

6 Hypothesis Testing

The objective of statistical hypothesis tests, is to check whether a hypothesis is consistent with data from a random sample.

(6.1) Notation. A hypothesis about a parameter θ of a random distribution is called *null hypothesis* H_0 .

If H_0 completely determines the distribution (e.g. $H_0 : \theta = 0$), H_0 is called a *simple hypothesis*, otherwise (e.g. $H_0 : \theta > 0$), H_0 is called a *composite hypothesis*.

A *test of a null hypothesis* is always based on a random sample X_1, \dots, X_n and the (a priori) definition of a so-called *critical region* $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$. A particular test consists of the observation of n values x_1, \dots, x_n from the random variables X_1, \dots, X_n and:

- H_0 is *accepted* if $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \notin C$.
- H_0 is *rejected* if $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in C$.

In a test, two different types of errors may occur:

- Errors of *type I*: H_0 is rejected (i. e. $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in C$), although H_0 is correct.
- Errors of *type II*: H_0 is accepted (i. e. $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \notin C$), although H_0 is false.

A test has *significance level* α if the probability of false rejection of H_0 (i.e. of a type I error) is at most α .

6.1 Tests concerning the mean of a normal distribution

Let X_1, \dots, X_n be a random sample with:

$$X_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma)$$

6.1.1 Two-sided tests concerning μ if σ is known

For a given constant μ_0 , let H_0 denote the null hypothesis:

$$H_0 : \mu = \mu_0$$

As the sample mean \bar{X} is a suitable estimator for μ , the hypothesis should be rejected if the mean value \bar{x} of a set of sampled data x_1, \dots, x_n differs significantly from μ_0 . A critical region is therefore given by

$$C := \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mid |\bar{x} - \mu_0| > c\}$$

for a suitable constant c .

Given a significance level α , c has to be determined, such that:

$$\Pr_{H_0}(|\bar{X} - \mu_0| > c) := \Pr(|\bar{X} - \mu_0| > c \mid \mu = \mu_0) = \alpha$$

From the determination of confidence intervals in (5.14), this is equivalent to

$$c = \frac{\sigma \cdot \Phi^{-1}\left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}\right)}{\sqrt{n}}$$

and hence:

- H_0 is rejected if: $\frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sigma} \cdot |\bar{x} - \mu_0| > \Phi^{-1}\left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}\right)$
- H_0 is accepted if: $\frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sigma} \cdot |\bar{x} - \mu_0| \leq \Phi^{-1}\left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}\right)$

Starting with a set of sampled data,

$$v := \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sigma} \cdot |\bar{x} - \mu_0|$$

(left hand side of the above inequalities) can be calculated and the maximal value for α can be determined, such that H_0 will be accepted on the basis of the data sampled. This value

$$\alpha_{\bar{x}} := 2(1 - \Phi(v))$$

is called the *p-value* of the sample.

While the probability of the occurrence of a type I error is set to α , the probability of the occurrence of a type II error depends on the true value of μ .

(6.2) Definition. The value of this probability (that H_0 is accepted when the true value of the mean is $\mu \neq \mu_0$) is given by the so-called *operating characteristic*:

$$\begin{aligned} \beta(\mu) &= \Pr(H_0 \text{ is accepted} \mid \text{mean is } \mu) \\ &= \Pr\left(-\Phi^{-1}\left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}\right) \leq \frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \leq \Phi^{-1}\left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}\right) \mid \text{mean is } \mu\right) \\ &= \Pr\left(\frac{\mu_0 - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} - \Phi^{-1}\left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}\right) \leq \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \leq \frac{\mu_0 - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} + \Phi^{-1}\left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}\right) \mid \text{mean is } \mu\right) \\ &= \Phi\left(\frac{\mu_0 - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} + \Phi^{-1}\left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}\right)\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{\mu_0 - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} - \Phi^{-1}\left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}\right)\right) \end{aligned}$$

(6.3) Lemma.

(i)

$$\beta(\mu) = \Phi\left(\frac{\mu - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} + \Phi^{-1}\left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}\right)\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{\mu - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} - \Phi^{-1}\left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}\right)\right)$$

(ii) For small values of α :

$$\beta(\mu) \approx \Phi\left(-\frac{|\mu_0 - \mu|}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} + \Phi^{-1}\left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}\right)\right)$$

(iii) Assume $\mu \neq \mu_0$ and $\beta \in (0, 1)$. Then H_0 will be accepted with a probability $\beta(\mu) < \beta$ if:

$$n := \left\lceil \frac{(\Phi^{-1}(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}) + \Phi^{-1}(1 - \beta))^2 \sigma^2}{(\mu_0 - \mu)^2} \right\rceil$$

Figure 25 shows the operating characteristics for $\alpha = 0.1, 0.05$ and 0.01 . The plots show the values of $\beta(\mu)$ with respect to the values of $\frac{|\mu_0 - \mu|}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}$. The dashed lines correspond to the estimation from Lemma (6.3)(ii).

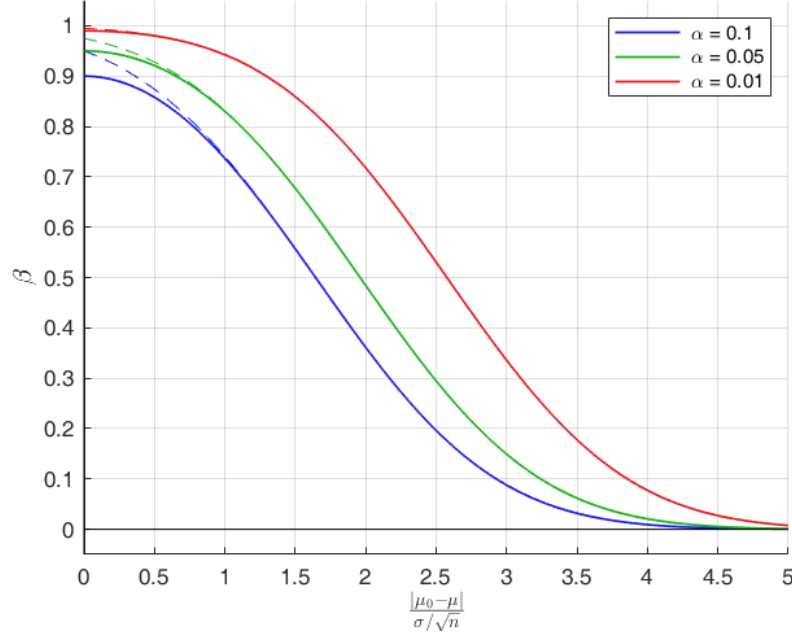


Figure 25: Operating characteristics for $\alpha = 0.1, 0.05$ and 0.01

6.1.2 One-sided tests concerning μ if σ is known

For a given constant μ_0 , let H_0 denote the null hypothesis:

$$H_0 : \mu \leq \mu_0$$

Given a significance level α , c has to be determined, such that:

$$\Pr_{H_0}(\bar{X} - \mu_0 > c) := \Pr(\bar{X} - \mu_0 > c \mid \mu \leq \mu_0) \leq \Pr(\bar{X} - \mu_0 > c \mid \mu = \mu_0) = \alpha$$

From the determination of confidence intervals in (5.14), the last equality is equivalent to

$$c = \frac{\sigma \cdot \Phi^{-1}(1 - \alpha)}{\sqrt{n}}$$

and hence:

- H_0 is rejected if: $\frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sigma} \cdot (\bar{x} - \mu_0) > \Phi^{-1}(1 - \alpha)$
- H_0 is accepted if: $\frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sigma} \cdot (\bar{x} - \mu_0) \leq \Phi^{-1}(1 - \alpha)$

For a set of sampled data define the statistic

$$v := \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sigma} \cdot (\bar{x} - \mu_0)$$

(left hand side of the above inequalities) in order to calculate its p -value:

$$\alpha_{\bar{x}} := 1 - \Phi(v)$$

The operating characteristic is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \beta(\mu) &= \Pr(H_0 \text{ is accepted} \mid \text{mean is } \mu) \\ &= \Pr\left(\frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \leq \Phi^{-1}(1 - \alpha) \mid \text{mean is } \mu\right) \\ &= \Pr\left(\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \leq \frac{\mu_0 - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} + \Phi^{-1}(1 - \alpha) \mid \text{mean is } \mu\right) \\ &= \Phi\left(\frac{\mu_0 - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} + \Phi^{-1}(1 - \alpha)\right) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, for the null hypothesis

$$H_0 : \mu \geq \mu_0$$

and a significance level α :

- H_0 is rejected if $\frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sigma} \cdot (\bar{x} - \mu_0) < \Phi^{-1}(\alpha) = -\Phi^{-1}(1 - \alpha)$
- H_0 is accepted if $\frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sigma} \cdot (\bar{x} - \mu_0) \geq \Phi^{-1}(\alpha) = -\Phi^{-1}(1 - \alpha)$

For a set of sampled data define the statistic

$$v := \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sigma} \cdot (\bar{x} - \mu_0)$$

(left hand side of the above inequalities) in order to calculate its p -value:

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6.1.3 Two-sided tests concerning μ if σ is unknown (*two-sided t -tests*)

For a given constant μ_0 , let H_0 denote the null hypothesis

$$H_0 : \mu = \mu_0$$

Given a significance level α , we have:

$$\Pr_{H_0} \left(\frac{|\bar{X} - \mu_0|}{S/\sqrt{n}} > c \right) := \Pr \left(\frac{|\bar{X} - \mu_0|}{S/\sqrt{n}} > c \mid \mu = \mu_0 \right) = \alpha$$

$$\iff c = F_{t_{n-1}}^{-1} \left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2} \right)$$

where $F_{t_{n-1}}$ denotes the cdf of a t -distribution with $n - 1$ degrees of freedom. Hence:

- H_0 is rejected if $\frac{\sqrt{n}}{s} \cdot |\bar{x} - \mu_0| > F_{t_{n-1}}^{-1} \left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2} \right)$
- H_0 is accepted if $\frac{\sqrt{n}}{s} \cdot |\bar{x} - \mu_0| \leq F_{t_{n-1}}^{-1} \left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2} \right)$

For a set of sampled data define the statistic

$$v := \frac{\sqrt{n}}{s} \cdot |\bar{x} - \mu_0|$$

(left hand side of the above inequalities) in order to calculate its p -value:

$$\alpha_{\bar{x}} := 2(1 - F_{t_{n-1}}(v))$$

6.1.4 One-sided tests concerning μ if σ is unknown (*one-sided t -tests*)

For a given constant μ_0 , let H_0 denote the null hypothesis:

$$H_0 : \mu \leq \mu_0$$

Given a significance level α , we have

$$\Pr_{H_0} \left(\frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{S/\sqrt{n}} > c \right) \leq \Pr_{H_0} \left(\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{S/\sqrt{n}} > c \right) \stackrel{(*)}{=} \alpha$$

$$(*) \iff c = F_{t_{n-1}}^{-1}(1 - \alpha)$$

and therefore:

- H_0 is rejected if $\frac{\sqrt{n}}{s} \cdot (\bar{x} - \mu_0) > F_{t_{n-1}}^{-1}(1 - \alpha)$
- H_0 is accepted if $\frac{\sqrt{n}}{s} \cdot (\bar{x} - \mu_0) \leq F_{t_{n-1}}^{-1}(1 - \alpha)$

For a set of sampled data define the statistic

$$v := \frac{\sqrt{n}}{s} \cdot (\bar{x} - \mu_0)$$

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Similarly, for the null hypothesis

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and a significance level α :

- H_0 is rejected if $\frac{\sqrt{n}}{s} \cdot (\bar{x} - \mu_0) < F_{t_{n-1}}^{-1}(\alpha) = -F_{t_{n-1}}^{-1}(1 - \alpha)$
- H_0 is accepted if $\frac{\sqrt{n}}{s} \cdot (\bar{x} - \mu_0) \geq F_{t_{n-1}}^{-1}(\alpha) = -F_{t_{n-1}}^{-1}(1 - \alpha)$

For a set of sampled data define the statistic

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(left hand side of the above inequalities) in order to calculate its p -value:

$$\alpha_{\bar{x}} := F_{t_{n-1}}(v)$$

6.2 Analysis of variance (ANOVA)

The objective of ANOVA is to test the null hypothesis

$$H_0 : \mu_1 = \mu_2 = \cdots = \mu_m$$

for mean values of m different groups of normally distributed random samples of the same size n and same variance σ^2 .

(6.4) Notation. Given independent random variables

$$X_{ij} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_i, \sigma) \quad (i = 1, \dots, m, j = 1, \dots, n)$$

with unknown values for $\mu_i (i = 1, \dots, m)$ and $\sigma > 0$, the sample mean for the i 'th group of random variables X_{i1}, \dots, X_{in} is denoted by

$$\overline{X}_i := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n X_{ij}$$

and the sample mean off all involved random variables $X_{ij} (i = 1, \dots, m, j = 1, \dots, n)$ is denoted by:

$$\overline{X} := \frac{1}{m n} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n X_{ij}$$

(6.5) Definition. With the notation given in (6.4) the following random variables are defined.

(i) *Within samples sum of squares:*

$$S_w := \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n (X_{ij} - \overline{X}_i)^2$$

(ii) *Between samples sum of squares:*

$$S_b := n \sum_{i=1}^m (\overline{X}_i - \overline{X})^2$$

(6.6) Theorem. With the notation given in (6.4) and definition (6.5) the following holds:

(i)

$$\frac{1}{\sigma^2} S_w \sim \chi_{m(n-1)}^2$$

(ii) If

$$H_0 : \mu_1 = \mu_2 = \cdots = \mu_m$$

is true, then

$$\frac{1}{\sigma^2} S_b \sim \chi_{m-1}^2$$

Proof:

- (i) Looking at the sample variance of the random sample X_{i1}, \dots, X_{in} , we may conclude from Theorem (5.11)

$$\frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{j=1}^n (X_{ij} - \bar{X}_i)^2 \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$$

and an application of Theorem (4.64) gives:

$$\frac{1}{\sigma^2} S_w = \sum_{i=1}^m \left(\frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{j=1}^n (X_{ij} - \bar{X}_i)^2 \right) \sim \chi_{m(n-1)}^2$$

- (ii) If $\mu := \mu_1 = \mu_2 = \dots = \mu_m$, then

$$\bar{X}_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma/\sqrt{n})$$

for $i = 1, \dots, m$ and \bar{X} is the sample mean of $\bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_m$. Therefore, we may apply again Theorem (5.11):

$$\frac{1}{\sigma^2} S_b = \frac{n}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^m (\bar{X}_i - \bar{X})^2 = \frac{1}{(\sigma/\sqrt{n})^2} \sum_{i=1}^m (\bar{X}_i - \bar{X})^2 \sim \chi_{m-1}^2$$

□

(6.7) Definition. If X_1 and X_2 are independent random variables with

$$X_1 \sim \chi_{n_1}^2 \quad \text{and} \quad X_2 \sim \chi_{n_2}^2$$

then the distribution of

$$X := \frac{\frac{1}{n_1} X_1}{\frac{1}{n_2} X_2}$$

is defined to be a F -distribution with parameters n_1 and n_2 . Its cdf is denoted by:

$$F_{n_1, n_2}(x) = F_X(x) \quad \text{for all } x \geq 0$$

As a direct consequence of Theorem (6.6) above and Theorem (4.62)(i), we have:

(6.8) Corollary.

- (i) An unbiased estimator for σ^2 is always given by:

$$\frac{1}{m(n-1)} S_w$$

- (ii) If

$$H_0 : \mu_1 = \mu_2 = \dots = \mu_m$$

is true, then an unbiased estimator for σ^2 is given by:

$$\frac{1}{m-1} S_b$$

(iii) Define the random variable:

$$T := \frac{\frac{1}{m-1} S_b}{\frac{1}{m(n-1)} S_w}$$

If H_0 is true, then T has a F -distribution with parameters $m-1$ and $m(n-1)$.

(6.9) Lemma. With the notation from Corollary (6.8) the following holds:

$$E(T) > 1 \quad \text{if } H_0 \text{ is false}$$

Proof: Let

$$\bar{\mu} := \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i$$

and:

$$Y_i := \bar{X}_i - \mu_i + \bar{\mu} \sim \mathcal{N}(\bar{\mu}, \sigma/\sqrt{n}) \quad (i = 1, \dots, m)$$

The sample mean \bar{Y} of Y_1, \dots, Y_m equals \bar{X} :

$$\bar{Y} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m Y_i = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (\bar{X}_i - \mu_i + \bar{\mu}) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \bar{X}_i - \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i + \bar{\mu} = \bar{X}$$

and we have:

$$\begin{aligned} E \left(\sum_{i=1}^m (\bar{X}_i - \bar{X})^2 \right) &= E \left(\sum_{i=1}^m (Y_i - \bar{Y} + \mu_i - \bar{\mu})^2 \right) \\ &= E \left(\sum_{i=1}^m (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2 \right) + \sum_{i=1}^m (\mu_i - \bar{\mu})^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^m (\mu_i - \bar{\mu}) E(Y_i - \bar{Y}) \\ &= \frac{(m-1)\sigma^2}{n} + \sum_{i=1}^m (\mu_i - \bar{\mu})^2 \quad \left(\text{Note: } E(Y_i) = E(\bar{Y}) \right) \\ \Rightarrow E(T) &= \frac{E \left(\frac{n}{m-1} \sum_{i=1}^m (\bar{X}_i - \bar{X})^2 \right)}{\sigma^2} = \frac{\sigma^2 + \frac{n}{m-1} \sum_{i=1}^m (\mu_i - \bar{\mu})^2}{\sigma^2} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $E(T) \geq 1$ and $E(T) > 1$ if $\mu_i \neq \bar{\mu}$ for some i , i. e. if H_0 is false. \square

(6.10) ANOVA. The random variable T as defined in Corollary (6.8) can be used to test the null hypothesis:

$$H_0 : \mu_1 = \mu_2 = \dots = \mu_m$$

The outcome of a random experiment described by random variables X_{ij} as introduced in (6.4) may be summarized in a matrix:

$$\mathbf{x} := (x_{ij})_{i=1, \dots, m, j=1, \dots, n}$$

Then

$$T(\mathbf{x}) := \frac{\frac{1}{m-1} S_b(\mathbf{x})}{\frac{1}{m(n-1)} S_w(\mathbf{x})} = \frac{\frac{n}{m-1} \sum_{i=1}^m (\bar{x}_i - \bar{x})^2}{\frac{1}{m(n-1)} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n (x_{ij} - \bar{x}_i)^2}$$

(where \bar{x} is the mean value of all values in \mathbf{x} and \bar{x}_i is the mean value of x_{i1}, \dots, x_{in}) will be expected to be close to 1 if H_0 is true. On the other hand, if $T(\mathbf{x})$ exceeds 1 significantly, H_0 is presumably false and should be rejected.

Because T has a F -distribution with parameters $m - 1$ and $m(n - 1)$ if H_0 is true, we have

$$\Pr_{H_0}(T > c) = \alpha$$

$$\iff c = F_{m-1, m(n-1)}^{-1}(1 - \alpha)$$

and therefore, for any given significance level α :

- H_0 is rejected if $T(\mathbf{x}) > F_{m-1, m(n-1)}^{-1}(1 - \alpha)$
- H_0 is accepted if $T(\mathbf{x}) \leq F_{m-1, m(n-1)}^{-1}(1 - \alpha)$

Finally, the p -value of a collection of sampled data (arranged in the matrix \mathbf{x}) is given by:

$$\alpha_{\mathbf{x}} = 1 - F_{m-1, m(n-1)}(T(\mathbf{x}))$$

(6.11) Example. Sampled data for three groups with seven random variables per group are displayed in the following matrix:

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 13.6 & 14.6 & 10.7 & 20.3 & 14.2 & 11.4 & 16.2 \\ 11.7 & 7.2 & 7.2 & 2.2 & 6.0 & 5.8 & 10.5 \\ 2.5 & 5.4 & 20.0 & 18.4 & 11.4 & 13.8 & 11.3 \end{pmatrix}$$

The values for the sample means $\overline{X_1}$, $\overline{X_2}$, $\overline{X_3}$ and \overline{X} are:

$$(\overline{x_1}, \overline{x_2}, \overline{x_3}) = (14.4, 7.2, 11.8), \quad \overline{x} = 11.2$$

The estimation for the variance σ^2 given by $\frac{1}{m(n-1)} S_w$ and the value of $\frac{1}{m-1} S_b$ are:

$$\frac{1}{m(n-1)} S_w(\mathbf{x}) = 20.2, \quad \frac{1}{m-1} S_b(\mathbf{x}) = 93.1$$

Therefore $T(\mathbf{x}) = 93.1/20.2 = 4.6$ and the p -value of the sampled data is:

$$\alpha_{\mathbf{x}} = 1 - F_{m-1, m(n-1)}(T(\mathbf{x})) = 0.024$$

For example, on the basis of the data sampled, the null hypothesis $H_0 : \mu_1 = \mu_2 = \mu_3$ would be rejected if the significance level was chosen to be $\alpha = 5\%$ and would be accepted if α was chosen to be $\alpha = 1\%$.

(6.12) MatLab. MatLab provides an implementation of the ANOVA test with the function `anova1()`. Please note that sampled data values belonging to the same group of random variables have to be composed in columns instead of rows for an input matrix to `anova1()`.

The following listing shows a call of `anova1()` with the transpose of \mathbf{x} from the above Example (6.11). Furthermore, the calculations of all values mentioned in Example (6.11) are performed explicitly.

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1  x = [ 13.6  14.6  10.7  20.3  14.2  11.4  16.2; ...  
        11.7   7.2   7.2   2.2   6.0   5.8  10.5; ...  
        2.5   5.4  20.0  18.4  11.4  13.8  11.3]';  
  
5  anova1(x)  
  
    [n m] = size(x);  
    x_i_mean = mean(x)  
    x_mean = mean(x_i_mean)  
10  sb = x_i_mean - x_mean;  
    Sb = n*sb*sb'  
    var_b = Sb/(m-1)  
  
    sw = x - x_i_mean;  
15  Sw = sum(sum(sw.*sw))  
    var_w = Sw/(m*(n-1))  
  
    T = var_b/var_w  
    p_Value = 1 - fcdf(T,m-1,m*(n-1))
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