

Tying Hypothesis Tests, Power, and More Together with Functions

General Homework Notes

- ▶ Read the entire question.
- ▶ Show your answers. Don't give me the code and assume it shows the answers (e.g., plots, output, etc)
- ▶ Please put spaces between blocks of code. One giant chunk of code with no line breaks is unreadable.
- ▶ Read and follow the Google or Hadley Wickham's style guide!
- ▶ Name your variables well so *YOU* don't confuse them

Review

- ▶ Statistical Distributions give us probabilities of discrete or ranges of values
- ▶ P-Values allow us to ask $P(x \leq \text{Data} | H)$
- ▶ We set alpha (often 0.05) to guard against mistakenly rejecting a null
- ▶ We obtain power of a test by simulating data and seeing the % of times we fail to reject a null

Today

1. Brief List Review
2. Functions
3. Z-Tests
4. Integrating Power, Z-Tests, and Functions

What is a list?

A list is an object with a key-value combination. Each slot in a list has a unique key and can contain anything.

```
newList <- list(a=1, b=rnorm(3))
```

```
newList$a
# [1] 1

newList$b
# [1] 1.2559 -0.4227 -1.0621
```

What is a list?

You can reference the name of an element in a list many ways

```
newList[["a"]]
# [1] 1

newList[[1]]
# [1] 1
```

```
newList
# $a
# [1] 1
#
# $b
# [1] 1.2559 -0.4227 -1.0621
```

What is a list?

Lists can even contain lists - it can get a little silly.

```
newList$foo<-list(bar = 13)
newList$foo$bar
# [1] 13
```

Functions!

What is a function?

Functions take some object(s) and use it to give us either a new object or perform an action.

```
sum(1:10)
# [1] 55
```

What is inside of that function

Functions take some object(s) and use it to give us either a new object or perform an action.

```
sum
# function (... , na.rm = FALSE) .Primitive("sum")
```

What is inside of that function

`function(arguments)` **Code Block**

Example: addOne

```
addOne <- function(x) x+1
```

```
addOne(3)
```

```
# [1] 4
```

Default Values

```
addOne <- function(x = 0) x+1
```

```
addOne()
```

```
# [1] 1
```

More Hygenic Code: Code Blocks

```
addOne <- function(x = 0){  
  x+1  
}
```

Note that the last output is returned to the user.

More Hygenic Code: Return

```
addOne <- function(x = 0){  
  return(x+1)  
}
```

Exercise: Two Functions

1. Write a squaring function (i.e., `square(3) = 9`)
2. Write an add function that returns the sum of two numbers. If no numbers are supplied, it returns 0. If only one is supplied, it returns that number.

Exercise: Two Functions

```
square <- function(x) x*x
```

```
add <- function(x=0, y=0){  
  return(x+y)  
}
```

Functions for Repetitive Tasks With a Lot of Code

```
sumFun <- function(aVec){  
  #start with 0  
  out <- 0  
  
  #loop over the vector, adding  
  #each element together  
  for(i in aVec){  
    out <- out + i  
  }  
  
  #return the result  
  return(out)  
}
```

... - the Garbage Collector

Don't you just hate how you need to make a vector for sum?

```
sum(c(4,5,6,1,2,3))
```

```
sumNoC <- function(...){  
  #convert ... into a vector  
  avec <- c(...)  
  
  #NOW sum the vector  
  sum(avec)  
}
```

This may seem trivial, but it's a nice way to pass arguments between functions.

Exercise: Cummulative Vectors

Write a function that returns a list with the cummulative sum, product, and mean of a vector. Allow it to pass arguments to other functions (e.g., mean takes arguments to deal with NAs).

Exercise: Cumulative Vectors

```
cumSumProdMean <- function(aVec, ...) {  
  #get our sum and product vectors ready  
  s <- rep(NA, length(aVec))  
  s[1] <- aVec[1]  
  m <- p <- s  
  
  #now loop!  
  for(i in 2:length(aVec)){  
    s[i] <- s[i-1] + aVec[i]  
    p[i] <- p[i-1] * aVec[i]  
    m[i] <- mean(aVec[1:i], ...)  
  }  
  
  #return the results in a list  
  return(list(sums = s, prod = p, mean=m))  
}
```

Exercise: Cumulative Vectors

```
cumSumProdMean(1:10)  
  
# $sums  
# [1] 1 3 6 10 15 21 28 36 45 55  
#  
# $prod  
# [1] 1 2 6 24 120 720 5040  
# [8]  
#  
# $mean  
# [1] 1.0 1.5 2.0 2.5 3.0 3.5 4.0 4.5 5.0 5.5
```

Exercise: Cumulative Vectors

```
cumSumProdMean(c(1:5, NA, 7:10))

# $sums
# [1] 1 3 6 10 15 NA NA NA NA NA
#
# $prod
# [1] 1 2 6 24 120 NA NA NA NA NA
#
# $mean
# [1] 1.0 1.5 2.0 2.5 3.0 NA NA NA NA NA
```

Exercise: Cumulative Vectors

```
cumSumProdMean(c(1:5, NA, 7:10), na.rm=T)

# $sums
# [1] 1 3 6 10 15 NA NA NA NA NA
#
# $prod
# [1] 1 2 6 24 120 NA NA NA NA NA
#
# $mean
# [1] 1.000 1.500 2.000 2.500 3.000 3.000 3.667 4.286 4.875
# [10] 5.444
```

Functions in Action for Probability!

Is a mean different from 0?

Recall last week that we calculated p-values assuming we knew a population's standard deviation.

Often we want to know if a sample mean is different from 0. We know that an estimated mean from a large sample size is normally distributed, so...

Enter the Z-Test

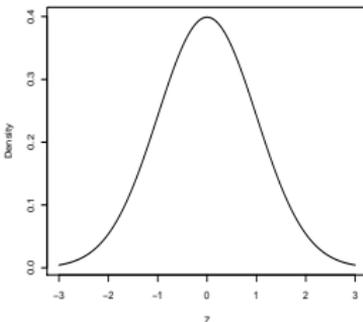
$$Z = \frac{\bar{Y} - \mu}{\sigma_{\bar{Y}}}$$

The Z-score compares a sample mean to an assumed population mean.

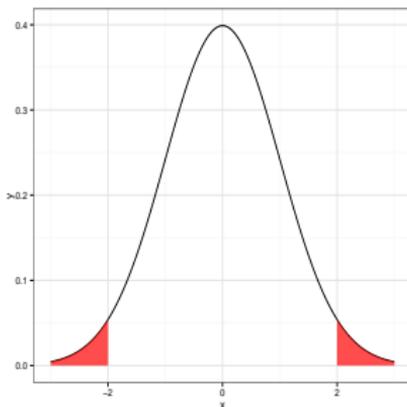
We call it a Z-Score because we correct by the standard error of the mean to compare to a standard deviation of the sample mean (SE).

Standard Normal (Z) Distribution

$$\text{Z-score} = \frac{Y_i - \bar{Y}}{\sigma}$$



Z-Test



Does Z fall into these tails?

A Simple P(z) Function

```
pz <- function(sample, mu = 0, tails=2) {  
  #calculate z  
  z <- (mean(sample) - mu)/(sd(sample)/sqrt(length(sample)))  
  
  #return the two-tailed answer  
  return(tails * pnorm(abs(z), lower.tail = F))  
}
```

```
set.seed(697)  
pz(rnorm(5000))  
  
# [1] 0.6087  
  
pz(rnorm(5, mean=1))  
  
# [1] 0.0703
```

Exercise: Power of the P(z)

Write a function that both plots and gives you the power of the Z-Test for a variety of sample sizes assuming a given effect size (new mean)

- ▶ Assume a SD of 1
- ▶ Alpha, Number of sims per calculation, etc, can vary if you want
- ▶ Break this big task into smaller functions, when you can
- ▶ Challenge: Accomodate variation in both effect size and sample size.

A Power Wrapper Function

```
pzPowerSample <- function(nVec, effect=0,
                          n.sims=500, alpha=0.05, ...){

  #Create a vector for the output we're going to get
  powVec <- numeric(length(nVec))

  #loop over each sample size
  for(i in 1:length(nVec)){

    #What's this? Another new function!
    powVec[i] <- pzPower(nVec[i], effect, n.sims, alpha)
  }

  #make the plot & return output
  plot(nVec, powVec, ...)

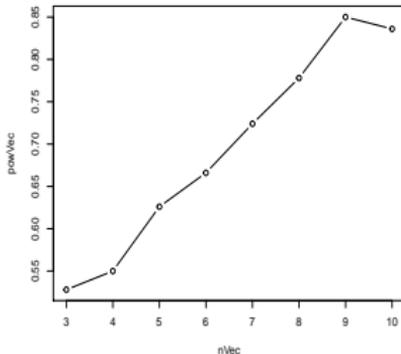
  powVec
}
```

Power One Piece at a Time

```
pzPower <- function(n, effect=0, n.sims=500, alpha=0.05){  
  
  #a vector of p-values  
  p <- numeric(n.sims)  
  
  #just your run of the mill power by  
  #simulation for one choice of n and effect  
  for(i in 1:n.sims){  
    samp <- rnorm(n, effect)  
  
    #Hey - it's our pz function!  
    p[i] <- pz(samp)  
  }  
  
  #calculate power and return it  
  1-sum(p > alpha)/n.sims  
}
```

The Power of Flexible Functions and P-Values

```
pzPowerSample(3:10, effect=1, type="b")
```



```
# [1] 0.528 0.550 0.626 0.666 0.724 0.778 0.850 0.836
```