

# Lecture 15 Econometrics I

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## • Brief recap:

Hypothesis testing and statistical inference.

Some useful distribution

\* Standard Normal distribution:

$$\underline{X \sim N(0, 1)}$$

\*\* If we have a sample from  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

$$\bar{X} \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

(N)  $\rightarrow$  size of sample.

$$Z = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma^2/N} \sim N(0, 1)$$

\*\*\* Chi-squared distribution

$$\text{If } X_i \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} N(0, 1)$$

$$Y = \sum_{i=1}^d X_i^2 \sim \chi_d^2$$

Chi-squared  
distributed with  
"d" degrees of  
freedom

A result:

$$\text{If } Y_i \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

$$\text{then } \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \frac{Y_i - \bar{Y}}{\sigma} \right)^2 \sim \chi_{N-1}^2$$

$$\text{By def., we know that } \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \frac{Y_i - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 \sim \chi_N^2$$

\*\*\* t-distribution / Student's t-distribution

If

(a)  $X \sim N(0, 1)$

(b)  $Z \sim \chi^2_d$

(c)  $X$  and  $Z$  are independent.

then

$$t = \frac{X}{\sqrt{Z/d}} \sim t_d$$

$$\rightarrow X \overset{\text{iid}}{\sim} N(\mu, \sigma^2) \Rightarrow \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} \overset{\text{iid}}{\sim} N(0, 1)$$

$$Y = \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \frac{X_i - \bar{X}}{\sigma} \right)^2 \sim \chi^2_{N-1}$$

$$\frac{(X - \mu)/\sigma}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^N \left( \frac{X_i - \bar{X}}{\sigma} \right)^2 / (N-1)}} \sim t_{N-1}$$

## \*\*\*\*\* F-distribution

Let  $X$  and  $Z$  be independent  $\chi^2_{r.v.s}$  with  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  degrees of freedom, respectively, then

$$\frac{X/N_1}{Z/N_2} \sim F_{N_2}^{N_1} \text{ or } F_{N_1, N_2}$$

F-statistic can never be (-)ve.

## Revisit the ANOVA

Source	SS	df	MS	F
Model	$SS^E \sum_{i=1}^N (\hat{y}_i - \bar{y})^2$	$k-1$	$\frac{MSE \sum_{i=1}^N (\hat{y}_i - \bar{y})^2}{k-1}$	$\frac{MSE}{MSR}$
Residual	$SS^R \sum_{i=1}^N \hat{u}_i^2$	$N-k$	$\frac{MSR \sum_{i=1}^N \hat{u}_i^2}{N-k}$	$\frac{MSE}{MSR}$
Total	$SS^T \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \bar{y})^2$	$N-1$		$\frac{MSE}{MSR}$

$$\frac{MSE}{MSR} \sim F_{k-1, N-k}$$

# Inference

$H_0$  : Null hypothesis

$H_a$  : Alternative hypothesis

eg. Mean height of an Indian male is 7 ft.

Decision or Inference  
→ corresponds to the sample

TRUTH

→ corresponds to the population  
 $H_0$  is true       $H_0$  is false

	$H_0$ is true	$H_0$ is false
Reject $H_0$	Type-I error	✓
Fail to reject $H_0$	✓	Type-II error

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the statistical test.  
↑  
depends on the decision  
of the analyst.

⇒  $\alpha$  is a "tolerance level" set by the analyst  
of the chance of committing the type-I error.

⇒  $\alpha$  is set before performing inference to  
avoid subjective bias of the analyst.

⇒ Careful about the borderline cases.

Example: Test  $H_0: \mu_x = 0$   
 $H_a: \mu_x \neq 0$

Take a representative sample

$$N = 22$$

$$\bar{X} = 2.73$$

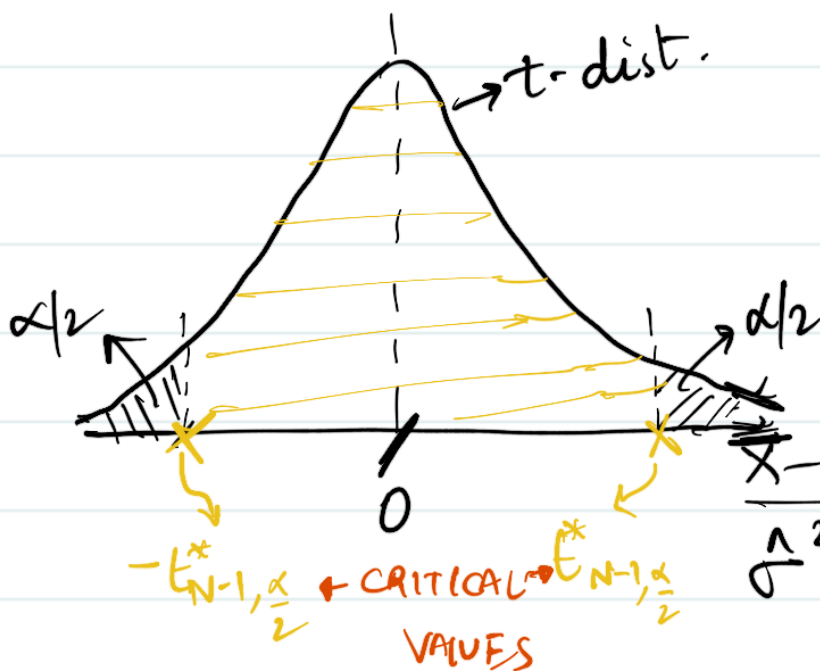
$$\hat{\sigma}_x^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{X})^2}{N-1} = 0.57.$$

$$\frac{\bar{X} - \mu_x}{\hat{\sigma}_x / \sqrt{N}} \sim t_{N-1} = t_{21}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{X})^2}{N-1}}$$

$$\frac{\bar{X} - \mu_x}{\sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{X})^2}{N-1}}} \sim t_{N-1} \xrightarrow[H_0]{\text{under}} \frac{\bar{X}}{\sqrt{\frac{\hat{\sigma}_x^2}{N}}} \sim t_{N-1}$$





we set the significance level of the test  $\alpha = 5\%$

$$Pr \left\{ -t_{N-1, 0.025}^* \leq \frac{\bar{X} - \mu_x}{\sqrt{\hat{\sigma}_x^2 / N}} \leq t_{N-1, 0.025}^* \right\} = 0.95$$

$$Pr(\text{type-I error}) = Pr \left\{ \underbrace{\left| \frac{\bar{X} - \mu_x}{\hat{\sigma}_x / \sqrt{N}} \right|}_t > t_{N-1, \frac{\alpha}{2}}^* \right\} = 0.05$$

if  $t > t_{N-1, \frac{\alpha}{2}}^*$  then reject the null hypothesis  $H_0$   
 $\Rightarrow$  we say  $\mu_x$  is statistically different from zero.

if  $t \leq t_{N-1, \frac{\alpha}{2}}^*$  then we fail to reject the  $H_0$   
 $\Rightarrow$  we say  $\mu_x$  is not statistically different from zero.



$\alpha$  (type-I error)  $\equiv$  p-value

Inference  
 $\Rightarrow$

if p-value  $< \underbrace{0.05}_{=\alpha}$  then reject the null.

if p-value  $\geq \underbrace{0.05}_{=\alpha}$  then fail to reject the  $H_0$ .