R Handout - t-Tests

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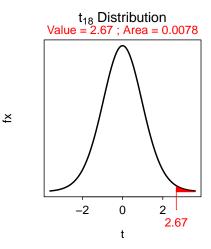
First Commands

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> library(NCStats)
> setwd("C:/aaaWork/Class Materials/MTH107/Lecture/HOs")
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t Distribution Calculations

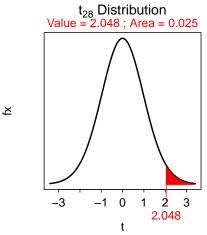
An example of computing the p-value if $H_A: \mu > 70$, t=2.67, and df=18.

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> ( distrib(2.67,distrib="t",df=18,lower.tail=FALSE) )
[1] 0.007807
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An example of finding t^* if $H_A: \mu \neq 70$, $\alpha=0.05$, and df=28.

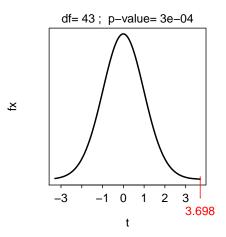
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> ( distrib(0.025,distrib="t",df=28,type="q",lower.tail=FALSE) )
[1] 2.048
```



One-Sample t-Test

Researchers¹ have determined that a population of cottonmouth snakes (*Agkistrodon piscivorus*) must have an average litter size of greater than 5.8 snakes in order for the population to grow. A sample of snake litters from this population was taken and the number of snakes in the litter was recorded. The results were recorded in Cottonmouth.txt on the class webpage. Test, at a very conservative level, if the average litter size is large enough for the population to grow.

```
> cm <- read.table("Cottonmouth.txt",header=TRUE)</pre>
> 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(cmfnum,xlab="Number in Litter")
> ( cm.t <- t.test(cm$num,mu=5.8,alt="greater",conf.level=0.99) )</pre>
One Sample t-test with cm$num
t = 3.699, df = 43, p-value = 0.0003055
alternative hypothesis: true mean is greater than 5.8
99 percent confidence interval:
6.342
        Inf
sample estimates:
mean of x
    7.364
> plot(cm.t)
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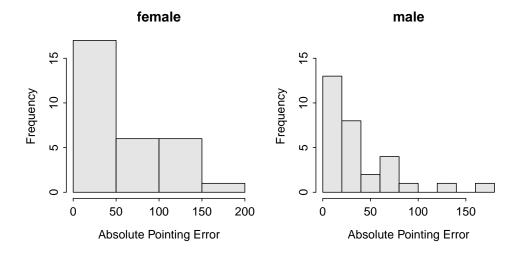
¹Based on data from Blem, C.R. and L.B. Blem. 1995. Journal of Herpetology 29:391-398.

Two-Sample t-Test

A sample² of 30 males and 30 female was taken to an unfamiliar wooded park and given spatial orientation tests, including pointing to the south. The absolute pointing error, in degrees, was recorded. The results are in the SexDirection.txt on the class webpage. Test if men have a better sense of direction than women, at the 1% level?

```
> sdir <- read.table("SexDirection.txt",header=TRUE)</pre>
> str(sdir)
'data.frame': 60 obs. of 2 variables:
$ abserr: int 13 13 38 59 58 8 130 68 23 5 ...
        : Factor w/ 2 levels "female", "male": 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
> Summarize(abserr~sex,data=sdir,digits=1)
     sex n mean
                   sd min
                            Q1 median
                                       Q3 max percZero
1 female 30 55.8 48.3
                        3 15.8
                                 35.0 88.2 176
   male 30 37.6 38.5
                        3 11.5
                                 22.5 58.8 167
                                                       0
```

> hist(abserr~sex,data=sdir,xlab="Absolute Pointing Error")



² from Sholl, M.J., et al. 2000. The relation of sex and sense of direction to spatial orientation in an unfamiliar environment. Journal of Environmental Psychology. 20:17-28.

