

Exam 2 is structured similarly to Exam 1 and will contain sections involving true or false questions, open-ended conceptual questions, and applications questions. Below is a list of topics that may appear on the exam in order of priority:

Highest Priority:

- Confidence intervals
 - o Differences between interval and point estimation
 - o Competing goals in interval estimation
 - o Definition of “confidence level”
 - o How to find the components of the margin of error to produce an interval estimate with a certain confidence level.
 - o Factors influencing the width of an interval
- ANOVA
 - o Null and alternative models in one-way ANOVA
 - o Residuals and why sums of squared residuals summarize model fit
 - o Relationships between sums of squared residuals, the F-statistic, and the p-value/conclusion drawn from an ANOVA F-test
- Chi-squared Tests
 - o Basic steps of a goodness of fit and test of independence (finding expected counts, calculating the test statistic, comparing to null distribution)
 - o How expected counts are determined for each type of Chi-squared test
- Multiple Comparisons
 - o Why multiple testing is a problem
 - o Differences in Type I error control vs. False Discovery Rate control methods
 - o Relationship between significance thresholds (alpha) and Type II error control
- Study Design and Tables
 - o When to use an odds ratio or relative risk instead of a difference in proportions
 - o How to interpret odds and an odds ratio
 - o Basic differences between experimental vs. observational studies
 - o Basic differences between types of observational studies (cohort/prospective, retrospective/case-control, cross-sectional)

Medium Priority:

- Confidence Intervals
 - o Steps involved in bootstrapping to create a percentile bootstrap confidence interval

- When to use bootstrapping
- How to interpret confidence intervals as complimentary to a hypothesis test (ie: contains the null hypothesis -> p-value is larger than 1 – conf level).
- ANOVA
 - Assumptions of one-way ANOVA (similar std devs, Normal residuals) and how to check them (2 x std dev rule of thumb, Q-Q plot).
 - Post-hoc testing and the information it provides
 - Why you might log-transform the outcome
- Chi-squared Tests
 - Standardized residuals and interpreting direction of relationship
 - Sample size assumptions and when to use Fisher's exact test
- Multiple Comparisons
 - How to perform the Bonferroni adjustment to get an adjusted significance threshold or adjusted p-values
- Study Design and Tables
 - How to calculate an odds ratio from a two-way frequency table.
 - Why relative risk and differences in proportions don't work for case-control retrospective studies

Low Priority:

- Confidence Intervals
 - R functions used to create confidence intervals
 - Sample size assumptions required valid confidence intervals in various scenarios
- ANOVA
 - Relationships between quantities in an ANOVA table (ie: MSG = SSG/df1)
 - How to interpret log-transformed outcomes
- Chi-squared Tests
 - Relationship between Chi-squared test and Z-test
- Multiple Comparisons
 - How the probability of at least one Type I error is calculated
- Study Design and Tables
 - Relative strengths of various study designs (experimental > prospective > retrospective > cross-sectional)