

Discussion 8 Review

1. When the data is drawn from a population that has a normal distribution and σ is unknown, use a t-test. To test:

$$H_0 : \mu = \mu_0$$

$$H_A : \mu \neq \mu_0$$

at the $100\alpha\%$ level based on a sample of size n , use one of the following methods:

- Using the rejection region method, determine the value $t_{(n-1, \alpha/2)}$ so that:

$$P(-t_{(n-1, \alpha/2)} \leq t \leq t_{(n-1, \alpha/2)}) = 1 - \alpha.$$

Then compute $t_{obs} = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}}$. Reject the null if $t_{obs} < -t_{(n-1, \alpha/2)}$ or $t_{obs} > t_{(n-1, \alpha/2)}$.

- Using the p-value method, compute

$$p - value = P(t_{(n-1)} < -|t_{obs}|) + P(t_{(n-1)} > |t_{obs}|).$$

Reject if $p - value < \alpha$.

- Using the CI method, find a t -based $100(1 - \alpha)\%$ CI for μ . If μ_0 is in the interval, do not reject the null. If it is not in the interval, reject the null.

2. When the data is drawn from a population that does not have a normal distribution but n is large enough that the CLT applies, test just as for the t -test, but use the normal distribution.

3. When the data is not normal and n is too small to use the CLT, use one of the following methods:

- Bootstrap. Test:

$$H_0 : \mu = \mu_0$$

$$H_A : \mu > \mu_0$$

by doing the following:

- (1) Draw a random sample x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n of size n from the population and compute $t_{obs} = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}}$.
- (2) Draw a simple random sample, with replacement, of size n , from the sample data. Call these observations $x_1^*, x_2^*, \dots, x_n^*$. Often this means that the same data point will be repeated twice in the resampling.
- (3) Compute the mean and sd of the resampled data. Call these things \bar{x}^* and s^* .

- (4) Compute the statistic $\hat{t} = \frac{\bar{x}^* - \bar{x}}{\frac{s^*}{\sqrt{n}}}$.
- (5) Repeat steps 2-4 B times, where B is a large number, and compute \hat{t} from each one. This is an approximation to the sampling distribution of t .
- (6) Let m be the number of values of \hat{t} that are greater than or equal to t_{obs} . The bootstrap p-value is m/B .

- Sign Test. If M is the population median, test:

$$\begin{aligned} H_0 : M &= M_0 \\ H_A : M &> M_0 \end{aligned}$$

by computing b = the number of observations strictly larger than M_0 . If any observations are equal to M_0 , remove them. The p-value is then $P(B \geq b)$, where $B \sim \text{Bin}(n, 0.5)$.

4. When making a test about population proportion π based on a sample of size n , if $n(\pi_0) > 5$ and $n(1 - \pi_0) > 5$, then test:

$$\begin{aligned} H_0 : \pi &= \pi_0 \\ H_A : \pi &\neq \pi_0. \end{aligned}$$

by computing the sample proportion p , and then finding:

$$z_{obs} = \frac{(p - \pi_0)}{\sqrt{\frac{\pi_0(1 - \pi_0)}{n}}}.$$

Then the p-value is $P(Z < -|z_{obs}|) + P(Z > |z_{obs}|)$. Reject if $p - value < \alpha$.