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Problem 1

1. Suppose the instructor of the course is convinced that the mean engagement of students who become knowledgeable in the material (i.e., the `engagement_1` population) is 0.75.
 - a. [5 points] Formulate null and alternative hypotheses for a statistical test that seeks to challenge this belief. What are the null and alternative hypotheses?

ANSWER:

$$H_0: \mu = 0.75$$

$$H_1: \mu \neq 0.75$$

- b. [5 points] What type of test should be used and why?

ANSWER:

z-test, we have large amount of sample

2. Carry out the statistical test defined in (1b) using the `engagement_1` sample.

- a. [1 point] What is the sample size?

ANSWER: 937

- b. [1 point] What is the sample mean?

ANSWER: 0.7430304110448239

- c. [2 points] What is the standard error?

ANSWER: 0.004153027288269652

- d. [2 points] What is the standard score?

ANSWER: -1.6781948375012814

- e. [2 points] What is the p-value?

ANSWER: 0.09330906925243751

- f. [2 points] Are the results statistically significant at a level of 0.05? How about 0.10? What (if anything) can we conclude (i.e., what is the interpretation of the result)?

ANSWER:

$\alpha = 0.05 \rightarrow$ not significant \rightarrow cannot reject H_0

$\alpha = 0.1 \rightarrow$ significant \rightarrow reject H_0

3. [10 points] What is the largest standard error for which the test will be significant at a level of 0.05? What is the corresponding minimum sample size? (You may assume that the population variance and mean does not change.)

ANSWER:

Largest standard error = 0.003484794477588038

Minimum sample size = 1330.8062158346172

4. Suppose the instructor is also convinced that the mean engagement is different between students who become knowledgeable (the engagement_1 population) and those who do not (the engagement_0 population).
- a. [5 points] Formulate null and alternative hypotheses that seek to validate this belief. What are the null and alternative hypotheses?

ANSWER:

$H_0: \mu_0 = \mu_1$

$H_1: \mu_0 \neq \mu_1$

- b. [5 points] What type of test should be used and why?

ANSWER: two-sample z-test, we have large amount of samples

5. Carry out the statistical test defined in (4b) using the `engagement_1` and `engagement_2` samples.

- a. [1 point] What are the sample sizes?

ANSWER:

$n_0 = 937$

$n_1 = 1977$

- b. [1 point] What are the sample means?

ANSWER:

$\bar{X}_{n0} = 0.7430304110448239$; $\bar{X}_{n1} = 0.6399545077035914$

- c. [2 points] What is the standard error?

ANSWER: 0.007065420910043284

- d. *[2 points]* What is the standard score?

ANSWER: 14.588784540028351

- e. *[2 points]* What is the p-value?

ANSWER: 3.3104307168195455e-48

- f. *[2 points]* Are the results statistically significant at a level of 0.05? How about 0.10? What (if anything) can we conclude (i.e., what is the interpretation of the result)?

ANSWER: The results are both not significant at level 0.05 and 0.10. Therefore, we can't reject the null hypothesis for both cases.

Problem 2

1. Use the sample to construct a 90% confidence interval for the number of points by which the team wins on average.

- a. *[3 points]* Will you use a t-test or z-test (Hint: Think which distribution should you use here if very few data points are available)? Justify your answer.

ANSWER: z-test, the sample size is very small

- b. *[3 points]* What is the sample mean?

ANSWER: 7.363636363636363

- c. *[3 points]* What is the standard error?

ANSWER: 5.076277675750442

- d. *[3 points]* What is the standard statistic (t or z value)?

ANSWER: 1.8124611228107335

- e. *[3 points]* What is the 90% confidence interval?

ANSWER: (-1.8369195722533433, 16.56419229952607)

2. Repeat Q1 for a 95% confidence interval.

- a. *[2 points]* What is the standard statistic (t or z value)?

ANSWER: 2.2281388519649385

- b. *[2 points]* What is the 95% confidence interval?

ANSWER: (-3.9470151490654732, 18.674287876338198)

- c. *[1 point]* Is your interval wider or narrower compared to using the 90% confidence interval in Q1?

ANSWER: YES

3. Repeat Q2 if you are told that the population standard deviation is 15.836.

- a. *[5 points]* Will you use a t-test or z-test (Hint: Think which distribution should you use here now that you have the true population standard deviation)? Justify your answer.

ANSWER: z-test. Because we have a true population σ

- b. *[3 points]* What is the standard error?

ANSWER: 4.774733652733465

- c. *[3 points]* What is the standard statistic (t or z value)?

ANSWER: 1.959963984540054

[3 points] What is the 95% confidence interval?

ANSWER: (-1.9946696314926058, 16.721942358765332)

- d. *[6 points]* Is your interval wider or narrower than the interval computed in Q2?

ANSWER: NO

4. *[10 points]* Assume you no longer know the population standard deviation. With what level of confidence can we say that the team is expected to win on average? (Hint: What level of confidence would you get a confidence interval with the lower endpoint being 0?)

ANSWER: 82.2475212762773%