# Review

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Big picture stuff

Statistics? Data?

Distributions

Statistics we have known and loved

## Data Reduction

Reducing entirety of dataset to meaningful summaries

#### Measures of Centrality:

- Mean
- Median
- Skew

#### Measures of Dispersion:

- Variance/standard deviation
- Quantiles
- IQR

#### Measures of Association:

- Correlation (Spearman, Pearson)
- Scatterplots

# Data Reduction



**Old Faithful Eruptions** 

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### **Types of Studies:**

- Observational
  - + Case-control
  - + Longitudinal
  - + Retrospective
- Clinical

### Types of Bias:

- Sample Bias
- Confounding
- Extrapolation



A statistic is any value that can be computed from a sample

This includes (but is not limited to): mean, median, variance, max/min, ratios, and differences

- A statistic is computed form a sample, which is randomly selected from a population
- As one sample may not be identical to another sample, we may assume that the derived statistics are not identical either
- If we are only able to collect a single sample, what are we able to say about the statistic derived? Can we find a range of likely values?

## Randomness



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The Central Limit Theorem has been backbone of most of what we have worked with this semester

It states that for a population X with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ , for any sample  $\{X_1, \ldots, X_n\}$  of size *n*, the sample means follows an approximately normal distribution:

$$\overline{X} \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2/n)$$

- 1. Does not require that the population be normal (though it helps)
- 2. Works for statistics beyond the sample mean
- 3. Larger sample == more normal

## Standard Deviation with n



Standard Deviation

Standard Error

## Sample Mean Distribution



500 Samples of  $\overline{X}$ 

## Distribution of Statistic



The formal process of scientific investigation

- 1. Define the *null hypothesis* as a declarative, unambiguous statement
- 2. Collect observational or experimental data
- 3. Compare the results to what would have been expected based on the null hypothesis (statistical inference)
- 4. Either *reject* or *fail to reject* the null hypothesis based on the *strength of the evidence*

 $H_0: \mu = \mu_0$ 

Given a hypothesis,  $\mu_0$ , and an observed sample statistic, say,  $\overline{x}$ , we ask ourselves, "Is this difference due to chance, or is the null hypothesis incorrect?"

Frequently, we reduce this down to a single metric, the *p*-value:

 $p = P(\text{observed data} \mid H_0)$ 

*p*-values



Distribution under  $\mu_0$ 

## **Confidence Intervals**

 $\overline{X} \pm z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$ 



In actuality, a null hypothesis is either true or false, and based on the data, we may reject or fail to reject this null. As a consequence, there are two ways in which we might make a mistake.

	True State of Nature		
Test Result	<i>H</i> <sub>0</sub> True	$H_0$ False	
Fail to reject $H_0$	Correct	Incorrect	
	$(1 - \alpha)$	Type II Error ( $\beta$ )	
Reject <i>H</i> 0	Incorrect	Correct	
	Type I Error ( $lpha$ )	(1-eta)	

- Type I error =  $P(\text{Reject } H_0 | H_0 \text{ true}) = \text{false alarm}$
- Type II error =  $P(Fail \text{ to reject } H_0|H_A \text{ true}) = missed opportunity}$

If drug A doesn't work, I want to know

- "If  $H_0$  is true, I want to be reasonably sure"
- "I can be more confident by collecting more evidence"
- "Evidence, in this case, would mean that my observed  $\overline{X}$  is extreme, given the null distribution based on  $H_0$ "
- "I can set my threshold for how much evidence I would need by my choice of  $\alpha,$  the Type I error rate"
- "Smaller values of  $\alpha$  indicate that I need stronger evidence. This requires that I have a smaller *p*-value, with  $p < \alpha$ "

If drug A does work, I want to know

- "If  $H_0$  is false, I want to be sure to reject it"
- "This means I want to be more confident about my estimate of  $\mu "$
- "This is difficult to do if there is a lot of variability. I can reduce the amount of variability by increasing my sample size"
- "This can be expensive, though, so I should know how many I need in order to be reasonably sure I have enough. This is called estimating my *power*,  $(1 \beta)$ "
- "This will also depend on my *effect size*. A larger effect size requires less evidence, while a smaller effect size requires more"

# Magnitude/Effect Size













Useful in testing for effect or differences between groups

 $H_0: \mu = \mu_0 \text{ or } H_0: \mu_A - \mu_B = 0$ 

May be paired or unpaired

Approximately normal as sample size increases

t-test



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Test

	Variable		
Population	+	_	Total
A	а	b	a+b
В	с	d	c+d
Total	a + c	b+d	N

- Independent or homogenous
- p-value does NOT indicate magnitude of relationship
- Alternatives: Fisher's exact test, binomial test
- Transmission Disequilibrium Test (TDT)

Describes a linear relationship

$$Y = X_1\beta_1 + X_2\beta_2 + \dots + X_n\beta_n + \epsilon$$

Where:

- 
$$\epsilon \sim N(0,\sigma^2)$$

- $\beta_i$  describes change in Y given change in  $X_i$ , everything else equal
- Collinearity
- Less is more

- Method of creating p new covariates out of p old covariates (linear combination)
- Ordered by amount of variability in the data
- New covariates are linearly independent
- Can serve as easy form of data reduction (i.e., keeping first two or three)

## **Principal Components**



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