

# Gov 50: 21. More Hypothesis testing

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# Roadmap

1. Hypothesis testing using infer
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3. Two-sample permutation tests with infer

# 1/ Hypothesis testing using infer

# Statistical hypothesis testing

- Statistical hypothesis testing is a **thought experiment**.
- What would the world look like **if we knew the truth?**
- Conducted with several steps:
  1. Specify your **null** and **alternative hypotheses**
  2. Choose an appropriate **test statistic** and level of test  $\alpha$
  3. Derive the **reference distribution** of the test statistic under the null.
  4. Use this distribution to calculate the **p-value**.
  5. Use p-value to decide whether to reject the null hypothesis or not

# GSS data from infer

```
library(infer)
gss
```

```
## # A tibble: 500 x 11
##   year  age sex  college partyid hompop hours income
##   <dbl> <dbl> <fct> <fct>    <fct>    <dbl> <dbl> <ord>
## 1  2014   36 male  degree    ind         3     50 $25000~
## 2  1994   34 female no degree rep         4     31 $20000~
## 3  1998   24 male  degree    ind         1     40 $25000~
## 4  1996   42 male  no degree ind         4     40 $25000~
## 5  1994   31 male  degree    rep         2     40 $25000~
## 6  1996   32 female no degree rep         4     53 $25000~
## 7  1990   48 female no degree dem         2     32 $25000~
## 8  2016   36 female degree    ind         1     20 $25000~
## 9  2000   30 female degree    rep         5     40 $25000~
## 10 1998   33 female no degree dem         2     40 $15000~
## # ... with 490 more rows, and 3 more variables:
## #   class <fct>, finrela <fct>, weight <dbl>
```

# What is the average hours worked?

dplyr way:

```
gss |>
  summarize(mean(hours))
```

```
## # A tibble: 1 x 1
##   `mean(hours)`
##         <dbl>
## 1           41.4
```

infer way:

```
observed_mean <- gss |>
  specify(response = hours) |>
  calculate(stat = "mean")
observed_mean
```

```
## Response: hours (numeric)
## # A tibble: 1 x 1
##   stat
##   <dbl>
## 1  41.4
```

# Hypothesis test

Could we get a mean this different from 40 hours if that was the true population average of hours worked?

Null and alternative:

$$H_0 : \mu_{\text{hours}} = 40$$

$$H_1 : \mu_{\text{hours}} \neq 40$$

How do we perform this test using infer? The **bootstrap!**

# Specifying the hypotheses

```
gss |>  
  specify(response = hours) |>  
  hypothesize(null = "point", mu = 40)
```

```
## Response: hours (numeric)  
## Null Hypothesis: point  
## # A tibble: 500 x 1  
##   hours  
##   <dbl>  
## 1     50  
## 2     31  
## 3     40  
## 4     40  
## 5     40  
## 6     53  
## 7     32  
## 8     20  
## 9     40  
## 10    40  
## # ... with 490 more rows
```



# Generating the null distribution

We can use the bootstrap to determine how much variation there will be around 40 in the null distribution.

```
null_dist <- gss |>
  specify(response = hours) |>
  hypothesize(null = "point", mu = 40) |>
  generate(reps = 1000, type = "bootstrap") |>
  calculate(stat = "mean")
null_dist
```

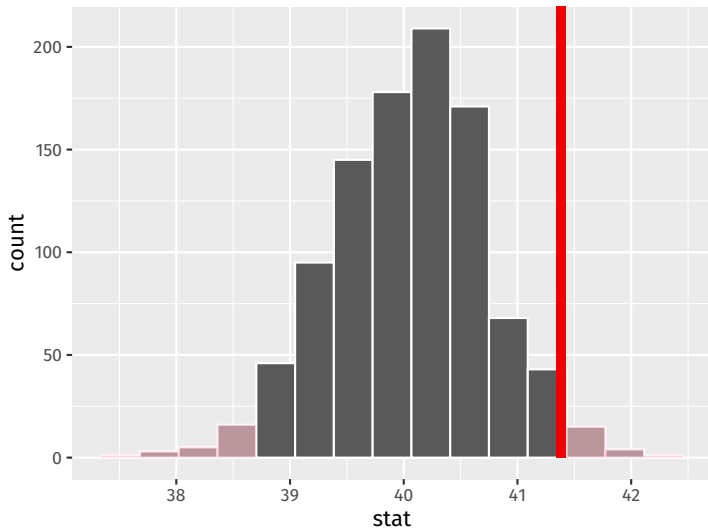
```
## Response: hours (numeric)
## Null Hypothesis: point
## # A tibble: 1,000 x 2
##   replicate  stat
##   <int> <dbl>
## 1         1  40.3
## 2         2  39.6
## 3         3  40.8
## 4         4  39.6
## 5         5  39.8
## 6         6  39.8
## 7         7  40.6
```

# Visualizing the p-value

We can visualize our bootstrapped null distribution and the p-value as a shaded region:

```
null_dist |>
  visualize() +
  shade_p_value(observed_mean,
                direction = "two-sided")
```

## Simulation-Based Null Distribution



## **2/** Two-sample tests

# Social pressure experiment

- Experimental study where each household for 2006 MI primary was randomly assigned to one of 4 conditions:
  - Control: no mailer
  - Civic Duty: mailer saying voting is your civic duty.
  - Hawthorne: a “we’re watching you” message.
  - Neighbors: naming-and-shaming social pressure mailer.
- Outcome: whether household members voted or not.
- We’ll focus on Neighbors vs Control
- Randomized implies samples are **independent**

# Neighbors mailer

Dear Registered Voter:

## WHAT IF YOUR NEIGHBORS KNEW WHETHER YOU VOTED?

Why do so many people fail to vote? We've been talking about the problem for years, but it only seems to get worse. This year, we're taking a new approach. We're sending this mailing to you and your neighbors to publicize who does and does not vote.

The chart shows the names of some of your neighbors, showing which have voted in the past. After the August 8 election, we intend to mail an updated chart. You and your neighbors will all know who voted and who did not.

## DO YOUR CIVIC DUTY — VOTE!

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MAPLE DR	Aug 04	Nov 04	Aug 06
9995 JOSEPH JAMES SMITH	Voted	Voted	_____
9995 JENNIFER KAY SMITH		Voted	_____
9997 RICHARD B JACKSON		Voted	_____
9999 KATHY MARIE JACKSON		Voted	_____

# Social pressure data

```
data(social, package = "qss")
social <- as_tibble(social)
social
```

```
## # A tibble: 305,866 x 6
##   sex      yearofbirth primary2004 messages  primar~1 hhsiz
##   <chr>      <int>      <int> <chr>      <int> <int>
## 1 male      1941          0 Civic Duty      0      2
## 2 female    1947          0 Civic Duty      0      2
## 3 male      1951          0 Hawthorne      1      3
## 4 female    1950          0 Hawthorne      1      3
## 5 female    1982          0 Hawthorne      1      3
## 6 male      1981          0 Control        0      3
## 7 female    1959          0 Control        1      3
## 8 male      1956          0 Control        1      3
## 9 female    1968          0 Control        0      2
## 10 male     1967          0 Control        0      2
## # ... with 305,856 more rows, and abbreviated variable name
## #   1: primary2006
```

# Two-sample hypotheses

- Parameter: **population ATE**  $\mu_T - \mu_C$ 
  - $\mu_T$ : Turnout rate in the population if everyone received treatment.
  - $\mu_C$ : Turnout rate in the population if everyone received control.
- Goal: learn about the population difference in means
- Usual null hypothesis: no difference in population means (ATE = 0)
  - Null:  $H_0 : \mu_T - \mu_C = 0$
  - Two-sided alternative:  $H_1 : \mu_T - \mu_C \neq 0$
- In words: are the differences in sample means just due to chance?



# Permutation test

How do we generate draws of the difference in means under the null?

$$H_0 : \mu_T - \mu_C = 0$$

If the voting distribution is the same in the treatment and control groups, we could randomly swap who is labelled as treated and who is labelled as control and it shouldn't matter.

**Permutation test:** generate the null distribution by permuting the group labels and see the resulting distribution of differences in proportions

# Permuting the labels

```
social <- social |>
  filter(messages %in% c("Neighbors", "Control"))

social |>
  mutate(messages_permute = sample(messages)) |>
  select(primary2006, messages, messages_permute)
```

```
## # A tibble: 229,444 x 3
##   primary2006 messages messages_permute
##         <int> <chr>      <chr>
## 1             0 Control    Control
## 2             1 Control    Control
## 3             1 Control    Neighbors
## 4             0 Control    Control
## 5             0 Control    Control
## 6             1 Control    Neighbors
## 7             0 Control    Control
## 8             1 Control    Control
## 9             1 Control    Control
## 10            1 Control    Control
## # ... with 229,434 more rows
```

# **3/** Two-sample permutation tests with infer

# Calculating the difference in proportion

infer functions with binary outcomes work best with factor variables:

```
social <- social |>
  mutate(turnout = if_else(primary2006 == 1, "Voted", "Didn't Vote"))

est_ate <- social |>
  specify(turnout ~ messages, success = "Voted") |>
  calculate(stat = "diff in props", order = c("Neighbors", "Control"))
est_ate
```

```
## Response: turnout (factor)
## Explanatory: messages (factor)
## # A tibble: 1 x 1
##   stat
##   <dbl>
## 1 0.0813
```

# Specifying the relationship of interest

infer functions with binary outcomes work best with factor variables:

```
social |>  
  specify(turnout ~ messages, success = "Voted")
```

```
## Response: turnout (factor)  
## Explanatory: messages (factor)  
## # A tibble: 229,444 x 2  
##   turnout      messages  
##   <fct>      <fct>  
## 1 Didn't Vote Control  
## 2 Voted      Control  
## 3 Voted      Control  
## 4 Didn't Vote Control  
## 5 Didn't Vote Control  
## 6 Voted      Control  
## 7 Didn't Vote Control  
## 8 Voted      Control  
## 9 Voted      Control  
## 10 Voted     Control  
## # ... with 229,434 more rows
```

# Setting the hypotheses

The null for these two-sample tests is called "independence" for the `infer` package because the assumption is that the two variables are statistically independent.

```
social |>
  specify(turnout ~ messages, success = "Voted") |>
  hypothesize(null = "independence")
```

```
## Response: turnout (factor)
## Explanatory: messages (factor)
## Null Hypothesis: independence
## # A tibble: 229,444 x 2
##   turnout      messages
##   <fct>        <fct>
## 1 Didn't Vote Control
## 2 Voted        Control
## 3 Voted        Control
## 4 Didn't Vote Control
## 5 Didn't Vote Control
## 6 Voted        Control
## 7 Didn't Vote Control
## 8 Voted        Control
```

# Generating the permutations

We can tell infer to do our permutation test by using the argument `type = "permute"` to `generate()`:

```
social |>
  specify(turnout ~ messages, success = "Voted") |>
  hypothesize(null = "independence") |>
  generate(reps = 1000, type = "permute")
```

```
## Response: turnout (factor)
## Explanatory: messages (factor)
## Null Hypothesis: independence
## # A tibble: 229,444,000 x 3
## # Groups:   replicate [1,000]
##   turnout      messages replicate
##   <fct>       <fct>         <int>
## 1 Voted       Control           1
## 2 Didn't Vote Control           1
## 3 Voted       Control           1
## 4 Didn't Vote Control           1
## 5 Didn't Vote Control           1
## 6 Voted       Control           1
## 7 Voted       Control           1
```

# Calculating the diff in proportions in each sample

```
null_dist <- social |>
  specify(turnout ~ messages, success = "Voted") |>
  hypothesize(null = "independence") |>
  generate(reps = 1000, type = "permute") |>
  calculate(stat = "diff in props", order = c("Neighbors", "Control"))
```

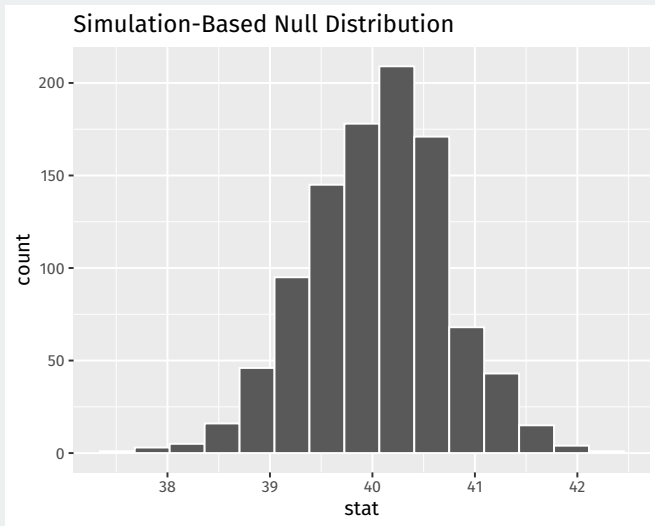


## null\_dist

```
## Response: hours (numeric)
## Null Hypothesis: point
## # A tibble: 1,000 x 2
##   replicate  stat
##   <int> <dbl>
## 1         1  40.3
## 2         2  39.6
## 3         3  40.8
## 4         4  39.6
## 5         5  39.8
## 6         6  39.8
## 7         7  40.6
## 8         8  40.5
## 9         9  38.6
## 10        10  41.2
## # ... with 990 more rows
```

# Visualizing

```
null_dist |>  
  visualize()
```



# Calculating p-values

```
ate_pval <- null_dist |>  
  get_p_value(obs_stat = est_ate, direction = "both")  
ate_pval
```

```
## # A tibble: 1 x 1  
##   p_value  
##   <dbl>  
## 1       0
```

# Visualizing p-values

```
null_dist |>  
  visualize() +  
  shade_p_value(obs_stat = est_ate, direction = "both")
```

