# Student t Test \& One Population 

## ECE 376 Embedded Systems

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## Problem:

- Every time you run an experiment, you get different results
- Example: Voltage across a AA battery as it discharges
- How do you analyze such data?



## Student t Test

Most common test for data analysis

- The gain of a transistor,
- The energy in a AA battery,
- The value of a capacitor, or
- The thermal time constant of a coffee cup.

You can also compare two populations

- Which battery has more energy: A or B?
- Does adding a spoon to a hot cup of tea affect its cooling rate?
- Does adding a lid affect the cooling rate?


## Central Limit Theorem

t -Tests assume your data has a normal distribution

- Not a bad assumption


## Central Limit Theorem:

- The sum or average of random variables converges to a normal distribution, and
- The sum of normal distributions is a normal distribution.

Translating: everything converges to a normal distribution. Once you get there, you're stuck with

 a normal distribution.


## Normal Distribution

$$
f(x)=\frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \pi \sigma^{2}}} \exp \left(\frac{-(x-\mu)^{2}}{2 \sigma^{2}}\right)
$$

Mean

$$
\mu=\frac{1}{n} \sum x
$$

Variance

$$
\sigma^{2}=\frac{1}{n} \sum\left(x_{i}-\mu\right)^{2}
$$

Standard Deviation

$$
\sigma=\sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum\left(x_{i}-\mu\right)^{2}}
$$

Standard Normal Curve


- Mean = 0
- Standard Deviation $=1$


## Example: Level-10 Fireball

- Mean adds
- Variance adds

Single 6-sided die (d6)

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mu=3.5 \\
& \sigma^{2}=\frac{1}{6} \sum_{n=1}^{6}(n-3.5)^{2}=2.9167
\end{aligned}
$$

Sum of ten 6-sided dice (10d6)

- Level-10 Fireball

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mu=35 \\
& \sigma^{2}=29.167 \\
& \sigma=5.401
\end{aligned}
$$



## Single-Sided Test

- What is the probability of rolling 45 or more with a level-10 fireball?

Determine the z-score

$$
\begin{aligned}
& z=\left(\frac{45-\mu}{\sigma}\right) \\
& z=\left(\frac{45-35}{5.401}\right)=1.851
\end{aligned}
$$

Find the area of the tail

- Standard normal table
- 1.851 standard deviations out
- p = 0.032 (StatTrek)

There is a $3.2 \%$ chance of rolling 45 or more


## Two-Sided Test

Find the $90 \%$ confidence interval

- Each tail has an area of 5\%
- $\mathrm{z}=1.645$ for $\mathrm{p}=0.05$
$90 \%$ confidence interval:
$\mu-1.645 \sigma<10 d 6<\mu+1.645 \sigma$
$26.11<$ roll $<43.88$



## Student t Distribution

Very similar to a Normal distribution

- Estimate the mean and standard deviation from the data
- Takes sample size into account

Mean: The average of your data

$$
\bar{x}=\frac{1}{n} \sum x_{i}
$$

Standard Deviation: A measure of the spread

$$
s=\sqrt{\frac{1}{n-1} \sum\left(x_{i}-\bar{x}\right)^{2}}
$$

Degrees of Freedom: Sample size minus one

$$
\text { d.f. }=n-1
$$

The pdf looks like a Normal distribution, only with slightly wider tails

## Example 1: Gain of a Zetex Transistor

The gain of a Zetex 1051a transistor was measured resulting in the following data:

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915, 602, 963, 839, 815, 774, 881, 912, 720, 707, 800, 1050, 663, 1066, 1073,
802, 863, 845, 789, 964, 988, 781, 776, 869, 899, 1093, 1015, 751, 795, 776,
860, 990, 762, 975, 918, 1080, 774, 932, 717, 1168, 912, 833, 697, 797, 818,
891, 725, 662, 718, 728, 835, 882, 783, 784, 737, 822, 918, 906, 1010, 819,
955, 762
```

Determine

- Probability density function for the gain
- p(gain > 500)
- $90 \%$ confidence interval



## Step 1: Determine

- Mean
- Standard Deviation
- Degrees of Freedom
- sample size minus 1

```
hfe = [ <paste data here> ]
x = mean(hfe)
x = 854.1290
s = std(hfe)
s = 120.2034
df = length(hfe) - 1
df = 61
x1 = [-4:0.05:4]';
p = exp(-x1.^2 / 2);
plot(x1*s+x, p);
```



Gain (hfe)

## What is the probability that the gain is more than $\mathbf{5 0 0}$ ?

Compute the t -score

$$
t=\left(\frac{500-\bar{x}}{s}\right)=\left(\frac{500-854.129}{120.2}\right)=-2.9461
$$



## Convert $\mathbf{t}=\mathbf{- 2 . 9 4 6 1}$ to a probability (t-table)

The probability that the gain is less than $\mathbf{5 0 0}$ is $\mathbf{0 . 0 0 2 3}$
The probability that the gain is more than 500 is $\mathbf{0 . 9 9 7 7}$

| (http://www.sjsu.edu/faculty/gerstman/StatPrimer/t-table.pdf) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| p | 0.25 | 0.20 | 0.15 | 0.10 | 0.05 | 0.025 | 0.01 | 0.005 | 0.001 | 0.0005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 1 | 1.38 | 1.96 | 3.08 | 6.31 | 12.71 | 31.82 | 63.66 | 318.31 | 636.62 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | 0.82 | 1.06 | 1.39 | 1.89 | 2.92 | 4.3 | 6.97 | 9.93 | 22.33 | 31.6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | 0.77 | 0.98 | 1.25 | 1.64 | 2.35 | 3.18 | 4.54 | 5.84 | 10.22 | 12.92 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | 0.74 | 0.94 | 1.19 | 1.53 | 2.13 | 2.78 | 3.75 | 4.6 | 7.17 | 8.61 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | 0.73 | 0.92 | 1.16 | 1.48 | 2.02 | 2.57 | 3.37 | 4.03 | 5.89 | 6.87 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | 0.7 | 0.88 | 1.09 | 1.37 | 1.81 | 2.23 | 2.76 | 3.17 | 4.14 | 4.59 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15 | 0.69 | 0.87 | 1.07 | 1.34 | 1.75 | 2.13 | 2.6 | 2.95 | 3.73 | 4.07 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20 | 0.69 | 0.86 | 1.06 | 1.33 | 1.73 | 2.09 | 2.53 | 2.85 | 3.55 | 3.85 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 60 | 0.68 | 0.848 | 1.05 | 1.3 | 1.67 | 2 | 2.390 | 2.660 | 3.232 | 3.46 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| infinity | 0.674 | 0.842 | 1.036 | 1.282 | 1.645 | 1.960 | 2.326 | 2.576 | 3.090 | 3.29 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Another (easier) way to do this is to go to StatTrek. The area of the tail is 0.0023

 www.StatTrek.com- In the dropdown box, describe the random variable.
- Enter a value for degrees of freedom.
- Enter a value for all but one of the remaining text boxes.
- Click the Calculate button to compute a value for the blank text box
Random variable $t$ score
Degrees of freedom 61
$t$ score $\square$
Probability: $P(T \leq-2.9461) \square-2.9461$
$\square$



## iii) What is the $\mathbf{9 0 \%}$ confidence interval for the gain?

- Each tail is $5 \%$ (leaving $90 \%$ in the middle)
- $5 \%$ tails means $\mathrm{t}=1.67$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \bar{x}-1.67 s<\text { gain }<\bar{x}+1.67 s \\
& 653<\text { gain }<1055
\end{aligned}
$$

## Note: Individuals vs. Populations

- You know more about populations than individuals


## Individuals:

- $x_{i} \sim N\left(\mu, \sigma^{2}\right)$
- Normal distribution if you know them
- t-distribution if you estimate them from data
- Shape doesn't' change with sample size

Population:

- $\bar{x} \sim N\left(\mu, \sqrt{\frac{\sigma^{2}}{n}}\right)$
- The more data you have, the more certain you are of the true mean
- As the sample size goes to infinity, you eventually know the population mean exactly



## Example:

Individual: What is the $90 \%$ confidence interval for the gain of any given transistor?

- $\mathrm{x}=854.129$
- $\mathrm{s}=120.2034$
- 653 < gain < 1055

Population: What is the $90 \%$ confidence interval for the gain of all 1051a transistors?

- $\mathrm{x}=854.129$
- $s=\frac{120.2034}{\sqrt{62}}=15.27$
- 828.63 < gain < 879.63


How many transistors do I have to sample to know the gain within 10 with $90 \%$ certainty?

- t-score $\approx 1.67$
- $1.67 \cdot \frac{120.2034}{\sqrt{n}}=10$
- $n=402.96$

If I sample 403 transistors, I will know the true mean within 10 with $90 \%$ certainty


## Design of Experiment

"If you don't know where you are going, any road can take you there"
Lewis Carroll, Alice in Wonderland

Before starting an experiment, think about...

- What question you want to answer?
- What data you need to answer that question?
- How much data you need?
- How you will go about collecting that data?
- How you will analyze that data?



## Design of Experiment

The point behind this is to

- Collect the right data (don't waste time collecting data you can't use)
- Collect the right amount of data (don't waste time collecting too much or too little data)
- Make the experiment as repeatable as possible (minimize the variation in the data)



## Energy in a AA battery

How much energy does a AA battery contain?

## What data do we need?

Energy is hard to measure, Voltage is easy.

- Short the battery across a 10 Ohm resistor, and
- Measure the voltage every 6 seconds,

Measure voltage and computer power

$$
P=\frac{V^{2}}{R}=0.1 V^{2} \quad \text { Watts }
$$

Run experiment until battery is dead

$$
E=\int P d t \quad \text { Joules }
$$



## How Much Data do you Need?

- One data point (discharging one battery) is meaningless
- Two data points work but give a large $t$-value
- 10+ data points give diminishing returns
- Make 4 measurements (3 degrees of freedom)

| Student t-Table (area of tail) (http://www.sjsu.edu/faculty/gerstman/StatPrimer/t-table.pdf) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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## Significance:

- If you test all of your products, you have good data for statistical analysis. You're also broke since you no longer have any product to sell.
- If you test none of your products, you have no idea what you're selling.
- All you really need is a sample size of two. You can do statistical analysis with a sample size of two.
- Given a choice, a sample size of 4 or 5 would be nice. That gives you a lot more information and you only lose 4 or 5 from your inventory. These you can probably sell on ebay as "like new."
Long story short, let's test four batteries (for 3 degrees of freedom)



## How will you collect that data?

Sloppy procedures give sloppy results

- Large standard deviation
- Energy is in the range of -2000 Joules to $+20,000$ Joules

For this experiment, the procedure was

- Purchase a pack of 4 batteries from the grocery store
- Connect a 10 Ohm resistor across each battery
- Measure the voltage across each battery using a PIC processor, sampled every 6 seconds
- Run the experiment for each battery for 10 hours.


## Step 2: Data Collection

- Measure the voltage of 4 batteries for $6+$ hours



## Step 3: Data Analysis

Convert each data set to a number

- The average of the data is a number. It doesn't tell me much though.
- The time it takes to discharge down to 1.00 V is a number. It sort of tells me the life of a battery.
- The energy contained in the battery in Joules is a number. That's actually useful information.
$P=\frac{V^{2}}{R}=0.1 V^{2}$ Watts
$E=0.6 \sum\left(V^{2}\right)$ Joules
$E=\left\{\begin{array}{llll}26,332 & 26,648 & 27,330 & 26,543\end{array}\right\}$ Joules


## The mean \& Standard Deviation are:

$x=$ mean(Joules) $=26,713$<br>$s=$ std(Joules) $=431.6950$



Energy in a AA battery: Mean $=26,713$, standard deviation $=431$ Joules

## What is the probability that a given batter will have more than $\mathbf{2 8 , 0 0 0}$ Joules?

To answer this, determine the distance from mean to 28,000 in terms of standard deviations.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& t=\left(\frac{28,000-\bar{x}}{s}\right)=\left(\frac{28,000-26,713}{431.69}\right) \\
& t=2.9808
\end{aligned}
$$

Convert to a probability with a t-table

- $p($ energy $<28,000$ Joules $)=0.9707$
- $\mathrm{p}($ energy $>28,000$ Joules $)=0.0293$

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- In the dropdown box, describe the random variable.
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all probabilities add to one

## What is the $\mathbf{9 0 \%}$ confidence interval for any given AA battery?

Answer: Use a t-table to convert $5 \%$ tails to a t -score
The $90 \%$ confidence interval will be
$\bar{x}-2.355 s<$ Joules $<\bar{x}+2.355 s$
25,6897 < Joules < 27,730

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## Summary

A Student t -Test is a test of a mean

## With it, you can

- Determine the probability that a given sample is greater than $x$
- Determine the $90 \%$ confidence interval

To use a t-test,

- You need at least two data points
- 4 or more would be nice (reduces the t-score)
- Beyond that, there's diminishing returns

