

Hypothesis Testing Protocol

Practical Problem or Theory: State problem or state theory to be proven.

Statistical Problem: State Ho and Ha (with the correct test in mind)

Statistical Analysis: Test to be used, alpha and power. Run test, show printout, results and p-value

Statistical Conclusion: Based on p-value, Reject Ho or Fail to Reject Ho. ("If the p is low, the null must go")

Practical Conclusion: Answer to your practical problem. Theory is proven true or not.

Hypothesis Tests by Data Type

		Y	
		Continuous	Categorical
	Continuous	How does change in X affect change in Y? Statistical: Regression Graphical: Scatter Diagrams	Logistic Regression (out of scope)
X	Categorical	Means or Medians Different? Statistical: If Normal: t-tests; ANOVA If Non-Normal: Wilcoxon, Mann-Whitney, Kruskal-Wallis Graphical: Histograms; Box Plots Variance Different? Statistical: Test for Equal Variances (Bartlett's, Levene's) Graphical: Histograms; Box Plots	Are the outputs different? Statistical: Chi Square, Proportions tests Graphical: Pareto Diagrams; Stratification