

Six Step Hypothesis Testing

1. Set up null and alternate hypotheses
 - a. One tail
 - b. Two tail
2. Determine test statistic and sampling distribution
3. Specify significance level
4. Define decision rule
5. Compute value of test statistic and corresponding p-value
6. Make a decision and conclude

Hypothesis Testing for normal distribution

Null Hypothesis

When X is normally distributed, SK = 0 and K = 3

H₀: X is normally distributed

Reject H₀ if \widehat{SK} is significantly different from zero or/and \widehat{K} significantly different from 3

Skewness

$$SK = \frac{E(X - \mu)^3}{\sigma^3}$$
$$\widehat{SK} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{X_i - \bar{X}}{s} \right)^3$$

Kurtosis

$$K = \frac{E(X - \mu)^4}{\sigma^4}$$
$$\widehat{K} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{X_i - \bar{X}}{s} \right)^4$$

Jarque-Bera statistic

$$JB = \frac{n}{6} \left(\widehat{SK}^2 + \frac{(\widehat{K} - 3)^2}{4} \right)$$

When H₀ is true, $JB \sim \chi^2_{(2,\alpha)}$, at specified significance level, reject H₀ and conclude X is not normally distributed if $JB \geq \chi^2_{(2,\alpha)}$.

Tests for comparing two populations

Random and independent sample

Known variances

Test Statistic (Z-Stat)

$$Z = \frac{(\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2) - (\mu_1 - \mu_2)}{\sqrt{\frac{\sigma_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{n_2}}} \sim N(0,1)$$

Variances unknown and unequal

Test Statistic (t-stat)

$$t = \frac{(\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2) - (\mu_1 - \mu_2)}{\sqrt{\frac{s_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{n_2}}} \sim t_{(n_1+n_2-2)}$$

Variances unknown and equal

$$t = \frac{(\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2) - (\mu_1 - \mu_2)}{\sqrt{s_p^2 \left(\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}\right)}} \sim t_{(n_1+n_2-2)}$$
$$s_p^2 = \frac{(n_1 - 1)s_1^2 + (n_2 - 1)s_2^2}{n_1 + n_2 - 2}$$

Testing equality of two population variances using independent normally distributed samples

Test statistic

$$\frac{(n_1 - 1)s_1^2}{\sigma_1^2} \sim \chi_{(n_1-1)}^2$$
$$F = \frac{\chi_{(n_1-1)}^2 / (n_1 - 1)}{\chi_{(n_2-1)}^2 / (n_2 - 1)} = \frac{\frac{(n_1 - 1)s_1^2}{\sigma_1^2} / (n_1 - 1)}{\frac{(n_2 - 1)s_2^2}{\sigma_2^2} / (n_2 - 1)} = \frac{s_1^2 / \sigma_1^2}{s_2^2 / \sigma_2^2} \sim F_{(n_1-1, n_2-1)}$$

When $H_0: \sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2$ is true, $F = \frac{s_1^2}{s_2^2} \sim F_{(\alpha, n_1-1, n_2-1)}$

Decision rule

Reject H_0 if $F > F_{(\alpha, n_1-1, n_2-1)}$ or if $F < F_{(1-\alpha, n_1-1, n_2-1)}$

$$F_{(1-\alpha, v_1, v_2)} = \frac{1}{F_{(\alpha, v_1, v_2)}}$$

