

## L05 t-tests

### 1. t-tests

Suppose  $\theta$  is estimated by  $\hat{\theta}$  and  $\frac{\hat{\theta}-\theta}{S_{\hat{\theta}}} \sim t(k)$ .

(1) by rejection region

$H_0 : \theta \geq \theta_0$ vs $H_a : \theta < \theta_0$ Test statistic: $t = \frac{\hat{\theta}-\theta_0}{S_{\hat{\theta}}}$ Reject $H_0$ if $t < -t_{\alpha}(k)$	$H_0 : \theta \leq \theta_0$ vs $H_a : \theta > \theta_0$ Test statistic: $t = \frac{\hat{\theta}-\theta_0}{S_{\hat{\theta}}}$ Reject $H_0$ if $t > t_{\alpha}(k)$
$H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$ vs $H_a : \theta \neq \theta_0$ Test statistic: $t = \frac{\hat{\theta}-\theta_0}{S_{\hat{\theta}}}$ Reject $H_0$ if $t < -t_{\alpha/2}(k)$ or $t > t_{\alpha/2}(k)$	

are lower-sided alternative, upper-sided alternative and two-sided alternative  $\alpha$ -level test

**Proof.** Consider the first lower-sided alternative test with lower-sided rejection region.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Note that under } H_0 : \theta \geq \theta_0 &\iff \frac{\hat{\theta}-\theta}{S_{\hat{\theta}}} \leq \frac{\hat{\theta}-\theta_0}{S_{\hat{\theta}}} \\ &\iff P\left(\frac{\hat{\theta}-\theta_0}{S_{\hat{\theta}}} < c\right) \leq P\left(\frac{\hat{\theta}-\theta}{S_{\hat{\theta}}} \leq c\right) \text{ for all } c. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, } P(\text{Type I error}) &= P(\text{Rejecting } H_0 | H_0 \text{ is true}) = P\left(\frac{\hat{\theta}-\theta_0}{S_{\hat{\theta}}} < -t_{\alpha}(k) | H_0\right) \\ &\leq P\left(\frac{\hat{\theta}-\theta}{S_{\hat{\theta}}} < -t_{\alpha}(k)\right) = P(t(k) \leq -t_{\alpha}(k)) = \alpha. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the lower-sided alternative test is an  $\alpha$ -level test.

**Comment:** The lower-sided alternative test has lower-sided rejection region,  
The upper-sided alternative test has upper-sided rejection region  
and the two-sided alternative test has two-sided rejection region.

(2) by p-value

$H_0 : \theta \geq \theta_0$ vs $H_a : \theta < \theta_0$ Test statistic: $t = \frac{\hat{\theta}-\theta_0}{S_{\hat{\theta}}}$ p-value: $P(t(k) < t_{ob})$	$H_0 : \theta \leq \theta_0$ vs $H_a : \theta > \theta_0$ Test statistic: $t = \frac{\hat{\theta}-\theta_0}{S_{\hat{\theta}}}$ p-value: $P(t(k) > t_{ob})$
$H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$ vs $H_a : \theta \neq \theta_0$ Test statistic: $t = \frac{\hat{\theta}-\theta_0}{S_{\hat{\theta}}}$ p-value: $2P(t(k) >  t_{ob} )$	

are the tests equivalent to that in (1).

**Proof.** Consider the second upper-sided alternative test.

$$\begin{aligned} &H_0 \text{ is rejected by using } \alpha\text{-level rejection region} \\ &\iff t_{ob} > t_{\alpha}(k) \iff P(t(k) > t_{ob}) < P(t(k) > t_{\alpha}(k)) = \alpha \iff \text{p-value} < \alpha \\ &\iff H_0 \text{ is rejected by using p-value.} \end{aligned}$$

**Comment:** Lower-sided alternative test has lower-sided probability as p-value.

Upper-sided alternative test has upper-sided probability as p-value.

Two-sided alternative test has two sided probability as p-value since

$$2P(t(k) > |t_{ob}|) = P(t(k) < -|t_{ob}|) + P(t(k) > |t_{ob}|).$$

2.  $t$ -tests in  $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \epsilon$

(1) Practical needs

After confirming the usefulness of the model, there may be still many questions need to be answered. For example

Is  $E(y(x))$  and increasing function of  $x$ ?  $\iff$  Is  $H_a : \beta_1 > 0$  true?

$E(y(0)) = 5$ ?  $\iff H_0 : \beta_0 = 5$  true?

$E(y(3)) \geq 10$ ?  $\iff H_0 : E(y(3)) \geq 10$  true?

(2) Framework

By the framework in 1 and  $\frac{\hat{\beta}_0 - \beta_0}{S_{\hat{\beta}_0}} \sim t(n-2)$ ,  $\frac{\hat{\beta}_1 - \beta_1}{S_{\hat{\beta}_1}} \sim t(n-2)$ ,  $\frac{\hat{y}(x_0) - E(y(x_0))}{S_{\hat{y}(x_0)}} \sim t(n-2)$ , there are three types tests on each of  $\beta_0$ ,  $\beta_1$  and  $E(y(x_0)) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_0$  by rejection region and by p-value.

(3) To carry out the tests  $\hat{\beta}_0$ ,  $S_{\hat{\beta}_0}$ ;  $\hat{\beta}_1$ ,  $S_{\hat{\beta}_1}$ ; and  $\hat{y}(x_0)$ ,  $S_{\hat{y}(x_0)}$  are needed.

**Ex1:** Based on a sample of size  $n = 20$  one obtains  $\hat{\beta}_1 = -37$  and  $S_{\hat{\beta}_1} = 3$ . Is the regression function a decreasing function of  $x$ ? Support your conclusion by a test at level 0.05.

From App  $t_{0.05}(18) = 1.734$ .

$H_0 : \beta_1 \geq 0$  vs  $H_a : \beta_1 < 0$   
 Test statistic  $t = \frac{\hat{\beta}_1}{S_{\hat{\beta}_1}}$   
 Rejet  $H_0$  if  $t < -1.734$  for  $\alpha = 0.05$   
 $t_{ob} = \frac{-37}{3} = -12$   
 Reject  $H_0$ .  $E(y(x))$  is a decreasing function of  $x$

**Comment:**  $t$ -test and  $F$ -test on  $H_0 : \beta_1 = 0$  are equivalent, i.e., they produce the same  $p$ -value, and reach the same conclusion.

3.  $t$ -tests in  $y = \beta x + \epsilon$

(1) By the framework in 1 and  $\frac{\hat{\beta} - \beta}{S_{\hat{\beta}}} \sim t(n-1)$  and  $\frac{\hat{y}(x_0) - E(y(x_0))}{S_{\hat{y}(x_0)}} \sim t(n-1)$  there are three types of tests on each of  $\beta$  and  $E(y(x_0))$  by rejection regions or by p-values.

(2) To carry out the tests  $\hat{\beta}$  and  $S_{\hat{\beta}}$ ;  $\hat{y}(x_0)$  and  $S_{\hat{y}(x_0)}$  are needed.

**Ex2:** A sample for the model without intercept produced

$$n = 4, \sum x = 2, \sum y = 14, \sum x^2 = 6, \sum y^2 = 54, \sum xy = 4.$$

For future  $x_0 = 2$  test  $H_0 : E(y(2)) = 3$ .

$$\text{Computing } MSE = \frac{1}{n-1} \left[ \sum y^2 - \frac{(\sum xy)^2}{\sum x^2} \right] = 17.1111, \hat{\beta} = \frac{\sum xy}{\sum x^2} = 0.6667$$

$$\hat{y}(2) = \hat{\beta} \times 2 = 1.333, S_{\hat{y}(2)}^2 = MSE \frac{2^2}{\sum x^2} = 3.38^2$$

$H_0 : E(y(2)) = 3$  versus  $H_a : E(y(2)) \neq 3$   
 Test Statistic:  $t = \frac{\hat{y}(2) - 3}{S_{\hat{y}(2)}}$   
 p-value:  $2P(t(n-1) > |t_{ob}|)$   
 $t_{pb} = \frac{1.333-3}{3.38} = -0.49$ , p-value  
 p-value:  $2P(t(3) > 0.49) = 2 \times 0.329 = 0.658$   
 Fail to reject  $H_0$  at the level 0.05  
 Data do not show evidence against the claim that  $E(y(2)) = 3$

## L06: t-intervals

### 1. t-intervals and their relations to t-tests

Suppose  $\theta$  is estimated by  $\hat{\theta}$  and  $\frac{\hat{\theta}-\theta}{s_{\hat{\theta}}} \sim t(k)$ .

(1)  $t$ -confidence intervals for  $\theta$  with confidence coefficient  $1 - \alpha$

- (i) Two-sided CI:  $\hat{\theta} \pm t_{\alpha/2}(k)s_{\hat{\theta}}$  is a  $1 - \alpha$  two-sided CI for  $\theta$ .
- (ii) Lower-sided CI:  $(-\infty, \hat{\theta} + t_{\alpha}(k)s_{\hat{\theta}})$  is a  $1 - \alpha$  lower-sided CI for  $\theta$ .
- (iii) Upper-sided CI:  $(\hat{\theta} - t_{\alpha}(k)s_{\hat{\theta}}, \infty)$  is a  $1 - \alpha$  upper-sided CI for  $\theta$ .

**Proof.** (i) Need to show  $P(\hat{\theta} - t_{\alpha/2}(k)s_{\hat{\theta}} < \theta < \hat{\theta} + t_{\alpha/2}(k)s_{\hat{\theta}}) = 1 - \alpha$ .

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - \alpha &= P(-t_{\alpha/2}(k) < t(k) < t_{\alpha/2}(k)) = P\left(-t_{\alpha/2}(k) < \frac{\hat{\theta}-\theta}{s_{\hat{\theta}}} < t_{\alpha/2}(k)\right) \\ &= P\left(\hat{\theta} - t_{\alpha/2}(k)s_{\hat{\theta}} < \theta < \hat{\theta} + t_{\alpha/2}(k)s_{\hat{\theta}}\right). \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Need to show  $P(-\infty < \theta < \hat{\theta} + t_{\alpha}(k)s_{\hat{\theta}}) = 1 - \alpha$ .

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - \alpha &= P(-t_{\alpha}(k) < t(k) < \infty) = P\left(-t_{\alpha}(k) < \frac{\hat{\theta}-\theta}{s_{\hat{\theta}}} < \infty\right) \\ &= P\left(-\infty < \theta < \hat{\theta} + t_{\alpha}(k)s_{\hat{\theta}}\right). \end{aligned}$$

(iii) Skipped

(2) Relations of  $1 - \alpha$  CI and  $\alpha$ -level test

- (i)  $\theta_0$  is in  $1 - \alpha$  two-sided CI  $\iff$   $\alpha$ -level test on  $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$  fails to reject  $H_0$
- (ii)  $\theta_0$  is in  $1 - \alpha$  lower-sided CI  $\iff$   $\alpha$ -level test on  $H_0 : \theta \geq \theta_0$  fails to reject  $H_0$
- (iii)  $\theta_0$  is in  $1 - \alpha$  upper-sided CI  $\iff$   $\alpha$ -level test on  $H_0 : \theta \leq \theta_0$  fails to reject  $H_0$

**Proof.** (i)  $\theta_0$  is in  $1 - \alpha$  two-sided confidence interval for  $\theta$   
 $\iff \theta_0 \in \hat{\theta} \pm t_{\alpha/2}(k)s_{\hat{\theta}} \iff -t_{\alpha/2}(k) < \frac{\hat{\theta}-\theta_0}{s_{\hat{\theta}}} < t_{\alpha/2}(k)$   
 $\iff \alpha$ -level test on  $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$  fails to reject  $H_0$

(ii)  $\theta_0$  is in  $1 - \alpha$  lower-sided CI for  $\theta$   
 $\iff -\infty < \theta_0 < \hat{\theta} + t_{\alpha}(k)s_{\hat{\theta}} \iff \frac{\hat{\theta}-\theta_0}{s_{\hat{\theta}}} < t_{\alpha}(k)$   
 $\iff \alpha$ -level test on  $H_0 : \theta \geq \theta_0$  fails to reject  $H_0$

(iii) Skipped

### 2. $t$ -intervals in $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \epsilon$

(1) Practical needs

After F-test confirms the usefulness of the model, many estimation problems arise.

For example, when  $x$  increases by 1, we may need to estimate the increment in  $E(y)$  by a confidence interval, i.e., a confidence interval for  $\beta_1$ .

We always want to have an interval estimate for the mean of a future response when  $x = x_0$ , a confidence interval for  $E(y(x_0)) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_0$ .

(2) Framework

Based on the framework in 1 and

$$\frac{\hat{\beta}_0 - \beta_0}{S_{\hat{\beta}_0}} \sim t(n-2), \quad \frac{\hat{\beta}_1 - \beta_1}{S_{\hat{\beta}_1}} \sim t(n-2) \text{ and } \frac{\hat{y}(x_0) - E(y(x_0))}{S_{\hat{y}(x_0)}} \sim t(n-2),$$

there are three types confidence intervals for  $\beta_0$ ,  $\beta_1$  and  $E(y(x_0))$ . For example

$$\begin{aligned} \left(-\infty, \hat{\beta}_0 + t_\alpha(n-2)S_{\hat{\beta}_0}\right) & \text{ is a } 1 - \alpha \text{ lower-sided CI for } \beta_0 \\ \left(\hat{\beta}_1 - t_\alpha(n-2)S_{\hat{\beta}_1}, \infty\right) & \text{ is a } 1 - \alpha \text{ upper-sided CI for } \beta_1 \\ \hat{y}(x_0) \pm t_{\alpha/2}(n-2)S_{\hat{y}(x_0)} & \text{ is a } 1 - \alpha \text{ two-sided CI for } E(y(x_0)) \end{aligned}$$

**Ex1:** Based on a sample of size  $n = 20$  one obtains  $\hat{\beta}_1 = -37$  and  $S_{\hat{\beta}_1} = 3$ . Find a lower-sided confidence coefficient for  $\beta_1$  with confidence coefficient 0.95.

$$1 - \alpha = 0.95 \implies \alpha = 0.05 \implies t_\alpha(n-2) = 1.734$$

$$\left(-\infty, \hat{\beta}_1 + t_\alpha(n-2)S_{\hat{\beta}_1}\right) = (-\infty, -37 + 1.734 \times 3) = (-\infty, -31.798)$$

is a 95% CI for  $\beta_1$ .

(3) Relations to  $\alpha$ -level tests

The relations of  $\alpha$ -level tests and  $1 - \alpha$  CI hold. For example

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ex1 in L05} \quad H_0 : \beta_1 \geq 0 \text{ is rejected at the level } \alpha = 0.05 \\ \iff 0 \text{ is not in the 95\% lower-sided CI for } \beta_1 \iff \text{Ex1 L06} \end{aligned}$$

3.  $t$ -intervals in  $y = \beta x + \epsilon$

(1) Confidence intervals

By the framework in 1 and

$$\frac{\hat{\beta} - \beta}{S_{\hat{\beta}}} \sim t(n-1) \text{ and } \frac{\hat{y}(x_0) - E(y(x_0))}{S_{\hat{y}(x_0)}} \sim t(n-1)$$

there are lower-sided, upper-sided and two-sided confidence intervals for  $\beta$  and for  $E(y(x_0)) = \beta x_0$

**Ex2:** A sample for the model without intercept produced

$$n = 4, \sum x = 2, \sum y = 14, \sum x^2 = 6, \sum y^2 = 54, \sum xy = 4.$$

For a 95% confidence interval for  $E(y(2))$ .

$$\hat{y}(2) = \hat{\beta} \times 2 = 1.333, \quad S_{\hat{y}(2)}^2 = 3.38^2$$

$$t_{\alpha/2}(n-1) = t_{0.025}(3) = 3.182$$

$$\hat{y}(2) \pm t_{\alpha/2}(n-1)S_{\hat{y}(2)} = 1.333 \pm 3.182 \times 3.38 = 1.333 \pm 10.755 = (-9.422, 12.088)$$

is a 95% CI for  $E(y(2))$ .

(2) The relation of  $\alpha$ -level tests and  $1 - \alpha$  CI holds

For example Ex2 in L05 shows p-value=0.65 for test on  $H_0 : E(y(2)) = 3$ . So  $H_0$  is rejected at  $\alpha = 0.05$ . Hence 3 is in 95% CI for  $E(y(2))$ . This is the conclusion of Ex2 here in L06. What if  $\alpha = 0.15, 0.25, 0.45$ ?