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### Chapter 10: Inference About Means and Proportions with Two Populations

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### Overview

1. Discuss the statistical inference ( \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ ) for two population means (three situations: population standard deviations known, unknown; match samples) and the two population proportions.
2. *Examples:*
  - (a) Develop an interval estimate of the difference between the mean starting salary for a population of men and the mean starting salary for a population of women.
  - (b) Conduct a hypothesis test to determine whether any difference is present between the proportion of defective parts in a population of parts produced by supplier *A* and the proportion of defective parts in a population of parts produced by supplier *B*.

## 10.1 Inferences About the Difference Between Two Population Means: $\sigma_1$ and $\sigma_2$ Known

1. \_\_\_\_\_ denote the mean of population 1 (2), we will focus on inferences about the difference between the means: \_\_\_\_\_.
2. A simple random sample of \_\_\_\_\_ units from population 1 (2). The two samples, taken separately and independently, are referred to as \_\_\_\_\_ simple random samples.
3. Assume the two population standard deviations, \_\_\_\_\_, can be assumed \_\_\_\_\_ to collecting the samples.
4. Question: how to compute a \_\_\_\_\_ and develop an \_\_\_\_\_ of the difference between the two population means when  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  are known.

### Interval Estimation of $\mu_1 - \mu_2$

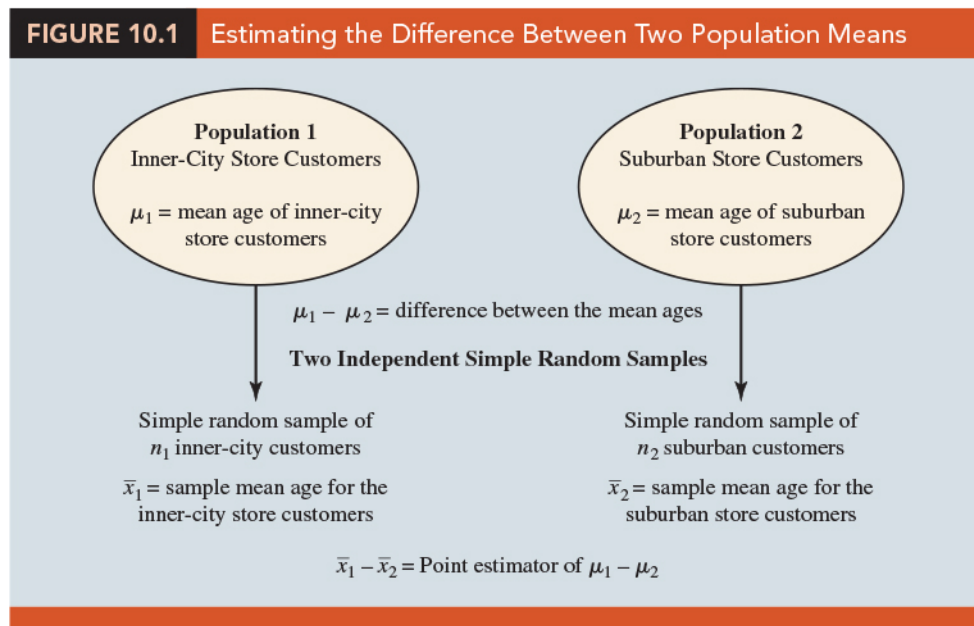
1. **Example** Greystone Department Stores, Inc., operates two stores in Buffalo, New York: One is in the inner city and the other is in a suburban shopping center. The regional manager noticed that products that sell well in one store do not always sell well in the other. The manager believes this situation may be attributable to differences in customer demographics at the two locations. Customers may differ in age, education, income, and so on. (對觀察事物提出問題)
2. Suppose the manager asks us to investigate the difference between the \_\_\_\_\_ of the customers who shop at the two stores. (針對問題收集資料)
3. Let us define population 1 as all customers who shop at the \_\_\_\_\_ and population 2 as all customers who shop at the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (a) \_\_\_\_\_: mean of population 1 (i.e., the mean age of all customers who shop at the inner-city store)
  - (b) \_\_\_\_\_: 5 mean of population 2 (i.e., the mean age of all customers who shop at the suburban store)

4. The difference between the two population means is \_\_\_\_\_. To estimate  $\mu_1 - \mu_2$ , we will select a simple random sample of \_\_\_\_\_ customers from population 1 and a simple random sample of \_\_\_\_\_ customers from population 2.
5. We then compute the two sample means.
  - (a) \_\_\_\_\_: sample mean age for the simple random sample of  $n_1$  inner-city customers
  - (b) \_\_\_\_\_: sample mean age for the simple random sample of  $n_2$  suburban customers
6. The point estimator of the difference between the two \_\_\_\_\_ is the difference between the two \_\_\_\_\_.

7. Point Estimator of the Difference Between Two Population Means

$$\text{_____} \quad (10.1)$$

8. (Figure 10.1) the process used to estimate the difference between two population means based on two independent simple random samples.



9. The point estimator  $\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2$  has a standard error that describes the \_\_\_\_\_ in the sampling distribution of the estimator.

10. **Standard Error of  $\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2$**  With two independent simple random samples, the standard error of  $\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2$  is as follows:

$$(10.2)$$

(證明如下:) (Hint:  $Var(aX + bY) = a^2Var(X) + b^2Var(Y) + 2abCov(X, Y)$ ).

11. If both populations have a \_\_\_\_\_ distribution, or if the sample sizes are large enough that the \_\_\_\_\_ enables us to conclude that the sampling distributions of  $\bar{x}_1$  and  $\bar{x}_2$  can be approximated by a normal distribution, the sampling distribution of  $\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2$  will have a \_\_\_\_\_ distribution with mean given by \_\_\_\_\_. (Denoted by \_\_\_\_\_)
12. In general, an interval estimate is given by a point estimate  $\pm$  a margin of error. In the case of estimation of the difference between two population means, an interval estimate will take the following form:

13. With the sampling distribution of  $\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2$  having a normal distribution, we can write the margin of error as follows:

$$\text{Margin of error} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad (10.3)$$

14. **Interval Estimate of the Difference Between Two Population Means:  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  Known**

$$(10.4)$$

where  $1-\alpha$  is the confidence coefficient.

(公式說明如下:)

 Question ..... (p485)

**Example** Greystone example. Based on data from previous customer demographic studies, the two population standard deviations are known with  $\sigma_1 = 9$  years and  $\sigma_2 = 10$  years. The data collected from the two independent simple random samples of Greystone customers provided the following results.

	Inner City Store	Suburban Store
Sample Size	$n_1 = 36$	$n_2 = 49$
Sample Mean	$\bar{x}_1 = 40$ years	$\bar{x}_2 = 35$ years

Find the margin of error and the 95% confidence interval estimate of the difference between the two population means.

*sol:*

### Hypothesis Tests About $\mu_1 - \mu_2$

- Let us consider hypothesis tests about the difference between two population means. Using \_\_\_\_\_ to denote the hypothesized difference between  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$ , the three forms for a hypothesis test are as follows:

Left-tailed test	Right-tailed test	Two-tailed test
$H_0 : \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$	$H_0 : \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$	$H_0 : \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
$H_a : \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$	$H_a : \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$	$H_a : \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

2. In many applications, \_\_\_\_\_. Using the two-tailed test as an example, when  $D_0 = 0$  the null hypothesis is  $H_0 : \mu_1 - \mu_2 = 0$ .
3. In this case, the null hypothesis is that  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  are equal. Rejection of  $H_0$  leads to the conclusion that  $H_a : \mu_1 - \mu_2 \neq 0$  is true; that is,  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  are not equal.
4. The general steps for conducting hypothesis tests: choose a \_\_\_\_\_, compute the value of the \_\_\_\_\_, and find the \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ whether the null hypothesis should be rejected.
5. With two independent simple random samples, we showed that the point estimator  $\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2$  has a standard error  $\sigma_{\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2}$  given by expression (10.2) and, when the sample sizes are large enough, the distribution of  $\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2$  can be described by a \_\_\_\_\_ distribution.
6. **Test Statistic for Hypothesis Tests About  $\mu_1 - \mu_2$ :  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  Known**

$$(10.5)$$

7. We demonstrated a two-tailed hypothesis test about the difference between two population means. Lower tail and upper tail tests can also be considered. These tests use the \_\_\_\_\_ as given in equation (10.5). The procedure for computing the  $p$ -value and the rejection rules for these one-tailed tests are the same as those for hypothesis tests involving a single population mean and single population proportion.

 **Question** ..... (p486)

As part of a study to evaluate differences in education quality between two training centers, a standardized examination is given to individuals who are trained at the centers. The difference between the mean examination scores is used to assess quality differences between the centers. The population means for the two centers are as follows.  $\mu_1$  is the mean examination score for the population of individuals trained at center  $A$ ,  $\mu_2$  is the mean examination score for the population of individuals trained at center  $B$ . We begin with the tentative assumption that no difference

exists between the training quality provided at the two centers. The standardized examination given previously in a variety of settings always resulted in an examination score standard deviation near 10 points. Thus, we will use this information to assume that the population standard deviations are known with  $\sigma_1 = 10$  and  $\sigma_2 = 10$ . An  $\alpha = 0.05$  level of significance is specified for the study. Independent simple random samples of  $n_1 = 30$  individuals from training center  $A$  and  $n_2 = 40$  individuals from training center  $B$  are taken. The respective sample means are  $\bar{x}_1 = 82$  and  $\bar{x}_2 = 78$ . Do these data suggest a significant difference between the population means at the two training centers? State the null and alternative hypotheses for this two-tailed test, compute the test statistic, and state the decision rules based on the  $p$ -value approach and the critical value approach and make the decision.

*sol:*

## Practical Advice

1. In most applications of the interval estimation and hypothesis testing procedures presented in this section, random samples with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are adequate.
2. In cases where either or both sample sizes are less than 30, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the populations become important considerations.
3. In general, with smaller sample sizes, it is more important for the analyst to be satisfied that it is reasonable to assume that the distributions of the two populations

are at least \_\_\_\_\_.

☺ **EXERCISES 10.1:** 1, 2, 4, 6

## 10.2 10.2 Inferences About The Difference Between Two Population Means: $\sigma_1$ and $\sigma_2$ Unknown

1. Extend the discussion of inferences about the difference between two population means to the case when the two population standard deviations, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, are \_\_\_\_\_.
2. In this case, we will use the sample standard deviations, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, to estimate the unknown population standard deviations.
3. When we use the sample standard deviations, the interval estimation and hypothesis testing procedures will be based on the \_\_\_\_\_ rather than the standard normal distribution.

### Interval Estimation of $\mu_1 - \mu_2$

1. Let us develop the margin of error and an interval estimate of the difference between these two population means. (Recall) The interval estimate for the case when the population standard deviations,  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$ , are known.  
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2. With  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  unknown, we will use the sample standard deviations  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  to estimate \_\_\_\_\_ and replace  $z_{\alpha/2}$  with \_\_\_\_\_.



3. Interval Estimate of the Difference Between Two Population Means:  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  Unknown

$$(10.6)$$

where  $1 - \alpha$  is the confidence coefficient.

4. In this expression, the use of the  $t$  distribution is an \_\_\_\_\_, but it provides excellent results and is relatively easy to use. The only difficulty that we encounter in using expression (10.6) is determining the appropriate \_\_\_\_\_ for  $t_{\alpha/2}$ .

5. Statistical software packages compute the appropriate degrees of freedom automatically. The formula used is as follows:

**Degrees of Freedom:  $t$  Distribution With Two Independent Random Samples**

$$df = \frac{\left(\frac{s_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{n_2}\right)^2}{\frac{1}{n_1-1} \left(\frac{s_1^2}{n_1}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{n_2-1} \left(\frac{s_2^2}{n_2}\right)^2} \quad (10.7)$$

 Question ..... (p490)

**(Clearwater National Bank example)** Clearwater National Bank is conducting a study designed to identify differences between checking account practices by customers at two of its branch banks. A simple random sample of 28 checking accounts is selected from the Cherry Grove Branch and an independent simple random sample of 22 checking accounts is selected from the Beechmont Branch. The current checking account balance is recorded for each of the checking accounts. A summary of the account balances follows:

	Cherry Grove	Beechmont
Sample Size	$n_1 = 28$	$n_2 = 22$
Sample Mean	$\bar{x}_1 = \$1025$	$\bar{x}_2 = \$910$
Sample Standard Deviation	$s_1 = \$150$	$s_2 = \$125$

Clearwater National Bank would like to estimate the difference between the mean checking account balance maintained by the population of Cherry Grove customers

and the population of Beechmont customers. Compute a 95% confidence interval estimate of the difference between the population mean checking account balances at the two branch banks.

*sol:*

### Hypothesis Tests About $\mu_1 - \mu_2$

1. (Recall) Letting  $D_0$  denote the hypothesized difference between  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$ , the test statistic used for the case where  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  are known is as follows.


The test statistic,  $z$ , follows the standard normal distribution.

2. When  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  are unknown, we use  $s_1$  as an estimator of  $\sigma_1$  and  $s_2$  as an estimator of  $\sigma_2$ . Substituting these sample standard deviations for  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  provides the following test statistic when  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  are unknown.

3. **Test Statistic for Hypothesis Tests About  $\mu_1 - \mu_2$ :  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  Unknown**

$$(10.8)$$

The degrees of freedom for  $t$  are given by equation (10.7).

 Question ..... (p491)

Consider a new computer software package developed to help systems analysts reduce the time required to design, develop, and implement an information system. To evaluate the benefits of the new software package, a random sample of 24 systems analysts is selected. Each analyst is given specifications for a hypothetical information system. Then 12 of the analysts are instructed to produce the information system by using current technology. The other 12 analysts are trained in the use of the new software package and then instructed to use it to produce the information system. This study involves two populations: a population of systems analysts using the current technology and a population of systems analysts using the new software package. In terms of the time required to complete the information system design project, the population means are as follows.  $\mu_1$  is the mean project completion time for systems analysts using the current technology and  $\mu_2$  is the mean project completion time for systems analysts using the new software package. The researcher in charge of the new software evaluation project hopes to show that the new software package will provide a shorter mean project completion time. Thus, the researcher is looking for evidence to conclude that  $\mu_2$  is less than  $\mu_1$ ; in this case, the difference between the two population means,  $\mu_1 - \mu_2$ , will be greater than zero. Suppose that the 24 analysts complete the study with the results shown in Table 10.1.

TABLE 10.1 Completion Time Data and Summary Statistics for the Software Testing Study		
	Current Technology	New Software
	300	274
	280	220
	344	308
	385	336
	372	198
	360	300
	288	315
	321	258
	376	318
	290	310
	301	332
	283	263
<b>Summary Statistics</b>		
Sample size	$n_1 = 12$	$n_2 = 12$
Sample mean	$\bar{x}_1 = 325$ hours	$\bar{x}_2 = 286$ hours
Sample standard deviation	$s_1 = 40$	$s_2 = 44$

Let the level of significance be  $\alpha = 0.05$ . State the null and the alternative hypothesis, the test statistic,  $p$ -value, the rejection rule, make a decision and conclusion.

*sol:*

(Software Output)

**TABLE 10.2** Output for the Hypothesis Test on the Difference Between the Current and New Software Technology

	Current	New
Mean	325	286
Variance	1600	1936
Observations	12	12
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Hypothesized Mean Difference	0	
Degrees of Freedom	21	
Test Statistic	2.272	
One-Tail $p$ -value	0.017	
One-Tail Critical Value	1.717	

### Practical Advice

1. The interval estimation and hypothesis testing procedures presented in this section are \_\_\_\_\_ and can be used with \_\_\_\_\_ sample sizes.
2. In most applications, equal or nearly equal sample sizes such that the total sample size \_\_\_\_\_ can be expected to provide very good results even if the populations are not normal.
3. Larger sample sizes are recommended if the distributions of the populations are \_\_\_\_\_ or contain \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Smaller sample sizes should only be used if the analyst is satisfied that the distributions of the populations are at least \_\_\_\_\_.

### Notes + Comments

1. How to make inferences about the difference between two population means when  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  are equal and unknown ( \_\_\_\_\_ )?
2. Based on above assumption, the two sample standard deviations are combined to provide the following pooled sample variance:  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. The  $t$  test statistic becomes

and has \_\_\_\_\_ degrees of freedom. At this point, the computation of the  $p$ -value and the interpretation of the sample results are identical to the procedures discussed earlier in this section.

4. A difficulty with this procedure is that the assumption that the two population standard deviations are equal is usually difficult to \_\_\_\_\_. Unequal population standard deviations are frequently encountered.

5. Using the pooled procedure may not provide satisfactory results, especially if the sample sizes  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  are \_\_\_\_\_.

6. The  $t$  procedure that we presented in this section does not require the assumption of equal population standard deviations and can be applied whether the population standard deviations are equal or not. It is a more general procedure and is recommended for most applications.

😊 EXERCISES 10.2: 9, 10, 13, 14, 15

## 10.3 Inferences About The Difference Between Two Population Means: Matched Samples

1. Example Matched.

(a) Suppose employees at a manufacturing company can use two different methods to perform a production task. To maximize production output, the company wants to identify the method with the smaller population mean completion time.

- (b) Let \_\_\_\_\_ denote the population mean completion time for production method 1 and \_\_\_\_\_ denote the population mean completion time for production method 2.
- (c) With no preliminary indication of the preferred production method, we begin by tentatively assuming that the two production methods have the same population mean completion time. Thus, the null hypothesis is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (d) If this hypothesis is rejected, we can conclude that the population mean completion times differ. In this case, the method providing the smaller mean completion time would be recommended.
- (e) The null and alternative hypotheses are written as follows.
- \_\_\_\_\_
2. In choosing the sampling procedure that will be used to collect production time data and test the hypotheses, we consider two alternative designs. One is based on \_\_\_\_\_ and the other is based on \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) *Independent sample design*: A simple random sample of workers is selected and each worker in the sample uses method 1. A second independent simple random sample of workers is selected and each worker in this sample uses method 2. The test of the difference between population means is based on the procedures in Section 10.2.
- (b) *Matched sample design*: One simple random sample of workers is selected. Each worker first uses one method and then uses the other method. The order of the two methods is assigned randomly to the workers, with some workers performing method 1 first and others performing method 2 first. Each worker provides \_\_\_\_\_, one value for method 1 and another value for method 2.
3. In the matched sample design the two production methods are tested under similar conditions (i.e., with the same workers); hence this design often leads to a \_\_\_\_\_ than the independent sample design. The primary reason is that in a matched sample design, \_\_\_\_\_ is eliminated because the same workers are used for both production methods.

4. Assuming the analysis of a matched sample design is the method used to test the difference between population means for the two production methods. The key to the analysis of the matched sample design is to realize that we consider only \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Therefore, we have six data values (0.6, -0.2, 0.5, 0.3, 0.0, and 0.6) that will be used to analyze the difference between population means of the two production methods.
6. Let \_\_\_\_\_ is the mean of the difference in values for the population of workers. With this notation, the null and alternative hypotheses are rewritten as follows.

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7. Assume the population of \_\_\_\_\_ has a \_\_\_\_\_ distribution. This assumption is necessary so that we may use the \_\_\_\_\_ for hypothesis testing and interval estimation procedures. Based on this assumption, the following test statistic has a  $t$  distribution with \_\_\_\_\_ degrees of freedom.

**8. Test Statistic for Hypothesis Tests Involving Matched Samples**

where

$$\frac{\bar{d} - \mu_d}{\frac{s_d}{\sqrt{n}}} \sim t_{n-1} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{s_d}{\sqrt{n}} \quad (10.9)$$

 **Question** ..... (p498)

(Table 10.3) (Matched Example). A random sample of six workers is used. The data on completion times for the six workers are given in Table 10.3. Note that each worker provides a pair of data values, one for each production method. Also note that the last column contains the difference in completion times  $d_i$  for each worker in the sample. Assume that the population of differences has a normal distribution. Test the hypotheses  $H_0 : \mu_d = 0$  and  $H_a : \mu_d \neq 0$ , using  $\alpha = 0.05$ . Compute the test statistic, the  $p$ -value and draw a conclusion. Compute the 95% confidence interval for the difference between the population means of the two production methods. If  $H_0$  is rejected, we can conclude that the population mean completion times differ.



**TABLE 10.3** Task Completion Times for a Matched Sample Design

Worker	Completion Time for Method 1 (minutes)	Completion Time for Method 2 (minutes)	Difference in Completion Times ( $d_i$ )
1	6.0	5.4	.6
2	5.0	5.2	-.2
3	7.0	6.5	.5
4	6.2	5.9	.3
5	6.0	6.0	.0
6	6.4	5.8	.6

*sol:*

Area in Upper Tail	0.20	0.10	0.05	0.025	0.01	0.005
$t$ -Value (5 $df$ )	0.920	1.476	2.015	2.571	3.365	4.032

☺ **EXERCISES 10.3:** 19, 23, 24

## 10.4 Inferences About The Difference Between Two Population Proportions

1. Letting \_\_\_\_\_ denote the proportion for population 1 and \_\_\_\_\_ denote the proportion for population 2.
2. Consider inferences about the difference between the two population proportions: \_\_\_\_\_.
3. To make an inference about this difference, we will select two independent random samples consisting of  $n_1$  units from population 1 and  $n_2$  units from population 2.

### Interval Estimation of $p_1 - p_2$

1. Example **Tax Preparation Firm**

A tax preparation firm is interested in comparing the quality of work at two of its regional offices. By randomly selecting samples of tax returns prepared at each office and verifying the sample returns' accuracy, the firm will be able to estimate the proportion of erroneous returns prepared at each office. Of particular interest is the difference between these proportions.

- (a)  $p_1$ : proportion of erroneous returns for population 1 (office 1)
- (b)  $p_2$ : proportion of erroneous returns for population 2 (office 2)
- (c) \_\_\_\_\_: sample proportion for a simple random sample from population 1
- (d) \_\_\_\_\_: sample proportion for a simple random sample from population 2

2. **Point Estimator of the Difference Between Two Population Proportions**

$$\text{_____} \quad (10.10)$$

3. Thus, the point estimator of the difference between two \_\_\_\_\_ proportions is the difference between the \_\_\_\_\_ proportions of two independent simple random samples.
4. As with other point estimators, the point estimator  $\bar{p}_1 - \bar{p}_2$  has a sampling distribution that reflects the possible values of  $\bar{p}_1 - \bar{p}_2$  if we repeatedly took two independent

random samples. The mean of this sampling distribution is \_\_\_\_\_ and the standard error of  $\bar{p}_1 - \bar{p}_2$  is:

**Standard Error of  $\bar{p}_1 - \bar{p}_2$**

$$\sqrt{\frac{\bar{p}_1(1-\bar{p}_1)}{n_1} + \frac{\bar{p}_2(1-\bar{p}_2)}{n_2}}$$

(10.11)

5. If the sample sizes are large enough that \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ are all greater than or equal to \_\_\_\_\_, the sampling distribution of  $\bar{p}_1 - \bar{p}_2$  can be approximated by a \_\_\_\_\_ distribution.
6. With the sampling distribution of  $\bar{p}_1 - \bar{p}_2$  approximated by a normal distribution, we would like to use \_\_\_\_\_ as the margin of error.
7. However,  $\sigma_{\bar{p}_1 - \bar{p}_2}$  given by equation (10.11) cannot be used directly because the two population proportions,  $p_1$  and  $p_2$ , are unknown. Using the sample proportion  $\bar{p}_1$  to estimate  $p_1$  and the sample proportion  $\bar{p}_2$  to estimate  $p_2$ , the margin of error is:

$$\text{Margin of error} = z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{\bar{p}_1(1-\bar{p}_1)}{n_1} + \frac{\bar{p}_2(1-\bar{p}_2)}{n_2}}$$

(10.12)

**8. Interval Estimate of the Difference Between Two Population Proportions**

$$\bar{p}_1 - \bar{p}_2 \pm z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{\bar{p}_1(1-\bar{p}_1)}{n_1} + \frac{\bar{p}_2(1-\bar{p}_2)}{n_2}}$$

(10.13)

where  $1-\alpha$  is the confidence coefficient.

 **Question** ..... (p504)

(Tax Preparation Example) We find that independent simple random samples from the two offices provide the following information.

	Office 1	Office 2
$n_i$	250	300
Number of returns with errors	35	27

Find a margin of error and interval estimate of the difference between the two population proportions. and 90% confidence interval.

*sol:*

### Hypothesis Tests About $p_1 - p_2$

1. Let us now consider hypothesis tests about no difference between the proportions of two populations. In this case, the three forms for a hypothesis test are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_0 : p_1 - p_2 \geq 0, & \quad H_0 : p_1 - p_2 \leq 0, & \quad H_0 : p_1 - p_2 = 0 \\
 H_a : p_1 - p_2 < 0 & \quad H_a : p_1 - p_2 > 0 & \quad H_a : p_1 - p_2 \neq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

2. When we assume \_\_\_\_\_, we have  $p_1 - p_2 = 0$ , which is the same as saying that the population proportions are equal,  $p_1 = p_2$ .
3. Under the assumption  $H_0$  is true as an equality, the population proportions are equal and \_\_\_\_\_. In this case,  $\sigma_{\bar{p}_1 - \bar{p}_2}$  becomes **Standard Error of  $\bar{p}_1 - \bar{p}_2$  when  $p_1 = p_2 = p$**

$$\sigma_{\bar{p}_1 - \bar{p}_2} = \sqrt{\frac{p_1(1 - p_1)}{n_1} + \frac{p_2(1 - p_2)}{n_2}} = \underline{\hspace{10em}} \tag{10.14}$$

4. With  $p$  unknown, we pool, or combine, the point estimators from the two samples ( $\bar{p}_1$  and  $\bar{p}_2$ ) to obtain a single point estimator of  $p$  as follows:

**Pooled Estimator of  $p$  When  $p_1 = p_2 = p$**

$$\underline{\hspace{10em}} \tag{10.15}$$

This pooled estimator of  $p$  is a weighted average of  $\bar{p}_1$  and  $\bar{p}_2$ .

5. Substituting  $\bar{p}$  for  $p$  in equation (10.14), we obtain an estimate of the standard error of  $\bar{p}_1 - \bar{p}_2$ . This estimate of the standard error is used in the test statistic.
6. The general form of the test statistic for hypothesis tests about the difference between two population proportions is the point estimator divided by the estimate of  $\sigma_{\bar{p}_1 - \bar{p}_2}$ .
7. **Test Statistic for Hypothesis Tests About  $p_1 - p_2$**

$$(10.16)$$

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This test statistic applies to large sample situations where  $n_1p_1$ ,  $n_1(1-p_1)$ ,  $n_2p_2$ , and  $n_2(1-p_2)$  are all greater than or equal to 5.

 **Question** ..... (p506)

**(Tax Preparation Firm Example)** Assume that the firm wants to use a hypothesis test to determine whether the error proportions differ between the two offices. A two-tailed test is required. Use  $\alpha = 0.10$  as the level of significance. State the null and alternative hypotheses. Compute the test statistic, and the  $p$ -value for this two-tailed test. State the decision rule and draw a conclusion.

*sol:*

☺ **EXERCISES 10.4:** 28, 29, 31, 34

☺ **SUPPLEMENTARY EXERCISES:** 38, 39, 44