# Ch9. Large-Sample Tests of Hypotheses

In this chapter, the concept of a statistical test of hypothesis is formally introduced. The sampling distributions of statistics presented in Chapters 7 and 8 are used to construct large sample tests concerning the values of population parameters of interest to the experimenter.

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#### Introduction

- ♦ Suppose that a pharmaceutical company is concerned that the mean potency μ of an antibiotic meet the minimum government potency standards. They need to decide between two possibilities:
  - The mean potency  $\mu$  does not exceed the mean allowable potency.
  - The mean potency  $\mu$  exceeds the mean allowable potency.
- ◆ Similar to a courtroom trial. In trying a person for a crime, the jury needs to decide between one of two possibilities:
  - The person is guilty.
  - The person is innocent.
  - (1) To begin with, the person is assumed innocent.
  - (2) The prosecutor presents evidence, trying to convince the jury to reject the original assumption of innocence, and conclude that the person is guilty.
- ✓ This is an example of a **test of hypothesis**.

# 5 Parts of a Statistical test of hypothesis

# 1. The null hypothesis, $H_0$ :

- Assumed to be true until we can prove otherwise.

# 2. The alternative hypothesis, $H_a$ :

- generally the hypothesis that the researcher wishes to support

Court trial:	Pharmaceuticals:
H <sub>0</sub> : innocent	H <sub>0</sub> : μ does not exceeds allowed amount
H <sub>a</sub> : guilty	H <sub>a</sub> : μ exceeds allowed amount

# 3. The test statistic and its *p*-value:

- Test statistic: A single statistic calculated from the sample data
- p-value: a probability calculated using test statistic.
- ✓ Help to deciding whether to reject or accept  $H_0$

# 5 Parts of a Statistical test of hypothesis

# 4. The rejection region:

- Rejection region: consisting of values that support the alternative hypothesis and lead to rejecting  $H_0$
- Acceptance region: consisting of values that support the null hypothesis

#### 5. Conclusion:

• Either "Reject  $H_0$ " or "Do not reject  $H_0$ ", along with a statement about the reliability of your conclusion.

# $\bullet$ How do you decide when to reject $H_0$ ?

• Depends on the significance level,  $\alpha$ , the maximum tolerable risk you want to have of making a mistake, if you decide to reject  $H_0$ .

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\alpha = P(fakely rejecting H_0) = P(rejecting H_0) when it is true)
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• Usually, the significance level is  $\alpha = .01$  or  $\alpha = .05$ .

- You wish to show that the average hourly wage of carpenters in the state of California is different from \$19, the national average.
- A random sample of 100 California carpenters provide a sample mean  $\bar{x} = \$20$  with standard deviation s = \$2 for average hourly wage

#### Sol)

(1) Hypothesis

$$H_0$$
:  $\mu = 19$  versus  $H_a$ :  $\mu \neq 19$ 

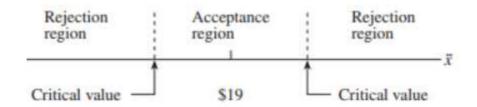
(2) Test statistic

two tailed test of hypothesis

- Since the sample size is large, the sampling distribution of  $\bar{x}$  is approximately normal with mean  $\mu=19$  and standard error  $\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$ , estimated as  $\frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}=\frac{2}{\sqrt{100}}=.2$
- $\Rightarrow$  the test statistic:  $z \approx \frac{20-19}{.2} = 5$
- $p value = P(z > 5) + P(z < -5) \approx 0$  for two tailed test
- ✓ The large value of the test statistic and the small p-value mean that you have observed a very unlikely event, if indeed  $H_0$  is true( $\mu=19$ ).

#### (3) Rejection region

- California's average hourly wage was different from \$19 if the sample mean is either much less than \$19 or much greater than \$19.
- The two-tailed rejection region consists of very small and very large values of  $\bar{x}$



#### (4) Conclusion

• There is no strong evidence to support  $H_0$  under significance level  $\alpha = 0.01$  or 0.05

# Large Sample Test of a population Mean, µ

- Take a random sample of size  $n \ge 30$  from a population with mean  $\mu$  and standard deviation s.
- We assume that either
  - 1.  $\sigma$  is known or
  - 2.  $s \approx \sigma$  since *n* is large
- The hypothesis to be tested is
  - two tailed test  $H_0$ :  $\mu = \mu_0$  versus  $H_a$ :  $\mu \neq \mu_0$
  - one tailed test  $H_0: \mu = \mu_0$  versus  $H_a: \mu > \mu_0$  or  $\mu < \mu_0$

#### **Test Statistic**

• Assume to begin with that  $H_0$  is true. The sample mean  $\bar{x}$  is our best estimate of  $\mu$ , and we use it in a standardized form as the **test statistic:** 

 $z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}} \approx \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{s / \sqrt{n}}$ 

since  $\bar{x}$  has an approximate normal distribution with mean  $\mu_0$  and standard error  $\sigma/\sqrt{n}$ .

- If  $H_0$  is true, the value of  $\bar{x}$  should be close to  $\mu_0$ , and z will be close to 0.
- If  $H_0$  is false,  $\bar{x}$  will be much larger or smaller than  $\mu_0$ , and z will be much larger or smaller than 0, indicating that we should reject  $H_0$ .

The average weekly earnings for female social workers is \$670. Do men in the same positions have average weekly earnings that are higher than those for women? A random sample of n=40 male social workers showed  $\bar{x} = \$725$  and s = \$102. Test the appropriate hypothesis using  $\alpha = .01$ .

Sol)

#### (1) Null and alternative hypothesis:

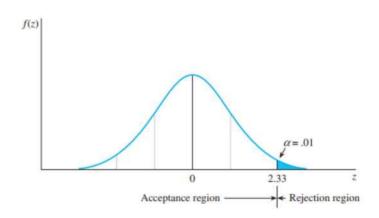
$$H_0$$
:  $\mu = 670$  vs  $H_a$ :  $\mu > 670$ 

#### (2) Test Statistic

$$z \approx \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{s / \sqrt{n}} = \frac{725 - 670}{102 / \sqrt{40}} = 3.41$$

#### (3) Rejection Region

For  $\alpha = .01$ ,  $z_{.01} = 2.33$ The null hypothesis will be rejected if the observed value of the test statistic, z, is greater than 2.33.



#### (4) Conclusion

Since test statistic  $z=3.41>z_{.01}=2.33$ , you can reject  $H_0$  and conclude that the average weekly earnings for male social workers are higher than the average for female social workers  $\frac{1}{2}$ 

- The daily yield for a local chemical plant has averaged 880 tons for the last several years. The quality control manager would like to know whether this average has changed in recent months.
- She randomly selects 50 days from the computer database and computes the average and standard deviation of the n=50 yields as  $\bar{x}=871$  tons and s=21 tons, respectively. Test the appropriate hypothesis using  $\alpha=.05$ . Sol)
- (1) Null and alternative hypothesis:

$$H_0$$
:  $\mu = 880$  vs  $H_a$ :  $\mu \neq 880$ 

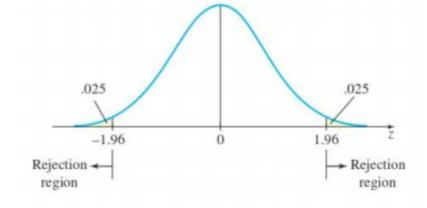
(2) Test Statistic: 
$$z \approx \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{s / \sqrt{n}} = \frac{871 - 880}{21 / \sqrt{50}} = -3.03$$

(3) Rejection Region

For two tailed test, use both right and left tails for rejection region.

$$\alpha = .05 \implies z_{.025} = 1.96$$

• Reject if z > 1.96 or z < -1.96



#### (4) Conclusion

Since test statistic z=- 3.03, falls in the rejection region, the manager can reject the null hypothesis that  $\mu = 880$  tons and conclude that it has changed.

# Large Sample Test of a population Mean, µ

- 1. Null hypothesis:  $H_0$ :  $\mu = \mu_0$
- Alternative hypothesis:

#### One-Tailed Test Two-Tailed Test

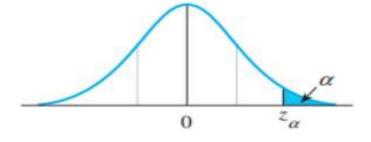
$$H_{\rm a}: \mu > \mu_0 \qquad \qquad H_{\rm a}: \mu \neq \mu_0$$
  
(or,  $H_{\rm a}: \mu < \mu_0$ )

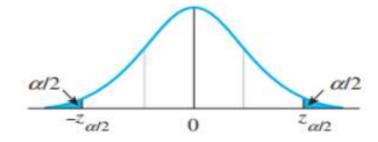
- 3. Test statistic:  $z = \frac{\overline{x} \mu_0}{c \sqrt{n}}$  estimated as  $z = \frac{\overline{x} \mu_0}{c \sqrt{n}}$
- 4. Rejection region: Reject  $H_0$  when

#### **One-Tailed Test**

#### **Two-Tailed Test**

$$z>z_{\alpha}$$
  $z>z_{\alpha/2}$  or  $z<-z_{\alpha/2}$  (or  $z<-z_{\alpha/2}$  when the alternative hypothesis is  $H_{\rm a}:\mu<\mu_0$ )





### *p*-value

- Once you've calculated the observed value of the test statistic, calculate its *p*-value:
- *p*-value(observed significance level of a statistical test)
  - the smallest value of  $\alpha$  for which  $H_0$  can be rejected.
  - If H<sub>0</sub> is rejected, this is the actual probability that we have made an incorrect decision.
  - √ p-Value = Tail area (one or two tails) "beyond" the observed value of the test statistic
- If this probability is very small, less than some preassigned significance level,  $\alpha$ ,  $H_0$  can be rejected.
  - If p-value <  $\alpha$ , H<sub>0</sub> is rejected.
  - If p-value >  $\alpha$ , H<sub>0</sub> is not rejected.

Previous example: The daily yield for a local chemical plant

Find p-value

Sol)

Hypothesis:  $H_0$ :  $\mu = 880$  vs  $H_a$ :  $\mu \neq 880$ 

Test statistic: z=-3.03

 $\Rightarrow$  the smallest rejection region is |z| > 3.03 since two tailed test

$$p - value = P(|z| > 3.03) = P(z > 3.03) + P(z < -3.03)$$
  
=  $(1 - .9988) + .0012 = .0024$ 

If p-value=.0024 <  $\alpha$  , reject  $H_0$ 

For this test, we can reject  $H_0$  at either  $\alpha = .01$  or  $\alpha = .05$ 

## **Statistical Significance**

- If the p-value is less than .01,  $H_0$  is rejected. The results are highly significant.
- If the p-value is between .01 and .05,  $H_0$  is rejected. The results are statistically significant.
- If the p-value is between .05 and .10,  $H_0$  is usually not rejected. The results are only tending toward statistical significance.
- If the p-value is greater than .10,  $H_0$  is not rejected. The results are not statistically significant.
- ✓ The p-value approach is often preferred because
  - You can evaluate the test results at any significance level you choose
  - Computer printouts usually calculate *p*-values

- Standards set by government agencies indicate that Americans should not exceed an average daily sodium intake of 3300 milligrams (mg).
- To find out whether Americans are exceeding this limit, a sample of 100 Americans is selected, and the mean and standard deviation of daily sodium intake are found to be 3400 mg and 1100 mg, respectively.
- Use  $\alpha = .05$  to conduct a test of hypothesis.

#### Sol)

Hypothesis: 
$$H_0: \mu = 3300 \text{ vs } H_a: \mu > 3300$$

Test statistic: 
$$z \approx \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{s / \sqrt{n}} = \frac{3400 - 3300}{1100 / \sqrt{100}} = .91$$

#### (1) critical value approach

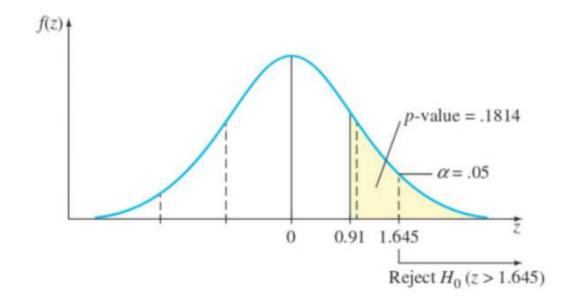
rejection region : z > 1.645 for  $\alpha = .05$ Since z = .91 is not greater than the critical value 1.645,  $H_0$  is not rejected

#### (2) p - value approach

$$p - value = P(z > .91) = 1 - .8186 = .1814$$

Since  $p-value=.1814>\alpha=.05$ ,  $H_0$  is not rejected and the results are not statistically significant

Conclusion: There is not enough evidence to indicate that the average daily sodium intake exceeds 3300 mg.



# **Two types of Errors**

There are two types of errors which can occur in a statistical test.

	Actual Fact		
	Actua	iiact	
Decision	Innocent	Guilty	
Guilty	Error 1	Correct	
Not Guilty	Correct	Error 2	

(b) Statistical Test of Hypothesis			
	Null Hypothesis		
Decision	True	False	
Reject $H_0$ Accept $H_0$	Type I Error Correct	Correct Type II Error	

#### Define:

 $\alpha = P(\text{Type I error}) = P(\text{reject H}_0 \text{ when H}_0 \text{ is true})$ 

 $\beta = P(\text{Type II error}) = P(\text{accept } H_0 \text{ when } H_0 \text{ is false})$ 

 $\Rightarrow 1-\beta = P(\text{reject } H_0 \text{ when } H_a \text{ is true}) : \text{power of test}$ 

## Two types of Errors

We want to keep the probabilities of error as small as possible.

- The value of  $\alpha$  is the significance level, and is controlled by the experimenter.
- The value of  $\beta$  is difficult to calculate.
  - when  $H_0$  is false and  $H_a$  is true, it may not be able to specify an exact value for  $\mu$ , but only a range of values.
- $\checkmark$  Without a measure of reliability, it is not wise to conclude that  $H_0$  is true.
- ✓ Rather than risk an incorrect decision, it is better to conclude that you do not have enough evidence to reject  $H_0$ . Instead of accepting  $H_0$ , you should "not reject" or "fail to reject"  $H_0$ .

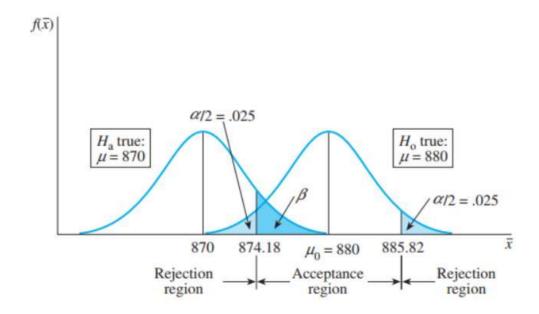
We write: There is insufficient evidence to reject  $H_0$ .

Previous example: The daily yield for a local chemical plant

Calculate  $\beta$  and the power of the test (1- $\beta$ ) when  $\mu$  is actually equal to 870 tons

Sol)
Hypothesis: 
$$H_0$$
:  $\mu = 880$  vs  $H_a$ :  $\mu \neq 880$ 
For  $\alpha = .05$ , acceptance region:  $-1.96 < \frac{\bar{x} - 880}{s/\sqrt{n}} < 1.96$ 
 $\Rightarrow 874.18 < \bar{x} < 885.82$ 

β, the probability of accepting  $H_0$  when μ = 870



$$eta = P(axept \ H_0 \ \text{when} \ \mu = 870)$$

$$= P(874.18 < \bar{x} < 885.82 \ \text{when} \ \mu = 870)$$

$$= P(\frac{874.18 - 870}{21/\sqrt{50}} < \frac{\bar{x} - 870}{s/\sqrt{n}} < \frac{885.82 - 870}{21/\sqrt{50}})$$

$$= P(1.41 < z < 5.33) = 1 - .9207 = .0793$$

$$1 - \beta = 1 - .0793 = .9207$$

• The probability of correctly rejecting  $H_0$ , given that  $\mu$  is really equal to 870, is .9207, or approximately 92 chances in 100.

#### The Power of the test

- Values of  $(1 \beta)$  can be calculated for various values of  $\mu_a$  different from  $\mu_0 = 880$  to measure the power of the test.
- For example, if  $\mu_a = 885$

$$eta = P(a \cot H_0 \text{ when } \mu = 885)$$

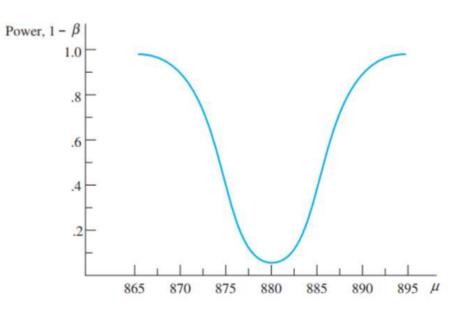
$$= P(874.18 < \bar{x} < 885.82 \text{ when } \mu = 885)$$

$$= P(\frac{874.18 - 885}{21/\sqrt{50}} < \frac{\bar{x} - 870}{s/\sqrt{n}} < \frac{885.82 - 885}{21/\sqrt{50}})$$

$$= P(-3.64 < z < .28) = .6103 - 0 = .6103$$

$$1 - \beta = 1 - .6103 = .3897$$

$\mu_{a}$	$(1-\beta)$	$\mu_{\rm a}$	$(1-\beta)$
865	.9990	883	.1726
870	.9207	885	.3897
872	.7673	888	.7673
875	.3897	890	.9207
877	.1726	895	.9990
880	.0500		



# Testing the Difference between Two Means

- A random sample of size  $n_1$  drawn from population 1 with mean  $\mu_1$  and variance  $\sigma_1^2$ .
- A random sample of size  $n_2$  drawn from population 2 with mean  $\mu_2$  and variance  $\sigma_2^2$ .
- The hypothesis of interest involves the difference,  $\mu_1-\mu_2$ , in the form:

 $\mathbf{H_0}$ :  $\mu_1 - \mu_2 = \mathbf{D_0}$  versus  $\mathbf{H_a}$ : one of three alternatives where  $\mathbf{D_0}$  is some hypothesized difference, usually 0.

# The Sampling Distribution of $\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2$

- 1. The mean of  $\bar{x}_1 \bar{x}_2$  is  $\mu_1 \mu_2$ , the difference in the population means
- 2. The standard error of  $\bar{x}_1 \bar{x}_2$  is  $SE = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{n_2}}$
- 3. If the sample sizes are large, the sampling distribution of  $\bar{x}_1 \bar{x}_2$  is approximately normal, and SE can be estimated

as SE = 
$$\sqrt{\frac{s_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{n_2}}$$

✓ Assumption: The samples are randomly and independently selected from the two populations and  $n_1 \ge 30$  and  $n_2 \ge 30$ .

# **Testing the Difference between Two Means**

- $H_0$ :  $\mu_1 \mu_2 = D_0$  versus  $H_a$ : one of three alternatives
- Test statistic:  $z \approx \frac{(\bar{x}_1 \bar{x}_2) D_0}{\sqrt{\frac{s_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{n_2}}}$

with rejection regions and/or p –values based on the standard normal z distribution

• Rejection region : Reject H<sub>0</sub> when

#### **One-Tailed Test**

#### Two-Tailed Test

 $z>z_{\alpha}$  or  $z<-z_{\alpha/2}$  or  $z<-z_{\alpha/2}$  [or  $z<-z_{\alpha}$  when the alternative hypothesis is  $H_{a}:(\mu_{1}-\mu_{2})< D_{0}$ ] or when p-value  $<\alpha$ 

- To determine whether car ownership affects a student's academic achievement, two random samples of 100 male students were each drawn from the student body.
- The grade point average for the  $n_1=100$  nonowners of cars had an average and variance equal to  $\bar{x}_1=2.70$  and  $s_1^2=.36$  and  $\bar{x}_2=2.54$  and  $s_1^2=.40$  for the  $n_2=100$  car owners.
- Do the data present sufficient evidence to indicate a difference in the mean achievements between car owners and nonowners of cars? Test using  $\alpha = .05$ .

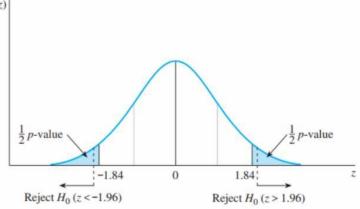
Sol) (1) 
$$H_0$$
:  $\mu_1 - \mu_2 = D_0 = 0$  versus  $H_a$ :  $\mu_1 - \mu_2 \neq 0$ 

(2) T.S. 
$$z \approx \frac{(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) - D_0}{\sqrt{\frac{s_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{n_2}}} = \frac{(2.70 - 2.54) - 0}{\sqrt{\frac{.36}{100} + \frac{.40}{100}}} = 1.84$$

(3) rejection region: for  $\alpha = .05$  since |z|=1.84 < 1.96, do not reject  $\mathbf{H_0}$ 

or p-value=
$$P(z > 1.84) + P(z < -1.84)$$
  
= $(1-.9671) + .0329 = .0658$   
>  $\alpha = .05$ 

 $\Rightarrow$  do not reject  $H_0$ 



# Confidence Interval for $\mu_1 - \mu_2$

#### **Example**

- Construct a 95% confidence interval for the difference in average academic achievements between car owners and nonowners.
- Sol) Confidence interval for the difference in two population means

$$(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) \pm 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{s_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{n_2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow (2.7 - 2.54) \pm 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{.36}{100} + \frac{.40}{100}}$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
 .16  $\pm$  .17

$$\Rightarrow$$
 -.01 <  $\mu_1 - \mu_2$  < .33

Since the hypothesized difference,  $\mu_1 - \mu_2 = 0$ , is contained in the confidence interval, you should not reject  $\mathbf{H}_0$ 

## Testing a Binomial Proportion p

A random sample of size n from a binomial population to test

- $H_0$ :  $p = p_0$  versus  $H_a$ : one of three alternatives
- Test statistic:  $z \approx \frac{\hat{p} p_0}{SE} = \frac{\hat{p} p_0}{\sqrt{\frac{p_0 q_0}{n}}}$ ,

where  $\hat{p} = \frac{x}{n}$ , x: number of success in n binomial trials with rejection regions and/or p-values based on the standard normal z distribution.

✓ Assumption: n is large enough so that the sampling distribution of  $\hat{p}$  can be approximated by a normal distribution ( $np_0 > 5$  and  $nq_0 > 5$ ).

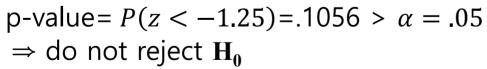
• Regardless of age, about 20% of American adults participate in fitness activities at least twice a week. A random sample of 100 adults over 40 years old found 15 who exercised at least twice a week. Is this evidence of a decline in participation after age 40? Use  $\alpha = .05$ .

Sol)

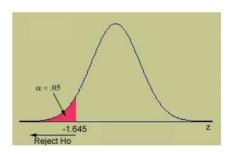
- (1) Hypothesis:  $H_0: p = .2 \text{ vs } H_a: p < .2$
- (2) Test statistic:

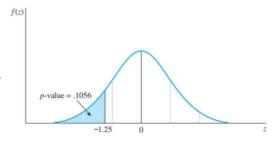
$$z \approx \frac{\hat{p} - p_0}{SE} = \frac{\hat{p} - p_0}{\sqrt{\frac{p_0 q_0}{n}}} = \frac{.15 - .2}{\sqrt{\frac{.2(.8)}{100}}} = -1.25$$

(3) Since z = -1.25 > -1.645Do not reject  $H_0$ 



✓ There is not enough evidence to indicate that p is less than .2 for people over 40





# Testing the Difference between Two proportions

- A random sample of size  $n_1$  drawn from binomial population 1 with parameter  $p_1$ .
- A random sample of size  $n_2$  drawn from binomial population 2 with parameter  $p_2$ .
- The hypothesis of interest involves the difference,  $p_1 p_2$ , in the form:

 $H_0$ :  $p_1 - p_2 = D_0$  versus  $H_a$ : one of three alternatives

where  $D_0$  is some hypothesized difference, usually 0.

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- 2. The standard error of  $\hat{p}_1 \hat{p}_2$  is  $SE = \sqrt{\frac{p_1 q_1}{n_1} + \frac{p_2 q_2}{n_2}}$
- 3. If the sample sizes are large, the sampling distribution of  $\hat{p}_1 \hat{p}_2$  is approximately normal.
- 4. The standard error is estimated differently, depending on the hypothesized difference,  $\mathbf{D}_0$

# **Testing the Difference between Two Proportions**

- (1)  $H_0$ :  $p_1 p_2 = 0$  versus
- (2) H<sub>a</sub>: one of three alternatives

(3) Test statistics 
$$z \approx \frac{\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{p_1 q_1}{n_1} + \frac{p_2 q_2}{n_2}\right)}} = \frac{\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2}{\sqrt{\hat{p}\hat{q}\left(\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}\right)}}$$

with  $\hat{p} = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{n_1 + n_2}$  to estimate the common value of  $p_1 = p_2 = p$  and rejection regions or p-values based on the standard normal z distribution.

(4) Rejection region: Reject  $\mathbf{H}_0$  when

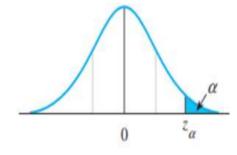
#### **One-Tailed Test**

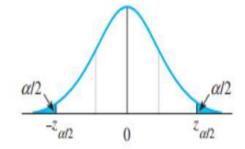
 $z > z_{\alpha}$ [or  $z < -z_{\alpha}$  when the alternative hypothesis is  $H_a: (p_1 - p_2) < 0$ ]

or when *p*-value  $< \alpha$ 

#### **Two-Tailed Test**

$$z > z_{\alpha/2}$$
 or  $z < -z_{\alpha/2}$ 





The records of a hospital show that 52 men in a sample of 1000 men versus 23 women in a sample of 1000 women were admitted because of heart disease.

Do these data present sufficient evidence to indicate a higher rate of heart disease among men admitted to the hospital? Use  $\alpha = .05$ .

Sol)

Assume that the number of patients admitted for heart disease ~ approximate binomial probability dist for both men and women with

~ approximate binomial prob. dist for both men and women with parameters  $p_1$  and  $p_2$ , respectively

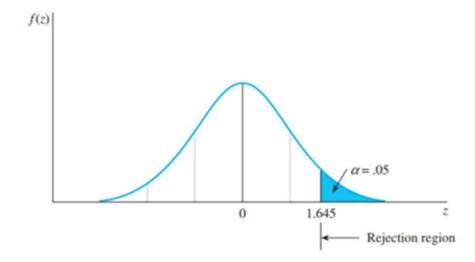
(1) 
$$H_0$$
:  $p_1 - p_2 = 0$  versus

(2) 
$$H_a$$
:  $p_1 - p_2 > 0$ 

(3) Since 
$$\hat{p} = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{n_1 + n_2} = \frac{52 + 23}{1000 + 1000} = .0375$$

T. S. 
$$Z \approx \frac{\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2}{\sqrt{\hat{p}\hat{q}\left(\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}\right)}} = \frac{.052 - .023}{\sqrt{(.0375)(.9625)\left(\frac{1}{1000} + \frac{1}{1000}\right)}} = 3.41$$

(4) Since TS = 3.41 > 1.645 Reject 
$$H_0$$
 for  $\alpha = .05$   
Or p-value =  $P(z > 3.41) = .0003 < \alpha = .05$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Reject  $H_0$  for for  $\alpha = .05$ 



• The data present sufficient evidence to indicate that the percentage of men entering the hospital because of heart disease is higher than that of women for  $\alpha = .05$ .

## **Key Concepts**

#### I. Parts of a Statistical Test

- 1. Null hypothesis: a contradiction of the alternative hypothesis
- 2. Alternative hypothesis: the hypothesis the researcher wants to support.
- 3. Test statistic and its *p*-value: sample evidence calculated from sample data.
- 4. Rejection region critical values and significance levels: values that separate rejection and nonrejection of the null hypothesis
- 5. Conclusion: Reject or do not reject the null hypothesis, stating the practical significance of your conclusion.

## **Key Concepts**

#### **II. Errors and Statistical Significance**

- 1. The significance level  $\alpha$  is the probability if rejecting  $H_0$  when it is in fact true.
- 2. The *p*-value is the probability of observing a test statistic as extreme as or more than the one observed; also, the smallest value of  $\alpha$  for which  $H_0$  can be rejected.
- 3. When the *p*-value is less than the significance level  $\alpha$ , the null hypothesis is rejected. This happens when the test statistic exceeds the critical value.
- 4. In a Type II error,  $\beta$  is the probability of accepting  $H_0$  when it is in fact false. The power of the test is  $(1 \beta)$ , the probability of rejecting  $H_0$  when it is false.

# **Key Concepts**

# III. Large-Sample Test Statistics Using the z Distribution

To test one of the four population parameters when the sample sizes are large, use the following test statistics:

Parameter	Test Statistic
$\mu$	$z = \frac{\overline{x} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}}$
p	$z = \frac{\hat{p} - p_0}{\sqrt{\frac{p_0 q_0}{n}}}$
$\mu_1 - \mu_2$	$z = \frac{(\overline{x}_1 - \overline{x}_2) - D_0}{\sqrt{\frac{s_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{n_2}}}$
$p_1 - p_2$	$z = \frac{\hat{p}_{1} - \hat{p}_{2}}{\sqrt{\hat{p}\hat{q}\left(\frac{1}{n_{1}} + \frac{1}{n_{2}}\right)}}$