

STATS 205: Homework Assignment 5

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Solution to Problem 1

We say that two observations X_1 and X_2 are *independent* of one another with respect to a collection of events \mathcal{A} if

$$Pr \{X_1 \in A \text{ and } X_2 \in B\}$$

In deciding whether your own observations are exchangeable and a permutation test applicable, the key question is the one we posed in the very first chapter: Under the null hypothesis of no differences among the various experimental or survey groups, can we exchange the labels on the observations without significantly affecting the results?

- 2.2.2 Exchangeable Observations; Permutation, Parametric, and Bootstrap Tests of Hypotheses; Good, Phillip I