

Why this lesson?

- Going back to the foundations of our work: how are we advancing knowledge ?
- Most of the material is from Z. Dienes, psychology as a science
- From epistemological aspects to statistical aspects
- Disclaimer 1: I am no epistemologist (but we need to think about epistemology)
- Disclaimer 2: “The philosophy of science is as useful to scientists as ornithology is to birds” (Richard Feynman)

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- Background: Reacting against logical positivism:
 - some sentences are not verifiable (eg: “free will is an illusion”)
 - 2 problems to solve:
 - verify a specific statement: “this swan is white”
 - generalization: “all swans are white”
 - induction: seeing many examples of a fact leads to trust that this fact is “true”

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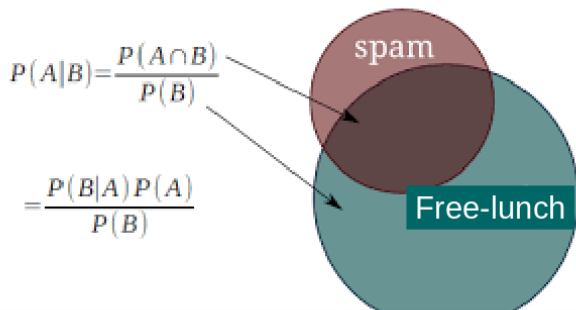
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- Objective/physical probability associated with a **collective**
 - prob(catch a cold) : Collective 1: people who live in Montreal.
Collective 2: Those who have to walk across campus.

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- Derivation of Bayes theorem is easy: accept conditional probabilities

$$P(H, D) = P(H|D)P(D)$$

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- $BF = \frac{P(D|H_1)}{P(D|H_0)}$
- <1 : supports H_0 , 1-3: not worth mention , 3-10: substantial, 10-30: strong

Back to the basics: Effect size

What is the non standardized effect ?

Imagine 2 groups (1 and 2):

$$\mu = \bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2$$

What is the standardized effect ? (eg Cohen's d)

$$d = \frac{\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2}{\sigma} = \frac{\mu}{\sigma}$$

“Z” : Effect accounting for the sample size

$$Z = \frac{\mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}$$

Significance testing as perverse probabilistic reasoning

Consider a typical medical research study, for example designed to test the efficacy of a drug, in which a null hypothesis H_0 ('no effect') is tested against an alternative hypothesis H_1 ('some effect'). Suppose that the study results pass a test of statistical significance (that is P -value < 0.05) in favor of H_1 . What has been shown?

1. H_0 is false.
2. H_1 is true.
3. H_0 is probably false.
4. H_1 is probably true.
5. Both (1) and (2).
6. Both (3) and (4).
7. None of the above.

Figure 1: Westover, 2014

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Table 1 Quiz answer profile

Answer	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Number	8	0	58	37	6	69	12
Percent	4.2	0	30.5	19.5	3.2	36.3	6.3

Figure 2: Westover, 2014

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 - define with common sense : eg difference between the means
 - but: what if there are different choices ? What if several could be biologically relevant?
 - can I play with several statistics ? Is that a problem ?

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 - Can we build the null from

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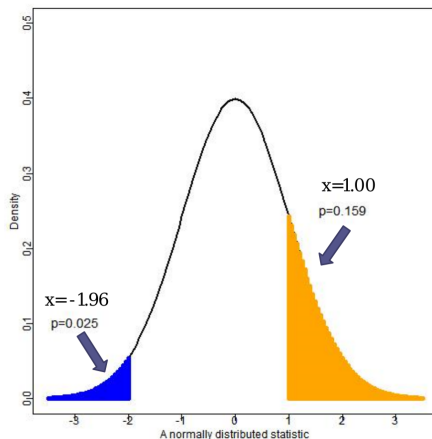


Figure 3: Illustration of p-value

p-values: Illustration with a Gamma null

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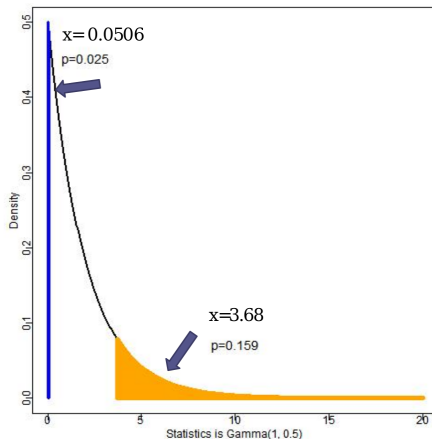


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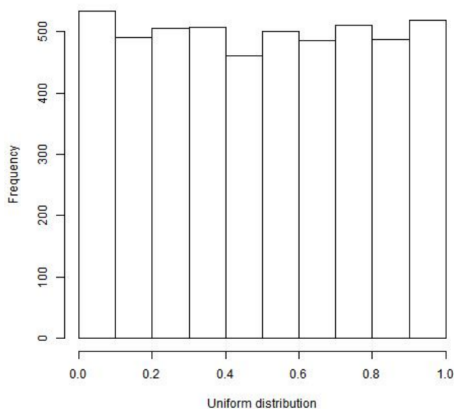


Figure 5: Illustration of p-value

Back to statistics: p-values and power

Decision/H	H0 True	H1 True
reject	α (type I)	$1 - \beta$ (Power)
not reject	$1 - \alpha$	β (type II)

What is power ?

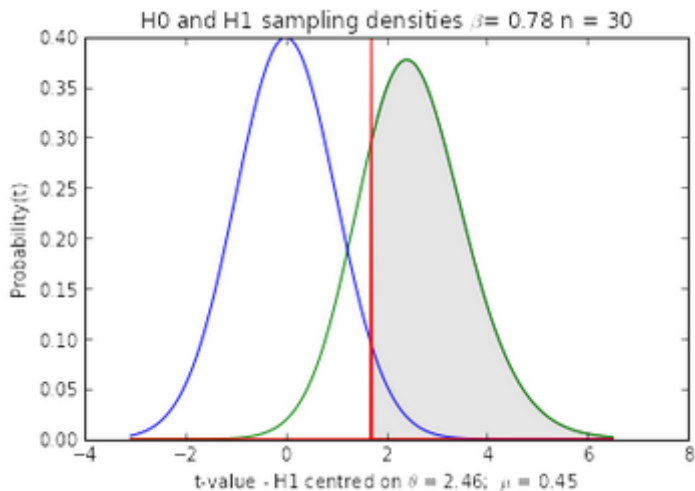


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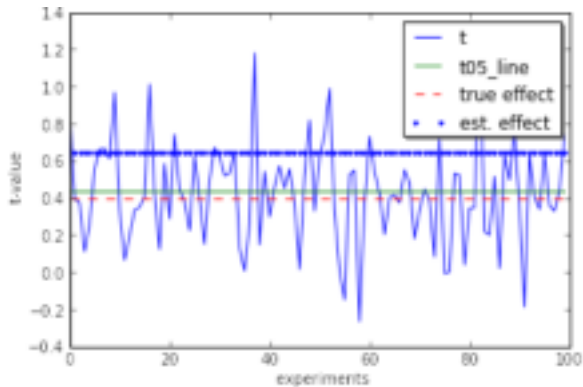


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Recall the definition

- Power will depend on **5** things:

The non standardized effect : μ

The standard deviation of the data : σ

The number of subjects : n

The type I risk of error : α

And on the distribution of the statistic under the alternative hypothesis.

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- With normal data, the $t = \frac{\hat{\mu}}{SE_{\mu}}$ statistic follows a *non central t distribution* with non centrality parameter:

$$\theta = \mu\sqrt{n}/\sigma$$

and $n - 1$ degrees of freedom.

- We are done ! **assuming we know all these things ... ;)**

Some python code:

Inputs: sample_size (n), mu, sigma, alpha

Returns: power

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import scipy.stats as sst
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# define H1
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theta = np.sqrt(n)*mu/sigma
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ncrv = sst.nct(df, theta)
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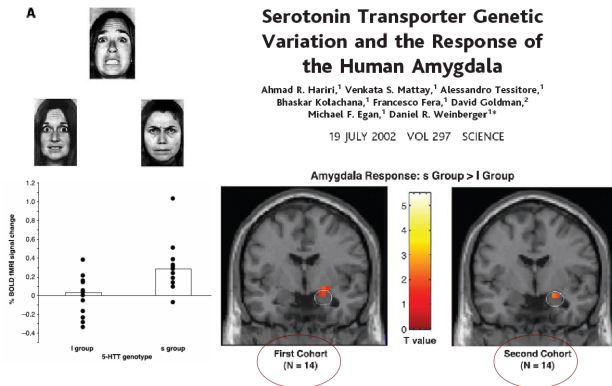
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# find the threshold value
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t_alph_null = sst.t.isf(alpha, df)
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power = 1 - ncrv.cdf(t_alph_null)
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return power
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Some first studies: small Ns



- Authors report
 $m_1 = .28$, $m_2 = .03$, $\text{SDM}_1 = 0.08$, $\text{SDM}_2 = 0.05$, $N_1 = N_2 = 14$
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 - $V_e = \frac{(n_1 + n_2)(m_1 - m_2)^2}{n_1 s_1^2 + n_2 s_2^2 + (n_1 + n_2)(m_1 - m_2)^2} > 40\%$

Power in practice:

- Harvard Medical School researchers show that broccoli reduces Parkinson patients symptoms X. 20 participants in each of 2 groups.
- The difference in the measure of symptom A is significant with a t-test $p=0.02$
- You decide to replicate the study at the MNI. How many subjects should you test ?

What happens if ... p is “significant” but study power is low ?

- Study in Button et al, 2013, more than half of the studies published have less than 30% power
- Low Positive Predictive Value $P(H_A \text{ true} \mid \text{test significant})$
 - Depends on the prior probability of H_A and H_0 and α
- Inflated effect size

PPV

- Define : $P_1 = P(H_1)$ and $P_0 = P(H_0)$

$$PPV = \frac{(1 - \beta)P_1}{(1 - \beta)P_1 + \alpha P_0}$$

- With $R = P_1/P_0$ and $W = 1 - \beta$:

$$PPV = \frac{WR}{WR + \alpha}$$

- Wikipedia (ML): $PPV = \text{number-of-true-positive} / (\text{number-of-true-positive} + \text{number-of-false-positive})$

Low PPV $P(H_A \text{ is true} \mid \text{test signif.})$ with low power

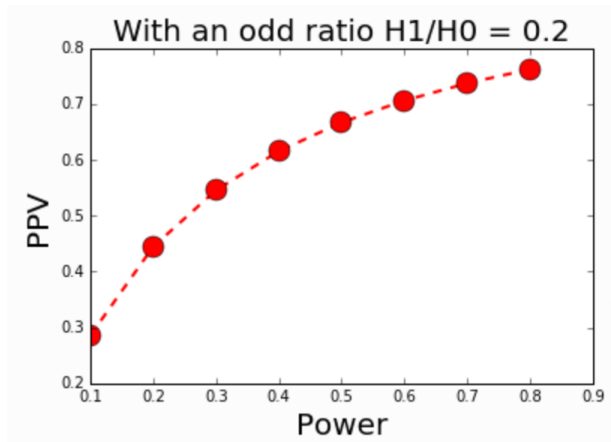


Figure 8: $PPV = f(\text{power})$, $\alpha=0.05$

Low PPV with high alpha: $P(H_A \text{ is true} \mid \text{test signif.})$

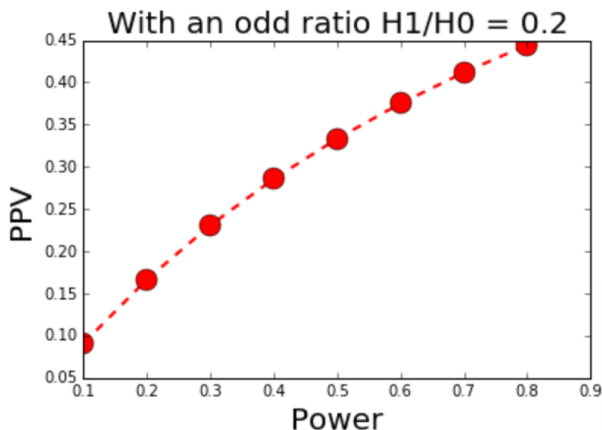


Figure 9: $PPV = f(\text{power})$, $\alpha=0.2$

Credits and References

- Zoltan Dienes: understanding psychology as a science
- Celia Greenwood for some slides
- Many others

Questions

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