

this time: hypothesis & significance testing

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next time: sample size determination

HW 3 due on  
canvas by  
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read:

LN pp. L-(174) → L-(185) today: LN pp. L-(162) →

L-(139) Intertidal Crabs

Neyman's logic: try null on for size; see if discrepancy b/t

null hypothesis
$\mu_0 = 24.3^\circ\text{C}$
alternative hyp
$\mu \neq 24.3^\circ\text{C}$

(how data came out) vs (how data should have come out if null true)  
is large.

- if yes, favor alternative (reject null)
- if not, favor null (fail reject null)

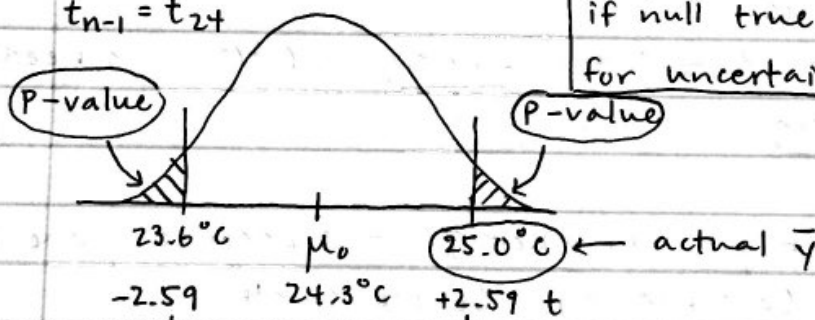
↳ pretend pop. mean  $\mu = 24.3^\circ\text{C} = \mu_0$

thus:

- long run mean = EV of  $\bar{y} = 24.3^\circ\text{C}$
- long run histogram of  $\bar{y}$  if null true

$\hat{SE} = 0.27$

$t_{n-1} = t_{24}$



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

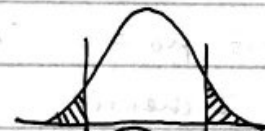
$$t \text{ statistic} = \frac{25.0 - 24.3}{0.27} = \frac{\bar{y} - \mu_0}{\hat{SE}(\bar{y})} = \frac{0.7\%}{0.27\%} = \underline{\underline{2.59}} = t$$

= t ratio =  $\frac{\text{signal}}{\text{noise}}$

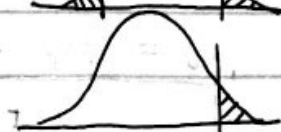
P-value: the chance, if null true, of getting data as extreme as, or more extreme than what I got

- measure of surprise

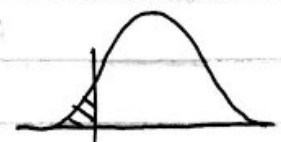
( $\mu \neq \mu_0$ ) alt<sub>1</sub>: two-sided alternative  
2-tailed P-value



( $\mu > \mu_0$ ) alt<sub>2</sub>: one-sided alternative  
1-tailed P-value



( $\mu < \mu_0$ ) alt<sub>3</sub>: one-sided alternative  
1-tailed P-value



★ if p-value is small, favor alternative & reject null

★ if p-value is big, favor null

Q: How small?

A: People are lazy, so:

- \* if  $p \leq 5\%$  → statistically significant
  - \* if  $p \leq 1\%$  → highly statsig
- } reject null

here,  $p = 1.6\%$ , so the diff. b/t  $25.0^\circ\text{C}$  ( $\bar{y}$ ) &  $24.3^\circ\text{C}$  ( $\mu_0$ ) is statsig, but not highly statsig.

\* most of the time in science, 2-sided alt. is more appropriate

CIs are better than p-values

- can't tell if  $\bar{y}$  is above or below  $\mu_0$

- no way to tell how big signal ( $\bar{y} - \mu_0$ ) is & how big noise ( $S/\sqrt{n}$ ) is

- ( $\bar{y} - \mu_0$ ) is needed to judge practsig & ( $S/\sqrt{n}$ ) is needed to judge statsig

★ when diff is statsig & not practsig, it is because there is too much data ( $n$  too large & SE too small)

★ when diff is practsig & not statsig, it is because there is not enough data ( $n$  too small & SE too large)

### Sample size determination

1) CI approach

$$\bar{y} \pm \left( t_{n-1}^{0.95} \right) \frac{S}{\sqrt{n}}$$

• if  $\mu_0 = 32$  falls just outside 95% CI, CI will discriminate b/t 2 theories

$$\mu_0 = \mu_A + \left( t_{n-1}^{0.95} \right) \frac{S}{\sqrt{n}} \rightarrow \text{solve for } n$$

(1): 1-tailed test

$$n = \frac{\left( t_{n-1}^{(1-\alpha)(z)} \right)^2 S^2}{(\mu_0 - \mu_A)^2}$$

$S \uparrow$	$n \uparrow$
$ \mu_0 - \mu_A  \uparrow$	$n \downarrow$
$\alpha \uparrow$	$n \uparrow$

(2): 2-tailed test

\* to solve iteratively :

Start on right hand side (rhs) with  $n = \infty$  ( $t \doteq z$  (normal curve)), solve for  $n$ , look up new  $t$  # with this  $n$  & put it in rhs, solve again, & repeat as needed

2) significance / hypothesis testing approach

$$H_0 \text{ (null)} : \mu = \mu_0 \text{ (theory 1)} \quad (\mu_0 = 32)$$

$$H_A \text{ (alt)} : \begin{cases} \mu \neq \mu_0 & \text{(2-sided alt)} & \text{(2-tailed test)} \\ \mu > \mu_0 & \text{(1-sided alt)} & \text{(1-tailed test)} \\ \mu < \mu_0 & & \end{cases}$$

type I error : false rejection of null

→  $P(\text{reject } H_0 \mid H_0 \text{ true}) = P(\text{type I error}) = \alpha$  (significance level)

type II error : false acceptance of null

→  $P(\text{don't reject } H_0 \mid H_0 \text{ false}) = P(\text{type II error}) = \beta$  (Beta)

Power of the test =  $(1 - \beta)$  ← want this big

\* in order to make  $P(\text{type I error}) < \alpha$  &  $P(\text{type II error}) < \beta$ ,  $n$  needs to be at least:

$$n = \frac{\left[ t_{n-1}^{(1-\alpha)(?)} + t_{n-1}^{(1-\beta)(1)} \right]^2 \cdot s^2}{(\mu_0 - \mu_A)^2}$$

2-Sample Inference

- case 1: paired comparisons
- case 2: analysis of 2 independent samples