Approximate Binomial Test

ST551 Lecture 12

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Midterm

Next Friday Oct 27th in class.

No outside materials except one double-sided page of your own notes and a calculator.

I'll be putting up a study guide and practice midterm by Friday.

Two options to vote on:

1. No homework due next Thursday
2. **No homework due the week after the midterm** - won by popular vote

Finish the CI for last week's worksheet

Exact Binomial Test: Takeaways

"Exact" because it uses the *exact* sampling distribution of the sum of Y_i.

The actual Type I error rate will never be more than α, but may be substantially less (i.e. conservative).

You can invert the test to get a confidence interval, but there isn't an easy closed form for the interval.

Exact Binomial Test: In R

```r
binom.test(x = 7, n = 12, p = 0.4)
```

```
##
##  Exact binomial test
##
## data:  7 and 12
## number of successes = 7, number of trials = 12, p-value = 0.2417
## alternative hypothesis: true probability of success is not equal to
## 95 percent confidence interval:
##  0.2766697 0.8483478
## sample estimates:
## probability of success
##              0.5833333
```

Exact Binomial Test: In R

```
binom.test(x = 7, n = 12, p = 0.4)
```

`x` - count of 1's, i.e. $\sum_{i=1}^{n} Y_i$

`n` - sample size

`p` - p_0, the hypothesized population proportion

The reported CI is a Clopper-Pearson confidence interval, based on the exact distribution but with equal tails (i.e. try to get $\alpha/2$ in each tail).

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Use fact that:

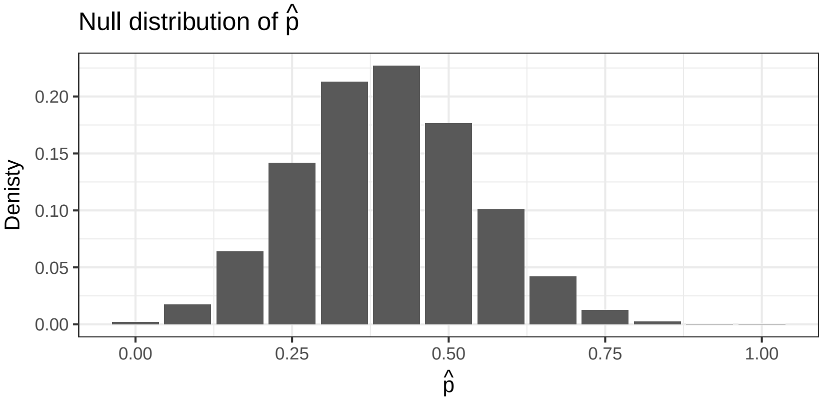
$$\overline{Y} \dot{\sim} N\left(E(Y), \frac{Var(Y)}{n}\right) = N\left(p, \frac{p(1-p)}{n}\right)$$

Leads to the Z-test where:

$$Z(p_0) = \frac{\hat{p} - p_0}{\sqrt{p_0(1-p_0)/n}}$$

$\hat{p} = \overline{Y}$ = sample proportion

Exact distribution of sample proportion



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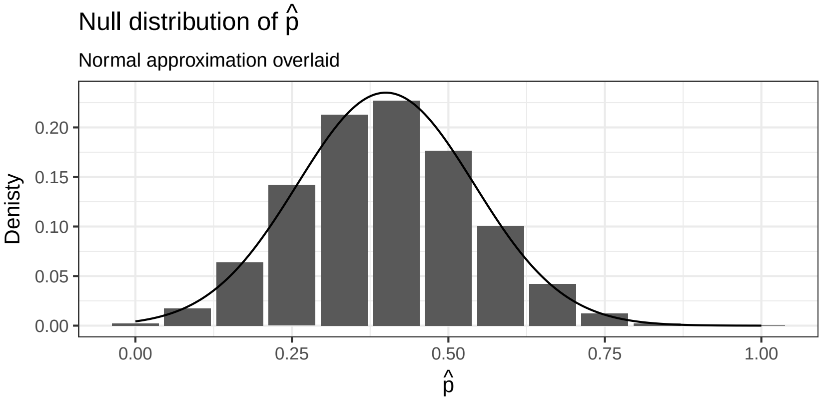

Your turn

```
library(openintro)
census %>%
  group_by(sex) %>%
  summarise(n = n())
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 x 2
##      sex     n
##   <fctr> <int>
## 1 Female   232
## 2   Male   268
```

Find:

1. $\hat{p}$
2. The Z-statistic, for the test of $H_0 : p = 0.5$

Your turn

A confidence interval?

Need to invert test, i.e. find all p_0 such that:

$$|Z(p_0)| = \left| \frac{\hat{p} - p_0}{\sqrt{p_0(1 - p_0)/n}} \right| > z_{1-\alpha/2}$$

It's hard...

Instead use:

$$\hat{p} \pm z_{1-\alpha_2} \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1 - \hat{p})}{n}}$$

Based on inverting a (Wald) test with statistic:

$$Z_w(p_0) = \frac{\hat{p} - p_0}{\sqrt{\hat{p}(1 - \hat{p})/n}}$$

Asymptotically equivalent to $Z(p_0)$ (happens to be the Score test)

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Find:

1. 95% CI for p.

Can lead to contradictions

A **score** test, $Z(p_0)$, might not agree with a Wald interval.

Learn to live with it. . . or don't calculate things by hand.

In R

```r
prop.test(x = 232, n = 232 + 268, p = 0.5, correct = FALSE)
```

```
##
##  1-sample proportions test without continuity correction
##
## data:  232 out of 232 + 268, null probability 0.5
## X-squared = 2.592, df = 1, p-value = 0.1074
## alternative hypothesis: true p is not equal to 0.5
## 95 percent confidence interval:
##  0.4207282 0.5078208
## sample estimates:
##     p
## 0.464
```

In R

```r
prop.test(x = 232, n = 232 + 268, p = 0.5, correct = FALSE)
```

Equivalent to $Z(p_0)$ and inverts to get confidence interval (i.e. p-value and CI will agree).

Reports `X-squared`, χ^2 statistic, take square root to get Z

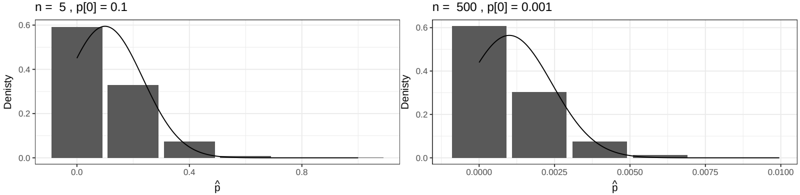
When to use the Approximate Binomial test?

Compare to:

```
binom.test(x = 232, n = 232 + 268, p = 0.5)
```

```
##
##  Exact binomial test
##
## data:  232 and 232 + 268
## number of successes = 232, number of trials = 500, p-value =
## 0.1174
## alternative hypothesis: true probability of success is not equal to
## 95 percent confidence interval:
##  0.4196128 0.5088153
## sample estimates:
## probability of success
##                  0.464
```

When to use the Approximate Binomial test?



The approximation isn't great for small expected counts.

OK to use the approximation if: $np_0 > 5$ **and** $n(1 - p_0) > 5$

(Or something similar)

Next time. . .

Use Binomial test as a way to look at population median.