Hypothesis Testing

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Preliminaries

Recall packages

Import Data

```
rm(list=ls())
value <- read_dta("~/Documents/Sant'Anna/Corso allievi/Data/Value Survey descrittive CI e test/WV6_Data</pre>
```

Have a first look at data

```
dim(value)
## [1] 89565
                12
colnames(value)
   [1] "ID"
                     "cow"
                                   "lifesat"
                                                "age"
                                                              "education"
  [6] "relativism" "scepticism" "equality"
                                                "choice"
                                                              "voice"
## [11] "trust"
                     "male"
head(value)
## # A tibble: 6 x 12
##
        ID cow
                                     education relativism scepticism equality choice
                      lifesat age
##
     <dbl> <dbl+lbl> <dbl+lbl> <dbl+lbl> <dbl+lbl> <dbl+lbl>
                                                                      <dbl+lb> <dbl+>
## 1
         1 615 [Alge~ 8 [8]
                               21
                                     7 [Compl~ 0.333
                                                          0.44
                                                                      0
                                                                               0.0741
## 2
         2 615 [Alge~ 5 [5]
                               24
                                     7 [Compl~ 0.333
                                                          0.22
                                                                      0.11
## 3
         3 615 [Alge~ 4 [4]
                               26
                                     5 [Compl~ 0.333
                                                          0.663
                                                                      0
                                                                               0.111
         4 615 [Alge~ 8 [8]
                               28
                                     6 [Incom~ 0.333
                                                          0.663
                                                                      0.387
         5 615 [Alge~ 8 [8]
                                     3 [Compl~ 0.333
                                                                      0.22
                                                                               0.0741
                               35
                                                          0.55
         6 615 [Alge~ 7 [7]
                               36
                                     8 [Some ~ 0.333
                                                          0.644
                                                                      0.61
                                                                               0.111
## # i 3 more variables: voice <dbl+lbl>, trust <dbl+lbl>, male <dbl+lbl>
```

Simplify data

Here we apply some simplifications on data - i) Here we keep only observations with no missings (this is not the right procedure to deal with missings of course :-)) - ii) We focus on a subsample of countries (#360 Romania 255 Germany 380 Sweden 230 Spain)

```
value <- value[complete.cases(value),]
included_countries <- c(360,255,380,230)
value <- value[which(value$cow %in% included_countries),]
value$cow <- as.factor(value$cow)
levels(value$cow) <- c("Spain", "Germany", "Romania", "Sweeden")</pre>
```

Inspect variables

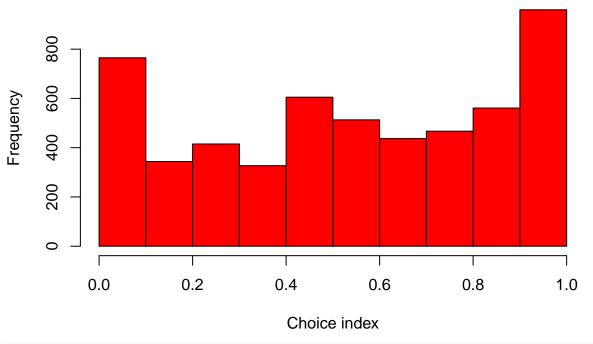
```
quantitative_variables <- c("lifesat", "age", "relativism", "scepticism", "equality", "choice", "voice")
dummies <- c( "male", "trust")
factors <- c("cow", "education")
qualitative_variables <- c(dummies, factors)</pre>
```

Look at the distribution of the Choice vari

ble

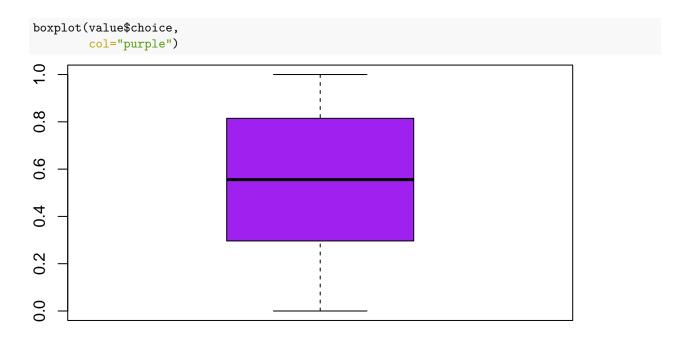
```
hist(value$choice,
    main ="Histogram of Choice Index",
    col = "red",
    xlab = "Choice index")
```

Histogram of Choice Index



```
summary(value$choice)
```

```
## Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max.
## 0.0000 0.2963 0.5556 0.5364 0.8148 1.0000
```



Compute sample mean

```
sample.mean <- mean(value$choice)
print(sample.mean)</pre>
```

[1] 0.5363864

Compute sample variance

```
sample.var <- var(value$choice)
print(sample.var)</pre>
```

[1] 0.1090881

Test the hypothesis that the mean of choice is equal to 0.7 (two sided test)

```
##
## One Sample t-test
##
## data: value$choice
## t = -36.382, df = 5393, p-value < 2.2e-16
## alternative hypothesis: true mean is not equal to 0.7
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## 0.5275702 0.5452025
## sample estimates:
## mean of x</pre>
```

```
## 0.5363864
Test the hypothesis that the mean of choice is greater than 0.7 (one sided test)
alpha = 0.05
t.test(value$choice,
       mu = 0.7,
       alternative = "less",
       conf.level = 1 - alpha)
##
##
   One Sample t-test
##
## data: value$choice
## t = -36.382, df = 5393, p-value < 2.2e-16
## alternative hypothesis: true mean is less than 0.7
## 95 percent confidence interval:
         -Inf 0.5437847
##
## sample estimates:
## mean of x
## 0.5363864
Test the hypothesis that the mean of choice is less than 0.7 (one sided test)
alpha = 0.05
t.test(value$choice,
       mu = 0.7,
       alternative = "greater",
       conf.level = 1 - alpha)
##
##
   One Sample t-test
## data: value$choice
## t = -36.382, df = 5393, p-value = 1
## alternative hypothesis: true mean is greater than 0.7
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## 0.528988
                   Inf
## sample estimates:
## mean of x
## 0.5363864
Test the hypothesis that the mean of choice is equal to 0.7 (two sided test), alpha = 0.1
alpha = 0.1
t.test(value$choice,
       mu = 0.7,
       alternative = "two.sided",
       conf.level = 1 - alpha)
##
##
   One Sample t-test
## data: value$choice
```

t = -36.382, df = 5393, p-value < 2.2e-16

```
## alternative hypothesis: true mean is not equal to 0.7
## 90 percent confidence interval:
## 0.5289880 0.5437847
## sample estimates:
## mean of x
## 0.5363864
```

Let's pretend we have information about the population variance of the choice index. Let's say we know this is equal to 0.10. We can test the hypothesis that the mean of the choice index is equal than 0.7 using the z score.

```
##
## One-sample z-Test
##
## data: value$choice
## z = 393.94, p-value < 2.2e-16
## alternative hypothesis: true mean is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## 0.5337177 0.5390550
## sample estimates:
## mean of x
## 0.5363864</pre>
```

Let's focus on two countries: Germany and Romania. We want to test some hypothesis about the difference im the mean choice index in the two countries.

Compute all the quantities you need

```
n1 <- length(which(value$cow == "Germany"))
xbar1 <- mean(value$choice[which(value$cow == "Germany")])
s1 <- var(value$choice[which(value$cow == "Germany")])
xbar1
## [1] 0.5322901
s1
## [1] 0.0763298
n2 <- length(which(value$cow == "Romania"))
xbar2 <- mean(value$choice[which(value$cow == "Romania")])
s2 <- var(value$choice[which(value$cow == "Romania")])
xbar2
## [1] 0.2323472</pre>
```

[1] 0.06763639

Define a subset of the initial dataset that includes only observations from Romania and Germanua

```
value_gr <- value[which(value$cow %in% c("Romania", "Germany")),]</pre>
Test the hypothesis that the mean of choice is equal in the two countries (two sided test)
alpha = 0.05
t.test(value gr$choice[which(value gr$cow == "Germany")],
       value_gr$choice[which(value_gr$cow == "Romania")],
       mu = 0,
       alternative = "two.sided",
       conf.level = 1 - alpha)
##
## Welch Two Sample t-test
##
## data: value_gr$choice[which(value_gr$cow == "Germany")] and value_gr$choice[which(value_gr$cow == ":
## t = 31.407, df = 2926.7, p-value < 2.2e-16
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## 0.2812171 0.3186686
## sample estimates:
## mean of x mean of y
## 0.5322901 0.2323472
Test the hypothesis that the difference in means of choice is smaller than 0.2 (one sided test)
alpha = 0.05
t.test(value_gr$choice[which(value_gr$cow == "Germany")],
       value_gr$choice[which(value_gr$cow == "Romania")],
       mu = 0.2,
       alternative = "greater",
       conf.level = 1 - alpha)
##
##
   Welch Two Sample t-test
##
## data: value_gr$choice[which(value_gr$cow == "Germany")] and value_gr$choice[which(value_gr$cow == ":
## t = 10.465, df = 2926.7, p-value < 2.2e-16
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is greater than 0.2
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## 0.2842292
## sample estimates:
## mean of x mean of y
## 0.5322901 0.2323472
What happens with paired data (just a toy example)
before <- c(122, 124, 120, 119, 119, 120, 122, 125, 124, 123, 122, 121)
after <- c(123, 125, 120, 124, 118, 122, 123, 128, 124, 125, 124, 120)
t.test(x = before,
       y = after,
       paired = TRUE)
##
## Paired t-test
```

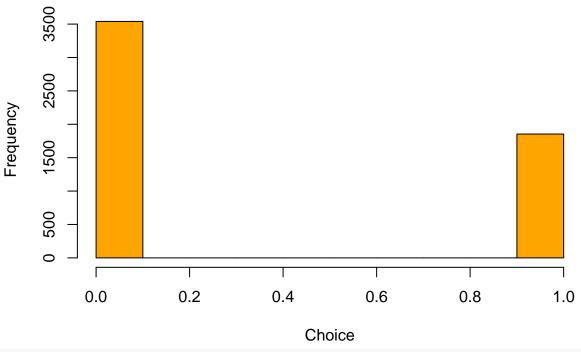
```
##
## data: before and after
## t = -2.5289, df = 11, p-value = 0.02803
## alternative hypothesis: true mean difference is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## -2.3379151 -0.1620849
## sample estimates:
## mean difference
## -1.25
```

Look at the distribution of the Trust vari

ble

```
hist(value$trust,
    main ="Histogram of Trust Varianble",
    col = "orange",
    xlab = "Choice")
```

Histogram of Trust Varianble



summary(value\$trust)

```
## Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max.
## 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.3437 1.0000 1.0000
```

Compute sample proportion

```
sample.prop <- mean(value$trust)
print(sample.prop)</pre>
```

[1] 0.3437152

Compute sample variance

```
sample.var <-</pre>
                   sample.prop * (1 - sample.prop)
 print(sample.var)
## [1] 0.2255751
Count the number of successes
  success <- length(which(value$trust == 1))</pre>
 n = nrow(value)
Test the hypothesis that the proportion of trust is equal to 0.5
alpha = 0.05
prop.test(success, n,
       p = 0.5,
       alternative = "two.sided",
       conf.level = 1 - alpha)
##
   1-sample proportions test with continuity correction
##
## data: success out of n, null probability 0.5
## X-squared = 526.37, df = 1, p-value < 2.2e-16
## alternative hypothesis: true p is not equal to 0.5
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## 0.3310640 0.3565906
## sample estimates:
##
## 0.3437152
Test the hypothesis that the proportion of trust is greater than 0.5 (one sided test)
alpha = 0.05
prop.test(success, n,
       p = 0.5,
       alternative = "less",
       conf.level = 1 - alpha)
##
##
   1-sample proportions test with continuity correction
##
```

Test the hypothesis that the proportion of trust is greater than 0.3 (one sided test)

data: success out of n, null probability 0.5
X-squared = 526.37, df = 1, p-value < 2.2e-16
alternative hypothesis: true p is less than 0.5</pre>

95 percent confidence interval:

0.0000000 0.3545215 ## sample estimates:

##

0.3437152

```
alpha = 0.05
prop.test(success, n,
       p = 0.3,
       alternative = "less",
       conf.level = 1 - alpha,
         correct = FALSE)
##
   1-sample proportions test without continuity correction
##
## data: success out of n, null probability 0.3
## X-squared = 49.086, df = 1, p-value = 1
## alternative hypothesis: true p is less than 0.3
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## 0.000000 0.3544282
## sample estimates:
##
## 0.3437152
Test the hypothesis that the proportion of trust is equal to 0.5 (two sided test), alpha = 0.1
alpha = 0.1
prop.test(success, n,
       p = 0.5,
       alternative = "two.sided",
       conf.level = 1 - alpha,
         correct = FALSE)
##
##
    1-sample proportions test without continuity correction
##
## data: success out of n, null probability 0.5
## X-squared = 526.99, df = 1, p-value < 2.2e-16
## alternative hypothesis: true p is not equal to 0.5
## 90 percent confidence interval:
## 0.3331590 0.3544282
## sample estimates:
##
           р
## 0.3437152
Let's focus on two countries: Germany and Romania. We want to test some hypothesis about the difference
in the proportion of people who trust in others in the two countries.
Compute all the quantities you need
n1 <- length(which(value$cow == "Germany"))</pre>
p1 <- mean(value$trust[which(value$cow == "Germany")])</pre>
s1 \leftarrow p1 * (1-p1)
success1 <- length(which(value$trust == 1 & value$cow == "Germany"))</pre>
success1
## [1] 828
p1
```

```
## [1] 0.4305772
s1
## [1] 0.2451805
n2 <- length(which(value$cow == "Romania"))</pre>
p2 <- mean(value$trust[which(value$cow == "Romania")])</pre>
s2 \leftarrow p2 * (1-p2)
success2 <- length(which(value$trust == 1 & value$cow == "Romania"))</pre>
success2
## [1] 92
p2
## [1] 0.07006855
s2
## [1] 0.06515894
Test the hypothesis that the proportion of trust is equal in the two countries (two sided test)
alpha = 0.05
prop.test(x = c(success1, success2),
          n = c(n1,n2),
          conf.level = 1 - alpha,
            correct = FALSE)
##
##
    2-sample test for equality of proportions without continuity correction
##
## data: c(success1, success2) out of c(n1, n2)
## X-squared = 498.38, df = 1, p-value < 2.2e-16
## alternative hypothesis: two.sided
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## 0.3344239 0.3865935
## sample estimates:
       prop 1
                   prop 2
## 0.43057722 0.07006855
Test the hypothesis that the difference in proportion of trust is greater in Germany (one sided test)
alpha = 0.05
prop.test(x = c(success1, success2),
          n = c(n1,n2),
          alternative = "greater",
          conf.level = 1 - alpha,
          correct = FALSE)
## 2-sample test for equality of proportions without continuity correction
## data: c(success1, success2) out of c(n1, n2)
## X-squared = 498.38, df = 1, p-value < 2.2e-16
```

```
## alternative hypothesis: greater
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## 0.3386176 1.0000000
## sample estimates:
       prop 1
                  prop 2
## 0.43057722 0.07006855
We now focus on variances and we analyze the variance of the equality index. We test whether it is equal to
0.1 by using a chi-square test
varTest(as.numeric(value$equality),
         alternative = "two.sided",
         conf.level = 0.95,
         sigma.squared = 0.1
##
## Results of Hypothesis Test
## Null Hypothesis:
                                     variance = 0.1
## Alternative Hypothesis:
                                     True variance is not equal to 0.1
## Test Name:
                                     Chi-Squared Test on Variance
## Estimated Parameter(s):
                                     variance = 0.06175685
## Data:
                                     as.numeric(value$equality)
                                     Chi-Squared = 3330.547
## Test Statistic:
## Test Statistic Parameter:
                                     df = 5393
##
## P-value:
                                     1.101022e-118
## 95% Confidence Interval:
                                     LCL = 0.05949062
                                     UCL = 0.06415574
Now we test whether it is smaller than 0.1
varTest(as.numeric(value$equality),
         alternative = "greater",
         conf.level = 0.95,
         sigma.squared = 0.1
##
## Results of Hypothesis Test
##
##
## Null Hypothesis:
                                     variance = 0.1
## Alternative Hypothesis:
                                     True variance is greater than 0.1
## Test Name:
                                     Chi-Squared Test on Variance
```

##

```
## Estimated Parameter(s):
                                     variance = 0.06175685
##
## Data:
                                     as.numeric(value$equality)
##
## Test Statistic:
                                     Chi-Squared = 3330.547
##
## Test Statistic Parameter:
                                     df = 5393
##
## P-value:
                                     1
##
## 95% Confidence Interval:
                                     LCL = 0.05984857
                                     UCL =
We want to compare the variance of the equality index in Germany and the variance of the equality test in
Romania. We use an F test.
First, we test whether the variance of the equality in Germany is equal than the one estimated in Romania.
var.test(x = as.numeric(value$equality[which(value$cow == "Germany")]),
          y = as.numeric(value$equality[which(value$cow == "Romania")]),
          conf.level = 0.95,
          ratio = 1
##
  F test to compare two variances
## data: as.numeric(value$equality[which(value$cow == "Germany")]) and as.numeric(value$equality[which
## F = 0.78274, num df = 1922, denom df = 1312, p-value = 1.112e-06
## alternative hypothesis: true ratio of variances is not equal to 1
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## 0.7084131 0.8640485
## sample estimates:
## ratio of variances
            0.7827391
Now, we test whether it is greater
var.test(x = as.numeric(value$equality[which(value$cow == "Germany")]),
          y = as.numeric(value$equality[which(value$cow == "Romania")]),
          conf.level = 0.95,
          ratio = 1,
          alternative = "less"
##
##
   F test to compare two variances
## data: as.numeric(value$equality[which(value$cow == "Germany")]) and as.numeric(value$equality[which
## F = 0.78274, num df = 1922, denom df = 1312, p-value = 5.562e-07
## alternative hypothesis: true ratio of variances is less than 1
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## 0.0000000 0.8504372
## sample estimates:
## ratio of variances
            0.7827391
##
```