

# 01 Election Night Nail-Biter

A poll of  $n = 900$  likely voters finds that 52% support candidate A.

- a. Build a 95% **Wald** CI for the true proportion  $p$ . Based on this interval, can you call the election for candidate A?
- b. Now compute the **Wilson** CI for the same data. How does it differ from the Wald CI?
- c. Imagine only  $n = 20$  voters were polled and 11 (55%) said A. Recompute both Wald and Wilson CIs. Which one behaves better near the boundary, and why?

900

$$0.33 - 0.76$$

$$0.74 - 0.76$$

52%

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$p = 0.52$

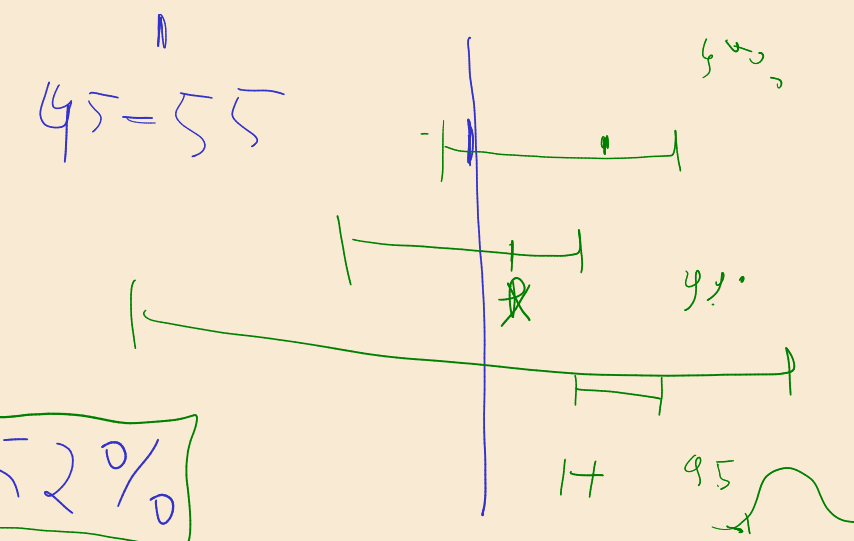
52%

$\sigma^2 = p(1-p)$

Wald CI (0.48, 0.55)  $P = 0, 1$

Wilson CI

$$\frac{z}{1+z^2/n} \pm \frac{z}{1+z^2/n} \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n} + \frac{z^2}{4n}}$$



$$52 \pm \frac{z_{0.975} \cdot \sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$$

1.96

## 🏠 🏠 02 📝 A/B Test: Ship It or Wait? 🔗

An e-commerce company runs an A/B test on their checkout page.

- Control ( $n_1 = 200$ ): conversion rate  $\hat{p}_1 = 0.08$  (8%).
- Treatment ( $n_2 = 200$ ): conversion rate  $\hat{p}_2 = 0.11$  (11%).

The product manager says “3% lift — ship it!”

- a. Build a 95% CI for the difference  $p_2 - p_1$ .

$$\text{Recall: SE} = \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}_1(1-\hat{p}_1)}{n_1} + \frac{\hat{p}_2(1-\hat{p}_2)}{n_2}}.$$

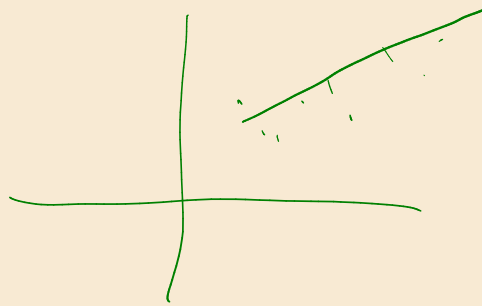
- b. Does the CI contain 0? What does this tell the PM?
- c. How large would each group need to be (equal sizes) so that the expected CI width is narrow enough to exclude 0, assuming the true lift really is 3%? (Use the sample-size formula for two proportions.)

$P$        $P_2 - P_1$

Given these  $(x, y)$  pairs:

$(1, 2), (2, 3), (3, 5), (4, 4), (5, 7), (6, 8), (7, 6), (8, 9), (9, 10), (10, 12)$

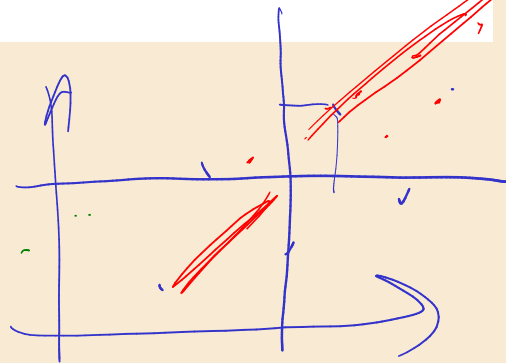
- a. Compute the Pearson correlation  $r$ .
- b. Use the bootstrap ( $B = 5,000$ ) to build a 95% percentile CI for the population correlation  $\rho$ .
- c. Plot the bootstrap distribution of  $r^*$ . Is it symmetric? If not, why might that be?



$X, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$

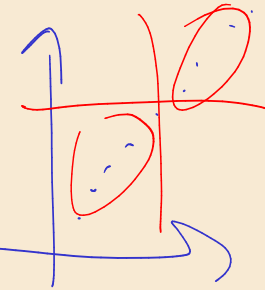
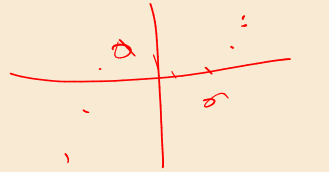
$$\hat{\theta} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y$$

$= \text{cov}(x, y)$



$$\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})$$

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2} \cdot \text{rank}(X)}$$



$$(x - \bar{x})$$

$$(y - \bar{y})$$

$\rho$