

Recipe for Success: Type I Errors

Type I Error-The probability of Rejecting the null given that the null is True.

1. **Write the Hypothesis**
 - Null H_0 :
 - Alternative H_A :

α = the probability of committing a Type I error
 β = the probability of committing a Type II error
 $1 - \beta$ = the power of the test
2. **Define parameter (μ or p) in context**
3. **Define a Type I Error α**

Definition: The probability of rejecting the Null given that the Null is true.

Remember: To commit a **Type I Error**, we must have **rejected the null** and were incorrect

simplified definition: Rejecting a true Null and Accepting a False Alternative
4. **Explain a Type I Error in Context of the problem**

In this case, the probability of rejecting _____ in favor of _____

Restate H_0

_____ given the fact _____ is true.

Restate H_A *Restate H_0*
5. **Explain the consequences of Committing a Type I Error**

The consequences for committing at Type I Error are...

Explanation must be in the context and in simplified language.

Methods of Decreasing Type I Errors- α

In General:

As $\alpha \downarrow$, power \downarrow , & $\beta \uparrow$

And

As $\alpha \uparrow$, power \uparrow , & $\beta \downarrow$

1. **Decrease α - the level of significance**
 - Increases β -the probability of a Type II Error
 - More likely to accept a false null-(this is an error)
 - Power Decreases
2. **Decrease Power**
 - More likely to accept a false null—(Type II increases: negative)
 - Less likely to reject a true null—(Type I decreases: positive)
3. **Increase Sample Size**
 - Decreases Type II Error
 - Increases Power
 - (Costs money and Time)

P-value

1. **Write the Hypothesis**
 - Null H_0 :
 - Alternative H_A :
2. **Define parameter (μ or p) in context**
3. **Define P-value**

P-value is the probability of getting a test statistic as extreme or more extreme given that the null is true.
4. **Explain P-value in the Context of the problem**

There is a _____% chance that we would get a test statistic _____

P-value

this extreme in favor of _____ when in fact _____ is true

Restate H_A *Restate H_0*

