

Lecture 28/Chapters 22 & 23

Hypothesis Tests

- Variable Types and Appropriate Tests
- Choosing the Right Test: Examples
- Example: Reviewing Chi-Square
- Type I and Type II Error



Choosing the Right Test (*Review*)

Type of test depends on variable types:

- 1 categorical: z test about population proportion
- 1 measurement (quan) [pop sd known or sample large]:
 z test about mean
- 1 measurement (quan) [pop sd unknown & sample small]:
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- 1 categorical (2 groups)+ 1 quan: two-sample z or t
- 2 categorical variables: chi-square test (done in Chapter 13)



Null and Alternative Hypotheses (*Review*)

For a test about a single mean,

- **Null hypothesis:** claim that the population mean equals a proposed value.
- **Alternative hypothesis:** claim that the population mean is greater, less, or not equal to a proposed value.

An alternative formulated with \neq is **two-sided**;
with $>$ or $<$ is **one-sided**.

Testing Hypotheses About a Population

1. Formulate hypotheses

- about **single** proportion or mean or **two means** (alternative can have $<$ or $>$ or \neq sign)
- about **relationship** using chi-square: **null** hyp states two cat. variables are **not** related, **alt** states they **are**.

2. Summarize/standardize data.

3. Determine the P -value. (2-sided is twice 1-sided)

4. Make a decision about the population: believe alt if P -value is small; otherwise believe null.

For practice, we'll consider a variety of examples. In each case we'll formulate appropriate hypotheses and state what type of test should be run.



Example: *Smoking and Education* (#1 p. 427)

- **Background:** Consider years of education for mothers who smoke compared with those who don't, in sample of 400 mothers, to decide if one group tends to be more educated.
- **Question:** Which of the 5 situations applies?
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- **Question:** What hypotheses and test are appropriate?
- **Response:**

Null: _____

Alt: _____

Do _____ [large samples] test to compare _____

Alternative is _____ because no initial suspicion was expressed about a specific group being better educated.



Example: *ESP?* (Case Study 22.1 p. 425)

- **Background:** A subject in an ESP experiment chooses each time from 4 targets the one which he/she believes is being “sent” by extrasensory means. Researchers want to determine if the subject performs significantly better than one would by random guessing.
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- **Response:**

Null: population proportion correct _____

Alt: population proportion correct _____

Do ___ test about _____



Example: *Calcium for PMS* (#3-4 p. 428)

- **Background:** We want to compare change in severity of PMS symptoms (before minus after, measured quantitatively) for 231 women taking calcium vs. 235 on placebo to see if calcium helps.
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□ **Response:**

Null: mean symptom change (calc) __ mean symptom change (placebo)

Alt: mean symptom change (calc) __ mean symptom change (placebo)

Do _____ [large samples] test to compare means

Alternative is _____ because we hope or suspect that the calcium group will show more symptom improvement.

As always, our hypotheses refer to the _____, not the _____



Example: *Incubators, Claustrophobia (6b p.428)*

- **Background:** We want to see if placing babies in an incubator during infancy can lead to claustrophobia in adult life.
- **Question:** Which of the 5 situations applies?
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- **Background:** We want to see if placing babies in an incubator during infancy can lead to claustrophobia in adult life.
- **Question:** What hypotheses and test are appropriate?
- **Response:**
Null: there is ___ relationship between incubation and claustrophobia
Alt: there is ___ relationship between incubation and claustrophobia
Do _____ test.
Alternative is general (2-sided) because _____ doesn't let us specify our initial suspicions in a particular direction.



Example: *Training Program, Scores* (#7 p.446)

- **Background:** We want to see if a training program helps raise students' scores. For each student, researchers record the increase (or decrease) in the scores, from pre-test to post-test.
- **Question:** Which of the 5 situations applies?
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Note: 2-sample design would be better, to avoid placebo effect.



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□ **Question:** What hypotheses and test are appropriate?

□ **Response:**

Null: population mean increase _____

Alt: population mean increase _____

Call it a _____ (not sure if sample is large enough to use z) based on a matched-pairs design (see page 88).

Alternative is _____ because the training program is supposed to help.

Note: As always, our hypotheses refer to population values. It's not enough to simply exhibit an increase in sample scores; the increase must be **statistically significant.**



Example: *Terrorists' Religion: Discrimination?*

- **Background:** We want to see if Catholics were discriminated against, based on a table of religion and acquittals for persons charged with terrorist offenses in Northern Ireland in 1991.
- **Question:** Which of the 5 situations applies?
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Chi-Square Test (*Review*)

We learned to use chi-square to test for a relationship between two categorical variables.

1. Null hypothesis: the two variables are not related
alternative hypothesis: the two variables are related
2. Test stat = chi-sq = $\sum \frac{(\text{observed count} - \text{expected count})^2}{\text{expected count}}$
3. P-value = probability of chi-square this large, assuming the two variables are not related. For a 2-by-2 table, $\text{chi-square} > 3.84 \iff \text{P-value} < 0.05$.
4. If the P-value is small, conclude the variables are related. Otherwise, we have no convincing evidence of a relationship.

Note: Next lecture we'll do another example of a chi-square test.

Example: *Chi-Square Review: Discrimination?*

- **Background:** Table for religion and trial outcome:

| <i>Observed</i> | Acquitted | Convicted | Total |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| Protestant | 8 | 7 | 15 |
| Catholic | 27 | 38 | 65 |
| Total | 35 | 45 | 80 |

- **Question:** What do we conclude?
- **Response:** First formulate hypotheses.

Null: there is ___ relationship between religion and trial outcome

Alt: there is ___ relationship between religion and trial outcome

Are Variables in a 2×2 Table Related?

1. Compute each expected count = $\frac{\text{Column total} \times \text{Row total}}{\text{Table total}}$
2. Calculate each component = $\frac{(\text{observed} - \text{expected})^2}{\text{expected}}$
3. Find chi-square = sum of $\frac{(\text{observed} - \text{expected})^2}{\text{expected}}$
4. If chi-square > 3.84, there is a statistically significant relationship. Otherwise, we don't have evidence of a relationship.

Example: *Religion & Acquittal Related?*

- **Background:** Two-way table for religion and trial outcome:

| <i>Observed</i> | Acquitted | Convicted | Total |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| Protestant | 8 | 7 | 15 |
| Catholic | 27 | 38 | 65 |
| Total | 35 | 45 | 80 |

- **Question:** What counts would we expect if there were no relationship?
- **Response:** Expect...
 - _____ Protestants to be acquitted
 - _____ Catholics to be acquitted
 - _____ Protestants to be convicted
 - _____ Catholics to be convicted

Example: *Religion & Acquittal (continued)*

- **Background:** Observed and Expected Tables:

| <i>Obs</i> | Acquitted | Convicted | Total | <i>Exp</i> | Acquitted | Convicted | Total |
|------------|-----------|-----------|-------|------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| Prot | 8 | 7 | 15 | Prot | 6.56 | 8.44 | 15 |
| Cath | 27 | 38 | 65 | Cath | 28.44 | 36.56 | 65 |
| Total | 35 | 45 | 80 | Total | 35 | 45 | 80 |

- **Question:** Find components & chi-square; conclude?
- **Response:** chi-square =

$$=0.32 + 0.25 + 0.07 + 0.06 = 0.70$$

The relationship is _____ We _____
have convincing evidence of a relationship (discrimination).



Example: *HIV Test (Review)*

- **Background:** In a certain population, the probability of HIV is 0.001. The probability of testing positive is 0.98 if you have HIV, 0.05 if you don't.
- **Questions:** What is the probability of having HIV and testing positive? Overall prob of testing positive? Probability of having HIV, given you test positive?
- **Response:** To complete the tree diagram, note that probability of not having HIV is 0.999. The probability of testing negative is 0.02 if you have HIV, 0.95 if you don't.

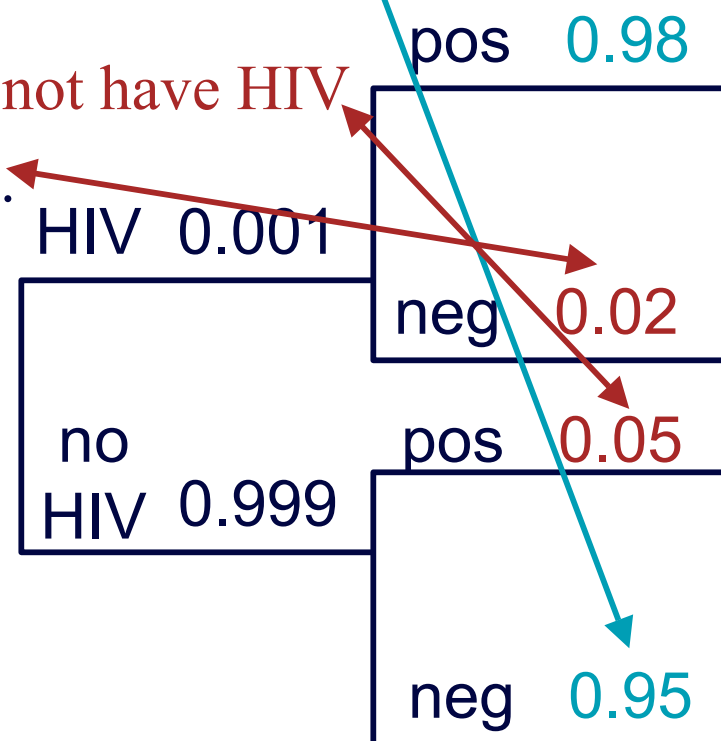
Example: *HIV Test (Review)*

Possible correct conclusions:

- positive test when someone has HIV
- negative test when someone does not have HIV

Possible incorrect conclusions:

- positive test when someone does not have HIV
- negative test when someone does.



Two Types of Error

| Decision → Actuality ↓ | Healthy (don't reject null hyp) | Diseased (reject null hyp) |
|----------------------------|---|--|
| Healthy (null hyp true) | Correct (prob= specificity=0.95) | Incorrect: false positive= Type I Error (prob=0.05) |
| Diseased (alt hyp true) | Incorrect: false negative= Type II Error (prob=0.02) | Correct (prob=sensitivity=0.98) |

If we decide in advance to use 0.05 as our cut-off for a small P -value, then 0.05 will be our probability of a Type I Error. The probability of a Type II Error can be specified only if we happen to know what is true in actuality (observed in the long run?).