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## UNIT III

### TESTING OF HYPOTHESIS

**3.4 TESTING OF HYPOTHESIS: LARGE SAMPLE TESTS  
FOR SINGLE VARIANCE AND DIFFERENCE OF  
VARIANCES**

**SCIENCE & HUMANITIES**



## Test of significance of the difference between sample S.D and population S.D.

Let ' $s$ ' be the S.D of a large sample of size  $n$  drawn from a normal population with S.D  $\sigma$ .

Then it is known that  $s$  follows a  $N\left(\sigma, \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{2n}}\right)$  approximately.

$\therefore$  the test statistic

$$Z = \frac{s - \sigma}{\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{2n}}}$$

## Test of significance of the difference between S. D's of two large samples.

Let  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  be the S.D's of two large samples of sizes  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  drawn from a normal population with S.D  $\sigma$ .

$s_1$  follows a  $N\left(\sigma, \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{2n_1}}\right)$  and  $s_2$  follows a  $N\left(\sigma, \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{2n_2}}\right)$

$\therefore (s_1 - s_2)$  follows a  $N\left\{0, \sigma \sqrt{\frac{1}{2n_1} + \frac{1}{2n_2}}\right\}$

$\therefore$  the test statistic

$$Z = \frac{s_1 - s_2}{\sigma \sqrt{\frac{1}{2n_1} + \frac{1}{2n_2}}}$$

**Example 1)** A manufacturer of electric bulbs, according to a certain process, finds the S.D of the life of lamps to be 100 hours. He wants to change the process, if the new process results in a smaller variation in the life of lamps. In adopting a new process, a sample of 150 bulbs gave an S.D of 95 hours. Is the manufacturer justified in changing the process?

**Solution:**  $\sigma = 100$ ,  $n = 150$  and  $s = 95$

Here

$$H_0: s = \sigma$$

$$H_1: s < \sigma$$

Left –tailed is to be used

Let LOS=5%  $\therefore z_\alpha = -1.645$

$$z = \frac{s - \sigma}{\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{2n}}} = \frac{95 - 100}{\frac{100}{\sqrt{300}}} = -0.866$$

Now  $|z| < |z_\alpha|$

$\therefore$  the difference between  $s$  and  $\sigma$  is not significant at 5% level.

*i. e.*,  $H_0$  is accepted and  $H_1$  is rejected.

*i. e.*, The manufacturer is not justified in changing the process.

**Example 2 )** The S.D of a random sample of 1000 is found to be 2.6 and the S.D of another random sample of 500 is 2.7. Assuming the sample to be independent, find whether the two samples could have come from populations with the same S.D.

**Solution:**  $n_1 = 1000$ ,  $s_1 = 2.6$ ;  $n_2 = 500$ ,  $s_2 = 2.7$

$$H_0: s_1 = s_2 \text{ (or } \sigma_1 = \sigma_2 \text{)}$$

$$H_1: s_1 \neq s_2$$

Two-tailed is to be used

Let LOS be 5%  $\therefore z_\alpha = 1.96$

$$Z = \frac{s_1 - s_2}{\sqrt{\frac{s_1^2}{2n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{2n_2}}} = \frac{2.6 - 2.7}{\sqrt{\frac{(2.6)^2}{1000} + \frac{(2.7)^2}{2000}}} = -0.98$$

Since  $\sigma$  is not known

Now  $|z| < z_\alpha$

$\therefore$  the difference between  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  ( and hence between  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  ) is not significant at 5% level, *i. e.*,  $H_0$  is accepted.

*i. e.*, the two samples could have come from population with the same S.D.

**Example 3) Random samples drawn from two countries gave the following data relating to the heights of male adults:**

	Country A	Country B
S.D(in inches)	2.58	2.50
Number in samples	1000	1200



**Is the difference between the standard deviation significant?**

**Solution:**

$n_1 = 1000$ ,  $s_1 = 2.58$  inches,  $n_2 = 1200$ ,  $s_2 = 2.50$  inches

Null Hypothesis

$H_0: \sigma_1 = \sigma_2$ , i.e., there is no significant difference between the sample standard deviations

Alternative Hypothesis

$H_1: \sigma_1 \neq \sigma_2$  (two-tailed test)

Level of significance :  $\alpha = 5\%$

Test statistic

Under  $H_0$

$$Z = \frac{s_1 - s_2}{\sqrt{\frac{\sigma_1^2}{2n_1} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{2n_2}}} = \frac{s_1 - s_2}{\sqrt{\frac{s_1^2}{2n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{2n_2}}} \sim N(0,1)$$

$$z = \frac{2.58 - 2.50}{\sqrt{\frac{(2.58)^2}{2(1000)} + \frac{(2.50)^2}{2(1200)}}} = \frac{2.58 - 2.50}{.07702} = 1.0387$$

The critical value at 5% LOS for two-tailed test is  $z_{\alpha} = 1.96$ .

Conclusion

Since  $|z| < 1.96$ , we accept the null hypothesis and hence conclude that the sample

Standard deviations do not differ significantly.

**Example 4)** Two samples of 100 and 80 bulbs of a factory are selected at random from the same production batch. The mean and standard deviation of the first batch are 540 hours and 30 hours and that of the second batch are 552 hours and 28 hours. Do you think the difference between the two standard deviations is significant?

**Solution:**



Given  $n_1 = 100$ ,  $n_2 = 80$ ,  $s_1 = 30$ ,  $s_2 = 28$

Null Hypothesis

$H_0: \sigma_1 = \sigma_2$ . i.e., there is no significant difference between the two standard deviations.

Alternative Hypothesis

$H_0: \sigma_1 \neq \sigma_2$  (two-tailed test)

Level of significance:  $\alpha = 5\%$

Test Statistic

Under  $H_0$ ,

$$Z = \frac{s_1 - s_2}{\sqrt{\frac{\sigma_1^2}{2n_1} + \frac{\sigma_1^2}{2n_1}}} = \frac{s_1 - s_2}{\sqrt{\frac{s_1^2}{2n_1} + \frac{s_1^2}{2n_1}}} \sim N(0,1)$$

Since  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2$  are not known

$$\frac{30 - 28}{\sqrt{\frac{30^2}{2(100)} + \frac{28^2}{2(80)}}} = \frac{2}{9.4} = 0.2128$$

The critical value at 5% LOS for two-tailed test is  $z_{\alpha} = 1.96$

Conclusion

Since  $|z| < z_{\alpha}$ , we accept  $H_0$  and conclude that the difference between the two standard deviations is not significant