1. Problem

A machine fills milk into 500ml packages. It is suspected that the machine is not working correctly and that the amount of milk filled differs from the setpoint $\mu_0=500$. A sample of 247 packages filled by the machine are collected. The sample mean \bar{y} is equal to 521.3 and the sample variance s_{n-1}^2 is equal to 527.08.

Test the hypothesis that the amount filled corresponds on average to the setpoint. What is the absolute value of the t test statistic?

Solution

The t test statistic is calculated by:

$$t = \frac{\bar{y} - \mu_0}{\sqrt{\frac{s_{n-1}^2}{n}}} = \frac{521.3 - 500}{\sqrt{\frac{527.08}{247}}} = 14.581.$$

The absolute value of the t test statistic is thus equal to 14.581.