

2. The following data are indexed prices of gold and copper over a 10-year period. Assume that the indexed values constitute a random sample from a bivariate normal distribution.

x	y	$x - \bar{x}$	$y - \bar{y}$	$(x - \bar{x})^2$	$(x - \bar{x}) \cdot (y - \bar{y})$	$(y - \bar{y})^2$
76	80	16	12	256	192	144
62	68	2	0	4	0	0
70	73	10	5	100	50	25
59	60	-1	-8	1	8	64
53	64	-7	-4	49	28	16
54	68	-6	0	36	0	0
55	65	-5	-3	25	15	9
58	62	-2	-6	4	12	36
57	67	-3	-1	9	3	1
56	73	-4	5	16	-20	25
600	680	0	0	500	288	320

- a) Test for the existence of linear relationship between the indexed prices of the two metals. That is, test $H_0: \rho = 0$ vs. $H_1: \rho \neq 0$. Use a 5% level of significance.

$$\bar{x} = \frac{600}{10} = 60. \quad \bar{y} = \frac{680}{10} = 68. \quad r = \frac{288}{\sqrt{500} \sqrt{320}} = \mathbf{0.72}.$$

$$\text{Test Statistic: } t = \frac{r \sqrt{n-2}}{\sqrt{1-r^2}} = \frac{0.72 \cdot \sqrt{10-2}}{\sqrt{1-0.72^2}} = \mathbf{2.9345}.$$

Rejection Region: Rejects H_0 if $t < -t_{0.025}(8 \text{ df})$ or $t > t_{0.025}(8 \text{ df})$.

$$\pm t_{0.025}(8 \text{ df}) = \pm 2.306. \quad \mathbf{\text{Reject } H_0}.$$

Since $t_{0.01}(8 \text{ df}) = 2.896 < 2.9345 < 3.355 = t_{0.005}(8 \text{ df})$,

$$2 \times 0.005 = 0.01 < \text{p-value} < 0.02 = 2 \times 0.01. \quad (\text{p-value} \approx 0.01887)$$

OR

$$W = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{1+r}{1-r} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \ln \left(\frac{1+0.72}{1-0.72} \right) = 0.907645.$$

$$\text{Under } H_0, \quad \mu_W = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{1+\rho_0}{1-\rho_0} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \ln \left(\frac{1+0}{1-0} \right) = 0,$$
$$\sigma_W^2 = \frac{1}{n-3} = \frac{1}{7}.$$

$$\text{Test Statistic:} \quad z = \frac{W - \mu_W}{\sigma_W} = \frac{0.907645 - 0}{\sqrt{1/7}} = \mathbf{2.40}.$$

Rejection Region: Rejects H_0 if $z < -z_{0.025}$ or $z > z_{0.025}$.

$$\pm z_{0.025} = \pm 1.960.$$

Reject H_0 .

$$\text{P-value} = 2 \times P(Z > 2.40) = 2 \times 0.0082 = 0.0164.$$

- b) Is there enough evidence to conclude $\rho > 0.40$. That is, test $H_0: \rho = 0.40$ vs. $H_1: \rho > 0.40$. Use a 5% level of significance. What is the p-value of this test?

$$W = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{1+r}{1-r} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \ln \left(\frac{1+0.72}{1-0.72} \right) = 0.907645.$$

$$\text{Under } H_0, \quad \mu_W = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{1+\rho_0}{1-\rho_0} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \ln \left(\frac{1+0.40}{1-0.40} \right) = 0.423649,$$
$$\sigma_W^2 = \frac{1}{n-3} = \frac{1}{7}.$$

$$\text{Test Statistic:} \quad z = \frac{W - \mu_W}{\sigma_W} = \frac{0.907645 - 0.423649}{\sqrt{1/7}} = \mathbf{1.2805}.$$

Rejection Region: Rejects H_0 if $z > z_{0.05}$.

$$z_{0.05} = 1.645.$$

Do NOT Reject H_0 .

$$\text{P-value} = \text{right tail} = P(Z > 1.2805) = \mathbf{0.10}.$$