

Power & Sample Size

- In a 2-sample t-test, average time is 15 days with a standard deviation, $s = 2$ days.

The sample size must be large enough to provide a 95% chance of detecting a difference (if it exists) in the average times, as small as 3 days. Using an alpha risk of 0.05, what sample size would you recommend?

Power and Sample Size

2-Sample t Test

Testing mean 1 = mean 2 (versus \neq)

Calculating power for mean 1 = mean 2 + difference

$\alpha = 0.05$ Assumed standard deviation = 2

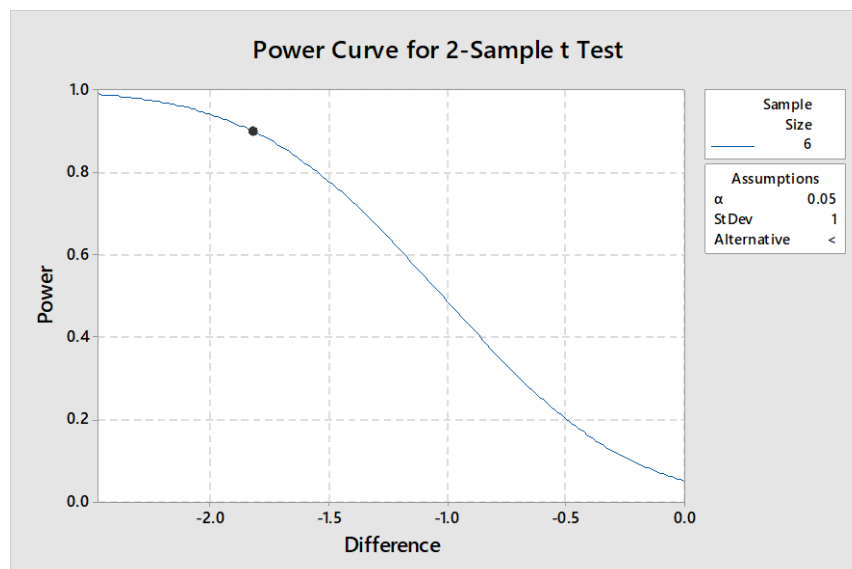
Results

Difference	Sample Size	Target Power	Actual Power
3	9	0.8	0.847610

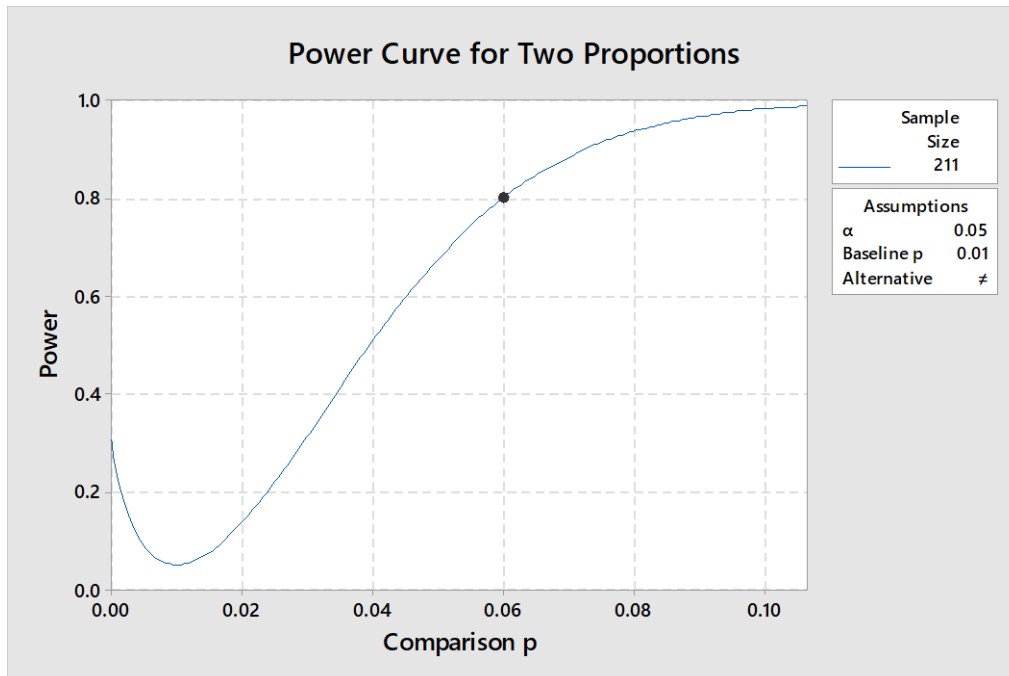
The sample size is for each group.

Power Curve for 2-Sample t Test

- In a destructive testing process, management has decided that only 6 samples can be used. If $\alpha = 0.05$, and $\beta = 0.1$. What is the smallest difference we can reliably detect in a one-sided test where SD is equal to 1?



3. In testing stage has 6% defective. The process was improved and now the improvement team claims that there is only 1% defective. How many samples must the team examine to reliably detect this improvement?



4. In a 1-sample t-test which consists of a very expensive destructive testing, only 3 samples were collected. Sigma was found to be 0.4. So the team decided that their tested should be able to detect a true difference of at least 1 sigma. Considering that it is an important safety test, decide suitable alpha.
- a. What is the power of this test? Is it sufficient?

Inference: Alpha taken to be 1% and so power is very low and not sufficient.

Power and Sample Size

1-Sample t Test
 Testing mean = null (versus \neq null)
 Calculating power for mean = null + difference
 $\alpha = 0.01$ Assumed standard deviation = 0.4

Results

Difference	Sample Size	Power
0.4	3	0.0391148

Power Curve for 1-Sample t Test

- b. How many more samples are needed if the power should be kept at 0.8?

Inference: Sample Size requirement drastically increases

Power and Sample Size

1-Sample t Test
 Testing mean = null (versus \neq null)
 Calculating power for mean = null + difference
 $\alpha = 0.01$ Assumed standard deviation = 0.4

Results

Difference	Sample Size	Target Power	Actual Power
0.4	16	0.8	0.834590

Power Curve for 1-Sample t Test

- c. If more samples cannot be collected, then as a BB, how will you conclude the results of the test

Inference: By keeping the sample size at 3 and power at .8, a difference of 2.9 can be detected by the team instead of 0.4. That is a first level compromise solution.

Power and Sample Size

1-Sample t Test
 Testing mean = null (versus \neq null)
 Calculating power for mean = null + difference
 $\alpha = 0.01$ Assumed standard deviation = 0.4

Results

Sample Size	Power	Difference
3	0.8	2.92796

Power Curve for 1-Sample t Test

Inference II: Next level compromise solution will be to make the test 1 sided, this will further increase the difference.

Power and Sample Size

1-Sample t Test

Testing mean = null (versus < null)

Calculating power for mean = null + difference

$\alpha = 0.01$ Assumed standard deviation = 0.4

Results

Sample Size	Power	Difference
3	0.8	-2.06900

Power Curve for 1-Sample t Test