Assumptions for Inference

And the Conditions That Support or Override Them

Proportions (z) One sample 1. Individuals are independent. 1. SRS and n < 10% of the population. 2. Sample is sufficiently large. 2. Successes and failures each \geq 10. Two groups 1. Groups are independent. 1. (Think about how the data were collected.) 2. Both are SRSs and n < 10% of populations 2. Data in each group are independent. OR random allocation. 3. Both groups are sufficiently large. 3. Successes and failures each \geq 10 for both groups. Means (t) • One Sample (df = n - 1) 1. Individuals are independent. 1. SRS and n < 10% of the population. 2. Population has a Normal model. 2. Histogram is unimodal and symmetric.* • Matched pairs (df = n - 1) 1. Data are matched. 1. (Think about the design.) 2. Individuals are independent. 2. SRS and n < 10% OR random allocation. 3. Histogram of differences is unimodal and symmetric.* 3. Population of differences is Normal. • Two independent groups (df from technology) 1. (Think about the design.) 1. Groups are independent. 2. Data in each group are independent. 2. SRSs and n < 10% OR random allocation. 3. Both populations are Normal. 3. Both histograms are unimodal and symmetric.* Distributions/Association (χ^2) • **Goodness of fit** (df = # of cells - 1; one variable, one sample compared with population model) 1. Data are counts. 1. (Are they?) 2. Data in sample are independent. 2. SRS and n < 10% of the population. 3. Sample is sufficiently large. 3. All expected counts \geq 5. • Homogeneity [df = (r - 1)(c - 1); many groups compared on one variable] 1. Data are counts. 1. (Are they?) 2. Data in groups are independent. 2. SRSs and n < 10% OR random allocation. 3. Groups are sufficiently large. 3. All expected counts \geq 5. • **Independence** [df = (r - 1)(c - 1); sample from one population classified on two variables] 1. Data are counts. 1. (Are they?) 2. SRSs and n < 10% of the population. 2. Data are independent. 3. Sample is sufficiently large. 3. All expected counts \geq 5. Regression (t, df = n - 2) **Association** between two quantitative variables ($\beta = 0$?) 1. Form of relationship is linear. 1. Scatterplot looks approximately linear. 2. Errors are independent. 2. No apparent pattern in residuals plot.

2. Frois are independent.
 3. Variability of errors is constant.
 4. Errors have a Normal model.
 4. Histogram of residuals is approximately unimodal and symmetric, or normal probability plot reasonably straight.*

(*less critical as *n* increases)

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Think			Show				Tell?
Inference about?	One group or two?	Procedure	Model	Parameter	Estimate	e SE	Chapter
Proportions	One sample	1-Proportion z-Interval	- z	р	ŷ	$\sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}\hat{q}}{n}}$	19
		1-Proportion z-Test				$\sqrt{\frac{p_0q_0}{n}}$	20, 21
	Two independent groups	2-Proportion z-Interval	- z	$p_1 - p_2$	$\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2$	$\sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}_1\hat{q}_1}{n_1} + \frac{\hat{p}_2\hat{q}_2}{n_2}}$	22
		2-Proportion z-Test				$\sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}\hat{q}}{n_1} + \frac{\hat{p}\hat{q}}{n_2}}, \ \hat{p} = \frac{y_1 + y_2}{n_1 + n_2}$	22
Means	One sample	<i>t-</i> Interval <i>t-</i> Test	df = n - 1	μ	\overline{y}	$\frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$	23
	Two independent groups	2-Sample <i>t</i> -Test 2-Sample <i>t</i> -Interval	t df from technology	$\mu_1 - \mu_2$	$\overline{y}_1 - \overline{y}_2$	$\sqrt{rac{s_1^2}{n_1}+rac{s_2^2}{n_2}}$	24
	Matched pairs	Paired <i>t</i> -Test Paired <i>t</i> -Interval	df = n - 1	μ_d	d	$\frac{s_d}{\sqrt{n}}$	25
Distributions (one categorical variable)	One sample	Goodness- of-Fit	$\begin{array}{c} \chi^2 \\ df = cells - 1 \end{array}$				
	Many independent groups	Homogeneity χ² Test			$\Sigma \frac{(Obs - Exp)^2}{Exp}$		26
Independence (two One categorical sample variables)		Independence χ² Test	df = (r-1)(c-1)				
Association (two quantitative variables)	One sample	Linear Regression <i>t-</i> Test or Confidence Interval for β	df = n - 2	eta_1	<i>b</i> ₁	$\frac{s_e}{s_x \sqrt{n-1}}$ (compute with technology)	27
		*Confidence Interval for μ_{ν}		$\mu_{ u}$	\hat{y}_{ν}	$\sqrt{SE^2(b_1)\cdot(x_\nu-\overline{\chi})^2+\frac{s_\ell^2}{n}}$	
		*Prediction Interval for y_{ν}		y_{ν}	\hat{y}_{ν}	$\sqrt{SE^2(b_1) \cdot (x_{\nu} - \bar{x})^2 + \frac{s_e^2}{n} + s_e^2}$	
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