Math 362: Mathematical Statistics II

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Instead of numerical estimates of parameters, in the form of either single points or confidence intervals, we want to make a choice between two conflicting theories, or **hypothesis**:

1. H_0 : the null hypothesis v.s.

2. H_1 : the alternative hypothesis

Comments: <u>Hypothesis testing</u> and <u>confidence intervals</u> are dual concepts to each other:

- One can be obtained from the other.
- ▶ However, it is often difficult to specify μ_0 to the null hypothesis.

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