

Hypothesis testing.

- ① State null and alternative hypotheses

H_0 :

H_1 :

*make sure it is clear what is being tested

- ② What assumptions are you going to rely on?
Are they satisfied?

- ③ Choose a test statistic (some function of the data).

A good test statistic, T ,

- (i) measures evidence against H_0 .
- (ii) has known statistical behaviour when H_0 is true.

- ④ Compute the observed value of the test statistic, t_0 .

- ⑤ Compute

$$\text{p-value} = P\left(\text{at least as much evidence against } H_0 \text{ as } t_0 \text{ assuming } H_0 \text{ true}\right)$$

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the observed test statistic.

- ⑥ Decision: smaller p-values \Leftrightarrow more evidence against H_0 .