

Aircraft electrical wiring often has a conformal coating that makes it more reliable under situations where it may be exposed to fire, seawater, or high-voltage spikes due to lightning and electromagnetic pulses.

A new manufacturing process has been introduced that supposedly reduces the variance in coating thickness; however, it is unknown what effect this has on the mean coating thickness. Population variances are unknown but assumed to be unequal. Samples of each process were analyzed with the following results:

$n_1 = 10$, $\bar{x}_1 = 82 \mu\text{m}$, $s_1 = 6.2 \mu\text{m}$; $n_2 = 8$, $\bar{x}_2 = 80 \mu\text{m}$, $s_2 = 3.8 \mu\text{m}$.

Test the following hypotheses on the difference in means of coating thickness at the $\alpha = 0.05$ level of significance and state whether you would reject or fail to reject H_0 :

$H_0: \mu_1 = \mu_2$

$H_1: \mu_1 \neq \mu_2$

need χ^2

$$\frac{s_1^2}{n_1} = \frac{6.2^2}{10} = 3.844$$

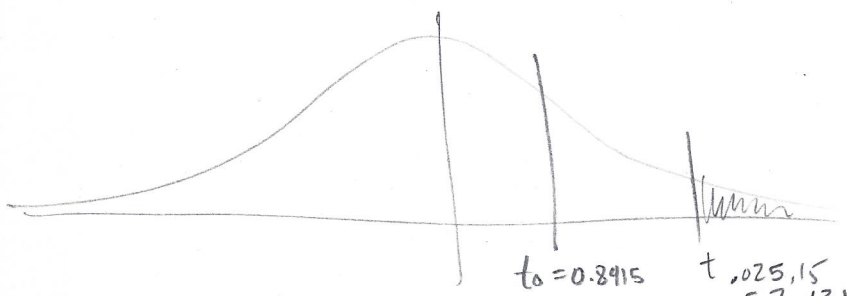
$$\frac{s_2^2}{n_2} = \frac{3.8^2}{8} = 1.805$$

$$V = \frac{(3.844 + 1.805)^2}{\frac{3.844^2}{9} + \frac{1.805^2}{7}} = 15.14$$

round down to
 $V = 15$

$$t_0 = \frac{82 - 80}{\sqrt{\frac{6.2^2}{10} + \frac{3.8^2}{8}}} = 0.8415$$

$$t_{\alpha/2, V} = t_{.025, 15} = 2.131$$



$$t_0 < t_{.025, 15}$$

fail to reject H_0

(+2)

Now test the following hypotheses on equality of variances of coating thickness using fixed- α @ 0.05:

$$H_0: \sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2$$

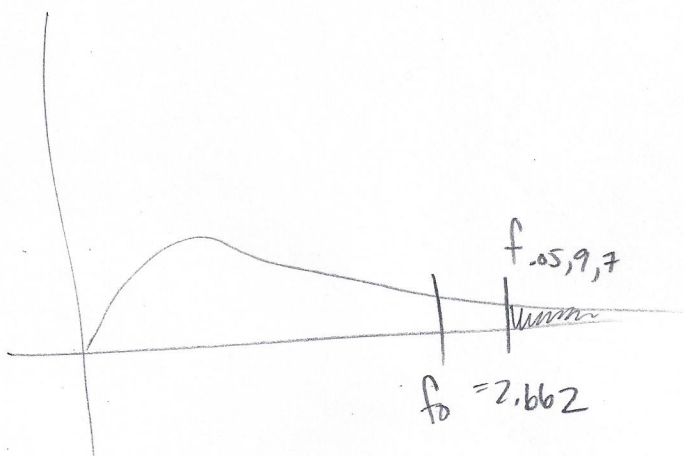
$$H_1: \sigma_1^2 > \sigma_2^2$$

What does the data suggest about the two processes?

$$f_0 = \frac{s_1^2}{s_2^2} = \frac{6.2^2}{3.8^2} = 2.662 \quad (+1)$$

critical value (upper one-sided):

$$f_{\alpha, n_1-1, n_2-1} = f_{0.05, 9, 7} = 3.68 \quad (+2)$$



$$f_0 \neq f_{0.05, 9, 7}$$

\therefore fail to reject H_0

(+2)

→ there is insufficient evidence that the new process reduces variance in coating thickness (+1)

Small voids in the conformal coating are highly undesirable and require that a wire sample be rejected. In this test, four samples of process number one and three samples of process number two were rejected for this reason. Write a 95% confidence interval on the difference in population proportions of rejected wire samples and use it to test the following hypotheses:

$$p_1 = p_2$$

$$p_1 \neq p_2$$

$$\hat{p}_1 = \frac{4}{10} = 0.4$$

$$\hat{p}_2 = \frac{3}{8} = 0.375$$

+2

$$Z_{\alpha/2} = Z_{.025} = 1.960$$

+1

$$P_1 - P_2 : 0.4 - 0.375 \pm 1.960 \sqrt{\frac{.4(1-.4)}{10} + \frac{.375(1-.375)}{8}}$$

$$-0.4275 < P_1 - P_2 < 0.4775$$

+2

C.I. does contain zero; \therefore fail to reject H_0

+2

Conceptual understanding question: how would a *paired t-test* be implemented in this problem; i.e., what would the test specimens be and what would you do with them and why?

test specimens would be wire samples

+1

would have to somehow coat same sample w/ both processes, to mitigate confounding effects of variation due to wire, environment, etc..

+2