Lecture 14 - Tests of Proportions

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Inference

Testing in Context

Dependent Variable \ Independent Variable	None	Categorical (2 levels)	Categorical (>2 levels)	Numerical
Numerical	Test of One Mean	Test of Two Means	ANOVA	Regression
Categorical (2 levels)	Test of One Proportion	Test of Two Proportions	χ^2 - Test of Independence	Logistic Regression
Categorical (>2 levels)	χ^2 - GoF	χ^2 - Test of Independence	χ^2 - Test of Independence	~~Multinomial Regression~~

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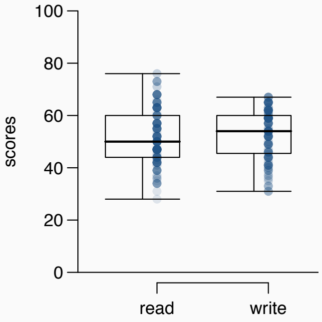

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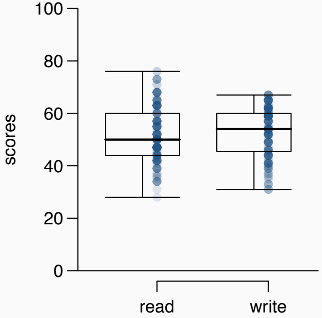

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Example - Zinc

Trace metals in drinking water affect the flavor and unusually high concentrations can pose a health hazard. Data were collected by measuring zinc concentration at the bottom and at the surface of 10 randomly sampled wells in Wake country.

We would like to evaluate whether the true average concentration of zinc at the bottom of the well water exceeds that of the surface water. Data are given below.

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2	0.266	bottom
3	0.567	bottom
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$$PE \pm CV \times SE$$

$$\bar{x}_{diff} \pm t^{\star}_{df=9} \times \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} &P(\bar{x} > 0.037 \text{ or } \bar{x} < -0.037 | \mu_{diff} = 0.08) \\ &\quad = P\left(T > \frac{0.037 - 0.08}{0.0168}\right) + P\left(T < \frac{-0.037 - 0.08}{0.0168}\right) + \\ &\quad = P\left(T > -2.56\right) + P(T < -6.96) \\ &\quad = 0.985 \end{aligned}$$

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Example - Experimental Design

Two scientists want to know if a certain drug is effective against high blood pressure. The first scientist wants to give the drug to 1000 people with high blood pressure and see how many of them experience lower blood pressure levels. The second scientist wants to give the drug to 500 people with high blood pressure, and not give the drug to another 500 people with high blood pressure, and see how many in both groups experience lower blood pressure levels. Which is the better way to test this drug?

(a) All 1000 get the drug

(b) 500 get the drug, 500 don't

Results from the GSS

The GSS asks the same question, below is the distribution of responses from the 2010 survey:

All 1000 get the drug	99
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Total	670

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1. *Independence*:
   - *Random sample*
   - *10% condition*: If sampling without replacement, $n <$ 10% of the population.
2. *Normality*: At least 10 successes ($np \geq 10$) and 10 failures ($n(1-p) \geq 10$).

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n &\geq 4898.04 \rightarrow n \textit{ should be at least 4,899}
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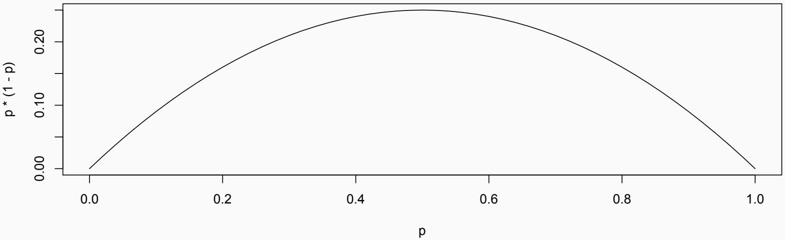

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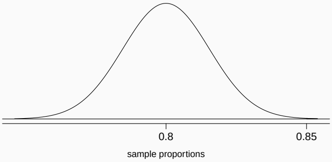

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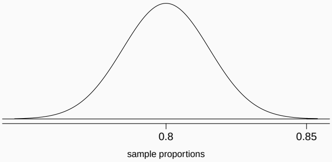

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Step 2: Assume $p = 0.8 + \delta = 0.85$, what is the probability we reject H_0?
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$$\begin{aligned} P(\hat{p} > 0.825 | p = 0.85) \\ &= P\left(Z > \frac{0.825 - 0.85}{0.0138}\right) \\ &= P(Z > -1.811) \\ &= 0.965 \end{aligned}$$

Common Misinterpretations

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