

# Bus 274: Further Statistics For Business

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# Chapter 11:

# Parameter Tests

# for One Population



# 11.1 Introduction

The context.

- Hypothesis testing belongs to inductive statistics.
- Goal of inductive statistics: Make statements about a population on the basis of sample data.
- The population is characterized by a stochastic model; simplest case:  
by a random variable and its distribution.



# 11.1 Introduction

An example from quality control.

- A glass manufacturer produces bottles for carbonated beverages.
- Important: The bottles should be strong enough.
- Of course we should try to make sure that *each* bottle satisfies the standard.
- But that's not the whole story. . .
- We should focus on monitoring the production process, rather than on particular outcomes.



# 11.1 Introduction

An example from quality control.

- The production process is characterized by a random variable and its probability distribution:

$X$  = internal pressure strength  
of a randomly selected bottle (in psi)

- The production manager knows from past experience:

$$X \sim N(\mu, 10^2)$$

- The bottler requires that  $\mu$  should be at least 175.



# 11.1 Introduction

An example from quality control.

- That is, we should test

$$H_0 : \mu \leq \mu_0 = 175 \text{ (or } H_0 : \mu = \mu_0 = 175) \text{ against}$$
$$H_1 : \mu > \mu_0 = 175.$$

- If  $H_0$  can be rejected against  $H_1$ , we may say:
  - Average internal pressure strength was found to be significantly larger than 175 psi.
  - There is empirical evidence that average internal pressure strength is larger than 175 psi.



# 11.1 Introduction

An example from quality control.

- In order to test  $H_0$ , we need a sample from the production process:  $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim N(\mu, 10^2)$ ; iid

- Test statistic:

$$T = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{\frac{10}{\sqrt{n}}} \quad \text{with} \quad \mu_0 = 175$$

- If  $H_0 : \mu = \mu_0$  is true,  $T \sim N(0, 1)$ .
- Critical for  $H_0$ : large values of  $T$ .
- With  $\alpha = 5\%$ , the critical region is  $[1.645, \infty)$ .



# 11.1 Introduction

An example from quality control.

- Now suppose we have a sample of 25 bottles, with  $\bar{x} = 182$ .
- Here,

$$T = \frac{182 - 175}{\frac{10}{\sqrt{25}}} = 3.5 > 1.645.$$

- This means:  $H_0 : \mu \leq 175$  is rejected against  $H_1 : \mu > 175$ .
- The p-value (prob-value) of  $H_0$  against  $H_1$  is

$$P_{\mu_0}(T > 3.5) = 0.00023 = 0.023\%.$$

- How can this be formulated in words?



# 11.1 Introduction

An example from quality control — further questions.

- What does this mean for the production process?
- Should we re-adjust the production process?
- Could we have made a type I or a type II error?
- Maybe we should draw a larger sample?
- Questions like these (depending on the context, of course) should always be asked after conducting a significance test!



# 11.1 Introduction

The general situation.

- $X$ : our variable of interest
- $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ : random sample of  $X$
- $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ : realizations of  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$
- The distribution of  $X$  depends on a parameter  $\theta$ .  
(Or  $\theta$  is the expectation of  $X$ .)
- The parameter  $\theta$  is unknown; we want to test a hypothesis concerning  $\theta$ .



# 11.1 Introduction

## Outlook on Chapter 11.

- 11.2 Normal Distribution: Testing for  $\mu$   
 $\sigma^2$  known /  $\sigma^2$  unknown
- 11.3 Approximate Test For the Mean  
No distributional assumption, but the sample needs to be large.
- 11.4 Testing For A Share  
Share or unknown success probability.
- 11.5 Normal Distribution: Testing for  $\sigma^2$



# 11.2 Normal Distribution: Testing For $\mu$

Testing for the mean when the variance is known.

- Test problem:  $H_0 : \mu = \mu_0, H_1 : \mu \neq \mu_0$

- Test statistic:

$$T = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}}$$

If  $H_0$  is true,  $T \sim N(0, 1)$ .

- Critical for  $H_0$ : too small and too large values of  $T$ .
- For the one-sided test problem  $H_0 : \mu \leq \mu_0, H_1 : \mu > \mu_0$ , too large values of  $T$  are critical.



# 11.2 Normal Distribution: Testing For $\mu$

Example: Annual water consumption.

- A public utility company assumes that annual water consumption (cubic meters) of households with young families with children is normally distributed with mean 135 and standard deviation 55.
- A new residential area was constructed. — Is its water consumption “normal”?
- A random sample of 25 households had an average consumption of 127 cubic meters.



# 11.2 Normal Distribution: Testing For $\mu$

Example: Annual water consumption.

- Is the average water consumption of households in the new area different from 135?
- Define

$X$  = annual water consumption  
of a household in the new area.

- We assume:  $X \sim N(\mu, 55^2)$  and test

$H_0 : \mu = \mu_0 = 135$  against  $H_1 : \mu \neq \mu_0 = 135$ .



# 11.2 Normal Distribution: Testing For $\mu$

Example: Annual water consumption.

- The test statistic is

$$T = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}} = \frac{127 - 135}{\frac{55}{\sqrt{25}}} = -8/11;$$

the p-value is:

$$P_{\mu_0}(T < -8/11 \text{ or } T > +8/11) = 0.47$$

- $H_0$  is not rejected.
- There is no evidence that households in the new area have an unusually low or high water consumption.



# 11.2 Normal Distribution: Testing For $\mu$

Example: Annual water consumption.

- Observe here the strength of inductive statistics.

- Households in the new area consume less:

general household average: 135

new residential area household average: 127

- But do they systematically consume less?
- We have decided: The difference  $127 - 135$  can be explained by random variation. It does not indicate a difference between population means.



# 11.2 Normal Distribution: Testing For $\mu$

Testing for the mean when the variance is unknown.

- Test problem:  $H_0 : \mu = \mu_0, H_1 : \mu \neq \mu_0$

- Test statistic:

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

If  $H_0$  is true,  $T \sim t_{n-1}$ .

- Critical for  $H_0$ : too small and too large values of  $T$ .
- For the one-sided test problem  $H_0 : \mu \leq \mu_0, H_1 : \mu > \mu_0$ , too large values of  $T$  are critical.



# 11.2 Normal Distribution: Testing For $\mu$

Example: Packed fruit.

- A fruit packer fills strawberries into packages labeled “500 grams” .
- Is there evidence that the packer systematically underfills packages?
- A sample of 15 packages had weights  
490, 488, 491, 494, 473, 475, 510, 480, 503, 481, 497,  
501, 480, 509, 487.
- Arithmetic mean:  $\bar{x} = 490.6$ ; standard deviation:  $s = 11.71$ .



# 11.2 Normal Distribution: Testing For $\mu$

Example: Packed fruit.

- Let  $X$  = weight of fruit in a package.
- We assume:  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , where  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$  are unknown.
- To be tested:

$H_0 : \mu = 500$  (or  $H_0 : \mu \geq 500$ ) against  $H_1 : \mu < 500$ .

- Test statistic:

$$T = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}} = \frac{490.6 - 500}{\frac{11.71}{\sqrt{15}}} = -3.1091.$$

- The p-value is  $P_{\mu_0}(T \leq -3.1091) = 0.0038$ .



# 11.2 Normal Distribution: Testing For $\mu$

Example: Packed fruit.

- What is the critical region for  $T$ ?
- How can the p-value be explained in words?
- What is our decision with regard to  $H_0$  and  $H_1$ ?
- Which error may we have made?
- How can we express our findings concerning the packer's filling policy in words?



# 11.3 Approximate Test For the Mean

Testing for the mean, large sample.

- Test problem:  $H_0 : \mu = \mu_0, H_1 : \mu \neq \mu_0$  ( $\mu = E(X)$ )

- Test statistic:

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

If  $H_0$  is true,  $T \sim N(0, 1)$  approximately for large  $n$ .

- Critical for  $H_0$ : too small and too large values of  $T$ .
- For the one-sided test problem  $H_0 : \mu \leq \mu_0, H_1 : \mu > \mu_0$ , too large values of  $T$  are critical.



# 11.3 Approximate Test For the Mean

Example: Customer expenditure at a supermarket.

- All supermarkets of a certain chain have average customer expenditure €16.15.
- Site analysis, one particular supermarket: Does it deviate from this average?
- Define  $X$  = expenditure of a customer.
- To be tested:

$$H_0 : E(X) = \mu_0 = 16.15 \text{ against } H_1 : E(X) \neq \mu_0 = 16.15.$$



## 11.3 Approximate Test For the Mean

Example: Customer expenditure at a supermarket.

- A sample of 508 customers had  $\bar{x} = 15.43$ ,  $s^2 = 166.96$ .
- Test statistic:

$$T = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{\frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}} = \frac{15.43 - 16.15}{\sqrt{\frac{166.96}{508}}} = -1.26$$

- The p-value is  $P_{\mu_0}(T \leq -1.26 \text{ or } T \geq 1.26) = 0.208$ .
- There is no evidence for significant deviation of average expenditure in this particular supermarket from supermarkets of this chain in general.



# 11.4 Testing For a Share

Approximate test for a success probability.

- Test problem:  $H_0 : p = p_0, H_1 : p \neq p_0$

- Test statistic:

$$T = \frac{\hat{p} - p_0}{\sqrt{\frac{p_0(1-p_0)}{n}}}$$

If  $H_0$  is true,  $T \sim N(0, 1)$  approximately, if  $n$  is large.

- Critical for  $H_0$ : too small and too large values of  $T$ .
- For the one-sided test problem  $H_0 : p \leq p_0, H_1 : p > p_0$ , too large values of  $T$  are critical.



# 11.4 Testing For a Share

Example: Support for an idea.

- A politician claims that a majority of the populace support his strategy to reduce unemployment.
- In a random sample of 1000, 587 said they'd support the strategy.
- Is it justified to say the strategy is supported by a *majority*?
- Define  $p$  = share of those in favour of the strategy.
- To be tested:  $H_0 : p \leq p_0 = 0.5$  against  $H_1 : p > p_0 = 0.5$ .



# 11.4 Testing For a Share

Example: Support for an idea.

- To be tested:  $H_0 : p \leq p_0 = 0.5$  against  $H_1 : p > p_0 = 0.5$ .
- Test statistic:

$$T = \frac{\hat{p} - p_0}{\sqrt{\frac{p_0(1-p_0)}{n}}} = \frac{0.587 - 0.5}{\sqrt{\frac{0.5^2}{1000}}} = 5.50.$$

- Critical for  $H_0$ : too large values of  $T$ .
- The critical region is  $[1.645, \infty)$  (with  $\alpha = 5\%$ ).
- The p-value is  $P_{p_0}(T > 5.50) = P_{p_0}(\hat{p} > 0.587) = 1.9e - 08$ .



# 11.4 Testing For a Share

Example: Ups and downs in the Dow Jones Industrial Average.

	date	close quote	return	indicator
1	2006-01-04	10880.15	0.302%	1
2	2006-01-05	10882.15	0.018%	1
3	2006-01-06	10959.31	0.709%	1
4	2006-01-09	11011.90	0.480%	1
5	2006-01-10	11011.58	-0.003%	0
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
248	2006-12-27	12510.57	0.830%	1
249	2006-12-28	12501.52	-0.072%	0
250	2006-12-29	12463.15	-0.307%	0



# 11.4 Testing For a Share

Example: Ups and downs in the Dow Jones Industrial Average.

- Among the 250 days in 2006, there were
  - 135 days with an up move,
  - 115 days with a down move.
- Estimated probability of an up move:  $\hat{p} = 135/250 = 0.54$
- Does this imply a significant deviation from a supposed 50% chance of an up move?
- Test statistic:  $T = 1.26$ , p-value: 0.21



## 11.4 Testing For a Share

Example: Ups and downs in the Dow Jones Industrial Average.

A more sophisticated method to explore a financial market should:

- test a more powerful hypothesis, e.g.:

The sequence 1,1,1,1,0,. . . is like one created by coin tossing.

- take the magnitude of returns into consideration.
- adopt a *dynamic* stochastic model.



# 11.5 Normal Distribution: Testing For $\sigma^2$

Testing for the variance when the mean  $\mu$  is unknown.

- Test problem:  $H_0 : \sigma^2 = \sigma_0^2, H_1 : \sigma^2 \neq \sigma_0^2$
- Test statistic:

$$T = \frac{(n-1)s^2}{\sigma_0^2} = \frac{1}{\sigma_0^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$$

If  $H_0$  is true,  $T \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$ .

- Critical for  $H_0$ : too small and too large values of  $T$ .
- For the one-sided test problem  $H_0 : \sigma^2 \leq \sigma_0^2, H_1 : \sigma^2 > \sigma_0^2$ , too large values of  $T$  are critical.



# 11.5 Normal Distribution: Testing For $\sigma^2$

Example: The variability of response times.

- A computerized inquiry system provides information on the availability of air tickets.
- As long as the system is running smoothly, response times are known to be normally distributed with mean 0.6 seconds and standard deviation 0.14 seconds.
- The variance is an important performance parameter.



# 11.5 Normal Distribution: Testing For $\sigma^2$

Example: The variability of response times.

- Samples of response times are frequently drawn to monitor the variance.
- One night, a sample of size 384 was drawn.
- It had  $\bar{x} = 0.613$  and  $s = 0.1085$ .
- Required: Test if the observed variance is in line with the assumption

$$X \sim N(0.6, 0.14^2).$$



# 11.5 Normal Distribution: Testing For $\sigma^2$

Example: The variance of response time.

- Test problem:  $H_0 : \sigma^2 = \sigma_0^2 = 0.14^2$ ,  $H_1 : \sigma^2 \neq \sigma_0^2$
- Test statistic:

$$T = \frac{(n-1)s^2}{\sigma_0^2} = \frac{383 \cdot 0.1085^2}{0.14^2} = 230.0$$

- We need the 2.5% and 97.5% quantiles of the  $\chi^2$  distribution with 383 degrees of freedom:

$$\chi_{383;0.025}^2 = 330.7; \quad \chi_{383;0.975}^2 = 439.1.$$

- Critical region:  $[0, 330.7) \cup (439.1, \infty)$ .
- $H_0$  is rejected.

