Introduction to statistical testing Day 5

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We need:

- A dataset (called sample);
- A metric to measure the phenomenon;
- A way to compare how these metrics differ.

For example, when analyzing the efficiency of a medication, we need:

- Two samples: one taking the medication, one not taking any (or a placebo);
- A metric we want to compare: average fasting insulin;
- At the simplest level, compare the two means, and if different, then the medication work!

...but could we systematize this approach for more objective? How can we tell if the different in mean is significant and not due to random flucutation in the data?

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- testing;
- an hypothesis;
- for a selected population sample.

Quantitative testing framework and vocabulary

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We thus need to define:

- An hypothesis;
- A test statistic:
- Significance levels;

Hypothesis

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An hypothesis is a **statement about the parameters describing a population**, that we are not sure if it is true or not.

The goal of statistical testing is to:

- Reject the hypothesis is there is enough evidence against it;
- Don't reject the hypothesis if there is not enough evidence against it.

Hypothesis¹

Question

In your opinion, what is one of the biggest methodological limit of this affirmation: **Don't reject if there is not enough evidence against it**?

Not rejecting the hypothesis does not mean that the hypothesis is true ...!

all hypothesis are innocent until proven guilty :-)

Formulating Hypotheses

For statistical testing, we need to design **two mutually exclusive hypotheses**:

- Null Hypothesis (H_0) : A statement of no effect or no difference.
- Alternative Hypothesis (H_1): A statement indicating the presence of an effect or difference, often corresponding to the research question.

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Returning to our medical example of cholesterol drugs:

- H₀ (null hypothesis): the patients with and without the medication have the same average cholesterol level;
- H_1 (alternative hypothesis): the patients with and without the medication have a different cholesterol level.

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- H_0 : μ_0 and μ_1 do not differ;
- H_1 : μ_0 and μ_1 differ.

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Given the following research question, Does the use of the word $\epsilon \nu$ vary between text 1 and text 2? Can you:

- Define the population S_1 and S_0 ?
- Define the statistics μ_1 and μ_0 to compute ?
- Design H_0 and H_1 ?

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 - H_1 : the average use of $\epsilon \nu$ per 1000 words is different in text 1 and text 2.

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How can we measure if the difference between μ_0 and μ_1 is significant?

Test statistics

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A **test statistic** is a quantity derived from the sample for statistical hypothesis testing.

This test statistic is:

- A numerical summary of a dataset that reduces the data to one value;
- That quantifies behaviors that would distinguish the null from the alternative hypothesis.

Test statistics

In practice, statistical testing consist in:

- Computing the test statistic;
- Compute the expected value of this test statistic if H₀ were true;
- Compare the actual measured statistic to the expected statistic.

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where \bar{x}_1 and \bar{x}_2 are the sample means s_1 and s_2 are the sample standard deviations n_1 and n_2 are the sample sizes.

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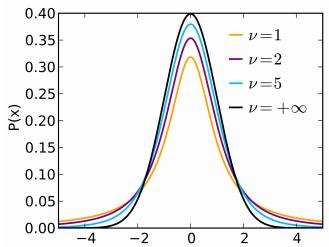
In the case of Welsh's test:

- if $\mu_0 = \mu_1$;
- if the samples are assumed to be normally distributed;
- if the samples are independent

the t statistics follows a Student's distribution with

d.f. =
$$\frac{\left(\frac{s_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{n_2}\right)^2}{\frac{\left(\frac{s_1^2}{n_1}\right)^2}{n_1 - 1} + \frac{\left(\frac{s_2^2}{n_2}\right)^2}{n_2 - 1}}$$

We then compare how likely it is to **observe this value under this hypothesis**.



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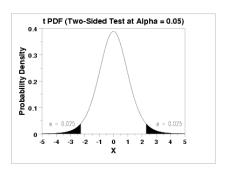
Given the significance level and the law followed by the statistics, one can compute **critical values**.

Critical values

Critical values are the boundaries of:

- the acceptance region of the test: where the null hypothesis is not rejected;
- the rejection region of the test: where the null hypothesis is rejected.

Critical value



P-values

Another possible approach is the use of **p-values**, that provide a **less clear-cut approach**.

p-value

The **p-value** in statistical testing is the probability of **obtaining test results** at **least as extreme as the observed results**, under the assumption that the null hypothesis is true.

P-values are then compared to the **significance level**. The p-value is compared to the **significance level** and if lower, H_0 is rejected.

Steps in Hypothesis Testing

- State the null and alternative hypotheses;
- **2** Choose a significance level (α) ;
- Select the appropriate test statistic;
- Ompute the acceptance and rejection regions;
- Ompute the test statistic and p-value;
- **1** Make a decision: reject or fail to reject H_0 .

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Step 0: Pre-processing gives us the frequency vectors for each text.

Text 1: 8.1, 7.8, 8.5, 9.0, 8.2 (frequencies per 1000 words)

Text 2: 7.5, 7.3, 7.8, 7.6, 7.4 (frequencies per 1000 words)

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$$\bar{x}_1 = \frac{8.1 + 7.8 + 8.5 + 9.0 + 8.2}{5} = 8.32$$

$$\bar{x}_2 = \frac{7.5 + 7.3 + 7.8 + 7.6 + 7.4}{5} = 7.52$$

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$$s_2 = \sqrt{\frac{(7.5 - 7.52)^2 + (7.3 - 7.52)^2 + (7.8 - 7.52)^2 + (7.6 - 7.52)^2 + (7.4 - 7.52)^2}{5 - 1}} =$$

$$t = \frac{\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2}{\sqrt{\frac{s_1^2}{1} + \frac{s_2^2}{2}}} = \frac{8.32 - 7.52}{\sqrt{\frac{0.47^2}{6} + \frac{0.19^2}{6}}} = \frac{0.8}{\sqrt{0.044 + 0.0072}} = \frac{0.8}{\sqrt{0.0512}} = \frac{0.8}{0.226} \approx 3.54$$

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For a two-tailed test with a significance level of $\alpha=0.05$ and degrees of freedom \approx 5.38, the critical value $t_{\alpha/2,d.f.}\approx 2.571$.

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In the case of Welsh's test, is it a parametric or non-parametric test ?

Parametric test hypothesis validation

Parametric tests make a priori assumptions regarding the behavior of the sample (often that samples:

- **1** Normality: Data should follow a normal distribution.
- Wariances: Variances across groups should be equal.
- Independence: Observations should be independent of each other.

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How can we check that the requirements are met by the data so that **our conclusions are valid**?

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For simplicity's sake, verification of hypothesis have been added to the bonus part of the lab (but they are not bonus in real life!).

Univariate testing

- Examines a single variable.
- Focuses on understanding the characteristics and patterns within that variable.
- Common tests: t-test, welsh test, chi-square test for goodness of fit, statistical distribution test (Shapiro-Wilk ...).

Multivariate Testing Overview

- Examines multiple variables simultaneously.
- Focuses on the relationships and interactions between variables.
- Common tests: MANOVA, multiple regression, factor analysis.

Example

Question

Can you give from your own work experience examples that could be analyzed ?

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Python and statistical tests

While Python is not as developed as R for statistical testing, there are several very interesting libraries that **provide the most popular statistical tests**:

- The Scipy library
- The statsmodel library

Today, we will focus on using scipy!

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A big thanks to Jermo for his idea and methodology :-)

Stylometry consists in the study of the style of an author, that could **characterize their way of expressing themselves**.

It is say to be **computational** when it is done automatically through computer tools.

An often used approach to stylometry is the study of **particles and conjunctions** (also used **functional words**).

Our goal today is to assess if the Colossian epistle has a different frequency of functional words than the authentic letters.

and you will use all of the skills we learned this week to do it almost alone :-)

In his study, Jermo used **linear regression models** to infer the relationship between Colossians and the other authentic letters.

Linear Regression models the relationship between two variables as a **linear equation** of observed data X to explain response y.

The model assumes that: $Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X + \epsilon$ where β_0 is the **intercept**, β_1 is the **slope**, ϵ **normally distributed error terms**.

In a subset of the study:

X = total number of tokens. y = particle use.

Epistle	Number of Tokens	Number of particles
Romans	850	50
1 Corinthian	670	20
2 Corinthian	450	10
Colossian	310	20

We model the particle use as:

particle_use =
$$\beta_0 + \beta_1 \times \text{token_number} + \epsilon$$

Fitting the Model

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Fitting a linear regression model consists in finding β_0 and β_1 that minimize the sum of the squared differences between observed and predicted values.

We use optimization method to find:

$$\hat{\beta} = \arg\min_{\beta} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (Y_i - \hat{Y}_i)^2$$

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- Linearity: The relationship between X and Y is linear.
- Independence: Observations are independent.
- Homoscedasticity: Constant variance of the errors/the residuals.
- Normality: The errors/the residuals are normally distributed.

Usually, the checking of assumption can be performed visually.

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Prediction interval

A prediction interval provides a range within which we expect a future observation to fall, given a specific value of the independent variable(s).

The prediction interval for a new observation Y_{new} given X_{new} is:

$$\hat{Y}_{new} \pm t_{\alpha/2,n-2} \cdot \sqrt{MSE\left(1 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{(X_{new} - \bar{X})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (X_i - \bar{X})^2}\right)}$$

The methodology is the following:

- Fit a regression model on the authentic epistles using various X dataset;
- Evaluate quality of said model;
- Check if Colossian fits within the prediction interval: if it fits, no deviation, otherwise deviation.

In the example lab, we will use functional words count.

In Python, we rely on statsmodels:

- statsmodels is a Python module that provides classes and functions for the estimation of many different statistical models;
- It includes tools for performing linear regression, among other statistical analyses;
- It allows for detailed output and in-depth statistical testing.

• Make the right imports:

```
import statsmodels.formula.api as smf
```

• Define the model:

• Fit the model:

```
results = model.fit()
```

• Obtain a summary of the model:

```
print(results.summary())
```

• This provides detailed statistics, including coefficients, R-squared, p-values, and more.

• Define new data for prediction (here, Colossians):

```
new_data = pd.DataFrame({'X1': [value1])
```

• Make predictions:

```
predictions = results.get_prediction(new_data)
```

• Get summary frame including prediction intervals:

```
prediction_summary = predictions.
summary_frame(alpha=0.05)
print(prediction_summary)
```

- The summary frame includes:
 - mean: Predicted mean value
 - mean_se: Standard error of the mean prediction
 - mean_ci_lower, mean_ci_upper: Confidence interval for the mean prediction
 - obs_ci_lower, obs_ci_upper: Prediction interval for the new observation