Lesson Resource: Critical regions (binomial distribution)

Teaching notes

This matching activity is designed to help students get a feel for one and two tailed tests and develop the idea of critical regions.

The 8 hypothesis cards and the 8 critical region cards should be cut up – they both have missing parts to them, which should be filled in.

The 2 sheets of graphs showing probabilities associated with values belonging to $X \sim B(20,0.4)$ are for reference and don't need to be cut up (or written on).

Note: The $P(0 \le X \le 4) = 0.0509$ and this can been taken to be strictly > 0.05 so the 5% rejection values for p < 0.5 would be X = 0, 1, 2 or 3, as X = 4 doesn't lie totally with in the rejection region in the lower tail of the distribution.

You may consider 0.0509 to be sufficiently close to 0.05 to call it 5% and make the rejection region $X \le 4$

The cards have been designed to accommodate either practice.



$H_0: p = 0.4$ $H_1:$	$H_0: p = 0.4$ $H_1: p < 0.4$
If H_0 is true, $X \sim B(20, 0.4)$	If H_0 is true, $X \sim B(20, 0.4)$
Test at 1 % significance level	Test at 5 % significance level
$H_0: p = 0.4$ $H_1: p < 0.4$	$H_0: p = 0.4$ $H_1:$
If H_0 is true, $X \sim B(20, 0.4)$	If H_0 is true, $X \sim B(20, 0.4)$
Test at 2 % significance level	Test at 1 % significance level
$H_0: p = 0.4$ $H_1: p > 0.4$	$H_0: p = 0.4$ $H_1: p > 0.4$
If H_0 is true, $X \sim B(20, 0.4)$	If H_0 is true, $X \sim B(20, 0.4)$
Test at 5 % significance level	Test at 10 % significance level
$H_0: p = 0.4$ $H_1: p \neq 0.4$	$H_0: p = 0.4$ $H_1: p \neq 0.4$
If H_0 is true, $X \sim B(20, 0.4)$	If H_0 is true, $X \sim B(20, 0.4)$
Test at 5 % significance level	Test at 20 % significance level



Critical region	Critical region
REJECT H ₀ if $X \le 2$	REJECT H_0 if $X \leq$
Critical region REJECT H_0 if X >	Critical regionREJECT H_0 ifX \le or $X \ge$
Critical region	Critical region
REJECT H_0 if $X < 4$	REJECT H_0 if $X \ge$
Critical region	Critical region
REJECT H_0 if	REJECT H₀ if
X< 5 or X >11	X >13



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