CSCI 3022 Intro to Data Science
Testing Wrapup

A summary of our process:

1. State hypothesis: H_0 : the baseline or "nothing is interesting result." For the coin: a fair coin, with $p = .5$.

   H_a : what we *want* to test or demonstrate. For the coin: an unfair coin, with $p \neq .5$

2. Collect some data

3. Compute a *test statistic* from our data. Maybe a sample proportion of heads $\hat{p}$?

4. Decide whether the *test statistic* $\hat{p}$ is **too far** from it's assumed baseline value in H_0, and make a decision accordingly. E.g. was $\hat{p}$ *far enough* from $p = .5$ to actually assert that they're different?

5. α is the value that describes the probability of rejecting a null hypotheses *given* that the hypothesis was true.

Announcements and Reminders

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Rejection Regions or Probabilities?

How would we know when the test statistic is "sufficiently rare" under the null hypothesis such that we might regard the null as false? We could define a rejection region: a range of values that leads a researcher to reject the null hypothesis.

We can *either*:

1. Define a range of x-values - in the *units* of the data - that correspond to z-values (on the standard normal) that represent "extremely far" from the hypothesized mean. Reject if they're far enough, where far enough is beyond the z_{crit}/t_{crit} value that depends on α

2. Compute a *probability*: if the null hypothesis is true, exactly how "extreme" is our data, as a probability? If it's in the α proportion of most extreme or outlying outcomes when the null is true, maybe we should conclude the null *wasn't* true.

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$$Var\left[\bar{X} - \bar{Y}\right] = Var\left[\frac{\sum_i X_i}{n} - \frac{\sum_j Y_j}{m}\right] = Var[\bar{X}] + Var[\bar{Y}] = \ldots$$
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Normal Populations with known variances:

If both populations are normal and independent, $\bar{X} - \bar{Y}$ is normally distributed with expected value $\mu_1 - \mu_2$ and standard deviation: $\sqrt{\frac{\sigma_1^2}{n} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{m}}$. So:

$$\left(\bar{X} - \bar{Y}\right) \sim N\left(\mu_1 - \mu_2, \frac{\sigma_1^2}{n} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{m}\right)$$

Standardizing our estimator gives:

$$Z = \frac{\left(\bar{X} - \bar{Y}\right) - (\mu_1 - \mu_2)}{\sqrt{\frac{\sigma_1^2}{n} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{m}}}$$

Therefore, the $(1 - \alpha) \cdot 100\%$ confidence interval is:

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For large samples, the CLT allows us to use these methods we have discussed even when the two populations of interest are not normal.

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Without the CLT at our disposal, we proceed by making specific assumptions about the underlying population distributions.

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We've looked at the following test statistics for hypothesis testing.

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2. To compare means when the samples are large **or** underlying normal with *known* variances, we also use Z-statistics.

$$\frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \quad \textbf{OR} \quad \frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}} \quad \textbf{OR} \quad \frac{(\bar{X} - \bar{Y}) - (\mu_1 - \mu_2)}{\sqrt{\frac{\sigma_1^2}{n} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{m}}} \quad \textbf{OR} \quad \frac{(\bar{X} - \bar{Y}) - (\mu_1 - \mu_2)}{\sqrt{\frac{s_1^2}{n} + \frac{s_2^2}{m}}}$$

3. To compare means when the samples are small **and** underlying normal, we use t-statistics.

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Now what?

We're almost done talking about CI's and Hypothesis tests. Where are our gaps?

1. We can compare samples or do inference on 1-2 samples when one of the following conditions is met:

    1.1 The sample or samples are $n > 30$ (or success/fail>10) (use Z!)

    1.2 The sample or samples are small and underlying normal (use t!)

2. What are we missing?

    2.1 The samples are small and *not normal*

    2.2 We aren't trying to do inference on means at all, but something else!

    2.3 We will cover 2 more cases of this: variances and bootstrapping.

Bootstrapping is a catch-all to create *approximate* confidence intervals for any underlying population characteristic that we might care about.

To date, *every one* of our methods for confidence intervals and hypothesis testing have been based on the tests regarding the *mean*. We might want to test variances! Or medians! Or 87th percentiles!

We also might want to test means on small samples from *non-normal* populations. Data is often very expensive, in either time or money. Examples:

1. Data collected by aircraft

2. Polling data, which requires one-to-one human interactions

3. Seasonal ecological data, which may occur only once per calendar year

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1. $X_1 = [2, 4, 4, 4, 7]$
2. $X_2 = [4, 4, 4, 4, 4]$
3. $X_3 = [4, 2, 7, 9, 9]$

...each of those have their very own *sample statistics!*

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As a rule-of-thumb, each bootstrapped sample should be of the same size as the original sample.

Proposition: A suitable estimate for the 95% confidence interval for the mean of the population of X is given by $[L, U]$, where L and U are the 2.5th and 97.5th sample percentiles of the set of means of a large number of bootstrapped resamples.

Idea: Bootstrapping gives us a set of new X's and new $\bar{X}$'s. The "middle 95%" of the *bootstrapped $\bar{X}$'s* should be in around the same place as the 95% CI for $\bar{X}$, *regardless of distribution* of individual X-values.

Bootstrapping solves all

Bootstrapping for a CI around the mean is convenient, particularly when there are not enough samples to invoke the Central Limit Theorem.

Crucially, we can use the exact same procedure to estimate things besides means!

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2. Standard Deviations

3. Other measures that we may not even have theories for!

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2. for i in range(nsamp):
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       vars.append(np.var(newX, ddof=1))

3. CI= np.percentile(vars, [5,95])

Bootstrapping in general

This process: simulating a data set, calculating a desired *sample statistic* from it, and then creating a *distribution* of that sample statistic is called a *non-parametric* bootstrap since it doesn't make distributional assumptions.

Definition: *parametric* statistics assume that sample data comes from a population that follows a probability distribution on a fixed set of parameters.

Examples:

1. μ and σ are the parameters of the Normal distribution.

2. λ is the parameters of the Poisson and Exponential distributions.

3. p is the parameter of the geometric and Bernoulli distributions.

Parametric Bootstrapping

Sometimes we really want to know about various statistics on e.g. the Poisson or Exponential *without* solving some challenging integral or sum or whatever else equations.

Definition: *parametric* bootstraps estimate a CI for a desired property in two steps.

1. Estimate the parameters of the known distribution from your sample.

2. Draw bootstrap resamples from the distribution, *assuming* the estimated parameter

3. Compute a CI for the desired property from your resamples.

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Example: If we want to estimate the median of a sample that we *assume* is Poisson, we might:

1. Assume the data is Pois(λ). Estimate the parameter, e.g. $\lambda \approx \bar{X}$.

2. Simulate a bootstrapped sample from Pois($\bar{X}$).

3. Create a CI for the median from that pool of bootstrapped samples.

Why make *more* assumptions, like assuming the distribution of the random variable at all? The advantage of the parametric bootstrap is that it can be shown to do a better job in particular scenarios.

The downside? The parametric bootstrap does a very poor job if the population does not have the same population as you assumed. This is called *model misspecification,* and is a risk **any** time we assume things have **any** underlying distribution, including in hypothesis testing!
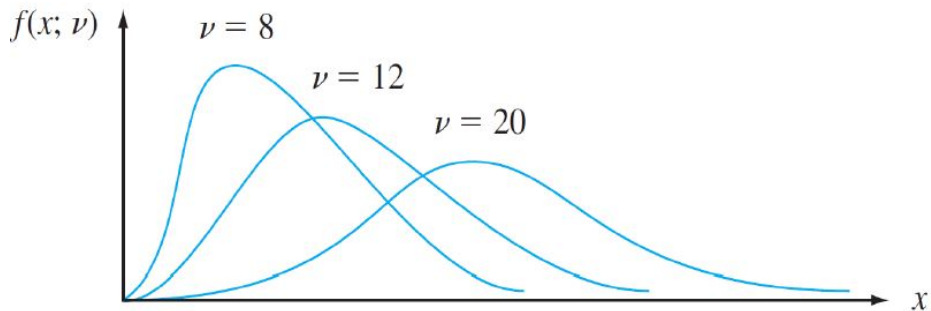
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Definition: *Chi-Squared*

Let ν be a positive integer. The random variable X has a chi-squared distribution with parameter ν if the pdf of X is:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2^{\nu/2}\Gamma(\nu/2)}x^{(\nu/2)-1}e^{-x/2} & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

The parameter ν is called the number of degrees of freedom (df) of X. The symbol χ^2 is often used in place of "chi-squared."

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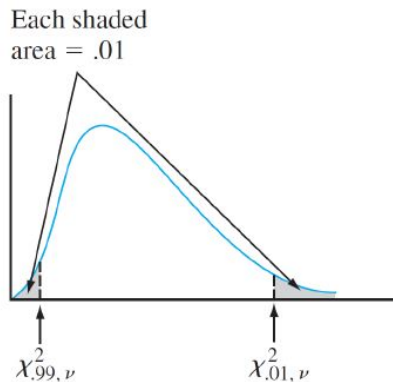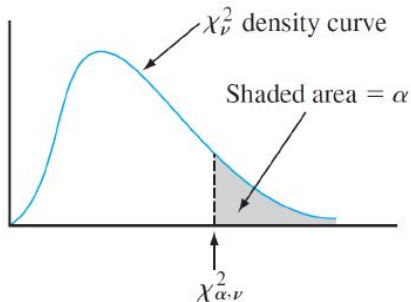Let $X_1, X_2, \ldots X_n \overset{iid}{\sim} N(\mu, \sigma^2)$. Then the random variable:

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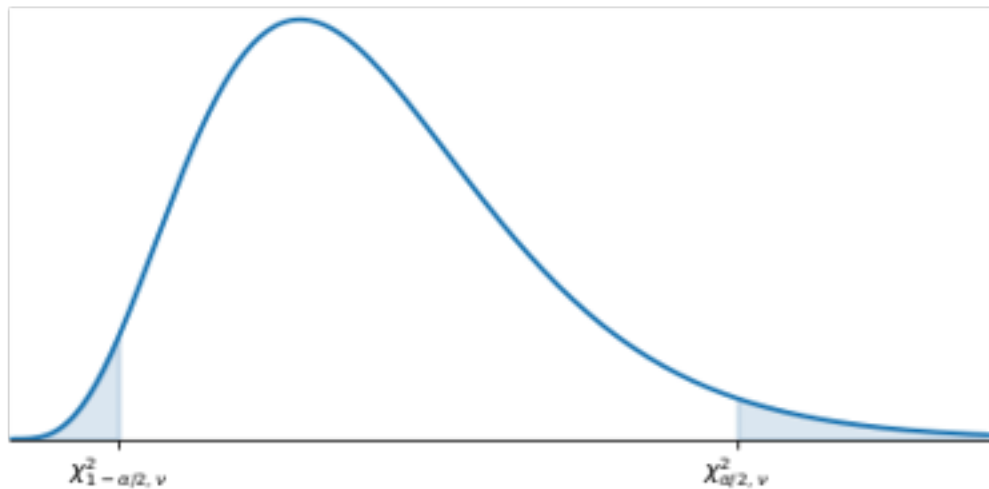
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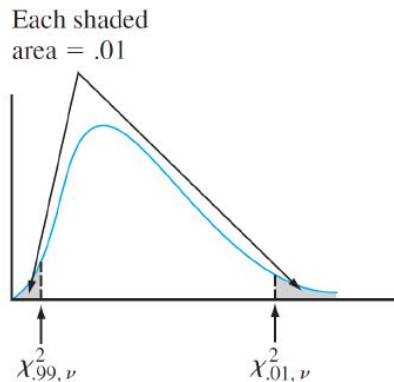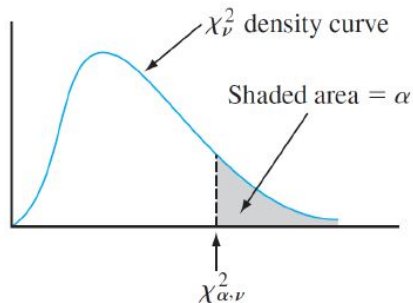
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Test for Equivalence of Variance

The F probability distribution has two parameters, denoted by ν_1 and ν_2. The parameter ν_1 is called the numerator degrees of freedom, and ν_2 is the denominator degrees of freedom.

A random variable that has an F distribution cannot assume a negative value. The density function is complicated and will not be used explicitly, so it's not shown.

There is an important connection between an F variable and chisquared variables.

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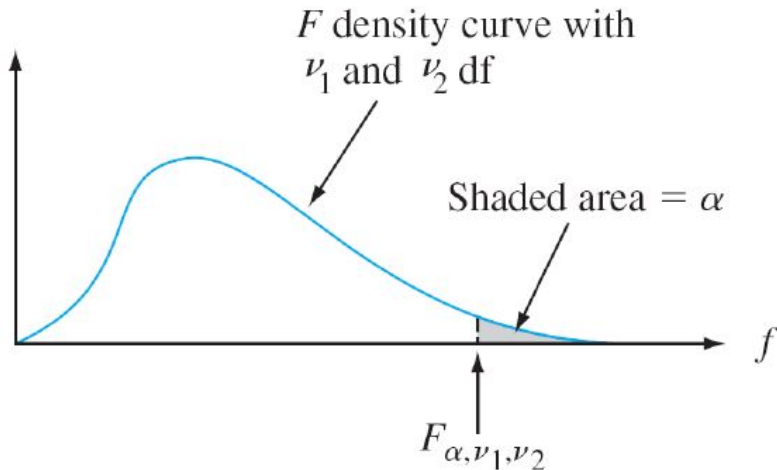
F density curve with ν_1 and ν_2 df

Shaded area $= \alpha$

F_{α, ν_1, ν_2}

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For example, $F_{.05,6,10} = 3.22$ and $F_{.95,10,6} = 0.31 = 1/3.22$.

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This theorem results from combining the fact that the variables $\frac{(n-1)s_2^2}{\sigma_2^2}$ and $\frac{(m-1)s_1^2}{\sigma_1^2}$ each have a chi-squared distribution with $n-1$ and $m-1$ df, respectively.

Because F involves a ratio rather than a difference, the test statistic is the ratio of sample variances.

The claim that $\sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2$ is then rejected if the ratio s_1^2/s_2^2 differs by too much from 1.

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Now what?

On to Regression!

A few things to note: you are **not expected** nor even encouraged to memorize all of these formulas. Instead, you want a few basic vocabulary words and associations:

1. **Normals** are for large sample measures of the *mean* (or proportions). They are (difference)/(standard deviation) formulas.

2. **t's** are for small sample measures of the *mean*. *Assumption:* populations are normal. They are (difference)/(standard deviation) formulas.

3. **Chi-squared** are for measures of the variance. *Assumption:* of a normal. They use (sums of squared deviations) in the formula.

4. **F** are for measures of the variance. *Assumption:* of a normal. They are a *ratio* of two variances/chi-squareds.

With those associations and basic algebraic intuitions, just look up the one you need at any given time!

Daily Recap

Today we learned

1. Intro and Basics of Hypothesis Tests

Moving forward:

- nb day Friday for HTs

Next time in lecture:

- More Hypotheses!