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The errors are given the quite pedestrian names of type I and type II errors, and how we distinguish between them? Briefly: Type I errors happen when we reject a true null hypothesis Type II errors happen when we fail to reject a false null hypothesis We will explore more background behind these types of errors with the goal of understanding these statements. The process of hypothesis testing can seem to be quite varied with a multitude of test statistics. But the general process is the same. Hypothesis testing involves the statement of a null hypothesis and the selection of a level of significance. The null hypothesis is either true or false and represents the default claim for a treatment or procedure. For example, when examining the effectiveness of a drug, the null hypothesis would be that the drug has no effect on a disease. After formulating the null hypothesis and choosing a level of significance, we acquire data through observation. Statistical calculations tell us whether or not we should reject the null hypothesis. In an ideal world, we would always reject the null hypothesis when it is false, and we would not reject the null hypothesis when it is indeed true. But there are two other scenarios that are possible, each of which will result in an error. The first kind of error that is possible involves the rejection of a null hypothesis that is actually true. This kind of error is called a type I error and is sometimes called an error of the first kind. Type I errors are equivalent to false positives. Let's go back to the example of a drug being used to treat a disease. If we reject the null hypothesis in this situation, then our claim is that the drug does, in fact, have some effect on a disease. But if the null hypothesis is true, then, in reality, the drug does not combat the disease at all. The drug is falsely claimed to have a positive effect on a disease. Type I errors can be controlled. The value of alpha, which is related to the level of significance that we selected has a direct bearing on type I errors. Alpha is the maximum probability that we have a type I error. For a 95% confidence level, the value of alpha is 0.05. This means that there is a 5% probability that we will reject a true null hypothesis. In the long run, one out of every twenty hypothesis tests that we perform at this level will result in a type I error. The other kind of error that is possible occurs when we do not reject a null hypothesis that is false. This sort of error is called a type II error and is also referred to as an error of the second kind. Type II errors are equivalent to false negatives. If we think back again to the scenario in which we are testing a drug, what would a type II error look like? A type II error would occur if we accepted that the drug had no effect on a disease, but in reality, it did. The probability of a type II error is given by the Greek letter beta. This number is related to the power or sensitivity of the hypothesis test, denoted by 1 - beta. Type I and type II errors are part of the process of hypothesis testing. Although the errors cannot be completely eliminated, we can minimize one type of error. Typically when we try to decrease the probability one type of error, the probability for the other type increases. We could decrease the value of alpha from 0.05 to 0.01, corresponding to a 99% level of confidence. However, if everything else remains the same, then the probability of a type II error will nearly always increase. Many times the real world application of our hypothesis test will determine if we are more accepting of type I or type II errors. This will then be used when we design our statistical experiment. Deadline pressure? Get your assignment done in just 3 hours. Quick, easy, and available 24/7. Share — copy and redistribute the material in any medium or format for any purpose, even commercially. 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For example, other rights such as publicity, privacy, or moral rights may limit how you use the material. Here is a list hypothesis testing exercises and solutions. Try to solve a question by yourself first before you look at the solution.Question 1 In the population, the average IQ is 100 with a standard deviation of 15. A team of scientists want to test a new medication to see if it has either a positive or negative effect on intelligence, or not effect at all. A sample of 30 participants who have taken the medication has a mean of 140. Did the medication affect intelligence? View Solution to Question 1A professor wants to know if her introductory statistics class has a good grasp of basic math. Six students are chosen at random from the class and given a math proficiency test. The professor wants the class to be able to score above 70 on the test. The six students get the following scores:62, 92, 75, 68, 83, 95. Can the professor have 90% confidence that the mean score for the class on the test would be above 70. Solution to Question 2 Question 3 In a packaging plant, a machine packs cartons with jars. It is supposed that a new machine would pack faster on the average than the machine currently used. To test the hypothesis, the time it takes each machine to pack ten cartons are recorded. The result in seconds is as follows. New MachineOld Machine 42.1 42.7 41.3 43.8 41.8 43.3 42.4 42.5 42.8 43.5 43.2 43.1 42.3 41.7 41.8 44 42.744.1Do the data provide sufficient evidence to conclude that, on the average, the new machine packs faster? Perform the required hypothesis test at the 5% level of significance. Solution to Question 3 Question 4 We want to compare the heights in inches of two groups of individuals. Here are the measurements: X: 175, 168, 168, 190, 156, 181, 182, 175, 174, 179 Y: 120, 180, 125, 188, 130, 190, 110, 185, 112, 188 Solution to Question 4 Question 5 A clinic provides a program to help their clients lose weight and asks a consumer agency to investigate the effectiveness of the program. The agency takes a sample of 15 people, weighing each person in the sample before the program begins and 3 months later. The data for n = 200 patients were collected and grouped according to the severity of the disease and the age of the patient. The table below shows the resultAgebelow 4040 – 60above 60runoffslight411349average252512serious63315Let us decided about the correlation between the age of the patients and the severity of disease progression. Solution to Question 7 Question 18 A publisher is interested in determine which of three book cover is most attractive. He interviews 400 people in each of the three states (California, Illinois and New York), and asks each person which of the cover he or she prefers. The number of preference for each cover is as follows:CaliforniaIllinoisNew YorkTotalFirst Cover8160182323Second Cover789395266Third Cover24127123611Total40040040041200Table 1Do these data indicate that there are regional differences in people's preferences concerning these covers? Use the 0.05 level of significance.Solution to Question 18Question 19 Trees planted along the road were checked for which ones are healthy(H) or diseased (D) and the following arrangement of the trees were obtained:H H H D D D H H H H H D D H H D D DTest at the = 0.05 significance whether this arrangement may be regarded as randomSolution to Question 19 Question 20 Suppose we flip a coin n = 15 times and come up with the following arrangementsH T T T H H T T T T H H T H H(H = head, T = tail)Test at the alpha = 0.05 significance level whether this arrangement may be regarded as random.Solution to Question 20 16 marksA hypothesis test uses a sample of data in an experiment to test a statement made about the value of a population parameter (). Explain, in the context of hypothesis testing, what is meant by:(i) 'sample of data', (ii) 'population parameter'(iii) 'null hypothesis', (iv) 'alternative hypothesis', (v) 'a Type I error', (vi) 'a Type II error'.Did this page help you?2a3 marksFrom previous research, Marta has found that in general there is a 15% chance that any given customer ordering food at her restaurant will choose a salad. She wants to test whether people are more inclined to eat salads when it is sunny out.(i) Clearly defining the value of the population parameter (), state a suitable null hypothesis that Marta could use for this test.(ii) State a suitable alternative hypothesis that Marta could use for this test.(iii) Give an example of a test statistic that Marta could use to carry out this test.2b1 markAfter carrying out the test, Marta had evidence to conclude that people are more likely to eat salads when the sun is out. State whether she accepted or rejected the null hypothesis you have written in part (a)(i).Did this page help you?36 marksFor the following null and alternative hypotheses, state whether the test is a one-tailed or a two-tailed test and give a suitable example context for each problem.(i) (ii) (iii) Did this page help you?46 marksIn a quiz, students have to choose the correct answer to each question from three possible options. There is only one correct answer for each question. Ethan got answers correct, and he claims that he merely guessed the answer to every question but his teacher believes he used some knowledge in the quiz. he uses the null hypothesis = test her belief at the 10% significance level.(i) If the teacher wishes to test to see if Ethan was trying to get the answers correct, rather than guessing them at random, write down the alternative hypothesis she should use and explain the conditions under which the null hypothesis would be rejected.(ii) If the teacher wishes to test to see if Ethan was trying to get the answers incorrect, rather than guessing them at random, write down the alternative hypothesis she should use and explain the conditions under which the null hypothesis would be rejected.(iii) If the teacher wishes to test to see whether Ethan was not guessing the answers at random, but she is uncertain whether he was using his knowledge to get them right or to get them wrong, write down the alternative hypothesis she should use and explain the conditions under which the null hypothesis would be rejected.Did this page help you?54 marksA hypothesis test at the 4% significance level is carried out on a spinner with four sectors using the following hypotheses:(i) Describe what the parameter , could be defined as (ii) In the context of this question, explain how the significance level of 4% should be used.(iii) If the significance level were instead given as 10%, would the probability of incorrectly rejecting the null hypothesis be likely to increase or decrease? Give a reason for your answer.5b2 marksThe spinner is spun 50 times and it is decided to reject the null hypothesis if there are less than 7 or more than 18 successes.(i) The critical regions for this test are given as and . Write down the values of and. (ii) State the set of values for which a Type II error could occur.Did this page help you?6a2 marksTwo volunteers at a national park, Owen and Cathy, have begun a campaign to stop people leaving their litter behind after visiting the park. To see whether their campaign has had an effect, Owen conducts a hypothesis test at the 10% significance level, using the following hypotheses:(i) State the percentage of people who left litter behind in the national park before the start of the campaign.(ii) State whether this is a one-tailed or two-tailed test. 6b2 marksOwen observes a random sample of 100 people at the national park and finds that 14 of them left litter behind. He calculates that if were true, then the probability of 14 or less people leaving litter would be 0.08044. With reference to the hypotheses above, state with a reason whether Owen should accept or reject his null hypothesis.6c2 marksCathy conducted her own hypothesis test at the 10% significance level, using the same sample data as Owen, but instead she used the following hypotheses: (i) Explain how Cathy's hypothesis test is different to Owen's.(ii) Using these hypotheses, state whether the sample results given in part (b) should lead Cathy to accept or reject her null hypothesis. Give a reason for your answer.Did this page help you?7a2 marksA drinks manufacturer, BestBubbles, claims that in taste tests more than 50% of people can distinguish between its drinks and those of a rival brand. The company decides to test its claim by having 20 people each taste two drinks and then attempt to determine which was made by BestBubbles and which was made by the rival company. The random variable represents the number of people who correctly identify the drink that was made by BestBubbles.(i) State, giving a reason, whether this is a one-tailed or a two-tailed test.(ii) Write down the null and alternative hypotheses for this test.7b5 marksUnder the null hypothesis, it is ten times as likely that a 10% level of significance was used, write down the critical value and the critical region for this test.(iii) State the actual level of significance for this test. 7c2 marksIn fact, 15 of the 20 people correctly identify the drink made by BestBubbles.(i) State whether there is sufficient evidence to reject the null hypothesis at the 10% significance level.(ii) Write a conclusion for this hypothesis test in the context of the question.Did this page help you?8a4 marksFor each of the following statements, write down whether an error has been made, and if so state whether it is a Type I or a Type II error.(i) is true and is accepted.(ii) is true and is rejected.(iii) is not true and is accepted.(iv) is not true and is rejected.8b1 markExplain why the probability of a Type I error is usually just below the significance level.8c2 marksDescribe how to calculate the probability of a Type II error.Did this page help you?1a2 marksExplain what you understand by a critical region of a test statistic.1b2 marksNationally 44% of A Level mathematics students identify as female. The headteacher of a particular school claims that the proportion of A Level mathematics students in the school who identify as female is higher than the national average.(i) State a suitable null hypothesis to test the headteacher's claim.(ii) State a suitable alternative hypothesis to test the headteacher's claim.1c2 marksThe headteacher takes a random sample of 60 A Level mathematics students and records the number of them who identify as female . For a test at the 10% significance level the critical region is . Given that , comment on the headteacher's claim.Did this page help you?2a2 marksThe probability of a chicken laying an egg on any given day is 65%. Two farmers, Amina and Bert, have 30 chickens each. They believe that the probability of their chickens laying an egg on any given day is different to 65%.(i) State a suitable null hypothesis to test the farmers' belief.(ii) State a suitable alternative hypothesis for a two-tailed test.2b1 markDuring a specific day, Amina and Bert each record the number of their 30 chickens that lay an egg. At the 5% significance level the critical regions for this test are and . Write down the critical values for the hypothesis test.2c4 marks(i) Given that Amina , comment on her belief.(ii) Given that for Bert , comment on his belief.Did this page help you?3a1 markExplain one advantage of using critical regions instead of finding probabilities for a hypothesis test.3b1 markA test of the null hypothesis against the alternative hypothesis is carried out for the random variable . The table below shows the probabilities for different values that can take: 0.00040610.00354920.01508530.04148440.0829686Calculate .3c3 marks(i) Using a 5% level of significance, find the critical region for the test.(ii) State the actual level of significance for the test.Did this page help you?7a43 marksA group of high school statistics students are investigating the probability of winning a game called Chi Squares. Their teacher claims that they have more than a 60% chance of winning the game. To test the claim, they play 30 games of Chi Squares and win 80% of them. They perform a hypothesis test using a 5% level of significance. Below are shown the solutions of two students, Gertrude and Nate:Gertrude's solutionNate's solutionLet be the number of games won, do not reject Let be the number of games won, so reject You are given that the students have correctly calculated their probabilities. Identify and explain the three mistakes made by Gertrude 4b2 marksIdentify and explain the two mistakes made by Nate 4c1 markUse the information above to find the correct probability they should have used to test the observed value , showing your calculation clearly.Did this page help you?5a1 markExplain what you understand by the significance level of a hypothesis test.5b2 marks(i) Give an advantage of using a lower significance level for a hypothesis test.(ii) Give a disadvantage of using a lower significance level for a hypothesis test.5c6 marksFor each of the following scenarios, explain whether a 1%, 5% or 10% level of significance would be most appropriate.(i) A shopkeeper takes a sample of 10 cartons of milk to test whether the amount of milk in a carton has decreased.(ii) A doctor takes a sample of 100 patients to test whether there is an improvement to the recovery rate of an illness when a new drug is used, compared with the current best treatment regime.(iii) A manager takes a sample of 100 employees to test whether their level of job satisfaction has changed after new working hours have been introduced.Did this page help you?6a3 marksThe table below shows the cumulative probabilities for different values that can take: 00.00097710.01074220.05468830.17187540.37695350.623047Kieran collects coins and suspects that one of them is biased. To test his suspicion Kieran flips the coin 10 times and records the number of times , that it lands on tails.Stating your hypotheses clearly, find the critical regions for the test using a 10% level of significance.6b2 marksCalculate the probability of making a Type I error.6c1 markThe coin lands on heads on each of the 10 flips. Kieran claims that the coin is definitely biased.Comment on the validity of Kieran's claim.6d1 markDescribe one adjustment Kieran could make to his test to give a more reliable conclusion.Did this page help you?7a1 markIt is known that historically 40% of all bees in a certain part of the UK belonged to pollinating species. Farmers in the area, however, believe that that percentage has decreased in the past ten years. They design an experiment in which they will safely catch 200 bees in the area, check which species they belong to, and then release them. The farmers carry out a hypothesis test at the 10% significance level. They calculate that for . Clearly defining any parameters, state the null and alternative hypotheses for the farmers' test.7b2 marksFind the probability of a Type I error. Justify your answer.7c2 marksIt is discovered subsequently that in fact only 30% of bees in the area now belong to pollinating species. Given that for .Find the probability that the farmers' hypothesis test could have resulted in a Type II error. Justify your answer.Did this page help you?1a3 marksIn the context of hypothesis testing, explain the term:(i) critical region(ii) critical value1b3 marksThe table below shows the probabilities for different values that can take:400.000133390.001329380.006480370.020520360.047452a test of the null hypothesis against the alternative hypothesis is carried out for the random variable Using a 5% level of significance, find the values of which would lead to the rejection of the null hypothesis.1c3 marksA second test is carried out with the same null hypothesis against the alternative hypothesis Given that is a critical value, find the minimum level of significance for the test.Did this page help you?2a5 marksMeditest is a company manufacturing medical tests which are used to determine whether a patient has a certain illness. Meditest claims that the tests are 95% accurate, however a particular hospital will only purchase the tests if they are more than 95% accurate. Meditest test the accuracy of their product using a sample of 250 patients with the illness and agree on a 1% level of significance. They discover that the tests are accurate for 245 out of the 250 patients.If then and . Stating your hypotheses clearly, test whether Meditest's product is more than 95% accurate using a 1% level of significance.2b1 markMeditest notice that they would have had sufficient evidence to reject the null hypothesis using a 5% level of significance. They change the level of significance from 1% to 5% and report to the hospital that their product is more than 95% accurate.Comment on the validity of Meditest's report to the hospital.Did this page help you?3a4 marksFrank is the owner of a factory which has recently opened near a school where Hilda is the headteacher. Before the factory opened, the attendance rate at the school was good 90% of the time. Hilda claims that the proportion of days when the attendance rate is good has decreased and she suspects this is due to the fumes from the factory making the children sick. Frank disagrees and claims that the factory has made no difference to the attendance rate. To test their claims a sample of 40 days is taken and on 32 days the attendance rate is good.If then:Stating your hypotheses clearly, test Hilda's claim using a 5% level of significance. Give your answer in context.3b1 markExplain whether the outcome of the test supports Hilda's suspicion.3c3 marksStating your hypotheses clearly, test Frank's claim using a 5% level of significance.3d1 markSuggest a reason why Frank might want to use a two-tailed test.3e2 marksState, with a reason, whether a one-tailed test or a two-tailed test would have been more appropriate for this scenario.Did this page help you?4a4 marksAt a certain international school in Thailand 10% of students who drive motorbikes were found to be doing so without proper safety equipment. Mr Roy, the head of school began a 'protect your head' campaign. To see if the campaign had worked Mr Roy takes a random sample of 20 students who drive motorbikes and observes them to see if they are wearing proper safety equipment. If all of the students are wearing proper safety equipment Mr Roy will conclude that his campaign has worked.(i) Find the probability of a Type I error.(ii) Unfortunately, one student in Mr Roy's sample rides to school without proper safety equipment that day. Which of the errors, Type I or Type II is possible? Explain your answer.4b3 marksMr Roy enlists the help of some students from the school who have a go at improving the campaign. He then repeats the same hypothesis test a few weeks later using another random sample of 20 students who drive motorbikes.Given that the proportion of students who drive motorbikes but without proper safety equipment is now 4%, find the probability of a Type II error.Did this page help you?5a4 marksGiven that then:When a sample of size 40 is used to test against , it is known that is the critical value using a 5% level of significance. Use the probabilities above to find upper and lower bounds for the value of .5b2 marksWhen a sample of size 40 is used to test against , it is known that is one of the two critical values using a 5% level of significance. Use the probabilities above to find an improvement for one of the bounds for the value of .Did this page help you?6a2 marksIf then and A sample of size 30 is used to test the null hypothesis against the alternative hypothesis using a % level of significance.Given that there is at least one value that leads to the rejection of the null hypothesis, find the range of values for .6b3 marksA sample of size 100 is used to test the null hypothesis against the alternative hypothesis using a 5% level of significance.Given that there are no critical values for this test, find the range of values for .6c4 marksA sample of size is used to test the null hypothesis against the alternative hypothesis using a 1% level of significance.Given that there is exactly one critical region for this test, find the range of values for .Did this page help you?Page 2 Science, Tech, Math All Science, Tech, Math Humanities All Humanities Languages All Languages Resources All Resources