

III.4) Using Inference to make Decisions

Type I Errors - If we reject H_0 when H_0 is actually true

Type II Errors - If we fail to reject H_0 when H_0 is false

		population	
		H_0 true	H_0 false
sample	Reject H_0	Type I	Correct
	Fail to reject H_0	Correct	Type II

(Discuss Ex. 11.19, 11.20)

Innocent until proven Guilty H_0 : innocent
 H_a : guilty

Type I Error: Innocent but found guilty

Type II Error: Guilty but found innocent

Significance and Type I Error

The significance level α of any fixed level test is the probability of a Type I error.

α is the probability that the test will reject H_0 when H_0 is actually true

Power and Type II Error

The probability that a fixed level α significance test will reject H_0 when a particular alternative value of the parameter is true is the power of the test against that alternative

$$Power = 1 - \beta$$

β = probability of a Type II error for that alternative

Increasing power

- Increase sample size
- Increase α (increases likelihood of a Type I Error)
- Decrease σ
- Consider an alternative farther from μ_0

Discuss

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"Power calculations are important..."

Standard

95% confidence intervals

5% significance tests

80% power

Example 11.20 Describe errors and determine consequences

$H_0: \mu = 6.7 \text{ min}$ $H_a: \mu < 6.7 \text{ min}$

Type I: City mgr concludes the mean response time is less than 6.7 min when the response time is still 6.7 min.

Consequences: Response times haven't actually improved. Additional loss of life

Type II: City mgr concludes the mean response time is still 6.7 min when it is actually less than 6.7

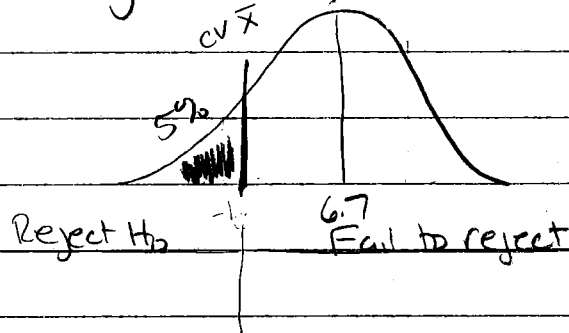
Consequences: Increase city expenses for training. Disgruntled paramedics

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Example 11.21

$H_0: \mu = 6.7 \text{ min}$ $H_a: \mu < 6.7 \text{ min}$ $\alpha = .05$
 City manager wants $\mu \leq 6.4 \text{ min}$

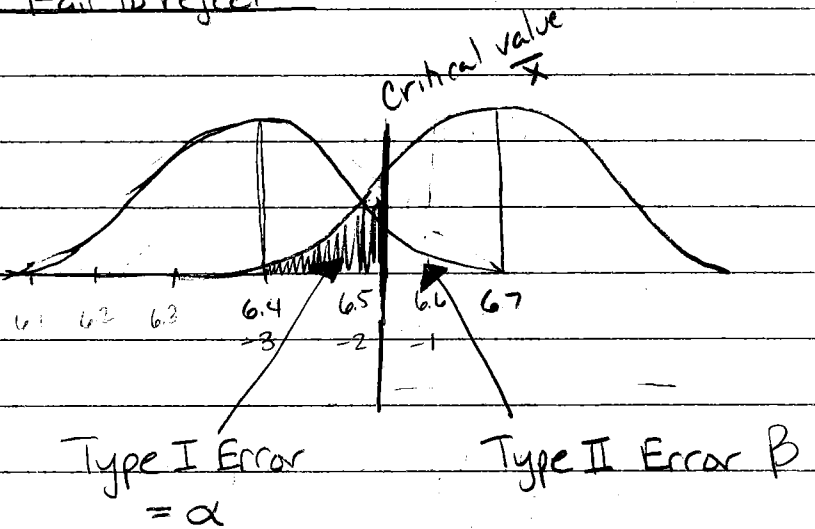
$z_{.05}$
 -1.645



$\bar{X} = 6.4$

$z = \frac{6.4 - 6.7}{.1}$
 $= -3$

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Finding critical value

$z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}$ $-1.645 = \frac{x - 6.7}{.1}$

using $\bar{X} = 6.7$ curve

$-1.645 = x - 6.7$
 $6.5355 = x$

$z = \frac{6.5355 - 6.4}{.1}$

using $\bar{X} = 6.4$ curve

$= 1.355 \Rightarrow .9123$

Power = .9123

$\beta = 1 - .9123$

$= .0877$

8.77% chance of Type II Error

Power - measures the ability of a significance test to detect an alternative hypothesis. The power against a specific alternative is the probability that the test will reject H_0 when the alternative is true

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(a) $H_0: p = .75$ $H_a: p > .75$

(b) Type I: mgr determines paramedics were responding to more than 75% within 8 min when they were responding to less

Type II: mgr determines they were responding to 75% or less within 8 min when they were responding to more than 75% within 8 min

(c) Type I consequences: city officials may believe they are doing well responding to over 75% when they need to improve

Type II consequences: resources may be utilized to try and improve times when that is not necessary

(d) Type I consequences could cost lives

(e) Answers vary