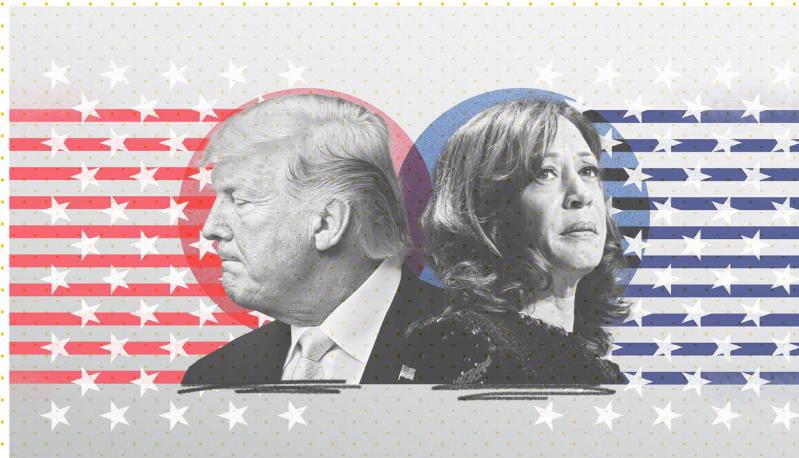


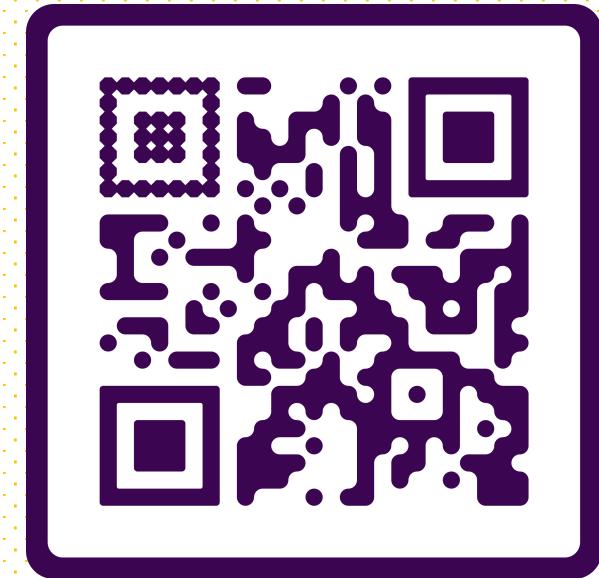
Introduction to Hypothesis Testing and its Application in Real-Life and Data Science

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Course Plan: Where We Are Now

Week	Date	Topic	Activities	Week	Date	Topic	Activities
1	Monday – Jan 6	Combinatorics and Counting	HW 1 Programming 1 Exit Tickets 1-3	6	Monday – Feb 10	Central Limit Theorem	Exam 2 Exit Tickets 16-18 Project proposal
	Wednesday – Jan 8	Set Theory and Axioms of Statistics			Wednesday – Feb 12	Markov's Inequality, Chebyshev's Inequality, and Law of Large Numbers	
	Friday – Jan 10	Conditional Probability and Bayes' Rule			Friday – Feb 14	Conditional Expectation, Linearity of Expectation, Inverse Transform Method	
2	Monday – Jan 13	Law of Total Probability, Independence, and Dependence	HW 2 Programming 2 Exit Tickets 4-6	7	Monday – Feb 17	Introduction to Statistics	HW 5 Programming 5 Exit Tickets 19-21
	Wednesday – Jan 15	Conditional Independence, Chain Rule, Random Variables			Wednesday – Feb 19	Point Estimation and Maximum Likelihood Estimator	
	Friday – Jan 17	Probability Mass Function, Cumulative Distribution, Expectation, and Variance			Friday – Feb 21	Interval Estimation, Confidence Interval	
3	Monday – Jan 20	Bernoulli and Binomial Distributions	Exam 1 Exit Tickets 7-9	8	Monday – Feb 24	Hypothesis Testing, z-Test, Fisher Test, p-Value	Project phase 1 Exit Tickets 22-24
	Wednesday – Jan 22	Geometric, Hypergeometric, and Poisson Distributions			Wednesday – Feb 26	Project Phase 1 discussion	
	Friday – Jan 24	Continuous Random Variables, Uniform Distribution, Normal Distribution			Friday – Feb 28	Chi-squared Distribution and Test, t-Distribution and t-Test, p-value cont.	
4	Monday – Jan 27	Normal Distribution	HW 3 Programming 3 Exit Tickets 10-12	9	Monday – March 3	Nonparametric Tests, Permutation Test, p-Value Adjustment	HW 6 Programming 6 Exit Tickets 25-27
	Wednesday – Jan 29	Exponential Distribution and Its Memorylessness			Wednesday – March 5	Linear Regression	
	Friday – Jan 31	Joint Distribution			Friday – March 7	Bayesian Inference, Maximum a Posteriori Method, and Conjugate Priors	
5	Monday – Feb 3	Conditional Joint Distribution, LOTUS	HW 4 Programming 4 Exit Tickets 13-15	10	Monday – March 10	Projects presentation and evaluation	Projects presentation and evaluation Final
	Wednesday – Feb 5	Covariance and Correlation			Wednesday – March 12	Projects presentation and evaluation	
	Friday – Feb 7	Independent Random Variables			Friday – March 14	Final	

Today's Learning Goals

- Prerequisites: probability, distributions.
- Introduction to Hypothesis Testing (Using statistics to evaluate some hypothesis/statement about a population)
 - What is a Hypothesis?
 - Null and Alternative Hypotheses
 - Decision Making
 - Test Statistics
 - Accept or reject Null Hypothesis
 - P-value
 - Specific Statistical Tests
 - Z-test
 - Fisher Exact Test
 - Errors in Hypothesis Testing
 - Type I and Type II errors
 - More Applications
 - Hypothesis Testing in Data Science

Practical Use Cases of Statistics (Election)

Predicting which of the USA presidency candidates will win the election.

We ask a sample of population and estimate which candidate is more likely to win based on their opinions.



President Trump will earn more electoral votes.



Former Vice-President Harris's will earn more electoral votes.

Sample (poll here) can give us a good **estimate** about who is more probable to win the election.



images sources: [first](#), [second](#)

Hypothesis

A **hypothesis** is an assumption (statement) about **parameters** of a population or distribution that can be **True** or **Not True**.

Note: parameter is a numerical or measurable characteristic of a population, e.g., *average (μ), variance (σ^2), min, max, range, etc.*

Example: If we have a collection of individuals, hypothesize the max, average, etc. (e.g. average height of Americans is more than 5 feet 8 inches).

Example: We can have an assumption that the average GPA of first year students is > 3.0 .

Example: We can hypothesize that men play more video games than women.

Example: We have a coin and our hypothesis is that it is unbiased ($P(\text{Head}) = \frac{1}{2}$).

Null and Alternative Hypothesis

We aim to evaluate the effectiveness of a medicine on a **group of patients (population)** using a randomized clinical trial. We give the **actual medicine** to half of the participants, while the other half receive a **placebo**.



6 people
took medicine

6 people
took placebo



- Medicine is not effective (has no effect on the outcome vs placebo) **Null Hypothesis (H_0)**
- Medicine is effective (there will be a difference between two populations).

Alternative Hypothesis (H_a or H_1)

The assumption that is believed to be true until evidence is shown that it is not, is called **Null Hypothesis (H_0)**.

The complementary (often) view is called **Alternative Hypothesis (H_a or H_1)**.

Null and Alternative Hypothesis

Null Hypothesis (H_0): The assumption that is believed to be true.

Alternative Hypothesis (H_a or H_1): The complementary (often) view of Null hypothesis.



Discuss real-life scenarios of the null (H_0) and alternative hypotheses (H_1).

Example: Null hypothesis (H_0) : Men play more video games than women.

Alternative hypothesis (H_a) : Women play more video games than men.

Example: Null Hypothesis (H_0) : People like Rock and pop music equally.

Alternative hypothesis (H_a) : More than 50% of people prefer Rock music over Pop.

Example: Null Hypothesis (H_0) : The coin used in a soccer game is unbiased ($P(\text{Head}) = \frac{1}{2}$).

Alternative hypothesis (H_a) : The coin is biased ($P(\text{Head}) \neq \frac{1}{2}$).

Test Statistics



cured , # not cured

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← after 1 month →



Which characteristic(s) should we study to measure the medicine's impact?

Test statistics is a function of sample data (mean, standard deviation, count, etc.) that helps us determine whether we should reject the Null Hypothesis or not.

Hypothesis Testing



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← after 1 month →



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1 cured, 5 not cured

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■ Medicine is effective (there will be a difference between two populations).

Alternative Hypothesis (H_a or H_1)

Hypothesis Testing: After collecting data, if the data is consistent with the null hypothesis, we **accept the null hypothesis (H_0)**.

Otherwise, if we have strong evidence for the alternative hypothesis we **reject the Null Hypothesis and accept the Alternative Hypothesis**.

Hypothesis Testing



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Should we allow the pharmaceutical company to release the medicine?



Is it possible to observe 4 cured, 2 not cured in the population who took placebo?
Or is the observed result statistically significant to reject the Null Hypothesis?



Should we set a threshold for rejecting the Null Hypothesis (H_0)?

P-value (probability value)



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Let's show number of cured people with variable X .

We want to know how probable it is to observe 4 cured, 2 not cured or more extreme cases (5 or 6 cured) assuming H_0 was True: $P(X \geq 4 | H_0)$

Remember: Null Hypothesis (H_0): Medicine is not effective (there is no difference between two populations and any observed difference is due to chance or other factors rather than medicine)



Does the pharmaceutical company want $P(X \geq 4 | H_0)$ be high or low?

Significance Level



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Let's show number of cured people with variable X

We want to know how probable it is to observe **4 (or more) cured** if there was no difference between the two populations (medicine was unimpactful) (H_0 was True):

$$P(X \geq 4 | H_0)$$

$$P(X \geq \text{threshold} | H_0) \leq \alpha$$

significance level (α) is the probability of mistakenly rejecting H_0 .

Note: significance level is often set to be **1%** or **5%**.

P-value



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If $P(X \geq \text{threshold} | H_0) \leq \alpha$, we can reject Null Hypothesis (H_0) with $1 - \alpha$ confidence.

$P(X \geq x | H_0)$ is called p-value and is the probability of observing value x or more extreme values of x assuming H_0 holds.

Later in the slides: Fisher Exact Test

Testing the Hypothesis - P-value

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Experiment: We flip the coin **20 times**

Test Statistic: Number of heads (we show it with variable X)



Intuitively we might say if $X = 9, 10 \text{ or } 11$, we do not reject the **Null hypothesis (H_0)** and we can conclude that the coin is not biased and otherwise we reject the H_0 in favor of H_a

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 What **range** of X allows us to conclude that the coin is unbiased (accept H_0) with, e.g., 95% confidence?

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$P(X = 20 | H_0)$:
If the coin was
fair, how likely
was it to observe
20 heads?

#Heads (X)	$P_{H_0}(X = x) = P(X = x H_0)$
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19	
18	
17	
16	
15	
14	



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Head



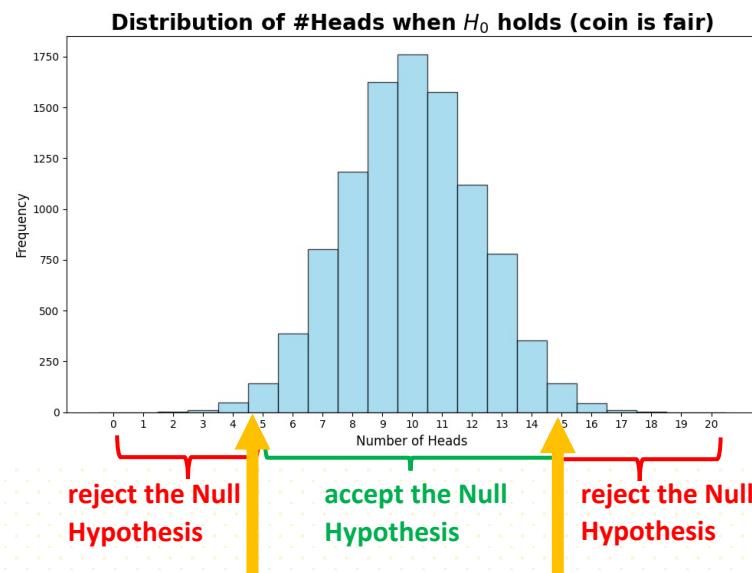
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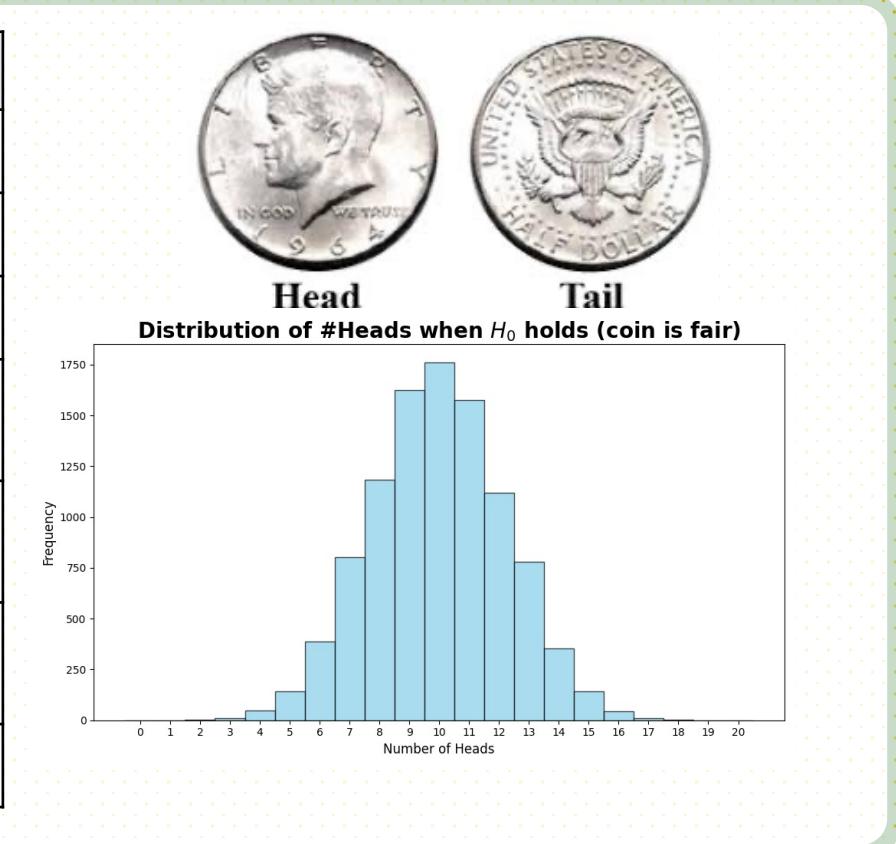


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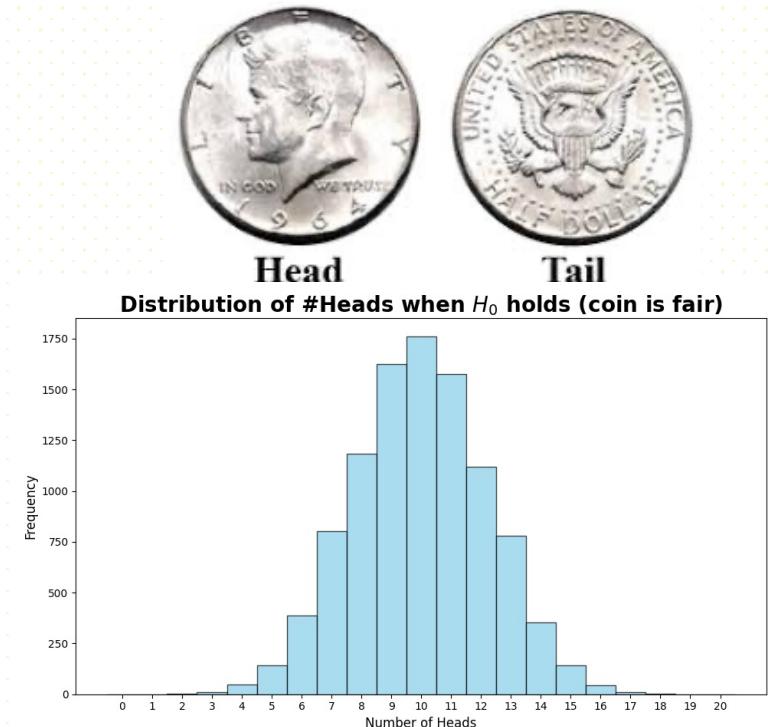


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19	$\binom{20}{19} * \frac{1}{2^{20}} = 0.0019\%$	0.002%
18	$\binom{20}{18} * \frac{1}{2^{20}} = 0.0181\%$	0.0201%
17	$\binom{20}{17} * \frac{1}{2^{20}} = 0.1087\%$	0.1288%
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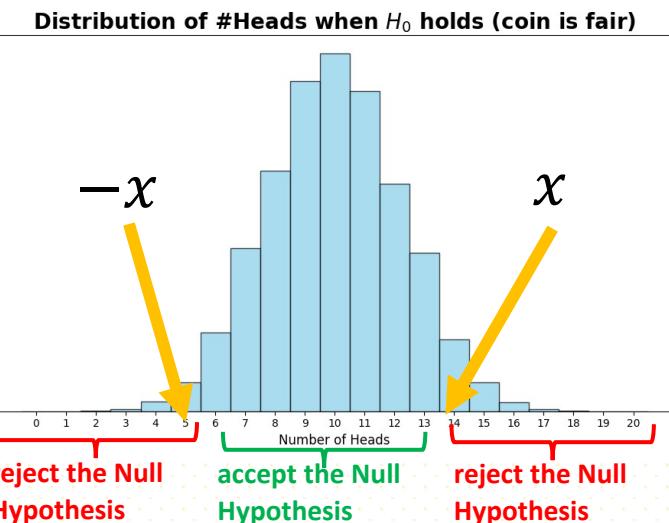
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$$P(|X| \geq x | H_0) \leq 5\%$$

What is the confidence interval for accepting the null hypothesis?

$$5 \leq x \leq 15$$



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19, 1	0.002% $\times 2$
18, 2	0.0201% $\times 2$
17, 3	0.1288% $\times 2$
16, 4	0.5909% $\times 2$
15, 5	2.0695% $\times 2$
14, 6	5.7659% $\times 2$

Note: If significance level is 5% and P-value is less than that, i.e., $P_{H_0}(|X| \geq x) < 5\%$, we can claim our results as significant results and can reject H_0 with 95% confidence.

Z-test (when the sample size is large enough)

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$$Y_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if heads} \\ 0 & \text{if tails} \end{cases} \quad X = \sum_{i=1}^{n=100} Y_i$$

$$Y_i \sim \text{Bernoulli} \left(p = \frac{1}{2} \right) \rightarrow E(Y_i) = p = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Var}(Y_i) = p(1 - p) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$E(X) = \mu = np = 100 * \frac{1}{2} = 50 \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2 = np(1 - p) = 100 * \frac{1}{4} = 25$$

$$CLT: X \sim \text{Normal}(\mu = 50, \sigma = 5)$$

Now having a normal variable, we can use a statistics test called Z-test.

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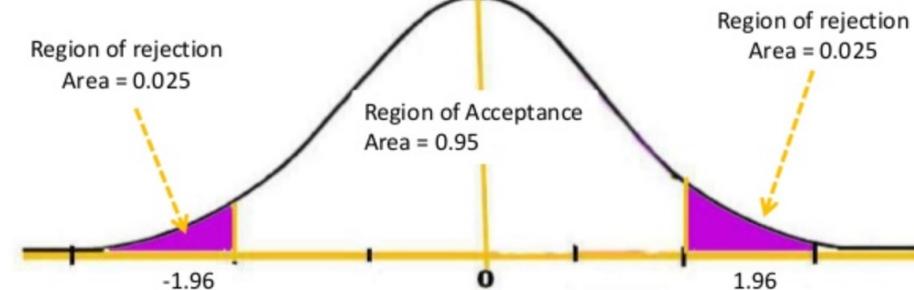
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We first convert X to a standard normal

$$\text{variable } Z = \frac{X-\mu}{\sigma} = \frac{X-50}{5}$$

$$Z \sim \text{Normal}(0, 1)$$

$$P(|Z| < a) = 0.95 \text{ (confidence level is 95\%)}$$



$$a = |\Phi^{-1}(1 - 0.025)| = 1.96 \rightarrow \text{Confidence Interval: } [-1.96, 1.96]$$

$$-1.96 < Z < 1.96 \text{ and } Z = \frac{X-\mu}{\sigma} = \frac{X-50}{5}. \text{ Hence, } -1.96 < \frac{X-50}{5} < 1.96 \rightarrow 40.2 < X < 59.8$$

Note: $\Phi(z) = P(Z \leq z)$ and here $\Phi(1.96) = P(Z \leq 1.96) = 0.975$

Fisher's Exact Test



6 people
Took medicine

3 cured, 3 not cured

50% of people got cured

← after 1 month →



6 people
Took placebo

2 cured, 4 not cured

33% of people got cured

If $P(X \geq \text{threshold} | H_0) \leq \alpha$, we can reject H_0 with $1 - \alpha$ confidence.

	cured	Not cured	Total
Took medicine	3 = a	3 = b	a + b
Took placebo	2 = c	4 = d	c + d
Total	a + c	b + d	n

$$P(\text{observing this table}) = \frac{\binom{a+b}{a} \binom{c+d}{c}}{\binom{n}{a+c}} = \frac{\binom{3+3}{3} \binom{2+4}{2}}{\binom{3+3+2+4}{3+2}} = 0.37$$

$P(\text{observing this table or more extreme results} | H_0) = ???$

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$P(\text{observing this table or more extreme results } | H_0) \gg 0.05$ insufficient evidence to
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	cured	Not cured
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Took medicine	4 = a	2 = b
Took placebo	2 = c	4 = d

	cured	Not cured
Took medicine	6 = a	0 = b
Took placebo	2 = c	4 = d

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Took placebo	0 = c	6 = d	c + d
Total	a + c	b + d	n

$P(\text{observing this table or more extreme results}) =$
$$\frac{\binom{5+1}{5} \binom{0+6}{0}}{\binom{12}{5+0}} + \frac{\binom{6+0}{6} \binom{0+6}{0}}{\binom{12}{6+0}} = 0.0152 < 0.05$$

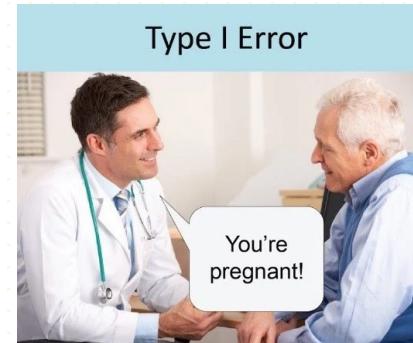
sufficient evidence to **reject the null hypothesis** with
 $1 - 0.05 = 95\%$ confidence.

Type I and Type II Error

$$P(X \geq \text{threshold} | H_0) \leq \alpha$$

Note: significance level (α) is the maximum probability of making Type I error (mistakenly rejecting H_0) we allow to happen.

	Reality = H_0	Reality = H_1
Test result = H_0	Correct (TN)	Type II error FN
Test result = H_1	Type I error FP	Correct (TP)



Type I Error
False Positive



Type II Error
False Negative

Fisher's Exact Test

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Observation: $P(\text{observing above or more extreme results} | H_0) \gg 0.05$

Claim: Reject the Null Hypothesis



What type of error happens in above scenario if we reject the null hypothesis?

Note: To avoid Type I errors, we reject H_0 only when $P - \text{value} \leq \alpha$.

A P-Value use-case in Data Science Feature Selection

	R&D Spend	Administration	Marketing Spend	State	Profit
0	165349.20	136897.80	471784.10	New York	192261.83
1	162597.70	151377.59	443898.53	California	191792.06
2	153441.51	101145.55	407934.54	Florida	191050.39
3	144372.41	118671.85	383199.62	New York	182901.99
4	142107.34	91391.77	366168.42	Florida	166187.94

from **50_Startups** dataset

Fit a multiple Linear Regression to the data:

Profit = **R&D spend** * C_1 + **Administration** * C_2 + **Marketing Spend** * C_3 + **State** * C_4 + β (intercept)



Which features are unlikely to contribute significantly to the **Profit** prediction?

A P-Value use-case in Data Science Feature Selection

Backward Elimination Steps:

1) Start with all features $f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots, f_n$, run a multiple Linear Regression to get:

$$\text{Profit} = \text{R\&D spend} * C_1 + \text{Administration} * C_2 + \text{Marketing Spend} * C_3 + \text{State} * C_4 + \beta \text{ (intercept)}$$

2) Identify the least significant feature (calculate features' p-values and remove one with highest p-value)

3) Re-run the multiple linear regression with reduced number of features

e.g. if **State** is insignificant:

$$\text{Profit} = \text{R\&D spend} * C_1 + \text{Administration} * C_2 + \text{Marketing Spend} * C_3 + \beta$$

4) Perform 2 and 3 iteratively and stop when all the remaining features are significant



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A P-Value use-case in Data Science Feature Selection



How do we calculate P-value for each feature?

Null Hypothesis: : The given feature has no effect in calculating the profit.

Alternative Hypothesis: The given feature has some effect in the target dependent variable (profit).

$P(\text{observing the given feature coefficient or more extreme values of it} | H_0) \leq \alpha$

If $P\text{-value} \leq \alpha$, then we can reject the null hypothesis.

If $P\text{-value} > \alpha$, then we can accept the null hypothesis and remove the feature.

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Exit Ticket – Due Saturday at 23:59 PM



Resources

Fundamentals of Statistics and Probability, Sharif University of Technology, Professor Ali Sharifi Zarchi
Statistics and Data Science, UC San Diego, Professor Alon Orlitsky

When do we use statistics?

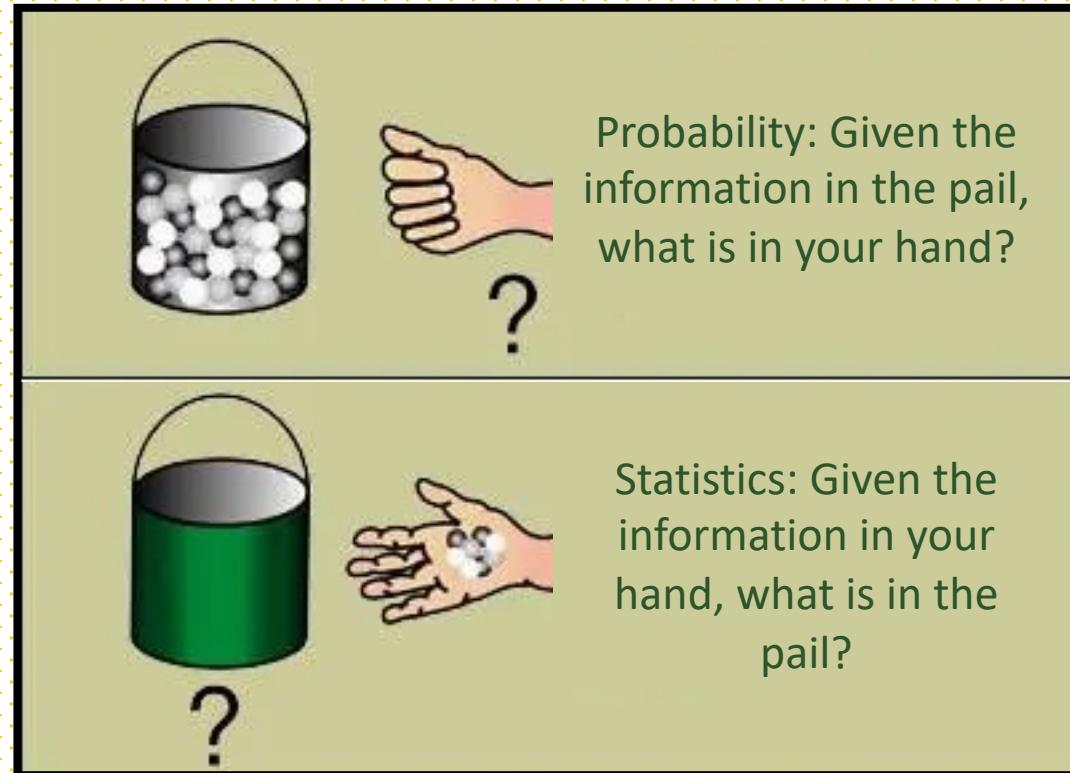


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A P-Value use-case in Data Science Feature Selection



How do we calculate P-value for each feature?

Null Hypothesis: : The given feature has no effect in calculating the profit.

Alternative Hypothesis: The given feature has some effect in the target dependent variable (profit).

$P(\text{observing the given feature coefficient or more extreme values of it} | H_0) \leq \alpha$

If $P\text{-value} \leq \alpha$, then we can reject the null hypothesis.

If $P\text{-value} > \alpha$, then we can accept the null hypothesis and remove the feature.

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HW bonus question: Testing a hypothesis about a population

Choose a Null Hypothesis and prove/disprove it.

Example: election

Null Hypothesis (H_0) : Harris will win the election (will get more votes).

Alternative Hypothesis (H_a or H_1) : Trump will win the election.

Steps for testing a hypothesis:

- 1) Design an experiment (Test)
- 2) Define numerical outcomes (Test statistics to measure election outcomes) (e.g., the number of votes for each candidate, the ratio of votes (e.g. >51%))
- 3) Gather data (sample of population, please submit your hypothesis by tonight so we can gather data from your classmates)
- 4) Data consistent with null hypothesis or not?
 - A. Calculate $P(T=\text{test statistics} \mid H_0) \leq \text{significance value}$ (often 5%, 1%, etc.)
Yes. H_0 is inconsistent with data (**reject Null**)
No. H_0 is consistent with data (**accept Null**)

HW bonus question example

Practical Use Cases of Hypothesis Testing (A/B Test)

We want to determine which version of our software performs better. We test a sample of users and estimate the preferred version based on their behavior or feedback before the final release.

Null Hypothesis (H_0) : Version A of the software performs better than Version B.

Alternative Hypothesis (H_a or H_1) : Version B of the software performs better than Version A

