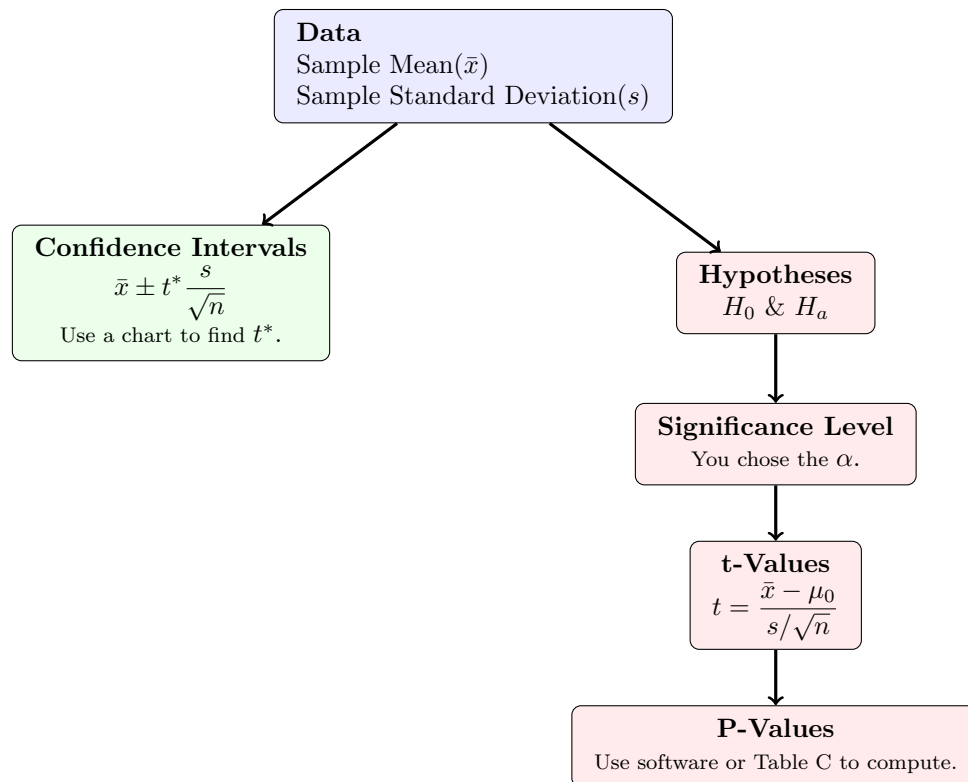




Understanding P-Values and Hypothesis Testing

- The **P-value** is the probability of getting a result as extreme or more than what we got if the null hypothesis is true. *Memorize this!*
- A low P-value (less than α) is **statistically significant**, and that means you should reject the null hypothesis because your results probably aren't random.
- A high P-value (more than α) is not significant. You don't have enough evidence to reject the null hypothesis H_0 , your results might be caused by random chance.
- We never accept the null hypothesis. We only look for evidence that H_0 is not true.
- The null hypothesis isn't something you necessarily want to be true or false. It is just a convenient starting point for the mathematics, since it gives us a μ_0 to work with.

Built In Excel Functions

Sample Standard Deviation. To compute s , type

$$= \text{STDEV}(\text{Your Data}).$$

P-values from t-values. If you want the P-value corresponding to a t-value, use the function TDIST which has 3 inputs.

$$= \text{TDIST}(t, \# \text{ of Degrees of Freedom}, \# \text{ of Tails}).$$

t-Distribution Critical Values (Table C)

Confidence Level	60%	80%	90%	95%	98%	99%	99.8%	99.9%
dF								
1	1.376	3.078	6.314	12.706	31.821	63.657	318.309	636.619
2	1.061	1.886	2.920	4.303	6.965	9.925	22.327	31.599
3	0.978	1.638	2.353	3.182	4.541	5.841	10.215	12.924
4	0.941	1.533	2.132	2.776	3.747	4.604	7.173	8.610
5	0.920	1.476	2.015	2.571	3.365	4.032	5.893	6.869
6	0.906	1.440	1.943	2.447	3.143	3.707	5.208	5.959
7	0.896	1.415	1.895	2.365	2.998	3.499	4.785	5.408
8	0.889	1.397	1.860	2.306	2.896	3.355	4.501	5.041
9	0.883	1.383	1.833	2.262	2.821	3.250	4.297	4.781
10	0.879	1.372	1.812	2.228	2.764	3.169	4.144	4.587
11	0.876	1.363	1.796	2.201	2.718	3.106	4.025	4.437
12	0.873	1.356	1.782	2.179	2.681	3.055	3.930	4.318
13	0.870	1.350	1.771	2.160	2.650	3.012	3.852	4.221
14	0.868	1.345	1.761	2.145	2.624	2.977	3.787	4.140
15	0.866	1.341	1.753	2.131	2.602	2.947	3.733	4.073
16	0.865	1.337	1.746	2.120	2.583	2.921	3.686	4.015
17	0.863	1.333	1.740	2.110	2.567	2.898	3.646	3.965
18	0.862	1.330	1.734	2.101	2.552	2.878	3.610	3.922
19	0.861	1.328	1.729	2.093	2.539	2.861	3.579	3.883
20	0.860	1.325	1.725	2.086	2.528	2.845	3.552	3.850
21	0.859	1.323	1.721	2.080	2.518	2.831	3.527	3.819
22	0.858	1.321	1.717	2.074	2.508	2.819	3.505	3.792
23	0.858	1.319	1.714	2.069	2.500	2.807	3.485	3.768
24	0.857	1.318	1.711	2.064	2.492	2.797	3.467	3.745
25	0.856	1.316	1.708	2.060	2.485	2.787	3.450	3.725
26	0.856	1.315	1.706	2.056	2.479	2.779	3.435	3.707
27	0.855	1.314	1.703	2.052	2.473	2.771	3.421	3.690
28	0.855	1.313	1.701	2.048	2.467	2.763	3.408	3.674
29	0.854	1.311	1.699	2.045	2.462	2.756	3.396	3.659
30	0.854	1.310	1.697	2.042	2.457	2.750	3.385	3.646
31	0.853	1.309	1.696	2.040	2.453	2.744	3.375	3.633
32	0.853	1.309	1.694	2.037	2.449	2.738	3.365	3.622
33	0.853	1.308	1.692	2.035	2.445	2.733	3.356	3.611
34	0.852	1.307	1.691	2.032	2.441	2.728	3.348	3.601
35	0.852	1.306	1.690	2.030	2.438	2.724	3.340	3.591
36	0.852	1.306	1.688	2.028	2.434	2.719	3.333	3.582
37	0.851	1.305	1.687	2.026	2.431	2.715	3.326	3.574
38	0.851	1.304	1.686	2.024	2.429	2.712	3.319	3.566
39	0.851	1.304	1.685	2.023	2.426	2.708	3.313	3.558
40	0.851	1.303	1.684	2.021	2.423	2.704	3.307	3.551
50	0.849	1.299	1.676	2.009	2.403	2.678	3.261	3.496
60	0.848	1.296	1.671	2.000	2.390	2.660	3.232	3.460
80	0.846	1.292	1.664	1.990	2.374	2.639	3.195	3.416
100	0.845	1.290	1.660	1.984	2.364	2.626	3.174	3.390
500	0.842	1.283	1.648	1.965	2.334	2.586	3.107	3.310
z^*	0.842	1.282	1.645	1.960	2.326	2.576	3.090	3.291
One-sided p-value	0.2	0.1	0.05	0.025	0.01	0.005	0.001	0.0005
Two-sided p-value	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.05	0.02	0.01	0.002	0.001