

Day 10

Outline

1. “Null Hypothesis Significance Testing”
2. When Null Hypothesis Significance Testing goes horribly wrong

Null Hypothesis Significance Testing

Recall

- identifying a parameter is not “too hard”
- identify its value under H_0 is trivial
- However, identifying its value under H_a is difficult in practice
- Under N-P (Neyman-Pearson): define minimum effect size
- But often, we have no idea
- This is what we have been doing for the past 70 years and it does not require any subject knowledge. “It just works”. Will also allow us to get the P value.

NHST: just give the inequality in alternative hypothesis H_a

Suppose $H_0: \theta = \theta_0$

- $\theta \rightarrow$ arbitrary parameter
- $\theta_0 \rightarrow$ its value under H_0

N-P:

- $H_1: \theta = \theta_1$
- $\theta_1 \rightarrow$ its value under H_1

NHST: Choose from

- $H_a: \theta > \theta_0$
 - Theory says θ should be bigger
 - One-tailed, one-sided hypothesis testing
 - * One-tailed testing: The critical area of a distribution is either $<$ or $>$ a certain value but not both
- $H_a: \theta < \theta_0$
 - Theory says θ should be smaller
 - One-tailed, one-sided hypothesis testing
- $H_a: \theta \neq \theta_0$
 - No idea what to expect or theory suggests arguments for both $>$ **AND** $<$
 - Two-tailed, two-sided hypothesis testing
 - * Two-tailed the sample is greater than or less than a certain range of values:

NOTE: method of collecting data tells us what θ is (what θ_0 is) and may suggest H_a

When in doubt: use the H_a version with \neq

Next Step : Distribution

Define a test statistic whose value will be computed from sample data

N-P: Find its distribution under both H_0 & H_1

NHST: Find its distribution under H_0 but we don't know its distribution under H_a

Next Step : Critical Region

Define a critical region of the test statistic such that if the observed value is in critical region, accept H_1

NHST: Define a critical region such that if in critical region, reject H_0 .

If not in critical region, fail to reject H_0

Example (Theory) : Jury

Start off assuming innocence (H_0) [Null Hypothesis]

- Prosecution presents evidence (test statistic observed value)
- Jury decides if it enough evidence
 - Enough evidence (in critical region) \rightarrow reject the assumption of innocence and declare guilty (reject H_0 and accept H_a)
 - Not enough evidence (not in critical region) \rightarrow fail to reject presumptions of innocence. He might still be guilty but the evidence is not damning enough to convince us otherwise. We fail to reject H_0 or the Null Hypothesis

In NHST, define significance level (not α but works like α). Here, the significance level is the probability of rejecting the null hypothesis which is generally the same value of α

This can go horribly wrong because power is not taken into account also, there is not a big enough sample size to correctly draw a conclusion.

P-Value

A measure of the “strength” of the evidence against H_0 . This is related to power?

ALWAYS COMPUTED AFTER OBSERVATION

Official definition: probability of obtaining our observed value of the test statistic, or a value as or more favorable to H_a , if H_0 is true.

- $P(X \geq x_{\text{observed}} \mid H_0 \text{ is true})$ when $H_a: \theta > \theta_0$
- $P(X \leq x_{\text{observed}} \mid H_a: \theta < \theta_0)$

Things go weird for two-tailed tests

Usually: $P(X \text{ is equally or less likely than } x_{\text{observed}} \mid H_0 \text{ is true})$ but sometimes we get one-tailed p-values

“How likely is it that I got this lucky or luckier?”

When $P\text{-Value} \leq \text{significance level}$

1. H_0 is true and I got really lucky \leftarrow I will make a **Type I Error**
 - H_0 may in fact be false but you have circumstantial evidence to promote the notion that H_0 is true
2. H_0 is not true and H_a
 - This is the ideal situation as we do not make any false assumptions about H_0

Either way, I reject H_0 and conclude H_a is true

When $P\text{-Value} > \text{significance level}$

1. H_0 is true
2. H_0 is not true, but we don't have “unlikely enough” evidence
 - In this case, we acquit an guilty man. Even though we damn well know he did it but the prosecution did not provide damning evidence to conclude that he is guilty.

Either way, we fail to reject H_0 (make no conclusion so default to assumption H_0 is true)

Example (Book Exercise 8.20 [Application])

Study of children, program intended to increase consumption of whole grains. At end of program, sample of 86 children got a snack.

- 48 children chose whole grain
- 38 chose regular

Suppose that before program, children were equally likely to pick either snack. Do we have enough evidence to claim the program works as intended?

Step 1 (Identify Parameter of Interest)

Use it to write H_0 and H_a .

- p = Proportion of all children who choose whole grain (generalized results)
- $H_0 : p = 0.5$
- $H_a : p > 0.5$

Step 2 (Identify Test Statistic and its sampling distribution under H_0)

Let X = number of success (number of children in sample choosing whole grain)

$$X \sim B(n = 86, p = 0.5)$$

Step 3 (Observe data and calculate value of test statistic)

$$X_{\text{observed}} = 48$$

Step 4 (Calculate EITHER the critical region or the P-Value)

P-Value is way easier to compute when you have software

```
binom.test(x = 48, n = 86, p = 0.5, alternative = "g")
```

From software: p-value = 0.166

Step 5 (Determine whether or not to reject H_0)

5% is our cut-off. If the value is LESS than 5% then we **reject the Null Hypothesis**.

Since $0.166 > 0.05$, our results are likely enough under H_0 therefore, we fail to reject H_0

Step 6 (Write what “reject H_0 ” or “fail to reject H_0 ” means in context)

We do not have “statistically significant” evidence to claim that the program is working. It is reasonable to continue with the assumption that children are still equally likely to pick a healthy snack. **We failed to reject the notion that they will be more likely to pick a healthy snack.**

When Null Hypothesis Significance Testing goes horribly wrong

1. Very small samples
2. Very large samples
 - Neyman-Pearson: $p = 0.5$ vs $p = 0.50001$
 - NHST: $p = 0.5$ vs $p > 0.5$
3. Significance level is not arbiter of importance (2 and 3 are practically the same)
4. Lots of tests
5. P-hacking

Day 1

Statistics

A set of tools for understanding data and making decisions/conclusions/predictions under uncertainty

Randomness

- in the short term, we don't know what will happen (flipping a coin)
- in the long term, we know the **distribution** of possibilities (what outcomes are possible and how often they occur)
 - the crux of randomness
 - as the amount of times we get a random variable approaches infinity, the clearer/less random the variable becomes

Two definitions of probability

- **proportion** of times an outcome occurs or would occur over infinitely many repetitions of a random action
 - Frequentist
 - math is a lot nicer
 - there is a fixed outcome but we don't know it
- a number quantifying our **belief** that an outcome can/will occur
 - Bayesian
 - 2000 times more intuitive and math is just as hard
 - random outcome (not fixed)

Both are calculus based

Probability Model

Consists of two parts:

- sample space: list (set/list of all unique values) of all possibilities and must be well defined.
- probability of each outcome

This in essence is a hash table

An **event** is an arbitrary set of 0 or more outcomes in a sample space

Axioms of Probability

- axioms : something is so obvious it does not need to be proven
- For events A and B in the same sample space denoted as “S”:
 - The probability of event A, denoted as $P(A)$ is a number between 0 and 1 (inclusive).
 - * $[0, 1]$ notation as well.
 - * **NOTE:** $P(A) = 0$ means A is “impossible” and $P(A) = 1$ means A is guaranteed
 - $P(S) = 1$
 - * **Some outcome is bound to happen**
 - If A and B are disjoint (there are no common outcomes. A is not in B AND B is not in A), then $P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B)$

Simple rules that follows from the Axioms

- Compliment Rule: Define $A^C = A$ compliment, that is A^C is the event “A does not occur”
 - $P(A^C) = 1 - P(A)$
 - The summation of all events that **do not** occur minus the overall probability (100%)
- General addition rule: Suppose events A and B have at least one common outcome
 - Define $A \cap B$ to be the set of outcomes common to A & B
 - Define $A \cup B$ to be the set of outcomes in A, or in B or in both A & B
 - * Then $(P(A \cup B)) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$
 - * This is the same as this:
 - a = [1, 2, 3]
 - b = [2, 4, 5]
 - c = a + b
 - # c = [1, 2, 2, 3, 4, 5]
 - c = set(a+b)
 - # c = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5}

Example

Random phenomenon: Draw 1 tile from a standard Scrabble bag of 100 tiles

- Sample space 1 (option one):
 - S = the 100 tiles in the bag
 - All tiles are equally likely to be drawn
 - $P(\text{draw particular tile}) = 1/100$ or 0.01 for all
- Sample space 2 (option two):
 - The 27 “letters” (26 letters and 1 blank)
- Let event C = “draw a letter in CAT”
- Let event D = “draw a letter in PET”

$$P(C) = P(C) + P(A) + P(T) = .02 + .09 + .06 = 0.17$$

$$P(D) = P(P) + P(E) + P(T) = 0.2 + 0.12 + 0.06 = 0.2$$

$$P(C^c) = P(\text{do not draw any of the letters in CAT}) = 1 - P(C) = 1 - .17 = .83 \quad P(C \cap D) =>$$

- = $P(\text{letter in both CAT \& PET})$
- = $P(T) = 0.06$

$$P(C \cup D) = P(\text{letter in CAT or PET or both words}) =>$$

- = $P(C) + P(D) - P(C \cap D)$
- = $0.17 + 0.2 - 0.06 = 0.31$

Python Code Representation

```
#!/usr/bin/env python3.5

# probability can be calculated by using a hash table in conjunction with a set
# hash tables are used when there are two different letters with the same probability
# using a bare list would result in incorrect calculations of probability
# they would be treated as non unique instances
# in turn allowing for it to filter out needed objects
# this boils down to a set of unique hash tables and summing up their values

class hashabledict(dict):
    def __hash__(self):
        return hash(tuple(sorted(self.items())))
value_mapping = {
    "c": 0.02,
    "a": 0.09,
    "t": 0.06,
    "p": 0.02,
    "e": 0.12
}

def get_probability(*args):
    # s has extra new line for code to fit
    s = set((hashabledict({letter: value_mapping[letter]}))
            for argument in args for letter in argument))
    return sum([sum(dictionary.values()) for dictionary in s])

print(get_probability("cat", "pet"))
# this some times yields 0.3100000000000005 and 0.3099999999999994
# which is essentially the same number
```

vim regex

```
# this replaces all caps in proper latex
:%s/cap/\$\$\\cap\$/g
```

Outline

1. Recap of probability
2. Simulation
3. Random Variables

Independent vs. Disjoint Events

- Independent events **can** happen at the same time, but knowing that event “A” occurred **does not** change $P(B)$ and vice versa
- Disjoint events cannot happen at the same time.
 - Knowing that event “A” occurred changed $P(B) = 0$ and vice versa
- If A and B are independent, $P(A \cap B) = P(A) P(B)$
- If A and B are disjoint, $P(A \cap B) = 0$

Example One

- Draw a tile from a bag of 100 scrabble tiles
- Event C = “the tile is a C”
- Event A = “the tile is an A”

$$P(C) = .02$$

$$P(A) = .09$$

Events “C” and “A” are disjoint

Events “C” and “A” are not independent

Example Two

Draw one tile and set it outside

Event C = “first tile is a C”

Event A = “second tile is a A”

Event C and A are not disjoint

Events “C” and “A” are not independent

Sampling without replacement

Example Three

Draw a tile, put it back in the bag and then draw another tile

Event C = “first tile is a C” Event A = “second tile is an A”

Event C and A are not disjoint Event C and A are independent

Sampling with replacement

Simulation

Trying to imitate in the real world where the outcome is uncertain but is random

- Specify our model for an uncertain situation/random event
- “Randomly” generate an outcome for the model
- Repeat step two many, many times

Why simulate?

- Once we set up the model, the math maybe too difficult
- Situation may be unique, or we only have ability to observe it once, due to physical/financial limitations
- For fun and/or profit

Report assumptions of the model!

Random Variables (RVs)

Random variable is a variable whose numerical values describe outcomes of a random event

Typically we map outcomes in our sample space denoted as “S” to numerical values of the random variable.

Discrete Random Variable : probability mass function (PMF) places positive probability at specific numbers on the number line

- Only specific numbers
- Example: all outcomes are real, positive numbers

Continuous Random Variable : probability density function (PDF)

- Places positive probability along a possibly infinite interval of the number line.

Writing the PMF of a Discrete Random Variable

Each unique key value $X=x$ is mapped to a non unique value $P(X=x)$

```
example_hash_map = {  
    key: value  
}
```

A hash table is another way to represent data mapping.

- value represents a random variable
- key represents a “realization” of value

Example One

We can find $P(Y=0)$

Once we have observed the random event either $y = 0$ or $y \neq 0$

Let X = the point value of the chosen tile

```
map = {  
    0: 0.02,  
    1: 0.68,  
    2: 0.07,  
    3: 0.08,  
    4: 0.10,  
    5: 0.01,  
    8: 0.02,  
    10: 0.02  
}
```

Sum of values in map == 0

Example Two

Use PMF & probability rules to find:

- $P(X \leq 3)$
 - $P(X = 0, 1, 2 \text{ or } 3)$
 - $P(X = 0) + P(X = 1) + P(X = 2) + P(X = 3)$
 - $= 0.85$
- $P(X > 1)$
 - $P(X = 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, \text{ or } 10)$
 - $1 - P(X \leq 1) = 1 - (P(X = 0 \text{ or } 1))$
 - $1 - [P(X = 0) + P(X = 1)] = 1 - [0.02 + 0.68] = 1 - .7 = 0.3$
- $P(X > 5)$
 - $P(X = \{0..5\})$
 - 0.04
- $P(3 < x \leq 5)$
 - 0.11
 - $P(X = 4, \text{ or } 5)$

Expected Value (Mean) of a Random Variable

- Called expectation, mean, all the same thing
- On average, what value do we expect the random variable to be

Recall idea of “weighted average”

Mean of a Probability Distribution

μ

Denotes the average of all events, which in turn gives us an expected value for a given function.

Summation notation

The diagram shows the formula $\mu_x = \sum x \cdot p(x)$. Three arrows point from the text below to parts of the formula: one to μ_x , one to the summation symbol \sum , and one to the term $x \cdot p(x)$ which is underlined. The text below reads: "The mean equals the sum of all the values of x times their probabilities."

$$\mu_x = \sum x \cdot p(x)$$

The mean equals the sum of all the values of x times their probabilities.

Figure 1: discrete random variable formula

Expected value is a linear operator (can take in sum and give back a result in the form of a sum of the applied operators)

For random variables X and Y, and constant C

- $E[X+Y] = E[X] + E[Y]$
- $E[cX] = cE[X]$
- ^ where “c” is a constant applied

This implies, for X, Y and arbitrary constants a,b $E[aX + bY] = aE[X] + bE[Y]$

Consequences: a = 1 , b = -1

$$E[X - Y] = E[X] - E[Y]$$

$$\mu_{x-y} = \mu_x - \mu_y$$

Day 3

Outline

1. Expected value of the random variable
2. Variance and standard deviation of random variable
3. [If time allows]

Expected values (mean)

Please refer to day_two.pdf

Law of Large Numbers

Suppose we have “N” independent and identically distributed (IID) realization of “X”.

That is, we observe our random event “N” times independently and record the value of “X”.

Then, as “N” increases, the sample mean of the “N” independent observations converges to μ_x

We can get arbitrarily close to μ_x by simply observing values of “X” enough times.

Variance of a Random Variable

Average squared deviance from mean (distance away from the middle)

Variance Formula:

$$\sigma^2_x = \sum [x^2 * P(x)] - \mu_x^2$$

Figure 1: variance formula

- Variance is non-negative
- Variance is not a linear operator

In general, $\text{Var}(X+Y) \neq \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y)$

However, if X and Y are independent

$$\text{Var}(X+Y) == \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y)$$

$$\text{Var}(cX) \neq c\text{Var}(X)$$

$$\text{However!} \rightarrow \text{Var}(cX) == c^2\text{Var}(X)$$

When X and Y are independent,

$$\text{Var}(aX+bY) = a^2\sigma^2_x + b^2\sigma^2_y$$

Standard Deviation of Random Variable

$$\sigma_x = \sqrt{\sigma^2_x}$$

Standard deviation is not linear

$$\sigma_{x+y} = \sqrt{\sigma^2_x + \sigma^2_y}$$

If X and Y are independent

$$\sigma_{cx} = |C|\sigma_x$$

Adding a constant

Consider $W = X + c$ (where c is an arbitrary constant)

$$\Sigma[W] = \Sigma[X+c] = \Sigma[X] + \Sigma[c]$$

$$\Sigma(W) = \Sigma(X) + c$$

$$\text{Var}(W) = \text{Var}(X+c)$$

$$= \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(c)$$

$$\text{Var}(c) = 0$$

$$\text{Var}(W) = \text{Var}(x)$$

$$\text{SD}(W) = \text{SD}(X)$$

Example One

- Toss two fair coins.
- Let X be the number of heads observed
- Find the PMF, expected value, variance and standard deviation of X .

Each win is independent

$$P(\text{Heads}) = 1/2$$

Independence: $P(A \cap B) = P(A) * P(B)$ 0 heads: TT $\Rightarrow P(TT) = P(T_1) * P(T_2) = 1/2 * 1/2 = 1/4$

1 heads: HT TH 2 heads: HH

Easy Way

1. Find the PMF and write as a table
2. Expand our table by adding columns
3. Add down each column

```
# key is X=x
# value is P(X=x)
# --> points to xP(X=x)
# ---> points to variance
map = {
  0: 0.25 --> 0 ---> 0.25
  1: 0.50 --> 0.5 ---> 0
  2: 0.25 --> 0.5 ---> 0.25
}
```

summation of $P(X=x) = 1$

summation of $xP(X=x)$ $\mu_x = 1$

summation of variance $\sigma_x^2 = 0.5$

summation of standard deviation of $X \approx 0.7$

Example Two

You enter a lottery in which there is a 1 in 1000 chance of winning. If you win, you get \$500 and if you don't you get nothing Let Y be the amount of money you win.

Find the PMF, expected value, variance and standard deviation

```
map = {
  0:    0.999 -----> 0 -----> 0
  500:  0.001 ----> 0.5 --> 250 ----> 15.811
}
expected value: 0 and 500
```

Example Two (With a twist)

You enter a lottery in which there is a 1 in 1000 chance of winning. If you win, you get \$500 and if you don't you get nothing Let Y be the amount of money you win.

Let V = amount of money you have after the lottery

Find the PMF, expected value, variance and standard deviation

$$\Sigma[V] = \Sigma[Y-1] = \Sigma[Y] - 1 = 0.5 - 1 = -0.5 \quad \text{Var}(V) = \text{Var}(Y-1) = \text{Var}(Y) = 249.75 \quad \text{SD}(V) = \text{SD}(Y) = 15.8$$

Relationship Between Probability and Statistics

Let our random event be:

Pick one person at random and record some characteristics of the individual

The individual we record is the case or unit

The characteristics we record are called variables

The set of all cases of interest: population

Day 4

Outline

1. Statistical Terminology
2. Sampling Distributions

Statistical Terminology

Tidy Data

Each column represents a variable

Header row will contain the name of the variable

Each row represents a case

Each value goes in its own cell.

Good form: left most column contains label variable whose values are unique IDs for the cases

One row could represent:

- a patient
- a particular test for that patient
- all patients seen by a doctor

Merging datasets: you need to pair like data

Data Dictionary

For each variable:

- name of the variable
- type of the variable
- units of measurement
- description

Type of Variable

Numerical (Quantitative): int, float, double

Categorical (Qualitative): string, classes, char, software-specific variable type

Typically, we do not select only one case from the population. We instead select a subset of the population: sample. A sample will always exist in the real world.

Statistical Terminology (Continued)

Variables vary between cases.

Statistics vary between samples

Parameters vary between populations.

Frequentist Statistics

Parameters are constants, but we don't know their value.

Statistics are random variables that describe “randomly select a sample of some fixed size, record values of a variable for each case in the sample, and summarize the value”.

In this class

Numerical variables: we use μ to represent population mean and \bar{X} to represent sample mean

Categorical variables: we use “p” to represent population proportion of outcome in a particular category.

We use \hat{p} to represent sample proportion of outcomes in a particular category.

Example

A clinical trial compares two bladder cancer drugs:

- Drug A (Company's "new" drug)
- Drug B (Current best drug)

They recruit 200 subjects with bladder cancer and assign 100 to take Drug A and 100 to take Drug B

Questions

- What is the case
- We can consider this study to have 2 "hypothetical" populations. What are they?
- What are the two samples from those hypothetical populations? (subset of a larger group/population)
- Name an outcome the drug company might be interested in. Is that outcome a numerical or categorical variable?
- What statistic might we use to summarize that outcome in a sample
- What is the corresponding parameter in the hypothetical population.

Answers

- A case is one patient with bladder cancer
- Everyone on Drug A (all bladder cancer patients, if they took Drug A) and everyone on Drug B
- 100 people who took Drug A and 100 people who took Drug B
- How much more effective is Drug A compared to Drug B. This would yield a numerical value. (Reduction in tumor size, cancer remission/not in remission)
- Sample mean (\bar{X}) tumor reduction. Sample proportion/sample percent of patients who are in remission.
- Population mean tumor reduction and population proportion in remission

Sampling Distribution

These are things that do not have real world equivalences.

The probability distribution of a statistic is its sampling distribution

Distribution of a statistic over all possible samples of a given size from the sample population. **Must** specify size of sample.

To find a sampling distribution:

1. Simulation: approximate the sampling distribution by simulating samples.
2. Asymptotic behavior: as the number of samples $\rightarrow \infty$, what does the distribution look like?

Properties of Sampling Distributions

Let X be the statistic we use to estimate a parameter θ for a population. X is an unbiased estimator of θ if $\mu_x = \theta$. Otherwise X is biased and the amount of **bias** is $\mu_x - \theta$.

The variability of X describes the amount by which individual realizations of X are “spread” about μ_x .

We can summarize variability by variance, standard deviation, standard error, margin of error

Day 5

Outline

1. Sampling Distributions
2. Binomial Setting and Sampling Distribution

Sampling Distributions

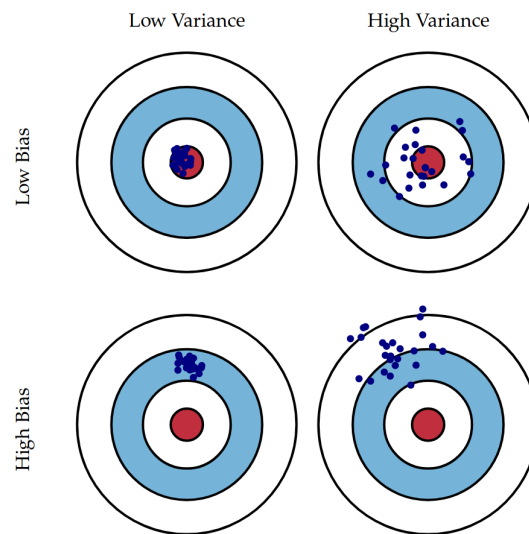


Fig. 1 Graphical illustration of bias and variance.

Figure 1: Illustration of bias and variance

Generally in science we have low bias and high variability.

Joke

A physicist, a biologist and a statistician go hunting:

They are hiding together in the bushes and they see a deer 70ft ahead of them. The physicist makes some calculations, aims and fires at the deer. His shot ends up 5ft to the left of the deer. The biologist analyzes the deer's movement, aims and fires. His shot ends up 5ft to the right of the deer. The statistician drops his rifle and happily shouts, "WE GOT IT!!"

In MATH-338, we assume our sample is generated using random sampling methods (simple random sampling)

- All samples of size N are equally likely

If we do not use good sampling methods:

- Probability distribution of sample changes \rightarrow introduces bias

Sampling distribution depends on statistic & sample size

- For very large populations ($\sim 20x$ sample size)
- Sampling distribution does NOT depend on population size

Variability of sampling size \downarrow as the sample size \uparrow .

Bias of sampling distribution \ll Bias introduced by bad sampling/study design

Variability of sampling distribution \ll Variability due to bad sampling/study design

Binomial (Probability) Distribution

Describe the number of “success” in N trials in the binomial setting

Four Conditions

Binary outcomes:

- All outcomes are classified either success or failure

Independent outcomes: (hand waved by good study design)

- The previous outcome does not influence the next outcome (flipping a coin, gender of a baby).

Number of outcomes = N

- Fixed sample size/number of trials
- Known in advance before any outcomes observed

Success is equally likely for each case/on each trial

- P = Probability of success = population probability of success
- the pass/fail rate of a class is 90/10, everyone is equally likely to fit these odds

Situations

- N term is violated : World Series games. A minimum four games is played but there is no fixed amount of games played
- I term is violated : teams who play away games vs home games

Binomial Random Variable

Let $X = \text{count}(\text{number})$ of success in a set of N outcomes obtained in the binomial setting

X has a PMF defined by:

$$P(X = x) = \binom{n}{x} P^x (1 - P)^{n-x}$$

- $n(x) = \frac{n!}{x!(n-x)!}$
 - Number of ways to get x success and $n-x$ failures out of N trials
- probability of getting exactly x success
- Probability of getting $n-x$ failures

Shorthand to: $X \sim B(n, p)$

If you didn't understand them, an extreme simplification would be to say that you are repeating an activity with a chance of success p . Each repetition has the same chance of happening. This chance cannot be affected by the results of the other repetitions. You do this n times. X would represent the number of successes you got after doing n repetitions.

For example, if you toss a fair coin 10 times, the number of heads you will get is:

$$X \sim B(10, 0.5)$$

because you toss it 10 times, and each toss has a 50% = 0.5 chance of being a head (because it is a fair coin).

Figure 2: Explanation

Example One

Toss a fair coin 8 times and let X = number of heads

Is X a binomial random variable?

- B: ✓ success = heads
- I: ✓
- N: ✓ $n=8$
- S: ✓ $p=0.5$

$$X \sim B(8, 0.5)$$

Mean and Variance of a Binomial Random Variable

Consider the Bernoulli random variable:

$X = \{$
 1: if outcome is success
 0: if outcome is failure
 $\}$

If $p =$ probability of success, then:

$$\mu_x = 1 * P + 0(1 - P) = P$$

Binomial random variable is sum of N independent Bernoulli random variables

So if mean of binomial random variable = $P + P + P... + P = nP$ (n number of times)

Variance of Bernoulli random variable =

$$(1 - P)^2 P + (0 - P)^2 (1 - P) = P(1 - P)$$

When $X = 1$ and $X = 0$ respectively \uparrow

$$\Sigma (X - \mu)^2 P(X = x) \quad (1 - \mu)^2 P(X = 1)$$

Variance of binomial random variable =

$$P(1 - P) + P(1 - P) + ... + P(1 - P) = nP(1 - P) \text{ (n number of times)}$$

Standard deviation if binomial random variable = $\sqrt{nP(1 - P)}$

Example Two (Question)

Sample of 2000 men get Gemfibrazil

Sample of 2000 men get some other drug (placebo)

It was assumed that 4% of men of the placebo group age get heart attacks (without drug intervention)

Looking at just placebo group:

- Define success, failure, N , P in this binomial setting
- Find mean, variance, and standard deviation of number of heart attacks the placebo group would experience.

Example Two (Answers)

Formulas used from section: Mean and Variance of a Binomial Random Variable

1

- Success is someone getting a heart attack
- Failure is someone not getting a heart attack
- 2000 is N
- 0.04 is P

2

- Mean: 80
- Variance: 76.8
- Standard deviation: 8.76356092

Distribution of Sample Proportion

$$\hat{P} = \frac{X}{n}$$

We have no idea how to estimate the number of successes in a very large population

Proportions are restricted to $[0, 1]$

Sample proportion and population proportion are on the same scale

$$E[\hat{P}] = E\left[\frac{X}{n}\right] = \frac{1}{n} * E[X]$$

If $X \sim B(n, P)$ then $E[X] = \mu_x = nP$

$$E[\hat{P}] = \frac{1}{n}(nP) = P$$

\hat{P} is an unbiased estimator of P

$$\text{Variance}(\hat{P}) = V\left(\frac{1}{n} * X\right) = \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^2 V(X)$$

If $X \sim B(n, P)$ then $V(X) = nP(1 - P)$

$$V(\hat{P}) = \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^2 (nP(1 - P)) = \frac{P(1-P)}{n}$$

$$SD(\hat{P}) = \sqrt{\frac{P(1-P)}{n}}$$

Probability Problems involving \hat{p}

\hat{P} does NOT have a binomial distribution

However we can convert $X = n * \hat{P}$ and X has a binomial distribution

Day 6

Outline

1. Types of Studies
2. Design Experiments
3. Why studies go wrong

Types of Studies

Observational

We simply observe things and do not manipulate them



Figure 1: observing

Experimental

Manipulate one or more explanatory variables and record response variables

Try to prove cause and effect

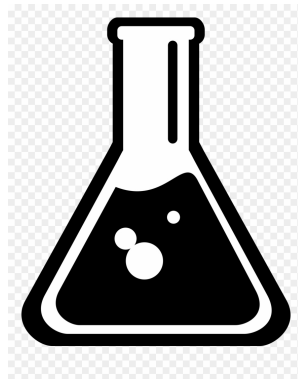


Figure 2: experimenting

Design of Experiments: Terminology

Manipulated explanatory variables: **experimental variables, factors**

- Treat as a categorical variables
- Values are called levels of the factor

A set of conditions caused by combining levels of different factors: treatment

Recorded response variables: outcomes

Example One

Experiment to compare two weight-loss drugs

Two separate factors

- Drug (A & B)
- Diet (Normal & Special)

Full factorial experiment: 4 treatments

- Drug A & normal diet
- Drug B & normal diet
- Drug A & special diet
- Drug B & special diet

Example Two

Visitors to a website.

Two separate factors

- Placement of an ad (top/bottom)
- Background color (blue/red)

Full factorial experiment: 4 treatments

- Top & Blue
- Bottom & Blue
- Top & Red
- Bottom & Red

Interacting Variables

Factors can be interacting variables effect of factor one on response changes depending on value on factor two.

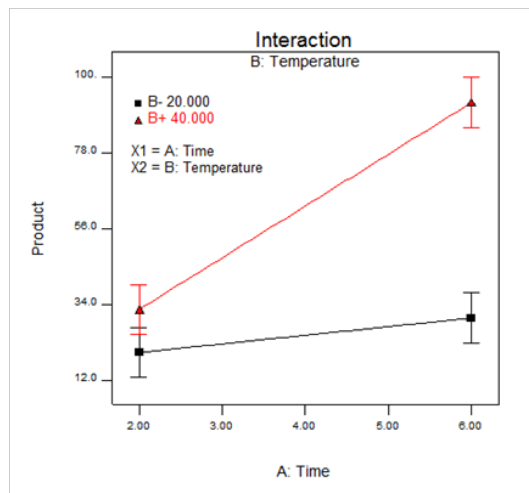


Figure 3: Interaction effect

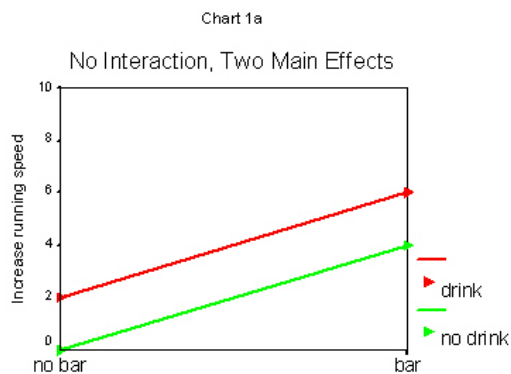


Figure 4: No interaction effect

Confounding Variable

Two variables (factors or not manipulated explanatory variables) are confounding variables if their effects on response cannot be disentangled/distinguished.

Often but not always, confounding variables are related to each other.

Lurking variables are potential confounding variables that we ignore during study design.

Formal definition: In statistics, a confounder is a variable that influences both the dependent variable and independent variable, causing a spurious association. Confounding is a causal concept, and as such, cannot be described in terms of correlations or associations.

Examples

- Age

Three Principles of Experimental Design

Control

Subjects on each treatment should be as “similar” as possible

“controlling” for effects of other variables than our experimental variable

Randomization

Treatments should be randomly assigned to subjects

Replication/Repetition

Other people can repeat your experiment on similar subjects and get similar results

We have enough subjects to “eliminate” variability issues

Types of Experimental Designs

Completely Random Design

Subjects assigned a treatment entirely at random

Block Design

Non randomly divide our subjects into groups (“blocks”) based on potential confounding variables, then assign treatments within each block.

Block Design (Example Diagram)

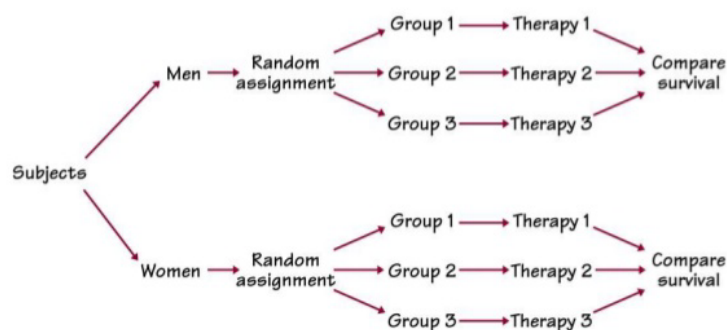


Figure 5: Block Design

Matched Pairs Design (Paired Design)

Special case of block design with blocks size of two (only looking at one treatment with two levels)

Matched Pair Design (example diagram - paired subjects)

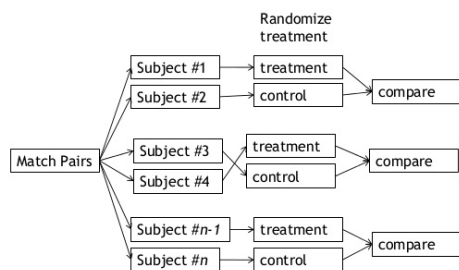


Figure 6: Matched Pair Design

Repeated measures design

More than two levels

Idea: get you & someone as similar to you as possible.

Randomly assign you to one treatment and assign your “pair” to other treatment

Often, we have same subjects undergo all treatments or record response at multiple times.

These are matched pairs/repeated measures designs in which order of treatments is manipulated/randomized.

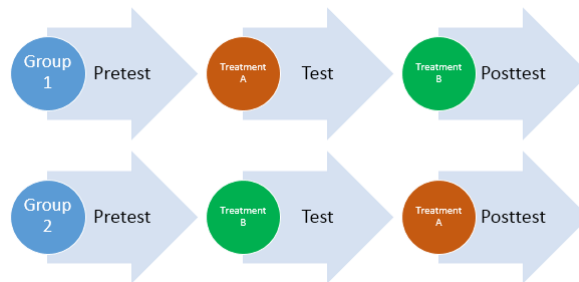


Figure 7: Repeated Measure Designs

One of the levels of treatment is control level

Group whose treatment entirely control levels = control group

In this class: one control group ≥ 1 "treatment group"

Why Studies Go Wrong

1. You accidentally introduce a confounding variable
 - “Placebo effect”: Otherwise ineffective treatment “works” because people think it will
 - Effects due to people involved in experiment knowing who is in each group
 - Blinding/masking: not letting experimenters or subject know which group anyone is in
 - Double blind: neither subject nor experimenter know
2. Equipment failure/mistake in recording data
3. Hawthorne Effect
 - If people know they’re in the study they change their behavior
4. Subjects are not representative of the target population
 - Using rats for experiments where rats did not respond the way they needed to
5. Treatments are not representative of real world conditions

Day 7

Outline

1. Two-way tables and diagnostic testing
2. Conditional probability
3. Tree Diagrams
4. Bayes' Rule
5. Solving conditional probability problems

Two-Way Table

Gender compared to handedness

	Handed		
	Left	Right	
Female	7	46	53
Male	5	63	68
	12	109	121

Figure 1: Table Example

Example

Helsinki Heart Study

2035 men in control group had 84 heart attacks 2046 men in special drug name group had 54 heart attacks

Referring to the table above, these are the correct mappings:

- Male: placebo
- Female: special drug
- Left: Heart attack
- Right: No heart attack

Diagnostic Testing

Formal definition: an examination to identify an individual's specific areas of weakness and strength in order to determine a condition, disease or illness.

	Positive test T^+	Negative test T^-	
Disease present D^+	True Positive (TP)	False Negative (FN)	Sensitivity (Sn) $P[T^+ D^+]$ $TP / (TP + FN)$
Disease absent D^-	False Positive (FP)	True Negative (TN)	Specificity (Sp) $P[T^- D^-]$ $TN / (TN + FP)$
	Positive Predictive Value (PPV) $P[D^+ T^+]$ $TP / (TP + FP)$	Negative Predictive Value (NPV) $P[D^- T^-]$ $TN / (TN + FN)$	

Figure 2: Diagnostic Testing Table

Machine Learning Terminology: we evaluate on a “training set” in which number if actual positive and actual negative is known in advance.

We compute:

- Sensitivity: proportion of actual positive classified correctly $\frac{TP}{TP + FN}$.
- Specificity: proportion of actual negative classified correctly $\frac{TN}{TN + FP}$

These are both properties of our test/algorithm.

- Positive Predictive Value (PPV, precision): proportion of positive tests that were actually positive $\frac{TP}{TP + FP}$
- Negative Predictive Value (NPV): proportion of negative tests that are actually negative $\frac{TN}{TN + FN}$

Also depend on prevalence (base rate) $\frac{\text{Actual positive}}{\text{Actual positive} + \text{Actual negative}}$

Example

- 300 units
- 83% prevalence
- TP = 200
- FP = 10
- FN = 50
- TN = 40

Compute:

- Sensitivity: $\frac{200}{200 + 50} = 80\%$
- Specificity: $\frac{40}{40 + 10} = 80\%$
- PPV = $\frac{200}{200 + 10} = 95.20\%$
- NPV = $\frac{40}{40 + 50} = 44.4\%$

In Class Example

- 300 units
- 3% prevalence
- TP = 8
- FP = 58
- FN = 2
- TN = 232

Answers

- Sens: $\frac{8}{10} = 80\%$
- Spec: $\frac{232}{232+58} = 80\%$
- PPV: $\frac{8}{8+58} = 12.1\%$
- NPV: $\frac{232}{232+2} = 99.2\%$

Conditional Probability

The conditional probability of event “B” given event “A”, denoted $P(B|A)$, is the probability of event “B”, looking only at outcomes in A.

$P(B|A) = \frac{\text{number of outcomes in } A \cap B}{\text{number of outcomes in } A}$ when all outcomes are **equally** likely

More generally: $P(B|A) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)} P(A) > 0$

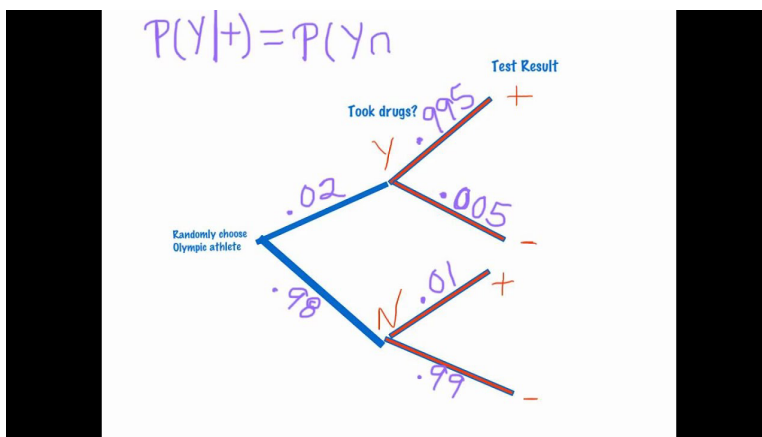


Figure 3: Conditional Probability Diagram

Independent events: $P(A \cap B) = P(A) \times P(B)$

Conditional probability: $P(A \cap B) = P(A) \times P(B|A)$

So: “A” and “B” are independent when $P(B) = P(B|A)$ dependent when $P(B) \neq P(B|A)$

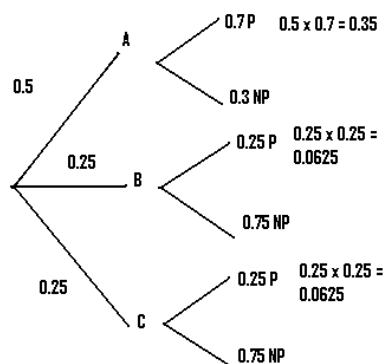
Example

1. What is the probability that a randomly selected person in the control group had a heart attack?
2. What is the probability that a randomly selected heart attack victim was in the control group?

Both of these are different questions

1. $P(\text{heart attack}|\text{control}) = \frac{84}{2035}$
2. $P(\text{control}|\text{heart attack}) = \frac{84}{140}$

Tree Diagram



- ——— = *branch*

Each node represents an event.

Each branch represents probability of getting to next node, given that we got to previous node.

Ending node is the **terminal node**.

Splits in the branches must add up to one. Please refer to node “A” when it splits between “NP” and “P”.

Notes on Probabilities

1. Probability of leaving a node is 1. The sum of probabilities on all branches exiting a node = 1.
2. Probability of getting to a terminal node is a product of probabilities along the branch path to it.
3. Probability of event “B” is sum of probabilities at all terminal nodes including “B”

Day 8

Outline

1. A History Lesson
2. Neyman-Pearson Hypothesis Testing

History Lesson

Major Players

- Karl Pearson
- Egon Pearson
- Jerzy Neyman
- Ronald Fisher

TL;DR

This test will allow us to make preemptive decisions based on conditions presented before the study is conducted. These are the theoretical outcomes **WITHOUT** taking any sample data

Neyman-Pearson Hypothesis Testing

TL;DR version

1. Define a boundary used to inform a decision
2. Obtain data and see which side of the boundary it falls on
3. Make decision

Example

We have a coin and it is weighted but we don't know if it's weighted to be 60% heads or 60% tails.

Define a parameter to describe the situation

Let P represent probability of getting heads ("population proportion of heads")

Define two competing "hypothesis" involving the parameter.

(heads)

- $H_0 : P = 0.6$ [null hypothesis: "nothing unexpected"]
- $H_1 : P = 0.4$ [alternative hypothesis: "something is happening, we should change our minds"]

Define a "critical region" based on our sample data

1. Define a test statistic T whose value can be computed from the sample data
2. Define the sampling distribution of T under H_0 and H_1
3. Based on the sampling distribution under H_0 , define:
 - $\alpha = P(\text{we claim } H_1 \text{ is true} | H_0 \text{ is true})$ and find the region in the sampling distribution under H_0 corresponding to that α value.
4. If the observed value of T is in that region, conclude H_1 is true. Otherwise, conclude H_0 is true

Critical region: a range of values that corresponds to the rejection of the null hypothesis at some chosen probability level.

Example

Our decision rule:

- If we get 4 or fewer heads in 10 flips: conclude H_1 is true.
- If more than 4 heads in 10 flips: conclude H_0 is true.

"Critical region": Let $X = \text{number of heads in 10 flips}$

- $X \leq 4$

Recall:

Gender compared to handedness

	Handed		
	Left	Right	
Female	7	46	53
Male	5	63	68
	12	109	121

Now apply this to Neyman-Pearson rules:

	Do not reject H_0	Reject H_0
H_0 is true	Correct Decision	Incorrect Decision: Type I error α
H_0 is false	Incorrect Decision: Type II error β	Correct Decision

Under N-P Rules

Type 1 Error is “worse” than Type 2 Error. However, if $P(\text{Type 1 Error})$ is too low, $P(\text{Type 2 Error})$ balloons.

$$\alpha = P(1) - P(\text{Concluded } H_1 \mid H_0 \text{ is true})$$

$$\beta = P(2) - P(\text{Concluded } H_0 \mid H_1 \text{ is true})$$

Power of test = $1 - \beta$

- = $P(\text{concluded } H_1 \mid H_1 \text{ is true})$

Example [Continued from Above]

Let $X = \text{number of heads in 10 flips}$

- Under H_0 : $X \sim B(10, 0.6)$
- Under H_1 : $X \sim B(10, 0.4)$

For critical region $X \leq 4$:

- $\alpha = P(X \leq 4 | p = 0.6) = 0.166$
- $\beta = P(X > 4 | p = 0.4) = 0.367$

Power = $P(X \leq 4 | p = 0.4) = 0.633$

Traditionally, set $\alpha = 0.05$ or $\alpha = 0.01$

- α refers to the probability of making a Type I Error.

Find the critical region giving a Type 1 Error rate of at most α

(Find x such that $P(X \leq x | H_0 \text{ is true}) \leq \alpha$)

$P(x \leq 2 | H_0 \text{ is true}) = 0.0123$

$P(X \leq 3 | H_0 \text{ is true}) = 0.0548$

Critical region corresponding to $\alpha = 0.05$: $x \leq 2$

What is β for this critical region?

- $\beta = P(x > 2 | p = 0.4) = 0.833$

In most fields, we use power instead

Power = $P(X \leq 2 | p = 0.4) = 0.167$

Rules of Thumb

1. $\alpha < \beta$. If $\alpha \leq \beta$, either decrease α or switch H_0 or H_1
2. At your “given” α value, $\beta \leq 2$ or equivalently, power ≥ 0.8 (80% power). If power < 0.8 , plan to collect more data!

Power must be at least 80 percent

In Practice

1. The idea of “nothing weird happening” should give us the value of the parameter.
2. We define a clinically signifiant/practically signifiant difference in parameter values (“minimum effect size”)

What we need at each step

1. To compute the critical region:
 - need α , H_0 (value of P under H_0)
 - sampling distribution of test statistic under H_0
2. To compute power:
 - need critical region, H_1 (value of P under H_1)
 - sampling distribution of test statistic under H_1

Day 9

Outline

1. Conditional probability example
2. Power analysis example

Please reference the attached sheets for full examples

Conditional Probability Examples

Example 1

In a lecture class of 150 students, 110 students are freshmen, 50 own a dog, and 25 are freshmen who own a dog. Suppose a student is selected at random.

Tree Diagram Version

Root

- Freshman ($\frac{110}{150}$)
 - Own dog : $\frac{25}{110}$ [Freshman AND own dog = ($\frac{110}{150} \times \frac{25}{110} = \frac{1}{6}$)]
 - No dog : $\frac{85}{110}$ [Freshman AND no dog = ($\frac{110}{150} \times \frac{85}{110} = \frac{17}{30}$)]
 - Not Freshman ($\frac{40}{150}$)
 - Own dog : $\frac{25}{40}$ [Not freshman AND own a dog = ($\frac{40}{150} \times \frac{25}{40} = \frac{1}{6}$)]
 - No dog : $\frac{15}{40}$ [Not freshman AND not own a dog = ($\frac{40}{150} \times \frac{15}{40} = \frac{1}{10}$)]
- a. What is the probability of being a freshman, given that the student owns a dog?
- $P(\text{Freshman}|\text{Dog}) = \frac{P(\text{Freshman AND Dog})}{P(\text{Dog})} = \frac{\frac{25}{150}}{\frac{25}{150} + \frac{25}{150}} = \frac{25}{50} = \frac{1}{2}$
- b. What is the probability of owning a dog, given that the student is a freshman?
- $P(\text{Dog}|\text{Freshman}) = \frac{P(\text{Dog AND Freshman})}{P(\text{Freshman})} = \frac{\frac{25}{150}}{\frac{110}{150}} = \frac{25}{110} = \frac{5}{22}$
 - $P(\text{Freshman} \& \text{Dog}) = P(\text{Freshman}) P(\text{Dog}|\text{Freshman})$
 - $P(\text{Freshman} \& \text{Dog}) = P(\text{Freshman}) P(\text{Dog}) \leftarrow \text{Independence}$

Table Diagram Version

	Freshman	Not Fresh.	Total
Dog	25	25	50
No Dog	85	15	100
Total	110	40	150

Figure 1: Freshman Table Example

Power Analysis Examples

Example 1

It is believed that about 10% of the population is left-handed. However, China has claimed that less than one percent of its students are left-handed. Suppose we are interested in evaluating whether there is something special about Chinese people, or whether the Chinese government is lying. Suppose further that we have devised a scientifically perfect test to measure a person's dominant hand. Would a random sample of 50 Chinese students be large enough to detect a population difference of 10% vs. 1%?

We want low α and high power

- $H_0 : p = 0.1$ [Null]
- $H_1 : p = 0.01$ [Alternate]
- $N : 50$
- $\alpha : 0.05$
 - If α is not given, please assume $\alpha = 0.05$
- Define p = proportion of left handed students
- For midterm one, define X = number of (successes) left-handed students in our sample.
- Decision rule:
 - Critical region: $X \leq x$
 - If X is in critical region, accept H_0 , else accept H_1 .
 - Only problem is we do not know what x is.
 - Defining our critical region to be $X \leq 5$
 - * Under the null hypothesis H_0 , $X \sim B(50, 0.1)$
 - $P(X \leq 5 | p = 0.1) = 0.616$
 - $P(\text{Type 1 Error}) = 0.616$
 - * Under the alternative hypothesis H_1 , $X \sim B(50, 0.01)$
 - $\beta = P(X > 5 | p = 0.01) = 0$
 - $\text{Power} = P(X \leq 5 | p = 0.01) = 1$
 - Defining our critical region to be $X \leq 1$
 - * When $p = 0.1$
 - 3.4% false positive
 - 96.6% true negative
 - $\alpha = 0.034$
 - * When $p = 0.01$
 - 91.1% true positive
 - 8.9% false negative
 - $\text{Power} = 0.911$
 - $\beta = 0.089$

Example 2

Is this sample large enough to detect something \rightarrow power rule!!!!!!

We want low α and high power

- $H_0 : p = 0.26$ [Null]
- $H_1 : p = 0.52$ [Alternate]
- $N : 14$
- $\alpha : 0.05$
 - If α is not given, please assume $\alpha = 0.05$
- Define $p =$ % of patients progression free after 6 months

Using R:

- Critical region is $X > 6$ or $X \geq 6$
- `lower.tail = TRUE` includes \leq
- `lower.tail = FALSE` includes $>$
- When $P = 0.26$
 - 4.7% false positive
 - 95.3% true negative
 - $\alpha = 0.047$
- When $P = 0.52$
 - 66.2% true positive
 - 33.8% false negative
 - Power = 0.662
 - $\beta = 0.338$