

AI Investigation: Using "Rock Paper Scissors" to experiment using Confidence Intervals to determine inconclusive victories

**with double mean CI instead of single mean CI*

AI Investigation Part 3+

Goal: further test using Confidence Intervals to determine inconclusive victories: 2+ options and non-binary game results

Also amended previous problem of using single mean to construct CI

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In [1]: import random
import numpy as np
import statistics as s
import scipy.stats
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Define Game

Rock Paper Scissors

Win chance 1/3; Lose chance 1/3; Draw chance 1/3

Set a random variable X for the result of the game to be 1 (if win), 0 (if draw), -1 (if lose)

Thus, $E(X) = 0$; $V(X) = 2/3$

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In [2]: CHOICE = ['R', 'P', 'S']
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In [3]: def winloss(player1, player2):
    if player1 == 'R':
        if player2 == 'S':
            return 1
        elif player2 == 'P':
            return -1

    elif player1 == 'P':
        if player2 == 'R':
            return 1
        elif player2 == 'S':
            return -1

    else:
        if player2 == 'P':
            return 1
        elif player2 == 'R':
            return -1

    return 0
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Simulation

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In [4]: RUNS = 1000000

data = {'R': list(), 'P': list(), 'S': list()}

sample = list()
victory = list()
for i in range(RUNS):
    obs1 = random.sample(CHOICE, 1)[0]
    obs2 = random.sample(CHOICE, 1)[0]

    data[obs1].append(winloss(obs1, obs2))
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Algorithm for final choice

First: Manipulate data so that it is in a dictionary and the dictionary value is [mean, stdev, length]

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In [5]: stats = dict()
for choice in CHOICE:
    tmp = list()
    tmp.append(s.mean(data[choice]))
    tmp.append(s.stdev(data[choice]))
    tmp.append(len(data[choice]))

    stats[choice] = tmp

stats
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Out[5]: {'R': [0.0006029336772954975, 0.8167883765719353, 333370],
         'P': [0.0008683685488329607, 0.8159248986436104, 332808],
         'S': [-0.0006021172960439995, 0.8164663959420605, 333822]}
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In [6]: def final_choice(stats):

    stats.sort(key = lambda x:x[1][0], reverse = True)

    # Then tests whether the second, third and so forth values contain 0 within their joint confidence interval
    inconclusive_list = [stats[0][0]]
    inconclusive = False
    for i in range(1, len(stats)):
        if in_range(construct_CI(stats[0], stats[i])):
            inconclusive_list.append(stats[i][0])
            inconclusive = True
        else: # Because all values are sorted, if the current choice's joint Confidence Interval does not contain the first choice's mean, then it is not in the joint confidence interval
            break

    if inconclusive: # If inconclusive, return statement with the list of 'drawn' choices
        return f'Inconclusive: the following came to a draw {inconclusive_list}'

    return stats[0][0] # Else, return the dominant strategy
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In [7]: def construct_CI(stat1, stat2):
    """ Uses Welch's approximation to construct a joint CI of two means, unknown population variances """

    xbar1 = stat1[1][0]
    xbar2 = stat2[1][0]
    s1 = stat1[1][1]
    s2 = stat2[1][1]
    n = stat1[1][2]
    m = stat2[1][2]
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r = (s1**2 /n + s2**2 /m)**2 / (s1**4 / (n**2 * (n-1)) + s2**4 / (m**2 * (m-1)))

q = scipy.stats.t.ppf(0.95, df = r)

poolsd = np.sqrt(s1**2 /n + s2**2 /m)

CI = (xbar1 - xbar2 - q * poolsd, xbar1 - xbar2 + q * poolsd)

print(f'{stat1[0]} {stat2[0]}: {CI}')
print('\n')

return CI

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In [8]: def in_range(CI):
        """ Helper function to check whether 0 is within the Confidence Interval """

        if CI[0] <= 0 and CI[1] >= 0:
            return True
        return False

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In [9]: stats

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Out[9]: {'R': [0.0006029336772954975, 0.8167883765719353, 333370],
        'P': [0.0008683685488329607, 0.8159248986436104, 332808],
        'S': [-0.0006021172960439995, 0.8164663959420605, 333822]}

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In [10]: final_choice(list(stats.items()))

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P R: (-0.0030249194161819553, 0.0035557891592568813)

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P S: (-0.0018181062651184583, 0.004759077954872379)

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Out[10]: "Inconclusive: the following came to a draw ['P', 'R', 'S']"

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A few words on experimental results:

Overall when using the 2-mean CI the results were better. However there were still times when the 95% CI did not give the correct answer of all three being draws. Thus conducting a proper experiment for what % CI to use is vital.

This time did not test Normal distribution because most of the time we work assuming we don't know the population variance.