

## Class 21: Topic 17: Tests of Significance: Proportions

**Held:** Monday, 10 March 2008

**Summary:** We consider how to express hypotheses about population parameters and how to assess such hypotheses. Along the way, we cover some important concepts, particularly test statistics,  $p$ -values, and significance levels.

**Notes:**

- Time reserved at the start of class for any campus issues you wish to discuss.
- Friday's quiz returned and discussed.
- Quiz! (There will be time to ask questions before the quiz.)
- Topic 18 will be your homework for break.
  
- Preparation: Overview and Preliminaries (as appropriate) for Topic 17.
- Handouts: Applet: Test of Significance Calculator and R Notes for Topic 17.
- Due: Activities 16-7, 16-9, 16-10, 16-19, 16-21.

**Overview:**

- Assessing hypotheses about proportions.
- The role of samples.
- Null and alternate hypotheses.
- Test statistics.
- $p$ -values.

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