

Testing of Hypothesis

Notations

Population parameters

Population mean (μ)

Population standard deviation (σ)

Population size (N)

Population proportion (P)

Sample statistic

Sample mean (\bar{x})

Sample standard deviation (s)

Sample size (n)

Sample proportion (p)

Hypothesis Testing

Statistical hypothesis

is a statement or a claim about one or more population parameters

An hypothesis to be tested or to answer a question - Alternative hypothesis (H_1 or H_a)

An hypothesis of no difference, opposes H_1 - Null hypothesis (H_0)

Example

Suppose we test for population mean. Then

Null Hypothesis $H_0 : \mu = \mu_0$

Alt Hypothesis $H_1 : \mu \neq \mu_0$ **or** $\mu > \mu_0$ **or** $\mu < \mu_0$

If $\mu \neq \mu_0$, then the test is called **Two-tailed**.

If $\mu > \mu_0$, then it is called **Right tailed test**.

If $\mu < \mu_0$, then it is called **Left tailed test**.

Types of errors

	H_0 is true	H_0 is false
Reject H_0	Type I error	Correct decision
Accept H_0	Correct decision	Type II error

$P(\text{Type I error}) = \alpha = \text{level of significance (LOS)}$

$P(\text{Type II error}) = \beta$

Steps involved in Hypothesis testing

- Formulate Null and Alternate hypothesis
- Identify the level of significance
- Test statistic
- Critical (or) Rejection region
- Conclusion

If $n \geq 30 \quad \implies$ Large sample

If $n < 30 \quad \implies$ Small sample

Table corresponding to critical values

Test LOS	1% (0.01)	5% (0.05)	10% (0.1)
Two tailed	$ Z_{\frac{\alpha}{2}} = 2.58$	$ Z_{\frac{\alpha}{2}} = 1.96$	$ Z_{\frac{\alpha}{2}} = 1.645$
Right tailed	$Z_{\alpha} = 2.33$	$Z_{\alpha} = 1.645$	$Z_{\alpha} = 1.28$
Left tailed	$Z_{\alpha} = -2.33$	$Z_{\alpha} = -1.645$	$Z_{\alpha} = -1.28$

Test for single proportion

Conditions

- $nP \geq 5$ and $n(1 - P) \geq 5$

Null Hypothesis: $H_0 : P = P_0$

Test statistic:

$$Z = \frac{p - P}{\sqrt{\frac{PQ}{n}}}$$

follows Standard normal distribution

Standard error of proportion = $\sqrt{\frac{PQ}{n}}$

95% confidence limits (that is $\alpha = 5\%$) for P is

$$\left(p - 1.96\sqrt{\frac{pq}{n}}, p + 1.96\sqrt{\frac{pq}{n}} \right)$$

Problems on single proportion

1. 40 people were attacked by a disease and only 36 survived. At 5% LOS, test whether the survival rate attacked by this disease is more than 85 %.

Solution:

Let x denotes the number of people survived after getting attacked by a disease.

Here $x = 36, n = 40$

sample proportion $p = \frac{x}{n} = \frac{36}{40} = 0.9$

1: $H_0 : P = 0.85$ against $H_1 : P > 0.85$ (Right tailed test)

2: Level of significance $\alpha = 0.05$

3: Test Statistic:

Consider the conditions

$$nP = 40 \times 0.85 = 34 > 5, \quad n(1 - P) = 40 \times 0.15 = 6 > 5$$

Solution contd:

Hence,

$$Z = \frac{p - P}{\sqrt{\frac{PQ}{n}}} = \frac{0.9 - 0.85}{\sqrt{\frac{0.85 \times 0.15}{40}}} = 0.8856$$

Note that Z follows standard normal distribution.

4: Critical region:

$Z_{\alpha} = 1.65$. The critical region is $Z > 1.65$. Since Cal $Z = 0.8856$ lies in the acceptance region, we accept H_0 (or fail to reject H_0)

5: Conclusion:

There is no statistical evidence to prove that more than 85% of the people are attacked by a disease and survived.

Test of difference of proportions

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- $n_1 p_1 \geq 5; \quad n_1 q_1 \geq 5; \quad n_2 p_2 \geq 5; \quad n_2 q_2 \geq 5$

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If P is unknown, then

$$P = \frac{n_1 p_1 + n_2 p_2}{n_1 + n_2}$$

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Here $x_1 = 60, n_1 = 100, x_2 = 100, n_2 = 200$

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3: Test Statistic:

Consider the conditions $n_1 p_1 = 100 \times 0.6 = 60 > 5, n_1 q_1 = 40 > 5, n_2 p_2 = 100 > 5, n_2 q_2 = 100 > 5$

Problems

Solution contd:

Hence,

$$P = \frac{n_1 p_1 + n_2 p_2}{n_1 + n_2} = \frac{100 \times 0.6 + 200 \times 0.5}{100 + 200} = 0.533$$

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$$\begin{aligned} Z &= \frac{(p_1 - p_2) - (P_1 - P_2)}{\sqrt{PQ(\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2})}} \\ &= \frac{0.1}{\sqrt{0.533 \times 0.467(\frac{1}{100} + \frac{1}{200})}} \\ &= 1.6366 \end{aligned}$$

Note that Z follows standard normal distribution.

Solution contd:

4: Critical region:

Since it is a two tailed test , The critical value is $Z_{\frac{\alpha}{2}} = 1.96$.

The critical region is $|Z| \geq 1.96$. That is, critical region is

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1: $H_0 : \mu = 1600$ against $H_1 : \mu \neq 1600$ (Two tailed test)

2: Level of significance $\alpha = 0.01$

3: Test Statistic:

Since $n \geq 30$, Z follows standard normal distribution.

$$Z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}} = -2.22$$

Solution contd:

4: Critical region:

Since it is a two tailed test , the critical value is $Z_{\frac{\alpha}{2}} = 2.58$

The critical region is $|Z| \geq 2.58$.

Note that Cal $Z = -2.22 \geq -2.58$, we accept H_0

5: Conclusion:

We conclude that the mean life time of the tubes produced by the company is 1600 hours.

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follows Standard normal distribution

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Here $\bar{x}_1 = 75$, $\bar{x}_2 = 70$, $s_1 = 10$, $s_2 = 12$, $n_1 = 50$, $n_2 = 100$.

- 1: $H_0 : \mu_1 - \mu_2 = 0$ against $H_1 : \mu_1 - \mu_2 \neq 0$ (Two tailed test)
- 2: Level of significance $\alpha = 0.05$

Solution contd:

3: Test Statistic:

Since $n_1, n_2 \geq 30$, we proceed with Z-test.

$$Z = \frac{(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) - (\mu_1 - \mu_2)}{\sqrt{\frac{\sigma_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{n_2}}} = 2.6958$$

4: Critical region:

Since it is a two tailed test , $Z_{\frac{\alpha}{2}} = 1.96$. The critical region is $|Z| \geq 1.96$

Note that Cal $Z = 2.6958 \geq 1.96$, we reject H_0

5: Conclusion:

We conclude that the difference in the mean score of boys and girls is statistically significant.

More problems- Test of single proportion

1. A sample poll of 100 voters chosen at random from all the voters in a given district indicated that 55% of them were in favour of a particular candidate. Find (i) 95% and (ii) 99% confidence limits for the proportion of all the voters in favour of this candidate.

Solution

Given $n = 100$, $p = 0.55$ (proportion of voters favouring the candidate.

(i) $\alpha = 5\% = 0.05 \implies Z_{\frac{\alpha}{2}} = 1.96$

95% Confidence limits are given by $(p - 1.96\sqrt{\frac{pq}{n}}, p + 1.96\sqrt{\frac{pq}{n}})$

$$\left(0.55 - 1.96\sqrt{\frac{0.55 \times 0.45}{100}}, 0.55 + 1.96\sqrt{\frac{0.55 \times 0.45}{100}}\right)$$
$$(0.4525, 0.6475)$$

Solution contd.

$$(ii) \alpha = 1\% = 0.01 \implies Z_{\frac{\alpha}{2}} = 2.58$$

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$$(0.55 - 2.58\sqrt{\frac{0.55 \times 0.45}{100}}, 0.55 + 2.58\sqrt{\frac{0.55 \times 0.45}{100}})$$

$$(0.4216, 0.6784)$$

2. The population proportion is expected to be around 0.7. Find the sample size needed to estimate the proportion within 0.02 with confidence level of 90%.

Solution:

Given $P = 0.7, p - P = 0.02$

$$\alpha = 10\% = 0.1 \implies Z_{\frac{\alpha}{2}} = 1.645$$

$$\text{We know that } Z_{\frac{\alpha}{2}} = \frac{p - P}{\sqrt{\frac{PQ}{n}}}$$

$$p - P = Z_{\frac{\alpha}{2}} \times \sqrt{\frac{PQ}{n}}$$

$$0.02 = 1.645 \times \sqrt{\frac{PQ}{n}} \implies n = 1420.7$$

Hence, $n = 1421$ approx.

3. A die is thrown 9000 times and throw of 3 or 4 is observed 3240 times. Show that the die cannot be regarded as an unbiased one.

Solution:

Let x be the number of times 3 or 4 occurs.

$$n = 9000, x = 3240, p = \frac{3240}{9000} = 0.36$$

1: $H_0 : P = \frac{1}{3}$ (unbiased) against $H_1 : P \neq \frac{1}{3}$ (biased, Two tailed test)

2: Level of significance $\alpha = 0.05$

3: Test Statistic:

Consider the conditions

$$nP = 9000 \times 0.333 = 2997 > 5, \quad n(1-P) = 9000 \times 0.667 = 6003 > 5$$

Solution contd:

Hence,

$$Z = \frac{p - P}{\sqrt{\frac{PQ}{n}}} = \frac{0.36 - 0.333}{\sqrt{\frac{0.333 \times 0.667}{9000}}} = 5.37$$

Note that Z follows standard normal distribution.

4: Critical region:

$Z_{\frac{\alpha}{2}} = 1.96$. The critical region is $|Z| \geq 1.96$. Since Cal $Z = 5.37$ lies in the critical region, we reject H_0 .

5: Conclusion:

We conclude that the die is biased.

More problems- Test of difference of proportions

1. A cigarette manufacturing firm claims that its brand B cigarette outsells its brand A by 8%. If it is found that 42 out of a sample of 200 smokers prefer brand A and 18 out of another random sample of 100 smokers prefer brand B, test whether the 8% difference is a valid claim.

Solution:

Given $n_1 = 200, n_2 = 100, x_1 = 42, x_2 = 18$

$$p_1 = \frac{42}{200} = 0.21, p_2 = \frac{18}{100} = 0.18$$

1. $H_0 : P_1 - P_2 = 0.08$ against $H_1 : P_1 - P_2 < 0.08$ (Left tailed test)

2. LOS $\alpha = 5\% = 0.05$

3. $n_1 p_1 = 200 \times 0.21 = 42 > 5, n_1 q_1 = 200 \times 0.79 = 158 > 5, n_2 p_2 = 100 \times 0.18 = 18 > 5, n_2 q_2 = 82 > 5$

$$P = \frac{n_1 p_1 + n_2 p_2}{n_1 + n_2} = 0.2$$

Solution contd.

$$\begin{aligned} Z &= \frac{(p_1 - p_2) - (P_1 - P_2)}{\sqrt{PQ(\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2})}} \\ &= \frac{(0.21 - 0.18) - 0.08}{\sqrt{0.2 \times 0.8(\frac{1}{200} + \frac{1}{100})}} \\ &= -1.02 \end{aligned}$$

Note that Z follows standard normal distribution.

4: Critical region:

Since it is a left tailed test , The critical value is $Z_\alpha = -1.645$.

The critical region is $Z \leq -1.645$.

Since Cal $Z = -1.02 \geq -1.645$, we accept H_0 (or fail to reject H_0)

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5: Conclusion:

The difference of 8% in the sale of two brands is a valid claim.

2. In a year, there are 956 births in a town A of which 52.5% were male, while in towns A and B combined, this proportion in a total of 1406 births was 0.496. Is there any significant difference in the proportion of male births in the two towns?

Hint:

$$n_1 = 956, n_1 + n_2 = 1406 \implies n_2 = 450$$

$$p_1 = 0.525, \text{ combined proportion is } 0.496 = \frac{n_1 p_1 + n_2 p_2}{n_1 + n_2}$$

$$\text{Hence } p_2 = 0.434.$$

$$H_0 : P_1 - P_2 = 0 \text{ against } H_1 : P_1 - P_2 \neq 0 \text{ (two-tailed)}$$

$$\text{Cal } Z = 3.184, Z_{\frac{\alpha}{2}} = 1.96$$

Cal Z lies in the rejection region. Hence reject H_0 (there is significant difference in the proportion of male births in the two towns)

More problems- Test of single mean

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Hint:

Given $n = 900, \bar{x} = 3.4, s = \sigma = 2.61$.

$H_0 : \mu = 3.25$ against $H_1 : \mu \neq 3.25$

Cal $Z = 1.724$ and $Z_{\frac{\alpha}{2}} = 1.96$

Critical region is $|Z| > 1.96 \implies$ we accept H_0 .

95% confidence interval is given by

$$\left(\bar{x} - 1.96 \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{x} + 1.96 \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \right)$$
$$(3.23, 2.57)$$

More problems- Test of difference of means

1. The mean production of wheat from a sample of 100 fields comes to 200 kg per acre and another sample of 150 fields gives a mean of 220 kg per acre. Assuming the SD of the yield at 11 kg for the universe, test if there is a significant difference between the means of the populations.

Hint:

Given $n_1 = 100, n_2 = 150, \bar{x}_1 = 200, \bar{x}_2 = 220, \sigma = 11$

$H_0 : \mu_1 - \mu_2 = 0$ against $H_1 : \mu_1 - \mu_2 \neq 0$ (Two tailed)

Cal $Z = -14.08, Z_{\frac{\alpha}{2}} = 1.96$

Since Cal Z lies in the critical region ($-3 < Z < -1.96$ or $1.96 < Z < 3$), we reject H_0

There is a significant difference between the means of the two populations.

Try this

1. A sample of heights of 6400 Englishmen has a mean of 170cm and a SD of 6.4cm, while a sample of heights of 1600 Indians has a mean of 172cm and a SD of 6.3cm. Do the data indicate that Indians are on the average taller than Englishmen?
2. In city A, out of a sample of 50 persons, 26 were regular consumers of tea. In city B, out of a sample of 60 persons, 43 were regular consumers of tea. Test whether the tea consuming habit is equally distributed in both the cities at 5% level of significance.
3. A random sample of 50 observations from normal population gave an arithmetic mean of 32 units with a standard deviation of 2 units. Test whether the population mean is 30 at 1% LOS.
4. A sales clerk in a departmental store claims that 60% of the shoppers entering the store leave without making a purchase. A random sample of 50 shoppers showed that 35 of them left without buying anything. Are these sample results consistent with the claim of the sales clerk?