## **2** Introduction

- Speaker: Josh Starmer of StatQuest
- **Focus**: Understanding hypothesis testing and the null hypothesis through a drug trial scenario

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# ☐ Drug Trial Example - Drug A vs. Drug B

- Three patients receive **Drug A**; recovery times vary due to factors like lifestyle and stress.
- Another three patients receive **Drug B**; variation is also observed.
- **Preliminary average**: Drug A shows ~15-hour quicker recovery than Drug B.
- When **repeated**, results flip—sometimes Drug A is slower.
- Conclusion: **Initial small-sample results are unreliable**, possibly due to random variation or mislabeling.

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# ☐ Hypothesis Formation & Testing

- Hypothesis: "Drug A reduces recovery time by 15 hours vs. Drug B."
- Repeating the experiment:
  - o If repeated results **contradict** the hypothesis (e.g., the opposite), we **reject** it.
  - If results are in the same direction but vary slightly (e.g., 12 ± hours), we fail to reject—insufficient evidence to disprove it.
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# **?**The Null Hypothesis Introduced

- Null hypothesis (H<sub>0</sub>): **No difference** between treatments (e.g., Drug C vs. Drug D).
- Example: Drug C vs. Drug D shows small average difference (0.5 hours).
- Because this could be due to random noise, we check if this small effect is statistically significant.
- If data doesn't convincingly show a real effect, we **fail to reject Ho**. Glasp+3YTScribe+3Reddit+3

# **✓**Key Takeaways

- Hypothesis testing requires defining  $H_0$  (no effect) and the alternative hypothesis ( $H_1$ ).
- We test how likely observed data is under H<sub>0</sub>.
- Reject H<sub>0</sub> if data is very unlikely under it; otherwise, fail to reject H<sub>0</sub>.
- Important insight: **Failing to reject is not proof of no effect**, just lack of evidence against H<sub>0</sub>.

# ? Common Q&A

- **Q**: Why repeat experiments?
  - A: To distinguish real effects from random variation.
- **Q**: What if repeated results are small but consistent?
  - A: We still **fail to reject** H<sub>0</sub> until the effect is statistically decisive.
- **O**: What is  $H_0$ ?
  - **A**: The hypothesis that *there is zero difference* between groups.
- **Q**: What does "fail to reject  $H_0$ " mean?
  - **A**: Data is inconclusive—no strong evidence either way. Internet ArchiveGlasp

# ☐ Student-Friendly Summary

**Concept** Explanation

**Hypothesis Testing** Assessing if observed data credibly conflicts with "no effect" (H<sub>0</sub>).

Null Hypothesis (H<sub>0</sub>) Assumes no real difference between groups.

Reject  $H_0$ Data unlikely under  $H_0 \rightarrow$  evidence supports alternative.Fail to Reject  $H_0$ Data consistent with  $H_0 \rightarrow$  no strong evidence against it.Repetition MattersRepeat tests to ensure consistent and reliable findings.Small DifferencesMay arise from randomness—need strong evidence.

## ☐ Preparation Tips

- 1. Understand the logic: Know the roles of H<sub>0</sub> and H<sub>1</sub>.
- 2. **Practice scenarios**: Use sample datasets to identify when to reject or fail to reject H<sub>0</sub>.
- 3. **Know test stats**: Learn z-tests, t-tests, p-values, and confidence intervals.
- 4. **Replication awareness**: Recognize that initial results may not hold under repetition due to variance.

5. **Interpret carefully**: "Fail to reject" ≠ confirmation—it's neutrality pending stronger data.

## 2 Video Overview

- Channel: The Organic Chemistry Tutor
- **Content**: Two illustrative examples showing hypothesis testing:
  - 1. One-sample Z-test for a machine dispensing fluid
  - 2. Binomial test (normal approximation) for NLP tool accuracy
- **Duration**: ~20 minutes

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## □□ Timestamps & Key Sections

#### 0:00 - Introduction

Explains approach to population mean testing using Z-tests and T-tests.
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#### 1:00 – Example 1: Z-Test (Factory Bottles)

- Scenario: Machine claims to dispense 80 mL; sample of 40 bottles: mean = 78 mL, SD = 2.5 mL.
- Hypotheses:
  - $\circ$  Ho:  $\mu = 80$
  - $\circ$  H<sub>1</sub>:  $\mu \neq 80$  (two-tailed test)
- Significance:  $\alpha = 0.05 \rightarrow \text{critical } Z \pm 1.96$
- Test statistic:  $Z_0 = (78-80)/(2.5/\sqrt{40}) \approx -5$
- **Decision**:  $|-5| > 1.96 \rightarrow \text{Reject H}_0$ , machine does *not* average 80 mL.
- Also rejected at  $\alpha = 0.10$  and 0.01 levels as -5 lies in all rejection regions. Scribd+2cse.iitb.ac.in+2Glasp+2

## 10:00 - Example 2: Binomial/Normal Approximation

- **Scenario**: NLP tool tags nouns with P(success)=0.5; sample size N; want to test if it's random guess.
- Null: accuracy = 0.5; Alternative:  $\neq$  0.5  $\rightarrow$  two-tailed.
- Use normal approx since Np>5, N(1-p)>5.
- Compute mean =  $N \cdot 0.5$ , SD =  $\sqrt{[N \cdot 0.5 \cdot 0.5]}$ ; find 95% CI (41 to 59 correct tags for N=100).

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## ☐ Core Concepts & Definitions

- Null Hypothesis (H<sub>0</sub>): Baseline assumption (e.g.,  $\mu = 80$ , accuracy = 0.5).
- Alternative Hypothesis (H<sub>1</sub>): What we're testing (e.g.,  $\mu \neq 80$ , accuracy  $\neq 0.5$ ).
- Test Type:
  - o *Two-tailed* when H₁ indicates "≠"
  - o One-tailed when H<sub>1</sub> indicates "<" or ">"
- Significance Level (α): Common values 0.10, 0.05, 0.01
- Critical Value: Threshold from Z/T-table (e.g.,  $\pm 1.96$  for  $\alpha = 0.05$ , two-tailed)
- Test Statistic:
  - $\circ$  Z-value for large samples/known  $\sigma$
  - $\circ$  T-value when  $\sigma$  is unknown/smaller N
- Decision Rule:
  - o Reject Ho if test statistic falls within rejection region
  - o Else Fail to reject Ho
- **Normal Approximation** of Binomial requires Np ≥ 5 and N(1-p) ≥ 5. YTScribeYTScribe+2cse.iitb.ac.in+2Scribd+2

# **✓**Student-Friendly Summary

Step	Action	Explanation
1	State hypotheses	Specify Ho and H1 based on claim
$2 \square$	Determine $\alpha$ & tails	Choose one-tailed or two-tailed test
3	Compute statistic	Z or t depending on data
4	Find critical values	From appropriate distribution table
5	Compare & conclude	e Reject H₀ if statistic lies beyond threshold

## **☐** Example Insights

- **Z-score of -5** is extremely unlikely under H<sub>0</sub> → strong evidence machine differs from 80 mL.
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- In binomial example, if observed correct tags X fall inside CI, fail to reject H₀—behavior isn't significantly different from random guessing.
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# ② Student Notes on "Hypothesis testing (ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW!)"

# ☐ Video Highlights & Structure

- **Host** presents an in-depth overview covering:
  - Intuition behind hypothesis testing
  - o Step-by-step construct of null and alternative hypotheses
  - Calculation of test statistics
  - o Interpretation of p-values
  - Multiple worked examples
  - Duration: ~36 minutes
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# □□ Timestamps & Section Summaries

- 1. **0:00 Introduction** 
  - What hypothesis testing is and when to apply it.
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- 2. 3:41 Intuition Behind Hypothesis Testing
  - o Ask: Is observed data surprising under the "no effect" assumption?
- 3. **10:16 Example 1** 
  - o One-sample test scenario: working through sample mean vs claim.
- 4. 12:57 Null Hypothesis (H<sub>0</sub>)
  - o Defined formally; purpose and importance explained.
- 5. **22:00** Test Statistic
  - $\circ$  How to compute Z / t scores depending on known/unknown σ.
- 6. **28:27 p-value Explanation** 
  - Definition and use to assess statistical significance.

## **✓** □ Core Concepts Explained

- Null Hypothesis (H<sub>0</sub>)
  - Claim of "no effect" or "no difference." Basis for testing.
- Alternative Hypothesis (H<sub>1</sub>)
  - What you're trying to prove (e.g., a difference exists).

- Test Statistic
  - Standardized measure (Z or t) calculated from sample data.
- P-value
  - Probability, assuming  $H_0$  is true, of obtaining results at least as extreme. Small p-value  $\rightarrow$  strong evidence **against**  $H_0$ .
- Decision Rule
  - If  $p \le \alpha$  (e.g., 0.05), reject H<sub>0</sub>; otherwise, fail to reject H<sub>0</sub>.

## ☐ Worked Examples (from video practice)

#### **Example 1: One-Sample Test**

- Given sample mean  $x^{\text{bar}}\{x\}x^{\text{vs}}$  known population mean  $\mu_0$
- Compute t or Z:  $(x^-\mu 0)/(s/n)(\sqrt{s} + \mu_0)/(s/\sqrt{s} + \mu_0)/(s/\sqrt{s})$
- Compare to critical value → decide accept/reject.

#### **Example 2: Two-Sample Test**

- Compare means of two independent groups.
- Use pooled t-test if variances equal; otherwise, Welch's t-test. YouTube+2YouTube+2Newcastle University+2Wikipedia+1Wikipedia+1Wikipedia
- Formula for pooled standard deviation and test statistic explained clearly.

# ☐ Summary Table

Step	Action	Explanation
1	Define Ho and H1	Specify null (no effect) and alternative (effect exists)
$2 \square$	Choose α and tail-type	Decide significance level & test direction
3	Compute statistic	$Z$ or t depending on $\sigma$ known/unknown
4	Determine critical region	Via Z/t table for $\alpha$
5	Calculate p-value	Find probability of observed/stronger result
6	Conclude test	$p \le \alpha \rightarrow$ reject H <sub>0</sub> ; else, fail to reject H <sub>0</sub>
7	Interpret results	Acknowledge limitations (lack of evidence ≠ proof)

# : How to Know Which Statistical Test to Use for Hypothesis Testing

## ☐ Overview

- **Host**: Covers selecting the appropriate statistical test based on data type and research goal
- **Focus**: Step-by-step guidance to determine whether to use Z-test, t-test, ANOVA, Chi-square, correlation, or regression
- **Duration**: ~guided tutorial by The Organic Chemistry Tutor (based on title and format) youtube.com+8youtube.com+8m.youtube.com+8

# ☐ Step-by-Step Decision Framework

#### 1. Identify Your Data Type & Research Question

- Numeric (quantitative) vs. Categorical outcomes
- Are you comparing means, proportions, or exploring relationships?

#### 2. Determine Number of Samples / Groups

- One-sample: testing a sample against a known population mean
- **Two-sample**: compare two independent groups
- Paired samples: dependent groups (e.g., before–after)
- More than two groups: use ANOVA

#### 3. Assess Distribution & Known Parameters

- Is population standard deviation ( $\sigma$ ) known? -> Z-test
- σ unknown or small sample? -> t-test (Student's or Welch's depending on equal variances)

#### 4. Choose Tail Direction

- Does hypothesis specify direction (">", "<")? → One-tailed
- Else use two-tailed ("≠") tests

#### 5. Interpret Results

- If  $p \le \alpha$ , reject null hypothesis
- If  $p > \alpha$ , fail to reject—no strong evidence of effect

## ☐ Common Scenarios & Test Choices

Scenario Test Type

Population mean vs. sample mean; σ known Z-test (one-sample)
Sample mean vs. population; σ unknown t-test (one-sample)

Compare means of two independent groups **Two-sample t-test** (Student's or Welch's)

Before–after measurements on same subjects Paired t-test Compare means of >2 groups ANOVA

Categorical variables / contingency tables Chi-square test

Continuous variables correlation and prediction Correlation & regression analysis

# **Quick Tips for Students**

- Match test to data: mean, proportion, categories?
- Check assumptions: normality, independence, sample size
- **Know your tail**: directional vs. non-directional hypothesis
- Use correct table: Z for known  $\sigma$ , t for unknown  $\sigma$
- Understand p-values: outcome measured by significance threshold

## **☐** Why This Matters

- Using the wrong test can **invalidate results**.
- Understanding the logic builds strong **statistical thinking skills**.
- Helps in planning experiments and accurately interpreting data.

# Intro to Hypothesis Testing in Statistics

# ☐ Video Summary

This classic MathTutorDVD video offers a clear, visual overview of hypothesis testing, ideal for beginners. It walks through the core concepts—null and alternative hypotheses, test statistics, decision rules, and common errors—using straightforward examples and diagrams.

# □□ Structure & Key Topics

## 0:00 – Introduction to Hypothesis Testing

Presents the big picture: deciding whether sample data provides evidence against an assumed baseline ("no effect").
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#### ☐ Steps in Hypothesis Testing (outline)

- 1. Formulate hypotheses:
  - o H<sub>0</sub>: "status quo" (e.g. no difference or effect)
  - o H<sub>1</sub>: "what you aim to support" (effect exists)
- 2. **Select test statistic**: Z or T depending on sample and data.
- 3. Establish decision rules: define rejection region based on significance level  $(\alpha)$ .
- 4. Collect data & compute test statistic.
- 5. Make a decision: reject or fail to reject H<sub>0</sub>.
- 6. Interpret outcome, acknowledging that failure to reject doesn't prove Ho true.

#### □□ Errors in Hypothesis Testing

- Type I error (α): rejecting H<sub>0</sub> when it's actually true.
- Type II error (β): failing to reject H<sub>0</sub> when H<sub>1</sub> is true.
- Video uses real-world examples to illustrate both error types. scribd.com

# ☐ Student-Friendly Recap

Step	Action	Insight
1	Set hypotheses (Ho vs H1)	Define baseline and what you're testing
2	Choose $\alpha$ and test statistic	Select significance threshold and Z/T statistic
3	Compute from sample data	Convert observations into a test score
4	Check decision rule	Compare score to critical values
5	Decide & interpret	Reject/fail to reject; explain in context
6	Understand errors	Recognize risks of Type I & Type II

# ☐ Important Concepts to Remember

- A small p-value means data is unlikely under  $H_0 \rightarrow$  stronger case to reject it.
- Rejection region depends on  $\alpha$  and whether test is one- or two-tailed.
- Error balance: lowering  $\alpha$  (to avoid false positives) increases  $\beta$  (risk of false negatives).

• Failing to reject H₀ ≠ evidence that H₀ is true—it simply means insufficient evidence against it.

# ☐ Why This Video is Useful

- Great for visual learners: diagrams of distributions and rejection zones.
- Simplifies confusing ideas like p-values and error types with easy language.
- Encourages thinking about real-world consequences of wrong decisions.

## ☐ Classroom Tips

- **Practice** with examples using different  $\alpha$  levels and tail directions.
- Sketch distributions showing rejection regions and test statistic placements.
- **Discuss** implications of Type I vs. Type II errors in real scenarios.
- Quiz yourself: "What if  $\alpha$  changes?" or "What if sample size increases?"
- Remember: context matters—statistics influence decisions in medicine, engineering, psychology, etc.

## □ □ Structured Breakdown

#### 0:00 – Null Hypothesis & p-Value Basics

- Null hypothesis (H<sub>0</sub>): baseline assumption (e.g., medication has no effect).
- **p-value**: probability of observing the data (or something more extreme) if H<sub>0</sub> is true. Pearson

## ~? – Statistical Significance & Type I Error

- Statistical significance: typically  $p \le 0.05 \rightarrow$  results unlikely under H<sub>0</sub>.
- Type I error ( $\alpha$ ): probability of erroneously rejecting H<sub>0</sub> when it's true.
- Emphasis: **lower** α **reduces false positives** but increases risk of false negatives (Type II). <u>Pearson</u>

## Worked Example (Implicit in Video)

While no concrete numbers shown in captions, typical usage is:

- 1. State  $H_0$  (e.g., drug effect = 0).
- 2. Perform experiment  $\rightarrow$  compute p-value from test statistic.
- 3. Compare p-value to  $\alpha$  (e.g., 0.05).
- 4. Decision:
  - **p** ≤ α → reject H Φ → declare effect statistically significant.
  - p > α → fail to reject H<sub>0</sub> → no evidence for effect.
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## **Friendly Summary**

**Concept** Explanation

H<sub>0</sub> (Null Hypothesis) The statement tested — assumes no effect or difference.

p-value Probability of observing your data (or more extreme) under H<sub>0</sub>.
 Significance Level (α) Threshold (e.g., 0.05) to decide if results are unlikely by chance.

**Type I Error** Risk of rejecting H₀ when it's actually true (false positive).

Statistically Significant  $p \le \alpha \rightarrow \text{reject H}_0$ ;  $p > \alpha \rightarrow \text{fail to reject H}_0$ .

# ☐ Key Takeaways for Students

- Always define H<sub>0</sub> clearly before testing.
- Use p-value for evidence strength, not proof.
- Watch  $\alpha$ -levels to balance false positives vs. negatives.
- Failing to reject H<sub>0</sub> does *not* prove it true it only shows lack of supporting evidence.

# : Null and Alternate Hypothesis

## ☐ Video Overview

- Content: A fundamental introduction to formulating null (H<sub>0</sub>) and alternative (H<sub>1</sub>) hypotheses
- **Source**: MathTutorDVD YouTube video (published ~10 years ago) Study.com+15YouTube+15Scribd+15

# ☐ Core Steps Covered

#### **1. Define Hypotheses** $\square$

- Null Hypothesis (H<sub>0</sub>): The "default" assumption (e.g., no effect, no difference)
- Alternative Hypothesis (H<sub>1</sub>): The claim you want to test (e.g., difference exists) PMC+3Investopedia+3Wikipedia+3

## 2. Determine Error Types

- Type I Error (α): Reject H<sub>0</sub> when it's actually true (false positive)
- Type II Error (β): Fail to reject H<sub>0</sub> when H<sub>1</sub> is true (false negative) CourseSidekick+5PMC+5Newcastle University+5

## ☐ Student-Friendly Summary Table

Step	Action	Explanation
1 ☐ Set H₀ and H₁		Ho assumes no change; H1 reflects your anticipated effect <u>University of Colorado Boulder+8Newcastle University+8Study.com+8</u>
$2 \square \int_{pr}^{Se}$	elect α and test ocedure	Choose significance level and test statistic type
$3 \square_{\text{sta}}^{\text{Co}}$	ompute test atistic & p-value	Assess data likelihood under Ho
4 🗍 M	ake decision	$p \le \alpha \rightarrow$ reject H <sub>0</sub> ; otherwise fail to reject
$5 \square \frac{\text{In}}{\text{ca}}$	terpret with ution	Failing to reject ≠ confirming H₀; consider error rates

# **✓**Key Takeaways

- **Ho serves as your initial assumption**, tested for falsification <u>Facebook+15Newcastle</u> University+15Scribd+15
- H<sub>1</sub> is supported only if there's strong evidence against H<sub>0</sub>, based on p-value or test statistic
- Errors are inherent: both false positives and negatives carry real-world consequences Cross Validated+15Scribd+15Newcastle University+15
- Never "accept" Ho outright: you either reject it or fail to reject it

## ☐ Quick Analogy

Think of a courtroom: the defendant (H<sub>0</sub>) is assumed innocent until the prosecution (H<sub>1</sub>) presents convincing evidence. An acquittal (fail to reject) isn't proof of innocence—only that guilt wasn't proven.

## ☐ Video Overview

- **Duration**: ~10 minutes
- Focus: Core ideas of hypothesis testing with emphasis on Type I and Type II errors, using straightforward examples from quality control scenarios. linkedin.com+7youtube.com+7m.youtube.com+7linkedin.com

# □□ Outline & Key Sections

#### $0:00 \rightarrow Introduction$

- Sets up a scenario: testing a batch of parts to determine if quality meets a standard.
- Purpose: understand how decisions based on sample data can be wrong due to chance.

## ☐ Core Concepts

#### 1. Hypothesis Formation

- Null Hypothesis (H₀): The batch meets the quality standard (e.g., defect rate ≤ target).
- Alternative Hypothesis (H<sub>1</sub>): The batch does not meet the standard (e.g., defect rate > target).

#### 2. Type I Error $(\alpha)$

- Occurs when we **reject H₀ though it is true**—i.e., false alarm, thinking the batch is bad when it's actually OK.
- Probability of this error is  $\alpha$ , the chosen significance level (e.g., 5%).

#### 3. Type II Error (B)

- Happens when we fail to reject H<sub>0</sub> though H<sub>1</sub> is true—missing a defective batch.
- $\beta$  depends on sample size, effect size, and  $\alpha$  setting.

#### 4. Power of a Test

- Defined as  $1 \beta$ : probability of correctly detecting a problem when it exists.
- Increases with larger sample size or a larger true effect (e.g., big quality deviation).

#### 5. Sample Decisions

- Based on sample data (e.g., count of defectives), we compare to critical threshold:
  - o If count > threshold  $\rightarrow$  reject  $H_0 \rightarrow$  conclude batch is bad
  - o **If count ≤ threshold** → fail to reject  $H_0$  → conclude batch is OK (with possible error)

## **Summary**

Concept	What It Means in Testing Context			
H <sub>o</sub>	Assumes everything is fine (e.g., quality standard met)			
H <sub>1</sub>	Assumes there's a problem (standard not met)			
α (Type I)	Risk of false positive—wrongly rejecting a good batch			
β (Type II)	Risk of false negative—missing a bad batch			
Power (1–β) Ability of test to detect a real issue when it exists				
Trade-off	Lower $\alpha$ reduces $\alpha$ errors but increases $\beta$ (and vice versa)			

## ☐ Key Takeaways

- 1. **Balancing Act**: Choose  $\alpha$  and sample size to manage both error types.
- 2. **Critical Thresholds**: Statistical and practical effects determine what counts as a "bad batch."
- 3. **Power Matters**: A test that's not powerful enough ( $\beta$  too high) might miss real problems.
- 4. **Real-World Impact**: In quality control, both false alarms and missed defects have tangible costs.

## 0:00 - Defining "Hypothesis"

• General idea: A hypothesis is a **claim about a population parameter** (mean, proportion, etc.).

## ~1:00 – Simple vs. Complex Hypotheses

- Simple hypothesis: Specifies a single precise value for a parameter (e.g.,  $\mu=5\mu=5\mu=5$ ).
- Complex (Composite) hypothesis: Covers a range of values (e.g.,  $\mu$ >5 $\mu$ >5 $\mu$ >5 or 0.3<p<0.60.3 < p < 0.60.3<p<0.6).

#### ~2:00 - Null Hypothesis (H<sub>0</sub>)

• The default/baseline assumption: equality (e.g.,  $\mu = \mu 0 \mu = \mu 0 \mu = \mu 0$  or p = p 0 p = p 0).

#### ~2:30 – Alternative Hypothesis (H<sub>1</sub>/H<sub>a</sub>)

- The claim we want to test:
  - O Directional alternatives:  $\mu > \mu 0 \mu > \mu 0 \mu > \mu 0$  or  $\mu < \mu 0 \mu < \mu 0 one$ -tailed tests.
  - **Non-directional**:  $\mu \neq \mu 0 \mu \neq \mu \omega \mu \Box = \mu 0$  *two-tailed* test.

#### ~3:30 – Key Differences Highlighted

- **H**<sub>0</sub> is always framed as an equality.
- H<sub>1</sub> is inequality (composite), indicating direction or difference.
- Switching H<sub>0</sub>/H<sub>1</sub> changes test design and interpretation.

## ~4:00 – Importance in Testing Framework

- Ho is assumed true at start.
- Hypothesis test aims to reject H<sub>0</sub> in favor of H<sub>1</sub> if evidence is strong.

## **Summary**

Concept Explanation

Hypothesis A claim about a population parameter.

**Simple Hypothesis** Specifies one exact value (e.g.,  $\mu$ =5 $\mu$ =5 $\mu$ =5).

Complex Hypothesis Specifies a range (e.g.,  $\mu$ >5 $\mu$ >5 $\mu$ >5, p $\neq$ 0.5p  $\neq$  0.5p  $\square$ =0.5).

 $\label{eq:Null Hypothesis (Ho)} \textbf{Default assumption} \\ -- always \ equality.$ 

Alternative (H<sub>1</sub>/H<sub>a</sub>) The claim being tested—inequality/composite.

**One-tailed test** When direction in H<sub>1</sub> is specified (> or <).

**Two-tailed test** When  $H_1$  is non-directional  $(\neq)$ .

## ☐ Why It Matters

- Forming the correct H<sub>0</sub> and H<sub>1</sub> is **critical** before running any statistical test. The nature of H<sub>1</sub> determines if you use a one- or two-tailed test. Attaching inequality/composite claims to H<sub>1</sub> sets your **testing direction** and **decision** criteria.