

# R12 - Pvalues

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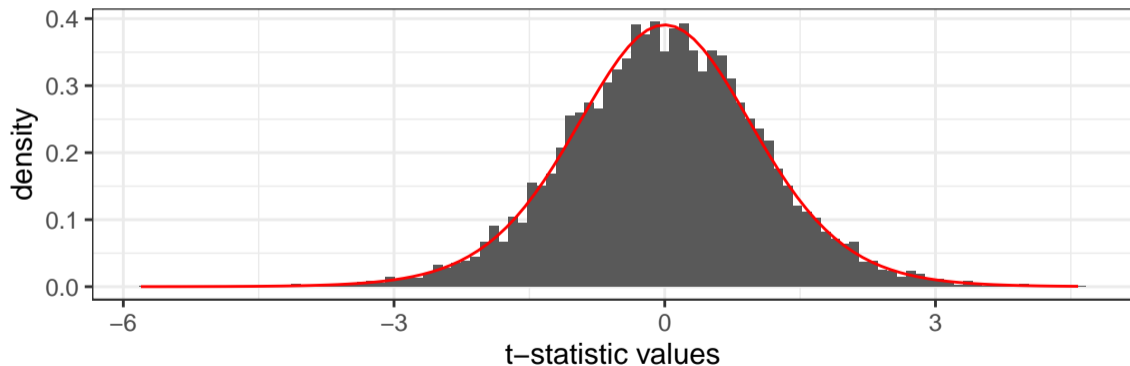
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# Student's t-distributions

t-statistic with 12 degrees of freedom  
theoretical density overlaid



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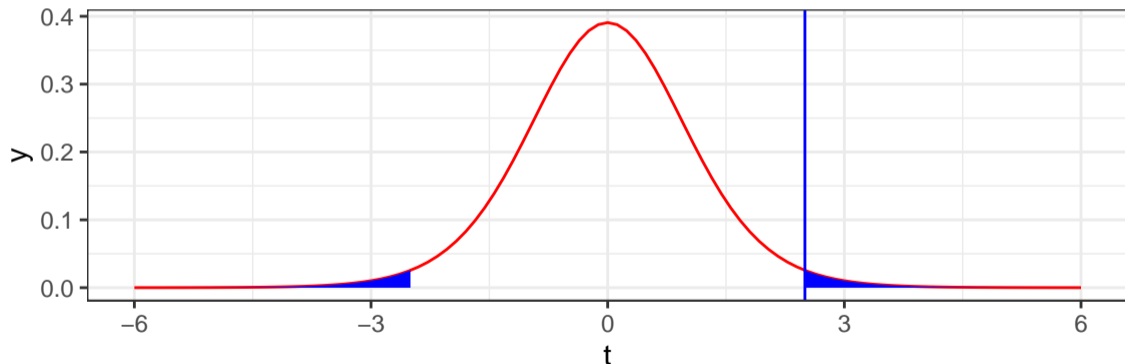
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Small p-values provide evidence against the null model.

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summary(m)

##
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## lm(formula = log(count) ~ acreage + do2 + maxdepth + no3 + so4 +
##     temp, data = longnosedace)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -2.62524 -0.59964  0.04707  0.72422  1.80151
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) -3.745e+00  1.606e+00  -2.331  0.02312 *
## acreage      5.051e-05  1.643e-05   3.074  0.00318 **
## do2          3.837e-01  1.337e-01   2.871  0.00565 **
## maxdepth     9.059e-03  4.319e-03   2.097  0.04019 *
## no3          2.155e-01  7.223e-02   2.984  0.00411 **
## so4          9.092e-03  1.872e-02   0.486  0.62887
## temp         9.026e-02  4.203e-02   2.147  0.03581 *
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 0.9922 on 60 degrees of freedom
```

# Regression output in R - categorical independent variables

```

mouse <- read_csv("mouse.csv", show_col_types = FALSE)
m <- lm(Skill ~ Mouse, data = mouse)
summary(m)

##
## Call:
## lm(formula = Skill ~ Mouse, data = mouse)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -25.5167  -3.3857   0.8143   5.1833  10.0143
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)    32.6912    0.8846  36.958 < 2e-16 ***
## MouseDell      -5.2892    1.3010  -4.065 5.95e-05 ***
## MouseMamba (Wired)  9.6060    1.1877   8.088 1.06e-14 ***
## MouseMamba (Wireless) 6.9945    1.2565   5.567 5.25e-08 ***
## MouseViper (Wired, light) 12.4254    1.2352  10.059 < 2e-16 ***
## MouseViper (Wired)   10.1945    1.2565   8.113 8.88e-15 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 6.678 on 343 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.4543, Adjusted R-squared:  0.4463
## F-statistic: 57.1 on 5 and 343 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

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An F-test has null model with  $\beta_1 = \beta_2 = \beta_3 = \beta_4 = \beta_5 = 0$ .

# ANOVA - categorical independent variables

```
mouse <- read_csv("mouse.csv", show_col_types = FALSE)
m <- lm(Skill ~ Mouse, data = mouse)
drop1(m, test="F")

## Single term deletions
##
## Model:
## Skill ~ Mouse
##           Df Sum of Sq  RSS   AIC F value    Pr(>F)
## <none>                15297 1331.3
## Mouse      5      12734 28031 1532.7  57.104 < 2.2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```



# Regression output in R - categorical independent variables

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m <- lm(breaks ~ wool + tension, data = warpbreaks)
summary(m)

##
## Call:
## lm(formula = breaks ~ wool + tension, data = warpbreaks)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -19.500  -8.083  -2.139   6.472  30.722
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)   39.278     3.162  12.423 < 2e-16 ***
## woolB         -5.778     3.162  -1.827  0.073614 .
## tensionM     -10.000     3.872  -2.582  0.012787 *
## tensionH     -14.722     3.872  -3.802  0.000391 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 11.62 on 50 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.2691, Adjusted R-squared:  0.2253
## F-statistic: 6.138 on 3 and 50 DF,  p-value: 0.00123
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## <none>                6747.9 268.71
## wool      1    450.67 7198.6 270.20  3.3393 0.073614 .
## tension  2    2034.26 8782.1 278.94  7.5367 0.001378 **
## ---
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# ANOVA for interactions

```
m <- lm(breaks ~ wool + tension + wool:tension, data = warpbreaks)
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## Single term deletions
##
## Model:
## breaks ~ wool + tension + wool:tension
##           Df Sum of Sq   RSS   AIC F value    Pr(>F)
## <none>                5745.1 264.02
## wool:tension  2     1002.8 6747.9 268.71  4.1891 0.02104 *
## ---
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##
## Residuals:
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## -19.5556  -6.8889  -0.6667   7.1944  25.4444
##
## Coefficients:
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## (Intercept)      44.556      3.647  12.218 2.43e-16 ***
## woolB            -16.333      5.157  -3.167 0.002677 **
## tensionM         -20.556      5.157  -3.986 0.000228 ***
## tensionH         -20.000      5.157  -3.878 0.000320 ***
## woolB:tensionM    21.111      7.294   2.895 0.005698 **
## woolB:tensionH    10.556      7.294   1.447 0.154327
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 10.94 on 48 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.3778, Adjusted R-squared:  0.3129
## F-statistic: 5.828 on 5 and 48 DF,  p-value: 0.0002772
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