

# Statistics

## Lecture 9

Hypothesis testing:  
Parametric tests



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# Outline of the lecture

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- z-tests for the means
    - type I and type II error
    - significance level  $\alpha$
    - power of the test  $1 - \beta$
  - $t$ -tests for the means
  - $\chi^2$ -test for the variance
  - z-test for the population proportion
  - $p$ -value of the test
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# Theorems & Confidence intervals

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We presented the theorems last time:

- If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$  are independent, then  $\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$
- If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$  are independent, then  $\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{s/\sqrt{n}} \sim t_{n-1}$
- If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$  are independent, then  $\frac{(n-1)s^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$

We used the theorems to establish the confidence intervals.

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# Theorems & Confidence intervals

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## Theorem:

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It also holds by the Lindenberg-Lévy Central Limit Theorem:

- If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are independent and identically distributed and  $n$  is large, then  $\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$

## Confidence interval:

$$\mu \in \left[ \bar{x} - \frac{z(\alpha/2)\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{x} + \frac{z(\alpha/2)\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \right]$$

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where  $t_{n-1}(\alpha/2) = F^{-1}\left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}\right)$

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## Confidence interval:

$$\sigma^2 \in \left[ \frac{(n-1)s^2}{\chi_{n-1}^2(\alpha/2)}, \frac{(n-1)s^2}{\chi_{n-1}^2(1-\alpha/2)} \right]$$

where  $\chi_{n-1}^2(\alpha/2) = F^{-1}\left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}\right)$  and  $\chi_{n-1}^2(1 - \alpha/2) = F^{-1}\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)$

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Now, we use the same theorems

- If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$  are independent, then  $\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$
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- ...

to establish some parametric statistical tests about the parameters  $(\mu, \sigma^2, \dots)$  of the respective probability distribution.

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# z-tests for the means



- One-sample z-test for the population mean
- Paired-sample z-test for the difference of the population means
- Two-sample z-test for the difference of the population means



# One-sample z-test for the population mean

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## Recall the theorem:

If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$  are independent, then  $\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$

## Example or motivation:

Assume that  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$  is a random variable following the normal probability distribution. Assume that we do know the variance  $\sigma^2$ , but we do not know the true value of the population mean  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$ .

We conjecture / We assume / We ... / that the population mean  $\mu = \mu_0$ , i.e.

the (unknown) population mean  $\mu$  is equal to some prescribed value  $\mu_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ .

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# One-sample z-test for the population mean

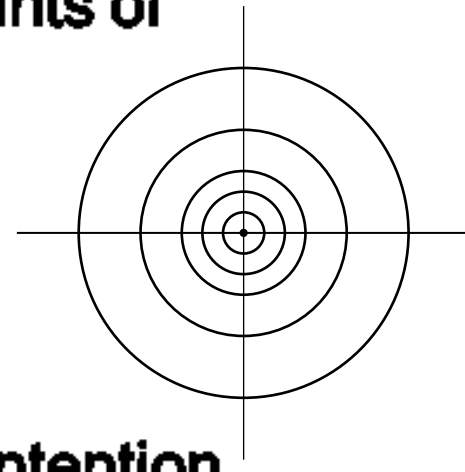
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**Example:** An archer shoots an arrow against the plane.

The sample space  $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^2 = \{ [x, y] : x, y \in \mathbb{R} \}$  is the set of all the points of the plane. The random variable  $X$  is the  $x$ -coordinate of the hit, i.e.

$$X(\omega) = X([x, y]) = x.$$



We know the archer's variance  $\sigma^2$ , but we do not know the archer's intention, i.e. we do not know the point which the archer intends to hit, i.e. we do not know the archer's mean  $\mu$ .

We conjecture that the archer's intention is to hit the origin, i.e.  $\mu = 0$ .

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# One-sample z-test for the population mean

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Let  $x_1 = X(\omega_1)$ ,  $x_2 = X(\omega_2)$ , ...,  $x_n = X(\omega_n)$  be the numerical results of  $n$  trials of a random experiment, where  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , such as the  $x$ -coordinates of the archer's  $n$  hits.

We know the variance  $\sigma^2$ , but we do not know the mean  $\mu$ .

We state the null hypothesis (about the mean):

$$H_0: \mu = \mu_0$$

where  $\mu_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  is some number such that we conjecture that the true mean could equal the  $\mu_0$ .

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# One-sample z-test for the population mean

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**The meaning of the null hypothesis** (such as  $H_0: \mu = \mu_0$  in our example) is that

- the observed distinct values are caused by the randomness only  
(according to the assumed distribution, such as  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$  in our example)
- there are no other factors causing the distinct values
- everything is all right, no need to reconfigure anything
- all factors under the consideration are equivalent (have the same effect)

# One-sample z-test for the population mean

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Having stated the **null hypothesis**

$$H_0: \mu = \mu_0$$

we also state the **alternative hypothesis** (denoted by  $H_1$  or  $H_A$ ).

There are three options how to state the alternative hypothesis:

- **two-sided:**  $H_1: \mu \neq \mu_0$
  - **one-sided:**  $H_1: \mu < \mu_0$
  - **one-sided:**  $H_1: \mu > \mu_0$
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# One-sample z-test for the population mean

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Which alternative hypothesis ( $\mu \neq \mu_0$  or  $\mu < \mu_0$  or  $\mu > \mu_0$ ) do we choose?

→ That depends upon our knowledge of the situation.

In our example:

- If we suspect that the archer's intention is to hit a point different from the given point (such as the origin), we choose  $H_1: \mu \neq \mu_0$ .
  - If we conjecture that the archer's intention is to hit a point to the left of the given point (such as the origin), we choose  $H_1: \mu < \mu_0$ .
  - If we conjecture that the archer's intention is to hit a point to the right of the given point (such as the origin), we choose  $H_1: \mu > \mu_0$ .
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# One-sample z-test for the population mean

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Under our assumptions ( $x_1, \dots, x_n \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$  are independent and  $\mu = \mu_0$ ), it follows by the Theorem that

$$\frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1) \quad \textit{exactly}$$

Also, if  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  are independent and identically distributed and  $n$  is large and  $\mu = \mu_0$ , then, by the Lindenberg-Lévy Central Limit Theorem,

$$\frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1) \quad \textit{approximately}$$

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# One-sample z-test for the population mean

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Thus, having the  $n$  measurements  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ , we calculate the statistic

$$Z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}$$

where

- $\bar{x} = (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)/n$  is the sample mean
- $n$  is the sample size
- $\mu_0$  is the conjectured or estimated population mean
- $\sigma = \sqrt{\sigma^2}$  is the known standard deviation

We know (or assume) that  $Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ .

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# One-sample z-test for the population mean

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We have  $Z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ .

Then, if  $-\infty \leq a < b \leq +\infty$ , the probability that  $a < Z < b$  is

$$P(a < Z < b) = \int_a^b \varphi(x) dx$$

where

$$\varphi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$$

is the density of the normalized normal distribution.

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# One-sample z-test for the population mean

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Consider the first case ( $H_1: \mu \neq \mu_0$ ) first. We have:

$$H_0: \mu = \mu_0$$

$$H_1: \mu \neq \mu_0$$

Knowing that  $Z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ , the probability

$$P(-c < Z < +c)$$

is quite high,

so having  $-c < Z < +c$  accords with  $H_0$ , if  $c > 0$  is large enough.

# One-sample z-test for the population mean

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On the other hand, if  $H_0$  is true, then it is quite improbable that  $Z \notin (-c, +c)$ .

Therefore, if we observe that

$$Z \leq -c \quad \text{or} \quad +c \leq Z$$

then we may conclude that  $H_0$  is probably not true,

i.e. we reject the null hypothesis  $H_0$ .

Therefore, the statistical test proceeds as follows:

(see below)

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# One-sample z-test for the population mean

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**Statistical one-sample z-test with two-sided alternative hypothesis ( $\mu \neq \mu_0$ ):**

- **choose the level of significance**, a small number  $\alpha > 0$ , a very popular value is  $\alpha = 5\%$ , other popular values are  $10\%$  or  $1\%$  or  $0.1\%$  etc.
- **find the critical value**  $c > 0$  so that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{-c} \varphi(x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \alpha \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{+c}^{+\infty} \varphi(x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \alpha$$

for  $\alpha = 5\%$ , the (two-sided) critical value is  $c = 1.959963 \dots$

- if  $Z \in (-\infty, -c] \cup [+c, +\infty)$ , **the critical region**, then **reject** the null hypothesis
  - if  $Z \in (-c, +c)$ , then **do not reject** (or **fail to reject**) the null hypothesis
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## Type I and Type II error

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There are exactly four possibilities when testing the null hypothesis  $H_0$ :

- the null hypothesis ( $H_0$ ) is actually true & we do not reject it — OK
- the null hypothesis ( $H_0$ ) is actually true & we reject it — type I error
- the null hypothesis ( $H_0$ ) is actually not true & we do not reject it — type II error
- the null hypothesis ( $H_0$ ) is actually not true & we reject it — OK

The purpose is that the probability of the type I error and that of the type II error is as small as possible.

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# Type I and Type II error

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**What is the probability of type I error**

**(the null hypothesis ( $H_0$ ) is actually true & we reject it)?**

**The probability is equal to the significance level  $\alpha$ , usually  $\alpha = 5\%$ .**

**Recall: The null hypothesis  $H_0$  is rejected if and only if**

**$Z \in (-\infty, -c] \cup [+c, +\infty)$ , i.e. if and only if  $|Z| \geq c$ .**

**The critical value  $c$  is such that – if  $H_0$  holds true – then  $P(|Z| \geq c) = \alpha$ ,**

**i.e. the probability of the type I error (rejecting  $H_0$  when it is true) is  $\alpha$ .**

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## Type I and Type II error

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**What is the probability of type II error  
(the null hypothesis ( $H_0$ ) is actually false & we fail to reject it)?**

**The probability of type II error is denoted by  $\beta$ .**

**The power of the test is the probability  $1 - \beta$**

**It is much more difficult to calculate the probability  $\beta$  of type II error.**

**It must be calculated for each test separately.**

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## Type I and Type II error



To calculate the probability  $\beta$  of type II error, consider that the null hypothesis

$H_0$  is not true ( $\mu \neq \mu_0$ ) and we fail to reject it ( $|Z| = \left| \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \right| < c$ ).

By the Theorem then, we have  $\frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} = \frac{x - \mu_0 + (\mu_0 - \mu)}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ .

Then the probability of the type II error ( $H_0$  not true & fail to reject it) is:

$$\begin{aligned} P\left(-c < \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} < +c\right) &= P\left(-c < \frac{\bar{x} - \mu + (\mu_0 - \mu)}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} < +c\right) = \\ &= P\left(\frac{\mu - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} - c < \frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} < \frac{\mu - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} + c\right) = \\ &= \beta = \int_{(\mu - \mu_0)/(\sigma/\sqrt{n}) - c}^{(\mu - \mu_0)/(\sigma/\sqrt{n}) + c} \varphi(x) dx \end{aligned}$$



## Type I and Type II error

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Notice that, if the true  $\mu$  is close to the hypothesized  $\mu_0$  ( $\mu \approx \mu_0$ ), then  $\frac{\mu - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \approx 0$ ,  
hence

$$\beta = \int_{(\mu - \mu_0)/(\sigma/\sqrt{n}) - c}^{(\mu - \mu_0)/(\sigma/\sqrt{n}) + c} \varphi(x) dx \approx \int_{-c}^{+c} \varphi(x) dx = 1 - \alpha = 95 \%$$

if  $\alpha = 5 \%$ , say.

It is recommended that  $\beta$  should be  $\leq 20 \%$ .

Therefore, if we wish to have  $\beta \approx 20 \%$  or  $\beta \leq 20 \%$ ,

then we must not consider the true  $\mu$  close to the hypothesized  $\mu_0$ .

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# One-sample z-test for the population mean

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Consider now the second case ( $H_1: \mu < \mu_0$ ). We have:

$$H_0: \mu = \mu_0$$

$$H_1: \mu < \mu_0$$

Knowing that  $Z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  and assuming that  $c > 0$  is large enough,

what is the probability that  $-c < Z$  ?

If  $H_0$  is true, then it is quite improbable that  $Z \notin (-c, +\infty)$ .

Therefore, if we observe that  $Z \leq -c$ , then we may conclude that

$H_0$  is probably not true, i.e. we reject the null hypothesis  $H_0$ .

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# One-sample z-test for the population mean

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**Statistical one-sample z-test with one-sided alternative hypothesis ( $\mu < \mu_0$ ):**

- **choose the level of significance**, a small number  $\alpha > 0$ , such as  $\alpha = 5\%$ , other popular values are  $\alpha = 10\%$  or  $\alpha = 1\%$  or  $\alpha = 0.1\%$  etc.
- **find the critical value**  $c > 0$  so that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{-c} \varphi(x) dx = \alpha$$

for  $\alpha = 5\%$ , the (one-sided) critical value is  $-c = -1.64485 \dots$

- if  $Z \in (-\infty, -c]$ , **the critical region**, then **reject** the null hypothesis
  - if  $Z \in (-c, +\infty)$ , then **do not reject** (or **fail to reject**) the null hypothesis
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# One-sample z-test for the population mean

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Consider finally the third case ( $H_1: \mu > \mu_0$ ). We have:

$$H_0: \mu = \mu_0$$

$$H_1: \mu > \mu_0$$

Knowing that  $Z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  and assuming that  $c > 0$  is large enough,

what is the probability that  $Z < +c$  ?

If  $H_0$  is true, then it is quite improbable that  $Z \notin (-\infty, +c)$ .

Therefore, if we observe that  $+c \leq Z$ , then we may conclude that

$H_0$  is probably not true, i.e. we reject the null hypothesis  $H_0$ .

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# One-sample z-test for the population mean

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**Statistical one-sample z-test with one-sided alternative hypothesis ( $\mu > \mu_0$ ):**

- **choose the level of significance**, a small number  $\alpha > 0$ , such as  $\alpha = 5\%$ , other popular values are  $\alpha = 10\%$  or  $\alpha = 1\%$  or  $\alpha = 0.1\%$  etc.
- **find the critical value**  $c > 0$  so that

$$\int_{+c}^{+\infty} \varphi(x) dx = \alpha$$

for  $\alpha = 5\%$ , the (one-sided) critical value is  $+c = +1.64485 \dots$

- if  $Z \in [+c, +\infty)$ , **the critical region**, then reject the null hypothesis
  - if  $Z \in (-\infty, +c)$ , then do not reject (or fail to reject) the null hypothesis
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# Paired-sample z-test for the difference of the pop.means

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## Example or motivation:

Let us have a sample of  $n$  objects, e.g.  $n$  patients.

We do two measurements with each of the objects (patients)

- before some treatment
- after the treatment

The purpose is to learn whether the treatment has any effect.

(Hence the null hypothesis: “The treatment has no effect.”)

Let  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  be the values measured before the treatment, and

let  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$  be the values measured after the treatment.

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That is, the measurement  $x_i$  and  $y_i$  is done with the  $i$ -th object (patient) before and after the treatment for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

We assume that  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu^{\text{before}}, \sigma_X^2)$ , i.e. the random variable of the measurement before the treatment follows the normal distribution, and that  $Y \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu^{\text{after}}, \sigma_Y^2)$ , i.e. the random variable of the measurement after the treatment also follows the normal distribution. We do not know the true values of the population means  $\mu^{\text{before}}$  and  $\mu^{\text{after}}$ , but we do assume that we know the variances  $\sigma_X^2$  and  $\sigma_Y^2$ .

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# Paired-sample z-test for the difference of the pop.means



We formulate the **null hypothesis**:

the treatment has no effect, i.e. the population means are the same

$$H_0: \mu^{\text{before}} = \mu^{\text{after}}$$

Recall that we do not know the true population means  $\mu^{\text{before}}$  and  $\mu^{\text{after}}$ . **We only test the hypothesis** by having done a sample of  $n$  pairs of measurements.

Formulate the alternative hypothesis:

- two-sided:  $H_1: \mu^{\text{before}} \neq \mu^{\text{after}}$  (the treatment has **some effect**)
- one-sided:  $H_1: \mu^{\text{before}} < \mu^{\text{after}}$  (the treatment **increases** / ...
- one-sided:  $H_1: \mu^{\text{before}} > \mu^{\text{after}}$  ... / **decreases** the quantity)



# Paired-sample z-test for the difference of the pop.means



## Recall the theorem:

If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$  are independent, then  $\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$

## Notice also:

If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu^{\text{before}}, \sigma_X^2)$  and  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu^{\text{after}}, \sigma_Y^2)$  are independent, then the differences

$$X_1 - Y_1, X_2 - Y_2, \dots, X_n - Y_n \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu^{\text{before}} - \mu^{\text{after}}, \sigma_X^2 + \sigma_Y^2)$$

Now, the hypothesis  $\mu^{\text{before}} = \mu^{\text{after}}$  is equivalent to that

the mean of the difference  $X - Y$  is  $\mu = \mu_0 = 0$ .

# Paired-sample z-test for the difference of the pop.means

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We have thus

reduced

the paired-sample z-test for the difference of the population means

to

the one-sample z-test for the population mean,

which we already know.

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# Paired-sample z-test for the difference of the pop.means



Having the  $n$  pairs of the measurements  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  and  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$ , calculate the statistic

$$Z = \frac{\bar{x} - \bar{y}}{\sqrt{\sigma_X^2 + \sigma_Y^2}/\sqrt{n}} \quad \text{or} \quad Z = \frac{\bar{x} - \bar{y} - \mu_0}{\sqrt{\sigma_X^2 + \sigma_Y^2}/\sqrt{n}}$$

where

- $\bar{x} = (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)/n$  is the sample mean of the measurements before the treatment
- $\bar{y} = (\sum_{i=1}^n y_i)/n$  is the sample mean of the measurements after the treatment
- $n$  is the number of the pairs
- $\mu_0 = 0$  for no difference of the means ( $\mu^{\text{before}} = \mu^{\text{after}}$ )
- $\mu_0 = \text{const.}$  for a general difference of the means ( $\mu^{\text{before}} = \mu^{\text{after}} + \text{const.}$ )

# Paired-sample z-test for the difference of the pop.means



In the first case ( $H_1: \mu^{\text{before}} \neq \mu^{\text{after}}$ ), we have:

$$H_0: \mu^{\text{before}} = \mu^{\text{after}}$$

$$H_1: \mu^{\text{before}} \neq \mu^{\text{after}}$$

Knowing that

$$Z = \frac{\bar{x} - \bar{y}}{\sqrt{\sigma_X^2 + \sigma_Y^2} / \sqrt{n}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

we fail to reject  $H_0$  iff

$$-c < Z < +c$$

where the critical value  $c > 0$ , under the assumption that  $H_0$  is true, is such that

$P(-c < Z < +c) = 1 - \alpha$  where the probability  $\alpha$  of type I error is small.

# Paired-sample z-test for the difference of the pop.means



Statistical paired-sample z-test for the difference of the population means with two-sided alternative hypothesis ( $\mu^{\text{before}} \neq \mu^{\text{after}}$ ):

- choose the **level of significance**, a small number  $\alpha > 0$ , such as  $\alpha = 5\%$
- find the **critical value**  $c > 0$  so that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{-c} \varphi(x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \alpha \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{+c}^{+\infty} \varphi(x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \alpha$$

for  $\alpha = 5\%$ , the (two-sided) critical value is  $c = 1.959963 \dots$

- if  $Z \in (-\infty, -c] \cup [+c, +\infty)$ , **the critical region**, then **reject** the null hypothesis
- if  $Z \in (-c, +c)$ , then **do not reject** (or **fail to reject**) the null hypothesis

# Paired-sample z-test for the difference of the pop.means



In the second case ( $H_1: \mu^{\text{before}} < \mu^{\text{after}}$ ), we have:

$$H_0: \mu^{\text{before}} = \mu^{\text{after}}$$

$$H_1: \mu^{\text{before}} < \mu^{\text{after}}$$

Knowing that

$$Z = \frac{\bar{x} - \bar{y}}{\sqrt{\sigma_X^2 + \sigma_Y^2} / \sqrt{n}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

we fail to reject  $H_0$  iff

$$-c < Z$$

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# Paired-sample z-test for the difference of the pop.means



**Statistical paired-sample z-test for the difference of the population means with one-sided alternative hypothesis ( $\mu^{\text{before}} < \mu^{\text{after}}$ ):**

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# Paired-sample z-test for the difference of the pop.means



In the third case ( $H_1: \mu^{\text{before}} > \mu^{\text{after}}$ ), we have:

$$H_0: \mu^{\text{before}} = \mu^{\text{after}}$$

$$H_1: \mu^{\text{before}} > \mu^{\text{after}}$$

Knowing that

$$Z = \frac{\bar{x} - \bar{y}}{\sqrt{\sigma_X^2 + \sigma_Y^2} / \sqrt{n}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

we fail to reject  $H_0$  iff

$$Z < +c$$

where the critical value  $c > 0$ , under the assumption that  $H_0$  is true, is such that

$P(Z < +c) = 1 - \alpha$  where the probability  $\alpha$  of type I error is small.



# Paired-sample z-test for the difference of the pop.means



Statistical paired-sample z-test for the difference of the population means with one-sided alternative hypothesis ( $\mu^{\text{before}} > \mu^{\text{after}}$ ):

- choose the **level of significance**, a small number  $\alpha > 0$ , such as  $\alpha = 5\%$
- find the **critical value**  $c > 0$  so that

$$\int_{+c}^{+\infty} \varphi(x) dx = \alpha$$

for  $\alpha = 5\%$ , the (one-sided) critical value is  $+c = +1.64485 \dots$

- if  $Z \in [+c, +\infty)$ , **the critical region**, then reject the null hypothesis
- if  $Z \in (-\infty, +c)$ , then do not reject (or fail to reject) the null hypothesis

# Two-sample z-test for the difference of the popul. means

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## Motivation:

We have two unknown random variables  $X$  and  $Y$ . We ask (test the hypothesis) whether the population means of both random variables are the same.

We assume that both random variables are normal, i.e.  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_X, \sigma_X^2)$  and  $Y \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_Y, \sigma_Y^2)$ , and that we know their variances  $\sigma_X^2$  and  $\sigma_Y^2$ .

We sample the variable  $X$   $m$ -times, so we have the sample  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m$ .

We sample the variable  $Y$   $n$ -times, so we have the sample  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$ .

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## Two-sample z-test for the difference of the popul. means

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Having the  $m$  observations  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m$  of the random variable  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_X, \sigma_X^2)$  and having the  $n$  observations  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$  of the random variable  $Y \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_Y, \sigma_Y^2)$ , we formulate the **null hypothesis**:

both samples come from the same population:  
the values of the population means are the same

$$H_0: \mu_X = \mu_Y$$

Recall that we do not know the true population means  $\mu_X$  and  $\mu_Y$ . **We only test the hypothesis** by means of two samples of  $m$  and  $n$  measurements.

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# Two-sample z-test for the difference of the popul. means

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Having the  $m$  observations  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m$  of the random variable  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_X, \sigma_X^2)$ ,  
the  $n$  observations  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$  of the random variable  $Y \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_Y, \sigma_Y^2)$ , and

$$H_0: \mu_X = \mu_Y$$

formulate the alternative hypothesis:

- two-sided:  $H_1: \mu_X \neq \mu_Y$  (the means are different)
  - one-sided:  $H_1: \mu_X < \mu_Y$  (the first mean < the second mean)
  - one-sided:  $H_1: \mu_X > \mu_Y$  (the first mean > the second mean)
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# Two-sample z-test for the difference of the popul. means



## Recall the theorem:

If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_X, \sigma_X^2)$  and  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_Y, \sigma_Y^2)$  are independent, then

$$\frac{\bar{X} - \mu_X}{\sigma_X/\sqrt{m}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\bar{Y} - \mu_Y}{\sigma_Y/\sqrt{n}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

equivalently

$$\bar{X} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mu_X, \frac{\sigma_X^2}{m}\right) \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{Y} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mu_Y, \frac{\sigma_Y^2}{n}\right)$$

Therefore:

$$\bar{X} - \bar{Y} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mu_X - \mu_Y, \frac{\sigma_X^2}{m} + \frac{\sigma_Y^2}{n}\right)$$

# Two-sample z-test for the difference of the popul. means



**We have shown:**

If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_X, \sigma_X^2)$  and  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_Y, \sigma_Y^2)$  are independent, then

$$\bar{X} - \bar{Y} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mu_X - \mu_Y, \frac{\sigma_X^2}{m} + \frac{\sigma_Y^2}{n}\right)$$

**equivalently**

$$\frac{(\bar{X} - \bar{Y}) - (\mu_X - \mu_Y)}{\sqrt{\frac{\sigma_X^2}{m} + \frac{\sigma_Y^2}{n}}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

# Two-sample z-test for the difference of the popul. means



Having the  $m$  measurements  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m$  and  $n$  measurements  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$ , calculate the statistic

$$Z = \frac{\bar{x} - \bar{y}}{\sqrt{\sigma_X^2/m + \sigma_Y^2/n}} \quad \text{or} \quad Z = \frac{\bar{x} - \bar{y} - \mu_0}{\sqrt{\sigma_X^2/m + \sigma_Y^2/n}}$$

where

- $\bar{x} = \sum_{i=1}^m x_i/m$  is the sample mean of the first sample
- $\bar{y} = \sum_{j=1}^n y_j/n$  is the sample mean of the second sample
- $m$  and  $n$  is the size of the first and second, respectively, sample
- $\mu_0 = 0$  for no difference of the means ( $\mu_X = \mu_Y$ )
- $\mu_0 = \text{const.}$  for a general difference of the means ( $\mu_X = \mu_Y + \text{const.}$ )

# Two-sample z-test for the difference of the popul. means

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In the first case ( $H_1: \mu_X \neq \mu_Y$ ), we have:

$$H_0: \mu_X = \mu_Y$$

$$H_1: \mu_X \neq \mu_Y$$

Knowing that

$$Z = \frac{\bar{x} - \bar{y}}{\sqrt{\sigma_X^2/m + \sigma_Y^2/n}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

we fail to reject  $H_0$  iff

$$-c < Z < +c$$

where the critical value  $c > 0$ , under the assumption that  $H_0$  is true, is such that

$P(-c < Z < +c) = 1 - \alpha$  where the probability  $\alpha$  of type I error is small.

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# Two-sample z-test for the difference of the popul. means



Statistical two-sample z-test for the difference of the population means with two-sided alternative hypothesis ( $\mu_X \neq \mu_Y$ ):

- choose the **level of significance**, a small number  $\alpha > 0$ , such as  $\alpha = 5\%$
- find the **critical value**  $c > 0$  so that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{-c} \varphi(x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \alpha \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{+c}^{+\infty} \varphi(x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \alpha$$

for  $\alpha = 5\%$ , the (two-sided) critical value is  $c = 1.959963 \dots$

- if  $Z \in (-\infty, -c] \cup [+c, +\infty)$ , **the critical region**, then **reject** the null hypothesis
- if  $Z \in (-c, +c)$ , then **do not reject** (or **fail to reject**) the null hypothesis

# Two-sample z-test for the difference of the popul. means

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In the second case ( $H_1: \mu_X < \mu_Y$ ), we have:

$$H_0: \mu_X = \mu_Y$$

$$H_1: \mu_X < \mu_Y$$

Knowing that

$$Z = \frac{\bar{x} - \bar{y}}{\sqrt{\sigma_X^2/m + \sigma_Y^2/n}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

we fail to reject  $H_0$  iff

$$-c < Z$$

where the critical value  $c > 0$ , under the assumption that  $H_0$  is true, is such that  $P(-c < Z) = 1 - \alpha$  where the probability  $\alpha$  of type I error is small.

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# Two-sample z-test for the difference of the popul. means

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**Statistical two-sample z-test for the difference of the population means with one-sided alternative hypothesis ( $\mu_X < \mu_Y$ ):**

- **choose the level of significance**, a small number  $\alpha > 0$ , such as  $\alpha = 5\%$
- **find the critical value**  $c > 0$  so that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{-c} \varphi(x) dx = \alpha$$

for  $\alpha = 5\%$ , the (one-sided) critical value is  $-c = -1.64485 \dots$

- if  $Z \in (-\infty, -c]$ , **the critical region**, then **reject** the null hypothesis
  - if  $Z \in (-c, +\infty)$ , then **do not reject** (or **fail to reject**) the null hypothesis
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# Two-sample z-test for the difference of the popul. means

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In the third case ( $H_1: \mu_X > \mu_Y$ ), we have:

$$H_0: \mu_X = \mu_Y$$

$$H_1: \mu_X > \mu_Y$$

Knowing that

$$Z = \frac{\bar{x} - \bar{y}}{\sqrt{\sigma_X^2/m + \sigma_Y^2/n}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

we fail to reject  $H_0$  iff

$$Z < +c$$

where the critical value  $c > 0$ , under the assumption that  $H_0$  is true, is such that  $P(Z < +c) = 1 - \alpha$  where the probability  $\alpha$  of type I error is small.

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# Two-sample z-test for the difference of the popul. means

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**Statistical two-sample z-test for the difference of the population means with one-sided alternative hypothesis ( $\mu_X > \mu_Y$ ):**

- **choose the level of significance**, a small number  $\alpha > 0$ , such as  $\alpha = 5\%$
- **find the critical value**  $c > 0$  so that

$$\int_{+c}^{+\infty} \varphi(x) dx = \alpha$$

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- if  $Z \in [+c, +\infty)$ , **the critical region**, then **reject** the null hypothesis
  - if  $Z \in (-\infty, +c)$ , then **do not reject** (or **fail to reject**) the null hypothesis
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# $t$ -tests for the means



- One-sample  $t$ -test for the population mean
- Paired-sample  $t$ -test for the difference of the population means
- Two-sample  $t$ -test for the difference of the population means

# One-sample $t$ -test for the population mean

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## Recall the theorem:

If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$  are independent, then  $\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$

Recall that, above, we have been using this theorem for the z-tests about the mean.

Notice, however, that we hardly ever know the variance  $\sigma^2$  of the random variable  $X$  in practice.

That is why we recall another theorem now.

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# One-sample $t$ -test for the population mean

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## Recall another theorem:

If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$  are independent, then  $\frac{(n-1)s^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$

where

- $s^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2 / (n - 1)$  is the sample variance of the random variables
- $\chi_{n-1}^2$  is Pearson's  $\chi^2$ -distribution with  $n - 1$  degrees of freedom



# One-sample $t$ -test for the population mean

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**Recall the corollary of the two theorems:**

If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$  are independent, then  $\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{s/\sqrt{n}} \sim t_{n-1}$

where

- $\bar{X} = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i / n$  is the sample mean of the random variables
  - $s = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2 / (n - 1)}$  is the sample standard deviation of the random variables
  - $t_{n-1}$  is Student's  $t$ -distribution with  $n - 1$  degrees of freedom
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# One-sample $t$ -test for the population mean

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## Recall the corollary:

If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$  are independent, then  $\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{s/\sqrt{n}} \sim t_{n-1}$

## Example or motivation:

Assume that  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$  is a random variable following the normal probability distribution with some mean  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$  and with some variance  $\sigma^2 \in \mathbb{R}_0^+$ .

Knowing neither the variance  $\sigma^2$  nor the true value of the population mean  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

we conjecture / we assume / we ... / that the population mean  $\mu = \mu_0$ , i.e.

the (unknown) population mean  $\mu$  is equal to some prescribed value  $\mu_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ .

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# One-sample $t$ -test for the population mean

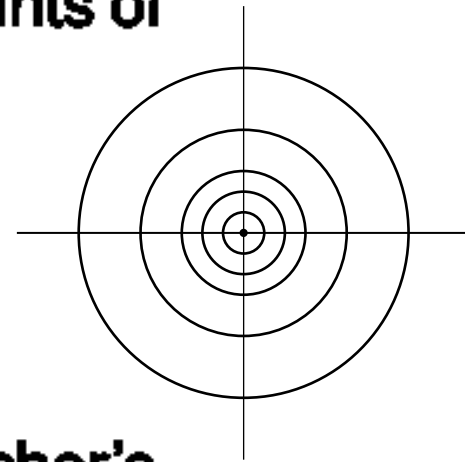
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**Example:** An archer shoots an arrow against the plane.

The sample space  $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^2 = \{ [x, y] : x, y \in \mathbb{R} \}$  is the set of all the points of the plane. The random variable  $X$  is the  $x$ -coordinate of the hit, i.e.

$$X(\omega) = X([x, y]) = x.$$



We do not know the archer's variance  $\sigma^2$  and we do not know the archer's intention, i.e. we do not know the point which the archer intends to hit, i.e. we do not know the archer's mean  $\mu$ .

We conjecture that the archer's intention is to hit the origin, i.e.  $\mu = 0$ .

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# One-sample $t$ -test for the population mean

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Let  $x_1 = X(\omega_1)$ ,  $x_2 = X(\omega_2)$ , ...,  $x_n = X(\omega_n)$  be the numerical results of  $n$  trials of a random experiment, where  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , such as the  $x$ -coordinates of the archer's  $n$  hits.

We do not know the variance  $\sigma^2$  and we do not know the mean  $\mu$ .

We state the null hypothesis (about the mean):

$$H_0: \mu = \mu_0$$

where  $\mu_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  is some number such that we conjecture that the true mean could equal the  $\mu_0$ .

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# One-sample $t$ -test for the population mean

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Having stated the null hypothesis

$$H_0: \mu = \mu_0$$

we also state the alternative hypothesis:

- two-sided:  $H_1: \mu \neq \mu_0$
  - one-sided:  $H_1: \mu < \mu_0$
  - one-sided:  $H_1: \mu > \mu_0$
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# One-sample $t$ -test for the population mean

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Which alternative hypothesis ( $\mu \neq \mu_0$  or  $\mu < \mu_0$  or  $\mu > \mu_0$ ) do we choose?

→ That depends upon our knowledge of the situation.

In our example:

- If we suspect that the archer's intention is to hit a point different from the given point (such as the origin), we choose  $H_1: \mu \neq \mu_0$ .
  - If we conjecture that the archer's intention is to hit a point to the left of the given point (such as the origin), we choose  $H_1: \mu < \mu_0$ .
  - If we conjecture that the archer's intention is to hit a point to the right of the given point (such as the origin), we choose  $H_1: \mu > \mu_0$ .
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# One-sample $t$ -test for the population mean

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Under our assumptions ( $x_1, \dots, x_n \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$  are independent and  $\mu = \mu_0$ ), it follows by the Theorem that

$$\frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{s/\sqrt{n}} = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}} \sim t_{n-1}$$

Thus, having the  $n$  measurements  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ , we calculate the statistic

$$T = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}}$$

We know (or assume) that  $T \sim t_{n-1}$ .

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# One-sample $t$ -test for the population mean

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We have  $T = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}} \sim t_{n-1}$ .

Then, if  $-\infty \leq a < b \leq +\infty$ , the probability that  $a < T < b$  is

$$P(a < T < b) = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

where

$$f(x) = \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right) \sqrt{\pi(n-1)}} \left(1 + \frac{x^2}{n-1}\right)^{-\frac{n}{2}}$$

is the density of Student's  $t$ -distribution with  $n - 1$  degrees of freedom.

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# The gamma function

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$$\Gamma(z) = \int_0^{+\infty} x^z e^{-x} dx \quad \text{for } z \in \mathbb{C} \text{ such that } \operatorname{Re}(z) > 0$$

It is easy to calculate:

$$\Gamma(1) = 1$$

$$\Gamma(z + 1) = z\Gamma(z)$$

Therefore:

$$\Gamma(n + 1) = n! \quad \text{for } n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

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# The gamma function – another definition (due to Euler)

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$$\Gamma(z) = \frac{1}{z} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^z}{1 + \frac{z}{n}} \quad \text{for } z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0, -1, -2, -3, \dots\}$$

# One-sample $t$ -test for the population mean

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Consider the first case ( $H_1: \mu \neq \mu_0$ ) first. We have:

$$H_0: \mu = \mu_0$$

$$H_1: \mu \neq \mu_0$$

Knowing that  $T = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}} \sim t_{n-1}$ , the probability

$$P(-c < T < +c)$$

is quite high,

so having  $-c < T < +c$  accords with  $H_0$ , if  $c > 0$  is large enough.

## One-sample $t$ -test for the population mean

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On the other hand, if  $H_0$  is true, then it is quite improbable that  $T \notin (-c, +c)$ .

Therefore, if we observe that

$$T \leq -c \quad \text{or} \quad +c \leq T$$

then we may conclude that  $H_0$  is probably not true,

i.e. we reject the null hypothesis  $H_0$ .

Therefore, the statistical test proceeds as follows:

(see below)

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# One-sample $t$ -test for the population mean



Statistical one-sample  $t$ -test with two-sided alternative hypothesis ( $\mu \neq \mu_0$ ):

- choose the **level of significance**, a small number  $\alpha > 0$ , a very popular value is  $\alpha = 5\%$ , other popular values are  $10\%$  or  $1\%$  or  $0.1\%$  etc.
- find the **critical value**  $c > 0$  so that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{-c} f(x) dx = \frac{1}{2}\alpha \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{+c}^{+\infty} f(x) dx = \frac{1}{2}\alpha$$

where  $f$  is the density of the  $t$ -distribution with  $n - 1$  degrees of freedom

- if  $T \in (-\infty, -c] \cup [+c, +\infty)$ , the **critical region**, then **reject** the null hypothesis
- if  $T \in (-c, +c)$ , then **do not reject** (or **fail to reject**) the null hypothesis

# Type I and Type II error

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There are exactly four possibilities when testing the null hypothesis  $H_0$ :

- the null hypothesis ( $H_0$ ) is actually true & we do not reject it — OK
- the null hypothesis ( $H_0$ ) is actually true & we reject it — type I error
- the null hypothesis ( $H_0$ ) is actually not true & we do not reject it — type II error
- the null hypothesis ( $H_0$ ) is actually not true & we reject it — OK

The probability of the type I error is the **significance level**  $\alpha$

The probability of the type II error is  $\beta$

The **power of the test** is the probability  $1 - \beta$

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# One-sample $t$ -test for the population mean

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Consider now the second case ( $H_1: \mu < \mu_0$ ). We have:

$$H_0: \mu = \mu_0$$

$$H_1: \mu < \mu_0$$

Knowing that  $T = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}} \sim t_{n-1}$  and assuming that  $c > 0$  is large enough,

what is the probability that  $-c < T$  ?

If  $H_0$  is true, then it is quite improbable that  $T \notin (-c, +\infty)$ .

Therefore, if we observe that  $T \leq -c$ , then we may conclude that

$H_0$  is probably not true, i.e. we reject the null hypothesis  $H_0$ .

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# One-sample $t$ -test for the population mean

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**Statistical one-sample  $t$ -test with one-sided alternative hypothesis ( $\mu < \mu_0$ ):**

- **choose the level of significance**, a small number  $\alpha > 0$ , such as  $\alpha = 5\%$ , other popular values are  $\alpha = 10\%$  or  $\alpha = 1\%$  or  $\alpha = 0.1\%$  etc.
- **find the critical value**  $c > 0$  so that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{-c} f(x) dx = \alpha$$

where  $f$  is the density of the  $t$ -distribution with  $n - 1$  degrees of freedom

- if  $T \in (-\infty, -c]$ , **the critical region**, then **reject** the null hypothesis
  - if  $T \in (-c, +\infty)$ , then **do not reject** (or **fail to reject**) the null hypothesis
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# One-sample $t$ -test for the population mean

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Consider finally the third case ( $H_1: \mu > \mu_0$ ). We have:

$$H_0: \mu = \mu_0$$

$$H_1: \mu > \mu_0$$

Knowing that  $T = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}} \sim t_{n-1}$  and assuming that  $c > 0$  is large enough,

what is the probability that  $T < +c$  ?

If  $H_0$  is true, then it is quite improbable that  $T \notin (-\infty, +c)$ .

Therefore, if we observe that  $+c \leq T$ , then we may conclude that

$H_0$  is probably not true, i.e. we reject the null hypothesis  $H_0$ .

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# One-sample $t$ -test for the population mean

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**Statistical one-sample  $t$ -test with one-sided alternative hypothesis ( $\mu > \mu_0$ ):**

- **choose the level of significance**, a small number  $\alpha > 0$ , such as  $\alpha = 5\%$ , other popular values are  $\alpha = 10\%$  or  $\alpha = 1\%$  or  $\alpha = 0.1\%$  etc.
- **find the critical value**  $c > 0$  so that

$$\int_{+c}^{+\infty} f(x) dx = \alpha$$

where  $f$  is the density of the  $t$ -distribution with  $n - 1$  degrees of freedom

- if  $T \in [+c, +\infty)$ , **the critical region**, then **reject** the null hypothesis
  - if  $T \in (-\infty, +c)$ , then **do not reject** (or **fail to reject**) the null hypothesis
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# Paired-sample $t$ -test for the difference of the pop.means

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## Example or motivation:

Let us have a sample of  $n$  objects, e.g.  $n$  patients.

We do two measurements with each of the objects (patients)

- before some treatment
- after the treatment

The purpose is to learn whether the treatment has any effect.

(Hence the null hypothesis: “The treatment has no effect.”)

Let  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  be the values measured before the treatment, and

let  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$  be the values measured after the treatment.

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# Paired-sample $t$ -test for the difference of the pop.means

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That is, the measurement  $x_i$  and  $y_i$  is done with the  $i$ -th object (patient) before and after the treatment for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

We assume that  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu^{\text{before}}, \sigma_X^2)$ , i.e. the random variable of the measurement before the treatment follows the normal distribution, and that  $Y \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu^{\text{after}}, \sigma_Y^2)$ , i.e. the random variable of the measurement after the treatment also follows the normal distribution, for some  $\mu^{\text{before}}, \mu^{\text{after}} \in \mathbb{R}$  and for some  $\sigma_X^2, \sigma_Y^2 \in \mathbb{R}_0^+$ .

We do not know the true values of the population means  $\mu^{\text{before}}$  and  $\mu^{\text{after}}$ , and we do not know the true values of the variances  $\sigma_X^2$  and  $\sigma_Y^2$ .

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# Paired-sample $t$ -test for the difference of the pop.means



We formulate the **null hypothesis**:

the treatment has no effect, i.e. the population means are the same

$$H_0: \mu^{\text{before}} = \mu^{\text{after}}$$

Recall that we do not know the true population means  $\mu^{\text{before}}$  and  $\mu^{\text{after}}$ . **We only test the hypothesis** by having done a sample of  $n$  pairs of measurements.

Formulate the alternative hypothesis:

- two-sided:  $H_1: \mu^{\text{before}} \neq \mu^{\text{after}}$  (the treatment has **some effect**)
- one-sided:  $H_1: \mu^{\text{before}} < \mu^{\text{after}}$  (the treatment **increases** / ...
- one-sided:  $H_1: \mu^{\text{before}} > \mu^{\text{after}}$  ... / **decreases** the quantity)

# Paired-sample $t$ -test for the difference of the pop.means



## Recall the theorem:

If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$  are independent, then  $\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{s/\sqrt{n}} \sim t_{n-1}$

## Notice also:

If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu^{\text{before}}, \sigma_X^2)$  and  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu^{\text{after}}, \sigma_Y^2)$  are independent, then the differences

$$X_1 - Y_1, X_2 - Y_2, \dots, X_n - Y_n \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu^{\text{before}} - \mu^{\text{after}}, \sigma_X^2 + \sigma_Y^2)$$

Now, the hypothesis  $\mu^{\text{before}} = \mu^{\text{after}}$  is equivalent to that

the mean of the difference  $X - Y$  is  $\mu = \mu_0 = 0$ .

# Paired-sample $t$ -test for the difference of the pop.means

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We have thus

reduced

the paired-sample  $t$ -test for the difference of the population means

to

the one-sample  $t$ -test for the population mean,

which we already know.

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# Paired-sample $t$ -test for the difference of the pop.means



Having the  $n$  pairs of the measurements  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  and  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$ , calculate the statistic

$$T = \frac{\bar{x} - \bar{y}}{\sqrt{s^2}/\sqrt{n}} \quad \text{or} \quad T = \frac{\bar{x} - \bar{y} - \mu_0}{\sqrt{s^2}/\sqrt{n}}$$

where

- $\bar{x} = (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)/n$  is the sample mean of the measurements before the treatment
- $\bar{y} = (\sum_{i=1}^n y_i)/n$  is the sample mean of the measurements after the treatment
- $\mu_0 = 0$  for no difference of the means ( $\mu^{\text{before}} = \mu^{\text{after}}$ )
- $\mu_0 = \text{const.}$  for a general difference of the means ( $\mu^{\text{before}} = \mu^{\text{after}} + \text{const.}$ )
- $s^2 = (\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - y_i - \bar{x} + \bar{y})^2)/(n - 1)$  is the sample variance of the differences



# Paired-sample $t$ -test for the difference of the pop.means



In the first case ( $H_1: \mu^{\text{before}} \neq \mu^{\text{after}}$ ), we have:

$$H_0: \mu^{\text{before}} = \mu^{\text{after}}$$

$$H_1: \mu^{\text{before}} \neq \mu^{\text{after}}$$

Knowing that

$$T = \frac{\bar{x} - \bar{y}}{\sqrt{s^2/\sqrt{n}}} \sim t_{n-1}$$

we fail to reject  $H_0$  iff

$$-c < T < +c$$

where the critical value  $c > 0$ , under the assumption that  $H_0$  is true, is such that

$P(-c < T < +c) = 1 - \alpha$  where the probability  $\alpha$  of type I error is small.

# Paired-sample $t$ -test for the difference of the pop.means



Statistical paired-sample  $t$ -test for the difference of the population means with two-sided alternative hypothesis ( $\mu^{\text{before}} \neq \mu^{\text{after}}$ ):

- choose the **level of significance**, a small number  $\alpha > 0$ , such as  $\alpha = 5\%$
- find the **critical value**  $c > 0$  so that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{-c} f(x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \alpha \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{+c}^{+\infty} f(x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \alpha$$

where  $f$  is the density of the  $t$ -distribution with  $n - 1$  degrees of freedom

- if  $T \in (-\infty, -c] \cup [+c, +\infty)$ , **the critical region**, then **reject** the null hypothesis
- if  $T \in (-c, +c)$ , then **do not reject** (or **fail to reject**) the null hypothesis

# Paired-sample $t$ -test for the difference of the pop.means



In the second case ( $H_1: \mu^{\text{before}} < \mu^{\text{after}}$ ), we have:

$$H_0: \mu^{\text{before}} = \mu^{\text{after}}$$

$$H_1: \mu^{\text{before}} < \mu^{\text{after}}$$

Knowing that

$$T = \frac{\bar{x} - \bar{y}}{\sqrt{s^2}/\sqrt{n}} \sim t_{n-1}$$

we fail to reject  $H_0$  iff

$$-c < T$$

where the critical value  $c > 0$ , under the assumption that  $H_0$  is true, is such that  $P(-c < T) = 1 - \alpha$  where the probability  $\alpha$  of type I error is small.

# Paired-sample $t$ -test for the difference of the pop.means



**Statistical paired-sample  $t$ -test for the difference of the population means with one-sided alternative hypothesis ( $\mu^{\text{before}} < \mu^{\text{after}}$ ):**

- **choose the level of significance**, a small number  $\alpha > 0$ , such as  $\alpha = 5\%$
- **find the critical value**  $c > 0$  so that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{-c} f(x) dx = \alpha$$

where  $f$  is the density of the  $t$ -distribution with  $n - 1$  degrees of freedom

- if  $T \in (-\infty, -c]$ , **the critical region**, then **reject** the null hypothesis
- if  $T \in (-c, +\infty)$ , then **do not reject** (or **fail to reject**) the null hypothesis

# Paired-sample $t$ -test for the difference of the pop.means



In the third case ( $H_1: \mu^{\text{before}} > \mu^{\text{after}}$ ), we have:

$$H_0: \mu^{\text{before}} = \mu^{\text{after}}$$

$$H_1: \mu^{\text{before}} > \mu^{\text{after}}$$

Knowing that

$$T = \frac{\bar{x} - \bar{y}}{\sqrt{s^2/\sqrt{n}}} \sim t_{n-1}$$

we fail to reject  $H_0$  iff

$$T < +c$$

where the critical value  $c > 0$ , under the assumption that  $H_0$  is true, is such that  $P(T < +c) = 1 - \alpha$  where the probability  $\alpha$  of type I error is small.

# Paired-sample $t$ -test for the difference of the pop.means



Statistical paired-sample  $t$ -test for the difference of the population means with one-sided alternative hypothesis ( $\mu^{\text{before}} > \mu^{\text{after}}$ ):

- choose the **level of significance**, a small number  $\alpha > 0$ , such as  $\alpha = 5\%$
- find the **critical value**  $c > 0$  so that

$$\int_{+c}^{+\infty} f(x) dx = \alpha$$

where  $f$  is the density of the  $t$ -distribution with  $n - 1$  degrees of freedom

- if  $T \in [+c, +\infty)$ , **the critical region**, then reject the null hypothesis
- if  $T \in (-\infty, +c)$ , then do not reject (or fail to reject) the null hypothesis

# Two-sample $t$ -test for the diff. of the pop. means // $\sigma_X = \sigma_Y$



## Motivation:

We have two unknown random variables  $X$  and  $Y$ . We ask (test the hypothesis) whether the population means of both random variables are the same.

We assume that both random variables are normal, i.e.  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_X, \sigma_X^2)$  and  $Y \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_Y, \sigma_Y^2)$ , for some  $\mu_X, \mu_Y \in \mathbb{R}$  and for some  $\sigma_X^2, \sigma_Y^2 \in \mathbb{R}_0^+$ .

Although we do not know the means  $\mu_X, \mu_Y$  nor the variances  $\sigma_X^2, \sigma_Y^2$ , we assume that

$$\text{||| ||| |||} \quad \sigma_X^2 = \sigma_Y^2 \quad \text{!!! !!! !!!}$$

## Two-sample $t$ -test for the diff. of the pop. means // $\sigma_X = \sigma_Y$



Having the  $m$  observations  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m$  of the random variable  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_X, \sigma^2)$  and having the  $n$  observations  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$  of the random variable  $Y \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_Y, \sigma^2)$ , we formulate the **null hypothesis**:

both samples come from the same population:  
the values of the population means are the same

$$H_0: \mu_X = \mu_Y$$

Recall that we do not know the true population means  $\mu_X$  and  $\mu_Y$ . **We only test the hypothesis** by means of two samples of  $m$  and  $n$  measurements **with the same variance.**



## Two-sample $t$ -test for the diff. of the pop. means // $\sigma_X = \sigma_Y$



Having the  $m$  observations  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m$  of the random variable  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_X, \sigma^2)$ ,  
the  $n$  observations  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$  of the random variable  $Y \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_Y, \sigma^2)$ , and

$$H_0: \mu_X = \mu_Y$$

formulate the alternative hypothesis:

- two-sided:  $H_1: \mu_X \neq \mu_Y$  (the means are different)
- one-sided:  $H_1: \mu_X < \mu_Y$  (the first mean < the second mean)
- one-sided:  $H_1: \mu_X > \mu_Y$  (the first mean > the second mean)

## Two-sample $t$ -test for the diff. of the pop. means // $\sigma_X = \sigma_Y$



### Recall the theorem:

If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_X, \sigma^2)$  and  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_Y, \sigma^2)$  are independent, then

$$\frac{\bar{X} - \mu_X}{\sigma/\sqrt{m}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\bar{Y} - \mu_Y}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

equivalently

$$\bar{X} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mu_X, \frac{\sigma^2}{m}\right) \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{Y} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mu_Y, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right)$$

Therefore:

$$\bar{X} - \bar{Y} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mu_X - \mu_Y, \frac{\sigma^2}{m} + \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right)$$

## Two-sample $t$ -test for the diff. of the pop. means // $\sigma_X = \sigma_Y$



**We have shown:**

If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_X, \sigma^2)$  and  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_Y, \sigma^2)$  are independent, then

$$\bar{X} - \bar{Y} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mu_X - \mu_Y, \frac{\sigma^2}{m} + \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right)$$

**equivalently**

$$\frac{(\bar{X} - \bar{Y}) - (\mu_X - \mu_Y)}{\sigma \sqrt{\frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{n}}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

## Two-sample $t$ -test for the diff. of the pop. means // $\sigma_X = \sigma_Y$



### Recall the other theorem:

If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_X, \sigma^2)$  and  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_Y, \sigma^2)$  are independent, then

$$\frac{(m-1)s_X^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{m-1}^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{(n-1)s_Y^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$$

### Therefore:

$$\frac{(m-1)s_X^2 + (n-1)s_Y^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{m+n-2}^2$$

## Two-sample $t$ -test for the diff. of the pop. means // $\sigma_X = \sigma_Y$



Recall also that, if

$$Z = \frac{(\bar{X} - \bar{Y}) - (\mu_X - \mu_Y)}{\sigma \sqrt{\frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{n}}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

and

$$Y = \frac{(m-1)s_X^2 + (n-1)s_Y^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{m+n-2}^2$$

then

$$T = \frac{Z}{\sqrt{\frac{Y}{m+n-2}}} \sim t_{m+n-2}$$

by the definition of Student's  $t$ -distribution.

# Two-sample $t$ -test for the diff. of the pop. means // $\sigma_X = \sigma_Y$



**Therefore:**

$$\frac{(\bar{X} - \bar{Y}) - (\mu_X - \mu_Y)}{\sqrt{\frac{(m-1)s_X^2 + (n-1)s_Y^2}{m+n-2}} \sqrt{\frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{n}}} = \frac{\frac{(\bar{X} - \bar{Y}) - (\mu_X - \mu_Y)}{\sigma \sqrt{\frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{n}}}}{\sqrt{\frac{(m-1)s_X^2 + (n-1)s_Y^2}{\sigma^2} \frac{1}{m+n-2}}} \sim t_{m+n-2}$$

where

$$s_X^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m (X_i - \bar{X})^2}{m-1} \quad \text{and} \quad s_Y^2 = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n (Y_j - \bar{Y})^2}{n-1}$$

are the sample variances.

## Two-sample $t$ -test for the diff. of the pop. means // $\sigma_X = \sigma_Y$



Having the  $m$  measurements  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m$  and  $n$  measurements  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$ , recall that

- $\bar{x} = \sum_{i=1}^m x_i / m$  is the sample mean of the first sample
- $\bar{y} = \sum_{j=1}^n y_j / n$  is the sample mean of the second sample
- $s_x^2 = \sum_{i=1}^m (x_i - \bar{x})^2 / (m - 1)$  is the sample variance of the first sample
- $s_y^2 = \sum_{j=1}^n (y_j - \bar{y})^2 / (n - 1)$  is the sample variance of the second sample
- $m$  is the size of the first sample
- $n$  is the size of the second sample

## Two-sample $t$ -test for the diff. of the pop. means // $\sigma_X = \sigma_Y$



Having the  $m$  measurements  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m$  and  $n$  measurements  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$ , calculate the statistic

$$T = \frac{\bar{x} - \bar{y}}{\sqrt{\frac{(m-1)s_x^2 + (n-1)s_y^2}{m+n-2}} \sqrt{\frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{n}}}$$

for no difference of the means ( $\mu_X = \mu_Y$ )

We know (or assume) that  $T \sim t_{m+n-2}$



## Two-sample $t$ -test for the diff. of the pop. means // $\sigma_X = \sigma_Y$



Or, having the  $m$  measurements  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m$  and  $n$  measurements  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$ , calculate the statistic

$$T = \frac{\bar{x} - \bar{y} - \mu_0}{\sqrt{\frac{(m-1)s_x^2 + (n-1)s_y^2}{m+n-2}} \sqrt{\frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{n}}}$$

for a general difference of the means ( $\mu_X = \mu_Y + \mu_0$ )

We know (or assume) that  $T \sim t_{m+n-2}$

## Two-sample $t$ -test for the diff. of the pop. means // $\sigma_X = \sigma_Y$



In the first case ( $H_1: \mu_X \neq \mu_Y$ ), we have:

$$H_0: \mu_X = \mu_Y$$

$$H_1: \mu_X \neq \mu_Y$$

Knowing that

$$T \sim t_{m+n-2}$$

we fail to reject  $H_0$  iff

$$-c < T < +c$$

where the critical value  $c > 0$ , under the assumption that  $H_0$  is true, is such that

$P(-c < T < +c) = 1 - \alpha$  where the probability  $\alpha$  of type I error is small.

## Two-sample $t$ -test for the diff. of the pop. means // $\sigma_X = \sigma_Y$



Statistical two-sample  $t$ -test for the difference of the population means with two-sided alternative hypothesis ( $\mu_X \neq \mu_Y$ ) and with the same variances:

- choose the **level of significance**, a small number  $\alpha > 0$ , such as  $\alpha = 5\%$
- find the **critical value**  $c > 0$  so that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{-c} f(x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \alpha \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{+c}^{+\infty} f(x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \alpha$$

where  $f$  is the density of the  $t$ -distribution with  $m + n - 2$  degrees of freedom

- if  $T \in (-\infty, -c] \cup [+c, +\infty)$ , the **critical region**, then **reject** the null hypothesis
- if  $T \in (-c, +c)$ , then **do not reject** (or **fail to reject**) the null hypothesis

## Two-sample $t$ -test for the diff. of the pop. means // $\sigma_X = \sigma_Y$



In the second case ( $H_1: \mu_X < \mu_Y$ ), we have:

$$H_0: \mu_X = \mu_Y$$

$$H_1: \mu_X < \mu_Y$$

Knowing that

$$T \sim t_{m+n-2}$$

we fail to reject  $H_0$  iff

$$-c < T$$

where the critical value  $c > 0$ , under the assumption that  $H_0$  is true, is such that

$P(-c < T) = 1 - \alpha$  where the probability  $\alpha$  of type I error is small.

## Two-sample $t$ -test for the diff. of the pop. means // $\sigma_X = \sigma_Y$



Statistical two-sample  $t$ -test for the difference of the population means with one-sided alternative hypothesis ( $\mu_X < \mu_Y$ ) and with the same variances :

- choose the **level of significance**, a small number  $\alpha > 0$ , such as  $\alpha = 5\%$
- find the **critical value**  $c > 0$  so that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{-c} f(x) dx = \alpha$$

where  $f$  is the density of the  $t$ -distribution with  $m + n - 2$  degrees of freedom

- if  $T \in (-\infty, -c]$ , the **critical region**, then **reject** the null hypothesis
- if  $T \in (-c, +\infty)$ , then **do not reject** (or **fail to reject**) the null hypothesis

## Two-sample $t$ -test for the diff. of the pop. means // $\sigma_X = \sigma_Y$



In the third case ( $H_1: \mu_X > \mu_Y$ ), we have:

$$H_0: \mu_X = \mu_Y$$

$$H_1: \mu_X > \mu_Y$$

Knowing that

$$T \sim t_{m+n-2}$$

we fail to reject  $H_0$  iff

$$T < +c$$

where the critical value  $c > 0$ , under the assumption that  $H_0$  is true, is such that

$P(T < +c) = 1 - \alpha$  where the probability  $\alpha$  of type I error is small.

## Two-sample $t$ -test for the diff. of the pop. means // $\sigma_X = \sigma_Y$



Statistical two-sample  $t$ -test for the difference of the population means with one-sided alternative hypothesis ( $\mu_X > \mu_Y$ ):

- choose the **level of significance**, a small number  $\alpha > 0$ , such as  $\alpha = 5\%$
- find the **critical value**  $c > 0$  so that

$$\int_{+c}^{+\infty} f(x) dx = \alpha$$

where  $f$  is the density of the  $t$ -distribution with  $m + n - 2$  degrees of freedom

- if  $T \in [+c, +\infty)$ , the **critical region**, then **reject** the null hypothesis
- if  $T \in (-\infty, +c)$ , then **do not reject** (or **fail to reject**) the null hypothesis

## Two-sample $t$ -test for the diff. of the pop. means // $\sigma_X \neq \sigma_Y$

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Consider two normal random variables  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_X, \sigma_X^2)$  and  $Y \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_Y, \sigma_Y^2)$ ,  
for some  $\mu_X, \mu_Y \in \mathbb{R}$  and for some  $\sigma_X^2, \sigma_Y^2 \in \mathbb{R}_0^+$ .

We ask (test the hypothesis) whether the population means of both random variables are the same.

Once  $\sigma_X^2 = \sigma_Y^2$  is not assumed, the things get complicated.

We have an approximate result only.

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## Theorem (Satterthwaite's approximation):



If the random variables  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_X, \sigma_X^2)$  and  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_Y, \sigma_Y^2)$  are independent, then the statistic

$$T = \frac{(\bar{X} - \bar{Y}) - (\mu_X - \mu_Y)}{\sqrt{\frac{s_X^2}{m} + \frac{s_Y^2}{n}}} \sim t_\nu \quad \textit{approximately}$$

where

$$\nu = \frac{\left(\frac{s_X^2}{m} + \frac{s_Y^2}{n}\right)^2}{\frac{s_X^4}{m^2(m-1)} + \frac{s_Y^4}{n^2(n-1)}}$$

## Two-sample $t$ -test for the diff. of the pop. means // $\sigma_X \neq \sigma_Y$

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### Exercise:

Use the last Theorem (Satterthwaite's approximation) to formulate a statistical two-sample  $t$ -test for the difference of the population means with two-sided / one-sided alternative hypothesis (not assuming the same variance).

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# $\chi^2$ -test for the variance



- $\chi^2$ -test for the variance

# $\chi^2$ -test for the population variance

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## Recall the theorem:

If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$  are independent, then  $\frac{(n-1)s^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$

## Example or motivation:

Assume that  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$  is a random variable following the normal probability distribution. We do not know the population mean  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$  and we do not know the true value of the population variance  $\sigma^2 \in \mathbb{R}^+$  either.

We conjecture / We assume / We ... / that the population variance  $\sigma^2 = \sigma_0^2$ , i.e. the (unknown) population variance  $\sigma^2$  is equal to some prescribed value  $\sigma_0^2 \in \mathbb{R}^+$ .

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# $\chi^2$ -test for the population variance

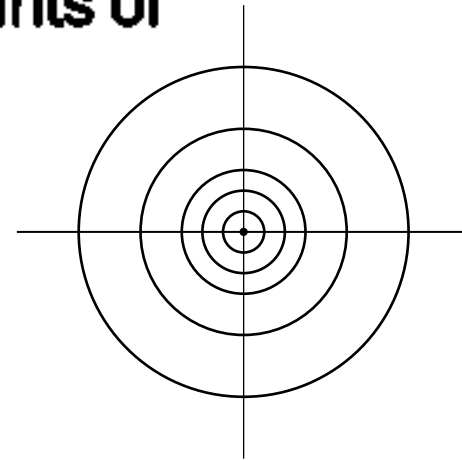
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**Example:** An archer shoots an arrow against the plane.

The sample space  $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^2 = \{ [x, y] : x, y \in \mathbb{R} \}$  is the set of all the points of the plane. The random variable  $X$  is the  $x$ -coordinate of the hit, i.e.

$$X(\omega) = X([x, y]) = x.$$



We do not know the archer's mean  $\mu$  and  
we do not know the archer's variance  $\sigma^2$ .

We conjecture that the archer's variance could be  $\sigma^2 = \sigma_0^2$

where  $\sigma_0^2 \in \mathbb{R}^+$  is some prescribed value.

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## $\chi^2$ -test for the population variance

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Let  $x_1 = X(\omega_1)$ ,  $x_2 = X(\omega_2)$ , ...,  $x_n = X(\omega_n)$  be the numerical results of  $n$  trials of a random experiment, where  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , such as the  $x$ -coordinates of the archer's  $n$  hits.

We do not know the mean  $\mu$  and we do not know the variance  $\sigma^2$ .

We state the **null hypothesis** (about the variance):

$$H_0: \sigma^2 = \sigma_0^2$$

where  $\sigma_0^2 \in \mathbb{R}^+$  is some number such that we conjecture that the true variance could equal the  $\sigma_0^2$ .

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# $\chi^2$ -test for the population variance

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**Having stated the null hypothesis**

$$H_0: \sigma^2 = \sigma_0^2$$

**we also state the alternative hypothesis:**

- **two-sided:**  $H_1: \sigma^2 \neq \sigma_0^2$
- **one-sided:**  $H_1: \sigma^2 < \sigma_0^2$
- **one-sided:**  $H_1: \sigma^2 > \sigma_0^2$

## $\chi^2$ -test for the population variance

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Under our assumptions ( $x_1, \dots, x_n \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$  are independent and  $\sigma^2 = \sigma_0^2$ ), it follows by the Theorem that

$$\frac{(n-1)s^2}{\sigma^2} = \frac{(n-1)s^2}{\sigma_0^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$$

Thus, having the  $n$  measurements  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ , we calculate the statistic

$$X^2 = \frac{(n-1)s^2}{\sigma_0^2}$$

We know (or assume) that  $X^2 \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$ .

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## $\chi^2$ -test for the population variance

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Consider the first case ( $H_1: \sigma^2 \neq \sigma_0^2$ ) first. We have:

$$H_0: \sigma^2 = \sigma_0^2$$

$$H_1: \sigma^2 \neq \sigma_0^2$$

Knowing that  $X^2 = \frac{(n-1)s^2}{\sigma_0^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$  and assuming that  $0 < c < d$  is small enough

and large enough, respectively, what is the probability that  $c < X^2 < d$  ?

If  $H_0$  is true, then it is quite improbable that  $X^2 \notin (c, d)$ .

Therefore, if we observe that  $X^2 \leq c$  or  $d \leq X^2$ , then we may conclude that

$H_0$  is probably not true, i.e. we reject the null hypothesis  $H_0$ .

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# $\chi^2$ -test for the population variance

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# z-test for the population proportion

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**Motivation:** We are tossing a coin repeatedly, and we ask:

¿ Is the coin fair ?

**More generally:**

Consider a Bernoulli trial, with the probability of the success being  $p \in (0, 1)$ , and with the probability of the failure being  $q = 1 - p$ .

**We do not know the true probability  $p$ .**

**We conjecture / We assume / We ... / that the probability  $p = p_0$ , i.e.**

**the (unknown) probability  $p$  is equal to some prescribed value  $p_0 \in (0, 1)$ ,**

**e.g., in the case of the coin, conjecture that  $p_0 = 50\%$  (meaning the coin is fair).**

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Let  $X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots$  be a sequence of random variables, each of which represents the result of a Bernoulli Trial (independent of the other trials), attaining the value  $X_i = 1$  (success) with a fixed probability  $p \in (0, 1)$  and attaining the value  $X_i = 0$  (failure) with the fixed probability  $q = 1 - p$ . (So that  $p + q = 1$  and  $p, q > 0$ .) We do not know the probability  $p$ .

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**Having stated the null hypothesis**

$$H_0: p = p_0$$

**we also state the alternative hypothesis:**

- **two-sided:**  $H_1: p \neq p_0$
- **one-sided:**  $H_1: p < p_0$
- **one-sided:**  $H_1: p > p_0$

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Let  $x_1 = X(\omega_1)$ ,  $x_2 = X(\omega_2)$ , ...,  $x_n = X(\omega_n)$  be the outcomes of the  $n$  Bernoulli trials where the probability of success ("1") is  $p$  and the probability of failure ("0") is  $q = 1 - p$ .

For every  $k \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$ , the probability that  $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i = k$  is  $\binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k}$ .

Let  $K, L \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$  be such that  $K < L$ .

The probability that  $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \in \{0, 1, \dots, K\}$  is  $\sum_{k=0}^K \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k}$ .

The probability that  $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \in \{L, L + 1, \dots, n\}$  is  $\sum_{k=L}^n \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k}$ .

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$K$  is the largest number and  $L$  is the least number such that

$$\sum_{k=0}^K \binom{n}{k} p_0^k q_0^{n-k} \leq \frac{\alpha}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{k=L}^n \binom{n}{k} p_0^k q_0^{n-k} \leq \frac{\alpha}{2}$$

- if  $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \in \{0, \dots, K\} \cup \{L, \dots, n\}$ , **the critical region**, then **reject** the null hyp.
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$$\sum_{k=L}^n \binom{n}{k} p_0^k q_0^{n-k} \leq \alpha$$

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It is inconvenient to calculate the sums  $\sum_{k=0}^K \binom{n}{k} p_0^k q_0^{n-k}$  and  $\sum_{k=L}^n \binom{n}{k} p_0^k q_0^{n-k}$  if  $n$  is large. It is more convenient then to approximate the sums by using the de Moivre-Laplace Central Limit Theorem:

Let  $p \in (0, 1)$  be the probability of success in a Bernoulli Trial, and let  $q = 1 - p$  be the probability of failure in the trial. Whenever  $-\infty \leq a < b \leq +\infty$ , it then holds

$$\frac{\sum_{k=A_n}^{B_n} \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k} - np}{\sqrt{npq}} \rightarrow \underbrace{\int_a^b \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}} dt}_{\Phi(b) - \Phi(a)} \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

where  $A_n = \lfloor np + a\sqrt{npq} \rfloor \geq 0$  and  $B_n = \lfloor np + b\sqrt{npq} \rfloor \leq n$  if  $n \geq \max\left(\frac{q}{p}a^2, \frac{p}{q}b^2\right)$ .

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## De Moivre-Laplace Central Limit Theorem (reformulated):

Let  $X \sim \text{Bi}(n, p)$  with  $p \in (0, 1)$ , and put  $q = 1 - p$  for short.

Whenever  $-\infty \leq a < b \leq +\infty$ , it then holds

$$P\left(a < \frac{X - np}{\sqrt{npq}} < b\right) \rightarrow \underbrace{\int_a^b \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}} dt}_{\Phi(b) - \Phi(a)} \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

and the convergence is uniform with respect to  $a$  and  $b$ .

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- if  $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \leq np_0 - c\sqrt{np_0q_0}$  or  $np_0 + c\sqrt{np_0q_0} \leq \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$ , **the critical region**, then **reject** the null hypothesis
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# The general outline of a statistical hypothesis test

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- **A statistical test consists in the study of the outcomes of a random experiment.**
  - **We put down a hypothesis about the probability distribution of the outcomes of the random experiment.**
  - **We also make up a statistic  $S$  – a formula, i.e. a mathematical expression – and we **prove (!) as a mathematical Theorem** that, under our hypotheses, the statistic  $S$  follows a certain probability distribution.**
  - **We carry out the random experiment several (or many) times.**
  - **We put down the results of the experiment, i.e., count positive results, count the negative results, and so on.**
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- We substitute the results (the counts, and so on) into the mathematical expression-statistic  $S$ , which is a random variable thus (its value depends on the results of the random experiment).
  - We then choose the **significance level**  $\alpha$  – a small probability – such as  **$\alpha = 5\% = 0.05$**  (i.e. “one error per twenty trials”).  
(Other popular choices include  $\alpha = 10\% = 0.1$  or  $\alpha = 1\% = 0.01$ .)
  - By using the mathematical Theorem, which we proved (see above), we find the **critical region**  $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  so that – if our hypotheses are true – then the **probability of the event that  $S \in C$  is  $\leq \alpha$** .
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- The critical region  $C$  is usually a closed interval or the union of two closed intervals.
  - Finally, make a statistical conclusion:
  - If  $S \in C$ , then **reject** the hypothesis.
  - If the hypotheses are true, then it is quite improbable that  $S \in C$  ; the probability is  $\leq \alpha$ . So we are making a mistake – type I error, i.e. rejecting a hypothesis which is true – about once per twenty trials, if  $\alpha = 5 \%$ .
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- If  $S \notin C$ , then **do not reject** (or **fail to reject**) the hypothesis.
  - The fact that we fail to reject the hypothesis is not a confirmation that the hypothesis is true!
  - Since the statistic  $S$  is a random variable, it may happen by chance that  $S \notin C$  even if the hypothesis is false.
  - This situation – failing to reject a false hypothesis – is a type II error.  
The probability of type II error is  $\beta$ , and this probability is difficult to calculate...  
If  $\alpha = 5\%$ , then the probability  $\beta$  should be  $\leq 20\%$ . (Is it  $\leq 20\%$ ?)  
The probability  $1 - \beta$  is the **power of the test**.
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# The $p$ -value of the test

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The above outline of the test is as follows:

- Choose the significance level  $\alpha$  (such as  $\alpha = 5\%$ ).
- Depending upon the  $\alpha$ , find the critical region  $C_\alpha \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  so that – if the hypothesis is true – then the probability that  $(S \in C_\alpha)$  is  $\leq \alpha$ .
- Carry out the experiment, enumerate the expression  $S$ , and see if  $S \in C_\alpha$ .

Another procedure:

- Carry out the experiment and enumerate the expression  $S$ .
- Find the least number  $p \in (0, 1)$  such that  $S \in C_p$ .
- This value  $p$  is the  **$p$ -value of the test**.