

Topic 11.5. Review of Hypothesis Testing

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1 Introduction

This additional note reviews the frame framework and procedure for testing the hypothesis.

2 Frame Work and Procedure of Hypothesis Testing

A testing hypothesis procedure has three components:

A CLAIM OF POPULATION: This class only focuses on the population mean (μ) and proportion (p). We use population mean, μ , as an example, there are 6 possible claims about the population means $\mu = (\neq, \geq, \leq, >, <) \mu_0$.

FOUR-STEP STATISTICAL HYPOTHESIS TESTING: the following steps are actual statistical hypothesis testing.

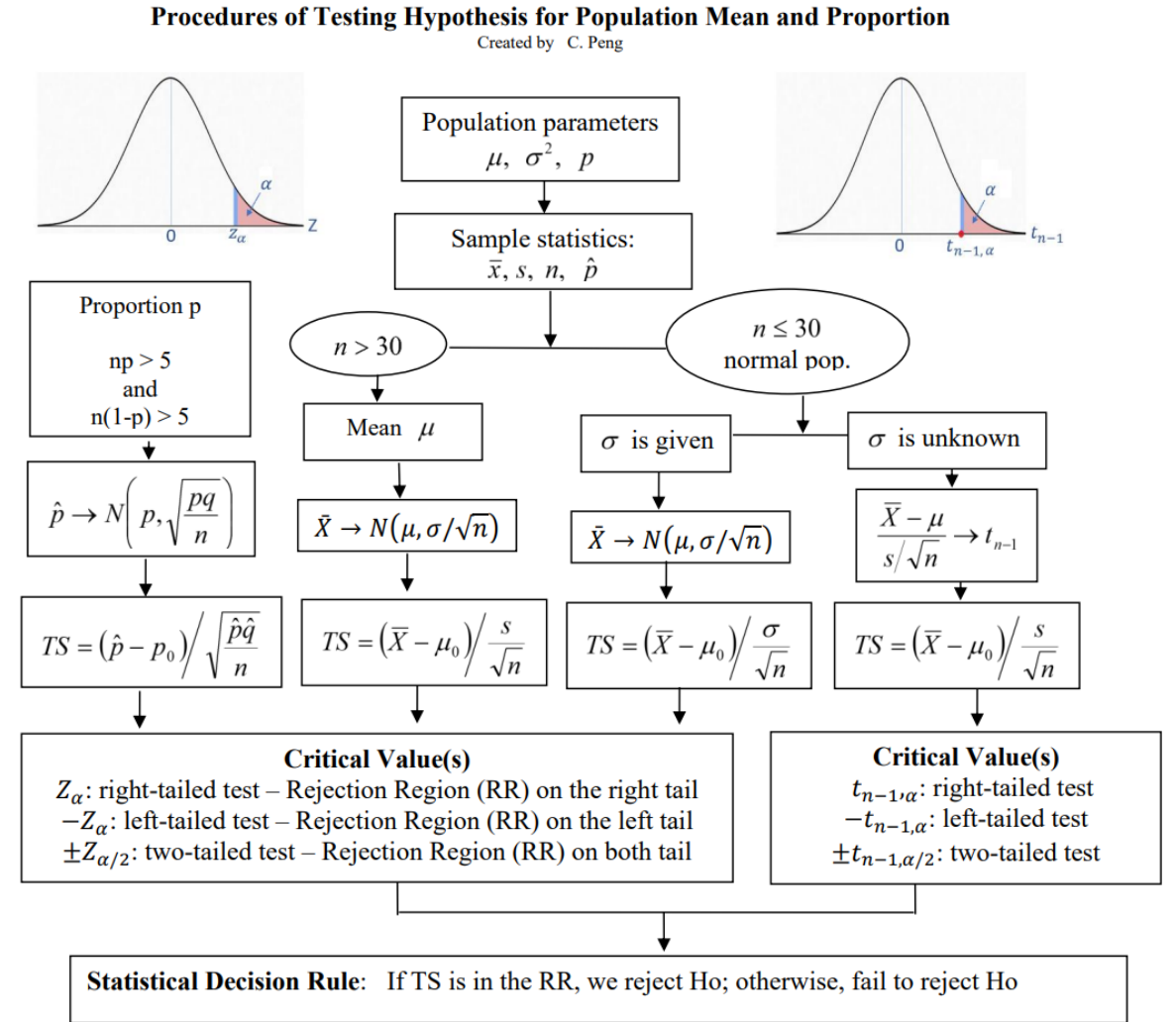
- **Setting up null and alternative hypotheses.** After the null and alternative hypotheses are correctly set up (the null hypothesis *must* have “=” in it), we can easily find the information in the following figure.

- CV Method: Critical value defines rejection region(s) **RR** based on the type of test and the significance level α . If TS is in **RR**, **H₀** is rejected, otherwise **H₀** concluded.
- p-value Method: if the p-value is less than the significance level α , **H₀** is rejected, otherwise **H₀** is concluded.

CONCLUSION: This step justifies the claim of the population in the initial step.

3 One-sample Tests

One-sample tests are used to test a claim about the population mean or proportion under various assumptions about the sample and the population. The following flow chart summarizes these tests using the CV method.

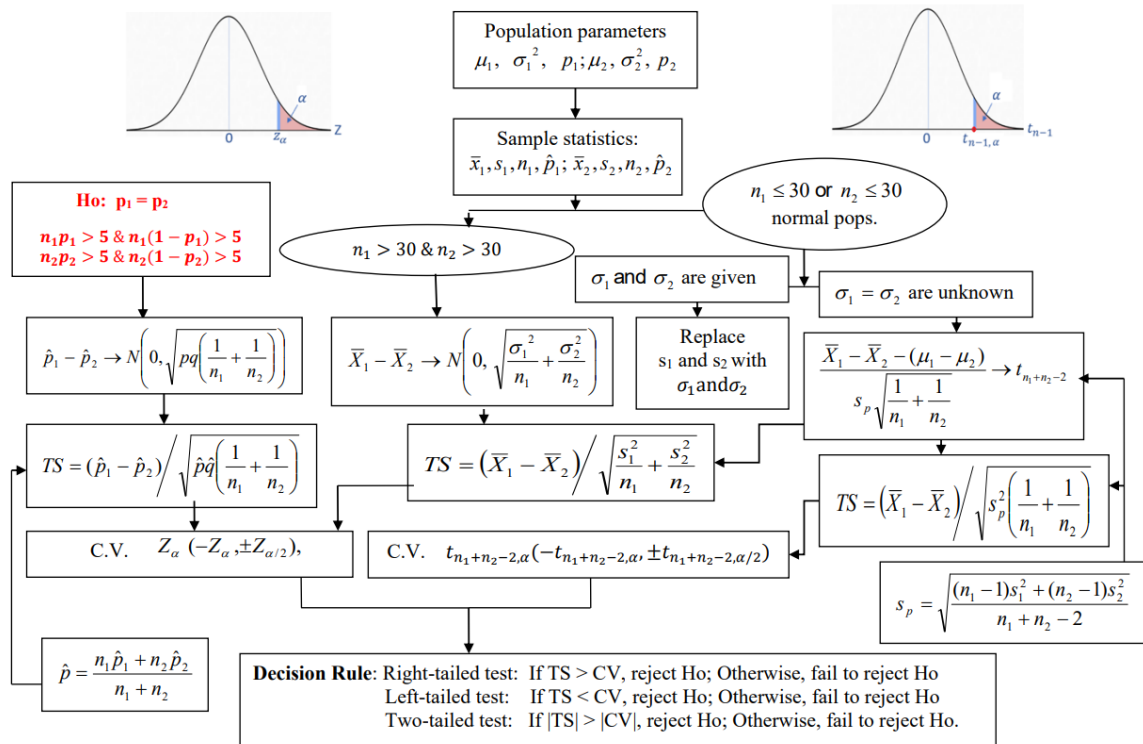


4 Two-sample Tests

Similar to one-sample tests, we also created a flow chart for two-sample tests. Note that the two-sample test of the difference of two population proportions is not covered in this class.

Procedures of Testing Hypothesis for the Difference of Two Population Means and Proportions

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Note that the paired t-test is a special two-sample problem which is converted to a one-sample t-test.

5 Examples

Example: A survey of $n = 880$ randomly selected adult drivers showed that 56% (or $\hat{p} = .56$) of those responded admitted to running red lights. Find the value of the test statistic for the claim that the **majority** (i.e., > 0.5) of all adult drivers admit to running red lights.

ISLA: One Sample Z Test for Population Proportion p

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sample proportion (\hat{p})

sample size (n)


Claimed Value (p_0)

Claim Type

equal to

Significance level α

0.01 0.03 0.05 0.07 0.09 0.11 0.13 0.15 0.17 0.19 0.2



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Solution: $n = 880$, $\hat{p} = 0.56$.

Since $n\hat{p} = 492.8$ and $n(1 - \hat{p}) = 387.2$, the condition of the central limit is satisfied.

Step 1: Identify the claim of the population mean (p_0).

The given information indicates that the claim is: p_0 is equal to 0.5.

Step 2: Set up the null and alternative hypotheses.

Based on the claim, the null and alternative hypotheses are given by $H_0 : p = 0.5$ and $H_1 : p \neq 0.5$.

Step 3: Evaluate the test statistic.

The test statistic is defined to be: $TS = \frac{\hat{p} - p_0}{\sqrt{p_0(1 - p_0)/n}} = \frac{0.56 - 0.5}{\sqrt{(0.5(1 - 0.5)/880)}} = 3.56$

Step 4: Find the critical value and calculate the p-value.

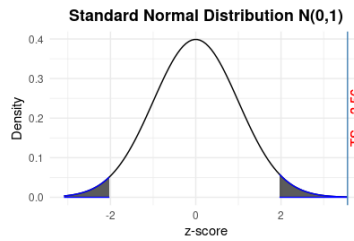
Based on the significance level, we found the critical values to be: $\pm z_{\alpha/2} = \pm z_{0.025} = \pm 1.96$
The p-value is can be found as p-value ≈ 0 .

Step 5: Make a statistical decision on H_0 .

At the 5% significance level, we reject the null hypothesis. (p -value < 0.001).

Step 6: Draw conclusion [justify the claim in step 1].

At the 5% significance level, we conclude the alternative hypothesis.



Example 2. An organization reported that teenagers spent 4.5 hours per week, on average, on the phone. *The organization thinks that, currently, the mean is higher.* Fifteen randomly chosen teenagers were asked how many hours per week they spend on the phone. The sample mean was 4.75 hours with a sample standard deviation of 2.0. Conduct a hypothesis test with a 5% significance level.

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sample mean (\bar{x})


sample standard deviation (s)

sample size (n)

Claimed Value (μ_0)

Claim Type

Significance level α


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Given sample information: $n = 15$, $\bar{x} = 4.75$, $s = 2$.

Step 1: Identify the claim of the population mean (μ_0).

The given information indicates that the claim is: μ_0 is equal to 4.5.

Step 2: Set up the null and alternative hypotheses.

Based on the claim, the null and alternative hypotheses are given by $H_0 : \mu = 4.5$ and $H_1 : \mu \neq 4.5$.

Step 3: Evaluate the test statistic.

The test statistic is defined to be: $TS = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}} = \frac{4.75 - 4.5}{2/\sqrt{15}} = 0.484$

Step 4: Find the critical value and calculate the p-value.

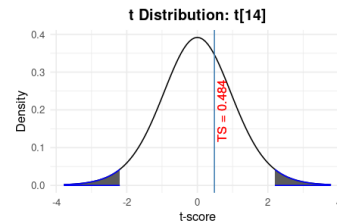
Based on the significance level, we found the critical values to be : $CV = \pm t_{\alpha/2, df} = \pm t_{0.025, 14} = \pm 2.145$
 The p-value is can be found as p-value ≈ 0.636 .

Step 5: Make a statistical decision on H_0 .

At the 5% significance level, we do not reject the null hypothesis that the true mean is 4.5 (p -value = 0.636).

Step 6: Draw conclusion [justify the claim in step 1].

At the 5% significance level, we reject the alternative hypothesis .



Example 3. One way to measure a person's fitness is to measure their body fat percentage. It is believed that the body fat percentage of females is higher than that of males. To justify this belief, one random sample data is taken from a group of men and women who did workouts at a gym three times a week for a year. Then, their trainer measured the body fat. The table below shows the data. Does the data support the belief at a 5% level of significance?

Group	Sample Size (n)	Average (\bar{x})	Standard deviation (s)
Women	10	22.29	5.32
Men	13	14.95	6.84

IntroStatsApps: Two-sample Test About $\mu_1 - \mu_2$

Sample #1

sample mean (\bar{x}_1)

sample variance (s_1^2)

sample size (n)

Sample #2

sample mean (\bar{x}_2)

sample variance (s_2^2)

sample size (n_2)

Claimed Value ($\mu_1 - \mu_2$)

Claim Type

Significance level α

Solution: Since one of the sample sizes is less than 31. The following normal test assumes both populations are normal and the two unknown population variances are equal.

Given sample information: $n_1 = 10$, $\bar{x}_1 = 22.29$, $s_1^2 = 28.3$.
 $n_2 = 13$, $\bar{x}_2 = 14.95$, $s_2^2 = 46.79$.

Step 1: Identify the claim of the population mean ($\mu_1 - \mu_2$).
The given information indicates that the claim is: $\mu_1 - \mu_2$ is greater than 0.

Step 2: Set up the null and alternative hypotheses.
Based on the claim, the null and alternative hypotheses are given by $H_0 : \mu_1 - \mu_2 = 0$ and $H_1 : \mu_1 - \mu_2 > 0$

Step 3: Evaluate the test statistic.
We first find the pooled sample variance in the following

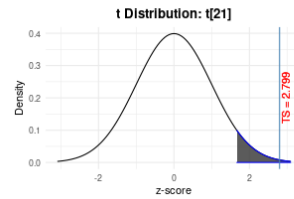
$$s_{pool}^2 = \frac{(n_1 - 1)s_1^2 + (n_2 - 1)s_2^2}{n_1 + n_2 - 2} = \frac{(10 - 1)28.3 + (13 - 1)46.79}{10 + 13 - 2} = 38.866$$
The test statistic is defined to be:

$$TS = \frac{(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) - (\mu_1 - \mu_2)}{\sqrt{s_1^2/n_1 + s_2^2/n_2}} = \frac{(22.29 - 14.95) - 0}{\sqrt{38.866/10 + 38.866/13}} = 2.799$$

Step 4: Find the critical value and calculate the p-value.
Based on the significance level, we found the critical values to be : $t_{\alpha, df} = t_{0.05, 21} = 1.721$

Step 5: Make a statistical decision on H_0 .
At the 5% significance level, we reject the null hypothesis that the true mean is 0 (p -value = 0.005).

Step 6: Draw conclusion [justify the claim in step 1].
At the 5% significance level, we conclude the alternative hypothesis. The claim is addressed using relationship between the alternative hypothesis and the claim.



Example 4. In a test of the effectiveness of a device that is supposed to *increase* gasoline mileage in automobiles, 12 cars were run, in random order, over a prescribed course both with and without the device in random order. The mileage (mpg) is given below. Is there evidence that the device is effective? (Use $\alpha = 0.01$.)

Car	Without Device	With Device	$y_d = \text{With} - \text{Without}$
1	21.0	20.6	-0.4
2	30.0	29.9	-0.1
3	29.8	30.7	0.9
4	27.3	26.5	-0.8
5	27.7	26.7	-1.0
6	33.1	32.8	-0.3
7	18.8	21.7	2.9
8	26.2	28.2	2.0
9	28.0	28.9	0.9
10	18.9	19.9	1.0
11	29.3	32.4	3.1
12	21.0	22.0	1.0

Data Source

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-0.4,-0.1,0.9,-0.8,-1,-0.3,2.9,2.0,0.9,1.0,3.1

Claimed Value (μ_0)

0


Claim Type

greater than

Significance level α

0.01 0.05 0.2

0.01 0.03 0.05 0.07 0.09 0.11 0.13 0.15 0.17 0.19 0.2



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Solution: This t test is based on the assumption that the population is normal and the population variance is known.

Given sample information: $n = 12$, $\bar{x} = 0.767$, $s = 1.365$.

Step 1: Identify the claim of the population mean (μ_0).

The given information indicates that the claim is: μ_0 is greater than 0.

Step 2: Set up the null and alternative hypotheses.

Based on the claim, the null and alternative hypotheses are given by $H_0 : \mu = 0$ and $H_1 : \mu > 0$

Step 3: Evaluate the test statistic.

The test statistic is defined to be: $TS = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}} = \frac{0.767 - 0}{1.365/\sqrt{12}} = 1.946$

Step 4: Find the critical value and calculate the p-value.

Based on the significance level, we found the critical values to be: $t_{\alpha,df} = t_{0.05,11} = 1.796$

Step 5: Make a statistical decision on H_0 .

At the 5% significance level, we reject the null hypothesis that the true mean is 0 (p -value = 0.039).

Step 6: Draw conclusion [justify the claim in step 1].

At the 5% significance level, we conclude the alternative hypothesis.

