

Summary of NHST for 18.05

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z-test

- Use: Compare the data mean to an hypothesized mean.
- Data: x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n .
- Assumptions: The data are independent normal samples:
 $x_i \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ where μ is unknown, but σ is known.
- H_0 : For a specified μ_0 , $\mu = \mu_0$.
- H_A :
 - Two-sided: $\mu \neq \mu_0$
 - one-sided-greater: $\mu > \mu_0$
 - one-sided-less: $\mu < \mu_0$
- Test statistic: $z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}$
- Null distribution: $\phi(z | H_0)$ is the pdf of $Z \sim N(0, 1)$.
- p -value:
 - Two-sided: $p = P(|Z| > z | H_0) = 2*(1-\text{pnorm}(\text{abs}(z), 0, 1))$
 - one-sided-greater (right-sided): $p = P(Z > z | H_0) = 1 - \text{pnorm}(z, 0, 1)$
 - one-sided-less (left-sided): $p = P(Z < z | H_0) = \text{pnorm}(z, 0, 1)$
- Critical values: z_α has *right-tail* probability α

$$P(z > z_\alpha | H_0) = \alpha \Leftrightarrow z_\alpha = \text{qnorm}(1 - \alpha, 0, 1).$$

- Rejection regions: let α be the significance.
 - Right-sided rejection region: $[z_\alpha, \infty)$
 - Left-sided rejection region: $(-\infty, z_{1-\alpha}]$
 - Two-sided rejection region: $(-\infty, z_{1-\alpha/2}] \cup [z_{\alpha/2}, \infty)$

Alternate test statistic

- Test statistic: \bar{x}
- Null distribution: $\phi(\bar{x} | H_0)$ is the pdf of $\bar{X} \sim N(\mu_0, \sigma^2/n)$.
- p -value:
 - Two-sided: $p = P(|\bar{X} - \mu_0| > |\bar{x} - \mu_0| | H_0) = 2*(1-\text{pnorm}(\text{abs}((\bar{x} - \mu_0), 0, \sigma/\sqrt{n})))$
 - one-sided-greater: $p = P(\bar{X} > \bar{x}) = 1 - \text{pnorm}(\bar{x}, \mu_0, \sigma/\sqrt{n})$
 - one-sided-less: $p = P(\bar{X} < \bar{x}) = \text{pnorm}(\bar{x}, \mu_0, \sigma/\sqrt{n})$
- Critical values: x_α has *right-tail* probability α

$$P(X > x_\alpha | H_0) = \alpha \Leftrightarrow x_\alpha = \text{qnorm}(1 - \alpha, \mu_0, \sigma/\sqrt{n}).$$

- Rejection regions: let α be the significance.
 - Right-sided rejection region: $[x_\alpha, \infty)$
 - Left-sided rejection region: $(-\infty, x_{1-\alpha}]$
 - Two-sided rejection region: $(-\infty, x_{1-\alpha/2}] \cup [x_{\alpha/2}, \infty)$

One-sample t -test of the mean

- Use: Compare the data mean to an hypothesized mean.
- Data: x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n .
- Assumptions: The data are independent normal samples:
 $x_i \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ where both μ and σ are unknown.
- H_0 : For a specified μ_0 , $\mu = \mu_0$
- H_A :
 - Two-sided: $\mu \neq \mu_0$
 - one-sided-greater: $\mu > \mu_0$
 - one-sided-less: $\mu < \mu_0$
- Test statistic: $t = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}}$,

where s^2 is the sample variance: $s^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2$

- Null distribution: $\phi(t | H_0)$ is the pdf of $T \sim t(n-1)$.
(Student t -distribution with $n-1$ degrees of freedom)
- p -value:
 - Two-sided: $p = P(|T| > t) = 2*(1-\text{pt}(\text{abs}(t), n-1))$
 - one-sided-greater: $p = P(T > t) = 1 - \text{pt}(t, n-1)$
 - one-sided-less: $p = P(T < t) = \text{pt}(t, n-1)$
- Critical values: t_α has *right-tail* probability α

$$P(T > t_\alpha | H_0) = \alpha \Leftrightarrow t_\alpha = \text{qt}(1 - \alpha, n - 1).$$

- Rejection regions: let α be the significance.
 - Right-sided rejection region: $[t_\alpha, \infty)$
 - Left-sided rejection region: $(-\infty, t_{1-\alpha}]$
 - Two-sided rejection region: $(-\infty, t_{1-\alpha/2}] \cup [t_{\alpha/2}, \infty)$

Two-sample t -test for comparing means (assuming equal variance)

- Use: Compare the means from two groups.
- Data: x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n and y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m .
- Assumptions: Both groups of data are independent normal samples:

$$\begin{aligned} x_i &\sim N(\mu_x, \sigma^2) \\ y_j &\sim N(\mu_y, \sigma^2) \end{aligned}$$

where both μ_x and μ_y are unknown and possibly different. The variance σ is unknown, but the same for both groups.

- H_0 : $\mu_x = \mu_y$
- H_A :
 - Two-sided: $\mu_x \neq \mu_y$
 - one-sided-greater: $\mu_x > \mu_y$
 - one-sided-less: $\mu_x < \mu_y$

- Test statistic: $t = \frac{\bar{x} - \bar{y}}{s_P}$,
where s_x^2 and s_y^2 are the sample variances and s_P^2 is (sometimes called) the pooled sample variance:

$$s_P^2 = \frac{(n-1)s_x^2 + (m-1)s_y^2}{n+m-2} \left(\frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{m} \right)$$

- Null distribution: $\phi(t | H_0)$ is the pdf of $T \sim t(n+m-2)$.
(Student t -distribution with $n+m-2$ degrees of freedom.)
- p -value:

Two-sided:	$p = P(T > t)$	=	$2*(1-pt(abs(t), n+m-2))$
one-sided-greater:	$p = P(T > t)$	=	$1 - pt(t, n+m-2)$
one-sided-less:	$p = P(T < t)$	=	$pt(t, n+m-2)$
- Critical values: t_α has *right-tail* probability α

$$P(t > t_\alpha | H_0) = \alpha \Leftrightarrow t_\alpha = qt(1 - \alpha, n + m - 2).$$

- Rejection regions: let α be the significance.

Right-sided rejection region:	$[t_\alpha, \infty)$
Left-sided rejection region:	$(-\infty, t_{1-\alpha}]$
Two-sided rejection region:	$(-\infty, t_{1-\alpha/2}] \cup [t_{\alpha/2}, \infty)$

Notes: 1. **Unequal variances.** There is a form of the t -test for when the variances are not assumed equal. It is sometimes called Welch's t -test. In the R function `t.test`, there is an argument `var.equal`. Setting it to `FALSE` runs the unequal variances version of the t -test.

2. When the data naturally comes in pairs (x_i, y_i) , one uses the *paired two-sample t -test*. For example, in comparing two treatments, each patient receiving treatment 1 might be paired with a patient receiving treatment 2 who is similar in terms of stage of disease, age, sex, etc.

² test for variance

- Use: Compare the data variance to an hypothesized variance.
- Data: x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n .
- Assumptions: The data are independent normal samples:
 $x_i \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ where both μ and σ are unknown.
- H_0 : For a specified σ_0 , $\sigma = \sigma_0$
- H_A :

Two-sided:	$\sigma \neq \sigma_0$
one-sided-greater:	$\sigma > \sigma_0$
one-sided-less:	$\sigma < \sigma_0$

- Test statistic: $X^2 = \frac{(n-1)s^2}{\sigma_0^2}$, where s^2 is the sample variance: $s^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2$

- Null distribution: $\phi(X^2 | H_0)$ is the pdf of $\chi^2 \sim \chi^2(n-1)$. (Chi-square distribution with $n-1$ degrees of freedom)
- p -value: Because the χ^2 distribution is not symmetric around zero the two-sided test is a little awkward to write down. The idea is to look at the X^2 statistic and see if it's in the left or right tail of the distribution. The p -value is twice the probability in that tail. An easy check for which tail it's in is: $s^2/\sigma_0^2 > 1$ (right tail) or $s^2/\sigma_0^2 < 1$ (left tail).

$$\text{Two-sided: } p = \begin{cases} 2 * P(\chi^2 > X^2) & \text{if } X^2 \text{ is in the right tail} \\ 2 * P(\chi^2 < X^2) & \text{if } X^2 \text{ is in the left tail} \\ = 2 * \min(\text{pchisq}(X^2, n-1), 1 - \text{pchisq}(X^2, n-1)) \end{cases}$$

$$\text{one-sided-greater: } p = P(\chi^2 > X^2) = 1 - \text{pchisq}(X^2, n-1)$$

$$\text{one-sided-less: } p = P(\chi^2 < X^2) = \text{pchisq}(X^2, n-1)$$

- Critical values: x_α has *right-tail* probability α

$$P(\chi^2 > x_\alpha | H_0) = \alpha \Leftrightarrow x_\alpha = \text{qchisq}(1 - \alpha, n - 1).$$

- Rejection regions: let α be the significance.
 - Right-sided rejection region: $[x_\alpha, \infty)$
 - Left-sided rejection region: $(-\infty, x_{1-\alpha}]$
 - Two-sided rejection region: $(-\infty, x_{1-\alpha/2}] \cup [x_{\alpha/2}, \infty)$

² test for goodness of fit for categorical data

- Use: Test whether discrete data fits a specific finite probability mass function.
- Data: An observed count O_i in cell i of a table.
- Assumptions: None
- H_0 : The data was drawn from a specific discrete distribution.
- H_A : The data was drawn from a different distribution
- Test statistic: The data consists of observed counts O_i for each cell. From the null hypothesis probability table we get a set of expected counts E_i . There are two statistics that we can use:

$$\text{Likelihood ratio statistic } G = 2 * \sum O_i \ln \left(\frac{O_i}{E_i} \right)$$

$$\text{Pearson's chi-square statistic } X^2 = \sum \frac{(O_i - E_i)^2}{E_i}.$$

It is a theorem that under the null hypothesis $X^2 \approx G$ and both are approximately chi-square. Before computers, X^2 was used because it was easier to compute. Now, it is better to use G although you will still see X^2 used quite often.

- Degrees of freedom df : The number of cell counts that can be freely specified. In the case above, of the n cells $n - 1$ can be freely specified and the last must be set to make the correct total. So we have $df = n - 1$ degrees of freedom.

In other chi-square tests there can be more relations between the cell counts of df might be different from $n - 1$.

- Rule of thumb: Combine cells until the expected count in each cell is at least 5.
- Null distribution: Assuming H_0 , both statistics (approximately) follow a chi-square distribution with df degrees of freedom. That is both $\phi(G | H_0)$ and $\phi(X^2 | H_0)$ have the approximately same pdf as $Y \sim \chi^2(df)$.

- p -value:

$$\begin{aligned} p &= P(Y > G) = 1 - \text{pchisq}(G, df) \\ p &= P(Y > X^2) = 1 - \text{pchisq}(X^2, df) \end{aligned}$$

- Critical values: c_α has *right-tail* probability α

$$P(Y > c_\alpha | H_0) = \alpha \Leftrightarrow c_\alpha = \text{qchisq}(1 - \alpha, df).$$

- Rejection regions: let α be the significance.
We expect X^2 to be small if the fit of the data to the hypothesized distribution is good. So we only use a right-sided rejection region: $[c_\alpha, \infty)$.

One-way ANOVA (F -test for equal means)

- Use: Compare the data means from n groups with m data points in each group.
- Data:

$$\begin{array}{cccc} x_{1,1}, & x_{1,2}, & \dots, & x_{1,m} \\ x_{2,1}, & x_{2,2}, & \dots, & x_{2,m} \\ & & \dots & \\ x_{n,1}, & x_{n,2}, & \dots, & x_{n,m} \end{array}$$

- Assumptions: Data for each group is an independent normal sample drawn from distributions with (possibly) different means but the same variance:

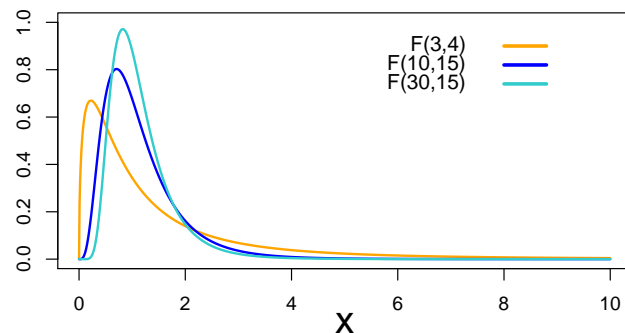
$$\begin{aligned} x_{1,j} &\sim N(\mu_1, \sigma^2) \\ x_{2,j} &\sim N(\mu_2, \sigma^2) \\ &\dots \\ x_{n,j} &\sim N(\mu_n, \sigma^2) \end{aligned}$$

The group means μ_i are unknown and possibly different. The variance σ is unknown, but the same for all groups.

- H_0 : All the means are identical $\mu_1 = \mu_2 = \dots = \mu_n$.
- H_A : Not all the means are the same.
- Test statistic: $f = \frac{MS_B}{MS_W}$, where

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{x}_i &= \text{mean of group } i \\ &= \frac{x_{i,1} + x_{i,2} + \dots + x_{i,m}}{m} \\ \bar{x} &= \text{grand mean of all the data.} \\ s_i^2 &= \text{sample variance of group } i \\ &= \frac{1}{m-1} \sum_{j=1}^m (x_{i,j} - \bar{x}_i)^2. \\ MS_B &= \text{between group variance} \\ &= m \times \text{sample variance of group means} \\ &= \frac{m}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (\bar{x}_i - \bar{x})^2. \\ MS_W &= \text{average within group variance} \\ &= \text{sample mean of } s_1^2, \dots, s_n^2 \\ &= \frac{s_1^2 + s_2^2 + \dots + s_n^2}{n} \end{aligned}$$

- Idea: If the μ_i are all equal, this ratio should be near 1. If they are not equal then MS_B should be larger while MS_W should remain about the same, so f should be larger. We won't give a proof of this.
- Null distribution: $\phi(f | H_0)$ is the pdf of $F \sim F(n-1, n(m-1))$. This is the F -distribution with $(n-1)$ and $n(m-1)$ degrees of freedom. Several F -distributions are plotted below.
- p -value: $p = P(F > f) = 1 - \text{pf}(f, n-1, n*(m-1))$



- Notes:**
1. ANOVA tests whether all the means are the same. It does not test whether some subset of the means are the same.
 2. There is a test where the variances are not assumed equal.
 3. There is a test where the groups don't all have the same number of samples.

F -test for equal variances

- Use: Compare the variances from two groups.
- Data: x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n and y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m .
- Assumptions: Both groups of data are independent normal samples:

$$\begin{aligned} x_i &\sim N(\mu_x, \sigma_x^2) \\ y_j &\sim N(\mu_y, \sigma_y^2) \end{aligned}$$

where μ_x , μ_y , σ_x and σ_y are all unknown.

- H_0 : $\sigma_x = \sigma_y$
- H_A :
 - Two-sided: $\sigma_x \neq \sigma_y$
 - one-sided-greater: $\sigma_x > \sigma_y$
 - one-sided-less: $\sigma_x < \sigma_y$
- Test statistic: $f = \frac{s_x^2}{s_y^2}$,
 where s_x^2 and s_y^2 are the sample variances of the data.
- Null distribution: $\phi(f | H_0)$ is the pdf of $F \sim F(n-1, m-1)$.
 (F -distribution with $n-1$ and $m-1$ degrees of freedom.)
- p -value:
 - Two-sided: $p = 2 * \min(\text{pf}(f, n-1, m-1), 1 - \text{pf}(f, n-1, m-1))$
 - one-sided-greater: $p = P(F > f) = 1 - \text{pf}(f, n-1, m-1)$
 - one-sided-less: $p = P(F < f) = \text{pf}(f, n-1, m-1)$
- Critical values: f_α has *right-tail* probability α

$$P(F > f_\alpha | H_0) = \alpha \Leftrightarrow f_\alpha = \text{qf}(1 - \alpha, n - 1, m - 1).$$

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