

Hypothesis Testing using R and t-Test

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t-test

- A t-test is a statistical test that is used to compare the means of two groups.
- It is often used in hypothesis testing to determine whether two groups are different from one another.

Hypothesis

A t-test is used as a hypothesis testing tool, which allows testing of an assumption applicable to a population.

- The null hypothesis (H_0) is that there is no difference or significance relationship between certain characteristics of a population.
- The alternate hypothesis (H_a) is that the true difference is different from zero.

Five Steps in Hypothesis Testing:

- Pick the random sample from the population
- Specify the Null Hypothesis.
- Specify the Alternative Hypothesis.
- Set the Significance Level (α)
- Calculate the Test Statistic and Corresponding p-Value.
- Drawing a Conclusion.

Significance level Vs Confidence level Vs Confidence interval

- Significance level (α): Measure of the evidence against the null hypothesis.
- Confidence level: Tells us more about how certain (or uncertain) we are about the true figure in the population. A confidence level = $1 - \alpha$.
- Confidence interval: A confidence interval displays the probability that a parameter will fall between a pair of values around the mean.

Real Example

- Arun : Will I get my promotion within 1 year?
- Manager : I am absolutely positive that you will get in 1 year
- Confidence level : Better than 95%
- Confidence Interval : Would be 1 year
- Keywords : certain (<99%), positively (<95%), unlikely (<5%)

p-value

Set the significance level— 0.01, 0.05, or 0.10. Compare the P-value to . If the P-value is less than (or equal to significance level), reject the null hypothesis in favor of the alternative hypothesis. If the P-value is greater than significance level, do not reject the null hypothesis.

One-sample, two-sample, or paired t-test?

- If the groups come from a single population (e.g. measuring before and after an experiment), perform a paired t-test.

- If the groups come from two different populations (e.g. two different marks of the students), perform a two-sample t-test (a.k.a. independent t-test).
- If there is one group being compared against a standard value (mathematics mark of students), perform a one-sample t-test.

Data Set

Marks secured by the students in high school Students from the United States. This data set consists of the marks secured by the students in various subjects.

```
df <- read.csv('StudentsPerformance.csv')
head(df[c(1,2,6,7,8)])
```

```
##   gender race.ethnicity math.score reading.score writing.score
## 1 female      group B         72           72           74
## 2 female      group C         69           90           88
## 3 female      group B         90           95           93
## 4  male      group A         47           57           44
## 5  male      group C         76           78           75
## 6 female      group B         71           83           78
```

Data set summary

```
str(df)
```

```
## 'data.frame':   1000 obs. of  8 variables:
## $ gender          : chr  "female" "female" "female" "male" ...
## $ race.ethnicity  : chr  "group B" "group C" "group B" "group A" ...
## $ parental.level.of.education: chr  "bachelor's degree" "some college" "master's degree"
## "associate's degree" ...
## $ lunch           : chr  "standard" "standard" "standard" "free/reduced" ...
## $ test.preparation.course : chr  "none" "completed" "none" "none" ...
## $ math.score       : int   72 69 90 47 76 71 88 40 64 38 ...
## $ reading.score    : int   72 90 95 57 78 83 95 43 64 60 ...
## $ writing.score     : int   74 88 93 44 75 78 92 39 67 50 ...
```

Read male and female math score

```
dfm <- df[df$gender == 'male',c(1,6)]
dff <- df[df$gender == 'female', c(1,6)]
head(dff)
```

```
##   gender math.score
## 1 female         72
## 2 female         69
## 3 female         90
## 6 female         71
## 7 female         88
## 10 female        38
```

Null Hypothesis

H0: There is no significance difference between male and female students with respect to Mathematics marks.

Apply t-Test

```
result = t.test(sample(dfm$math.score,100), sample(dff$math.score,100), var.equal = T)
result
```

```
##
## Two Sample t-test
##
## data: sample(dfm$math.score, 100) and sample(dff$math.score, 100)
## t = 2.6824, df = 198, p-value = 0.007928
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
##  1.710784 11.209216
## sample estimates:
## mean of x mean of y
##      69.20      62.74
```

Plotting t-test

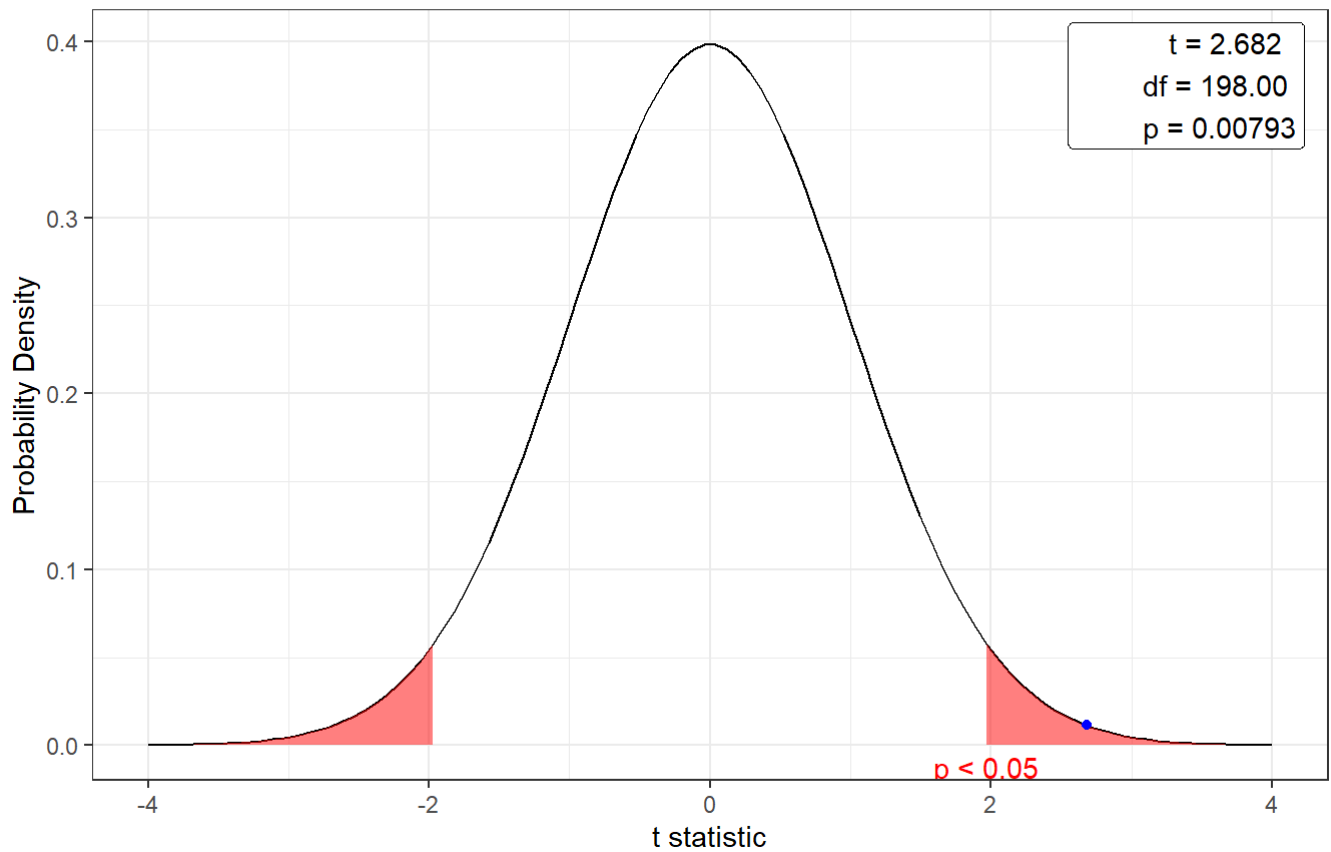
```
library(webr)
```

```
## Warning: package 'webr' was built under R version 4.1.1
```

```
plot(result)
```

Two Sample t-test

alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0



Observation * df - Degrees of Freedom (n-1 per sample) * p-value * Alpha = 0.05

Conclusion

- H_a (Alternative Hypothesis): There is a significance difference between male and female students with respect to Mathematics marks.
- The male students have got higher marks than the female students.