

# Review of Statistics <sup>1</sup>

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Suppose you want to understand the distribution of  $X$  in the population.

- ▷ When a statistic  $\hat{\theta} = \hat{\theta}(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  is a function of an i.i.d. sample, then the distribution is determined by the population distribution is  $F$  and the sample size is  $n$ .
- ▷ We call the distribution of  $\hat{\theta}$  the **sample distribution**.

The goal of an estimator  $\hat{\theta}$  is to learn about the parameter  $\theta$ , we evaluate the

- ▷ The exact bias and variance.
- ▷ The distribution under normality.
- ▷ The asymptotic distribution as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

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Let  $\hat{\theta}$  be an estimator of  $\theta$ . Then

- ▷ The bias of  $\text{bias}(\hat{\theta})$  is  $E[\hat{\theta}] - \theta$ .
  - ◇ We say an estimator is **unbiased** if the bias is 0.
- ▷ The **mean squared error** of an estimator  $\hat{\theta}$  for  $\theta$  is

$$\text{mse}(\hat{\theta}) = \mathbb{E}[(\hat{\theta} - \theta)^2].$$

- ◇ The mean squared error is  $\text{mse}(\hat{\theta}) = \text{var}(\hat{\theta}) + (\text{bias}(\hat{\theta}))^2$ .

# Best Unbiased Estimator

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## Definition 1 (Best Linear Unbiased Estimator (BLUE))

If  $\sigma^2 < \infty$  the sample mean  $\bar{X}_n$  has the lowest variance among all linear unbiased estimators of  $\mu$ .

## Bias, consistency, and efficiency

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- ▷ Suppose  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  are i.i.d.
- ▷ Denote an estimator for  $\mu_Y$  as  $\hat{\mu}_Y$ .
- ▷ The bias of  $\hat{\mu}_Y$  is  $E(\hat{\mu}_Y) - \mu_Y$ .
- ▷  $\hat{\mu}_Y$  is an **unbiased** estimator of  $\mu_Y$  if  $E(\hat{\mu}_Y) = \mu_Y$ .
- ▷  $\hat{\mu}_Y$  is an **consistent** estimator of  $\mu_Y$  if  $\hat{\mu}_Y \rightarrow_p \mu_Y$ .
- ▷ Let  $\tilde{\mu}_Y$  denote another estimator for  $\mu_Y$ , and suppose both  $\bar{\mu}_Y$  and  $\tilde{\mu}_Y$  are consistent. Then  $\hat{\mu}_Y$  is more efficient if  $var(\hat{\mu}_Y) < var(\tilde{\mu}_Y)$ .

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- ▷  $E(\bar{Y}) = \mu_Y$ , so  $\bar{Y}$  is an unbiased estimator of  $\mu_Y$ .
- ▷ the law of large numbers states that  $\bar{Y} \rightarrow_p \mu_Y$ ,  $\bar{Y}$  is consistent.
- ▷ Consider  $\tilde{Y} = \frac{1}{n}(\frac{1}{2}Y_1 + \frac{3}{2}Y_2 + \dots)$ , then  
 $var(\tilde{Y}) = 1.25\sigma_Y^2/n > var(\bar{Y}) = \sigma_Y^2/n$ .  $\bar{Y}$  is more efficient than  $\tilde{Y}$ .
- ▷  $\bar{Y}$  is the Best Linear Unbiased Estimator for  $\mu_Y$ .

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- ▷ A point hypothesis is the statement that  $\theta$  equals a specific value  $\theta_0$ .
- ▷ A common example is  $\theta$  measures the effect the proposed policy. A typical question is whether  $\theta = \theta_0$ .
- ▷ The **null hypothesis**, written as  $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$ .
- ▷ The **alternative hypothesis**, written as  $H_A : \theta \neq \theta_0$ , is the set  $\{\theta \in \Theta : \theta \neq \theta_0\}$ .
  - ◇ **One-sided** hypothesis:  $H_A : \theta > \theta_0$ .
  - ◇ **Two-sided** hypothesis:  $H_A : \theta \neq \theta_0$ .

# Acceptance and Rejection

- ▷ A hypothesis test is a decision based on data. We can either **fail to reject** the null hypothesis or **reject** the null hypothesis.
- ▷ An alternative way to express a decision rule is to construct a real-valued function of the data called a **test statistics**

$$T = T(X_1, \dots, X_n)$$

together with a **critical region**  $C$ .

- ▷ A hypothesis can be expressed as
  - ◇ Fail to reject  $H_0$  if  $T \in C$ .
  - ◇ Reject  $H_0$  if  $T \notin C$ .

Note: "Accept"  $H_0$  does not mean  $H_0$  is true.



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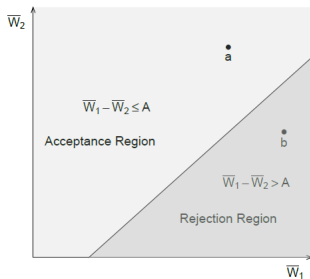
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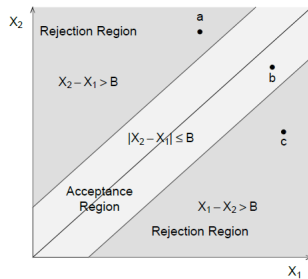
Consider the following examples:

- ▶  $2n$  adults who were raised in similar settings,  $n$  attended early childhood education. Let  $\bar{W}_1$  be the average wage in the early childhood education group, and let  $\bar{W}_2$  be the average wage in the remaining sample. Null hypothesis  $H_0 : \bar{W}_1 > \bar{W}_2$ .
- ▶ You ride each bus once and record the time it takes to travel from home to the university. Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be the two recorded travel times. You adopt the following decision rule: If the absolute difference in travel times is greater than B minutes you will reject the hypothesis that the average travel times are the same, otherwise you will accept the hypothesis.

# Example - Hypothesis Testing II



(a) Early Childhood Education Example



(b) Bus Travel Example

## Type I and Type II error

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- ▷ A false rejection of the null hypothesis is a **Type I error**.
- ▷ A false acceptance of the alternative hypothesis is a **Type II error**.

|            | Accept $H_0$     | Reject $H_0$     |
|------------|------------------|------------------|
| $H_0$ true | Correct Decision | Type I Error     |
| $H_1$ true | Type II Error    | Correct Decision |

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- ▷ the sample average  $\bar{Y}$  will rarely be exactly equal to the hypothesized value  $\mu_{Y,0}$ .
- ▷ Differences between  $\bar{Y}$  and  $\mu_{Y,0}$  can arise because
  - ◇ the true mean is not  $\mu_{Y,0}$  (the null hypothesis is false) or
  - ◇ the true mean equals  $\mu_{Y,0}$  (the null hypothesis is true) but  $\bar{Y}$  differs from  $\mu_{Y,0}$  because of random sampling.
- ▷ impossible to distinguish between these two possibilities with certainty.

## P-value II

With a sample of data

- ▷ cannot conclude if  $H_0$  is true.
- ▷ can do **probabilistic calculation** that permits testing the null hypothesis in a way that accounts for sampling uncertainty.
- ▷ How? compute the p-value of the null hypothesis.

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- ▶ The p-value, also called the **significance probability**, is the probability of drawing a statistic **at least as adverse to the null hypothesis** as the one you actually computed in your sample, assuming the null hypothesis is correct.
- ▶ In the case at hand, the p-value is the probability of drawing  $\bar{Y}$  at least as far in the tails of its distribution under the null hypothesis as the sample average you actually computed.
- ▶  $p - \text{value} = Pr(|\bar{Y} - \mu_{Y,0}| > |\bar{Y}^{act} - \mu_{Y,0}|)$

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In a sample of recent college graduates, the average wage is \$22.64. The p-value is the probability of observing a value of  $Y$  at least as different from \$20 (the population mean under the null hypothesis) as the observed value of \$22.64 by pure random sampling variation, assuming that the null hypothesis is true.

- ▷ If this p-value is small (say, 0.1%), unlikely that this sample drawn if the null hypothesis is true;
  - ◇ reasonable to conclude that the null hypothesis is not true.
- ▷ if this p-value is large (say, 40%), likely that the observed sample average of \$22.64 could have arisen just by random sampling variation if the null hypothesis is true;
  - ◇ the evidence against the null hypothesis is weak in this probabilistic sense, (**fail to reject**)

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The p-value is the area in the tails of the distribution of  $\bar{Y}$  under the null hypothesis beyond  $\mu_{Y,0} \pm |\bar{Y}^{act} - \mu_{Y,0}|$ .

- ▷ To compute the p-value, need to know the shape of the distribution.
- ▷ With CLT, the sampling distribution of  $\bar{Y}$  is well approximated by a normal distribution

When  $\sigma_Y$  is known, then we can compute the p-value

- ▷ Recall: By CLT,  $(\bar{Y} - \mu_Y)/\sqrt{\sigma_{\bar{Y}}} \rightarrow_d N(0, 1)$ , then  $\sqrt{n}(\bar{Y} - \mu_Y) \rightarrow_d N(0, \sigma_Y^2)$ .
- ▷ Under the null hypothesis,
 
$$p\text{-value} = Pr\left(\left|\frac{\bar{Y} - \mu_{Y,0}}{\sigma_{\bar{Y}}}\right| > \left|\frac{\bar{Y}^{act} - \mu_{Y,0}}{\sigma_{\bar{Y}}}\right|\right) = 2\Phi\left(-\left|\frac{\bar{Y}^{act} - \mu_{Y,0}}{\sigma_{\bar{Y}}}\right|\right),$$
- ▷ where  $\Phi$  is the standard normal cumulative distribution function.



## Computing p-value

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- ▷ Suppose we are interested in testing the null hypothesis in  $H_0 : \mathbb{E}(X) = \mu$  with the alternative hypothesis  $H_A : \mathbb{E}(X) \neq \mu$ .
  - ◊ Two-sided test.
- ▷ We observe the realization of  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  as  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ .
- ▷ Note that  $\bar{X}$  is a function of  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ , which are i.i.d., therefore is a random variable.
  - ◊ Let  $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$
  - ◊ and  $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$ .
- ▷ Under  $H_0$ , the distribution of  $\frac{\bar{X} - \mathbb{E}(X)}{\sigma_{\bar{X}}} \sim N(0, 1)$  (CLT).
- ▷  $p = 1 - \mathbb{P} \left( \left| \frac{\bar{X} - \mathbb{E}(X)}{\sigma_{\bar{X}}} \right| < \left| \frac{\bar{x} - \mathbb{E}(X)}{\sigma_{\bar{X}}} \right| \right).$

Issue:  $\sigma_{\bar{X}}$  **unknown**.

# Sample Variance

If the following assumptions hold:

1.  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are i.i.d.
2.  $\mathbb{E}(X_i) < \infty$ .

The sample variance is computed

$$\bar{s}^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2.$$

- ▷  $\mu$  is unknown, need to be estimated.
- ▷  $\mathbb{E}((X - \bar{X})^2) \rightarrow \frac{n-1}{n} \sigma$ .
- ▷ The sample variance is a consistent estimator of the population variance.

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- ▷ When  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  are i.i.d. draws from a Bernoulli distribution with success probability  $p$ ,
- ▷ the formula for the variance of  $\bar{Y}$  simplifies to  $p(1 - p)/n$ ,
- ▷ The formula for the standard error also takes on a simple form that depends only on  $Y$  and  $n$ :  $SE(\bar{Y}) = \sqrt{\bar{Y}(1 - \bar{Y})} > n$ .

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The standardized sample average can be constructed using

$$t = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sqrt{\bar{S}^2}}.$$

With the sample of  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ , we can compute the sample  $t$ -statistic  $t^{sample}$ .

The  $p$ -value is given by

$$p\text{-value} = 2\Phi(-|t^{sample}|).$$

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When construct hypothesis test, can fix a significance level.

- ▷  $\alpha$ -significance test means the tolerance to make Type I error is  $\alpha$ .
- ▷  $\alpha$  is referred to as the **size** of the test.

Suppose the two-sided test has the **significance level** of  $\alpha$ , the rule is "**Reject  $H_0$  if  $|t^{sample}| > 1 - \Phi^{-1}(\alpha/2)$** ".

- ▷  $\alpha = 1\%$ ,  $1 - \Phi^{-1}(\alpha/2) = 2.58$ .
- ▷  $\alpha = 5\%$ ,  $1 - \Phi^{-1}(\alpha/2) = 1.96$ .
- ▷  $\alpha = 10\%$ ,  $1 - \Phi^{-1}(\alpha/2) = 1.64$ .

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- ▶ random sampling error makes it impossible to learn the exact value of the population mean
- ▶ it is possible to **construct a set** of values that contains the true population mean with a certain prespecified probability.
- ▶ It's called **confidence set**, the prespecified probability that  $\mu_Y$  is contained in this set is called the **confidence level**.
- ▶ The confidence set for  $\mu_Y$  turns out to be all the possible values of the mean between a lower and an upper limit, so that the confidence set is an interval, called a **confidence interval**.
- ▶ The **coverage probability** of a confidence interval for the population mean is the probability, computed over all possible random samples, that it contains the true population mean.

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A 95\% two-sided confidence interval for  $m_Y$  is an interval constructed so that it contains the true value of  $m_Y$  in 95% of all possible random samples. When the sample size  $n$  is large, 90%, 95%, and 99% confidence intervals for  $m_Y$  are:

- ▷ 90% confidence interval for  $\mu_Y = \bar{Y} \pm 1.64SE(\bar{Y})$
- ▷ 95% confidence interval for  $\mu_Y = \bar{Y} \pm 1.96SE(\bar{Y})$
- ▷ 99% confidence interval for  $\mu_Y = \bar{Y} \pm 2.58SE(\bar{Y})$

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- ▷ consider the problem of constructing a 95% confidence interval for the mean hourly earnings of recent college graduates using a hypothetical random sample of 200 recent college graduates where
- ▷  $\bar{Y} = \$22.64$  and  $se(\bar{Y}) = 1.28$ .
- ▷ The 95% confidence interval for mean hourly earnings is  $22.64 \pm 1.96 \times 1.28 = (20.13, 25.15)$ .
- ▷ The **coverage probability** of a confidence interval for the population mean is the probability, computed over all possible random samples, that it contains the true population mean



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We are interested in learning a parameter of interest  $\theta$  from i.i.d. random sample of  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ .

- ▷ With random sampling error, it's impossible to learn the exact value of the parameter of interest.
- ▷ Construct a **confidence set**: the parameter of interested has  $1 - \alpha$  probability to fall into the confidence set.
- ▷ The **coverage probability** of the interval estimator is the probability that the random interval contains the true parameter.
  - ◇ An  $1 - \alpha$  **asymptotic confidence interval** for a parameter has the **asymptotic coverage probability**  $1 - \alpha$ .

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A normal-based  $1 - \alpha$  confidence interval is

$$CI = [\hat{\theta} - Z_{1-\alpha/2}s(\hat{\theta}), \hat{\theta} + Z_{1-\alpha/2}s(\hat{\theta})],$$

where  $\hat{\theta}$  is the estimator for  $\theta$  and  $se(\hat{\theta})$  is the estimated standard deviation.  $Z_{1-\alpha/2}$  is the  $1 - \alpha/2$ -quantile of a normal distribution.

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Suppose we observe the i.i.d sample  $W_1, \dots, W_{n_1}, \dots, W_n$ .

- ▷ Sample  $W_1, \dots, W_{n_1}$  are the monthly wage of graduates with master's degree, let  $\mu_1$  denote the population mean and  $\sigma_1^2$  the population variance of group 1.
- ▷ Sample  $W_{n_1+1}, \dots, W_n$  are the monthly wage of graduates with bachelor's degree, let  $\mu_2$  denote the population mean and  $\sigma_2^2$  the population variance of group 2.
- ▷ Let  $n_2 = n - n_1$ .
- ▷  $H_0 : \mu_1 - \mu_2 > d_0$ ,  $H_1 : \mu_1 - \mu_2 \leq d_0$ , with significance level of  $\alpha$ .

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- ▶ The parameter of interest is  $\theta = \mu_1 - \mu_2$ .
- ▶ Let  $\bar{W}_1$  and  $\bar{W}_2$  be the estimated sample mean and  $s_1^2$  and  $s_2^2$  be the estimated sample variance for group 1 and group 2.
- ▶ The standard error of  $\hat{\theta} = \bar{W}_1 - \bar{W}_2$  is  $se(\hat{\theta}) = \sqrt{\frac{s_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{n_2}}$ .
- ▶ We construct the t-statistic as  $t = \frac{\hat{\theta} - d_0}{se(\hat{\theta})}$ .
- ▶ We reject  $H_0$  if  $t > Z_{1-\alpha}$ .

# Social Class or Education? Childhood Circumstances and Adult Earning I

This example is based on the example in SW2020 Chapter 3, p.p. 122.

**TABLE 3.1** Differences in Household Income According to Childhood Socioeconomic Circumstances, Grouped by Level of Highest Qualification

| Qualification                | Father's NS-SEC = Higher |           |       | Father's NS-SEC = Routine |           |       | Difference, Higher vs. Routine |                 |                                 |         |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|-------|---------------------------|-----------|-------|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|---------|
|                              | $Y_h$                    | $s_h$     | $n_h$ | $Y_r$                     | $s_r$     | $n_r$ | $Y_h - Y_r$                    | $SE(Y_h - Y_r)$ | 95% Confidence Interval for $d$ |         |
| None                         | £2,223.13                | £2,115.12 | 1129  | £1,842.98                 | £1,487.29 | 6383  | £380.15                        | £65.64          | £251.38                         | £508.93 |
| GCSE/O-Level                 | £2,837.18                | £1,819.73 | 1962  | £2,596.93                 | £1,738.47 | 4042  | £240.25                        | £49.35          | £143.49                         | £337.00 |
| A-Level                      | £3,045.99                | £2,451.81 | 1216  | £2,745.70                 | £1,912.50 | 1169  | £300.30                        | £89.85          | £124.11                         | £476.49 |
| Undergraduate degree or more | £3,690.51                | £2,743.55 | 4359  | £3,370.96                 | £2,443.58 | 2505  | £319.55                        | £64.11          | £193.86                         | £445.23 |
| All categories               | £3,215.71                | £2,497.73 | 8666  | £2,405.45                 | £1,886.86 | 14099 | £810.25                        | £31.18          | £749.13                         | £871.38 |

Source: Understanding Society.

Figure

## Social Class or Education? Childhood Circumstances and Adult Earning II

- ▷ breaks down the differences in mean household income for individuals according to their are father's NS-SEC occupation type,
- ▷ and considers these differences for selected highest level of educational qualification
- ▷ The data shows that within both groups according to the NS-SEC of a father's occupation, those with higher qualifications are part of households with higher total income.
- ▷ Test the differences between mean income by the father's occupational categorization ( $Y_h - Y_r$ ) for each of the educational groupings.

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▷ For individuals with no qualifications

▷ test statistics =  $\frac{(2223.13 - 1842.98)}{2115.12^2/1129 + 1487.29^2/6383} = 5.7911$ .

▷ The 95 \% CI for the difference ( $Y_h - Y_r$ ) is  $(2223.13 - 1842.98) \pm 1.96 \sqrt{2115.12^2/1129 + 1487.29^2/6383} = (251.38, 508.93)$ .

Use t-distribution when  $n$  is small

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Consider the t-statistic used to test the hypothesis  $H_0 : \mu_Y = \mu_{Y,0}$ , using data  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$ .

$$t = \frac{\bar{Y} - \mu_{Y,0}}{\sqrt{s_Y^2/n}},$$

where  $s_Y^2$  is the estimated sample mean.

- ▶ When  $n$  is larger, under general conditions the t-statistic has a standard normal distribution if the sample size is large and the null hypothesis is true.
- ▶ When  $n$  is small, then the t-statistic in Equation has a Student t distribution with  $n - 1$  degrees of freedom.



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To illustrate a test for the difference between two means

- ▷ let  $\mu_w$  be the mean hourly earnings in the population of women recently graduated from college,
- ▷ let  $\mu_m$  be the population mean for recently graduated men.
- ▷ Consider the null hypothesis that mean earnings for these two populations differ by a certain amount, say,  $d_0$ . Then the null hypothesis and the two-sided alternative hypothesis are  
 $H_0 : \mu_m - \mu_w = d_0$  vs.  $H_1 : \mu_m - \mu_w \neq d_0$

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Population means are unknown:

- ▶ must be estimated from samples of men and women.
- ▶ Suppose we have samples of  $n_m$  men and  $n_w$  women drawn at random from their populations.
- ▶ Let the sample average annual earnings be  $\bar{Y}_m$  for men and  $\bar{Y}_w$  for women.
- ▶ An estimator of  $\mu_m - \mu_w$  is  $\bar{Y}_m - \bar{Y}_w$ .

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In asymptotics:

- ▷  $\bar{Y}_m \rightarrow_d N(\mu_m, \sigma_m^2/n_m)$ ,  $\bar{Y}_w \rightarrow_d N(\mu, \sigma_w^2/n_w)$
- ▷ By properties of random distributions,  
$$\bar{Y}_m - \bar{Y}_w \rightarrow N(\mu_m - \mu_w, (\sigma_m^2/n_m) + (\sigma_w^2/n_w)^2).$$

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Construct t-statistics:

$$t = \frac{\bar{Y}_m - \bar{Y}_w}{\sqrt{(\sigma_m^2/n_m) + (\sigma_w^2/n_w)}}.$$

- ▷ When  $n$  is larger ( $> 30$ ),  $t \rightarrow_d N(0, 1)$ .
  - ◇ If the test is at 5% significance level, reject if  $t > 1.64$ .
- ▷ When  $n$  is small ( $\leq 30$ ),  $t \sim t - \text{dist}_{n-1}$

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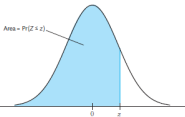
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## Appendix

**TABLE 1** The Cumulative Standard Normal Distribution Function,  $\Phi(z) = \Pr(Z \leq z)$



Area =  $\Pr(Z \leq z)$

Second Decimal Value of  $z$

| $z$  | 0      | 1      | 2      | 3      | 4      | 5      | 6      | 7      | 8      | 9      |
|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| -2.9 | 0.0019 | 0.0018 | 0.0018 | 0.0017 | 0.0016 | 0.0016 | 0.0015 | 0.0015 | 0.0014 | 0.0014 |
| -2.8 | 0.0026 | 0.0025 | 0.0024 | 0.0023 | 0.0023 | 0.0022 | 0.0021 | 0.0021 | 0.0020 | 0.0019 |
| -2.7 | 0.0035 | 0.0034 | 0.0033 | 0.0032 | 0.0031 | 0.0030 | 0.0029 | 0.0028 | 0.0027 | 0.0026 |
| -2.6 | 0.0047 | 0.0045 | 0.0044 | 0.0043 | 0.0041 | 0.0040 | 0.0039 | 0.0038 | 0.0037 | 0.0036 |
| -2.5 | 0.0062 | 0.0060 | 0.0059 | 0.0057 | 0.0055 | 0.0054 | 0.0052 | 0.0051 | 0.0049 | 0.0048 |
| -2.4 | 0.0082 | 0.0080 | 0.0078 | 0.0075 | 0.0073 | 0.0071 | 0.0069 | 0.0068 | 0.0066 | 0.0064 |
| -2.3 | 0.0107 | 0.0104 | 0.0102 | 0.0099 | 0.0096 | 0.0094 | 0.0091 | 0.0089 | 0.0087 | 0.0084 |
| -2.2 | 0.0139 | 0.0136 | 0.0132 | 0.0129 | 0.0125 | 0.0122 | 0.0119 | 0.0116 | 0.0113 | 0.0110 |
| -2.1 | 0.0179 | 0.0174 | 0.0170 | 0.0166 | 0.0162 | 0.0158 | 0.0154 | 0.0150 | 0.0146 | 0.0143 |
| -2.0 | 0.0228 | 0.0222 | 0.0217 | 0.0212 | 0.0207 | 0.0202 | 0.0197 | 0.0192 | 0.0188 | 0.0183 |
| -1.9 | 0.0287 | 0.0281 | 0.0274 | 0.0268 | 0.0262 | 0.0256 | 0.0250 | 0.0244 | 0.0239 | 0.0233 |
| -1.8 | 0.0359 | 0.0351 | 0.0344 | 0.0336 | 0.0329 | 0.0322 | 0.0314 | 0.0307 | 0.0301 | 0.0294 |
| -1.7 | 0.0446 | 0.0436 | 0.0427 | 0.0418 | 0.0409 | 0.0401 | 0.0392 | 0.0384 | 0.0375 | 0.0367 |
| -1.6 | 0.0548 | 0.0537 | 0.0526 | 0.0516 | 0.0505 | 0.0495 | 0.0485 | 0.0475 | 0.0465 | 0.0455 |
| -1.5 | 0.0668 | 0.0655 | 0.0643 | 0.0630 | 0.0618 | 0.0606 | 0.0594 | 0.0582 | 0.0571 | 0.0559 |
| -1.4 | 0.0808 | 0.0793 | 0.0778 | 0.0764 | 0.0749 | 0.0735 | 0.0721 | 0.0708 | 0.0694 | 0.0681 |
| -1.3 | 0.0968 | 0.0951 | 0.0934 | 0.0918 | 0.0901 | 0.0885 | 0.0869 | 0.0853 | 0.0838 | 0.0823 |
| -1.2 | 0.1151 | 0.1131 | 0.1112 | 0.1093 | 0.1075 | 0.1056 | 0.1038 | 0.1020 | 0.1003 | 0.0985 |
| -1.1 | 0.1357 | 0.1335 | 0.1314 | 0.1292 | 0.1271 | 0.1251 | 0.1230 | 0.1210 | 0.1190 | 0.1170 |
| -1.0 | 0.1587 | 0.1562 | 0.1539 | 0.1515 | 0.1492 | 0.1469 | 0.1446 | 0.1423 | 0.1401 | 0.1379 |
| -0.9 | 0.1841 | 0.1814 | 0.1788 | 0.1762 | 0.1736 | 0.1711 | 0.1685 | 0.1660 | 0.1635 | 0.1611 |

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| z    | Second Decimal Value of z |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|------|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|      | 0                         | 1      | 2      | 3      | 4      | 5      | 6      | 7      | 8      | 9      |
| -0.8 | 0.2119                    | 0.2090 | 0.2061 | 0.2033 | 0.2005 | 0.1977 | 0.1949 | 0.1922 | 0.1894 | 0.1867 |
| -0.7 | 0.2420                    | 0.2389 | 0.2358 | 0.2327 | 0.2296 | 0.2266 | 0.2236 | 0.2206 | 0.2177 | 0.2148 |
| -0.6 | 0.2743                    | 0.2709 | 0.2676 | 0.2643 | 0.2611 | 0.2578 | 0.2546 | 0.2514 | 0.2483 | 0.2451 |
| -0.5 | 0.3085                    | 0.3050 | 0.3015 | 0.2981 | 0.2946 | 0.2912 | 0.2877 | 0.2843 | 0.2810 | 0.2776 |
| -0.4 | 0.3446                    | 0.3409 | 0.3372 | 0.3336 | 0.3300 | 0.3264 | 0.3228 | 0.3192 | 0.3156 | 0.3121 |
| -0.3 | 0.3821                    | 0.3783 | 0.3745 | 0.3707 | 0.3669 | 0.3632 | 0.3594 | 0.3557 | 0.3520 | 0.3483 |
| -0.2 | 0.4207                    | 0.4168 | 0.4129 | 0.4090 | 0.4052 | 0.4013 | 0.3974 | 0.3936 | 0.3897 | 0.3859 |
| -0.1 | 0.4602                    | 0.4562 | 0.4522 | 0.4483 | 0.4443 | 0.4404 | 0.4364 | 0.4325 | 0.4286 | 0.4247 |
| 0.0  | 0.5000                    | 0.4960 | 0.4920 | 0.4880 | 0.4840 | 0.4801 | 0.4761 | 0.4721 | 0.4681 | 0.4641 |
| 0.1  | 0.5000                    | 0.5040 | 0.5080 | 0.5120 | 0.5160 | 0.5199 | 0.5239 | 0.5279 | 0.5319 | 0.5359 |
| 0.2  | 0.5398                    | 0.5438 | 0.5478 | 0.5517 | 0.5557 | 0.5596 | 0.5636 | 0.5675 | 0.5714 | 0.5753 |
| 0.3  | 0.5793                    | 0.5832 | 0.5871 | 0.5910 | 0.5948 | 0.5987 | 0.6026 | 0.6064 | 0.6103 | 0.6141 |
| 0.4  | 0.6179                    | 0.6217 | 0.6255 | 0.6293 | 0.6331 | 0.6368 | 0.6406 | 0.6443 | 0.6480 | 0.6517 |
| 0.5  | 0.6554                    | 0.6591 | 0.6628 | 0.6664 | 0.6700 | 0.6736 | 0.6772 | 0.6808 | 0.6844 | 0.6879 |
| 0.6  | 0.6915                    | 0.6950 | 0.6985 | 0.7019 | 0.7054 | 0.7088 | 0.7123 | 0.7157 | 0.7190 | 0.7224 |
| 0.7  | 0.7257                    | 0.7291 | 0.7324 | 0.7357 | 0.7389 | 0.7422 | 0.7454 | 0.7486 | 0.7517 | 0.7549 |
| 0.8  | 0.7580                    | 0.7611 | 0.7642 | 0.7673 | 0.7704 | 0.7734 | 0.7764 | 0.7794 | 0.7823 | 0.7852 |
| 0.9  | 0.7881                    | 0.7910 | 0.7939 | 0.7967 | 0.7995 | 0.8023 | 0.8051 | 0.8078 | 0.8106 | 0.8133 |
| 1.0  | 0.8159                    | 0.8186 | 0.8212 | 0.8238 | 0.8264 | 0.8289 | 0.8315 | 0.8340 | 0.8365 | 0.8389 |
| 1.1  | 0.8413                    | 0.8438 | 0.8461 | 0.8485 | 0.8508 | 0.8531 | 0.8554 | 0.8577 | 0.8599 | 0.8621 |
| 1.2  | 0.8643                    | 0.8665 | 0.8686 | 0.8708 | 0.8729 | 0.8749 | 0.8770 | 0.8790 | 0.8810 | 0.8830 |
| 1.3  | 0.8849                    | 0.8869 | 0.8888 | 0.8907 | 0.8925 | 0.8944 | 0.8962 | 0.8980 | 0.8997 | 0.9015 |
| 1.4  | 0.9032                    | 0.9049 | 0.9066 | 0.9082 | 0.9099 | 0.9115 | 0.9131 | 0.9147 | 0.9162 | 0.9177 |
| 1.5  | 0.9192                    | 0.9207 | 0.9222 | 0.9236 | 0.9251 | 0.9265 | 0.9279 | 0.9292 | 0.9306 | 0.9319 |
| 1.6  | 0.9332                    | 0.9345 | 0.9357 | 0.9370 | 0.9382 | 0.9394 | 0.9406 | 0.9418 | 0.9429 | 0.9441 |
| 1.7  | 0.9452                    | 0.9463 | 0.9474 | 0.9484 | 0.9495 | 0.9505 | 0.9515 | 0.9525 | 0.9535 | 0.9545 |
| 1.8  | 0.9554                    | 0.9564 | 0.9573 | 0.9582 | 0.9591 | 0.9599 | 0.9608 | 0.9616 | 0.9625 | 0.9633 |
| 1.9  | 0.9641                    | 0.9649 | 0.9656 | 0.9664 | 0.9671 | 0.9678 | 0.9686 | 0.9693 | 0.9699 | 0.9706 |
| 2.0  | 0.9713                    | 0.9719 | 0.9726 | 0.9732 | 0.9738 | 0.9744 | 0.9750 | 0.9756 | 0.9761 | 0.9767 |
| 2.1  | 0.9772                    | 0.9778 | 0.9783 | 0.9788 | 0.9793 | 0.9798 | 0.9803 | 0.9808 | 0.9812 | 0.9817 |
| 2.2  | 0.9821                    | 0.9826 | 0.9830 | 0.9834 | 0.9838 | 0.9842 | 0.9846 | 0.9850 | 0.9854 | 0.9857 |
| 2.3  | 0.9861                    | 0.9864 | 0.9868 | 0.9871 | 0.9875 | 0.9878 | 0.9881 | 0.9884 | 0.9887 | 0.9890 |
| 2.4  | 0.9893                    | 0.9896 | 0.9898 | 0.9901 | 0.9904 | 0.9906 | 0.9909 | 0.9911 | 0.9913 | 0.9916 |
| 2.5  | 0.9918                    | 0.9920 | 0.9922 | 0.9925 | 0.9927 | 0.9929 | 0.9931 | 0.9932 | 0.9934 | 0.9936 |
| 2.6  | 0.9938                    | 0.9940 | 0.9941 | 0.9943 | 0.9945 | 0.9946 | 0.9948 | 0.9949 | 0.9951 | 0.9952 |
| 2.7  | 0.9953                    | 0.9955 | 0.9956 | 0.9957 | 0.9959 | 0.9960 | 0.9961 | 0.9962 | 0.9963 | 0.9964 |
| 2.8  | 0.9965                    | 0.9966 | 0.9967 | 0.9968 | 0.9969 | 0.9970 | 0.9971 | 0.9972 | 0.9973 | 0.9974 |
| 2.9  | 0.9974                    | 0.9975 | 0.9976 | 0.9977 | 0.9977 | 0.9978 | 0.9979 | 0.9979 | 0.9980 | 0.9981 |
| 3.0  | 0.9981                    | 0.9982 | 0.9982 | 0.9983 | 0.9984 | 0.9984 | 0.9985 | 0.9985 | 0.9986 | 0.9986 |

This table can be used to calculate  $\Pr(Z \leq z)$  where  $Z$  is a standard normal variable. For example, when  $z = 1.17$ , this probability is 0.8790, which is the table entry for the row labeled 1.1 and the column labeled 7.

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