

# Chapter 10. Two Sample Tests

Previously: Three types of **one sample test** (each with one- and two-tailed versions)

## Normal z-test

Compare **sample mean**  $\bar{x}$  to null value  $\mu_0$  with **known** std.dev.  $\sigma_x$

Requirement.

$n > 30$  or  $X$  data is normal

## t-test

Compare **sample mean**  $\bar{x}$  to null value  $\mu_0$  with **unknown** std.dev. (use  $s$  instead)

Requirement.  $X$  data is normal

## Proportion test

Compare **sample proportion**  $\hat{p} = \frac{x}{n}$  to null value  $p_0$  (*probably use “+4 rule”*)

Requirement.  $\frac{x}{n}$  “not near” 0 or 1

Steps:

1. Convert sample value to “**statistic**” (or “**score**”) with respect to null value
2. Compute two-tailed (or one-tailed) probability of statistic: “**p-value**”
3. **Reject if  $p < \alpha$**  (“statistically significant difference”), otherwise **Fail to Reject** (“not statistically significant difference”)

Important ones.

## Two Sample Tests.

Instead of comparing observed value to given value  $\mu_0$  or  $p_0$ , we compare **two observed values with each other!**

## Normal z-test

Compare **two sample means**  $\bar{x}_A$  and  $\bar{x}_B$  with **known** std.dev.  $\sigma_A, \sigma_B$

Requirement.

$n_A, n_B > 30$  or  $X$  data is normal

## t-test

Compare **two sample means**  $\bar{x}_A$  and  $\bar{x}_B$  with **unknown** std.dev. (use  $s_A$  and  $s_B$  instead)

Requirement.  $X$  data is normal

## Proportion test

Compare **two sample proportions**

$$\hat{p}_A = \frac{\#a}{n} \text{ and } \hat{p}_B = \frac{\#b}{m}$$

Requirement.  $\frac{\#a}{n}, \frac{\#b}{m}$  “not near” 0 or 1

Lower Power

*t-test splits into three types!*

Higher Power

### Unequal Variance.

“Add” the sample std.dev. to get combined  $s_{total}$ .

Higher std.dev.; degrees of freedom is “average”

### Equal Variance.

“Pool” the sample std.dev. to get a high quality estimate  $s_{pool}$ !

Lower std.dev.; degrees of freedom is sum.

### Paired Samples.

Compute **difference** of paired samples then do **one sample t-test**

Use if  $X_A$  and  $X_B$  are **not independent!**

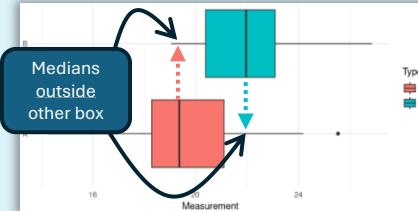
# Chapter 10. Equal and Unequal Variance *t*-Test Example

## Example Data for Two Sample *t*-Test

Two possible structures for data:

- **two columns of values** to compare
- one column of **values** and another column giving **type** of each value (“tidy” organization)

	A	B	C
1	Type	Measurement	
2	A	20.99	
3	A	19.72	
4	B	20.80	
5	B	25.70	
6	A	21.30	
7	A	23.05	
8	A	19.53	



Boxplot:

- Do medians appear to be different?
- Are medians *outside* of each other’s quartile box?

## Two sample *t*-test gives *p*-value for equality of means.

Standard test **does not** assume equal var.

Test for equality of means of inputs

- compare two columns
- compare two categories of values

```
# Perform a two-sample t-test not assuming equal variance [12] ●
t.test(Measurement ~ Type, data = two_sample_unequal_var, var.equal = FALSE)

Welch Two Sample t-test

data: Measurement by Type
t = -3.8538, df = 50.248, p-value = 0.0003311
alternative hypothesis: true difference in means between group A and group B
is not equal to 0
95 percent confidence interval:
-3.305923 -1.040744
sample estimates:
mean in group A mean in group B
19.75967      21.93300
```

Reject Null Hypothesis  
Means are different!

equal variance test has **more power**  
so it gives **better *p*-value**

```
# Perform a two-sample t-test ASSUMING equal variance [13] ●
t.test(Measurement ~ Type, data = two_sample_unequal_var, var.equal = TRUE)

Two Sample t-test

data: Measurement by Type
t = -4.0359, df = 68, p-value = 0.0001404
alternative hypothesis: true difference in means between group A and group B
is not equal to 0
95 percent confidence interval:
-3.247907 -1.098760
sample estimates:
mean in group A mean in group B
19.75967      21.93300
```

*p*-value is even **lower**, because equal variance test has **higher power**

Test above compares “Measurement” by “Type”

- Comparing means 19.76 and 21.93
- *p*-value is 0.0003 = 0.03%
- *df* = 50.2 (unequal variance tests have decimal *df*)  
each sample had less than 50 data points

Test above compares “Measurement” by “Type”

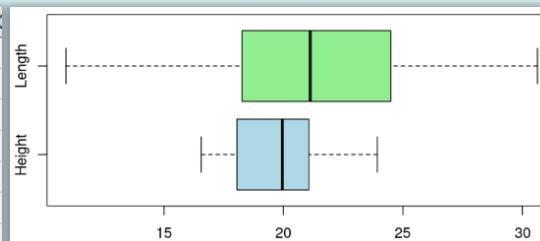
- Comparing means 19.76 and 21.93
- *p*-value is 0.0001 = 0.01%
- *df* = 68 (68 + 2 = 70 **total data points used**)

# Chapter 10. Paired Sample *t*-Test Example

## Example Data for Paired Sample *t*-Test

- two **columns** of values to compare
- columns are **pairs** of observations from same source  
**(columns must have same length)**
- note: ‘equal means’ is equivalent to ‘mean difference is 0’

	A	B	C
1	Height	Length	
2	19.66	18.43	
3	17.78	16.61	
4	16.56	21.50	
5	21.06	25.50	
6	21.24	26.30	
7	22.01	17.93	
8	21.87	22.40	



Paired sample data will often have one variable with much larger variance than the other!  
By using the difference, we reduce this variance!

Paired sample *t*-test gives *p*-value for equality of means  $\iff$  mean difference = 0

## Two sample *t*-test

Usual *t*-test computes means then takes difference.

```
# Perform a sample t-test (not paired sample)
t.test(two_sample_paired$Height, two_sample_paired$Length)
```

Welch Two Sample *t*-test

```
data: two_sample_paired$Height and two_sample_paired$Length
t = -2.424, df = 53.886, p-value = 0.01874
alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
95 percent confidence interval:
-3.1175884 -0.2949116
sample estimates:
mean of x mean of y
19.71500 21.42125
```

If  $\alpha = 1\%$  then

**Fail to Reject Null Hypothesis**

paired sample test has more power  
so it gives better *p*-value

Paired *t*-test takes difference then computes means!

```
# Perform a paired sample t-test on the two_sample_paired data
t.test(two_sample_paired$Height, two_sample_paired$Length, paired = TRUE)
```

Paired *t*-test

```
data: two_sample_paired$Height and two_sample_paired$Length
t = -2.8818, df = 39, p-value = 0.006398
alternative hypothesis: true mean difference is not equal to 0
95 percent confidence interval:
-2.9038362 -0.5086638
sample estimates:
mean difference
-1.70625
```

**Reject the Null Hypothesis**

Means are definitely different!

Test above compares “Height” to “Length”

- **Mean values.** Height: 19.7  
Length: 21.4
- *p*-value is 0.019 = 1.9%
- $df = 53.8$  (unequal variance test; each sample had between 25 and 50 data points)

Test above compares “Height” to “Length”

- **Avg difference** (Height – Length) is –1.71  
Note:  $19.7 - 21.4 = -1.71$
- *p*-value is 0.006 = 0.6%
- $df = 39$  ( $39 + 1 = 40$  **pairs** of data points used = 80 data points total)

# Chapter 10. Proportion Test Example

## Example Data for Proportion Test

Column of categorical values, e.g.

- yes / no
- A / B / C
- 1 / 2 / 3 / 4

Test will compare proportion of values against null hypothesis proportion.

	A	B	C	choice	value
1	yes/no				
2	no	C	4		
3	yes	A	2		
4	no	C	2		
5	yes	C	3		
6	yes	B	2		
7	no	A	2		
8	yes	B	2		



### Example:

- bar chart shows 41 ‘no’ and 59 ‘yes’
- want to test whether this is just random variation from 50% ‘no’ and ‘yes’

## Single sample population proportion test

Data shows 59/100 ‘yes’ answers.

Use a proportion test against

$H_0$  : true proportion is 50%

to test whether this is within range of expected random variation

```
# Perform a population proportion test for "yes" vs null hypothesis p = 0.5
yes_count <- sum(population_proportions$`yes/no` == "yes")
total_count <- nrow(population_proportions)

prop.test(yes_count, total_count, p = 0.5)
```

1-sample proportions test with continuity correction

```
data: yes_count out of total_count. null probability 0.5
X-squared = 2.89, df = 1, p-value = 0.08913
alternative hypothesis: true p is not equal to 0.5
95 percent confidence interval:
 0.4870348 0.6859677
sample estimates:
 p
0.59
```

Note: R uses  $\chi^2$  test for these, which is better...

## Two sample population proportion test

Data shows 59/100 ‘yes’ and 41/100 ‘no’.

Use a proportion test against

$H_0$  : true proportions are equal (both 50%)

to test whether this is within range of expected random variation

```
# Population proportion test
[2]
sum(population_proportions$`yes/no` == "yes")
sum(population_proportions$`yes/no` == "no")
nrow(population_proportions)

prop.test(c(yes_count, no_count), c(total_count, total_count))

2-sample test for equality of proportions with continuity correction

data: c(yes_count, no_count) out of c(total_count, total_count)
X-squared = 5.78, df = 1, p-value = 0.01621
alternative hypothesis: two.sided
95 percent confidence interval:
 0.03367327 0.32632673
sample estimates:
 prop 1 prop 2
 0.59   0.41
```