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Preface

This coursepack accompanies the textbook for STAT 216: Montana State Introductory Statistics with R, which can be found at https://mtstateintrostats.github.io/IntroStatTextbook/. The syllabus for the course (including the course calendar), data sets, and links to Canvas, Gradescope, and the MSU RStudio server can be found on the course webpage: https://math.montana.edu/courses/s216/. Other notes and review materials are linked in Canvas.

Each of the activities in this workbook is designed to target specific learning outcomes of the course, giving you practice with important statistical concepts in a group setting with instructor guidance. In addition to the in-class activities for the course, video notes are provided to aid in taking notes while you complete the required videos. Bring this workbook with you to class each class period, and take notes in the workbook as you would your own notes. A well-written completed workbook will provide an optimal study guide for exams!

All activities and labs in this coursepack will be completed during class time. Parts of each lab will be turned in on Gradescope. To aid in your understanding, read through the introduction for each activity before attending class each day.

STAT 216 is a 3-credit in-person course. In our experience, it takes six to nine hours per week outside of class to achieve a good grade in this class. By "good" we mean at least a C because a grade of D or below does not count toward fulfilling degree requirements. Many of you set your goals higher than just getting a C, and we fully support that. You need roughly nine hours per week to review past activities, read feedback on previous assignments, complete current assignments, and prepare for the next day's class. A typical week in the life of a STAT 216 student looks like:

- Prior to class meeting:
 - Read assigned sections of the textbook, using the provided reading guides to take notes on the material.
 - Watch the provided videos, taking notes in the coursepack.
 - Read through the introduction to the day's in-class activity.
 - Read through the week's homework assignment and note any questions you may have on the content.
- During class meeting:
 - Work through the guided activity, in-class activity or weekly lab with your classmates and instructor, taking detailed notes on your answers to each question in the activity.
- After class meeting:
 - Complete any parts of the activity you did not complete in class.
 - Review the activity solutions in the Math and Stat Center, and take notes on key points.
 - Complete any remaining assigned readings for the week.
 - Complete the week's homework assignment.

Basics of Data and Sampling Methods

1.1 Vocabulary Review and Key Topics

At the beginning of each module is a summary of key topics and new vocabulary terms for that module. As you read through the material in the textbook and watch the videos prior to class, look for these terms. Reference the definitions to guide your understanding.

1.1.1 Key topics

Module 1 introduces the foundations of data: observational units, types of variables, and how to collect sample data from a population of interest in a way that allows us to generalize our results back to the population.

1.1.2 Vocabulary

- Data: observations used to answer research questions.
- Observational units (cases): the subjects or entities on which data are collected.
 - The rows in a data set represent the observational units.
- Sample size: the number of observational units in a data set, denoted by n.
- Variable: the characteristics collected on each observational unit.
- Types of variables:
 - Categorical: cases are grouped into categories.
 - Quantitative: numerical measurements, where performing arithmetic operations makes sense.
- Target population: group of observational units of interest.
- Sample: subset of the population.
- Statistic: numerical value calculated on a sample; for categorical data, a proportion is calculated, for quantitative data, the mean is calculated.
- Parameter: numerical value of the entire population we are interested in; this is generally an unknown value.
- Sampling methods:
 - Unbiased sampling method (e.g., a random sample): on average, the sample will be representative of the target population; all observational units in the target population have the same chance of being selected.
 - Biased sampling method (e.g., convenience sample): on average, the sample will not be representative of the target population; some part of the target population will be over- or under-represented.

• Type of sampling bias:

- **Selection bias**: method of sampling is biased; some part of the target population is over- or under-represented.

- Non-response bias: part of a pre-selected sample does not respond or cannot be reached.
- Response bias: responses are not truthful (poor/leading question phrasing, social desirability).

- Generalization: to what group of observational units can the results be applied to?
 - If an unbiased method of selection was used and there is no non-response or response bias, we can generalize the results to the target population.
 - If a biased method of selection was used or if non-response or response bias is present, we can only generalize the result to the sample or similar observational units.

1.2 Activity 1: Intro to Data Analysis and Sampling Bias

1.2.1 Learning outcomes

- Identify observational units, variables, and variable types in a statistical study.
- Creating a data set
- Identify biased sampling methods.

1.2.2 Terminology review

Statistics is the study of how best to collect, analyze, and draw conclusions from data. In the next few days of class, we will learn the building blocks of the semester. This week in class you will be introduced to the following terms:

- Observational units or cases
- Variables: categorical or quantitative
- Selection bias
- · Response bias
- Non-response bias

For more on these concepts, read Chapter 1 and 2 in the textbook and review the Module 1 Vocabulary Review and Key Topics.

Notes on Observational Units and Variables

Further analysis of class data set

- 1. What are the observational units or cases for the data collected in class on day 1?
- 2. How many observations are reported in the data set? This is the **sample size**.
- 3. The header for each column in the data set describes each variable measured on the observational unit. For each column of data, fill in the following table identifying the type of each variable.
- If the variable is categorical, indicate in the third column of the following table whether the variable is binary.
- If the variable is quantitative, indicate in the forth column the units of measure used.

Column	Type of Variable	Binary?	Units?
Major			
Residency			
Num Credits			
Dominant hand			
77			
Hand Span			
Grip strength dominant hand			
Grip strength non-dominant hand			

4. Review the completed data set with your class. Remember that when creating a data set for use in R it is important to use single words or an underscore between words. Each outcome must be written the same way each time to have consistency between responses. Do not include units of measure in the data set when reporting numerical values. Write down some issues found with the created class data set.

Notes on Sampling Methods and Types of bias

Types of bias

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	marijuana for adult. The TV station asks its viewers to phone in and indicate whether they are in favor or opposed to the referendum. Of the 2241 viewers who phoned in, forty-five percent were opposed to legalizing marijuana.
	Sample size:
	Observational units sampled:
	Target population:
	Justify why there is selection bias in this study.
6.	To determine if the proportion of out-of-state undergraduate students at Montana State University has increased in the last 10 years, a statistics instructor sent an email survey to 500 randomly selected current undergraduate students. One of the questions on the survey asked whether they had in-state or out-of-state residency. She only received 378 responses.
	Sample size:
	Observational units sampled:
	Target population:
	Justify why there is non-response bias in this study.

5. A television station is interested in predicting whether or not local voters will pass a referendum to legalize

7.	To gauge the interest of Bozeman City Voters in a new swimming pool, a local organization stood outside of the Bogart Pool in Bozeman, MT, during open hours. One of the questions they asked was, "Since the Bogart Pool is in such bad repair, don't you agree that the city should fund a new pool?"
	Sample size:
	Observational units sampled:
	Target population:
	Justify why there is response bias in this study.
	Justify why there is selection bias in this study.

1.2.3 Take-home messages

- 1. There are two types of variables: categorical (groups) and quantitative (numerical measures).
- 2. We will learn more about summarizing variable later in the semester. Categorical variables are summarized by calculating a proportion from the data and quantitative variables are summarized by finding the mean and the standard deviation.
- 3. There are three types of bias to be aware of when designing a sampling method: selection bias, non-response bias, and response bias.

1.2.4 Additional notes

Use this space to summarize your thoughts and take additional notes on today's activity and material covered, and to write down the names and contact information of your teammates.

1.3 Activity 2: American Indian Address

1.3.1 Learning outcomes

- Explain why a sampling method is unbiased or biased.
- Identify biased sampling methods.
- Explain the purpose of random selection and its effect on generalization.

1.3.2 Terminology review

In this activity, we will examine unbiased and biased methods of sampling. Some terms covered in this activity are:

- Random sample
- Unbiased vs biased methods of selection
- Generalization

To review these concepts, see Chapter 2 in the textbook.

1.3.3 Class Preparation

Prior to the next class, complete questions 1–3.

1.3.4 American Indian Address

For this activity, you will read a speech given by Jim Becenti, a member of the Navajo American Indian tribe, who spoke about the employment problems his people faced at an Office of Indian Affairs meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, on January 30, 1947 (Moquin and Van Doren 1973). His speech is below:

It is hard for us to go outside the reservation where we meet strangers. I have been off the reservation ever since I was sixteen. Today I am sorry I quit the Santa Fe [Railroad]. I worked for them in 1912–13. You are enjoying life, liberty, and happiness on the soil the American Indian had, so it is your responsibility to give us a hand, brother. Take us out of distress. I have never been to vocational school. I have very little education. I look at the white man who is a skilled laborer. When I was a young man I worked for a man in Gallup as a carpenter's helper. He treated me as his own brother. I used his tools. Then he took his tools and gave me a list of tools I should buy and I started carpentering just from what I had seen. We have no alphabetical language.

We see things with our eyes and can always remember it. I urge that we help my people to progress in skilled labor as well as common labor. The hope of my people is to change our ways and means in certain directions, so they can help you someday as taxpayers. If not, as you are going now, you will be burdened the rest of your life. The hope of my people is that you will continue to help so that we will be all over the United States and have a hand with you, and give us a brotherly hand so we will be happy as you are. Our reservation is awful small. We did not know the capacity of the range until the white man come and say "you raise too much sheep, got to go somewhere else," resulting in reduction to a skeleton where the Indians can't make a living on it. For eighty years we have been confused by the general public, and what is the condition of the Navajo today? Starvation! We are starving for education. Education is the main thing and the only thing that is going to make us able to compete with you great men here talking to us.

By eye selection

- 1. Circle ten words in Jim Becenti's speech which are a representative sample of the length of words in the entire text. Describe your method for selecting this sample.
- 2. Fill in the table below with your selected words from the previous question and the length of each word (number of letters/digits in the word):

Observation	Word	Length
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		
9		
10		

3. Calculate the mean (average) word length in your selected sample. Is this value a parameter or a statistic?

Notes on sampling

1.3.5 Class Activity

1. Report your mean word length from question 3 to your instructor. Your instructor will create a visualization of the distribution of results generated by your class. Draw a picture of the plot here. Include a descriptive x-axis label. Report the mean and standard deviation of the sample mean word lengths.

The plot created in question 1 is a sampling distribution of statistics. This sampling distribution plots the mean word length from many samples taken from the population of words.

2. The true mean word length of the population of all 359 words in the speech is 3.95 letters. Is this value a parameter or a statistic?

Where does the value of 3.95 fall in the plot given? Near the center of the distribution? In the tails of the distribution?

- 3. Based on the class discussion, would you say the sampling method used ("by-eye" selection) by the class is biased or unbiased? Justify your answer.
- 4. If the sampling method is biased, what type of sampling bias (selection, response, non-response) is present? What is the direction of the bias, i.e., does the method tend to overestimate or underestimate the population mean word length?

Random selection

Suppose instead of attempting to select a representative sample by eye (which did not work), each student used a random number generator to select a simple random sample of 10 words. A **simple random sample** relies on a random mechanism to choose a sample, without replacement, from the population, such that every sample of size 10 is equally likely to be chosen.

To use a random number generator to select a simple random sample, you first need a numbered list of all the words in the population, called a **sampling frame**. You can then generate 10 random numbers from the numbers 1 to 359 (the number of words in the population), and the chosen random numbers correspond to the chosen words in your sample.

- 5. Use the random number generator at https://istats.shinyapps.io/RandomNumbers/ to select a simple random sample from the population of all 359 words in the speech.
- Set "Choose Minimum" to 1 and "Choose Maximum" to 359 to represent the 359 words in the population (the sampling frame).
- Set "How many numbers do you want to generate?" to 10 and ensure the "No" option is selected under "Sample with Replacement?"
- Click "Generate".

Fill in the table on the next page with the random numbers selected and use the Becenti.csv data file found on Canvas to determine each number's corresponding word and word length (number of letters/digits in the word):

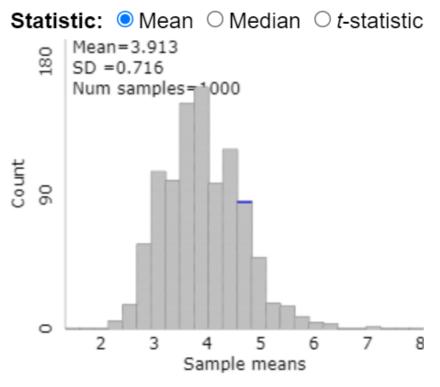
Observation	Number	Length
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		
9		
10		

- 6. Calculate the mean word length in your selected sample in question 5. Is this value a parameter or a statistic?
- 7. Report your mean word length in the Google sheet. Your instructor will create a visualization of the distribution of results generated by your class. Draw a picture of the plot here. Include a descriptive x-axis label. Report the mean and standard deviation of the samples.

8. Where does the value 3.95, the true mean word length, fall in the distribution given? Near the center of the distribution? In the tails of the distribution? Circle this value on the provided distribution.

One set of randomly generated sample mean word lengths from a single class may not be large enough to visualize the distribution results.

The following plot illustrates a sampling distribution of 1000 samples of size 10 selected at random from the sample.



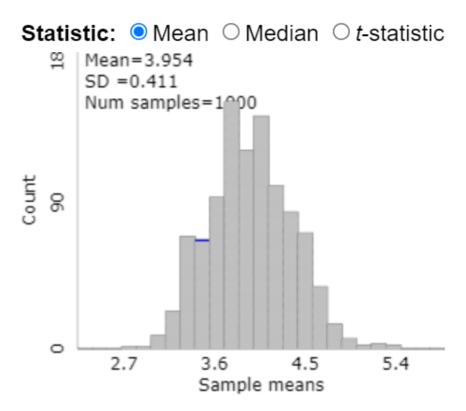
- 9. What is the center value (mean) of the distribution displayed above?
- 10. Explain why the sampling method of using a random number generator to generate a sample is a "better" method than choosing 10 words "by eye".
- 11. Is random selection an unbiased method of selection? Explain your answer. Be sure to reference the plot from before Q9.

Effect of sample size

We will now consider the impact of sample size.

12. First, consider if each student had selected 30 words, instead of 10, by eye. Do you think this would make the plot from the previous activity centered on 3.95 (the true mean word length)? Explain your answer.

Now we will select 30 words instead of 10 words at random. The following plot illustrates a sampling distribution of 1000 samples of size 30 selected at random from the sample.



- 13. Compare the values of the standard deviation of the plots before question 9 and before question 13. Which plot shows the smallest standard deviation?
- 14. Using the evidence from your simulations, answer the following research questions:

 Does changing the sample size impact whether the sample estimates are unbiased? Explain your answer.

Does changing the sample size impact the variability (spread) of sample estimates? Explain your answer

15. What is the purpose of random selection of a sample from the population?

1.3.6 Take-home messages

- 1. When we use a biased method of selection, we will over or underestimate the parameter.
- 2. If the sampling method is biased, inferences made about the population based on a sample estimate will not be valid.
- 3. Random selection is an unbiased method of selection.
- 4. To determine if a sampling method is biased or unbiased, we compare the distribution of the estimates to the true value. We want our estimate to be on target or unbiased. When using unbiased methods of selection, the mean of the distribution matches or is very similar to our true parameter.
- 5. Random selection eliminates selection bias. However, random selection will not eliminate response or non-response bias.
- 6. The larger the sample size, the more similar (less variable) the statistics will be from different samples.
- 7. Sample size has no impact on whether a *sampling method* is biased or not. Taking a larger sample using a biased method will still result in a sample that is not representative of the population.

1.3.7 Additional notes

Use this space to summarize your thoughts and take additional notes on today's activity and material covered.

Probability

2.1 Vocabulary Review and Key Topics

2.1.1 Key topics

Module 2 introduces the concept of probability as a long-run relative frequency and demonstrates how to use hypothetical two-way tables to set up a probability problem and solve for unconditional and conditional probabilities.

2.1.2 Vocabulary

- **Probability** (of an event): the long-run proportion of times the event would occur if the random process were repeated indefinitely (under identical conditions).
- Conditional probability (of an event *given* another event): probability of an event calculated dependent on another event having occurred.
- Probability notation:
 - -P(A): the probability of event A.
 - * This is the probability of a single event, unconditional probability calculated out of the overall population.
 - $-P(A^C)$: the probability of the **complement** of event A, or "A complement".
 - * This is the probability of the opposite of event A, or "not A".
 - $* P(A^C) = 1 P(A)$
 - -P(A and B): the probability of event A and B.
 - * The is the probability of an "and" event, unconditional probability calculated out of the overall population.
 - -P(A|B): the probability of event A given (conditional on) event B.
 - * This is a *conditional* probability calculated out of the total population for which event B occurred.

2.2 Activity 3: Probability Studies

2.2.1 Learning outcomes

- Recognize and simulate probabilities as long-run frequencies.
- Construct two-way tables to evaluate conditional probabilities.

2.2.2 Terminology review

In today's activity, we will cover two-way tables and probability. Some terms covered in this activity are:

- Proportions
- Probability
- Conditional probability
- Two-way tables

To review these concepts, see Chapter 23 in the textbook.

Notes on probability

The probability of an event is the long-run proportion of times the event would occur if the random process were repeated indefinitely (under identical conditions).

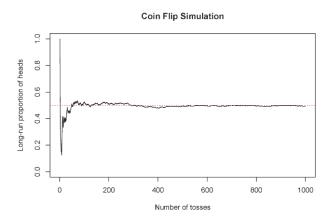
To calculate the probability of an event happening:

$$probability = \frac{number\ of\ ways\ an\ event\ can\ happen}{total\ number\ of\ possible\ outcomes}$$

For example, to calculate the probability of a coin flip landing on heads; there are only two outcomes (heads or tails) and only one possibility way to land on heads.

$$P(heads) = \frac{1}{2} = 0.5$$

The figure below shows the long-run proportion of times a simulated coin flip lands on heads on the y-axis, and the number of tosses on the x-axis. Notice how the long-run proportion starts converging to 0.5 as the number of tosses increases.



In today's activity we will discuss the probability of a single event, the probability of an "and" event, and the probability of a conditional event.

Probability notation

We will use the notation P(event) to represent the probability of an event and use letters to represent events. The following are notations for different probabilities where we are discussing event A and event B:

- P(A) represents the probability of event A
- $P(A^C)$ represents the probability of the complement of event A

$$-P(A^{C}) = 1 - P(A)$$

- P(AandB) represents the probability of events A and B
- P(A|B) represents the probability of event A, given event B
- P(B|A) represents the probability of event B, given event A

Probability questions

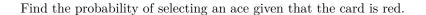
For the beginning of this activity we will start with discussing the probabilities associated with drawing a card from a standard card deck. In a card deck there are:

- 52 cards
- Half are red, half are black
- Four suits: spades, hearts, diamonds, and clubs
- Each suit has 13 cards: cards 2-10, ace, jack, queen, and king
- Let A represent the event that a card is an ace
- Let B represent the event that a card is red

To find the probability of selecting an ace, first start with determining how many aces are possible (four) and how many cards will we select from (total of 52).

Find the probability of selecting a card that is not an ace. This is the complement of event A.

Find the probability of selecting a red ace.



If a card drawn is an ace, what is the probability the card drawn is red.

Calculating probabilities from a two-way table

1. In 2014, the website FiveThirtyEight examined the works of Bob Ross to see what trends could be found. They determined that of all the paintings he created, 95% of them contained at least one "happy tree." Of those works with a happy tree, 43% contained at least one "almighty mountain." Of the paintings that did not have at least one happy tree, only 10% contained at least one almighty mountain.

Let A = Bob Ross painting contains a happy tree, and B = Bob Ross painting contains an almighty mountain

	A	A^C	Total
B	40850	500	41350
B^C	54150	4500	58650
Total	95000	5000	100000

- a. What is the probability that a randomly selected Bob Ross painting contains both a "happy tree" and an "almighty mountain"? Use appropriate probability notation.
- b. What is the probability that a selected Bob Ross painting without an "almighty mountain" contains a "happy tree." Use appropriate probability notation.
- c. What is the probability that a selected Bob Ross painting does not contain a "happy tree" given it does not contain an "almighty mountain". Use appropriate probability notation.

2.	. A recent study of population decline of white-tailed deer in Wyoming due to chronic wasting disease
	(Edmunds 2016) (CWD) reported that 35.4% of white-tailed deer have CWD. The survival rate of deer
	with CWD is 39.6% and the survival rate of deer without CWD is 80.1%.

Let A = the event a deer has CWD, and B = the event the deer survives.

а	Identify what ea	ch numerical	value given in	the problem	represents in	probability	notation

$$0.354 =$$

$$0.396 =$$

$$0.801 =$$

b. Create a hypothetical two-way table to represent the situation.

A	A^C	Total
		100,000
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c. Find P(A and B). What does this probability represent in the context of the problem?

d. Find the probability that a deer that has CWD does not survive. What is the notation used for this probability?

e. What is the probability that a deer does not survive given they do not have CWD? What is the notation used for this probability?

3.	Since the early 1980s, the rapid antigen detection test (RADT) of group A streptococci has been used to
	detect strep throat. A recent study of the accuracy of this test shows that the sensitivity, the probability
	of a positive RADT given the person has strep throat, is 86% in children, while the specificity, the
	probability of a negative RADT given the person does not have strep throat, is 92% in children. The
	prevalence, the probability of having group A strep, is 37% in children. (Stewart et al. 2014)

Let A = the event the child has strep throat, and B = the event the child has a positive RADT.

a. Identify what each numerical value given in the problem represents in probability notation.

0.86 =

0.92 =

0.37 =

b. Create a hypothetical two-way table to represent the situation.

	A	A^C	Total
В			
D^{C}			
D			
Total			100,000

c. Find P(B). What does this probability represent in the context of the problem?

d. Find the probability that a child with a positive RADT actually has strep throat. What is the notation used for this probability?

e. What is the probability that a child does not have strep given that they have a positive RADT? What is the notation used for this probability?

2.2.3 Take home messages

- 1. Conditional probabilities are calculated dependent on a second variable. In probability notation, the variable following | is the variable on which we are conditioning. The denominator used to calculate the probability will be the total for the variable on which we are conditioning.
- 2. When creating a two-way table we typically want to put the explanatory variable on the columns of the table and the response variable on the rows.
- 3. To fill in the two-way table, always start with the unconditional variable in the total row or column and then use the conditional probabilities to fill in the interior cells.

2.2.4 Additional notes

Use this space to summarize your thoughts and take additional notes on today's activity and material covered.

Exploring Categorical Data: Exploratory Data Analysis and Inference using Simulation-based Methods

3.1 Vocabulary Review and Key Topics

Review the Golden Ticket posted in the resources at the end of the coursepack for a summary of a single categorical variable.

3.1.1 Key topics

Module 3 introduces the steps of the statistical investigation process. We will conduct **exploratory data analysis** (summary statistics and plots) and simulation-based **inference** (hypothesis testing and confidence intervals) in the single categorical variable (one proportion) scenario.

- Notation for a sample proportion: \hat{p}
- Notation for a population proportion: π
- Types of plots for a single categorical variable:
 - Frequency bar plot
 - Relative frequency bar plot

Exploratory data analysis is step 3 of the statistical investigation process. We will then use simulation-based methods to find evidence of an effect by finding a p-value and estimating how large the effect is by creating a confidence interval in the one proportion (one categorical variable) scenario. These are steps 4 and 5 from the steps of the statistical investigation process.

Steps of the statistical investigation process

As we move through the semester we will work through the six steps of the statistical investigation process.

- 1. Ask a research question.
- 2. Design a study and collect data.
- 3. Summarize and visualize the data.
- 4. Use statistical analysis methods to draw inferences from the data.
- $5.\,$ Communicate the results and answer the research question.
- 6. Revisit and look forward.

3.1.2 Vocabulary

- Summary measure: a numerical quantity that summarizes data. Summary measures covered in STAT 216 include: single proportion, difference in proportions, single mean, paired mean difference, difference in means, correlation, and slope of a regression line.
 - For a single categorical variable, a proportion is calculated.

- Summary statistic (point estimate): the value of a numerical summary measure computed from *sample* data.
 - To interpret in context include:
 - * Summary measure (in context)
 - * Value of the statistic
- Parameter of interest: a numerical summary measure of the entire *population* in which we are interested.
 - The value of the parameter of interest is unknown (unless we have access to the entire population).
 - To write in context:
 - * Population word (true, long-run, population)
 - * Summary measure (depends on the type of data)
 - * Context
 - · Observational units
 - · Variable(s)
- For a single categorical variable, the category that we are counting the proportion of is generically called a "success", with categories not a success labeled "failure". Thus, a sample proportion is the "proportion of successes" in the sample: the total number of successes divided by the sample size (n).

Plotting one categorical variable

• Frequency bar plot: plots the count (frequency) of observational units in each level of a categorical variable. R code to create a frequency bar plot:

```
object %>% # Data set piped into...
ggplot(aes(x = variable)) + # This specifies the variable
geom_bar(stat = "count") + # Tell it to make a bar plot
labs(title = "Don't forget to title your plot!",
    # Give your plot a title
    x = "x-axis label", # Label the x axis
    y = "Frequency") # Label the y axis
```

• Relative frequency bar plot: plots the proportion (relative frequency) of observational units in each level of a categorical variable. R code to create a relative frequency bar plot:

```
object %>% # Data set piped into...
ggplot(aes(x = variable)) + # This specifies the variable
geom_bar(aes(y = after_stat(prop), group = 1)) + # Tell it to make a bar plot with proportions
labs(title = "Don't forget to title your plot!",
    # Give your plot a title
    x = "x-axis label", # Label the x axis
    y = "Relative Frequency") # Label the y axis
```

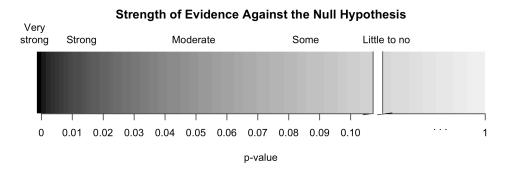
Inference

- Sampling distribution (of a statistic): the distribution of possible values of a statistic across repeated samples of the same size and under the same conditions.
 - We can create a *simulated* sampling distribution using simulation-based methods to simulate many samples, or we can mathematically model the sampling distribution (theory-based methods).

- **Hypothesis testing**: a formal statistical technique for evaluating two competing possibilities about a population: the null hypothesis and alternative hypothesis.
 - When we observe an effect in a sample, we would like to determine if this observed effect represents an actual effect in the population, or whether it was simply due to random chance.
 - A hypothesis test helps us answer the following question about the population: How strong is the evidence of an effect?
- Null hypothesis: typically represents a statement of "no difference", "no effect", or the status quo.
 - The null hypothesis is what we assume is true when calculating the p-value. Thus, we can never have evidence for the null hypothesis—we cannot "accept" a null hypothesis—we can only find evidence against the null hypothesis if the observed data is very unlikely to have occurred under the assumption that the null hypothesis is true.
- Alternative hypothesis: represents an alternative claim under consideration and is often represented by a range of possible values for the parameter of interest.
 - The alternative hypothesis is determined by the research question.
- Hypotheses in notation for a single proportion: In the hypotheses below, π_0 is the null value.

$$\begin{split} H_0: \pi &= \pi_0 \\ H_A: \pi \left\{ \begin{array}{c} < \\ \neq \\ < \end{array} \right\} \pi_0 \end{split}$$

- **P-value**: the probability of the value of the observed sample statistic or a value more extreme, if the null hypothesis were true.
 - To write in context include:
 - * Statement about probability or proportion of samples
 - * Statistic (summary measure and value)
 - * Direction of the alternative
 - * Null hypothesis (in context)
- Strength of evidence: the p-value indicates the amount of evidence there is against the null hypothesis. The smaller the p-value the more evidence there is against the null hypothesis.



- **Conclusion** (to a hypothesis test): answers the research question. How much evidence is there in support of the alternative hypothesis?
 - To write in context include:
 - * Amount of evidence
 - * Parameter of interest
 - * Direction of the alternative hypothesis
- Confidence interval: an interval estimate for the parameter of interest; an interval of *plausible values* for the parameter.
 - A confidence interval helps us answer the following question about the population: How *large* is the effect?
 - To write in context include:
 - * How confident you are (e.g., 90%, 95%, 98%, 99%)
 - * Parameter of interest
 - * Calculated interval

Simulation-based inference for a single proportion

- Conditions necessary to use simulation-based methods for inference for a single categorical variable:
 - **Independence**: observational units must be independent of one another; the outcome of one observational unit should have no influence on the outcome of another.
- Null distribution: a sampling distribution of simulated sample statistics created under the assumption that the null hypothesis is true
- Simulation-based methods to create the null distribution: a process of using a computer program (e.g., R) to simulate many samples that we would expect based on the null hypothesis.

R code to use simulation methods for one categorical variable to find the p-value, one_proportion_test (from the catstats package), is shown below.

```
one_proportion_test(probability_success = xx, # Null hypothesis value
    sample_size = xx, # Enter sample size
    number_repetitions = 10000, # Enter number of simulations
    as_extreme_as = xx, # Observed statistic
    direction = "xx", # Specify direction of alternative hypothesis
    summary_measure = "proportion") # Reporting proportion or number of successes?
```

- **Bootstrapping**: creating a simulated sample of the same size as the original sample by sampling with replacement from the original sample.
- Simulation-based methods to create the bootstrap distribution: a process of using a computer program to simulate many bootstrapped samples.

R code to use simulation methods for one categorical variable to find a confidence interval, one_proportion_bootstrap_CI (from the catstats package), is shown below.

- Percentile method: process to find the confidence interval from the bootstrap distribution.
 - A 90% confidence interval will be found between the 5th and 95th percentiles of the bootstrap distribution.
 - A 95% confidence interval will be found between the 2.5th and 97.5th percentiles of the bootstrap distribution.
 - A 99% confidence interval will be found between the 0.5th and 99.5th percentiles of the bootstrap distribution.

3.2 Activity 4: Helper-Hinderer Part 1 — Simulation-based Hypothesis Test

3.2.1 Learning outcomes

- Identify the two possible explanations (one assuming the null hypothesis and one assuming the alternative hypothesis) for a relationship seen in sample data.
- Given a research question involving a single categorical variable, construct the null and alternative hypotheses in words and using appropriate statistical symbols.
- Describe and perform a simulation-based hypothesis test for a single proportion.

3.2.2 Terminology review

In today's activity, we will work through a simulation-based hypothesis testing for a single categorical variable. Some terms covered in this activity are:

- Parameter of interest
- Null hypothesis
- Alternative hypothesis
- Simulation

To review these concepts, see Chapters 9 & 14 in your textbook.

3.2.3 Steps of the statistical investigation process

We will work through a five-step process to complete a hypothesis test for a single proportion, first introduced in the activity in week 1.

- **Ask a research question** that can be addressed by collecting data. What are the researchers trying to show?
- **Design a study and collect data**. This step involves selecting the people or objects to be studied and how to gather relevant data on them.
- Summarize and visualize the data. Calculate summary statistics and create graphical plots that best represent the research question.
- Use statistical analysis methods to draw inferences from the data. Choose a statistical inference method appropriate for the data and identify the p-value and/or confidence interval after checking assumptions. In this study, we will focus on using randomization to generate a simulated p-value.
- Communicate the results and answer the research question. Using the p-value and confidence interval from the analysis, determine whether the data provide statistical evidence against the null hypothesis. Write a conclusion that addresses the research question.

Notes on Hypothesis Testing

3.2.4 Helper-Hinderer

A study by Hamblin, Wynn, and Bloom reported in Nature (Hamblin, Wynn, and Bloom 2007) was intended to check young kids' feelings about helpful and non-helpful behavior. Non-verbal infants ages 6 to 10 months were shown short videos with different shapes either helping or hindering the climber. As a class we will watch this short video to see how the experiment was run: https://youtu.be/anCaGBsBOxM. Researchers were hoping to assess: Are non-verbal infants more likely to choose the helper toy? In the study, of the 16 infants age 6 to 10 months, 14 chose the helper toy and 2 chose the hinderer toy.

- Observational units:
- Variable:
- Type of variable:
- Success:

Ask a research question

• Research question:

Design a study and collect data

Before using statistical inference methods, we must check that the cases are independent. The sample observations are independent if the outcome of one observation does not influence the outcome of another. One way this condition is met is if data come from a simple random sample of the target population.

1. Are the cases independent? Justify your answer.

R code

For almost all activities and labs it will be necessary to upload the provided R script file from Canvas for that day. Your instructor will highlight a few steps in uploading files to and using RStudio.

The following are the steps to upload the necessary R script file for this activity:

- Download the Activity R script file from Canvas.
- Click "Upload" in the "Files" tab in the bottom right window of RStudio. In the pop-up window, click "Choose File", and navigate to the folder where the Activity R script file is saved (most likely in your downloads folder). Click "Open"; then click "Ok".
- You should see the uploaded file appear in the list of files in the bottom right window. Click on the file name to open the file in the Editor window (upper left window).

Notice that the first three lines of code contain a prompt called library. Packages needed to run functions in R are stored in directories called libraries. When using the MSU RStudio server, all the packages needed for the class are already installed. We simply must tell R which packages we need for each R script file. We use the prompt library to load each package (or library) needed for each activity. Note, these library lines MUST be run each time you open a R script file in order for the functions in R to work.

• Highlight and run lines 1–3 to load the packages needed for this activity. Notice the use of the # symbol in the R script file. This symbol is not part of the R code. It is used by these authors to add comments to the R code and explain what each call is telling the program to do.

R will ignore everything after a # symbol when executing the code. Refer to the instructions following the # symbol to understand what you need to enter in the code.

```
library(tidyverse)
library(ggplot2)
library(catstats)
```

Throughout activities, we will often include the R code you would use in order to produce output or plots. These "code chunks" appear in gray. In the code chunk below, we demonstrate how to read the data set into R using the read.csv() function. The line of code shown below (line 7 in the R script file) reads in the data set and names the data set infants.

Summarize and visualize the data

The following code reads in the data set and gives the number of infants in each level of the variable, whether the infant chose the helper or the hinderer.

• Highlight and run lines 7 and 8 to check that you get the same counts as shown below

```
# Read in data set
infants <- read.csv("https://math.montana.edu/courses/s216/data/infantchoice.csv")
infants %>% count(choice) # Count number in each choice category

#> choice n
#> 1 helper 14
#> 2 hinderer 2
```

The following formula is used to calculate the proportion of successes in the sample.

```
\hat{p} = \frac{\text{number of successes}}{\text{total number of observational units}}
```

2. Using the R output and the formula given, calculate the summary statistic (sample proportion) to represent the research question. Recall that choosing the helper toy is a considered a success. Use appropriate notation.

To visually display this data we can use either a frequency bar plot or a relative frequency bar plot.

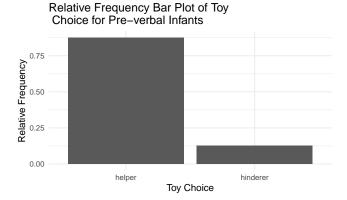
- Enter the variable name choice for variable in the R code to create the frequency bar plot.
- Note the name of the title is given in line 16 and includes the **type of plot**, **observational units**, and **variable name**.
- Highlight and run lines 13–19 to create the plot

3. Sketch the frequency bar plot created below.

We could also choose to display the data as a proportion in a **relative frequency** bar plot. To find the relative frequency, the count in each level of **choice** is divided by the sample size. This calculation is the sample proportion for each level of **choice**. Notice that in the following code we told R to create a bar plot with proportions.

• In the R script file, highlight and run lines 23–29 to create the relative frequency bar plot.

```
infants %>% # Data set piped into...
    ggplot(aes(x = choice)) +  # This specifies the variable
    geom_bar(aes(y = after_stat(prop), group = 1)) +  # Tell it to make a bar plot with proportions
    labs(title = "Relative Frequency Bar Plot of Toy \n Choice for Pre-verbal Infants",
        # Give your plot a title
        x = "Toy Choice",  # Label the x axis
        y = "Relative Frequency")  # Label the y axis
```



4. Which features in the relative frequency bar plot are the same as the frequency bar plot? Which are different?

We cannot assess whether infants are more likely to choose the helper toy based on the statistic and plot alone. The next step is to analyze the data by using a hypothesis test to discover if there is evidence against the null hypothesis.

Use statistical analysis methods to draw inferences from the data

When performing a hypothesis test, we must first identify the null hypothesis. The null hypothesis is written about the parameter of interest, or the value that summarizes the variable in the population.

The parameter of interest is a statement about what we want to find about the population. The following must be included when writing the parameter of interest.

- Population word (true, long-run, population)
- Summary measure (depends on the type of data)
- Context
 - Observational units
 - Variable(s)

Parameter of interest:

If the children are just randomly choosing the toy, we would expect half (0.5) of the infants to choose the helper toy. This is the null value for our study.

Null Hypothesis (in words):

The notation used for a population proportion (or probability, or true proportion) is π . Since this summarizes a population, it is a parameter. When writing the **null hypothesis** in notation, we set the parameter equal to the null value, $H_0: \pi = \pi_0$.

Null Hypothesis (in notation):

The alternative hypothesis is the claim to be tested and the direction of the claim (less than, greater than, or not equal to) is based on the research question.

• Based on the research question from question 1, are we testing that the parameter is greater than 0.5, less than 0.5 or different than 0.5?

Alternative hypothesis (in words):

Alternative hypothesis (in notation):

Remember that when utilizing a hypothesis test, we are evaluating two competing possibilities. For this study the **two possibilities** are either...

- The true proportion of infants who choose the helper is 0.5 and our results just occurred by random chance; or,
- The true proportion of infants who choose the helper is greater than 0.5 and our results reflect this.

Notice that these two competing possibilities represent the null and alternative hypotheses.

We will now simulate one sample of a **null distribution** of sample proportions. The null distribution is created under the assumption the null hypothesis is true. In this case, we assume the true proportion of infants who choose the helper is 0.5, so we will create 10000 (or more) different simulations of 16 infants under this assumption.

Let's think about how to use a coin to create one simulation of 16 infants under the assumption the null hypothesis is true. Let heads equal infant chose the helper toy and tails equal infant chose the hinderer toy.

- 5. How many times would you flip a coin to simulate the sample of infants?
- 6. Flip a coin 16 times recording the number of times the coin lands on heads. This represents one simulated sample of 16 infants randomly choosing the toy. Calculate the proportion of coin flips that resulted in heads.
- 7. Is the value from question 6 closer to 0.5, the null value, or closer to the sample proportion, 0.875?

Report the number of coin flips you got as indicated by your instructor.

8. Sketch the graph created by your instructor of each student's proportion of heads out of 16 coin flips.

- 9. Circle the observed statistic (value from question 2) on the distribution shown above. Where does this statistic fall in this distribution: Is it near the center of the distribution (near 0.5) or in one of the tails of the distribution?
- 10. Is the observed statistic likely to happen or unlikely to happen if the true proportion of infants who choose the helper is 0.5? Explain your answer using the plot.

In the next class, we will continue to assess the strength of evidence against the null hypothesis by using a computer to simulate 10000 samples when we assume the null hypothesis is true.

3.2.5 Take-home messages

- 1. Two types of plots are used for plotting categorical variables: frequency bar plots, relative frequency bar plots.
- 2. In a hypothesis test we have two competing hypotheses, the null hypothesis and the alternative hypothesis. The null hypothesis represents either a skeptical perspective or a perspective of no difference or no effect. The alternative hypothesis represents a new perspective such as the possibility that there has been a change or that there is a treatment effect in an experiment.
- 3. In a simulation-based test, we create a distribution of possible simulated statistics for our sample if the null hypothesis is true. Then we see if the calculated observed statistic from the data is likely or unlikely to occur when compared to the null distribution.
- 4. To create one simulated sample on the null distribution for a sample proportion, spin a spinner with probability equal to π_0 (the null value), n times or draw with replacement n times from a deck of cards created to reflect π_0 as the probability of success. Calculate and plot the proportion of successes from the simulated sample.

3.2.6 Additional notes

Use this space to summarize your thoughts and take additional notes on today's activity and material covered.

3.3 Activity 5: Helper-Hinderer (continued)

3.3.1 Learning outcomes

- Describe and perform a simulation-based hypothesis test for a single proportion.
- Interpret and evaluate a p-value for a simulation-based hypothesis test for a single proportion.
- Explore what a p-value represents

3.3.2 Steps of the statistical investigation process

In today's activity we will continue with steps 4 and 5 in the statistical investigation process. We will continue to assess the Helper-Hinderer study from last class.

- Ask a research question that can be addressed by collecting data. What are the researchers trying to show?
- **Design a study and collect data**. This step involves selecting the people or objects to be studied and how to gather relevant data on them.
- Summarize and visualize the data. Calculate summary statistics and create graphical plots that best represent the research question.
- Use statistical analysis methods to draw inferences from the data. Choose a statistical inference method appropriate for the data and identify the p-value and/or confidence interval after checking assumptions. In this study, we will focus on using randomization to generate a simulated p-value.
- Communicate the results and answer the research question. Using the p-value and confidence interval from the analysis, determine whether the data provide statistical evidence against the null hypothesis. Write a conclusion that addresses the research question.

3.3.3 Helper-Hinderer

In class today, we will revisit the study on infants as described below.

A study by Hamblin, Wynn, and Bloom reported in Nature (Hamblin, Wynn, and Bloom 2007) was intended to check young kids' feelings about helpful and non-helpful behavior. Non-verbal infants ages 6 to 10 months were shown short videos with different shapes either helping or hindering the climber. As a class we will watch this short video to see how the experiment was run: https://youtu.be/anCaGBsBOxM. Researchers were hoping to assess: Are non-verbal infants more likely to choose the helper toy? In the study, of the 16 infants age 6 to 10 months, 14 chose the helper toy and 2 chose the hinderer toy.

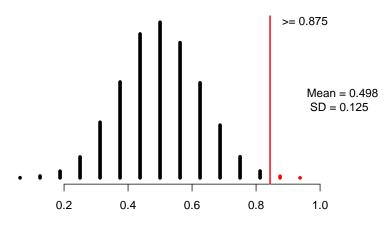
- 1. Report the sample proportion (summary statistic) calculated in the previous activity.
- 2. Write the alternative hypothesis in words in context of the problem. Remember the direction we are testing is dependent on the research question.

Today, we will use the computer to simulate a null distribution of 10000 different samples of 16 infants, plotting the proportion who chose the helper in each sample, based on the assumption that the true proportion of infants who choose the helper is 0.5 (or that the null hypothesis is true).

To use the computer simulation, we will need to enter the

- assumed "probability of success" (π_0) ,
- "sample size" (the number of observational units or cases in the sample),
- "number of repetitions" (the number of samples to be generated typically we use 10000),
- "as extreme as" (the observed statistic), and
- the "direction" (matches the direction of the alternative hypothesis).
- 3. What values should be entered for each of the following into the one proportion test to create 10000 simulations?
- Probability of success (null value):
- Sample size (n):
- Number of repetitions (typically use 10000 simulations):
- As extreme as (value of statistic):
- Direction ("greater", "less", or "two-sided"):

We will use the one_proportion_test() function in R (in the catstats package) to simulate the null distribution of sample proportions and compute a p-value. Using the provided R script file, fill in the values/words for each xx with your answers from question 3 in the one proportion test to create a null distribution with 10000 simulations. Then highlight and run lines 1–16.



Simulated Proportion of Successes Proportion of Samples = 22/10000 = 0.0022

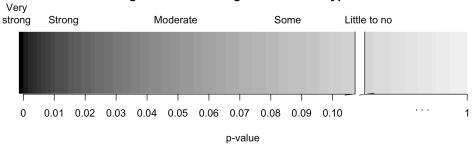
Notes on the null distribution

- 4. Circle the observed statistic (value from question 1) on the null distribution. Where does this statistic fall in the null distribution: Is it near the center of the distribution (near 0.5) or in one of the tails of the distribution?
- 5. Is the observed statistic likely to happen or unlikely to happen if the true proportion of infants who choose the helper is 0.5? Explain your answer using the plot.
- 6. Using the simulation, what is the proportion of simulated samples that generated a sample proportion at the observed statistic or greater, if the true proportion of infants who choose the helper is 0.5? *Hint*: Look under the simulation.

Notes on the p-value

The value in question 6 is the **p-value**. The smaller the p-value, the more evidence we have against the null hypothesis.





Interpret the p-value

The p-value measures the probability that we observe a sample proportion as extreme as what was seen in the data or more extreme (matching the direction of the H_A) IF the null hypothesis is true. This is a conditional probability, calculated dependent on the null hypothesis being true. Represented in probability notation:

P(statistic or more extreme|the null hypothesis is true)

p-value interpretation:

Communicate the results and answer the research question

When we write a conclusion we answer the research question by stating how much evidence there is in support of the alternative hypothesis.

Conclusion:

Generalization

7. To what group of observational units can the results be generalized to?

3.3.4 Take-home messages

- 1. The null distribution is created based on the assumption the null hypothesis is true. We compare the sample statistic to the distribution to find the likelihood of observing this statistic.
- 2. The p-value measures the probability of observing the sample statistic or more extreme (in direction of the alternative hypothesis) is the null hypothesis is true.
- 3. The smaller the p-value of the test, the more evidence there is **against** the null hypothesis.

3.3.5 Additional notes

Use this space to summarize your thoughts and take additional notes on today's activity and material covered.

3.4 Activity 6: Helper-Hinderer — Simulation-based Confidence Interval

3.4.1 Learning outcomes

- Use bootstrapping to find a confidence interval for a single proportion.
- Interpret a confidence interval for a single proportion.

3.4.2 Terminology review

In today's activity, we will introduce simulation-based confidence intervals for a single proportion. Some terms covered in this activity are:

- Parameter of interest
- Bootstrapping
- Confidence interval

To review these concepts, see Chapters 10 & 14 in your textbook.

3.4.3 Helper-Hinderer

In the last class, we found very strong evidence that the true proportion of infants who will choose the helper character is greater than 0.5. But what *is* the true proportion of infants who will choose the helper character? We will use this same study to estimate this parameter of interest by creating a confidence interval.

As a reminder: A study by Hamblin, Wynn, and Bloom reported in Nature (Hamblin, Wynn, and Bloom 2007) was intended to check young kids' feelings about helpful and non-helpful behavior. Non-verbal infants ages 6 to 10 months were shown short videos with different shapes either helping or hindering the climber. Researchers were hoping to assess: Are non-verbal infants more likely to choose the helper toy? In the study, of the 16 infants age 6 to 10 months, 14 chose the helper toy and 2 chose the hinderer toy.

A **point estimate** (our observed statistic) provides a single plausible value for a parameter. However, a point estimate is rarely perfect; usually there is some error in the estimate. In addition to supplying a point estimate of a parameter, a next logical step would be to provide a plausible *range* of values for the parameter. This plausible range of values for the population parameter is called an **interval estimate** or **confidence interval**.

Activity intro

- 1. What is the value of the point estimate (sample statistic)?
- 2. If we took another random sample of 16 infants, would we get the exact same point estimate? Explain why or why not.

In today's activity, we will use bootstrapping to find a 95% confidence interval for π , the parameter of interest.

Notes on Confidence Intervals

Use statistical analysis methods to draw inferences from the data

3. Write out the parameter of interest in words, in context of the study. What does π represent?

To create the null distribution we flipped a coin 16 times to simulate infants randomly choosing the helper toy with a probability of 50%.

4. Why can't we use a coin to simulate the bootstrap distribution.

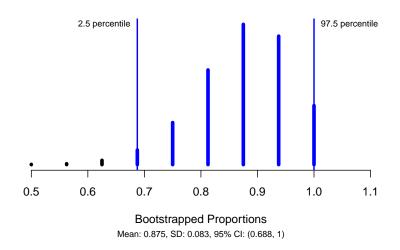
To create the bootstrap distribution.

- First we would label the cards to represent the sample statistic: 14 helper and 2 hinderer.
- Sample with replacement 16 times
- 5. Using the cards provided by your instructor, create one bootstrap sample. Report your simulated sample proportion on the whiteboard.

To use the computer simulation to create a bootstrap distribution, we will need to enter the

- "sample size" (the number of observational units or cases in the sample),
- "number of successes" (the number of cases that choose the helper character),
- "number of repetitions" (the number of samples to be generated), and
- the "confidence level" (which level of confidence are we using to create the confidence interval).
- 6. What values should be entered for each of the following into the simulation to create the bootstrap distribution of sample proportions to find a 95% confidence interval?
- Sample size (n):
- Number of successes:
- Number of repetitions (at least 10000):
- Confidence level (as a decimal):

We will use the one_proportion_bootstrap_CI() function in R (in the catstats package) to simulate the bootstrap distribution of sample proportions and calculate a confidence interval. Using the provided R script file, fill in the values/words for each xx with your answers from question 6 in the one proportion bootstrap confidence interval (CI) code to create a bootstrap distribution with 10000 simulations. Then highlight and run lines 1–9.



Notes on the bootstrap distribution

95% Confidence Interval:

Interpretation of the 95% confidence interval in context.

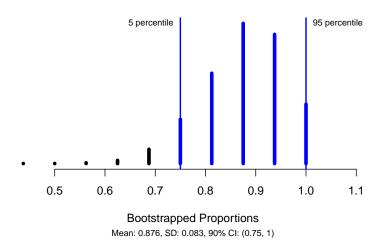
Communicate the results and answer the research question

7. Is the value 0.5 (the null value) in the 95% confidence interval?

Explain how this indicates that the p-value provides strong evidence against the null.

Effect of confidence level

- 8. Suppose instead of finding a 95% confidence interval, we found a 90% confidence interval. Would you expect the 90% confidence interval to be narrower or wider? Explain your answer.
- 9. The following R code produced the bootstrap distribution with 10000 simulations that follows. Circle the value that changed in the code.



10. Report both the 95% confidence interval and the 90% confidence interval (question 10). Is the 90% confidence interval narrower or wider than the 95% confidence interval?

Concluding paragraph

In many of our studies we will write a paragraph summarizing the results of the study.

Researchers were interested if infants observe social cues and would be more likely to choose the helper toy. In a sample of 16 infants, 14 chose the helper toy. A simulation null distribution with 10000 simulations was created in RStudio. The p-value was found by calculating the proportion of simulations in the null distribution at the sample statistic of 0.875 and greater. This resulted in a p-value of 0.0024. We would observe a sample proportion of 0.875 or greater with a probability of 0.0024 IF we assume the true proportion of non-verbal infants who would choose the helper toy is 0.5. Based on this p-value, there is very strong evidence that the true proportion of infants age 6 to 10 months who will choose the helper toy is greater than 0.5. In addition, a 95% confidence interval was found for the parameter of interest. We are 95% confident that the true proportion of infants age 6 to 10 months who will choose the helper toy is between 0.75 and 1. The results of this study can be generalized to the sample of non-verbal infants as the researchers did not select a random sample.

3.4.4 Take-home messages

- 1. The goal in a hypothesis test is to assess the strength of evidence for an effect, while the goal in creating a confidence interval is to determine how large the effect is. A **confidence interval** is a range of *plausible* values for the parameter of interest.
- 2. A confidence interval is built around the point estimate or observed calculated statistic from the sample. This means that the sample statistic is always the center of the confidence interval. A confidence interval includes a measure of sample to sample variability represented by the **margin of error**.
- 3. In simulation-based methods (bootstrapping), a simulated distribution of possible sample statistics is created showing the possible sample-to-sample variability. Then we find the middle X percent of the distribution around the sample statistic using the percentile method to give the range of values for the confidence interval. This shows us that we are X% confident that the parameter is within this range, where X represents the level of confidence.
- 4. When the null value is within the confidence interval, it is a plausible value for the parameter of interest; thus, we would find a larger p-value for a hypothesis test of that null value. Conversely, if the null value is NOT within the confidence interval, we would find a small p-value for the hypothesis test and strong evidence against this null hypothesis.
- 5. To create one simulated sample on the bootstrap distribution for a sample proportion, label n cards with the original responses. Draw with replacement n times. Calculate and plot the resampled proportion of successes.

3.4.5 Additional notes

Use this space to summarize your thoughts and take additional notes on today's activity and material covered.

Inference for a Single Categorical Variable: Theory-based Methods

4.1 Vocabulary Review and Key Topics

Review the Golden Ticket posted in the resources at the end of the coursepack for a summary of a single categorical variable.

4.1.1 Key topics

Module 4 introduces theory-based inference methods (hypothesis testing and confidence intervals) for a single categorical variable. We also explore what "confidence level" means and which parts of a study impact the width of a confidence interval and the p-value.

- Theory-based methods should give the same results as simulation-based methods if the sample size is large enough. For a single categorical variable, the sample size is large enough if the success-failure condition is met.
- If repeated samples of the same size are taken from the population, 95% of samples will create a 95% confidence interval that contains the value of the parameter of interest.

4.1.2 Vocabulary

- Theory-based methods: when specific conditions are met, the distribution of sample statistics if we were to repeatedly sample from the population can be fit with a theoretical distribution.
- Conditions for the sampling distribution of \hat{p} to follow an approximate normal distribution:
 - **Independence**: the sample's observations are independent, e.g., are from a simple random sample. (*Remember*: This also must be true to use simulation-based methods!)
 - Large enough sample size: Success-failure condition: we expect to see at least 10 successes and 10 failures in the sample, $n\pi \ge 10$ and $n(1-\pi) \ge 10$. Since π is typically unknown, we consider this condition to be met if we observe at least 10 successes and 10 failures in our data set: $n\hat{p} \ge 10$ and $n(1-\hat{p}) \ge 10$.
- Standard normal distribution: a theoretical distribution that is bell-shaped, centered on the mean of zero, and has a standard deviation of one, denoted in notation by N(0,1).
- Standard error of a statistic: an estimated standard deviation of the statistic as it would vary across repeated samples of the same size under the same conditions.
 - The standard error tells us about how far we would expect an observed sample statistic to fall from the true parameter value for which it is estimating, on average.
- Standardized statistic: calculation to standardize the sample statistic in order to compare the standardized value to the theoretical distribution.
 - Calculated by subtracting the null value from the sample statistic, then dividing by the standard error:

 $\frac{\text{statistic} - \text{null value}}{\text{standard error}}$

- Measures the number of standard errors the sample statistic is above (if positive) or below (if negative) the null value.
- Standard error of the sample proportion assuming the null is true: measures the how far each possible sample proportion is from the true proportion, on average, and is calculated using the null value:

$$SE_0(\hat{p}) = \sqrt{\frac{\pi_0 \times (1 - \pi_0)}{n}}$$

• Standardized sample proportion: standardized statistic for a single categorical variable calculated using:

$$Z = \frac{\hat{p} - \pi_0}{SE_0(\hat{p})},$$

If the conditions for the sampling distribution of \hat{p} to follow an approximate normal distribution are met, and if the true value of π is equal to the null value of π_0 , the standardized sample proportion, Z, will have an approximate standard normal distribution.

- The theory-based **p-value** for hypothesis testing involving proportions can be found in R by using the **pnorm** function to find the probability of the observed standardized statistic or one more extreme (in the direction of H_A). This probability is the area under a *standard normal distribution* at or more extreme than the observed standardized statistic.
 - Enter the value of the standardized statistic for xx.
 - If a "greater than" alternative, change lower.tail = TRUE to FALSE.
 - If a two-sided test, multiply by 2.

```
pnorm(xx, lower.tail=TRUE)
```

• Margin of error: half the width of the confidence interval. For a single proportion, the margin of error is:

$$ME = z^* \times SE(\hat{p})$$

where z^* is the **multiplier**, corresponding to the desired confidence level found from the standard normal distribution. For example, for a 95% confidence level, the middle 95% of the standard normal distribution falls between $-z^* = -1.96$ and $z^* = 1.96$.

• Standard error of the sample proportion for a confidence interval (not assuming the null is true):

$$SE(\hat{p}) = \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p} \times (1 - \hat{p})}{n}}$$

• To find the endpoints of a confidence interval, add and subtract the margin of error to the sample statistic. The confidence interval for a population proportion is:

$$\hat{p} + ME$$

- R code to find the **multiplier** for the confidence interval using theory-based methods involving proportions.
 - qnorm will give you the multiplier using the standard normal distribution.
 - Enter the percentile for the given level of confidence (e.g., 0.975 for a 95% confidence level).

qnorm(percentile, lower.tail=TRUE)

4.2 Activity 7: Handedness of Male Boxers

4.2.1 Learning outcomes

- Describe and perform a theory-based hypothesis test for a single proportion.
- Check the appropriate conditions to use a theory-based hypothesis test.
- Calculate and interpret the standardized sample proportion.
- Interpret and evaluate a p-value for a theory-based hypothesis test for a single proportion.
- Use the normal distribution to find the p-value.

4.2.2 Terminology review

In this activity, we will introduce theory-based hypothesis tests for a single categorical variable. Some terms covered in this activity are:

- Parameter of interest
- Standardized statistic
- Normal distribution
- p-value

To review these concepts, see Chapter 11 & 14 in your textbook.

Activities from module 3 covered simulation-based methods for hypothesis tests involving a single categorical variable. This activity covers theory-based methods for testing a single categorical variable.

4.2.3 Handedness of male boxers

Left-handedness is a trait that is found in about 10% of the general population. Past studies have shown that left-handed men are over-represented among professional boxers (Richardson and Gilman 2019). Is there evidence that there is an over-prevalence of left-handed fighters? In this random sample of 500 professional male boxers, 81 were left-handed.

- Observational units:
- Variable:
- Type of variable:

#> 2 right-handed 419

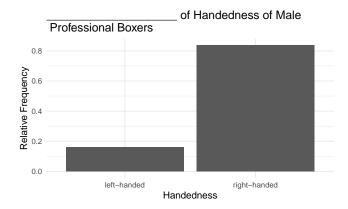
• Success:

4.2.4 Summary statistics review

- Download the R file for today's activity from Canvas
- Upload the file to the R server
- Run lines 1-15 to load the needed packages and the data set and create a plot of the data

```
# Read in data set
boxers <- read.csv("https://math.montana.edu/courses/s216/data/Male_boxers_sample.csv")
boxers %>% count(Stance) # Count number in each Stance category

#> Stance n
#> 1 left-handed 81
```



1. What type of plot was created of these data?

Hypotheses and summary statistics

2. Write out the parameter of interest in words, in context of the study.

- 3. Write out the null hypothesis in words.
- 4. Write out the alternative hypothesis in notation.
- 5. Calculate the value of the summary statistic (sample proportion) for this study. Use proper notation.

Theory-based methods

The sampling distribution of a single proportion — how that proportion varies from sample to sample — can be mathematically modeled using the normal distribution if certain conditions are met.

Conditions for the sampling distribution of \hat{p} to follow an approximate normal distribution:

- **Independence**: The sample's observations are independent, e.g., are from a simple random sample. (*Remember*: This also must be true to use simulation methods!)
- Large enough sample size: Success-failure condition: We expect to see at least 10 successes and 10 failures in the sample, $n\hat{p} \ge 10$ and $n(1-\hat{p}) \ge 10$.

Additional notes on Theory-based methods

- Verify that the independence condition is satisfied.
- Verify that the sample size is large enough.

To calculate the standardized statistic we use the general formula

$$Z = \frac{\text{point estimate} - \text{null value}}{SE_0(\text{point estimate})}.$$

For a single categorical variable the standardized sample proportion is calculated using

$$Z = \frac{\hat{p} - \pi_0}{SE_0(\hat{p})},$$

where the standard error is calculated using the null value:

$$SE_0(\hat{p}) = \sqrt{\frac{\pi_0 \times (1 - \pi_0)}{n}}$$

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For this study, the null standard error of the sample proportion is calculated using the null value, 0.1.

$$SE_0(\hat{p}) = \sqrt{\frac{0.1 \times (1-0.1)}{500}} = 0.013$$

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Each sample proportion of male boxers that are left-handed is 0.013 from the true proportion of male boxers that are left-handed, on average.

Label the standard normal distribution shown below with the null value as the center value (below the value of zero). Label the tick marks to the right of the null value by adding 1 standard error to the null value to represent 1 standard error, 2 standard errors, and 3 standard errors from the null. Repeat this process to the left of the null value by subtracting 1 standard error for each tick mark.

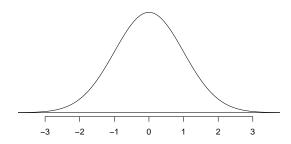


Figure 4.1: Standard Normal Curve

6. Using the null standard error of the sample proportion, calculate the standardized sample proportion (Z). Mark this value on the standard normal distribution above.

The standardized statistic is used as a ruler to measure how far the sample statistic is from the null value. Essentially, we are converting the sample proportion into a measure of standard errors to compare to the standard normal distribution.

The standardized statistic measures the number of standard errors the sample statistic is from the null value.

Interpretation of the standardized sample proportion:

We will use the pnorm() function in R to find the p-value. In the code below, notice that we used lower.tail = FALSE to find the p-value. R will calculate the p-value greater than the value of the standardized statistic.

Notes:

- Use lower.tail = TRUE when doing a left-sided test.
- Use lower.tail = FALSE when doing a right-sided test.
- To find a two-sided p-value, use a left-sided test for negative Z or a right-sided test for positive Z, then multiply the value found by 2 to get the p-value.

```
pnorm(4.769, # Enter value of standardized statistic
    m=0, s=1, # Using the standard normal mean = 0, sd = 1
    lower.tail=FALSE) # Gives a p-value greater than the standardized statistic
```

#> [1] 9.257133e-07

7. Report the p-value obtained from the R output.

- 8. Write a conclusion based on the p-value.
- 9. To what group of observational units can the results be generalized to?

Impacts on the P-value

Suppose that we want to show that the true proportion of male boxers differs from that in the general population.

10. Write out the alternative hypothesis in notation for this new research question.

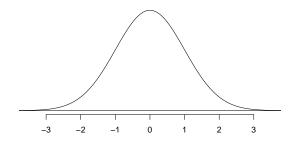


Figure 4.2: Standard Normal Curve

11. How would this impact the p-value? Would the p-value be larger or smaller?

Suppose instead of 500 male boxers the researchers only took a sample of 300 male boxers and found the same proportion ($\hat{p} = 0.162$) of male boxers that are left-handed. Since we are still assuming the same null value, 0.1, the standard error would be calculated as below:

$$SE_0(\hat{p}) = \sqrt{\frac{0.1(1-0.1)}{300}} = 0.017$$

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The standardized statistic for this new sample is calculated below:

$$Z = \frac{0.162 - 0.1}{0.017} = 3.64$$

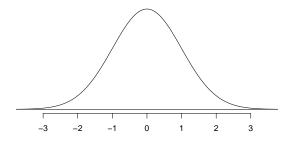


Figure 4.3: Standard Normal Curve

12. How does the decrease in sample size affect the p-value?

Suppose another sample of 500 male boxers was taken and 68 were found to be left-handed. Since we are still assuming the same null value, 0.1, the standard error would be calculated as before:

$$SE_0(\hat{p}) = \sqrt{\frac{0.1(1-0.1)}{500}} = 0.013$$

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The standardized statistic for this new sample is calculated below:

$$Z = \frac{0.136 - 0.1}{0.013} = 2.769$$

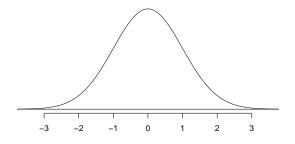


Figure 4.4: Standard Normal Curve

13. How does a statistic closer to the null value affect the p-value?

- 14. Summarize how each of the following affected the p-value:
- a) Switching to a two-sided test.
- b) Using a smaller sample size.
- c) Using a sample statistic closer to the null value.

4.2.5 Take-home messages

- 1. Both simulation and theory-based methods can be used to find a p-value for a hypothesis test. In order to use theory-based methods we need to check that both the independence and the success-failure conditions are met.
- 2. The standardized statistic measures how many standard errors the statistic is from the null value. The larger the standardized statistic the more evidence there is against the null hypothesis.
- 3. The p-value for a two-sided test is approximately two times the value for a one-sided test. A two-sided test provides less evidence against the null hypothesis.
- 4. The larger the sample size, the smaller the sample to sample variability. This will result in a larger standardized statistic and more evidence against the null hypothesis.
- 5. The farther the statistic is from the null value, the larger the standardized statistic. This will result in a smaller p-value and more evidence against the null hypothesis.

4.2.6 Additional notes

Use this space to summarize your thoughts and take additional notes on today's activity and material covered.

4.3 Activity 8: Confidence interval and what confidence means

4.3.1 Learning outcomes

- Explore what confidence means
- Interpret the confidence level
- Explore impact of sample size, direction of the alternative hypothesis, and value of the sample statistic on the p-value.

4.3.2 Terminology review

In this activity, we will explore what being 95% confidence means. Some terms covered in this activity are:

- Parameter of interest
- Two-sided vs. one-sided tests
- Confidence level

4.3.3 Handedness of male boxers continued

In today's activity, we will use the male boxer study to look at what confidence means.

Left-handedness is a trait that is found in about 10% of the general population. Past studies have shown that left-handed men are over-represented among professional boxers (Richardson and Gilman 2019). Is there evidence that there is an over-prevalence of left-handed fighters? In this random sample of 500 professional male boxers, 81 were left-handed.

```
# Read in data set
boxers <- read.csv("https://math.montana.edu/courses/s216/data/Male_boxers_sample.csv")
boxers %>% count(Stance) # Count number in each Stance category

#> Stance n
#> 1 left-handed 81
#> 2 right-handed 419
```

What does *confidence* mean?

In the interpretation of a 95% confidence interval, we say that we are 95% confident that the parameter is within the confidence interval. Why are we able to make that claim? What does it mean to say "we are 95% confident"?

- 1. In the last activity we found very strong evidence that the true proportion of male professional boxers that are left-handed is greater than 0.1. As a class, determine a plausible value for the true proportion of male boxers that are left-handed. Note: we are making assumptions about the population here. This is not based on our calculated data, but we will use this applet to better understand what happens when we take many, many samples from this believed population.
- 2. Go to this website, http://www.rossmanchance.com/ISIapplets.html and choose 'Simulating Confidence Intervals'. In the input on the left-hand side of the screen enter the value from question 1 for π (the true value), 500 for n, and 100 for 'Number of intervals'. Click 'sample'.
- In the graph on the bottom right, click on a green dot. Write down the confidence interval for this sample given on the graph on the left. Does this confidence interval contain the true value chosen in question 1?

- Now click on a red dot. Write down the confidence interval for this sample. Does this confidence interval contain the true value chosen in question 1?
- How many intervals out of 100 contain π , the true value chosen in question 1? *Hint*: This is given to the left of the graph of green and red intervals.
- 3. Click on 'sample' nine more times. Write down the 'Running Total' for the proportion of intervals that contain π .
- 4. Change the confidence level to 90%. What happened to the width of the intervals?
- 5. Write down the Running Total for the proportion of intervals that contain π using a 90% confidence level.

Interpretation of the level of confidence:

Notes on theory-based confidence intervals

To calculate a theory-based 95% confidence interval for π , we will first find the **standard error** of \hat{p} by plugging in the value of \hat{p} for π in $SD(\hat{p})$:

$$SE(\hat{p}) = \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p} \times (1 - \hat{p})}{n}}$$

Note that we do not include a "0" subscript, since we are not assuming a null hypothesis.

Calculate the standard error of the sample proportion to find a 95% confidence interval.

We will calculate the margin of error and confidence interval later in this activity. The margin of error (ME) is the value of the z^* multiplier times the standard error of the statistic.

$$ME = z^* \times SE(\hat{p})$$

The z^* multiplier is the percentile of a standard normal distribution that corresponds to our confidence level. If our confidence level is 95%, we find the Z values that encompass the middle 95% of the standard normal distribution. If 95% of the standard normal distribution should be in the middle, that leaves 5% in the tails, or 2.5% in each tail.

The qnorm() function in R will tell us the z^* value for the desired percentile (in this case, 95% + 2.5% = 97.5% percentile).

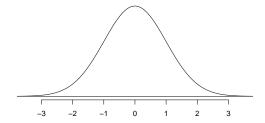


Figure 4.5: Standard Normal Curve

The following code will find the z^* value for a 95% confidence interval.

```
qnorm(c(0.025, 0.975), lower.tail = TRUE) # Multiplier for 95% confidence interval
#> [1] -1.959964 1.959964
```

Calculate the margin of error for the 95% confidence interval.

To find the confidence interval, we will add and subtract the margin of error to the point estimate:

point estimate \pm margin of error

$$\hat{p} \pm z^* \times SE(\hat{p})$$

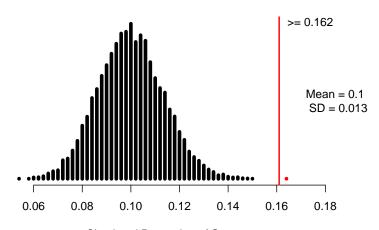
Calculate the 95% confidence interval for the parameter of interest.

6. Interpret the 95% confidence interval in the context of the problem.

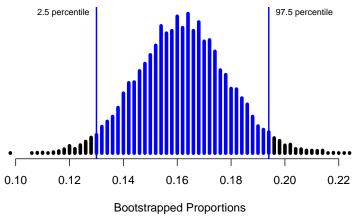
Simulation methods

We could also use simulation-based methods to analyze these data.

```
direction="greater",
summary_measure="proportion")
```



Simulated Proportion of Successes Proportion of Samples = 1/10000 = 1e-04



Mean: 0.162, SD: 0.016, 95% CI: (0.13, 0.194)

7. Explain why the results for simulation methods and theory-based methods are similar.

Effect of sample size on the width of the confidence interval

How would an decrease in sample size impact the width of the confidence interval? Suppose instead of 500 male boxers the researchers only took a sample of 300 male boxers and found the same proportion ($\hat{p} = 0.162$) of male boxers that are left-handed.

The standard error of the sample proportion for this study with the smaller sample size is:

$$SE(\hat{p}) = \sqrt{\frac{0.162 \times (1 - 0.162)}{300}} = 0.0213$$

8. Is the standard error of the sample proportion for this study smaller or larger than the value calculated earlier?

Recall that the z^* multiplier is 1.96 for a 95% confidence interval.

9. Calculate the 95% confidence interval for this study with the smaller sample size.

The width of the confidence interval is found by calculating the difference between the upper value and the lower value.

- 10. Compare the interval found in question 9 to the interval calculated prior to question 6.
 - Did the center of the interval change?
 - Calculate the width of the interval with the smaller sample size.
 - Calculate the width of the interval from prior to question 6.
 - Which interval is wider?

The margin of error represents half the width of the confidence interval since we add and subtract the margin of error to the value of the sample statistic.

width of
$$CI = 2 \times ME$$

11. Using the width of the interval with the smaller sample size calculated in question 10, calculate the margin of error.

12. What impact does decreasing the sample size have on the width of the confidence interval?

4.3.4 Take-home messages

- 1. If repeat samples of the same size are selected from the population, approximately 95% of samples will create a 95% confidence interval that contains the parameter of interest.
- 2. The calculation of the confidence interval uses the standard error calculated using the sample proportion rather than the null value.
- 3. Decreasing the sample size, increases the sample to sample variability, the standard error resulting in a wider confidence interval.

4.3.5 Additional notes

Use this space to summarize your thoughts and take additional notes on today's activity and material covered.

4.4 Module 3 and 4 Lab: Mixed Breed Dogs in the U.S.

4.4.1 Learning outcomes

- Determine whether simulation or theory-based methods of inference can be used.
- Analyze and interpret a study involving a single categorical variable.

4.4.2 Mixed Breed Dogs in the U.S.

The American Veterinary Medical Association estimated in 2010 that approximately 49% of dog owners in the U.S. own dogs that are classified as "mixed breed." As part of a larger 2022 international study (Banton 2022) about overall dog health, survey participants were asked, among other things, to report whether their dog was purebred or a mixed breed. Seven hundred and fifty (750) dog owners from the U.S. were recruited to complete an online survey via an email indicating they had been randomly selected by Qualtrics (an "experience management" company that specializes in surveys). Three hundred sixty-four (364) out of 675 respondents from the U.S. reported they owned a mixed breed dog. Is there evidence that, in the last decade, the proportion of dog owners in the U.S. that own a mixed breed dog has changed from the value reported in 2010?

- Observational units:
- Variable:
- Type of variable:
- Success:

Activity intro

- Download the R script file and the data file (US_dogs.csv) from Canvas
- Upload both files to Canvas and open the R script file
- Enter the name of the dataset for datasetname.csv.
- Highlight and run lines 1 6
- 1. What is the value of the point estimate?
- 2. Create a plot of the data using the R code. Make sure to include an appropriate title with type of plot, observational units, and variable.

```
dogs %>% # Data set piped into...
    ggplot(aes(x = variable)) +  # This specifies the variable
    geom_bar(aes(y = after_stat(prop), group = 1)) +  # Tell it to make a bar plot with proportions
    labs(title = "Don't forget to title your plot",
        # Give your plot a title
        x = "Breed of Dog",  # Label the x axis
        y = "Relative Frequency")  # Label the y axis
```

Use statistical analysis methods to draw inferences from the data

3. Write out the parameter of interest in words, in context of the study.

4. Write out the null and alternative hypotheses in notation.

 H_0 :

 $H_A:$

5. Will theory-based methods give the same results as simulation based methods? Explain your answer.

Null Distribution

To use the computer simulation, we will need to enter the

- assumed "probability of success" (π_0) ,
- "sample size" (the number of observational units or cases in the sample),
- "number of repetitions" (the number of samples to be generated),
- "as extreme as" (the observed statistic), and
- the "direction" (matches the direction of the alternative hypothesis).

We will use the one_proportion_test() function in R (in the catstats package) to simulate the null distribution of sample proportions and compute a p-value.

- Using the provided R script file, fill in the values/words for each xx in the one proportion test to create a null distribution with 10000 simulations.
- Then highlight and run lines 21–26.

6. Report the p-value from the study.

Bootstrap distribution

We will use the one_proportion_bootstrap_CI() function in R (in the catstats package) to simulate the bootstrap distribution of sample proportions and calculate a confidence interval. Using the provided R script file, fill in the values/words for each xx in the one proportion bootstrap confidence interval (CI) code to create a bootstrap distribution with 10000 simulations. Then highlight and run lines 31–34 to create a 90% confidence interval.

```
number_repetitions = 10000, # Number of bootstrap samples to use
confidence level = xx) # Confidence level as a decimal
```

7. Report the 90% confidence interval.

Summarize the results of the study

- 8. Write a paragraph summarizing the results of the study. Be sure to describe:
- Summary statistic and interpretation
 - Summary measure (in context)
 - Value of the statistic
 - Order of subtraction when comparing two groups
- P-value and interpretation
 - Statement about probability or proportion of samples
 - Statistic (summary measure and value)
 - Direction of the alternative
 - Null hypothesis (in context)
- Confidence interval and interpretation
 - How confident you are (e.g., 90%, 95%, 98%, 99%)
 - Parameter of interest
 - Calculated interval
 - Order of subtraction when comparing two groups
- Conclusion (written to answer the research question)
 - Amount of evidence
 - Parameter of interest
 - Direction of the alternative hypothesis
- Scope of inference
 - To what group of observational units do the results apply (target population or observational units similar to the sample)?
 - What type of inference is appropriate (causal or non-causal)?

Upload a copy of your group's paragraph to Gradescope.

Paragraph (continued):

Unit 1 Review

The following module contains both a list of key topics covered in Unit 1 as well as Module Review Worksheets that will be covered in Weekly Review Sessions.

5.0.1 Key Topics

Review the key topics for Unit 1 prior to the first exams. All of these topics will be covered in Modules 1-4.

5.0.2 Module Review

The following worksheets review each of the modules. These worksheets will be completed during Melinda's Study Sessions each week. Solutions will be posted on Canvas in the Unit 1 Review folder after the study sessions.

5.1 Key Topics Exam 1

Descriptive statistics and study design

- 1. Identify the observational units.
- 2. Identify the types of variables (categorical or quantitative).
- 3. Identify the explanatory variable (if present) and the response variable (roles of variables).
- 4. Identify the appropriate type of graph and summary measure.
- 5. Identify if a given value is a statistic or a parameter. Identify the appropriate notation.
- 6. Identify the study design (observational study or randomized experiment).
- 7. Identify the sampling method and potential types of sampling bias (non-response, response, selection).
- 8. Identify and interpret the summary statistic
- 9. Identify the target population
- 10. Identify the types of sampling bias (response, non-response, selection, none)
- 11. Identify the type(s) of graph(s) that could be used to plot the given variable(s).

Hypothesis testing

- 12. Write the parameter of interest in context of the problem.
- 13. State the null and alternative hypotheses in both words and notation
- 14. Verify the validity condition is met to use simulation-based methods to find a p-value.
- 15. Verify the validity conditions are met to use theory-based methods to find a p-value from the theoretical distribution.
- 16. In a simulation-based hypothesis test, describe how to create one dot on a dotplot of the null distribution using coins, cards, or spinners.
- 17. Explain where the null distribution is centered and why.
- 18. Describe and illustrate how R calculates the p-value for a simulation-based test.
- 19. Describe and illustrate how R calculates the p-value for a theory-based test.
- 20. Type of theoretical distribution (standard normal distribution or t-distribution with appropriate degrees of freedom) used to model the standardized statistic in a theory-based hypothesis test.
- 21. Calculate and interpret the standard error of the statistic under the null using the correct formula on the Golden ticket.
- 22. Calculate and interpret the appropriate standardized statistic using the correct formula on the Golden ticket.
- 23. Interpret the p-value in context of the study: it is the probability of assuming .
- 24. Evaluate the p-value for strength of evidence against the null: how much evidence does the p-value provide against the null?
- 25. Write a conclusion about the research question based on the p-value.
- 26. Describe which features of the study impact the p-value and how.

5.1.1 Confidence intervals

- 27. Describe how to simulate one bootstrapped sample using cards.
- 28. Explain where the bootstrap distribution is centered and why.
- 29. Find an appropriate percentile confidence interval using a bootstrap distribution from R output.
- 30. Verify the validity condition is met to use simulation-based methods to find the confidence interval.
- 31. Verify the validity conditions are met to use theory-based methods to calculate a confidence interval.
- 32. Describe and illustrate how the bootstrap distribution is used to find the confidence interval for a given confidence level.
- 33. Describe and illustrate how the standard normal distribution or t-distribution is used to find the multiplier for a given confidence level.
- 34. Calculate and interpret the standard error of the statistic (not assuming the null hypothesis) using the correct formula on the Golden ticket
- 35. Calculate the appropriate margin of error and confidence interval using theory-based methods.
- 36. Interpret the confidence interval in context of the study.
- 37. Based on the interval, what decision can you make about the null hypothesis? Does the confidence interval agree with the results of the hypothesis test? Justify your answer.
- 38. Interpret the confidence level in context of the study. What does "confidence" mean?
- 39. Describe which features of the study have an effect on the width of the confidence interval and how.

5.1.2 Probability

- 40. Calculate probabilities from a given table and give appropriate probability notation for both conditional and unconditional probabilities.
- 41. Create a two-way table using given probabilities.
- 42. Interpret a probability value in context of the problem.

5.2 Module 1 Review - Sampling Methods

	A large medical clinic would like to determine if the proportion of their patients that are obese is higher than that of all American adults. The clinic takes a simple random sample of 30 of their patients and finds that 9 patients in the sample are obese.
a.	What is the target population?
b.	What are the observational units?
c.	What variable is being studied?
d.	Is the variable identified in part (c) categorical or quantitative?

1. Suppose that the proportion of all American adults that fit the medical definition of being obese is 0.23.

- a. Identify the target population.
- b. Identify the sample.
- c. Which of the three types of sampling bias (selection, non-response, response) may be present? Explain your choice(s).

3.	This study aims to explore whether Swiss university students feeling academic study pressure (whether the student had experienced academic failure) tend to use psychotropic drugs (whether the student had used psychotropic drugs during the student's time at university) as a coping mechanism. An invitation email was sent to all bachelor's and master's students at the University of Lausanne, totaling 15,400 individuals, with a link to access the online questionnaire containing 49 questions and 107 items. No reminder was sent out, and no incentive was given to complete the questionnaire. A total of 1,690 students initially participated in the study, but 424 questionnaires were too incomplete to be used for analysis and were excluded. Additionally, 67 questionnaires were removed because of significant missing sociodemographic information, resulting in 1,199 completed responses included in the final analysis. Is there an association between study pressure and use of psychotropic drugs among Swiss University students?
a.	Identify the target population.
a.	information, resulting in 1,199 completed responses included in the final analysis. Is there an association between study pressure and use of psychotropic drugs among Swiss University students?

human aggression. Is there an association between coat color and aggressive behavior among cats?

b. Identify the sample.

a. Identify the target population.

b. Identify the sample.

your choice(s).

c. Which of the three types of sampling bias (selection, non-response, response) may be present? Explain

5.3 Module 2 Review - Probability

1. Spelling errors in a text can either be non-word errors (teh instead of the) or word errors (lose instead of loose). It was found that non-word errors make up about 25% of all errors. A human proofreader will catch 92% of non-word errors and 75% of word errors.

Let N represent non-word errors and C represent that a human proofreader will catch the error.

a. Identify the following	y values with	appropriate	probability	notation.
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0.25

0.92

0.75

b. Fill in the table below to represent the situation:

	N	N^C	Total
C			
C^C			
Total			100000

c. Using your table calculate the probability that a randomly selected error caught by a human proofreader is a non-word error. Use appropriate probability notation.

d. Find the probability a selected error is a non-word error and was not caught by a human proofreader. Use appropriate probability notation.

e. Find the value of P(N|C). What does this probability mean?

•	70% of incoming	freshmen attended	l public school	ls		
$\bullet~75\%$ of public-school students who enroll as freshmen eventually graduate						
•	90% of other fres	hmen eventually g	raduate			
	A represent the evolutes.	ent that a freshma	an attended p	ublic school an	d B the event that	t a freshman eventually
a	. Identify the follow	wing values with a	ppropriate pro	obability notati	ion.	
	0.70					
	0.75					
	0.90					
b.	. Fill in the table b	pelow to represent	the situation:			
			A	A^C	Total	
		В				
		B^C				
		Total			100000	I I
c	. Calculate the pro- appropriate proba		d freshman at	tended public	school given they	did not graduate. Use
d	. Calculate the pro	bability a selected	freshman doe	es not graduate	e. Use appropriate	probability notation.
e.		n of freshman that probability notation		olic school, wha	at is the probabilit	y they do not graduate

2. A private college report contains these statistics:

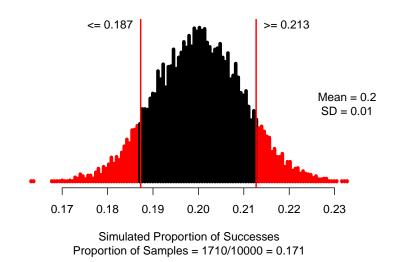
f. Find the value of $P(A \text{ and } B^C)$. Write this probability in context of the problem.

5.4 Module 3 Review - Simulation Methods for a Single Proportion

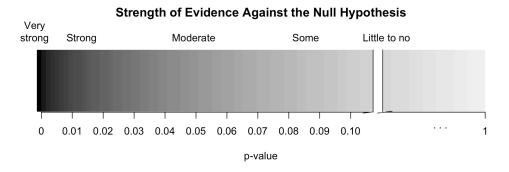
hearing <-	<pre><- read.csv("data/hearing</pre>	_loss.csv")

A so he st

recent study examined hearing loss data for 1753 U.S. teenagers. In this sample, 328 were found to hat ome level of hearing loss. News of this study spread quickly, with many news articles blaming the prevalence earing loss on the higher use of ear buds by teens. At MSNBC.com (8/17/2010), Carla Johnson summarized the trudy with the headline: "1 in 5 U.S. teens has hearing loss, study says." Is this an appropriate or a misleadine eadline?
1. Write the parameter of interest in context of the study.
2. Write the null hypothesis in words and notation in context of the problem.
3. Based on the research questions, choose the direction for the alternative hypothesis.
4. Write the alternative hypothesis in words and notation in context of the problem.
5. Calculate the summary statistic. Use proper notation.
6. What values should be entered for each of the following into the one proportion test to create 1000 simulations?
• Probability of success:
• Sample size:
• Number of repetitions:
• As extreme as:
• Direction ("greater", "less", or "two-sided"):



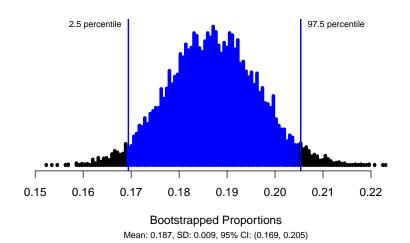
- 7. Interpret the p-value in context of the problem.
- 8. How much evidence does the data provide against the null hypothesis?



9. Write a conclusion to the study in context of the problem.

- 10. Would a 95% confidence interval contain the null value of 0.2? Explain.
- 11. What values should be entered for each of the following into the simulation to create the bootstrap distribution of sample proportions to find a 95% confidence interval?
 - Sample size:
 - Number of successes:
 - Number of repetitions:
 - Confidence level (as a decimal):

```
set.seed(216)
one_proportion_bootstrap_CI(sample_size = 1753, # Sample size
    number_successes = 328, # Observed number of successes
    number_repetitions = 10000, # Number of bootstrap samples to use
    confidence_level = 0.95) # Confidence level as a decimal
```



12. Explain how to use cards to create one bootstrap sample.

- 13. Report the 95% confidence interval in interval notation.
- 14. Interpret the 95% confidence interval in context of the problem.

5.5 Module 4 Review - Theory-based Methods for a Single Proportion

Statistician Jessica Utts has conducted an extensive analysis of Ganzfeld studies that have investigated psychic functioning. Ganzfeld studies involve a "sender" and a "receiver." Two people are placed in separate rooms. The sender looks at a "target" image on a television screen and attempts to transmit information about the target to the receiver. The receiver is then shown four possible choices or targets, one of which is the correct target and the other three are "decoys." The receiver must choose the one he or she thinks best matches the description transmitted by the sender. If the correct target is chosen by the receiver, the session is a "hit." Otherwise, it is a miss. Utts reported that her analysis considered a total of 2,124 sessions and found a total of 709 "hits" (Utts, 2010). Is there evidence of psychic ability?

- 1. Write the parameter of interest in context of the study.
- 2. Calculate the point estimate. Use proper notation.
- 3. Write the null hypothesis in words.
- 4. Write the alternative hypothesis in notation.

A single proportion can be mathematically modeled using the normal distribution if certain conditions are met. Conditions for the sample distribution of \hat{p} .

- Independence: The sample's observations are independent, e.g., are from a simple random sample
- Large enough sample size:
 - Success-Failure Condition: There are at least 10 successes and 10 failures in the sample

$$n \times \hat{p} \ge 10$$

and

$$n \times (1 - \hat{p}) \ge 10$$

5. Are the conditions met to model the data with the Normal distribution?

Standardized sample proportion.

The standardized statistic for theory-based methods for one proportion is:

$$Z = \frac{\hat{p} - \pi_0}{SE_0(\hat{p})}$$

Where

$$SE_0(\hat{p}) = \sqrt{\frac{\pi_0 \times (1-\pi_0)}{n}}$$

- 6. Calculate the null standard error of the sample proportion
- 7. Calculate the standardized statistic for the sample proportion.

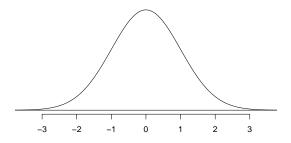
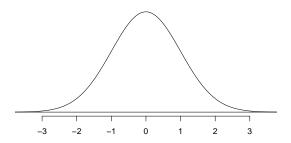


Figure 5.1: A standard normal curve.



8. Interpret the standardized statistic in context of the problem.

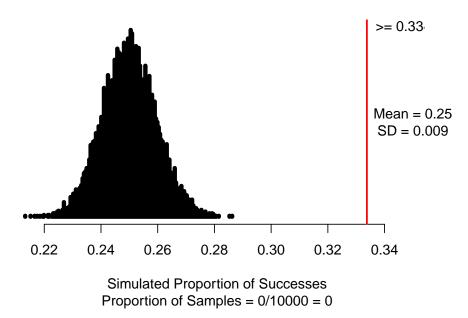
We will use the pnorm() function in R to find the p-value. The value of the standardized statistic calculated in question 8 is entered into the R code. We used lower.tail = FALSE to find the p-value so that R will calculate the p-value greater than the value of the standardized statistic.

Notes:

- Use lower.tail = TRUE when doing a left-sided test.
- Use lower.tail = FALSE when doing a right-sided test.
- To find a two-sided p-value, use a left-sided test for negative Z or a right-sided test for positive Z, then multiply the value found by 2 to get the p-value.

9. Report the value of the p-value.

Simulation Method:



10. Interpret the p-value in context of the study.

Next we will use theory-based methods to estimate the parameter of interest.

To calculate a theory-based 95% confidence interval for π , we will first find the **standard error** of \hat{p} by plugging in the value of \hat{p} for π in $SD(\hat{p})$:

$$SE(\hat{p}) = \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p} \times (1 - \hat{p})}{n}}.$$

Note that we do not include a "0" subscript, since we are not assuming a null hypothesis.

11. Calculate the standard error of the sample proportion to find a 95% confidence interval.

To find the confidence interval, we will add and subtract the margin of error to the point estimate:

point estimate
$$\pm$$
 margin of error

$$\hat{p} \pm z^* SE(\hat{p})$$

The z^* multiplier is the percentile of a standard normal distribution that corresponds to our confidence level. If our confidence level is 95%, we find the Z values that encompass the middle 95% of the standard normal distribution. If 95% of the standard normal distribution should be in the middle, that leaves 5% in the tails, or 2.5% in each tail. The qnorm() function in R will tell us the z^* value for the desired percentile (in this case, 95% + 2.5% = 97.5% percentile).

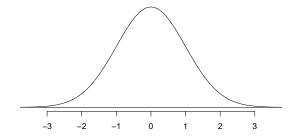


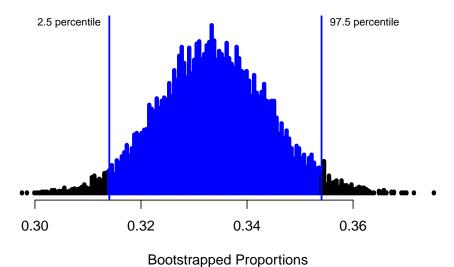
Figure 5.2: A standard normal curve.

qnorm(0.975) # Multiplier for 95% confidence interval

#> [1] 1.959964

- 12. Calculate the margin of error for a 95% confidence interval for the true proportion of sessions that will result in a hit.
- 13. Calculate the 95% confidence interval for the true proportion of sessions that will result in a hit.

Simulation Methods:



Mean: 0.334, SD: 0.01, 95% CI: (0.314, 0.354)

- 14. Interpret the 95% confidence interval in context of the problem.
- 15. Write a conclusion based on the p-value and the 95% confidence interval.

5.6 Group Exam 1 Review

Use the provided data set from the Islands (Bulmer, n.d.) (Exam1ReviewData.csv) and the appropriate Exam 1 Review R script file to answer the following questions. Each adult (>21) islander was selected at random from all adult islanders. Note that some islanders choose not to participate in the study. These islanders that did not consent to be in the study are removed from the dataset before analysis. Variables and their descriptions are listed below. Here is some more information about some of the variables collected. Music type (classical or heavy metal) was randomly assigned to the Islanders. Time to complete the puzzle cube was measured after listening to music for each Islander. Heart rate and blood glucose levels were both measured before and then after drinking a caffeinated beverage.

Variable	Description
Island	Name of Island that the Islander resides on
City	Name of City in which the Islander resides
Population	Population of the City
Name	Name of Islander
Consent	Whether the Islander consented to be in the study (Declined, Consented)
Gender	Gender of Islander $(M = male, F = Female)$
Age	Age of Islander
Married	Marital status of Islander (yes, no)
Smoking_Status	Whether the Islander is a current smoker (nonsmoker, smoker)
Children	Whether the Islander has children (yes, no)
weight_kg	Weight measured in kg
height_cm	Height measured in cm
respiratory_rate	Breaths per minute
Type_of_Music	Music type Islander was randomly assigned to listen to (Classical, Heavy Metal)
After_PuzzleCube	Time to complete puzzle cube (minutes) after listening to assigned music
Education_Level	Highest level of education completed (highschool, university)
Balance_Test	Time balanced measured in seconds with eyes closed
Blood_Glucose_before	Level of blood glucose (mg/dL) before consuming assigned drink
<pre>Heart_Rate_before</pre>	Heart rate (bpm) before consuming assigned drink
Blood_Glucose_after	Level of blood glucose (mg/dL) after consuming assigned drink
Heart_Rate_after	Heart rate (bpm) after consuming assigned drink
Diff_Heart_Rate	Difference in heart rate (bpm) for Before - After consuming assigned drink
Diff_Blood_Glucose	Difference in blood glucose (mg/dL) for Before - After consuming assigned drink

- 1. What are the observational units?
- 2. In the table above, indicate which variables are categorical (C) and which variables are quantitative (Q).
- 3. What type of bias may be present in this study? Explain.

4.	Use the appropriate Exam 1 Review R script file to find the summary statistic and graphical display of
	the data to assess the following research question, "Is there evidence that the proportion of adult Islanders
	that smoke differs from the reported value of 11%?"

a. What is the name of the variable to be assessed in this research question?

What type of variable (categorical or quantitative) is the variable you identified?

b. Use the R script file to get the counts for each level of the variable. Fill in the following table with the variable name, levels of the variable, and counts using the values from the R output.

	Count
Success	
Failure	
Total	

c. Calculate the value of the summary statistic to answer the research question. Give appropriate notation.

d. What type of graph(s) would be appropriate for this research question?

e. Using the provided R file create a graph of the data. Sketch the graph below:

f.	Assess if the following conditions are met:
	Independence (needed for both simulation and theory-based methods):
	Success-Failure (must be met to use theory-based methods):
g.	Use the provided R script file to find the simulation p-value to assess the research question. Report the p-value.
h.	Interpret the p-value in the context of the problem.
i.	Write a conclusion to the research question based on the p-value.
j.	Using a significance level of $\alpha=0.05$, what statistical decision will you make about the null hypothesis?
k.	Use the provided R script file to find a 95% confidence interval.
1.	Interpret the 95% confidence interval in context of the problem.
m.	Regardless to your answer in part f, calculate the standardized statistic.
n.	Interpret the value of the standardized statistic in context of the problem.

о.	Use the provided R script file to find the theory-based p-value.
p.	Use the provided R script file to find the appropriate z^* multiplier and calculate the theory-based confidence interval.
q.	Does the theory-based p-value and CI match those found using simulation methods? Explain why or why not.
r.	To what group of observational units do the results apply?

Exploring Quantitative Data: Exploratory Data Analysis and Inference for a Single Quantitative Variable - Simulation-based Methods

6.1 Vocabulary Review and Key Topics

Review the Golden Ticket posted in the resources at the end of the coursepack for a summary of a single quantitative variable.

6.1.1 Key topics

Module 6 will introduce exploratory data analysis and inference using simulation-based methods for a single quantitative variable. The **summary measure** for one quantitative variable is the **mean**. Additionally, we can find the five number summary (min, Q1, median, Q3, max) as well as the sample standard deviation.

- Notation for a sample mean: \bar{x}
- Notation for a sample standard deviation: s
- Notation for a population mean: μ
- Notation for a population standard deviation: σ
- Types of plots for a single categorical variable:
 - Histogram
 - Boxplot
 - Dotplot

6.1.2 Vocabulary

Sample statistics for a single quantitative variable

• Mean, \bar{x} : the average

$$\bar{x} = \frac{x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n}{n},$$

where x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n are the data values and n is the sample size.

- Median: value at the 50th percentile; approximately 50% of data values are at or below the value of the median.
- Quartile 1 (lower quartile), Q_1 : value at the 25th percentile; approximately 25% of data values are at or below the value of Q_1 .
- Quartile 3 (upper quartile), Q_3 : value at the 75th percentile; approximately 75% of data values are at or below the value of Q_3 .

• Sample standard deviation, s: on average, each value in the data set is s units from the mean of the data set (\bar{x}) . We will always calculate s using R, but it is calculated using the following formula:

$$s = \sqrt{\frac{(x_1 - \bar{x})^2 + (x_2 - \bar{x})^2 + \dots + (x_n - \bar{x})^2}{n - 1}},$$

where x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n are the data values, \bar{x} is the sample mean, and n is the sample size.

- Interquartile range: the range of the data between the two quartiles: $IQR = Q_3 Q_1$.
- R code to find the summary statistics for a quantitative variable:

```
object %>% # Data set piped into...
summarise(favstats(variable))
```

Plotting one quantitative variable

• **Histogram**: sorts a quantitative variable into bins of a certain width. R code to create a histogram:

```
object %>% # Data set piped into...
ggplot(aes(x = variable)) + # Name variable to plot
geom_histogram(binwidth = 10) + # Create histogram with specified binwidth
labs(title = "Don't forget to title the plot!", # Title for plot
    x = "x-axis label", # Label for x axis
    y = "y-axis label") # Label for y axis
```

• **Boxplot**: plots the values of the five-number summary and shows any outliers in the data set. R code to create a boxplot:

```
object %>% # Data set piped into...
ggplot(aes(x = variable)) + # Name variable to plot
geom_boxplot() + # Create boxplot
labs(title = "Don't forget to title the plot!", # Title for plot
    x = "x-axis label", # Label for x axis
    y = "y-axis label") # Label for y axis
```

• **Dotplot**: plots each value as a dot along the x-axis. R code to create a dotplot:

```
object %>% # Data set piped into...
    ggplot(aes(x = variable)) + # Name variable to plot
    geom_dotplot() + # Create dotplot
    labs(title = "Don't forget to title the plot!", # Title for plot
        x = "x-axis label", # Label for x axis
        y = "y-axis label") # Label for y axis
```

- Four characteristics of a distribution of a single quantitative variable:
 - Shape (symmetric, skewed left, or skewed right)
 - Center
 - Spread
 - Outliers?

Hypothesis testing for a single mean

• Hypotheses in notation for a single mean: In the hypotheses below, μ_0 is the null value.

$$\begin{split} H_0: \mu &= \mu_0 \\ H_A: \mu \left\{ \begin{array}{l} < \\ \neq \\ < \end{array} \right\} \mu_0 \end{split}$$

Simulation-based hypothesis testing

- Conditions necessary to use simulation-based methods for inference for a single quantitative variable:
 - **Independence**: observational units must be independent of one another.
- Simulation-based methods to create the null distribution: R code to use for simulation-based methods for one quantitative variable to find the p-value, one_mean_test (from the catstats package), is shown below. Review the comments (instructions after the #) to see what each should be entered for each line of code.

```
one_mean_test(object$variable, #Enter the object name and variable
   null_value = xx, #Enter the null value for the study
   summary_measure = "mean", #Can choose between mean or median
   shift = xx, #Difference between the null value and the sample mean
   as_extreme_as = xx, #Value of the summary statistic
   direction = "xx", #Specify direction of alternative hypothesis
   number_repetitions = 10000)
```

Simulation-based confidence interval

• R code to find the simulation-based confidence interval using the onemean_CI function from the catstats package.

```
one_mean_CI(object$variable, #Enter the name of the variable
    summary_measure = "mean", #choose the mean or median
    number_repetitions = 10000, # Number of simulations
    confidence_level = xx)
```

- Interpretation of the confidence interval is very similar as for a single proportion only the context and summary measure has changed.
 - To write in context include:
 - * How confident you are (e.g., 90%, 95%, 98%, 99%)
 - * Parameter of interest
 - * Calculated interval

6.2 Activity 9: Summarizing Quantitative Variables

6.2.1 Learning outcomes

- Identify and create appropriate summary statistics and plots given a data set or research question for quantitative data.
- Interpret the following summary statistics in context: median, lower quartile, upper quartile, standard deviation, interquartile range.

6.2.2 Terminology review

In today's activity, we will review summary measures and plots for quantitative variables. Some terms covered in this activity are:

- Two measures of center: mean, median
- Two measures of spread (variability): standard deviation, interquartile range (IQR)
- Plots of quantitative variables: dotplots, boxplots, histograms
- Given a plot or set of plots, describe and compare the distribution(s) of quantitative variables (center, variability, shape, outliers).

To review these concepts, see Chapter 5 in the textbook.

6.2.3 The Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS)

These data were collected on a subset of higher education institutions that met the following selection criteria (Education Statistics 2018):

- Degree granting
- United States only
- Title IV participating
- Not for profit
- 2-year or 4-year or above
- Has full-time first-time undergraduates

Some of the variables collected and their descriptions are below. Note that several variables have missing values for some institutions (denoted by "NA").

Variable	Description
UnitID	Unique institution identifier
Name	Institution name
State	State abbreviation
Sector	whether public or private
LandGrant	Is this a land-grant institution (Yes/No)
Size	Institution size category based on total student enrolled for credit, Fall 2018: Under 1,000, 1,000\$\\$-4,999, 5,000-9,999, 10,000-\\$19,999, 20,000 and above
Cost_OutofState	Cost of attendance for full-time out-of-state undergraduate students
Cost_InState	Cost of attendance for full-time in-state undergraduate students
Retention	Retention rate is the percent of the undergraduate students that re-enroll in the next year
Graduation_Rate	6-year graduation rate for undergraduate students

Variable	Description
SATMath_75	75th percentile Math SAT score
ACT_75	75th percentile ACT score

Identifying variables in a data set

Look through the provided table of variable descriptions. The UnitID and Name are identifiers for each observational unit, US degree-granting higher education institutions in 2018.

1. Identify in the table which variables collected on the US institutions are categorical (C) and which variables are quantitative (Q).

Summarizing quantitative variables

Notes on Summarizing Quantitative Variables:

The favstats() function from the mosaic package gives the summary statistics for a quantitative variable. The R output below provides the summary statistics for the variable Graduation_Rate. The summary statistics provided are the two measures of center (mean and median) and two measures of spread (standard deviation and the quartile values to calculate the IQR) for undergraduate 6-year graduation rate.

- Highlight and run lines 1–12 in the provided R script file to load the data set. Check that the summary statistics match the output given in the coursepack.
- Notice that the 2-year institutions were removed so the observational units for this study are **4-year US** degree-granting higher education institutions in **2018**.

```
IPEDS <- read.csv("https://www.math.montana.edu/courses/s216/data/IPEDS_2018.csv")
IPEDS <- IPEDS %>%
  filter(Sector != "Public 2-year") # Filters the data set to remove Public 2-year
IPEDS <- IPEDS %>%
  filter(Sector != "Private 2-year") # Filters the data set to remove Private 2-year
IPEDS %>%
  summarize(favstats(Graduation_Rate))
```

Two measures of center:

- Mean:
- Median:

Two measures of spread:

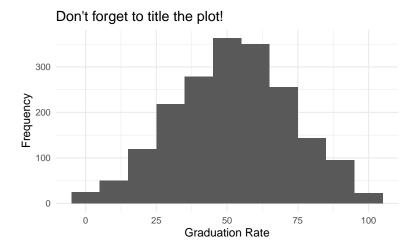
- Standard deviation:
- Interpretation of the standard deviation:
- Interquartile range: $IQR = Q_3 Q_1$:
- Interpretation of Q_3 :

Displaying a single quantitative variable

There are three type of plots used to plot a single quantitative variable: a dotplot, a histogram or a boxplot. A dotplot of graduation rates would plot a dot for the graduation rate for each 4-year US higher education institution.

First, let's create a histogram of the variable Graduation_Rate.

- Enter the name of the variable, Graduation_Rate in line 19 for variable in the R script file.
- Replace the word title for the plot in line 21 between the quotations with a descriptive title. A title should include: type of plot, variable or variables plotted, and observational units.
- Highlight and run lines 18–24 to create the histogram.



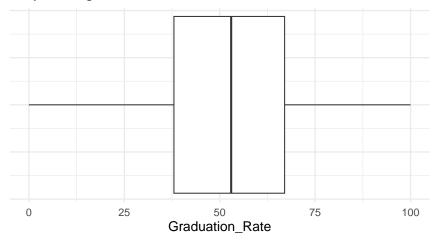
Notice that the **bin width** for the histogram is 10. For example the first bin consists of the number of institutions in the data set with a graduation rate of 0 to 10%. It is important to note that a graduation rate on the boundary of a bin will fall into the bin above it; for example, 20 would be counted in the bin 20–30.

Which range of Graduation Rates have the highest frequency?

Next we will create a boxplot of the variable Graduation_Rate.

- Enter the name of the variable in line 29 for variable in the R script file.
- Highlight and run lines 28–36 to create the boxplot.

Boxplot of Graduation Rates for 4-year Higher Education Institutions



Use the following formulas to find the invisible fence on both ends of the distribution. Draw a dotted line at the invisible fence to show how the outliers were detected (any values less than the lower fence or greater than the upper fence were flagged as outliers).

 $\label{eq:lower_power} \text{Lower Fence:} \quad Q_1 - 1.5 \times IQR \qquad \text{Upper Fence:} \quad Q_3 + 1.5 \times IQR$

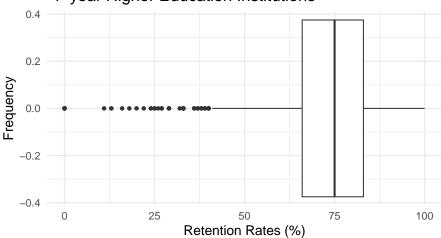
When describing distributions of quantitative variables we discuss the **shape** (symmetric or skewed), the **center** (mean or median), **spread** (standard deviation or IQR), and if there are **outliers** present.

- 2. What is the shape of the distribution of graduation rates?
- 3. From which plot (histogram or boxplot) is it easier to determine the shape of the distribution?
- 4. From which plot is it easier to determine if there are outliers?

Robust statistics

Let's examine how the presence of outliers affects the different summary measures for center and spread. For this part of the activity, we will look at the retention rate variable (Retention) in the IPEDS data set.

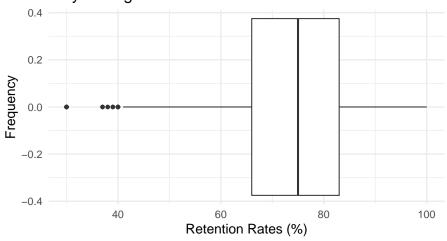
Boxplot of Retention Rates for 4-year Higher Education Institutions



- 5. Report the values for the two measures of center for these data.
- 6. Report the values for the two measures of spread for these data.

To show the effect of outliers on the measures of center and spread, the smallest values of retention rate in the data set were increased by 30%. This variable is called Retention_Inc.

Boxplot of Increased Retention Rates for 4–year Higher Education Institutions



- 7. Report the values for the two measures of center for this new data set.
- 8. Report the values for the two measures of spread for this new data set.
- 9. Which measure of center is robust to outliers? Explain your answer.
- 10. Which measure of spread is robust to outliers? Explain your answer.

6.2.4 Take-home messages

- 1. Histograms, box plots, and dot plots can all be used to graphically display a single quantitative variable.
- 2. The box plot is created using the five number summary: minimum value, quartile 1, median, quartile 3, and maximum value. Whiskers extend to the lowest value and highest value that are not considered outliers. Values in the data set that are less than $Q_1 1.5 \times IQR$ or greater than $Q_3 + 1.5 \times IQR$ are considered outliers and are graphically represented by a dot outside of the whiskers on the box plot.
- 3. Data should be summarized numerically and displayed graphically to give us information about the study.
- 4. When comparing distributions of quantitative variables we look at the shape, center, spread, and for outliers. In this course, we only consider two measures of center (mean and the median), and two measures of spread (standard deviation and the interquartile range, $IQR = Q_3 Q_1$).

6.2.5 Additional notes

Use this space to summarize your thoughts and take additional notes on today's activity and material covered.

6.3 Activity 10: Inference for a Single Quantitative Variable: Simulation Methods

6.3.1 Learning outcomes

- Given a research question involving one quantitative variable, construct the null and alternative hypotheses in words and using appropriate statistical symbols.
- Investigate the process of creating a null distribution for one quantitative variable.
- Find, evaluate, and interpret a p-value from the null distribution.

6.3.2 Terminology review

In today's activity, we will use simulation-based and theory-based methods to analyze a single quantitative variable. Some terms covered in this activity are:

- Null hypothesis
- Alternative hypothesis
- Null distribution
- Bootstrap distribution
- p-value

To review these concepts, see Chapters 9 and 17 in the textbook.

6.3.3 College student sleep habits

According to an article in *Sleep* (Watson 2015), experts recommend adults (>18 years old) get at least 7 hours of sleep per night. A professor at MSU is interested in the sleep habits of MSU students. The professor obtained a representative sample of MSU students and asked each student to report the amount of sleep they get on a typical night. Is there evidence that MSU students get less than the recommended 7 hours of sleep per night, on average?

- Observational units:
- Variable:
- Type of variable:

Summarizing quantitative variables

- Download the R script file and data file for this activity
- Upload both files to the RStudio server and open the R script file
- Enter the name of the dataset for datasetname.csv
- Highlight and run lines 1–8 to load the data

sleep <- read.csv("datasetname.csv")</pre>

Ask a research question

Parameter of interest in context of the study:

Null Hypothesis (in words):

Null Hypothesis (in notation):

Alternative Hypothesis (in words):

Alternative Hypothesis (in notation):

Summarize and visualize the data

The favstats() function from the mosaic package gives the summary statistics for a quantitative variable.

- Enter the variable name, SleepHours, for variable in line 13
- Highlight and run lines 12–13

```
sleep %>%
summarize(favstats(variable))
```

1. About how far is each number of hours of sleep for a Stat 216 student from the mean number of hours of sleep, on average?

Create a boxplot of the variable SleepHours.

- Enter the name of the variable in line 19 for variable in the R script file.
- Enter a title in line 21 for the plot between the quotations.
- Highlight and run lines 18–25.

```
sleep %>% # Data set piped into...
ggplot(aes(x = variable)) + # Name variable to plot
geom_boxplot() + # Create boxplot with specified binwidth
labs(title = "Don't forget to title your plot!", # Title for plot
    x = "Amount of sleep (hrs)", # Label for x axis
    y = "") + # Remove y axis label
theme(axis.text.y = element_blank(),
    axis.ticks.y = element_blank()) # Removes y-axis ticks
```

2. Describe the distribution of number of hours of sleep using the four characteristics of boxplots.

Simulation methods

Notes on simulation methods for a single mean

To simulate the null distribution of sample means we will use a bootstrapping method. Recall that the null distribution must be created under the assumption that the null hypothesis is true. Therefore, before bootstrapping, we will need to *shift* each data point by the difference $\mu_0 - \bar{x}$. This will ensure that the mean of the shifted data is μ_0 (rather than the mean of the original data, \bar{x}), and that the simulated null distribution will be centered at the null value.

• Calculate the difference $\mu_0 - \bar{x}$. Based on the sign of this difference, will we need to shift the data up or down?

Your instructor will demonstrate how the shift is performed in Excel.

- Open the data set (sleep_college) in Excel.
- Create a new column labeled Shift.
- In the column, Shift, add the shifted value to each value in the SleepHours column.

```
sleep <- read.csv("sleep_college.csv")
sleep %>%
    summarize(favstats(Shift))
```

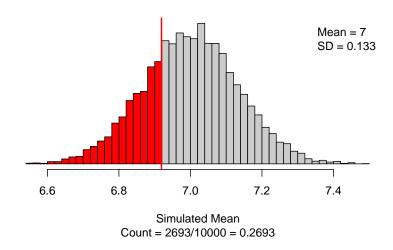
- 3. Report the mean of the Shift variable. Why does it make sense that this value is the same as the null value?
- 4. Report the standard deviation of the Shift variable. How does this compare to the standard deviation for the variable SleepHours? Explain why these values are the same.

- 5. What inputs should be entered for each of the following to create the simulated null distribution?
- Null value (What is the null value for the study?):
- Summary measure ("mean" or "median"):
- Shift (difference between $\mu_0 \bar{x}$):
- As extreme as (enter the value for the observed sample mean):
- Direction ("greater", "less", or "two-sided"):
- Number of repetitions:

The one_mean_test will be used to find the p-value for the simulation test. Following the instructions below to complete the code.

- Enter your answers for question 5 in place of the xx's to produce the null distribution with 10000 simulations.
- Highlight and run lines 36–42.

```
one_mean_test(sleep$SleepHours,#Enter the object name and variable
    null_value = 7,
    summary_measure = "mean", #Can choose between mean or median
    shift = 0.081, #Difference between the null value and the sample mean
    as_extreme_as = 6.919, #Value of the summary statistic
    direction = "less", #Specify direction of alternative hypothesis
    number_repetitions = 10000)
```



Notes on the null distribution
Interpretation of the p-value in context of the problem.
Conclusion of the test:

Simulation methods to create a confidence interval

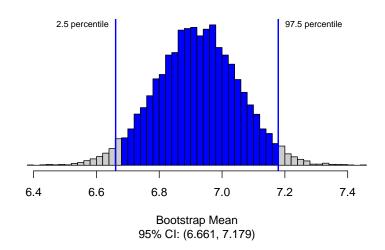
Unlike creation of the null distribution, the bootstrap distribution we use for creating a confidence interval is found by sampling with replacement from the original sample. To create one dot on the bootstrap distribution:

- Write the original values for the variable on n cards; one card for each observational unit.
- Sample with replacement from the cards n times.
- Plot the mean from each resample on the bootstrap distribution.

Use the provided R script file to find a 95% confidence interval.

- Enter the appropriate confidence level for xx.
- Highlight and run lines 46–49.

```
one_mean_CI(sleep$SleepHours, #Enter the name of the variable
    summary_measure = "mean", #choose the mean or median
    number_repetitions = 10000, # Number of simulations
    confidence_level = 0.95) #Enter as a decimal
```



Notes on the bootstrap distribution

Confidence Interval:

Interpretation of the confidence interval:

6.3.4 Take-home messages

- 1. We use bootstrapping—sampling with replacement—from the shifted data to generate a null distribution of simulated sample means. In order to ensure that the null distribution is centered at the null value, μ_0 , we shift the data by adding $\mu_0 \bar{x}$ to each value in the original data set. Note that if this value of the shift is negative, we are shifting the data down; if it is positive, we shift the data up.
- 2. The mean of the shifted data will equal the null value, μ_0 , but the standard deviation of the shifted data will be the same as the standard deviation of the original data.
- 3. As in the one proportion scenario, we calculate the p-value for a simulation-based hypothesis test for a single mean by finding the proportion of simulated sample means that are as or more extreme (in the direction of H_A) as the observed sample mean, \bar{x} .

6.3.5 Additional notes

Use this space to summarize your thoughts and take additional notes on today's activity and material covered.

Exploring Quantitative Data: Inference for a Single Quantitative Variable - Theory-based Methods

7.1 Vocabulary Review and Key Topics

Review the Golden Ticket posted in the resources at the end of the coursepack for a summary of a single quantitative variable.

7.1.1 Key topics

Module 7 will introduce inference using theory-based methods for a single quantitative variable. Additionally, we learn about types of errors and power in hypothesis testing.

Theory-based hypothesis testing

- Theory-based methods should give the same results as simulation-based methods if conditions are met. For a single quantitative variable, conditions are met if either the data themselves follow a normal distribution or if the sample size is large enough. We call this the "normality condition."
- Conditions for the sampling distribution of \bar{x} to follow an approximate normal distribution:
 - **Independence**: the sample's observations are independent, e.g., are from a simple random sample. (*Remember*: This also must be true to use simulation methods!)
 - Normality Condition: either the sample observations come from a normally distributed population
 or we have a large enough sample size. To check this condition, use the following rules of thumb:
 - * n < 30: The distribution of the sample must be approximately normal with no outliers.
 - * $30 \le n < 100$: We can relax the condition a little; the distribution of the sample must have no extreme outliers or skewness.
 - * $n \ge 100$: Can assume the sampling distribution of \bar{x} is nearly normal, even if the underlying distribution of individual observations is not.
- t-distribution: a theoretical distribution that is bell-shaped with mean zero. Its degrees of freedom determine the variability of the distribution. For very large degrees of freedom, the t-distribution is close to a standard normal distribution. For a single quantitative variable, the degrees of freedom are calculated by subtracting one from the sample size: n-1. A t-distribution with n-1 degrees of freedom is denoted by: t_{n-1} .
- Standard error of the sample mean: measures the how far each possible sample mean is from the true mean, on average, and is calculated using the formula below:

$$SE(\bar{x}) = \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$$

where s is the sample standard deviation.

- For inference involving means, the formula for the standard error will be the same for both hypothesis tests and confidence intervals (unlike inference involving proportions, where the standard error for a hypothesis test used the null value in the calculation). • Standardized sample mean: standardized statistic for a single quantitative variable calculated using:

$$T = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{SE(\bar{x})},$$

If the conditions for the sampling distribution of \bar{x} to follow an approximate normal distribution are met, and if the true value of μ is equal to the null value of μ_0 , the standardized sample mean, T, will have an approximate t-distribution with n-1 degrees of freedom.

- The theory-based **p-value** for hypothesis testing involving means can be found in R by using the **pt** function to find the probability of the observed standardized statistic or one more extreme (in the direction of H_A). This probability is the area under a t-distribution with the appropriate degrees of freedom at or more extreme than the observed standardized statistic.
 - pt will give you a p-value using the t-distribution with a given degrees of freedom (enter for yy). For a single mean, df = n 1.
 - Enter the value of the standardized statistic for xx
 - If a "greater than" alternative, change lower.tail = TRUE to FALSE.
 - If a two-sided test, multiply by 2.

```
pt(xx, df = yy, lower.tail=TRUE)
```

Theory-based confidence interval

• Margin of error: half the width of the confidence interval. For a single mean, the margin of error is:

$$ME = t^* \times SE(\bar{x})$$

where t^* is the **multiplier**, corresponding to the desired confidence level found from a t-distribution with n-1 degrees of freedom and

$$SE(\bar{x}) = \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}.$$

• To find the endpoints of a confidence interval, add and subtract the margin of error to the sample statistic. The confidence interval for a population mean is:

$$\bar{x} \pm ME$$

- R code to find the multiplier for a confidence interval using theory-based methods involving means.
 - qt will give you the multiplier using a t-distribution with a given degrees of freedom (enter for yy). For a single mean, df = n 1.
 - Enter the percentile for the given level of confidence (e.g., 0.975 for a 95% confidence level).

```
qt(percentile, df = yy, lower.tail=FALSE)
```

Vocabulary

- Significance level (α): a given cut-off value that we compare the p-value to determine a decision of a test.
- Decisions:
 - If the p-value is less than the significance level, we make the decision to reject the null hypothesis.

- If the p-value is greater than the significance level, we make the decision to *fail to reject the null hypothesis*.
- Type 1 Error: concluding there is evidence to reject the null hypothesis, when the null is actually true.
 - The probability of making a Type 1 error when the null is actually true is equal to the significance level, α .
- Type 2 Error: concluding there is no evidence to reject the null hypothesis, when the null is actually false
- Power: probability of concluding there is evidence to reject the null hypothesis, when the null is actually false.
 - When the null is actually false, the event "reject the null hypothesis" is the *complement* of the event "fail to reject the null hypothesis." Thus, power is equal to 1 minus the probability of a Type 2 error.

7.2 Activity 11: Body Temperature

7.2.1 Learning outcomes

- Given a research question involving a quantitative variable, construct the null and alternative hypotheses in words and using appropriate statistical symbols.
- Describe and perform a theory-based hypothesis test for a single mean.
- Interpret and evaluate a p-value for a theory-based hypothesis test for a single mean.

7.2.2 Terminology review

In today's activity, we will analyze quantitative data using theory-based methods. Some terms covered in this activity are:

- Normality
- \bullet t-distribution
- Degrees of freedom
- T-score

To review these concepts, see Chapters 11 and 17 in the textbook.

7.2.3 Body Temperature

It has long been reported that the mean body temperature of adults is 98.6°F. There have been a few articles that challenge this assertion. (LUETKEMEIER 2017) In 2018, a sample of 52 Stat 216 undergraduates were asked to report their body temperature. Is there evidence that the average body temperature of Stat 216 undergraduates differs from the known temperature of 98.6°F??

- Observational units:
- Variable:
- Type of variable:

Ask a research question

- 1. Write out the null hypothesis in proper notation for this study.
- 2. Write out the alternative hypothesis in words for this study.

In general, the sampling distribution for a sample mean, \bar{x} , based on a sample of size n from a population with a true mean μ and true standard deviation σ can be modeled using a Normal distribution when certain conditions are met.

Conditions for the sampling distribution of \bar{x} to follow an approximate Normal distribution:

- **Independence**: the sample's observations are independent, e.g., are from a simple random sample. (*Remember*: This also must be true to use simulation methods!)
- **Normality Condition**: either the sample observations come from a normally distributed population or we have a large enough sample size. To check this condition, use the following rules of thumb:
 - -n < 30: If the sample size n is less than 30 and the distribution of the data is approximately normal with no clear outliers in the data, then we typically assume the data come from a nearly normal distribution to satisfy the condition.
 - $-30 \le n < 100$: If the sample size n is between 30 and 100 and there are no particularly extreme outliers in the data, then we typically assume the sampling distribution of \bar{x} is nearly normal, even if the underlying distribution of individual observations is not.
 - $-n \ge 100$: If the sample size n is at least 100 (regardless of the presence of skew or outliers), we typically assume the sampling distribution of \bar{x} is nearly normal, even if the underlying distribution of individual observations is not.

Like we saw in Chapter 5, we will not know the values of the parameters and must use the sample data to estimate them. Unlike with proportions, in which we only needed to estimate the population proportion, π , quantitative sample data must be used to estimate both a population mean μ and a population standard deviation σ . This additional uncertainty will require us to use a theoretical distribution that is just a bit wider than the standard Normal distribution. Enter the t-distribution!

As you can seen from Figure 7.1, the t-distributions (dashed and dotted lines) are centered at 0 just like a standard Normal distribution (solid line), but are slightly wider. The variability of a t-distribution depends on its degrees of freedom, which is calculated from the sample size of a study. (For a single sample of n observations or paired differences, the degrees of freedom is equal to n-1.) Recall from previous classes that larger sample sizes tend to result in narrower sampling distributions. We see that here as well. The larger the sample size, the larger the degrees of freedom, the narrower the t-distribution. (In fact, a t-distribution with infinite degrees of freedom actually IS the standard Normal distribution!)

Comparison of t Distributions

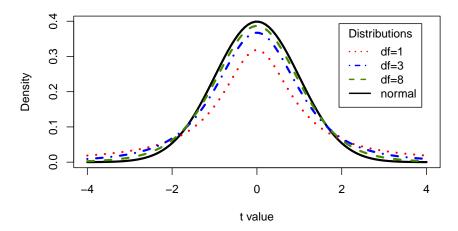


Figure 7.1: Comparison of the standard Normal vs t-distribution with various degrees of freedom

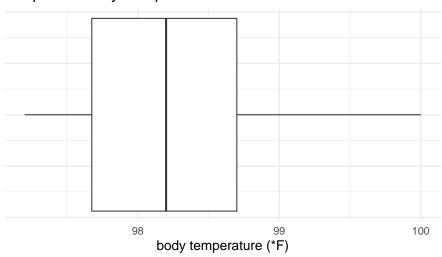
Summarize and visualize the data

The following code is used to create a boxplot of the data.

- Download the R script file and upload to the RStudio server.
- Open the R script file and highlight and run lines 1–14.

```
bodytemp <- read.csv("https://math.montana.edu/courses/s216/data/normal_temperature.csv")
bodytemp %>%
    ggplot(aes(x = Temp))+
    geom_boxplot()+
    labs(title="Boxplot of Body Temperatures for Stat 216 Students",
        x = "body temperature (*F)") +
        theme(axis.text.y = element_blank(),
        axis.ticks.y = element_blank()) # Removes y-axis ticks
```

Boxplot of Body Temperatures for Stat 216 Students



• Highlight and run lines 17 - 18 to get the summary statistics for the variable Temp.

```
bodytemp %>%
summarise(favstats(Temp))

#> min Q1 median Q3 max mean sd n missing
#> 1 97.2 97.675 98.2 98.7 100 98.28462 0.6823789 52 0
```

Check theoretical conditions

- 3. Report the sample size of the study. Give appropriate notation.
- 4. Report the sample mean of the study. Give appropriate notation.

Verify the independence condition is met:

Verify the normality condition is met to use the theory-based methods:

Use statistical inferential methods to draw inferences from the data

To find the standardized statistic for the mean we will use the following formula:

$$T = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{SE(\bar{x})},$$

where the standard error of the sample mean is:

$$SE(\bar{x}) = \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}.$$

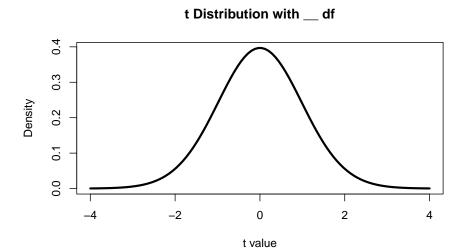
Calculate the standard error of the sample mean.

Interpretation of the standard error in context of the study

Calculate the standardized mean.

We model a single mean with a t-distribution with n-1 degrees of freedom. Calculate the degrees of freedom for this study and use it to fill in the blank in the title of the t-distribution displayed on the next page.

Mark the value of the standardized statistic on the t-distribution and illustrate how the p-value is found.



To find the p-value for the theory-based test in R:

- Enter the value for the standardized statistic for xx in the pt function.
- Enter the degrees of freedom for yy in the pt function.
- Enter the correct tail for zz (TRUE or FALSE)
- Highlight and run line 24.

2*pt(xx, df=yy, lower.tail=zz)

- 5. What does this p-value mean, in the context of the study? Hint: it is the probability of what...assuming what?
- 6. Write a conclusion to the test in context of the study.

Theory-based methods to create a confidence interval

Next we will calculate a theory-based confidence interval. To calculate a theory-based confidence interval for the a single mean, use the following formula:

$$\bar{x} \pm t^* \times SE(\bar{x}).$$

We will need to find the t^* multiplier using the function qt().

- Enter the appropriate percentile in the R code to find the multiplier for a 95% confidence interval.
- Enter the degrees of freedom for yy. The degrees of freedom for a single mean is n-1.

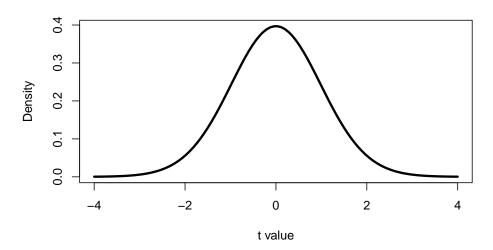
• Highlight and run line 31.

```
qt(0.975, df = 51, lower.tail=TRUE)
```

#> [1] 2.007584

Mark on the t-distribution found below the values of $\pm t^*$. Draw a line at each multiplier and write the percentiles used to find each.





Calculate the margin of error using theory-based methods

Calculate the confidence interval for the true mean using theory-based methods.

- 7. Interpret the confidence interval in context of the study.
- 8. Can we generalize the results of the study to all adults? Explain your answer.

7.2.4 Take-home messages

- 1. In order to use theory-based methods for a quantitative variable, the independent observational units and normality conditions must be met.
- 2. In order to find a theory-based p-value, we use R to calculate the area under a t-distribution with n-1 degrees of freedom (df) that is at or more extreme than the observed T-score. To find a two-sided p-value using theory-based methods we need to multiply the one-sided p-value by 2.
- 3. A t^* multiplier is found by obtaining the bounds of the middle X% (X being the desired confidence level) of a t-distribution with n-1 df.

7.2.5 Additional notes

Use this space to summarize your thoughts and take additional notes on today's activity and material covered

7.3 Activity 12: Errors and Power

7.3.1 Learning outcomes

- Explain Type I and Type 2 errors in the context of a study.
- Explain the power of a test in the context of a study.
- Understand how changes in sample size, significance level, and the difference between the null value and the parameter value impact the power of a test.
- Understand how significance level impacts the probability of a Type 1 error.
- Understand the relationship between the probability of a Type 2 error and power.
- Be able to distinguish between practical importance and statistical significance.

7.3.2 Terminology review

In this activity, we will examine the possible errors that can be made based on the decision in a hypothesis test as well as factors influencing the power of the test. Some terms covered in this activity are:

- Significance level
- Type 1 error
- Type 2 error
- Power

To review these concepts, see Chapter 12 in the textbook.

Notes on types of errors and power

7.3.3 College textbook cost

A college student spends, on average, \$280 on textbooks per year. Many universities have started using open-source resources to help defray the cost of textbooks. One such university is hoping to show they have successfully reduced costs by \$100 per year, on average.

- 1. Write the parameter of interest (μ) in words, in the context of this problem.
- 2. Use proper notation to write the null and alternative hypotheses the university would need to test in order to check their claim.

After determining hypotheses and prior to collecting data, researchers should set a **significance level** for a hypothesis test. The significance level, represented by α and most commonly 0.01, 0.05, or 0.10, is a cut-off for determining whether a p-value is small or not. The *smaller* the p-value, the *stronger* the evidence against the null hypothesis, so a p-value that is smaller than or equal to the significance level is strong enough evidence to reject the null hypothesis. Similarly, the larger the p-value, the weaker the evidence against the null hypothesis, so a p-value that is larger than the significance level does not provide enough evidence against the null hypothesis and the researcher would fail to reject the null hypothesis. Rejecting the null hypothesis or failing to reject the null hypothesis are the two **decisions** that can be made based on the data collected.

As you have already learned in this course, sample size of a study is extremely important. Often times, researchers will conduct what is called a power analysis to determine the appropriate sample size based on the goals of their research, including a desired **power** of their test. Power is the probability of correctly rejecting the null hypothesis, or the probability of the data providing strong evidence against the null hypothesis when the null hypothesis is false.

The remainder of this activity will be spent investigating how different factors influence the power of a test, after which you will complete a power analysis for this university.

- Navigate to https://istats.shinyapps.io/power/.
- Choose the tab "Population Mean".
- Use the scale under "Null Hypothesis value μ_0 " to change the value to your null value from question 2. *Note we will convert this to a scale in hundreds of dollars (e.g., 1 = \$100). In other words, use the null value of 2.8.
- Change the "Alternative Hypothesis" to the direction you wrote in question 2.
- Leave all boxes un-checked.
- Set the "True value of μ " to 2.8 as well.
- Do not change the scales for "Sample size n" or "Type I Error α " or "Population Std. Dev. σ ".

The red distribution you see is the scaled-Normal distribution representing the null distribution for this hypothesis test, if the sample size was n=30 and the significance level was $\alpha=0.05$. This means the red distribution is showing the distribution of possible sample mean amounts spent on textbooks per year (in hundreds of dollars) for a sample of 30 college students (\bar{x}) if we assume the null hypothesis is true.

- 3. Based off this distribution and your alternative hypothesis, give one possible sample mean which you think would lead to rejecting the null hypothesis. Explain how you decided on your value.
- 4. Check the box for "Show Critical Value(s) and Rejection Region(s)". You will now see a vertical line on the plot indicating the *maximum* sample mean which would lead to reject the null hypothesis. That is, any sample means below this value would lead us to reject the null hypothesis; any sample means above this value would lead us to fail to reject the null hypothesis. What is this value?
- 5. Notice that there are some sample means under the red line (when the null hypothesis is true) which would lead us to reject the null hypothesis. Give the range of sample means which would lead to rejecting the null hypothesis when the null hypothesis is true? What is the statistical name for this mistake?

Check the "Type I Error" box under **Display**. This should verify (or correct) your answer to question 5! The area shaded in red represents the probability of making a **Type 1 Error** in our hypothesis test. Recall that a Type 1 error is when we reject the null hypothesis even though the null hypothesis is true. To reject the null hypothesis, the p-value, which was found assuming the null hypothesis is true, must be less than or equal to the significance level. Therefore the significance level is the probability of rejecting the null hypothesis when the null hypothesis is true, so the significance level IS the probability of making a Type 1 error in a hypothesis test!

6. Based on the current applet settings, what percent of the null distribution is shaded red (i.e., what is the probability of making a Type 1 error)?

Let's say this university believes their program can reduce the cost of textbooks for college students by \$100 per year. In the applet, set the scale under "True value of μ " to 1.8.

7. At what value is the blue distribution centered?

The blue distribution that appears represents what the university believes, that \$180 (not \$280) is the true mean textbook cost for college students at this university. This blue distribution represents the idea that the **null hypothesis is false**.

8. Consider the definition of power provided earlier in this activity. Do you believe the power of the test will be an area within the blue distribution or red distribution? How do you know? What about the probability of making a Type 2 error?

Check the "Type II Error" and "Power" boxes under **Display**. This should verify (or correct) your answers to question 8! The area shaded in blue represents the probability of making a **Type 2 Error** in our hypothesis test (failing to reject the null hypothesis even though the null hypothesis is false). The area shaded in green represents the power of the test. Notice that the Type 1 and Type 2 error rates and the power of the test are provided above the distribution.

9. Complete the following equation: Power + Type 2 Error Rate = _____. Explain why that equation makes sense. Hint: Consider on what power and Type 2 error are conditional.

Now let's investigate how changes in different factors influence the power of a test.

10. Using the same sample size and significance level, change the "True value of μ " to see the effect on power.

True value of μ	2.0	1.0	0.5
Power			

- 11. What is changing about the simulated distributions pictured as you change the "True value of μ "?
- 12. How does increasing the distance between the null and believed true mean affect the power of the test?

13. Using the same significance level, set the "True value of μ " back to 1.8 and change the sample size to see its effect on power.

Sample Size	20	50	80
Power			

- 14. What is changing about the simulated distributions pictured as you change the sample size?
- 15. How does increasing the sample size affect the power of the test?
- 16. Using the same "True value of μ ", set the sample size to 30 and change the "Type I Error α " to see the effect on power.

Type I Error α	0.01	0.05	0.10
Power			

- 17. What is changing about the simulated distributions pictured as you change the significance level?
- 18. How does increasing the significance level affect the power of the test?
- 19. Complete the power analysis for this university: The university believes they can reduce the cost of textbooks for their students by \$100. They want to limit the probability of a type 1 error to 10% and the probability of a type 2 error to 15%. What is the minimum number of students the university will need to collect data on in order to meet these goals? Use the applet to answer this question.
- 20. Based on the goals outlined in question 19, which mistake below is the university more concerned about? In other words, which of the following two errors were the researchers trying to minimize. Explain your answer.
 - Not being able to show their textbook cost is lower, on average, when their textbook cost really is lower.
 - Advertising their textbook cost is lower, on average, even though it is not.

7.3.4 Take-home messages

- 1. There is a possibility of Type 1 error when we make the decision to reject the null hypothesis. Type 1 error: reject the null hypothesis when the null hypothesis is true. The probability of a Type 1 error when the null hypothesis is true is equal to the significance level, α .
- 2. There is a possibility of Type 2 error when we make the decision to fail to reject the null hypothesis. Type 2 error: fail to reject the null hypothesis when the null hypothesis is false.
- 3. Power of a test is the probability we reject the null when the null hypothesis is false. Power is equal to 1 minus the probability of a Type 2 error.
- 4. Changing the following will *increase* the power of the test:
 - *Increase* the sample size
 - Increase the significance level
 - *Increase* the distance between the null value and the parameter value (note that we don't have control over this!)

7.3.5 Additional notes

Use this space to summarize your thoughts and take additional notes on today's activity and material covered.

7.4 Module 6 and 7 Lab: Arsenic

7.4.1 Learning outcomes

- Given a research question involving one quantitative variable, construct the null and alternative hypotheses in words and using appropriate statistical symbols.
- Investigate the process of creating a null distribution for one quantitative variable.
- Find, evaluate, and interpret a p-value from the null distribution.
- Use simulation-based methods to find a confidence interval for a single mean.
- Interpret a confidence interval for a single mean.
- Use a confidence interval to determine the conclusion of a hypothesis test.

7.4.2 Arsenic

Scientists have devised a new way to measure a person's level of arsenic poisoning by examining toenail clippings. Scientists measured the arsenic levels (in parts per million or ppm) in toenail clippings from 19 randomly selected individuals with private wells in New Hampshire. An arsenic level greater than 0.150 ppm is considered hazardous. Is there evidence the ground water in New Hampshire has hazardous levels of arsenic concentration (as seen in the arsenic levels of New Hampshire residents)? How high is the arsenic concentration for New Hampshire residents with a private well?

- Observational units:
- Variable:
- Type of variable:
- 1. What does μ represent in the context of this study?
- 2. Notice that there are two research questions for this study. Identify which research question is best answered by finding a confidence interval and which is best answered by completing a hypothesis test?
- 3. Write out the null hypothesis in proper notation for this study.
- 4. What sign $(<, >, \text{ or } \neq)$ would you use in the alternative hypothesis for this study? Explain your choice.
- Upload and open the R script file for Module 6 and 7 lab.
- Upload and import the csv file, arsenic.
- Enter the name of the data set (see the environment tab) for datasetname in the R script file in line 11.
- Enter the name of the variable in lines 15

- Write a title for the plot between the quotations and an x-axis label
- Highlight and run lines 1–21 to load the data and create a plot of the data.

```
water <- read.csv("datasetname.csv")
water %>%
    summarise(favstats(variable))
water %>% # Data set piped into...
    ggplot(aes(x = variable)) + # Name variable to plot
    geom_boxplot() + # Create boxplot with specified binwidth
    labs(title = "Don't forget to title the plot!", # Title for plot
        x = "Enter an x-axis label! Don't forget the units!", # Label for x axis
        y = "") + # Remove y axis label
    theme(axis.text.y = element_blank(),
        axis.ticks.y = element_blank()) # Removes y-axis ticks
```

- 5. Interpret the value of Q_3 in context of the study.
- 6. What is the value of \bar{x} ? What is the sample size?
- 7. How far, on average, is each arsenic level from the mean arsenic level? What is the appropriate notation for this value?

Use statistical inferential methods to draw inferences from the data

8. Using the provided graphs and summary statistics, determine if both theory-based methods and simulation-based methods could be used to analyze the data. Explain your reasoning.

Hypothesis test

Remember that the null distribution is created based on the assumption the null hypothesis is true. In this study, the null hypothesis states that the average arsenic levels are not hazardous.

We will use the one_mean_test() function in R (in the catstats package) to simulate the null distribution of sample means and compute a p-value.

9. Simulate a null distribution and compute the p-value, using the R script file for this lab.

```
one_mean_test(water$variable, #Enter the name of the variable
    null_value = xx, #Enter the name of the null value
    summary_measure = "xx", #Choose mean or median to test
    shift = xx, # Shift needed for bootstrap hypothesis test
```

```
as_extreme_as = xx, # Observed statistic
direction = "greater", # Direction of alternative
number_repetitions = 10000) # Number of simulated samples for null distribution
```

Report the p-value of the test.

Communicate the results and answer the research question

- 10. Report the p-value. Based off of this p-value and a 5% significance level, what decision would you make about the null hypothesis? What potential error might you be making based on that decision?
- 11. Do you expect the 98% confidence interval to contain the null value of 0.150? Explain.

Confidence interval

We will use the one_mean_CI() function in R (in the catstats package) to simulate a bootstrap distribution of sample means and calculate a confidence interval.

12. Using bootstrapping and the provided R script file, find a 90% confidence interval. Fill in the missing values/numbers in the one_mean_CI() function to create the 90% confidence interval.

Report the 90% confidence interval in interval notation.

- 13. Write a paragraph summarizing the results of the study. **Upload a copy of your group's paragraph to Gradescope.** Be sure to describe:
 - Summary statistic and interpretation
 - Summary measure (in context)
 - Value of the statistic
 - P-value and interpretation
 - Statement about probability or proportion of samples
 - Statistic (summary measure and value)
 - Direction of the alternative
 - Null hypothesis (in context)
 - Confidence interval and interpretation
 - How confident you are (e.g., 90%, 95%, 98%, 99%)
 - Parameter of interest
 - Calculated interval
 - Conclusion (written to answer the research question)
 - Amount of evidence
 - Parameter of interest
 - Direction of the alternative hypothesis
 - Scope of inference
 - To what group of observational units do the results apply (target population or observational units similar to the sample)?

Paragraph (continued):

Exploratory Data Analysis and Simulation-based Inference for Two Categorical Variables

8.1 Vocabulary Review and Key Topics

Review the Golden Ticket posted in the resources at the end of the coursepack for a summary of two categorical variables.

8.1.1 Key topics

Module 8 will introduce exploratory data analysis and simulation-based inference for two categorical variables. The **summary measure** for two categorical variables is a **difference in proportions**. We can also calculate a **relative risk** (ratio of proportions).

- Notation for a difference in sample proportions: $\hat{p}_1 \hat{p}_2$, where 1 represents the 1st group of the explanatory variable and 2 represents the 2nd group
- Notation for a sample relative risk: $\frac{\hat{p}_1}{\hat{p}_2}$
- Notation for a difference in population proportions: $\pi_1-\pi_2$
- Notation for a population relative risk: $\frac{\pi_1}{\pi_2}$

Types of plots for two categorical variables:

- Segmented bar plot
- Mosaic plot

We also explore study design and confounding variables.

8.1.2 Vocabulary

Sample statistics for two categorical variables

- Difference in proportion: $\hat{p}_1 \hat{p}_2$
- Relative risk: the ratio of the conditional proportions:

Relative Risk =
$$\frac{\hat{p}_1}{\hat{p}_2}$$

- Interpretation of relative risk (RR): The risk of success in group 1 is RR times the risk of success in group 2.
- Percent increase/decrease in risk: an alternate way of interpreting the relative risk by first converting it into a percent increase or decrease in risk:

$$(RR-1) \times 100\%$$

- If the quantity above is negative, the risk of success in group 1 is a decrease in risk compared to group 2; if positive, an increase.
- Interpretation of percent increase/decrease in risk: The risk of success in group 1 is xx% higher/lower than the risk of success in group 2.

Plotting two categorical variables

• **Segmented bar plot**: plots the conditional proportion of the response outcomes in each explanatory variable group. R code to create a segmented bar plot:

```
object %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = explanatory, fill = response))+ #Enter the variables to plot
  geom_bar(stat = "count", position = "fill") + #Creates a segmented bar plot
  labs(title = "Don't forget to title a plot!", #Make sure to title your plot
    y = "y-axis label", #y-axis label
    x = "x-axis label") #x-axis label
```

- The plot shows no association between the variables if the height of each segment is approximately the same in each group.
- Mosaic plot: similar to the segmented bar plot but the sample size is reflected by the width of the bars. R code to create a mosaic plot:

```
object %>% # Data set piped into...
    ggplot() + # This specifies the variables
    geom_mosaic(aes(x=product(explanatory), fill = response)) + #Creates a mosaic plot
    labs(title = "Don't forget to title a plot!", # Make sure to title your plot
        y = "y-axis label", #y-axis label
        x = "x-axis label") #x-axis label
```

Hypotheses

• Hypotheses in notation for a difference in proportions: In the hypotheses below, the null value is equal to zero.

$$\begin{split} H_0: \pi_1 - \pi_2 &= 0 \quad \text{or} \quad H_0: \pi_1 = \pi_2 \\ H_A: \pi_1 - \pi_2 \left\{ \begin{array}{c} < \\ \neq \\ < \end{array} \right\} 0 \quad \text{or} \quad H_A: \pi_1 \left\{ \begin{array}{c} < \\ \neq \\ < \end{array} \right\} \pi_2 \end{split}$$

Simulation-based hypothesis testing for a difference in proportions

- Conditions necessary to use simulation-based methods for inference for a two categorical variables:
 - **Independence**: observational units must be independent of one another both within and between groups.
- Simulation-based methods to create the null distribution: R code to use simulation-based methods for two categorical variables to find the p-value, two_proportion_test (from the catstats package), is shown below.

```
two_proportion_test(formula = response~explanatory, # response ~ explanatory
    data = object, # Name of data set
    first_in_subtraction = "xx", # Order of subtraction: enter the name of Group 1
```

```
number_repetitions = 10000, # Always use a minimum of 10000 repetitions
response_value_numerator = "xx", # Define which outcome is a success
as_extreme_as = xx, # Calculated observed statistic (difference in sample proportions)
direction="xx") # Alternative hypothesis direction ("greater", "less", "two-sided")
```

- Conditions necessary to use simulation-based methods for inference for two categorical variables:
 - There must be independence of observational units within groups and between groups

Simulation-based confidence interval

• R code to find the simulation-based confidence interval using the two_proportion_bootstrap_CI function from the catstats package.

```
two_proportion_bootstrap_CI(formula = response~explanatory,
    data=object, # Name of data set
    first_in_subtraction = "xx", # Order of subtraction: enter the name of Group 1
    response_value_numerator = "xx", # Define which outcome is a success
    number_repetitions = 10000, # Always use a minimum of 10000 repetitions
    confidence_level = xx) # Enter the level of confidence as a decimal
```

Study design

- Explanatory variable: the variable researchers think may be affecting the other variable. (Some other textbooks call this the "independent" variable.)
- **Response variable**: the variable researchers think *may be* influenced by the other variable. (Some other textbooks call this the "dependent" variable.)
- Observational study: a study design in which observational units are merely "observed"; no manipulation is done. Examples include surveys and opinion polls.
- Randomized experiment: a study design where researchers randomly assign observational units to treatment groups (the explanatory variable). Examples include clinical trials where subjects are randomly assigned to either a placebo or a drug.
- Confounding variable: a third variable that is both (1) associated with the explanatory variable, and (2) associated with the response variable.

Scope of inference

- The **scope of inference** for a study answers two questions:
 - 1. To what population can my results be *generalized*?
 - 2. Does the study design allow us to assess whether changes in the explanatory variable *cause* changes in the response variable?

 $\label{eq:Scope} \textit{Scope of Inference}: \ \mbox{If evidence of an association is found in our sample,} \\ \mbox{what can be concluded?}$

	Study '		
Selection of cases	Randomized experiment	Observational study	
Random sample (and no other sampling bias)	Causal relationship, and can generalize results to population.	Cannot conclude causal relationship, but can generalize results to population.	Inferences to population can be made
No random sample (or other sampling bias)	Causal relationship, but cannot generalize results to a population.	Cannot conclude causal relationship, and cannot generalize results to a population.	Can only generalize to those similar to the sample due to potential sampling
	1	₽	bias
	Can draw cause-and- effect conclusions	Can only discuss association due to potential confounding variables	

8.2 Activity 13: Study Design

8.2.1 Learning outcomes

- Explain the purpose of random assignment and its effect on scope of inference.
- Identify whether a study design is observational or an experiment.
- Identify confounding variables in observational studies and explain why they are confounding.

8.2.2 Terminology review

In this activity, we will examine different study designs, confounding variables, and how to determine the scope of inference for a study. Some terms covered in this activity are:

- Scope of inference
- Explanatory variable
- Response variable
- Confounding variable
- Experiment
- Observational study

To review these concepts, see Sections 2.2 through 2.5 in the textbook.

Notes on study design

8.2.3 Atrial fibrillation

Atrial fibrillation is an irregular and often elevated heart rate. In some people, atrial fibrillation will come and go on its own, but others will experience this condition on a permanent basis. When atrial fibrillation is constant, medications are required to stabilize the patient's heart rate and to help prevent blood clots from forming. Pharmaceutical scientists at a large pharmaceutical company believe they have developed a new medication that effectively stabilizes heart rates in people with permanent atrial fibrillation. They set out to conduct a trial study to investigate the new drug. The scientists will need to compare the proportion of patients whose heart rate is stabilized between two groups of subjects, one of whom is given a placebo and the other given the new medication.

Suppose 24 subjects with permanent atrial fibrillation have volunteered to participate in this study. There are 16 subjects that self-identified as male and 8 subjects that self-identified as female.

- Observational units:
- Explanatory variable:
- Response variable:

Brainstorm with your table on ways to create two groups: placebo and drug group. Write down your groups ideas.
One strategy would be to block on sex. In this type of study, the scientists would assign 4 females and 8 males to each group. Using this strategy, out of the 12 individuals in each group what proportion are males?
Assume the scientists used the strategy in question 2, but they put the four tallest females and eight tallest males into the drug group and the remaining subjects into the placebo group. They found that the proportion of patients whose heart rate stabilized is higher in the drug group than the placebo group.

Could it be due to other variables? Explain your answer.

Could that difference be due to the sex of the subjects? Explain your answer.

While the strategy presented in question 3 controlled for the sex of the subject, there are more potential **confounding variables** in the study. A confounding variable is a variable that is *both*

- 1. associated with the explanatory variable, and
- 2. associated with the response variable.

When both these conditions are met, if we observe an association between the explanatory variable and the response variable in the data, we cannot be sure if this association is due to the explanatory variable or the confounding variable—the explanatory and confounding variables are "confounded."

Random assignment means that subjects in a study have an equally likely chance of receiving any of the available treatments.

- 4. You will now investigate how randomly assigning subjects impacts a study's scope of inference.
- Navigate to the "Randomizing Subjects" applet under the "Other Applets" heading at: http://www.ross manchance.com/ISIapplets.html. This applet lists the sex and height of each of the 24 subjects. Click "Show Graphs" to see a bar chart showing the sex of each subject. Currently, the applet is showing the strategy outlined in question 3.
- Click "Randomize".

In this random assignment, what proportion of males are in group 1 (the placebo group)?

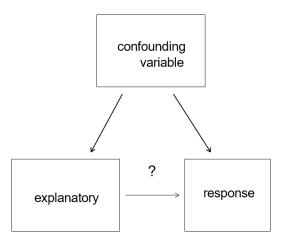
What proportion of males are in group 2 (the drug group)?

What is the difference in proportion of males between the two groups (placebo - drug)?

5. Change "Replications" to 999 (for 1000 total). Click "Randomize" again. Sketch the plot of the distribution of difference in proportions from each of the 1000 random assignments here. Be sure to include a descriptive x-axis label.

- 6. Does random assignment *always* balance the placebo and drug groups based on the sex of the participants? Does random assignment *tend* to make the placebo and drug groups *roughly* the same with respect to the distribution of sex? Use your plot from question5 to justify your answers.
- 7. Change the drop-down menu below Group 2 from "sex" to "height". The applet now calculates the average height in the placebo and drug groups for each of the 1000 random assignments. The dot plot displays the distribution of the difference in mean heights (placebo drug) for each random assignment. Based on this dot plot, is height distributed equally, on average, between the two groups? Explain how you know.

The diagram below summarizes these ideas about confounding variables and random assignment. When a confounding variable is present (such as sex or height), and an association is found in a study, it is impossible to discern what caused the change in the response variable. Is the change the result of the explanatory variable or the confounding variable? However, if all confounding variables are *balanced* across the treatment groups, then only the explanatory variable differs between the groups and thus *must have caused* the change seen in the response variable.



8. What is the purpose of random assignment of the subjects in a study to the explanatory variable groups? Cross out the arrow in the figure above that is eliminated by random assignment.

Notes on scope of inference

Scope of Inference: If evidence of an association is found in our sample, what can be concluded?

	Study '		
Selection of cases	Randomized experiment	Observational study	
Random sample (and no other sampling bias)	Causal relationship, and can generalize results to population. Cannot conclude causal relationship, but can generalize results to population.		Inferences to population can be made
No random sample (or other sampling bias)	Causal relationship, but cannot generalize results to a population. Cannot conclude causal relationship, and cannot generalize results to a population.		Can only generalize to those similar to the sample due to potential sampling
	1	₽	bias
	Can draw cause-and- effect conclusions	Can only discuss association due to potential confounding variables	

9. Suppose in this study on atrial fibrillation, the scientists did randomly assign groups and found that the drug group has a higher proportion of subjects whose heart rates stabilized than the placebo group. Can the scientists conclude the new drug <i>caused</i> the increased chance of stabilization? Explain your answer.
10. Is the sample of subjects a simple random sample or a convenience sample?
11. Both the sampling method and the study design will help to determine the <i>scope of inference</i> for a study To <i>whom</i> can we generalize, and can we conclude <i>causation or only association</i> ? Use your answers to question 9 and 10 and the scope of inference table to determine the scope of inference of this trial study described in question 9.
8.2.4 Scope of Inference
The two main study designs we will cover are observational studies and experiments . In observational studies, researchers have no influence over which subjects are in each group being compared (though they can control other variables in the study). An experiment is defined by assignment of the treatment groups of the <i>explanatory variable</i> , typically via random assignment.
For the next exercises identify the study design (observational study or experiment), the sampling method, and the scope of inference.
12. The pharmaceutical company Moderna Therapeutics, working in conjunction with the National Institutes of Health, conducted Phase 3 clinical trials of a vaccine for COVID-19 in the Fall of 2021. US clinical research sites enrolled 30,000 volunteers without COVID-19 to participate. Participants were randomly assigned to receive either the candidate vaccine or a saline placebo. They were then followed to assess whether or not they developed COVID-19. The trial was double-blind, so neither the investigators nor the participants knew who was assigned to which group.
Study design:
Sampling method:
Scope of inference:

13.	In another study, a local health department randomly selected 1000 US adults without COVID-19 to
	participate in a health survey. Each participant was assessed at the beginning of the study and then
	followed for one year. They were interested to see which participants elected to receive a vaccination for
	COVID-19 and whether any participants developed COVID-19.
	Study design:
	Sampling method:

Scope of inference:

8.2.5 Take-home messages

- 1. The study design (observational study vs, experiment) determines if we can draw causal inferences or not. If an association is detected, a randomized experiment allows us to conclude that there is a causal (cause-and-effect) relationship between the explanatory and response variable. Observational studies have potential confounding variables within the study that prevent us from inferring a causal relationship between the variables studied.
- 2. Confounding variables are variables not included in the study that are related to both the explanatory and the response variables. When there are potential confounding variables in the study we cannot draw causal inferences.
- 3. Random assignment balances confounding variables across treatment groups. This eliminates any possible confounding variables by breaking the connections between the explanatory variable and the potential confounding variables.
- 4. Observational studies will always carry the possibility of confounding variables. Randomized experiments, which use random assignment, will have no confounding variables.

8.2.6 Additional notes

Use this space to summarize your thoughts and take additional notes on today's activity and material covered.

8.3 Activity 14: Summarizing Two Categorical Variables

8.3.1 Learning outcomes

- Identify and create appropriate summary statistics and plots given a data set or research question involving categorical variables.
- Plots for association between two categorical variables: segmented bar plot, mosaic plot.
- Calculate and interpret relative risk

8.3.2 Terminology review

In today's activity, we will review summary measures and plots for categorical variables. Some terms covered in this activity are:

- Conditional proportions
- Segmented bar plots
- · Mosaic plots
- Relative risk

To review these concepts, see Chapter 4 in the textbook.

8.3.3 Graphing categorical variables

Follow these steps to upload the necessary R script file for today's activity:

- Download the RScript file for this Activity from D2L
- Upload the file to the RStudio server
- Open the RScript file

Highlight and run lines 1–2 to load the packages needed for today's activity and load the data set. Notice the use of the # symbol in the R script file. The # sign is not part of the R code. It is used by these authors to add comments to the R code and explain what each call is telling the program to do.

R will ignore everything after a # sign when executing the code. Refer to the instructions following the # sign to understand what you need to enter in the code.

Nightlight use and myopia

In a study reported in Nature (Quinn et al. 1999), a survey of 479 children found that those who had slept with a nightlight or in a fully lit room before the age of two had a higher incidence of nearsightedness (myopia) later in childhood.

In this study, there are two variables studied: Light: level of light in room at night (no light, nightlight, full light) and Sight: level of myopia developed later in childhood (high myopia, myopia, no myopia).

Is there evidence that level of light in a child's room at night is associated with level of myopia later in life?

- Observational units:
- Explanatory variable:
 - Type of variable:
- Response variable:
 - Type of variable:

Notes on two categorical variables

An important part of understanding data is to create visual pictures of what the data represent. In this activity, we will create graphical representations of categorical data.

R code

The line of code shown below (line 5 in the R script file) reads in the data set and names the data set myopia. Highlight and run line 5 in the R script file to load the data from the Stat 216 webpage.

```
# This will read in the data set
myopia <- read.csv("https://math.montana.edu/courses/s216/data/ChildrenLightSight.csv")</pre>
```

1. Click on the data set name (myopia) in the Environment tab (upper right window). This will open the data set in a 2nd tab in the Editor window (upper left window). R is case sensitive, which means that you must always type the name of a variable EXACTLY as it is written in the data set including upper and lower case letters and without misspellings! Write down the name of each variable (column names) as it is written in the data set.

Summarizing two categorical variables

Is there an association between the level of light in a room and the development of myopia? Fill in the name of the explanatory variable, Light for explanatory and name of the response variable, Sight in line 9 in the R script file, highlight and run line 9 to get the counts for each combination of levels of variables.

```
myopia %>% group_by(explanatory) %>% count(response)
```

2. Fill in the following table with the values from the R output.

	Light Level			
Myopia Level	Full Light	Nightlight	No Light	Total
High Myopia				
Myopia				
No Myopia				
Total				

In the following questions, use the table to calculate the described proportions. Notation is important for each calculation. Since this is sample data, it is appropriate to use statistic notation for the proportion, \hat{p} . When calculating a proportion dependent on a single level of a variable, subscripts are needed when reporting the notation.

- 3. Calculate the proportion of children with no myopia. Use appropriate notation.
- 4. Calculate the proportion of children with no myopia among those that slept with full light. Use appropriate notation.
- 5. Calculate the proportion of children with no myopia among those that slept with no light. Use appropriate notation.
- 6. Calculate the difference in proportion of children with no myopia for those that slept with full light minus those who slept with no light. Give the appropriate notation. Use full light minus no light as the order of subtraction.

Interpretation of the calculated difference in proportion in context of the study.

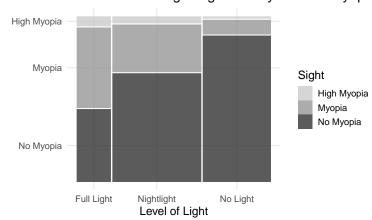
Displaying two categorical variables

Two types of plots can be created to display two categorical variables. To examine the differences in level of myopia for the level of light, we will first create a segmented bar plot of Light segmented by Sight. To create the segmented bar plot enter the variable name, Light for explanatory and the variable name, Sight for response in the R script file in line 14. Highlight and run lines 13–20.

- 7. From the segmented bar plot, which level of light has the highest proportion of No Myopia?
- 8. Based on the plot, is there an association between level of light and level of myopia?

We could also plot the data using a mosaic plot which is shown below.





- 9. What is similar and what is different between the segmented bar chart and the mosaic bar chart?
- 10. Explain why the bar for Nightlight is the widest in the mosaic plot.

Relative Risk

The following table shows counts showing the combined counts of high myopia and myopia.

Myopia Level	Full Light	Total		
Some level of Myopia	47	74	17	138
No Myopia	38	149	154	341
Total	85	223	171	479

11. Calculate the relative risk of some level of myopia for children that slept with full light compared to those that slept with no light.
Interpretation of relative risk in context of the problem.
12. Calculate the percent increase/decrease in risk of myopia for children that slept with full light compared to those that slept with no light.
Interpretation of relative risk as a percent increase/decrease in risk in context of the problem.
8.3.4 Take-home messages1. Bar charts can be used to graphically display a single categorical variable either as counts or proportions
Segmented bar charts and mosaic plots are used to display two categorical variables. 2. Segmented bar charts always have a scale from 0 - 100%. The bars represent the outcomes of the explanatory variable. Each bar is segmented by the response variable. If the heights of each segment are the same for each bar there is no association between variables.
3. Mosaic plots are similar to segmented bar charts but the widths of the bars also show the number of observations within each outcome.
8.3.5 Additional notes

Use this space to summarize your thoughts and take additional notes on today's activity and material covered.

8.4 Activity 15: The Good Samaritan

8.4.1 Learning outcomes

- Given a research question involving two categorical variables, construct the null and alternative hypotheses in words and using appropriate statistical symbols.
- Investigate the process of creating a null distribution for two categorical variables
- Find and evaluate a p-value from the null distribution

8.4.2 Terminology review

In today's activity, we will use simulation-based methods to analyze two categorical variables. Some terms covered in this activity are:

- Conditional proportion
- Null hypothesis
- Alternative hypothesis

To review these concepts, see Chapter 15 in your textbook.

8.4.3 The Good Samaritan

Researchers at the Princeton University wanted to investigate influences on behavior (Darley and Batson 1973). The researchers randomly selected 67 students from the Princeton Theological Seminary to participate in a study. Only 47 students chose to participate in the study, and the data below includes 40 of those students (7 students were removed from the study for various reasons). As all participants were theology majors planning a career as a preacher, the expectation was that all would have a similar disposition when it comes to helping behavior. Each student was then shown a 5-minute presentation on the Good Samaritan, a parable in the Bible which emphasizes the importance of helping others. After the presentation, the students were told they needed to give a talk on the Good Samaritan parable at a building across campus. Half the students were told they were late for the presentation; the other half told they could take their time getting across campus (the condition was randomly assigned). On the way between buildings, an actor pretending to be a homeless person in distress asked the student for help. The researchers recorded whether the student helped the actor or not. The results of the study are shown in the table below. Do these data provide evidence that those in a hurry will be less likely to help people in need in this situation? Use the order of subtraction hurry – no hurry.

- Observational units:
- Explanatory variable:
 - Group 1:
- Response variable:
 - Success:

	Hurry Condition	No Hurry Condition	Total
Helped Actor	2	11	13
Did Not Help Actor	18	9	27
Total	20	20	40

These counts can be found in R by using the count() function:

- Download the R script file from D2L and upload to the RStudio server.
- Highlight and run lines 1–7 to get the counts for each group.

```
# Read data set in
good <- read.csv("https://math.montana.edu/courses/s216/data/goodsam.csv")</pre>
good %>% group_by(Condition) %>% count(Behavior)
#> # A tibble: 4 x 3
#> # Groups:
               Condition [2]
     Condition Behavior
#>
     <chr>
               <chr>
                        <int>
#> 1 Hurry
               Help
#> 2 Hurry
               No help
                            18
#> 3 No hurry Help
                            11
```

Ask a research question

#> 4 No hurry No help

The research question as stated above is: Do these data provide evidence that those in a hurry will be less likely to help people in need in this situation? In order to set up our hypotheses, we need to express this research question in terms of parameters.

Remember, we define the parameter for a single categorical variable as the true proportion of observational units that are labeled as a "success" in the response variable.

For this study we are identifying two parameters and looking at the difference between these two parameters.

- $\pi_{\text{hurry}} = \text{long-run}$ proportion of Princeton Theological Seminary students assigned to hurry that helped the actor
- $\pi_{\text{no hurry}} = \text{long-run}$ proportion of Princeton Theological Seminary students assigned not to hurry that helped the actor

Parameter of interest in context of the study:

When comparing two groups, we assume the two parameters are equal in the null hypothesis—there is no association between the variables.

Null Hypothesis (in words):

Null Hypothesis (in notation):

Alternative Hypothesis (in words):

Alternative Hypothesis (in notation):

Summarize and visualize the data

To create the segmented bar plot:

- Enter the name of the explanatory variable for explanatory
- Enter the name of the response variable for response
- Highlight and run lines 13–20

```
good %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = explanatory, fill = response))+ #Enter the variables to plot
  geom_bar(stat = "count", position = "fill") +
  labs(title = "Segmented Bar Plot of Princeton Seminary Students that Help the actor \nbetween those that
      y = "Relative Frequency", #y-axis label
      x = "Condition") + #x-axis label
  scale_fill_grey()
```

- 1. Based on the segmented bar plot, is there an association between whether a Seminary student helps the actor and condition assigned?
- 2. Using the two-way table given in the introduction, calculate the conditional proportion of students in the hurry condition who helped the actor. Use appropriate notation.
- 3. Using the two-way table given in the introduction, calculate the conditional proportion of students in the no hurry condition who helped the actor. Use appropriate notation.
- 4. Calculate the summary statistic (difference in sample proportion) for this study. Use Hurry No hurry as the order of subtraction. Use appropriate notation.

Interpretation of the summary statistic:

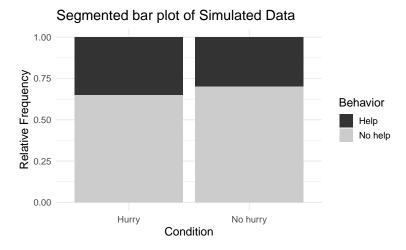
The proportion of Princeton Theological Seminary students that helped the actor is 0.45 less for those assigned to hurry compared to those assigned not to hurry.

Hypothesis Test

We will now simulate a **null distribution** of sample differences in proportions. The null distribution is created under the assumption the null hypothesis is true.

- 5. Using the cards provided by your instructor, simulate one sample under the assumption the null hypothesis is true.
- Start with 40 cards (13 labeled helped, 27 labeled did not help)
- Mix the cards together
- Shuffle the cards into two piles (20 in hurry, 20 in no hurry)
- Calculate the proportion of simulated students that helped in each group.
- Report the difference in proportion of simulated students that helped (hurry no hurry)

The segmented bar plot below shows the relationship between the variables for **one simulation assuming the null hypothesis is true**.



To create the null distribution of differences in sample proportions, we will use the two_proportion_test() function in R (in the catstats package). We will need to enter the response variable name and the explanatory variable name for the formula, the data set name (identified above as good), the outcome for the explanatory variable that is first in subtraction, number of repetitions, the outcome for the response variable that is a success (what the numerator counts when calculating a sample proportion), and the direction of the alternative hypothesis.

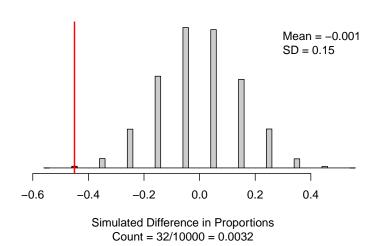
The response variable name is Behavior and the explanatory variable name is Condition.

- 6. What inputs should be entered for each of the following to create the simulation?
- First in subtraction (What is the outcome for the explanatory variable that is used as first in the order of subtraction? "Hurry" or "No hurry"):
- Number of repetitions:
- Response value numerator (What is the outcome for the response variable that is considered a success? "Help" or "No help"):
- As extreme as (enter the value for the sample difference in proportions):

• Direction ("greater", "less", or "two-sided"):

Using the R script file for this activity, enter your answers for question 6 in place of the xx's to produce the null distribution with 10000 simulations; highlight and run lines 24–30.

```
two_proportion_test(formula = Behavior~Condition, # response ~ explanatory
   data = good, # Name of data set
   first_in_subtraction = "Hurry", # Order of subtraction: enter the name of Group 1
   number_repetitions = 10000, # Always use a minimum of 10000 repetitions
   response_value_numerator = "Help", # Define which outcome is a success
   as_extreme_as = -0.45, # Calculated observed statistic (difference in sample proportions)
   direction="less") # Alternative hypothesis direction ("greater", "less", "two-sided")
```



Notes on the null distribution

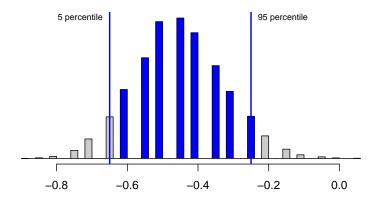
7. Interpret the p-value in context of the study.

Confidence interval

We can also estimate the parameter of interest by finding a confidence interval.

We will use the two_proportion_bootstrap_CI() function in R (in the catstats package) to simulate the bootstrap distribution of differences in sample proportions and calculate a 90% confidence interval. We will need to enter the response variable name and the explanatory variable name for the formula, the data set name (identified above as good), the outcome for the explanatory variable that is first in subtraction, number of repetitions, the outcome for the response variable that is a success (what the numerator counts when calculating a sample proportion), and the confidence level as a decimal.

- 8. What inputs should be entered for each of the following to create the bootstrap simulation?
- First in subtraction (What is the outcome for the explanatory variable that is used as first in the order of subtraction? "Hurry" or "No hurry"):
- Number of repetitions:
- Response value numerator (What is the outcome for the response variable that is considered a success? "Help" or "No help"):
- confidence level:
- Fill in the missing values/names in the R script file in the two_proportion_bootstrap_CI function to create a simulation 90% confidence interval.
- Highlight and run lines ...



Bootstrap Difference in Proportions Mean: -0.449 SD: 0.128 90% CI: (-0.65, -0.25)

9. Report the 90% confidence interval.

10. Interpret the confidence interval in context of the problem.	

11. Write a conclusion, including the scope of inference, in context of the study.

8.4.4 Take-home messages

- 1. When comparing two groups, we are looking at the difference between two parameters. In the null hypothesis, we assume the two parameters are equal, or that there is no difference between the two proportions.
- 2. To create one simulated sample on the null distribution for a difference in sample proportions, label $n_1 + n_2$ cards with the response variable outcomes from the original data. Mix cards together and shuffle into two new groups of sizes n_1 and n_2 , representing the explanatory variable groups. Calculate and plot the difference in proportion of successes.

8.4.5 Additional notes

Use this space to summarize your thoughts and take additional notes on today's activity and material covered.

Theory-based Hypothesis Testing and Confidence Intervals for Two Categorical Variables:

9.1 Vocabulary Review and Key Topics

Review the Golden Ticket posted in the resources at the end of the coursepack for a summary of two categorical variables.

9.1.1 Key topics

Module 9 introduces theory-based hypothesis testing methods and theory-based confidence intervals for two categorical variables.

9.1.2 Vocabulary

Theory-based inference

- Conditions for the sampling distribution of $\hat{p}_1 \hat{p}_2$ to follow an approximate normal distribution: The following conditions must be met in order to use theory-based methods for two categorical variables.
 - Independence: the sample's observations are independent both within and between the two groups.
 (Remember: This also must be true to use simulation-based methods!)
 - Success-failure condition: we expect to see at least 10 successes and 10 failures in the each sample. We consider this condition to be met if we observe at least 10 successes and 10 failures in our data set in both groups: $n_1\hat{p}_1 \geq 10$, $n_1(1-\hat{p}_1) \geq 10$, $n_2\hat{p}_2 \geq 10$, and $n_2(1-\hat{p}_2) \geq 10$. Equivalently, we check that all four cells in the table have at least 10 observations.
- Standard error of a difference in sample proportions assuming the null is true:

$$SE_0(\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2) = \sqrt{\hat{p}_{pooled} \times (1 - \hat{p}_{pooled}) \times \left(\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}\right)}$$

where \hat{p}_{pooled} is the **pooled sample proportion**: the total number of successes divided by the total sample size $(n_1 + n_2)$.

• Standardized difference in sample proportion:

$$Z = \frac{\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2 - 0}{SE_0(\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2)}$$

- Measures the number of standard errors the sample difference in proportions is above or below the null value of zero
- If the conditions for the sampling distribution of $\hat{p}_1 \hat{p}_2$ to follow an approximate normal distribution are met, and if the true difference in proportions is equal to zero, the standardized difference in sample proportions, Z, will have an approximate standard normal distribution.

- Use the pnorm function in R to find a theory-based p-value for a hypothesis test involving a difference in proportions by finding the area under a standard normal distribution where Z is as or more extreme as the value observed (in the direction of H_A).
- Standard error of a difference in sample proportions for a confidence interval (not assuming the null is true):

$$SE(\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2) = \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}_1 \times (1 - \hat{p}_1)}{n_1} + \frac{\hat{p}_2 \times (1 - \hat{p}_2)}{n_2}}$$

- Calculation of the confidence interval for a difference in sample proportions:

$$\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2 \pm z^* \times SE(\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2)$$

- Use the qnorm function in R to find the z^* multiplier.

9.2 Activity 16: Winter Sports Helmet Use and Head Injuries — Theory-based Methods

9.2.1 Learning outcomes

- Assess the conditions to use the normal distribution model for a difference in proportions.
- Create and interpret a theory-based confidence interval for a difference in proportions.
- Calculate and interpret the standardized difference in sample proportion
- Use the standard normal distribution to find the p-value for the test

9.2.2 Terminology review

In today's activity, we will use theory-based methods to estimate the difference in two proportions. Some terms covered in this activity are:

- Standard normal distribution
- Independence and success-failure conditions

To review these concepts, see Chapter 15 in your textbook.

9.2.3 Winter sports helmet use and head injury

In this activity we will focus on theory-based methods. The sampling distribution of a difference in proportions can be mathematically modeled using the normal distribution if certain conditions are met.

Conditions for the sampling distribution of $\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2$ to follow an approximate normal distribution:

- **Independence**: The data are independent within and between the two groups. (*Remember*: This also must be true to use simulation methods!)
- Success-failure condition: This condition is met if we have at least 10 successes and 10 failures in each sample. Equivalently, we check that all cells in the table have at least 10 observations.

A study was reported in "Helmet Use and Risk of Head Injuries in Alpine Skiers and Snowboarders" by Sullheim et. al., (Sulheim et al. 2017), on the use of helmets and head injuries for skiers and snowboarders involved in accidents. The summary results from a random sample of 3562 skiers and snowboarders involved in accidents is shown in the two-way table below.

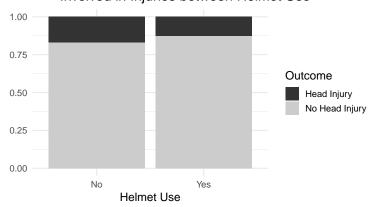
	Helmet Use	No Helmet Use	Total
Head Injury	96	480	576
No Head Injury	656	2330	2986
Total	752	2810	3562

Is there evidence that safety helmet use is associated with a reduced risk of head injury for skiers and snowboarders?

- Observational units:
- Explanatory variable:
 - Group 1:
- Response variable:
 - Success:

- Download the R script file from D2L and upload to the RStudio server
- Highlight and run 1–13 to import the data set and create the segmented bar plot

Segmented Bar Plot of Head Injuries for Skiers/Snowbo Involved in Injuries between Helmet Use



Verify the independence condition is met.

Verify the success failure condition is met to use theory-based methods.

1. Calculate the difference in sample proportion of skiers and snowboarders involved in accidents with a head injury for those who wear helmets and those who do not. Use appropriate notation with informative subscripts.

Hypothesis test

For this study, we will see if there is evidence that safety helmet use is associated with a reduced risk of head injury for skiers and snowboarders.

2. Write the null and alternative hypotheses in notation.

 H_0 :

 H_A :

Use statistical analysis methods to draw inferences from the data

To test the null hypothesis, we could use simulation-based methods as we did in the activities in Module 8. In this activity, we will focus on theory-based methods. Like with a single proportion, the sampling distribution of a difference in sample proportions can be mathematically modeled using the normal distribution if certain conditions are met.

To calculate the standardized statistic we use:

$$Z = \frac{(\hat{p_1} - \hat{p_2}) - \text{null value}}{SE_0(\hat{p_1} - \hat{p}_2)},$$

where the null standard error is calculated using the pooled proportion of successes:

$$SE_0(\hat{p}_1-\hat{p}_2) = \sqrt{\hat{p}_{pool}\times(1-\hat{p}_{pool})\times\left(\frac{1}{n_1}+\frac{1}{n_2}\right)}.$$

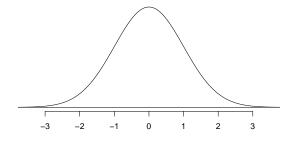
For this study we would first calculate the pooled proportion of successes.

$$\hat{p}_{pool} = \frac{\text{number of "successes"}}{\text{number of cases}}$$

Calculate the pooled proportion of head injuries.

Use the value for the pooled proportion of successes to calculate the $SE_0(\hat{p}_1-\hat{p}_2)$ assuming the null hypothesis is true.

Use the value of the null standard error to calculate the standardized statistic (standardized difference in proportion).



3. Interpret the standardized statistic in context of the problem.

We will use the pnorm() function in R to find the p-value.

- Enter the value of z for xx
- Highlight and run lines 18–20

```
pnorm(-2.855, # Enter value of standardized statistic
    m=0, s=1, # Using the standard normal mean = 0, sd = 1
    lower.tail=TRUE) # Gives a p-value less than the standardized statistic
```

#> [1] 0.002151841

Confidence Interval

To find a confidence interval for the difference in proportions we will add and subtract the margin of error from the point estimate to find the two endpoints.

$$\begin{split} \hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2 \pm z^* \times SE(\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2), \ \ \text{where} \\ SE(\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2) = \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}_1 \times (1 - \hat{p}_1)}{n_1} + \frac{\hat{p}_2 \times (1 - \hat{p}_2)}{n_2}} \end{split}$$

In this formula, we use the sample proportions for each group to calculate the standard error for the difference in proportions since we are not assuming that the true difference is zero.

Calculate the standard error of the sample proportion not assuming the null hypothesis is true.

Recall that the z^* multiplier is the percentile of a standard normal distribution that corresponds to our confidence level. If our confidence level is 90%, we find the Z values that encompass the middle 90% of the standard normal distribution. If 90% of the standard normal distribution should be in the middle, that leaves 10% in the tails, or 5% in each tail. The qnorm() function in R will tell us the z^* value for the desired percentile (in this case, 90% + 5% = 95% percentile).

```
qnorm(0.95, lower.tail = TRUE) # Multiplier for 90% confidence interval
```

#> [1] 1.644854

Remember that the margin of error is the value added and subtracted to the sample difference in proportions to find the endpoints for the confidence interval.

$$ME = z^* \times SE(\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2)$$

Using the multiplier of $z^* = 1.645$ and the calculated standard error, calculate the margin of error for a 90% confidence interval.

Calculate the 90% confidence interval for the parameter of interest.

Interpretation of the confidence interval:

4. Write a conclusion to the test including the scope of inference.

9.2.4 Effect of sample size

How would an increase in sample size impact the width of the confidence interval. Suppose in another sample of skiers and snowboards involved in accidents we saw these results:

	Helmet Use	No Helmet Use	Total
Head Injury	135	674	809
No Head Injury	921	3270	4191
Total	1056	3944	5000

Note that the sample proportions for each group are the same as the smaller sample size.

$$\hat{p}_h = \frac{135}{1056} = 0.128, \ \hat{p}_n = \frac{674}{3944} = 0.171$$

$$SE(\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2) = \sqrt{\frac{0.128 \times (1 - 0.128)}{1056} + \frac{0.171 \times (1 - 0.171)}{3944}} = 0.012$$

Margin of Error for 90% confidence interval:

$$ME = 1.645 \times 0.012 = 0.020$$

90% Confidence Interval:

$$(0.128 - 0.171) \pm 0.02$$

 $(-0.063, -0.023)$

5. How did an increase in sample size impact the width of the confidence interal?

9.2.5 Take-home messages

- 1. Simulation-based methods and theory-based methods should give similar results for a study if the validity conditions are met. For both methods, observational units need to be independent. To use theory-based methods, additionally, the success-failure condition must be met. Check the validity conditions for each type of test to determine if theory-based methods can be used.
- 2. When calculating the standard error for the difference in sample proportions when doing a hypothesis test, we use the pooled proportion of successes, the best estimate for calculating the variability under the assumption the null hypothesis is true.
- 3. Increasing sample size will result in less sample-to-sample variability in statistics, which will result in a smaller standard error, and a narrower confidence interval.

9.2.6 Additional notes

Use this space to summarize your thoughts and take additional notes on today's activity and material covered.

9.3 Module 8 and 9 Lab: Poisonous Mushrooms

9.3.1 Learning outcomes

- Given a research question involving two categorical variables, construct the null and alternative hypotheses in words and using appropriate statistical symbols.
- Describe and perform a simulation-based hypothesis test for a difference in proportions.
- Interpret and evaluate a p-value for a simulation-based hypothesis test for a difference in proportions.
- Interpret and evaluate a confidence interval for a simulation-based confidence interval for a difference in proportions.

9.3.2 Poisonous Mushrooms

Wild mushrooms, such as chanterelles or morels, are delicious, but eating wild mushrooms carries the risk of accidental poisoning. Even a single bite of the wrong mushroom can be enough to cause fatal poisoning. An amateur mushroom hunter is interested in finding an easy rule to differentiate poisonous and edible mushrooms. They think that the mushroom's gills (the part which holds and releases spores) might be related to a mushroom's edibility. They used a data set of 8124 mushrooms and their descriptions. For each mushroom, the data set includes whether it is edible (e) or poisonous (p) and the size of the gills (broad (b) or narrow (n)). Is there evidence gill size is associated with whether a mushroom is poisonous? PLEASE NOTE: According to The Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Mushrooms, there is no simple rule for determining the edibility of a mushroom; no rule like "leaflets three, let it be' for Poisonous Oak and Ivy.

- Observational units:
- Explanatory variable:
 - Group 1:
- Response variable:
 - Success:
- Upload and open the R script file for the Module 9 lab. Upload and import the csv file, mushrooms_edibility.
- Enter the name of the data set (see the environment tab) for datasetname.csv in the R script file in line 8.
- Highlight and run lines 1–9 to get the counts for each combination of categories.

```
mushrooms <- read.csv("datasetname.csv") # Read data set in
mushrooms %>% group_by(gill_size) %>% count(edibility) #finds the counts in each group
```

1. Write the parameter of interest in words, in context of the study.

2. Write the null hypothesis for this study in notation.

3. Using the research question, write the alternative hypothesis in words.

4. Fill in the following two-way table using the R output.

	Gill	Size	
Edibility	Broad (b)	Narrow (n)	Total
Poisonous (p)			
Edible (e)			
Total			

5. Calculate the difference in proportion of mushrooms that are poisonous for broad gill mushrooms and narrow gill mushrooms. Use broad - narrow for the order of subtraction. Use appropriate notation.

• Fill in the missing values/names in the R script file for the two-proportion_test function to create the null distribution and find the p-value for the test.

```
two_proportion_test(formula = response~explanatory, # response ~ explanatory
    data= mushrooms, # Name of data set
    first_in_subtraction = "xx", # Order of subtraction: enter the name of Group 1
    number_repetitions = 10000, # Always use a minimum of 10000 repetitions
    response_value_numerator = "xx", # Define which outcome is a success
    as_extreme_as = xx, # Calculated observed statistic (difference in sample proportions)
    direction="xx") # Alternative hypothesis direction ("greater", "less", "two-sided")
```

- 6. Report the p-value for the study.
- 7. Do you expect that a 90% confidence interval would contain the null value of zero? Explain your answer.

• Fill in the missing values/names in the R script file in the two_proportion_bootstrap_CI function to create a simulation 90% confidence interval.

- 8. Report the 90% confidence interval.
- 9. Write a paragraph summarizing the results of the study. Upload your group's paragraph to Gradescope. Be sure to describe:
- Summary statistic and interpretation
 - Summary measure (in context)
 - Value of the statistic
 - Order of subtraction when comparing two groups
- P-value and interpretation
 - Statement about probability or proportion of samples
 - Statistic (summary measure and value)
 - Direction of the alternative
 - Null hypothesis (in context)
- Confidence interval and interpretation
 - How confident you are (e.g., 90%, 95%, 98%, 99%)
 - Parameter of interest
 - Calculated interval
 - Order of subtraction when comparing two groups
- Conclusion (written to answer the research question)
 - Amount of evidence
 - Parameter of interest
 - Direction of the alternative hypothesis
- Scope of inference
 - To what group of observational units do the results apply (target population or observational units similar to the sample)?
 - What type of inference is appropriate (causal or non-causal)?

Paragraph:

Unit 2 Review

The following section contains both a list of key topics covered in Unit 2 as well as Module Review Worksheets.

10.0.1 Key Topics

Review the key topics for Unit 2 to review prior to the exams. All of these topics will be covered in Modules 6–9.

10.0.2 Module Review

The following worksheets review each of the modules. These worksheets will be completed during Melinda's Study Sessions each week. Solutions will be posted on D2L in the Unit 2 Review folder after the study sessions.

10.1 Key Topics Exam 2

Descriptive statistics and study design

- 1. Identify the observational units.
- 2. Identify the types of variables (categorical or quantitative).
- 3. Identify the explanatory variable (if present) and the response variable (roles of variables).
- 4. Identify the appropriate type of graph and summary measure.
- 5. Identify the study design (observational study or randomized experiment).
- 6. Identify the sampling method and potential types of sampling bias (non-response, response, selection).
- 7. Calculate and interpret the difference in proportions, relative risk, and percent increase/decrease in risk for a study involving two categorical variables.

Hypothesis testing

- 8. Identify which of the two scenarios applies to the study: one quantitative variable or two categorical variables.
- 9. Write the parameter of interest in words and correct notation.
- 10. Find the value of the observed statistic (point estimate, summary statistic). Use correct notation.
- 11. State the null and alternative hypotheses in words and in correct notation.
- 12. Verify the validity condition is met to use simulation-based methods to find a p-value.
- 13. Verify the validity conditions are met to use theory-based methods to find a p-value from the theoretical distribution.
- 14. In a simulation-based hypothesis test, describe how to create one dot on a dotplot of the null distribution using coins, cards, or spinners.
- 15. Explain where the null distribution is centered and why.
- 16. Describe and illustrate how R calculates the p-value for a simulation-based test.
- 17. Describe and illustrate how R calculates the p-value for a theory-based test.
- 18. Type of theoretical distribution (standard normal distribution or t-distribution with appropriate degrees of freedom) used to model the standardized statistic in a theory-based hypothesis test.
- 19. Calculate and interpret the standard error of the statistic under the null using the correct formula on the Golden ticket.
- 20. Calculate and interpret the appropriate standardized statistic using the correct formula on the Golden ticket.
- 21. Interpret the p-value in context of the study: it is the probability of _____, assuming _____
- 22. Evaluate the p-value for strength of evidence against the null: how much evidence does the p-value provide against the null?
- 23. Write a conclusion about the research question based on the p-value.
- 24. Given a significance level, what decision can be made about the research question based on the p-value.
- 25. Describe which features of the study could be changed to increase power and how.
- 26. Describe which features of the study impact the p-value and how.

- 27. Write a Type I error in context of the problem.
- 28. Write a Type II error in context of the problem.
- 29. Interpret power in context of the problem.
- 30. Based on your p-value, identify what type of error could have occurred.

Confidence interval

- 31. Describe how to simulate one bootstrapped sample using cards.
- 32. Explain where the bootstrap distribution is centered and why.
- 33. Find an appropriate percentile confidence interval using a bootstrap distribution from R output.
- 34. Verify the validity condition is met to use simulation-based methods to find the confidence interval.
- 35. Verify the validity conditions are met to use theory-based methods to calculate a confidence interval.
- 36. Describe and illustrate how the bootstrap distribution is used to find the confidence interval for a given confidence level.
- 37. Describe and illustrate how the standard normal distribution or t-distribution is used to find the multiplier for a given confidence level.
- 38. Calculate and interpret the standard error of the statistic (not assuming the null hypothesis) using the correct formula on the Golden ticket
- 39. Calculate the appropriate margin of error and confidence interval using theory-based methods.
- 40. Interpret the confidence interval in context of the study.
- 41. Based on the interval, what decision can you make about the null hypothesis? Does the confidence interval agree with the results of the hypothesis test? Justify your answer.
- 42. Interpret the confidence level in context of the study. What does "confidence" mean?
- 43. Describe which features of the study have an effect on the width of the confidence interval and how.

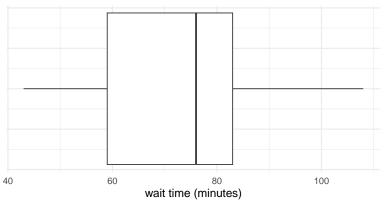
10.2 Module 6 Review - One Mean Testing

There are about 4 million tourists to Yellowstone National Park per year. One of the most visited sites within the park is the Old Faithful Geyser. The reason this geyser is called old faithful is because of the regularity of eruptions. Tourists report a typical wait time of 30 minutes, on average. A sample of 299 tourists reported their wait time to see Old Faithful erupt. Is there evidence that the average wait time differs from 30 minutes?

```
#> min Q1 median Q3 max mean sd n missing
#> 1 43 59 76 83 108 72.31438 13.89032 299 0
```

The following code created the boxplot of waiting time.





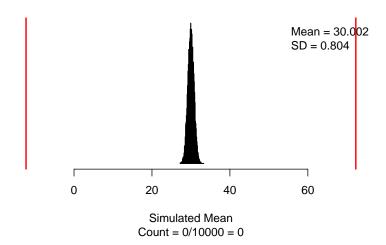
- 1. Report and interpret the value of Q_1 in context of the study.
- 2. Report and interpret the standard deviation of reported wait time in context of the study.
- 3. Descripe the plot using the four characteristics for boxplots.

- 4. Write the parameter of interest for this study in context of the study.
- 5. Write the null hypothesis in notation.
- 6. Write the alternative hypothesis in words.

We will start with simulation methods.

7. Calculate the difference $\mu_0 - \bar{x}$. Will we need to shift the data up or down?

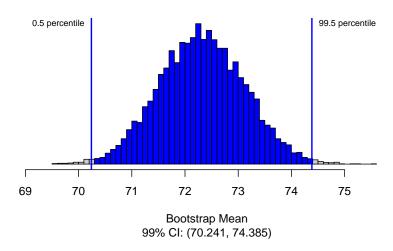
```
set.seed(216)
one_mean_test(data = geyser$waiting, #Object and variable
    null_value = 30, #null value for the study
    shift = -42.31438, #Shift needed for bootstrap hypothesis test
    summary_measure = "mean",
    as_extreme_as = 72.314, #Observed statistic
    direction = "two-sided", #Direction of alternative
    number_repetitions = 10000) #Number of simulated samples for null distribution
```



8. Interpret the p-value of the test.

9. Do you expect the 99% confidence inteval to contain the null value of 30 minutes? Explain your answer.

In the next part of the activity, we will estimate the mean wait time for Old Faithful to erupt reported by tourists by creating a 99% confidence interval using simulation methods.



- 10. How many simulations are at and below the value of 70.241?
- 11. Interpret the 99% confidence interval.
- 12. Write a conclusion to the test.

10.3 Module 7 Review - One Mean Confidence Interval

There are about 4 million tourists to Yellowstone National Park per year. One of the most visited sites within the park is the Old Faithful Geyser. The reason this geyser is called old faithful is because of the regularity of eruptions. Tourists report a typical wait time of 30 minutes, on average. A sample of 299 tourists reported their wait time to see Old Faithful erupt. How long, on average, do tourists wait for Old Faithful to erupt?

The following code created the boxplot of waiting time.





In the last module review, we used simulation methods to analyze these data. Now we will use theory-based methods.

Conditions for the sampling distribution of \bar{x} to follow an approximate Normal distribution:

- **Independence**: the sample's observations are independent, e.g., are from a simple random sample. (*Remember*: This also must be true to use simulation methods!)
- **Normality Condition**: either the sample observations come from a normally distributed population or we have a large enough sample size. To check this condition, use the following rules of thumb:
 - -n < 30: If the sample size n is less than 30 and the distribution of the data is approximately normal with no clear outliers in the data, then we typically assume the data come from a nearly normal distribution to satisfy the condition.
 - $-30 \le n < 100$: If the sample size n is betwe 30 and 100 and there are no particularly extreme outliers in the data, then we typically assume the sampling distribution of \bar{x} is nearly normal, even if the underlying distribution of individual observations is not.
 - $-n \ge 100$: If the sample size n is at least 100 (regardless of the presence of skew or outliers), we typically assume the sampling distribution of \bar{x} is nearly normal, even if the underlying distribution of individual observations is not.
- 1. Is the independence condition met?
- 2. Is the normality condition met to use theory-based methods?

To find the standardized statistic for the mean we will use the following formula:

$$T = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{SE(\bar{x})},$$

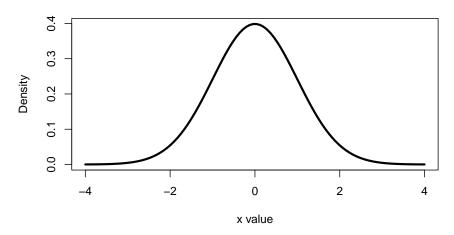
where the standard error of the sample mean difference is:

$$SE(\bar{x}) = \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}.$$

- 3. Calculate the standard error of the sample mean.
- 4. Calculate the standardized mean for the study.

5. Mark on the t-distribution shown below on how to find the p-value of the test.

t Distribution with 298 df



6. Interpret the standardized mean in context of the study.

The following code calculates the p-value for the study.

```
2*pt(-52.676, df=298, lower.tail=TRUE)
#> [1] 5.045442e-153
```

To calculate a theory-based confidence interval for the a single mean, use the following formula:

$$\bar{x} \pm t^* \times SE(\bar{x}).$$

We will need to find the t^* multiplier using the function qt().

- Enter the appropriate percentile (0.995) in the R code to find the multiplier for a 99% confidence interval.
- Enter the df n-1=299-1=298

```
qt(0.995, df = 298, lower.tail=TRUE)
```

#> [1] 2.592428

- 7. Mark on the t-distribution found below the values of $\pm t^*$. Draw a line at each multiplier and write the percentiles used to find each.
- 8. Calculate the 99% confidence interval using theory-based methods.

t Distribution with 298 df

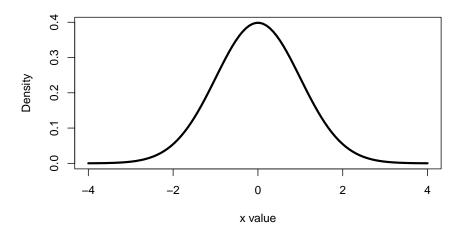


Figure 10.1: t-distribution with 602 degrees of freedom

Types of Errors:

- 9. What type of error may have occurred for this study?
- 10. Interpret this error in context of the study.

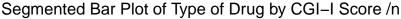
10.4 Module 7 and 8 Review

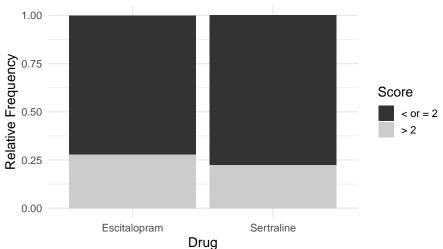
- 1. Women are considered anemic if they have a hemoglobin level of less than 12.0 g/dl. An iron supplement manufacturer reports that they can increase the level of hemoglobin by 1.5 g/dl. If the supplement does not work, there will be no change in the hemoglobin level. The researchers believe the mean change in hemoglobin level for all women is 2 g/dl from the true mean change in hemoglobin level, on average. The manufacturer plans to use a significance level of 0.01 and hold the probability of concluding that the supplement does not increase the hemoglobin level, when really it does to 10%.
- a. What values would we enter into the power applet to find the minimum sample size needed?
- Null Hypothesis Value μ_0 :
- Alternative Hypothesis direction:
- True value of μ :
- Type I Error α :
- Population Std. Dev. σ :
- b. What is the desired power of the test?

- c. The results from the power applet indicate a minimum sample size of 23 would be needed. If the manufacturer used a sample size of 40, would the power of the test increase or decrease?
- What if a significance level of 0.05 was used?
- d. Interpret the power of the test in context of the study.

2. Two widely used antidepressants for major depressive disorder (MDD) are escitalopram and sertraline. In this study, 211 people diagnosed with MDD were recruited to participate in an eight-week trial. They were randomly assigned to receive either escitalopram or sertraline, without the inclusion of a placebo. At the end of the eight weeks, participants were evaluated using the Clinical Global Impression – Improvement scale (CGI-I). The CGI-I ranges from 1 to 7, where a score of 1-2 indicates there has been some level of improvement in the participant's mental health. The results of the study are reported in the table and plot below. Is there evidence of a difference in likelihood of some level of improvement for people diagnosed with MDD between those taking escitalopram and those taking sertraline? Use Escitalopram – Sertraline as the order of subtraction.

	Escitalopram	Sertraline	Total
Improvement	75	83	158
No Improvement	29	24	53
Total	104	107	211





- a. Identify the role (explanatory or response) and the type (categorical or quantitative) for the variables in this study.
- b. Identify the study design (observational study or randomized experiment) for this study.
- c. Identify the sampling method for this study.
- d. If we find evidence of a difference in likelihood of some level of improvement between the two types of drug, what is the scope of inference for this study?

3. Research was carried out to explore whether the method of studying, either individually or in a group, has any significant impact on a student's final exam performance, specifically whether they pass or fail. The data for this study were gathered from a sample of 200 undergraduate students in an Introductory Chemistry class who voluntarily participated by reporting their study habits and exam outcomes (pass or fail) after their first midterm. The results of the study are reported in the table below. Is there evidence of an association between how undergraduate students choose to study and their exam results? Use Group – Individual as the order of subtraction.

	Group	Individual	Total
Pass	73	59	132
Fail	30	38	68
Total	103	97	200

- a. Calculate the proportion of students that failed the final exam among those that studied in a group. Use proper notation with appropriate subscripts.
- b. Calculate the proportion of students that failed the final exam among those that studied as an individual. Use proper notation with appropriate subscripts.
- c. Calculate and interpret the difference in proportion of students that failed the final exam between those who studied in a group and those that studied as an individual.

d. Calculate the relative risk of failing the final examfor students that studied in a group compared to those that studied as an individual.

e. Interpret the value in part d) as a percent change in context of the problem.

10.5 Module 8 and 9 Review

```
allergy <- read.csv("https://math.montana.edu/courses/s216/data/PeanutAllergy.csv")
allergy %>% group_by(Treatment) %>% count(Allergy)
```

```
#> # A tibble: 4 x 3
#> # Groups:
                Treatment [2]
#>
     Treatment Allergy
#>
     <chr>
                <chr>
                        <int>
#> 1 Avoiders
                          220
               No
#> 2 Avoiders
               Yes
                           35
#> 3 Peanuts
                Nο
                          240
#> 4 Peanuts
                Yes
                            5
```

In the last 10 years, the proportion of children who are allergic to peanuts has doubled in Western countries. However, the allergy is not very common in some other countries where peanut protein is an important part of peoples' diets. The LEAP randomized trial, reported by Du Toit, et.al in the New England Journal of Medicine in February 2015 identified over 500 children ages 4 to 10 months who showed some sensitivity to peanut protein. They randomly assigned them to two groups:

- Peanut avoiders: parents were told to not give their kids any food which contained peanuts
- Peanut eaters: parents were given a snack containing peanut protein and told to feed it to their child several times per week (target dose was at least 6g of peanut protein per week).

At age 5 years, children were tested with a standard skin prick to see if they had an allergic reaction to peanut protein (yes or no). Is there evidence that exposure to peanuts reduces the likelihood of developing peanut allergies?

	Peanut Avoiders	Peanut Eaters	Total
Allergy	35	5	40
No Allergy	220	240	460
Total	255	245	500

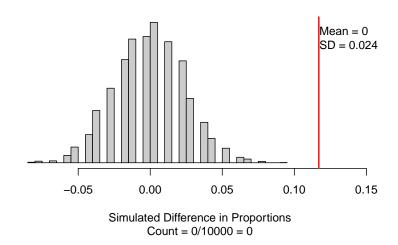
For this study we will use the order of subtraction avoiders – eaters.

1. Fill in the blanks with one answer from each set of parentheses:

2. Write the parameter of interest for this study.

3. Write the null hypothesis in notation.

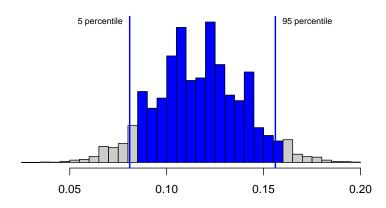
4.	Write the alternative hypothesis in words.
5.	Calculate the conditional proportion of children that developed a peanut allergy among those that avoided peanuts. Use proper notation.
6.	Calculate the conditional proportion of children that developed a peanut allergy among those that ate peanuts. Use proper notation.
7.	Calculate the difference in proportion of children that developed a peanut allergy for those that avoided peanuts and those who ate peanuts. Use proper notation.
8.	First, let's think about how one simulation would be created on the null distribution using cards. How many cards would you need?
	What would be written on each card?
9.	Next, we would mix the cards together and shuffle into two piles. How many cards would be in each pile? What would each pile represent?
10.	Once we have one simulated sample, what would we calculate and plot on the null distribution? <i>Hint</i> : What statistic are we calculating from the data?



11. Interpret the p-value in context of the problem:

12. Write a conclusion to the test in context of the study.

We will use the two_proportion_bootstrap_CI() function in R (in the catstats package) to simulate the bootstrap distribution of differences in sample proportions and calculate a confidence interval. We will need to enter the response variable name and the explanatory variable name for the formula, the data set name (identified above as allergy), the outcome for the explanatory variable that is first in subtraction, number of repetitions, the outcome for the response variable that is a success (what the numerator counts when calculating a sample proportion), and the confidence level as a decimal.



Bootstrap Difference in Proportions Mean: 0.117 SD: 0.023 90% CI: (0.081, 0.156)

13. Interpret the 90% confidence interval in context of the problem.

Theory-based Methods

Conditions for the sampling distribution of $\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2$ to follow an approximate normal distribution:

- **Independence**: The data are independent within and between the two groups. (*Remember*: This also must be true to use simulation methods!)
- Success-failure condition: This condition is met if we have at least 10 successes and 10 failures in each sample. Equivalently, we check that all cells in the table have at least 10 observations.
- 14. Are the conditions met to use theory-based methods?

To calculate the standardized statistic we use:

$$Z = \frac{(\hat{p_1} - \hat{p_2}) - \text{null value}}{SE_0(\hat{p_1} - \hat{p}_2)}, \label{eq:Z}$$

where the null standard error is calculated using the pooled proportion of successes:

$$SE_0(\hat{p}_1-\hat{p}_2) = \sqrt{\hat{p}_{pool} \times (1-\hat{p}_{pool}) \times \left(\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}\right)}.$$

- 15. Calculate the null standard error of the difference in proportion.
 - 16. Calculate the standardized statistic.

17. Interpret the standardized statistic in context of the problem.

$$\begin{split} \hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2 \pm z^* \times SE(\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2), \ \ \text{where} \\ SE(\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2) = \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}_1 \times (1 - \hat{p}_1)}{n_1} + \frac{\hat{p}_2 \times (1 - \hat{p}_2)}{n_2}} \end{split}$$

18. Calculate the standard error of the difference in proportions to calculate the confidence interval.

19. Calculate the 90% confidence interval.

20. What is the scope of inference for this study?

10.6 Group Exam 2 Review

Use the provided data set from the Islands (Bulmer, n.d.) (Exam2ReviewData.csv) and the appropriate Exam 2 Review R script file to answer the following questions. Each adult (>21) islander was selected at random from all adult islanders. Note that some islanders choose not to participate in the study. These islanders that did not consent to be in the study are removed from the dataset before analysis. Variables and their descriptions are listed below.

Variable	Description
Island	Name of Island that the Islander resides on
City	Name of City in which the Islander resides
Population	Population of the City
Name	Name of Islander
Consent	Whether the Islander consented to be in the study (Declined, Consented)
Gender	Gender of Islander $(M = \text{male}, F = \text{Female})$
Age	Age of Islander
Married	Marital status of Islander (yes, no)
Smoking_Status	Whether the Islander is a current smoker (nonsmoker, smoker)
Children	Whether the Islander has children (yes, no)
weight_kg	Weight measured in kg
height_cm	Height measured in cm
respiratory_rate	Breaths per minute
Type_of_Music	Music type Islander was randomly assigned to listen to (Classical, Heavy
	Metal)
After_PuzzleCube	Time to complete puzzle cube (minutes) after listening to assigned music
Education_Level	Highest level of education completed (highschool, university)
Balance_Test	Time balanced measured in seconds with eyes closed
Blood_Glucose_before	Level of blood glucose (mg/dL) before consuming assigned drink
Heart_Rate_before	Heart rate (bpm) before consuming assigned drink
Blood_Glucose_after	Level of blood glucose (mg/dL) after consuming assigned drink
Heart_Rate_after	Heart rate (bpm) after consuming assigned drink
Diff_Heart_Rate	Difference in heart rate (bpm) for Before - After consuming assigned drink
Diff_Blood_Glucose	Difference in blood glucose (mg/dL) for Before - After consuming assigned drink

1. Use the appropriate Exam 2 Review R script file and analyze the following research question: "Is there evidence that adult islanders have an average balance time on one leg with their eyes closed that differs from 30 seconds?"

	from 30 seconds?"
a.	Parameter of Interest:
b.	Null Hypothesis: Notation:

c. Alternative Hypothesis:

Notation:

Words:

	Words:
d.	Use the R script file to find the mean and standard deviation of the balance time.
e.	Interpret the value of the summary statistic in context of the problem:
f.	Assess if the following conditions are met: Independence (needed for both simulation and theory-based methods):
	Normality (must be met to use theory-based methods):
g.	Use the provided R script file to find the simulation p-value to assess the research question. Report the p-value.
h.	Interpret the p-value in the context of the problem.
i.	Write a conclusion to the research question based on the p-value.
j.	Using a significance level of $\alpha = 0.05$, what statistical decision will you make about the null hypothesis?
k.	Use the provided R script file to find a 95% confidence interval.
1.	Interpret the 95% confidence interval in context of the problem.

m.	Regardless to your answer in part f, calculate the standardized statistic.
n.	Interpret the value of the standardized statistic in context of the problem.
о.	Use the provided R script file to find the theory-based p-value.
p.	Use the provided R script file to find the appropriate \mathbf{z}^* multiplier and calculate the theory-based confidence interval.
q.	Does the theory-based p-value and CI match those found using simulation methods? Explain why or why not.
r.	To what group of observational units do the results apply?

Exploratory Data Analysis and Inference for a Quantitative Response with Independent Samples

11.1 Vocabulary Review and Key Topics

Review the Golden Ticket posted in the resources at the end of the coursepack for a summary of a categorical explanatory variable and a quantitative response variable for independent samples.

11.1.1 Key topics

Module 11 will cover exploratory data analysis and both simulation-based and theory-based methods of inference for a quantitative response variable with independent samples. The **summary measure** for a quantitative response with independent samples is a **difference in means**.

- Notation for a difference in sample means: $\bar{x}_1 \bar{x}_2$, where 1 represents the 1st group of the explanatory variable and 2 represents the 2nd group
- Notation for a difference in population means: $\mu_1 \mu_2$

Types of plots for a quantitative response variable with independent samples:

- Side-by-side boxplots
- Stacked histograms
- Stacked dotplots

R code to find the summary statistics for a quantitative response variable with independent samples:

```
object %>%
  reframe(favstats(response ~ explanatory))
```

11.1.2 Vocabulary

Plotting a quantitative response with independent groups

• Side-by-side boxplots: plots a boxplot of the five number summary for each categorical level. R code to create side-by-side boxplots:

```
object %>%  # Data set piped into...
  ggplot(aes(y = response, x = explanatory))+ # Identify variables
  geom_boxplot()+ # Tell it to make a box plot
  labs(title = "Don't forget to include a title", # Title: should include the type of plot,
  # observational units, variables
  x = "x-axis label", # x-axis label
  y = "y-axis label") # y-axis label
```

Hypotheses

• Hypotheses in notation for a difference in means: In the hypotheses below, the null value is equal to zero.

$$\begin{split} H_0: \mu_1 - \mu_2 &= 0 \quad \text{or} \quad H_0: \mu_1 = \mu_2 \\ H_A: \mu_1 - \mu_2 \left\{ \begin{array}{c} < \\ \neq \\ < \end{array} \right\} 0 \quad \text{or} \quad H_A: \mu_1 \left\{ \begin{array}{c} < \\ \neq \\ < \end{array} \right\} \mu_2 \end{split}$$

Simulation-based inference for a difference in means

- Conditions necessary to use simulation-based methods for inference for a quantitative response with independent groups:
 - **Independence**: there must be independence of observational units within groups and between groups.
- Simulation-based methods to create the null distribution: R code for simulation-based methods to find the p-value using the two_mean_test function in the catstats package.

```
two_mean_test(response~explanatory, #Enter the names of the variables
    data = object, # Enter the name of the dataset
    first_in_subtraction = "xx", # First outcome in order of subtraction
    number_repetitions = 10000, # Number of simulations
    as_extreme_as = xx, # Observed statistic
    direction = "xx") # Direction of alternative: "greater", "less", or "two-sided"
```

• Simulation-based methods to create the bootstrap distribution: R code to find the simulation-based confidence interval using the two_mean_bootstrap_CI function from the catstats package.

- Review how to interpret a confidence interval for two groups from Module 8.

Theory-based inference for a difference in means

- Conditions for the sampling distribution of $\bar{x}_1 \bar{x}_2$ to follow an approximate normal distribution:
 - Independence: the sample's observations are independent, e.g., are from a simple random sample
 and there is independence between groups. (*Remember*: This also must be true to use simulation
 methods!)
 - Normality Condition: either the sample observations come from a normally distributed population or we have a large enough sample size. When we have two samples, we need to check this condition for each group! To check this condition, use the following rules of thumb (for both n_1 and n_2):
 - * n < 30: The distribution of the sample must be approximately normal with no outliers.
 - * $30 \le n < 100$: We can relax the condition a little; the distribution of the sample must have no extreme outliers or skewness.
 - * $n \ge 100$: Can assume the sampling distribution of \bar{x} is nearly normal, even if the underlying distribution of individual observations is not.

• Standard error of the sample difference in means:

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

• Standardized sample difference in means:

$$T = \frac{\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2 - 0}{SE(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2)}$$

- Use the pt function in R to find a theory-based p-value for a hypothesis test involving a difference in means by finding the area under a t-distribution with $\min(n_1 1, n_2 1)$ (the minimum sample size minus 1) degrees of freedom where T is as or more extreme as the value observed (in the direction of H_A).
- Margin of error: half the width of the confidence interval. For a difference in means, the margin of error is:

$$ME = t^* \times SE(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2)$$

where t^* is the **multiplier**, corresponding to the desired confidence level found from a t-distribution with $\min(n_1 - 1, n_2 - 1)$ degrees of freedom.

- Use the qt function in R to find the t^* multiplier with $\min(n_1-1,n_2-1)$ degrees of freedom.
- To find the endpoints of a confidence interval, add and subtract the margin of error to the sample statistic. The confidence interval for a population difference in means is:

$$\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2 \pm ME$$

11.2 Activity 17: Does behavior impact performance?

11.2.1 Learning outcomes

- Create a side-by-side boxplot of one categorical explanatory variable and one quantitative response variable
- Given a research question involving one categorical explanatory variable and one quantitative response variable, construct the null and alternative hypotheses in words and using appropriate statistical symbols.
- Describe and perform a simulation-based hypothesis test for a difference in means.
- Interpret and evaluate a p-value for a simulation-based hypothesis test for a difference in means.
- Use bootstrapping to find a confidence interval for a difference in means.
- Interpret a confidence interval for a difference in means.
- Use a confidence interval to determine the conclusion of a hypothesis test.

11.2.2 Terminology review

In today's activity, we will use simulation-based methods to analyze the association between one categorical explanatory variable and one quantitative response variable, where the groups formed by the categorical variable are independent. Some terms covered in this activity are:

- Independent groups
- Difference in means

To review these concepts, see Chapter 19 in the textbook.

11.2.3 Behavior and Performance

A study in the Academy of Management Journal (Porath 2017) investigated how rude behaviors influence a victim's task performance. Randomly selected college students enrolled in a management course were randomly assigned to one of two experimental conditions: rudeness condition (45 students) and control group (53 students). Each student was asked to write down as many uses for a brick as possible in five minutes; this value (total number of uses) was used as a performance measure for each student, where higher values indicate better performance. During this time another individual showed up late for class. For those students in the rudeness condition, the facilitator displayed rudeness by berating the students in general for being irresponsible and unprofessional (due to the late-arriving person). No comments were made about the late-arriving person for students in the control group. Is there evidence that the average performance score for students in the rudeness condition is lower than for students in the control group? Use the order of subtraction of rudeness – control.

- Observational units:
- Explanatory variable:
 - Group 1:
- Response variable:

R instructions

- Download the R script file from Canvas and upload to the RStudio server
- Highlight and run lines 1–7 to load the data

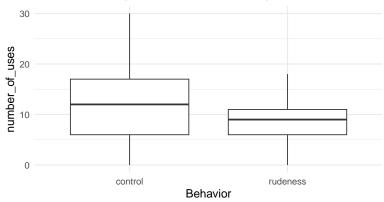
```
# Read in data set
rude <- read.csv("https://math.montana.edu/courses/s216/data/rude.csv")</pre>
```

To create a plot of the data and a table of summary statistics:

• Highlight and run lines 11-19

```
# Side-by-side box plots
rude %>%
ggplot(aes(x = condition, y = number_of_uses)) +
   geom_boxplot() +
   labs(title = "Number of Uses for a Brick based on Behavior Condition
         for College Students in a Management Course",
        x = "Behavior")
# Summary statistics
rude %>%
    reframe(favstats(number_of_uses ~ condition))
     condition min Q1 median Q3 max
                                                    sd n missing
                                         mean
#> 1
       control
                 0 6
                          12 17 30 11.811321 7.382559 53
                                                                0
     rudeness
                   6
                           9 11
                                18 8.511111 3.992164 45
```

Number of Uses for a Brick based on Behavior Condition for College Students in a Management Course



Quantitative variables review

- 1. Compare the distributions of the number of bricks between the two treatment conditions.
 - What is the shape of each group?
 - Which group has the higher center?
 - What group has the larger spread?
 - Does either distribution have outliers?
- 2. Is this an experiment or an observational study? Justify your answer.

\mathbf{Ask}	\mathbf{a}	research	question
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In this study we are asses	ssing the difference in	true mean number	of uses for a	brick given by	college students
enrolled in a management	course assigned to a	rudeness condition	and for those	assigned to a o	control group.

enroned in a management course assigned to a rudeness condition and for those assigned to a control group.
Parameter of interest in context of the study:
Null Hypothesis (in words):
Null Hypothesis (in notation):
Alternative Hypothesis (in words):
Alternative Hypothesis (in notation):
The flatte Hypothesis (in notation).
Numerically Summarize the data
3. Calculate the summary statistic of interest (difference in means). What is the appropriate notation for this statistic?
Interpret this calculated value.
In this study we are assessing the difference in true mean number of uses for a brick given by college students enrolled in a management course assigned to a rudeness condition and for those assigned to a control group.
Use statistical inferential methods to draw inferences from the data

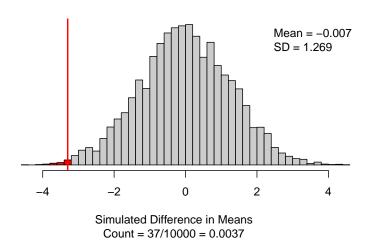
Hypothesis test Remember that the null distribution is created based on the assumption the null hypothesis is true. In this study, the null hypothesis states that there is no association between the two variables. This means that the values observed in the data set would have been the same regardless of the behavior condition.

To demonstrate this simulation, we could create cards to simulate a sample.

- Write the number of uses for a brick given by each student on one card.
- Mix together and shuffle into two piles, one with 45 cards to represent the rudeness condition and one with 53 cards to represent the control group.
- Calculate the difference in mean number of uses for a brick (rudeness control)

We will use the two_mean_test() function in R (in the catstats package) to simulate the null distribution of differences in sample means and compute a p-value.

- Fill in the response and explanatory variable names
- Fill in the missing values/names for the xx's in the R script file
- Highlight and run lines 25–30



Notes on the null distribution

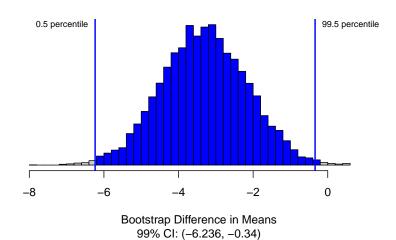
4. Report the p-value. Based off of this p-value, write a conclusion to the hypothesis test.

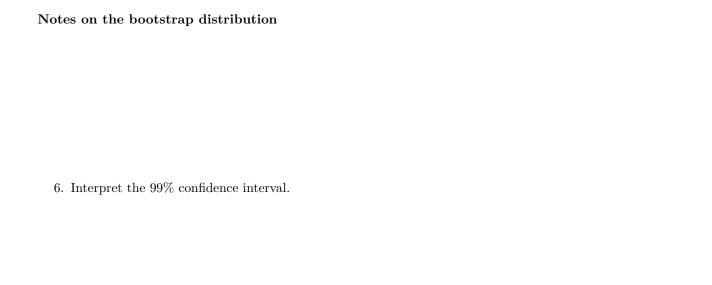
Confidence interval We will use the two_mean_bootstrap_CI() function in R (in the catstats package) to simulate the bootstrap distribution of differences in sample means and calculate a confidence interval. We will need to enter the response variable name and the explanatory variable name for the formula, the data set name (identified above as rude), the outcome for the explanatory variable that is first in subtraction, number of repetitions, and the confidence level as a decimal.

The response variable name is number_of_uses and the explanatory variable name is condition.

- 5. What values should be entered for each of the following into the simulation to create a 99% confidence interval?
- First in subtraction (What is the outcome for the explanatory variable that is used as first in the order of subtraction? "rudeness" or "control"):
- Number of repetitions:
- Confidence level (entered as a decimal):

Using the R script file for this activity, enter your answers for question 5 in place of the xx's to produce the bootstrap distribution with 10000 simulations; highlight and run lines 35–39.





11.2.4 Take-home messages

- 1. To create one simulated sample on the null distribution for a difference in sample means, label cards with the response variable values from the original data. Mix cards together and shuffle into two new groups of sizes n_1 and n_2 . Calculate and plot the difference in means.
- 2. To create one simulated sample on the bootstrap distribution for a difference in sample means, label $n_1 + n_2$ cards with the original response values. Keep groups separate and randomly draw with replacement n_1 times from group 1 and n_2 times from group 2. Calculate and plot the resampled difference in means.

11.2.5 Additional notes

Use this space to summarize your thoughts and take additional notes on today's activity and material covered

11.3 Activity 18: Moon Phases and Virtual Reality

11.3.1 Learning outcomes

- Given a research question involving one categorical explanatory variable and one quantitative response variable, construct the null and alternative hypotheses in words and using appropriate statistical symbols.
- Describe and perform a theory-based hypothesis test for a difference in means.
- Interpret and evaluate a p-value for a theory-based hypothesis test for a difference in means.
- Use theory-based methods to find a confidence interval for a difference in means.
- Interpret a confidence interval for a difference in means.
- Use a confidence interval to determine the conclusion of a hypothesis test.

11.3.2 Terminology review

In today's activity, we will use theory-based methods to analyze the association between one categorical explanatory variable and one quantitative response variable, where the groups formed by the categorical variable are independent. Some terms covered in this activity are:

- Difference in means
- Independence within and between groups
- Normality

To review these concepts, see Chapter 19 in the textbook.

11.3.3 Moon Phases and Virtual Reality

In a study comparing immersive virtual reality (VR) to traditional hands-on methods, researchers recruited 115 undergraduate students to assess the effectiveness of these approaches in teaching complex scientific concepts like Moon phases (Madden 2020). Participants were randomly assigned to experience either a VR simulation replicating the Sun-Earth-Moon system or a hands-on activity where they physically manipulated models to observe Moon phases. The students were given a 14 multiple choice question quiz about Moon phases and the Moon's motion relative to the Earth to evaluate their understanding of Moon phases and the Moon's motion. Each question had only one correct answer, and the participant's score was the sum of the number of correct answers, with all questions weighted equally (with a maximum score of 14). Is there evidence of a difference, on average, in student learning comparing those using VR methods to those using the traditional method? Use order of subtraction VR – Hands-on.

- Observational units:
- Explanatory variable:
 - Group 1:
- Response variable:

R instructions

- Download the RScript file and dataset from Canvas and upload to the RStudio server
- Open the RScript file
- Enter the name of the data set for datasetname in line 8
- Highlight and run lines 1–8

```
moon <- read.csv("https://www.math.montana.edu/courses/s216/data/VR_Moon.csv")</pre>
```

1. Write out the parameter of interest in words in context of the study.

- 2. Write out the null hypothesis in notation for this study. Be sure to clearly identify the subscripts.
- 3. Write out the alternative hypothesis in words for this study.

The sampling distribution for $\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2$ can be modeled using a normal distribution when certain conditions are met.

Conditions for the sampling distribution of $\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2$ to follow an approximate normal distribution:

- **Independence**: the sample's observations are independent, e.g., are from a simple random sample and there is independence between groups. (*Remember*: This also must be true to use simulation methods!)
- Normality Condition: either the sample observations come from a normally distributed population or we have a large enough sample size. When we have two samples, we need to check this condition for each group! To check this condition, use the following rules of thumb (for both n_1 and n_2):
 - -n < 30: If the sample size n is less than 30 and there are no clear outliers in the data, then we typically assume the data come from a nearly normal distribution to satisfy the condition.
 - $-30 \le n < 100$: If the sample size n is between 30 and 100 and there are no particularly extreme outliers, then we typically assume the sampling distribution of \bar{x} is nearly normal, even if the underlying distribution of individual observations is not.
 - $-n \ge 100$: If the sample size n is at least 100 (regardless of the presence of skew or outliers), we typically assume the sampling distribution of \bar{x} is nearly normal, even if the underlying distribution of individual observations is not.

To create the plots of the data:

- Enter a title in line 15 for the plot between the quotations
- Highlight and run lines 12 17

```
moon %>% # Data set piped into...
ggplot(aes(y = TestScore, x = Method))+ # Identify variables
geom_boxplot()+ # Tell it to make a box plot
labs(title = "Don't forget to title your plot!", # Title
    x = "Methods", # x-axis label
    y = "Test Score (points)") # y-axis label
```

To find the summary statistic:

• Enter the response and explanatory variable names in line 22

• Highlight and run lines 21–22

moon %>%

reframe(favstats(TestScore~Method))

4. Can theory-based methods be used to analyze these data?

5. Calculate the summary statistic (difference in means) for this study. Use appropriate notation with clearly defined subscripts.

Use statistical inferential methods to draw inferences from the data

To find the standardized statistic for the difference in means we will calculate:

$$T = \frac{\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2 - 0}{SE(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2)},$$

where the standard error of the difference in means is calculated using:

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

Calculate the standard error for the difference in sample means.

Calculate the standardized statistic for the difference in sample means.

To find the degrees of freedom to use for the t-distribution, we need to use the group with the smallest sample size and subtract 1. ($\mathtt{df} = \min \min \text{ or } n_1 - 1 \text{ or } n_2 - 1$).

- \bullet Enter the value of the standardized statistic for xx
- Enter the df for yy

• Highlight and run line 27

```
2*pt(xx, df=yy, lower.tail=FALSE)
```

6. Report the p-value for the study. Why did we multiply by two to find the p-value?

To calculate a theory-based 95% confidence interval for a difference in means, in the questions on the next page, we will use the formula:

$$\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2 \pm t^* \times SE(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2)$$

First, we will need to find the t^* multiplier using the function qt().

To find the t^* multiplier

- Enter the percentile to find the multiplier for a 95% confidence level
- Enter the degrees of freedom for yy
- Highlight and run line 32

```
qt(0.975, df = 55, lower.tail=TRUE)
```

#> [1] 2.004045

Calculate the margin of error for a 95% confidence interval.

Calculate the 95% confidence interval.

7. Write a conclusion to the test including scope of inference.

11.3.4 Take-home messages

- 1. In order to use theory-based methods for independent groups, the normality condition must be met for each sample.
- 2. A T-score is compared to a t-distribution with the minimum n-1 df in order to calculate a one-sided p-value. To find a two-sided p-value using theory-based methods we need to multiply the one-sided p-value by 2.
- 3. A t^* multiplier is found by obtaining the bounds of the middle X% (X being the desired confidence level) of a t-distribution with the minimum n-1 df.

11.3.5 Additional notes

Use this space to summarize your thoughts and take additional notes on today's activity and material covered

11.4 Module 11 Lab: Dinosaurs

11.4.1 Learning outcomes

- Given a research question involving one categorical explanatory variable and one quantitative response variable, construct the null and alternative hypotheses in words and using appropriate statistical symbols.
- Describe and perform a hypothesis test for a difference in means.
- Interpret and evaluate a p-value for a hypothesis test for a difference in means.
- Find a confidence interval for a difference in means.
- Interpret a confidence interval for a difference in means.

11.4.2 Dinosaurs

The backbone of heavy, two-legged, carnivorous dinosaurs, such as the T. rex, is subject to stress. Intriguingly, these dinosaurs have protrusions (rugosity) at the top and sides of their spinal vertebrae, potentially for extra support. These protrusions do not seem to be present in smaller carnivorous dinosaurs. MSU paleontologists hypothesize that the presence of the protrusions is associated with the size of the two-legged carnivorous dinosaurs, potentially allowing them to grow big (Wilson 2016). To test this hypothesis, the researchers collected multiple scientific papers describing the fossil bones of 57 two-legged carnivorous dinosaur species. Then, they checked for the presence or absence of these rugose protrusions from photographs published in the papers and collected measurements of the length in centimeters of the femur (or thigh) bone. Femur length is a proxy for dinosaur size. Is there evidence that the presence of the protusions result in larger dinosaurs? Use present — absent as the order of subtraction.

- Observational units:
- Explanatory variable:
 - Group 1:
- Response variable:
- 1. Write out the parameter of interest in context of the study.

2. Write the null and alternative hypotheses in proper notation.

R instructions

- Upload and open the R script file for Week 12 lab.
- Upload and import the csv file, dinosaur.
- Enter the name of the data set (see the environment tab) for datasetname in the R script file in line 10 and the name of the explanatory and response variable in line 12.
- Highlight and run lines 1–16 to load the data and create a plot of the data.

```
dinos <- datasetname
dinos %>%

ggplot(aes(y = response, x = explanatory)) +
geom_boxplot() +
labs(title = "Side-by-side Box Plots of Femur Length by Rugosity
    for Carnivorous Dinosaur",
    x = "Rugose structures on the backbone",
    y = "Femur length (cm)")
```

- 3. Based on the plots, does there appear to be some evidence in favor of the alternative hypothesis? How do you know?
- Enter the name of the explanatory variable for explanatory and the response variable for response in line 23.
- Run lines 22–23 to find the summary statistics.

```
dinos %>%
    summarize(favstats(response~explanatory))
```

4. Calculate the summary statistic for the research question. Use proper notation.

Use statistical inferential methods to draw inferences from the data

5. Using the provided graphs and summary statistics, determine if both theory-based methods and simulation methods could be used to analyze the data. Explain your reasoning.

Hypothesis test

Remember that the null distribution is created based on the assumption the null hypothesis is true. In this study, the null hypothesis states that there is no difference in true mean femur length for dinosaurs with protrusions and dinosaurs without protrusions.

We will use the two_mean_test() function in R (in the catstats package) to simulate the null distribution of differences in sample means and compute a p-value.

- 6. Simulate a null distribution and compute the p-value.
- Using the R script file for this lab, enter the correct values in place of the xx's to produce the null distribution with 1000 simulations.
- Highlight and run lines 28–33.

```
two_mean_test(response~explanatory, #Enter the names of the variables
    data = dinos, # Enter the name of the dataset
    first_in_subtraction = "xx", # First outcome in order of subtraction
    number_repetitions = 10000, # Number of simulations
```

```
as_extreme_as = xx, # Observed statistic
direction = "xx") # Direction of alternative: "greater", "less", or "two-sided"
```

Sketch the null distribution created using the two_mean_test code.

Communicate the results and answer the research question

- 7. Report the p-value. Based off of this p-value and a 1% significance level, what decision would you make about the null hypothesis? What potential error might you be making based on that decision?
- 8. Do you expect the 98% confidence interval to contain the null value of zero? Explain.

Confidence interval

We will use the two_mean_bootstrap_CI() function in R (in the catstats package) to simulate the bootstrap distribution of sample differences in means and calculate a confidence interval.

- 9. Using bootstrapping and the provided R script file, find a 98% confidence interval.
- Fill in the missing values/numbers in the two_mean_bootstrap_CI() function to create the 98% confidence interval.
- Highlight and run lines 38–42. Upload a copy of the bootstrap distribution created to Gradescope for your group.

Report the 98% confidence interval in interval notation.

- 10. Write a paragraph summarizing the results of this study. **Upload a copy of your group's paragraph to Gradescope.** Be sure to describe:
 - Summary statistic and interpretation
 - Summary measure (in context)

- Value of the statistic
- Order of subtraction when comparing two groups
- P-value and interpretation
 - Statement about probability or proportion of samples
 - Statistic (summary measure and value)
 - Direction of the alternative
 - Null hypothesis (in context)
- Confidence interval and interpretation
 - How confident you are (e.g., 90%, 95%, 98%, 99%)
 - Parameter of interest
 - Calculated interval
 - Order of subtraction when comparing two groups
- Conclusion (written to answer the research question)
 - Amount of evidence
 - Parameter of interest
 - Direction of the alternative hypothesis
- Scope of inference
 - To what group of observational units do the results apply (target population or observational units similar to the sample)?
 - What type of inference is appropriate (causal or non-causal)?

Paragraph:

Exploratory Data Analysis and Inference for Two Quantitative Variables

12.1 Vocabulary Review and Key Topics

Review the Golden Ticket posted in the resources at the end of the coursepack for a summary of two quantitative variables.

12.1.1 Key topics

Module 13 will cover exploratory data analysis and both simulation-based and theory-based methods of inference for two quantitative variables. The **summary measure** for two quantitative variables is either the **slope** of a regression line or the **correlation** between the two variables.

- Notation for a sample regression slope: b_1
- Notation for a population regression slope: β_1
- Notation for a sample correlation: r
- Notation for a population correlation: ρ

Types of plots for two quantitative variables:

Scatterplot

12.1.2 Vocabulary

Plotting two quantitative variables

• Scatterplot: plots (x, y) pairs of observations with the explanatory variable on the x-axis and the response variable on the y-axis. R code to create a scatterplot:

- If there is a third categorical variable, you can use color or shape to include the third variable on the scatterplot.
- Four characteristics of scatterplots:
 - Form (linear or non-linear)
 - Direction (positive or negative)
 - Strength (weak, moderate, or strong)

- Outliers?

Sample statistics for two quantitative variables

- Least-squares regression line: a line fit to the data which minimizes the squared vertical distances from the observed y-value to the line
 - Notation for the fitted least-squares regression line:

$$\hat{y} = b_0 + b_1 \times x$$

or

$$re\widehat{sponse} = b_0 + b_1 \times explanatory$$

To write the equation of the regression line in context of the problem, include descriptive names of the response and explanatory variables for "y/response" and "x/explanatory" above.

- $-b_0$ is the y-intercept of the regression line: the predicted value of the response variable when the explanatory variable is equal to zero.
- b_1 is the **slope** of the regression line: the *predicted* increase/decrease in the response variable associated with a one-unit increase in the explanatory variable.
- The distance from an observation's y-value (observed response) to its fitted value, \hat{y} (the value on the line) is called a **residual**:

residual = observed - fitted =
$$y - \hat{y}$$

- A least-squares regression line is a special case of a **linear model**.
- R code to find the least-squares regression line (fit the linear model):

```
linearmodel <- lm(response~explanatory, data=object)
round(summary(linearmodel)$coefficients,3) # Display coefficients</pre>
```

- Correlation: measures the magnitude and direction of the linear relationship between two quantitative variables.
 - Parameter notation: ρ
 - Sample notation: r
 - R code to find the **correlation** matrix between variables:

```
object %>%  # Data set pipes into
    select(c("variable1", "variable2", "variable3")) %>%
    #Selects the variables you want to compare
    cor(use="pairwise.complete.obs") %>%  #Calculates the correlation between each pair
    round(3) #Rounds to 3 decimal places
```

• Coefficient of determination: measures the proportion of total variability in the response variable that is explained by the linear relationship with the explanatory variable. The coefficient of determination can be calculated in three ways:

$$r^2 = (r)^2 = \frac{SST - SSE}{SST} = \frac{s_y^2 - s_{residual}^2}{s_y^2}$$

Hypotheses

Hypotheses involving two quantitative variables can be expressed either in terms of the slope or the correlation. When either the slope or correlation is equal to zero, there is no linear relationship between the two quantitative

variables (the null hypothesis).

• Hypotheses in notation for slope:

$$H_0: \beta_1 = 0$$

$$H_A: \beta_1 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} < \\ \neq \\ < \end{array} \right\} 0$$

• Hypotheses in notation for correlation:

$$\begin{split} H_0: \rho &= 0 \\ H_A: \rho \left\{ \begin{array}{l} < \\ \neq \\ < \end{array} \right\} 0 \end{split}$$

Simulation-based inference for two quantitative variables

- Conditions necessary to use simulation-based methods for inference for two quantitative variables:
 - **Independence**: observational units (the (x, y) pairs) must be independent of one another.
 - Linearity: the form of the relationship (if any) between the two variables must be linear.
- Simulation-based methods to create the null distribution: R code for simulation methods to find the p-value using the regression_test function in the catstats package.

```
regression_test(response~explanatory, # response ~ explanatory
    data = object, # Name of data set
    direction = "xx", # Sign in alternative ("greater", "less", "two-sided")
    summary_measure = "xx", # "slope" or "correlation"
    as_extreme_as = xx, # Observed slope or correlation
    number_repetitions = 10000) # Number of simulated samples for null distribution
```

• Simulation-based methods to create the bootstrap distribution: R code to find the simulation-based confidence interval using the regression_bootstrap_CI function from the catstats package.

```
regression_bootstrap_CI(response~explanatory, # response ~ explanatory
  data = object, # Name of data set
  confidence_level = xx, # Confidence level as decimal
  summary_measure = "xx", # Slope or correlation
  number_repetitions = 10000) # Number of simulated samples for bootstrap distribution
```

Theory-based methods for two quantitative variables

- Conditions necessary to use theory-based methods for inference for two quantitative variables:
 - **Independence** (for both simulation-based and theory-based methods): observational units (the (x, y) pairs) must be independent of one another.
 - * Check this assumption by investigating the sampling method and determining if the observational units are related in any way.

- **Linearity** (for both simulation-based and theory-based methods): the form of the relationship (if any) between the two variables must be linear.
 - * Check this assumption by examining the scatterplot of the two variables, and a scatterplot of the residuals (on the y-axis) versus the fitted values (on the x-axis). The pattern in the residuals vs. fitted plot should display a horizontal line.
- Constant variability (for theory-based methods only): the variability of points around the least squares line remains roughly constant
 - * Check this assumption by examining a scatterplot of the residuals (on the y-axis) versus the fitted values (on the x-axis). The variability in the residuals around zero should be approximately the same for all fitted values.
- Nearly normal residuals (for theory-based methods only): residuals must be nearly normal.
 - * Check this assumption by examining a histogram of the residuals, which should appear approximately normal.
- Standard error of the slope of the least-squares regression line $(SE(b_1))$: obtain the value of the standard error of the slope from the linear model (1m) R output.
- Standardized slope:

$$T = \frac{\text{slope estimate} - null value}{SE} = \frac{b_1 - 0}{SE(b_1)}.$$

- The p-value can be found from the linear model (1m) R output or by using the pt function in R to find the area under a t-distribution with n-2 degrees of freedom where T is as or more extreme as the value observed (in the direction of H_A).
- Margin of error: half the width of the confidence interval. For a regression slope, the margin of error is:

$$ME = t^* \times SE(b_1)$$

where t^* is the **multiplier**, corresponding to the desired confidence level found from a t-distribution with n-2 degrees of freedom.

- Use the qt function in R to find the t^* multiplier with n-2 degrees of freedom.
- To find the endpoints of a confidence interval, add and subtract the margin of error to the sample statistic. The confidence interval for a population slope is:

$$b_1 \pm ME$$

12.2 Activity 19: Moneyball — Linear Regression

12.2.1 Learning outcomes

- Identify and create appropriate summary statistics and plots given a data set with two quantitative variables.
- Use scatterplots to assess the relationship between two quantitative variables.
- Find the estimated line of regression using summary statistics and R linear model (lm()) output.
- Interpret the slope coefficient in context of the problem.

12.2.2 Terminology review

In today's activity, we will review summary measures and plots for two quantitative variables. Some terms covered in this activity are:

- Scatterplot
- Least-squares line of regression
- Slope and y-intercept
- Residuals

To review these concepts, see Chapter 6 & 7 in the textbook.

12.2.3 Moneyball

The goal of a Major League baseball team is to make the playoffs. In 2002, the manager of the Oakland A's, Billy Bean, with the help of Paul DePodesta began to use statistics to determine which players to choose for their season. Based on past data, DePodesta determined that to make it to the playoffs, the A's would need to win at least 95 games in the regular season. In order to win more games, they would need to score more runs than they allowed. The Oakland A's won 20 consecutive games and a total of 103 games for the season. The success of this use of sports analytics was portrayed by the 2011 movie, Moneyball. In this study, we will see if there is evidence of a positive linear relationship between the difference in the number of runs scored minus the number of runs allowed (RD) and the number of wins for Major League baseball teams in the years before 2002. Some of the variables collected in the data set baseball consist of the following:

Variable	Description
RA	Runs allowed
RS	Runs scored
OBP	On-base percentage
SLG	Slugging percentage
BA	Batting average
00BP	Opponent's on-base percentage
OSLG	Opponent's slugging percentage
W	Number of wins in the season
RD	Difference of runs scored minus runs allowed

```
moneyball <- read.csv("data/baseball.csv") # Reads in data set
moneyball$RD <- moneyball$RS - moneyball$RA
moneyball <-
    moneyball %>% # Pipe data set into
    subset(Year < 2002) # Select only years before 2002</pre>
```

- Observational units:
- Explanatory variable:
- Response variable:

Notes on two quantitative variables

Vocabulary review

- Use the provided R script file to create a scatterplot to examine the relationship between the difference in number of runs scored minus number of runs allowed and the number of wins by filling in the variable names (RD and W) for explanatory and response in line 14. Note, we are using the difference in runs scores minus runs allowed to predict the number of season wins.
- Highlight and run lines 1–20.

```
moneyball %>% # Data set pipes into...
    ggplot(aes(x = explanatory, y = response))+ # Specify variables
    geom_point() + # Add scatterplot of points
    labs(x = "Difference in number of runs", # Label x-axis
        y = "Number of Season wins", # Label y-axis
        title = "Scatterplot of Run Difference vs. Number of Season Wins for MLB Teams") +
# Be sure to tile your plots
geom_smooth(method = "lm", se = FALSE) # Add regression line
```

Assess the four features of the scatterplot that describe this relationship.

- Form (linear, non-linear)
- Direction (positive, negative)
- Strength
- Unusual observations or outliers

Slope

The linear model function in R (lm()) gives us the summary for the least squares regression line. The estimate for (Intercept) is the y-intercept for the line of least squares, and the estimate for budget_mil (the x-variable name) is the value of b_1 , the slope.

• Run lines 24–25 in the R script file to reproduce the linear model output found in the coursepack.

```
# Fit linear model: y ~ x
moneyballLM <- lm(W~RD, data=moneyball)
round(summary(moneyballLM)$coefficients, 3) # Display coefficient summary</pre>
```

```
#> Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
#> (Intercept) 80.881 0.131 616.675 0
#> RD 0.106 0.001 81.554 0
```

Write out the least squares regression line using the summary statistics provided above in context of the problem.

Interpret the value of slope in context of the problem.

Using the least squares line, predict the number of season wins for a MLB team that has a run difference of -66 runs.

Residuals

The model we are using assumes the relationship between the two variables follows a straight line. The residuals are the errors, or the variability in the response that hasn't been modeled by the regression line.

$$\implies$$
 Residual = actual y value — predicted y value
$$e = y - \hat{y}$$

The MLB team *Florida Marlins* had a run difference of -66 runs and 79 wins for the season. Find the residual for this MLB team.

Did the line of regression overestimate or underestimate the number of wins for the season for this team?

Correlation

The following output shows a correlation matrix between several pairs of quantitative variables.

• Highlight and run lines 29–33 to produce the same table as below.

```
#> RD BA SLG W
#> RD 1.000 0.442 0.428 0.939
#> BA 0.442 1.000 0.814 0.416
#> SLG 0.428 0.814 1.000 0.406
#> W 0.939 0.416 0.406 1.000
```

Report the value of correlation between the run difference and the number of season wins.

Calculate the coefficient of determination between the run difference and the number of season wins.

Interpret the value of coefficient of determination in context of the study.

12.2.4 Take-home messages

- 1. Two quantitative variables are graphically displayed in a scatterplot. The explanatory variable is on the x-axis and the response variable is on the y-axis. When describing the relationship between two quantitative variables we look at the form (linear or non-linear), direction (positive or negative), strength, and for the presence of outliers.
- 2. There are three summary statistics used to summarize the relationship between two quantitative variables: correlation (r), slope of the regression line (b_1) , and the coefficient of determination (r^2) .

12.2.5 Additional notes

Use this space to summarize your thoughts and take additional notes on today's activity and material covered.

12.3 Activity 20: IPEDS (continued)

12.3.1 Learning outcomes

- Identify and create appropriate summary statistics and plots given a data set with two quantitative variables.
- Find the estimated line of regression using summary statistics and R linear model (lm()) output.
- Interpret the slope coefficient in context of the problem.
- Calculate and interpret r^2 , the coefficient of determination, in context of the problem.
- Find the correlation coefficient from R output or from r^2 and the sign of the slope.

12.3.2 Terminology review

In today's activity, we will review summary measures and plots for two quantitative variables. Some terms covered in this activity are:

- Least-squares line of regression
- Slope and y-intercept
- Residuals
- Correlation (r)
- Coefficient of determination (r-squared)

To review these concepts, see Chapter 6 in the textbook.

12.3.3 The Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS)

We will continue to assess the IPEDS data set collected on a subset of institutions that met the following selection criteria (Education Statistics 2018):

- Degree granting
- United States only
- Title IV participating
- Not for profit
- 2-year or 4-year or above
- Has full-time first-time undergraduates

Some of the variables collected and their descriptions are below. Note that several variables have missing values for some institutions (denoted by "NA").

Variable	Description
UnitID	Unique institution identifier
Name	Institution name
State	State abbreviation
Sector	whether public or private
LandGrant	Is this a land-grant institution (Yes/No)
Size	Institution size category based on total student enrolled for credit, Fall 2018:
	Under 1,000, 1,000 - 4,999, 5,000 - 9,999, 10,000 - 19,999, 20,000 and above
Cost_OutofState	Cost of attendance for full-time out-of-state undergraduate students

Variable	Description
Cost_InState	Cost of attendance for full-time in-state undergraduate students
Retention	Retention rate is the percent of the undergraduate students that re-enroll in the next year
Graduation_Rate	6-year graduation rate for undergraduate students
SATMath_75 ACT_75	75th percentile Math SAT score 75th percentile ACT score

The code below reads in the needed data set, IPEDS 2018.csv, and filters out the 2-year institutions.

• Highlight and run lines 1-11 to load the data set and filter out the 2-year institutions.

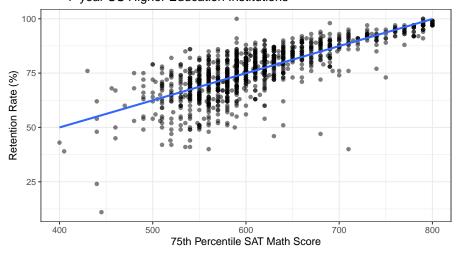
```
IPEDS <- read.csv("https://www.math.montana.edu/courses/s216/data/IPEDS_2018.csv")
IPEDS <- IPEDS %>%
    filter(Sector != "Public 2-year") #Filters the data set to remove Public 2-year
IPEDS <- IPEDS %>%
    filter(Sector != "Private 2-year") #Filters the data set to remove Private 2-year
IPEDS <- na.omit(IPEDS)</pre>
```

To create a scatterplot of the 75th percentile Math SAT score by retention rate for 4-year US Higher Education Institutions...

- Enter the variable SATMath_75 for explanatory and Retention for response in line 16.
- Highlight and run lines 15–21.

```
IPEDS %>% # Data sest pipes into...
ggplot(aes(x = SATMath_75, y = Retention))+ # Specify variables
geom_point(alpha=0.5) + # Add scatterplot of points
labs(x = "75th Percentile SAT Math Score", # Label x-axis
    y = "Retention Rate (%)", # Label y-axis
    title = "Scatterplot of SAT Math Score vs. Retention Rate for
    4-year US Higher Education Institutions") +
# Be sure to title your plots with the type of plot, observational units, variable(s)
geom_smooth(method = "lm", se = FALSE) + # Add regression line
theme_bw()
```

Scatterplot of SAT Math Score vs. Retention Rate for 4-year US Higher Education Institutions



1. Describe the relationship, using the four characteristics of scatterplots, between 75th percentile SAT Math score and retention rate.

Slope of the Least Squares Linear Regression Line

There are three summary measures calculated from two quantitative variables: slope, correlation, and the coefficient of determination. We will first assess the slope of the least squares regression line between 75th percentile SAT Math score and retention rate.

- Enter Retention for response and SATMath_75 for explanatory in line 25
- Highlight and run lines 25–26 to fit the linear model.

```
# Fit linear model: y ~ x
IPEDSLM <- lm(Retention~SATMath_75, data=IPEDS)
round(summary(IPEDSLM)$coefficients,3) # Display coefficient summary</pre>
```

```
#> Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
#> (Intercept) 0.059 1.898 0.031 0.975
#> SATMath 75 0.125 0.003 40.485 0.000
```

- 2. Write out the least squares regression line using the summary statistics from the R output in context of the problem.
- 3. Interpret the value of slope.
- 4. Predict the retention rate for a 4-year US higher education institution with a 75th percentile SAT Math score of 440.
- 5. Calculate the residual for a 4-year US higher education institution with a 75th percentile SAT Math score of 440 and a retention rate of 24%.

Correlation

Correlation measures the strength and the direction of the linear relationship between two quantitative variables. The closer the value of correlation to +1 or -1, the stronger the linear relationship. Values close to zero indicate a very weak linear relationship between the two variables.

The following output creates a correlation matrix between several pairs of quantitative variables.

#>		${\tt Retention}$	${\tt Cost_InState}$	${\tt Graduation_Rate}$	Salary	SATMath_75	ACT_75
#>	Retention	1.000	0.388	0.832	0.698	0.767	0.768
#>	Cost_InState	0.388	1.000	0.563	0.365	0.502	0.514
#>	<pre>Graduation_Rate</pre>	0.832	0.563	1.000	0.683	0.817	0.833
#>	Salary	0.698	0.365	0.683	1.000	0.747	0.706
#>	SATMath_75	0.767	0.502	0.817	0.747	1.000	0.920
#>	ACT_75	0.768	0.514	0.833	0.706	0.920	1.000

6. What is the value of correlation between SATMath 75 and Retention?

Coefficient of determination (squared correlation)

Another summary measure used to explain the linear relationship between two quantitative variables is the coefficient of determination (r^2) . The coefficient of determination, r^2 , can also be used to describe the strength of the linear relationship between two quantitative variables. The value of r^2 (a value between 0 and 1) represents the **proportion of variation in the response that is explained by the least squares line with the explanatory variable**. There are two ways to calculate the coefficient of determination:

Square the correlation coefficient: $r^2 = (r)^2$

Use the variances of the response and the residuals:
$$r^2 = \frac{s_y^2 - s_{RES}^2}{s_y^2} = \frac{SST - SSE}{SST}$$

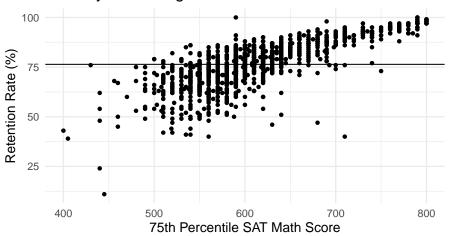
7. Use the correlation, r, found in question 6, to calculate the coefficient of determination between SATMath_75 and Retention, r^2 .

The variance of the response variable, Retention in \$MM, is $s_{Retention}^2 = 138.386 \%^2$ and the variability in the residuals is $s_{RES}^2 = 56.934 \%^2$. Use these values to calculate the coefficient of determination.

In the next part of the activity we will explore what the coefficient of determination measures.

In the first scatterplot, we see the data plotted with a horizontal line. Note that the regression line in this plot has a slope of zero; this assumes there is no relationship between SATMath_75 and Retention. The value of the y-intercept, 76.387, is the mean of the response variable when there is no relationship between the two variables. To find the sum of squares total (SST) we find the residual $(residual = y - \hat{y})$ for each response value from the horizontal line (from the value of 76.387). Each residual is squared and the sum of the squared values is calculated. The SST gives the **total variability in the response variable, Retention**.

Scatterplot of SAT Math Score vs. Retention Rate for 4-year US Higher Education Institutions with Horizo



The calculated value for the SST is 158451.8.

This next scatterplot, shows the plotted data with the best fit regression line. This is the line of best fit between budget and revenue and has the smallest sum of squares error (SSE). The SSE is calculated by finding the residual from each response value to the regression line. Each residual is squared and the sum of the squared values is calculated.

Scatterplot of SAT Math Score vs. Retention Rate for

4-year US Higher Education Institutions

100

75

25

The calculated value for the SSE is 65133.022.

400

Calculate the value for r^2 using the values for SST and SSE provided below each of the previous graphs.

600

75th Percentile SAT Math Score

700

800

8. Write a sentence interpreting the coefficient of determination in context of the problem.

500

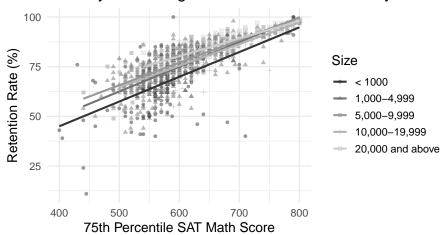
Multivariable plots

When adding another categorical predictor, we can add that variable as shape or color to the plot. In the following code we have added the variable Sector, whether the 4-year institution is public or private.

```
IPEDS$Size <- factor(IPEDS$Size, levels = c("< 1000", "1,000-4,999", "5,000-9,999", "10,000-19,999", "20,
IPEDS %>% # Data set pipes into...

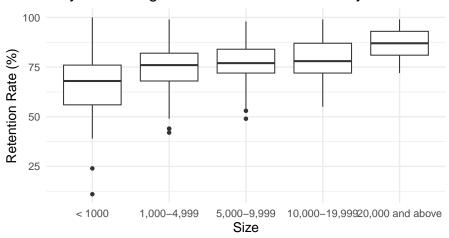
ggplot(aes(x = SATMath_75, y = Retention, shape = Size, color=Size))+ # Specify variables
geom_point(alpha=0.5) + # Add scatterplot of points
labs(x = "75th Percentile SAT Math Score", # Label x-axis
        y = "Retention Rate (%)", # Label y-axis
        title = "Scatterplot of SAT Math Score vs. Retention Rate for
        4-year US Higher Education Institutions by Size") +
# Be sure to title your plots with the type of plot, observational units, variable(s)
geom_smooth(method = "lm", se = FALSE) + # Add regression line
scale_color_grey()
```

Scatterplot of SAT Math Score vs. Retention Rate for 4-year US Higher Education Institutions by Size

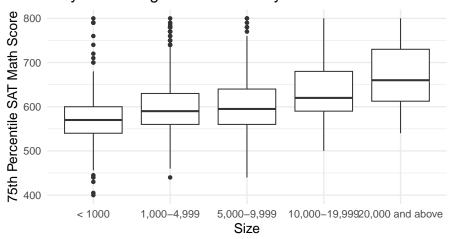


9. Does the relationship between 75th percentile SAT math score and retention rate of 4-year institutions change depending on the level of sector?

Side-by-side Box Plot of Retention Rate for 4-year US Higher Education Institutions by Size



Side-by-side Box Plot of 75th Percentile SAT Math Sco 4-year US Higher Education by Size



12.3.4 Take-home messages

- 1. The sign of correlation and the sign of the slope will always be the same. The closer the value of correlation is to -1 or +1, the stronger the linear relationship between the explanatory and the response variable.
- 2. The coefficient of determination multiplied by $100 \ (r^2 \times 100)$ measures the percent of variation in the response variable that is explained by the relationship with the explanatory variable. The closer the value of the coefficient of determination is to 100%, the stronger the relationship.
- 3. We can use the line of regression to predict values of the response variable for values of the explanatory variable. Do not use values of the explanatory variable that are outside of the range of values in the data set to predict values of the response variable (reflect on why this is true.). This is called **extrapolation**.

12.3.5 Additional notes

Use this space to summarize your thoughts and take additional notes on today's activity and material covered.

12.4 Activity 21: Golf Driving Distance

12.4.1 Learning outcomes

- Given a research question involving two quantitative variables, construct the null and alternative hypotheses
 in words and using appropriate statistical symbols.
- Assess the conditions to use the normal distribution model for a slope.
- Find the T test statistic (T-score) for a slope based off of lm() output in R.
- Find, interpret, and evaluate the p-value for a theory-based hypothesis test for a slope.
- Create and interpret a theory-based confidence interval for a slope.
- Use a confidence interval to determine the conclusion of a hypothesis test.

12.4.2 Terminology review

In this week's in-class activity, we will use theory-based methods for hypothesis tests and confidence intervals for a linear regression slope. Some terms covered in this activity are:

- Slope
- Regression line

To review these concepts, see Chapter 21 in the textbook.

12.4.3 Golf driving distance

In golf the goal is to complete a hole with as few strokes as possible. A long driving distance to start a hole can help minimize the strokes necessary to complete the hole, as long as that drive stays on the fairway. Data were collected on 354 PGA and LPGA players in 2008 ("Average Driving Distance and Fairway Accuracy" 2008). For each player, the average driving distance (yards), fairway accuracy (percentage), and sex was measured. Use these data to assess, "Does a professional golfer give up accuracy when they hit the ball farther?"

- Observational units:
- Explanatory variable:
- Response variable:

R Instructions

• Download the R script file from Canvas and open in the RStudio server

```
# Read in data set
golf <- read.csv("https://math.montana.edu/courses/s216/data/golf.csv")</pre>
```

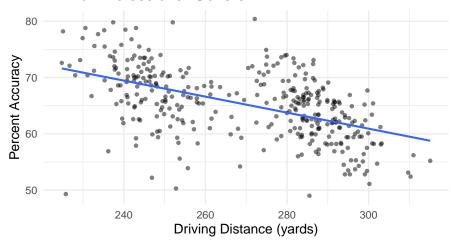
Plot review.

To create a scatterplot showing the relationship between the driving distance and percent accuracy for professional golfers:

- Enter the name of the explanatory and response in line 10
- Highlight and run lines 1 16

```
golf %>% # Pipe data set into...
ggplot(aes(x = Driving_Distance, y = Percent_Accuracy))+ # Specify variables
geom_point(alpha=0.5) + # Add scatterplot of points
```

Scatterplot of Driving Distance by Percent Accuracy for Professional Golfers



Conditions for the least squares line

When performing inference on a least squares line, the follow conditions are generally required:

- Independent observations (for both simulation-based and theory-based methods): individual data points must be independent.
 - Check this assumption by investigating the sampling method and determining if the observational units are related in any way.
- Linearity (for both simulation-based and theory-based methods): the data should follow a linear trend.
 - Check this assumption by examining the scatterplot of the two variables, and a scatterplot of the residuals (on the y-axis) versus the fitted values (on the x-axis). The pattern in the residual plot should display a horizontal line.
- Constant variability (for theory-based methods only): the variability of points around the least squares line remains roughly constant
 - Check this assumption by examining a scatterplot of the residuals (on the y-axis) versus the fitted values (on the x-axis). The variability in the residuals around zero should be approximately the same for all fitted values.
- Nearly normal residuals (for theory-based methods only: residuals must be nearly normal.
 - Check this assumption by examining a histogram of the residuals, which should appear approximately normal.

The scatterplot generated earlier and the residual plots shown below will be used to assess these conditions for approximating the data with the t-distribution.

Histogram of Residuals Residuals vs Fitted 140 20 9 100 Frequency Residuals 0 9 -10 -20 20 150^O 20 60 64 68 72 -20 0 10 Fitted values Residuals

Verify the conditions are met to use theory-based methods

Ask a research question

Parameter of interest in context of the study:

Null Hypothesis (in words):

Null Hypothesis (in notation):

Alternative Hypothesis (in words):

Alternative Hypothesis (in notation):

Summarize and visualize the data

The linear model output for this study is shown below.

```
lm.golf <- lm(Percent_Accuracy~Driving_Distance, data=golf) # lm(response~explanatory)
round(summary(lm.golf)$coefficients, 3)</pre>
```

```
#> Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
#> (Intercept) 103.586 3.329 31.119 0
#> Driving_Distance -0.142 0.012 -11.553 0
```

1. Report and interpret the summary statistic (sample slope) for the linear relationship between driving distance and percent accuracy of golfers. Use proper notation.

Use statistical inferential methods to draw inferences from the data

Hypothesis test To find the value of the standardized statistic to test the slope we will use,

$$T = \frac{\text{slope estimate} - nullvalue}{SE} = \frac{b_1 - 0}{SE(b_1)}.$$

We will use the linear model R output above to get the estimate for slope and the standard error of the slope. Calculate the standardized statistic for slope.

Report the p-value to answer the research question.

Confidence interval Recall that a confidence interval is calculated by adding and subtracting the margin of error to the point estimate.

point estimate
$$\pm t^* \times SE$$
(estimate).

When the point estimate is a regression slope, this formula becomes

$$b_1 \pm t^* \times SE(b_1)$$
.

The t^* multiplier comes from a t-distribution with n-2 degrees of freedom. The sample size for this study is 354 so we will use the degrees of freedom 352 (n-2).

- $\bullet\,$ Enter the percentile needed to find the multiplier for a 95% confidence interval for xx
- Enter the degrees of freedom for yy
- Highlight and run line 35

```
qt(xx, yy, lower.tail = TRUE) # 95% t* multiplier
```

Calculate the 95% confidence interval for the true slope.

Interpret the 95% confidence interval in context of the problem.

Communicate the results and answer the research question

2. Write a conclusion to answer the research question in context of the problem.

Simulation-based hypothesis test

Let's start by thinking about how one simulation would be created on the null distribution using cards. First, we would write the values for the response variable, total length, on each card. Next, we would shuffle these y values while keeping the x values (explanatory variable) in the same order. Then, find the line of regression for the shuffled (x, y) pairs and calculate either the slope or correlation of the shuffled sample.

We will use the regression_test() function in R (in the catstats package) to simulate the null distribution of shuffled slopes (or shuffled correlations) and compute a p-value. We will need to enter the response variable name and the explanatory variable name for the formula, the data set name, the summary measure for the test (either slope or correlation), number of repetitions, the sample statistic (value of slope or correlation), and the direction of the alternative hypothesis.

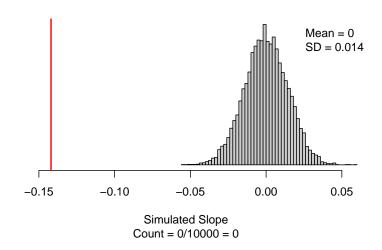
- 3. What inputs should be entered for each of the following to create the simulation to test regression slope?
- Direction ("greater", "less", or "two-sided"):

- Summary measure (choose "slope" or "correlation"):
- As extreme as (enter the value for the sample slope):
- Number of repetitions:

Using the R script file for this activity...

- Enter your answers for question 3 in place of the xx's to produce the null distribution with 10000 simulations.
- Highlight and run lines 32–37.

```
regression_test(Percent_Accuracy~Driving_Distance, # response ~ explanatory
data = golf, # Name of data set
direction = "less", # Sign in alternative ("greater", "less", "two-sided")
summary_measure = "slope", # "slope" or "correlation"
as_extreme_as = -0.142, # Observed slope or correlation
number_repetitions = 10000) # Number of simulated samples for null distribution
```



Simulation-based confidence interval

We will use the regression_bootstrap_CI() function in R (in the catstats package) to simulate the bootstrap distribution of sample slopes (or sample correlations) and calculate a confidence interval.

- Fill in the missing values in the provided R script file to find a 95% confidence interval for slope.
- Highlight and run lines 42–46.

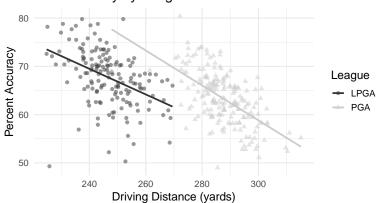
```
regression_bootstrap_CI(Percent_Accuracy~Driving_Distance, # response ~ explanatory
  data = golf, # Name of data set
  confidence_level = 0.95, # Confidence level as decimal
  summary_measure = "slope", # Slope or correlation
  number_repetitions = 10000) # Number of simulated samples for bootstrap distribution
```

Multivariable plots

Another variable that may affect the percent accuracy is the which league the golfer is part of. We will look at how this variable may change the relationship between driving distance and percent accuracy.

```
golf %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = Driving_Distance, y = Percent_Accuracy, color=League))+ # Specify variables
  geom_point(aes(shape = League), size = 2, alpha=0.5) + # Add scatterplot of points
  labs(x = "Driving Distance (yards)", # Label x-axis
        y = "Percent Accuracy", # Label y-axis
        color = "League", shape = "League",
        title = "Scatterplot of Golf Driving Distance and Percent
        Accuracy by League for Professional Golfers") + # Be sure to title your plots
    geom_smooth(method = "lm", se = FALSE) + # Add regression line
        scale_color_grey()
```

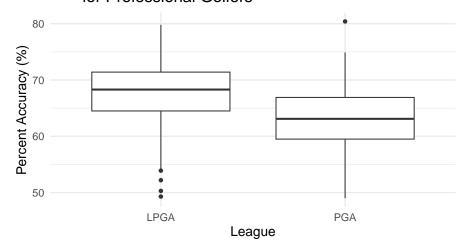
Scatterplot of Golf Driving Distance and Percent Accuracy by League for Professional Golfers



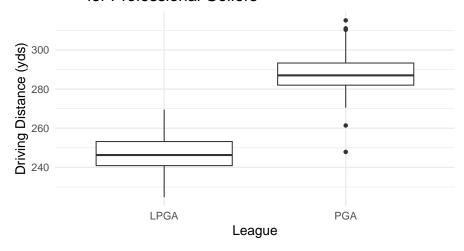
3. Does the association between driving distance and percent accuracy change depending on which league the golfer is a part of? Explain your answer.

4. Explain the association between league and each of the other two variables. Use the following plots in addition to the scatterplot from Q11 to explain your answer.

Side-by-side Box Plot of Percent Accuracy by League for Professional Golfers



Side-by-side Box Plot of Driving Distance by League for Professional Golfers



12.4.4 Take-home messages

- 1. To check the validity conditions for using theory-based methods we must use the residual diagnostic plots to check for normality of residuals and constant variability, and the scatterplot to check for linearity.
- 2. To interpret a confidence interval for the slope, think about how to interpret the sample slope and use that information in the confidence interval interpretation for slope.
- 3. Use the explanatory variable row in the linear model R output to obtain the slope estimate (estimate column) and standard error of the slope (Std. Error column) to calculate the standardized slope, or T-score. The calculated T-score should match the t value column in the explanatory variable row. The standardized slope tells the number of standard errors the observed slope is above or below 0.
- 4. The explanatory variable row in the linear model R output provides a two-sided p-value under the

Pr(>|t|) column.

5. The standardized slope is compared to a t-distribution with n-2 degrees of freedom in order to obtain a p-value. The t-distribution with n-2 degrees of freedom is also used to find the appropriate multiplier for a given confidence level.

12.4.5 Additional notes

Use this space to summarize your thoughts and take additional notes on this week's activity and material covered.

12.5 Module 12 Lab: Big Mac Index

12.5.1 Learning outcomes

- Given a research question involving two quantitative variables, construct the null and alternative hypotheses in words and using appropriate statistical symbols.
- Assess the conditions to determine in theory or simulation-based methods should be used.
- Find, interpret, and evaluate the p-value for a hypothesis test for a slope or correlation.
- Create and interpret a confidence interval for a slope or correlation.

12.5.2 Big Mac Index

Can the relative cost of a Big Mac across different countries be used to predict the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per person for that country? The log GDP per person and the adjusted dollar equivalent to purchase a Big Mac was found on a random sample of 55 countries in January of 2022. The cost of a Big Mac in each country was adjusted to US dollars based on current exchange rates. Is there evidence of a positive relationship between Big Mac cost (dollar_price) and the log GDP per person (log_GDP)?

- Upload and open the R script file for Week 13 lab.
- Upload the csv file, big_mac_adjusted_index_S22.csv.
- Enter the name of the data set for datasetname in the R script file in line 9.
- Highlight and run lines 1–9 to load the data.

```
# Read in data set
mac <- read.csv("datasetname")</pre>
```

Summarize and visualize the data

• To find the correlation between the variables, log_GDP and dollar_price highlight and run lines 13–16 in the R script file.

```
mac %>%
select(c("log_GDP", "dollar_price")) %>%
cor(use="pairwise.complete.obs") %>%
round(3)
```

- 1. Report the value of correlation between the variables.
- 2. Calculate the value of the coefficient of determination between log_GDP and dollar_price.
- 3. Interpret the value of the coefficient of determination in context of the problem.

In the next part of the activity we will assess the linear model between Big Mac cost and log GDP.

- Enter the variable log_GDP for response and the variable dollar_price for explanatory in line 22.
- Highlight and run lines 22–23 to get the linear model output.

```
# Fit linear model: y ~ x
bigmacLM <- lm(response~explanatory, data=mac)
round(summary(bigmacLM)$coefficients,3) # Display coefficient summary</pre>
```

4. Give the value of the slope of the regression line. Interpret this value in context of the problem.

Conditions for the least squares line

- 5. Is there independence between the responses for the observational units? Justify your answer.
- Highlight and run lines 28–33 to create the scatterplot to check for linearity.

- 6. Is the linearity condition met to use regression methods to analyze the data? Justify your answer.
- Highlight and run lines 38–42 to produce the diagnostic plots needed to assess conditions to use theory-based methods.

7. Are the conditions met to use the *t*-distribution to approximate the sampling distribution of the standardized statistic? Justify your answer.

Ask a research question

8. Write out the null and alternative hypotheses in notation to test *correlation* between Big Mac cost and log GDP.

 H_0 :

 $H_A:$

Use statistical inferential methods to draw inferences from the data

Hypothesis test

Use the regression_test() function in R (in the catstats package) to simulate the null distribution of sample correlations and compute a p-value. We will need to enter the response variable name and the explanatory variable name for the formula, the data set name (identified above as mac), the summary measure used for the test, number of repetitions, the sample statistic (value of correlation), and the direction of the alternative hypothesis.

The response variable name is log_GDP and the explanatory variable name is dollar_price.

- 9. What inputs should be entered for each of the following to create the simulation to test correlation?
- Direction ("greater", "less", or "two-sided"):
- Summary measure (choose "slope" or "correlation"):
- As extreme as (enter the value for the sample correlation):
- Number of repetitions:

Using the R script file for this activity, enter your answers for question 9 in place of the xx's to produce the null distribution with 10000 simulations.

- Highlight and run lines 47–53.
- Upload a copy of your plot showing the p-value to Gradescope for your group.

10. Report the p-value from the R output.

Simulation-based confidence interval

We will use the regression_bootstrap_CI() function in R (in the catstats package) to simulate the bootstrap distribution of sample correlations and calculate a confidence interval.

- Fill in the xx's in the the provided R script file to find a 90% confidence interval.
- Highlight and run lines 58–62.

```
regression_bootstrap_CI(log_GDP~dollar_price, # response ~ explanatory
  data = mac, # Name of data set
  confidence_level = xx, # Confidence level as decimal
  summary_measure = "xx", # Slope or correlation
  number_repetitions = 10000) # Number of simulated samples for bootstrap distribution
```

11. Report the bootstrap 90% confidence interval in interval notation.

Communicate the results and answer the research question

- 12. Using a significance level of 0.1, what decision would you make?
- 13. What type of error is possible?
- 14. Interpret this error in context of the problem.
- 15. Write a paragraph summarizing the results of the study as if you are reporting these results in your local newspaper. Upload a copy of your paragraph to Gradescope for your group. Be sure to describe:
 - Summary statistic and interpretation
 - Summary measure (in context)
 - Value of the statistic
 - Order of subtraction when comparing two groups
 - P-value and interpretation
 - Statement about probability or proportion of samples
 - Statistic (summary measure and value)
 - Direction of the alternative
 - Null hypothesis (in context)
 - Confidence interval and interpretation
 - How confident you are (e.g., 90%, 95%, 98%, 99%)
 - Parameter of interest

- Calculated interval
- Order of subtraction when comparing two groups
- Conclusion (written to answer the research question)
 - Amount of evidence
 - Parameter of interest
 - Direction of the alternative hypothesis
- Scope of inference
 - To what group of observational units do the results apply (target population or observational units similar to the sample)?
 - What type of inference is appropriate (causal or non-causal)?

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