Introduction to Statistics

### **Overview**

- Process overview
- Basic concepts
- Continuous distributions
- Estimation
- Significance tests
- Regression
- ANOVA



### High Level Overview



### **Population vs sample**



As the sample size, n increases, the sample becomes more representative of the population from which it is drawn.

## **Definition - Degrees of Freedom**



- How many choices?
- Degrees of freedom\* relate to the number of 'observations' that are free to vary when estimating statistical parameters

$$mean = \frac{x_1 + x_2 + \cdots x_n}{n}$$
In calculating the mean  
only  $n - 1$  observations  
are 'free to vary'

\* we also talk about control degrees of freedom which is the control inputs that we can change to modify the behaviour of the system.

### Making measurements – location and spread



What are the units of  $s, s^2, \sigma, \sigma^2$ ?

## **Probability**

Probability: the extent to which an event is likely to occur, measured by the ratio of the cases of interest to the whole number of cases possible

Sample space: the set of all possible outcomes of an experiment.



Probabilities:  $p(E_1), p(E_2), p(E_1E_2)$ 

$$P(E_1|E_2) = \frac{\sum_{E_1E_2} P(Sample \text{ points common to } E_1 \text{ and } E_2)}{\sum_{E_2} P(Sample \text{ points in } E_2)} = \frac{P(E_1E_2)}{P(E_2)}$$

"*E*<sub>2</sub> has already happened." What is the probability of *E*1?

## **Probability distributions**



## **Central limit effect**



## **Probability**

 $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$  fully characterise a normal distribution,  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ 



**Probability density** is given by a point on the line p(y)

 $p(y > \mu + \sigma) = \frac{1}{6}$  i.e. the area under the curve.

Often it is easier to express probability in terms of the standard deviate;

$$z = \frac{y - \mu}{\sigma}$$

z(0, 1)i.e. z has a mean of 0 and variance,  $s^2 = 1$ . So that;  $= p(y > \mu + \sigma)$  $= p(y - \mu > \sigma)$  $= p\left(\frac{y - \mu}{\sigma} > 1\right)$ = p(z > 1)

(which can be easily found from tables)

If  $\sigma$  is unknown (which is normally the case) A substitution can be made for  $\sigma$  using s, the sample standard deviation;



### **F-distribution**



#### Can obtain ratio of two sample variances;

F statistic is  $s_1^2/s_2^2$ 

*F* depends on the estimates and the DOF of the variance estimates

Degrees of freedom of population variances;

$$\nu_1 = n_1 - 1$$
$$\nu_2 = n_2 - 1$$

So F test statistic is designated

 $F_{\nu_1,\nu_2}$ 

# **Standard Error of the Mean**

- Take *n* random samples from a normal distribution with mean,  $\mu$  and standard deviation,  $\sigma$ . Calculate the sample  $\bar{x}$  and s. Repeat.
- The sample means will form a distribution with the same mean,  $\mu$  but a **smaller standard deviation**  $\sigma/\sqrt{n}$  (the **standard error of the sample mean**).



For a sample of size n the sample mean is  $\bar{x}$ 

The standard error is an estimate of the standard deviation of the sample means for sample size n

$$SE_m = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$$

Intuitively it is a measure of how sample size affects the dispersion of sample means relative to the population mean.

## **Bias and efficiency**

- **Bias** an estimator is said to be biased if the mean of its sampling distribution is not equal to the value it is estimating.
- Efficiency an efficient unbiased estimator is the minimum variance unbiased estimator (MVUE).



## **Significance testing**

### Testing a theory about the population



- Test statistic
- Level of significance
- One tailed and two tailed tests

### How to know if a treatment is significant?

Previous yield data



An example - composition of a chemical compound

- The iron content of a compound should be 12.1%. Tests on nine different samples are being used to examine this assumption.
- Null hypothesis i.e. there is no difference in the sample (n = 9) mean
  - $H_0: \mu = 12.1\%$
- Alternative hypothesis
  - $H_1: \mu \neq 12.1\%$



### **Example (continued)**

The analysis of nine samples gave the following values for % content of iron.

11.7	12.2	10.9	11.4	11.3	12.0	11.1	10.7	11.6
$\overline{y} =$ $s^2 =$ s =	11.43 = 0.24 0.49				$t = \frac{1}{2}$	$\overline{y} - \eta$ ) s/ $\sqrt{n}$ 1.43 - 0.49/	12.1) √9 ←	= -4.1
Degrees of freedom: eight because nine samples and one DoF used for population mean. $\bar{x}$								

We are trying to work out the probability that the differences in the means are of significance or not (relative to some acceptable level).

If they are we reject the null hypothesis.

Standard deviation of the mean (estimate)

**Example (continued)** 

- 1. Two tailed test
- 2. 5% level of significance
- 3. Eight degrees of freedom (from tables)

Test statistic is designated:  $t_{0.025,8} = 2.31$  (from tables)

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In fact, t_{0.005,8} = 3.36 (from tables)
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So even at the 1% level, the result is significant.

#### Regression

Fitting a line or curve to the data in order to predict the mean value of the dependent variable for a given value of the controlled variable



Analysing variance (ANOVA) For comparing more than two entities

	Α	В	С	D
	62	63	68	56
	60	67	66	62
	63	71	71	60
	59	64	67	61
	63	65	68	63
	59	66	68	64
Group avg	61	66	68	61
Overall avg	64	64	64	64



### ANOVA

- Review the topic and evaluate the data on the previous slide.
- Prepare a 5 minute presentation for next week.
- Randomly chosen presenter (MATLAB script will make the choice)

					Deviation from overall average			Deviations <b>between</b> deviations treatments treat		tions <b>within</b> nents
			Α	В	С	D	$y_{ti} - \overline{y}$	$\overline{y}_t - \overline{y}$	$y_{ti} - \overline{y}_t$	
		(	62	63	68	56	-2 -1 4 -8	-324-3	1 -3 0 -5	v <sub>**</sub> individual results
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			63	71	71	60	-177-4	-3 2 4 -3	253-1	$ar{y}$ overall average
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			63	65	68	63	-1 1 4 -1	-324-3	2 -1 0 2	
			59	66	68	64	5240	-324-3	-2 0 0 3	
				Sum	of squ	lares	340	228	112	
	Degrees of freedom				f free	dom	23	3	20	

#### **ANOVA** Table

Source of variation	Sum of squares	d.f.	$\frac{\chi^2}{\nu}$	F-distribution
Between treatments	$\sum (\bar{y}_t - \bar{y})^2 = 228$	n - 1 = 3	$\frac{\sum(\bar{y}_t - \bar{y})^2}{n-1} = 76$	Probabilityp F*
Within treatments	$\sum (y_{ti} - \overline{y}_t)^2 = 112$	n - 1 = 20	$\frac{\sum (y_{ti} - \bar{y}_t)^2}{n - 1} = 5.6$	
Total about the overall average	340	23		

$$F_{\nu_{1},\nu_{2}} = \frac{\sum (\bar{y}_{t} - \bar{y})^{2}}{n-1} / \frac{\sum (y_{ti} - \bar{y}_{t})^{2}}{\sum (n-1)^{2}}$$

$$F_{3,20} = 13.6$$

Significant at 0.001 i.e. we can be confident that treatments do result in different means, we can reject  $H_0$