

Course 02402 Introduction to Statistics Lecture 12:

Inference for proportions

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Different analysis/data-situations in course 02402

Mean for quantitative data:

- Hypothesis test/CI for one mean (one-sample)
- Hypothesis test/CI for two means (two samples)
- Hypothesis test/CI for several means (K samples)

Today: Proportions:

- Hypothesis test/CI for one proportion
- Hypothesis test/CI for two proportions
- Hypothesis test for several proportions
- Hypothesis test for several "multi-categorical" proportions

Estimation of proportions

- Estimation of proportions:

$$\hat{p} = \frac{x}{n}$$

$$\hat{p} \in [0; 1]$$

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Confidence interval for one proportion

Method 7.3

If we have a large sample, then an $(1 - \alpha)\%$ confidence interval for p is:

$$\frac{x}{n} - z_{1-\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{\frac{x}{n}(1 - \frac{x}{n})}{n}} < p < \frac{x}{n} + z_{1-\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{\frac{x}{n}(1 - \frac{x}{n})}{n}}$$

How?

Follows from approximating the binomial distribution by the normal distribution.

As a rule of thumb

the normal distribution gives a good approximation of the binomial distribution if np and $n(1 - p)$ are both greater than 15

Confidence interval for one proportion

Mean and variance in binomial distribution, Chapter 2.21

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= np \\ \text{Var}(X) &= np(1 - p) \end{aligned}$$

This means that

$$\begin{aligned} E(\hat{p}) &= E\left(\frac{X}{n}\right) = \frac{np}{n} = p \\ \text{Var}(\hat{p}) &= \text{Var}\left(\frac{X}{n}\right) = \frac{1}{n^2} \text{Var}(X) = \frac{p(1 - p)}{n} \end{aligned}$$

Example 1

Left handed:

p = proportion of left handed in Denmark

and/or:

Female engineering students:

p = Proportion of female engineering students

"Margin of Error" on estimate

Margin of Error

with $(1 - \alpha)\%$ confidence becomes:

$$ME = z_{1-\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}}$$

where an estimate of p comes from $p = \frac{x}{n}$

Example 1

Left handed:

$$\sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}} = \sqrt{\frac{10/100(1-10/100)}{100}} = 0.03$$

$$0.10 \pm 1.96 \cdot 0.03 \Leftrightarrow 0.10 \pm 0.059 \Leftrightarrow [0.041, 0.159]$$

Better "small sample" method - "plus 2-approach": (Remark 7.7)

Use the same formula on $\tilde{x} = 10 + 2 = 12$ and $\tilde{n} = 104$:

$$\sqrt{\frac{\tilde{p}(1-\tilde{p})}{\tilde{n}}} = \sqrt{\frac{12/104(1-12/104)}{104}} = 0.031328$$

$$0.1154 \pm 1.96 \cdot 0.03132 \Leftrightarrow 0.1154 \pm 0.0614 \Leftrightarrow [0.054, 0.177]$$

Sample size determination

Method 7.13

If you want a Margin of Error ME with $(1 - \alpha)\%$ confidence, then you need the following sample size:

$$n = p(1-p) \left[\frac{z_{1-\alpha/2}}{ME} \right]^2$$

Sample size determination

Method 7.13

If you want a Margin of Error ME with $(1 - \alpha)\%$ confidence, and you have NO reasonable guess of p , then you need the following sample size:

$$n = \frac{1}{4} \left[\frac{z_{1-\alpha/2}}{ME} \right]^2$$

since the worst case approach is given by: $p = \frac{1}{2}$

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Example 1 - continued

Left handed:

Assume that we want $ME = 0.01$ (with $\alpha = 0.05$) - what should n be?

Assume $p \approx 0.10$:

$$n = 0.1 \cdot 0.9 \left(\frac{1.96}{0.01} \right)^2 = 3467.4 \approx 3468$$

WITHOUT any assumption on the size of p :

$$n = \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1.96}{0.01} \right)^2 = 9604$$

Steps by hypothesis testing - an overview (Repetition)

- 1 Formulate the hypotheses and choose the level of significance α (choose the "risk-level")
- 2 Calculate, using the data, the value of the test statistic
- 3 Calculate the p-value using the test statistic and the relevant sampling distribution, and compare the p-value and the significance level α and make a conclusion
- 4 (Alternatively, make a conclusion based on the relevant critical value(s))

Hypothesis test for one proportion

The null and alternative hypothesis for one proportion p :

$$H_0 : p = p_0$$

$$H_1 : p \neq p_0$$

We either accept H_0 or reject H_0

Finishing the test (Method 7.11)

Find the p -value (evidence against the null hypothesis):

- $2P(Z > |z_{\text{obs}}|)$

Test using the critical value

Alternative hypothesis	reject null hypothesis if
$p \neq p_0$	$z_{\text{obs}} < -z_{1-\alpha/2}$ or $z_{\text{obs}} > z_{1-\alpha/2}$

Calculation of test statistic

Theorem 7.10 and Method 7.11

If the sample size is sufficiently large, we use the test statistic: (If $np_0 > 15$ and $n(1-p_0) > 15$)

$$z_{\text{obs}} = \frac{x - np_0}{\sqrt{np_0(1-p_0)}}$$

Under the null hypothesis the random variable Z follows a standard normal distribution, $Z \sim N(0, 1^2)$

Example 1 - continued

Is half of all people in Denmark left handed?

$$H_0 : p = 0.5, H_1 : p \neq 0.5$$

Test statistic:

$$z_{\text{obs}} = \frac{x - np_0}{\sqrt{np_0(1-p_0)}} = \frac{10 - 100 \cdot 0.5}{\sqrt{100 \cdot 0.5(1-0.5)}} = -8$$

p -value:

$$2 \cdot P(Z > 8) = 1.2 \cdot 10^{-15}$$

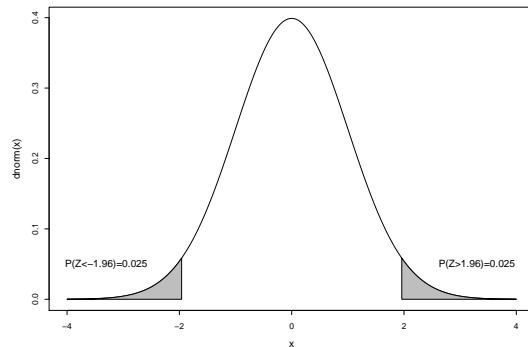
There is very strong evidence against the null hypothesis - we reject this (with $\alpha = 0.05$).

Example 1 - continued

Using the critical value in stead:

$$z_{0.975} = 1.96$$

As $z_{\text{obs}} = -8$ is (much) less than -1.96 we reject the hypothesis.



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Confidence interval for two proportions

Method 7.15

$$(\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2) \pm z_{1-\alpha/2} \cdot \hat{\sigma}_{\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2}$$

where

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

Rule of thumb:

Both $n_i p_i \geq 10$ and $n_i(1 - p_i) \geq 10$ for $i = 1, 2$.

Hypothesis test for two proportions, Method 7.18

Two sample proportions hypothesis test

Comparing two proportions (here shown for a two-sided alternative)

$$H_0 : p_1 = p_2$$

$$H_1 : p_1 \neq p_2$$

The test statistic:

$$z_{\text{obs}} = \frac{\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2}{\sqrt{\hat{p}(1 - \hat{p})\left(\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}\right)}}, \quad \text{where } \hat{p} = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{n_1 + n_2}$$

And for large samples:

Use the standard normal distribution again.

Example 2

Is there a relation between the use of birth control pills and the risk of blood clot in the heart

In a study (USA, 1975) the connection between birth control pills and the risk of blood clot in the heart was investigated.

	Blood clot	No blood clot
B. C. pill	23	34
No B. C. pill	35	132

Is there a relation between the use of birth control pills and the risk of blood clot in the heart

Carry out a test to check if there is any connection between the use of birth control pills and the risk of blood clot in the heart. Use a significance level of $\alpha = 5\%$

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Estimates in each sample

$$\hat{p}_1 = \frac{23}{57} = 0.4035, \quad \hat{p}_2 = \frac{34}{167} = 0.2096$$

Common estimate:

$$\hat{p} = \frac{23 + 34}{57 + 167} = \frac{57}{224} = 0.2589$$

Hypothesis test for several proportions

The comparison of c proportions

In some cases we might be interested in determining if two or more binomial distributions have the same parameter p , that is we are interested in testing the null hypothesis:

$$H_0: p_1 = p_2 = \dots = p_c = p$$

vs. the alternative that the proportions are not equal.

Hypothesis test for several proportions

Table of observed counts for k samples:

	sample 1	sample 2	...	sample c	Total
Success	x_1	x_2	...	x_c	x
Failure	$n_1 - x_1$	$n_2 - x_2$...	$n_c - x_c$	$n - x$
Total	n_1	n_2	...	n_c	n

Common (average) estimate:

Under the null hypothesis the estimate of p is:

$$\hat{p} = \frac{x}{n}$$

Hypothesis test for several proportions

Common (average) estimate:

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"Use" this common estimate in each group:

If the null hypothesis is true, we expect that the j 'th group has e_{1j} successes and e_{2j} failure, where

$$e_{1j} = n_j \cdot \hat{p} = \frac{n_j \cdot x}{n}$$

$$e_{2j} = n_j(1 - \hat{p}) = \frac{n_j \cdot (n - x)}{n}$$

Hypothesis test for several proportions

We fill compute table of EXPECTED counts for k samples:

e_{ij}	sample 1	sample 2	...	sample c	Total
Success	e_{11}	e_{12}	...	e_{1c}	x
Failure	e_{21}	e_{22}	...	e_{2c}	$n - x$
Total	n_1	n_2	...	n_c	n

General way to find the expected counts in frequency tables:

$$e_{ij} = \frac{(i\text{'th row total}) \cdot (j\text{'th column total})}{(\text{total})}$$

Computation of the test statistic - Method 7.20

The test statistic becomes

$$\chi_{\text{obs}}^2 = \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=1}^c \frac{(o_{ij} - e_{ij})^2}{e_{ij}}$$

where o_{ij} is the observed frequency in cell (i,j) and e_{ij} is the expected frequency in cell (i,j)

Find the p -value or use the critical value - Method 7.20

Sampling distribution for test-statistic:

 χ^2 -distribution with $(c - 1)$ degrees of freedom

Critical value method

If $\chi_{\text{obs}}^2 > \chi_{\alpha}^2(c - 1)$ the null hypothesis is rejected

Rule of thumb for validity of the test:

All expected values: $e_{ij} \geq 5$.

Example 2 - continued

Find the EXPECTED values e_{ij}

Expected	Blood clot	No Blood clot	Total
B. C. pill			57
No B. C. pill			167
Total	58	166	224

Example 2 - continued

The OBSERVED values o_{ij}

Observed	Blood clot	No Blood clot
B. C. pill	23	34
No B. C. pill	35	132

Example 2 - continued

Use "the rule" for expected values four times, e.g.:

$$e_{22} = \frac{167 \cdot 166}{224} = 123.76$$

The EXPECTED values e_{ij}

Expected	Blood clot	No Blood clot	Total
B. C. pill			57
No B. C. pill			167
Total	58	166	224

Example 2 - continued

The test statistic:

$$\chi_{\text{obs}}^2 = \frac{(23 - 14.76)^2}{14.76} + \frac{(34 - 42.24)^2}{42.24} + \frac{(35 - 43.24)^2}{43.24} + \frac{(132 - 123.76)^2}{123.76} = 8.33$$

Critical value:

```
qchisq(0.95, 1)
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[1] 3.841
```

Conclusion:

We reject the null hypothesis - there IS a significant higher risk in the BC pill group.

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Analysis of contingency tables

A 3×3 table - 3 samples, 3-category outcomes

	4 weeks bef	2 weeks bef	1 week bef
Candidate I	79	91	93
Candidate II	84	66	60
Undecided	37	43	47

Are the votes equally distributed?

$$H_0: p_{i1} = p_{i2} = p_{i3}, i = 1, 2, 3.$$

Analysis of contingency tables

A 3×3 table - 1 sample, two 3-category variables:

	bad	average	good
bad	23	60	29
average	28	79	60
good	9	49	63

Is there a dependency between the rows and columns?

$$H_0: p_{ij} = p_{i.}p_{.j}$$

Computation of the test statistic – no matter type of table 7.22

In a contingency table with r rows and c columns, the test statistic is:

$$\chi_{\text{obs}}^2 = \sum_{i=1}^r \sum_{j=1}^c \frac{(o_{ij} - e_{ij})^2}{e_{ij}}$$

where o_{ij} is the observed value in cell (i, j) and e_{ij} is the expected value in cell (i, j)

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Find p -value or use critical value - Method 7.22

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Critical value method

If $\chi_{\text{obs}}^2 > \chi_{\alpha}^2$ with $(r-1)(c-1)$ degrees of freedom the null hypothesis is rejected

Rule of thumb for validity of the test:

All expected values $e_{ij} \geq 5$.

R: prop.test - one proportion

```
# TESTING THE PROBABILITY = 0.5 WITH A TWO-SIDED ALTERNATIVE
# WE HAVE OBSERVED 518 OUT OF 1154
# WITHOUT CONTINUITY CORRECTIONS
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```
prop.test(518, 1154, p = 0.5, correct = FALSE)
```

R: prop.test - two proportions

```
#READING THE TABLE INTO R
pill.study<-matrix(c(23, 34, 35, 132), ncol = 2, byrow = TRUE)
colnames(pill.study) <- c("Blood Clot", "No Clot")
rownames(pill.study) <- c("Pill", "No pill")

# TESTING THAT THE PROBABILITIES FOR THE TWO GROUPS ARE EQUAL
prop.test(pill.study, correct = FALSE)
```

R: chisq.test - two proportions

```
# CHI2 TEST FOR TESTING THE PROBABILITIES FOR THE TWO GROUPS ARE EQ
chisq.test(pill.study, correct = FALSE)
#IF WE WANT THE EXPECTED NUMBERS SAVE THE TEST IN AN OBJECT
chi <- chisq.test(pill.study, correct = FALSE)
#THE EXPECTED VALUES
chi$expected
```

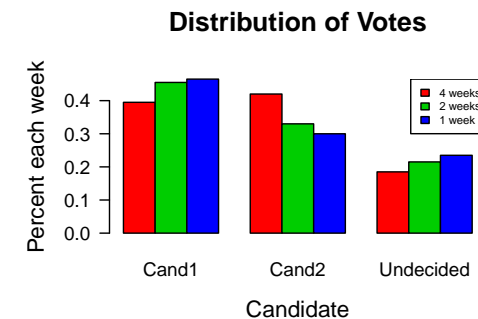
R: chisq.test - contingency tables

```
#READING THE TABLE INTO R
poll <-matrix(c(79, 91, 93, 84, 66, 60, 37, 43, 47),
             ncol = 3, byrow = TRUE)
colnames(poll) <- c("4 weeks", "2 weeks", "1 week")
rownames(poll) <- c("Cand1", "Cand2", "Undecided")

#COLUMN PERCENTAGES
colpercent<-prop.table(poll, 2)
colpercent
```

R: chisq.test - contingency tables

```
# Plotting percentages
par(mar=c(5,4,4,1,2)+0.1)
barplot(t(colpercent), beside = TRUE, col = 2:4, las = 1,
        ylab = "Percent each week", xlab = "Candidate",
        main = "Distribution of Votes")
legend( legend = colnames(poll), fill = 2:4,"topright", cex = 0.5)
par(mar=c(5,4,4,2)+0.1)
```



R: chisq.test - contingency tables

```
#TESTING SAME DISTRIBUTION IN THE THREE POPULATIONS
chi <- chisq.test(poll, correct = FALSE)
chi

#EXPECTED VALUES
chi$expected
```

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