

Lecture 23

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Hypothesis Testing

Decision

		Retain H_0	Reject H_0
H_0 True		✓	Type I Error Prob = α
H_0 False		Type II Error Prob = β	Prob = Power

Consider $\alpha \downarrow \Rightarrow \beta \uparrow$ $n \uparrow \Rightarrow \beta \downarrow$ $n \uparrow \Rightarrow \alpha$ no change
 $\alpha \uparrow \Rightarrow \beta \downarrow$ $n \downarrow \Rightarrow \beta \uparrow$

Clinical trial for a drug

H_0 : Drug doesn't work

H_a : Drug works

Type I Error: Selling a drug that doesn't work

Type II Error: Not selling a drug that does work

Fire Alarm Test

H_0 : No fire

H_a : Fire

Type I Error: False alarm

Type II Error: Fire, but alarm doesn't go off

American Court System

H_0 : Innocent

H_a : Guilty

Type I Error: Innocent person goes to jail

Type II Error: Guilty person goes free

Scientific Theory

H_0 : Old theory

H_a : New theory

$\alpha = 1\%$ or 5%

Human Sex Ratio ($p = p(\text{male})$)

$$H_0: p = 0.5$$

$$H_a: p \neq 0.5$$

$$\alpha = 5\%$$

2008 - All American births

$$n = 4,247,000$$

$$\text{Retention Region} = \left[0.5 \pm 2 \sqrt{\frac{0.5(1-0.5)}{4,247,000}} \right] = [.495, .505]$$

Number of males: 2,173,000

$$\hat{p} = \frac{2,173,000}{4,247,000} = .512 \notin \text{Retention Region}$$

\Rightarrow Reject $H_0 \Rightarrow$ Sex ratio not even

H_0 : Aliens do not exist

H_a : Aliens exist

α : low - stubborn, does not believe

high - willing to believe

Uber fires bad drivers if the driver has more than a 5% bad rating.

H_0 : Good driver: $p \leq p_0 = 5\%$

H_a : Bad driver: $p > p_0 = 5\%$

Take a sample, then run test.

$$\text{Retention Region} = (-\infty, p_0 + Z_{\alpha} \sqrt{\frac{p_0(1-p_0)}{n}})$$

$$n = 1000$$

$$\text{Retention Region} = (-\infty, .64]$$

