

Summary

- In the study of attributes (qualitative data), we are interested in the estimate of the proportion
- The sample proportion p is used as a point estimate of the population proportion in an interval estimation of the population proportion
- The difference in the proportions of the two samples drawn from two populations is taken as a point estimate of the difference in the population proportions in an interval estimation of the difference in population proportions
- A confidence interval for the population proportion P gives an estimated range of values which is likely to include an unknown population proportion
- 100 (1 - α)% C.I for the population proportion P is given by

$$\left[p - Z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{pq}{n}}, p + Z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{pq}{n}} \right]$$

- 100 (1 - α)% C.I for the difference of two population proportions is given by

$$\left[(p_1 - p_2) - Z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{p_1 q_1}{n_1} + \frac{p_2 q_2}{n_2}}, (p_1 - p_2) + Z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{p_1 q_1}{n_1} + \frac{p_2 q_2}{n_2}} \right]$$