

# PRACTICAL 6 SOLUTIONS



Q1. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{10}$  denote Christmas spends for Aberystwyth residents.  
 (Two-sample t-test) Let  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_7$  denote Christmas spends for Machynlleth residents.  
 (units: £)

Assume  $X_i \sim N(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2)$  independently for  $i=1, \dots, 10$  and  
 $Y_i \sim N(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2)$  independently for  $i=1, \dots, 7$ .

Note that the sample standard deviations for Aber and Mach are respectively  $\sqrt{1104.5} = £33.23$  and  $\sqrt{6161.2} = £78.49$ .

We will not assume equal variances.

We test  $H_0: \mu_1 = \mu_2$  vs  
 $H_1: \mu_1 > \mu_2$ .

here we've used independence of  $X_i, Y_i$

We calculate  $ESE(\bar{X} - \bar{Y})$ : Since  $\text{Var}(\bar{X} - \bar{Y}) = \text{Var}(\bar{X}) + \text{Var}(\bar{Y})$   
 $= \frac{\sigma_1^2}{10} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{7}$ ,

$$\text{we have that } ESE(\bar{X} - \bar{Y}) = \sqrt{\frac{S_1^2}{10} + \frac{S_2^2}{7}} = \sqrt{\frac{1104.494}{10} + \frac{6161.2}{7}} = £31.4741$$

The t-statistic  $T = \frac{(\bar{X} - \bar{Y}) - (\mu_1 - \mu_2)}{ESE(\bar{X} - \bar{Y})}$  is distributed as  $t_{[v]}$ , where  
 $v = \frac{\left(\frac{S_1^2}{10} + \frac{S_2^2}{7}\right)^2}{\frac{1}{9} \left(\frac{S_1^2}{10}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{6} \left(\frac{S_2^2}{7}\right)^2} = 7.52$ , so we round down to 7 degrees of freedom.  
 (Here we have used the Welch-Aspin approximation)

Under the assumption of  $H_0$ ,  $T_{\text{obs}} = \frac{(153.08 - 133.69) - 0}{31.4741} = 0.616$ .

From tables,  $P(t_{[7]} > 0.616) > 0.25$ . The test is not significant at the 25% level; insufficient evidence to reject  $H_0$ . That is, we do not reject the notion that Aberystwyth residents spend the same as Machynlleth residents.

## Binomial question

Q1. Assuming Aberystwyth townsfolk are either "naughty" or "nice," independently with fixed probability  $p$ , we consider the number of "nice" people, denoted  $R$  say, in a sample of size  $n$ . Then  $R \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$

In the below, we test  $H_0: p = 0.8$   
vs  $H_1: p < 0.8$ .

(i)  $n = 10$ , observe  $r = 7$ .

$$p\bar{o} = P(R \leq 7) = P(\text{Bin}(10, 0.8) \leq 7) = P(\text{Bin}(10, 0.2) \geq 3) = \underline{\underline{0.3222}} \text{ (from tables).}$$

"At most 7 out of 10 are nice" is the same event as "at least 3 out of 10 are naughty"

So  $p\bar{o} > 0.1$ , not significant at 10% level; insufficient evidence to reject  $H_0$ .

(ii)  $n = 20$ , observe  $r = 14$ .

$$p\bar{o} = P(R \leq 14) = P(\text{Bin}(20, 0.8) \leq 14) = P(\text{Bin}(20, 0.2) \geq 6) = \underline{\underline{0.1958}} \text{ (from tables).}$$

So  $p\bar{o} > 0.1$ , not significant at 10% level; insufficient evidence to reject  $H_0$ .

(iii)  $n = 140$ , observe  $r = 98$ .

$$\begin{aligned} p\bar{o} &= P(R \leq 98) = P(\text{Bin}(140, 0.8) \leq 98) = P(\text{Bin}(140, 0.8) < 98.5) \\ &\stackrel{\text{NORMAL APPROX. AND CONTINUITY CORRECTION}}{=} P\left(Z < \frac{98.5 - 140 \times 0.8}{\sqrt{140 \times 0.8 \times 0.2}}\right) \\ &= P(Z < -2.8524) \\ &= P(Z > +2.8524) \text{ (by symmetry of Normal distribution)} \\ &= 0.0022, \end{aligned}$$

where  $Z \sim N(0, 1)$ . Since  $p\bar{o} < 0.01$ , the test is significant at the 1% level, so we have strong evidence to reject  $H_0$ .