

Formulas – Confidence Intervals and Inference Tests (Rev 1_16)

Standard error of the mean $s_{\bar{x}} = \sigma / \sqrt{n}$

In formulas, point estimator s may be substituted for σ as appropriate.

CI for Means- Large sample size

Two sided: $\bar{x} \pm Z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$

One sided: $\bar{x} + Z_{\alpha} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$ or $\bar{x} - Z_{\alpha} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$

Sample size: $n = \left(\frac{Z_{\alpha/2} \sigma}{w} \right)^2$

CI for Means – small sample size - substitute t for Z in above equations

Two sided: $\bar{x} \pm t_{\alpha/2} \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$

One sided: $\bar{x} + Z_{\alpha} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$ or $\bar{x} - t_{\alpha} \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$

Comparing 1 sample mean with a known μ .

	Null Hypothesis	Alternate Hypothesis	Test statistic	Rejection Region
Normal Distribution (Large Sample)	$\mu = \mu_0$	$\mu \neq \mu_0$	$Z_{test} = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}}$	$ Z_{test} > Z_{\alpha/2}$
		$\mu < \mu_0$		$Z_{test} < -Z_{\alpha}$
		$\mu > \mu_0$		$Z_{test} > Z_{\alpha}$
Students t Distribution (σ unknown, Small sample) $v = n - 1$	$\mu = \mu_0$	$\mu \neq \mu_0$	$t_{test} = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{s / \sqrt{n}}$	$ t_{test} > t_{\alpha/2, v}$
		$\mu < \mu_0$		$t_{test} < -t_{\alpha, v}$
		$\mu > \mu_0$		$t_{test} > t_{\alpha, v}$

Sample size for 1 sample Z: $n = \frac{(Z_{\alpha/2} + Z_{\beta})^2 \sigma^2}{(\mu - \mu_0)^2}$

two sample means

	Null Hypothesis	Alternate Hypothesis	Test statistic	Rejection Region
Normal Distribution (Large Sample)	$\mu_1 = \mu_2$	$\mu_1 \neq \mu_2$	$Z_{test} = \frac{\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2}{\sqrt{\frac{\sigma_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{n_2}}}$	$ Z_{test} > Z_{\alpha/2}$
		$\mu_1 < \mu_2$		$Z_{test} < -Z_{\alpha}$
		$\mu_1 > \mu_2$		$Z_{test} > Z_{\alpha}$
Students t Distribution (Small sample sizes, assumes Equal Variances) t-test with $\nu = n_1 + n_2 - 2$	$\mu_1 = \mu_2$	$\mu_1 \neq \mu_2$	with $s_p^2 = \frac{(n_1 - 1)s_1^2 + (n_2 - 1)s_2^2}{n_1 + n_2 - 2}$	$ t_{test} > t_{\alpha/2, \nu}$
		$\mu_1 < \mu_2$		$t_{test} < -t_{\alpha, \nu}$
		$\mu_1 > \mu_2$		$t_{test} > t_{\alpha, \nu}$
Students t Distribution (Small sample sizes, assumes Variances not equal)	$\mu_1 = \mu_2$	$\mu_1 \neq \mu_2$	where $\nu = \frac{[(s_x^2/n_x) + (s_y^2/n_y)]^2}{[(s_x^2/n_x)^2/(n_x - 1)] + [(s_y^2/n_y)^2/(n_y - 1)]}$	$ t_{test} > t_{\alpha/2, \nu}$
		$\mu_1 < \mu_2$		$t_{test} < -t_{\alpha, \nu}$
		$\mu_1 > \mu_2$		$t_{test} > t_{\alpha, \nu}$
Students t distribution Paired comparison t- test with $\nu = n - 1$	$\mu_d = \mu_0$	$\mu_d \neq \mu_0$	$t_{test} = \frac{\bar{D} - \mu_0}{S_d / \sqrt{n}}$ Where \bar{D} = average difference S_d = standard deviation of the differences	$ t_{test} > t_{\alpha/2, \nu}$
		$\mu_d < \mu_0$		$t_{test} < -t_{\alpha, \nu}$
		$\mu_d > \mu_0$		$t_{test} > t_{\alpha, \nu}$

CI for variance $\frac{(n-1)s^2}{\chi_{\alpha/2}^2} \leq \sigma^2 \leq \frac{(n-1)s^2}{\chi_{(1-\alpha/2)}^2}$

Comparison of Normal Distribution Variances

	Null Hypothesis	Alternate Hypothesis	Test statistic	Rejection Region
2 sample variances F Distribution $\nu_1 = n_1 - 1$ $\nu_2 = n_2 - 1$	$\sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2$	$\sigma_1^2 \neq \sigma_2^2$	$F_{test} = \frac{s_1^2}{s_2^2}$ (larger sample variance always on top)	$F_{test} > F_{\alpha/2, \nu_1, \nu_2}$
		$\sigma_1^2 > \sigma_2^2$		$F_{test} > F_{\alpha, \nu_1, \nu_2}$

CI for proportions $p \pm Z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}}$

Sample size for CI, p known $n = \frac{z_{\alpha/2}^2 p(1-p)}{w^2}$

Sample size for CI, p unknown $n = \frac{z_{\alpha/2}^2}{4w^2}$

Comparing One proportion with a known p

Binomial Distribution (Large Sample)	$p = p_0$	$p \neq p_0$	$Z_{test} = \frac{\hat{p} - p_0}{\sqrt{\frac{p_0(1-p_0)}{n}}}$ <p>with $\hat{p} = \frac{x}{n}$</p>	$ Z_{test} > Z_{\alpha/2}$
		$p < p_0$		$Z_{test} < -Z_{\alpha}$
		$p > p_0$		$Z_{test} > Z_{\alpha}$

Comparing two proportions

Binomial Distribution Large Sample	$p_1 = p_2$	$p_1 \neq p_2$	$Z_{test} = \frac{\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2}{\sigma_{p_1 - p_2}}$ <p>with</p> $\sigma_{p_1 - p_2} = \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}_1(1-\hat{p}_1)}{n_1} + \frac{\hat{p}_2(1-\hat{p}_2)}{n_2}}$	$ Z_{test} > Z_{\alpha/2}$
		$p_1 < p_2$		$Z_{test} < -Z_{\alpha}$
		$p_1 > p_2$		$Z_{test} > Z_{\alpha}$

Chi Squared tests for attribute data

	Null Hypothesis	Alternate Hypothesis	Test statistic	Rejection Region
χ^2 test for goodness of fit $v = k-1$	k cell probabilities are $p_1, p_2, p_3, \dots, p_k$	At least one cell probability is different than in H_0	$\chi^2 = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{(O_i - E_i)^2}{E_i}$	$\chi_{test}^2 > \chi_{v,\alpha}^2$
χ^2 test Contingency table $v = (r-1)(c-1)$	Two variables are independent	Two variables are dependent	$\chi^2 = \sum_{i=1}^r \sum_{j=1}^c \frac{(O_{ij} - E_{ij})^2}{E_{ij}}$ <p>where $E_{ij} = \frac{(R_i)(C_j)}{n}$</p>	$\chi_{test}^2 > \chi_{v,\alpha}^2$