

1. Hypothesis testing is carried out with frequency distributions, either observed or theoretical.

What is the principal advantage of using a theoretical distribution ? [1]

It takes little time to compute a p-value

What is the principal advantage of using an observed distribution ? [1]

No assumptions

What is the principal disadvantage (or cost) of using an observed distribution ? [1]

It takes far longer to obtain a p-value from an observed distribution than to obtain a p-value from a theoretical distribution

2a. Complete the following computations. [2]

$$(100 \text{ km})^{1.5} = \underline{10^{1.5} \text{ km}^{1.5} = 31.62 \text{ km}^{1.5}}$$

$$R = (100 \text{ km})/\text{km} \quad \log_{10}(R) = \underline{\log_{10} 10^2 = 2}$$

2b. Convert an energy expenditure of 36 kiloJoules in 4 minutes to Watts (Joules/sec) [1]

$$\frac{36 \text{ kJ}}{4 \text{ min}} \frac{1000 \text{ J}}{1 \text{ kJ}} \frac{1 \text{ min}}{60 \text{ sec}} = 150 \text{ J / sec}$$

3. In the blank spaces below list the 5 parts of a well defined biological quantity then give a five-part definition of human breathing rate. [5]

The numerical values you list must be biologically reasonable. If you don't have a watch, you can count seconds by repeating to yourself 1 monkey, 2 monkey, 3 monkey .....

<u>Name</u>	<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Procedural Statement</u>	<u>Values</u>	<u>Units</u>
breathing rate			12/min to 120/min	

4. Sokal and Rohlf (1995, *Biometry*) reported number of trees invaded by ants for each of two tree species:

	Not Invaded	Invaded
Tree species A	2	13
Tree species B	10	3

If the probability of invasion is the percent of trees invaded in tree species A then the odds of invasion are defined as  $\text{Odds} = p/q$  where  $q = 1 - p$ .

Read the expression ( $\text{Odds} = \frac{p}{q} : 1$ ) as "odds are \_\_\_\_ to 1."

The odds ratio, for one population relative to another, is defined as the odds for the one population, divided by the odds for the other population.

What is the probability of invasion for species A ?

$$p = \frac{13}{15} = 0.87 \quad [1]$$

What are the odds of invasion for species A ?

$$\text{Odds} = \frac{13}{2} = 6.5:1 \quad [1]$$

What is the probability of invasion for species B ?

$$p = \frac{3}{13} = 0.231 \quad [1]$$

What are the odds of invasion for species B ?

$$\text{Odds} = \frac{3}{10} = 0.30:1 \quad [1]$$

What is the odds ratio, for species A relative to B ?

$$\text{OR} = \frac{6.5}{0.30} = 21.67 : 1 \quad [1]$$

5. R.D. Budd (1989, *American Journal of Drug and Alcohol Abuse* 15: 375-382) reported cocaine levels (microgram/ml) in 70 victims of violent death, in three categories.

Homicide	Accident	Suicide	n
50	12	8	
1.387	1.511	1.094	mean
1.319	2.175	1.002	stdev
0.05	0.05	0.05	alpha
1.013	0.129	0.256	lower limit
1.762	2.892	1.932	upper limit

Compute the confidence interval, defined as  $\text{CI} = \text{Upper limit} - \text{Lower limit}$  for homicides

$$1.762 - 1.013 = 0.75 \quad [1]$$

If the sample size for homicides decreases does the CI increase or decrease ?

increase [1]

6. Sanford and Crawford (2000) *Limnology and Oceanography* 45:1181 use the following expression for mass flux  $F$  ( $\text{gram cm}^{-2} \text{sec}^{-1}$ ) in relation to transfer velocity  $\$$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1} \text{sec}^{-1}$ ) and concentration difference  $C$ .

$$F = \$ @ C$$

If mass flux is held constant, and the transfer velocity is reduced to one quarter of its original value, by what factor do we expect concentration difference  $C$  to change ?

4 [1]

What units does the concentration difference have ?

$\text{g cm}^{-3}$  [1]

M   L   T

1   3   0 Dimensions of mass concentration ( $\text{kg cm}^{-3}$ )

1   2   1 Dimensions of mass flux  $F$  [1]

0   1   1 Dimensions of transfer velocity  $\$$  [1]

1   3   0 Dimensions of concentration difference  $C$  [1]

7. Type I error is a potential problem when rejecting the null (just chance) hypothesis, while Type II error is a potential problem when accepting the null hypothesis. Circle either I or II to indicate the potential problem with each of the following decisions. [4]

A government agency analyzes highly variable catch data, concludes there is no evidence of decline in a lobster stock, and recommends no reduction in catch rate. I II

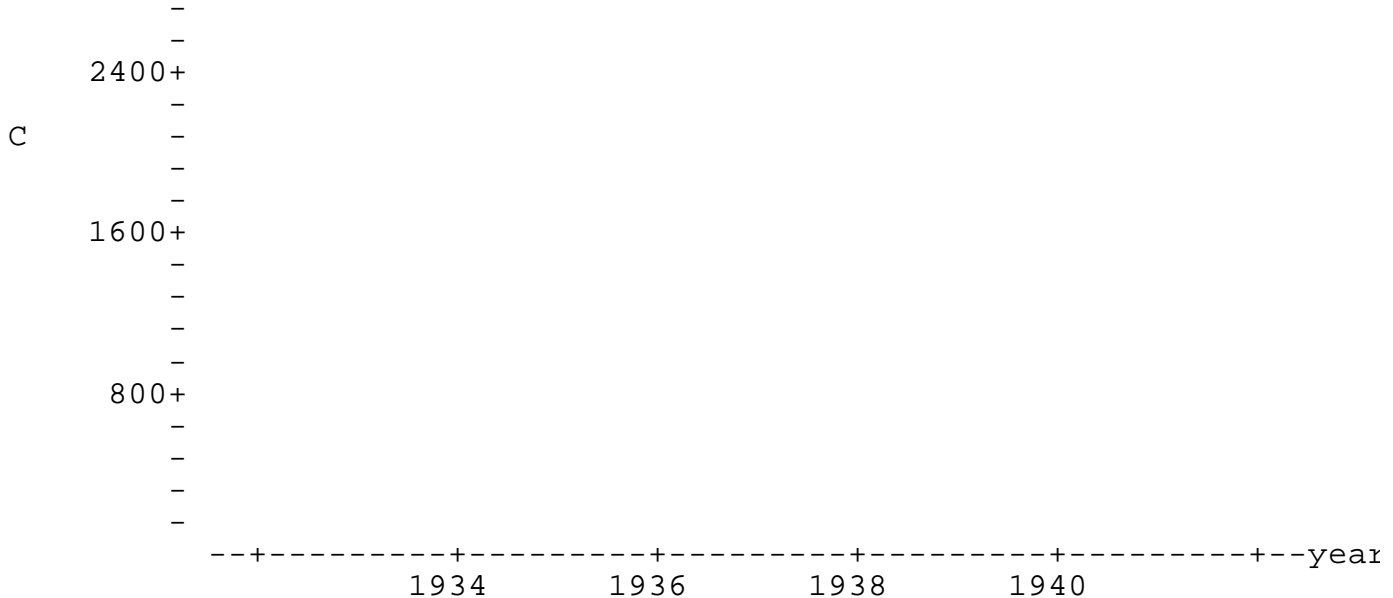
If this type of error is made, who bears the cost of the erroneous decision? (Circle one)  
Fisherman's income Fish population size

A government agency analyzes highly variable catch data, concludes there has been a decline in lobster stock size, and recommends a reduction in catch rate. I II

If this type of error is made, who bears the cost of the erroneous decision? (Circle one)  
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8a. The sign of a residual is defined as the sign (plus or minus) of (Data - Model)

MTB > plot c2 c1



C = Catch of salmon, in tonnes (as in Ricker, 1975).

Draw a straight line relation showing an increase in catch with year. [1]

upward trending line, from left to right  
Add 6 data points (1935 through 1940) consistent with the following pattern of residuals ! + + + ! ! [1]

first data point below line, next 3 above line, last 2 below

8b. For the straight line you have drawn, estimate the slope of the line  $\$_{yr} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$  [1]

$\$_{yr} = \underline{\text{circa } (2400 - 0) / (1940 - 1934) = 400, \text{ or closer to zero}}$

What units does  $\$_{yr}$  have? tonnes/year [1]

For the data you have drawn, make a rough estimate of the mean of the 6 values of catch

$\text{mean}(N) = \$_0 = \underline{\text{circa } 1200-1600}$  [1]

8c. In words state an  $H_A/H_0$  pair for testing whether catch increases with time. [2]

$H_0$ : Catch does not vary with year

$H_A$ : Catch varies with year

Express in symbolic notation an  $H_A/H_0$  pair for testing whether catch increases with time. [2]

A convenient statistic to measure the pattern is  $\$_{yr}$ , the slope of the line.

$H_0: \$_{yr} = 0$  or  $H_0: \$_{yr} \leq 0$

$H_A: \$_{yr} > 0$   $H_A: \$_{yr} \geq 0$