

The exam will cover §6.1-6.6 and §7.1-7.3. You will be allowed to use the tables in the back of your book as well as your front and back covers and one 3x5 notecard. Disclaimer: This is not meant to be an exhaustive set of examples.

1. A new method of teaching reading comprehension using a special computer game was developed and tested on 4-th graders. Let X denote the score on a standardized exam of students taught using the computer game. Assume that X is $N(\mu, 14)$ and test the hypothesis that $H_0 : \mu_x = 75$ against the alternative hypothesis $H_1 : \mu_x > 75$ with $\alpha = .05$.

- (a) If in a sample of $n = 100$ 4-th graders, $\bar{x} = 75.7$, what is your conclusion?
- (b) What is the p-value of the test?
- (c) Find a one-sided 95% confidence interval giving a lower bound on μ_X . Is 75 in this interval?
- (d) Explain why your answers in a)-c) are consistent.

2. Let X, Y denote the amount of bacteria on the bathroom counters and kitchen counters respectively of college dorms measured in number of bacteria colonies per square foot. In a study of 6 bathrooms and 11 kitchens from various college dorms, the following data was gathered:

X (bathroom): 10.8, 7.2, 6.1, 12.0, 9.8, 9.1 ($\bar{x} = 9.16$; $s_x^2 = 4.87$)

Y (kitchen): 12.1, 7.3, 4.9, 7.6, 11.0, 9.6, 12.7, 8.2, 8.5, 10.9, 7.2 ($\bar{y} = 9.09$; $s_y^2 = 5.70$)

- (a) Suppose that X is $N(\mu_x, \sigma_x^2)$ and Y is $N(\mu_Y, \sigma_Y^2)$ and assume equal variances. State a null and alternative hypothesis comparing μ_X and μ_Y , the mean number of bacteria colonies on the bathroom and kitchen counters.
 - (b) Define a test statistic and critical region using $\alpha = .05$.
 - (c) Evaluate the test statistic and state your conclusion.
3. Let p_m and p_f denote the percentage of male and females respectively who drink coffee in the morning. Test

$$H_0 : p_m = p_f, \text{ against } H_1 : p_m < p_f$$

if in a survey of 150 males, 83 drank coffee in the morning and in a survey of 125 females, 79 drank coffee in the morning. Use $\alpha = .05$ and be sure to state your conclusion.

4. Suppose, X is $N(\mu_x, 100)$ We wish to test the hypothesis:

$$H_0 : \mu_X = 50$$

$$H_1 : \mu_X > 50$$

We take a sample of $n = 75$ and compute \bar{X} to estimate μ_X . Define the critical region as $C = \{\bar{x} \mid \bar{x} \geq k\}$.

- (a) What value should k be if you want a significance level of $\alpha = 0.05$?
 - (b) What value should k be if you want the probability of a type II error to be $\beta = 0.05$ when $\mu_X = 60$.
 - (c) What is the p -value of the test when $\bar{x} = 52.5$?
5. A certain medication is supposed to contain 20% of the active ingredient. As a quality control measure, a sample of 12 was taken and the amount of active ingredient measured. The sample mean was $\bar{x} = 20$ and the sample variance was $s^2 = .1$. The company claims the true mean lies in the interval (19.836, 20.164). What level of confidence is there in this interval?

6. In 2000, a poll showed that 79% of children entering Kindergarten had up-to-date immunizations. To update the estimate, how large a sample size is required to be 98% confident that the new estimate has an error no more than $\pm .05$?
7. (a) A 2005 survey showed that 37% of the American viewing audience watched NBC nightly news. If 2000 people were surveyed, find a 90% confidence interval for the proportion of the American viewing audience watching NBC nightly news.
- (b) If NBC wants to repeat the survey to confirm that the percentage still holds, what sample size should they use to maintain the 90% confidence level and have the error be no bigger than $\epsilon = .02$?
8. Thirteen tons of cheese is stored in some old gypsum mines, including “22-pound” wheels (label weight). A random sample of $n = 9$ of these wheels yielded the following weights in pounds:

21.50 18.95 18.55 19.40 19.15
 22.35 22.90 22.20 23.10

Assuming that the distribution of the weights of the wheels of cheese is $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$, find a 95% confidence interval for μ .

9. In developing countries in Africa and the Americas, let p_1 and p_2 be the respective proportions of women with nutritional anemia. Find an approximate 90% confidence interval for $p_1 - p_2$, given that a random sample of $n_1 = 2100$ African women yielded $y_1 = 840$ with nutritional anemia and a random sample of $n_2 = 1900$ women from the Americas yielded $y_2 = 323$ women with nutritional anemia. What can you conclude?
10. Researchers are attempting to find the average credit card debt by a college student. Assume that the average credit card debt follows a normal distribution; $N(\mu, 10,000)$. They would like to narrow the value of the mean down to an interval of length \$10 with confidence level 95%. How large of a sample size must they use?
11. Independent random samples of the heights of adult males living in two countries yielded the following results: $n = 13$, $\bar{x} = 65.7$ inches, $s_x = 4$ inches and $m = 16$, $\bar{y} = 68.2$ inches, $s_y = 3$ inches. Find an approximate 98% confidence interval for the ratio of variances, σ_X^2 / σ_Y^2 . Does your confidence interval support or refute an assumption that the variances are equal? Explain.
12. **For the following circle the correct answer. Choices are capitalized, there is more than one choice to make per question.**
- (a) The number α denotes the probability of NOT REJECTING / REJECTING the null hypothesis (H_0) when the null hypothesis is TRUE / FALSE.
- (b) The number β denotes the probability of NOT REJECTING / REJECTING the null hypothesis (H_0) when the null hypothesis is TRUE / FALSE.
13. **Circle True or False:**
- (a) True False: A hypothesis test was designed to test $H_0 : \mu_X - \mu_Y = 0$ against $H_1 : \mu_X - \mu_Y > 0$. Suppose the test statistic led the researcher to reject H_0 . If you construct a corresponding one-sided confidence interval for $\mu_X - \mu_Y > 0$ using the same confidence level, then you would expect the interval to contain 0.

(b) True False: If the critical region for a test is $z \leq -1.645$ and the observed value of z is -1.41 then H_0 should be rejected.

(c) True False: If a test of hypotheses is used where $\alpha = .01$ you are generally more likely to correctly accept the null hypothesis (e.g. accept H_0 when H_0 is true) than if $\alpha = .05$ (assuming all other aspects of the tests are equal).

Short Answer:

14. Suppose you wish to test $H_0 : \mu_x = \mu_0$ against $H_1 : \mu_x \neq \mu_0$ where σ^2 is known. Sketch a graph indicating the critical region for the appropriate test statistic with $\alpha = .1$. Label and give values for the cutoff for the critical region.
15. Suppose we believe a random variable X is binomial $b(n, p)$ and we wish to test $H_0 : p = \frac{1}{2}$ against $H_1 : p = \frac{1}{4}$. If $n = 10$ and our critical region is $C = \{x : x \leq 2\}$, then find β , the probability of a type II error. $\beta = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

Answers:

1. (a) reject H_0 ($z = 1.87$)
(b) 0.0307
(c) $(75.08, \infty)$ 75 is NOT in this interval.
(d) They all consistently reject the notion that $\mu_X = 75$ in favor of the hypothesis that it is bigger than 75 with a confidence level of 0.05: the first by evaluating the test statistic to a value in the critical region; the second by getting a p-value which is less than 0.05; and the third by showing that 75 is too small to be in a one-sided 95% confidence interval for μ_X .
2. (a) $H_0 : \mu_X = \mu_Y$; $H_1 : \mu_X > \mu_Y$
(b) $T = \frac{\bar{X} - \bar{Y}}{\sqrt{\frac{5(4.87)+10(5.70)}{15} \left(\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{11}\right)}}$ The critical region is $t \geq 1.753$
(c) $t = 0.059$, do not reject H_0
3. Do not reject H_0 ($z = -1.32$ which is greater than $-z_{0.05} = -1.645$ so z is NOT in the critical region.)
4. (a) 51.90
(b) 58.10
(c) approximately 0.015
5. approx. 92.82%
6. 360
7. (a) [0.3522, 0.3878]
(b) 1577
8. [9.5, 22.3]
9. [0.2064, 0.2536] conclude that African women had a higher proportion of women with nutritional anemia
10. 1537
11. [0.48, 7.12] Since 1 is in the interval, the interval supports the assumption of equal variances
12. (a) REJECTING/TRUE
(b) NOT REJECTING/FALSE
13. (a) FALSE
(b) FALSE
(c) TRUE
14. I don't feel like drawing the picture here. I'm sure yours is lovely.
15. 0.4744