability of observing our statistic (or one more extreme in favor of the alternative) if the null hypothesis is true.
- The more extreme in favor of the alternative portion of this statement determines the shading associated with your p-value.
- Here, we find that there is no conversion advantage with new pages. We conclude that null hypothesis is true as old and new pages perform almost similarly. Old pages, as the numbers show, performed slightly better.
- 1. We could also use a built-in to achieve similar results. Though using the built-in might be easier to code, the above portions are a walkthrough of the ideas that are critical to correctly thinking about statistical significance. Fill in the below to calculate the number of conversions for each page, as well as the number of individuals who received each page. Let n\_old and n\_new refer the the number of rows associated with the old page and new pages, respectively.

```
In [65]: import statsmodels.api as sm

#Number of conversions for each page
    convert_old = sum(df2.query('group == "control"')['converted'])
    convert_new = sum(df2.query('group == "treatment"')['converted'])

#Number of individuals who received each page
    n_old = df2.query("group == 'control'")['user_id'].count()
    n_new = df2.query("group == 'treatment'")['user_id'].count()

#Convert figures to integers
    n_old = int(n_old)
    n_new = int(n_new)
```

m. Now use stats.proportions\_ztest to compute your test statistic and p-value. Here is a helpful link on using the built in.

n. What do the z-score and p-value you computed in the previous question mean for the conversion rates of the old and new pages? Do they agree with the findings in parts **j.** and **k.**?

```
In [67]: p_value
Out[67]: 0.90505831275902449
```

## Put your answer here.

### Part III - A regression approach

- 1. In this final part, you will see that the result you acheived in the previous A/B test can also be acheived by performing regression.
  - a. Since each row is either a conversion or no conversion, what type of regression should you be performing in this case?

# Logistic regression

b. The goal is to use **statsmodels** to fit the regression model you specified in part **a.** to see if there is a significant difference in conversion based on which page a customer receives. However, you first need to create a colun for the intercept, and create a dummy variable column for which page each user received. Add an **intercept** column, as well as an **ab\_page** column, which is 1 when an individual receives the **treatment** and 0 if **control**.

c. Use **statsmodels** to import your regression model. Instantiate the model, and fit the model using the two columns you created in part **b**. to predict whether or not an individual converts.

```
In [69]: logit = sm.Logit(df2['converted'], df2[['intercept', 'ab_page']])
```

d. Provide the summary of your model below, and use it as necessary to answer the following questions.

```
Out[70]: <class 'statsmodels.iolib.summary.Summary'>
                   Logit Regression Results
    ______
    Dep. Variable:
                   converted No. Observations:
                                           290584
                     Logit Df Residuals:
    Model:
                                          290582
    Method:
                      MLE Df Model:
           Wed, 31 Oct 2018 Pseudo R-squ.: 8.077e-06
18:30:28 Log-Likelihood: -1.0639e+05
    Date:
    Time:
                      True LL-Null:
    converged:
                                        -1.0639e+05
                       LLR p-value:
                                           0.1899
    _____
                        z P>|z|
             coef std err
                                    [0.025
    _____
    intercept -1.9888 0.008 -246.669 0.000 -2.005 -1.973
    ab_page -0.0150 0.011 -1.311 0.190
                                    -0.037
                                           0.007
    _____
```

e. What is the p-value associated with **ab\_page**? Why does it differ from the value you found in the **Part II**? **Hint**: What are the null and alternative hypotheses associated with your regression model, and how do they compare to the null and alternative hypotheses in the **Part II**?

The p-value associated with ab\_page column is 0.19 which is lower than the p-value calculated using the z-score function. The reason why is different is due to the intercept added.

The logistic regression determines only two possible outcomes. If the new page is equal to the old page or different.

```
H_0: p_{new} - p_{old} = 0

H_1: p_{new} - p_{old} != 0
```

f. Now, you are considering other things that might influence whether or not an individual converts. Discuss why it is a good idea to consider other factors to add into your regression model. Are there any disadvantages to adding additional terms into your regression model?

We could consider introducing the timestamp metric to determine in which part of the day the individuals converted the most. For example, if we find that the evening is the period that users spend most of their time on the internet we might also take it into consideration.

g. Now along with testing if the conversion rate changes for different pages, also add an effect based on which country a user lives. You will need to read in the **countries.csv** dataset and merge together your datasets on the appropriate rows. Here are the docs for joining tables.

Does it appear that country had an impact on conversion? Don't forget to create dummy variables for these country columns - **Hint: You will need two columns for the three dummy variables.** Provide the statistical output as well as a written response to answer this question.

```
In [72]: ### Create the necessary dummy variables
         df_new[['CA', 'US']] = pd.get_dummies(df_new['country'])[['CA', 'US']]
         df new.head()
Out [72]:
                                                          group landing_page \
                 country
                                           timestamp
         user id
         834778
                      UK 2017-01-14 23:08:43.304998
                                                        control
                                                                    old_page
         928468
                      US 2017-01-23 14:44:16.387854
                                                      treatment
                                                                    new_page
         822059
                      UK 2017-01-16 14:04:14.719771
                                                      treatment
                                                                    new_page
         711597
                      UK 2017-01-22 03:14:24.763511
                                                                    old_page
                                                        control
         710616
                      UK 2017-01-16 13:14:44.000513 treatment
                                                                    new_page
                  converted intercept ab_page CA
         user id
         834778
                                     1
         928468
                                     1
                                              1
                                                      1
         822059
                          1
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                                              1
                                                      0
         711597
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         710616
                                     1
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```

h. Though you have now looked at the individual factors of country and page on conversion, we would now like to look at an interaction between page and country to see if there significant effects on conversion. Create the necessary additional columns, and fit the new model.

Provide the summary results, and your conclusions based on the results.

```
In [73]: ### Fit Your Linear Model And Obtain the Results
       df new['intercept'] = 1
       log_mod = sm.Logit(df_new['converted'], df_new[['CA', 'US', 'intercept', 'ab_page']])
       results = log_mod.fit()
       results.summary()
Optimization terminated successfully.
       Current function value: 0.366113
       Iterations 6
Out[73]: <class 'statsmodels.iolib.summary.Summary'>
                             Logit Regression Results
       _____
       Dep. Variable:
                              converted
                                        No. Observations:
                                                                  290584
       Model:
                                        Df Residuals:
                                                                  290580
                                 Logit
       Method:
                                   MLE
                                        Df Model:
       Date:
                        Wed, 31 Oct 2018
                                        Pseudo R-squ.:
                                                               2.323e-05
                               18:30:29
       Time:
                                        Log-Likelihood:
                                                              -1.0639e+05
       converged:
                                  True
                                        LL-Null:
                                                              -1.0639e+05
                                        LLR p-value:
                                                                  0.1760
       ______
```

	coef	std err	z	P> z	[0.025	0.975]
CA	-0.0506	0.028	-1.784	0.074	-0.106	0.005
US	-0.0099	0.013	-0.743	0.457	-0.036	0.016
intercept	-1.9794	0.013	-155.415	0.000	-2.004	-1.954
ab_page	-0.0149	0.011	-1.307	0.191	-0.037	0.007
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## Finishing Up

Congratulations! You have reached the end of the A/B Test Results project! This is the final project in Term 1. You should be very proud of all you have accomplished!

### 0.3 Directions to Submit

Before you submit your project, you need to create a .html or .pdf version of this note-book in the workspace here. To do that, run the code cell below. If it worked correctly, you should get a return code of 0, and you should see the generated .html file in the workspace directory (click on the orange Jupyter icon in the upper left).

Alternatively, you can download this report as .html via the **File > Download as** submenu, and then manually upload it into the workspace directory by clicking on the orange Jupyter icon in the upper left, then using the Upload button.

Once you've done this, you can submit your project by clicking on the "Submit Project" button in the lower right here. This will create and submit a zip file with this .ipynb doc and the .html or .pdf version you created. Congratulations!