

Inferential Statistics

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Introduction to Data Science

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Does the sample size matter? – large sample size versus small sample size

US Election 1936

- Roosevelt versus Landon
- Literary Digest predicted Landon (Republican) win and predicted Democratic will get only 43%
- Literary Digest used a sample size of 10 million (2.4 million responded)
- Gallup used a good scientific method and predicted that Literary Digest will predict 44%!! They used a sample size of just 3000!!
- Gallup also predicted that Roosevelt will win with 56% votes
- Gallup used a sample size of 50000 only!!
- Roosevelt won the election with 61% votes



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The population consists of only four people: A, B, C and D. A is chosen in the sample and other three are chosen only if we get heads when we toss a fair coin. Is this a good sample?

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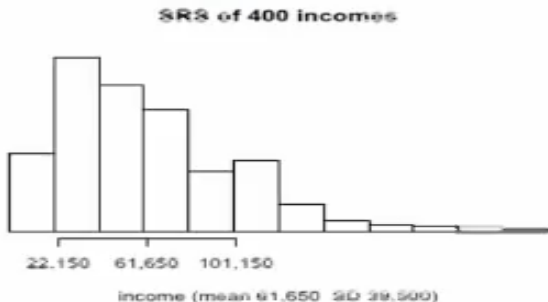
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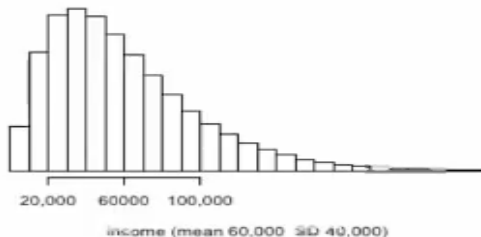
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Original distribution that we may not have:

population of incomes



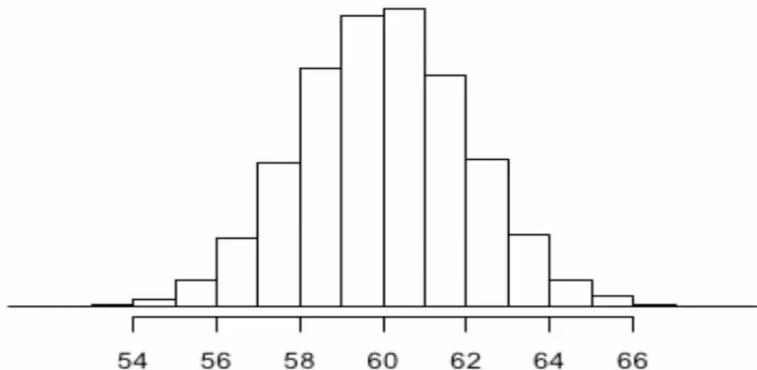
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After many trials:

means of 20,000 samples of size 400 each



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Possible Scenario

Reality/Observation	$p = 0.5$	$p = 0.8$
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- **Significance Level:** Error probability. Should be **small**
- **Power:** Probability that the test correctly predicts that the guess is false. This should be **large**.
- Significance level is actually the tolerance level that we want.

Neyman-Pearson Lemma

Design the test in such a way that we maximize the power given the significance level

Testing Hypothesis

Significance level – what is the connection with the previous slides on testing hypothesis?

- Toss the coin many times and observe the number of heads
- $H_0 : p = 0.5$ and $H_A : p > 0.5$
- Test: If number of heads is large then take H_A otherwise take H_0
- **Method:** If P -value is $< 5\%$ then H_A otherwise it is H_0
- If P -value is $< 5\%$ then $z > 1.645$
- Actually this 5% is our significant level! – this is what percentage we may conclude that the coin is not fair but it is actually fair – this is our tolerance level
- 5% is our **significance level** and observed percentage is our **observed significance level**

Testing Hypothesis

- **Observation:** Coin tossed 400 times and observed 225 heads
- H_0 : coin is fair: $p = 0.5$
- Under H_0 expect 200 heads with standard error of 10 (??)
- How did you get SE as 10? Its binomial distribution! So $\sqrt{400 * 0.5 * 0.5}$
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- The chance of getting 225 heads or more assuming the coin is fair
- $z = \frac{225-200}{10} = 2.5$, $P = 0.71\%$ (approx)
- $P < 5\%$ so choose the first alternative
- Called as one-tailed test

Testing Hypothesis – second alternative

- The chance of getting the number of heads as 25 more or less the expected value of 200 assuming that the coin is fair
- $z = \pm 2.5$, $P = 2 * 0.71\% = 1.42\%$ (approx)
- $P < 5\%$ so choose the second alternative
- Called as two-tailed test

Testing Hypothesis – third alternative

- The chance of getting the number of heads is 225 heads or fewer assuming that coin is fair.
- $z = \frac{226-200}{10} = 2.6$, $P = 99.4\%$ (approx)
- $P > 5\%$ so choose H_0
- This is another one-tailed test

z-test

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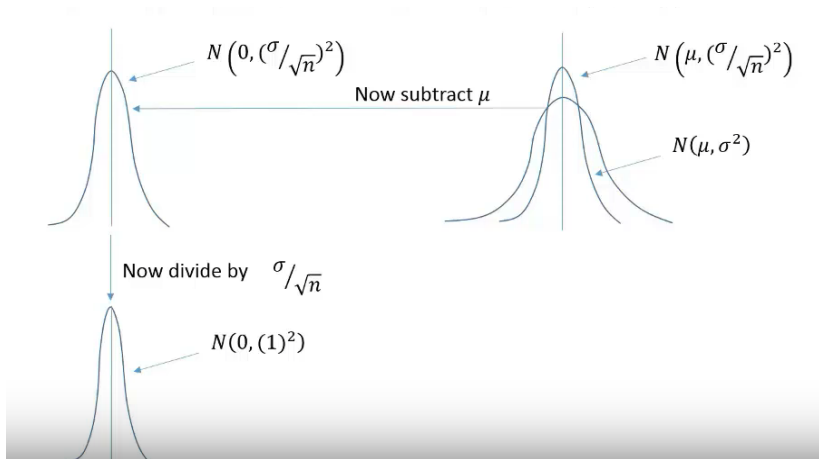
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- Calculate the P -value: Assuming H_0 what is the probability that the sample mean would be less than 175?
- If H_0 is true then the expected sample mean would be 175 with standard error given by $\sigma/\sqrt{100}$ where σ is approximately 5cm
- Hence $SE = 5/\sqrt{100} \implies SE = 0.5$



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- Now $z = (174 - 175)/0.5 \implies z = -2 \implies P = 2.5\%$ (approx)
 - $P < 5\%$ so reject the null hypothesis *implies* average height of students is less than the average height of Indian men

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t-test

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 - Sample mean = 31.56 gm
 - Belief is that the population mean = 30 gm
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- $H_0 : \mu = 30$ and $H_A : \mu > 30$
 - Calculate the P -value: If the Null were true what is the probability of sample mean to be greater than 31.56?

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- $\sigma/\sqrt{5} \Rightarrow 1.96/\sqrt{5} = 0.87$
 - Now calculate a score called *t*-score:
 $(31.56 - 30)/0.87 = 1.79 \Rightarrow P = 7.2\%$
 - $P > 5\%$ so keep the null hypothesis