

KEY TAKEAWAYS

**CHAPTER
TITLE** | Hypothesis Testing

**LECTURE
TITLE** | Null vs Alternate Hypothesis

- 1 Hypothesis testing** is a statistical technique for **decision-making or inferring** population characteristics.
- 2 Null Hypothesis (H_0):** Represents a statement of **no effect or no difference**, serving as the benchmark in hypothesis testing.
- 3 Alternative Hypothesis (H_a):** Proposes a **new effect or difference**, challenging the null hypothesis.

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Z Test, Rejection Region

- 1 **Z-Test:** A statistical test used to determine if there's a significant difference between **sample and population means**.
- 2 **Significance Level (Alpha):** Defines the **threshold for rejecting the null hypothesis**, commonly set at **0.05 or 5%**.
Formula: $(1 - \text{confidence interval})$
- 3 **Critical Z-Value (Z(crit)):** The cut-off point in a **Z-test** distinguishing the **rejection region for the null hypothesis**.
- 4 **Rejection Region:** The area beyond the **critical Z-value (Z(crit))** where, if the Z-score falls, the **null hypothesis is rejected** due to significant evidence.

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p-Value

- 1 P-Value:** Assuming the **null hypothesis** is correct, what is the probability of obtaining **results as extreme as observed** in a statistical test.
- 2** If the **p-value is less** than the chosen **significance level (e.g., 0.05)**, it suggests strong evidence **against the null hypothesis**, leading to its rejection.

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TITLE** | One-Tailed vs Two-Tailed Test

- 1 One-Tail Test:** Checks if a parameter is significantly different in **one direction (greater or less)**.
- 2 Two-Tail Test:** Evaluates if a parameter is significantly different in **any direction (greater or less)**.

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Type 1 and Type 2 Errors

- 1 **Type 1 Error:** Occurs when we **incorrectly reject** a true null hypothesis.
- 2 **Type 2 Error:** Occurs when we **fail to reject** a false null hypothesis.
- 3 **Type 1 error** is also known as a "**false positive**" while **Type 2 error** is a "**false negative**".
- 4 **Beta (β):** The probability of making a **Type 2 error (false negative)**.
- 5 **Statistical Power:** The probability of correctly rejecting a **false null hypothesis**, equal to $1-\beta$.
- 6 **Balancing** Type 1 and Type 2 errors is crucial in **statistical analysis**.

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- 1 **Statistical power**, denoted as $1-\beta$, represents the probability of **correctly rejecting a false null hypothesis** in a hypothesis test.
- 2 **Effect size** quantifies the **magnitude of the difference or relationship** between two groups or variables in a study.

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- 1 A/B testing** compares two versions (A and B) to find which performs better based on **user engagement and relevant metrics**.
- 2 One-Sample Test:** Used to check if a sample significantly differs from a **known population parameters**.
- 3 Two-Sample Test:** Compares **two independent** sample data sets to **identify significant differences** between their means or proportions.

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A/B Testing Using Z Test

- 1 Control group:** Baseline for comparing experimental effects.
- 2 Test group:** Subjects exposed to experimental treatment for evaluation.
- 3 Use the Z-test** when the sample size is >30 and the **T-test** when the sample size is ≤ 30 to make statistical inferences.