ACADGILD ASSIGNMENT 9.1

SESSION 9: Statistical Inference

2. Suppose p = the proportion of students who are admitted to the graduate school of the University of California at Berkeley, and suppose that a public relation officer boasts that UCB has historically had a 40% acceptance rate for its graduate school. Consider the data stored in the table UCBAdmissions from 1973. Assuming these observations constituted a simple random sample, are they consistent with the officerâ..s claim, or do they provide evidence that the acceptance rate was significantly less than 40%? Use an $\hat{I}\pm = 0.01$ significance level.

Answer:

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Our null hypothesis in this problem is H0 : p = 0.4 and the alternative hypothesis is H1 : p < 0.4. We reject the null hypothesis if \hat{p} is too small, that is, if \hat{p} - 0.4 \sqrt{0.4(1 - 0.4)/n} < -z\alpha,) where \alpha = 0.01 and -z0.01 is qnorm(0.99)

A <- as.data.frame(UCBAdmissions)
head(A)
xtabs(Freq ~ Admit, data = A)
phat <- 1755/(1755 + 2771)
(phat - 0.4)/sqrt(0.4 * 0.6/(1755 + 2771))
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Output from R-console

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> qnorm(0.99)
Γ1 2.326348
> A <- as.data.frame(UCBAdmissions)</pre>
> head(A)
     Admit Gender Dept Freq
1 Admitted
              Male
                          512
2 Rejected
              Male
                      Α
                          313
3 Admitted Female
                           89
                      Α
4 Rejected Female
                           19
                      Α
5 Admitted
                         353
             Male
                      В
             Male
                         207
6 Rejected
                      В
> xtabs(Freq ~ Admit, data = A)
Admit
Admitted Rejected
    1755
              2771
> phat <- 1755/(1755 + 2771)</pre>
> (phat - 0.4)/sqrt(0.4 * 0.6/(1755 + 2771))
[1] -1.680919
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Our test statistic is not less than -2.32, so it does not fall into the critical region.

Therefore, we fail to reject the null hypothesis that the true proportion of students admitted to graduate school is less than 40% and say that the observed data are consistent with the officer's claim at the $\alpha = 0.01$ significance level

