

- Its all very well generating myriad statistics characterising your data.
- ► How do you know whether or not those statistics are telling you something interesting? Hypothesis Tests.
- ► To that end, well be looking at the HypothesisTests package today.

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Julia > using HypothesisTests
julia> using Distributions
julia> srand(357)
julia > x1 = rand(Normal(), 1000);
julia > x2 = rand(Normal(0.5, 1), 1000);
julia> # 25% success rate on samples of size 100
julia > x3 = rand(Binomial(100, 0.25), 1000);
julia> # 50% success rate on samples of size 50
julia > x4 = rand(Binomial(50, 0.50), 1000);
julia> x5 = rand(Bernoulli(0.25), 100) .== 1:
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- ▶ Well apply a one sample t-test to x1 and x2. The output below indicates that x2 has a mean which differs significantly from zero while x1 does not.
- ► This is consistent with our expectations based on the way that these data were generated.
- ▶ Im impressed by the level of detail in the output from OneSampleTTest(): different aspects of the test are neatly broken down into sections (population, test summary and details) and there is automated high level interpretation of the test results.

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julia> t1 = OneSampleTTest(x1)
One sample t-test
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Population details:

parameter of interest: Mean

value under h\_0:

point estimate: -0.013027816861268473

95% confidence interval: (-0.07587776077157478,0.04982

Test summary:

outcome with 95% confidence: fail to reject h\_0

two-sided p-value: 0.6842692696393744 (not s:

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Details:
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number of observations: 1000

t-statistic: -0.40676289562651996

degrees of freedom: 999

empirical standard error: 0.03202803648352013

julia> t2 = OneSampleTTest(x2)

One sample t-test

Population details:

parameter of interest: Mean

value under h\_0: 0

point estimate: 0.507852246706

95% confidence interval: (0.4468203,0.568884)

Test summary:

outcome with 95% confidence: reject h\_0

two-sided p-value: 2.62561601163e-53

Details:

number of observations: 1000

t-statistic: 16.32883382693

degrees of freedom: 999

empirical standard error: 0.03110156255427

- Using pvalue() we can further interrogate the p-values generated by these tests.
- The values reported in the output above are for the two-sided test, but we can look specifically at values associated with either the left- or right tails of the distribution.
- ▶ This makes the outcome of the test a lot more specific.

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julia> pvalue(t1)
0.6842692696393744
julia> pvalue(t2)
2.6256160116367554e-53
julia> pvalue(t2, tail = :left)
                                            #
1.0
julia> pvalue(t2, tail = :right)
1.3128080058183777e-53
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The associated confidence intervals are also readily accessible. We can choose between two-sided or left/right one-sided intervals as well as change the significance level.

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julia> ci(t2, tail = :both)
(0.44682036100064954,0.5688841324132342)
julia> ci(t2, tail = :left)
(-Inf,0.5590572480083876)
julia> ci(t2, 0.01, tail = :right)
(0.43538291818831604,Inf)
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- ► As a second (and final) example well look at BinomialTest().
- ▶ There are various ways to call this function. First, without looking at any particular data, well check whether 25 successes from 100 samples is inconsistent with a 25% success rate (obviously not and, as a result, we fail to reject this hypothesis).

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julia> BinomialTest(25, 100, 0.25)
Binomial test
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Population details:

parameter of interest: Probability of success

value under h\_0: 0.25 point estimate: 0.25

point estimate: 0.25 95% confidence interval: (0.16877973809,0.3465524957)

Test summary:

outcome with 95% confidence: fail to reject h\_0 two-sided p-value: 1.0 (not signficant)

Details:

number of observations: 100
number of successes: 25

Next well see whether the Bernoulli samples in x5 provide contradictory evidence to an assumed 50% success rate (based on the way that x5 was generated we are not surprised to find an infinitesimal p-value and the hypothesis is soundly rejected).

julia> BinomialTest(x5, 0.5)

Binomial test

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Population details:

parameter of interest: Probability of success

value under h\_0: 0.5 point estimate: 0.18

95% confidence interval: (0.11031122915326055,0.26947708596

Test summary:

outcome with 95% confidence: reject h\_0

two-sided p-value: 6.147806615048005e-11 (extreme

Details:

number of observations: 100 number of successes: 18

- ► There are a number of other tests available in this package, including a range of non-parametric tests which I have not even mentioned above.
- Certainly HypothesisTests should cover most of the bases for statistical inference. For more information, read the extensive documentation.