

P8130 Biostatistics Methods I — Lecture-Based Cheat Sheet

Basics

- Precision / Accuracy: Low sampling error / Unbiased
- Mode: the most frequently occurring value in the data
- Coefficient of Variation: $\frac{\sigma}{\mu}$
- Independent Events: $P(A|B) = P(A)$, $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$
- Law of Total Probability: $P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^k P(A \cap B_i) = \sum_{i=1}^k P(B_i)P(A|B_i)$
- Bayes's Theorem: $P(B|A) = \frac{P(A|B)P(B)}{P(A)}$

Distributions

- **Bernoulli(p):** $P(X = 1) = p$; $E = p$; $\text{Var} = p(1 - p)$
- **Binomial(n, p):** $P(X = k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1 - p)^{n-k}$; $E = np$; $\text{Var} = np(1 - p)$
- **Poisson(λ):** $P(X = k) = e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k / k!$; $E = \lambda$; $\text{Var} = \lambda$
- **Geometric(p):** $P(X = k) = (1 - p)^{k-1} p$, $k = 1, 2, \dots$; $E = \frac{1}{p}$; $\text{Var} = \frac{1-p}{p^2}$
- **Uniform(a, b):** $f(x) = \frac{1}{b-a}$, $a < x < b$; $E = \frac{a+b}{2}$; $\text{Var} = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$
- **Normal(μ, σ^2):** $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left[-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right]$, $-\infty < x < \infty$; $E = \mu$; $\text{Var} = \sigma^2$
- **Gamma function:** $\Gamma(x) = \int_0^\infty t^{x-1} e^{-t} dt$, $x > 0$, $\Gamma(x) = (x-1)!$ when $x = 1, 2, 3, \dots$
- **Chi-squared(ν):** $f(x) = \frac{1}{2^{\nu/2}\Gamma(\nu/2)} x^{\nu/2-1} e^{-x/2}$, $x > 0$; $E = \nu$; $\text{Var} = 2\nu$
- **Student's $t(\nu)$:** $f(x) = \frac{\Gamma(\frac{\nu+1}{2})}{\sqrt{\nu\pi}\Gamma(\frac{\nu}{2})} \left(1 + \frac{x^2}{\nu}\right)^{-\frac{\nu+1}{2}}$, $-\infty < x < \infty$; $E = 0$ ($\nu > 1$); $\text{Var} = \frac{\nu}{\nu-2}$ ($\nu > 2$)

Sampling & CLT

- $E[\bar{X}] = \mu$, $\text{SE}(\bar{X}) = \sigma/\sqrt{n}$; for large n , $\bar{X} \approx N(\mu, \sigma^2/n)$
- $\hat{p} = X/n$: $E[\hat{p}] = p$, $\text{SE}(\hat{p}) = \sqrt{p(1-p)/n}$

Hypothesis tests

- **1 mean (σ known):** $z = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \Rightarrow N(0, 1)$, $CI = \bar{X} \pm z_{\alpha/2} \sigma/\sqrt{n}$
- **1 mean (σ unknown):** $t = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}} \Rightarrow t_{n-1}$, $CI = \bar{X} \pm t_{\alpha/2, n-1} s/\sqrt{n}$
- **Paired means:** $t = \frac{\bar{d} - 0}{s_d/\sqrt{n}} \Rightarrow t_{n-1}$, $D = X_1 - X_2$, $\bar{d} = E(D)$, $s_d = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (d_i - \bar{d})^2/(n-1)}$, $CI = \bar{X} \pm t_{\alpha/2, n-1} s_d/\sqrt{n}$
- **2 means:** $\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2 \sim N\left(\mu_1 - \mu_2, \frac{\sigma_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{n_2}\right)$
 - Known equal variance: $z = \frac{\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2}{\sqrt{\sigma^2\left(\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}\right)}} \sim N(0, 1)$
 - Unknown equal variance: $s^2 = \frac{(n_1-1)s_1^2 + (n_2-1)s_2^2}{n_1+n_2-2} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n_1} (X_{1i} - \bar{X}_1)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{n_2} (X_{2i} - \bar{X}_2)^2}{n_1+n_2-2}$, $t = \frac{\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2}{s\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}\right)}} \sim t_{n_1+n_2-2}$
 - Unknown unequal variance: $d'' = \text{floor}\left(\frac{\left(\frac{s_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{n_2}\right)^2}{\left(\frac{s_1^2}{n_1}\right)^2/(n_1-1) + \left(\frac{s_2^2}{n_2}\right)^2/(n_2-1)}\right)$, $t = \frac{\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{s_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{n_2}\right)}} \sim t_{d''}$
 - Equality of Variances: $F = \frac{s_1^2}{s_2^2} \sim F_{n_1-1, n_2-1}$, Reject H_0 if $F > F_{n_1-1, n_2-1, 1-\alpha/2}$ or $F < F_{n_1-1, n_2-1, \alpha/2}$
- **1 proportion:** $z = \frac{\hat{p} - p_0}{\sqrt{p_0(1-p_0)/n}} \Rightarrow N(0, 1)$, **need to check** $np(1-p) > 5$
 - CI of $p_0 \in \left(\hat{p} - z_{1-\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}}, \hat{p} + z_{1-\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}}\right)$
 - Exact binomial (when normal approx fails) if $\hat{p} \leq p_0$, use $2 \sum_{k=0}^x \binom{n}{k} p_0^k (1-p_0)^{n-k}$; if $\hat{p} > p_0$, use upper tail.
- **2 proportions (pooled under H_0):** $z = \frac{\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2}{\sqrt{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})(1/n_1 + 1/n_2)}}$, $\hat{p} = \frac{x_1+x_2}{n_1+n_2}$
 - CI of $\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2 \in (\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2 \pm z_{1-\alpha/2} \sqrt{\hat{p}_1(1-\hat{p}_1)/n_1 + \hat{p}_2(1-\hat{p}_2)/n_2})$
- **1 variance:** $\chi^2 = \frac{(n-1)s^2}{\sigma_0^2} \Rightarrow \chi^2_{n-1}$

- **2 variances:** $F = \frac{s_1^2}{s_2^2} \Rightarrow F_{n_1-1, n_2-1}$
- **One-way ANOVA (k groups):** with $y_{ij} = \mu + \alpha_i + e_{ij}$, $e_{ij} \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$, define $SS_B = \sum_{i=1}^k n_i(\bar{y}_i - \bar{y})^2$, $SS_W = \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} (y_{ij} - \bar{y}_i)^2$; $MS_B = SS_B/(k-1)$, $MS_W = SS_W/(n-k)$;
 - **Test stat:** $F = \frac{MS_B}{MS_W} \Rightarrow F_{k-1, n-k}$;
 - **Bonferroni adjustment:** $\alpha^* = \alpha/\binom{k}{2}$

Chi-square for R×C (Session 12)

- **Expected counts:** $E_{ij} = \frac{n_i \cdot n_j}{n}$; $df = (r-1)(c-1)$
- **Pearson statistic:** $\chi^2 = \sum_{i=1}^r \sum_{j=1}^c \frac{(O_{ij} - E_{ij})^2}{E_{ij}} \Rightarrow \chi^2_{df}$ (Yates correction optional: replace $|O - E|$ by $|O - E| - 0.5$ in numerator).

Power

- **one mean**
 - $H_0: \mu = \mu_0$ vs. $H_1: \mu < \mu_0$: Power = $P\left(Z < z_\alpha + \frac{\mu_0 - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}\right)$
 - $H_0: \mu = \mu_0$ vs. $H_1: \mu > \mu_0$: Power = $P\left(Z > z_{1-\alpha} + \frac{\mu_0 - \mu_1}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}\right)$
 - $H_0: \mu = \mu_0$ vs. $H_1: \mu \neq \mu_0$: Power = $P\left(Z < -z_{1-\alpha/2} + \frac{\mu_0 - \mu_1}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}\right) + P\left(Z < z_{1-\alpha/2} + \frac{\mu_1 - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}\right)$
- **two means:** $H_0: \mu_1 = \mu_2$ vs. $H_1: \mu_1 \neq \mu_2$: Power = $P\left(Z < -z_{1-\alpha/2} + \frac{\Delta}{\sqrt{\sigma_1^2/n_1 + \sigma_2^2/n_2}}\right)$
- **two proportions:** $H_0: p_1 = p_2$ vs. $H_1: p_1 \neq p_2$: Power $\approx P\left(Z < \frac{\Delta}{\sqrt{p_1(1-p_1)/n_1 + p_2(1-p_2)/n_2}} - z_{1-\alpha/2}\sqrt{\frac{\bar{p}(1-\bar{p})(1/n_1 + 1/n_2)}{p_1(1-p_1)/n_1 + p_2(1-p_2)/n_2}}\right)$,
 $\Delta = |p_1 - p_2|$ and $\bar{p} = \frac{n_1 p_1 + n_2 p_2}{n_1 + n_2}$

Required Sample Size

- **1 mean:**
 - $H_0: \mu = \mu_0$ vs. $H_1: \mu < \mu_0$: $n = \left(\frac{\sigma}{\mu_0 - \mu_1}(z_{1-\beta} - z_\alpha)\right)^2$
 - $H_0: \mu = \mu_0$ vs. $H_1: \mu \neq \mu_0$: $n = \left(\frac{\sigma}{\mu_0 - \mu_1}(z_{1-\beta} - z_{1-\alpha/2})\right)^2$
- **2 means:** $H_0: \mu_1 = \mu_2$ vs. $H_1: \mu_1 \neq \mu_2$: $n = \frac{(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)(z_{1-\alpha/2} + z_{1-\beta})^2}{\Delta^2}$
- **1 proportion:** $H_0: p = p_0$ vs. $H_1: p < p_0$: $n = \frac{p_0(1-p_0)(z_{1-\alpha/2} + z_{1-\beta}\sqrt{\frac{p_1(1-p_1)}{p_0(1-p_0)}})^2}{(p_1 - p_0)^2}$

Common quantiles

- $z_{0.975} = 1.96$; $t_{0.975, 30} \approx 2.04$