

**ST2334 (2021/2022 Semester 2) Solutions to Questions in Tutorial 10**Question 1

If  $\mu = 20$ , then  $\Pr(\bar{X} > 24) = \Pr\left(\frac{\bar{X}-20}{4.1/\sqrt{9}} > \frac{24-20}{4.1/\sqrt{9}}\right) = \Pr(T_8 > 2.9268) < 0.01$  since  $\Pr(T_8 > 2.9268) < \Pr(T_8 > 2.8965) (= 0.01)$ . Note  $\Pr(T_8 > 2.9268) = 0.00955$  (from Excel: “=1-t.dist((24-20)/(4.1/sqrt(9)),8,TRUE)”); R: “1-pt((24-20)/(4.1/sqrt(9)),8)”). We conclude that  $\mu > 20$ .  $\Pr(\bar{X} > 24 | \mu = 20)$  being small shows that it is very unlikely to get a mean of 24 if the population mean is really 20.

Question 2

- (a)  $\Pr(\bar{X}_B - \bar{X}_A \geq 0.2) = \Pr\left(Z > \frac{0.2}{\sqrt{1/36+1/36}}\right) = \Pr(Z > 0.8485) = 0.19807$  (from Excel: “=1-norm.dist(0.2/sqrt(2/36),0,1,TRUE)”); R: “1-pnorm(0.2/sqrt(2/36),0,1)”).  
Note:  $\Pr\left(Z > \frac{0.2}{\sqrt{1/36+1/36}}\right) = \Pr(Z > 0.85) = 0.1977$  (from the normal table).
- (b) Since the probability in part (a) is not small, therefore it is not unlikely to observe  $\bar{X}_B - \bar{X}_A \geq 0.2$  when  $\mu_A = \mu_B$ .  
Having the difference,  $\bar{X}_B - \bar{X}_A$ , more extreme than what we observed ( $= 0.2$ ) is not unlikely ( $\Pr(\bar{X}_B - \bar{X}_A \geq 0.2) = 0.19807$ ). Hence, we do not reject the statement  $\mu_A = \mu_B$  or we believe that the conjecture that  $\mu_A \neq \mu_B$  is likely not true.

Question 3

- (a)  $\Pr(S^2 > 9.1) = \Pr\left(\frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} > \frac{(24)(9.1)}{6}\right) = \Pr(\chi_{24}^2 > 36.4) = 0.05017$  (from Excel: “=1-chisq.dist(24\*9.1/6,24,TRUE)”); R: “1-pchisq(24\*9.1/6,24)”).  
Note:  $\Pr(\chi_{24}^2 > 36.4) \approx 0.05$  (from the  $\chi^2$ -table).
- (b)  $\Pr(3.462 < S^2 < 10.745) = \Pr\left(\frac{(24)(3.462)}{6} < \frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} < \frac{(24)(10.745)}{6}\right) = \Pr(13.848 < \chi_{24}^2 < 42.98) = 0.9900 - 0.0500 = 0.94$

Question 4

Since  $\sigma_1^2$  and  $\sigma_2^2$  are equal and the underlying distributions are normal, therefore  $S_1^2/S_2^2$  follows an  $F$  distribution with (7, 11) degrees of freedom. Hence  $\Pr(S_1^2/S_2^2 < 4.89) = 0.99003$  (from Excel: “=f.dist(4.89,7,11,TRUE)”); R: “pf(4.89,7,11)”).  
Note:  $\Pr(S_1^2/S_2^2 < 4.89) = 0.99$  (From  $F$ -table).

Question 5

Mine 1:	8260	8130	8350	8070	8340	$S_1^2 = 15750$	
Mine 2:	7950	7890	7900	8140	7920	7840	$S_2^2 = 10920$

$\Pr\left(\frac{S_1^2}{S_2^2} > \frac{15750}{10920}\right) = \Pr\left(\frac{S_1^2/\sigma_1^2}{S_2^2/\sigma_2^2} > \frac{15750}{10920}\right) = \Pr(F_{4,5} > 1.4423) = 0.3436$ , where  $F_{4,5} \sim F(4,5)$ .  
We also find the probability that the ratio of two sample variances is less than what we observed ( $= 1.4423$ ). That is,  $\Pr\left(\frac{S_1^2}{S_2^2} < 1.4423\right) = 0.6564$ .  
Since under equal variances assumption, the probabilities of the ratio of the two sample variances is more extreme (larger or smaller) than what we observed ( $s_1^2/s_2^2 = 1.4423$ ) are not small (i.e. 0.3436 and 0.6564), therefore, the equal variances assumption seems to be plausible. Hence, the two variances may be considered as equal.  
[Remark:  $\Pr(F_{4,5} > 1.4423) = 0.3436$  (from Excel: “=1-f.dist(15750/10920,4,5,TRUE)”); R: “1-pf(15750/10920,4,5)”].

Question 6

- (a)  $E(U) = E(X)/n = np/n = p$ . Since  $E(U) = p$ , therefore  $U$  is an unbiased estimator of  $p$ .
- (b)  $E(V) = \frac{E(X+n/2)}{3n/2} = \frac{np+n/2}{3n/2} = \frac{p+1/2}{3/2} = \frac{2p+1}{3} \neq p$  unless  $p = 1$ . Since  $E(V) \neq p$ , therefore  $V$  is a biased estimator of  $p$ .

Question 7

$Y$  = helium porosity of a coal sample.  $Y \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ .

- (a) It is given that  $\sigma = 0.75$ ,  $n = 20$  and  $\bar{y} = 4.85$ . Hence a 95% confidence interval for  $\mu$  is given by  $\bar{Y} \pm z_{0.025} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} = 4.85 \pm 1.96 \frac{0.75}{\sqrt{20}} = 4.85 \pm 0.3287 = (4.5213, 5.1787)$ .
- (b) The length of a 95% confidence interval is  $2 z_{0.025} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$ . Hence the length of 95% CI being 0.4 implies that  $2(1.96) \frac{0.75}{\sqrt{n}} = 0.4$ . Therefore  $n = 54.0205 \approx 54$ .
- (c) It is given that  $S = 0.75$ ,  $n = 20$  and  $\bar{y} = 4.85$ . Hence a 95% confidence interval for  $\mu$  is given by  $\bar{Y} \pm t_{19; 0.025} \frac{S}{\sqrt{n}} = 4.85 \pm 2.093 \frac{0.75}{\sqrt{20}} = 4.85 \pm 0.351 = (4.4990, 5.2010)$ .

Question 8

- (a) 95% confidence interval for  $\mu$  is given by  $\bar{X} \pm z_{0.025} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} = 0.310 \pm (1.96) \frac{0.0015}{\sqrt{75}} = 0.310 \pm 0.00034 = (0.30966, 0.31034)$ .
- (b)  $n \geq \left( \frac{z_{0.025} \sigma}{e} \right)^2 = \left( \frac{1.96 \times 0.0015}{0.0005} \right)^2 = (5.88)^2 = 34.573$ . Take  $n = 35$ .

Question 9

A 90% confidence interval for  $\mu$  is given by  $\bar{X} \pm t_{11; 0.05} \frac{S}{\sqrt{n}} = 48.50 \pm (1.7959) \frac{1.5}{\sqrt{12}} = 48.50 \pm 0.7776 = (47.7224, 49.2776)$

Question 10

A 94% confidence interval for  $\mu_1 - \mu_2$  is given by  $(\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2) \pm z_{0.03} \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{n_2}} = (80 - 75) \pm (1.8807) \sqrt{\frac{5^2}{25} + \frac{3^2}{36}} = 5 \pm 2.1028 = (2.8977, 7.1028)$

Question 11

98% confidence interval for  $\mu_1 - \mu_2$  is given by  $(\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2) \pm z_{0.01} \sqrt{\frac{S_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{S_2^2}{n_2}} = (12.2 - 9.1) \pm (2.3263) \sqrt{\frac{1.1^2}{100} + \frac{0.9^2}{200}} = 3.1 \pm 0.2956 = (2.8044, 3.3956)$

Since the 98% confidence interval does not cover 0 and is in the positive range, the treatment appears to reduce the mean amount of metal removed.

Question 12

Since  $E(Z^{2k+1}) = E[(-Z)^{2k+1}] = E[-Z^{2k+1}] = -E[Z^{2k+1}]$ , therefore  $E(Z^{2k+1}) = 0$ .