

Statistics

Chapter Six

- **Two-Sample t-Tests**: used when the **independent variable** is **low level** (typically nominal) **in two levels** (two groups being compared on something) **AND** the **dependent variable** is **high-level** for which it is appropriate to calculate mean
 - The **null hypothesis** is that the **two group means are the same** (i.e. independent & dependent variable are not related)
 - $H_0: \mu_1 = \mu_2$
 - The **alternative hypothesis** is that the **two group means are different** (independent & dependent variables are related)
 - $H_1: \mu_1 \neq \mu_2$

• **Standard Error of the Difference (SEd)**: the standard error of the distribution

• **Test for Assumptions**

- **Test for normality**: Kolmogorov-Smirnov Test
- **Test for equal variances**: Levene's F test

• **Types of T-tests**

- there are three different formulas for computing a t statistic, all of which share a common goal of **testing mean differences between two groups**
- **Independent groups t-test**
 - **Pooled variance formula**
 - **Separate variance formula**
- **Dependent groups t-test**

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- **Independent groups t-test**: used to test the difference between means for two unrelated groups

- People in the groups are not the same people and are not related in any systematic way

- Two tests can be done, decided by whether the variances are (close to) equal or significantly different

- **Pooled Variance Formula**

- Variance in two groups is essentially the same

- If calculated $t \geq$ tabled t the result is statistically significant and we reject null hypothesis

- The pooled variance formula can be used if the population variances are equal > tested w/ the **Levene's test**

- If the F from this test is significant, the pooled variance formula should NOT be used

- Significance is .05 or smaller (above .05 use the pooled variance formula)

- **Dependent Groups T-test**: used to test the difference between means for two related groups, or for the same people measured twice

- The people in two groups are systematically connected, which lowers variability (the SE_D)

- $t = \frac{\bar{X}_A - \bar{X}_B}{\sqrt{\frac{s_A^2}{n_A} + \frac{s_B^2}{n_B}}}$ → Gives upper & lower limit