

# Hypothesis testing

↳ can we exclude certain probability distributions from being the distribution the data

Ex Say I'm pharma  
testing a statin

$X_1, \dots, X_n$  = change in cholesterol levels  
after 60 days in trial -

$$\sim N(\mu, \sigma)$$

→ postulate a null hypothesis

$$H_0: \mu \geq 0$$

$$H_A: \mu < 0$$

Construct a test statistic

Two kinds of error:

Type I error: false positive,  
reject  $H_0$ , when  $H_0$  is actually

Type II: false negative,  
fail to reject  $H_0$ , when  $H_0$  is  
not true

it's easy to control the "level" of Type I  
error

statistic example  $\sigma = 1$   
 $n = 9$

under  $H_0: \mu = 0$

$$[C = -1$$

reject  $H_0$  if  $\bar{X} < -1$

$$\bar{X} \sim N(0, \frac{1}{3})$$

$$P(\bar{X} < -1)$$

$$= P\left(\frac{\bar{X}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}} < \frac{-1}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}}\right) = P(Z < -3)$$

$$\text{scipy.stats.norm.cdf}(-10)$$

$$= 7.6 \times 10^{-24} \rightarrow \text{really small}$$

$$(-3) \Rightarrow .0044$$

$\Rightarrow$  specify the level (admissible amount of type I)

$$\alpha = .05$$

say the level  $\alpha$  has been specified  
(it's  $\alpha = .05$ )

$$X_1, \dots, X_n \sim N(\mu, \sigma)$$

$\sigma$  known

$$H_0: \mu = k$$

test at level

$$H_A: \mu \neq k$$

$$H_0: \bar{X} \sim N(k, \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}})$$

$$\frac{\bar{X} - k}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$P\left( -\underline{Z_{\alpha/2}} < \frac{\bar{x} - k}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} < \underline{Z_{\alpha/2}} \right) = 1 - \alpha$$

$$\bar{x} > k + \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} Z_{\alpha/2}$$

P

or

=  $\alpha$

$$\bar{x} < k - \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} Z_{\alpha/2}$$

$\sigma^2$  unknown sample size  $n$

$$P\left( -\underline{t_{\alpha/2, n-1}} < \frac{\bar{x} - k}{s/\sqrt{n}} < \underline{t_{\alpha/2, n-1}} \right)$$

$$\underline{\bar{x} > k + t_{\alpha/2, n-1} \cdot \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}}$$

$$\underline{\bar{x} < k - t_{\alpha/2, n-1} \cdot \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}}$$

Power of a test

↳ suppose I've specified my null hypothesis and the collection of alternatives

↳ I've chosen  $\alpha$

↳ calculated the critical region / rejection region cutoff,

power of a test (given a specific alternative hypothesis)

is the probability of rejecting  $H_0$  if the specific alternative is true

$1 - P(\text{type II error})$

$$X_1, \dots, X_9 \sim N(\mu, \sigma)$$

$\sigma$  known to be 1

$$H_0: \mu \leq 0$$

$$\alpha = .05$$

$$H_A: \mu > 0$$

reject  $H_0$  if

$$\bar{X} > Z_{.05} / \sqrt{9} \approx \frac{1.65}{3} = .55$$

sp>  $\mu = .6$  what is the power of  
the test

$$P(\bar{X} > .55) \quad \text{if } \mu = .6$$

under  $\bar{X} \sim N(.6, \frac{1}{3})$

$H_0: \mu = .6$

`1 - scipy.stats.norm.cdf(.55, loc=.6,  
scale=1/3)`

$$P(\bar{X} > .55)$$

$$= P\left(\frac{\bar{X} - .6}{\frac{1}{3}} > \frac{.55 - .6}{\frac{1}{3}}\right)$$

$$P(Z > -.15)$$

`1 - scipy.stats.norm.cdf(-.15)`

$$\approx .56$$

why do a power calculation?

## Last concept: p-value

$$X_1, \dots, X_{100} \sim N(\mu, 1)$$

$$\bar{X} \sim N(\mu, 1/100)$$

under  $H_0: \mu = 0$

$$H_A: \mu \neq 0$$

$$\text{cutoff } |\bar{X}| > .196$$

$$\bar{X} = \underline{\underline{-.197}} \rightarrow \text{p-value} = .049$$

→ p-value essentially quantifies how unlikely our outcome was under  $H_0$

→ p-value is the smallest level  $\alpha$  under which the null hypothesis would have been rejected.

$$\underline{\underline{\text{Ex}}} \quad X_1, \dots, X_9 \sim N(\mu, 1)$$

$$H_0: \mu = 0$$

$$H_A: \mu \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \pm z_{\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\bar{x} = c$$

$$\alpha \text{ s/t } |c| = z_{\alpha/2} / 3$$

$$c = 1$$

$$P(|\bar{x}| > |c|)$$

$$= 2 P(\bar{x} > |c|)$$

$$= .0026$$

Hypothesis testing is equivalent to calculating a confidence interval

①  $H_0: \mu = \mu_0$ , and I want to perform a level  $\alpha$  test.

$X_1, \dots, X_n \Rightarrow$  calculate a  $(1-\alpha)100\%$  CI for  $\mu$

$\Rightarrow$  reject  $H_0$  if  $\mu_0 \notin$  confidence interval at level  $\alpha$

$H_0: \mu \leq \mu_0$ , I use a one-sided upper confidence interval

$H_0: \mu \geq \mu_0$ , I use a one-sided lower confidence interval



confidence interval

② Can also calculate the p-value  
by finding the smallest  $\alpha$   
s.t.  $(1-\alpha)100\%$  CI contains  
 $\mu_0$

③ can also calculate CIs by bootstrap

$(1-\alpha)100\%$  CI for  $\mu$

$$\bar{x} \pm z_{\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$$

hypothesis under  $H_0: \mu = k$   
test

critical region  $\underline{\underline{|\bar{x} - k| > z_{\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}}}$

From office hrs:

$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \quad \text{np. mean}(x)$$

$$\hat{\sigma} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \quad \text{np. std}(x)$$

$$S = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2} \quad \text{np.std}(X, \text{ddof}=1)$$

$$\text{CI: } \bar{X} \pm t_{\alpha/2, n-1} \cdot \frac{S}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$t_{\alpha/2, n-1} = \text{scipy.stats.t.ppf}(1 - \alpha/2, n-1)$$

$$f(x|\alpha) = \begin{cases} C(\alpha) x^{\alpha-1}, & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0, & 0 = \text{true} \end{cases}$$

$$\int_0^1 C(\alpha) x^{\alpha-1} dx = 1$$

$$\int_0^1 x^{\alpha-1} dx = \frac{1}{\alpha}$$

$$C(\alpha) = \alpha$$

$$f(x|\alpha) = \alpha x^{\alpha-1}$$

$$E[X] = \int_0^1 2x^{2-1} dx$$

$$= \int_0^1 2x^2 dx$$

1

—  $X$   $k$ -th moment of  $X$

$$E[X^k]$$

$$\theta_1, \dots, \theta_r$$

so for  $r=1$  or  $2$

$$E[X^k] = g_k(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_r)$$

$m_k = k$ -th sample moment

$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^k$$

$r$  equations in  $r$  unknowns

$$k=1, \dots, r$$

$$m_k = g_k(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_r)$$

$$X_1, \dots, X_n \sim \text{Bern}(p)$$

$$E[X_i] = \rho$$

$$m_1 = \rho$$

$$X_1, \dots, X_n \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha, \lambda) \quad r=2$$

$$E[X] = \frac{\alpha}{\lambda}$$

$$g_1(\alpha, \lambda) = \frac{\alpha}{\lambda}$$

$$E[X^2] = \frac{\alpha^2 + \alpha}{\lambda^2}$$

$$g_2(\alpha, \lambda) = \frac{\alpha^2 + \alpha}{\lambda^2}$$

$$m_1 = \frac{\alpha}{\lambda}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = m_1 \lambda$$

$$m_2 = \frac{\alpha^2 + \alpha}{\lambda^2}$$

$$m_2 = \frac{m_1^2 \lambda^2 + m_1 \lambda}{\lambda^2} = m_1^2 + \frac{m_1}{\lambda}$$

$$m_2 = m_1^2 + \frac{m_1}{\lambda}$$

$$\frac{m_1}{\lambda} = \frac{m_1}{m_2 - m_1^2}$$

$$\lambda_{mm} = \frac{m_1^2}{m_2 - m_1^2}$$

$$f(x|\alpha) = \begin{cases} \alpha \cdot x^{\alpha-1}, & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0, & \text{o/w} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[X] &= \int_0^1 x \cdot \alpha \cdot x^{\alpha-1} dx \\ &= \alpha \int_0^1 x^{\alpha} dx = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1} \end{aligned}$$

$$m_1 = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}$$

