

3.7) Hypothesis testing with the normal distribution

Worked example

A random sample of size n is taken from a population X having a normal distribution with mean μ and variance σ^2 . Conduct a hypothesis test on the population mean, given:

Sample size $n = 40$

Sample mean $\bar{x} = 49$

Population standard deviation $\sigma = 4$

5% significance level

$$H_0: \mu = 50$$

$$H_1: \mu < 50$$

Your turn

A random sample of size n is taken from a population X having a normal distribution with mean μ and variance σ^2 . Conduct a hypothesis test on the population mean, given:

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Sample mean $\bar{x} = 49$

Population standard deviation $\sigma = 4$

10% significance level

$$H_0: \mu = 50$$

$$H_1: \mu < 50$$

Assume H_0 true: $X \sim N(50, 4^2)$

$$\bar{X} \sim N\left(50, \frac{4^2}{30}\right)$$

$$\bar{X} \sim N\left(50, \left(\frac{4}{\sqrt{30}}\right)^2\right)$$

Reject H_0 if $P(\bar{X} \leq 49) < 0.1$

$$P(\bar{X} \leq 49) = 0.0854 \dots < 0.1$$

The result is significant.

Sufficient evidence to reject H_0 .

Sufficient evidence to suggest $\mu < 50$

Worked example

A random sample of size n is taken from a population X having a normal distribution with mean μ and variance σ^2 . Conduct a hypothesis test on the population mean, given:

Sample size $n = 30$

Sample mean $\bar{x} = 51$

Population standard deviation $\sigma = 4$

10% significance level

$$H_0: \mu = 50$$

$$H_1: \mu > 50$$

Your turn

A random sample of size n is taken from a population X having a normal distribution with mean μ and variance σ^2 . Conduct a hypothesis test on the population mean, given:

Sample size $n = 40$

Sample mean $\bar{x} = 51$

Population standard deviation $\sigma = 4$

5% significance level

$$H_0: \mu = 50$$

$$H_1: \mu > 50$$

Assume H_0 true: $X \sim N(50, 4^2)$

$$\bar{X} \sim N\left(50, \frac{4^2}{40}\right)$$

$$\bar{X} \sim N\left(50, \left(\frac{4}{\sqrt{40}}\right)^2\right)$$

Reject H_0 if $P(\bar{X} \geq 51) < 0.05$

$$P(\bar{X} \geq 51) = 0.0569 \dots > 0.05$$

The result is not significant.

Insufficient evidence to reject H_0 .

Insufficient evidence to suggest $\mu > 50$

Worked example

A random sample of size n is taken from a population X having a normal distribution with mean μ and variance σ^2 . Conduct a hypothesis test on the population mean, given:

Sample size $n = 61$

Sample mean $\bar{x} = 51$

Population standard deviation $\sigma = 4$

10% significance level

$H_0: \mu = 50$

$H_1: \mu \neq 50$

Your turn

A random sample of size n is taken from a population X having a normal distribution with mean μ and variance σ^2 . Conduct a hypothesis test on the population mean, given:

Sample size $n = 62$

Sample mean $\bar{x} = 51$

Population standard deviation $\sigma = 4$

5% significance level

$H_0: \mu = 50$

$H_1: \mu \neq 50$

Assume H_0 true: $X \sim N(50, 4^2)$

$$\bar{X} \sim N\left(50, \frac{4^2}{62}\right)$$

$$\bar{X} \sim N\left(50, \left(\frac{4}{\sqrt{62}}\right)^2\right)$$

Reject H_0 if $P(\bar{X} \geq 51) < 0.025$

$P(\bar{X} \geq 51) = 0.0245 \dots < 0.025$

The result is significant.

Sufficient evidence to reject H_0 .

Sufficient evidence to suggest $\mu \neq 50$

Worked example

A random sample of size n is taken from a population X having a normal distribution with mean μ and variance σ^2 . Conduct a hypothesis test on the population mean, given:

Sample size $n = 62$

Sample mean $\bar{x} = 49$

Population standard deviation $\sigma = 4$

2% significance level

$H_0: \mu = 50$

$H_1: \mu \neq 50$

Your turn

A random sample of size n is taken from a population X having a normal distribution with mean μ and variance σ^2 . Conduct a hypothesis test on the population mean, given:

Sample size $n = 61$

Sample mean $\bar{x} = 49$

Population standard deviation $\sigma = 4$

1% significance level

$H_0: \mu = 50$

$H_1: \mu \neq 50$

Assume H_0 true: $X \sim N(50, 4^2)$

$$\bar{X} \sim N\left(50, \frac{4^2}{61}\right)$$

$$\bar{X} \sim N\left(50, \left(\frac{4}{\sqrt{61}}\right)^2\right)$$

Reject H_0 if $P(\bar{X} \leq 49) < 0.005$

$P(\bar{X} \leq 49) = 0.0254 \dots > 0.005$

The result is not significant.

Insufficient evidence to reject H_0 .

Insufficient evidence to suggest $\mu \neq 50$

Worked example

A random sample of size n is taken from a population X having a normal distribution with mean μ and variance σ^2 . Find the critical region for the test statistic \bar{X} in a hypothesis test on the population mean, given:

Sample size $n = 30$

Population standard deviation $\sigma = 4$

5% significance level

$$H_0: \mu = 50$$

$$H_1: \mu < 50$$

Your turn

A random sample of size n is taken from a population X having a normal distribution with mean μ and variance σ^2 . Find the critical region for the test statistic \bar{X} in a hypothesis test on the population mean, given:

Sample size $n = 40$

Population standard deviation $\sigma = 4$

10% significance level

$$H_0: \mu = 50$$

$$H_1: \mu < 50$$

Assume H_0 true: $X \sim N(50, 4^2)$

$$\bar{X} \sim N\left(50, \frac{4^2}{40}\right)$$

$$\bar{X} \sim N\left(50, \left(\frac{4}{\sqrt{40}}\right)^2\right)$$

$$Z = \frac{\bar{X} - 50}{\frac{4}{\sqrt{40}}}$$

$$P(Z < z) = 0.1 \rightarrow z = -1.28155 \dots$$

$$-1.28155 \dots = \frac{\bar{X} - 50}{\frac{4}{\sqrt{40}}}$$

$$\bar{X} = -1.28155 \dots \times \frac{4}{\sqrt{40}} + 50 = 49.189 \dots$$

Critical region is $\bar{X} < 49.19$ (2 dp)

Worked example

A random sample of size n is taken from a population X having a normal distribution with mean μ and variance σ^2 .

a) Find the critical region for the test statistic \bar{X} in a hypothesis test on the population mean, given:

Sample size $n = 30$

Population standard deviation $\sigma = 4$

5% significance level

$$H_0: \mu = 50$$

$$H_1: \mu < 50$$

b) The mean of the sample of 50 was found to be 48.9. Comment on this observation in light of the critical region.

Your turn

A random sample of size n is taken from a population X having a normal distribution with mean μ and variance σ^2 .

a) Find the critical region for the test statistic \bar{X} in a hypothesis test on the population mean, given:

Sample size $n = 40$

Population standard deviation $\sigma = 4$

10% significance level

$$H_0: \mu = 50$$

$$H_1: \mu < 50$$

b) The mean of the sample of 50 was found to be 48.9. Comment on this observation in light of the critical region.

Assume H_0 true: $X \sim N(50, 4^2)$

$$\bar{X} \sim N\left(50, \frac{4^2}{40}\right)$$

$$\bar{X} \sim N\left(50, \left(\frac{4}{\sqrt{40}}\right)^2\right)$$

$$Z = \frac{\bar{X} - 50}{\frac{4}{\sqrt{40}}}$$

$$P(Z < z) = 0.1 \rightarrow z = -1.28155 \dots$$

$$-1.28155 \dots = \frac{\bar{X} - 50}{\frac{4}{\sqrt{40}}}$$

$$\bar{X} = -1.28155 \dots \times \frac{4}{\sqrt{40}} + 50 = 49.189 \dots$$

Critical region is $\bar{X} < 49.19$ (2 dp)

b) 48.9 is in the critical region.

The result is significant.

Sufficient evidence to reject H_0 .

Sufficient evidence to suggest $\mu < 50$

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Your turn

A random sample of size n is taken from a population X having a normal distribution with mean μ and variance σ^2 . Find the critical region for the test statistic \bar{X} in a hypothesis test on the population mean, given:

Sample size $n = 30$

Population standard deviation $\sigma = 4$

5% significance level

$$H_0: \mu = 50$$

$$H_1: \mu > 50$$

Assume H_0 true: $X \sim N(50, 4^2)$

$$\bar{X} \sim N\left(50, \frac{4^2}{30}\right)$$

$$\bar{X} \sim N\left(50, \left(\frac{4}{\sqrt{30}}\right)^2\right)$$

$$Z = \frac{\bar{X} - 50}{\frac{4}{\sqrt{30}}}$$

$$P(Z > z) = 0.05 \rightarrow z = 1.64485 \dots$$

$$1.64485 \dots = \frac{\bar{X} - 50}{\frac{4}{\sqrt{30}}}$$

$$\bar{X} = 1.64485 \dots \times \frac{4}{\sqrt{30}} + 50 = 51.201 \dots$$

Critical region is $\bar{X} > 51.20$ (2 dp)

Worked example

A random sample of size n is taken from a population X having a normal distribution with mean μ and variance σ^2 .

a) Find the critical region for the test statistic \bar{X} in a hypothesis test on the population mean, given:

Sample size $n = 40$

Population standard deviation $\sigma = 4$

10% significance level

$$H_0: \mu = 50$$

$$H_1: \mu > 50$$

b) The mean of the sample of 50 was found to be 50.9. Comment on this observation in light of the critical region.

Your turn

A random sample of size n is taken from a population X having a normal distribution with mean μ and variance σ^2 .

a) Find the critical region for the test statistic \bar{X} in a hypothesis test on the population mean, given:

Sample size $n = 30$

Population standard deviation $\sigma = 4$

5% significance level

$$H_0: \mu = 50$$

$$H_1: \mu > 50$$

b) The mean of the sample of 50 was found to be 50.9. Comment on this observation in light of the critical region.

Assume H_0 true: $X \sim N(50, 4^2)$

$$\bar{X} \sim N\left(50, \frac{4^2}{30}\right)$$

$$\bar{X} \sim N\left(50, \left(\frac{4}{\sqrt{30}}\right)^2\right)$$

$$Z = \frac{\bar{X} - 50}{\frac{4}{\sqrt{30}}}$$

$$P(Z > z) = 0.05 \rightarrow z = 1.64485 \dots$$

$$1.64485 \dots = \frac{\bar{X} - 50}{\frac{4}{\sqrt{30}}}$$

$$\bar{X} = 1.64485 \dots \times \frac{4}{\sqrt{30}} + 50 = 51.201 \dots$$

Critical region is $\bar{X} > 51.20$ (2 dp)

b) 50.9 is not in the critical region.

The result is not significant.

Insufficient evidence to reject H_0 .

Insufficient evidence to suggest $\mu > 50$

Worked example

A random sample of size n is taken from a population X having a normal distribution with mean μ and variance σ^2 . Find the critical regions for the test statistic \bar{X} in a hypothesis test on the population mean, given:

Sample size $n = 40$

Population standard deviation $\sigma = 4$

1% significance level

$$H_0: \mu = 50$$

$$H_1: \mu \neq 50$$

Your turn

A random sample of size n is taken from a population X having a normal distribution with mean μ and variance σ^2 . Find the critical regions for the test statistic \bar{X} in a hypothesis test on the population mean, given:

Sample size $n = 30$

Population standard deviation $\sigma = 4$

5% significance level

$$H_0: \mu = 50$$

$$H_1: \mu \neq 50$$

Assume H_0 true: $X \sim N(50, 4^2)$

$$\bar{X} \sim N\left(50, \frac{4^2}{30}\right)$$

$$\bar{X} \sim N\left(50, \left(\frac{4}{\sqrt{30}}\right)^2\right)$$

$$Z = \frac{\bar{X} - 50}{\frac{4}{\sqrt{30}}}$$

$$z = \pm 1.95996 \dots$$

$$-1.95996 \dots = \frac{\bar{X} - 50}{\frac{4}{\sqrt{30}}}$$

$$1.95996 \dots = \frac{\bar{X} - 50}{\frac{4}{\sqrt{30}}}$$

$$\bar{X} = -1.95996 \dots \times \frac{4}{\sqrt{30}} + 50$$

$$\bar{X} = 1.95996 \dots \times \frac{4}{\sqrt{30}} + 50$$

$$= 48.568 \dots$$

$$= 51.431 \dots$$

Critical region is $\bar{X} < 48.57$ or $\bar{X} > 51.43$ (2 dp)

Worked example

A random sample of size n is taken from a population X having a normal distribution with mean μ and variance σ^2 .

a) Find the critical regions for the test statistic \bar{X} in a hypothesis test on the population mean, given:

Sample size $n = 40$

Population standard deviation $\sigma = 4$

1% significance level

$$H_0: \mu = 50$$

$$H_1: \mu \neq 50$$

b) The mean of the sample of 50 was found to be 48.38. Comment on this observation in light of the critical region.

Your turn

A random sample of size n is taken from a population X having a normal distribution with mean μ and variance σ^2 .

a) Find the critical regions for the test statistic \bar{X} in a hypothesis test on the population mean, given:

Sample size $n = 30$

Population standard deviation $\sigma = 4$

5% significance level

$$H_0: \mu = 50$$

$$H_1: \mu \neq 50$$

b) The mean of the sample of 50 was found to be 48.38. Comment on this observation in light of the critical region.

a) Assume H_0 true: $X \sim N(50, 4^2)$

$$\bar{X} \sim N\left(50, \frac{4^2}{30}\right)$$

$$\bar{X} \sim N\left(50, \left(\frac{4}{\sqrt{30}}\right)^2\right)$$

$$Z = \frac{\bar{X} - 50}{\frac{4}{\sqrt{30}}}$$

$$z = \pm 1.95996 \dots$$

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$$\bar{X} = -1.95996 \dots \times \frac{4}{\sqrt{30}} + 50 \quad \bar{X} = 1.95996 \dots \times \frac{4}{\sqrt{30}} + 50$$

$$= 48.568 \dots \quad = 51.431 \dots$$

Critical region is $\bar{X} < 48.57$ or $\bar{X} > 51.43$ (2 dp)

b) 48.38 is in the critical region.

The result is significant.

Sufficient evidence to reject H_0 .

Sufficient evidence to suggest $\mu \neq 50$

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A random sample of size n is taken from a population X having a normal distribution with mean μ and variance σ^2 .

a) Find the critical regions for the test statistic \bar{X} in a hypothesis test on the population mean, given:

Sample size $n = 40$

Population standard deviation $\sigma = 4$

1% significance level

$$H_0: \mu = 50$$

$$H_1: \mu \neq 50$$

b) The mean of the sample of 50 was found to be 51.64. Comment on this observation in light of the critical region.

Your turn

A random sample of size n is taken from a population X having a normal distribution with mean μ and variance σ^2 .

a) Find the critical regions for the test statistic \bar{X} in a hypothesis test on the population mean, given:

Sample size $n = 30$

Population standard deviation $\sigma = 4$

5% significance level

$$H_0: \mu = 50$$

$$H_1: \mu \neq 50$$

b) The mean of the sample of 50 was found to be 51.64. Comment on this observation in light of the critical region.

a) Assume H_0 true: $X \sim N(50, 4^2)$

$$\bar{X} \sim N\left(50, \frac{4^2}{30}\right)$$

$$\bar{X} \sim N\left(50, \left(\frac{4}{\sqrt{30}}\right)^2\right)$$

$$Z = \frac{\bar{X} - 50}{\frac{4}{\sqrt{30}}}$$

$$z = \pm 1.95996 \dots$$

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$$= 48.568 \dots \quad = 51.431 \dots$$

Critical region is $\bar{X} < 48.57$ or $\bar{X} > 51.43$ (2 dp)

b) 51.64 is in the critical region.

The result is significant.

Sufficient evidence to reject H_0 .

Sufficient evidence to suggest $\mu \neq 50$

Worked example

A certain company sells fruit juice in cartons. The amount of juice in a carton has a normal distribution with a standard deviation of 5ml. The company claims that the mean amount of juice per carton, μ , is 40ml. A trading inspector has received complaints that the company is overstating the mean amount of juice per carton and wishes to investigate this complaint. The trading inspector takes a random sample of 36 cartons and finds that the mean amount of juice per carton is 38.9ml.

Using a 5% level of significance, and stating your hypotheses clearly, test whether or not there is evidence to uphold this complaint.

Your turn

A certain company sells fruit juice in cartons. The amount of juice in a carton has a normal distribution with a standard deviation of 3ml. The company claims that the mean amount of juice per carton, μ , is 60ml. A trading inspector has received complaints that the company is overstating the mean amount of juice per carton and wishes to investigate this complaint. The trading inspector takes a random sample of 16 cartons and finds that the mean amount of juice per carton is 59.1ml.

Using a 5% level of significance, and stating your hypotheses clearly, test whether or not there is evidence to uphold this complaint.

X = amount of juice per carton

$$H_0: \mu = 60$$

$$H_1: \mu < 60$$

Assume H_0 true: $X \sim N(60, 3^2)$

$$\bar{X} \sim N\left(60, \frac{3^2}{16}\right)$$

$$\bar{X} \sim N\left(59.1, \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2\right)$$

Reject H_0 if $P(\bar{X} \leq 59.1) < 0.05$

$$P(\bar{X} \geq 59.1) = 0.1151 \dots \not< 0.05$$

The result is not significant.

Insufficient evidence to reject H_0 .

Insufficient evidence to suggest the company is overstating the mean amount of juice per carton.

Worked example

A machine produces bolts of diameter D where D has a normal distribution with mean 0.580 cm and standard deviation 0.015 cm. The machine is serviced and after the service a random sample of 50 bolts from the next production run is taken to see if the mean diameter of the bolts has changed from 0.580 cm. The distribution of the diameters of bolts after the service is still normal with a standard deviation of 0.015 cm.

- (a) Find, at the 1% level, the critical region for this test, stating your hypotheses clearly.

The mean diameter of the sample of 50 bolts is calculated to be 0.587 cm.

- (b) Comment on this observation in light of the critical region.

Your turn

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- (a) Find, at the 1% level, the critical region for this test, stating your hypotheses clearly.

The mean diameter of the sample of 50 bolts is calculated to be 0.587 cm.

- (b) Comment on this observation in light of the critical region.

a) $H_0: \mu = 0.580$

$H_1: \mu \neq 0.580$

Assume H_0 true: $D \sim N(0.580, 0.015^2)$

$$\bar{D} \sim N\left(0.580, \frac{0.015^2}{50}\right)$$

$$\bar{D} \sim N\left(0.580, \left(\frac{0.015}{\sqrt{50}}\right)^2\right)$$

$$Z = \frac{\bar{D} - 0.580}{\frac{0.015}{\sqrt{50}}}$$

$$z = \pm 2.5758 \dots$$

$$-2.5758 \dots = \frac{\bar{D} - 0.580}{\frac{0.015}{\sqrt{50}}}$$

$$2.5758 \dots = \frac{\bar{D} - 0.580}{\frac{0.015}{\sqrt{50}}}$$

$$\bar{D} = -2.5758 \dots \times \frac{0.015}{\sqrt{50}} + 0.580$$

$$\bar{D} = 2.5758 \dots \times \frac{0.015}{\sqrt{50}} + 0.580$$

Critical region is $\bar{D} < 0.575$ or $\bar{D} > 0.585$ (3sf)

- b) 0.587 is in the critical region.

The result is significant.

Sufficient evidence to reject H_0 .

Sufficient evidence to suggest the mean diameter of bolts has changed.