

# Test of population mean when variance is not known.

$H_0: \mu = \mu_0$  when  $\sigma^2$  unknown under the normal setup.

You see here two parameters  $\mu, \sigma^2$  but both of the parameters are unknown. So we have to use the unbiased, sufficient statistics for both  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$ .  
 Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample of size  $n$  from  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ .

$$\bar{X} = \text{sample mean} = \frac{1}{n} \sum X_i$$

$$\text{sample variance} = s^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2$$

We know  $\bar{X} \sim N(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n})$   
 and  $\frac{(n-1)s^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$

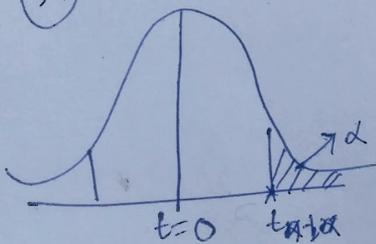
Also,  $\bar{X}$  and  $s^2$  are independently distributed.

To test  $H_0: \mu = \mu_0$  and  $H_1: \mu > \mu_0$  when  $\sigma^2$  unknown we use the test statistic based on the function of  $\bar{X}, s^2$  both.

$$t = \frac{\frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - \mu)}{\sigma}}{\sqrt{\frac{(n-1)s^2}{\sigma^2(n-1)}}} = \frac{N(0,1)}{\sqrt{\chi^2/n-1}} \quad \text{--- (A)}$$

Also, the numerator and denominator are independently distributed.

(A)  $\sim t_{n-1}$ .  $\Rightarrow t = \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - \mu)}{s} \sim t_{n-1}$   
 Remember  $t$  distribution is symmetric ranging from  $-\infty$  to  $+\infty$ . (only difference from normal distribution is)



under  $t = t_{\text{calculated}} = \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - \mu_0)}{s}$   
 For  $H_1: \mu > \mu_0$ , we reject  $H_0$  if  $t_{\text{calculated}} > t_{n-1, \alpha}$  (cutoff point)

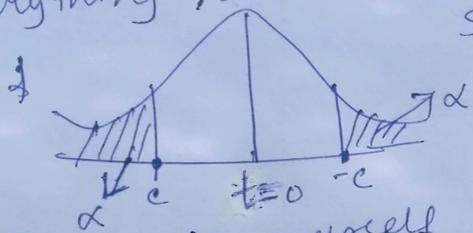
Remember: ① when  $n$  is given, for  $\alpha = 5\%$  and  $1\%$  you've to see the  $t$  table.

② The naming of the cutoff point will be the same way we did in  $H_0: \mu = \mu_0, \sigma^2$  known test.

i.e.  $P_{H_0}(t > c) = \alpha$   
 $\Rightarrow c = t_{\alpha, n-1}$

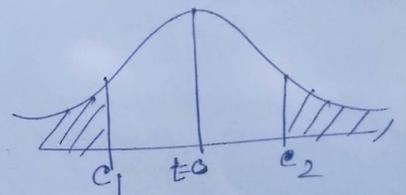
$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{power} &= P_{H_1} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - \mu_0)}{s} > t_{n-1, \alpha} \mid \mu > \mu_0 \right] \\
 &= P_{H_1} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - \mu + \mu - \mu_0)}{s} > t_{n-1, \alpha} \mid \mu > \mu_0 \right] \\
 &= P_{H_1} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - \mu)}{s} > t_{n-1, \alpha} - \frac{\sqrt{n}(\mu - \mu_0)}{s} \right] \\
 &= P \left[ t > t_{n-1, \alpha} - \frac{\sqrt{n}(\mu - \mu_0)}{s} \right] \\
 &= 1 - F \left( t_{n-1, \alpha} - \frac{\sqrt{n}(\mu - \mu_0)}{s} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

II) For  $H_0: \mu = \mu_0$  against  $H_1: \mu < \mu_0$  (left tail test)  
 Everything remains same except the cutoff point.  
 So we reject  $H_0$  if.



$$\frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - \mu)}{s} = t_{\text{calculated}} < -t_{\alpha, n-1}$$

**Power**: do it yourself.



III) For  $H_1: \mu \neq \mu_0$   
 We reject  $H_0$  if  $\frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - \mu_0)}{s} < c_1$   
 or  $\frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - \mu_0)}{s} > c_2$

and  $c_2$  if  $t_{\text{cal}} < c_1$  or  $t_{\text{cal}} > c_2$  where cutoff point will be determined from size condition.

Considering the equal tailed test, we get.

$$c_1 = t_{1-\alpha/2, n-1}, \quad c_2 = t_{\alpha/2, n-1}$$

As  $t$  is symmetric  $t_{1-\alpha/2} = -t_{\alpha/2, n-1}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{power} &= P_{H_1} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - \mu_0)}{s} > t_{\alpha/2, n-1} \right] + P_{H_1} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - \mu_0)}{s} < -t_{\alpha/2, n-1} \right] \\
 &= P_{H_1} \left[ t > t_{\alpha/2, n-1} - \frac{\sqrt{n}(\mu - \mu_0)}{s} \right] + P_{H_1} \left[ t < -t_{\alpha/2, n-1} - \frac{\sqrt{n}(\mu - \mu_0)}{s} \right] \\
 &= P_{H_1} \left[ t > t_{\alpha/2, n-1} - \frac{\sqrt{n}(\mu - \mu_0)}{s} \right] + P_{H_1} \left[ t > t_{\alpha/2, n-1} + \frac{\sqrt{n}(\mu - \mu_0)}{s} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

**Remember**

This test statistic is called Student's t statistic.