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Example: Confidence Intervals for One Proportion

In January 2007, Consumer Reports conducted a study of bacteria in frozen chicken sold in the US. They purchased a random selection of 525 packages of frozen chicken of various brands from different food stores in 23 different states. They tested them for various types of bacteria that cause food-borne illnesses. They found that 83% were infected with Campylobacter and 15% were infected with Salmonella.

Construct a 95% Confidence Interval for the proportion of chickens infected with Campylobacter.

Given:

 $\sim = \hat{p} = 0.83, \quad n = 525$



Example: Confidence Intervals for One Proportion

For x = 14, n = 35 construct a 95% confidence interval for p, the true population proportion.

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Solution:

Select [A:1-PropZint...] and enter the information above, highlight [Calculate] press ENTER to get the results shown in the screen.





Example: Confidence Intervals for Difference in Two Proportions

Find a 90% confidence interval for the difference in population proportions where $x_1 = 14$, $n_1 = 40$, $x_2 = 17$, and $n_2 = 50$.

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Solution:

Select [B:2-PropZInt...] and enter the information above, highlight [Calculate] press ENTER to get the results shown below.



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Example: Confidence Intervals for One Population Mean (Given Summary Stats)

A sample of 38 items is chosen from a normally distributed population with a sample mean of 12.5 and a population standard deviation of 2.8. Construct a 95% confidence interval for the true population mean.



Example: Confidence Intervals for One Population Mean (Given the Data)

A sample of 7 items is chosen from a normal distribution with the following results: {1, 5, 6, 8, 12, 16, 18}. Construct a 95% confidence interval for the true population mean.



Solution:

Here we are given the actual data from the sample. We can have the calculator do all of the work on the sample by entering the data into a list, say L1 as shown in screen 3. Choose [8:Tinterval...] and enter the information as shown in screen 4, highlight [Calculate] press ENTER to get the results shown in screen 5.



Example: Confidence Intervals for the Difference in Two Population Means

Find a 95% confidence interval for the difference in means for two normally distributed populations from the sample

information given. $\overline{x}_1 = 78.5$ $\overline{x}_2 = 75.3$ $\sigma_1 = 12.8$ $\sigma_2 = 11.4$ $n_1 = 40$ $n_2 = 50$

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Solution:

Select [9:2-SampZint...] and enter the information shown in screen 8, highlight [Calculate] press ENTER to get the results shown in screen 9.



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HYPOTHESIS TEST OF MEAN FOR NORMAL DISTRIBUTION (SIGMA, o IS KNOWN) - ONE SAMPLE

Example: A sample of size 200 has a mean of 20. Assume the population standard deviation is 6. Use the TI-83/84 calculator to test the hypothesis that the population mean is not different from 19.2 with a level of significance of $\alpha = 5\%$.

Solution:

"The population mean is not different from 19.2" means the same as "the population mean is equal to 19.2." Therefore, the null and alternate hypotheses are H₀: μ = 19.2 and H_a: $\mu \neq$ 19.2, respectively. Follow the steps below to solve the problem using the TI-83/84.

[NOTE: If the p-value < α , reject the null hypothesis; otherwise, do not reject the null hypothesis.]

Press STAT and the right arrow twice to select TESTS.

To select the highlighted 1:Z-Test..., Press ENTER.

Use right arrow to select **Stats** (summary values rather than raw data) and Press **ENTER**.

Use the down arrow to enter the hypothesized mean, population standard deviation, sample mean, and sample size.

Select alternate hypothesis.

Press down arrow to select **Calculate** and press **ENTER**.

Results:

Since the p-value is 0.1, do not reject the null hypothesis with an α (alpha) value of 0.10 or smaller (10% level of significance or smaller). [In this example, $\alpha = 0.05$.]







HYPOTHESIS TEST OF MEAN FOR NORMAL DISTRIBUTION (SIGMA, o IS KNOWN) - TWO SAMPLES

Example: Two samples were taken, one from each of two populations. Use the TI-83/84 calculator to test the hypothesis that the two population means are not different with a level of significance of $\alpha = 5\%$.

Solution:

For the two samples, we have the following summary data:

 $n_1 = 38$, $x_1 = 19.5$, $\sigma_1 = 5$ $n_2 = 35$, $x_2 = 22.875$, $\sigma_2 = 7$ $H_0: \mu_1 = \mu_2$

H_a: μ₁ ≠ μ₂ Use α = 5%

"The two population means are not different" means the same as "the two population means are equal." Therefore, the null and alternate hypotheses are H₀: $\mu_1 = \mu_2$ and H_a: $\mu_1 \neq \mu_2$, respectively. Follow the steps below to solve the problem using the TI-83/84.

Press STAT and the right arrow twice to select TESTS.

Use the down arrow to select 3:2-SampZTest..., then press ENTER.



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Use right arrow to select Stats (summary values rather than raw data).

Enter standard deviations, mean and sample size for samples 1 and 2.

Select alternate hypothesis.

Press down arrow to select Calculate and press ENTER.

Results:

Since the p-value is 0.0186, reject the null hypothesis with an alpha value of 0.05 or larger (5% level of significance or larger).

Conclude that the two population means are not different.

HYPOTHESIS TEST OF PROPORTION FOR NORMAL DISTRIBUTION - ONE SAMPLE

Example: In sampling 200 people, we found that 30% of them favored a certain candy. Use $\alpha = 10\%$ to test the hypothesis that the proportion of people who favored that candy is less than 35%.

Solution:

This represents a one-sample test of proportion. So we use the **"1-PropZTest"** function. The sample proportion is 30% or p = 0.30, and the hypotheses are H₀: $p \ge 0.35$ and H_a: p < 0.35 (claim). Hypothesized value is 0.35.

Press STAT and the right arrow twice to select TESTS.

Use the down arrow to select 5:1-PropZTest..., then press ENTER.

Enter hypothesized proportion, number of favorable outcomes, x, sample size, n, and select the alternate hypothesis.

Use down arrow to select Calculate and press ENTER.

Results:

Since the p = 0.069 is less than α = 0.10, reject the null hypothesis. Conclude that the sample proportion of 0.30 is significantly less than the hypothesized proportion of 0.35.





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HYPOTHESIS TEST OF PROPORTION FOR NORMAL DISTRIBUTION - TWO SAMPLES

Example: In sampling 200 freshman college students (Sample 1), we found that 61 of them earned an A in statistics. A sample of 250 sophomore college students (Sample 2) had 60 people who earned an A in statistics. Test the hypothesis that the proportion of freshmen that earned an A in statistics is greater than the proportion of sophomores that earned an A in statistics.

Solution:

This represents a two-sample test of proportion. We use the **"2-PropZTest"** function. The hypotheses are H₀: $p_1 \le p_2$ and H_a: $p_1 > p_2$ (claim)

Press **STAT** and the right arrow twice to select **TESTS**.

Use the down arrow to select 6:2-PropZTest..., then press ENTER.

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Enter number of favorable outcomes and sample size of samples 1 and 2. Select the alternate hypothesis.

Use down arrow to select Calculate and press ENTER.

Results:

Since the p = 0.061, reject the null hypothesis for values of r^{1} 0.061. Conclude that the sample 1 proportion of 0.305 is significantly greater than sample 2 proportion of 0.24 when r > 0.061.