

INTRODUCTION TO T-TESTS

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INTRODUCTION

- ❑ Welcome to the presentation on T-tests.
- ❑ T-tests are statistical tests used to compare means of two groups and determine if they are significantly different.
- ❑ In this presentation, we will cover the basics of T-tests, their types, assumptions, and interpretation of results.

TYPES OF T-TESTS

- ❑ **Independent Samples T-Test:** Used to compare means between two independent groups.
- ❑ **Paired Samples T-Test:** Used to compare means within the same group at different time points or conditions.
- ❑ **One-Sample T-Test:** Used to compare the mean of a single group to a known population mean.

ASSUMPTIONS OF T-TESTS

- ❑ **Independence:** Observations in each group are independent of each other.
- ❑ **Normality:** The data in each group are normally distributed.
- ❑ **Homogeneity of Variance:** Variances in both groups being compared are equal.

INDEPENDENT SAMPLES T-TEST

- Used to compare means of two independent groups.
- **Hypotheses:** Null hypothesis (H_0) assumes no significant difference between group means, alternative hypothesis (H_1) assumes a significant difference.
- **Assumptions:** Independence, normality, and equal variances.
- **Test statistic:** T-value calculated based on sample means, sample variances, and sample sizes.
- **P-value interpretation:** If $p\text{-value} < \alpha$ (chosen significance level), we reject H_0 and conclude a significant difference exists.

PAIRED SAMPLES T-TEST

- ❑ Used to compare means within the same group at different time points or conditions.
- ❑ **Hypotheses:** H_0 assumes no significant difference between paired observations, H_1 assumes a significant difference.
- ❑ **Assumptions:** Independence, normality, and equal variances of the differences between pairs.
- ❑ **Test statistic:** T-value calculated based on the mean of the differences, standard deviation of the differences, and sample size.
- ❑ **P-value interpretation:** If $p\text{-value} < \alpha$, we reject H_0 and conclude a significant difference exists.

ONE-SAMPLE T-TEST

- ❑ Used to compare the mean of a single group to a known population mean.
- ❑ **Hypotheses:** H_0 assumes no significant difference between the sample mean and population mean, H_1 assumes a significant difference.
- ❑ **Assumptions:** Independence and normality.
- ❑ **Test statistic:** T-value calculated based on the sample mean, sample standard deviation, and sample size.
- ❑ **P-value interpretation:** If $p\text{-value} < \alpha$, we reject H_0 and conclude a significant difference exists.

INTERPRETING RESULTS

- ❑ When the p-value is less than the chosen significance level (α), we reject the null hypothesis.
- ❑ The difference is considered statistically significant.
- ❑ Conversely, when the p-value is greater than α , we fail to reject the null hypothesis.
- ❑ The difference is not considered statistically significant.

CONCLUSION

- ❑ T-tests are valuable statistical tools to compare means of two groups.
- ❑ They help us determine if observed differences are statistically significant.
- ❑ Remember to check assumptions and choose the appropriate type of T-test based on your research design.

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