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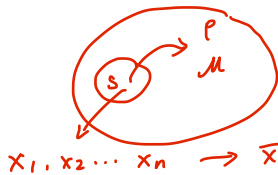
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# Statistical inference



- ▶ **Statistical inference:** using data from the sample to draw conclusions about the population
  - ▶ Point estimation (confidence intervals): estimating population parameters and specifying the degree of precision of the estimate. likely values for  $\mu$ . (3, 7).
  - ▶ Hypothesis testing: testing the validity of statements about the population that are framed in terms of parameters.

$$H_0: \mu = \#$$

$$H_a: \mu \neq \#$$

# Hypothesis testing

- ▶ **Hypothesis testing (significance testing):** the use of data in the quantitative assessment of the plausibility of some trial value or a parameter.
- ▶ You have competing **hypotheses**, or statements, about a population:
  - ▶ The **null hypothesis**, denoted  $H_0$  is the proposition that a parameter equals some fixed number.
  - ▶ The **alternative hypothesis**, denoted  $H_a$  or  $H_1$ , is a statement that stands in opposition to the null hypothesis.
  - ▶ Examples: *one-sample test for mean.*

$H_0: \mu = \#$	$H_0: \mu = \#$	$H_0: \mu = \#$
$H_a: \mu > \#$	$H_a: \mu < \#$	$H_a: \mu \neq \#$

- ▶ Note:  $H_a: \mu \neq \#$  makes a **two-sided test**, while  $H_a: \mu < \#$  and  $H_a: \mu > \#$  make a **one-sided test**.
- ▶ The goal is to use the data to debunk the null hypothesis in favor of the alternative:
  - C.I. : not contain  $\#$ .
  - Test statistic (obs) ? critical value.
  - $p\text{-value} < \text{significance level } \alpha$ .
- ▶ Assume  $H_0$ .
- ▶ Try to show that, under  $H_0$ , the data are preposterous.
- ▶ If the data are preposterous, reject  $H_0$  and conclude  $H_a$ .

# Hypothesis testing

## ► Outcomes of a hypothesis test:

The ultimate decision is in favor of:

	$H_0$	$H_a$
The true state of affairs is described by:		
$H_0$		Type I error
$H_a$	Type II error	

- significance level.  $\alpha$

## ► $\alpha$ (the very same $\alpha$ in confidence intervals) is the probability of rejecting $H_0$ when $H_0$ is true.

- $\alpha$  is the Type I Error probability.
- For honesty's sake,  $\alpha$  is fixed before you even look at the data.

*control the type I error.*

*e.g. reject  $H_0$  if C.I. does not contain  $\mu_0 \leftarrow H_0$ .*

*$1-\alpha$  C.I. for  $\mu$ : likely values for  $\mu$ .  
 $\alpha$  smaller. C.I. wider.*

# Formal steps of a hypothesis test using confidence intervals

1. State  $H_0$  and  $H_a$ . ✓
2. State  $\alpha$ . ✓
3. State the form of the  $1 - \alpha$  confidence interval you will use, along with all the assumptions necessary.
4. Calculate the  $1 - \alpha$  confidence interval.
5. Based on the  $1 - \alpha$  confidence interval, either:
  - ▶ Reject  $H_0$  and conclude  $H_a$ , or
  - ▶ Fail to reject  $H_0$ . *contain # ?*
6. Interpret the conclusion using layman's terms.

## Example: breaking strength of wire

- ▶ Suppose you are a manufacturer of construction equipment. You make 0.0125 inch wire rope and need to determine how much weight it can hold before breaking so that you can label it clearly.
- ▶ Here are breaking strengths, in kg, for 40 sample wires:

100.37	96.31	72.57	88.02	105.89	107.80	75.84	92.73	67.47
94.87	122.04	115.12	95.24	119.75	114.83	101.79	80.90	96.10
118.51	109.66	88.07	56.29	86.50	57.62	74.70	92.53	86.25
82.56	97.96	94.92	62.93	98.44	119.37	103.70	72.40	71.29
107.24	64.82	93.51	86.97					

- ▶ Let's conduct a hypothesis test to find out if the true mean breaking strength is above 85 kg.

$$H_0: \mu = 85 \quad H_a: \mu > 85.$$

# Example: breaking strength of wire

1.  $H_0 : \mu = 85$  kg and  $H_a : \mu > 85$  kg, where  $\mu$  is the true mean breaking strength.

2.  $\alpha = 0.05$

3. Since this is a one-sided (lower) test, I will use a lower  $1 - \alpha$  confidence interval:

$$\left( \bar{x} - z_{1-\alpha} \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}, \infty \right)$$

*reject  $H_0$  when  
c.i. does not contain*

$$\Rightarrow P(85 < \bar{x} - z_{1-\alpha} \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}) = \alpha$$

I am assuming:  $P(\bar{x} - z_{1-\alpha} \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} < \mu) = 1 - \alpha$

- The data points  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  were iid draws from some distribution with mean  $\mu$  and some constant variance.

4. From before, we calculated the confidence interval to be  $(87.24, \infty)$ .
5. With 95% confidence, we have shown that  $\mu > 87.24$ . Hence, at significance level  $\alpha = 0.05$ , we have shown that  $\mu > 85$ . We reject  $H_0$  and conclude  $H_a$ .
6. There is enough evidence to conclude that the true mean breaking strength of the wire is greater than 85 kg. Hence, the requirement is met.

*$H_a$ .*

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*test statistic*

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# Hypothesis testing with critical values

- ▶ Instead of using a confidence interval in the test, simply compute a test statistic and compare it to a **critical value**.

- ▶ A **test statistic** is a random variable of the form:

$$K = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{\phi}$$

$H_0: \mu = \mu_0$

one-sample  
test for mean.

- ▶  $\mu_0$  is the true mean value of the data under the null hypothesis.
- ▶  $\phi$  is either  $\sigma/\sqrt{n}$  or  $s/\sqrt{n}$ , whichever version of  $SD(\bar{X})$  is available. *standard error.*
- ▶ A **critical value** is a special quantile on the distribution of  $K$  (either  $z_{1-\alpha}$ ,  $z_{1-\alpha/2}$ ,  $t_{n-1,1-\alpha}$ , or  $t_{n-1,1-\alpha/2}$ ). We compare it to the observed  $K$  (a realization of the random variable by plugging the data, usually denoted by a lower case letter such as  $k$ ) to decide whether to reject  $H_0$  or fail to reject  $H_0$ .

# Full list of steps: critical values

1. State  $H_0$  and  $H_a$ .
2. State  $\alpha$ .
3. State the form of the test statistic, its distribution under the null hypothesis, and all your assumptions.
4. Calculate the observed test statistic and the critical value
5. Based on the previous step, either:
  - ▶ Reject  $H_0$  and conclude  $H_a$ , or
  - ▶ Fail to reject  $H_0$ .
6. Interpret the conclusion using layman's terms.

## Example: fill weight of jars

*population std dev.*



- ▶ Suppose a manufacturer fills jars of food using a stable filling process with a known standard deviation of  $\sigma = 1.6g$ .

- ▶ We take a sample of  $n = 47$  jars and measure the sample mean weight  $\bar{x} = 138.2$  g. *mean fill weights  $\mu$ .*

- ▶ I will conduct the following hypothesis tests:

- ▶  $H_0 : \mu = 140$  vs.  $H_a : \mu \neq 140$
  - ▶  $H_0 : \mu = 138$  vs.  $H_a : \mu < 138$
- } → two sided.*  
*→ one sided.*

$$H_0 : \mu = 140 \text{ vs. } H_a : \mu \neq 140$$

1.  $H_0 : \mu = 140$   $H_a : \mu \neq 140$

2.  $\alpha = 0.1$  usually given in the problem.

3. Since  $\sigma$  is known and the sample size is large enough for the Central Limit Theorem, I will use the test statistic:

$$Z = \frac{\bar{x} - 140}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \sim N(0,1)$$

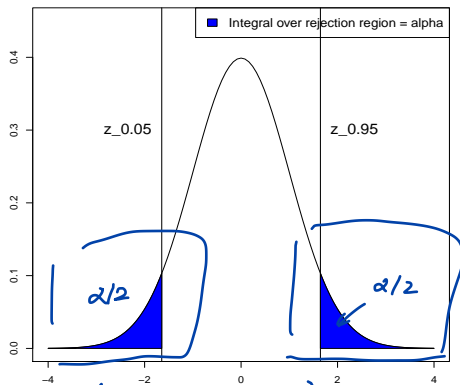
- ▶ Assume  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are iid with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ .
- ▶  $Z \sim N(0,1)$  under the null hypothesis.
- ▶ Since  $Z \sim N(0,1)$  and this is a 2-sided test, I reject  $H_0$  when  $|Z| > |z_{1-\alpha/2}|$ . control type I error.

$|\bar{x} - 140| \text{ large} \rightarrow \text{reject}$   
 $\sim |Z| > \text{critical value.}$

$$H_0 : \mu = 140 \text{ vs. } H_a : \mu \neq 140$$

$Z$

- **Rejection region:** the set of all possible values of  $Z$  for which the  $H_0$  is rejected.  $\alpha = 0.1$ .  $Z_{1-\alpha/2} = Z_{0.95}$ .
- The pdf of  $Z$  must integrate to  $\alpha$  over the rejection region (in this case,  $(-\infty, z_{\alpha/2})$  and  $(z_{1-\alpha/2}, \infty)$ ).



type 2 error:  $P(|Z| > |z_{1-\alpha/2}|) = \alpha$   
 $P(|Z| > 0) = 1$

$$H_0 : \mu = 140 \text{ vs. } H_a : \mu \neq 140$$

4. The observed test statistic:



$$z = \frac{138.2 - 140}{1.6/\sqrt{47}} = -7.72$$

$$\blacktriangleright z_{1-\alpha/2} = z_{1-0.1/2} = z_{0.95} = 1.64.$$

5. Since  $|z| = |-7.72| > 1.64 = |z_{1-\alpha/2}|$ , I reject  $H_0$  in favor of  $H_a$ .

6. There is strong evidence that the true mean fill weight is not 140 g.

Ita.

$$H_0 : \mu = 138 \text{ vs. } H_a : \mu < 138$$

$\bar{x} - 138$  small.

1.  $H_0 : \mu = 138, H_a : \mu < 138$

2.  $\alpha = 0.1$

3. Since  $\sigma$  is known and the sample size is large enough for the Central Limit Theorem, I will use the test statistic:

$$\underline{Z = \frac{\bar{x} - 138}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}} \sim N(0, 1).$$

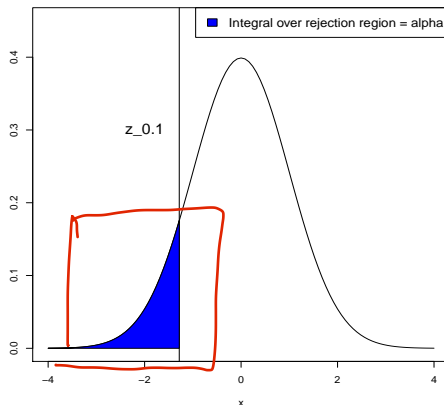
- ▶ Assume  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are iid with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ .
- ▶  $Z \sim N(0, 1)$  under the null hypothesis.
- ▶ Since  $Z \sim N(0, 1)$  and this is a 1-sided upper test, I reject  $H_0$  when  $Z < z_{\alpha}$ .  $Z < \text{critical value}.$

$$\underline{P(Z < z_{\alpha}) = \alpha. = \text{type I error.}}$$



$$H_0 : \mu = 138 \text{ vs. } H_a : \mu < 138$$

- ▶ This time, our rejection region is  $(-\infty, z_\alpha)$ .
- ▶ The pdf of  $Z$  must integrate to  $\alpha$  over the rejection region.



$$H_0 : \mu = 138 \text{ vs. } H_a : \mu < 138$$

4. The observed test statistic:



$$z = \frac{138.2 - 138}{1.6/\sqrt{47}} = 0.857$$

▶  $z_\alpha = z_{0.1} = -1.28.$

$z \stackrel{?}{<} z_\alpha.$

5. Since  $z = 0.857$ , which is not less than  $z_\alpha = -1.28$ , I fail to reject  $H_0$ .

6. There is not enough evidence to conclude that the true mean fill weight is less than 138 g.

$1 + \alpha.$

## Example: concrete beams

- ▶ 10 concrete beams were each measured for flexural strength (MPa):

8.2   8.7   7.8   9.7   7.4  
7.8   7.7   11.6   11.3   11.8

- ▶  $\bar{x} = 9.2$  MPa,  $s = 1.76$  MPa.
- ▶ I will conduct a hypothesis test to find out if the flexural strength is above 8.0 MPa.

$$H_0: \mu = 8 \quad H_a: \mu > 8.$$

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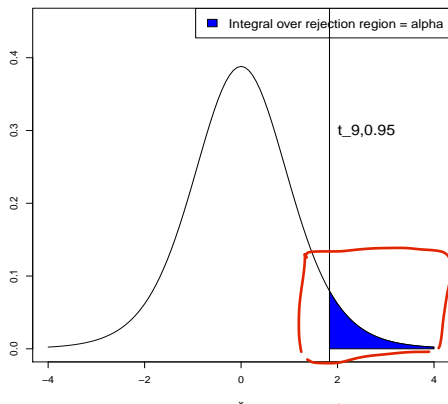
1.  $H_0 : \mu = 8.0, H_a : \mu > 8.0$
2.  $\alpha = 0.05$
3. Since the sample size is small, I will use the test statistic:

$$T = \frac{\bar{x} - 8.0}{s/\sqrt{n}}$$

- ▶ Assume  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are iid  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$
- ▶  $T \sim t_{n-1} = t_9$  under the null hypothesis because  $n$  is small and  $\sigma$  is unknown.
- ▶ Since  $T \sim t_9$  and this is a 1-sided lower test, I reject  $H_0$  when  $T > t_{9,1-\alpha}$

## Example: concrete beams

- ▶ This time, our rejection region is  $(t_{9,1-\alpha}, \infty)$ .
- ▶ The pdf of  $T$  must integrate to  $\alpha$  over the rejection region.



$$P(T > t_{9,0.95}) = \underline{\underline{0.05}}$$


## Example: concrete beams

4. The observed test statistic:



$$t = \frac{9.2 - 8.0}{1.76/\sqrt{10}} = 2.16$$

▶  $t_{9,1-\alpha} = t_{9,0.95} = 1.83.$

5. Since  $\cancel{t} = 2.16 > t_{9,1-\alpha} = 1.83$ , I reject  $H_0$  in favor of  $H_a$ .  


6. There is enough evidence to conclude that the true mean flexural strength of the beams is above 8.0 MPa.

# Which test statistics and critical values to use

- The rules for test statistics depend on the sample size  $n$  and the knowledge of  $\sigma$  in the same way confidence intervals do.

Condition	Test Statistic $K$	Distribution of $K$
$n \geq 25, \sigma$ known	$\frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}$	$N(0, 1)$
$n \geq 25, \sigma$ unknown	$\frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}}$	$N(0, 1)$
$n < 25, \sigma$ unknown	$\frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}}$	$t_{n-1}$

- Appropriate comparisons of critical values with the test statistic:

	$H_a : \mu \neq \mu_0$	$H_a : \mu < \mu_0$	$H_a : \mu > \mu_0$
$n \geq 25, \sigma$	$ K  >  z_{1-\alpha/2} $	$K < z_\alpha$	$K > z_{1-\alpha}$
$n \geq 25, s$	$ K  >  z_{1-\alpha/2} $	$K < z_\alpha$	$K > z_{1-\alpha}$
$n < 25, s$	$ K  >  t_{n-1, 1-\alpha/2} $	$K < t_{n-1, \alpha}$	$K > t_{n-1, 1-\alpha}$

# Your turn: car engines

- ▶ Consider a grinding process used to rebuild car engines, which involves grinding rod journals for engine crankshafts.
- ▶ Of interest is the deviation of the true mean rod journal diameter from the target diameter.
- ▶ 32 consecutive rod journals are ground, with a sample mean deviation of  $-0.16 \times 10^{-4}$  in from the target diameter.  
 $x_1, \dots, x_{32} \rightarrow$  deviations from target.
- ▶ The sample standard deviation of these deviations is  $s = 0.7 \times 10^{-4}$  in.
- ▶ At a significance level of  $\alpha = 0.05$ , conduct a hypothesis test to determine whether the rod journal diameters are significantly off target.



# Answers: car engines

1.  $H_0 : \mu = 0, H_a : \mu \neq 0.$
2.  $\alpha = 0.05$
3. Since  $\sigma$  is unknown, I use:

$$\underline{Z = \frac{\bar{x} - 8.0}{s/\sqrt{n}}}$$

- ▶ Assume  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are iid  $(\mu, \sigma^2)$ . Since  $n \geq 25$ , they don't need to be normally distributed.
- ▶  $Z \sim N(0, 1)$  under the null hypothesis because  $n \geq 25$ .
- ▶ Since  $Z \sim N(0, 1)$  and this is a 2-sided test, I reject  $H_0$  when  $|Z| > |z_{1-\alpha/2}|$ .

z-test

if using  $t$ : t-test

4. The observed test statistic:

$$\begin{aligned} \triangleright z &= \frac{-0.16 \times 10^{-4} - 0}{0.7 \times 10^{-4} / \sqrt{32}} = -1.29 \\ \triangleright z_{1-\alpha/2} &= z_{0.975} = 1.96. \end{aligned}$$

5. Since  $|z| = 1.29 < z_{\alpha} = 1.96$ , I fail to reject  $H_0$ .

6. There is not enough evidence to conclude that the rod journal diameters are off target.

$H_a$ .

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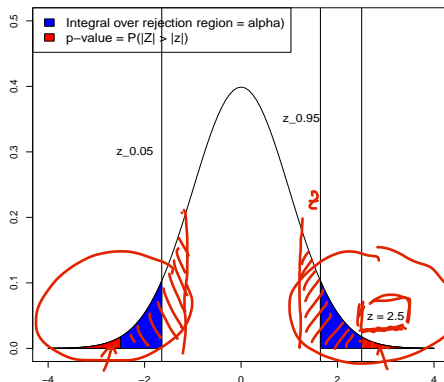
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# p-values

- ▶ A **p-value** is the probability of getting a result at least as extreme as the one observed under the null hypothesis.
- ▶ More specifically, it's the probability (assuming the null hypothesis is true) of observing a test statistic farther into the rejection region than the observed test statistic.



$N(0,1)$

z-test

$P(|Z| > |z|)$   
↑ capital ↑ small.

p-value  $\leq \alpha$ .

p-value  $> \alpha$ .

# Full list of steps: p-values

1. State  $H_0$  and  $H_a$ .
2. State  $\alpha$ .
3. State the form of the test statistic, its distribution under the null hypothesis, and all your assumptions.
4. Calculate the test statistic and the p-value.
5. Make a decision based on the p-value.
  - ▶ If the p-value  $< \alpha$ , reject  $H_0$  and conclude  $H_a$ .
  - ▶ Otherwise, fail to reject  $H_0$ .
6. Interpret the conclusion using layman's terms.

# Calculating p-values

- Let  $k$  be the value of the observed test statistic,  $Z \sim N(0, 1)$ , and  $T \sim t_{n-1}$ . Here is a table of p-values that you should use for each set of conditions and choice of  $H_a$ .

	$H_a : \mu \neq \mu_0$	$H_a : \mu < \mu_0$	$H_a : \mu > \mu_0$
$n \geq 25, \sigma$	$P( Z  >  k )$	$P(Z < k)$	$P(Z > k)$
$n \geq 25, s$	$P( Z  >  k )$	$P(Z < k)$	$P(Z > k)$
$n < 25, s$	$P( T  >  k )$	$P(T < k)$	$P(T > k)$

## Example: concrete beams

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$\mu$ .

- ▶  $\bar{x} = 9.2$  MPa,  $s = 1.76$  MPa.
- ▶ I will conduct a hypothesis test to find out if the flexural strength is different from 9.0 MPa.

$H_0: \mu = 9$ ,  $H_a: \mu \neq 9$ .

## Example: concrete beams

1.  $H_0 : \mu = 9.0, H_a : \mu \neq 9.0$
2.  $\alpha = 0.05$
3. Since the sample size is small, I will use the test statistic:

$$T = \frac{\bar{X} - 9.0}{s/\sqrt{n}}$$

- ▶ Assume  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are iid  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$
- ▶  $T \sim t_{n-1} = t_9$  under the null hypothesis because  $n$  is small and  $\sigma$  is unknown.

$$\begin{aligned} & P(|\bar{X} - 9| > |t|) \\ &= P(|T| > |t|) = \text{p-value.} \end{aligned}$$



# Example: concrete beams

4. The observed test statistic:



$$t = \frac{9.2 - 9.0}{1.76/\sqrt{10}} = 0.359$$

► p-value:

$$2 P(T > 0.359) = 2 P(T < -0.359)$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(|T| > 0.359) &= P(T > 0.359) + P(T < -0.359) \\ &= 1 - P(T \leq 0.359) + P(T < -0.359) \\ &= 1 - 0.64 + 0.36 \\ &= 0.72 \quad = 2 \times 0.36 \end{aligned}$$

5. Since the p-value = 0.72  $> \alpha$ , I fail to reject  $H_0$ .

6. There is not enough evidence to conclude that the true mean flexural strength of the beams is different from 9.0 MPa.

$H_a$ .

# Your turn: cylinders

- ▶ The strengths of 40 steel cylinders were measured in MPa.
- ▶ The sample mean strength is 1.2 MPa with a sample standard deviation of 0.5 MPa.
- ▶ At significance level  $\alpha = 0.01$ , conduct a hypothesis test to determine if the cylinders meet the strength requirement of 0.8 MPa.

$$H_0: \mu = 0.8, \quad H_a: \mu > 0.8$$

# Answers: cylinders

1.  $H_0 : \mu = 0.8, H_a : \mu > 0.8.$
2.  $\alpha = 0.01.$
3. Since  $\sigma$  is unknown, I use the test statistic:

$$Z = \frac{\bar{x} - 0.8}{s/\sqrt{n}}$$

- ▶ I assume  $X_1, \dots, X_{40}$  are iid with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ .
- ▶  $Z \sim N(0, 1)$  by the Central Limit Theorem since  $n$  is large.

# Answers: cylinders

4. The observed test statistic:

$$H_a: \mu > 0.8.$$
$$P(\bar{x} - 0.8 > \bar{x} - 0.8)$$
$$= P(Z > z)$$

$$z = \frac{1.2 - 0.8}{0.5/\sqrt{40}} = 5.06$$

- p-value:

$$\begin{aligned} P(Z > 5.06) &= 1 - P(Z \leq 5.06) \\ &= 1 - \Phi(5.06) \\ &\approx 1 - 1 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

5. Since the p-value  $\ll \alpha$ , I reject  $H_0$  and conclude  $H_a$ .
6. There is overwhelming evidence to conclude that the cylinders meet the strength requirement of 0.8 MPa.