Probability

Sampling

with replacement: n^k

without replacement, ordered: $\frac{n!}{(n-k)!} = nPk$

without replacement, unordered: $\frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} = \binom{n}{k}$

Inclusion-Exclusion Principle

Given two events A and B,

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$

Three events:

$$P(A \cup B \cup C) = P(A) + P(B) + P(C)$$
$$- [P(A \cap B) + P(A \cap C)$$
$$+ P(B \cap C)] + P(A \cap B \cap C)$$

Conditional Probability

$$P(A \mid B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$
 where $P(B) > 0$

Statistical Independence

Two events A and B are independent iff $P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$

Three events A, B, C are independent if

- 1) $P(A \cap B \cap C) = P(A) \cdot P(B) \cdot P(C)$
- 2) Each set of pairwise events are indep.

Mutually Exclusive Events

Two events A and B are mutually exclusive iff $P(A \cap B) = 0$

Law of Total Probability

Let $S = \sum_{k=1}^{n} B_k$ where $B_i \cap B_j = \emptyset$ if $i \neq j$ then

$$P(A) = \sum_{R=1}^{n} P(A \mid B_R) \cdot P(B_R)$$

Bayes' Theorem

Let $B_1, ..., B_n$ be a partition of S and for event A.

$$P(B_i \mid A) = \frac{P(A \mid B_i) \cdot P(B_i)}{P(A)}$$
$$= \frac{P(A \mid B_i) \cdot P(B_i)}{\sum_{R=1}^{n} P(A \mid B_R) \cdot P(B_R)}$$

Discrete RVs

pmf

$$f(x) = P(X = x)$$

$$f(x) \ge 0 \text{ for all } x$$

$$\sum_{x \in X} f(x) = 1$$

cdf

$$F(x) = P(X \le x)$$

$$F(x) \ge 0, \text{ non-decreasing}$$

$$\lim_{x \to -\infty} F(x) = 0, \lim_{x \to \infty} F(x) = 1$$

$pmf \leftrightarrow cdf$

$$\sum_{y \le x} f(y) = F(x)$$

$$f(x) = F(x) - F(x-1)$$

Expectation

$$\mu = E(X) = \sum_{x \in X} x \cdot f(x)$$
$$E(g(X)) = \sum_{x \in X} g(x) \cdot f(x)$$

E(aX + bY) = aE(X) + bE(Y)where X and Y don't have to be independent

E(k) = k for constant k $E(X - \mu) = 0$ for any r.v. X $E(XY) = E(X) \cdot E(Y)$ where X and Y are independent

Memorylessness

X is memoryless if $\forall m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$, $P(X > m + n \mid X > m) = P(X > n)$ Memoryless distributions:

- Geometric
- Exponential

Standard Deviation

$$\sigma = \sqrt{Var(X)}$$

Continuous RVs

<u>pdf</u>

$$P(a < X < b) = \int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx$$

cdf

$$F(x) = P(X \le x)$$
(same properties as discrete cdf)

$pdf \leftrightarrow cdf$

$$F(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{x} f(y) \, dy$$
$$\frac{dF}{dx} = f(x)$$

Expectation

$$E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot f(x) \, dx$$
$$E(g(X)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) \cdot f(x) \, dx$$

Variance

$$Var(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 f(x) dx$$
$$-\left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx\right]^2$$

Variance

$$Var(X) = E\left(\left(X - E(X)\right)^{2}\right)$$

$$= E((X - \mu)^{2})$$

$$= E(X^{2}) - \mu^{2}$$

$$Var(k) = 0 \text{ for constant k}$$

$$Var(aX + b) = a^{2}Var(X)$$

$$Var(X + Y) = Var(X) + Var(Y)$$
where X and Y are independent
(for sample variance,
see **Data Analysis** section)

Independence

X and Y are independent if
$$\forall x, y,$$

 $P(X = x, Y = y) = P(X = x) \cdot P(Y = y)$
or
 $P(X \le x, Y \le y) = P(X \le x) \cdot P(Y \le y)$

Quadratic Formula

Given
$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$
,
$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

Useful Antiderivatives

$$\int x^n dx = \frac{1}{n+1} x^{n+1} + C \qquad \int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln|x| + C$$
$$\int e^x dx = e^x + C$$

Log Properties

$$\ln(a^b) = b \ln(a)$$

$$\ln(ab) = \ln(a) + \ln(b)$$

$$\ln(\frac{a}{b}) = \ln(a) - \ln(b)$$

Discrete Distributions

| Distribution | Probability Function $f(x)$ | Expectation $E(x)$ | Variance Var(x) |
|--|--|--------------------|--|
| <u>Bernoulli</u> | <i>J</i> (<i>A</i>) | L (x) | vui (x) |
| $X \sim Ber(p)$ where X takes values $\{0, 1\}$ with $P(X = 1) = p$ $\{0, 1\}$ | $\begin{cases} 1 - p & x = 0 \\ p & x = 1 \end{cases}$ | p | p(1-p) |
| Binomial Binomial | | | |
| $X \sim Bin(n, p)$ where X is the number of successes in n (Ber.) trials with a p chance of success each trial $\{0, 1, 2,, n\}$ | $\binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$ | np | np(1-p) |
| Geometric | | | |
| $X \sim Geo(p)$ where X is the number of (Ber.) trials required to observe the first success $\{1, 2, 3,\}$ | $(1-p)^{k-1}p$ | $\frac{1}{p}$ | $\frac{1-p}{p^2}$ |
| Negative Binomial | | | |
| $X \sim NB(r,p)$ where X is the number of (Ber.) trials required to observe the r^{th} success $\{r,r+1,r+2,\}$ | $\binom{x-1}{r-1}p^r(1-p)^{x-r}$ | $\frac{r}{p}$ | $\frac{r(1-p)}{p^2}$ |
| <u>Hypergeometric</u> | | | |
| $X \sim HGeo(N, r, n)$ where X is the number of successes when drawing n objects from N total objects containing r successes without replacement $\{\max(0, n+r-N),, \min(r, n)\}$ | $\frac{\binom{r}{x}\binom{N-r}{n-x}}{\binom{N}{n}}$ | $\frac{nr}{N}$ | $\frac{nr}{N}(1-\frac{r}{N})\frac{N-n}{N-1}$ |
| <u>Poisson</u> | | | |
| $X \sim Poi(\lambda)$ where X is the number of events to occur in a space given an average rate of λ events in the space $\{0, 1, 2,\}$ | $\frac{e^{-\lambda}\lambda^x}{x!}$ | λ | λ |

Properties

Poisson Process

An experiment is a Poisson process if it has the following:

- **independence**: # of occurrences in non-overlapping spaces is independent
- **individuality**: probability that 2 or more events occurring in a short interval is close to zero
- **homogeneity/uniformity**: probability of one event in a short interval is approximately λ

Addition of Binomial Distributions

If $X \sim Bin(n_1, p)$, $Y \sim Bin(n_2, p)$ and X and Y are indep., then $X + Y \sim Bin(n_1 + n_2, p)$

Poisson vs Binomial

If $n \to \infty$, $p \to 0$ and $np = \lambda$ then $Bin(n, p) \to Poi(\lambda)$

Bernoulli vs Binomial

If $X_1, ..., X_n$ are independent Ber(p) and $X = X_1 + \cdots + X_n$, then $X \sim Bin(n, p)$

Geometric vs Negative Binomial

If $X_1, ..., X_r$ are independent Geo(p) and $X = X_1 + \cdots + X_r$, then $X \sim NB(r, p)$

Hypergeometric vs Binomial

If N is large and n is small, $HGeo(N,r,n) \sim Bin(n,r/N)$

Continuous Distributions

| Distribution | Probability Density Function $f(x)$ | Cumulative Distribution Function F(x) | Mean E(x) | Variance Var(x) |
|---|--|--|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Uniform Continuous $X \sim Uniform(a, b)$ where X is a real number in the interval $[a, b]$ $[a, b]$ | $\begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & a \le x \le b \\ 0 & otherwise \end{cases}$ | $\begin{cases} 0 & x < a \\ \frac{x-a}{b-a} & a \le x \le b \\ 1 & x > b \end{cases}$ | $\frac{a+b}{2}$ | $\frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$ |
| $\frac{\text{Exponential}}{X \sim Exp(\lambda)}$ where X is the "waiting time" between events given an average rate of λ events (Poisson) $[0, \infty)$ | $\begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} & x \ge 0 \\ 0 & x < 0 \end{cases}$ | $\begin{cases} 1 - e^{-\lambda x} & x \ge 0 \\ 0 & x < 0 \end{cases}$ | $\frac{1}{\lambda}$ | $\frac{1}{\lambda^2}$ |
| $\frac{\text{Normal}}{X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)}$ $(-\infty, \infty)$ | $\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2}$ | $\int_{-\infty}^{x} \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{y-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^{2}} dy$ | μ | σ^2 |
| $W \sim \chi^2(n)$ where $W = Z_1^2 + Z_2^2 + \dots + Z_n^2$ such that $Z_i \sim N(0, 1)$ and indep. n: degrees of freedom (d.f.) $(0, \infty)$ | $\frac{1}{2^{\frac{n}{2}}\Gamma\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)}w^{\frac{n}{2}-1}e^{-\frac{w}{2}}$ $\Gamma(a) = \int_0^\infty x^{a-1}e^{-x}dx$ | $\int_{-\infty}^{x} \frac{1}{2^{\frac{n}{2}} \Gamma\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)} w^{\frac{n}{2} - 1} e^{-\frac{w}{2}} dw$ | n | 2n |
| Student's t $T \sim T(n)$ where $T = \frac{Z}{\sqrt{\frac{W}{n}}}$ where $Z \sim N(0, 1)$ and $W \sim \chi^2(n)$ and independent n: degrees of freedom (d.f.) $(-\infty, \infty)$ | $\frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)}{\sqrt{n\pi}\Gamma\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)} \left(1 + \frac{t^2}{n}\right)^{-\frac{n+1}{2}}$ | $\int_{-\infty}^{x} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)}{\sqrt{n\pi}\Gamma\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)} \left(1 + \frac{t^2}{n}\right)^{-\frac{n+1}{2}} dt$ | 0 | N/A |

Properties

Universality of the Uniform Distribution

Let X be a continuous R.V. with an invertible cdf F, then $F(X) \sim U(0,1)$

To generate a random variable for a given distribution, uniformly generate values and put them into the inverted cdf to get R.V. values.

Exponential vs Geometric

Exponential is to Poisson as Geometric is to Bernoulli Bernoulli: seq. of 0 or 1 \rightarrow "waiting time" for 1st success \sim Geo Poisson: cont. vers. of Ber. \rightarrow "waiting time" for 1st success \sim Exp

Special Cases of Chi-Squared Distribution

For n = 1: $W = Z^2$

e.g. $P(W \ge a) = P(Z^2 \ge a)$

For n = 2: $W \sim Exp(\lambda = \frac{1}{2})$

For intermediate n (2 < n < 30): use χ^2 chart For large $n (n \ge 30)$: $W \sim N(n, 2n)$ by CLT

Student's t vs Normal

 $\overline{\text{As } n \to \infty, T \to Z \sim N(0, 1)}$

Normal and Standard Normal

Standard Normal

$$Z \sim N(0,1)$$

where the pdf
$$\phi$$
 is $\phi(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}}$

Normal ↔ Standard Normal

If
$$X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$
 and $Z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}$, then $Z \sim N(0, 1)$

68-95-99 Rule

If $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$,

- \sim 68% are between $\mu \pm \sigma$
- \sim 95% are between $\mu \pm 2\sigma$
- \sim 99% are between $\mu \pm 3\sigma$

Central Limit Theorem

The Sampling Distribution of the Sample Mean

Let $X_1, X_2, ..., X_n$ be i.i.d. $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$, then

1.
$$S_n \sim N(n\mu, n\sigma^2)$$

2.
$$\bar{X}_n \sim N(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n})$$

where $S_n = \sum X_i$ and $\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum X_i$

Standard Error of the Mean: $\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$ (std. dev. of the mean)

Law of Large Numbers

Consider a sequence of n i.i.d random variables; $X_1, X_2, ..., X_n$, where $E(X_i) = \mu$ and $Var(X_i) = \sigma^2$ for all i,

Let
$$\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$
, then $\bar{X}_n \to \mu$ as $n \to \infty$

for any distribution with a finite mean and finite variance

Central Limit Theorem

Let $\overline{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ for some sequence of n i.i.d rvs $X_1, X_2, ..., X_n$ with $E(X_i) = \mu$ and $Var(X_i) = \sigma^2$.

As $n \to \infty$,

$$\bar{X}_n \sim N\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right) \text{ or } Z = \frac{\bar{X}_n - \mu}{\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}} \sim N(0, 1)$$

If X_i are normal distr., then \bar{X}_n is normal

If X_i are not normal distr., then \bar{X}_n approaches normal

CLT and Binomial

 $\overline{\text{If } X \sim Bin(n,p), \text{ then } X \sim N(np, np(1-p))}$

CLT and Poisson

$$\overline{\text{If } X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \sim Poi(\lambda), \text{ then } \overline{X}_n \sim N\left(\lambda, \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)}$$

Data Analysis

Datatypes

Categorical

• Ordinal (implied order)

Numerical

- Continuous
- Discrete

Quantiles/Quartiles

 $Q_1(1st quartile) = P_{25}$

 $Q_2(2nd quartile) = median = P_{50}$

 $Q_3(3rd quartile) = P_{75}$

5-number summary:

 $(\min, Q_1, \text{median}, Q_3, \max)$

Population Symbols vs Sample Symbols

| Symbol | Population | Sample |
|----------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Mean | μ | \bar{x} |
| Variance | σ^2 | s^2 |
| Std. deviation | σ | S |
| Std. error | $\sigma_{\bar{x}} = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$ | $s_{\bar{x}} = \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$ |

Measures of dispersion and symmetry

Range = max - min

$$IQR = Q_3 - Q_1$$

Sample variance:

$$s^{2} = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i} (x_{i} - \bar{x})^{2}$$
$$= \frac{1}{n-1} \left[\sum_{i} y_{i}^{2} - \frac{(\sum_{i} y_{i})^{2}}{n} \right]$$

Skewness:





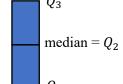
Density Histogram

Graph of relative frequencies of groups where rel. freq. = freq / total

Empirical CDF

 $\widehat{F}(y) = \sum_{Y \le y} \text{rel. freq. of } Y$

Box Plots



Lower outlier boundary

:

outliers

upper outlier boundary: $Q_3 + 1.5$ IQR lower outlier boundary: $Q_1 - 1.5$ IQR

Maximum Likelihood Estimates

Likelihood Function

If $Y_i \sim f(y_i, \theta)$, i = 1, 2, ..., n, where Y_i are i.i.d. RVs with observations $\{y_1, y_2, ..., y_n\}$, then

$$L(\theta; y_1, y_2, ..., y_n) = P(Y_1 = y_1, Y_2 = y_2, ..., Y_n = y_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(y_i, \theta)$$

L is a function equal to the likelihood of observing outcomes $\{y_1,y_2,\dots,y_n\}$ given θ as a parameter

For discrete distributions,

- $f(y_i, \theta)$ is the pmf of the distribution
- The likelihood function L is the probability of observing our data given θ

For continuous distributions,

- $f(y_i, \theta)$ is the pdf of the distribution
- The likelihood function L is NOT a probability

The Maximum Likelihood Estimate (MLE)

 $\hat{\theta}$ is the MLE if $\hat{\theta}$ maximizes $L(\theta; y_1, y_2, ..., y_n)$

To find the MLE, set the derivative of the likelihood function L (or derivative of the log likelihood function $\ell = \ln L$) w.r.t the parameter equal to 0. Solve for θ .

Properties:

- 1. Consistency: As $n \to \infty$, $\hat{\theta} \to \theta$
 - "As the size of our data increases, the MLE will be more accurate"
- 2. Efficiency: Variance is minimized when finding the MLE
- 3. Invariance: If $\hat{\theta}$ is the MLE of θ , then $g(\hat{\theta})$ is the MLE of $g(\theta)$

Distributions and their MLEs

| Binomial | Poisson | Exponential | Normal |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| | | | $\hat{\mu} = \bar{y}$ |
| $\hat{\theta} = \frac{y}{n}$ | $\hat{\lambda} = \bar{y}$ | $\hat{\lambda} = \frac{1}{\bar{y}}$ | $\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \bar{y})^2$ |

The Relative Likelihood Function

$$R(\theta) = \frac{L(\theta)}{L(\hat{\theta})}$$

where L is the likelihood function and $\hat{\theta}$ is the MLE of θ

 $0 \le R(\theta) \le 1$ for all θ , $R(\theta) = 1$ when $\theta = \hat{\theta}$ **Interpretation:**

$$R(x) = k$$
 means:

"Given the observed data, a parameter value of x is k times as likely compared to the MLE value $\hat{\theta}$ "

Likelihood Intervals

A 100p% Likelihood Interval is $\{\theta: R(\theta) \ge p\}$ e.g. a 50% Likelihood Interval is $\{\theta: R(\theta) \ge 0.5\}$

Plausibility

- If $R(\theta) \ge 0.5$, it is **very plausible**
- If $R(\theta) \ge 0.1$, it is **plausible**
- If $R(\theta) < 0.1$, it is **implausible**
- If $R(\theta) < 0.01$, it is **very implausible**

Estimators

The estimator $\tilde{\theta}$ is a RV that has $\hat{\theta}$ as an outcome

Unbiased estimator: The expected value of the estimator is equal to the true population value e.g. $E(S^2) = \sigma^2$

Biased estimator: The expected value of the estimator is **not** equal to the true population value e.g. $E(\hat{\sigma}^2) \neq \sigma^2$

Confidence Intervals

Confidence Intervals

A 100p% Confidence Interval for θ is an estimate of the interval [L, U] for RVs, $L(Y_1, ..., Y_n)$ and $U(Y_1, ..., Y_n)$, such that

$$P(L(Y_1, ..., Y_n) < \theta < U(Y_1, ..., Y_n)) = p$$

Interpretation:

WRONG: "There is a 100p% chance the interval contains θ " RIGHT: "100p% of constructed confidence intervals contain θ "

RIGHT: "We are 100p% **confident** that θ is contained in the interval"

Choosing a sample size for a Binomial CI

To find a sample size n such that

$$z^*\sqrt{\frac{\hat{\theta}(1-\hat{\theta})}{n}} < \text{error}$$

use $\hat{\theta} = 0.5$ and solve for n.

(see next page for CI formulas)

Hypothesis Testing

Hypothesis: some claim about a population (i.e. parameter) **Null Hypothesis** (H_0) : the "current belief"; status quo **Alternative Hypothesis** (H_A) : a challenge to H_0 **p-value:** the probability of observing our evidence given H_0

Types of Tests

| One-tailed (left) | One-tailed (right) | Two-tailed |
|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| $H_0: \theta \ge k$ | $H_0: \theta \leq k$ | H_0 : $\theta = k$ |
| $H_A: \theta < k$ | $H_A: \theta > k$ | $H_A: \theta \neq k$ |
| — | + | _ |
| | | |

Type I and Type II errors

Type I error: Rejecting H_0 when H_0 is actually true $P(\text{Rejecting } H_0 \text{ when } H_0 \text{ is actually true}) = \alpha$ where α is the significance level

Type II error: Failing to reject H_0 when H_0 is actually false $P(\text{Failing to reject } H_0 \text{ when } H_0 \text{ is actually false}) = 1 - \beta$ where β is the power

Relationship between $p, \alpha, z_{test}, z_{crit}$

| p -val vs α | Z _{test} VS Z _{crit} | Conclusion |
|----------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| $p < \alpha$ | $z_{test} \notin [-z_{crit,}z_{crit}]$ | Can reject $\langle H_0 \rangle$ |
| $p > \alpha$ | $z_{test} \in [-z_{crit}, z_{crit}]$ | Can't reject $\langle H_0 \rangle$ |

Guidelines for t-tests and t-based CIs

Given that σ^2 is unknown and normality is not specified, If n > 40: they perform well in most practical situations If 15 < n < 40: they perform reasonably well, but outliers or strong skewness can cause problems If n < 15: we need to be confident the population is approximately normal before proceeding.

Confidence Intervals and Two-tailed Hypothesis Tests

A 100p% CI consists of all values of θ_0 for which H_0 : $\theta = \theta_0$ would not be rejected for a significance level $\alpha = 1 - p$

e.g. If our mean lies within the 95% CI, we would not reject H_0 with a significance level of 0.05

Issues with Hypothesis Testing

- 1. Testing Unknowns (We "know" that $\theta = \cdots$ is false)
- Existence vs Effect Size
 (CIs est. effect size rather than stating an effect
 exists)
- 3. Prior Information
- 4. Publication Bias

| Distribution | Parameter | Pivotal Quantity & Distr. | Confidence Interval | Test Statistic |
|---|------------|--|--|---|
| $\frac{\text{Normal}}{(\sigma^2 \text{ is known})}$ | μ | $\frac{\bar{Y} - \mu}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}} \sim N(0, 1)$ | $\bar{y} \pm z^* \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$ | $z_{test} = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}}$ |
| $\frac{\text{Normal}}{(\sigma^2 \text{ is unknown})}$ | μ | $\frac{\bar{Y} - \mu}{s/\sqrt{n}} \sim T(n-1)$ | $\bar{y} \pm t^* \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$ | $t_{test} = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{s / \sqrt{n}}$ |
| $\frac{\text{Normal}}{(\sigma^2 \text{ is unknown})}$ | σ^2 | $\frac{(n-1)s^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^2(n-1)$ | $\left[\frac{(n-1)s^2}{a}, \frac{(n-1)s^2}{b}\right]$ | $w_{test} = \frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma_0^2}$ |
| Binomial | θ | $\frac{Y-n\theta}{\sqrt{n\theta(1-\theta)}} \sim N(0,1)$ | $\hat{\theta} \pm z^* \sqrt{\frac{\hat{\theta}(1-\hat{\theta})}{n}}$ | $\frac{\widehat{\theta} - \theta_0}{\sqrt{\frac{\theta_0(1 - \theta_0)}{n}}}$ |
| Poisson | θ | $\frac{\overline{Y} - \theta}{\sqrt{\frac{\overline{Y}}{n}}} \sim N(0, 1)$ | $\bar{y} \pm z^* \sqrt{\frac{\bar{y}}{n}}$ | $\frac{\bar{y} - \mu_0}{\sqrt{\frac{\mu_0}{n}}}$ |

^{*}For CIs using χ^2 , a and b are chosen so that the tails are equal size

Test Statistics for the difference of two means $(\mu_1 - \mu_2 = d_0)$

| μ 's indep., σ^2 known | μ 's indep., σ^2 unknown | μ 's indep., σ^2 unknown, | μ 's not indep., |
|--|---|--|--|
| | equal variance | unequal variance | σ^2 unknown |
| $Z = \frac{(\overline{X_1} - \overline{X_2}) - d_0}{\sqrt{\frac{\sigma_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{n_2}}}$ | $t = \frac{(\overline{X_1} - \overline{X_2}) - d_0}{s_p \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}}}$ $s_p^2 = \frac{(n_1 - 1)s_1^2 + (n_2 - 1)s_2^2}{n_1 + n_2 - 2}$ $d.f. = n_1 + n_2 - 2$ | $t = \frac{(\overline{X_1} - \overline{X_2}) - d_0}{\sqrt{\frac{s_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{n_2}}}$ $d.f. = \frac{\left(\frac{s_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{n_2}\right)^2}{\frac{1}{n_1 - 1} \left(\frac{s_1^2}{n_1}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{n_2 - 1} \left(\frac{s_2^2}{n_2}\right)^2}$ (round d.f. down) | $t = \frac{\overline{X_d} - \mu_d}{\frac{S_d}{\sqrt{n}}}$ $\text{d.f.} = n - 1$ $\overline{X_d}: \text{ mean sample diff } \mu_d: \text{ mean pop. diff.}$ $s_d: \text{ std dev. sample diff } n: \text{ number of pairs}$ |

^{**}For CIs, z^* is a value of z such that $[-z^*, z^*]$ encloses an area p under the curve (likewise for t^*)