



Test 2 :

Test of significance for the difference between two
Population means when population standard deviations
are not known :

Let \bar{x}_1 and \bar{x}_2 are the means of two independent samples of sizes n_1 and n_2 from a normal population with mean μ_1 and μ_2 and standard deviation s_1 and s_2 .

We want to test whether the mean μ_1 and μ_2 of the two populations are equal or not. Under $H_0 : \mu_1 = \mu_2$ the test-Statistic is defined as,

$$t = \frac{\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2}{S \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}}}$$

$$\text{where } S^2 = \frac{n_1 s_1^2 + n_2 s_2^2}{n_1 + n_2 - 2}$$

with $v = n_1 + n_2 - 2$ degrees of freedom.

Note :

Suppose the samples sizes are equal, i.e., $n_1 = n_2 = n$. Then we have n pair of values. Further we assume that the n pairs are independent. Then



the test-Statistic will be,

$$t = \frac{\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2}{\sqrt{\frac{s_1^2 + s_2^2}{n-1}}}$$

with $v = n + n - 2 = 2n - 2$ degrees of freedom.



Problems :

- ① Two salesmen A and B are working in a certain district. From a sample survey conducted by the Head office, the following results were obtained. State whether there is any significant difference in the average sales between the two sales men:

	A	B
Number of Sales	20	18
Average Sales (in Rs.)	170	205
Standard Deviation (in Rs.)	20	25

Solution :

Given : $n_1 = 20$, $n_2 = 18$
 $\bar{x}_1 = 170$, $\bar{x}_2 = 205$
 $s_1 = 20$, $s_2 = 25$.

Null hypothesis : H_0 : There is no significant difference in the average sales of the two sales men.

i.e., $H_0 : \mu_1 = \mu_2$

Alternative hypothesis : $H_1 : \mu_1 \neq \mu_2$

Test-Statistic :

$$t = \frac{\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2}{S \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}}}$$



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$$\text{Where } S^2 = \frac{n_1 s_1^2 + n_2 s_2^2}{n_1 + n_2 - 2}$$

$$S^2 = \frac{20 \times 20^2 + 18 \times 25^2}{20 + 18 - 2} = \frac{19250}{36}$$

$$S^2 = 534.72$$

$$S = 23.12$$

$$t = \frac{170 - 205}{23.12 \sqrt{\frac{1}{20} + \frac{1}{18}}}$$

$$= \frac{-35}{23.12 \times 0.325} = -4.65$$

$$|t| = 4.65$$

Table value :

At $\alpha = 1\%$ LOS, $v = n_1 + n_2 - 2 = 36$ d.o.f,
the table value of t is given by,

$$t_\alpha = 2.58$$

Decision :

Since $|t| > t_\alpha$, H_0 is rejected.

Hence the two salesmen differ significantly
with regard to their average sales.



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Q Two independent samples from normal populations with equal variance gave the following:

Sample	Size	Mean	S.D
1	16	23.4	2.5
2	12	24.9	2.8

Is the difference between the means significant?

Solution:

Given: $n_1 = 16$, $n_2 = 12$

$$\bar{x}_1 = 23.4, \bar{x}_2 = 24.9$$

$$s_1 = 2.5, s_2 = 2.8$$

Null hypothesis: H_0 : There is no significant difference between the means i.e., $H_0: \mu_1 = \mu_2$

Alternative hypothesis: $H_1: \mu_1 \neq \mu_2$ (Two-tailed test)

Test-Statistic:

$$t = \frac{\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2}{S \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}}}$$

where $S^2 = \frac{n_1 s_1^2 + n_2 s_2^2}{n_1 + n_2 - 2}$

$$S^2 = \frac{16 \times 2.5^2 + 12 \times 2.8^2}{16 + 12 - 2}$$



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$$S^2 = 7.465$$

$$S = 2.732$$

$$t = \frac{23.4 - 24.9}{2.732 \sqrt{\frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{12}}}$$
$$= \frac{-1.5}{1.0433}$$

$$|t| = 1.4378$$

Table value :

$$\text{At } \alpha = 5\% \text{ LOS, } V = n_1 + n_2 - 2 = 16 + 12 - 2$$

$V = 26$ d.o.f, the table value of t is given by,

$$t_\alpha = 2.06$$

Decision :

Since $|t| < t_\alpha$, H_0 is accepted.

\therefore The difference is not significant.

③ A group of 10 rats fed on diet A and another group of 8 rats are fed on diet B, recorded the following increase in weight (gms).

Diet A : 5, 6, 8, 1, 12, 4, 3, 9, 6, 10

Diet B : 2, 3, 6, 8, 10, 1, 2, 8



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Does it show superiority of diet A over diet B?

Solution:

Given: $n_1 = 10$

$n_2 = 8$

Null hypothesis: H_0 : There is no significant difference in increase of weights i.e., $H_0: \mu_1 = \mu_2$

Alternative hypothesis: $H_1: \mu_1 > \mu_2$ (Right tailed test)

Calculation of sample means and sample S.D's:

$$\bar{x}_1 = \frac{\sum x_1}{n_1} = \frac{64}{10} = 6.4$$

$$\bar{x}_2 = \frac{\sum x_2}{n_2} = \frac{40}{8} = 5$$

$$s_1^2 = \frac{\sum x_1^2}{n_1} - \left(\frac{\sum x_1}{n_1} \right)^2 = \frac{512}{10} - (6.4)^2 = 10.24$$

$$s_2^2 = \frac{\sum x_2^2}{n_2} - \left(\frac{\sum x_2}{n_2} \right)^2 = \frac{282}{8} - (5)^2 = 10.25$$

Test-Statistic:

$$t = \frac{\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2}{S \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}}}$$

where $S^2 = \frac{n_1 s_1^2 + n_2 s_2^2}{n_1 + n_2 - 2}$



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$$S^2 = \frac{10 \times 10.24 + 8(10.25)}{10 + 8 - 2}$$

$$= \frac{184.4}{16}$$

$$S^2 = 11.525$$

$$S = 3.395$$

$$t = \frac{6.4 - 5}{3.395 \sqrt{\frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{8}}}$$

$$= \frac{1.4}{1.610}$$

$$t = 0.8694$$

Table value :

At $\alpha = 5\%$ LOS, $v = n_1 + n_2 - 2 = 16$ d.o.f,

the table value of t is given by,

$$t_\alpha = 1.75$$

Decision :

Since $t < t_\alpha$, H_0 is accepted. Hence we cannot conclude that diet A is superior to diet B.