

# NHST and Bayesian Statistics Hypotheses

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## Non-Directional Hypotheses

### Null Hypothesis Significance Testing Approach

The null hypothesis predicts that the BMI of adults who are physically active will not differ from the BMI of adults who are physically inactive.

$$H_0: \text{BMI}_{\text{active}} = \text{BMI}_{\text{inactive}}$$

The alternative hypothesis predicts that the BMI of adults who are physically active will differ from the BMI of adults who are physically inactive.

$$H_1: \text{BMI}_{\text{active}} \neq \text{BMI}_{\text{inactive}}$$

### Bayesian Approach

$H_1$  = the BMI of adults who are physically active does not differ from the BMI of adults who are inactive

$H_2$  = the BMI of adults who are physically active differs from the BMI of adults who are inactive

$$P(D|H_1, X) \ll P(D|H_2, X)$$

## Directional Hypotheses

### Null Hypothesis Significance Testing Approach

The null hypothesis predicts that the BMI of adults who are physically active will be greater than or equal to the BMI of adults who are physically inactive.

$$H_0: \text{BMI}_{\text{active}} \geq \text{BMI}_{\text{inactive}}$$

The alternative hypothesis predicts that the BMI of adults who are physically active will be less than the BMI of adults who are physically inactive.

$$H_1: \text{BMI}_{\text{active}} < \text{BMI}_{\text{inactive}}$$

### Bayesian Approach

$H_1$  = the BMI of adults who are physically active is greater than or equal to the BMI of adults who are physically inactive

$H_2$  = the BMI of adults who are physically active is less than the BMI of adults who are physically inactive

$$P(D|H_1, X) \ll P(D|H_2, X)$$