# SDSC 3006: Fundamentals of Machine Learning I

Review of Probability and Statistics

## Outline

#### > Probability

- Random variables and probability
- Discrete distributions
- Continuous distributions
- Joint probability of multiple random variables

#### > Statistics

- Sampling
- Statistical inference
- Estimation
- Hypothesis testing

## Sample Space and Event

- > We run an experiment whose outcome is uncertain
  - e.g., Toss a coin
- > Sample space ( $\Omega$ ): the set of all possible outcomes of an experiment
  - Experiment 1 Toss a coin:  $\Omega = \{H, T\}$
  - Experiment 2 Toss a coin twice:  $\Omega = \{HH, HT, TH, TT\}$
- Event (E): any collection (subset) of the outcomes of sample space
  - Experiment 2 (Toss a coin twice)
    - The 1<sup>st</sup> toss  $H: E = \{HH, HT\}$
    - No tail:  $E = \{HH\}$
    - At least one *H*: *E* = {*HH*, *HT*, *TH*}

# Set Theory

- $\triangleright$  Complement of an event A, (A'): the set of all outcomes in the sample space  $\Omega$ , that are not contained in A
- $\triangleright$  **Union** of A and B ( $A \cup B$ ): the event consisting of all outcomes that are either in A or in B or in both events
- ▶ Intersection of A and B  $(A \cap B)$ : the event consisting of all outcomes that are in *both* A and B.
- Mutually exclusive
  - Ø denote the null event
  - $A \cap B = \emptyset$

# **Probability Axioms**

- For any event A,  $P(A) \ge 0$
- $> P(\Omega) = 1$
- $\triangleright$  If  $A_1, A_2, A_3, ...$  is an infinite collection of disjoint events, then

$$P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3 \dots) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i)$$

 $> P(\emptyset) = 0$ 

# Probability Properties

- P(A) + P(A') = 1
- $> P(A) \le 1$
- For any two events A and B

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$

> For any three events A, B and C

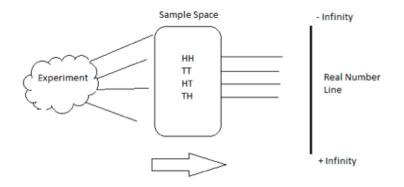
$$P(A \cup B \cup C)$$

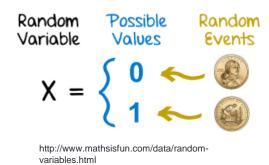
$$= P(A) + P(B) + P(C) - P(A \cap B) - P(A \cap C) - P(B \cap C)$$

$$+ P(A \cap B \cap C)$$

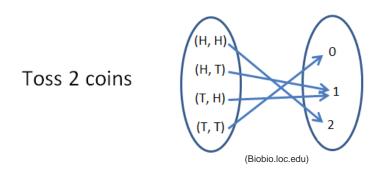
# Random Variable (RV)

- A function or a code that maps simple events to a real number
- $> X: \Omega \to \mathbb{R}$





Many ways to code!



Random Variable (X)
0
1
2
3

(www.rfortraders.com)

## Example: Toss 3 Coins

#### Why study this?

- To get the probabilities of various events of interest
- Assess risk and your bet

### > Let us code it in the following way:

- X = "The number of Heads"
- $X(S) = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$

#### > Any problem here?

- Good for counting: Probability of heads
  - P(X=0) = 1/8; P(X=2) = 3/8;
  - P(X>1) = 1/2; P(X> or <2) = 5/8
- Not so for the order:
  - Probability that the first toss is a head



# Types of Random Variables

#### > Discrete

- Integer coding (take finite or countable number of values)
- X maps to the integer line
- E.g., number of people waiting in the post office

#### > Continuous

- Real number coding
- X maps to real line
- E.g., height of students in the class

#### Univariate vs. Multivariate RV

- Scalar vs. vector coding
- Two tosses of a coin-
  - Univariate RV: X = # of heads
  - Multivariate (here, bivariate) RV: X=["Is  $1^{st}$  toss H?", "Is  $2^{nd}$  toss H?"]

### Discrete Distributions

### Discrete probability distribution

- Defined on discrete rv
- Probability mass function (PMF)

### > Typical distributions

- Discrete uniform
- Bernoulli
- Binomial
- Geometric
- Poisson
- Negative binomial
- Hyper-geometric

### Discrete Uniform Distribution

### > Experiment

- One trial
- k possible outcomes
- All outcomes equally probable
- > Random variable: X outcome of the trial
- Probability distribution:

$$p(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{k} & x \in S \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- $\triangleright$  **Example**: toss a fair die (k = 6)
  - $S = \{1, 2, 3, ..., 6\}$
  - Expectation:  $E(X) = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^{k} x_i$
  - Variance:  $V(X) = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^{k} (x_i E(X))^2$

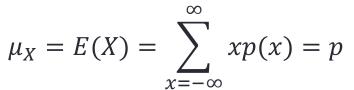
### Bernoulli Distribution

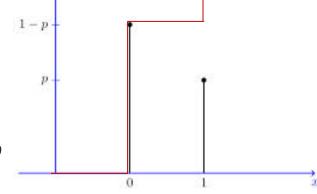
- > Experiment
  - A single (n = 1) trial with two possible outcomes ("success" and "failure")
  - $P(\{\text{success}\}) = p$
- $\rightarrow$  Random variable: X outcome of the trial (1 or 0)
- Probability distribution
  - Probability mass function (PMF): P(X = x) = p(x) p(1) = p, p(0) = 1 p
  - Cumulative distribution function (CDF)

$$F(x) = P(X \le x) = \sum_{z=-\infty}^{x} p(z)$$

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ 1 - p & x \in [0,1) \\ 1 & x \ge 1 \end{cases}$$

Expectation





 $X \sim Bernoulli(p)$ 

Variance

$$\sigma_X^2 = V(X) = E[(X - \mu_X)^2] = p(1 - p)$$

> Example: toss a fair coin once

## **Binomial Distribution**

- > Experiment
  - n repeated independent trials
  - Each trial has two possible outcomes ("success" and "failure")
  - $P(\{i^{th} \text{ trial is success}\}) = p \text{ for all } i$
- > Random variable: X number of successful trials
- $\triangleright$  PMF P(X = x)

$$b(x; n, p) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$$

> CDF  $P(X \le x)$ 

$$B(x; n, p) = \sum_{r=0}^{x} {n \choose r} p^{r} (1-p)^{n-r}$$

- $\triangleright$  Expectation: E(X) = np
- > Variance: var(X) = np(1-p)

## Geometric Distribution

#### > Experiment

- Indeterminate number of repeated trials
- Each trial has two possible outcomes ("success" and "failure")
- $P(\{the\ outcome\ of\ the\ i^{th}\ trial\ is\ success\}) = p\ for\ all\ i$
- Independent trials
- $\triangleright$  Random variable: X number of trials until 1<sup>st</sup> success
- > Probability distribution (PMF):  $P(x) = p(1-p)^{x-1}$
- Expectation & variance

$$E(X) = \frac{1}{p} \qquad \text{var}(X) = \frac{1-p}{p^2}$$

Example: repeated attempts to start an engine; play a lottery until you win

## **Negative Binomial Distribution**

#### > Experiment

- Indeterminate number of repeated trials
- Each trial has two possible outcomes (success and failure)
- $P(\{the\ outcome\ of\ the\ i^{th}\ trial\ is\ success\})=p\ for\ all\ i$
- Independent trials
- Keep going until the  $r^{th}$  success
- > Random variable: X #trials until r successes
- Probability distribution (PMF)

$$b^*(x;r,p) = {x-1 \choose r-1} p^r (1-p)^{x-r}$$

Expectation and variance

$$E(X) = \frac{r}{p}$$
  $\operatorname{var}(X) = \frac{r(1-p)}{p^2}$ 

Example: fabricating r defective computer chips

## Hyper-geometric Distribution

#### > Experiment:

- A random sample of size n is selected from N items
- There are k items of one type (success) and N-k items of another type (failure)
- > Random variable: X number of success selected
- Probability distribution (PMF)

$$h(x; N, n, k) = \frac{\binom{k}{x} \binom{N-k}{n-x}}{\binom{N}{n}}$$

Expectation & variance

$$E(X) = \frac{nK}{N} \qquad \text{var}(X) = \frac{N - n}{N - 1} \frac{nK}{N} (1 - \frac{k}{N})$$

Example: select a random sample of 5 spark plugs from a batch of 40 of which 3 are defective

### Poisson Distribution

- > Experiment: recurring trials in space or time
  - The events occur at a point in time or space
  - The number of events occurring in one region is independent of the number occurring in any disjoint region
  - Probability of n events in region/interval 1 = Probability of n events in region/interval 2, when the two regions/intervals have the same size
- Random variable: number of events occurring in the given time interval or region of space
- Probability distribution (PMF)

Poisson
$$(x; \lambda) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!}$$
 ( $\lambda$ : average number of events in the region/interval)

- **Expectation & variance:**  $E(X) = \lambda$   $var(X) = \lambda$
- Example: number of emails arriving in a specified (1 hour) period; number of arrived jobs

### Continuous Distributions

### Continuous probability distribution

- Defined on continuous rv
- Probability density function (PDF)

### > Typical distributions

- Continuous uniform
- Exponential
- Gamma
- Normal

### Continuous Uniform Distribution

▶ **Definition:** A continuous RV X is said to have a uniform distribution on the interval [a, b] if the PDF of X is

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & a \le x \le b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Expectation & variance

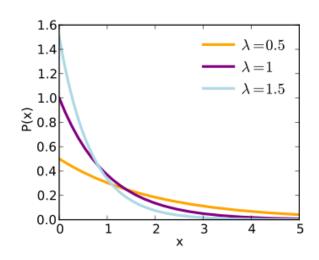
$$E(X) = \frac{a+b}{2}$$
  $var(X) = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$ 

Example: Spin the dial so that it comes to rest at a random position. Find the probability that the dial will land somewhere between 5 and 300.

# **Exponential Distribution**

▶ **Definition:** Let  $\lambda$  be a positive real number, RV X is called an exponential RV ( $X \sim \exp(\lambda)$ ) if

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} & x \ge 0\\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



Expectation & variance

$$E(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$
  $var(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$ 

Example: often used to model life time of products, waiting time, time between random events.

## Gamma Distribution

**Definition:** A continuous RV X is said to have a gamma distribution (X ~ gamma( $\alpha$ , $\beta$ ),  $\alpha$  > 0, $\beta$  > 0) if

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\beta^{\alpha} \Gamma(\alpha)} x^{\alpha - 1} e^{-\frac{x}{\beta}} & x \ge 0\\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- > Exponential distribution:  $\alpha = 1$  and  $\beta = \frac{1}{\lambda}$
- Expectation & variance

$$E(X) = \alpha \beta$$
  $var(X) = \alpha \beta^2$ 

 $\triangleright$  **Example:** time until event occurs for  $\alpha$  times

# Normal (Gaussian) Distribution

**Definition:** A continuous RV X is said to have a normal distribution ( $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ ) with parameter  $\mu$  ( $-\infty < \mu < \infty$ ) and  $\sigma$  ( $\sigma > 0$ ), if

$$f(x;\mu,\sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} (-\infty < x < \infty)$$

> Standard normal distribution/RV Z:  $\mu = 0$  and  $\sigma = 1$ 

$$f(z; 0,1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} (-\infty < z < \infty)$$

> CDF of Z:  $P(Z \le z) = \int_{-\infty}^{z} f(y; 0,1) dy$  (often denoted by  $\Phi(z)$ )

## Joint Probability Mass Function

 If X and Y are two discrete rv's defined on S, the sample space for an experiment, their joint probability mass function is

$$p(x,y) = P(X = x \text{ and } Y = y)$$

ullet The marginal probability mass functions of X and Y are

$$p_x(x) = \sum_y p(x,y)$$
 and  $p_y(y) = \sum_x p(x,y)$ 

## Joint Probability Density Function

• If X and Y are two continuous rv's then f(x.y) is their joint density function if

$$P[(X,Y)\in A]=\int\int_A f(x,y)\,dx\,dy$$

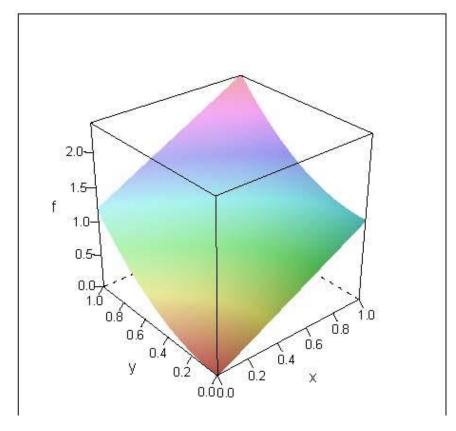
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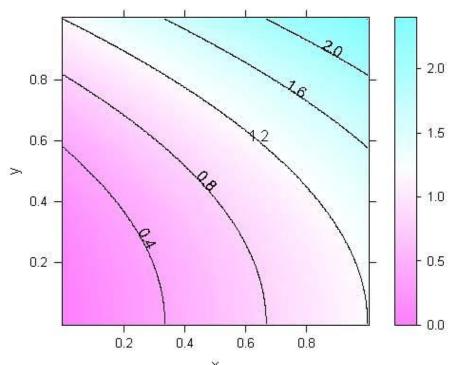
$$f_x(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x,y) \, dy$$
 and  $f_y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x,y) \, dx$ 

## Example of joint probability density

Example 5.3 describes a joint probability distribution with density

$$f(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{6}{5} \left( x + y^2 \right) & 0 \le x \le 1, \ 0 \le y \le 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$





#### Conditional distributions

• For continuous random variables X and Y with joint pdf f(x,y) and marginal pdfs  $f_X(x)$  and  $f_Y(y)$ , the conditional probability density of Y, given X=x is

$$f_{Y|X}(y|x) = \frac{f(x,y)}{f_X(x)} - \infty \le y \le \infty$$

provided that  $f_X(x) > 0$ .

• For discrete random variables X and Y with joint pmf p(x,y) and marginal pmfs  $p_X(x)$  and  $p_Y(y)$  the conditional pmf of Y given X=x is

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## Independent Random Variables

ullet Discrete random variables X and Y are said to be independent if

$$p(x,y) = p_X(x) \cdot p_Y(y)$$

ullet Continuous random variables X and Y are said to be independent if

$$f(x,y) = f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(y)$$

ullet If these conditions don't hold then X and Y are said to be dependent.

## Expected value

• The expected value of a function h(x,y), denoted E[h(X,Y)], is defined as

$$E[h(X,Y)] = \begin{cases} \sum_{x} \sum_{y} h(x,y) \cdot p(x,y) & \text{discrete} \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{\infty}^{\infty} h(x,y) \cdot f(x,y) \, dx \, dy & \text{continuous} \end{cases}$$

• The covariance between X and Y is defined as  $Cov(X,Y)=E[(X-\mu_X)(Y-\mu_Y)]$ 

$$= \begin{cases} \sum_x \sum_y (x - \mu_X)(y - \mu_Y) p(x,y) & \text{discrete} \\ \int_{-\infty}^\infty \int_{\infty}^\infty (x - \mu_X)(y - \mu_Y) f(x,y) \, dx \, dy & \text{continuous} \end{cases}$$

• Sometimes it is more convenient to evaluate  $Cov(X,Y) = E[XY] - \mu_X \mu_Y$ 

#### Correlation

• The correlation coefficient of X and Y, denoted Corr(X,Y) or  $\rho_{X,Y}$  or simply  $\rho$ , is defined as

$$ho_{X,Y} = rac{\mathsf{Cov}(X,Y)}{\sigma_X \cdot \sigma_Y}$$

- For any two rv's X and Y,  $-1 \le \rho_{X,Y} \le 1$
- ullet If a and c are either both positive or both negative then

$$Corr(aX + b, cY + d) = Corr(X, Y)$$

- If X and Y are independent, then  $\rho=0$ . However,  $\rho=0$  does not imply that X and Y are independent.
- ullet ho=-1 or ho=1 if and only if Y=aX+b for some numbers a and b.

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## Random samples

- Evaluating the distribution of a statistic calculated from a sample with an arbitrary joint distribution can be very difficult.
- Frequently we make the simplifying assumption that our data constitute a random sample  $X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n$  from a distribution. This means that
  - The  $X_i$ 's are independent.
  - ② All the  $X_i$ s have the same probability distribution

#### Linear Combinations and their means

• Given a collection of n random variables  $X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n$  and n numerical constants  $a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n$ , the random variable

$$Y = a_1 X_1 + a_2 X_2 + \dots + a_n X_n$$

is called a linear combination of the  $X_i$ s.

Whether or not the X<sub>i</sub>s are independent,

$$E[a_1X_1 + a_2X_2 + \dots + a_nX_n]$$

$$= a_1E[X_1] + a_2E[X_2] + \dots + a_nE[X_n]$$

### Variances of linear combinations

• If  $X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n$  are independent with variances  $\sigma_1^2, \sigma_2^2, \ldots, \sigma_n^2$  then

$$V(a_1X_1 + a_xX_2 + \dots + a_nX_n)$$

$$= a_1^2V(X_1) + a_2^2V(X_2) + \dots + a_n^2V(X_n)$$

$$= a_1^2\sigma_1^2 + a_2^2\sigma_2^2 + \dots + a_n^2\sigma_n^2$$

In general

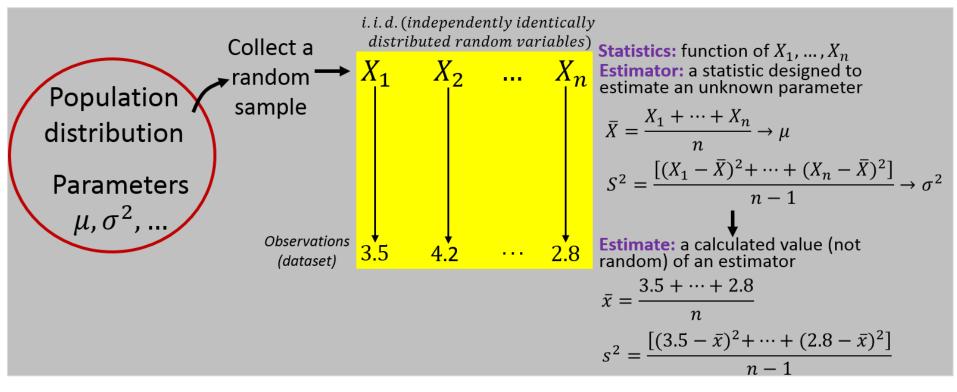
$$V(a_1X_1 + a_xX_2 + \dots + a_nX_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_ia_j \mathsf{Cov}(X_i, X_j)$$

### The Case of Normal Random Variables

• When the  $X_i$ s are independent and normally distributed, any linear combination will also be normally distributed.

### Statistical Inference

**Statistical inference:** Find truth on the population based on the data obtained from a sample of the population



- **Estimation:** Find estimates of the unknown parameters
  - Point estimation:  $\hat{\mu} = 2.5$
  - Confidence interval (CI) estimation: the 95% CI of  $\mu = (2.0, 3.0)$
- ► **Hypothesis testing:** Decisions based on specific hypotheses (e.g.,  $\mu \le 2 \ vs. \ \mu > 2$ )

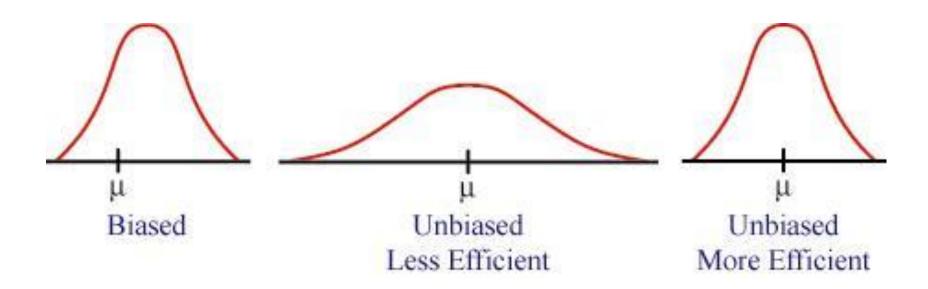
### Point Estimation

- ➤ A point estimator is designed to estimate an unknown parameter with a single value
  - $\theta$  = unknown parameter
  - $\hat{\theta}$  = point estimator (a function of the data)
- ightharpoonup **Example:**  $\hat{\mu} = \overline{X}$  estimates  $\mu$
- > How do we identify a good point estimator?
  - An estimator  $\hat{\theta}$  is **unbiased** iff  $E(\hat{\theta}) = \theta$
  - If an estimator  $\widehat{\theta}$  has the smallest variance, then it is the most efficient estimator of  $\theta$

# Example Sampling Distribution of $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$

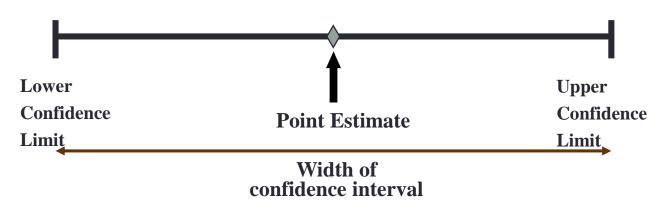
 $\theta = \mu$ 

Red curve: Distribution of  $\hat{\mu}$ 



### Confidence Interval Estimation

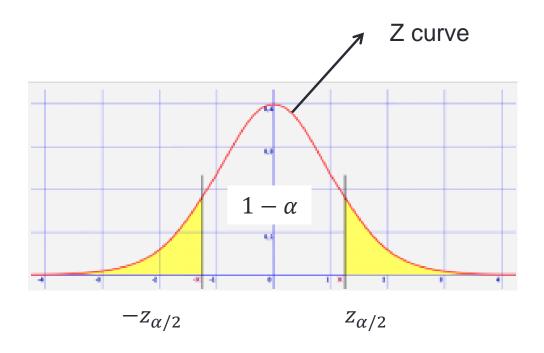
- > Interval estimate: an entire interval of plausible values
  - More information about a population than does a point estimate
  - A confidence level for the estimate
- Confidence level: a measure of degree of reliability of the interval (95%, 99%, 90%)
- $\triangleright$  Significance level ( $\alpha$ ): 1 confidence level
- ➤ Width of CI: given the confidence level, if the interval is narrow, our knowledge of the parameters is reasonably precise; a very wide CI indicates large amount of uncertainty.



### CI of Normal Distribution

> A  $100(1-\alpha)\%$  confidence interval for the mean  $\mu$  of a normal population when the value of  $\sigma$  is known is given by

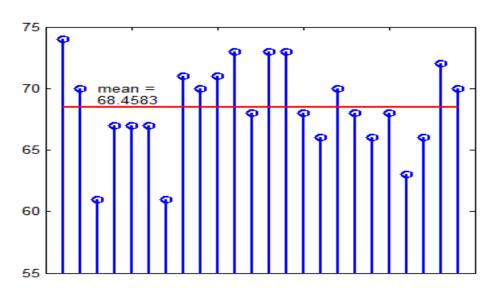
$$\left(\bar{x}-z_{\alpha/2}\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{x}+z_{\alpha/2}\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}\right)$$



$$P(-z_{\alpha/2} < Z < z_{\alpha/2}) = 1 - \alpha$$

### Example

- > University student height: given n=24,  $\bar{x}=68.46$ ,  $\sigma=2$
- > 95% confidence interval:  $\left(\bar{x} 1.96 \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}, \ \bar{x} + 1.96 \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}\right)$
- $> \left(68.46 1.96 \frac{2}{\sqrt{24}}, 68.46 + 1.96 \frac{2}{\sqrt{24}}\right) = (67.66, 69.26)$



### CI When Variance Unknown

- **Assumption:** population is normal, and random samples are from a normal distribution with both  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$  unknown.
- Let  $\bar{x}$  and s be the sample mean and sample standard deviation from a normal population with mean  $\mu$ . Then the  $100(1-\alpha)\%$  confidence interval for  $\mu$  is

$$\left(\bar{x}-t_{\frac{\alpha}{2},n-1}\frac{s}{\sqrt{n}},\bar{x}+t_{\frac{\alpha}{2},n-1}\frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}\right)$$

 $\triangleright$  Critical value: Let  $t_{\alpha,\nu}$  denote the number on the measurement axis for which the area under the t curve with  $\nu$  DoF to the right of  $t_{\alpha,\nu}$  is  $\alpha$ ;  $t_{\alpha,\nu}$  is called a t critical value.

## Hypothesis Testing

- Hypothesis test: a method of making decisions using data, whether from a controlled experiment or an observation study (not controlled), that produces a conclusion about the population
  - Example: Is there a difference between the accuracy of two gauges based on sample data?
  - The problem conjecture is put in the form of statistical hypothesis
  - Rejection/non-rejection of the hypothesis is made using statistical inference procedure
- > Statistical hypothesis: an assertion or conjecture concerning one or more populations.
- > Performance
  - Type I error ( $\alpha$ ): rejection of the null hypothesis when it is true
  - Type II error ( $\beta$ ): non-rejection of the null hypothesis when it is false

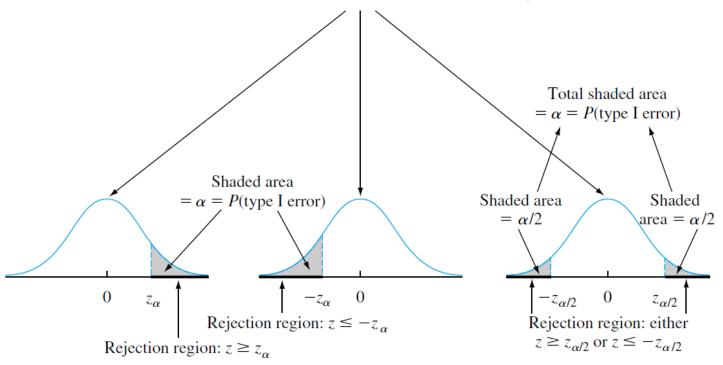
#### Procedure

- 1. State the null hypothesis  $(H_0)$  "nothing" hypothesis, nothing has changed, of no difference, nothing special taking place, no systematic effect
- 2. State alternative hypothesis  $(H_a)$ Researcher's conjecture, paranoia, change, effect of treatment
- 3. Choose the test statistic (e.g., z vs. t for mean)
- 4. Determine the critical value and rejection region
- Calculate the test statistic value
- 6. Reject  $H_0$  if the test statistic is within the critical region or p-value  $<\alpha$ ; otherwise, do not reject
- 7. Draw the conclusions/implications

## Critical Value and Rejection Region

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\begin{array}{lll} H_{\rm a}: \ \mu > \mu_0 & z \geq z_{\alpha} \quad \text{(upper-tailed test)} \\ H_{\rm a}: \ \mu < \mu_0 & z \leq -z_{\alpha} \quad \text{(lower-tailed test)} \\ H_{\rm a}: \ \mu \neq \mu_0 & \text{either} \quad z \geq z_{\alpha/2} \quad \text{or} \quad z \leq -z_{\alpha/2} \quad \text{(two-tailed test)} \end{array}
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z curve (probability distribution of test statistic Z when  $H_0$  is true)



# Type I and Type II Errors

#### > Type I Error

• If we reject  $H_0$  when in fact  $H_0$  is true. This would be akin to convicting an innocent person for a crime(s) he did not commit.

#### > Type II Error

- If we fail to reject  $H_0$  when in fact  $H_a$  is true. This is analogous to a guilty person escaping conviction.
- Type I errors are usually considered worse, so we design our statistical procedures to control the probability of making such a mistake. We define the

significance level of the test =  $P(Type\ I\ error) = \alpha$ 

## Significance Level

- We want  $\alpha$  to be small which conventionally means, say,  $\alpha = 0.05$ ,  $\alpha = 0.01$ ,  $\alpha = 0.005$
- $\triangleright$  **Rejection region** for a test is the set of sample values which would result in the rejection of  $H_0$ 
  - For previous example, the rejection region would be all possible samples that result in a 95% confidence interval that does not cover  $\mu = 70$ .
- The above example with  $H_a$ :  $\mu \neq 70$  is called a **two-sided test**. Sometimes we are interested in a one-sided test, which would look like  $H_a$ :  $\mu < 70$  or  $H_a$ :  $\mu > 70$ .

### P Value

P value: the lowest level (of significance) at which the observed value of the test statistic is significant

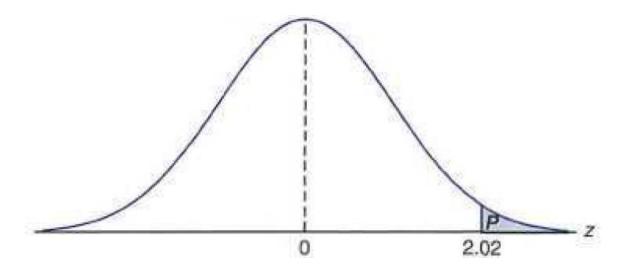
 $\triangleright$  The plausibility of the null hypothesis  $H_0$ 

### Example

- A random sample of machines in a plant showed an average useful life of 71.8 months. Assuming a population standard deviation of 8.9 months, does this seem to indicate the mean useful life is greater than 70 months?
- > Solution
  - $H_0$ :  $\mu = 70$
  - $H_1$ :  $\mu > 70$
  - $\alpha = 0.05$ , test statistic  $Z = \frac{\bar{X} \mu}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}}$
  - Rejection region: z > 1.645
  - Test statistic:  $z = \frac{\bar{x} \mu}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}} = \frac{71.8 70}{8.9 / \sqrt{100}} = 2.02 > 1.645$
  - Reject  $H_0$  at  $\alpha = 0.05$
  - Conclusion: there is significant evidence that the mean useful life is greater than 70 months.

### P-value Solution

- p = P(z > 2.02) = 0.0217 < 0.05
- $\triangleright$  As a result, the evidence in favor of  $H_1$  is stronger than that suggested by a 0.05 level of significance. That means there is significant evidence that the mean useful life is greater than 70 months.



### Popular Tests

- > One sample
  - For mean: z-test (large sample size or normal population with  $\sigma$  known), t-test (small sample of normal population with  $\sigma$  unknown)
  - For variance:  $\chi^2$ -test (normal population)
- > Two sample
  - For mean: *z*-test, *t*-test
  - For variance: F-test
- Multivariate (one sample):
  - For mean: T<sup>2</sup>-test