10.3-10.4: Pairwise t-Test and t-Test on Proportions

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- HW6 due Thu
- Please download: Mileage.xls



Outline for today

- Exploratory analysis
 - Preview of statistical tests for your projects
- Repeated measures
 - Overview of Excel TTEST() types
- T-test on paired data
 - Calculating SE
 - Using Excel
- T-test on proportions



Exploratory analysis

- Choosing good research questions:
- Start with the outcome variable (DV)
 - e.g., sales volume
- Research background (prior literature) on the DV to find likely predictors
 - e.g., marketing budget, consumer trends, new products from competitors, etc.
- Select some effect/predictor(s) to examine
 - In your analysis, control for other covariates
- Correlation ≠ causation: look for hidden vars
 - e.g., ice cream correlates with drownings!
 - Why? What are they both correlated with?



Analysis Types by IV/DV

- DV quantitative, IV categorical:
 - IV dichotomous (two groups): t-test
 - IV has many groups: ANOVA
 - Multiple categorical IVs: Factorial ANOVA
 - Controlling for covariates: ANCOVA
- DV quantitative, IV quantitative:
 - One IV: Simple Regression
 - Multiple IVs: Multiple Regression
 - Also if mix of categorical/quant IVs
- DV dichotomous: Logistic Regr. (survival an.)
- DV ordinal: Ordinal Regr.
 - ... and much more!



Repeated measures

- Apply same measurement to same subjects, but at different points in time:
 - e.g., annual revenue, 2000-2010
 - Time series / longitudinal data
- Or under different conditions:
 - e.g., highway vs. city mileage (on same car!)
 - e.g., wife's income, husband's income
 - (What is the unit of observation?)
- The measurements are linked to each other
 - Not independent
- Paired data is the simplest repeated measure
 - Use a t-test on the pairwise differences

Types of t-test (as in Excel)

- Type 3: two indep groups, most general:
 - H_A : $\mu_1 \mu_2 \neq 0$ (or >0)
 - $SE = \sqrt{(SE_1^2 + SE_2^2)}$, df is messy



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$$H_A$$
: $\mu_1 - \mu_2 \neq 0$ (or >0)

- SE = $s_p \sqrt{(1/n_1 + 1/n_2)}$, df = df₁ + df₂
- Type 1: paired observations:
 - Form pairwise diffs: n = # pairs
 - H_A : $\mu_d \neq 0$ (or >0)
 - SE = s_d / \sqrt{n} , df = n-1





Paired data t-test

- e.g., Mileage.xls
- Calculate the pairwise differences: =A2-B2, fill
- Find n, mean (d), and SD (s_d) of pairs:
 - COUNT(), AVERAGE(), STDEV()
 - SD of diffs is not the same as diff of SDs!
- Calculate standard error: $SE = s_d/\sqrt{n}$
- Find t-score: (d 0) / SE
- Use TDIST() to find p-value, compare w/α
 - TDIST(*t*, *n*-1, *tails*)
- All-in-one Excel function: TTEST(before, after, tails, 1)



T-test on proportions

- e.g., customer satisfaction vs. bank branch:
 - At Langley, 160/200 customers satisfied
 - At Abbt., 210/300 satisfied
 - Is there a significant difference?
- Use normal approximation to binomial:
 - When n is big enough and p is not extreme
 - Rule of thumb: both np, nq > 5 (both groups)
- Normal dist means no worries about df
 - Just need standard error: $SE = \sqrt{(SE_1^2 + SE_2^2)}$
 - Where each $SE_i = \sqrt{(p_i q_i/n_i)}$



Proportions: bank example

- Langley: $SE_1 = \sqrt{(160*40 / 200^3)} \approx 2.828\%$
- Abbt.: $SE_{\Delta} = \sqrt{(210*90/300^3)} \approx 2.646\%$
- Combined standard error is $SE = \sqrt{(SE_L^2 + SE_A^2)}$ = $\sqrt{(160*40 / 200^3 + 210*90 / 300^3)} \approx 3.873\%$
- Sample difference of proportions is $p_1 p_A = (160/200) (210/300) = 10\%$
- This means a z-score of $z = ((p_L p_A) 0) / SE \approx 10\% / 3.873\% \approx 2.582$
- Find the p-value (2-tailed):
 - = 2*(1-NORMSDIST(2.582)) → 0.0098
 - Reject H₀: yes, there is a difference



Alternate SE on proportions

- The SE above is used for confidence intervals
- The textbook offers a second form of the SE for binomial proportions:

$$SE = \sqrt{\overline{p}\,\overline{q}\left(\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}\right)}$$

Where p is the pooled proportion:

$$\overline{p} = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{n_1 + n_2}$$

- This is equivalent to the "x² test of goodness-of-fit" we will learn in ch13
 - Most stats software uses this method



TODO

- Project proposal due tonight
 - Sample size (unit of observation?)
 - Outcome variable
 - Predictor variables
 - What other predictors might make sense?
- HW6 (ch9-10): due Thu 27 Oct

