

• Example: Measure the sulfate concentration at a local reservoir over 9 consecutive days. Obtain a sample mean of $M_9 = 6.1 \text{ mg/L}$. The variance is known to be $\sigma^2 = 0.81 (\text{mg/L})^2$.

→ Is the concentration significantly different from the baseline concentration $\mu = 5.4 \text{ mg/L}$ at a significance level of 0.01?

One dataset with known variance \Rightarrow One-Sample Z-Test

→ Z-statistic: $Z = \frac{\sqrt{n} (M_n - \mu)}{\sigma} = \frac{\sqrt{9} (6.1 - 5.4)}{\sqrt{0.81}} = 2.33$

→ p-value = $2 \Phi(-|Z|) = 2 \cdot \Phi(-2.33) = 0.020$
MATLAB `normcdf(-2.33)`

→ Since p-value $\geq \alpha = 0.01$, fail to reject the null.
"concentration not elevated"

• Example: Measure the sulfate concentration at a local reservoir over 9 consecutive days. Obtain a sample mean of $M_9 = 6.1 \text{ mg/L}$ and a sample variance of $V_9 = 0.36 (\text{mg/L})^2$.

→ Is the concentration significantly different from the baseline concentration $\mu = 5.4 \text{ mg/L}$ at a significance level of 0.05?

One dataset with unknown variance \Rightarrow One-Sample T-Test

→ T-statistic: $T = \frac{\sqrt{n}(M_n - \mu)}{\sqrt{V_n}} = \frac{\sqrt{9}(6.1 - 5.4)}{\sqrt{0.36}} = 3.50$

→ $p\text{-value} = 2 F_{T_{n-1}}(-|T|) = 2 F_{T_8}(-3.50) = 0.008$
MATLAB `tcdf(-3.50, 8)`

→ Since $p\text{-value} < \alpha = 0.05$, reject the null.
"concentration elevated"

• Example: Test a new blood pressure drug with a control group of 27 patients and an experimental group with 25 patients. Sample mean in the control group is $M_{27}^{(1)} = 2.10$ and sample mean in the experimental group is $M_{25}^{(2)} = 2.02$. From prior studies, variance in the control group and experimental group are known to be $\sigma_1^2 = 0.01$ and $\sigma_2^2 = 0.02$, respectively.

→ Does the drug lower cholesterol at a significance level of 0.05?

Two datasets with known variance \Rightarrow Two-Sample Z-Test

→ Z-Statistic:
$$Z = \frac{M_{n_1}^{(1)} - M_{n_2}^{(2)}}{\sqrt{\frac{\sigma_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{n_2}}} = \frac{2.10 - 2.02}{\sqrt{\frac{0.01}{27} + \frac{0.02}{25}}} = 2.34$$

→ p-value = $2 \Phi(-|Z|) = 2 \Phi(-2.34) = 0.02$

MATLAB `normcdf(-2.34)`

→ Since p-value $< \alpha = 0.05$, reject the null.

"drug lowers cholesterol"

• Example: Test a new blood pressure drug with a control group of 27 patients and an experimental group with 25 patients. Sample mean in the control group is $M_{27}^{(1)} = 2.10$ and sample mean in the experimental group is $M_{25}^{(2)} = 2.02$. Sample variances in the control group and experimental group are $V_{27}^{(1)} = 0.31$ and $V_{25}^{(2)} = 0.28$, respectively. Variance is thought to be equal.

→ Does the drug lower cholesterol at a significance level of 0.05?

Two datasets with unknown, equal variance \Rightarrow Two-Sample T-Test

→ Pooled Sample Variance:
$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{(n_1 - 1)V_{n_1}^{(1)} + (n_2 - 1)V_{n_2}^{(2)}}{n_1 + n_2 - 2} = \frac{26 \cdot 0.31 + 24 \cdot 0.28}{27 + 25 - 2} = 0.30$$

→ T-Statistic:
$$T = \frac{M_{n_1}^{(1)} - M_{n_2}^{(2)}}{\sqrt{\hat{\sigma}^2 \left(\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2} \right)}} = \frac{2.10 - 2.02}{\sqrt{0.30 \left(\frac{1}{27} + \frac{1}{25} \right)}} = 0.53$$

→ p-value = $2 F_{T_{n_1+n_2-2}}(-|T|) = 2 F_{T_{50}}(-0.53) = 0.60$

MATLAB `tcdf(-0.53, 50)`

→ Since p-value $\geq \alpha = 0.05$, fail to reject the null.
"drug does not lower cholesterol"