

Counting and Probability

Permutation

order is taken into consideration  
 $nPr = n(n-1)(n-2) \cdots (n-(r-1)) = n!/(n-r)!$   
When not all objects are distinct,  
 $nP_{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k} = \frac{n!}{n_1! n_2! \cdots n_k!}$ . In circle:  $(n-1)!$

Combination

order not considered.  $\binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$

Axioms of Probability

- Axiom 1:**  $0 \leq Pr(A) \leq 1$
- Axiom 2:**  $Pr(S) = 1$
- Axiom 3:** If  $A_1, A_2, \dots$  are mutually exclusive (disjoint) events, then  
 $Pr(\bigcup_{i=1}^\infty A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^\infty Pr(A_i)$

Inclusion-Exclusion Principle

$$\begin{aligned} &Pr(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n Pr(A_i) - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n Pr(A_i \cap A_j) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} \sum_{j=i+1}^{n-1} \sum_{k=j+1}^n Pr(A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k) \\ &\quad - \dots + (-1)^{n+1} Pr(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n) \end{aligned}$$

The Law of Total Probability

Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  be a partition of the sample space  $S$ . That is  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  are mutually exclusive and exhaustive events such that  $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$  for  $i \neq j$  and  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i = S$ .  
Then for any event B  
 $Pr(B) = \sum_{i=1}^n Pr(B \cap A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n Pr(A_i) Pr(B|A_i)$

Bayes’ Theorem

Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  be a partition of the sample space  $S$ . Then  
 $Pr(A_k|B) = \frac{Pr(A_k) Pr(B|A_k)}{\sum_{i=1}^n Pr(A_i) Pr(B|A_i)}$   
for  $k = 1, \dots, n$ . Or  
 $Pr(A_k|B) = \frac{Pr(A_k) Pr(B|A_k)}{Pr(B)}$

Independence

**Independent Events:**  
Two events A and B are independent iff  
 $Pr(A \cap B) = Pr(A) Pr(B)$   
**Pairwise Independence:**  
A set of events  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  are pairwise independent iff  $Pr(A_i \cap A_j) = Pr(A_i) Pr(A_j)$  for  $i \neq j$  and  $i, j = 1, \dots, n$   
**Mutual Independence:**  
A set of events  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  are mutually independent iff for any subset  $\{A_{i_1}, A_{i_2}, \dots, A_{i_k}\}$  of  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$ ,  
 $Pr(A_{i_1} \cap A_{i_2} \cap \dots \cap A_{i_k}) = Pr(A_{i_1}) Pr(A_{i_2}) \cdots Pr(A_{i_k})$   
Note: their complements are also mutually independent.

Concepts of Random Variables

Probability (Mass) Function

The probability of  $X = x_i$  denoted by  $f(x_i)$  (i.e.  $f(x_i) = Pr(X = x_i)$ ), must satisfy the following two conditions.  
(1)  $f(x_i) \geq 0$  for all  $x_i$ .  
(2)  $\sum_{i=1}^\infty f(x_i) = 1$

Probability Density Function

Let X be a **continuous** random variable.  
(1)  $f(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x \in R_X$   
(2)  $\int_{R_X} f(x)dx = 1$  or  $\int_{-\infty}^\infty f(x)dx = 1$   
since  $f(x) = 0$  for  $x$  not in  $R_X$   
(3) For any  $c$  and  $d$  such that  $c < d$ , (i.e.  $(c, d) \subset R_X$ ),  $Pr(c \leq X \leq d) = \int_c^d f(x)dx$

Cumulative Distribution Function

Defined as:  $F(x) = Pr(X \leq x)$   
If X is a **discrete** random variable, then its c.d.f is a step function:  $F(x) = \sum_{t \leq x} f(t) = \sum_{t \leq x} Pr(X = t)$   
If X is a **continuous** random variable, then  
 $F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(t)dt$

For a **continuous** random variable  $X$ ,  $f(x) = \frac{dF(x)}{dx}$  if the derivative exists.

Mean

**Discrete** random variable:  
 $\mu_X = E(X) = \sum_i x_i f(x_i) = \sum_x x f(x)$   
**Continuous** random variable:  
 $\mu_X = E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^\infty x f(x)dx$   
For any function  $g(X)$ ,  
(a)  $E[g(X)] = \sum_x g(x) f_X(x)$   
(b)  $E[g(X)] = \int_{-\infty}^\infty g(x) f_X(x)dx$   
Property:  $E(aX + b) = aE(X) + b$   
In general,  
 $E[a_1 g_1(X) + a_2 g_2(X) + \dots + a_k g_k(X)] = a_1 E[g_1(X)] + a_2 E[g_2(X)] + \dots + a_k E[g_k(X)]$

Variance

$\sigma_X^2 = V(X) = E[(X - \mu_X)^2]$   
 $= \begin{cases} \sum_x (x - \mu_X)^2 f_X(x), & \text{if } X \text{ is discrete} \\ \int_{-\infty}^\infty (x - \mu_X)^2 f_X(x)dx, & \text{if } X \text{ is continuous.} \end{cases}$   
Remarks:  
(a)  $V(X) \geq 0$   
(b)  $V(X) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2$   
(c) **Standard deviation** is the **positive square root** of the variance.  
Property:  $V(aX + b) = a^2 V(X)$

Moment

The **k-th moment** of X is defined by  $E(X^k)$ .

Chebyshev’s Inequality

Let X be a random variable (discrete or continuous, with any distribution with finite mean and var) with  $E(X) = \mu$  and  $V(X) = \sigma^2$ . For any  $k > 0$ ,  
 $Pr(|X - \mu| \geq k\sigma) \leq 1/k^2$   
That is, the probability that the value of X lies at least  $k$  standard deviation from its mean is at most  $\frac{1}{k^2}$ . Alternatively,  $Pr(|X - \mu| < k\sigma) \geq 1 - 1/k^2$

Discrete vs. Continuous 2D-RVs

**Discrete:** the possible values of  $(X(s), Y(s))$  are **finite or countably infinite**.  
**Continuous:** the possible values of  $(X(s), Y(s))$  can assume all values in some region of the Euclidean plane  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

Joint Probability Function (discrete)

$f_{X,Y}(x_i, y_j)$  represents  $Pr(X = x_i, Y = y_j)$  and satisfies the following conditions:  
1.  $f_{X,Y}(x_i, y_j) \geq 0$  for all  $(x_i, y_j) \in R_{X,Y}$ .  
2.  $\sum_{i=1}^\infty \sum_{j=1}^\infty f_{X,Y}(x_i, y_j) = 1$   
3.  $\sum_{i=1}^\infty \sum_{j=1}^\infty Pr(X = x_i, Y = y_j) = 1$   
The function  $f_{X,Y}(x, y)$  is called the **joint probability function** for  $(X, Y)$ .

$$Pr((X, Y) \in A) = \sum_{(x, y) \in A} \sum f_{X,Y}(x, y)$$

Joint Probability Density Function

$f_{X,Y}(x, y)$  (continuous) satisfies the following conditions:  
(1)  $f_{X,Y}(x, y) \geq 0$  for all  $(x, y) \in R_{X,Y}$   
(2)  $\iint_{(x, y) \in R_{X,Y}} f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx dy = 1$   
or  
 $\int_{-\infty}^\infty \int_{-\infty}^\infty f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx dy = 1$

Marginal Probability Distribution

Discrete:  
 $f_X(x) = \sum_y f_{X,Y}(x, y)$  and  
 $f_Y(y) = \sum_x f_{X,Y}(x, y)$   
Continuous:  
 $f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^\infty f_{X,Y}(x, y) dy$  and  
 $f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^\infty f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx$

Conditional Distribution

The conditional distribution of Y given that  $X = x$  is given by  $f_{Y|X}(y|x) = \frac{f_{X,Y}(x, y)}{f_X(x)}$ , if  $f_X(x) > 0$  for each x within the range of X. Vice versa for X given Y.

Independent Random Variables

Random variables X and Y are independent iff  $f_{X,Y}(x, y) = f_X(x) f_Y(y)$  for all x and y. This can be extended to n random variables where  $n \geq 2$ .

Expectation

$E[g(X, Y)] = \begin{cases} \sum_x \sum_y g(x, y) f_{X,Y}(x, y), & \text{discrete} \\ \int_{-\infty}^\infty \int_{-\infty}^\infty g(x, y) f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx dy, & \text{cont.} \end{cases}$

Covariance

Let  $(X, Y)$  be a bivariate random vector with joint p.f. (or p.d.f.)  $f_{X,Y}(x, y)$  then the covariance of  $(X, Y)$  is defined as  
 $Cov(X, Y) = E[(x - \mu_x)(y - \mu_y)] = \begin{cases} \sum_x \sum_y (x - \mu_x)(y - \mu_y) f_{X,Y}(x, y), & \text{discrete} \\ \int_{-\infty}^\infty \int_{-\infty}^\infty (x - \mu_x)(y - \mu_y) f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx dy, & \text{cont.} \end{cases}$   
**Remarks:** 1.  $Cov(X, Y) = E(XY) - \mu_x \mu_y$   
2. If X and Y are independent,  $Cov(X, Y)$  is 0. The converse may not be true.  
3.  $Cov(aX + b, cY + d) = ac Cov(X, Y)$   
4.  $V(aX + bY) = a^2 V(X) + b^2 V(Y) + 2ab Cov(X, Y)$

Correlation Coefficient

It measures the degree of linear relationship between X and Y.  $-1 \leq \rho_{X,Y} \leq 1$ .

The correlation coefficient of X and Y, denoted by  $\text{Cor}(X, Y), \rho_{X,Y}$  or  $\rho$ , is defined by  
 $\rho_{X,Y} = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sqrt{V(X)}\sqrt{V(Y)}}$

Special Distributions

Discrete Uniform Distribution

$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{k}$ , for  $x = x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k$ , and 0 otherwise.

Bernoulli Distribution

**Bernoulli Experiment:** a random experiment with only two possible outcomes, say "success" or "failure".  
**Bernoulli Distribution:** A random variable X is defined to have a Bernoulli distribution if the probability function of X is given by  
 $f_X(x) = p^x (1 - p)^{1-x}$ ,  $x = 0, 1$ , and 0 otherwise.  
 $Pr(X = 1) = p$  and  $Pr(X = 0) = 1 - p = q$ .

**Mean:**  $\mu = E(X) = p$   
**Variance:**  $\sigma^2 = V(X) = p(1 - p) = pq$

Binomial Distribution

$X \sim B(n, p)$ , if the probability function of X is:  
 $Pr(X = x) = f_X(x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1 - p)^{n-x} = \binom{n}{x} p^x q^{n-x}$   
for  $x = 0, 1, \dots, n$  and  $0 < p < 1$  and  $q = 1 - p$ .  
X is the number of successes that occur in n independent Bernoulli trials.  
**Mean:**  $\mu = E(X) = np$   
**Variance:**  $\sigma^2 = V(X) = np(1 - p) = npq$

Negative Binomial Distribution

Let X be a random variable represents the number of trials to produce the k successes in a sequence of independent Bernoulli trials. The random variable X is said to follow a Negative Binomial distribution with parameters k and p (i.e.  $NB(k, p)$ ). The probability function of X is given by  
 $Pr(X = x) = f_X(x) = \binom{x-1}{k-1} p^k q^{x-k}$   
for  $x = k, k + 1, k + 2, \dots$ .  
**Mean:**  $\mu = E(X) = \frac{k}{p}$   
**Variance:**  $\sigma^2 = V(X) = \frac{(1-p)k}{p^2}$

Geometric Distribution

The number of trials that are required to have the first success is known to follow **geometric distribution**. Let X be the number of attempts necessary for the first success. Therefore X follows a Negative Binomial Distribution with parameters k = 1 and p. (or X follows a Geometric Distribution with p = p). That is  $X \sim NB(1, p)$  or  $X \sim Geom(p)$ .

Poisson Distribution

$f_X(x) = Pr(X = x) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!}$  for  $x = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$   
**Mean:**  $\mu = E(X) = \lambda$   
**Variance:**  $\sigma^2 = V(X) = \lambda$

Poisson approx. to Binomial Dist.

Let  $X \sim B(n, p)$ . Suppose that  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $p \rightarrow 0$  such that  $\lambda = np$  stays constant. Then  $X \sim P(np)$  approximately. That is  
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Pr(X = x) = \frac{e^{-np} (np)^x}{x!}$   
Remark: If p is close to 1, we can interchange success and failure to make p close to zero.

Continuous Uniform Distribution

$X \sim U(a, b)$  over an interval  $[a, b]$  if  
 $f_X(x) = \frac{1}{b-a}$ , for  $a \leq x \leq b$ , and 0 otherwise. (a.k.a. rectangular distribution)  
**Mean:**  $\mu = E(X) = \frac{a+b}{2}$   
**Variance:**  $\sigma^2 = V(X) = \frac{1}{12} (b - a)^2$

Exponential Distribution

$f_X(x) = \alpha e^{-\alpha x}$ , parameter  $\alpha > 0$  and  $x > 0$ ; 0 otherwise.  $X \sim Exp(\alpha)$   
(frequently used as a model for the distribution of times between the occurrence of successive events)  
**Mean:**  $\mu = E(X) = \frac{1}{\alpha}$   
**Variance:**  $\sigma^2 = V(X) = \frac{1}{\alpha^2}$   
**OR:**  $f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\mu} e^{-x/\mu}$ , for  $x > 0$   
**Mean:**  $\mu = E(X) = \mu$   
**Variance:**  $\sigma^2 = V(X) = \mu^2$

**No Memory Property:** for any two positive numbers  $s$  and  $t$ ,  $\Pr(X > s + t | X > s) = \Pr(X > t)$   
**Upper-tailed cdf:**  $\Pr(X > x) = e^{-ax}$ , for  $x > 0$

Normal Distribution

$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$ ,  $-\infty < x < \infty$   
denoted by  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

Standardised Normal Distribution

If  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , and if  $Z = \frac{(X-\mu)}{\sigma}$ , then  $Z \sim N(0, 1)$ .

\* Linear Interpolation (e.g.)

Let  $\Pr(Z > a) = 0.12$ . From the normal table, we have  $\Pr(Z \geq 1.17) = 0.121$  and  $\Pr(Z \geq 1.18) = 0.119$ . Hence,  
 $\frac{a-1.17}{1.18-1.17} = \frac{0.12-0.121}{0.119-0.121} \Rightarrow a = 1.175$

Normal approx. to Binomial Dist.

When  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $p \rightarrow 1/2$ . **Rule of thumb:** use this only when  $np > 5$  and  $n(1-p) > 5$ .  
If  $X \sim B(n, p)$  ( $\mu = np, \sigma^2 = np(1-p)$ ), as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $Z = \frac{X-np}{\sqrt{npq}}$  is approximately  $\sim N(0, 1)$

Continuity Correction

(for norm. approx. to binom.)  
(a)  $\Pr(X = k) \approx \Pr(k - 1/2 < X < k + 1/2)$   
(b)  $\Pr(a < X \leq b) \approx \Pr(a + 1/2 < X < b + 1/2)$   
(c)  $\Pr(X \leq c) = \Pr(0 \leq X \leq c) \approx \Pr(-1/2 < X < c + 1/2)$   
(d)  $\Pr(X > c) = \Pr(c < X \leq n) \approx \Pr(c + 1/2 < X < n + 1/2)$

Sampling

Sample Mean

If  $(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$  represent a random sample of size  $n$ , then the sample mean is defined by the statistic  $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$

Sampling Dist. of Sample Mean

For random samples of size  $n$  taken from an inf. pop. or from a finite pop. with replacement having pop. mean  $\mu$  and pop. s.d.  $\sigma$ , the sampling distribution of the sample mean  $\bar{X}$ :  $\mu_{\bar{X}} = \mu_X$  and  $\sigma_{\bar{X}}^2 = \frac{\sigma_X^2}{n}$

Law of Large Numbers

Let  $(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$  be a random sample of size  $n$  from a population having any distribution with mean  $\mu$  and finite population variance  $\sigma^2$ . Then for any  $\epsilon \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $P(|\bar{X} - \mu| > \epsilon) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

Central Limit Theorem

Let  $(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$  be a random sample of size  $n$  from a population having any distribution with mean  $\mu$  and finite population variance  $\sigma^2$ . The sampling distribution of the sample mean  $\bar{X}$  is approximately normal with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\frac{\sigma^2}{n}$  if  $n$  is sufficiently large (**Rule of thumb:** at least 30).  
 $\bar{X} \sim N(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n})$

Sampling distribution of the difference of two sample means

If independent samples of sizes  $n_1 (\geq 30)$  and  $n_2 (\geq 30)$  are drawn from two populations, with means  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  and variances  $\sigma_1^2$  and  $\sigma_2^2$ , respectively, then the sampling distribution of the differences of the sample means,  $\bar{X}_1$  and  $\bar{X}_2$ , is approximately normally distributed with mean and standard deviation given by

$\mu_{\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2} = \mu_1 - \mu_2$  and  $\sigma_{\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2} = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{n_2}}$

Chi-square Distribution

$Y \sim \chi^2(n)$  with  $n$  degrees of freedom ( $n$  is a positive integer).

**Mean:**  $\mu = E(Y) = n$   
**Variance:**  $\sigma^2 = V(Y) = 2n$   
(1) For large  $n$ ,  $\chi^2(n)$  approx  $\sim N(n, 2n)$   
(2) If  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_k$  are **independent** chi-square random variables with  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k$  degrees of freedom respectively, then  $\sum_{i=1}^k Y_i \sim \chi^2\left(\sum_{i=1}^k n_i\right)$

Theorem regarding Chi-square and random sample

1. If  $X \sim N(0, 1)$ , then  $X^2 \sim \chi^2(1)$ .  
2. Let  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , then  $[(x - \mu)/\sigma]^2 \sim \chi^2(1)$ .  
3. Let  $(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$  be a random sample of size  $n$  from a normal population with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ . Define  $Y = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(X_i - \mu)^2}{\sigma^2}$ . Then  $Y \sim \chi^2(n)$

Sample Variance

Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample from a population. Sample variance:  
 $S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$

Sampling distribution of  $(n-1)S^2/\sigma^2$

If  $S^2$  is the variance of a random sample of size  $n$  taken from a **normal** population having the variance  $\sigma^2$ , then

$$\frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^2(n-1)$$

t-distribution

Suppose  $Z \sim N(0, 1)$ , and  $U \sim \chi^2(n)$ . If  $Z$  and  $U$  are independent, then let  $T = \frac{Z}{\sqrt{U/n}} \sim t(n)$   
(t-distribution with  $n$  degrees of freedom)  
**Mean:**  $\mu = E(T) = 0$   
**Variance:**  $\sigma^2 = V(T) = n/(n-2)$  for  $n > 2$   
**Remark:** If the random sample was selected from a normal population, then

$Z = \frac{(\bar{X} - \mu)}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \sim N(0, 1)$  and  $U = \frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^2(n-1)$   
It can be shown that  $\bar{X}$  and  $S^2$  are independent, and so are  $Z$  and  $U$ . Therefore,  
$$T = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{S/\sqrt{n}} = \frac{(\bar{X} - \mu)/(\sigma/\sqrt{n})}{\sqrt{\frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2}/(n-1)}}$$
  
$$= \frac{Z}{\sqrt{U/(n-1)}} \sim t_{n-1}$$

T (t-value) has a t-distribution with  $n-1$  d.f..

F-distribution

Let  $U$  and  $V$  be independent random variables having  $\chi^2(n_1)$  and  $\chi^2(n_2)$ , respectively, then the distribution of the random variable,  $F = \frac{U/n_1}{V/n_2}$  is called an F-distribution with  $(n_1, n_2)$  degrees of freedom. Its p.d.f.  $f_F(x) > 0$  for  $x > 0$  and 0 otherwise.  
**Mean:**  $\mu = E(X) = n_2/(n_2-2)$  with  $n_2 > 2$   
**Variance:**  $\sigma^2 = V(X) = \frac{2n_2^2(n_1+n_2-2)}{n_1(n_2-2)^2(n_2-4)}$  with  $n_2 > 4$   
**Remarks:**  
(1) Suppose that random samples of sizes  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  are selected from two **normal populations** with variances  $\sigma_1^2$  and  $\sigma_2^2$  respectively.

$$U = \frac{(n_1-1)S_1^2}{\sigma_1^2} \sim \chi^2(n_1-1)$$
  
$$V = \frac{(n_2-1)S_2^2}{\sigma_2^2} \sim \chi^2(n_2-1)$$
  
are independent random variables. Therefore,

$$F = \frac{U/(n_1-1)}{V/(n_2-1)} = \frac{\frac{(n_1-1)S_1^2/\sigma_1^2}{(n_1-1)}}{\frac{(n_2-1)S_2^2/\sigma_2^2}{(n_2-1)}}$$
  
$$= \frac{S_1^2/\sigma_1^2}{S_2^2/\sigma_2^2} \sim F(n_1-1, n_2-1)$$
  
(2) If  $\bar{F} \sim F(n, m)$ , then  $1/\bar{F} \sim F(m, n)$ .  
(3)  $F(n_1, n_2; 1-\alpha) = 1/F(n_2, n_1; \alpha)$  (useful for confidence table)

Estimation based on NormDist.

Unbiased Estimator

A statistic  $\hat{\Theta}$  is an unbiased estimator of parameter  $\theta$  if  $E(\hat{\Theta}) = \theta$ . E.g.:  $E(\bar{X}) = \mu$ ,  $E(S^2) = \sigma^2$

Margin of Error  $e$

We want  $\Pr(|\bar{X} - \mu| \leq e) \geq 1 - \alpha$ .  
 $e \geq z_{\alpha/2} \left(\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}\right)$ . Hence, for a given margin of error  $e$ , the sample size is given by  $n \geq (z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{e})^2$

Confidence Interval

Suppose  $(\hat{\Theta}_L, \hat{\Theta}_U)$  and  $\Pr(\hat{\Theta}_L < \theta < \hat{\Theta}_U) = 1 - \alpha$ . Then this interval is called a  $(1 - \alpha)100\%$  **confidence interval** for  $\theta$ .  $(1 - \alpha)$  is called **confidence coefficient** or **degree of confidence**.  
**3 conditions:** A. normal distributions; B. other parameters known; C. large sample sizes

One sample; CI for pop. mean  $\mu$

(1) **B(known  $\sigma^2$ ) AND (A OR C):**  
Test statistic:  $Z = \frac{(\bar{X} - \mu)}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \sim N(0, 1)$   
 $(1 - \alpha)100\%$ (same below) CI:  $\bar{X} \pm z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$   
(2)  **$\neg B$ (unknown  $\sigma^2$ ) AND A:**  
Test statistic:  $T = \frac{(\bar{X} - \mu)}{S/\sqrt{n}} \sim t(n-1)$   
CI:  $\bar{X} \pm t_{n-1; \alpha/2} \frac{S}{\sqrt{n}}$   
(3)  **$\neg B$ (unknown  $\sigma^2$ ) AND C:**  
Test statistic:  $T = \frac{(\bar{X} - \mu)}{S/\sqrt{n}}$  approx  $\sim N(0, 1)$   
CI:  $\bar{X} \pm z_{\alpha/2} \frac{S}{\sqrt{n}}$

Two indep. samples; CI for diff. b/w 2 means

(1) **B(known and unequal  $\sigma_1^2, \sigma_2^2$ ) AND (A OR C):**  
Test statistic:  $T = \frac{\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2 - (\mu_1 - \mu_2)}{\sqrt{\sigma_1^2/n_1 + \sigma_2^2/n_2}} \sim N(0, 1)$   
CI:  $\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2 \pm z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{n_2}}$   
(2)  **$\neg B$ (unknown  $\sigma_1^2, \sigma_2^2$ ) AND C:**  
Same as (1), just replace  $\sigma_1^2, \sigma_2^2$  with  $S_1^2, S_2^2$   
(3)  **$\neg B$ (unknown but EQUAL  $\sigma_1^2, \sigma_2^2$ ) AND A:**  
Test statistic:  $T = \frac{\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2 - (\mu_1 - \mu_2)}{\sqrt{S_p^2(1/n_1 + 1/n_2)}} \sim t(n_1 + n_2 - 2)$   
where  $\sigma_2$  can be estimated by the pooled sample variance:  $S_p^2 = \frac{(n_1-1)S_1^2 + (n_2-1)S_2^2}{n_1 + n_2 - 2}$   
CI:  $\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2 \pm t_{n_1+n_2-2; \alpha/2} \sqrt{S_p^2 \left(\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}\right)}$  (note: for large sample sizes, replace  $t_{n_1+n_2-2; \alpha/2}$  by  $z_{\alpha/2}$ .)

Two paired /dep. samples; CI for diff. b/w 2 means

[Just treat the differences as a sample itself]  
(1)  **$\neg B$  AND A:**  
Test statistic:  $T = \frac{\bar{X}_D - \mu_D}{S_D/\sqrt{n}} \sim t(n-1)$   
CI:  $\bar{X}_D \pm t_{n-1; \alpha/2} \frac{S_D}{\sqrt{n}}$   
(2)  **$\neg B$  AND C:**

Test statistic:  $T = \frac{\bar{X}_D - \mu_D}{S_D/\sqrt{n}}$  approx  $\sim N(0, 1)$   
CI:  $\bar{X}_D \pm z_{\alpha/2} \frac{S_D}{\sqrt{n}}$

One sample; CI for pop. variance  $\sigma^2$

[note: for  $\sigma$ , just take square roots on both ends of CI]  
(1) **B(known  $\mu$ ) AND A:**  
Test statistic:  $T = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^2(n)$   
CI:  $\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2}{\chi_{n; \alpha/2}^2} < \sigma^2 < \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2}{\chi_{n; 1-\alpha/2}^2}$   
(2)  **$\neg B$ (unknown  $\mu$ ) AND A:**  
Test statistic:  $T = \frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^2(n-1)$   
CI:  $\frac{(n-1)S^2}{\chi_{n-1; \alpha/2}^2} < \sigma^2 < \frac{(n-1)S^2}{\chi_{n-1; 1-\alpha/2}^2}$

Two indep. samples; CI for ratio of 2 variances

[note: for  $\sigma_1/\sigma_2$ , just take square roots on both ends of CI]  
(1)  **$\neg B$ (unknown means) AND A:**  
Test statistic:  $T = \frac{S_1^2/\sigma_1^2}{S_2^2/\sigma_2^2} \sim F(n_1-1, n_2-1)$

CI:  $\frac{S_1^2}{S_2^2} \frac{1}{F_{n_1-1, n_2-1; \alpha/2}} < \frac{\sigma_1^2}{\sigma_2^2} < \frac{S_1^2}{S_2^2} F_{n_2-1, n_1-1; \alpha/2}$

Hypothesis Testing

Errors

**Type I Error:**  $\Pr(\text{reject } H_0 \text{ given } H_0 \text{ is true}) = \alpha$ . i.e.  $\Pr(\text{Type I error}) = \text{level of significance}$   
**Type II Error:**  $\Pr(\text{do not reject } H_0 \text{ given } H_0 \text{ is false}) = \Pr(\text{Accept } H_0 \text{ given } H_1) = \beta$ .  
[Note:  $\Pr(\text{reject } H_0 \text{ given } H_0 \text{ is false}) = 1 - \beta$  is called the **power** of the test].

Steps of Hypo-testing

**Step 1:** Let  $\mu$  be the mean of ...  
**Test  $H_0$  :**  $\mu = x$  against  $H_1 : \mu \neq x$ .  
**Step 2:** Set  $\alpha = 0.05$   
**Step 3:** State the test statistic used e.g.  
 $Z = \frac{(\bar{X} - \mu_0)}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}$   
 $z_{\alpha/2} = z_{0.025} = 1.96$  (Refer to previous sections to choose appropriate test statistic)  
State the critical region(s). (Remember to halve  $\alpha$  for two-tailed tests)  
**Step 4:** Substitute in values and calculate the value of the test statistic.  $z = \dots = y$ .  
[OR:  $H_0$  is accepted if confidence interval covers  $\mu_0$  ]  
[OR: p-value approach:  $H_0$  is rejected if p-value  $< \alpha$  ]  
**Step 5:** Conclusion:  $\therefore$  observed  $z$  value =  $y$  falls inside critical region,  $H_0$  is rejected at 5% level of sig.

p-value

Probability of obtaining a test statistic more extreme than the observed sample value **given  $H_0$  is true**. Also called observed level of significance. (Remember to multiply probability by 2 for two-tailed tests)

F-test for variance ratio/equality

Under  $H_0 : \sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2$ ,  $F = \frac{S_1^2}{S_2^2} \sim F(n_1-1, n_2-1)$ ,  
hence the **test statistic** is  $F = \frac{S_1^2}{S_2^2}$ .  
 $H_0 : \sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2$  is rejected if:  
 $H_1 : \sigma_1^2/\sigma_2^2 \neq 1$ ,  
 $F < F_{n_1-1, n_2-1; 1-\alpha/2}$  or  $F > F_{n_1-1, n_2-1; \alpha/2}$   
 $H_1 : \sigma_1^2/\sigma_2^2 > 1$ ,  $F > F_{n_1-1, n_2-1; \alpha}$   
 $H_1 : \sigma_1^2/\sigma_2^2 < 1$ ,  
 $F < F_{n_1-1, n_2-1; 1-\alpha} (= 1/F_{n_2-1, n_1-1; \alpha})$   
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