

27 pts.

SOLUTION

Last week, we looked at HRV data from Exam I. Now, we group it into two weeks; one before the onset of symptoms, and one after.

Week	Day	Date	HRV	Notes
1	W	7/28	33	
	R	7/29	43	
	F	7/30	43	
	S	7/31	39	
	U	8/1	23	
	M	8/2	47	
	T	8/3	31	
2	W	8/4	37	Presentation of COVID symptoms
	R	8/5	40	Confirmed positive COVID test
	F	8/6	31	
	S	8/7	39	
	U	8/8	52	Reported feeling "loads better"
	M	8/9	48	
	T	8/10	49	

First, compute sample means and variances for the two different weeks.

$$s^2 = \frac{\sum x_i^2 - \frac{(\sum x_i)^2}{n}}{n-1}$$

$$\bar{x}_1 = 37 \text{ ms}$$

$$\bar{x}_2 = 42.29 \text{ ms}$$

+2

$$s_1^2 = \frac{10007 - \frac{259^2}{7}}{6}$$

$$s_2^2 = \frac{12860 - \frac{296^2}{7}}{6}$$

$$s_1^2 = 70.67 \text{ (ms)}^2$$

$$s_2^2 = 57.24 \text{ (ms)}^2$$

+3

Test the following hypotheses on the difference in mean HRV using the  $p$ -value approach. State your final conclusion with respect to a significance level of  $\alpha = 0.05$ . Population variances are unknown and assumed unequal.

$$H_0: \mu_1 - \mu_2 = 0$$

$$H_1: \mu_1 - \mu_2 \neq 0$$

Based on available evidence, state whether you think HRV is a useful indicator of a COVID infection.

Unknown and unequal  $\rightarrow$  need  $\sqrt{\phantom{x}}$

$$\frac{S_1^2}{n_1} = \frac{70.67}{7} = \underline{10.10}$$

$$\frac{S_2^2}{n_2} = \frac{57.24}{7} = \underline{8.177}$$

(+2)

$$V = \frac{(10.10 + 8.177)^2}{\frac{10.10^2}{6} + \frac{8.177^2}{6}} = \underline{11.87}$$

(+2)

round down to  $V = 11$

$$t_o = \frac{37 - 42.29 - 0}{\sqrt{10.10 + 8.177}} = \underline{-1.237} \quad (+2)$$

$$t_{.25, 11} = 0.697$$

$$t_{.10, 11} = 1.363$$

(+1)

$$\therefore .10 < \frac{P}{2} < .25$$

(+1)

$$\underline{0.20 < P < .50} \quad (+1)$$

range is  $\gg 0.05$ ; fail to reject  $H_0$  (+2)

evidence does not suggest HRV is useful! (+1)

Write a 95% confidence interval on the equality of HRV standard deviations and use it to test the following hypotheses:

$$H_0: \sigma_1 = \sigma_2$$

$$H_1: \sigma_1 \neq \sigma_2$$

Based on available evidence, was the assumption of unequal population standard deviations justified in the first problem?

$$f_{\alpha/2, n_2-1, n_1-1} = f_{.025, 6, 6} = \underline{5.82} \quad (+2)$$

$$f_{1-\alpha/2, n_2-1, n_1-1} = \frac{1}{f_{\alpha/2, n_1-1, n_2-1}} = \frac{1}{f_{.025, 6, 6}} = \frac{1}{5.82} = \underline{0.1718} \quad (+2)$$

$$\frac{70.67}{57.24} \cdot 0.1718 < \frac{\sigma_1^2}{\sigma_2^2} < \frac{70.67}{57.24} \cdot 5.82$$

$$\underline{0.212} < \frac{\sigma_1^2}{\sigma_2^2} < 7.186 \quad (+2)$$

$$\underline{0.4606} < \frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_2} < 2.681 \quad (+1) \quad \left( \frac{\text{ms}^2}{\text{ms}^2} \right) \quad (+2)$$

C.I. contains unity; ∴ fail to reject  $H_0$

NO, Probably should have said equal variances! (+1)