

# 1 Confidence Interval for $\pi$ using SPSS

This is not as straight forward as one might think!

Assume we have a sample size of  $n = 30$  and the number of successes  $y = 10$ . Goal to get a 95% confidence interval for  $\pi$  the proportion of successes in the population.

## 1. Enter the data

Use a new spreadsheet, click on the Variable View tab in the lower right of the spreadsheet and create two variables (e.g.) "response", and "count".

Click on the Data View tab in the lower right corner and now enter the data

response	count
1	10
0	20

With the interpretation: 1=success, 0=failure

## 2. Set weight variable

Got to: Data>Weight Cases

Choose your variable count as frequency variable, and click ok.

## 3. Calculate the confidence interval

Go to: Analyze>Generalized Linear Model>Generalized Linear Model

Click the radio button for "Custom"

Choose Distribution : Binomial, and Link function: Identity

Click the Response tab at the top of the pop-up window

Choose variable response as the Dependent Variable

Click on radio button Binary

Click OK, a window will pop up, asking if you want an intercept only model, answer "yes"

## 4. Read the output

In the table on Parameter Estimates check the line on the intercept, it has the confidence interval. In this case [0.498, 0.835].