- 1. When conducting the work of Lab 11, we conducted the test that uses the Central Limit Theorem even though the sample size was "small" (i.e., n < 30). It turns out, that how "far off" the t-test is can be computed using a first-order Edgeworth approximation for the error. Below, we will do this for the the further observations.
 - (a) Boos and Hughes-Oliver (2000) note that

$$P(T \le t) \approx F_Z(t) + \underbrace{\frac{\text{skew}}{\sqrt{n}} \frac{(2t^2 + 1)}{6} f_Z(t)}_{\text{error}},$$

where $f_Z(\cdot)$ and $F_Z(\cdot)$ are the Gaussian PDF and CDF and skew is the skewness of the data. What is the potential error in the computation of the *p*-value when testing $H_0: \mu_X = 0; H_a: \mu_X < 0$ using the zebra finch further data?

```
library(tidyverse)
library(xtable)
library(VGAM)
library(e1071)
library(pwr)
library(effectsize)
### Part A ### -> using further observations
dat.finches <- read.csv("zebrafinches.csv")</pre>
further <- dat.finches$further
m110 <- 0
t.further <- t.test(further,</pre>
                      mu = mu0,
                      alternative = "less")
t.stat.further <- t.further$statistic</pre>
n <- length(further)</pre>
skewness <- skewness(further)</pre>
fz <- dnorm(t.stat.further)</pre>
Fz <- pnorm(t.stat.further)</pre>
(edgeworth.approx.error <- (skewness/sqrt(n)) *</pre>
    (((2*(t.stat.further)^2 + 1)/6)*(fz)))
##
## -1.226006e-13
\# Potential Error in the computation of the p-value is -1.226006e-13.
probability <- Fz + edgeworth.approx.error</pre>
```

We found the Edgeworth approximation error to be -1.226006e-13 which is very close to 0. This means that the t-test is not "far-off" due to the potential error in the computation of the p-value when testing the hypotheses for the further data being so low.

(b) Compute the error for t statistics from -10 to 10 and plot a line that shows the error across t. Continue to use the skewness and the sample size for the zebra finch further data.

```
### Part B ###
t.values <- seq(-10,10, length = 1000)
fz2 <- dnorm(t.values)
error.vals <- (skewness/sqrt(n)) * (((2*(t.values)^2 + 1)/6)*(fz2))</pre>
```

```
error.tvals <- tibble(</pre>
 t = t.values,
 error = error.vals
)
(summary(error.tvals))
                     error
##
  Min. :-10
               Min. :-2.602e-02
##
   1st Qu.: -5 1st Qu.:-8.061e-03
## Median : 0 Median :-2.560e-06
## Mean : 0 Mean :-5.172e-03
                 3rd Qu.: 0.000e+00
##
   3rd Qu.: 5
          : 10
                 Max. : 0.000e+00
  Max.
error.t.plot <- ggplot()+
 geom_line(data = error.tvals,
           aes(x = t, y = error),
           color = "lightblue")+
 theme_bw()+
 labs(title = "Edgeworth Approximation Error",
      x = "T Values (-10,10)",
      y = "Error")
```

Edgeworth Approximation Error

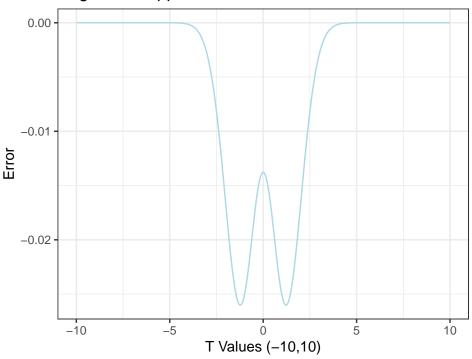


Figure 1: Edgeworth Approximation Error Across t values

For the error across the t-values from -10 to 10, we can see that the maximum error is essentially 0 with the median being around -2.56e-06 at around t=0.

(c) Suppose we wanted to have a tail probability within 10% of the desired $\alpha = 0.05$. Recall we did

a left-tailed test using the further data. How large of a sample size would we need? That is, we need to solve the error formula equal to 10% of the desired left-tail probability:

$$0.10\alpha \stackrel{set}{=} \underbrace{\frac{\text{skew}}{\sqrt{n}} \frac{(2t^2 + 1)}{6} f_Z(t)}_{\text{error}},$$

which yields

$$n = \left(\frac{\text{skew}}{6(0.10\alpha)}(2t^2 + 1)f_Z(t)\right)^2.$$

```
### Part C ### - error in the rejection region
skewness <- skewness(further)
tval <- qnorm(0.05)
fz3 <- dnorm(tval)

(min.n <- ((skewness/(6*(0.10*0.05)))) * (2*tval^2 + 1) *fz3)^2)
## [1] 520.8876</pre>
```

We would need a sample size of n = 520.8876 for a left-tailed test. This is much larger than the current n.

- 2. Complete the following steps to revisit the analyses from lab 11 using the bootstrap procedure.
 - (a) Now, consider the zebra finch data. We do not know the generating distributions for the closer, further, and difference data, so perform resampling to approximate the sampling distribution of the T statistic:

$$T = \frac{\bar{x}_r - 0}{s/\sqrt{n}},$$

where \bar{x}_r is the mean computed on the rth resample and s is the sample standard deviation from the original samples. At the end, create an object called resamples.null.closer, for example, and store the resamples shifted to ensure they are consistent with the null hypotheses at the average (i.e., here ensure the shifted resamples are 0 on average, corresponding to t=0, for each case).

```
library(boot)
### Part A ###
# Closer Resamples
R <- 10000
s.closer <- sd(dat.finches$closer)</pre>
n.closer <- length(dat.finches$closer)</pre>
resamples.closer <- tibble(tstat=rep(NA, R),
                             xbar=rep(NA, R))
for(i in 1:R){
  curr.resample <- sample(x = dat.finches$closer,</pre>
                           size = n.closer,
                           replace = T)
  resamples.closer$tstat[i] <- (mean(curr.resample)-0)/(s.closer/sqrt(n.closer))</pre>
  resamples.closer$xbar[i] <- mean(curr.resample)</pre>
# shift so HO is true
delta.closer <- mean(resamples.closer$tstat) - 0 # null mu0 = 0
```

```
resamples.null.closer <- resamples.closer |>
 mutate(tstat.shifted = tstat - delta.closer)
(mean(resamples.null.closer$tstat.shifted))
## [1] -1.568523e-16
# Further Resamples
R <- 10000
s.further <- sd(dat.finches$further)
n.further <- length(dat.finches$further)</pre>
resamples.further <- tibble(tstat=rep(NA, R),
                            xbar=rep(NA, R))
for(i in 1:R){
  curr.resample <- sample(x = dat.finches$further,</pre>
                          size = n.further,
                          replace = T)
 resamples.further$tstat[i] <- (mean(curr.resample)-0)/(s.further/sqrt(n.further))
 resamples.further$xbar[i] <- mean(curr.resample)</pre>
# shift so HO is true
delta.further <- mean(resamples.further$tstat) - 0 # null mu0 = 0
resamples.null.further <- resamples.further |>
 mutate(tstat.shifted = tstat - delta.further)
(mean(resamples.null.further$tstat.shifted))
## [1] 6.76903e-17
# Difference Resamples
R <- 10000
s.diff <- sd(dat.finches$diff)</pre>
n.diff <- length(dat.finches$diff)</pre>
resamples.diff <- tibble(tstat=rep(NA, R),
                          xbar=rep(NA, R))
for(i in 1:R){
 curr.resample <- sample(x = dat.finches$diff,</pre>
                          size = n.diff,
                          replace = T)
 resamples.diff$tstat[i] <- (mean(curr.resample)-0)/(s.diff/sqrt(n.diff))
 resamples.diff$xbar[i] <- mean(curr.resample)</pre>
# shift so HO is true
delta.diff <- mean(resamples.diff$tstat) - 0 # null mu0 = 0
resamples.null.diff <- resamples.diff |>
 mutate(tstat.shifted = tstat - delta.diff)
(mean(resamples.null.diff$tstat.shifted))
## [1] -3.604228e-16
```

We were asked to preform resampling across the closer, further, and difference data because we do not know the generating distributions for them. We use resampling to approximate the sampling distribution of the T statistic. For all three data sets, the shifted resamples are close to 0 on average which corresponds to t=0 for each case. This ensures that the resamples shifted are consistent with the null hypothesis at the average.

(b) Compute the bootstrap p-value for each test using the shifted resamples. How do these compare to the t-test p-values?

```
## Closer ##
# Bootstrap P-Value
p.boot.closer <- mean(resamples.null.closer$tstat.shifted >= delta.closer)
# T-Test P-Value
p.t.closer <- t.test(dat.finches$closer,</pre>
                     mu = 0,
                     alternative = "greater")
p.t.closer <- p.t.closer$p.value
## Further ##
# Bootstrap P-Value
p.boot.further <- mean(resamples.null.further$tstat.shifted <= delta.further)</pre>
# T-Test P-Value
p.t.further <- t.test(dat.finches$further,</pre>
                      mu = 0,
                      alternative = "less")
p.t.further <- p.t.further$p.value</pre>
## Difference ##
# Bootstrap P-Value
low <- 0 - delta.diff
high <- 0 + delta.diff
p.low <- mean(resamples.null.diff$tstat.shifted <= low)</pre>
p.high <- mean(resamples.null.diff$tstat.shifted >= high)
p.boot.diff <- p.low + p.high
# T-Test P-Value
p.t.diff <- t.test(dat.finches$diff,</pre>
                   mu = 0,
                   alternative = "two.sided")
p.t.diff <- p.t.diff$p.value
comparison.pvals <- tibble(</pre>
  Data = c("Closer", "Further", "Difference"),
  'Bootstrap P-value' = c(p.boot.closer,
                          p.boot.further,
                          p.boot.diff),
  'T-Test P-value' = c(p.t.closer,
                       p.t.further,
                       p.t.diff)
)
comparison.pvals.1 <- xtable(comparison.pvals,</pre>
       caption = "Comparing Bootstrap p-values to t-test p-values",
       label = "tab:bootpcomp")
```

Data	Bootstrap P-value	T-Test P-value
Closer	0.00	0.00
Further	0.00	0.00
Difference	0.00	0.00

Table 1: Comparing Bootstrap p-values to t-test p-values

The table above shows the comparison of the bootstrap p-values versus the t-test p-values. For all three cases, the bootstrap test shows p-values of 0 and the t-test shows similar (essentially 0).

(c) What is the 5^{th} percentile of the shifted resamples under the null hypothesis? Note this value approximates $t_{0.05,n-1}$. Compare these values in each case.

```
# Want to use shifted t stat for the p-value
#Closer
percentile.boot.closer <- quantile(resamples.null.closer$tstat.shifted, 0.05)
percentile.t.closer \leftarrow qt(0.05, df = n.closer \rightarrow1)
percentile.boot.further <- quantile(resamples.null.further$tstat.shifted, 0.05)
percentile.t.further \leftarrow qt(0.05, df = n.further -1)
#Difference
percentile.boot.diff <- quantile(resamples.null.diff$tstat.shifted, 0.05)
percentile.t.diff \leftarrow qt(0.05, df = n.diff -1)
comparison.percentile <- tibble(</pre>
 Data = c("Closer", "Further", "Difference"),
  'Bootstrap Percentile' = c(percentile.boot.closer,
                             percentile.boot.further,
                             percentile.boot.diff),
  'T-Test Percentile' = c(percentile.t.closer,
                          percentile.t.further,
                          percentile.t.diff)
comparison.percent.1 <- xtable(comparison.percentile,</pre>
       caption = "Comparing Bootstrap percentiles to t-test percentiles",
       label = "tab:bootperccomp")
```

Data	Bootstrap Percentile	T-Test Percentile
Closer	-1.59	-1.71
Further	-1.70	-1.71
Difference	-1.58	-1.71

Table 2: Comparing Bootstrap percentiles to t-test percentiles

The 5th percentile of the shifted resamples under the null hypothesis are: closer case = -1.59, further case: -1.69, and difference case = -1.54. In comparison to the t-test 5th percentile which is -1.71 for all three cases, they are very similar with small variations due to sampling variability.

(d) Compute the bootstrap confidence intervals using the resamples. How do these compare to the t-test confidence intervals?

```
# Confidence Interval
### use resamples for boot -- need this for x bar (floruorences)
# want to use resample x bars (not shifted) for the confidence interval
# Closer
(CI.boot.closer <- quantile(resamples.null.closer$xbar, c(0.025, 0.975)))
## 2.5% 97.5%
## 0.1210889 0.1922583</pre>
```

```
CI.t.closer <- t.test(x=dat.finches$closer, mu = 0, conf.level = 0.95, alternative = "two.side
(CI.t.closer <- CI.t.closer$conf.int)</pre>
## [1] 0.1173875 0.1950586
## attr(,"conf.level")
## [1] 0.95
# Further
(CI.boot.further <- quantile(resamples.null.further$xbar, c(0.025, 0.975)))
         2.5%
                   97.5%
## -0.2557799 -0.1546479
CI.t.further <- t.test(x=dat.finches$further, mu = 0, conf.level = 0.95, alternative = "two.si
(CI.t.further <- CI.t.further$conf.int)
## [1] -0.2565176 -0.1489313
## attr(,"conf.level")
## [1] 0.95
(CI.boot.diff <- quantile(resamples.null.diff$xbar, c(0.025, 0.975)))
        2.5%
## 0.2805195 0.4453366
CI.t.diff <- t.test(x=dat.finches$diff, mu = 0, conf.level = 0.95, alternative = "two.sided")
(CI.t.diff <- CI.t.diff$conf.int)</pre>
## [1] 0.2719028 0.4459921
## attr(,"conf.level")
## [1] 0.95
```

The bootstrap confidence intervals using resamples in comparison to the t-test confidence intervals are: Closer: - Bootstrap: $(0.1203,\,0.1934)$ - T-Test: $(0.1174,\,0.1951)$ Further: - Bootstrap: $(-0.2559,\,-0.1559)$ - T-Test: $(-0.2565,\,-0.1489)$

Difference: - Bootstrap: (0.2820, 0.4451) - T-Test: (0.2719, 0.4460)

The intervals are very similar. Note: the bootstrap intervals were computed manually so there might be slight bias. BCa bootstrap would be a way to bias-correct the intervals.

- 3. Complete the following steps to revisit the analyses from lab 11 using the randomization procedure.
 - (a) Now, consider the zebra finch data. We do not know the generating distributions for the closer, further, and difference data, so perform the randomization procedure

```
# RANDOMIZE / SHUFFLE
for(i in 1:R){
 curr.rand <- x.shift.closer *</pre>
   sample(x = c(-1, 1),
         size = length(x.shift.closer),
         replace = T)
 rand.closer$xbars[i] <- mean(curr.rand)</pre>
rand.closer <- rand.closer |>
 mutate(xbars = xbars + mu0) # shifting back
# Further (#3)
# We need to preform randomization procedure.
mu0 <- 0
R <- 10000
rand.further <- tibble(xbars = rep(NA, R))
# PREPROCESSING: shift the data to be mean O under HO
x.shift.further <- dat.finches$further - mu0
# RANDOMIZE / SHUFFLE
for(i in 1:R){
 curr.rand <- x.shift.further *</pre>
   sample(x = c(-1, 1),
         size = length(x.shift.further),
         replace = T)
 rand.further$xbars[i] <- mean(curr.rand)</pre>
rand.further <- rand.further |>
 mutate(xbars = xbars + mu0) # shifting back
# We need to preform randomization procedure.
mu0 <- 0
R <- 10000
rand.diff <- tibble(xbars = rep(NA, R))</pre>
# PREPROCESSING: shift the data to be mean O under HO
x.shift.diff <- dat.finches$diff - mu0
# RANDOMIZE / SHUFFLE
for(i in 1:R){
 curr.rand <- x.shift.diff *</pre>
   sample(x = c(-1, 1),
         size = length(x.shift.diff),
        replace = T)
 rand.diff$xbars[i] <- mean(curr.rand)</pre>
```

```
rand.diff <- rand.diff |>
  mutate(xbars = xbars + mu0) # shifting back
```

We preformed the randomization procedure with R = 10,000 and shuffling the data. We shifted back for interpretation purposes. This provides strong evidence to reject the null hypothesis as seen in part b of Question 3 with the p-values.

(b) Compute the randomization test p-value for each test.

```
# Closer
# p-value
obs.mean.closer <- mean(dat.finches$closer)
(p.rand.closer <- mean(rand.closer$xbars >= obs.mean.closer))
## [1] 0
# Further
# p-value
obs.mean.further <- mean(dat.finches$further)</pre>
(p.rand.further <- mean(rand.further$xbars <= obs.mean.further))
## [1] 0
# Difference
# p-value
delta.diff <- abs(mean(dat.finches$diff) - mu0)</pre>
low.diff <- mu0 - delta.diff # mirror</pre>
high.diff <- mu0 + delta.diff
                                # xbar
(p.rand.diff <- mean(rand.diff$xbars <= low.diff) +
 mean(rand.diff$xbars >= high.diff))
## [1] 0
```

For all three cases, the p-value is exactly 0 which suggests that the closer values show that the observed mean is at the far right-tail of its null distribution, the further values show that the observed mean is at the far left-tail of its null distribution, and the difference values, using a two-sided test, show both of the tails on the extreme ends of the null distribution. This shows that the p-values (p=0) for all three cases indicate evidence to reject the null hypothesis.

(c) Compute the randomization confidence interval by iterating over values of μ_0 .

Hint: You can "search" for the lower bound from Q_1 and subtracting by 0.0001, and the upper bound using Q_3 and increasing by 0.0001. You will continue until you find the first value for which the two-sided p-value is greater than or equal to 0.05.

```
curr.rand <- x.shift.closer *</pre>
      sample(x = c(-1, 1),
             size = length(x.shift.closer),
             replace = T)
    rand.closer$xbars[i] <- mean(curr.rand)</pre>
  # Thinking is hard
  rand.closer <- rand.closer |>
    mutate(xbars = xbars + mu.lower.closer) # shifting back
  # p-value (one-sided)
  obs.mean.closer <- mean(dat.finches$closer)</pre>
  p.val.closer <- mean(rand.closer$xbars >= obs.mean.closer)
if(p.val.closer < 0.05){
  break
}else{
  mu.lower.closer <- mu.lower.closer - mu0.iterate</pre>
mu.upper.closer <- starting.point.closer</pre>
repeat{
  rand.closer <- tibble(xbars = rep(NA, R))</pre>
  # PREPROCESSING: shift the data to be mean O under HO
  x.shift.closer <- dat.finches$closer - mu.upper.closer</pre>
  # RANDOMIZE / SHUFFLE
  for(i in 1:R){
    curr.rand <- x.shift.closer *</pre>
      sample(x = c(-1, 1),
             size = length(x.shift.closer),
             replace = T)
   rand.closer$xbars[i] <- mean(curr.rand)</pre>
  # Thinking is hard
  rand.closer <- rand.closer |>
   mutate(xbars = xbars + mu.upper.closer) # shifting back
  # p-value (one-sided)
  obs.mean.closer <- mean(dat.finches$closer)</pre>
  p.val.closer <- mean(rand.closer$xbars <= obs.mean.closer)</pre>
  if(p.val.closer < 0.05){
   break
  }else{
   mu.upper.closer <- mu.upper.closer + mu0.iterate</pre>
(closer.rand.CI <- c(mu.lower.closer, mu.upper.closer))</pre>
## [1] 0.1162231 0.1962231
# Further (#3)
```

```
## Confidence Interval ##
R <- 1000
mu0.iterate <- 0.01
starting.point.further <- mean(dat.finches$further)</pre>
mu.lower.further <- starting.point.further</pre>
repeat{
  rand.further <- tibble(xbars = rep(NA, R))</pre>
  # PREPROCESSING: shift the data to be mean O under HO
  x.shift.further <- dat.finches$further - mu.lower.further
  # RANDOMIZE / SHUFFLE
  for(i in 1:R){
    curr.rand <- x.shift.further *</pre>
      sample(x = c(-1, 1),
             size = length(x.shift.further),
             replace = T)
   rand.further$xbars[i] <- mean(curr.rand)</pre>
  # Thinking is hard
  rand.further <- rand.further |>
   mutate(xbars = xbars + mu.lower.further) # shifting back
  # p-value (one-sided)
  obs.mean.further <- mean(dat.finches$further)</pre>
  p.val.further <- mean(rand.further$xbars >= obs.mean.further)
  if(p.val.further < 0.05){</pre>
   break
  }else{
   mu.lower.further <- mu.lower.further - mu0.iterate</pre>
mu.upper.further <- starting.point.further</pre>
repeat{
  rand.further <- tibble(xbars = rep(NA, R))</pre>
  # PREPROCESSING: shift the data to be mean 0 under HO
  x.shift.further <- dat.finches$further - mu.upper.further
  # RANDOMIZE / SHUFFLE
  for(i in 1:R){
    curr.rand <- x.shift.further *</pre>
      sample(x = c(-1, 1),
             size = length(x.shift.further),
             replace = T)
   rand.further$xbars[i] <- mean(curr.rand)</pre>
  # Thinking is hard
  rand.further <- rand.further |>
```

```
mutate(xbars = xbars + mu.upper.further) # shifting back
  # p-value (one-sided)
 obs.mean.further <- mean(dat.finches$further)</pre>
 p.val.further <- mean(rand.further$xbars <= obs.mean.further)</pre>
 if(p.val.further < 0.05){</pre>
   break
 }else{
   mu.upper.further <- mu.upper.further + mu0.iterate</pre>
(further.rand.CI <- c(mu.lower.further, mu.upper.further))</pre>
## [1] -0.2527244 -0.1527244
# Difference (#3)
## Confidence Interval ##
R <- 1000
mu0.iterate <- 0.01
starting.point.diff <- mean(dat.finches$diff)</pre>
mu.lower.diff <- starting.point.diff</pre>
repeat{
 rand.diff <- tibble(xbars = rep(NA, R))</pre>
 # PREPROCESSING: shift the data to be mean O under HO
 x.shift.diff <- dat.finches$diff - mu.lower.diff</pre>
 # RANDOMIZE / SHUFFLE
 for(i in 1:R){
   curr.rand <- x.shift.diff *</pre>
     sample(x = c(-1, 1),
            size = length(x.shift.diff),
            replace = T)
   rand.diff$xbars[i] <- mean(curr.rand)</pre>
  # Thinking is hard
 rand.diff <- rand.diff |>
   mutate(xbars = xbars + mu.lower.diff) # shifting back
  # p-value (one-sided)
  (delta.diff <- abs(mean(dat.finches$diff) - mu.lower.diff))</pre>
  (low.diff <- mu.lower.diff - delta.diff) # mirror</pre>
  (high.diff <- mu.lower.diff + delta.diff) # xbar
  (p.val.diff <- mean(rand.diff$xbars <= low.diff) +
     mean(rand.diff$xbars >= high.diff))
 if(p.val.diff < 0.05){</pre>
   break
  }else{
```

```
mu.lower.diff <- mu.lower.diff - mu0.iterate</pre>
mu.upper.diff <- starting.point.diff</pre>
repeat{
  rand.diff <- tibble(xbars = rep(NA, R))</pre>
  # PREPROCESSING: shift the data to be mean 0 under HO
  x.shift.diff <- dat.finches$diff - mu.upper.diff
  # RANDOMIZE / SHUFFLE
  for(i in 1:R){
    curr.rand <- x.shift.diff *</pre>
      sample(x = c(-1, 1),
              size = length(x.shift.diff),
              replace = T)
    rand.diff$xbars[i] <- mean(curr.rand)</pre>
  # Thinking is hard
  rand.diff <- rand.diff |>
    mutate(xbars = xbars + mu.upper.diff) # shifting back
  # p-value
  (delta.diff <- abs(mean(dat.finches$closer) - mu.upper.diff))</pre>
  (low.diff <- mu.upper.diff - delta.diff) # mirror</pre>
  (high.diff <- mu.upper.diff + delta.diff)</pre>
  (p.val.diff <- mean(rand.closer$xbars <= low.diff) +
      mean(rand.diff$xbars >= high.diff))
  if(p.val.diff < 0.05){</pre>
    break
  }else{
    mu.upper.diff <- mu.upper.diff + mu0.iterate</pre>
(diff.rand.CI <- c(mu.lower.diff, mu.upper.diff))</pre>
## [1] 0.2689475 0.3589475
```

To find the confidence interval when doing a randomization test, it has to be done numerically. We did this by subtracting small values to find the lower bound starting from the mean until the p-value reaches 0.05. To find the upper bound we did the reciprocal. The randomization confidence intervals are as follows: Closer: (0.1162, 0.1962) Further: (-0.2527, -0.1527) Difference: (-0.2689, 0.3589) These confidence intervals align with the bootstrap and t-test confidence intervals. There exists small variability when running the test due to randomization.

4. **Optional Challenge:** In this lab, you performed resampling to approximate the sampling distribution of the T statistic using

$$T = \frac{\bar{x}_r - 0}{s/\sqrt{n}}.$$

I'm curious whether it is better/worse/similar if we computed the statistics using the sample standard

deviation of the resamples (s_r) , instead of the original sample (s)

$$T = \frac{\bar{x}_r - 0}{s_r / \sqrt{n}}.$$

- (a) Perform a simulation study to evaluate the Type I error for conducting this hypothesis test both ways.
- (b) Using the same test case(s) as part (a), compute bootstrap confidence intervals and assess their coverage how often do we 'capture' the parameter of interest?

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