$\hbox{PO12Q-Introduction to Quantitative Political Analysis II:} \\$

Worksheet Week 2 - Solutions



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1 | Recoding



2 | Two-Sample Test of a Proportion

- · Which proportion of developing and developed countries are dictatorships?
 - developing=29.87%, developed=22.86%
- Do we verify or falsify our hypothesis at a 95% confidence level?
 - We verify the null hypothesis, p> 0.05

2.1 Exercises

• Is a higher proportion of fast-growing countries democratic than slow-growing countries? Use a 95% confidence level.

```
table(wdi$growth, wdi$politybin)
##
##
            Dictatorship Democracy
##
  slow-growing 34 76
## fast-growing
                     5
                            32
prop.test(c(76,32),c(110,37), correct=F, alternative = "less")
##
## 2-sample test for equality of proportions without continuity correction
## data: c(76, 32) out of c(110, 37)
## X-squared = 4.2983, df = 1, p-value = 0.01907
## alternative hypothesis: less
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## -1.00000000 -0.05648807
## sample estimates:
    prop 1 prop 2
## 0.6909091 0.8648649
# Yes, they are: the p-value is small enough.
```

Now repeat the exercise, but this time with the democracy variable. Do the results differ?
 Why? Why not?

```
table(wdi$growth, wdi$democracy)
##
## slow-growing 60 70
## fast-growing 7 41
prop.test(c(70,41),c(130,48), correct=F, alternative = "less")
## 2-sample test for equality of proportions without continuity correction
##
## data: c(70, 41) out of c(130, 48)
## X-squared = 14.886, df = 1, p-value = 5.711e-05
## alternative hypothesis: less
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## -1.0000000 -0.2052814
## sample estimates:
## prop 1 prop 2
## 0.5384615 0.8541667
#same as before
```

• Calculate the last two-sample test by hand.

Standard Error under H₀:

$$\hat{\pi} = (70 + 41)/(130 + 48) = 0.6235955$$

$$se_0 = \sqrt{\frac{\hat{\pi}(1-\hat{\pi})}{n_1} + \frac{\hat{\pi}(1-\hat{\pi})}{n_2}} = \sqrt{\hat{\pi}(1-\hat{\pi})\left(\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}\right)}$$
$$= \sqrt{0.624(0.376)\left(\frac{1}{130} + \frac{1}{48}\right)}$$
$$= \sqrt{0.0066928} = 0.08180953$$

$$z = \frac{\hat{\pi}_1 - \hat{\pi}_2}{se_0} = \frac{0.538 - 0.854}{0.08180953} = -3.862631$$

This is well beyond the required 1.96 standard errors required for a 95% confidence level.

3 Two-Sample Test of Means

- Can we conclude at a 95% confidence level, that people live longer in developed countries than in developing countries?
 - We can: the p-value is small enough, and the mean in the developing group is smaller than in the developed group

3.1 Exercises

• Do people live longer under democracies than under dictatorahips? Use a 95% confidence level.

```
leveneTest(wdi$lifeexp ~ wdi$politybin)
## Levene's Test for Homogeneity of Variance (center = median)
     Df F value Pr(>F)
##
## group 1 0.0893 0.7655
##
      151
# This means we fail to reject Ho, and the variances are equal.
t.test(lifeexp ~ politybin, data=wdi, var.equal = TRUE, alternative="less")
## Two Sample t-test
##
## data: lifeexp by politybin
## t = -2.1588, df = 151, p-value = 0.01622
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means between group Dictatorship and group Democracy is less
## 95 percent confidence interval:
    -Inf -0.7356554
##
## sample estimates:
## mean in group Dictatorship mean in group Democracy
               68.79351
# They do! The p-value is small.
```