

# The General's Dilemma

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# Data Collection

- ▶ Use a [StatCrunch](#) survey or SurveyMonkey

## General's Dilemma

Used to collect data from the General's Dilemma Activity in Sullivan Statistics.

\* Required

### 1. [Edit](#) - [Delete](#)

Read the third sentence of the General's Dilemma, which begins "If he takes the first route..." Does your version state "200 soldiers will be saved" or "400 soldiers will die"?

- 200 soldiers will be saved
- 400 soldiers will die

### 2. [Edit](#) - [Delete](#)

Which route did you choose? \*

- Route I
- Route II

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# Version I

- ▶ Threatened by a superior enemy force, the general faces a dilemma. His intelligence officers say his soldiers will be caught in an ambush in which 600 of them will die unless he leads them to safety by one of two available routes. If he takes the first route, 200 soldiers will be saved. If he takes the second, there is a one-third chance that 600 soldiers will be saved, and a two-thirds chance that none will be saved. Which route should he take?

# Version II

- ▶ Threatened by a superior enemy force, the general faces a dilemma. His intelligence officers say his soldiers will be caught in an ambush in which 600 of them will die unless he leads them to safety by one of two available routes. If he takes the first route, 400 soldiers will die. If he takes the second, there is a one-third chance that no soldiers will die, and a two-thirds chance that 600 soldiers will die. Which route should he take?

# Analysis

- ▶ The raw [data](#).
- ▶ Organize the data in a two-way contingency table. Let the row variable represent the version and let the column variable represent the route.
- ▶ Determine the conditional distribution of route selected by version.
- ▶ The research objective is to determine if there is a difference in route selected depending upon the version read. Based on this, determine the null and alternative hypotheses.
- ▶ Using the randomization test for two proportions applet in StatCrunch to approximate a P-value for this hypothesis test. Based on the result, what do you conclude?

# Data in StatCrunch

**Generals\_Dilemma**

**StatCrunch**<sup>2</sup> **Applets** **Edit** **Data** **Stat** **Graph** **Help**

Row	Version	Route	var3	var4	var5	var6	var7
14	Risk Averse	1					
15	Risk Averse	1					
16	Risk Averse	1					
17	Risk Averse	1					
18	Risk Averse	1					
19	Risk Averse	2					
20	Risk Averse	2					
21	Risk Averse	2					
22	Risk Averse	2					
23	Risk Averse	2					
24	Risk Seeking	1					
25	Risk Seeking	1					
26	Risk Seeking	1					
27	Risk Seeking	1					
28	Risk Seeking	1					
29	Risk Seeking	1					
30	Risk Seeking	1					
31	Risk Seeking	1					
32	Risk Seeking	1					
33	Risk Seeking	2					
34	Risk Seeking	2					
35	Risk Seeking	2					

# Contingency Tables in StatCrunch

Contingency table (with data)

**Row variable:**  
Version

**Column variable:**  
Route

**Where:**  
--optional-- **Build**

**Group by:**  
--optional--

**Display:**  
Row percent  
Column percent  
Percent of total  
Expected count  
Contributions to Chi-Square

**Hypothesis tests:**  
Chi-Square test for independence  
Fisher's exact test for independence (2x2 only)  
McNemar's test for marginal homogeneity (2x2 only)  
Cramer's V test for association  
Mantel-Haenszel (group by with 2x2 only)

**Confidence intervals:**  
Lambda  
Uncertainty coefficient  
Kappa

? Cancel Compute!

Options

**Contingency table results:**  
Rows: Version  
Columns: Route

**Cell format**  
Count  
(Row percent)

	1	2	Total
Risk Averse	18 (78.26%)	5 (21.74%)	23 (100%)
Risk Seeking	9 (37.5%)	15 (62.5%)	24 (100%)
Total	27 (57.45%)	20 (42.55%)	47 (100%)

**Chi-Square test:**

Statistic	DF	Value	P-value
Chi-square	1	7.982337	0.0047

# Randomization Tests in StatCrunch

**Test For Two Proportions**

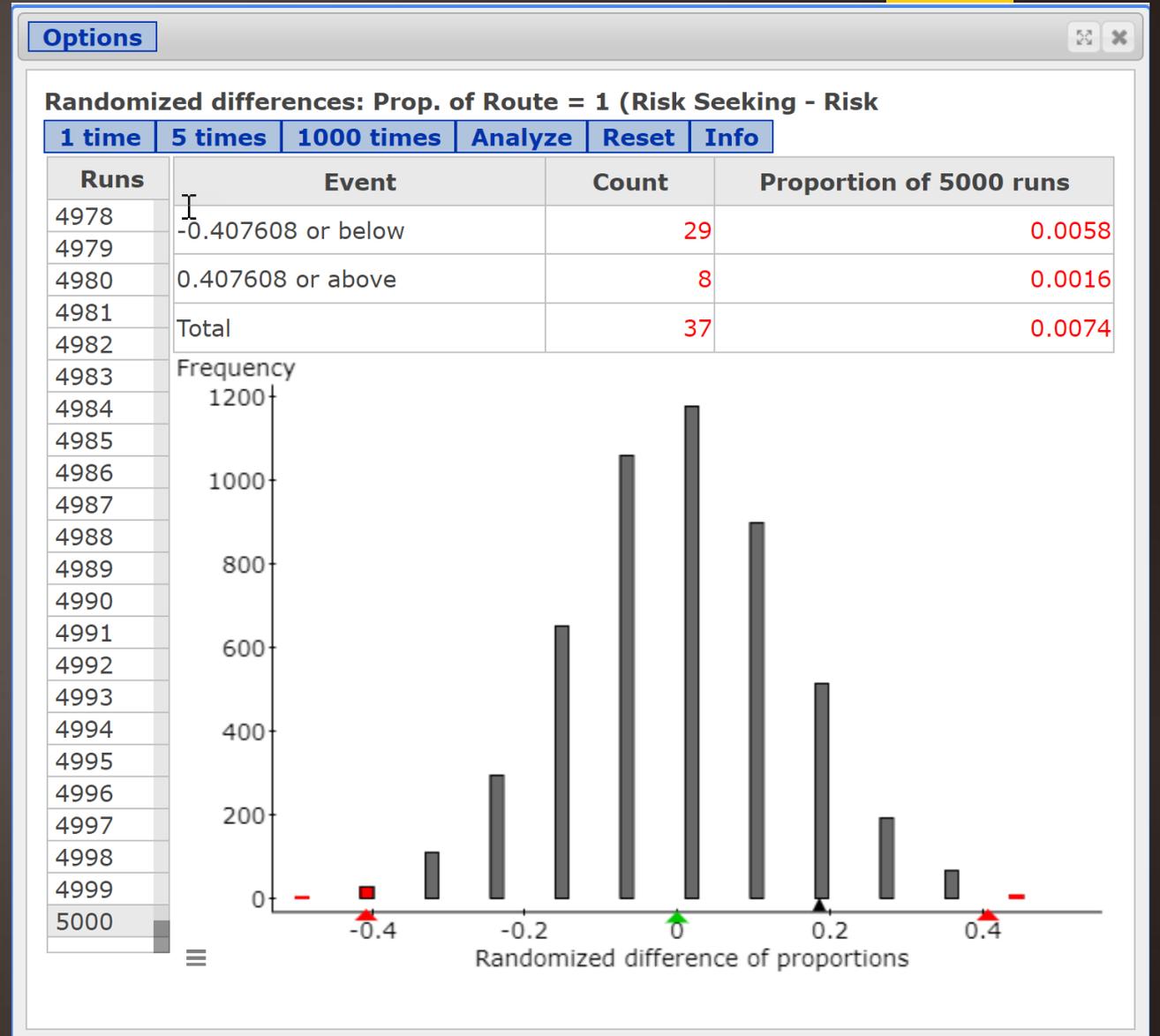
**From data table:**  
 Sample 1 in:  
 Route  
 Where: Version = "Risk Seeking" **Build**  
 Label: Risk Seeking

Sample 2 in:  
 Route  
 Where: Version = "Risk Averse" **Build**  
 Label: Risk Averse

Success: 1

**From summary:**  
 Sample 1:  
 # of successes:   
 # of observations:   
 Label: --optional-

? Cancel Compute!



# Comparing Two Proportions

**Two Sample Proportions**

**Sample 1:**  
Values in: Route  
Success: 1  
Where: Version = "Risk Averse" **Build**

**Sample 2:**  
Values in: Route  
Success: 1  
Where: Version = "Risk Seeking"

**Perform:**  
 Hypothesis test for  $p_1 - p_2$   
 $H_0: p_1 - p_2 = 0$   
 $H_A: p_1 - p_2 \neq 0$

**Options**

**Two sample proportion hypothesis test:**  
 $p_1$  : Proportion of successes (Success = 1) for Route where Version = "Risk Averse"  
 $p_2$  : Proportion of successes (Success = 1) for Route where Version = "Risk Seeking"  
 $p_1 - p_2$  : Difference in proportions  
 $H_0 : p_1 - p_2 = 0$   
 $H_A : p_1 - p_2 \neq 0$

**Hypothesis test results:**

Difference	Count1	Total1	Count2	Total2	Sample Diff.	Std. Err.	Z-Stat	P-value
$p_1 - p_2$	18	23	9	24	0.4076087	0.14427079	2.825303	0.0047

# A Follow-Up Study

## Decision Making Survey

Answer the following questions. There is no right or wrong response, we simply wish to determine which option you would select.

### 1. Edit - Delete

Choose one of the following.

- A sure gain of \$3000
- An 80% chance of \$4000 and a 20% chance of winning nothing

### 2. Edit - Delete

Choose between:

- A sure loss of \$3000
- An 80% chance of losing \$4000 and a 20% chance of losing \$0

# The Data

## Responses to Decision Making Survey

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Row	Response_id	RiskAverse	RiskSeek	var4	var5	var6	var7
1	799893	A sure gain of \$3000	An 80% chance of losing \$3000				
2	799895	A sure gain of \$3000	An 80% chance of losing \$3000				
3	799900	A sure gain of \$3000	An 80% chance of losing \$3000				
4	799913	An 80% chance of losing \$3000	A sure loss of \$3000				
5	799915	A sure gain of \$3000	An 80% chance of losing \$3000				
6	799921	A sure gain of \$3000	An 80% chance of losing \$3000				
7	799933	A sure gain of \$3000	An 80% chance of losing \$3000				
8	799943	A sure gain of \$3000	A sure loss of \$3000				
9	799950	A sure gain of \$3000	A sure loss of \$3000				
10	799952	A sure gain of \$3000	A sure loss of \$3000				
11	799964	A sure gain of \$3000	A sure loss of \$3000				
12	800005	A sure gain of \$3000	An 80% chance of losing \$3000				
13	800078	A sure gain of \$3000	An 80% chance of losing \$3000				
14	800092	A sure gain of \$3000	An 80% chance of losing \$3000				

# Analysis – McNemar's Test

## Options

### Contingency table results:

Rows: RiskAverse

Columns: RiskSeek

#### Cell format

Count

(Row percent)

(Column percent)

	A sure loss of \$3000	An 80% chance of losing \$4000 and a 20% chance of losing \$0	Total
A sure gain of \$3000	25 (24.04%) (67.57%)	79 (75.96%) (84.95%)	104 (100%) (80%)
An 80% chance of \$4000 and a 20% chance of winning nothing	12 (46.15%) (32.43%)	14 (53.85%) (15.05%)	26 (100%) (20%)
Total	37 (28.46%) (100%)	93 (71.54%) (100%)	130 (100%) (100%)

### McNemar's test for marginal homogeneity

Measure	DF	Value	P-value
Chi-Square	1	49.32967	<0.0001