Math 362: Mathematical Statistics II

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Chapter 6. Hypothesis Testing

Plan

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Go over the example first....

Suppose our friend Jory claims that he has some magic power to predict the side of a randomly tossed fair-coin.

Jory claims that he could do more than

$1/2$

of the time on average.

Let's test Jory to see if we believe his claim.

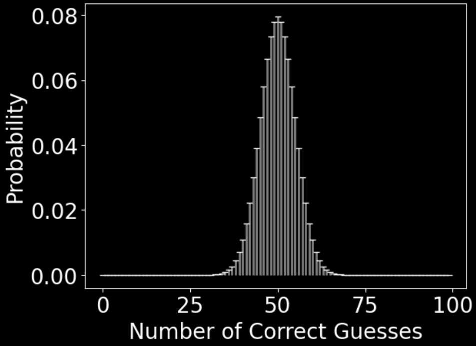
We made Jory guess a repeatedly tossed coin for 100 times.

He guesses correctly 54 times.

Question:

Does this provide strong evidence that Jory has the proclaimed magic power?

If Jory is guessing randomly, the number of correct guesses would follow a binomial distribution with parameters $n = 100$ and $p = 1/2$.



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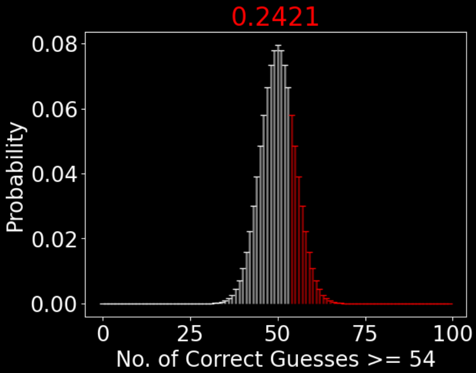

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It is not unlikely to get this many correct guesses due to chance.

Conclusion:

There is No strong evidence that Jory has better than a 1/2 chance of correctly guessing the coin.

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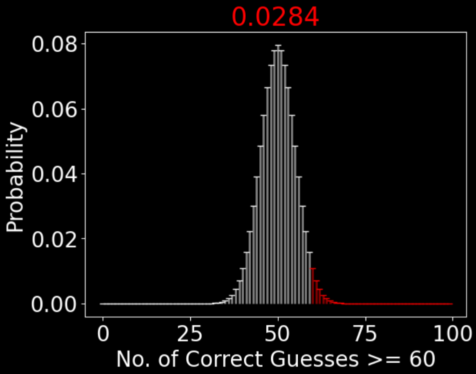

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We have just informally conducted a hypothesis test with the null hypothesis

$$H_0 : p = \frac{1}{2}$$

against the alternative hypothesis

$$H_1 : p > \frac{1}{2}$$

under the significance level $\alpha = 0.05$

which is equivalent to either

producing the critical region $m \geq 59$

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