

# 18.650 : Fundamentals of Statistics

Statistics = analyze, describe, & reason about data

Types of Analysis:

Goal (Conclusion)

Descriptive Stats  
(mean, std, plots)

Summarize

Estimation

Say smthng about  
gen. population.

Confidence Intervals

Quantify uncertainty

Hypotheses Testing

Answer yes/no  
questions

Regression/Classification

Prediction

Causal Inference

Does x cause y?

Survival Analysis

Predict "time to event"

Data Visualization  
(PCA, t-SNE, ...)

Understand

i.i.d from IP

↳ independent & identically distributed

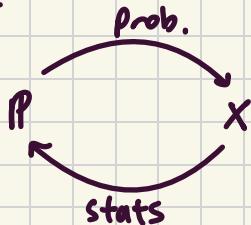
$X_1, \dots, X_n$  i.i.d IP

$X_i$  = effect of the drug on patient:



Pipeline:  $X \rightarrow$  Stats method  $\rightarrow \hat{P} \approx P$

## Probability



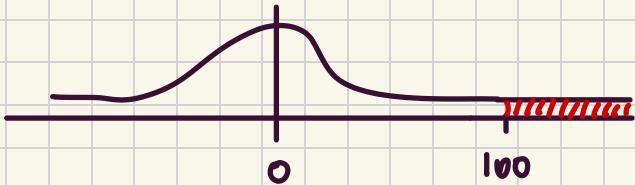
Example:  $P = N(0, 1)$        $X \sim P$

prob:  $P(X \in [-3, 3]) = ?$

stats:  $X = 100$       Is it "likely" that  $X \sim N(0, 1)$ ?

↳ also need to def. "likely"  
(confidence)

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} P(X=100)=0 \\ P(X=0)=0 \end{array} \right\} \text{specific vals for continuous dist} = 0$$



at least 100



$$P(X \geq 100) = 0.00001 \text{ (very small...)}$$

$$P(|X| \geq 100) = \dots$$

$$X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} P$$

$$\bar{X}_n = \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n} \quad (\text{avg})$$

$$E[\bar{X}_n] = \mu$$

$$\text{Var}[\bar{X}_n] = V[\bar{X}_n] = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$$

Law of Large #'s:

$$\bar{X}_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu$$

$$\bar{X}_n - \mu = \text{new r.v w/ } \mu_i = 0$$

$$\frac{\bar{X}_n - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \quad \left. \right\} \text{std of } \bar{X}_n$$

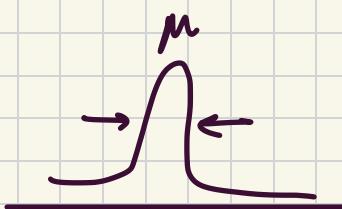
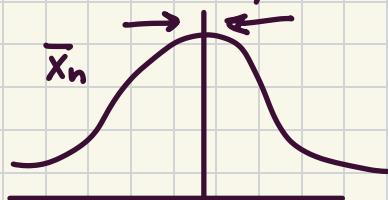
Central Limit Thm:

$$\frac{\bar{X}_n - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} N(0, 1)$$

$$E[\bar{X}_n] = \mu$$

$$\text{Var}[\bar{X}_n] = \sigma^2$$

$$\sigma^2/n$$



shrinks as n inc.

