

# STAT234: Lecture 5 - Hypothesis Testing

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- ▶ Bernoulli, Binomial and Normal Distribution

Where is the Statistics in all this?

How can I use these concepts?

## A Romantic Experiment !

Most people are right-handed and even the right eye is dominant for most people. Molecular biologists have suggested that late-stage human embryos tend to turn their heads to the right. German bio-psychologist Onur Güntürkün conjectured that this tendency to turn to the right manifests itself in other ways as well, so he studied kissing couples to see if both people tended to lean to their right more often than to their left (and if so, how strong the tendency is). He and his researchers observed couples from age 13 to 70 in public places such as airports, train stations, beaches, and parks in the United States, Germany, and Turkey. They were careful not to include couples who were holding objects such as luggage that might have affected which direction they turned. In total, 124 kissing pairs were observed with 80 couples leaning right (*Nature*, 2003).



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$$\sum_{i=1}^n X_i = 80$$

$$\hat{p} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i = \frac{80}{124} = \frac{5}{8}$$

$\hat{p}$  is called the sampling proportion- here proportion of kissing right observed.

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We can also compute

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But we know that for large  $n$ , if

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then one can use a normal approximation

$$\sum_{i=1}^n X_i \sim N(np, np(1-p))$$

Here if we assume  $n = 124$ , which is a fair assumption,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n X_i \sim N(124 \times 0.5, 124 \times 0.5 \times 0.5)$$

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# Applet

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