

To determine if effects seen in the sample appear in the larger population.

• can use classical hypothesis testing

There are also:

- Fisher null hypothesis testing

- Neyman-Pearson decision theory

- Bayesian Inference

Classical Hypothesis Testing achieves:

given a sample and an apparent effect, what is the probability of seeing such an effect by chance.

- ① Quantify the size of the apparent effect by choosing a test statistic (e.g. a diff in means)
- ② Define a Null Hypothesis: a model of the real system based on the effect not being real (e.g. the distribution between both groups is identical).
- ③ Compute the p-value - the probability of seeing the apparent effect if the null hypothesis is true.
- ④ Interpret result: If p-value is low,  
the result is statistically significant -  
the effect is more likely to appear in the larger population.

⇒ Similar to proof by contradiction.

Null Hypothesis Test, of Sample Data

Can this Example that is data sampled from a population which  
from a population which  
is more likely to have this effect  
Create Model 50% 50% Tools  
→ Do we expect  
to see in sample results  
to see in the population?  
Is more → toss a coin 250x (50+50%)  
→ Count the number of times where it's more  
as many or more heads than the data's statistic.  
→ Use that count and the number of experiments  
to determine the probability of the  
statistic happening given the model based  
on the factors not having a real effect  
↳ this is p-value

- p-value  $\leq 5\%$  to sig.
- in practice p-value threshold depends on the test statistic and the model of the null hypothesis
  - ↳ example here 1% is sig.
  - ↳ 1% to 10% is borderline.
  - ↳ > 10% is insignificant.





### Null Hypothesis: Pregnancy Length



One-sided versus two-sided — considering one or both sides of the distribution.

- Chi-Squared Test — better for testing proportional differences — rather than using the total deviation.
- Unadjusted  $\chi^2$  statistic does not proportionally correct the p-value.
- p-value depends on the choice of test statistic, as the test statistic influences the perceived probability of certain experiments.
  - The model of the null hypothesis also influences the perceived probability of experiments by making them more or less likely to happen.
  - Assuming groups ought to have equal proportions.

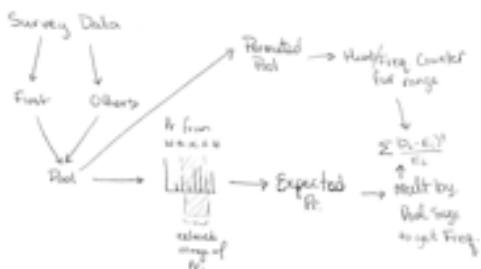
$$\chi^2 = \sum_i \frac{(O_i - E_i)^2}{E_i}$$



Two-sided test | Transformation of  $\chi^2$  (p-value) | Unadjusted  $\chi^2$  Statistic

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{Diagram: } \text{Survey Data} \rightarrow \text{Actual Obs} \rightarrow \text{Expected Obs} \rightarrow \text{O-E}^2 / E \\
 \text{Calculation: } \sum (O_i - E_i)^2 / E_i = \chi^2
 \end{array}$$

Diagram



ACTUAL  
• Test Statistic  
of Survey Data

EXPERIMENTS  
• Test Statistic  
of Null Hypothesis  
Model

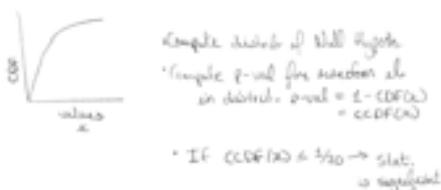
P-value  
• Fraction of  
Experiments  
which exceed  
test statistic

Errors Surrounding the P-value.

False-Positive Rate - probability of wrongly considering something significant.

False-Negative Rate - probability that the hypothesis test will fail when the effect is real!

False Positives occur with an off chance of  $1/10 = 5\%$ .



Since only 5th Percentile of the distribution would qualify as statistical significance, that means that if there was real data which would pass the hypothesis test  $\frac{1}{20} \times 1/20 = 1/400$  choices of the data being distributed in way that would then fall in the 5th (1%) percentile.

False Negatives

• Depends on the amount of data which separates the effect - the effect size.

↳ Option A2 - compute false negative rate from



This yields the target test note.

The correct positive rate is called the [power] of the test, or the sensitivity.

The complement of the false negative rate is the correct positive rate.

	negative	positive
false	$\alpha$	$\beta$
correct	$\gamma$	$\delta$

A test power of 80% is considered acceptable - for detecting difference. Below this threshold the test is underpowered.

A negative hypothesis test doesn't imply the absence of a relation, merely the absence of in the sample data to prove such a relationship.

4: Since we know the data correctly has a positive correlation, the only other way to classify the result as incorrectly - that is failure as a negative. The data couldn't be classified correctly as negative nor incorrectly as positive.

Analogy:  
like in life when you know your boss, the right things, and your interaction with the world correctly produces good results (low failure rate many of the events observed)

### Accuracy of Inference - Replicating Results.

Statistical tools - like hypothesis tests, are inaccurate, and they can not be utilized without the introduction of inaccuracy or loss of precision.

Therefore exploration and then analysis/descriptive analysis of the same dataset has inherent bias; notably your findings might used to construct your statistics and your findings are acknowledging/aligning/biased within your sample.

ALTERNATIVES • also known as reliability & replicability.

- split the exploration & testing data position.
- adjust the p-value threshold to compensate (i.e. necessarily reflect the inaccuracy that comes from the strength of your reliance) Control the type-I error rate - we want a reliability & accuracy)
- result replication

→ final paper is considered exploratory  
→ the second is confirmatory

\* Control False Discovery Rate (FDR) allows type I -  
rejection of true hypothesis but control proportion of type I:  
Holm-Bonferroni Method (5.0% is more accurate)

FWER < 0.05

$$\alpha' = 1 - (1 - \alpha)^{n/k}$$

- Let  $H_0, \dots, H_m$  be a family of null hypotheses
- $\beta_{01}, \dots, \beta_m$  are corresponding p-values
- Given p-values (sorted to left)  $\beta_{(1)}, \dots, \beta_{(m)}$  null hypothesis
- Given significance level  $\alpha$  & let  $k$  be the min. integer such that  $\beta_{(k)} > \frac{\alpha}{m+k-1}$
- Reject hypotheses  $H_{(1)}, \dots, H_{(k-1)}$  - key[ $k$  to  $m$ ]
- If  $k=1$  keep all
- If  $k > k$ , reject all

\* Most recommendations accept an alpha of 0.05.

- Type I Error: ~~unnecessarily~~ accept null hypothesis when true for the population - ~~the false alarm~~
- Type II Error: ~~unnecessarily~~ accept null hypothesis when ~~false~~ for the population.
- Correction should be applied to p-values when two or more statistical analyses have been performed on the same sample data. This is due to the increase in familywise type I error rate.

- Family-wise-error-rate (Family inflation):
  - The probability of ~~rejecting~~ at least 1 type I error
  - for a family of tests - statistically a series of tests on data.
- $\text{FWER} \leq 1 - (1 - \alpha_{\text{per}})^k$
- $\alpha_{\text{per}}$  = alpha level for