

Introduction to Probability, Statistics and Data Handling	Central Limit Theorem
Tutorial 6	

*Discussion:*

Suppose  $X$  is a **random variable with a distribution that may be known or unknown** (it can be any distribution).  $X$  represents the population. We denote  $\mu$  as the mean of  $X$  and  $\sigma$  as the standard deviation of  $X$ .

Suppose that you draw **random samples of size  $n$**  and calculate the mean values of your sample. Name them as  $\bar{x}$ , so you have  $n$  values of  $\bar{x}$ , which are **sample means** and  $\bar{X}$  is also a random variable.

If  $n$  increases the random variable  $\bar{X}$  **tends to be normally distributed with a mean value  $\mu$  and standard deviation  $\sigma_{\bar{x}} = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$** :  $\bar{X} \rightarrow N\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}\right)$ . It means that if you draw random sample of size  $n$ , the distribution of sample means has the normal distribution with the same mean as the population and a variance that is equal the population variance divided by the sample size  $n$ .

The standard variable  $Z$  is then defined as:  $Z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}$ ;  $Z \rightarrow N(0,1)$

- An unknown distribution has a mean of 90 and a standard deviation of 15. Samples of size  $n = 25$  are drawn randomly from the population.
  - Find the probability that the sample mean is between 85 and 92.
  - Find the value that is two standard deviations above the expected value of the sample mean.
- Cans of a cola beverage claim to contain 16 ounces. The amounts in a sample are measured and the statistics are  $n = 34$ ,  $\bar{x} = 16.01$  ounces. If the cans are filled so that  $\mu = 16.00$  ounces (as labelled) and  $\sigma = 0.143$  ounces, find the probability that a sample of 34 cans will have an average amount greater than 16.01 ounces. Do the results suggest that cans are filled with an amount greater than 16 ounces?
- An unknown distribution has a mean of 90 and a standard deviation of 15. A sample of size 80 is drawn randomly from the population.
  - Find the probability that the sum of the 80 values (or the total of the 80 values) is more than 7500.
  - Find the sum that is 1.5 standard deviations above the mean of the sums.
- In a recent study, the mean age of tablet users is 35 years. Suppose the standard deviation is ten years. The sample size is 39.
  - What are the mean and standard deviation for the sum of the ages of tablet users? What is the distribution?
  - Find the probability that the sum of the ages is between 1,400 and 1,500 years.
  - Find the 90th percentile for the sum of the 39 ages.
- A study involving stress is conducted among the students on a college campus. The stress scores follow a uniform distribution with the lowest stress score equal to one and the highest equal to five. Using a sample of 75 students, find:
  - The probability that the mean stress score for the 75 students is less than two.
  - The 90th percentile for the mean stress score for the 75 students.
  - The probability that the total of the 75 stress scores is less than 200.
  - The 90th percentile for the total stress score for the 75 students.
- In a city, 46 percent of the population favour the well-known singer, Dawn Morgan, for mayor. A simple random sample of 500 is taken. Using CLT, find the probability that at least 250 favour Dawn Morgan for mayor.