### **Lecture 27 Compare Two Populations - Proportion**

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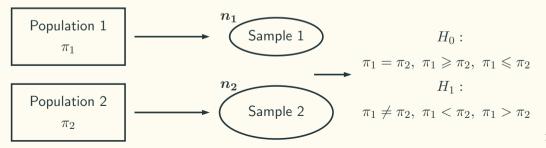


### Compare two proportions

Whether the proportions of colour blindness are the same in two different populations (e.g. male vs female, Asian vs European) ?

Whether chemical A is better than chemical B for culturing cells in petri dishes (can be measured by percentage of cells that express *Pou5f1*)?

Whether drug A is more efficient than drug B in terms of curing a certain disease (can be measured by percentage of cured patients)?



### ABO Blood Types And The COVID-19

Clinical Infectious Diseases

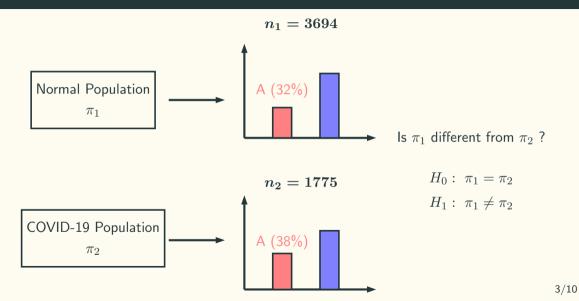
BRIEF REPORT

# Relationship Between the ABO Blood Group and the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Susceptibility

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# Type A blood in normal people and COVID-19 patients



### Strategy 1: Use One-sample Hypothesis Testing ??

#### Two choices:

• 
$$H_0: \pi_1 = 0.38$$

$$H_1: \pi_1 \neq 0.38$$

• 
$$H_0: \pi_2 = 0.32$$

$$H_1: \pi_2 \neq 0.32$$

#### Two anwsers:

• 
$$z = -7.5$$
  
 $p = 6.4 \times 10^{-14}$ 

• 
$$z = 4.4$$

$$p = 1.1 \times 10^{-5}$$

### Strategy 2: Figure Out The Sampling Distribution of The Difference

- Let the random variable  $P_1$  represent the proportion of blood type A in a sample  $(n_1 = 3694)$  drawn from normal people.
- Let the random variable  $P_2$  represent the proportion of blood type A in a sample  $(n_2 = 1775)$  drawn from COVID-19 patients.

Normal 
$$\pi_1$$

COVID-19 
$$\pi_2$$

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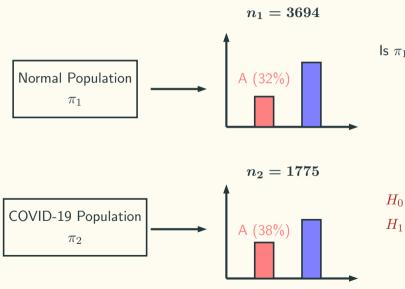
### Sampling Distribution of The Difference of The Sample Proportion

• 
$$D \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\pi_1 - \pi_2, \ \frac{\pi_1(1 - \pi_1)}{n_1} + \frac{\pi_2(1 - \pi_2)}{n_2}\right)$$

ullet  $oldsymbol{D} = oldsymbol{P}_1 - oldsymbol{P}_2$  and  $d = p_1 - p_2$  are the point estimator/estimate of  $\delta$ 

• 95% CI: 
$$(p_1 - p_2) \pm 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{p_1(1 - p_1)}{n_1} + \frac{p_2(1 - p_2)}{n_2}}$$

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Is  $\pi_1$  different from  $\pi_2$  ?

$$H_0: \ \pi_1 = \pi_2$$
  
 $H_1: \ \pi_1 \neq \pi_2$ 



$$H_0: \ \delta = \pi_1 - \pi_2 = 0$$

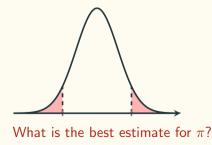
$$H_1: \ \delta = \pi_1 - \pi_2 \neq 0$$

### Two-sample Hypothesis Testing For Proportion

$$H_0: \ \delta = \pi_1 - \pi_2 = 0$$
 if  $H_0$  
$$H_1: \ \delta = \pi_1 - \pi_2 \neq 0$$
 were true 
$$D \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\pi_1 - \pi_2, \frac{\pi_1(1 - \pi_1)}{n_1} + \frac{\pi_2(1 - \pi_2)}{n_2}\right)$$

- 1. What we observe is:  $d = p_1 p_2$
- 2. What is the probability of observing d or more extreme?

$$z = \frac{(p_1 - p_2) - (\pi_1 - \pi_2)}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}\right)\pi(1 - \pi)}} = \frac{p_1 - p_2}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}\right)\pi(1 - \pi)}}$$



### Two-sample Hypothesis Testing For Proportion

	Normal	COVID-19
А	a	b
Non-A	c	d
Total	$n_1$	$n_2$
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Sample size: bigger is always better:

$$\pi: \frac{a+b}{n_1+n_2} = \frac{n_1p_1 + n_2p_2}{n_1+n_2} = \mathbf{p}$$

The test statistic:

$$z = \frac{p_1 - p_2}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}\right)p(1-p)}}$$

The test statistic:

$$p = \frac{1188 + 670}{3694 + 1775} = 0.34, \ z = \frac{0.32 - 0.38}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{3694} + \frac{1}{1775}\right) \times 0.34 \times 0.66}} = -4.4$$

### **Example: Two-sample Hypothesis Testing For Proportion**

**Myopia:** Researchers suspect that myopia, or nearsightedness, is becoming more common over time. A study from the year 2000 showed 139 cases of myopia in 420 randomly selected people. A separate study from 2015 showed 228 cases in 600 randomly selected people. Perform a hypothesis testing to see if the researchers' suspicion is true or not.

Sample statistics: 
$$n_1 = 420, p_1 = \frac{139}{420} = 0.33, n_2 = 600, p_2 = \frac{228}{600} = 0.38$$

Pooled estimate for 
$$\pi$$
:  $p = \frac{139 + 228}{420 + 600} = 0.36$ 

The test statistics: 
$$z = \frac{p_1 - p_2}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}\right)p(1-p)}} = \frac{0.33 - 0.38}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{420} + \frac{1}{600}\right) \times 0.36 \times 0.64}}$$