

$$\nu = N - 1$$

Example:

$$N = 16$$

$$\nu = 16 - 1$$

$$\nu = 15$$

(3) Use Table 1 of this section to compare t to the t_{crit} values tabulated versus the number of degrees of freedom. If t is less than t_{crit} , then t passes the t -test. The Microsoft Excel software has a TINV function that returns results equivalent results and may be used in place of Table 1, which follows: