

Pick Up  
the  
Warm Up

5 AP M/C Questions  
on Random Design

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Experimental Design 14

In general, for a survey to yield usable results:

- (A) A sample size of  $n = 30$  is usually sufficient.
- (B) Researchers must be careful in the way questions are worded.
- (C) Researchers must carefully choose people who they think are representative of the population.
- (D) A census is the only truly accurate methodology.
- (E) Sampling error must be avoided.

**EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN 15**

A bank wishes to survey its customers. The decision is made to randomly pick ten customers who just have checking accounts, ten customers who just have savings accounts, and ten customers who have both checking and savings accounts. This procedure is an example of which type of sampling?

- (A) Cluster      (B) Convenience      (C) Simple random  
(D) Stratified      (E) Systematic

**EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN 16**

Which of the following is a true statement?

- (A) If bias is present in a sampling procedure, it can be overcome by dramatically increasing the sample size.  
(B) There is no such thing as a "bad sample."  
(C) Sampling techniques that use probability techniques effectively eliminate bias.  
(D) Sampling techniques that allow the surveyor to choose participants with care and precision go a long way to control bias.  
(E) In choosing a sample size, actual sample size is more important than the fraction of the population that is surveyed.

**EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN 17**

To find out a town's average family size, a researcher interviews a random sample of parents arriving at a pediatrician's office. The average family size in the final 100-family sample is 3.48. Is this estimate probably too low or too high?

- (A) Too low because of undercoverage bias
- (B) Too low because convenience samples underestimate average results
- (C) Too high because of undercoverage bias
- (D) Too high because convenience samples overestimate average results
- (E) Too high because voluntary response samples overestimate average results

**EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN 18**

Which of the following is a true statement about blocking?

- (A) Blocking is to experiment design as stratification is to sampling design.
- (B) By controlling certain variables, blocking can make conclusions more specific.
- (C) The paired (matched pairs) comparison design is a special case of blocking.
- (D) Blocking is a useful procedure when there are certain attributes, not under study, which may affect the outcomes.
- (E) All of the above are true statements about blocking.

A 2006 study found that monkeys yawn in response to seeing other monkeys yawn. Could it be then that yawning is similarly contagious in humans, monkeys' fellow primates?

MythBusters Kari Byron, Tory Belleci and Scottie Chapman corralled unwitting volunteers to find out whether people unconsciously pick up this jaw-dropping behavior from each other. To that end, the MythBuster team converted a large van into a psychological chamber designed to relax participants and prompt them to unknowingly catch a yawn from Kari.

The results:

- 25%, 4 out of 16, who were not exposed to a yawn, yawned while waiting. (non-yawn group)
- 29%, 10 out of 34, who were exposed to a yawn, yawned. (yawn group).

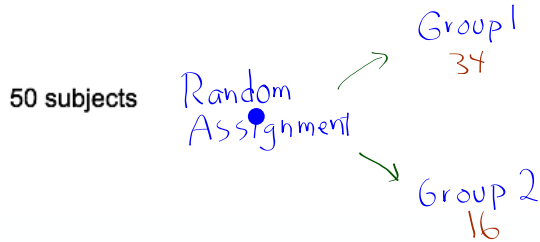
Jamie Hyneman, one of the hosts, concluded that because of their large sample size ( $n=50$ ), the difference of 4% was meaningful. They didn't run a statistical test but the decision was based on his intuition about the statistical power that the sample size gave them. Today we will test this out a bit more rigorously.

**Lesson 10.1: Day 1: Is Yawning Contagious?****MYTHBUSTERS**

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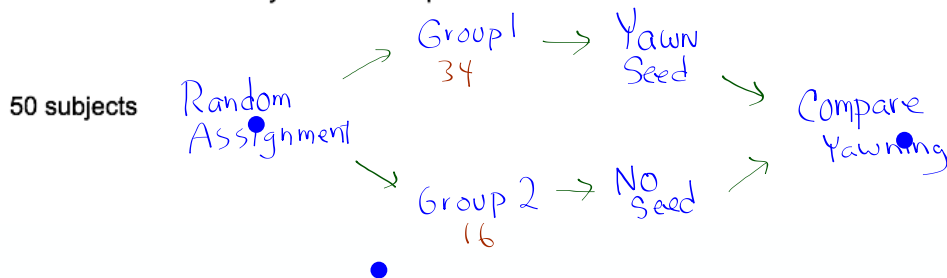
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2. Here are the Mythbusters results.

Yawn seed?	Subject Yawned?		Total
	Yes	No	
Yes	10	24	34
No	4	12	16
Total	14	36	50

Call  $p_1$  the true proportion of people who given the yawn seed will yawn.  $\hat{p}_1 = \frac{10}{34} = .29$

Call  $p_2$  the true proportion of people who given no yawn seed will yawn.  $\hat{p}_2 = \frac{4}{16} = .25$

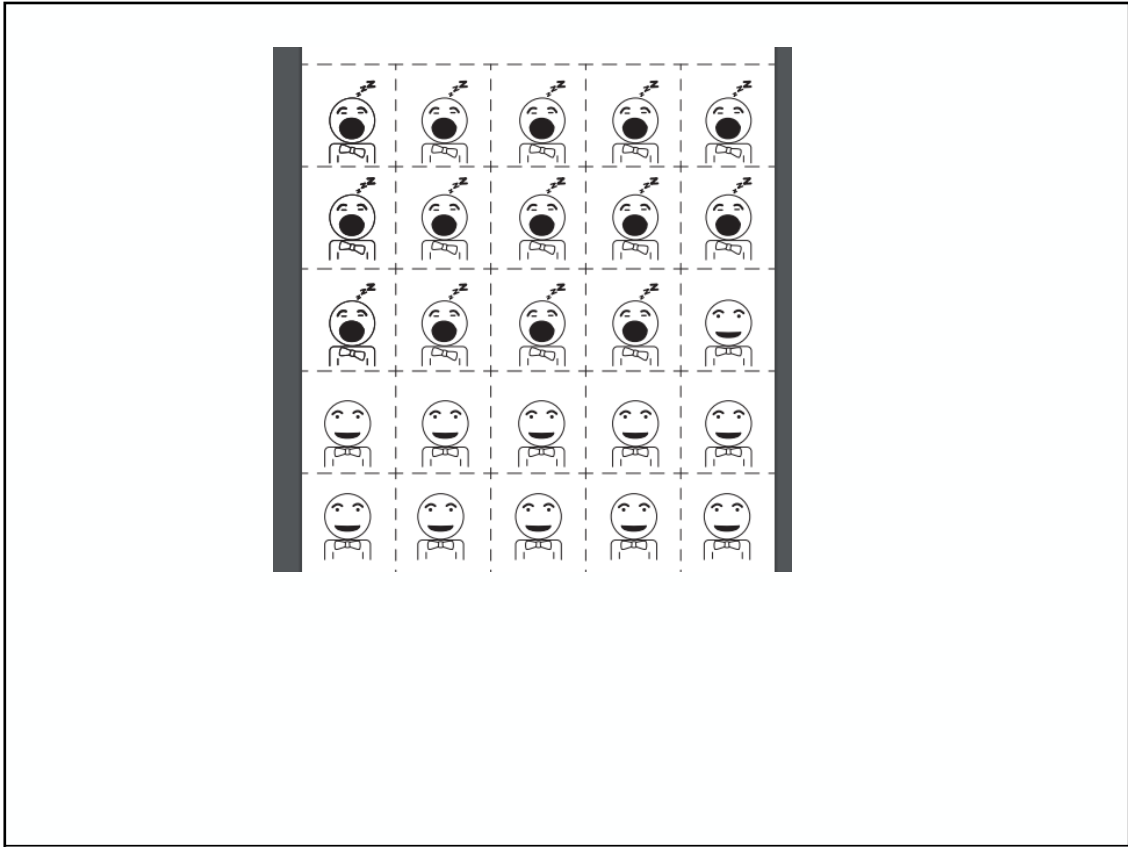
What is the difference in proportions  $\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2$ ?  $.29 - .25 = .04$

3. Do the data provide *some* evidence that yawning is contagious? Why?

Yes, people given the yawn seed yawned more often than people not given the yawn seed (.29 to .25) ?

4. Adam Savage and Jamie Hyneman, the cohosts of *Mythbusters* used these data to conclude that yawning is contagious. Do you agree?

It could have happened that people who got the yawn seed yawned more often than purely by chance



In this Activity, your class will investigate whether the results of the yawning experiment are statistically significant OR if they could have occurred purely by chance due to random assignment.

5. What is the null hypothesis?

$H_0: P_1 - P_2 = 0$

The treatment doesn't affect whether one yawns.

6. Shuffle the 50 cards and put them into two piles, one group of 34 that gets the yawn seed and one group of 16 that does not get the yawn seed. Record the proportion of people who yawned in each group. You will do this three times.

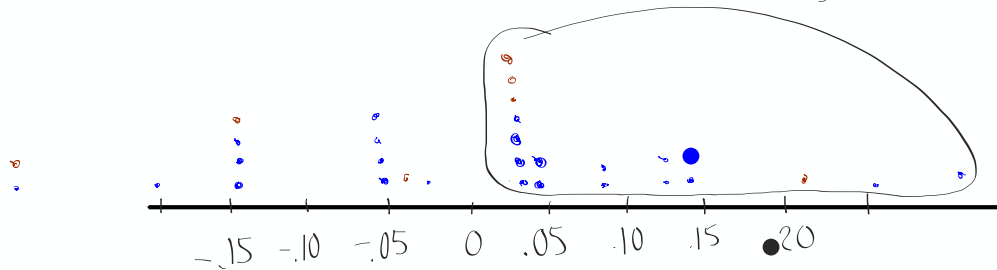
Trial	Proportion who yawned in yawn seed group, $\hat{p}_1$	Proportion who yawned no yawn seed group, $\hat{p}_2$	Difference in proportions, $\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2$
1	$\hat{p}_1 = .21$	$\hat{p}_2 = .44$	$\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2 = -.23$
2			
3			
4			

example



Randomization Distribution of  $\widehat{p}_1 - \widehat{p}_2$ Randomized Distribution  
of  $\widehat{p}_1 - \widehat{p}_2$ 

$$\frac{18}{31} = .58$$

What does one  
dot represent?

A random assignment of the 50 subjects into two groups and a difference of proportions calculated from that random assignment.

8. In what percent of the class's trials did the difference in proportions equal or exceed  $29\% - 25\% = 4\%$  (what *Mythbusters* got in their experiment)?

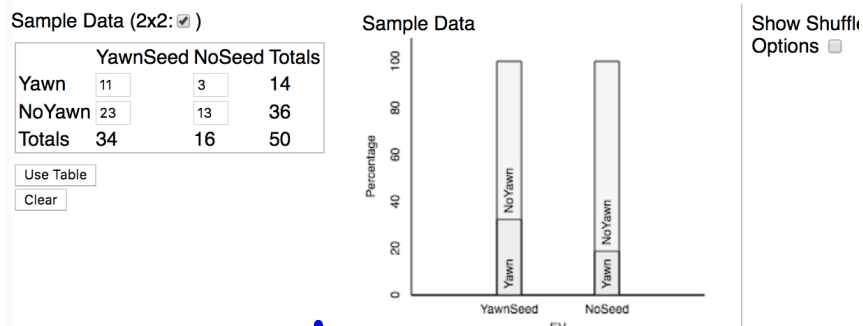
$$P\text{-Value} = \frac{\# \text{circled}}{\# \text{total}} =$$

9. What conclusion can you draw about whether yawning is contagious?

We \_\_\_\_\_ have convincing evidence that yawning is contagious.

## Rossman/Chance Applet Collection

### Analyzing Two-way Tables



↓  
p-value

Learning Target Today •

Describe the shape, center, and variability of the sampling distribution of  $\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2$ .

### Sampling Distribution for a *Difference in Proportions*

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### The Sampling Distribution of a Difference Between Two Proportions

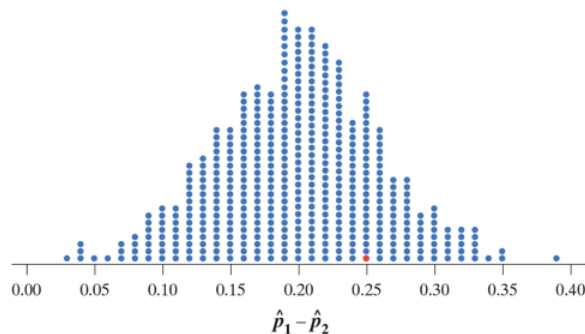
	Sampling distribution of $\hat{p}_1$	Sampling distribution of $\hat{p}_2$
<b>Shape</b>	Approximately Normal; $n_1 p_1 = 100(0.70) = 70 \geq 10$ and $n_1(1 - p_1) = 100(0.30) = 30 \geq 10$	Approximately Normal; $n_2 p_2 = 200(0.50) = 100 \geq 10$ and $n_2(1 - p_2) = 200(0.50) = 100 \geq 10$
<b>Center</b>	$\mu_{\hat{p}_1} = p_1 = 0.70$	$\mu_{\hat{p}_2} = p_2 = 0.50$
<b>Variability</b>	$\sigma_{\hat{p}_1} = \sqrt{\frac{p_1(1 - p_1)}{n_1}} = \sqrt{\frac{0.7(0.3)}{100}}$ = 0.0458 because 100 < 10% of all students at School 1.	$\sigma_{\hat{p}_2} = \sqrt{\frac{p_2(1 - p_2)}{n_2}} = \sqrt{\frac{0.5(0.5)}{200}}$ = 0.0354 because 200 < 10% of all students at School 2.

What can we say about the difference  $\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2$  in the sample proportions?

### The Sampling Distribution of $\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2$

Choose an SRS of size  $n_1$  from Population 1 with proportion of successes  $p_1$  and an independent SRS of size  $n_2$  from Population 2 with proportion of successes  $p_2$ . Then:

- The sampling distribution of  $\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2$  is approximately Normal if the *Large Counts condition* is met for both samples:  $n_1 p_1 \geq 10$ ,  $n_1(1 - p_1) \geq 10$ ,  $n_2 p_2 \geq 10$ , and  $n_2(1 - p_2) \geq 10$ .



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$$\mu_{\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2} = p_1 - p_2$$



Instead, we add variances and then square root.

from Ch. 6

## Combining Probability Distributions

Important ideas:

Adding & Subtracting  
Random VariablesNormal  
Di

$$\mu_{X+Y} = \mu_X + \mu_Y \quad \mu_{X-Y} = \mu_X - \mu_Y$$

$$\sigma_{X+Y} = \sqrt{\sigma_X^2 + \sigma_Y^2} \quad \sigma_{X-Y} = \sqrt{\sigma_X^2 + \sigma_Y^2}$$

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- The **mean** of the sampling distribution  $\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2$  is

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- The **standard deviation** of the sampling distribution of  $\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2$  is

$$\sigma_{\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2} = \sqrt{\frac{p_1(1 - p_1)}{n_1} + \frac{p_2(1 - p_2)}{n_2}}$$

as long as the *10% condition* is met for both samples:  $n_1 < 0.10N_1$  and  $n_2 < 0.10N_2$ .

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The formula for the standard deviation of the sampling distribution of  $\hat{P}_1 - \hat{P}_2$  is provided on the formula sheet for the AP Exam. The formula sheet also gives a special case of the formula when  $p_1 = p_2 = p$

$$\sqrt{p(1-p)} \quad \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}}$$

### Check Your Understanding

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$$\mu_{\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2} = .25 - .35 = \underline{\underline{-.10}}$$

(c) Calculate and interpret the standard deviation of the sampling distribution.

$$\sigma_{\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2} = \sqrt{\frac{p_1(1-p_1)}{n_1} + \frac{p_2(1-p_2)}{n_2}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{.25(.75)}{50} + \frac{.35(.65)}{40}} = .097$$

The difference in the sampling proportions typically varies by .097 from the true diff. in proportions of -.10

# 10.1..... 1 and 3