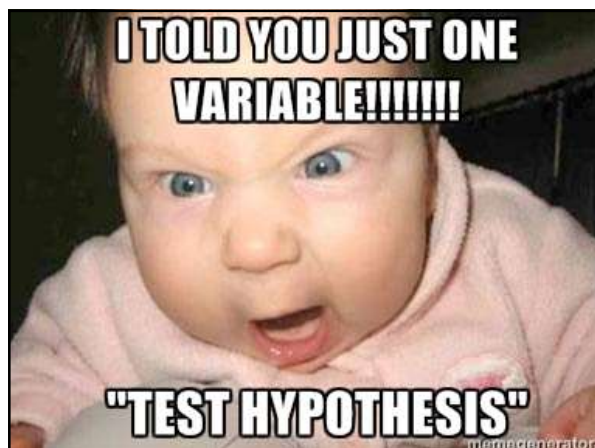




## Outline for today...

- **Breathe/Check-In** ✓
- **Review so Far:** Science, Measurements, & Samples
- **Hypotheses**
  - Reminders about Errors, Elements, Steps, & Stats
  - A Walkthrough of All Five Steps
  - 3 Large Sample ( $n > 29$ ) Examples
    - 2 for a mean, 1 for proportion
- **Lab Exercise**

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Where we are now...

| #  | Date       | Read (5th)       | Due | Area        | Lecture Topic                       | Lab #     | Lab Assignment         | T Lab         | R Lab  |
|----|------------|------------------|-----|-------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|---------------|--------|
| 1  | Tue Aug 26 | 1.1 to 1.4       |     | Orientation | Welcome & Orientation               | -         |                        | -             | -      |
| 2  | Thu Aug 28 | 2.1 & 2.5        |     |             | Basic Terms                         | 1         | Levels / Age 3s        | 1             | 1.2    |
| 3  | Tue Sep 2  | 3.1              |     |             | Measurement Issues                  | 2         | Heaven & Hell          |               |        |
| 4  | Thu Sep 4  | 3.2 & 3.3        |     |             | Data Reduction                      | 3         | Total Miles            | 2.3           |        |
| 5  | Tue Sep 9  | 3.2 & 3.3        | HW1 | Description | Display & Analysis (Shapes & SPSS)  | 4         | CI                     | 4.5           | 3.4    |
| 6  | Thu Sep 11 | 3.3 & 3.4        |     |             | Central Tendency                    | 5         | Dispersion             |               |        |
| 7  | Tue Sep 16 | 3.3 & 3.4        |     |             | Dispersion                          | 6         | Music Index            | 5.6           |        |
| 8  | Thu Sep 18 | 3.7              |     |             | Indices & Data Cleaning             | 7         | Standardizing Scores   | 6.7           | 7.8    |
| 9  | Tue Sep 23 | 4.2              |     |             | Probability & Z Scores              | 8         | Table A                |               |        |
| 10 | Thu Sep 25 | 4.3              | HW2 | Inference   | Zs & Ps                             | 9         | Differences            | 8.9           | 9.10   |
| 11 | Tue Sep 30 | 3.6 & 5.1        |     |             | Parameters & PI Estimation          | 10        | Sampling               | 10.11*        | 11.12  |
| 12 | Thu Oct 2  | 2.2 to 2.4 & 4.3 |     |             | Sampling (Issues, Methods, Effects) | 11-EC     | CLT/World (EC)         |               |        |
| 13 | Tue Oct 7  | 4.4 to 4.6       |     |             | The Central Limit Theorem           | 12        | CI for Intervals       |               |        |
| 14 | Thu Oct 9  | 5.3              |     |             | Confidence Intervals                | 13        | CI for Proportions     | 12.13         |        |
| 15 | Tue Oct 14 |                  | HW3 | Estimation  | CI for Proportions                  |           |                        |               |        |
| 16 | Thu Oct 16 |                  |     |             |                                     |           |                        |               |        |
| 17 | Tue Oct 21 |                  |     |             | Hypothesizing for Large ns          | 15        | Two Tests              | 14.15         |        |
| 18 | Thu Oct 23 | 5.4              |     |             | Sample Size Estimation              | 17        | Estimating n Needed    | 16.17         |        |
| 19 | Tue Oct 28 | 7.1, 7.3, & 10.1 |     |             | Differences in Means                | 18        | Comparing Means        | 17.18         |        |
| 20 | Thu Nov 4  | 7.2              | HW5 | Covariation | Differences in Proportions          | 19        | Comparing Proportions  | 18.19         |        |
| 21 | Tue Nov 6  | 12.1             |     |             | Analysis of Variance                | 20, 21-EC | ANOVA (C-MODEL EC)     | 19.20.21      |        |
| 22 | Thu Nov 8  |                  |     |             | Linear Regression                   | 22        | Grade Correlations     |               |        |
| 23 | Tue Nov 13 | 9.4 & 9.5        |     |             | Scatterplots & Correlation          | 23        | Regression Lab         | 20.21*, 22.23 | 22     |
| 24 | Thu Nov 18 | 9.1 to 9.3       | HW6 |             | Regression                          | 24-EC     | Multiple Reg (EC)      | 24*, 25       | 23.24* |
| 25 | Tue Nov 20 | 10.2 & 11.1      |     |             | Multiple Regression                 | 25        | TBA (any)              |               |        |
| 26 | Thu Nov 25 | 8.1              | HW7 | Association | Crosstabulations                    | 26, 27-EC | TBA (SCU) (& 27-EC)    | 26.27*        |        |
| 27 | Tue Dec 2  | 8.2 & p.233      |     |             | Dependence                          | 28-EC     | Measures of Assoc (EC) | 25.26.27*     |        |
| 28 | Thu Dec 4  | pp.238 to 243    | HW8 |             | Association                         |           |                        |               |        |
| 29 | Tue Dec 9  |                  |     |             | (no lecture - work session only)    |           |                        |               |        |
| 30 | Thu Dec 11 |                  |     |             | (no lecture - work session only)    |           |                        |               |        |
| 31 | Tue Dec 16 |                  |     |             | (no lecture - work session only)    |           |                        |               |        |

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## Course review...

- **Sociologists – describe world**
  - For Science – what do we know?
  - For Applications – what can we expect?
  - For Methods – how can we learn?
- **Measurements Matter**
  - Values rankable? Equal distances?
  - What's typical? How typical is that?
- **Generalize from Samples**
  - N bound by resources, variance, & demands
  - What do we think the *population* is like?
    - What's common: Point estimates, Interval Estimates
    - Tests: Given our sample, is a claim reasonable?

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# Hypotesting & Z Scores

1<sup>st</sup> lecture under quarantine....

**Type II error (false negative)**

**You're not pregnant**

**Type I error (false positive)**

**You're pregnant**

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... But making a false conclusion is worse!

## Hypotesting Elements

- Hypotheses

Research Hypothesis  $H_a$  - claim you want to make/test/examine

Null Hypothesis  $H_0$  - claim you directly, statistically test

Test the *lack* of difference or effect or significance ( $=$  or  $=0$ )

Treat the null as acceptable and then look to falsify it

- P-value

- Chance of being wrong if we reject the null (Type I error)
- Want to minimize that risk as much as possible
- Typically, willing to accept a 5% (0.05) chance – *no more!*

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## Walkthrough of All 5 Steps



**1. State Your Assumptions:**

- A **random sample**... (so we can use statistical theory)
- ...of **at least 30 cases** (a “large sample” test, of sufficient size for the CLT to apply, so we can assume the *sampling* distribution is normal)
- measurements are obtained on an interval level** (allowing us to calculate a sample mean).
  - Note: univariate, not yet bivariate – only one variable!
- Note:
  - Every test has mathematical assumptions that let the test “work” – here, 3
  - Hypotheses are NOT assumptions. No sense to ASSUME what you’ll TEST.

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## Hypotesting Steps

- Assumptions

Sufficient sample size, normal distribution, etc.

- Hypotheses

Null (the one you “want” to reject) & alternate (research)

- Calculated Value

Chi-square, Student’s “t”, F ratio (for ANOVA), r (for correlation) and r-squared (for regression)

- Compare to Critical Value

Some standard alpha level, which is  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 1 minus the selected confidence coefficient (95%, 99%, etc.)  $\alpha$ .  
Some test value that would *give* you that needed alpha

- Conclusion

Either reject the null or fail to reject the null

*Don't go find your own set of steps.  
Don't make the hypo steps 1&2.  
The assumptions (as step 1) matter!*

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- Formulate the null and alternative hypothesis and determine whether a one- or two-tail test is appropriate:

- Consider a claim that the population mean is equal to a specific value, say  $a$ . Then write:

$$H_0: \mu = a$$

$$H_a: \mu \neq a$$

This is a two-tail test

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## Test Statistics

- For **large sample ( $n > 29$ )** for  $\bar{Y}$ , use  $z$ :

$$z = \frac{\bar{Y} - ?}{\hat{\sigma}_{\bar{Y}}} \approx \frac{\bar{Y} - ?}{s / \sqrt{n}}$$

- What’s the “?”...

- Could be from another sample, a regulation/guideline, suggested by other research, a common belief, a wild claim in a speech or blog, etc.
- It’s the value in the 2 hypotheses, aka the “null-hypothesized value”

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- Alternatively, if the prediction states that the population mean is *greater than* some value  $a$ , then write

$$H_0: \mu = a$$

$$H_a: \mu > a$$

This is a *one-tail* test

- Similarly, if the prediction states that the population mean is *less than* some value  $a$ , then write

$$H_0: \mu = a$$

$$H_a: \mu < a$$

This is also a *one-tail* test

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3. Compute the Test Statistic, e.g.  $z$ 

Computed Sample Mean

$$z = \frac{\bar{Y} - a}{s_{\bar{Y}}}$$

Test Statistic

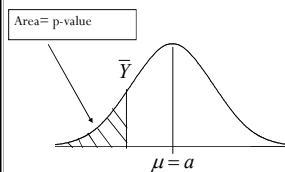
Hypothesized Population Mean, aka  $M_0$  (the null hypothesized mean, vs the one in the actual sample) but sometimes  $a$  in text (which isn't the same as "alpha", e.g. in  $z_{\alpha/2}$ )

Estimated Standard Error of the mean

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If the null hypothesis were true, how likely is that we would obtain our sample mean?



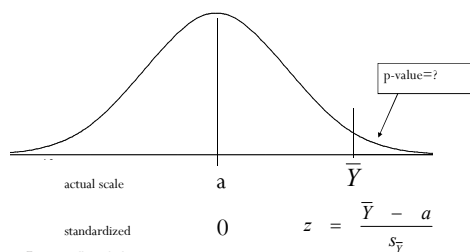
Sampling Distribution of the Sample Mean

If  $H_0$  were correct, the probability of obtaining a sample mean, greater than (or less than) the test statistic  $\bar{Y}$  is equal to the p-value of the test.

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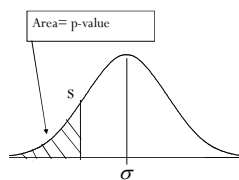
## Draw a Picture!



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Of course, the sample mean is just one of many statistics of possible interest ...



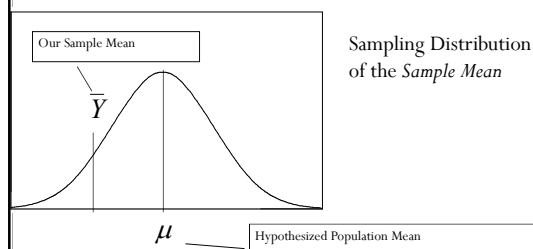
Sampling Distribution of the Sample Standard Deviation

We could also make predictions about the dispersion of a variable in the population, medians, proportions, and so forth.

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If the null hypothesis were true, how likely is it we would obtain the computed test statistic?



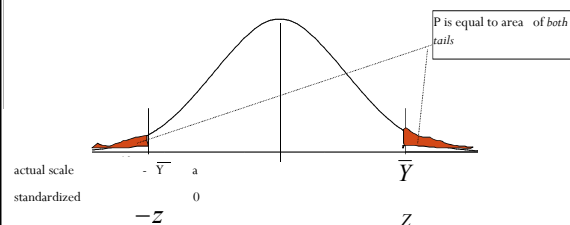
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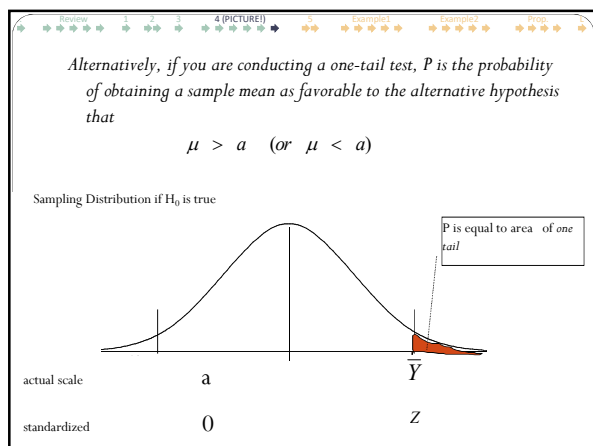
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## 4. Compute the p-value

If you are conducting a two-tail test,  $P$  is the probability of obtaining, in either direction, a sample mean as favorable to the alternative hypothesis that

$$\mu \neq a$$





### Example 1...

**Claim we are interested in testing:**

Has the mean age at first marriage of men in a particular community *changed* from the 1900 value of 28 years?  
(Note: This phrasing implies a two-tail test is appropriate).

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### Understanding the “p” value

- Assesses the strength of evidence against the null hypothesis
  - The further observed/sample data is from the null hypothesized value, the less likely we think it is that the null value actually does describe the population
  - The larger the p, the more *likely* the null *might* be “true”
    - (though never use the words “true” or “truth” to describe inferences)
- How strong does that evidence need to be?
  - For most social sci, a p under 0.05 is sufficient to reject the null
  - If the p is over 0.05, there is a greater than 5% chance of being wrong if we reject the null.**

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### 1. Assumptions of Test

- large random sample ( $n=36 > 30$ );
- Since age is measured as an interval variable, a test for a mean is appropriate.

### 2. State the null and alternative hypotheses

$H_0: \mu = 28.0 \text{ Yrs}$  (mean age hasn't changed since 1900)

$H_a: \mu \neq 28.0 \text{ Yrs}$  (mean age has changed)

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### 5. State Your Conclusion

Use the magnitude of the p-value to reach a conclusion about the acceptability of the null hypothesis. Unless instructed otherwise, use the following rules:

- if  $p < 0.05$ , reject  $H_0$  (and support  $H_a$ )**  
Do NOT say “accept  $H_0$ ” or “prove  $H_0$ ” or “support  $H_0$ ” or “reject  $H_a$ ” – see previous lecture notes!
- otherwise, fail to reject  $H_0$  (& cant support  $H_a$ )**
  - Do NOT say “prove  $H_a$ ” or “can’t support  $H_0$ ”

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### 3. Compute the Test Statistic

Available Information:

$n = 36$

$\bar{Y} = 26.0$

$\hat{\sigma} = s = 9.0$

$s_{\bar{Y}} = 9.0 / \sqrt{36} = 1.5$

$$z = \frac{\bar{Y} - a}{s_{\bar{Y}}}$$

$$z = \frac{26.0 - 28}{9.0 / \sqrt{36}}$$

$$z = \frac{-2.0}{1.5} = -1.33$$

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4. Find the corresponding p-value

Sampling Distribution of Sample Means, assuming the null hypothesis is true

Age (in Years)      26.0      28.0      (30.0)

standardized (z)    -1.33      0      (1.33)

$p = \text{sum of tail areas}$   
 $= 2(.0918)$   
 $= 0.1836$

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## 1. Assumptions

- For a mean, it has to be interval; for a proportion, it has to be nominal.
- In either case, we don't need to make any assumptions about the shape of population distribution. (We know that the sampling distributions are normal.)
- We assume that the sample size is at least 30 ( $n > 29$ ). Otherwise, the sampling distributions would *not* be normal.

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## 5. State your conclusion

The evidence from our sample is not sufficient to reject the null hypothesis that the mean age at first marriage for married men has not changed since 1900. A p-value of 0.18 implies that, with repeated sampling, we would obtain a sample mean age lower than 26 or greater than 30 about 18 percent of the time. Conventions in the social sciences require that the p-value would have to be lower than 0.10 or 0.05 in order to reject the null hypothesis.

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## 2. Null and Alternative Hypotheses:

$H_0: \mu_s = 12.88$  (No difference in schooling b/w South and US)

$H_a: \mu_s < 12.88$  (Mean Years of schooling lower in South)

Then go get...

### Output from GSS

#### Education - Highest Year of School Completed

| Region             | Mean   | Std Dev | Std. Error |
|--------------------|--------|---------|------------|
| U.S. (n=1510)      | 12.884 | 2.984   | 0.077      |
| South (n=411)      | 12.460 | 3.352   | 0.165      |
| Non-South (n=1099) | 13.043 | 2.819   | 0.085      |

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## Example 2...

### Regional Differences in Schooling

- A Claim:** In the United States, adults have completed a mean of 12.88 years of schooling. Due to uneven socio-economic development across regions, we would expect that mean years of schooling is lower in the southern states than in the U.S. as a whole.
- First step is to **restate** this claim as null and alternative hypotheses...

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### Calculate, Report, & Interpret...

## 3. Test Statistic:

$$z = \frac{\bar{Y}_s - 12.88}{s_{\bar{Y}_s}} = \frac{12.46 - 12.88}{0.165}$$

$$z = -2.54$$

Note that I used the standard error for mean education in the South!

Interpretation: The mean of the south is 2.54 standard errors away from the mean of the entire U.S.

## 4. P-value:

If  $z = -2.54$ , then  $p = 0.0055$ , or  $z_{0.0055} = 2.54$ . Since that p-value is very small ( $0.0055 < 0.05$ ), it is highly improbable that we would be wrong in rejecting the null hypothesis. The risk is only 0.55%!

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### 5. Conclusion:

- Since the assessed risk (0.0055, or 0.55%) is far below the risk we're willing to take (0.05, or 5.0%), we can be confident in **rejecting the null hypothesis**.
- We thereby find **support for our alternative** (research) hypothesis, and can therefore conclude that educational attainment is lower in the South than in the U.S. as a whole.

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### Hypotheses

$$H_0: \pi_s = 0.223 \quad (\text{Dropout Rate is Same in South \& US})$$

$$H_a: \pi_s > 0.223 \quad (\text{Dropout Rate is Higher in South})$$

### Output from GSS

#### Regional Differences in Dropout Rates

| Region             | Proportion | Std Error |
|--------------------|------------|-----------|
| U.S. (n=1510)      | 0.223      | 0.011     |
| South (n=411)      | 0.292      | 0.022     |
| Non-South (n=1099) | 0.197      | 0.012     |

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### Test for a Proportion ( $n > 29$ )

Slides here are briefer, but Steps are the same:

- State Assumptions
- Construct Hypotheses
- Compute the Test Statistic
- Determine the p-value
- State your Conclusion

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### 3. Test Statistic

$$z = \frac{a - p}{\sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}}} = \frac{0.292 - 0.223}{0.022} = 3.13$$

### 4. P-value:

$z=3.13$  not in Table A. use the smaller  $z$ , & larger  $p$   
 If  $z = 3.0$ , then  $p=0.00135$ , or  $z_{.00135} = 3.0$ .  
 It is *extremely* unlikely (about one chance in a thousand!) that we would be wrong in rejecting the null hypothesis

### 5. Conclusion:

We can reject the null, find support for the alternative, and conclude that the dropout rate is higher in the South than in the US as a whole.

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### Hypotheses

$$H_0: \pi = a$$

$$H_a: \pi \neq a \quad (\text{or } \pi < a \quad \text{or } \pi > a)$$

### Test Statistic

$$z = \frac{a - p}{\sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}}}$$

Once the test statistic  $z$  is calculated, then the following steps -- finding the p-value and stating your conclusion -- are the same as for a test for a mean.

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### For Your Next Lab...

- Two claims to consider. I hypothesize that...**
  - People in Korea tend to have more than 1 child.
  - More than a third of Koreans smoke cigarettes daily.
- Using Korean GSS** (KoreanGSS-2003to2016-Trimmed)
  - Two variables: KIDNUM10 (84th) & FREQSMOK (326th)
- Test both of those claims**
  - Note that each has a hypothesized value.
  - Perform all 5 steps (all five -- 1, 2, 3, 4, ALL FIVE) of each test
  - Be sure to interpret the values (the test and sample statistics, the calculated differences, & the standard errors, but esp. the  $t$  &  $p$ )
  - Be explicit in your conclusions about the claims ( $H_a$ , not just  $H_0$ )

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