

## 2-SAMPLE T TEST

*This test is used to compare 2 means from 2 separate (independent) samples.*

To compare the strength of Bounty paper towels to generic paper towels, 30 of each were randomly selected. Each paper was uniformly soaked with 4 ounces of water and while holding opposite edges of the towel, the number of quarters each paper towel could hold before ripping was counted. Here are the results:

<b>Bounty</b>	106	111	106	120	103	112	115	125	116	120	126
	125	116	117	114	118	126	120	115	116	121	113
	111	128	124	125	127	123	115	114			
<b>Generic</b>	77	103	89	79	88	86	100	90	81	84	84
	96	87	79	90	86	88	81	91	94	90	89
	85	83	89	84	90	100	94	87			

**Determine if Bounty paper towels are stronger than the generic brand at the  $\alpha = .01$  level.**

**P) STATE POPULATION PARAMETERS:**

**H) STATE HYPOTHESES:**

**A) VERIFY CONDITIONS REQUIRED FOR TEST:**

a) Random

b) Normal sampling distribution

c) Independent

**T) PERFORM TEST USING:**

**a) T Distribution Table:**

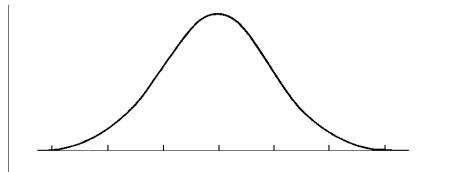
i) Put data into lists and calculate x-bars/standard deviations (if necessary)

ii) Calculate t-statistic:

$$t = \frac{\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2}{\sqrt{\frac{s_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{n_2}}} =$$

iii) Determine degrees of freedom:

iv) Locate critical  $t$ -value and estimate  $P$ -value



**b) CALCULATOR:**

**S) STATE CONCLUSION IN CONTEXT:**

**CONFIDENCE INTERVAL:**

Calculate a 99% confidence interval for the mean difference in the number of quarters that a wet Bounty paper towel can hold compared to a wet generic paper towel.

**P)** See above

**A)** See above

**I) Construct Interval:**

**a) Using Formula**

$$CI = (\bar{x}_B - \bar{x}_G) \pm t^* \sqrt{\frac{(s_B)^2}{n_B} + \frac{(s_G)^2}{n_G}}$$

**b) Using Calculator**

**S) State Conclusion (Use *less* or *more*)**