

Describing data:

- Parameter vs. statistic – numerical summary of the population (denote with Greek letters: $\alpha, \beta, \mu, \sigma$) vs. numerical summary of sample (our guess of population) (denote with lower case letters x, s, r, bars \bar{x} , hats $\hat{y}, \hat{\beta}$). We use sample statistics to estimate population parameters.
- Data – continuous, categorical, binary, etc.
- Observations – $y_1, y_2, y_3, \dots, y_n$ (or row in the table)
- Population – The entire group
- Sample – A subset of the population
- Variable – X (input) independent, Y (output) dependent.
- Qualitative/quantitative data – categorical (could be discrete), non-numerical, characteristic / Numerical: mean, median, var, sd
- Nominal (unordered)/ordinal(ordered) – (both Binary/Not Binary) colour, sex (mode)/social class: low, middle, high income, polit. ideology (mode, median)
- Granularity (continuous/discrete) – (infinity/finite)
- Skew – describes if such distribution is asymmetrical about its mean; Right Skew (mean > median), Left Skew (mean < median), Symmetric Skew (mean \approx median)
- Outliers- observations that are far away from most observations, can affect the mean, sd

Measures of Central Tendency:

- Mean $\bar{y} = \frac{y_1 + y_2 + \dots + y_n}{n} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i}{n}$, affected by outliers.
- Median - n odd: middle value of data; n even: average of two middle values; not affected by outliers
- Mode – value that appears more often in a set of data values.

Measures of dispersion (variability):

- Variance $var = S^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2}{n-1}$, difference between observed value and the mean ($y_i - \bar{y}$)
- Standard deviation $S = \sqrt{var} = \sqrt{S^2}$, average distance data from mean
- Standard error (SE) $\sigma_{\bar{y}} = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$, where σ - sd of population; describes how much \bar{y} varies from sample to sample
- Distributions and probability:
- Normal Distribution $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ mean is the center, sd controls the spread of the data. Bell-shaped
- T Distribution – centred at zero, bell-shaped like normal, fatter tails than normal, degrees of freedom define “fatness”, as $df \uparrow$ it gets close to Standard Normal, sd is a bit large than 1.
- Degrees of Freedom is the number of values in the final calculation of a statistic that are free to vary; $df = n-1$ (size - 1)
- Standard deviation(sd) – one standard deviation will be equal to something in original units (10 crimes) $s \geq 0$ and $s=0$ if Y is a constant. The greater the variability about the mean, the larger the value of s.

- Variance – measures the average squared deviation of the observation from the mean.
- Standard Normal Distribution $N(0, 1)$
- Sampling distribution – distribution of a statistic given repeated sampling (probability distribution of sample statistics, such as sample mean or sample proportion – tell me how often (or likely) each possible value of the statistic is), C.L.T important. $\bar{y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum y_i$
- Central Limit Theorem (C.L.T.) for $n \rightarrow \infty$, $\bar{y} \sim N(\mu, \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}})$
- Standard error (SE) $\sigma_{\bar{y}} = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$, as $n \rightarrow \infty$, SE gets smaller
- Sampling distribution of a sample mean \bar{y} is approximately normal distribution; “If we repeatedly took samples, then in the long run, the mean of the sample means \bar{y} would equal the population mean μ ”
- Calculate a t-score (if $n < 30$) to find p-value $t^* = \frac{\bar{y} - \mu_0}{\hat{\sigma}_{\bar{y}}}$, $df = (n-1)$
- Calculate a Z-score (if $n \geq 30$) to find p-value $Z = \frac{\bar{y} - \mu_0}{\hat{\sigma}_{\bar{y}}}$, where $\hat{\sigma}_{\bar{y}} = \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$

Remember $\sigma_{\bar{y}} = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$ for population, $\hat{\sigma}_{\bar{y}} = \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$ for sample

Estimation

- Point estimate – $mean = \hat{\mu}, sd = \hat{\sigma}$ – best estimated by \bar{y} and S - a sample statistic that gives a good guess about population parameter.
- Confidence interval – is a range of numbers within which a population parameter is believed to fall (Point Estimate \pm Margin of Error): 1. find \bar{y} , 2. find S, 3. find $\hat{\sigma}_{\bar{y}} = \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$, 4. find critical value (z or t) = (1 - Confidence Coefficient)/2 = ((1 - α)/2 = (1 - 0.90)/2 = 0.05); 5. calculate $\bar{y} \pm Z \times \hat{\sigma}_{\bar{y}}$ or $\bar{y} \pm T \times \hat{\sigma}_{\bar{y}}$
- Confidence level – the probability that this method produces an interval that contains the parameter (0.90, 0.95, 0.99)
- Critical value for big n: 90% $\pm 1.64\sigma_{\bar{y}}$; 95% $\pm 1.96\sigma_{\bar{y}}$; 99% $\pm 2.57\sigma_{\bar{y}}$
- Bias – we want our estimator to be unbiased (accurate) with repeated sampling, $E(\hat{\mu}) = \mu$

Efficiency – we want our estimators to be precise, $\hat{\sigma}$ is smaller.

Hypothesis testing (5 steps)

- Assumptions, 2. Hypotheses, 3. Test statistics, 4. P-value, 5. Conclusion (“There isn’t enough evidence to reject/not reject...”)
- Hypothesis – a statement about characteristics of variable
- Null/alternative hypotheses – H_0 and H_a
- $H_0: \mu = \mu_0$, and $H_a: \mu > \mu_0$, $H_a: \mu < \mu_0$, $H_a: \mu \neq \mu_0$.
- one-sided test ($>$, $<$, \geq , \leq) or two-sided ($=$, \neq) We use both tails because we want to find the probability of error in both directions.
- Adopting a two-sided approach effectively splits your α evenly into two tails. A one-sided alternative assigns α entirely into one of two tails.

Test statistic $TS = \frac{\bar{Y} - \mu_0}{\sigma_{\bar{Y}}}$, (comes from sampling distribution).

- P-value - is the probability that the test statistic equals the observed value or a value even more extreme in the direction predicted by H_a .
- $p \leq \alpha$ – reject H_0 (result is “statistically significant”)
- $p > \alpha$ – cannot reject H_0

$$p = 2 \times Pr\left(z \geq \left|\frac{\bar{Y} - \mu_0}{\sigma_{\bar{Y}}}\right|\right) \quad \text{or} \quad p = 2 \times Pr\left(t \geq \left|\frac{\bar{Y} - \mu_0}{\sigma_{\bar{Y}}}\right|\right)$$

- Significance level (α -level) is a number such that we reject H_0 if p-value is less than or equal to it (0.05, 0.01)

Type I error – The probability of rejecting a true H_0

Type II error – The probability of failing to reject a false H_0

Chi-square test of independence (H_0 : variables are independent)

$$f_{\text{observed}}, f_{\text{expected}} = \frac{\text{Row total}}{\text{Grand total}} \times \text{Column total}$$

$$\chi^2 = \sum \frac{(f_o - f_e)^2}{f_e}, \text{ df} = (\text{row}-1)(\text{column}-1); \text{ when } H_0 \text{ is true, } \chi^2 \text{ is small}$$

$$\text{Stand. residuals } z = \frac{f_o - f_e}{\sqrt{f_e(1 - \frac{\text{Row total}}{\text{Grand total}})(1 - \frac{\text{Column total}}{\text{Grand total}})}}$$

Regression

- Linear model $E(y) = Y = \alpha + \beta X$
- Linear Model $Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X + \varepsilon_i$ with $\varepsilon_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$
- Interpret y-intercept = α (value of Y when X=0) and slope = β (on average, 1 unit \uparrow in X is associated with β unit \uparrow in Y)
- Least squares line (LS) - the prediction line $\hat{y} = a + bx$, because its one with the smallest RSS.
- Prediction equation $y = a + bx + e$, also (?) $\hat{y} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x$
- Sum of Squared Errors $SSE = \sum (Y_i - \hat{Y}_i)^2 = \sum (Y_i - \hat{\alpha} - \hat{\beta} X_i)^2$
- OLS estimators: $\hat{\beta} = \frac{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})(Y_i - \bar{Y})}{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2}$, $\hat{\alpha} = \hat{\beta}_0 = \bar{Y} - \hat{\beta} \bar{X}$, SSE - the squared distance from the Y values to the fitted line; want to min. this
- Residual sum of squares $RSS = SSE = \sum (y - \hat{y})^2$
- Regression Sum of Squares $RegSS = \sum (\hat{y} - \bar{y})^2$
- Total Sum of Squares $TSS = RegSS + RSS = \sum (y - \bar{y})^2$
- Interpret a scatterplot - form/pattern, direction, strength, outliers
- Construct a CI around β : $\hat{\beta}_1 \pm t_{\alpha/2} se_{\hat{\beta}_1}$, $t = \frac{\hat{\beta}_1 - \beta}{se_{\hat{\beta}_1}}$, $df = n-2$

Hypothesis test for β , where $H_0: \beta = 0$, $t = \frac{\hat{\beta}_0 - 0}{se_{\hat{\beta}_0}}$, $df = n-2$

Calculate standard error (SE) for $\beta = SE(\hat{\beta}_1)$

$$se_{\hat{\beta}_0} = \hat{\sigma} \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} + \frac{\bar{x}^2}{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}} \quad \text{and} \quad se_{\hat{\beta}_1} = \frac{\hat{\sigma}}{\sqrt{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}}$$

Calculate standard deviation $S_x = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n-1}}$ and $S_y = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (y_i - \bar{y})^2}{n-1}}$

Correlation coefficient r - strength and direction of linear relationship between X and Y; $-1 \leq r \leq 1$, sensitive to outliers, unit-free, only linear, not casual.

$$r = R = \frac{S_{xy}}{S_x S_y} = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum \frac{(x - \bar{x})(y - \bar{y})}{S_x S_y}; \text{ where } S_{xy} = \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{n-1}$$

Pearson Correlation (assumed that X and Y normally distributed)

$$r_{xy} = \frac{\text{covariance}_{xy}}{SD_x SD_y} = \frac{S_{xy}}{S_x S_y} = \frac{\sum x_i y_i - n \bar{x} \bar{y}}{\sqrt{(\sum x_i^2 - n \bar{x}^2)(\sum y_i^2 - n \bar{y}^2)}}$$

Square of Correlation coeff $r^2/R^2 = \left(\frac{S_{xy}}{S_x S_y}\right)^2 = \frac{\text{explained variability}}{\text{total variability}} =$

$$\frac{RegSS}{TSS} = 1 - \frac{RSS}{TSS}; \text{ interpreted as \% of variability in y explained by x;}$$

- $0 \leq R^2 \leq 1$; evaluate the strength of the fit of linear model; R^2 near 1 suggest a good fit to the data, if $R^2 = 1$, all points fall exactly on the line
- Interpret a regression analysis table: Intercept, slope, standard error, p-value. Focus is on the slope.

Assumption:

Type of data (quantitative/continuous, categorical, etc), Sample size (small, large), Population distribution (normally), Sampling method (random)

Assumption for linear regression:

Randomized data generation, independent observation, size (small, large), there is **no** linear relationship, there is error normally distributed $\varepsilon_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$

Estimation: There is a positive/negative correlation; there is/isn’t linear relationship.