# Chapter 7: Hypothesis Testing

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# Hypothesis Testing

- We want to draw conclusions regarding population parameters using information contained in a sample of observations
- We made a confidence interval to determine a reasonable range of values that will occur with a given confidence level
- Can we now determine how probable it is to see the results in our sample given a hypothesized value of the population parameter?

# Hypothesis Testing: Scenario

- A grande Starbucks drink is claimed to contain 16 oz of liquid on average
- Suppose we purchase a grande-sized coffee from Starbucks and measure
   15.8 oz of coffee
- If we accept that our measuring error is normally distributed with mean 0 and standard deviation 0.4, is the observed coffee consistent with Starbucks' claims?
- What if we had measured 15.0 oz of coffee? Would we be more suspicious of Starbucks' claims?

# Hypotheses

- Hypothesis testing is a procedure based on sample evidence and probability that is used to test events regarding population parameters
- We begin hypothesis testing by claiming that the population parameter of interest (usually the mean) is some given value,  $\mu_0$
- This statement is called the null hypothesis,  $H_0$
- The null hypothesis is that of "no change" (or status quo)
- We believe the null hypothesis to be true unless overwhelming evidence exists to the contrary ("innocent until proven guilty")

# Hypotheses

- The alternative hypothesis,  $H_1$  (sometimes denoted  $H_A$ ), is a second statement that contradicts  $H_0$ 
  - This is the hypothesis for which the investigator is trying to gather evidence in favor of
- Either  $H_0$  or  $H_1$  must be true (mutually exclusive, exhaustive)
- ullet We need overwhelming evidence to conclude that  $H_1$  is true

# Hypotheses: Example

- In our Starbucks example, we are interested in determining if a grande coffee is in fact 16 oz on average
- Let  $\mu$  be the average amount of coffee in ounces
- $H_0$ :  $\mu=16$  oz the grande coffee is 16 oz on average
- $H_1: \mu \neq 16$  oz the grande coffee is not 16 oz on average

# Types of Hypotheses

- There are three types of hypotheses we can consider:
- Lower-tailed (true mean is less than hypothesized mean):
  - $H_0: \mu \ge \mu_0 \text{ and } H_1: \mu < \mu_0$
- Upper-tailed (true mean is greater than hypothesized mean):
  - $H_0: \mu \le \mu_0 \text{ and } H_1: \mu > \mu_0$
- Two-sided (true mean is not equal to the hypothesized mean):
  - $H_0: \mu = \mu_0 \text{ and } H_1: \mu \neq \mu_0$

#### Test Statistic

- Once we formulate our hypotheses, we need to draw a random sample of size n from the population of interest
- Calculate the sample statistic and compare to the population parameter
  - Compare  $\overline{x}$  to the postulated  $\mu_0$
- Is  $\overline{x}$  different enough from  $\mu_0$  to conclude that  $H_1$  is true?
  - Calculate test statistic

#### Test Statistic

- Use test statistics to determine the probability of seeing a sample mean as extreme or more extreme than the one observed, given that the null hypothesis is true
- Relies on the sampling distribution of the test statistic
- Recall that if X has mean  $\mu_0$  and known variance  $\sigma^2$ , then by the CLT,  $\overline{X} \sim N\left(\mu_0, \sigma/\sqrt{n}\right)$  for  $n \geq 30$
- For a *z-test*, our test statistic is  $z = \frac{x \mu_0}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}}$

# Significance

- If there is evidence that the sample could not have come from a population with the hypothesized parameter, we reject the null hypothesis
  - Given that  $H_0$  is true, the probability of obtaining a sample statistic as extreme or more extreme than the observed statistic is sufficiently small
  - ullet In this case, our data is more supportive of  $H_1$
  - Conclude that the population parameter could not be  $\mu_0$
- Such a test is statistically significant
- Intuition: "If the null hypothesis were true, our observations are extremely unlikely. Therefore, this is evidence that the null hypothesis is not true"

# Significance

- If it seems reasonable (i.e., not extremely unlikely) that the sample came from a population centered at the hypothesized mean, then we fail to reject the null hypothesis
- We do not accept  $H_0$ , we merely fail to reject it
- It is still possible that the population parameter does not equal  $\mu_0$ , but the random sample we selected does not provide enough evidence to confirm this
  - This can be the case if the sample is too small
- Intuition: "Not enough evidence to disprove the null hypothesis"

# Significance

- Calculate a probability to determine how unlikely it is to see your sample results if the null hypothesis is true
  - p-value
- If that probability is less than some *pre-specified* **significance level**,  $\alpha$ , then reject the null hypothesis ("sufficiently unlikely")
  - Typically, let  $\alpha=0.05$ : Reject  $H_0$  when the chance that the sample could have come from a population with mean  $\mu_0$  is less than or equal to 5%
- If  $p \le \alpha$ , we reject  $H_0$  (i.e., if the p-value is low, we reject the null hypothesis)
- If  $p > \alpha$ , we fail to reject  $H_0$

# Significance Level ( $\alpha$ )

- ullet Choosing the significance level lpha allows us to specify the "power" of the test
- If we want to be more conservative, we can choose  $\alpha = 0.01$
- To be less conservative, choose  $\alpha = 0.1$
- Note: We must specify  $\alpha$  before the test is carried out
  - Otherwise, we may do science in reverse (fit hypotheses to results)

#### Illustration

#### p-values for z-tests

- We calculate our p-value as follows, for each of the three types of tests (z-tests):
- One-sided, lower-tailed hypothesis ( $H_1: \mu < \mu_0$ ):
  - pnorm(z)
- One-sided, upper-tailed hypothesis  $(H_1: \mu > \mu_0)$ :
  - 1-pnorm(z)
- Two-sided hypothesis  $(H_1: \mu \neq \mu_0)$ :
  - If  $z \le 0$ : 2\*pnorm(z)
  - If z > 0: 2\* (1-pnorm(z))

#### t-tests

• When  $\sigma^2$  is also unknown, we substitute the sample variance  $s^2$  and use the t distribution instead of the normal distribution

The t-statistic is 
$$t = \frac{\overline{x} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}}$$

- This t-statistic has a t distribution with n-1 degrees of freedom
- We determine the probability of seeing a test statistic t as extreme or more extreme as the one observed via a t-test

#### p-values for t-tests

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  - pt(t,df)
- One-sided, upper-tailed hypothesis  $(H_1: \mu > \mu_0)$ :
  - 1-pt(t,df)
- Two-sided hypothesis  $(H_1: \mu \neq \mu_0)$ :
  - If  $z \le 0$ : 2\*pt(t,df)
  - If z > 0: 2\* (1-pt(t,df))

# Conducting a Hypothesis Test

- 1. Check the conditions required for the validity of the test
- 2. Define the parameter of interest in the context of the problem
- 3. State the desired significance level
- 4. State the null hypothesis
- 5. State the alternative hypothesis
- 6. Determine the proper test to use, and calculate the test statistic
- 7. Calculate the p-value or critical value
- 8. Make "reject/fail to reject" decision
- 9. State your conclusion in the context of the problem

## Example: One-sided z-test

- Let's return to our Starbucks example where we want to test whether grande coffees actually come with less than 16 oz of coffee
- We buy 40 grande coffees from Starbucks and find that the average amount of coffee is 15.8 oz
- Recall that we know that  $\sigma = 0.4$  oz
- Is there evidence that grande coffees are under-filled at the  $\alpha=0.05$  significance level?

## Example: One-sided z-test

- 1. Check the conditions:
- 2. Parameter of interest:
- 3. Significance level:
- 4. Null hypothesis:
- 5. Alternative hypothesis:
- 6. Which test and test statistic:
- 7. p-value:
- 8. Accept or reject  $H_0$ ?
- 9. Conclusion:

# Example: One-sided z-test

- 1. Check the conditions:  $n = 40 \ge 30$ , so normality assumption holds (CLT)
- 2. Parameter of interest:  $\mu$  = mean amount of coffee in a grande cup
- 3. Significance level:  $\alpha = 0.05$
- 4. Null hypothesis:  $H_0: \mu \ge 16$  oz
- 5. Alternative hypothesis:  $H_1: \mu < 16$  oz
- 6. Which test and test statistic:  $\sigma$  is known, so z-test with  $z = \frac{\overline{x} \mu_0}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}} = \frac{15.8 16}{0.4 / \sqrt{40}} = -3.16$
- 7. p-value: p = Pr(Z < -3.16) = pnorm(-3.16) = 0.0008
- 8. Reject  $H_0$
- 9. Conclusion: There is sufficient evidence to conclude that less than 16 oz is being poured into grande cups

# Example: Two-sided z-test

- The average weight for men in 1960 was 166.3 lbs
- In 2002, 30 men were sampled and their average weight was 191 lbs
- Assume  $\sigma = 50$  lbs is known
- Do the data suggest that the average weight of men is significantly different in 2002 as compared to 1960 at the  $\alpha=0.05$  significance level?

#### Example: Two-sided z-test

- 1. Check the conditions:
- 2. Parameter of interest:
- 3. Significance level:
- 4. Null hypothesis:
- 5. Alternative hypothesis:
- 6. Which test and test statistic:
- 7. p-value:
- 8. Accept or reject  $H_0$ ?
- 9. Conclusion:

## Example: Two-sided z-test

- 1. Check the conditions:  $n = 30 \ge 30$ , so the CLT applies
- 2. Parameter of interest:  $\mu$  = average weight of men in 2002 (lbs)
- 3. Significance level:  $\alpha = 0.05$
- 4. Null hypothesis:  $H_0$ :  $\mu = 166.3$  lbs
- 5. Alternative hypothesis:  $H_1: \mu \neq 166.3$  lbs
- 6. Which test and test statistic:  $\sigma$  is known, so z-test with  $z = \frac{\overline{x} \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} = \frac{191 166.3}{50/\sqrt{30}} = 2.706$
- 7. p-value:  $p = 2 \cdot \Pr(Z > 2.706) = 2*(1-pnorm(2.706)) = 2*(0.0034) = 0.007$
- 8. Reject  $H_0$
- 9. Conclusion: There is sufficient evidence to conclude that the average weight of men has significantly changed between 1960 and 2002

#### Example: Two-sided t-test

- The average US heart rate is 71.2 beats per minute (bpm)
- We sample 40 US Olympic athletes
- The average heart rate for this sample is  $\bar{x} = 60.9$  bpm with a sample standard deviation of s = 34.2 bpm
- The underlying distribution of US Olympic athlete heart rates is approximately normal with an unknown mean  $\mu$  and unknown standard deviation  $\sigma$
- Does the average heart rate for US Olympic athletes differ from that of the general American population at the  $\alpha=0.05$  significance level?

#### Example: Two-sided t-test

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- 2. Parameter of interest:
- 3. Significance level:
- 4. Null hypothesis:
- 5. Alternative hypothesis:
- 6. Which test and test statistic:
- 7. p-value:
- 8. Accept or reject  $H_0$ ?
- 9. Conclusion:

## Example: Two-sided t-test

- 1. Check the conditions: We have a normal population
- 2. Parameter of interest:  $\mu$  = average heart rate for US Olympic athletes
- 3. Significance level:  $\alpha = 0.05$
- 4. Null hypothesis:  $H_0$ :  $\mu = 71.2$  bpm
- 5. Alternative hypothesis:  $H_1: \mu \neq 71.2$  bpm
- 6. Which test and test statistic:  $\sigma$  is unknown, so t-test with  $t = \frac{\overline{x} \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}} = \frac{60.9 71.2}{34.2/\sqrt{40}} = -1.90$
- 7. p-value:  $p = 2 \cdot Pr(T < -1.90) = 2*pt(-1.90, df=39) = 2*(0.0324) = 0.0658$
- 8. Fail to reject  $H_0$
- 9. Conclusion: There is insufficient evidence to conclude that the average heart rate of US Olympic athletes is significantly different from the average heart rate of all Americans

#### Example: One-sided t-test

- The national average MCAT score is 500 (range: 472-528)
- The University of Rochester believes its students score better, on average, than the rest of the nation
- A sample of 52 U of R medical students is taken
- The average scores for these students is 516, with a sample standard deviation of 18
- Do U of R medical students score higher, on average, than the rest of the nation? Evaluate at the  $\alpha=0.05$  significance level

## Example: One-sided t-test

- 1. Check the conditions:
- 2. Parameter of interest:
- 3. Significance level:
- 4. Null hypothesis:
- 5. Alternative hypothesis:
- 6. Which test and test statistic:
- 7. p-value:
- 8. Accept or reject  $H_0$ ?
- 9. Conclusion:

## Example: One-sided t-test

- 1. Check the conditions:  $n = 52 \ge 30$ , so CLT applies
- 2. Parameter of interest:  $\mu$  = average MCAT scores of U of R medical students
- 3. Significance level:  $\alpha = 0.05$
- 4. Null hypothesis:  $H_0$ :  $\mu \leq 500$
- 5. Alternative hypothesis:  $H_1: \mu > 500$
- 6. Which test and test statistic:  $\sigma$  is unknown, so t-test with  $t = \frac{\overline{x} \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}} = \frac{516 500}{18/\sqrt{52}} = 6.41$
- 7. p-value:  $p = Pr(T > 6.41) = 1-pt(6.41, df=51) = 2 \times 10^{-8}$
- 8. Reject  $H_0$
- 9. Conclusion: There is sufficient evidence to conclude that U of R medical students score significantly higher on the MCAT than students nationwide

Hypothesis Tests vs. Confidence Intervals

# Confidence Intervals and Hypothesis Tests

- Confidence intervals for sample means are mathematically equivalent to hypothesis tests
- For a two-sided z-test, any value of z that lies between -1.96 and 1.96 would result in a p-value greater than 0.05
  - In this case, the null hypothesis would not be rejected at  $\alpha=0.05$
- Any value of z that lies outside (-1.96, 1.96) would result in a p-value less than 0.05, and thus we would reject  $H_0$
- We say that -1.96 and 1.96 are the *critical values* of the test statistic at the  $\alpha=0.05$  significance level (for 2-sided z-tests)
- Conversely, we fail to reject a null hypothesis at  $\alpha=0.05$  if  $\mu_0$  falls within the 95% confidence interval for  $\mu$ 
  - We reject a null hypothesis at  $\alpha=0.05$  if  $\mu_0$  lies outside the 95% confidence interval for  $\mu$

# Confidence Intervals and Hypothesis Tests

- Let's revisit the men's weights example:  $\mu_0 = 166.3$ , n = 30,  $\bar{x} = 191$ ,  $\sigma = 50$
- A two-sided z-test at  $\alpha=0.05$  is equivalent to a two-sided 95% confidence interval
- Critical values for z are  $z = \pm 1.96$
- Therefore, the two-sided 95% confidence interval is

$$CI = 191 \pm 1.96 \frac{50}{\sqrt{30}}$$
$$= 191 \pm 17.89$$
$$= (173.11,208.89)$$

• Since 166.3 falls outside this interval, we reject the null hypothesis and conclude that the average weight of men is not equal to 166.3 lbs

# Confidence Intervals and Hypothesis Tests

- Confidence intervals and hypothesis tests can lead to the same conclusions
- However, the information provided by each is a bit different
- A confidence interval gives a reasonable range of values for  $\mu$  based on a the uncertainty in our point estimate  $\overline{x}$
- A hypothesis test helps us determine whether the postulated value of the mean is likely to be correct by providing a p-value
- Hypothesis tests are centered around a null hypothesis that we are interested in gathering evidence against in order to reject it in favor of our alternative supposition

## Rejection Regions (Critical Values)

- Assume  $\sigma^2$  is known (i.e., z-test)
- Let your test statistic be z
- For a two-sided z-test with  $\alpha=0.05$ , our critical value is  $z_{\alpha/2}={\tt qnorm}\,(0.975)=1.96$ 
  - If  $|z| \ge z_{\alpha/2}$ , reject  $H_0$
  - If  $|z| < z_{\alpha/2}$ , fail to reject  $H_0$
- For a one-sided (upper) z-test with  $\alpha=0.05$ , our critical value is  $z_{\alpha}={\tt qnorm}\,(0.95)=1.645$ 
  - If  $z \ge z_{\alpha'}$  reject  $H_0$
  - If  $z < z_{\alpha'}$  fail to reject  $H_0$
- For a one-sided (lower) z-test with  $\alpha=0.05$ , our critical value is  $z_{\alpha}={\tt qnorm}\,(0.05)=-1.645$ 
  - If  $z \le z_{\alpha'}$  reject  $H_0$
  - If  $z>z_{\alpha'}$  fail to reject  $H_0$

#### Rejection Region Example: One-sided z-test (lower)

- Back to Starbuck's example:  $n=40,\,\overline{x}=15.8,\,\sigma=40,\,\mu_0=16$
- $H_0: \mu \ge 16 \text{ oz}, H_1: \mu < 16 \text{ oz}$

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$$\sigma$$
 is known, so we use a z-test:  $z=\frac{\overline{x}-\mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}=\frac{15.8-16}{0.4/\sqrt{40}}=-3.16$ 

- Critical value:  $z_{\alpha} = qnorm(0.05) = -1.645$
- Since  $-3.16 \le -1.645$ , reject  $H_0$
- There is sufficient evidence to conclude that less than 16 oz of coffee is being poured into grande cups

## Rejection Region Example: Two-sided z-test

- Back to men's weight example:  $n=30, \, \overline{x}=191, \, \sigma=50, \, \mu_0=166.3$
- $H_0: \mu = 166.3$  lbs,  $H_1: \mu \neq 166.3$  lbs
- $\sigma$  is known, so we use a z-test:  $z = \frac{\overline{x} \mu_0}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}} = \frac{191 166.3}{50 / \sqrt{30}} = 2.706$
- Critical value:  $z_{\alpha/2} = qnorm(0.975) = 1.96$
- Since  $2.706 \ge 1.96$ , reject  $H_0$
- There is sufficient evidence to conclude that the average weight of men has significantly changed between 1960 and 2002

## Rejection Region Example: Two-sided t-test

- Back to US Olympic athletes' heart rates example:  $n=40, \, \overline{x}=60.9, \, s=34.2, \, \mu_0=71.2$
- $H_0: \mu = 71.2 \text{ bpm}, H_1: \mu \neq 71.2 \text{ bpm}$
- $\sigma$  is unknown, so we use a t-test:  $t = \frac{\bar{x} \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}} = \frac{60.9 71.2}{34.2/\sqrt{40}} = -1.90$
- Critical value:  $t_{\alpha/2} = \text{qt}(0.975, \text{df}=39) = 2.023$
- Since |-1.90| < 2.023, fail to reject  $H_0$
- There is insufficient evidence to conclude that the average heart rate of US Olympic athletes is significantly different from the average heart rate of all Americans

## Rejection Region Example: One-sided t-test (upper)

- Back to MCAT example: n = 52,  $\bar{x} = 516$ , s = 18,  $\mu_0 = 500$
- $H_0: \mu \leq 500, H_1: \mu > 500$
- $\sigma$  is unknown, so we use a t-test:  $t=\frac{\overline{x}-\mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}}=\frac{516-500}{18/\sqrt{52}}=6.41$
- Critical value:  $t_{\alpha} = qt(0.95, df=51) = 1.675$
- Since  $6.41 \ge 1.675$ , reject  $H_0$
- There is sufficient evidence to conclude that U of R medical students score significantly higher on the MCAT than the nationwide average

# Types of Error

We can make two types of errors when performing a hypothesis test:

	$\mu = \mu_0$	$\mu \neq \mu_0$
Fail to reject	Correct	Incorrect (Type II)
Reject	Incorrect (Type I)	Correct

Example for two-sided test

## Type I Error

- Type I error occurs if we reject a true null hypothesis ("false positive")
  - $H_0: \mu = \mu_0$  is true, but we reject it
- Example: Send an innocent person to prison
- The chance that this happens is  $\Pr(\text{reject } H_0 | H_0 \text{ is true})$
- However, recall that  $\alpha = \Pr(\text{reject } H_0 | H_0 \text{ is true})$
- ullet Thus, the significance level lpha is the probability of making a type I error
- We decide what  $\alpha$  is for our test

## Type II Error

- Type II error occurs if we fail to reject a false null hypothesis ("false negative")
  - $H_0: \mu = \mu_0$  is false, but we fail to reject it
- Example: Let a guilty person go free
- The probability of making a type II error is denoted  $\beta$
- $\beta = \Pr(\text{do not reject } H_0 | H_0 \text{ is false})$
- Typically, we want  $\beta$  to be around 0.10 (or less)
- Holding all else constant, the smaller we make  $\alpha$ , the larger  $\beta$  becomes
- Exact type II error depends on the particular alternative population mean  $\mu_1$

Type I and Type II Error, Illustrated

## Types of Error: Example

- Setup: A pharmaceutical company has developed a cancer treatment and wants to know if it is effective
- $H_0$ : The treatment is not effective
- $H_1$ : The treatment is effective
- What are type I and type II errors in this context?

## Types of Error: Example

- Setup: A pharmaceutical company has developed a cancer treatment and wants to know if it is effective
- $H_0$ : The treatment is not effective
- $H_1$ : The treatment is effective
- What are type I and type II errors in this context?
  - Type I: Reject  $H_0$  when  $H_0$  is true, which means concluding that the treatment is effective when it is not effective
  - Type II: Fail to reject  ${\cal H}_0$  when  ${\cal H}_0$  is false, which means deciding that the treatment is not effective when it really is effective

#### Power

- The power of a test is equal to  $1 \beta$
- The power is the probability of correctly rejecting the null hypothesis
  - Power =  $Pr(reject H_0 | H_0 is false)$
- Example: Convict the criminal who committed the crime
- ullet Power must be computed for a particular alternative population mean  $\mu_1$

## Power: Example

- Back to Starbucks (one-sided z-test):  $n=36, \ \alpha=0.05, \ \sigma=0.4$
- Suppose the true mean amount of coffee in a grande cup is actually 15.8 oz with a standard deviation of 0.4 oz
- $H_0: \mu \ge 16 \text{ oz}, H_1: \mu < 16 \text{ oz}$
- What is the value of  $\beta$  associated with a test of the null hypothesis  $H_1: \mu \geq 16$  oz?

## Power: Example

- First, find the mean amount of coffee our sample must have in order for  ${\cal H}_0$  to be rejected (i.e., where is the cutoff?)
- One-sided z-test: z = qnorm(0.05) = -1.645

• Therefore, 
$$z=\frac{\overline{x}-\mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}=-1.645 \rightarrow \overline{x}=15.89$$

- Interpretation: the null hypothesis will be rejected if our sample has a mean  $\bar{x}$  that is less than or equal to 15.89 oz
  - ullet If the sample mean is larger, we lack sufficient evidence to reject  $H_0$

## Power: Example

- Now, given this cutoff for rejecting the null hypothesis (15.89 oz), what is  $\beta$ ?
- Answer:  $\beta$  is the probability of observing a sample mean greater than 15.89 given that the true population mean is 15.8 oz
- Let  $\mu_1=15.8$  oz and determine what proportion of the distribution centered around this mean lies above 15.89 oz

$$z = \frac{15.89 - 15.8}{0.4/\sqrt{36}} = 1.35$$

- Therefore,  $\beta = 1 pnorm(1.35) = 0.0885$
- Interpretation: The probability of failing to reject  $H_0=16$  oz when the true population mean is  $\mu_1=15.8$  oz is 0.0885
- Hence, the power of the test is  $1 \beta = 0.9115$

## Power and $\mu_1$

- To calculate  $\beta$ , note that we must have a specific value under the alternative to consider (i.e., a concrete value of  $\mu_1$ )
- Under the null hypothesis, there are infinitely many options for what  $\mu$  can be if the null hypothesis is rejected
- But, type II error is calculated for a single value of  $\mu_1$  that falls under the alternative hypothesis
- Different choices of the "truth" will lead to different values of  $\beta$
- ullet In general, the closer  $\mu_1$  is to  $\mu_0$ , the harder it will be to reject  $H_0$

#### Power Revisited

• In the Starbucks example (n=36,  $\alpha=0.05$ ,  $\sigma=0.4$ ,  $\mu_0=16$ ,  $\mu_1=15.8$ , one-sided lower z-test), we can more directly calculate power as follows:

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Power = \Pr(\text{reject } H_0 | \mu = 15.8)

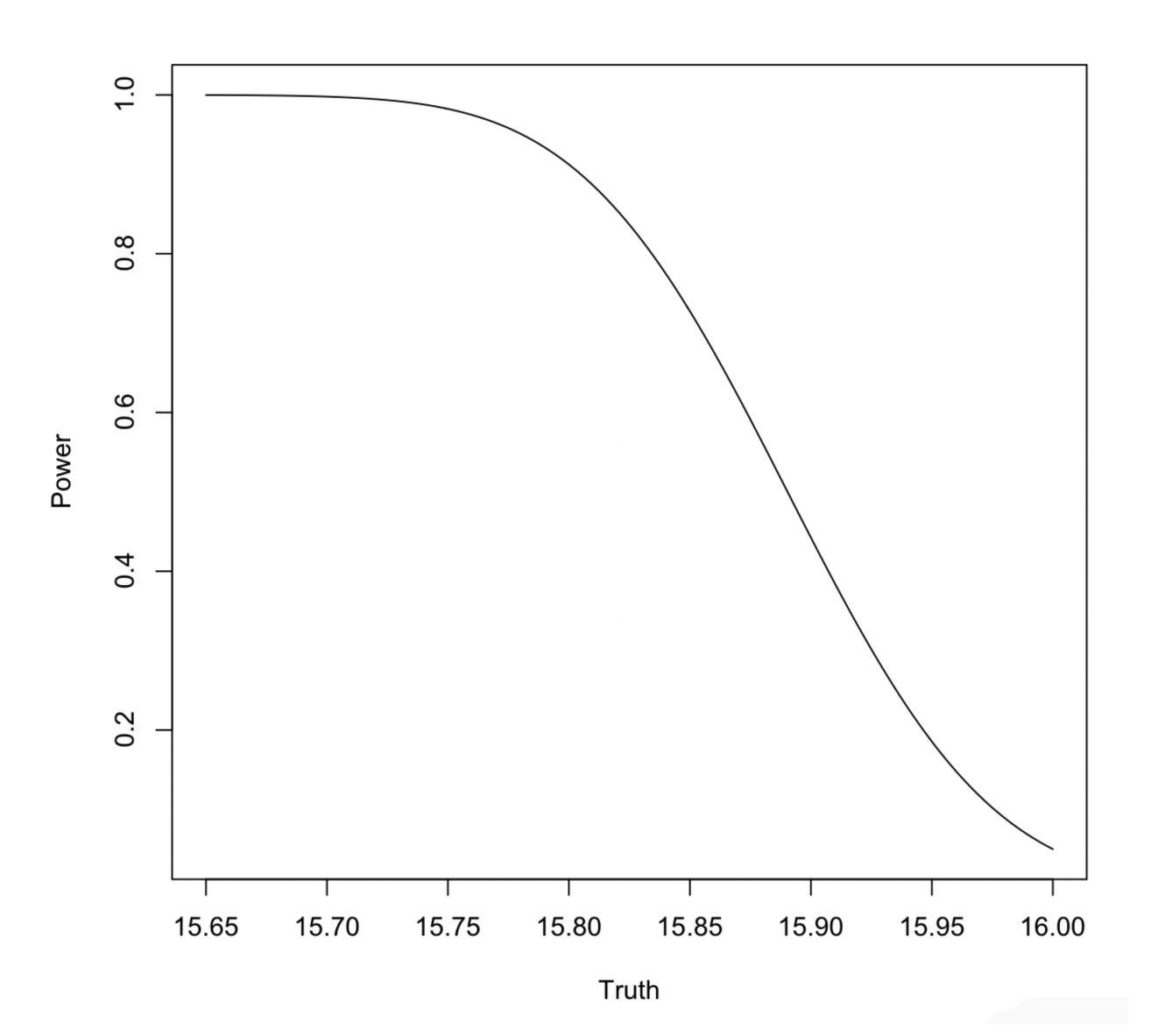
= \Pr(\text{reject } \mu \ge 16 | \mu = 15.8)

= \Pr(\overline{X} \le 15.89 | \mu = 15.8)

= \Pr(Z \le 1.35)

= 0.9115
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#### Power Curve



## Hypothesis Testing: $\alpha$ and Power

- Ideally, we would like a test with small  $\alpha$  and high power  $(1-\beta)$
- In practice, power less than 80% is considered insufficient and the test is deemed not worthwhile
- We can increase power (decrease eta) by increasing lpha
- With larger sample sizes, we are less likely to commit either type of error (and thus, have higher power)
  - Intuition: Larger sample sizes = more sharply peaked distributions = less overlap in the two normal distributions = increased power

- Until now, we have taken our sample size to be fixed
- However, sample size (n) can impact the power of a test for a given significance level  $(\alpha)$
- Thus, if we want to achieve a certain power at a given significance level, we can calculate the sample size necessary to do so

- Back to Starbucks (one-sided z-test):  $\sigma = 0.4$ ,  $\alpha = \beta = 0.05$ ,  $\mu_1 = 15.8$  oz,  $H_0: \mu \geq 16$  oz,  $H_1: \mu < 16$  oz
  - In other words, we want  $\alpha=0.05$  and power = 0.95 (so  $\beta=0.05$ ).
- What size sample (n) do we need?
  - First, find cutoff where we reject the null hypothesis:

- Recall that we want a power of 0.95 ( $\beta = 0.05$ )
- If the true mean were actually  $\mu_1=15.8$ , we want to reject the null hypothesis with probability 0.95
- For  $\beta = 0.05$ , we have a z-score of

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  - In other words, we want  $\alpha=0.05$  and power = 0.95 (so  $\beta=0.05$ ).
- What size sample (n) do we need?
  - First, find cutoff where we reject the null hypothesis: z = qnorm(0.05) = -1.645, so we have  $z = -1.645 = \frac{\overline{x} 16}{0.4/\sqrt{n}} \rightarrow \overline{x} = 16 1.645 \frac{0.4}{\sqrt{n}}$
  - Recall that we want a power of 0.95 ( $\beta = 0.05$ )
  - If the true mean were actually  $\mu_1=15.8$ , we want to reject the null hypothesis with probability 0.95
  - For  $\beta = 0.05$ , we have a z-score of z = qnorm(0.95) = 1.645

- We would like the cutoff for  $\alpha=0.05$ , which is score for  $\beta=0.05$  of 1.645
- In other words:

• Thus, we need to sample n = coffees

, to correspond with the z-

- We would like the cutoff for  $\alpha=0.05$ , which is  $\overline{x}=16-1.645\frac{0.4}{\sqrt{n}}$ , to correspond with the z-score for  $\beta=0.05$  of 1.645
- In other words:

$$z = 1.645 = \frac{\overline{x} - \mu_1}{0.4/\sqrt{n}}$$

$$\implies 1.645 = \frac{\left(16 - 1.645 \frac{0.4}{\sqrt{n}}\right) - 15.8}{0.4/\sqrt{n}}$$

$$\implies 16 - 15.8 = 1.645 \frac{0.4}{\sqrt{n}} + 1.645 \frac{0.4}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$\implies n = 43.3$$

• Thus, we need to sample n=44 coffees

## Sample Size Estimation: One-sided z-test

- We can write this sample size calculation formula more generally for any one-sided hypothesis test
- Let  $z_{\alpha}$  be the value that cuts off an area of  $\alpha$  in the upper tail of the standard normal distribution
- Let  $z_{\beta}$  be the value of z that corresponds to a type II error probability of  $\beta$
- Consider either set of one-sided hypotheses:
  - $H_0: \mu \leq \mu_0 \text{ and } H_1: \mu > \mu_0$
  - $H_0: \mu \ge \mu_0$  and  $H_1: \mu < \mu_0$
- If we want to achieve a power of  $1-\beta$  while keeping a significance level of  $\alpha$ , our sample size formula is

$$n = \left[ \left( \frac{\sigma \cdot (z_{\alpha} + z_{\beta})}{\mu_1 - \mu_0} \right)^2 \right]$$

## Sample Size Estimation: Two-sided z-test

- For a two-sided hypothesis test, instead of having  $\alpha$  in the upper tail, we need  $\alpha/2$  in the upper tail
- Let  $z_{\alpha/2}$  be the value that cuts off an area of  $\alpha/2$  in the upper tail of the standard normal distribution
- Let  $z_{\beta}$  be the value of z that corresponds to a type II error probability of  $\beta$
- Consider the two-sided hypothesis:
  - $H_0: \mu = \mu_0 \text{ and } H_1: \mu \neq \mu_0$
- If we want to achieve a power of  $1-\beta$  while keeping a significance level of  $\alpha$ , our sample size formula is

$$n = \left[ \left( \frac{\sigma \cdot (z_{\alpha/2} + z_{\beta})}{\mu_1 - \mu_0} \right)^2 \right]$$