



# Hypothesis Testing - Handwritten Notes | MATH 312

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## WEEK 5

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## Hypothesis testing

## Terminologies:

**NULL HYPOTHESIS** (usually denoted by  $H_0$ )

— "prior belief"

**ALTERNATIVE HYPOTHESIS** (denoted by  $H_a$ )

— "alternative belief"

typical situation : Collect data, use the data to decide whether  $H_0$  should be rejected.

1. A **TEST STATISTIC** is a function of the sample data on which the decision is to be based.

2. A **REJECTION REGION** is the set of all test statistic values for which  $H_0$  will be rejected.

A **TYPE I ERROR** — rejecting the null hypothesis  $H_0$  when it is true

A **TYPE II ERROR** — not rejecting  $H_0$  when  $H_0$  is false.

E.g.

Two companies

$p$  = proportion of all potential subscribers who favor the 1st company over the 2nd

$$H_0 : p = 0.5$$

$$H_a : p \neq 0.5$$

$X$  = # of individuals in a random sample of size 25 individuals who favor the 1st company  
 $x$  - an observed value of  $X$

(a) Rejection region  $R = \{x : x \leq 7 \text{ or } x \geq 18\}$

(c) Distribution of  $X$  when  $H_a$  is true (i.e.  $p=0.5$ )

$$P[X=x] = \binom{25}{x} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x \left(1-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{25-x}$$

$$\alpha = P[\text{Type I error}] = ?$$

$$= P[X \leq 7 \text{ or } X \geq 18]$$

$$= \sum_{x=0}^7 b(x; 25, \frac{1}{2}) + \left(1 - \sum_{x=0}^{17} b(x; 25, \frac{1}{2})\right)$$

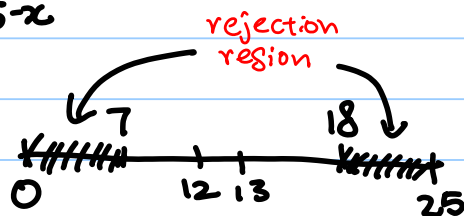


Table A.1

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$$0.022 + 1 - 0.978$$

$$= 0.044$$

d.  $\beta(p) = P[\text{Type II error when the true } p \text{ is } p \neq 0.5]$

Note: Distribution of  $X$  when  $p=0.3$  is

$$P[X=x] = \binom{25}{x} (0.3)^x (1-0.3)^{25-x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \beta(0.3) &= P[\text{we fail to reject } H_0 \text{ when } p=0.3] \\ &= P[8 \leq X \leq 17] = P[X \leq 17] - P[X \leq 7] \\ &= \sum_{x=8}^{17} b(x; 25, 0.3) - \sum_{x=0}^{7} b(x; 25, 0.3) \end{aligned}$$

Table A.1

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## Tests about a population mean (Section 8.2)

3 cases (as in the study of CI)

(I) normal population with known  $\sigma$

(II) not necessarily normal, but  $n$  large

(III) normal population,  $\sigma$  not known,  $n$  not necessarily large

(I)  $N(\mu, \sigma)$  -  $\sigma$  known

want to decide if we should reject  
the null hypothesis  $H_0: \mu = \mu_0$  or not.  
we have a random sample

$$X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \sim \text{iid. } N(\mu, \sigma)$$

Recall : if  $\mu$  is really  $\mu_0$ , then

$$\bar{X} = (X_1 + \dots + X_n)/n \sim N(\mu_0, \sigma/\sqrt{n})$$

or

$$\frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \sim N(0, 1)$$

## One sample $z$ test

Null Hypothesis  $H_0 : \mu = \mu_0$

Test statistic value :  $z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}$

Alt. hypothesis

$H_a : \mu > \mu_0$

$H_a : \mu < \mu_0$

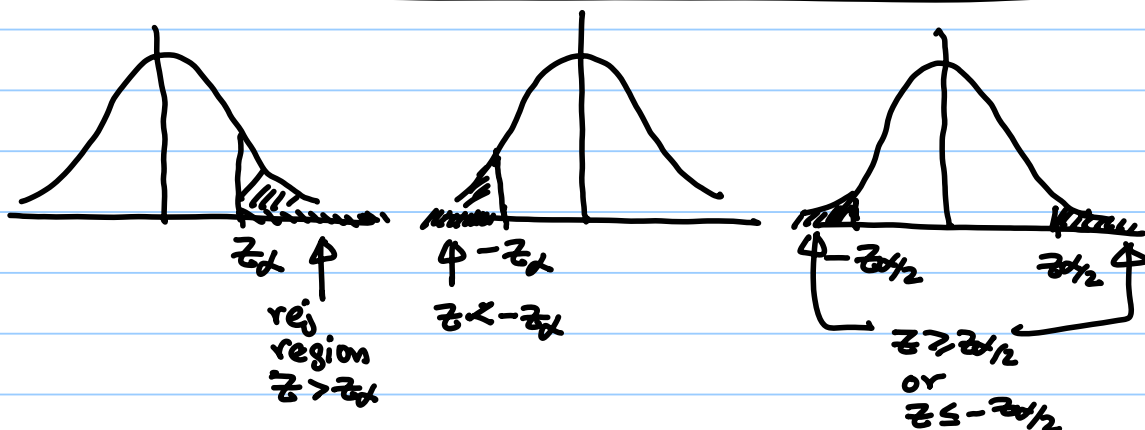
$H_a : \mu \neq \mu_0$

Rejection region for level  $\alpha$  test

$z \geq z_\alpha$

$z \leq -z_\alpha$

$z \geq z_{\alpha/2}$  or  $z \leq -z_{\alpha/2}$



Q: What's the rationale behind these?

A: The rejection regions are chosen in such a way that

$$P[\text{Type I error}] = \alpha$$

Note :  $\alpha \downarrow \Rightarrow$  rejection region smaller

( makes sense, right? )

What about Type II error?

say, if  $\mu$  is not  $\mu_0$  but is  $\mu'$  ( $> \mu_0$ )  
(so we should reject  $H_0$  - assume  $H_a: \mu > \mu_0$ )

What is  $P[\text{type II error}]$ ?

accept  $H_0$  when  

$$\frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} < z_\alpha$$

$$= P[\mu = \mu' \neq \mu_0 \text{ but the level } \alpha \text{ test fails to reject } H_0]$$

= accepts

$$= P[\bar{X} < \mu_0 + z_\alpha \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \text{ when } \mu = \mu']$$

Note:  $\mu = \mu' \Rightarrow$   
 $\bar{X} \sim N(\mu', \sigma/\sqrt{n})$

$$= P\left[\frac{\bar{X} - \mu'}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} < \frac{\mu_0 - \mu'}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} + z_\alpha \text{ when } \mu = \mu'\right]$$

$\sim N(0,1)$

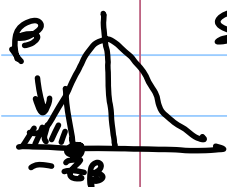
$$= \Phi\left(z_\alpha + \frac{\mu_0 - \mu'}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}\right)$$

Note:  $\bullet \mu' \uparrow \Rightarrow P[\text{type II error}] \downarrow$

$\bullet \sigma \uparrow \Rightarrow P[\text{type II error}] \uparrow$

$\bullet n \uparrow \Rightarrow P[\text{type II error}] \downarrow$

How large should  $n$  be such that  $P[\text{type II error}] = \beta$ ?



Solve:  $\Phi\left(z_\alpha + \frac{\mu_0 - \mu'}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}\right) = \beta$

or  $-z_\beta = z_\alpha + \frac{\mu_0 - \mu'}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}$  or  $n = \left[\frac{\sigma(z_\alpha + z_\beta)}{\mu_0 - \mu'}\right]^2$

## $\Phi$ standard normal cdf

Alternative hypothesis

Type II error prob.  $\beta(\mu')$   
for a level  $\alpha$  test

$$H_a: \mu > \mu_0$$

$$\Phi\left(z_\alpha + \frac{\mu_0 - \mu'}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}\right)$$

$$H_a: \mu < \mu_0$$

$$1 - \Phi\left(-z_\alpha + \frac{\mu_0 - \mu'}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}\right)$$

$$H_a: \mu \neq \mu_0$$

$$\Phi\left(z_{\frac{\alpha}{2}} + \frac{\mu_0 - \mu'}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}\right) - \Phi\left(-z_{\frac{\alpha}{2}} + \frac{\mu_0 - \mu'}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}\right)$$

Sample size  $n$  for which a level  $\alpha$  test also has  $\beta(\mu') = \beta$  at the alternative value  $\mu'$  is

$$n = \begin{cases} \left[ \frac{\sigma(z_\alpha + z_\beta)}{\mu_0 - \mu'} \right]^2 & (H_a: \mu > \mu_0 \text{ or } H_a: \mu < \mu_0) \\ \left[ \frac{\sigma(z_{\frac{\alpha}{2}} + z_\beta)}{\mu_0 - \mu'} \right]^2 & (H_a: \mu \neq \mu_0) \end{cases}$$

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Go through example 8.6 and 8.7 in class

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(IV)  $n$  large (underlying population distribution)  
needs not be normal

Recall  
 $n \geq 40$ ,  $\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{S/\sqrt{n}}$  is approximately  $N(0,1)$

So can use the tests in case (I) with  
the appropriate changes

(basically just change  $\sigma$  to  
 $S = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$ .)

Read example 8.8

(IV)  $n$  not necc. large, normal population

Recall

$T = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{S/\sqrt{n}}$  has a  $t$ -distribution with  $(n-1)$  d.o.f

The one-sample  $t$ -test

Null hypothesis :  $H_0 : \mu = \mu_0$

Test statistic value :  $t = (\bar{x} - \mu_0) / (s/\sqrt{n})$

Alternative hypothesis

Rejection region for a level  $\alpha$  test

$H_a : \mu > \mu_0$

$t \geq t_{\alpha, n-1}$

$H_a : \mu < \mu_0$

$t \leq -t_{\alpha, n-1}$

$H_a : \mu \neq \mu_0$

$t \geq t_{\frac{\alpha}{2}, n-1}$  or  $-t_{\frac{\alpha}{2}, n-1}$

Same reasoning behind the  $z$ -test :

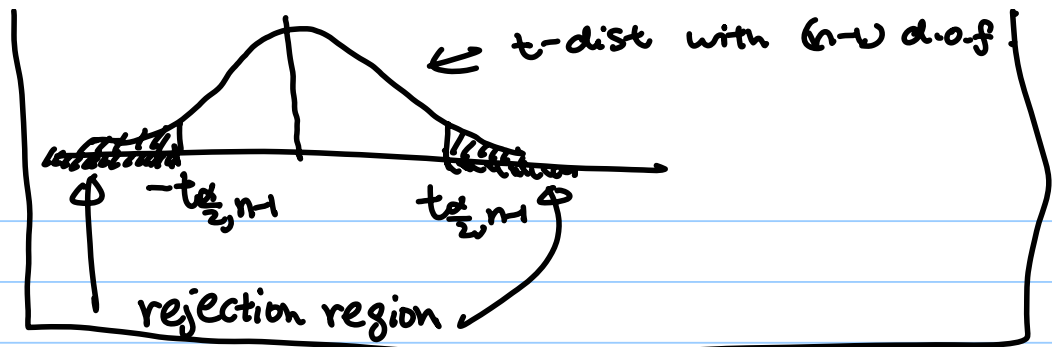
e.g.

$P[\text{type I error}] \stackrel{?}{=} \alpha \leftarrow \text{the "tolerance" for type I error}$

assume

$H_a : \mu \neq \mu_0$   $P[T \in \text{rejection region when } \mu = \mu_0]$

So if we choose the rejection region to be :



then we get what we want!

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Determining  $\beta$  in this case is more complicated. (can you see why?)

See P 302

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Read Example 8.9

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## Tests concerning a population proportion (Sec 8.3)

e.g.



$$p = P[G]$$

$\begin{matrix} \text{1} & \text{if 'G'} \\ 0 & \text{if 'B'} \end{matrix}$

ind. Bernoulli r.v.'s  $x_1, \dots, x_n$   
with parameter  $p$

$$\hat{p} = (x_1 + \dots + x_n)/n$$

$$E[\hat{p}] = p$$

$$\text{VAR}[\hat{p}] = \frac{p(1-p)}{n}$$

Test Statistic :

$$\frac{\hat{p} - p_0}{\sqrt{p_0(1-p_0)/n}} \quad (\text{approximately } N(0,1))$$

Null hypothesis :  $H_0: p = p_0$

test Statistic value :  $z = (\hat{p} - p_0) / \sqrt{p_0(1-p_0)/n}$

Alt. hypothesis

$$H_a: p > p_0$$

$$H_a: p < p_0$$

$$H_a: p \neq p_0$$

rejection region (level  $\alpha$ )

$$z \geq z_{\alpha}$$

$$z \leq -z_{\alpha}$$

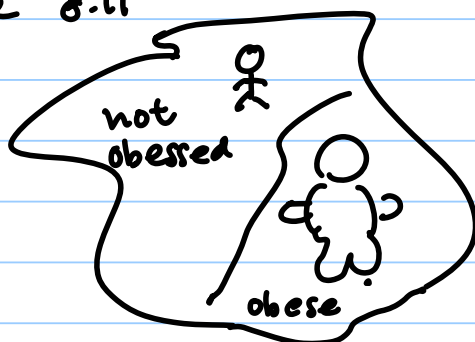
$$z \geq z_{\alpha/2} \text{ or } z \leq -z_{\alpha/2}$$

(Note : test relies on CLT, use only when

$$np_0 \geq 10 \text{ and } n(1-p_0) \geq 10$$

$$[P[\text{type I error}] \approx \alpha]$$

## Example 8.11

sample  
4115 adults

1276 obese

$$H_0 : p = 0.3$$

$$H_a : p > 0.3$$

Hyp. testing with  $\alpha = 0.1$ 

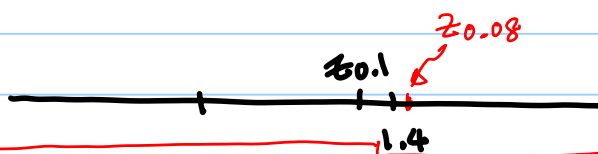
$4115(0.3) > 10$ ,  $4115(0.7) > 10$  (large sample test)  
can be used

test statistic value

$$\begin{aligned} z &= (\hat{p} - 0.3) / \sqrt{(0.3)(0.7)/n} \\ &= \left( \frac{1276}{4115} - 0.3 \right) / \sqrt{(0.3)(0.7)/4115} \\ &= 1.40. \end{aligned}$$

$$z_{0.1} = 1.28$$

since  $1.40 > z_{0.1}$ , the test suggests to reject  $H_0$



Q: what if  $\alpha = 0.08$ ,  $z_{0.08} = \Phi^{-1}(0.92) = 1.4 \dots > 1.4$

Since  $1.40 < z_{0.08}$ , the test does not reject  $H_0$

$\beta$  and sample size determination

what if  $H_0$  is not true, i.e.

$$P = p' \neq p_0$$

test statistic

$$Z = \frac{\hat{p} - p_0}{\sqrt{p_0(1-p_0)/n}} \text{ is no longer } N(0,1)$$

Just like before, in order to calculate

$\{ \text{type II error} \}$ , we need to first understand

the distribution of  $Z$  when the true  $p$  is  $p'$ .

$$\hat{p} = \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n} \quad X_i \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \text{Bernoulli}(p')$$

$n$  large

so  $\hat{p}$  is approximately  $N\left(p', \frac{\sqrt{p'(1-p')}}{\sqrt{n}}\right)$

and  $Z$  is approximately  $N\left(\frac{p' - p_0}{\sqrt{p_0(1-p_0)/n}}, \sqrt{\frac{p'(1-p')}{p_0(1-p_0)}}\right)$

(Exercise : why?)

Alt. Hypothesis

$$H_a: p > p_0$$

$$\Phi\left(\frac{p(p')}{p_0 - p' + z_\alpha \sqrt{p_0(1-p_0)/n}}\right)$$

$$H_a: p < p_0$$

$$1 - \Phi\left(\frac{p_0 - p' - z_\alpha \sqrt{p_0(1-p_0)/n}}{\sqrt{p'(1-p')/n}}\right)$$

$$H_a: p \neq p_0$$

$$\Phi\left[\frac{p_0 - p' + z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{p_0(1-p_0)/n}}{\sqrt{p'(1-p')/n}}\right] - \Phi\left[\frac{p_0 - p' - z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{p_0(1-p_0)/n}}{\sqrt{p'(1-p')/n}}\right]$$

(Exercise: derive these yourself)

If  $\alpha, \beta$  are prespecified, minimum sample size to achieve these:

$$n = \begin{cases} \left[ \frac{z_\alpha \sqrt{p_0(1-p_0)} + z_\beta \sqrt{p'(1-p')}}{p' - p_0} \right]^2 & \text{one tailed test} \\ \left[ \frac{z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{p_0(1-p_0)} + z_\beta \sqrt{p'(1-p')}}{p' - p_0} \right]^2 & \end{cases}$$

### Example 8.12 (sample exam question!)

A package-delivery company advertises

"at least 90% of packages are delivered on time"

$p$  = "true proportion of packages delivered on time"

$p = 0.8$  [only the company would know this secret, of course.]

Q:

Based on a level 0.01 test with  $n = 225$  packages  
How likely can the test successfully tell  
that the company is lying in the  
ad.?

$H_0: p = 0.9$  (the company's claim)

$H_a: p < 0.9$

$\beta(0.8) = P[\text{level 0.01 test fails to reject } H_0 \text{ when } p = 0.8]$

$$= 1 - \Phi \left[ \frac{0.9 - 0.8 - \overset{2.33}{z}_{0.01} \sqrt{(0.9)(0.1)/225}}{\sqrt{(0.8)(0.2)/225}} \right]$$

$$= 1 - \Phi(2.00) = 0.0228$$

So  $P[\text{level 0.01 test with } n = 225 \text{ can reject } H_0] = 1 - \beta(0.8) = 0.9772.$



If we want  $\alpha = \beta = 0.01$

$$z_{\alpha} = z_{\beta} = 2.33$$

$$n = \left[ \frac{2.33 \sqrt{(0.9)(0.1)} + 2.33 \sqrt{(0.8)(0.2)}}{0.8 - 0.9} \right]^2$$

$$\approx 266.$$

Small sample test for p :

use binomial distribution

(in stead of a CLT approx.)

see pg 309

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## P-values (section 8-4)

Consider the following scenario:

- $10$  = true average time to initial relief of pain of a best-selling pain reliever
- the company considers introducing a newly developed reliever  
 $\mu$  = average time for the new pain reliever

$$H_0: \mu = 10$$

$$H_a: \mu < 10$$

Company tells customers

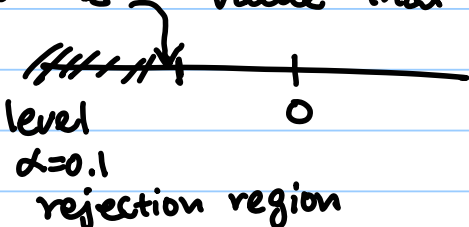
⊛ "We reject  $H_0$  (i.e. new reliever is better) based on a hypothesis testing analysis with  $\alpha = 0.10$ ."

A customer satisfied with the best-selling reliever would view a Type I error serious. He/she (contemplating a switch to the new reliever) would question the validity of the company's claim; in particular, he/she may want to test the hypothesis with  $\alpha = 0.05, 0.01$ , or even lower.

Problem: The company's statement prevents an individual decision maker from reaching a conclusion at such a level (of  $\alpha$ ).

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Related problem: may be the data gathered by the company gives a  $z$  value that barely falls into the rejection region.



$H_0$  is rejected (using  $\alpha=0.1$ ), but very marginally, and the customers do not know it from the statement ~~(X)~~.

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Can the company say something to the public which is more informative?

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There is a nice solution to this, all you need is to understand a simple fact:

[Read Ex. 8.5 and 8.15]

### Example

$$H_0: \mu = 1.5$$

$$H_a: \mu > 1.5$$

( $\sigma$  known in this case)  
 $= 0.20$

$$\text{test statistic value} = \frac{\bar{x} - 1.5}{(0.2)/\sqrt{32}}$$

$$= 2.10$$

$x_1, \dots, x_{32}$  given

$$\bar{x} = \frac{x_1 + \dots + x_{32}}{32}$$

$$= 1.5742$$

	Level of significance $\alpha$	rejection region	Conclusion
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"> more and more "picky" about type I error </div> <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <math>\downarrow</math>  <math>\uparrow</math> </div> </div>	0.05	$z \geq 1.645$	reject $H_0$
	0.025	$z \geq 1.96$	reject $H_0$
	0.01	$z \geq 2.33$	do not reject $H_0$
	0.005	$z \geq 2.58$	do not reject $H_0$

**KEY OBSERVATION:** There is a critical  $\alpha$  value  $\alpha^*$  at which we switch from reject to not reject.  
 $\uparrow$   
 called "P-value"

$\alpha \geq \text{P-value} \Rightarrow$  reject  $H_0$  at level  $\alpha$

$\alpha < \text{P-value} \Rightarrow$  do not reject  $H_0$  at level  $\alpha$



For a  $z$ -test ( $z$  = test statistic value)

$$P = \begin{cases} 1 - \Phi(z) & \text{for an upper-tailed test} \\ \Phi(z) & \text{for a lower-tailed test} \\ 2(1 - \Phi(|z|)) & \text{for a two-tailed test} \end{cases}$$

Read Ex 8.17

For a  $t$ -test,  $\swarrow$  cdf of  $N(0,1)$

Change the  $\Phi(\ )$  above to the c.d.f. of the  $t$ -distribution with  $(n-1)$  d.o.f. ( $n$  = sample size.)

Read Ex 8.18