Lecture 5 – Inference for Numerical Data

**One-sample t-test**

t test has a thicker tail than the z test

The test statistic for inference on a small sample (n < 30) mean is the T statistic with df = n 􀀀 1:

Xbar (average) = point estimate

SE =

Confidence Intervals = point estimate ± ME, ME = t\* x SE

Using the t table the t\* value is at the intersection of the df row and two tail probability of .05

Summary

If σ is unknown and we do not have a reliable estimate, use the t-distribution with SE =

Conditions 1) Independence of observations 2) No extreme skew

**Paired t-test**

When two sets of observations have a special correspondence (not independent), they are said to be paired

To analyze paired data it is useful to look at the difference in outcomes of each pair of observations diff = x – y (difference in means)

Parameter of interest = average difference between population values µdiff

Point estimate = average difference between sampled values xbardiff

No different than before we just use the one sample which is the difference between the observations

**Two sample t-test**

Mean difference µgroup1- µgroup2

point estimate = (xbar1 – xbar2)

SE =

Confidence Intervals = point estimate ± ME, ME = t\*df x SE

Conditions: 1) independence within groups (often verified by a random sample, if sampling without replacement, n<10% of population) and between groups 2) no extreme skew

**ANOVA (ANalysis Of VAriance)**

To compare means of 3+ groups, ANOVA is used to assess whether the mean of the outcome

variable is different for different levels of a categorical variable.

Use F statistic

H0 : The mean outcome is the same across all categories, µ1 = µ 2 = ….. = µk; where µ i represents the mean of the outcome for observations in category i.

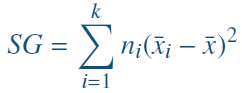
HA : At least one mean is different than others.

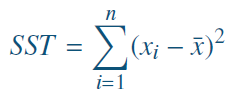
Test Statistic: F =

Conditions: 1) observations should be independent within and between groups 2) Observations should be nearly normal 3) the variability across the groups should be about equal.

Large test statistics lead to small p-values.

Degrees of freedom: groups dfG = k – 1, where k is the number of groups, total dfT = n-1, where n is tht total sample size, error: dfE = dfT - dfG

Sum of squares between groups is SSG = SG1+SG2+…

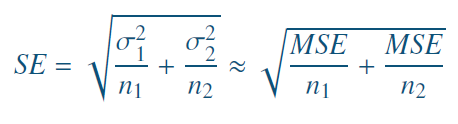
Total sum of squares, SST = 

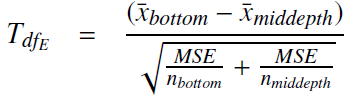
Sum of squares error, SSE = SST – SSG

Mean square error: MSG = SSG/df df=k-1, MSE=SSE/df df=n-1

F = MSG / MSE

Estimate any within-group standard deviation with , use the error degree of freedom n-k for t distributions

Difference in two means after a significant F-test 



α\*=α/k