Hypothesis tests for two means



Overview

Review/continuation of hypothesis testing for a single proportion

One tailed vs. two-tailed tests

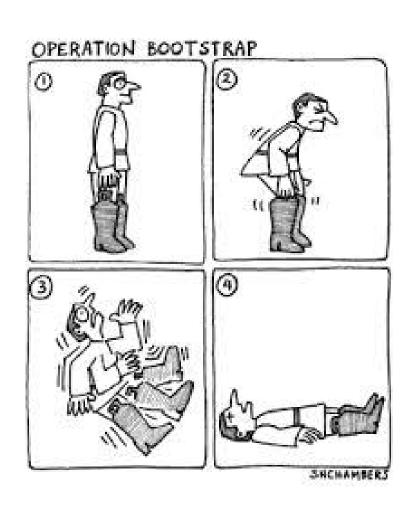
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Questions about homework 5?

Do we feel confident about constructing confidence intervals using the bootstrap?

Do we think Paul was psychic?



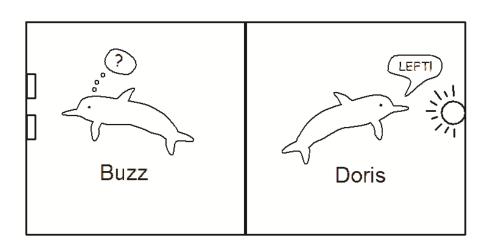


Homework 6

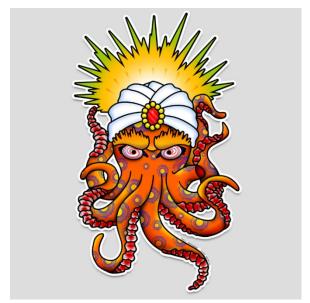
Homework 6 has been posted

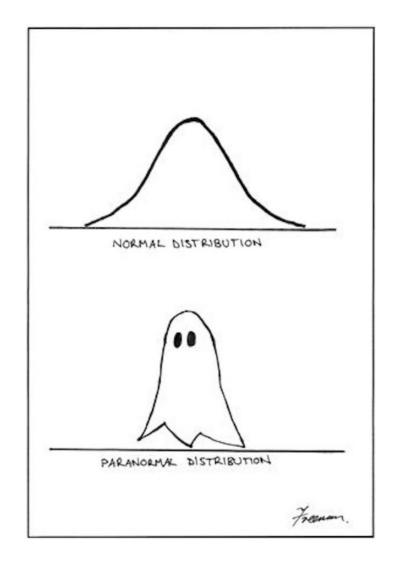
- Due on Gradescope at 11:30pm on Sunday March 1st
- It is shorter (only 50 points) to give you more time to study for the midterm

Review: hypothesis tests for a single proportion







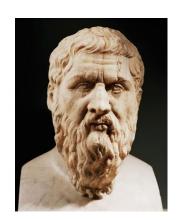


Five steps of hypothesis testing

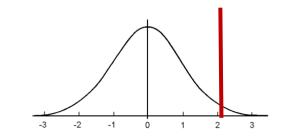
- 1. State H₀ and H_A
 - Assume Gorgias (H₀) was right







- 3. Create a distribution of what statistics would look like if Gorgias is right
 - Create the null distribution (that is consistent with H₀)
- 4. Get the probability we would get a statistic more than the observed statistic from the null distribution
 - p-value



- 5. Make a judgement
 - Assess whether the results are statistically significant



One-tailed vs. two tailed

In the examples we have seen, we were just interested if the parameter was **greater** than an hypothesized parameter

$$H_0$$
: $\pi = 0.25$ H_A : $\pi > 0.25$

In other cases we might not have a directional alternative hypothesis

Testing whether a coin is biased

Suppose we wanted to test what whether Buzz chose the correct food well *more or less* than 50% of the time

• e.g., Buzz might not like the food so was avoiding the well with the food

1. Write down the null and alternative hypotheses

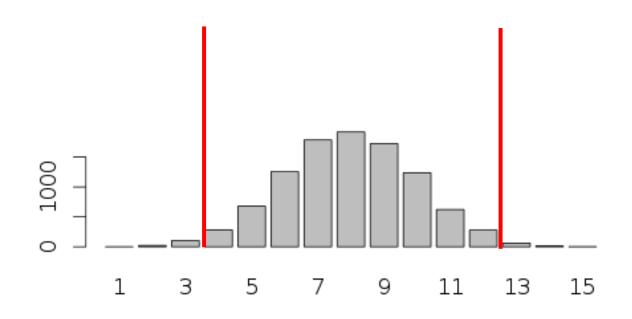
2. Suppose out of the 16 trials, Buzz got the correct 3 times. How would we use a randomized distribution to tell if the coin is biased?

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12	279
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14	15
15	3
16	0

2. Suppose out of the 16 trials, Buzz got the correct 3 times. How would we use our randomized distribution to tell?

3. Based on this table, what is the p-value?

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$$p$$
-value = $209/10000 = .0209$

Compare this p-value to we would have gotten if we **expected** Buzz to avoid the food well?

Statement of alternative hypothesis is important

We need to state what you expect before analyzing the data

Our expectation (hypothesis statement) can change the p-value

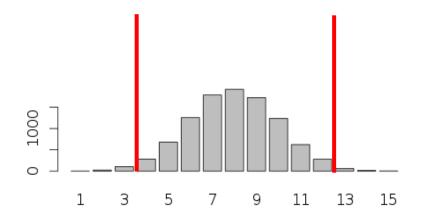
Estimating a p-value from a randomized distribution

<u>For a one tailed alternative</u>: Find the proportion of randomized samples that equal or exceed the original statistic in the direction (tail) indicated by the alternative hypothesis

<u>For a two-tailed alternative</u>: Find the proportion of randomization samples in the tails beyond the observed statistic and 1 - the observed statistic

 Alternatively, find the proportion of randomization samples in the smaller tail at or beyond the original statistic and then double the proportion to account for the other tail

How to estimate two sided p-values in R?



Hypothesis tests for comparing two means



Question: Is this pill effective?

Hypothesis tests for comparing two means



Question: Can we find out the *Truth* of whether the pill effective?

Testing whether a pill is effective

How would we design a study?

What would the cases and variables be?

What would the statistic of interest be?

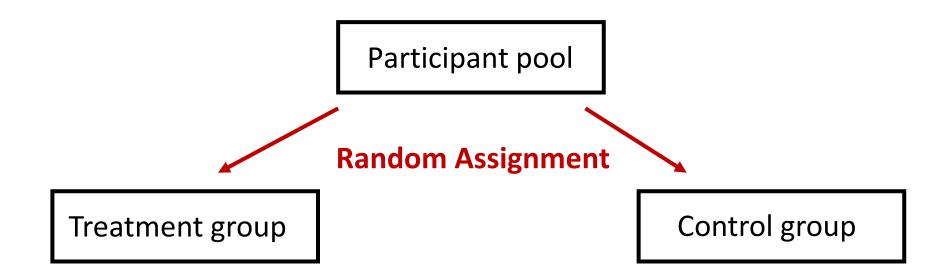
What are the null and alternative hypotheses?

Assume we are looking for differences in means between the groups

Experimental design

Take a group of participant and *randomly assign*:

- Half to a treatment group where they get the pill
- Half in a control group where they get a fake pill (placebo)
- See if there is more improvement in the treatment group compared to the control group



Example: Does calcium reduce blood pressure?

A randomized by Lyle et al (1987) comparative experiment investigated whether calcium lowered blood pressure in African-American men

- A treatment group of 10 men received a calcium supplement for 12 weeks
- A control group of 11 men received a placebo during the same period

The blood pressure of these men was taken before and after the 12 weeks of the study

1) What are the null and alternative hypotheses?

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• H_0: \mu_{Treatment} = \mu_{Control} or \mu_{Treatment} - \mu_{Control} = 0
• H_A: \mu_{Treatment} > \mu_{Control} or \mu_{Treatment} - \mu_{Control} > 0
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• i.e., a greater decrease in blood pressure after taking calcium

Hypothesis tests for differences in two group means

1) State the null and alternative hypothesis

- H_0 : $\mu_{Treatment} = \mu_{Control}$ or $\mu_{Treatment} \mu_{Control} = 0$ • H_A : $\mu_{Treatment} > \mu_{Control}$ or $\mu_{Treatment} - \mu_{Control} > 0$
- 2) Calculate statistic of interest
 - $\overline{X}_{Effect} = \overline{X}_{Treatment} \overline{X}_{Control}$

Does calcium reduce blood pressure?

Treatment data (n = 10):

Decrease	7	-4	18	17	-3	-5	1	10	11	-2
End	100	114	105	112	115	116	106	102	125	104
Begin	107	110	123	129	112	111	107	112	136	102

Control data (n = 11):

Begin	123	109	112	102	98	114	119	112	110	117	130
End	124	97	113	105	95	119	114	114	121	118	133
Decrease	-1	12	-1	-3	3	-5	5	2	-11	-1	-3

2) What is the observed statistic of interest?

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$$\overline{X}_{Effect} = 5 - -.2727 = 5.273$$

3) What is step 3?

3. Create the null distribution!

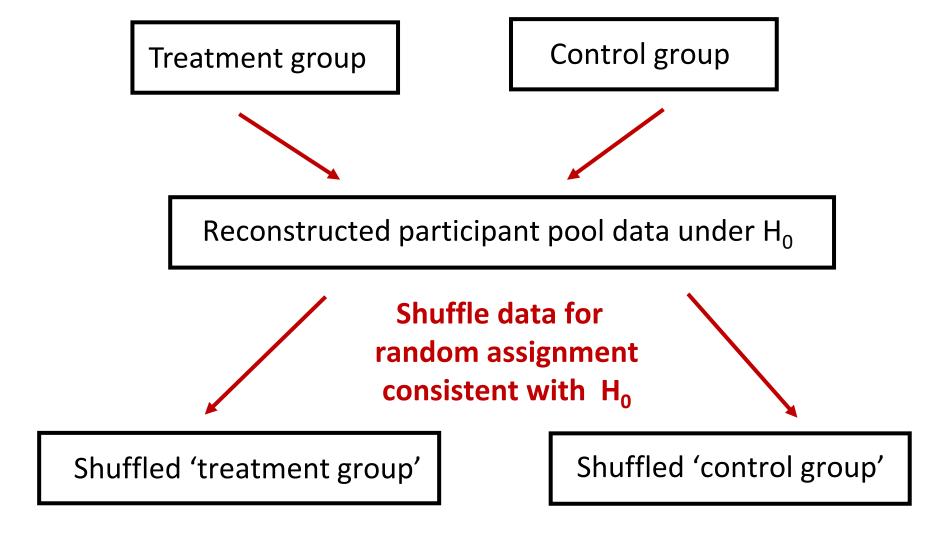
How could we create the null distribution?

Need to generate data consistent with H_0 : $\mu_{Treatment} - \mu_{Control} = 0$

• i.e., we need fake \overline{x}_{Effect} that are consistent with H_0

Any ideas how we could do this?

3. Create the null distribution!



One null distribution statistic: $\overline{X}_{Shuff_Treatment}$ - $\overline{X}_{Shuff_control}$

3. Create a null distribution

- 1) Combine data from both groups
- 2) Shuffle data
- 3) Randomly select 10 points to be the 'null' treatment group
- 4) Take the remaining points to the 'null' control group
- 5) Compute the statistic of interest on these 'null' groups
- 6) Repeat 10,000 times to get a null distribution

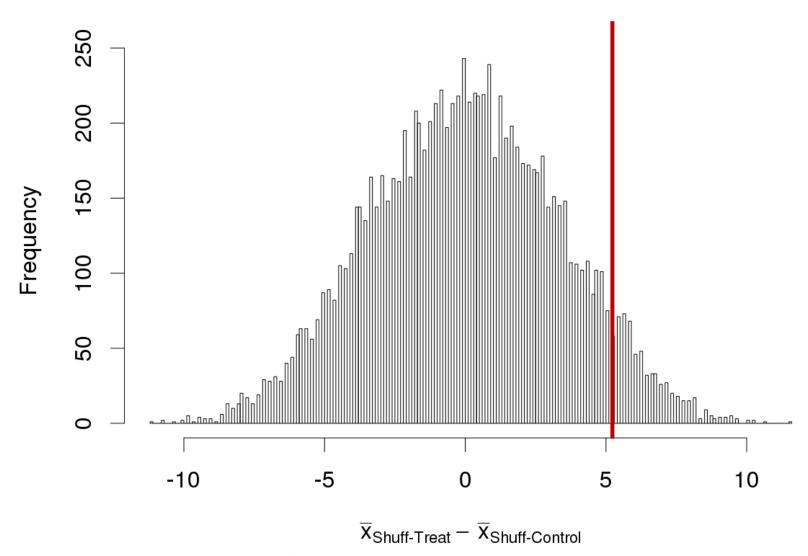
3. Creating a null distribution in R

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# the data from the calcium study
treat <- c(7, -4, 18, 17, -3, -5, 1, 10, 11, -2)
control <- c(-1, 12, -1, -3, 3, -5, 5, 2, -11, -1, -3)
# observed statistic
obs stat <- mean(treat) - mean(control)</pre>
# Combine data from both groups
combined data <- c(treat, control)
```

3. Creating a null distribution in R

```
null distribution <- do it(10000) * {
    # shuffle data
    shuff data <- shuffle(combined data)</pre>
    # create fake treatment and control groups
    shuff treat <- shuff data[1:10]
    shuff_control <- shuff_data[11:21]</pre>
    # save the statistic of interest
    mean(shuff_treat) - mean(shuff_control)
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Null distribution



4. Calculate the p-value

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# 8) Calculate the p-value
> p_value <- pnull(obs_stat, null_distribution, lower.tail = FALSE)</pre>
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p-value = .064
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Next step?

5. Are the results statistically significant?



What should we do?

More/larger studies!

