

lec 2

Objective Analysis in Atm Sci

Statistical Tests.

For small sample sizes, the t -Statistic is used, based on the student's t -distribution.

Z Statistic

$$Z = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}}$$

T Statistic

$$t = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{S / \sqrt{n-1}}$$

where:-

"S" $\rightarrow$ Sample of Standard deviation.

$\sqrt{n-1}$ replaces $\sqrt{n}$ because S^2 is

underestimating the true σ^2 . referred to as the degrees of freedom.

* The t -Statistic is dependent on the Sample Size, So as N , the uncertainty decreases.

The t -distribution probability density function, unlike the bell curve, depends on the Sample Size.

$$f(t) = \frac{f_0(u)}{\left(1 + \frac{t^2}{u}\right)^{\left(\frac{u+1}{2}\right)}}$$

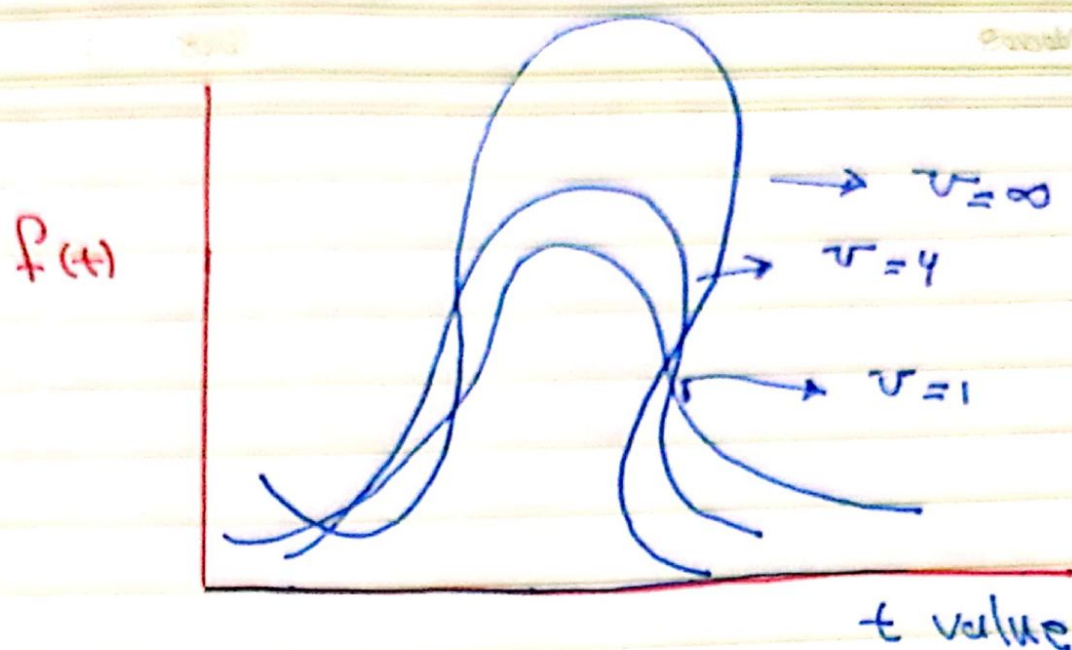
where :-

$u = N-1 \rightarrow$ degree of freedom.

$t \rightarrow t$ Statistic

$f_0(u) =$ constant that depends on (u)

and makes the area under the curve equal to unity.



* As v decreases the distribution gets broader, reflecting the fact it is broader to get the t value near the tail of distribution for a small sample size

- Student t -table given

"Confidence intervals"

Normal dist.

$$\mu = \bar{X} \pm Z_c \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{N}}$$

T-dist.

$$\mu = \bar{X} \pm t_c \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{N-1}}$$

where z -

$Z_c \rightarrow$ Critical Z-Stat.

$t_c \rightarrow$ Critical t-Stat.

$t_c \rightarrow$ in this case related to the degree of freedom ($n-1$)

* Sample example: Mean Temp.

Five years of January mean temp

Sample mean = $-06^\circ\text{C} = \mu$

Std. deviation = $8^\circ\text{C} = \sigma$ or s

What is the 95% confidence interval?

Solution:

<u>Z-Stat</u>	<u>t-Stat</u>
$\mu = \bar{X} \pm Z_c \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$	$\mu = \bar{X} \pm t_c \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n-1}}$

Z-Stat

$$= -60^{\circ} \pm 1.96 \frac{8}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$= -60^{\circ} \pm 7^{\circ}$$

t-Stat

$$= -60^{\circ} \pm t_c \frac{8}{\sqrt{N-1}}$$

$$= -60^{\circ} \pm 2.78 \frac{8}{\sqrt{5-1}}$$

$$= -60^{\circ} \pm 11.12^{\circ}$$