

# t-Tests

R Handout  
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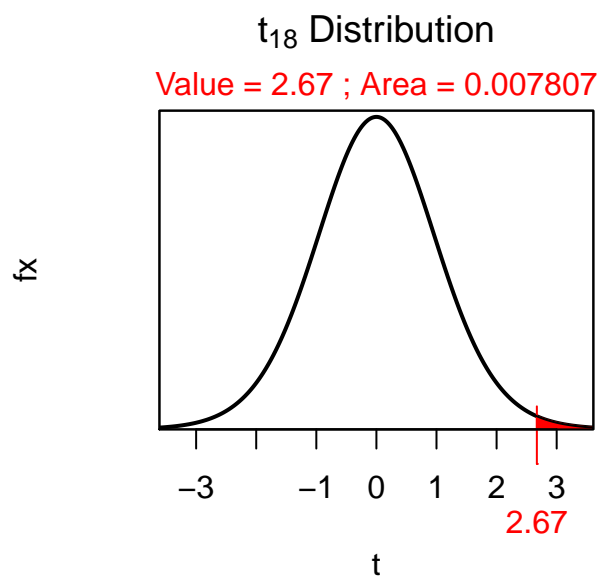
## First Commands

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> library(NCStats)
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## t Distribution Calculations

An example of computing the p-value if  $H_A : \mu > 70$ ,  $t=2.67$ , and  $df=18$ .

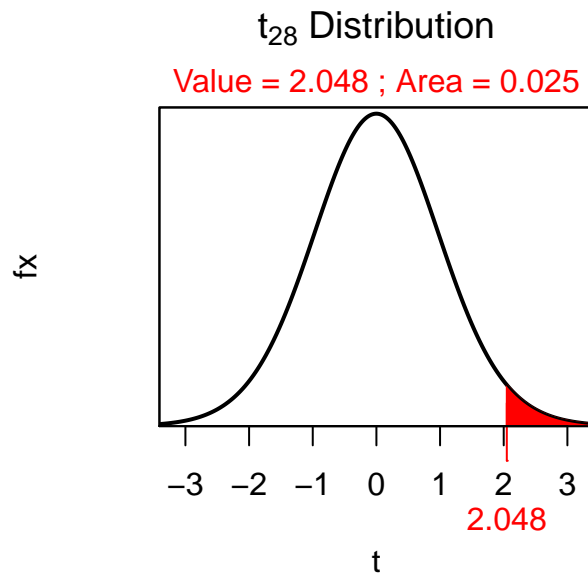
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> ( distrib(2.67,distrib="t",df=18,lower.tail=FALSE) )
```



```
[1] 0.007807045
```

An example of finding  $t^*$  if  $H_A : \mu \neq 70$ ,  $\alpha=0.05$ , and  $df=28$ .

```
> ( distrib(0.025,distrib="t",df=28,type="q",lower.tail=FALSE) )
```



```
[1] 2.048407
```

## One-Sample t-Test

Blem and Blem (1995) examined the reproductive characteristics of Eastern Cottonmouth snakes (*Agkistrodon piscivorus*), a once widely distributed snake whose numbers have decreased recently due to encroachment by humans. In one part of their study they determined that the population being examined must have an average litter size greater than 5.8 snakes for the population to grow. A random sample of snake litters from this population was taken and the number of snakes in each litter was recorded in in Cottonmouth.csv. Test, at a very conservative level, if the average litter size is large enough for this population to grow.

```
> setwd("C:/stats/")
> cm <- read.csv("Cottonmouth.csv")

> str(cm)

'data.frame':  44 obs. of  1 variable:
 $ num: int  5 12 7 7 6 8 12 9 7 4 ...

> # if n was <40 then I would have done -- hist(~num,data=cm,xlab="Number in Litter")
> ( cm.t <- t.test(cm$num,mu=5.8,alt="greater",conf.level=0.99) )
```

```
One Sample t-test with cm$num
t = 3.6985, df = 43, p-value = 0.0003055
alternative hypothesis: true mean is greater than 5.8
99 percent confidence interval:
 6.342094      Inf
sample estimates:
mean of x
 7.363636

> plot(cm.t)
```

