Results:

1 9

2 5

3 3

4 15

5 18

6 22

7 18

For 25K data,

The hypothesis is that some days of the week exhibit larger departure delays.

Based on the results of average departure delay, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday have larger average departure delays than the rest of the days of the week.

So, the results support the hypothesis.

To test this hypothesis, we use One Sample t-Test:

1. Each day of the week is a sample set, so that we have 7 sample sets. Given the average departure delay for each day of the week, we have the sample means μsample for each 7 sample sets. So we will conduct 7--- One Sample test for each different day.

2. The population mean of the whole dataset μpopulation can be calculated by averaging the average departure delay for all 7 days.

3. We can write a MapReduce, Pig or Hive program to obtain the number of observation (#obs) in each sample set, calculate standard deviation (SDsample). Then calculate the test statistic t-value.

Since we only want to know whether some days of the week have larger departure delays, we only need to consider one side t-value.

t=(µsample-µpopulation)/SD/

4. Null hypothesis: μsample = μpopulation

5. Select a confidence interval. (usually a=0.05)

6. Since the sample size is really large with infinite degree of freedom, we would use the last row z-distribution to compare t with tα. If t > tα for some days, the null hypothesis would be rejected for these days. Then these days exhibit larger departure delays.

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