

Nonparametric Statistics Notes

Chapter 3: Some Tests Based on the Binomial Distribution

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Definition

- Let X be a random variable and $0 \leq p \leq 1$.
- x_p is the *quantile* of order p of X if

$$P(X < x_p) \leq p, \text{ and}$$

$$P(X > x_p) \leq 1 - p.$$

- If more than one number satisfies these conditions, let x_p be the midpoint of the interval of numbers satisfying these conditions.
- Also called the $(100p)$ th percentile.

Notation

The p th quantile for the $N(0, 1)$ distribution is z_p , so

$$P(Z < z_p) = p, \text{ and } P(Z > z_p) = 1 - p.$$

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The Binomial Test

Example

- A machine manufactures parts.
- p = probability that a part is defective
- Assume parts are statistically independent.
- Take a sample of $n = 10$ parts.
- Sample contains 4 defective parts.
- Testing problem:

$$H_0 : p \leq 0.05 \text{ vs. } H_1 : p > 0.05.$$

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|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| ● Test statistic T | ● p -value |
| ● Null distribution of T | ● Power |
| ● Decision rule/Critical region | ● Confidence intervals |

The Binomial Test

Data and Assumptions

- n statistically independent trials
- Each trial results in “class 1” or “class 2”
- $p = P(\text{class 1})$ for a single trial
- $O_1 =$ number of observations in class 1

Hypothesis Tests

- $H_0 : p = p^*$ vs. $H_1 : p \neq p^*$ (Two-tailed)
- $H_0 : p \geq p^*$ vs. $H_1 : p < p^*$ (Lower-tailed)
- $H_0 : p \leq p^*$ vs. $H_1 : p > p^*$ (Upper-tailed)

Test Statistic and Null Distribution

- Test statistic: $T = O_1$
- Null distribution: $T \sim \text{binomial}(n, p^*)$

Upper-Tailed Binomial Test

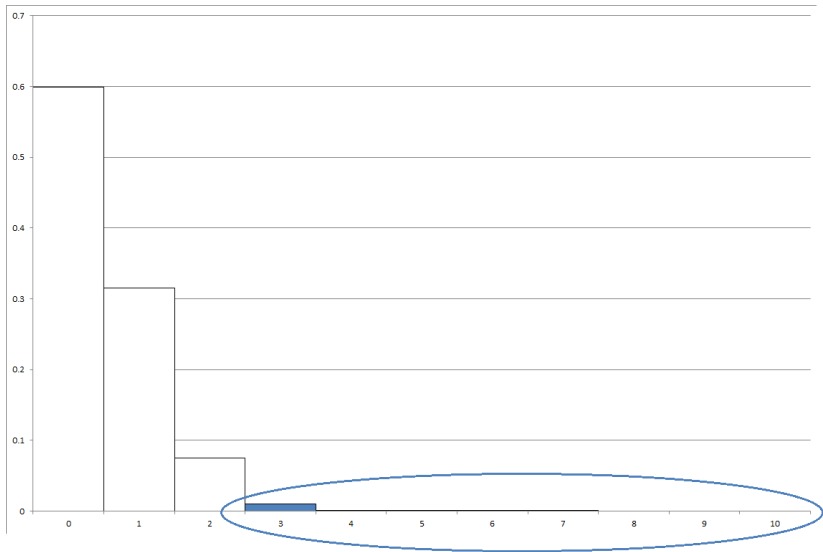
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- Decision rule:
 - ▶ Choose t such that

$$P(T \leq t \mid p = p^*) \approx 1 - \alpha,$$

(Use Table A3 or a normal approximation)

- ▶ Reject H_0 if $T > t$
- Critical region: $[T > t]$



- binomial($n = 10, p = 0.05$)
- Significance level = $P(T > 2 \mid p = 0.05) = 1 - 0.9885 = 0.0115$

Upper-Tailed Binomial Test

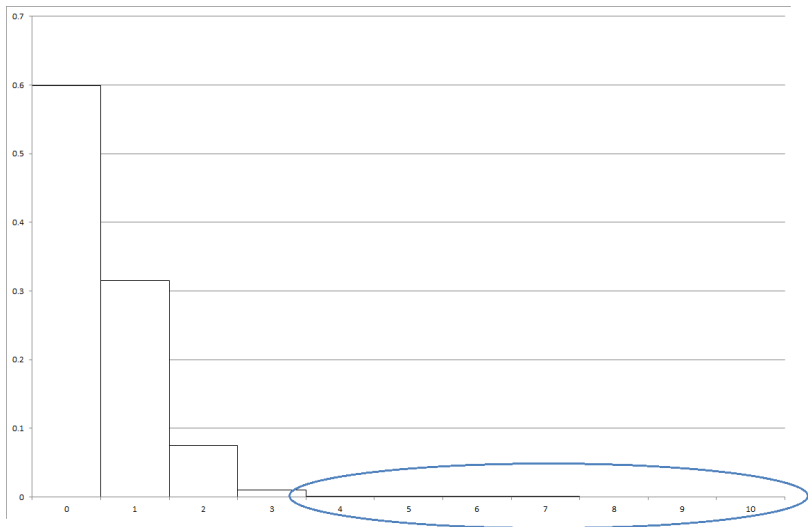
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- Critical region: $[T > t]$
- Given $T = t_{\text{obs}}$, the p -value is $P(T \geq t_{\text{obs}} \mid p = p^*)$.



- binomial($n = 10, p = 0.05$)
- $p\text{-value} = P(T \geq 4 \mid p = 0.05) = 1 - 0.9990 = 0.0010$

Upper-Tailed Binomial Test

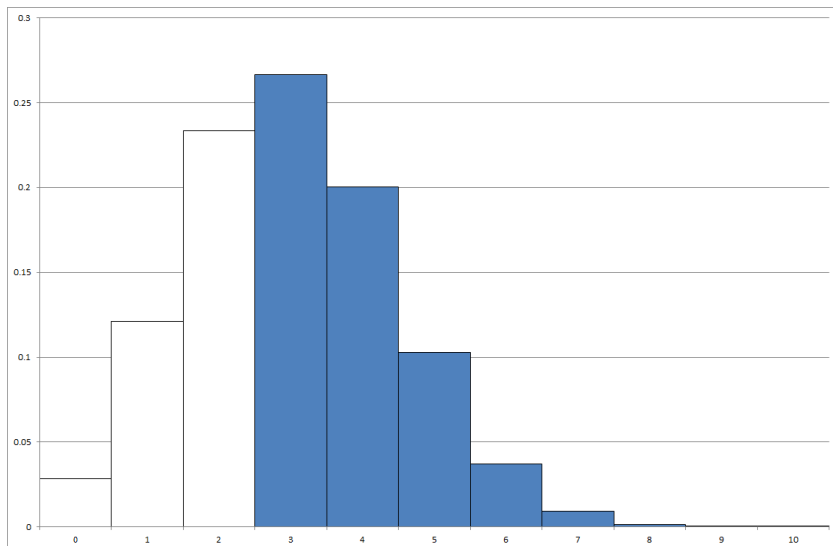
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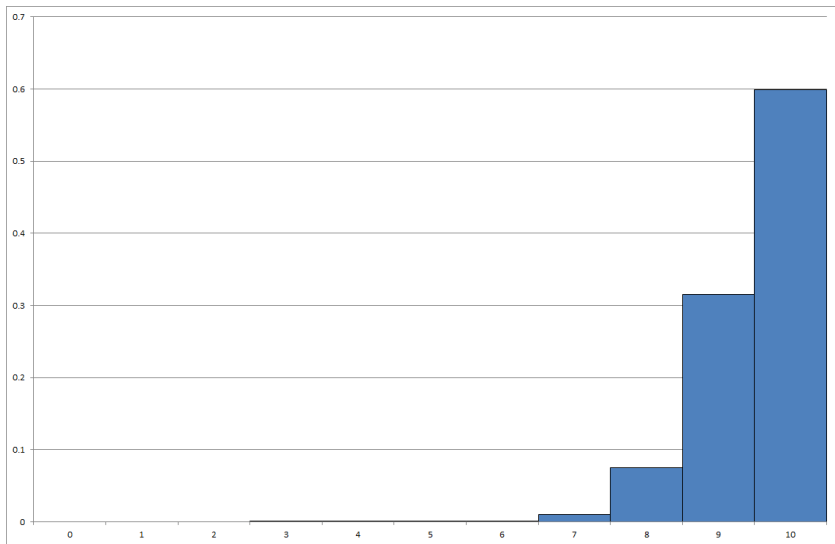
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- ▶ Reject H_0 if $T > t$
- Critical region: $[T > t]$
- Given $T = t_{\text{obs}}$, the p -value is $P(T \geq t_{\text{obs}} \mid p = p^*)$.
- For any value of p , the power is $P(T > t \mid p)$



- binomial($n = 10, p = 0.3$)
- Power = $P(T > 2 \mid p = 0.3) = 1 - 0.3828 = 0.6172$



- binomial($n = 10, p = 0.95$)
- Power = $P(T > 2 \mid p = 0.95) = 1 - 0.0000 = 1.0000$

Example

- Normally, at least 50% of men undergoing a prostate cancer operation experience a certain side effect.
- New method for performing operation.
- Sample of 19 men.
- 3 experienced side effect.
- Is there statistically significant evidence that the new method has a lower chance of producing the side effect?

Lower-Tailed Binomial Test

$$H_0 : p \geq p^* \text{ vs. } H_1 : p < p^*$$

- Test statistic: $T = O_1$
- Null distribution: $T \sim \text{binomial}(n, p^*)$
- Decision rule:
 - ▶ Choose t such that

$$P(T \leq t \mid p = p^*) \approx \alpha,$$

(Use Table A3 or a normal approximation)

- ▶ Reject H_0 if $T \leq t$
- Critical region: $[T \leq t]$
- Given $T = t_{\text{obs}}$, the p -value is $P(T \leq t_{\text{obs}} \mid p = p^*)$.
- For any value of p , the power is $P(T \leq t \mid p)$

Normal Approximation for Binomial Quantiles

- Suppose $X \sim \text{binomial}(n, p)$.
- If $np \geq 5$, and $n(1 - p) \geq 5$, then the q th quantile of X is approximately

$$x_q \approx np + z_q \sqrt{np(1 - p)}$$

Normal Approximation for p -values

$$P(T \leq t_{\text{obs}} \mid p = p^*) \approx P\left(Z \leq \frac{t_{\text{obs}} - np^* + 0.5}{\sqrt{np^*(1 - p^*)}}\right)$$

$$P(T \geq t_{\text{obs}} \mid p = p^*) \approx P\left(Z \geq \frac{t_{\text{obs}} - np^* - 0.5}{\sqrt{np^*(1 - p^*)}}\right)$$

Two-Tailed Binomial Test

$$H_0 : p = p^* \text{ vs. } H_1 : p \neq p^*$$

- Test statistic: $T = O_1$
- Null distribution: $T \sim \text{binomial}(n, p^*)$
- Decision rule:
 - ▶ Choose t_1 and t_2 such that

$$P(T \leq t_1 \mid p = p^*) \approx \alpha/2$$

$$P(T \leq t_2 \mid p = p^*) \approx 1 - \alpha/2$$

(Use Table A3 or a normal approximation)

- ▶ Reject H_0 if $T \leq t_1$ or $T > t_2$
- Critical region: $[T \leq t_1 \text{ or } T > t_2]$
- The p -value is $2 \cdot \min[P(T \leq t_{\text{obs}} \mid p^*), P(T \geq t_{\text{obs}} \mid p^*)]$.
- For any value of p , the power is $P(T \leq t_1 \text{ or } T > t_2 \mid p)$

Binomial Distribution: Confidence Interval for p

- Suppose $Y \sim \text{binomial}(n, p)$
- If $n \leq 30$ and the confidence level is 0.9, 0.95, or 0.99, the exact Clopper Pearson confidence interval is given in table A4.
- If $np \geq 5$ and $n(1 - p) \geq 5$, we can use the normal approximation

$$\frac{Y}{n} \pm z_{1-\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{Y(n-Y)}{n^3}}$$

Note that this is the same as

$$\hat{p} \pm z_{1-\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}},$$

where $\hat{p} = Y/n$.

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Example

- Random sample of standardized test scores:

189	233	195	160	212
176	231	185	199	213
202	193	174	166	248

- Test whether the 75th percentile of the scores in the population is equal to 193.

$$H_0 : x_{0.75} = 193 \text{ vs. } H_1 : x_{0.75} \neq 193.$$

Two-Tailed Quantile Test

- Assumption: X_1, \dots, X_p is a random sample (they are IID) from a distribution whose measurement scale is at least ordinal.

$$H_0 : x_{p^*} = x^* \text{ vs. } H_1 : x_{p^*} \neq x^*$$

- Test statistics:

- ▶ $T_1 = \#$ of X_i 's less than or equal to x^*
- ▶ $T_2 = \#$ of X_i 's less than x^*

- Null distributions for both T_1 and T_2 : binomial(n, p^*)

- Decision rule:

- ▶ Let Y represent a binomial(n, p^*) random variable.
- ▶ Choose t_1 and t_2 such that

$$P(Y \leq t_1) \approx \alpha/2$$

$$P(Y \leq t_2) \approx 1 - \alpha/2$$

(Use Table A3 or a normal approximation)

- ▶ Reject H_0 if $T_1 \leq t_1$ or $T_2 > t_2$. Critical region: $[T_1 \leq t_1 \text{ or } T_2 > t_2]$

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- Choose t_1 and t_2 such that

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- Reject H_0 if $T_1 \leq t_1$ or $T_2 > t_2$

Lower-Tailed Quantile Test

$$H_0 : x_{p^*} \leq x^* \text{ vs. } H_1 : x_{p^*} > x^*$$

- Test statistic:
 - ▶ $T_1 = \#$ of X_i 's less than or equal to x^*
- Null distribution: $T_1 \sim \text{binomial}(n, p^*)$
- Decision rule:
 - ▶ Let Y represent a $\text{binomial}(n, p^*)$ random variable.
 - ▶ Choose t_1 such that

$$P(Y \leq t_1) \approx \alpha$$

(Use Table A3 or a normal approximation)

- ▶ Reject H_0 if $T_1 \leq t_1$
- Critical region: $[T_1 \leq t_1]$

Upper-Tailed Quantile Test

$$H_0 : x_{p^*} \geq x^* \text{ vs. } H_1 : x_{p^*} < x^*$$

- Test statistic:
 - ▶ $T_2 = \#$ of X_i 's less than x^*
- Null distribution: $T_2 \sim \text{binomial}(n, p^*)$
- Decision rule:
 - ▶ Let Y represent a $\text{binomial}(n, p^*)$ random variable.
 - ▶ Choose t_2 such that

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- Critical region: $[T_2 > t_2]$

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Example

- 100 people tested two products.
 - ▶ 15 people preferred product A to product B
 - ▶ 4 people preferred product B to product A
 - ▶ 81 people had no preference
- Summary:
 - ▶ 15 +'s
 - ▶ 4 -'s
 - ▶ 81 ties

$$H_0 : P(+)=P(-) \text{ vs. } H_1 : P(+)\neq P(-)$$

Two-Tailed Sign Test

$$H_0 : P(+) = P(-) \text{ vs. } H_1 : P(+) \neq P(-)$$

- $n = [\# \text{ of } + \text{'s}] + [\# \text{ of } - \text{'s}]$
- Test statistic: $T = [\# \text{ of } + \text{'s}]$
- Null distribution: $T \sim \text{binomial}(n, \frac{1}{2})$
- Decision rule:
 - ▶ Let Y represent a binomial($n, \frac{1}{2}$) random variable.
 - ▶ Choose t_1 and t_2 such that

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The McNemar Test for Significance of Changes

Example

- Presidential Debate
- Summary of voter intentions

		After	
		Democrat	Republican
Before	Democrat	63	21
	Republican	4	12

- Test whether a statistically significant difference in voter intentions exists before and after the debate.

Cox-Stuart Test for Trend

Example

- Precipitation readings for 19 years:

45.2	45.8	41.7	36.2	45.3	52.2	35.3	57.1	35.3	57.1
41.0	33.7	45.7	37.9	41.7	36.0	49.8	36.2	39.9	

- Test whether a trend in this data exists.

