

9.1 Testing Hypotheses

Example: National Assessment of Adult Literacy (NAAL) survey scores (0-500)

- ▶ 233: can add numbers of 2 checks on a bank deposit slip
- ▶ 325: can price a meal from a menu
- ▶ 375: can transform from cents/oz to dollar/lb

275: can Balance a check book

We collect data from $n = 840$ men ages 21-25 (assume $\sigma = 59, \bar{X}_n = 272$)

Hypothesis Test Assumptions

$$X \sim N(275, 59^2)$$

$$\text{pvalue} = \text{Prob}(\bar{X}_n \leq 272 | X \sim N(275, 59^2))$$

$$H_0 : \mu \geq 275$$

$$H_A : \mu < 275$$

our test statistic under the H_0 : $\bar{X}_n \sim N(275, 59^2/840)$

$$z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \sim N(0, 1) \text{ under } H_0$$

$z_{\text{obs}} = -1.474$ and the pvalue (one sided) is 0.0708.

Using R

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xpnorm(272,275,59/sqrt(840))
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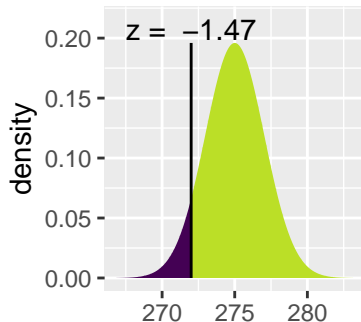
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## If  $X \sim N(275, 2.036)$ , then
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##  $P(X \leq 272) = P(Z \leq -1.474) = 0.07028$ 
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##  $P(X > 272) = P(Z > -1.474) = 0.9297$ 
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Applied to 9.1

$$H_0 = \theta \in \Omega_0$$

$$H_1 = \theta \in \Omega_1$$

Where $\Omega_0 \cup \Omega_1 = \Omega$: the entire sample space for θ

Our case the context of 9.1

$$\Omega_0 = [275, 500]$$

$$\Omega_1 = [0, 275)$$

Test statistic: $T = r(x)$

Critical region: Reject H_0 if $T \leq -1.645$

R

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xqnorm(.05)
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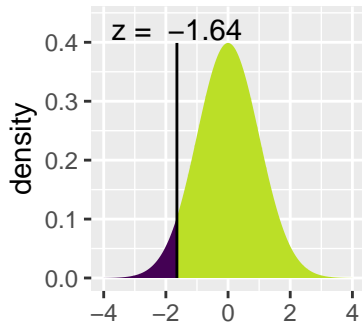
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## If  $X \sim N(0, 1)$ , then
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##  $P(X \leq -1.644854) = 0.05$ 
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##  $P(X > -1.644854) = 0.95$ 
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Power Function

Def: The probability that a test procedure δ rejects H_0 for each value of $\theta \in \Omega$

$$\pi(\theta|\delta) = Pr(x \in C|\theta) \text{ for } \theta \in \Omega$$

An ideal power function:

$$\pi(\theta|\delta) = 0 \text{ for } \theta \in \Omega_0$$

$$\pi(\theta|\delta) = 1 \text{ for } \theta \in \Omega_1$$

BUT probabilities of Error exist.

Errors In Hypothesis tests

	H_0 True	H_0 False
Accept H_0	OK	Type II Error
Reject H_0	Type I Error	OK

Prob(Type I Error) = Prob(Reject H_0 when H_0 is true)

$$= \pi(\theta|\delta) \text{ for } \theta \in \Omega_0$$

Prob(Type II Error) = Prob(Do not reject H_0 when H_0 is false)

$$= 1 - \pi(\theta|\delta) \text{ for } \theta \in \Omega_1$$

Scenarios

	Innocent	Gulity
Acquit	OK	Type II Error
Convict	Type I Error	OK

Which error is worse?

Convict an innocent person? Or let a criminal run free?

	Drug does not work	Drug works
Don't Approve	OK	Type II Error
Approve	Type I Error	OK

Which error is worse?

Type I Error: Drug is marketed but doesn't really work.

Type II Error: Drug that could save lives is not available

Hypothesis Testing Strategy

Set upper bound for Type I error. Then among those tests, pick one that maximizes Power (minimizes Type II Error)

Require:

$$\pi(\theta|\delta) \leq \alpha_0 \text{ for } \theta \in \Omega_0$$

Size $\alpha(\delta)$ of a test δ

$$\alpha(\delta) = \sup_{\theta \in \Omega_0} \pi(\theta|\delta)$$

Checkbook example

- ▶ Find $P(\text{Type I Error})$
- ▶ Find Size of the test if $\mu = 275$
- ▶ Find power of the test if $\mu = 270$

Pr(Type I Error)

$$\Pr(\text{Type I Error}) = \Pr(\text{Reject } H_0 | H_0 \text{ is true})$$

$$= \Pr(z \leq 1.645 | \mu = 275)$$

$$= \Pr\left(\frac{\bar{X}_n - 275}{59/\sqrt{840}} < -1.645\right)$$

$$= \Pr(\bar{X}_n < 271.65)$$

$$\text{So } \delta : \{x : (\bar{x})_n < 271.65\} = \{x : z = \frac{\bar{X}_n - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}\}$$

Size of the test

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha(\delta) &= \sup_{\mu \geq 275} \pi(\mu|\delta) \\&= \sup_{\mu} Pr(\bar{X}_n < 271.65 | \mu \geq 275) \\&= Pr(\bar{X}_n < 271.65 | \mu = 275) \\&= Pr(Z < \frac{271.65 - 275}{59/\sqrt{840}}) \\&= Pr(Z < -1.645) = 0.05\end{aligned}$$

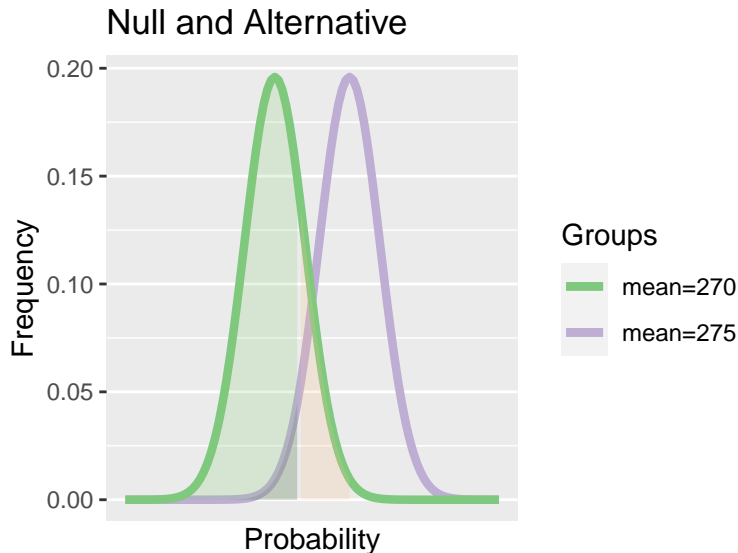
Power of the test for $\mu=270$

$$\begin{aligned}\pi(\mu|\delta) &= Pr(\bar{X}_n < 271.65 | \mu = 270) \\ &= Pr(Z < \frac{271.65 - 270}{59/\sqrt{840}}) \\ &= Pr(Z < 0.81) = 0.791\end{aligned}$$

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pnorm(0.81)
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## [1] 0.7910299
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Plot of Type I error, Type II Error, and Power



How do the following effect Power

Power = $1 - \text{Pr}(\text{Type II Error})$ = Probability of correctly rejecting H_0

- ▶ α : as α increases, Power increases
- ▶ σ : as σ decreases, Power increases
- ▶ n : as n increases, Power increases
- ▶ μ : as μ decreases (further away from μ_0), Power increases