

# Question 8

## Basketball

### Population

We are studying the percentage successful free throw attempts made by Shaquille O'Neal.

$p$  = the true proportion of successful free throw attempts made by Shaquille O'Neal.

Goal: Test to see if there is support for saying that  $p$  has increased from 53.3% of his free throw attempts.

### Method

$$\begin{aligned} H_0 : p &= 0.533 \\ H_a : p &> 0.533 \\ \alpha &= 0.05 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

### Sample

#### Interpretation for a 1-Sample Z-test

Decision Rule Based on p-value

Reject  $H_0$  : p-value  $\leq \alpha$

Fail to Reject  $H_0$  : p-value  $> \alpha$

p-value=0.0475

$\alpha = 0.050$

For the p-value approach:

Since  $0.0475 \leq 0.05$ , we reject the null hypothesis in favor of the alternative hypothesis.  
There is enough evidence to support the claim of the alternative hypothesis.

$$\begin{aligned} n(p_0)(1 - p_0) &\geq 10 \\ 36(0.533)(0.467) &\geq 10 \\ 8.960796 &\not\geq 10 \\ &\therefore \\ \text{The sample cannot be} & \\ \text{considered normal} & \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

### Results

$$\begin{aligned}
 Z &= \frac{\hat{p} - p_0}{\sqrt{\frac{(p_0)(1-p_0)}{n}}} & (3) \\
 Z &= \frac{0.6667 - 0.533}{\sqrt{\frac{(0.533)(1-0.533)}{100}}} \\
 Z &= \frac{0.1337}{\sqrt{\frac{(0.533)(0.467)}{100}}} \\
 Z &= \frac{0.1337}{\sqrt{\frac{0.2489}{100}}} \\
 Z &= 1.67
 \end{aligned}$$

My sample mean is 0.67 standard errors above 53.3%.

My p-value is 0.0475.

Assuming that the true proportion equals 53.3%, there is a 4.75% probability of getting a sample population ( $\hat{p}$ ) at least as extreme as the one we got from sampling.

## Conclusion

At the 5% level of significance, the sample data does provide sufficient evidence to say that the true proportion has increased from 53.3% success rate of Shaquille O'Neal's freethrow attempts.

# Question 9

## Couples

According to official census figures, 8% of couples living together are not married. A researcher took a random sample of 400 couples and found that 38 of them are not married. Test at the 5% significance level if the current percentage of unmarried couples is different from 8%. Show the complete testing process on a separate document.

In addition, which of the following is the correct set of hypotheses?

## Population

We are studying the percentage of couples living together who are not married.

$p$  = the true proportion of couples living together who are not married.

Goal: Test to see if there is support for saying that  $p$  has changed from 8%.

## Method

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_0 : p &= 0.08 \\
 H_a : p &\neq 0.08 \\
 \alpha &= 0.05
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{4}$$

## Sample

### Interpretation for a 1-Sample Z-test

Decision Rule Based on p-value

Reject  $H_0$  : p-value  $\leq \alpha$

Fail to Reject  $H_0$  : p-value  $> \alpha$

p-value=0.267

$\alpha = 0.050$

For the p-value approach:

Since  $0.267 > 0.05$ , we fail to reject the null hypothesis.

There is not enough evidence to support the claim of the alternative hypothesis.

$$\begin{aligned}
 n(p_0)(1 - p_0) &\geq 10 \\
 400(0.08)(0.92) &\geq 10 \\
 29.44 &\geq 10 \\
 \therefore \\
 \text{The sample can be} \\
 \text{considered normal}
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{5}$$

## Results

$$\begin{aligned}
 Z &= \frac{\hat{p} - p_0}{\sqrt{\frac{p_0(1-p_0)}{n}}} \\
 Z &= \frac{0.095 - 0.08}{\sqrt{\frac{(0.08)(1-0.08)}{100}}} \\
 Z &= \frac{0.015}{\sqrt{\frac{(0.13)(0.87)}{100}}} \\
 Z &= \frac{0.015}{\sqrt{\frac{0.0736}{100}}} \\
 Z &= 1.11
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{6}$$

My sample mean is 1.11 standard errors above 8%.

My p-value is 0.267.

Assuming that the true proportion equals 8%, there is a 26.7% probability of getting a sample population ( $\hat{p}$ ) at least as extreme as the one we got from sampling.

## Conclusion

At the 5% level of significance, the sample data does not provide sufficient evidence to say that the true proportion has changed from 8% of couples living together who are not married.

