

Hypothesis & Estimation

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Essential Terms



Statistic - Mathematical expression that describes some aspects of a set of scores for a sample

Parameter - Describes some aspect of a set of scores for a population

First a Brief Intro to Hypothesis Testing





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Formally

Testing an assumption about a population parameter

Conversationally

An assumption about a particular situation of the world that
is testable

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Interpretation

If results from a study goes the way that was expected, then nothing new was discovered¹

¹ Notice that the term *unimportant* is not included within the *Interpretation*. Non results are important!

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A **(statistical) estimation** is a sample statistic is used to estimate the value of an unknown population parameter

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If H_1 happens

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Think Big



No matter what you have heard or may be told in the future, both **Type I Errors** and **Type II Errors** are not represented by a single figure, rather they each contain a different range of probabilities

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Decision	Null is True	Null is False
Reject Null	<i>False Positive</i> Type I Error	<i>Correct Outcome</i> True Positive
Fail to Reject Null	<i>Correct Outcome</i> True Negative	<i>False Negative</i> Type II Error

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	but it was likely the wrong decision	and it was likely the right decision
You changed your mind	<i>False Positive</i> Type I Error	<i>Correct Outcome</i> True Positive
	and it was likely the right decision	but it was likely the wrong decision
You didn't change your mind	<i>Correct Outcome</i> True Negative	<i>False Negative</i> Type II Error

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Statistical Power

- the probability of not rejecting H_0 when it is false
- the chance associated with **NOT** making a **Type II Error**
- the possibility of making the right decision when something unexpected happened

Notation

$$1 - \beta$$

Decision Making



Reality	Rejected H_0	Did Not Reject H_0
H_0 is true	<i>Type I Error</i> α <i>Level of Significance</i>	<i>Correct Decision</i> $1 - \alpha$ <i>Level of Confidence</i>
H_0 is false	<i>Correct Outcome</i> $1 - \beta$ <i>Statistical Power!</i>	<i>Type II Error</i> β <i>Rate of a Type II Error</i>



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Reality	Rejected forecast	Did not reject the forecast
Forecast was right	Took an umbrella AND you're dry but may look silly or possibly fancy	Did not take an umbrella AND you're dry
Forecast was wrong	Took an umbrella AND you're dry	Did not take an umbrella AND you're wet

Note: You could have also gotten wet from snow, a flood, etc. so again the alternative hypothesis generally does not imply the opposite!



Estimation

(Statistical) Estimation - a sample statistic is used to estimate the value of an unknown population parameter

Selecting a Sample Mean



Classification	Hypothesis Testing	Point/Interval Estimation
Process	Determine the probability of getting that mean if the Null is true	Estimate the value of a population mean
Outcomes	Gain information about the population mean	Gain information about the population mean

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Point estimation - use of sample data to calculate a single *mean* value

Interval estimation - use of sample data to calculate a possible range of *mean* values



The Characteristic of Hypothesis Testing and Estimation

Question	Hypothesis Testing	Point/Interval Estimation
Do we know the population mean?	Yes its the Null hypothesis	No we're trying to estimate it
What is the process used to determine?	The chance of obtaining a sample mean	The value of a population mean
What is learned?	Whether the population mean is likely correct	The range of values within which the population mean is probably contained
What is our decision?	To retain or reject the null hypothesis	No actual decision

Confidence



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Confidence Interval - an interval that contains an unknown parameter (e.g. μ) with certain degree of confidence

Level of Confidence - probability or likelihood that an interval estimate will contain an unknown population parameter



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Probability	<i>z-score</i>
0.90	1.645
0.95	1.96
0.99	2.576

Again its typical to have a 95% level of confidence thereby making

$$\alpha = 0.05$$



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4. Interpret the results



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So we are 90% confident that the overall mean IQ is between 100.53 and 105.47

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