

Additional comment on the Bayesian hypothesis test from last time.

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Instead of rejecting  $H_0$  when  $P(H_1) \geq \frac{1}{2}$ ,  
Consider this:

Suppose the cost of a Type I error is  $C_1$   
" " " " " II " "  $C_2$

These are the losses

Recall that the risk is the expected loss.

$$\text{Risk} = C_1 P(\text{Type I}) + C_2 P(\text{Type II})$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Risk} &= C_1 P(H_0 \text{ is true} \cap \text{Reject } H_0) \\ &\quad + C_2 P(H_1 \text{ is true} \cap \text{Fail to reject } H_0) \\ &= C_1 P(H_0 \text{ is true}) P(\text{Reject } H_0 | H_0 \text{ is true}) \\ &\quad + C_2 P(H_1 \text{ is true}) P(\text{Fail to reject } H_0 | H_1 \text{ is true}) \end{aligned}$$

Then the Bayesian rule will be adjusted to minimize this risk.



Our rejection rule is  $\frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} > z_\alpha$

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Select a specific  $\mu_1 > \mu_0$

$$\text{Power} = P(\text{Reject } H_0 \mid \mu = \mu_1)$$

$$= P\left(\frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} > z_\alpha \mid \mu = \mu_1\right)$$

$$= P\left(\bar{x} > \mu_0 + z_\alpha \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \mid \mu = \mu_1\right)$$

$$= P\left(\frac{\bar{x} - \mu_1}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} > \frac{\mu_0 - \mu_1 + z_\alpha \sigma/\sqrt{n}}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \mid \mu = \mu_1\right)$$

$$= P\left(\frac{\bar{x} - \mu_1}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} > z_\alpha - \frac{(\mu_1 - \mu_0)\sqrt{n}}{\sigma} \mid \mu = \mu_1\right)$$

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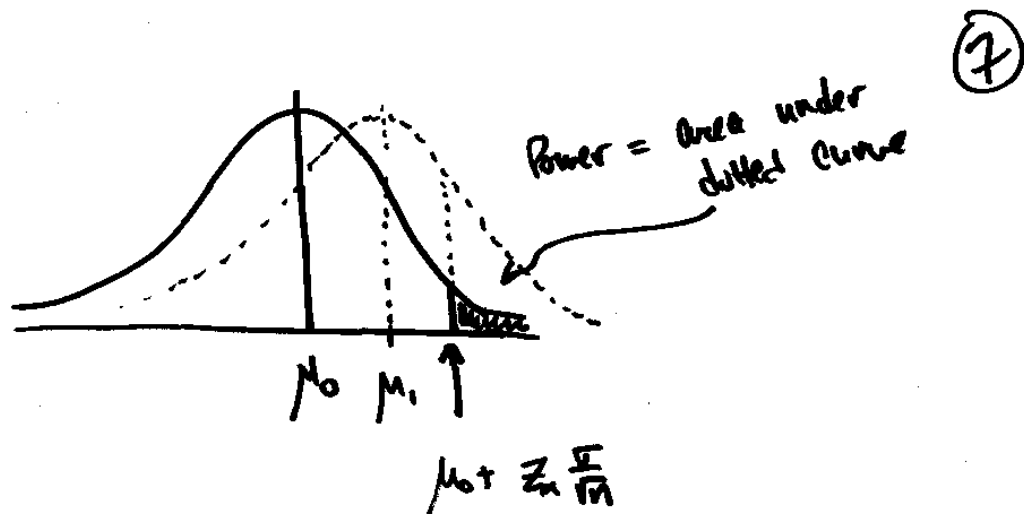
$$\text{Power} = P\left(Z > z_\alpha - \frac{\delta\sqrt{n}}{\sigma}\right) \quad \text{where } \delta = \mu_1 - \mu_0$$

Note: as  $n \uparrow$  Power  $\uparrow$

as  $\mu_1 \uparrow$  Power  $\uparrow$

as  $\alpha \downarrow$  Power  $\downarrow$

if  $\sigma$  is large, power will be small

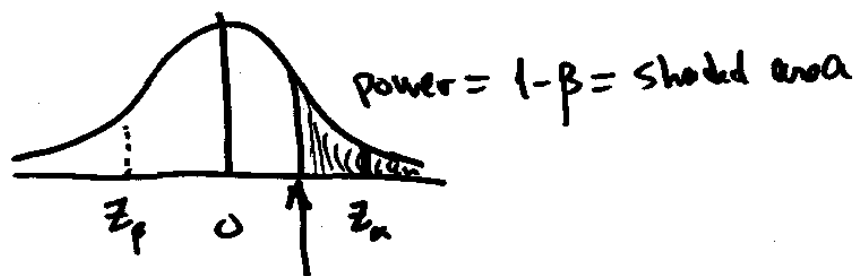


Defn: A test whose power never drops below  $\alpha$  is called unbiased

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Problem: For a specific  $\delta$ , find the sample size necessary to achieve a given power.

$$\text{Power} = P\left(Z > z_{\alpha} - \frac{\delta\sqrt{n}}{\sigma}\right)$$



$$z_{\alpha} - \frac{\delta\sqrt{n}}{\sigma} = z_{1-\beta} = -z_{\beta}$$

$$\text{So set } z_\alpha - \frac{\delta\sqrt{n}}{\sigma} = -z_\beta \quad + \text{ solve for } n \quad (9)$$

$$z_\alpha + z_\beta = \frac{\delta\sqrt{n}}{\sigma}$$

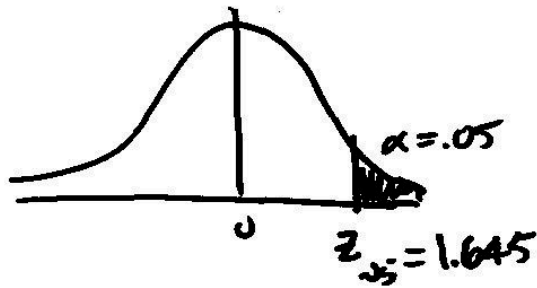
$$n = \left[ \frac{(z_\alpha + z_\beta)\sigma}{\delta} \right]^2$$

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Defn: The p-value is the probability that the test statistic  $W(\bar{X})$  is more extreme than the observed value  $w(\bar{x})$ , given  $H_0$ .

Example, continued       $H_0: \mu = 6$        $\alpha = .05$   
                                  $H_1: \mu > 6$

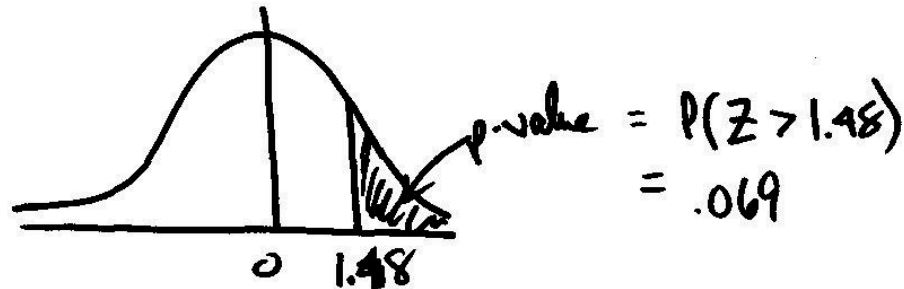
Suppose we observe  $\bar{x} = 6.7$ ,  $n = 18$ ,  $\sigma = 2$



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$$\text{Test stat} = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} = \frac{6.7 - 6}{2/\sqrt{8}} = 1.48$$

We fail to reject  $H_0$ , since T.S.  $< z_{\alpha}$



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Alternative way of expressing the rejection rule for any hypothesis test:

Reject  $H_0$  if  $p\text{-value} < \alpha$ .