

ST2334 Probability and Statistics

Final Examination Helpsheet

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1 Probability

Terminology	Definition	Example
Statistical experiment	Procedure that produces data or observations	Rolling a dice
Sample space S	Set of all possible outcomes of a statistical experiment	$\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$
Sample point	An outcome in the sample space	1
Event	A subset of the sample space	An odd number facing up

- The sample space itself is an event and called a *sure event*.
- An event that contains no element is called a *null event* \emptyset .

Event: union $A \cup B$, intersection $A \cap B$, complement A' .

- Mutually exclusive/disjoint: $A \cap B = \emptyset$.
 $\triangleright P(A \cap B) = 0$ does **not** mean mutually exclusive (e.g., continuous).
- Contained: $A \subset B$.
- Equivalent: $A \subset B$ and $B \subset A \Leftrightarrow A = B$.

$A \cap A' = \emptyset$	$A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$	$A \cup A' = S$	$(A')' = A$
$A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$	$A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$	$A \cup B = A \cup (B \cap A')$	$A = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap B')$

- De Morgan's law:** $(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n)' = A_1' \cap A_2' \cap \dots \cap A_n'$;
 $(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n)' = A_1' \cup A_2' \cup \dots \cup A_n'$.

Counting: Multiplication principle + Addition principle.

- Permutation: $P_r^n = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$.
- Combination: $C_r^n = \binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$.

Probability: How likely event A occurs, $P(A)$.

- Relative frequency: $f_A = \frac{n_A}{n} \rightarrow P(A)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.
 $\triangleright 0 \leq f_A \leq 1$;
 $\triangleright f_A = 1$ if A occurs in every repetition;
 \triangleright If A and B are mutually exclusive, then $f_{A \cup B} = f_A + f_B$.
- Axioms of probability:**
 - For any event A , $0 \leq P(A) \leq 1$;
 - $P(S) = 1$;
 - $A \cap B = \emptyset \Rightarrow P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$.
 $\triangleright P(\emptyset) = 0$;
 \triangleright If A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n are mutually exclusive events, then $P_{A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n} = P(A_1) + P(A_2) + \dots + P(A_n)$.
 \triangleright For any event A , $P(A') = 1 - P(A)$.
 \triangleright For any events A, B , $P(A) = P(A \cap B) + P(A \cap B')$.
 \triangleright For any events A, B , $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$.
 \triangleright If $A \subset B$, then $P(A) \leq P(B)$.

- Conditional probability: $P(B|A) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)}$.
 $\triangleright P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B|A) = P(B)P(A|B)$ if $P(A), P(B) \neq 0$.
 $\triangleright P(A|B) = \frac{P(A)P(B|A)}{P(B)}$.

- Independence: A and B are independent if and only if $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$. We denote this by $A \perp B$.
 \triangleright If $P(A) \neq 0$, $A \perp B$ if and only if $P(B|A) = P(B)$.

- Law of total probability:** Suppose A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n is a partition of S . Then, $P(B) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(B \cap A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i)P(B|A_i)$.
- Bayes' theorem:** Suppose A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n is a partition of S . Then, $P(A_k|B) = \frac{P(A_k)P(B|A_k)}{\sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i)P(B|A_i)}$.

2 Random Variables

Random variable: A random variable $X : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ assigns a real number to every $s \in S$.

- Range space: $R_X = \{x \mid x = X(s), s \in S\}$. Either finite or countable.
- Discrete r.v.: $R_X = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots\}$.

- Probability (mass) function: $f(x) = \begin{cases} P(X=x) & \text{for } x \in R_X; \\ 0 & \text{for } x \notin R_X. \end{cases}$
- Probability distribution: Collection of pairs $(x_i, f(x_i))$.
- Properties of p.m.f.:
 - $f(x_i) \geq 0$ for all $x_i \in R_X$;
 - $f(x_i) = 0$ for all $x_i \notin R_X$;
 - $\sum_{x_i \in R_X} f(x_i) = 1$.
 - For any $B \subset \mathbb{R}$, $P(X \in B) = \sum_{x_i \in B \cap R_X} f(x_i)$.

- Continuous r.v.:
 - Probability density function:
 - $f(x) \geq 0$ for all $x \in R_X$; and $f(x) = 0$ for all $x \notin R_X$;
 - $\int_{R_X} f(x) dx = 1$;
 - $P(a \leq X \leq b) = \int_a^b f(x) dx$.

- Cumulative distribution function: $F(x) = P(X \leq x)$.
 - $P(a \leq X \leq b) = P(X \leq b) - P(X < a) = F(b) - F(a-)$.
 - Continuous: $P(a \leq X \leq b) = P(a < X < b) = F(b) - F(a)$.
 - Right continuous: $F(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a+} F(x)$.

\triangleright Convergence to 0 and 1 in the limits: $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F(x) = 0$;
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} F(x) = 1$.

Expectation:

- Discrete: $\mathbb{E}[X] = \mu_X = \sum_{x_i \in R_X} x_i f(x_i)$.
- Continuous: $\mathbb{E}[X] = \mu_X = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx = \int_{x \in R_X} x f(x) dx$.
- $\mathbb{E}[aX + b] = a\mathbb{E}[X] + b$.
- $\mathbb{E}[X + Y] = \mathbb{E}[X] + \mathbb{E}[Y]$.
- Discrete: $\mathbb{E}[g(X)] = \sum_{x \in R_X} g(x)f(x)$; continuous: $\mathbb{E}[g(X)] = \int_{R_X} g(x)f(x) dx$.

Variance: $\sigma_X^2 = V[X] = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu_X)^2]$.

- Discrete: $V[X] = \sum_{x \in R_X} (x - \mu_X)^2 f(x)$;
- Continuous: $V[X] = \int_{R_X} (x - \mu_X)^2 f(x) dx$.
- $V(aX + b) = a^2 V[X]$.
- $V[X] = \mathbb{E}[X^2] - \mathbb{E}[X]^2$.
- Standard deviation: $\sigma_X = \sqrt{V[X]}$.

Special Probability Distributions

Discrete distributions:

- Discrete uniform distribution:
 - \triangleright P.m.f.: $f_X(x) = \begin{cases} 1/k & , x = x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k; \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$
 - \triangleright Mean: $\frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k x_i$; var: $\frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k x_i^2 - \mu_X^2$.
- Bernoulli distribution: $X \sim \text{Bern}(p)$; $p \in [0, 1]$.
 - \triangleright P.m.f.: $f_X(x) = \begin{cases} p & , x = 1; \\ 1-p & , x = 0 \end{cases} = p^x(1-p)^{(1-x)}$.
 - \triangleright Mean: p ; var: $p(1-p) = pq$.
- Binomial: No. of successes in n Bernoulli trials; $X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$.
 - \triangleright P.m.f.: $f_X(x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$ for $x = 0, 1, \dots, n$.
 - \triangleright Mean: np ; var: $np(1-p)$.
- Negative binomial: No. of i.i.d. Bernoulli trials until k successes.
 - \triangleright P.m.f.: $f_X(x) = \binom{x-1}{k-1} p^k (1-p)^{x-k}$ for $x = k, k+1, \dots$.
 - \triangleright Mean: k/p ; var: $(1-p)k/p^2$.
- Geometric: No. of Bernoulli trials until first success.
 - \triangleright P.m.f.: $f_X(x) = p(1-p)^{x-1}$.
 - \triangleright Mean: $1/p$; var: $(1-p)/p^2$.
- Poisson: No. of occurrences in fixed time/region; $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$.
 - \triangleright Mean: λ ; var: λ .
 - \triangleright Poisson process: Continuous-time process with rate α : $\text{Poisson}(\alpha T)$.
 - \triangleright Poisson approximation to binomial: Let $X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$. Suppose $n \rightarrow \infty, p \rightarrow 0$ s.t. np constant, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty; p \rightarrow 0} \Pr[X = x] = \frac{e^{-np} (np)^x}{x!}$.
 - * Good when $n \geq 20, p \leq 0.05$ or $n \geq 100, np \leq 10$.

Continuous distributions:

- Continuous uniform: $X \sim U(a, b)$
 - \triangleright P.d.f.: $f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & , a \leq x \leq b \\ 0 & , \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$ \triangleright c.d.f.: $F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & , x < a \\ \frac{x-a}{b-a} & , a \leq x \leq b \\ 1 & , x > b. \end{cases}$
 - \triangleright Mean: $\frac{a+b}{2}$; variance: $\frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$.
- Exponential: $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$.
 - \triangleright P.d.f.: $f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} & , x \geq 0 \\ 0 & , x < 0. \end{cases}$ \triangleright c.d.f.: $F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-\lambda x} & , x \geq 0 \\ 0 & , x < 0. \end{cases}$
 - \triangleright Mean: $\frac{1}{\lambda}$; variance: $\frac{1}{\lambda^2}$.
 - \triangleright Alternative form: Parameter $\mu = \frac{1}{\lambda}$. $f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\mu} e^{-\frac{x}{\mu}} & , x \geq 0. \\ 0 & , x < 0. \end{cases}$
 - \triangleright Theorem: $\Pr[X > s+t \mid X > s] = \Pr[X > t]$.
- Normal: $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$.
 - \triangleright P.d.f.: $f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$ ("memoryless"). $-\infty < x < +\infty$.
 - \triangleright Mean: μ ; variance: σ^2 .
 - \triangleright Let $Z = \frac{X-\mu}{\sigma}$, then $Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$.
 $f_Z(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}}$
 $\Pr[Z \geq 0] = \Pr[Z \leq 0] = \Phi(0) = 0.5$.
 - $\triangleright \Phi(z) = \Pr[Z \leq z] = \Pr[Z \leq -z] = 1 - \Phi(-z)$.
 - \triangleright If $Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$, then $-Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$.
 - \triangleright If $Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$, then $\sigma Z + \mu \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$.
 - $\triangleright \alpha$ -upper quantile: $\Pr[Z \geq z_\alpha] = \alpha$.
 * $z_{0.05} = 1.645$; $z_{0.01} = 2.326$.
 - \triangleright Normal approximation to binomial:
 Let $X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$ s.t. $\mathbb{E}[X] = np, V[X] = np(1-p)$.
 As $n \rightarrow \infty, Z = \frac{X - \mathbb{E}[X]}{\sqrt{V[X]}} = \frac{X - np}{\sqrt{np(1-p)}} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$.
 - \triangleright Continuity correction:
 $\Pr[X = k] \approx \Pr[k - \frac{1}{2} < X < k + \frac{1}{2}]$
 $\Pr[a < X \leq b] \approx \Pr[a - \frac{1}{2} < X < b + \frac{1}{2}]$
 $\Pr[a < X < b] \approx \Pr[a + \frac{1}{2} < X < b - \frac{1}{2}]$
 $\Pr[a < X < b] \approx \Pr[a + \frac{1}{2} < X < b - \frac{1}{2}]$
 $\Pr[X \leq c] = \Pr[0 \leq X \leq c] \approx \Pr[-\frac{1}{2} \leq X < c + \frac{1}{2}]$
 $\Pr[X > c] = \Pr[c < X \leq \infty] \approx \Pr[c + \frac{1}{2} < X < \infty]$

4 Sampling and Sampling Distributions

Population: The totality of all possible outcomes or observations.

- Population can be finite or infinite.

Sample: Any subset of a population.

- Simple random sample (SRS): Every subset of n observations of the population has the same probability of being selected.
- SRS from infinite population: (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) independent r.v.'s.
 - Joint p.f.: $f_{X_1, \dots, X_n}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = f_{X_1}(x_1) \cdots f_{X_n}(x_n)$.

Statistic: A function of (X_1, \dots, X_n) .

- Sample mean: $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$.
 - Realization: $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$.
- Sample variance: $S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$.
 - Realization: $s^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2$.

Sampling distribution: The probability distribution of a statistic.

Distribution of \bar{X} : $\mu_{\bar{X}} = \mathbb{E}[\bar{X}] = \mu_X$; $\sigma_{\bar{X}}^2 = \mathbb{V}[\bar{X}] = \frac{\sigma_X^2}{n}$.

- Standard error: $\sigma_{\bar{X}}$, spread of sampling distribution.
- Law of large numbers: $\Pr[|\bar{X} - \mu| > \epsilon] \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.
- Central limit theorem: $\bar{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n})$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Equivalently, $\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \rightarrow Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$.
 - Population is symmetric with no outlier: $15 \sim 20$;
 - Population is moderately skewed such as exponential or χ^2 : $30 \sim 50$;
 - Population is extremely skewed: $\gg 1000$.

χ^2 -distribution: A r.v. with same distribution as i.i.d. $Z_1^2 + \dots + Z_n^2$ is called a χ^2 r.v. with n degrees of freedom, denoted as $\chi^2(n)$.

- If $Y \sim \chi^2(n)$, then $\mathbb{E}[Y] = n$ and $\mathbb{V}[Y] = 2n$.
- For large n , $\chi^2(n)$ is approximately $\mathcal{N}(n, 2n)$.
- If Y_1 and Y_2 are independent χ^2 r.v.'s with m and n degrees of freedom respectively, then $Y_1 + Y_2$ is a χ^2 r.v. with $m + n$ degrees of freedom.
- All χ^2 p.d.f.'s have a long right tail.
- Define $\chi^2(n; \alpha)$ s.t. for $Y \sim \chi^2(n)$, $\Pr[Y > \chi^2(n; \alpha)] = \alpha$.

Distribution of $(n-1)S^2/\sigma^2$: $\chi^2(n-1)$.

t -distribution: Suppose $Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ and $U \sim \chi^2(n)$. If Z and U are independent, then $T = \frac{Z}{\sqrt{U/n}}$ follows the (Student's) t -distribution with n degrees of freedom, denoted as $t(n)$.

- If $T \sim t(n)$, then $\mathbb{E}[T] = 0$ and $\mathbb{V}[T] = \frac{n}{n-2}$ for $n > 2$.
- $t(n) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. **When $n \geq 30$, replace it by $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$.**
- Its graph is symmetric.
- Define $t_{n; \alpha}$ s.t. for $T \sim t(n)$, $\Pr[T > t_{n; \alpha}] = \alpha$.
- If X_1, \dots, X_n are i.i.d. normal r.v. $\sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$, then $\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{S/\sqrt{n}}$ follows a t -distribution with $n-1$ degrees of freedom.

F -distribution: Suppose $U \sim \chi^2(m)$ and $V \sim \chi^2(n)$ are independent. Then the distribution of $F = \frac{U/m}{V/n}$ is called a F -distribution with (m, n) degrees of freedom, denoted as $F(m, n)$.

- If $X \sim F(m, n)$, then $\mathbb{E}[X] = \frac{n}{n-2}$ for $n > 2$ and $\mathbb{V}[X] = \frac{2n^2(m+n-2)}{m(n-2)^2(n-4)}$ for $n > 4$.
- If $F \sim F(m, n)$, then $1/F \sim F(n, m)$.
- Define $F(m, n; \alpha)$ s.t. for $F \sim F(m, n)$, $\Pr[F > F(m, n; \alpha)] = \alpha$.
- $F(m, n; 1 - \alpha) = 1/F(m, n; \alpha)$.

5 Estimation of Population Parameters

Point estimation: Estimate population parameter as a single number.

- Estimator: An estimator is a rule, usually expressed as a formula, that tells us how to calculate an estimate based on information in the sample.
- Unbiased estimator: If $\mathbb{E}[\hat{\theta}] = \theta$.
 - S^2 is an unbiased estimator of σ^2 .
- Maximum error of estimate: $E = z_{\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$.
- Minimum sample size: $n \geq \left(\frac{z_{\alpha/2} \cdot \sigma}{E_0}\right)^2$.

Population	σ	n	Statistic	E	n given E_0 & α	
I	normal	known	any	$Z = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}$	$z_{\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$	$\left(\frac{z_{\alpha/2} \cdot \sigma}{E_0}\right)^2$
II	any	known	large	$Z = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}$	$z_{\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$	$\left(\frac{z_{\alpha/2} \cdot \sigma}{E_0}\right)^2$
III	normal	unknown	small	$T = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{S/\sqrt{n}}$	$t_{n-1; \alpha/2} \cdot \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$	$\left(\frac{t_{n-1; \alpha/2} \cdot s}{E_0}\right)^2$
IV	any	unknown	large	$Z = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{s/\sqrt{n}}$	$z_{\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$	$\left(\frac{z_{\alpha/2} \cdot s}{E_0}\right)^2$

Interval estimation: A rule for calculating from the sample an interval (a, b) which you are fairly certain population parameter lies in.

- Confidence interval (CI): If $\Pr[a < \mu < b] = 1 - \alpha$, then (a, b) is called the $(1 - \alpha)$ confidence interval. $(1 - \alpha)$ is confidence level.
- CI for the mean:

Population	σ	n	Confidence interval	
I	normal	known	any	$\bar{x} \pm z_{\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$
II	any	known	large	$\bar{x} \pm z_{\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$
III	normal	unknown	small	$\bar{x} \pm t_{n-1; \alpha/2} \cdot \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$
IV	any	unknown	large	$\bar{x} \pm z_{\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$

- Interpretation: If we take a sample and compute a different CI many times, about $(1 - \alpha)$ of them contain μ . "Confidence" refers to a confidence in the method used.

Comparing two populations: Make inference on $\mu_1 - \mu_2$.

- Pooled estimator: $S_p^2 = \frac{(n_1-1)S_1^2 + (n_2-1)S_2^2}{n_1 + n_2 - 2}$.
- We can roughly assume equal variance if $1/2 \leq S_1/S_2 \leq 2$.

Sample	Confidence interval
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent samples of sizes n_1 and n_2; Pop. vars are known and unequal: $\sigma_1^2 \neq \sigma_2^2$; Both pop. normal/both samples large (≥ 30). 	$(\bar{x} - \bar{y}) \pm z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{n_2}}$
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent samples of sizes n_1 and n_2; Pop. vars are unknown and unequal: $\sigma_1^2 \neq \sigma_2^2$; Both samples large (≥ 30). 	$(\bar{x} - \bar{y}) \pm z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{s_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{n_2}}$
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent samples of sizes n_1 and n_2; Pop. vars are unknown and equal: $\sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2 = \sigma^2$; Both samples small (< 30). 	$(\bar{x} - \bar{y}) \pm t_{n_1+n_2-2; \alpha/2} S_p \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}}$
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent samples of sizes n_1 and n_2; Pop. vars are unknown and equal: $\sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2 = \sigma^2$; Both samples large (≥ 30). 	$(\bar{x} - \bar{y}) \pm z_{\alpha/2} S_p \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}}$
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent pairs $(X_1, Y_1), \dots, (X_n, Y_n)$; X_i and Y_i are dependent; Define $D_i = X_i - Y_i, \mu_D = \mu_1 - \mu_2$; Treat D_1, \dots, D_n as from a pop. with mean μ_D and variance σ_D^2. 	n small and pop. normal: $\bar{d} \pm t_{n-1; \alpha/2} \cdot \frac{S_D}{\sqrt{n}}$ n large: $\bar{d} \pm z_{\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{S_D}{\sqrt{n}}$

6 Hypothesis Tests

- Null Hypothesis vs. Alternative Hypothesis:
 - We either reject or fail to reject the null hypothesis.
 - Two-sided test: $H_0: \mu = \mu_0$ vs. $H_1: \mu \neq \mu_0$.
 - One-sided test: $H_0: \mu = \mu_0$ vs. $H_1: \mu > \mu_0$.
- Level of Significance:

	Do not reject H_0	Reject H_0
H_0 is true	correct decision	Type I error
H_0 is false	Type II error	correct decision

- Level of significance: $\alpha = \Pr[\text{Type I}] = \Pr[\text{Reject } H_0 | H_0 \text{ true}]$.
 - α is usually set to be 0.05 or 0.01.
- Power of test: $1 - \beta = 1 - \Pr[\text{Type II}] = \Pr[\text{Reject } H_0 | H_0 \text{ false}]$.
- Test Statistic, Distribution and Reject Region:
 - Test statistic quantifies how unlikely it is to observe the sample assuming H_0 is true.
 - Based on α , a decision rule divides possible values of test statistic into one rejection/critical region and one acceptance region.
- Compute the Observed Test Statistic Value:
- Conclusion:
 - If the computed test statistic is within our rejection region, then our sample is too improbable assuming H_0 is true, hence we reject H_0 ;
 - Otherwise, we fail to reject H_0 .

Testing mean:

Case	Test statistic	Rejection region
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Known σ^2; Pop. normal/n large; $H_0: \mu = \mu_0$. 	$Z = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$	$H_1: \mu \neq \mu_0 \Rightarrow$ $z < -z_{\alpha/2}$ or $z > z_{\alpha/2}$ $H_1: \mu < \mu_0 \Rightarrow z < -z_{\alpha}$ $H_1: \mu > \mu_0 \Rightarrow z > z_{\alpha}$
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unknown σ^2; Pop. normal; $H_0: \mu = \mu_0$. 	$T = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{S/\sqrt{n}} \sim t_{n-1}$	$H_1: \mu \neq \mu_0 \Rightarrow$ $t < -t_{n-1; \alpha/2}$ or $t > t_{n-1; \alpha/2}$ $H_1: \mu < \mu_0 \Rightarrow t < -t_{n-1; \alpha}$ $H_1: \mu > \mu_0 \Rightarrow t > t_{n-1; \alpha}$ $n \geq 30 \Rightarrow \text{use } Z$

- Alternatively, we can use the p -value approach:
 - Two-sided: $p\text{-value} = \Pr[|Z| > |z|] = 2\Pr[Z > |z|]$.
 - $H_1: \mu < \mu_0$: $p\text{-value} = \Pr[Z < -|z|]$.
 - $H_1: \mu > \mu_0$: $p\text{-value} = \Pr[Z > |z|]$.
 - If $p\text{-value} < \alpha$, reject H_0 ; else, do not reject H_0 .
- For two-sided test, if CI contains μ_0 , then H_0 will not be rejected at level α .

Testing comparing mean:

Case	Test statistic	Rejection region
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Known σ_1^2, σ_2^2; Pop. normal/n large; $H_0: \mu_1 - \mu_2 = \delta_0$. 	$Z = \frac{(\bar{X} - \bar{Y}) - \delta_0}{\sqrt{\frac{\sigma_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{n_2}}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$	H_1 Rejection p -value $z > z_{\alpha/2}$ or $z < -z_{\alpha/2}$ $2\Pr[Z < z]$ $\mu_1 - \mu_2 \neq \delta_0$ or $z < -z_{\alpha/2}$ $\mu_1 - \mu_2 > \delta_0$ $z > z_{\alpha}$ $\Pr[Z > z]$ $\mu_1 - \mu_2 < \delta_0$ $z < -z_{\alpha}$ $\Pr[Z < - z]$
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unknown $\sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2$; Pop. normal/n small; $H_0: \mu_1 - \mu_2 = \delta_0$. 	$Z = \frac{(\bar{X} - \bar{Y}) - \delta_0}{S_p \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}}} \sim t_{n_1+n_2-2}$	H_1 Rejection p -value $z > z_{\alpha/2}$ or $z < -z_{\alpha/2}$ $2\Pr[Z < z]$ $\mu_1 - \mu_2 \neq \delta_0$ or $z < -z_{\alpha/2}$ $\mu_1 - \mu_2 > \delta_0$ $z > z_{\alpha}$ $\Pr[Z > z]$ $\mu_1 - \mu_2 < \delta_0$ $z < -z_{\alpha}$ $\Pr[Z < - z]$
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paired data; $H_0: \mu_D = \mu_{D_0}$. 	$T = \frac{\bar{D} - \mu_{D_0}}{S_D/\sqrt{n}} \sim t_{n-1}$ if n small & pop. normal $T \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ if n large	