

# Stat 324 – Introduction to Statistics for Engineers

## LECTURE 11: SIGN TEST FOR MEDIAN AND HYPOTHESIS TESTS FOR 1 SAMPLE PROPORTIONS

### Sign Test for Medians (means if symmetric data)

If the data do not seem to be from a normal population and the sample size is small, an alternative to the bootstrap is the sign Test.

Technically it is a test for the median, but in symmetric data, it is equivalent to test for a mean.

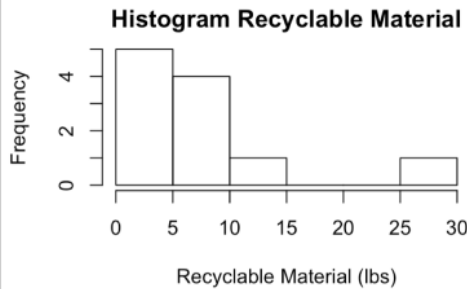
E.g: A city trash department is considering separating recyclables from trash to save landfill space and sell the recyclables. Based on data from other cities, **if more than half the city's households produce 6 lbs or more of recyclable material per collection period**, the separation will be profitable. A random sample of 11 households yields these data on recyclable material per household in pounds:

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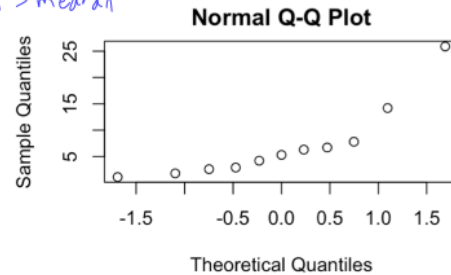
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mean(recycle)=7.164  
 median(recycle)=5.4  
 Sd(recycle)=7.20226  
 IQR(recycle)=4.5

mean > median



Both plots show right skew which gives us some evidence that the amount of recyclable materials in the population may not be normal. Since we have  $n=11$ , the CLT is questionable, and our question is really about the value of the median of the population.

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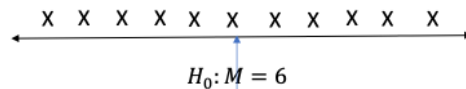
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Let  $M$  be the population median, we then test:

$H_0: M = 6$  and  $H_A: M > 6$  (since we want evidence of profitability)

We have a parameter, now we need a test statistic.

If  $H_0: M = 6$  is true, the sample should have about half the observations greater than 6 and half less than 6. The probability of observing a value greater than 6 for each of the households should be 0.5.



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Considering whether a value is above or below the median null, is equivalent to the sign when  $x_i - M_0$  is calculated.

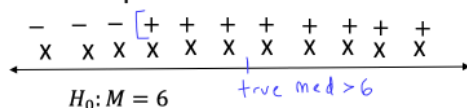
Value(X)	1.1	1.8	2.6	2.9	4.2	5.3	6.3	6.7	7.8	14.2	25.9
Sign( $x_i - M_0$ )	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+

Let  $N^-$  = Number of negative signs,  $N^+$  = Number of positive signs

\*Notice, if there are ~ the same number of + and - signs, we should have weak evidence against null/ a big p value.

If  $H_0: M = 6$  is true,  $N^+ \sim \text{Bin}(n, 0.5)$  and  $N^- \sim \text{Bin}(n, 0.5)$   
 \*n is number of values that aren't exactly the median (remove exact matches from sample)

If  $H_A: M > 6$ , then we would expect more than half of the observations to be greater than 6 (and fewer than half to be  $< 6$ ).



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Let  $B$  = # Number of households that produce ~~6 lbs or more~~ <sup>more than 6 lbs</sup> per collection period (values above median).  
 $B \sim \text{Bin}(11, 0.5)$ . Our observed test statistic is  $b = 5$  (+)  $b_{obs} = 5$

Strong evidence against  $H_0$  in favor of  $H_A: \text{Med} > 6$  would be too many + (or too few -)

$$p\text{-value} = P(B \geq 5 | H_0) = P(B=5) + P(B=6) + \dots + P(B=11) = 0.726$$

In R:

note specified so 0.5

$$= \binom{11}{5} (0.5)^5 (0.5)^6 + \binom{11}{6} (0.5)^6 (0.5)^5 + \dots + \binom{11}{11} (0.5)^{11} (0.5)^0$$

sum(dbinom(x=5:11, size=11, prob=0.5)) or

binom.test(x=5, n=11, p=.5, alternative="greater")

so weak evidence against null  
no evidence to suggest median > 6

Sign Test for Medians (means if symmetric data)

Summary:

Suppose  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  is a simple random sample from a population with median  $M$ . To test that  $M$  has a specified value,  $M_o$ ,

1. State null and alternative hypotheses:  $H_0: M = M_o$  and  $H_A$
2. Check assumptions (independent observations? Symmetric?)
3. Find differences from the median,  $X_1 - M_o, \dots, X_n - M_o$  and the observed test statistic  $b = \#$  of positive signs.
4. Find the p-value, which is the probability for  $B \sim \text{Bin}(n, .5)$  depending on  $H_A$ :  
 $H_A: M > M_o \Rightarrow p\text{-value} = P(B \geq b)$ . (Too many positives)  
 $H_A: M < M_o \Rightarrow p\text{-value} = P(B \leq b)$  (Too few positives)  
 $H_A: M \neq M_o \Rightarrow p\text{-value} = 2 * \min(P(B \leq b), P(B \geq b))$  (Too many or few positives)
5. Draw conclusion by comparing p value to  $\alpha$

### Info about a Population Proportion $\pi$

Recall: A firm has an information file on each of a large number of clients. Call the population proportion of files with errors  $\pi$ . The CEO decides that if  $\pi > .15$ , it will be worthwhile to review and fix every file. An SRS of size  $n = 100$  is taken with the same result as before:

Files with an error: 20; files without errors: 80,  $\hat{p} = \frac{20}{100} = 0.20$  (have an error)

Define parameter of interest and Pick hypotheses:

We want to test:

$H_0: \pi = 0.15$  vs  $H_A: \pi > 0.15$ , where  $\pi$ : true proportion of files with an error

Choose Significance Level (what are the trade offs between Type I and Type II error?):

$$\alpha = 0.05$$

What do we know about our sample estimator  $\hat{p}$ ?

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What do we know about our sample estimator  $\hat{p}$ ?  $\hat{p} = \frac{X}{n}$  Where  $X \sim \text{Bin}(n, \pi_0)$  under  $H_0$

$$E\left(\hat{p} = \frac{X}{n}\right) = \frac{E(X)}{n} = \frac{n\pi_0}{n} = \pi_0 \quad \text{and} \quad \text{SD}\left(\hat{p} = \frac{X}{n}\right) = \sqrt{\frac{\pi_0(1-\pi_0)}{n}}$$

*unbiased*

and if  $n\pi_0 > 5$  and  $n(1 - \pi_0) > 5$ ,

then  $\hat{p} = \frac{X}{n} \approx N(\pi_0, \frac{\pi_0(1-\pi_0)}{n})$  by the CLT So  $Z = \frac{\hat{p} - \pi_0}{\sqrt{\frac{\pi_0(1-\pi_0)}{n}}} \approx N(0, 1)$

We will be using a z test statistic

\*Notice we are using a continuous distribution N to approximate something discrete- there are some continuity corrections we can use, but with large sample sizes changes negligible.

Info about a Population Proportion  $\pi$

For  $H_0: \pi_0 = 0.15$ ,  $n=100$

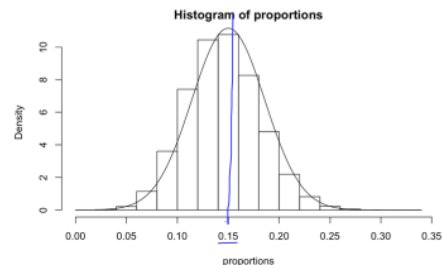
$$E\left(\hat{p} = \frac{X}{n}\right) = 0.15 \quad \text{and} \quad \text{SD}\left(\hat{p} = \frac{X}{n}\right) = \sigma_{\hat{p}} = \sqrt{\frac{0.15 * 0.85}{100}} = 0.0357$$

$100 * .15 = 15 > 5$  and  $100 * 0.85 = 85 > 5$ , so

$$\hat{p} = \frac{X}{n} \approx N(0.15, \frac{0.15(0.85)}{100}) = N(0.15, 0.0357^2) \quad \text{and} \quad Z = \frac{\hat{p} - 0.15}{0.0357} \approx N(0, 1)$$

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proportions <- count_data/100
hist(proportions, freq=FALSE)
mean(proportions)
1] 0.1499963
sd(proportions)
1] 0.03571459
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(Sampling 1000000 times from population)





## Testing about a Population Proportion $\pi$

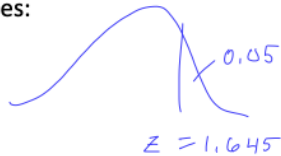
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$H_0: \pi = 0.15$ . vs  $H_A: \pi > 0.15$ , where  $\pi$ : true proportion of files with an error at  $\alpha = 0.05$

For  $H_0: \pi_0 = 0.15$   $n=100$   $\hat{p} = \frac{x}{n} \approx N\left(0.15, \sqrt{\frac{0.15(0.85)}{100}}\right)$  so  $Z = \frac{\hat{p}-0.15}{0.0357} \approx N(0,1)$

$$\hat{p}_{obs} = \frac{20}{100} = 0.2$$

Critical Values:



$$RR: z_{0.05} > 1.645$$

$$RR: \hat{p}_{0.05} > 0.287$$

$$1.645 = \frac{\hat{p} - 0.15}{0.0357}$$

$$\hat{p} = 1.645(0.0357) + 0.15 = 0.287$$

P Value:

$$z_{obs} = \frac{0.20 - 0.15}{0.0357} = \frac{0.20 - 0.15}{\sqrt{\frac{0.15(0.85)}{100}}} = 1.4 \quad P(z \geq 1.4) = 1 - P(z < 1.4) = 1 - 0.9192 = 0.0807$$

Conclusions:

$\hat{p}_{obs} = 0.20$  is not in RR; insufficient evidence to reject null

$pvalue = 0.0807 > 0.05$ ; insufficient evidence at 5% level to reject the null

Comparing Confidence Intervals and Hypothesis Tests for  $\pi$  [failed to reject]

- Does the same relationship exist that a conclusion based on a 2-sided  $100(1 - \alpha)\%$  CI will match that made by a 2-sided hypothesis test at the  $\alpha$  level?

Not always:

$$\text{Test Statistic : } z = \frac{\hat{p} - \pi_0}{\sqrt{\frac{\pi_0(1-\pi_0)}{n}}}$$

$$\text{Confidence Interval: } \hat{p} \pm z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}}$$

They give similar information about the population parameter, but the link isn't perfect because of the standard error formulas used

Standard error for tests of proportion contain info about the null, while standard error for tests of means do not.

## Comparing Sign and Proportion Test

Here is a SRS of 20 component lifetimes (in hours):

1.7, 3.3, 5.1, 6.9, 12.6, 14.4, 16.4, 24.6, 26.0, 26.5, 32.1, 37.4, 40.1, 40.5, 41.5, 72.4, 80.1, 86.4, 87.5, 100.2

Do a **1-sample proportion test** and a **sign test** to see if there is strong evidence that the population median lifetime is larger than 15 hours after checking that assumptions are met.

### (1) 1-Sample Proportion Test

### (2) Sign Test



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(is there is strong evidence that the population median lifetime is larger than 15 hours?)

(1) 1-Sample/Population Proportion Test for  $\pi = \text{proportion over 15 hours}$

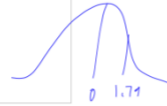
Define Hypothesis and parameter of interest:  $H_0: \pi = 0.50$   $H_A: \pi > 0.50$

Check Assumptions 1.00s independent? assume yes SRS?  $n\pi > 5$   $n(1-\pi) > 5$   
 does CLT give us normality of  $\hat{p}$   
 $20 \times 0.5 = 10 > 5$   $20 \times (1-0.5) = 10 > 5$

Calculate P Value under  $H_0: \hat{p} \approx N(0.50, \left(\frac{0.5 \times 0.5}{20}\right)^{1/2}) = N(0.5, 0.1118^2)$   $\hat{p}_{obs} = \frac{14}{20} = 0.70$   
 $P(\hat{p} \geq 0.70 | H_0) \approx P(Z \geq \frac{0.70 - 0.50}{0.1118}) = P(Z \geq 1.79) = 1 - P(Z < 1.79)$

Draw conclusions in context

moderate evidence against null, we have sufficient evidence at  $\alpha = 0.05$  to reject the null (since  $0.0368 < 0.05$ ). Evidence suggests the median lifetime larger than 15 hours.



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(2) Sign Test for Median

Define Hypothesis and parameter of interest:  $H_0: \text{Med} = 15$   $H_A: \text{Med} > 15$

Check Assumptions Independence?  $\checkmark$  under  $H_0: B \sim \text{binom}(20, 0.50)$   
 let  $B = \# \text{ of lifetimes above } 15$

Calculate P Value  $B_{obs} = 14$   $P(B \geq 14 | H_0) = P(B=14) + P(B=15) + \dots + P(B=20) = 0.05766$   $\text{binom.test}(14, 20, 0.5)$   
 $\binom{20}{14} (0.5)^{20} + \dots = 0.05766$

Draw conclusions in context we have insufficient evidence at the 5% level to reject the null

notice we got 0.05766 with sign test and 0.0368 with proportion test

way above 15 but only counts one value above 15 so lose spread

on different sides of 5% but only 2% difference between tests

