

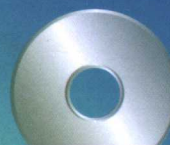
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第三，本书是以 Microsoft Excel 带动统计计算，毋需花费时间学习 Matlab、SAS、S-Plus 等软件。通过使用 Excel 学会做统计分析，又解除了手工计算的繁琐与枯燥。

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Preface

WHY I WROTE THIS BOOK

Until five years ago, virtually all applied statistics courses were taught with an emphasis on manual calculations. There were several reasons for this pedagogy. First, many instructors felt that students needed to be taught the mathematical principles of statistics, and the best way, it was thought, was to have students perform manual calculations. Second, although real statistics practitioners use a computer, costs of both hardware and software made it difficult or impossible to equip all students with these resources.

The emphasis on manual calculations has resulted in a variety of problems. Foremost among these is that for many students statistics is one of their least favorite courses. By focusing on the arithmetic of statistical techniques, instructors gave the false impression that this is the most important aspect of the subject. Students did not get the opportunity to see statistics as it really is.

This book was written to allow instructors to teach a course in applied statistics that demonstrates the true value of statistics.

APPROACH

The easy access to computers today allows us to change the pedagogy. Most students have their own computers or can use computers supplied by their colleges or universities. Moreover, nearly all computers have Microsoft Excel[®] automatically installed. As a result, college and university students know how to use the popular spreadsheet.

Changing the pedagogy involves far more than simply adding computer output to the illustrative examples. Fully taking advantage of these resources requires a major overhaul in the way we teach statistics. The void created by removing manual calculations can be enormous. A large portion of an instructor's class time must be devoted to showing how to calculate each statistic if the students are expected to solve problems the same way. However, the void can easily be filled by teaching aspects of applied statistics that have generally been ignored by instructors and by textbook authors. Simply expressed, we need to teach what statistics practitioners do before the calculations and what they do after the calculations, while letting the computer do the calculations themselves.

Before the calculations can be performed, the statistics practitioner must decide which technique or techniques should be applied. Without the ability to select the appropriate method, all other skills are irrelevant.

Once the appropriate technique has been selected, all that's needed is guidance in using the software—nothing more complicated than point-and-click instructions.

After the computer has produced the required statistics, the practitioner must interpret them. This requires an understanding of probability and statistical concepts.

Once again, the time needed to teach these subjects becomes available after the arithmetic is dropped from the course.

FEATURES

1. **Three-step approach.** All inferential techniques are demonstrated using a three-step approach. The first step is to identify the technique. We believe that technique-identification skills are critical but seldom taught. These skills are taught throughout the book. The second step is to compute the statistics. The third step is to interpret the results, which requires an understanding of statistical concepts.

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sizes. And we have seen that larger sample sizes yield more information, which is reflected in more powerful tests (lower probabilities of Type II errors) and narrower interval estimates. As a result, we would prefer that the population variances be equal. Accordingly, we adopt the following rule. We will use the equal-variances test statistic and interval estimator unless there is evidence (based on the sample variances) to indicate that the population variances are unequal, in which case we will use the unequal-variances t -test and estimator.

EXAMPLE 12.1

Despite some controversy, scientists generally agree that high-fiber cereals reduce the likelihood of various forms of cancer. However, one scientist claims that people who eat high-fiber cereal for breakfast will consume fewer calories than people who don't eat high-fiber cereal for breakfast. If this is true, we can add weight-reduction to cereal for breakfast. As a preliminary test of t , we selected and asked what they regularly eat for breakfast identified as either a consumer or a nonconsumer of calories consumed at lunch was measured below and stored in columns A and B of file.

CALORIES CONSUMED AT LUNCH

Consumers of High-Fiber Cereal

568	646	607	555	530	714
498	636	529	565	566	639
589	739	637	568	687	693
681	539	617	584	694	556
540	596	633	607	568	473

Nonconsumers of High-Fiber Cereal

706	754	740	569	593	637
819	741	688	547	723	553
706	626	539	710	730	620
509	537	725	679	701	679
613	748	711	674	672	599
582	663	607	505	685	506
801	526	616	527	800	484
608	541	426	679	663	739
787	462	773	830	369	717
573	719	480	602	596	642
428	754	632	765	758	663

Solution

IDENTIFY

To assess the claim, the scientist needs to compare the population of consumers of high-fiber cereal to the population of nonconsumers. The data are interval (obviously, we've recorded real numbers). This problem-objective/data-type combination tells us that the parameter to be tested is the difference between two means $\mu_1 - \mu_2$. The claim to be tested is that the mean caloric intake of consumers (μ_1) is less than that of nonconsumers (μ_2). Hence the alternative hypothesis is

$$H_1: (\mu_1 - \mu_2) < 0$$

To identify the test statistic, the scientist instructs the computer to output the sample variances. They are

$$s_1^2 = 4,103 \text{ and } s_2^2 = 10,670$$

There is reason to believe that the population variances are unequal. Thus, we use the unequal-variances test statistic.

The complete test follows.

$$H_0: (\mu_1 - \mu_2) = 0$$

$$H_1: (\mu_1 - \mu_2) < 0$$

$$\text{Test statistic: } t = \frac{(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) - (\mu_1 - \mu_2)}{\sqrt{\frac{s_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{n_2}}} = \frac{(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) - (\mu_1 - \mu_2)}{\sqrt{\frac{(s_1^2/n_1)^2}{n_1 - 1} + \frac{(s_2^2/n_2)^2}{n_2 - 1}}}$$

COMPUTE

Microsoft Excel Output for Example 12.1

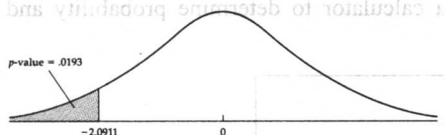
t-Test: Two-Sample Assuming Unequal Variances

	Consumers	Nonconsumers
Mean	604.02	633.23
Variance	4102.98	10669.77
Observations	43	107
Hypothesized Mean Difference	0	
t Stat	123	
t Stat < -t one-tail	-2.0911	
t Critical one-tail	0.0193	
P(T < t) one-tail	1.6573	
P(T < t) two-tail	0.0386	
t Critical two-tail	1.9794	

The value of the test statistic (t Stat) is -2.0911. The one-tail p-value (P(T < t) one-tail) is .0193.

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Figure 12.2
Sampling distribution of the
test statistic for Example 12.1.



GENERAL COMMANDS

- 1 Type or import the data into two columns.
- 2 Click Tools, Data Analysis..., and t-test: Two-Sample Assuming Unequal Variances.
- 3 Specify the Variable 1 Range.
- 4 Specify the Variable 2 Range.
- 5 Type the value of the Hypothesized Mean Difference.
- 6 Click Labels if applicable.
- 7 Specify the value of α (Alpha); and click OK.

EXAMPLE 12.1

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Figure 12.2 depicts the Student t sampling distribution and the p -value of the test. To conduct this test from means and standard deviations or to perform a what-if analysis, activate the t-test of 2 Means (Uneq-Var) worksheet in Stats-Summary.xls.

INTERPRET

A Type I error in this example occurs when we conclude that consumers of high-fiber cereal consume fewer calories at lunch than do nonconsumers when in fact there is no difference between the two groups. A Type II error occurs when we erroneously fail to conclude that consumers of high-fiber cereal eat less at lunch than nonconsumers. It is difficult to judge which error is more costly. As a result we take a neutral position and suggest that any p -value less than 5% should be interpreted as providing enough evidence to reject the null hypothesis.

The p -value of the test is .0193. As a result, we conclude that there is sufficient evidence to infer that consumers of high-fiber cereal consume fewer calories at lunch than do nonconsumers. However, there are two clues that high-fiber cereals constitute an effect: the data were likely self-reported, which means the number of calories recorded that he or she consumed, a less subjective method of counting calories which the experiment was performed may lead to errors of the data. We will discuss this important issue.

COMPUTE

Microsoft Excel Output
of the 95% confidence
Interval Estimator:
Example 12.1

t-Estimate of the Difference between Two Means (Unequal-Variances)

Sample 1	
Sample mean	804.02
Sample standard deviation	84.08
Sample size	43
Sample 2	
Sample mean	633.2
Sample standard deviation	103.3
Sample size	107
Confidence level	0.95
Degrees of freedom	122.60
Difference between means	-29.2
Bound	27.85
Lower confidence limit	-56.86
Upper confidence limit	-1.56

INTERPRET

We estimate that the average consumer of high-fiber cereal eats between 1.56 and 56.86 fewer calories at lunch than does the average nonconsumer of high-fiber cereal.

EXAMPLE 12.2

The plant manager of a company that manufactures office equipment is attempting to determine the process that will be used to assemble a new ergonomic chair. The material, machines, and workforce have already been decided. However there are two methods under consideration. The methods differ by the order in which the separate operations are performed. To help decide which should be used, an experiment was performed. Twenty-five randomly selected workers each assembled the chair using method A, and another 25 workers each assembled the chair using method B. The assembly times in minutes were recorded and are exhibited below and stored in file Xm12-02. The plant manager would like to know whether the assembly times of the two methods differ.

Solution We seek

$P(X > 6,000)$

where X is normally distributed with $\mu = 4,500$ and $\sigma = 1,000$.
To use Table 6.1 we must standardize both X and 6,000.

$$P(X > 6,000) = P\left(\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} > \frac{6,000 - 4,500}{1,000}\right) = P(Z > 1.5)$$

Figure 6.13 depicts this calculation. Notice that we find $P(0 < Z < 1.5) = .4332$ from Table 6.1. Because the area under the curve is 1 and half the area is above 0 (and half below), it follows that $P(Z > 0) = .5$. Thus

$$P(Z > 1.5) = P(Z > 0) - P(0 < Z < 1.5) = .5 - .4332 = .0668$$

FINDING VALUES OF z

There is a family of problems that require us to determine the value of z given a probability. We use the notation z_A to represent the value of z such that the area to its right under the standard normal curve is A . That is, z_A is a value of a standard normal random variable such that

$$P(Z > z_A) = A \quad 025$$

Figure 6.14 depicts this notation

To find z , for any value of A requires us to use the standard normal table backwards. As you saw in Example 6.2, to find a probability about Z we must find the value of z in the table and determine the probability associated with it. To use the table backwards we need to specify a probability and then determine the z -value associated with it. We'll demonstrate by finding z for a probability of 0.975. We'll use the normal curve and $z_{0.975}$. Because of the format of the table, we'll find $z_{0.025}$ by determining the area between 0 and $z_{0.025}$, which is the same as $z_{0.975}$. We expressed this probability with four decimal places, so we'll look for 0.4750 (see what you need to do). We now search through the table for 0.4750. When we locate it, we see it is 1.96.

Thus, $z_{.025} = 1.96$, which means that $P(Z >$

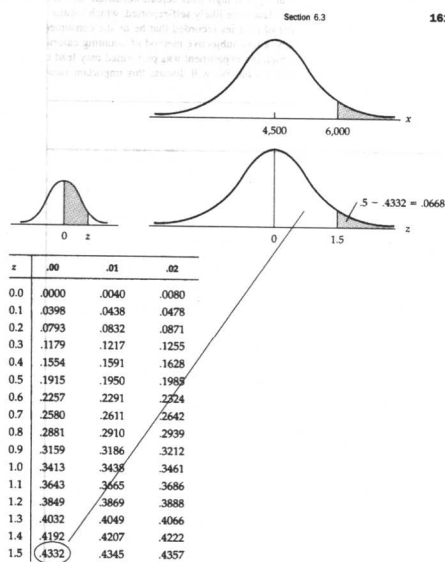


Figure 6.13
Calculating
 $P(X > 6,000) = P(Z > 1.5)$



3. **Microsoft Excel.** We use the most popular spreadsheet program, showing the printouts and providing step-by-step instructions. We created macro add-ins to augment Excel's limited offering. The add-ins are stored on the CD, in Data Analysis Plus[®] 3.0, which, when installed, integrates the add-ins with Excel's statistical functions.

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the value of p with \hat{p} . Thus, we estimate the standard error with $\sqrt{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})/n}$. The interval estimator follows.

$$\hat{p} \pm z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}}$$

which is valid provided that $n\hat{p}$ and $n(1-\hat{p})$ are greater than 5.

The bound on the error of estimation is

$$B = z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}}$$

EXAMPLE 11.3

As we described in the introduction to this chapter, television networks employ exit polls to allow them to predict an election winner shortly after the polls close. Suppose that during an election for a Senate seat, NBC conducted an exit poll where voters leaving the polling booth were asked for whom they voted. The responses were

- 1 = Democrat
- 2 = Republican

The responses of a sample of 926 voters are the values; they are just a bunch of 1s and 2s. Predict the election winner?

Solution

IDENTIFY

The objective is to describe the population variable are "Democrat" and "Republican," are nominal. The parameter employed to describe the population proportion. We will only predict a winner if there is enough evidence that the proportion is greater than .5 (the Democrat wins). Thus the alternative hypothesis is

$$H_1: p \neq .5$$

The null hypothesis is

$$H_0: p = .5$$

The test statistic is

$$z = \frac{\hat{p} - p}{\sqrt{p(1-p)/n}}$$

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COMPUTE

Microsoft Excel Output for Example 11.3

z-Test and Estimate: Proportion

Sample Proportion	0.5348
Observations	926
Hypothesized Proportion	0.5
z Stat	2.1032
PZ<=z one-tail	0.0177
z Critical one-tail	2.3263
PZ<=z two-tail	0.0354
z Critical two-tail	2.5758
Standard Error	0.0104
Bound	0.0422
LCL	0.4823
UCL	0.5768

GENERAL COMMANDS

- 1 Type or import the data into one column.
- 2 Click Tools, Data Analysis Plus, and z-Test and Estimate: Proportion.
- 3 Specify the Input Range.
- 4 Specify the Code for Success.
- 5 Type the value of the Hypothesized Proportion. (You must type some value even if you wish only to estimate the proportion.)
- 6 Click Labels, if applicable.
- 7 Type a value for α (Alpha), and click OK.

EXAMPLE 11.3

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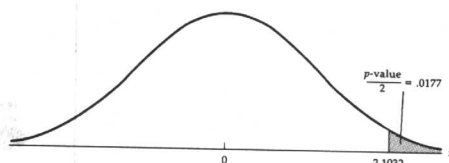
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To complete the technique from the sample proportion or to conduct a what-if analysis, use the z-Test of a Proportion worksheet in the Stats-Summary.xls file.

Figure 11.6
Sampling distribution for the test statistic for Example 11.3



4. **Emphasized applications.** To motivate students and convince them of the importance of statistics, we emphasize applications. Many of the examples, exercises, and cases are adapted from real studies. Almost all feature a data set stored on the CD. There are over 600 data sets on the CD, some as large as 22,000 observations.

CASE 19.1 DO BANKS DISCRIMINATE AGAINST WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS? 1*

Increasingly, more women are becoming owners of small businesses. However, questions about how they are treated by banks and other financial institutions have been raised by women's groups. Banks are particularly important to small businesses, because studies show that bank financing represents about one-quarter of total debt and that for medium-sized businesses the proportion rises to approximately one-half. If women's requests for loans are rejected more frequently than are men's requests, or if women must pay higher interest charges than men do, women have cause for complaint. Banks might then be subject to criminal as well as civil suits. To examine this issue, a research project was launched.

The researchers surveyed a total of 1,165 business owners, of whom 115 were women. The percentage of women in the sample, 9.9%, compares favorably with other sources that indicate that women own about 10% of established small businesses. The survey asked a series of questions to men and women business owners who applied for loans during the previous month. It also determined the nature of the business, its size, and its age. Additionally, the owners were asked about their experiences in dealing with banks. The questions asked in the survey included the following:

- 1 What is the gender of the owner?
 - 1 female
 - 2 male
- 2 Was the loan approved?
 - 1 no
 - 2 yes
- 3 If it was approved, what interest rate (per

cent) was charged? Of the 115 women who asked for a loan, men who asked for a loan were rejected. The rates granted were recorded. These data are stored in file C19-01.

What do these data disclose about possible

Solution

IDENTIFY

The problem objective is to compare two populations: women and those owned by men. We can compare loan applications are denied; and for loans granted.

*Adapted from A. L. Riding and C. S. Swift, "Giving Credit to Women Business Owners," Carleton University.

19.3 The widespread use of salt on roads in Canada and the northern United States during the winter and acid precipitation throughout the year combine to cause rust on cars. Car manufacturers and other companies offer rustproofing services to help purchasers preserve the value of their cars. A consumer protection agency decides to determine whether there are any differences between the rust protection provided by automobile manufacturers and that provided by two competing types of rustproofing services. As an experiment, 60 identical new cars are selected. Of these, 20 are rustproofed by the manufacturer. Another 20 are rustproofed using a method that applies a liquid to critical areas of the car. The liquid hardens, forming a (supposedly) lifetime bond with the metal. The last 20 are treated with oil and are re-treated every 12 months. The cars are then driven under similar conditions in a Minnesota city. The number of months until the first rust appears is recorded and stored in columns A, B, and C, respectively, in file Xr19-03. Is there sufficient evidence to conclude that at least one rustproofing method is different from the others?

19.4 In the door-to-door selling of vacuum cleaners, various factors influence sales. The Birk Vacuum Cleaner Company considers its sales pitch and overall package to be extremely important. As a result, it often thinks of new ways to sell its product. Because the company's management dreams up so many new sales pitches each year, there is a two-stage testing process. In stage 1, a new plan is tested with a relatively small sample. If there is sufficient evidence that the plan increases sales, a second, considerably larger, test is undertaken. The statistical test is performed so that there is only a 1% chance of concluding that the new pitch is successful in increasing sales when it actually does not increase sales. In a stage 1 test to determine if the inclusion of a "free" ten-year service contract increases sales, 100 sales representatives were selected at random from the company's list of several thousand. The monthly sales of these representatives were recorded for one month prior to use of the new sales pitch and for one month after its introduction. The results are stored in file Xr19-04. Should the company proceed to stage 2?

19.5 Two drugs are used to treat heart attack victims. Streptokinase, which has been available since 1959, costs about \$300. The second drug is t-PA, a genetically engineered product that sells for about \$3,000. Both streptokinase and t-PA work by opening

the arteries and dissolving blood clots, which are the cause of heart attacks. Several previous studies have failed to reveal any differences between the effects of the two drugs. Consequently, in many countries where health care is funded by governments, physicians are required to use the less expensive streptokinase. However, t-PA's maker, Genentech, Inc., contended that in the earlier studies showing no difference between the two drugs, their drug was not used in the right way. Genentech decided to sponsor a more thorough experiment. The experiment was organized in 15 countries, including the United States and Canada, and involved a total of 41,000 patients. In this study, t-PA was given to patients in 90 minutes instead of 3 hours as in previous trials. Half of the sample of 41,000 patients were treated by a rapid injection of t-PA with intravenous heparin, while the other half received streptokinase along with heparin. The number of deaths in each sample was recorded. A total of 1,497 patients treated with streptokinase died, while 1,292 patients who received t-PA died.

- a Can we infer that t-PA is better than streptokinase in preventing deaths?
- b Estimate with 95% confidence the cost per life saved by using t-PA.

19.6 A small but important part of a university library's budget is the amount collected in fines on overdue books. Last year, a library collected \$75,652.75 in fine payments; however, the head librarian suspects that some employees are not bothering to collect the fines on overdue books. In an effort to learn more about the situation, she asked a sample of 400 students (out of a total student population of 50,000) how many books they had returned late to the library in the previous 12 months. They were also asked how many days overdue the books had been. The results indicated that the total number of days overdue was stored in file Xr19-06.

- a Estimate with 95% confidence the average number of days overdue for all 50,000 students at the university.
- b If the fine is 25 cents per day, estimate the amount that should be collected annually. Should the librarian conclude that not all the fines were collected?

19.7 The practice of therapeutic touch is used in hospitals all over the world and is taught in some medical and nursing schools. In this therapy, trained practitioners manipulate something that they call the "human energy field." The manipulation is carried out without actually touching the patient's body. Practitioners

5. Review chapters with flowcharts. To ensure that students can identify the correct technique, we provide two review chapters, Chapters 13 and 19, each with a flowchart that helps students choose the appropriate method. The exercises and cases in each review chapter require all the statistical techniques introduced up to that point.

13.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter is more than just a review of the previous two chapters. It is a critical part of your development as a statistics practitioner. When you solved problems at the end of each section in the preceding chapters (you have been solving problems at the end of each section covered, haven't you?), you probably had no great difficulty identifying the correct technique to use. You used the statistical technique introduced in that section. While those exercises provided practice in setting up hypotheses, producing computer output of tests of hypothesis and interval estimators, and interpreting the results, you did not address a fundamental question faced by statistics practitioners: which technique to use. If you still do not appreciate the dimension of this problem, consider the following, which lists all the inferential methods covered thus far.

- t-test and estimator of μ
- χ^2 -test and estimator of σ^2
- z-test and estimator of p
- t-test and estimator of $\mu_1 - \mu_2$ (equal variances formulas)
- t-test and estimator of $\mu_1 - \mu_2$ (unequal variances formulas)
- t-test and estimator of μ_D
- F-test and estimator of σ_1^2/σ_2^2
- z-test (cases 1 and 2) and estimator of $p_1 - p_2$

Counting tests and interval estimators of a parameter as two different techniques, a total of 17 statistical procedures have been presented thus far, and there is much left to be done. Faced with statistical problems (such as in real-world applications) some assistance in identifying the appropriate technique in greater detail how to make this decision, the opportunity to practice your decision skills cumulatively require all of the inferential techniques. Solving these problems will require you to do more than analyze the problem, identify the technique, and a computer to yield the required results.

13.2 GUIDE TO IDENTIFYING THE CORRECT CHAPTERS 11 AND 12

As you've probably already discovered, the correct statistical technique are the same situations, once these have been recognized. In other cases, however, several additional procedures. For example, when the problem of the data are interval, three other significant measurement (central location or variability drawn, and, if so, whether the unknown population

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The flowchart in Figure 13.1 represents the logical process that leads to the identification of the appropriate method. We've also included a more detailed guide (Table 13.1) to the statistical techniques that lists the formulas of the test statistics, the interval estimators, and the required conditions.

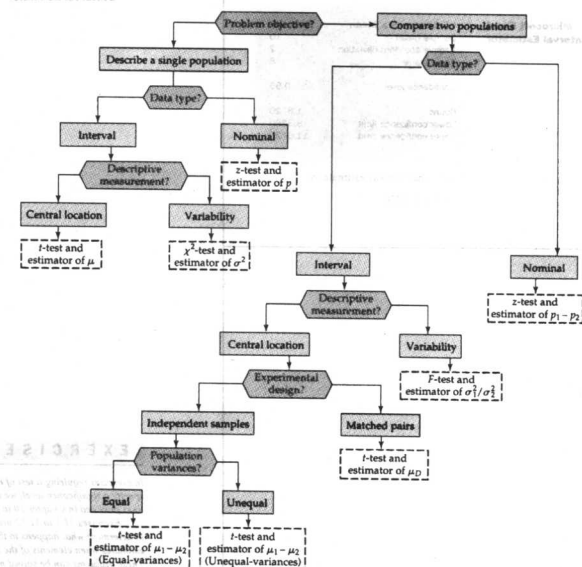


Figure 13.1
Flowchart of techniques: Chapters 11 and 12

6. **Developed concepts.** In the absence of mathematical derivations, it is necessary to emphasize the mathematical principles underlying all inferential methods. We do this in a variety of ways, including simulations. We describe how to simulate sampling distributions (Chapter 8) and interval estimators (Chapter 9). A spreadsheet—also stored on the CD—allows students to conduct “what-if” analyses (Chapters 9, 10, 11, and 12), enabling them to discover how statistical inference actually works.

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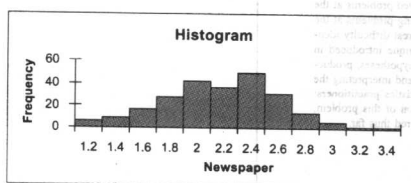


Figure 11.2
Histogram for Example 11.1

DEVELOPING AN UNDERSTANDING OF STATISTICAL CONCEPTS 1

Notice that the t -statistic, like the z -statistic, measures the difference between the sample mean \bar{x} and the hypothesized value of μ in terms of the number of standard errors. However, when the population standard deviation σ is unknown, we estimate the standard error as s/\sqrt{n} .

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When we introduced the Student t distribution is more widely spread out than the standard normal variable in the z -statistic is the sample mean \bar{x} . The t -statistic has two variables, the sample standard deviation s , both of which will vary from sample to sample. The t -statistic will display greater variability. To a sample of size $n = 8$ produced a mean of $\bar{x} = 10.3859$ and the worksheet t -Estimate of μ 95% confidence interval estimate of μ .

Microsoft Excel Interval Estimator

t-Estimate of a Mean	
Sample mean	10
Sample standard deviation	2
Sample size	8
Confidence level	0.95
Bound	1.6720
Lower confidence limit	8.3280
Upper confidence limit	11.6720

That is, the interval estimate is
 10 ± 1.6720

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Now assume that we know the value of the population standard deviation, and it is $\sigma = 2$. Turning to the worksheet z -Estimate of a Mean, we determined the 95% confidence interval estimate of μ .

z-Estimate of a Mean	
Sample mean	10
Population standard deviation	2
Sample size	8
Confidence level	0.95
Bound	1.3859
Lower confidence limit	8.6141
Upper confidence limit	11.3859

This interval estimate is
 10 ± 1.3859

Notice that the interval estimate assuming σ is known is narrower than the interval estimate with σ unknown. This point reinforces a principle we discussed in Chapter 9. That is, with more information we produce narrower (which we remind you means better) interval estimates. In this illustration knowledge of the value of the population standard deviation σ allows us to be more precise.

Factors that Identify the t -Test and Estimator of μ

- 1 Problem objective: describe a single population.
- 2 Data type: interval.
- 3 Descriptive measurement: central location.

EXERCISES

In exercises requiring a test of hypothesis where we do not specify a significance level, we expect you to use the guidelines provided in Chapter 10 to judge the size of the p -value.

Exercises 11.1 to 11.52 are “what-if” analyses designed to determine what happens to the test statistics and interval estimates when elements of the statistical inference change. These problems can be solved manually or using one or more worksheets in *Stats-Summary.xls*.

- 11.1 A random sample of 50 was drawn from a population. The sample mean and standard deviation are $\bar{x} = 500$ and $s = 125$. Estimate μ with 95% confidence.
- 11.2 Repeat Exercise 11.1 with $n = 100$.
- 11.3 Repeat Exercise 11.1 with $n = 25$.

MICROSOFT EXCEL

Microsoft Excel is a spreadsheet package that performs *some* statistical analyses. Nevertheless, we chose Excel instead of a full-feature statistical package like SAS or SPSS, or a student-friendly package like Minitab, because of the problem of computer accessibility.

The high cost of SAS, SPSS, and other software requires universities to provide the statistical program on their computer systems. However, almost all universities' computer facilities are overcrowded at the best of times and heavily congested when assignments for required courses are due. This circumstance makes the frequent use of a campus computer difficult and likely to be frustrating for students. Consequently, a virtual prerequisite to using computers in a statistics course is for students to own their own computers and software.

Fortunately, an increasing proportion of students have their own computers. Moreover, many students own a version of Excel and know how to use it. Thus, Microsoft Excel was chosen as the only viable contender. Once chosen, it became one of our tasks to ensure that all the statistical techniques presented in this book could be performed with Excel. The creation of Data Analysis Plus® (a series of add-ins, now in version 3.0) fulfills this goal.

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