

Homework 3

Introduction to Statistical Inference

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Problem 1. Say Hello to Neyman-Pearson

Given the random sample $X' = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$ from the distribution with the pdf: $(X_i \sim N(\theta, 1))$

$$f(x; \theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x - \theta)^2}{2}\right), \quad -\infty < x < \infty$$

Part 1. The likelihood function for the sample is:

$$L(\theta; X') = \prod_{i=1}^n f(X_i; \theta) = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}\right)^n \exp\left(-\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(X_i - \theta)^2}{2}\right)$$

For the hypotheses $H_0: \theta = \theta_0$ and $H_1: \theta = \theta_1$, the likelihood ratio is:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{likelihood ratio (X)} &= \frac{L(\theta_0; X')}{L(\theta_1; X')} = \exp\left(-\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(X_i - \theta_0)^2 - (X_i - \theta_1)^2}{2}\right) \\ &= \exp\left(-\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\theta_0^2 - \theta_1^2 - 2X_i(\theta_0 - \theta_1)}{2}\right) = \exp\left(-\frac{n}{2}(\theta_0^2 - \theta_1^2) + (\theta_0 - \theta_1) \sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) \end{aligned}$$

Identifying the test statistic:

$$\text{Test statistic} = T = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$

Part 2. To determine the rejection region, we need to compare the likelihood ratio to a critical value c :

$$\text{likelihood ratio (X)} \leq c$$

Taking natural logarithms and simplifying, the rejection region is:

$$\begin{aligned} \exp\left(-\frac{n}{2}(\theta_0^2 - \theta_1^2) + (\theta_0 - \theta_1) \sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) &\leq c \rightarrow (\theta_0 - \theta_1) \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \leq \frac{n}{2}(\theta_0^2 - \theta_1^2) + \log c \\ \rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n X_i &\leq \frac{n}{2(\theta_0 - \theta_1)}(\theta_0^2 - \theta_1^2) + \frac{\log c}{(\theta_0 - \theta_1)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{the rejection region: } T \leq \frac{n}{2(\theta_0 - \theta_1)}(\theta_0^2 - \theta_1^2) + \frac{\log c}{(\theta_0 - \theta_1)}$$

Part 3. We are given:

$$\theta_0 = 0, \theta_1 = 1, \alpha = 0.05$$

- Under H_0 ($\theta = \theta_0 = 0$):

$$T = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \sim N(n\theta_0, n) = N(0, n) \rightarrow \mathbf{T} \sim \mathbf{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{n})$$

The critical value c for $\alpha = 0.05$ is:

$$P(T \leq c \mid \theta = 0) = \Phi\left(\frac{c}{\sqrt{n}}\right) = 0.05 \rightarrow c = \Phi^{-1}(0.05)\sqrt{n} \cong -1.645\sqrt{n} \rightarrow \mathbf{c} \cong \mathbf{-1.645\sqrt{n}}$$

- Under H_0 ($\theta = \theta_0 = 0$):

$$T = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \sim N(n\theta_1, n) = N(n, n)$$

The power of the test is:

$$\begin{aligned} \beta &= P(T \leq c \mid \theta = 1) = P\left(\frac{T - n}{\sqrt{n}} \leq \frac{c - n}{\sqrt{n}}\right) = \Phi\left(\frac{-1.645\sqrt{n} - n}{\sqrt{n}}\right) = \Phi(-1.645 - \sqrt{n}) \\ &= \Phi(-1.645 - \sqrt{n}) = 1 - \Phi(1.645 - \sqrt{n}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow \mathbf{Power\ of\ the\ test} = 1 - \beta = \mathbf{\Phi(1.645 - \sqrt{n})}$$

Problem 2. Wald Test

The probability mass function (PMF) for a Poisson random variable X_i is:

$$P(X_i = x_i; \lambda) = \frac{\lambda^{x_i} e^{-\lambda}}{x_i!}, \quad x_i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Part 1. For a sample X_1, \dots, X_n , the likelihood function $L(\lambda)$ is:

$$L(\lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\lambda^{x_i} e^{-\lambda}}{x_i!}$$

Take the natural logarithm of the likelihood function to get the log-likelihood $\ell(\lambda)$:

$$\ell(\lambda) = \log L(\lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^n [x_i \log(\lambda) - \lambda - \log(x_i!)]$$

Differentiate $\ell(\lambda)$ with respect to λ to find the MLE:

$$\frac{\partial \ell(\lambda)}{\partial \lambda} = \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\frac{x_i}{\lambda} - 1 \right] = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i}{\lambda} - n = 0 \rightarrow \hat{\lambda} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = \bar{X} \rightarrow \hat{\lambda} = \bar{X}$$

Part 2. For a Poisson distribution with parameter λ , the mean and variance are both equal to λ . That is:

$$E(X_i) = \lambda \quad \text{and} \quad \text{var}(X_i) = \lambda$$

For the sample mean $\hat{\lambda} = \bar{X}$ the variance is:

$$\text{var}(\hat{\lambda}) = \text{var}\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right)$$

Using the property of variances for i.i.d. variables:

$$\text{var}(\hat{\lambda}) = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{var}(X_i) = \frac{\lambda}{n} \rightarrow \text{SD}(\hat{\lambda}) = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{n}} = \sqrt{\frac{\bar{X}}{n}} \rightarrow \mathbf{SD}(\hat{\lambda}) = \sqrt{\frac{\bar{X}}{n}}$$

Part 3. We are testing the following hypotheses:

$$H_0 : \lambda = \lambda_0$$

$$H_1 : \lambda \neq \lambda_0$$

We use the test statistic:

$$Z = \frac{\hat{\lambda} - \lambda_0}{\text{SD}(\lambda_0)} = \frac{\hat{\lambda} - \lambda_0}{\sqrt{\frac{\lambda_0}{n}}}$$

Under H_0 , $\hat{\lambda}$ (the sample mean) is approximately normal for large n (by the Central Limit Theorem), with:

$$\hat{\lambda} \sim N\left(\lambda_0, \frac{\lambda_0}{n}\right)$$

Thus, the standardized test statistic Z follows a standard normal distribution:

$$Z \sim N(0, 1)$$

For a two-tailed test at significance level α , the rejection region is:

$$|Z| > z_{\frac{\alpha}{2}}$$

where $z_{\frac{\alpha}{2}}$ is the critical value of the standard normal distribution corresponding to $\frac{\alpha}{2}$.

Problem 3. $f_0(x)$ vs $f_1(x)$

Part 1. Test Procedure to Minimize $\alpha + \beta$

Given the null and alternative hypotheses:

$$H_0 : f(x) = f_0(x) \text{ (distribution is } f_0(x))$$

$$H_1 : f(x) = f_1(x) \text{ (distribution is } f_1(x))$$

the objective is to minimize the sum of Type I (α) and Type II (β) errors. To achieve this, we use the **Likelihood Ratio Test (LRT)**, which compares the likelihood ratio $\Lambda(x)$ to a threshold:

$$\Lambda(x) = \frac{f_1(x)}{f_0(x)}$$

From the given probability density functions:

$$f_0(x) = \frac{3}{2}, \quad 0 \leq x \leq \frac{2}{3}$$

$$f_1(x) = \frac{9}{2}x, \quad 0 \leq x \leq \frac{2}{3}$$

the likelihood ratio becomes:

$$\Lambda(x) = \frac{f_1(x)}{f_0(x)} = \frac{\frac{9}{2}x}{\frac{3}{2}} = 3x$$

To minimize $\alpha + \beta$, the **Neyman-Pearson Lemma** suggests rejecting H_0 when $\Lambda(x) > k$, where k is a threshold chosen based on the desired significance level. Thus, the rejection region is:

$$\Lambda(x) = 3x > k \quad \Rightarrow \quad x > \frac{k}{3}$$

The optimal decision boundary c is the value of x that satisfies this inequality:

$$x = c = \frac{k}{3}$$

The probabilities of Type I (α) and Type II (β) errors for each decision boundary c :

Type I error (α): Probability of rejecting H_0 when H_0 is true

$$\alpha = P(X > c \mid H_0) = \int_c^{\frac{2}{3}} f_0(x) dx = \int_c^{\frac{2}{3}} \frac{3}{2} dx = \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{2}{3} - c \right)$$

Type II error (β): Probability of failing to reject H_0 when H_1 is true

$$\beta = P(X \leq c \mid H_1) = \int_0^c f_1(x) dx = \int_0^c \frac{9}{2}x dx = \frac{9}{2} \frac{x^2}{2} \Big|_0^c = \frac{9}{4}c^2$$

Differentiate $\alpha + \beta$ with respect to c and set it to zero to find the optimal decision boundary c :

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial c}(\alpha + \beta) = \frac{\partial}{\partial c} \left(1 - \frac{3}{2}c + \frac{9}{4}c^2 \right) = -\frac{3}{2} + \frac{9}{2}c = 0 \rightarrow c = \frac{1}{3} \text{ (or } k = 1)$$

Part 2. Programming Task

The **power** of the test for each c is:

$$\text{Power} = 1 - \beta = 1 - \frac{9}{4}c^2$$

As it is shown in figure 3.1 we conclude that:

- **Small c :** High false positives (α) but low false negatives (β), leading to high power.
- **Large c :** Low false positives (α) but high false negatives (β), leading to low power.
- The plot helps visualize how c affects test performance, enabling the selection of the optimal c for specific goals (e.g., minimizing $\alpha + \beta$).

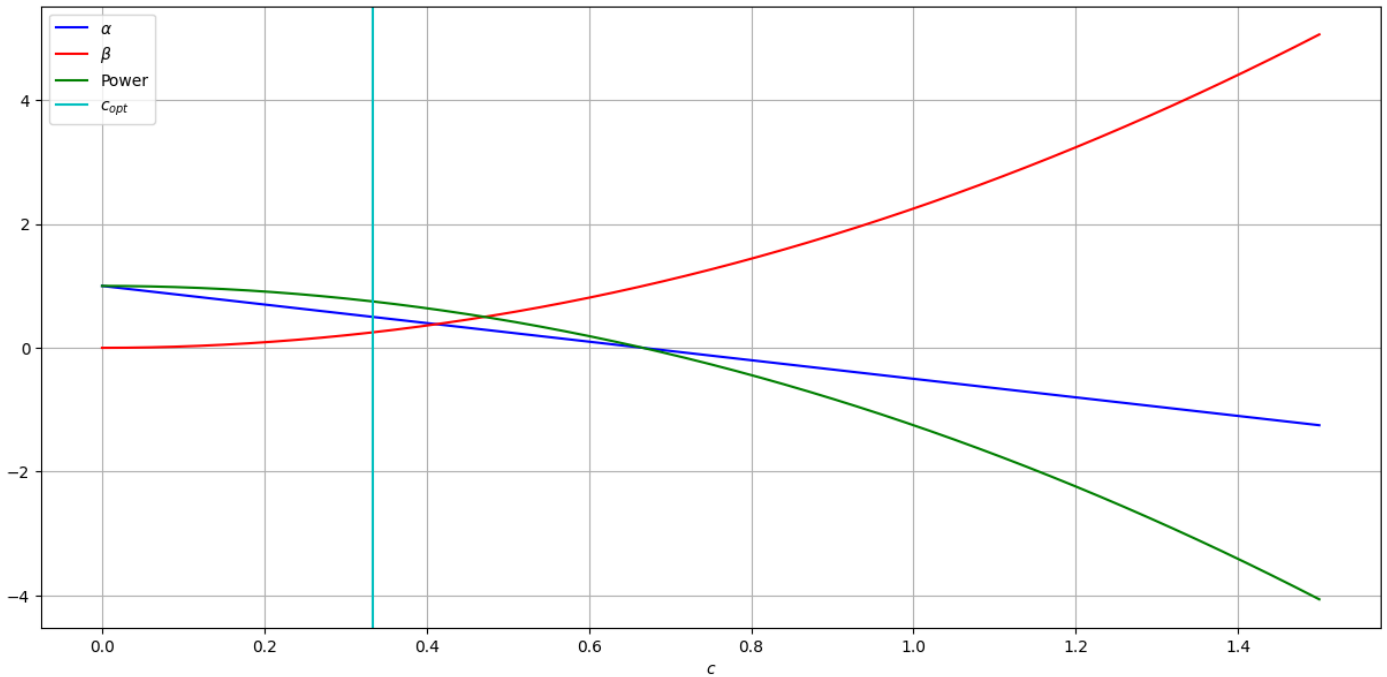


Figure 3.1. The power of the test and types of error respect to c

Part 3. Minimizing Expected Risk

The problem involves assigning risks to Type I (α) and Type II (β) errors:

R_1 : Risk associated with Type I error (α)

R_2 : Risk associated with Type II error (β)

The **expected risk** is defined as:

$$\text{Expected Risk} = R_1\alpha + R_2\beta = \frac{3}{2}\left(\frac{2}{3} - c\right)R_1 + \frac{9}{4}c^2R_2$$

Differentiate the expected risk with respect to c and set it to zero to find the optimal decision boundary c^* :

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial c}(\text{Expected Risk}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial c}\left(\frac{3}{2}\left(\frac{2}{3} - c\right)R_1 + \frac{9}{4}c^2R_2\right) = \frac{9}{2}cR_2 - \frac{3}{2}R_1 = 0 \rightarrow c^* = \frac{R_1}{3R_2}$$

Problem 4. Uniformly Most Powerful

Part 1. The probability density function is given as:

$$f(x; \theta) = \theta x^{\theta-1}, \quad 0 < x < 1, \quad \theta > 0$$

For a random sample X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n the likelihood function $L(\theta)$ is:

$$L(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(X_i; \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \theta X_i^{\theta-1} = \theta^n \prod_{i=1}^n X_i^{\theta-1}$$

Take the natural logarithm of the likelihood function to get the log-likelihood:

$$\ell(\theta) = \log(L(\theta)) = n \log(\theta) + (\theta - 1) \sum_{i=1}^n \log(X_i)$$

To find the MLE $\hat{\theta}$, differentiate $\ell(\theta)$ with respect to θ and set it to zero:

$$\frac{\partial \ell(\theta)}{\partial \theta} = \frac{n}{\theta} + \sum_{i=1}^n \log(X_i) = 0 \rightarrow \hat{\theta} = -\frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n \log(X_i)}$$

Under $H_0: \theta = \theta_0$, The likelihood ratio Λ is defined as:

$$\Lambda = \frac{L(\theta_0)}{L(\hat{\theta})} = \frac{\theta_0^n \prod_{i=1}^n X_i^{\theta_0-1}}{\hat{\theta}^n \prod_{i=1}^n X_i^{\hat{\theta}-1}} = \frac{\theta_0^n}{\hat{\theta}^n} \prod_{i=1}^n X_i^{\theta_0-\hat{\theta}}$$

Notice that $\prod_{i=1}^n X_i$ is the sufficient statistic for θ , and the likelihood ratio Λ depends on it. Therefore, the test statistic is:

$$T = \prod_{i=1}^n X_i$$

UMP Test Using Neyman-Pearson Lemma: The Neyman-Pearson Lemma states that the **UMP test** for $H_0: \theta = \theta_0$ versus $H_1: \theta < \theta_0$ rejects H_0 when the likelihood ratio Λ is sufficiently small.

The likelihood ratio depends on $\prod_{i=1}^n X_i$, so we reject H_0 when $\prod_{i=1}^n X_i$ is sufficiently small.

Rejection Region: Let c be a critical value determined by the significance level α . The rejection region is:

$$\prod_{i=1}^n X_i < c,$$

where c is chosen such that:

$$P\left(\prod_{i=1}^n X_i < c \mid \theta = \theta_0\right) = \alpha$$

Problems 6 and 9. Error Types

Part 1. A **Type I error** occurs when we reject $H_0 : \theta = 2$ even though it is true. In this case, the test rejects H_0 if $X \leq 0.1$ or $X \geq 1.9$. When $\theta = 2$, $X \sim U[0,2]$, so the probability density function (PDF) is:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}, & 0 \leq x \leq 2 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The probability of a Type I error (α) is the probability of being in the rejection region:

$$P(\text{Type I error}) = P(\text{reject } H_0 \mid H_0 \text{ true}) = P(X \leq 0.1 \mid \theta = 2) + P(X \geq 1.9 \mid \theta = 2)$$

Compute these probabilities:

$$P(X \leq 0.1) = \int_0^{0.1} f(x)dx = \int_0^{0.1} \frac{1}{2}dx = \frac{1}{2}(0.1) = 0.05$$

$$P(X \geq 1.9) = \int_{1.9}^2 f(x)dx = \int_{1.9}^2 \frac{1}{2}dx = \frac{1}{2}(0.1) = 0.05$$

Thus, the total Type I error probability is:

$$\alpha = 0.05 + 0.05 = 0.1 \rightarrow \alpha = \mathbf{0.1}$$

Part 2. A **Type II error** occurs when we fail to reject H_0 despite the true value being $\theta \neq 2$. Let the true value be $\theta = 2.5$. In this case, $X \sim U[0,2.5]$, and the PDF is:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2.5}, & 0 \leq x \leq 2.5 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The Type II error occurs when $X \in (0.1, 1.9)$, i.e., in the acceptance region. The probability of a Type II error (β) is:

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{Type I error}) &= P(\text{accept } H_0 \mid H_0 \text{ false}) = P(0.1 \leq X \leq 1.9 \mid \theta = 2.5) = \int_{0.1}^{1.9} f(x)dx = \int_{0.1}^{1.9} \frac{1}{2.5}dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2.5}(1.8) = 0.72 \rightarrow \beta = \mathbf{0.72} \end{aligned}$$

Part 3. We want to choose c_1 and c_2 such that the Type I error probability (α) is exactly 0.05. Recall that α is the sum of the rejection probabilities in the two tails when $\theta = 2$. Let c_1 and c_2 be the new thresholds:

$$\alpha = P(X \leq c_1 \mid \theta = 2) + P(X \geq c_2 \mid \theta = 2)$$

For $X \sim U[0,2]$, $P(X \leq c_1) = \frac{c_1}{2}$ and $P(X \geq c_2) = \frac{2-c_2}{2}$. Set the total Type I error to 0.05:

$$\frac{c_1}{2} + \frac{2-c_2}{2} = 0.05 \rightarrow c_1 + 2 - c_2 = 0.1 \rightarrow c_2 = 1.9 + c_1$$

However, c_1 and c_2 must remain within $[0, 2]$. By symmetry, the values that balance rejection in the tails are:

$$c_1 = 0.05, \quad c_2 = 1.95$$

Impact on Power: Reducing α narrows the rejection region, making it harder to reject H_0 . This decreases the **power** of the test ($1 - \beta$).

Part 4. As θ increases, the PDF for X spreads over a wider range $[0, \theta]$, decreasing its height ($f(x) = 1/\theta$). The fixed rejection region $[0, c_1] \cup [c_2, \theta]$ captures a smaller proportion of the total distribution, decreasing β .

Mathematical Argument: The Type II error probability is the area of the acceptance region (c_1, c_2) under the true distribution $f(x)$:

$$P(\text{Type I error}) = P(\text{accept } H_0 \mid H_0 \text{ false}) = P(c_1 \leq X \leq c_2 \mid \theta) = \int_{c_1}^{c_2} f(x) dx = \int_{c_1}^{c_2} \frac{1}{\theta} dx = \frac{c_2 - c_1}{\theta}$$

As θ increases, β decreases because $\frac{1}{\theta}$ decreases.

Part 5. For distributions with finite variance, we can use **Chebyshev's inequality** to bound the probability of observing extreme values. For the uniform distribution $X \sim U[0, \theta]$, the variance is:

$$\alpha = P(\text{Type I error}) = P(\text{reject } H_0 \mid H_0 \text{ true}) = P(X \leq 0.1 \mid \theta = 2) + P(X \geq 1.9 \mid \theta = 2)$$

Chebyshev's inequality: $P(|X - \mu| \geq k\sigma) \leq \frac{1}{k^2} \rightarrow P(X \geq \mu + k\sigma) + P(X \leq \mu - k\sigma) \leq \frac{1}{k^2}$

$$\rightarrow \mu + k\sigma = 1.9, \mu - k\sigma = 0.1 \rightarrow \mu = 1, k\sigma = 0.9$$

$$X \sim U[0, \theta] \rightarrow \sigma^2 = \frac{\theta^2}{12} = \frac{1}{3} \rightarrow k = 0.9\sqrt{3}$$

$$\rightarrow P(|X - 1| \geq 0.9) \leq \frac{1}{0.81 \times 3} = \frac{1}{2.43} \approx 0.4115$$

$\alpha \leq 0.4115 \rightarrow$ **The alpha value obtained in parts 1 and 3 is confirmed.**

Problem 7. Warm Up t -test

Part 1. We are performing a **two-sample t -test** to test the null hypothesis $H_0 : \mu_1 = \mu_2$ against the alternative hypothesis $H_1 : \mu_1 \neq \mu_2$.

$$\text{Test statistic} = t = \frac{\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2 - (\mu_1 - \mu_2)}{\sqrt{\frac{s_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{n_2}}}$$

Under the null hypothesis $H_0 : \mu_1 = \mu_2$, we have $\mu_1 - \mu_2 = 0$. Thus, the test statistic simplifies to:

$$t = \frac{\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2}{\sqrt{\frac{s_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{n_2}}}$$

For a two-tailed test at significance level α , the null hypothesis H_0 is rejected if the test statistic t falls outside the critical values of the t -distribution:

$$t_{critical} < |t|$$

$t_{critical}$ is the critical value of the t -distribution at a significance level of α (two-tailed).

Part 2. The **confidence interval** for the difference $\mu_1 - \mu_2$ is given by:

$$CI = \left((\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) - t_{critical} \sqrt{\frac{s_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{n_2}}, (\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) + t_{critical} \sqrt{\frac{s_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{n_2}} \right)$$

The role of $t_{critical}$ is to determine the margin of error for the confidence interval. Larger $t_{critical}$ values (e.g., at smaller significance levels) lead to wider confidence intervals, while smaller $t_{critical}$ values (e.g., at larger significance levels) lead to narrower intervals.

Part 3. We want to prove that H_0 is rejected if and only if the confidence interval for $\mu_1 - \mu_2$ does not include zero.

If the t -test rejects H_0 :

From the t -test, H_0 is rejected when $|t| > t_{critical}$. This implies that the observed difference $\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2$ is so large (in absolute value) that it lies outside the range of plausible values under H_0 .

For the confidence interval:

$$CI = \left((\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) - t_{critical} \sqrt{\frac{s_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{n_2}}, (\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) + t_{critical} \sqrt{\frac{s_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{n_2}} \right)$$

If $|t| > t_{critical}$, then 0 (the hypothesized difference under H_0) cannot lie within the interval because the interval endpoints are farther away from zero.

Thus, the confidence interval excludes zero if the t-test rejects H_0 .

If the confidence interval excludes zero:

If 0 is not within the confidence interval, then the observed difference $\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2$ is so extreme that it cannot be explained by random sampling variability under H_0 .

This implies that the t-statistic $t = \frac{\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2}{\sqrt{\frac{s_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{n_2}}}$ must satisfy $|t| > t_{critical}$, because the interval endpoints

are determined by $\pm t_{critical} \sqrt{\frac{s_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{n_2}}$.

Thus, if the confidence interval excludes zero, the t-test must reject H_0 .

Result:

The confidence interval and the t-test are two equivalent approaches to hypothesis testing:

- The **t-test** directly evaluates whether the observed difference $\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2$ is statistically significant based on the critical values of the t-distribution.
- The **confidence interval** assesses whether the null hypothesis value 0 lies within the plausible range of values for the true difference $\mu_1 - \mu_2$.

Both methods lead to the same conclusion:

- H_0 is rejected if the confidence interval excludes 0.
- H_0 is not rejected if the confidence interval includes 0.

Problem 8. t -test

We perform a t -test for the null hypothesis $H_0 : \mu = 10$ at significance level $\alpha = 0.05$ by means of a dataset consisting of $n = 16$ elements with sample mean $\bar{x} = 11$ and sample variance $s^2 = 4$.

Part 1. First, we should compute the t -statistic:

$$t = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}} = \frac{11 - 10}{\frac{2}{4}} = 2$$

Now, we determine the critical t -values for a two-tailed test for $\alpha = 0.05$:

$$t_{critical} = \pm 2.131$$

It is clear that the test statistic $t = 2$ falls within the range $-2.131 \leq t \leq 2.131$. Therefore, we **fail to reject H_0** at the 5% significance level.

Part 2. First, we determine the critical t -values for a one-tailed test for $\alpha = 0.05$:

$$t_{critical} = 1.753$$

It is clear that the test statistic $t = 2$ is greater than $t_{critical} = 1.753$. Therefore, we **reject H_0** in favor of $H_A : \mu > 10$ at the 5% significance level.

Part 3.

- **Why do the results of the two tests differ?**

The results differ because the two tests (one-tailed and two-tailed) evaluate different alternative hypotheses and, consequently, have different critical regions:

Two-tailed test: Splits the significance level (α) equally between the two tails of the t -distribution. For this test, both large positive and large negative deviations from the null hypothesis are considered evidence against H_0 .

One-tailed test: Concentrates the entire significance level (α) in one tail of the t -distribution, making it easier to reject H_0 if the test statistic falls in the specified direction (here, $\mu > 10$).

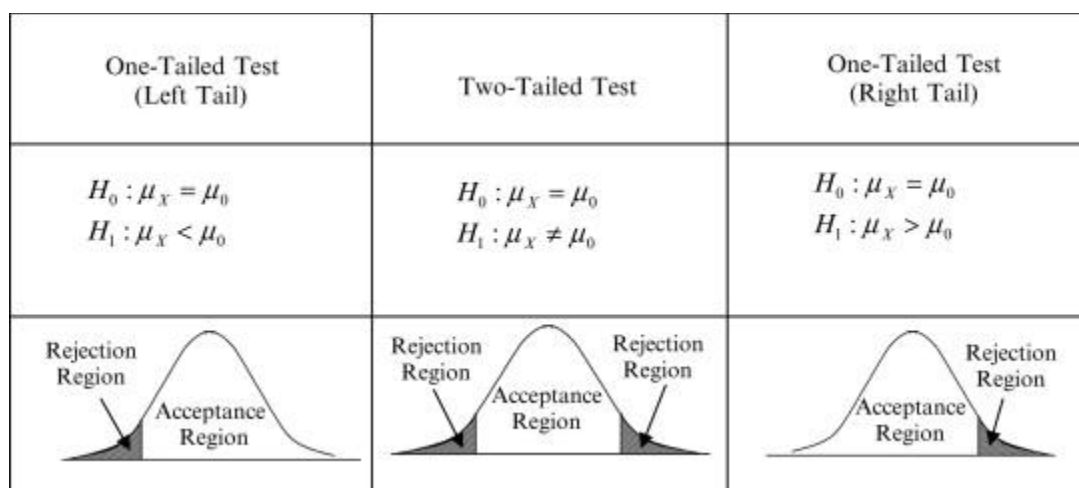


Figure 8.1. One and Two Tailed Tests

- **Relationship between critical regions of one-tailed and two-tailed tests (with illustration)**

The critical regions for one-tailed and two-tailed tests are related as follows:

- In a two-tailed test, the critical region is split equally between both tails of the t -distribution, so the threshold for rejection in each tail is more extreme (higher absolute value of t).
 - In a one-tailed test, the entire critical region is concentrated in one tail, so the threshold for rejection is less extreme.
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Problem 10. An Apple a Day ... (Programming Question)

As it is shown in **figure 10.1**, The experiment confirmed that the confidence intervals constructed using different methods provide varying results. While the Z-distribution with known σ and the T-distribution both give valid intervals, the T-distribution intervals are generally wider, reflecting the additional uncertainty when σ is unknown. These findings highlight the importance of selecting appropriate methods for confidence interval estimation based on the available information about the population parameters.

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True mean is in 99.00% of CIs in known-sigma scenario for Z-distribution
True mean is in 98.00% of CIs in unknown-sigma scenario for Z-distribution
True mean is in 99.00% of CIs in unknown-sigma scenario for T-distribution
CIs in known-sigma scenario for Z-distribution on average are: [1.70277916 2.26857203]
CIs in unknown-sigma scenario for Z-distribution on average are: [1.71586482 2.25548637]
CIs in unknown-sigma scenario for T-distribution on average are: [1.68268559 2.28866561]
Confidence intervals constructed with the Z-distribution using s instead of  $\sigma$  are narrower than those using the T-distribution.
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Figure 10.1. Simulation Results

Problem 11. Short Answers - Big Concepts

Part 1. To use a t-test, the following conditions need to be met:

- The data should be approximately normally distributed, especially for smaller sample sizes ($n < 30$).
- The sample size should be reasonably large or symmetric (for $n \geq 30$, normality is less critical due to the Central Limit Theorem).
- No significant outliers should be present.

Part 2. The manager wants to verify whether the mean burger weight matches the advertised weight of 250 grams.

Hypothesis Testing:

- **Null Hypothesis (H_0):** The mean weight of the burgers is 250 grams ($\mu = 250$).
- **Alternative Hypothesis (H_1):** The mean weight of the burgers is not 250 grams ($\mu \neq 250$).

Since the manager is checking for deviation in either direction (more or less than 250 grams), this is a **two-tailed test**.

Part 3. The fitness scientist wants to evaluate the program's impact on flexibility by comparing pre- and post-program flexibility scores for the same participants.

Type of Test: Since the same participants are measured before and after the program, this is a **paired t-test** (dependent samples).

Hypothesis Testing:

- **Null Hypothesis (H_0):** There is no difference in flexibility before and after the program ($\mu_{\text{difference}} = 0$).
- **Alternative Hypothesis (H_1):** The program improves flexibility ($\mu_{\text{difference}} > 0$).

This is a **one-tailed test** because the scientist is specifically interested in improvement (increase in flexibility).

Problem 12. Speed Camera Error Rate

Part 1. Given that each camera has a normal measurement error of $N(0,25)$, the errors from the three cameras are independent. The mean of the three readings, \bar{x} , will also follow a normal distribution:

$$\bar{x} \sim N(\mu, \sigma_{\bar{x}}^2)$$

$\mu = 40$ (true speed limit under H_0)

$$\sigma_{\bar{x}}^2 = \frac{\sigma^2}{n} = \frac{25}{3}$$

Thus:

$$\bar{x} \sim N\left(40, \frac{25}{3}\right)$$

Hypothesis Testing Framework:

- H_0 : The driver is not speeding ($\mu = 40$).
- H_A : The driver is speeding ($\mu > 40$).

This is a **one-tailed test** where we test whether the average reading \bar{x} exceeds the threshold under H_0 .

Part 2. The threshold must be set so that no more than 4% of drivers traveling at exactly 40 mph (i.e., law-abiding, non-speeding drivers) are mistakenly issued tickets.

a. Setting the Threshold

The rejection region for the test is where $\bar{x} > \text{Threshold}$. For $\mu = 40$, we need:

$$P(\bar{x} > \text{Threshold} \mid H_0) = 0.04$$

Using the standard normal distribution Z , where:

$$Z = \frac{\bar{x} - 40}{\text{SD}(\bar{x})}$$

we want the Z -score such that $P(Z > z) = 0.04$. From standard normal tables:

$$z \approx 1.75$$

Thus, the threshold is:

$$\text{Threshold} = 40 + z \cdot \text{SD}(\bar{x}) = 40 + 1.75 \times \sqrt{\frac{25}{3}} = 40 + 1.75 \times 2.887 \approx 45.05$$

The police should issue tickets if $\bar{x} > 45.05$.

b. Illustrating the Distribution and Rejection Area

The distribution of \bar{x} under H_0 is $N(40, \frac{25}{3})$. The rejection area corresponds to values of $\bar{x} > 45.05$, representing the top 4% of the distribution.

$$\text{if } \bar{x} > 45.05 \rightarrow \text{reject } H_0$$

c. Probability of Ticketing a Non-Speeder

This is the probability that the driver was not speeding, given that they received a ticket. Using Bayes' theorem:

$$P(H_0 | \text{ticket}) = \frac{P(\text{ticket} | H_0) \cdot P(H_0)}{P(\text{ticket})}$$

$$P(\text{ticket}) = \underbrace{P(\text{ticket} | H_0)}_{0.04} \cdot \underbrace{P(H_0)}_{\frac{1}{2}} + \underbrace{P(\text{ticket} | H_1)}_1 \cdot \underbrace{P(H_1)}_{\frac{1}{2}} = 0.52$$

Thus:

$$P(H_0 | \text{ticket}) = \frac{P(\text{ticket} | H_0) \cdot P(H_0)}{P(\text{ticket})} = \frac{0.04 \times \frac{1}{2}}{0.52} \approx 0.038$$

d. Probability of Tickets Given in Error When No One Speeds

If no one is speeding, all drivers are not speeding ($\mu = 40$). The probability of mistakenly issuing a ticket to a non-speeder is:

$$P(\bar{x} > 45.05 | H_0) = 0.04$$

Thus, if no one is speeding, **100%** of the tickets issued are in error.

Part 3.

• Power of the Test at $\mu = 45$

To compute the power, we calculate the probability of rejecting H_0 when $\mu = 45$. This happens when $\bar{x} > 45.05$. Standardizing:

$$Z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{SD(\bar{x})}$$

Under H_A , where $\mu = 45$:

$$Z = \frac{45.05 - 45}{2.887} \approx 0.0173$$

Using standard normal tables, the power is:

$$P(Z > 0.0173) \approx 0.493$$

• Cameras Needed for Power of 0.9 and $\alpha = 0.04$

To achieve a power of 0.9, we need the probability of rejecting H_0 (when $\mu = 45$) to be at least 0.9.

$$\alpha = 0.04 \rightarrow z_{1-\alpha} = 1.75$$

$$z_{\text{power}} = \Phi^{-1}(0.9) \approx 1.28 = \frac{\mu_A - \mu_0}{SD(\bar{x})} - z_{1-\alpha} = \frac{45 - 40}{\sqrt{\frac{25}{n}}} - 1.75 \rightarrow n \approx 9.2$$

Thus, approximately **10 cameras** are needed to achieve a power of 0.9 with $\alpha = 0.04$.

Problem 13. Statistically Delicious Coffee

Part 1. Appropriate Statistical Test

Comparison of Preparation Times Between Branch A and Branch B:

- **Independent Samples t-Test:** Since the preparation times are independent between the two branches and we are comparing their means, an independent t-test is appropriate. We assume equal variances as specified in the question.

Comparison of Taste Ratings Between Recipe A and Recipe B:

- **Paired t-Test:** Since the same customers rate both recipes, the data is paired. A paired t-test is the correct test to analyze differences in taste ratings.

Part 2. Preparation Times Between Branch A and Branch B

Hypotheses:

- $H_0 : \mu_A = \mu_B$ (No difference in preparation times between the branches)
- $H_0 : \mu_A < \mu_B$ (Branch A is faster than Branch B)

Table 13.1 shows the data related to the preparation times for Branch A and Branch B.

Order	Branch A	Branch B
1	6	7
2	7	6
3	7	7
4	8	8
5	6	9
6	9	7
7	5	10
8	7	9
9	8	9
10	7	9
11	5	7
12	7	9

Table 13.1. Preparation times for Branch A and Branch B

$$\bar{X}_A = \frac{\sum X_A}{n} = \frac{6 + 7 + 7 + 8 + 6 + 9 + 5 + 7 + 8 + 7 + 5 + 7}{12} = \frac{82}{12} \approx 6.833$$

$$\bar{X}_B = \frac{\sum X_B}{n} = \frac{7 + 6 + 7 + 8 + 9 + 7 + 10 + 9 + 9 + 9 + 7 + 9}{12} = \frac{97}{12} \approx 8.0833$$

$$s_A^2 = \frac{\sum (X_A - \bar{X}_A)^2}{n_A - 1} \rightarrow (n_A - 1)s_A^2 = \sum (X_A - \bar{X}_A)^2 = 15.666$$

$$s_B^2 = \frac{\sum (X_B - \bar{X}_B)^2}{n_B - 1} \rightarrow (n_B - 1)s_B^2 = \sum (X_B - \bar{X}_B)^2 = 16.917$$

$$s_p^2 = \frac{(n_A - 1)s_A^2 + (n_B - 1)s_B^2}{n_A + n_B - 2} = \frac{15.666 + 16.917}{12 + 12 - 2} = 1.481$$

$$SE = \sqrt{s_p^2 \left(\frac{1}{n_A} + \frac{1}{n_B} \right)} = \sqrt{1.481 \left(\frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{12} \right)} \rightarrow T = \frac{\bar{X}_A - \bar{X}_B}{SE} = \frac{6.833 - 8.0833}{\sqrt{\frac{1.481}{6}}} = -2.5159$$

$$\text{Test statistic} = T = -2.516$$

For a one-tailed test at $\alpha = 0.05$, the critical value is:

$$T_{critical} = 2.201$$

Decision: Since $|T| = 2.516 > T_{critical} = 2.201$, we reject H_0 .

So, there is sufficient evidence to conclude that **Branch A is faster than Branch B at the $\alpha = 0.05$ level.**

Part 3. Taste Ratings Between Recipe A and Recipe B

Hypotheses:

- $H_0 : \mu_D = 0$ (No difference in taste ratings between Recipe A and Recipe B)
- $H_0 : \mu_D > 0$ (Recipe B is rated higher than Recipe A)

Table 13.2 shows the data related to the taste ratings between Recipe A and Recipe B.

Order	Branch A	Branch B	$D = B - A$
1	8	9	1
2	7	6	-1
3	7	7	0
4	6	8	2
5	9	7	-2
6	5	9	4
7	8	8	0
8	8	9	1
9	8	10	2
10	7	9	2
11	5	9	4
12	7	6	-1

Table 13.2. Taste Ratings Between Recipe A and Recipe B

$$\bar{D} = \frac{\sum D}{n} = \frac{1 - 1 + 0 + 2 - 2 + 4 + 0 + 1 + 2 + 2 + 4 - 1}{12} = \frac{12}{12} = 1$$

$$s_D^2 = \frac{\sum (D - \bar{D})^2}{n - 1} = \frac{0 + 4 + 1 + 1 + 9 + 9 + 1 + 0 + 1 + 1 + 9 + 4}{11} \approx 3.6363 \rightarrow s_D \approx 1.91$$

$$SE = \frac{s_D}{\sqrt{n}} = \frac{1.91}{\sqrt{12}} \approx 0.552 \rightarrow T = \frac{\bar{D}}{SE} = \frac{1}{0.552} \approx 1.81$$

$$\text{Test statistic} = T = 1.81$$

For a one-tailed test at $\alpha = 0.05$:

$$T_{critical} = 1.796$$

Decision: Since $T = 1.81 > T_{critical} = 1.796$, we reject H_0 .

There is sufficient evidence to conclude that **Recipe B is rated higher than Recipe A at the $\alpha = 0.05$ level.**
