

7. Testing hypothesis about a population mean
one sample t-test

→ setting up a test for population mean

Cartwheel Study

- 25 team members / colleagues (all adults) asked to perform a cartwheel

measured variable: Cartwheel Distance (in inches)

→ Research Question

- Is the average cartwheel distance for adults more than 80 inches?

→ Population: All Adults

→ Parameter of interest: Population mean

Null Hypothesis: $\mu \leq 80$ inches

Alt Hypothesis:

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→ Main Goal:

Perform a one-sample test regarding the value for the mean cartwheel distance for the population of all such adults.

→ Step 1: Define the Null & Alternative hypothesis

NULL: Population mean CW distance (μ) is 80 inches.
Alternative: Population mean is greater than ($>$) 80 inches.

more compact notation:

$$\begin{aligned} H_0: \mu &= 80 \\ H_A: \mu &> 80 \end{aligned}$$

where μ represents the population mean

cartwheel distance (inches) for

all adults.

→ significance level = 5%

standard significance level is 5%

→ Step 2: Examine results, check assumptions, summarize data via Test statistic

Assumptions:

- sample of CW Distance measurements

considered a simple random sample

- normal distribution for CW distances in

population (not as critical given large sample size, but still graph our data.)

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mean of 25 sample data = 82.48 inches

Is sample mean of 82.48 inches significantly greater than hypothesized mean of 80 inches?

To find this, we will find standard error of estimate of sample mean.

standard error of sample mean = $\frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$

standard error of the sample mean shows strength of evidence

→ Test statistic

Assuming sampling distribution of sample mean is normal,

test statistic = $\frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}}$

$$\text{test statistic} = \frac{\text{best estimate} - \text{null value}}{\text{estimated std. error}} = \frac{\bar{x} - 80}{\frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}}$$

$$= \frac{82.48 - 80}{15.06} = \frac{2.48}{15.06} = 0.82$$

at 2 tailed significance level

Our sample mean is only 0.82 (estimated) standard errors above null value of 80 inches

critical value of test statistic for hypothesis

depends on significance level

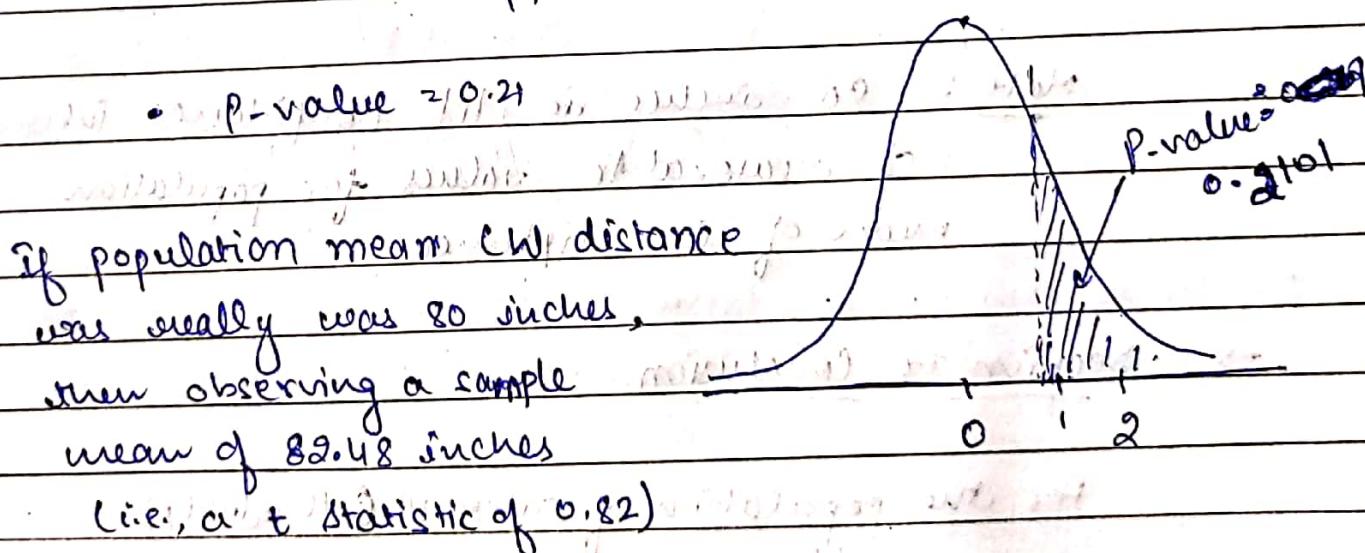
if test statistic is greater than critical value, reject null hypothesis

if test statistic is less than critical value, do not reject null hypothesis

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→ Step 3: Determine P-value

- If null hypothesis was true, would a test statistic value of only $t = 0.82$ be unusual enough to reject the null.
- P-value = Probability of seeing test statistic of 0.82 or more extreme assuming the null hypothesis is true.
- If null hypothesis was true, t test statistic follows a → Student t distribution with degrees of freedom $n-1 = 25-1 = 24$
- Since, we have a one tailed test to the right
→ More extreme measured to the right (Upper tail)



If population mean CW distance
was really was 80 inches,
then observing a sample
mean of 82.48 inches

(i.e., a t statistic of 0.82)

or larger is quite likely.

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→ Step 4 : Make a decision about the null.

Since our P-value is much bigger than 0.05 significance level, weak evidence against the null.

↳ we fail to reject the null!

Also, Based on estimated mean (82.48 inches), we cannot support the population mean of CW distance is greater than 80 inches.

It's not enough for hypothesis

→ 90% confidence interval Estimate

$$\bar{x} \pm t^* \left(\frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} \right)$$

(77.33 inches, 87.63 inches)

Note: 80 inches is IN confidence interval of reasonable values for population mean of CW distance.

→ Decision or Conclusion

for the population of interest (all adults).

→ regardless of assumptions made & inference approach used → There is not sufficient evidence to support that the population mean CW distance is more than 80 inches.

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t- Difference in means for Paired Data

→ Testing a population mean difference

Home Renovations

- 20 homes remodeling their kitchens, requesting cabinet quotes from 2 suppliers.

→ Research Question

Is there an average difference in cabinet quotes from these two suppliers?

→ variable = Difference in cabinet quotes
(Supplier A) - (Supplier B)

→ Populations = All houses

→ Parameter of interest:

Population mean difference of cabinet quotes μ_d
(Supplier A - Supplier B)

→ Test for a significant mean difference in cabinet quotes at the 5% significance level.

→ Hypotheses:

$$H_0 : \mu_d = 0$$

$$H_a : \mu_d \neq 0$$

→ Significance level
 $\alpha = 0.05$

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Cabinet Data

| Supplier A | Supplier B | Difference |
|------------|------------|------------|
| \$ 280 | \$ 225 | \$ 55 |
| \$ 560 | \$ 470 | \$ 90 |
| \$ 425 | \$ 420 | \$ 5 |
| \$ 889 | \$ 875 | \$ 14 |
| \$ 568 | \$ 574 | -\$ 6 |
| \$ 651 | \$ 595 | \$ 56 |

→ Assumptions

For example we need to assume that we have a random sample of differences, i.e., a random sample of houses.

- We also need the population of differences to be normally distributed. We can get around this assumption if we have a large sample size (about 25+).

→ Summarize the Data

n = 20 observations

$$\text{Minimum} = -\$30$$

$$\text{Maximum} = \$90$$

$$\text{Median} = \$13.50$$

$$\text{Mean} = \$17.30$$

$$\text{Standard Deviation} = \$28.49$$

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→ Test Statistic

Assuming the sample distribution of the sample mean difference is normal,

$t = \frac{\text{best estimate} - \text{hypothesized estimate}}{\text{estimated standard errors of estimate}}$

$$t = \frac{\bar{x}_d - 0}{S_d / \sqrt{n}}$$

$n = 20$

$\bar{x}_d = \$17.30$

$S_d = \$88.49$

$$t = \frac{20}{88.49} = 0$$

$$t = \frac{20}{\sqrt{88.49}} = 0$$

$$t = 17.30$$

6.37

$$t = 2.72$$

How you interpret a test statistic?

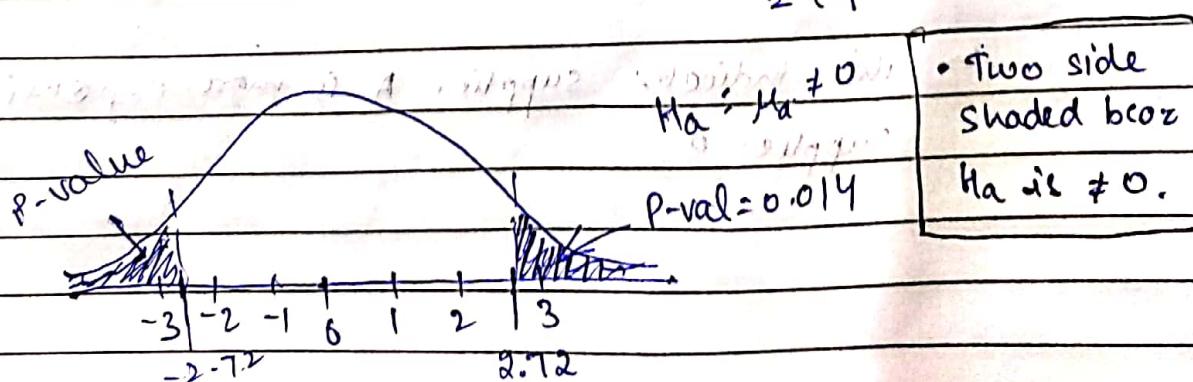
our observed mean difference is 2.72 (estimated) standard errors above our null value of 0.

→ Test Statistic Distribution & P-value

$$\text{degree of freedom} = \text{no. of observation} - 1$$

$$t(19)$$

$$= 20 - 1 \\ 19$$



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→ Decision & Conclusion

$$p\text{-val} = 0.014 < 0.05 = \text{do not reject}$$

reject null hypothesis

Therefore we do not reject the null hypothesis.

We ~~will~~ ^{now} have evidence against mean difference in cabinet quotes is 0.

- Formally based on our sample and our p-value, if $p\text{-val} < \alpha$ we reject the null hypothesis. We conclude that the mean difference of cabinet quote prices for Supplier A ~~less~~ \rightarrow B is significantly different from 0.

→ 95% Confidence Interval

- Now, if we want to get a sense of in what way it's different from zero, we might look at a 95% Confidence Interval.

↳ Note 0 is NOT in our range of reasonable values for mean difference in cabinet prices.

↳ This indicates supplier A is more expensive than supplier B.

→ Wilcoxon Signed Rank Test

If normality doesn't hold, we can use the Wilcoxon Signed Rank Test to test for the median.

$$p\text{-val} \approx 0.020$$

Again, we reject H_0 and conclude that the median difference in cabinet quotes, between Supplier A less B, is different from 0.

• Difference in Means for independent groups
(Two sample t-test)

→ Testing for a difference in Population Means
(for independent groups)

→ Research Question

Considering Mexican-American Adults (ages 18-29) living in the United States, do males have a significantly higher mean Body Mass Index than females?

→ Population: Mexican-American adults (age 18-29) in the U.S.

→ Parameter of Interest ($\mu_1 - \mu_2$): Body Mass Index or BMI (kg/m^2)

→ Task: Perform an independent sample t-test regarding the value for the difference in mean BMI b/w males & females.

so Steps to perform a Hypothesis Test

1. Define null & alternative hypothesis.
2. Examine data, check assumptions, & calculate test statistic
3. Determine corresponding p-value
4. Make a decision about null hypothesis.

→ Step 1: Define Hypothesis

NULL: H_0 : There is no difference in mean BMI

Alternative: H_1 : There is a significant difference in mean BMI.

→ Null hypothesis: $\mu_1 = \mu_2$ (or $\mu_1 - \mu_2 = 0$)

→ Alternative: $\mu_1 \neq \mu_2$ (or $\mu_1 - \mu_2 \neq 0$)

→ Significance level: 5%

→ Step 2: Check Assumptions

- Samples are considered simple random samples.

- Samples are independent from one another.

- Both populations of responses are approximately normal (or sample sizes are both "large" enough).

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→ Calculate Test statistic

$$H_0: \mu_1 - \mu_2 = 0 \text{ vs } H_1: \mu_1 - \mu_2 \neq 0$$

$$\text{Best Estimate: } \bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2 = 23.57 - 22.83 = 0.74$$

↳ Is our sample mean difference of 0.74 kg/m^2 significantly different than 0?
↓ we will find out using
Test statistic.

Test statistic:

- It is a measure of how far our sample statistic is from our hypothesized population parameter, in terms of estimated standard errors.
- The further away our sample statistic is, the less confident we'll be in our null hypothesis value!

$$t = \frac{\text{best estimate} - \text{null value}}{\text{estimated standard error}}$$

- To calculate estimated standard error there are 2 approaches:

- 1) Pooled Approach: The variance of the two populations are assumed to be equal
$$(\sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2)$$
- 2) Unpooled Approach: The assumption of equal variance is dropped.

Pooled Approach:

$$t = \frac{(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) - 0}{s_p \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}}}$$

$$s_p \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}}$$

or

$$t = \frac{(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) - 0}{\sqrt{\frac{(n_1-1)s_1^2 + (n_2-1)s_2^2}{n_1+n_2-2}} \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}}}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{(n_1-1)s_1^2 + (n_2-1)s_2^2}{n_1+n_2-2}} \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}}$$

Unpooled Approach:

$$t = \frac{(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) - 0}{\sqrt{s_1^2 + s_2^2}}$$

standard error of mean $\sqrt{s_1^2 + s_2^2}$

assuming homogeneity of variance $s_1^2 = s_2^2$

homogeneity of variances $s_1^2 = s_2^2$

Note: Because the IQR & standard deviations are similar, the pooled approach will be used.

$$t = \frac{(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) - 0}{\sqrt{\frac{(n_1-1)s_1^2 + (n_2-1)s_2^2}{n_1+n_2-2}} \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}}}$$

$$(257) 6.24^2 + (238) 6.43^2$$

$$\sqrt{1 + 1}$$

$$\sqrt{257^2 + 238^2} = 1095$$

$$0.0898 \times 1.6332$$

$$t = 1.30$$

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↳ So, what this "t" is telling us?

↓
It tells us that, our difference in sample means is only 1.30 (estimated) Standard errors above the null difference of 0 kg/m.

→ Step 3 : Determine p-value

$$\text{Test statistic } t = 1.30$$

If the null hypothesis ($\mu_1 - \mu_2 = 0$) were true, would a test statistic value of 1.30 be unusual enough to reject the null?

• p-value: assuming the null hypothesis is true, it is the probability of observing a test statistic of 1.30 or more extreme.

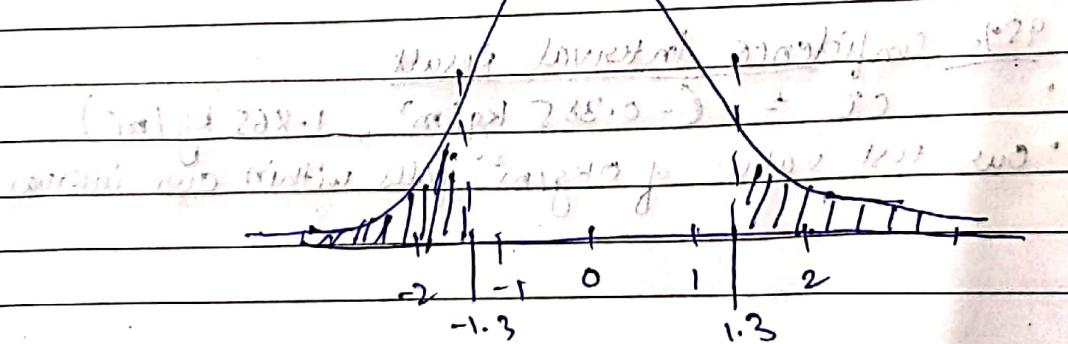
using a $t(df)$ distribution,

$$\text{where, } df = n_1 + n_2 - 2$$

Our alternative hypothesis is two-tailed ($\mu_1 - \mu_2 \neq 0$).
so we will check both the upper & lower tail.

$$t(495) = 2.0$$

$$\text{P-value} = 0.1942$$



p-value = 0.19

If the difference in population mean BMI b/w males & females was really 0 kg/m², then observing a difference in sample means of 0.74 kg/m² (i.e., a t-statistic of 0.130) or more extreme is fairly likely.

- Since, our p-value is larger than the 0.05 significance level, which means there is a weak evidence against the null hypothesis.
- Thus, we fail to reject the null!

→ Step 4: Make Inferences or Decisions

Based on our estimated difference in sample means, we cannot support that there is a significant difference b/w the population mean BMI for males & the population mean

BMI for females for the population of all Mexican-Americans (age 18-29) living in the U.S.

→ 95% confidence interval result

- $CI \approx (-0.385 \text{ kg/m}^2, 1.865 \text{ kg/m}^2)$

- Our test value of 0 kg/m² falls within our interval.