

1) You should state the null hypothesis and the alternative hypothesis of your research and explain your choices.

H_0 = one-week rest from social networks has no effect on happiness level.

H_1 = one-week rest from social networks increases the happiness level.

This hypotheses narrow down the scope to one week as stated per the experiment. H_0 purely states that there's no relation between social networks and happiness and that the status quo is maintained within the tested sample after one week. H_1 intends to prove the existing relation between avoiding social networks and happiness boost.

2) You should state how X is distributed provided that null hypothesis holds.

If H_0 holds, then $X \sim B(n, p)$, where n = number of participants, p = probability for a participant's happiness increase. Under our setup, $p = 0.5 | H_0$

3) Would you claim that people become happier when they avoid using social networks based on this data?

Given the significance level $\alpha = 0.05$ and $X_{obs} = 16$, let us calculate the respective p-value. If the probability to obtain the observed value X_{obs} of random variable X is less than α , then we reject H_0 and accept H_1 . As code below highlights, the p-value is ~ 0.0013 , which is less than α , so we reject H_0 and accept H_1 . T-test also confirms the rejection of H_0 , because z-score is higher than the rejection region value for $\alpha = 0.05$. Moreover, even if we set $\alpha = 0.01$, the p-value is still less than α , so we would reject H_0 under this significance level as well, allowing us to claim that people become happier when they avoid using social networks based on this data with 99% confidence.

Although p-statistics and t-test both highlight quite a substantial evidence for rejecting the H_0 , it is important to mention the limitations of the approach. First of all, we do not account for margins of 'happiness' tested. The dichotomic nature of the experiment does not allow to test whether absence of social networks significantly increases the happiness or not. Secondly, the sample size for the test is rather small. The bigger sample of the respondents would enhance the evidence to reject the H_0 . Thirdly, we do not account for intervening variables - the participants don't live in a bubble and their happiness is influenced by various sources, and not solely by social networks.

In [28]:

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1 import numpy as np
2 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
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3 import scipy.stats as st
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5 x_obs = 16
6 n = 20
7 p = 1/2
8 alphas = [0.05, 0.01]
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10 pvalue = (1 - st.binom.cdf(x_obs, n, p)) * 2
11 pvalue_rounded = round(pvalue, 3)
12
13 for alpha in alphas:
14     if pvalue > alpha:
15         print(f'Test for alpha {alpha}\np-value = {pvalue_rounded} > {alpha} -> H0 is not rejected\
16     else:
17         print(f'Test for alpha {alpha}\np-value = {pvalue_rounded} < {alpha} -> H0 is rejected\n')
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19 # finding t-statistic
20 z_obs = (x_obs - n*p) / np.sqrt(n*p*(1-p))
21 z_obs_rounded = round(z_obs, 3)
22 print(f'Test statistic: z_obs = {z_obs_rounded}')
23
24 # plotting results of two-tailed student's t test, n-1 degrees of freedom
25 x = np.linspace(-5, 5, 100)
26 y = st.t.pdf(x, n-1)
27 plt.figure(figsize=(10, 5))
28 plt.plot(x, y, 'g', ms=8, label=f't pdf, n-1={n-1}')
29 plt.vlines(x, 0, y, colors='g', lw=5, alpha=0.5)
30 plt.vlines(st.t.ppf(1-alphas[0]/2, n-1), 0, st.t.pdf(st.t.ppf(1-alphas[0]/2, n-1), n-1), colors='r',
31 plt.vlines(st.t.ppf(alphas[0]/2, n-1), 0, st.t.pdf(st.t.ppf(alphas[0]/2, n-1), n-1), colors='r', lw=
32 plt.title("Two-tailed student's t test")
33 plt.legend()
34 plt.show()

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Test for alpha 0.05
p-value = 0.003 < 0.05 -> H0 is rejected

Test for alpha 0.01
p-value = 0.003 < 0.01 -> H0 is rejected

Test statistic: z_obs = 2.683

Two-tailed student's t test

