

# Homework 3

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## Problem 1

Let  $n = 189$ ,  $\bar{X}$  (sample mean) = 129.81,  $s$  (sample standard deviation) = 30.58

- a) Because we do not know the true population variance  $\sigma^2$ , 95% confidence interval of true mean weight can be obtained by the following:

$$\bar{X} - t_{n-1, 1-\alpha/2} \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{X} + t_{n-1, 1-\alpha/2} \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$$

Thus, 95% confidence interval is (125.43, 134.2)

- b) We are 95% confident that the true mean weight of American women will be between (125.43, 134.2).  
c) The statement is not valid because 171 pounds is not included in the 95% confidence interval.

## Problem 2

- a) Let  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  be the sample standard deviation from non-smoking group and smoking group accordingly. And let  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  be the number of observations in each group.  
 $\alpha = 0.05$   
 $H_0$ : the variances in two groups are equal  
 $H_1$ : the variances in two groups are not equal

The test statistic is

$$F = \frac{s_1^2}{s_2^2} = 0.71 \sim F_{n_1-1, n_2-1}$$

Now,  $F_{n_1-1, n_2-1, 1-\alpha/2} = 1.53 > F$

Thus, we fail to reject the null hypothesis and accept  $H_0$ .

- b) The answer from part a indicates that the variances between two groups are equal at 5% significance level. Therefore, I will perform two-sample independent t-test for equal variances.  
c)  $\alpha = 0.10$  Let  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  be the population mean of the two groups. ( $\bar{X}_1, \bar{X}_2$ : sample mean)  
 $H_0$ :  $\mu_1 = \mu_2$   
 $H_1$ :  $\mu_1 \neq \mu_2$

The pooled estimate of the standard deviation  $s = \sqrt{\frac{(n_1-1)s_1^2 + (n_2-1)s_2^2}{n_1+n_2-2}} = 30.63$

The test statistic is

$$t = \frac{\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2}{s \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}}} = 0.6 \sim t_{n_1+n_2-2}$$

$t_{n_1+n_2-2, 1-\alpha/2} = 1.65 > t$  so we fail to reject the null hypothesis and accept  $H_0$ .

At 10% significance level, we can say that there is no statistically significant difference in the mother's weight at last menstrual period between smoking and non-smoking groups.

### Problem 3

a)  $\alpha = 0.01$

Let  $p$  be the proportion of pregnant American women suffer from hypertension. ( $p_0 = 0.20$ )

I will perform one-sample test for binomial proportion.

99% confidence interval for one population proportion can be calculated by:

$$\hat{p} - z_{1-\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}}, \hat{p} + z_{1-\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}}$$

Thus, 99% CI is (0.02, 0.11)

Because 0.20 is not included in the 99% CI, we can conclude that we are 99% confident that our data does not support this claim.

b)  $\alpha = 0.1$

I will perform one-sample binomial test for proportions.

$H_0: p = p_0$

$H_1: p < p_0$

Test statistic is  $z = \frac{\hat{p} - p_0}{\sqrt{p_0(1-p_0)/n}} = -4.69 \sim N(0, 1)$

$z_\alpha = -1.28 > z$

Therefore, we reject the null hypothesis and accept  $H_1$ . We can conclude that at 10% significant level, the true proportion is indeed less than the claimed 20%.

### Problem 4

$\alpha = 0.01$

Let  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  be the proportion of pregnant American women having uterine irritability in smoking and non-smoking groups.

I will perform two-sample test for binomial proportion.

$H_0: p = p_0$

$H_1: p \neq p_0$

Now,  $\hat{p}_1 = 0.18$ ,  $\hat{p}_2 = 0.13$ ,  $n_1 = 74$ ,  $n_2 = 115$

$\hat{p} = \frac{n_1\hat{p}_1 + n_2\hat{p}_2}{n_1 + n_2} = 0.15$ ,  $\hat{q} = 1 - \hat{p} = 0.85$

Test statistic is  $z = \frac{\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2}{\sqrt{\hat{p}\hat{q}(\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2})}} = 0.85 \sim N(0, 1)$

$$z_{1-\alpha/2} = 2.58 > z$$

Thus, we fail to reject the null hypothesis.

We can conclude that the proportions of uterine irritability in the pregnant women are not different in smoking and non-smoking group at 1% significance level.

## Problem 5

a) There is more than two levels in race variable so one-way ANOVA would be appropriate in this case.

b)

- There are  $k$  populations of interest ( $k > 2$ )  
This is met because  $k = 3$ .
- The samples are drawn independently from the underlying populations  
This is met.
- Homoscedasticity

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##
## Bartlett test of homogeneity of variances
##
## data:  bwt by race
## Bartlett's K-squared = 0.65952, df = 2, p-value = 0.7191
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Given the result from Bartlett test, ( $p\text{-value} > 0.05$ ), we can say that the three race groups have equal variances.

- The distributions of the error terms are normal

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##
## Shapiro-Wilk normality test
##
## data:  aov_residuals
## W = 0.9894, p-value = 0.1738
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Shapiro-Wilk test reveals that  $p\text{-value} > 0.05$ , so we can say that the error terms are normally distributed.

c)  $\alpha = 0.05$

Let  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3$  be the mean birth weight in each race levels.

$H_0: \mu_1 = \mu_2 = \mu_3$

$H_1$ : at least two of the birth weight means in each race differ

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##           Df    Sum Sq Mean Sq F value    Pr(>F)
## race       1  3790184 3790184    7.369 0.00726 **
## Residuals 187 96179472  514329
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
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Given the result from one-way ANOVA test, because  $p\text{-value} < 0.05$ , we reject the null hypothesis and accept the alternative hypothesis.

At 5% confidence level, we can say that at least two of the birth weight means in each race category differ.

d)

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##
## Pairwise comparisons using t tests with pooled SD
##
## data:  df$bwt and df$race
##
##      1      2
## 2 0.049 -
## 3 0.029 1.000
##
## P value adjustment method: bonferroni
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The adjusted p-value for the mean difference in birth weight between race 1 and 2 is 0.049; race 1 and 3 is 0.029; race 2 and 3 is 1.000.

This indicates that at 5% significance level, means of birth weight differ between race 1 and 2, and race 1 and 3.