

Example 2: A political candidate is pondering running for public office. This candidate will only do so if there is some indication that he will not receive less than 50% of the vote. $p_0 = 0.5$ if at least 50% of votes \Rightarrow will run

A random sample of $\overset{n}{15}$ voters is taken. If three or less of the voters say they will vote for this candidate, then he will not run for public office. [Rejection region; level of tolerance; "margin of error"]

- (a) State the most appropriate null and alternative hypothesis.

let X be # out of 15 $X \sim \text{Bin}(n=15, p_0=0.5)$
Votes for Him

$$H_0: X \geq 7.5$$

$$H_a: X < 7.5$$

OR

let $p = \frac{X}{15}$ be prop. of votes for Him

$$H_0: p \geq 0.5$$

$$H_a: p < 0.5$$

- (b) Defining X as the number of voters, out of 15, that would vote for this particular candidate, find α , the probability of committing a Type I error.

[Define X as the number of voters, out of 15 randomly chosen that would vote for this particular candidate, the rejection region is: $X : X \leq 3$.]

$$\alpha = P[\text{Type I Error}] = P[RH_0 | H_0 \text{ true}]$$

$$= P[X \leq 3 | p_0 = 0.5]$$

$X \Rightarrow$ # of votes for him out of 15 ...

$$H_a: p < 0.5$$

But level of tolerance because we recognise we are dealing with sample data.

half of 15 is 7.5 So technically 7 or fewer votes out of 15 would be a "fail." But when considered sample data we are going to say we aren't sure it is significantly less than half unless $X \leq 3$!

$$X \sim \text{Bin}(n=15, p_0=0.5) \quad * \text{ if } H_0 \text{ true } \Rightarrow p = p_0 = 0.5$$

$$\alpha = P[X \leq 3 | p = 0.5]$$

$$= \binom{15}{0} 0.5^0 (1-0.5)^{15-0} + \dots + \binom{15}{3} 0.5^3 (1-0.5)^{15-3}$$

$$= \text{pbinom}(3, \text{size}=15, \text{prob}=0.5) \approx \boxed{0.01757813} = \alpha$$

we will have about 1.75% chance of saying p is less than 0.5 when it is really $= 0.5$ [if using a sample size of $n=15$]

* Notice: α has nothing to do with actual sample data points it depends on level of tolerance [rejection region; risk] and sample size! But not sample points themselves!

*Note must know what truth is to calc. Power!

Meaning $p_0 = 0.5$ is false!

- (c) Unbeknownst to the interested candidate, he is to receive 40% of the vote. What is the probability of concluding from the sample of 15 that he will receive at least 50% of the vote? Is this a good thing? Re-write the meaning of this in context but in your own words?

Could be written this way

$H_0: p \geq 0.5$

$H_a: p < 0.5$

concluding $p > 0.5$ implies we $FRH_0 \rightarrow x \geq 3$ or $x \geq 4$

$$\beta = P[FRH_0 | H_0 \text{ false}] = P[X \geq 4 | p = 0.4] = P[\text{Type II Error}]$$

failing to reject things that are false is a "bad" thing Error

$$= 1 - P[X \leq 3 | p = 0.4] = 1 - pbinom(3, size = 15, prob = 0.4)$$

$$\approx 0.9094981 = P[\text{Type II Error}]$$

We have a ~91% chance of making a type II error if true $p = 0.4$.
 Meaning if the true prop. of votes (in total) that would vote for him is actually 0.4
 we have ~91% chance of thinking the proportion is not sig. less than 0.5!

This may be that high 2 reasons $1 \rightarrow 0.4$ isn't sig less 0.5 $2 \rightarrow$ sample size low.

- (d) Returning to parts (b) and (c): consider a new suggested decision rule which states the null hypothesis in (a) can be rejected if $X \leq 5$. Find the probability of committing a Type II error with the rejection region $\{X : X \leq 5\}$. How does this impact the possible errors? Which error would you prefer?

$$\alpha = P[RH_0 | H_0 \text{ true}] = P[X \leq 5 | p = 0.5] \approx pbinom(5, size = 15, prob = 0.5)$$

$$\approx 0.1508789$$

$$\beta = P[FRH_0 | H_0 \text{ false}] = P[X \geq 6 | p = 0.4] = 1 - pbinom(5, 15, 0.4)$$

$$\approx 0.7827223$$

when $\alpha \uparrow, \beta \downarrow$

* Don't try to assess which Error is worse by looking at the Probabilities!
 That makes no sense! let's interpret what the Errors mean!

$H_0: p \geq 0.5$
 $H_a: p < 0.5$

Type I: RH_0 when H_0 true!

Believes his support is sig. less than 50% when it is actually Not! \Rightarrow Doesn't run but would have won ...

Type II: FRH_0 when H_0 false

Believes support is Not sig. less than 50% when it actually is! \Rightarrow Run's but doesn't win ...

Assuming this person has a current job that is satisfactory I would say type II is more serious since they may spend money or quit current job to chase dream that doesn't happen ...

suggestion: increase α so that β becomes lower (more acceptable) also increase sample size from 15 to something more telling!

$H_0: p \geq 0.5$
 $H_a: p < 0.5$

- (e) A random sample of 15 was taken, of which 8 voters said they would vote for this particular candidate. What decision can be made about the null hypothesis in (a)? Identify the Test Statistic, give the p-value and interpret it.

recall rejection region in (a) if $X \leq 3 \Rightarrow R H_0$
 we are clearly on $F R H_0$ "side"
 Based on this sample we would $F R H_0 \Rightarrow$ level of sig of $\alpha \approx 0.0175$
 Believe our support is Not sig. less than 0.5!
 $X \sim \text{Bin}(n=15, p=0.5)$
 $p\text{-value} = P[X < 8 | p_0 = p = 0.5] = p_{\text{binom}}(7, 15, 0.5) = 0.5$

$p\text{-value} > \alpha \Leftrightarrow 0.5 > 0.0175 \Rightarrow F R H_0$
 if prop of voters for can. is 0.5 The prob. of collecting another sample, $n=15$, that would produce more evidence against claim ($p=0.5$) is 0.5 or 50%
 Since this is high it implies our sample is close to what we expected. Since range prob of seeing worse!

(f) Does your p-value change when considering rejection region proposed in part (b) vs. part (d)?
 Calculating, $P[X < 8 | p_0 = p = 0.5] = p_{\text{binom}}(7, 15, 0.5)$ has nothing to do with $\alpha \Leftrightarrow$ or rejection region. P-value will be the same no matter what α is!
 So for part b & d $p\text{-value} = 0.5$

- a. What if $H_A: \theta \neq 0.5$ instead of $H_A: \theta < 0.5$



if $H_a: p \neq 0.5 \Rightarrow$ two tailed! means we must have two rejection regions
 let's make them symmetric!
 $\alpha \approx 0.0175 \Rightarrow$ critical values $\Rightarrow X \leq 3$
 $\alpha \approx (0.0175) 2 \approx 0.03515625 \Rightarrow X \geq 12$

if test stat $X = 12 \Rightarrow p = \frac{12}{15} = 0.8$ < our $0.5 = p_0$

$$2 * P[X \geq 12 | p = 0.5] = 2 * (1 - p_{\text{binom}}(11, 15, 0.5)) \approx 0.03515625$$

What to do when $\alpha = p\text{-value}$?
 best to suggest increased sample size! but here $R H_0$

- (g) What type of error could have been made?
 (i) use rejection region proposed in part (b)
 (ii) part (d)

if test stat = 4

b) $R H_0$ when $X \leq 3 \Rightarrow F R H_0$

d) $R H_0$ when $X \leq 5 \Rightarrow R H_0$

Nothing from sample changed
 But two different conclusions
 why? default to believe H_0
 and different level of $\alpha \dots$

We choose alpha... so we can always determine which conclusion
 p-value is the level of sig (α) when the H_0 would be rejected
 less subjective to report p-value rather than $F R H_0$ or $R H_0 \dots$