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Design of Experiments

Frequentist Null Hypothesis Testing

Review: Hypothesis Testing Framework

1. State the Hypotheses:

- **Null Hypothesis (H_0):** The default assumption (e.g., there is no effect or difference).
- **Alternative Hypothesis (H_1):** What you're trying to prove (e.g., there is an effect or difference).

2. Choose the Significance Level:

- Typically $\alpha=0.05$. This is the threshold for deciding whether to reject the null hypothesis.

3. Calculate the Test Statistic:

- Based on the test you're using (e.g., Z, t, F, χ^2).

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4. Find the p-value:

- The p-value tells you the probability of observing the data, or something more extreme, assuming the null hypothesis is true.

5. Make a Decision:

- **Reject H_0** if the p-value is less than α , otherwise **fail to reject H_0** .

Review: Common Hypothesis Tests

T-test

- A **T-test** is used when the population variance is **unknown** and the sample size is small ($n < 30$). The test statistic follows a **t-distribution**, which adjusts for small sample sizes by accounting for additional uncertainty.
- One-Sample
- Independent Two-Sample
- Paired T-Test

Z-test

- A **Z-test** is used when the population variance is known and the sample size is large (typically $n \geq 30$). The test statistic follows a **standard normal distribution** (the **Z-distribution**)
- One-Sample
- Two-Sample



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