TEST OF SIGNIFICANCE OF SMALL SAMPLES:

VARIANCE RATIO TEST (or) F-TEST FOR EQUALITY OF VARIANCE

Null hypothesis: $H_0: \sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2$

Test statistics: $F = \frac{S_1^2}{S_2^2}$ where $S_1^2 > S_2^2$.

where $S_1^2 = \frac{n_1 s_1^2}{n_1 - 1}$ or $S_1^2 = \frac{\sum (x_1 - \bar{x}_1)^2}{n_1 - 1}$ &

$S_2^2 = \frac{n_2 s_2^2}{n_2 - 1}$ or $S_2^2 = \frac{\sum (x_2 - \bar{x}_2)^2}{n_2 - 1}$

Degree of freedom: (v_1, v_2)

where $v_1 = (n_1 - 1)$, $v_2 = (n_2 - 1)$

Note 1:– F Greater than one always.

Note 2 :– Suppose S_2^2 Greater than S_1^2, then $F = \frac{S_2^2}{S_1^2}$

with degree of freedom, $v_1 = n_2 - 1$, $v_2 = n_1 - 1$

Applications:

'F test' is used to test if the two samples have come from the same population.

1) two random samples of 11 and 9 items show that the sample standard deviations of their weights as 0.8 & 0.5 respectively. Assuming that the weight distributions are normal, test the hypothesis that the true variances are equal, against the alternative hypothesis that they are not.

Soln:

Given $n_1 = 11$, $S_1 = 0.8$

$n_2 = 9$, $S_2 = 0.5$

$$S_1^2 = \frac{n_1 S_1^2}{n_1 - 1} = \frac{11(0.8)^2}{11-1} = 0.704$$

$$S_2^2 = \frac{n_2 S_2^2}{n_2 - 1} = \frac{9(0.5)^2}{9-1} = 0.2812$$

$S_1^2 > S_2^2$

step 1 → Formulate H_0 & H_1.

$H_0 : \sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2$

$H_1 : \sigma_1^2 \neq \sigma_2^2$

step 2 → Los at $\alpha = 5\%$.

step 3 → Test statistic, $F = \frac{S_1^2}{S_2^2} = \frac{0.704}{0.2812} = 2.5$

step 4 → Degrees of freedom $(\nu_1, \nu_2) = (n_1 - 1, n_2 - 1) = (10, 8)$

Critical value, $F_{tab} : F_\alpha = 3.35$

Step 5 → Conclusion: $F = 2.5 < 3.35 = F_\alpha$

$\therefore H_0$ is accepted at $\alpha : 5\%$.

) Two random samples gave the following results :

Sample	size	sample mean	sum of squares of deviation from the means.
1	12	14	108
2	10	15	90

Test whether the samples came from the same population.

Soln:

Given:

$n_1 = 12$, $\bar{x}_1 = 14$, $\Sigma(x_1 - \bar{x}_1)^2 = 108$

$n_2 = 10$, $\bar{x}_2 = 15$ $\Sigma(x_2 - \bar{x}_2)^2 = 90$

$$s_1^2 = \frac{\Sigma(x_1 - \bar{x}_1)^2}{n_1 - 1} = \frac{108}{12 - 1} = 9.818$$

$$s_2^2 = \frac{\Sigma(x_2 - \bar{x}_2)^2}{n_2 - 1} = \frac{90}{10 - 1} = 10$$

$$s_1^2 < s_2^2$$

Step 1: Formulate H_0 and H_1:

$H_0: \sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2$

$H_1: \sigma_1^2 \neq \sigma_2^2$

Step 2: Los at $\alpha = 5\%$.

Step 3: Test statistics, $F = \frac{S_2^2}{S_1^2} = \frac{10}{9.818}$

$F = 1.018$

Step 4 : Degrees of freedom $= (v_1, v_2)$

$= (n_2 - 1, n_1 - 1)$

$= (9, 11)$

Critical value, $F_\alpha = 2.90$

Step 5 : Conclusion:

$F = 1.018 < 2.90 = F_\alpha$.

$\therefore$ Ho is accepted at 5% LOS.

(ii) 't' Test :

step 1: Formulate Ho & H_1 :

$H_0 : \mu_1 = \mu_2$

$H_1 : \mu_1 \neq \mu_2$

step 2 : LOS at 5% $= \alpha$

step 3: Test statistic, $t = \dfrac{\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2}{S\sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}}}$

Here $n_1 = 12, n_2 = 10$; $\bar{x}_1 = 14$, $\bar{x}_2 = 15$

Now $S^2 = \dfrac{\Sigma(x_1 - \bar{x}_1)^2 + \Sigma(x_2 - \bar{x}_2)^2}{n_1 + n_2 - 2}$

$= \dfrac{108 + 90}{12 + 10 - 2} = 9.9$

$S = 3.14$

$$\therefore t = \frac{14 - 15}{3.14\sqrt{\frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{10}}} = -0.744$$

$$|t| = 0.744$$

Step 4: Degrees of freedom, $\nu = n_1 + n_2 - 2$

$= 12 + 10 - 2$

$= 20$

$\therefore t_\alpha = 2.086$

Step 5: Conclusion, $t = 0.744 < 2.086 = t_\alpha$

$\therefore H_0$ is accepted at 5% LOS.

3) Test whether the population variances are identical:

Sample I : 10 11 16 12 10 11 12 16

Sample II : 7 9 3 7 9 3 15 at 1%-LOS

Soln: Given: $n_1 = 8$; $n_2 = 7$

x_1	$(x_1 - \bar{x}_1)^2$	x_2	$(x_2 - \bar{x}_2)^2$
10	5.0625	7	0.3265
11	1.5625	9	2.0409
16	14.0625	3	20.8974
12	0.0625	7	0.3265
10	5.0625	9	2.0409
11	1.5625	3	20.8974
12	0.0625	15	55.1841
16	14.0625		
98	41.5	53	101.4143

$\Sigma(x_2 - \bar{x}_2)^2 = 101.71$

$\bar{x}_1 = \frac{\Sigma x_1}{n} = \frac{98}{8}$ $\Sigma(x_1 - \bar{x}_1)^2 = 41.5$ $\bar{x}_2 = \frac{\Sigma x_2}{n}$

$= \frac{53}{7} = 7.57$

$\therefore S_1^2 = \frac{\Sigma(x_1-\bar{x}_1)^2}{n_1-1} = \frac{41.5}{7} = 5.9286$

$S_2^2 = \frac{\Sigma(x_2-\bar{x}_2)^2}{n_2-1} = \frac{101.7143}{6} = 16.9524$

$S_1^2 < S_2^2$.

step 1 : Formulate Ho & H1 :

$H_0 : \sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2$

$H_1 : \sigma_1^2 \neq \sigma_2^2$

step 2 : Los at $\alpha = 1\%$.

step 3 : Test statistic, $F = \frac{S_2^2}{S_1^2}$

$= \frac{16.9524}{5.9286} = 2.86$

step 4 : Degrees of freedom : (v_1, v_2)

$= (n_2-1, n_1-1)$

$= (6, 7)$

$\therefore F_\alpha = 7.19$

Step 5 : Conclusion, $F = 2.86 < 7.19 = F_\alpha$

$\therefore$ Ho is accepted at Ho at 1 % Los.