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## Lecture #13: Inference for Proportions

### inferential summary

unknown pop quantity of interest	$p =$ pop % of lab animals that would turn left (food)
estimate	$\hat{p} = 83\%$
give or take for $\hat{p}$ 's est. of $p$	$SE(\hat{p}) = 11\%$
95% CI for $p$	$\hat{p} \pm 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}} = (68\%, 100\%)$

① EV of  $\hat{p} = E_{IID}(\hat{p}) = E_{IFD}(\bar{y}) = \mu = p$ , so  $E_{IID}(\hat{p}) = p$

② SE of  $\hat{p} = SE_{IID}(\hat{p}) = SE_{IFD}(\bar{y}) = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$

• Reminder: if a pop. has only 2 values in it, pop SD =  $\sigma =$

$$(\text{larger value}) - (\text{smaller value}) \cdot \sqrt{\left(\frac{\text{proportion larger values}}{\text{larger value}}\right) - \left(\frac{\text{proportion smaller values}}{\text{smaller value}}\right)}$$

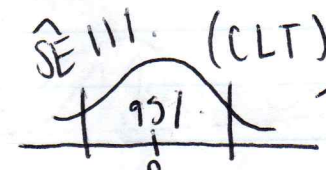
- here, larger value = 1, smaller value = 0 so pop SD =  $\sigma = \sqrt{p(1-p)}$

• with o/i  $\sigma = \sqrt{p(1-p)}$  new formula  $\downarrow$

$$\Rightarrow \text{so } SE(\hat{p}) = \frac{\sqrt{p(1-p)}}{\sqrt{n}} \text{ so } SE_{IID}(\hat{p}) = \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}}$$

$$\cdot \text{so } SE_{IFD}(\hat{p}) = \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}} = \sqrt{\frac{(0.837)(0.17)}{12}}$$

$$= 0.108 = 11\% \quad \uparrow \text{ don't use 1, must be decimal}$$

③  $\hat{SE}_{III}$  (CLT) — long run hist. of  $\hat{p}$   
 — using empirical rule

$$p - 1.96 \hat{SE} \quad p + 1.96 \hat{SE}$$

• There are methods for building CIs for building CIs for pop. proportions w/ small  $n$  - no time



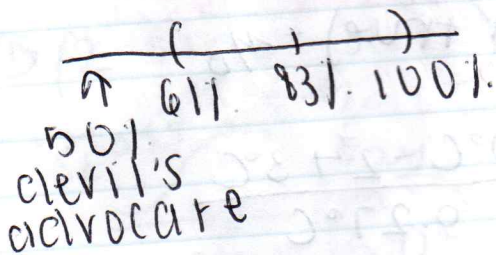
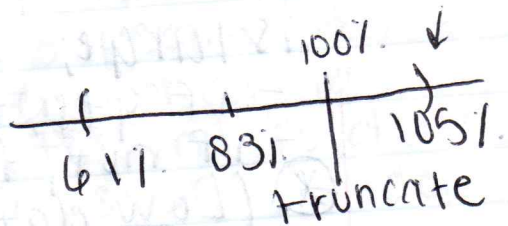
to look at, so just use large-sample approximation and pretend  $n$  is big enough to use CLT

• so approx 95% CI for  $p$  is  $\hat{p} \pm 1.96 \text{SE}(\hat{p})$   
 $= \hat{p} \pm 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}}$  embarrassing

• Here  $831 \pm 1.96(111)$

• when  $n$  is large  
 $\hat{p} \pm 1.96 \text{SE}_{\text{IFD}}(\hat{p})$

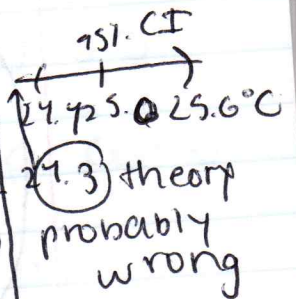
DEVIL'S ADVOCATE



• since 501 is not in the 95% CI, the diff. btwn 501 and 831 is stating (is probably real), we don't agree w/ devil's advocate theory

• CIs are only 1 way to do a statistical inference - hypothesis tests (Neyman + Pearson) and significance tests (Fisher) - these aren't as good as CI

Null hypothesis ( $H_0$ )	$\mu_0 \rightarrow \mu = 24.3^\circ\text{C}$	theory ① correct
alternative hypothesis $H_A$	$\mu \neq 24.3^\circ\text{C}$ 2-sided alternative	theory wrong ②



- ① The diff between  $\mu_0 = 24.3^\circ\text{C}$  and  $\bar{y} = 25.0^\circ\text{C}$  is due to unlucky random sampling (this is a logical possibility)
- ② No, diff btwn 24.3 and 25 is real



• Neyman's logic: try null on for size; see if discrepancy between:

(how data came out) <sup>(\*)</sup> vs. (how data should have come out if null true) <sup>(\*\*)</sup>

is large;

- if yes, favor alt ("reject null")

- if not, favor null ("fail to reject null")

(\*) (Low data came out):  $\bar{y} = 25.0$

vs. (\*\*) (how data should have come out if null true)

$E_{FD}(\bar{y})$  (if null true) =  $\mu_0$

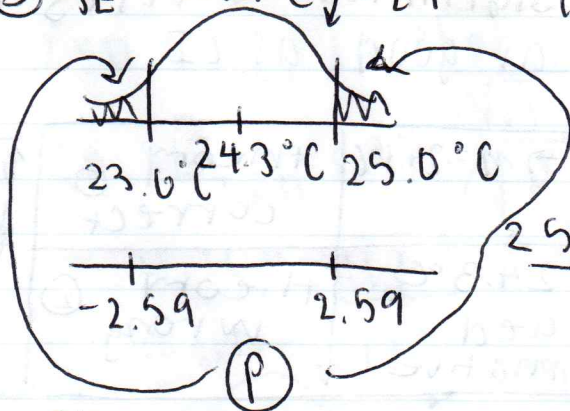
Measure discrepancy?

$$\frac{\bar{y} - \mu_0}{(\text{SE OF } \bar{y} \text{ if null is true})} = \frac{25.0^\circ\text{C} - 24.3^\circ\text{C}}{0.27^\circ\text{C}}$$

$$= \frac{\pm 0.7^\circ\text{C}}{0.27^\circ\text{C}} = \frac{\text{"signal"}}{\text{"noise"}} = +2.59 = t$$

↑  
"the t statistic"

③  $SE = 0.27^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $t_{24}$



long run hist of  $\bar{y}$  well true, accounting for uncertainty in  $\sigma$

$$\frac{25.0^\circ\text{C} - 24.3^\circ\text{C}}{0.27^\circ\text{C}} = 2.59 = t$$

• chance, if null true, of getting data as extreme as, or more extreme than, what you got = numerical surprise measure = p value



• P-value is small favor alt, if p is big, favor null

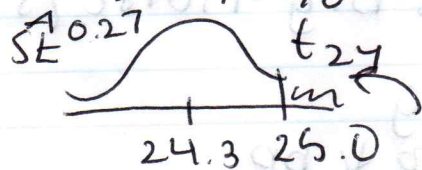
Q: How small is small enough for a p-value in order to "reject null" and favor alt?

A: Answering this question carefully is hard work and ppl are lazy, so people ~~usually~~ mostly appeal to conventional ideal

• Math fact: when hyp. testing is done w/ 2-sided alt. its conclusion is identical to that of CI approach

What can wrong w/ hypothesis testing

① (2 sides alt)  $\mu \neq \mu_0$   $\leftrightarrow$  (2 tailed t test =) (2 tailed p value)



(1-side alt)  $\leftrightarrow$  (1-tailed test)

• null: my theory wrong

• alt: my theory right

• here I want to reject null  $\leftrightarrow$  I want a small p-value; some journals so rigid about ~~statsig~~ statsig

- p-hunting  $\rightarrow$  torture data until p comes out small

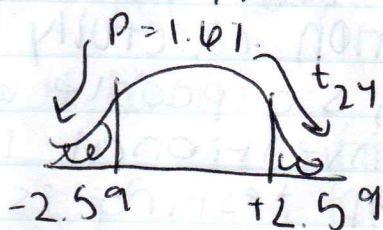
• <sup>(some)</sup> Journals will only accept paper if  $p \leq 5\%$ .

$\rightarrow$  suppose do a test w/ my data get a 2-tailed value 81. (from 2-side alt)  $\rightarrow$  can't publish. But quick way to  $\downarrow$  p-value prevent real alt. is 1-sided (41), can publish

② Why CIs better than P-values: crab data

null:  $\mu = 24.3^\circ\text{C}$  2 tailed  $P = 1.6\%$

alt:  $\mu \neq 24.3^\circ\text{C}$  ( $n = 25$ )



If <sup>all</sup> you know is this, can't even tell if  $\bar{y}$  came out above or below  $\mu_0$

$$t = \pm 2.59 = \frac{\bar{y} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}} = \frac{\bar{y} - 24.3}{s/\sqrt{25}}$$

=  $\frac{\text{signal}}{\text{noise}}$   $\rightarrow$  no way to tell how big signal

$(\bar{y} - \mu_0)$  is or how big noise  $(s/\sqrt{n})$  is

③ statsig  $\neq$  practsig

ex) Have new drug to  $\downarrow$  bp