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Questions

1. What do you understand by hypothesis testing

2. Differentiate between the classical and the p-value approach for hypothesis testing.

3. What is the importance of hypothesis testing in Research

ANSWER

1. Hypothesis testing is an analysis test done based on an assumption regarding a population parameter. It’s also used to assess the plausibility of a hypothesis by using sample data which may come from a large population or from data generating process.

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| Classical approach to hypothesis testing  | P- value approach to hypothesis testing  |
| This approach computes a test statistic from the empirical data and then  | The p value is the evidence against null hypothesis  |
| In classical approach for hypothesis testing if the test statistic is larger than the critical value, then the null hypothesis is rejected. | The smaller the p value the stronger the evidence that the null hypothesis should be rejected  |
| This approach is used in comparison with critical value  | This approach is used to support or reject null hypothesis  |

1. The importance of hypothesis is majorly to assist clinicians, physicians, administrators, scientists, researchers etc. In making decisions which usually depends on statistical analysis/decisions.