

Formulas for Final (HS 167)

Notes:

- Focus on Purpose, Methods, and Results (biostatistics *not* merely computational methods)
- Testing steps: H_0 , test stat, P -value and interpretation (interpret P -value on a continuum)
- Interpret confidence in context of parameter being estimated

Ch 11 Inference about means (single samples and paired samples) – inferential focus is unknown value of population mean or expected value μ

- To test $H_0: \mu = \mu_0$: $t_{stat} = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{SE_{\bar{x}}}$ where $SE_{\bar{x}} = \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$ and $df = n - 1$
- $(1 - \alpha)100\%$ Confidence interval for $\mu = \bar{x} \pm t_{n-1, 1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \cdot SE_{\bar{x}}$ where $SE_{\bar{x}} = \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$
- For paired samples, \bar{x} represents mean difference of within-pair differences (i.e., \bar{x}_d), s represents standard deviation of within-pair differences (i.e., s_d), and μ represents mean difference parameter

Ch 12 Two independent means– inferential focus is unknown value of population mean difference or expected mean difference $\mu_1 - \mu_2$

- To test $H_0: \mu_1 - \mu_2 = 0$: $t_{stat} = \frac{\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2}{SE_{\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2}}$ where $SE_{\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2} = \sqrt{\frac{s_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{n_2}}$
with $df_{conservative} = \text{smaller of } (n_1 - 1) \text{ or } (n_2 - 1)$ [use df_{Welch} when available]
- $(1 - \alpha)100\%$ CI for $\mu_1 - \mu_2 = (\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) \pm (t_{df, 1-\frac{\alpha}{2}})(SE_{\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2})$

Ch 16: Inference about proportions (single sample) – inferential focus is unknown value of population proportion or expected “probability of success” p

- Sample proportion (incidence or prevalence): $\hat{p} = \frac{x}{n}$
- $(1 - \alpha)100\%$ CI for $p = \tilde{p} \pm z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \cdot \sqrt{\tilde{p}\tilde{q}/\tilde{n}}$ where $\tilde{p} = \frac{x+2}{n+4}$ and $\tilde{q} = 1 - \tilde{p}$
- To test $H_0: p = p_0$: $z_{stat} = \frac{\hat{p} - p_0}{\sqrt{p_0 q_0 / n}}$

Chapters 17: Comparing Two Proportions (cohort samples) – inferential focus is unknown value of ratio of two proportions p_1 / p_2 (otherwise known as the “relative risk”)

	+	–	Total
Exposed	a_1	b_1	n_1
Non-exposed	a_2	b_2	n_2

- $\hat{p}_1 = \frac{a_1}{n_1}$, $\hat{p}_2 = \frac{a_2}{n_2}$, and $\hat{RR} = \frac{\hat{p}_1}{\hat{p}_2}$
- $(1 - \alpha)100\%$ CI for $RR = e^{\ln \hat{RR} \pm z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \cdot SE_{\ln \hat{RR}}}$ where $SE_{\ln \hat{RR}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{a_1} - \frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{a_2} - \frac{1}{n_2}}$
- Use CI at various levels of confidence to test $H_0: RR = 1$