

# Hypothesis Testing

What is a hypothesis?

↳ A statement about the world that has a definite truth value:

Normative { "It is wrong to kill another human being"  
"The prettiest city in Europe is Prague"

Descriptive { "The Capital of Denmark is Horsens" F  
"The accused is guilty"  
"The accused is innocent"

A hypothesis can either be rejected or not rejected

A hypothesis can either be True or False

Actual state of affairs

	Hypothesis is True	Hypothesis is False
Decision		
Fail to reject (accept)	Correct True positive (TP) ( $1-\alpha$ )	Error (Type II error) False Negative (FN) $\beta$
	Error (Type I error) False Positive (F.P.) $\alpha$	Correct True Negative (TN) $1-\beta$ (Power)

Null hypothesis ( $H_0$ ): Assumed true until disproved

Alternative ( $H_1$ ): True if  $H_0$  is false

$H_0$ : Person is innocent

$H_1$ : Person is not innocent (= guilty)

$H_0$ : Machine is adequately calibrated

$H_1$ : Machine is not adequately calibrated

→ Most quantify our hypothesis

$H_0$ :  $\mu = 250$

$H_1$ :  $\mu \neq 250$

What can we test:

- Mean
- Independence
- Proportion
- Variance/St.Dev.
- Distribution

Curriculum

One vs. Two samples

One vs. two tails

Examples

$H_0$ :  $\mu = 250$

$H_0$ :  $\mu \leq 250$

$H_0$ :  $\mu \geq 250$

$H_1$ :  $\mu \neq 250$

$H_1$ :  $\mu > 250$

$H_1$ :  $\mu < 250$

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$H_0$ : Smoking and lung cancer are independent

$H_1$ : Smoking and lung cancer are not independent

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$H_0$ :  $\mu_1 = \mu_2 \rightarrow \mu_1 - \mu_2 = 0$  OR  $\mu_1 - \mu_2 \leq D$

$H_1$ :  $\mu_1 \neq \mu_2 \rightarrow \mu_1 - \mu_2 \neq 0$   $\mu_1 - \mu_2 > D$

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$H_0$ :  $p \geq 0.7$

$H_0$ :  $p_1 - p_2 \geq 0.1$

$H_1$ :  $p < 0.7$

$H_1$ :  $p_1 - p_2 < 0.1$

## Overall Method:

- ① State  $H_0$  and  $H_1 \rightarrow$  Try to disprove  $H_0$
- ② Determine a
- ③ Calculate at test statistic
- ④ Based on test statistic, Reject or fail to reject  $H_0$
- ⑤ Conclude

You cannot prove  $H_0$ ; only reject or fail to reject

## Errors:

Which is worse?

"Defendant is innocent"

$$\begin{array}{r} 10 \\ 110 \\ \hline 01 \end{array}$$

F.P. (Type I)

Innocent in jail

F.N. (Type II)

Guilty set free

"Patient has Ebola"

F.P. (Type I)

Well person given treatment

F.N. (Type II)

Ill person not treated

"Patient has Corona"

F.P.

F.N.

$$P(\text{Reject } H_0 | H_0 \text{ is true}) = \alpha$$

$$P(\text{Not reject } H_0 | H_0 \text{ is false}) = \beta$$

$$1 - \alpha = \text{confidence level}$$

$$= P(\text{Not reject } H_0 | H_0 \text{ is true})$$

## Example: CUP

1.  $H_0: \mu = 250$

$H_1: \mu \neq 250$

2.  $\alpha = 0.05$

3. What is z-score

associated with  $\alpha=0.05$

for two-tails:  $Z_{\text{sig}} = 1.96$

4. Test statistic:

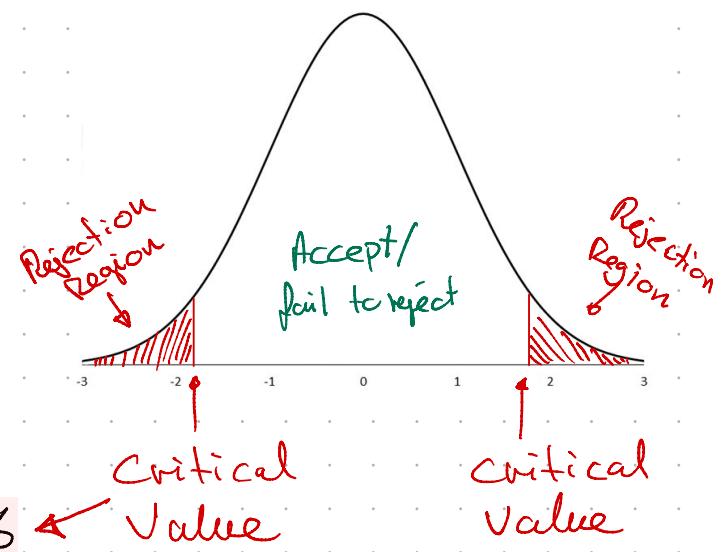
$$Z_{\text{test}} = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} = \frac{250.2 - 250}{2.5/\sqrt{25}} = 0.4$$

If  $Z_{\text{crit}} < 0$

Reject if  $Z_{\text{test}} < Z_{\text{crit}}$

If  $Z_{\text{crit}} > 0$

Reject if  $Z_{\text{test}} > Z_{\text{crit}}$

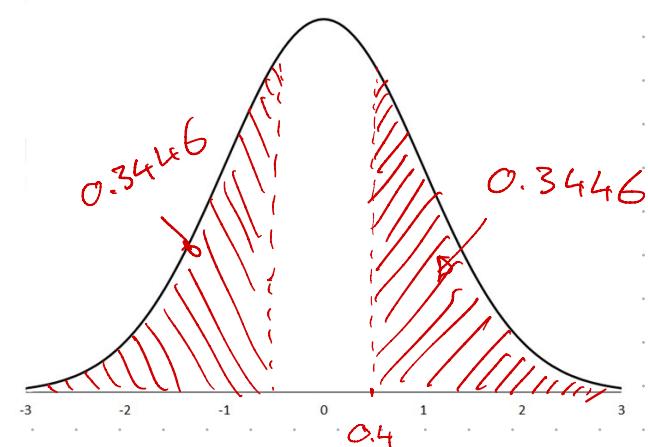
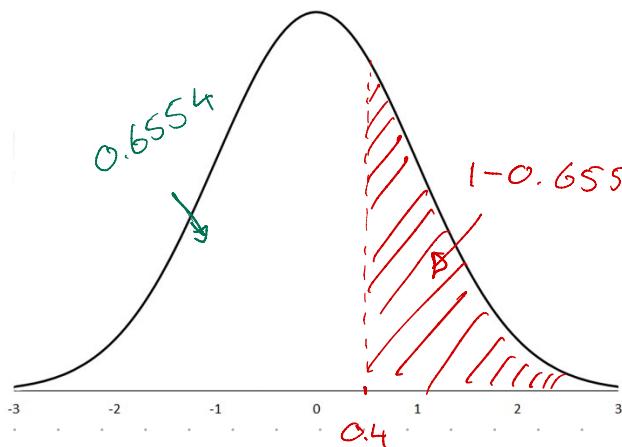


Since  $Z_{\text{crit}} > 0$  and  $Z_{\text{test}} < Z_{\text{crit}}$  we fail to reject  $H_0$ :

5. We do not have sufficient evidence to support the claim that the machine does not fill 250 mL into the cup, and conclude that the cup is adequately filled.

Probability of Z-test:

$$\Phi(0.4) = \text{stats.norm.cdf}(0.4)$$
$$= 0.6554$$



$$1 - \Phi(0.4) = 0.3446$$

$$2 \cdot (1 - \Phi(0.4)) = 0.6892 \quad \} \text{ P-Value for two-tailed test}$$

What is the p-value?

The probability of observing an observation more extreme given that  $H_0$  is true.

$P(D \text{ at } \text{observed} | H_0 \text{ is true})$

Two methods for hypothesis testing!

① Using critical value and test statistic  
like we did in example

② Finding the p-value from the test statistic  
and comparing it to  $\alpha$ .

If  $p\text{-value} < \alpha$   
Reject