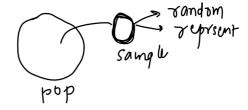
Some Terms

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Population Vs Sample

Population: A population is the entire group or set of individuals, objects, or events that a researcher wants to study or draw conclusions about. It can be people, animals, plants, or even inanimate objects, depending on the context of the study. The population usually represents the complete set of possible data points or observations.

Sample: A sample is a subset of the population that is selected for study. It is a smaller group that is intended to be representative of the larger population. Researchers collect data from the sample and use it to make inferences about the population as a whole. Since it is often impractical or impossible to collect data from every member of a population, samples are used as an efficient and cost-effective way to gather information.

-statistics Parameter Vs Estimate

Parameter: A parameter is a numerical value that describes a characteristic of a population. Parameters are usually denoted using Greek letters, such as μ (mu) for the population mean or σ (sigma) for the population standard deviation. Since it is often difficult or impossible to obtain data from an entire population, parameters are usually unknown and must be estimated based on available sample data.

X >> M

Statistic A statistic is a numerical value that describes a characteristic of a sample, which is a subset of the population. By using statistics calculated from a representative sample, > sample + population researchers can make inferences about the unknown respective parameter of the population. Common statistics include the sample mean (denoted by x, pronounced "x-bar"), the sample median, and the sample standard deviation (denoted by s).

Inferential Statistics

Inferential statistics is a branch of statistics that focuses on making predictions, estimations, or generalizations about a larger population based on a sample of data taken from that population. It involves the use of probability theory to make inferences and draw conclusions about the characteristics of a population by analysing a smaller subset or sample.

The key idea behind inferential statistics is that it is often impractical or impossible to collect data from every member of a population, so instead, we use a representative sample to make inferences about the entire group. Inferential statistical techniques include hypothesis testing, confidence intervals, and regression analysis, among others.

These methods help researchers answer questions like:

a. Is there a significant difference between two groups?

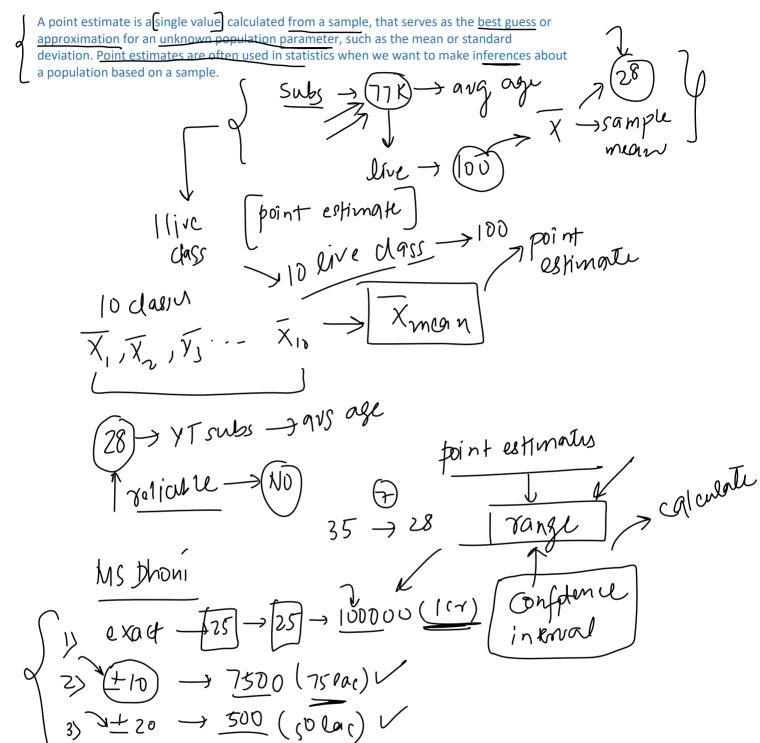
b. Can we predict the outcome of a variable based on the values of other variables?

c. What is the relationship between two or more variables?

Inferential statistics are widely used in various fields, such as economics, social sciences, medicine, and natural sciences, to make informed decisions and guide policy based on limited data.

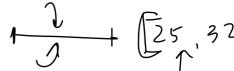


mean









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Confidence interval, in simple words, is a <u>range of values</u> within which we expect a particular population parameter, like a mean, to fall. It's a way to express the uncertainty around an estimate obtained from a sample of data.

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Confidence level, usually expressed as a percentage like 95%, indicates how sure we are that the true value lies within the interval.

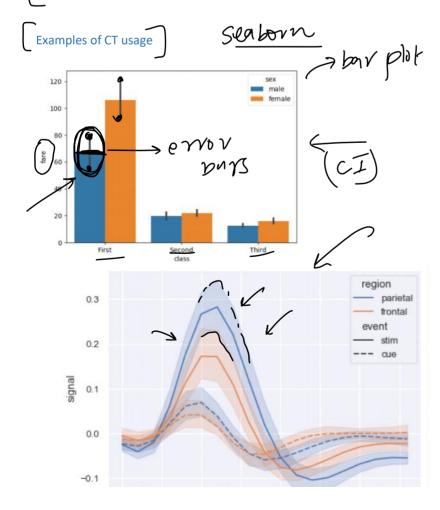
Confidence Interval = Point Estimate
Margin of Error

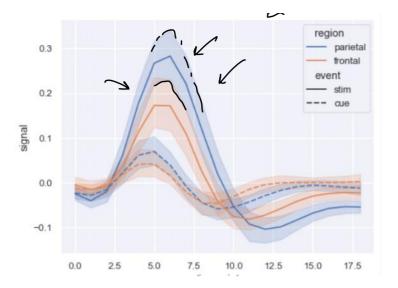
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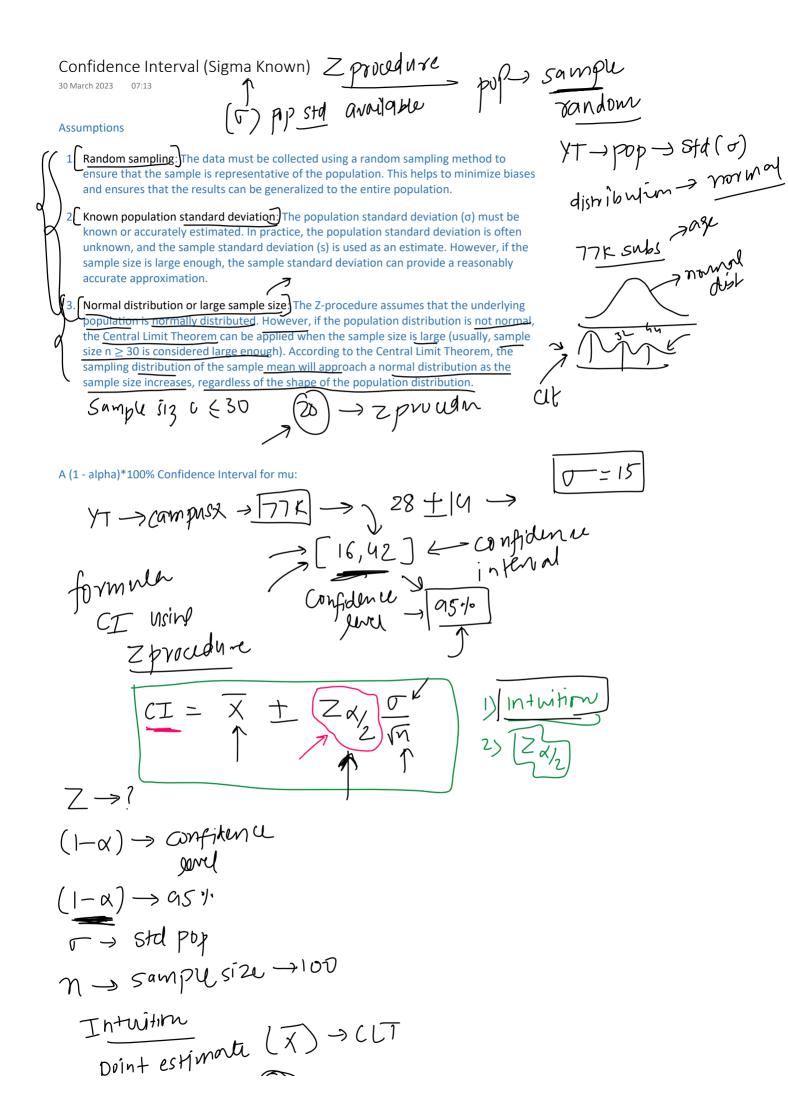
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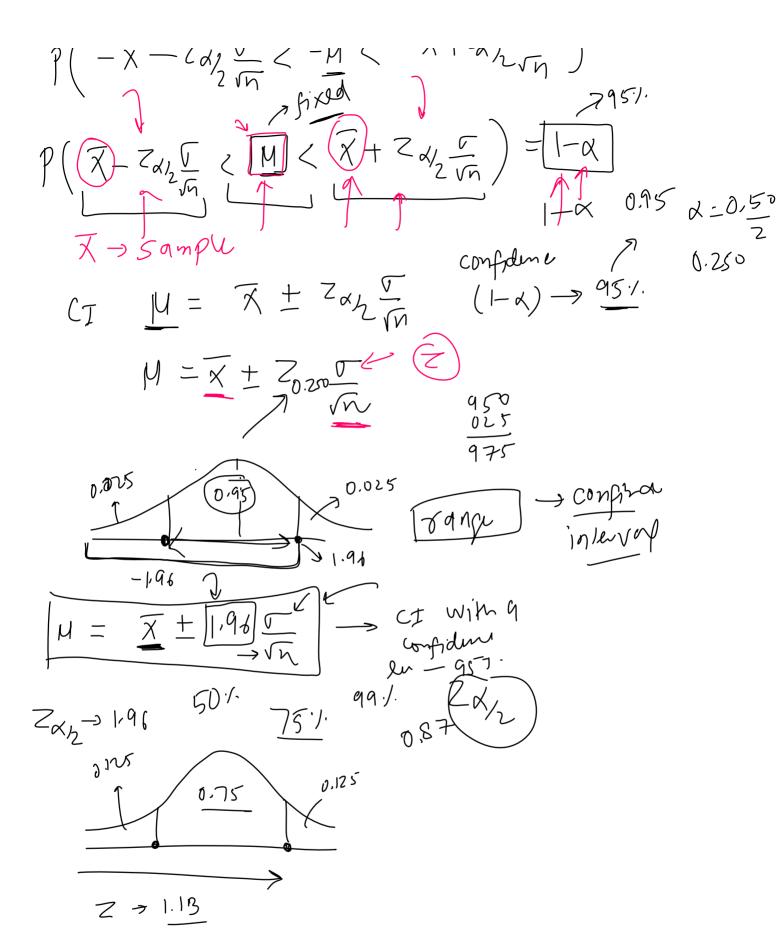
Confidence Interval is created for Parameters and not <u>statistics</u>. <u>Statistics</u> help us get the confidence interval for a parameter.







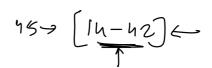
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Interpreting Confidence Interval

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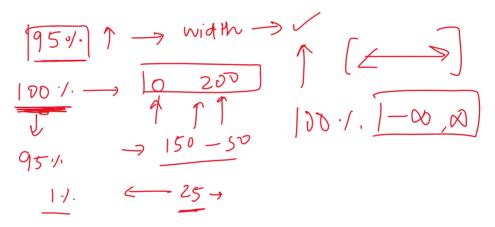


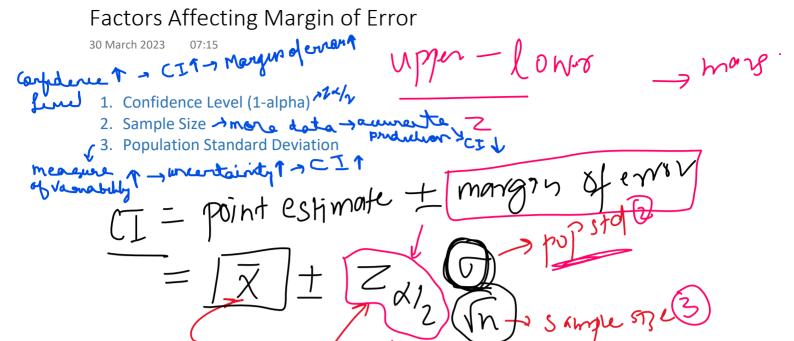


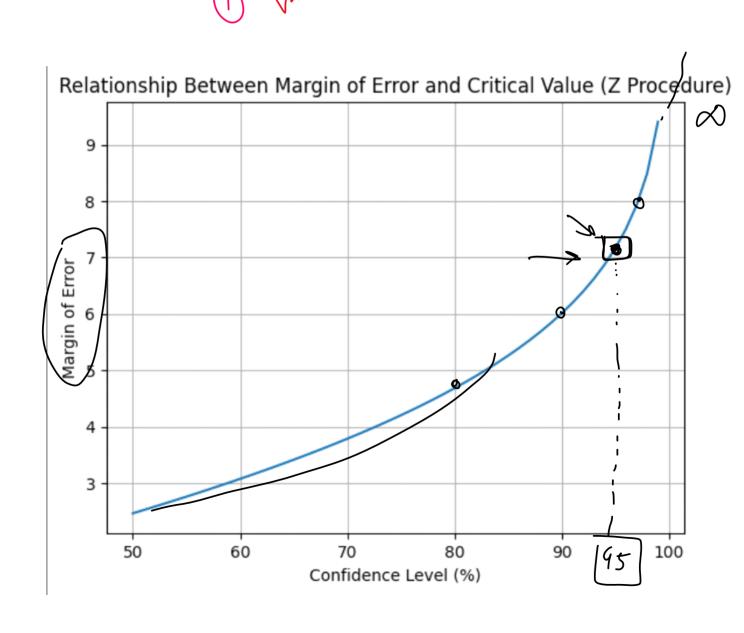
A confidence interval is a range of values within which a population parameter, such as the population mean, is estimated to lie with a certain level of confidence. The confidence interval provides an indication of the <u>precision</u> and <u>uncertainty associated</u> with the <u>estimate</u>. To interpret the confidence interval values, consider the following points:

- 1. **Confidence level**: The confidence level (commonly set at 90%, 95%, or 99%) represents the probability that the confidence interval will contain the true population parameter if the sampling and estimation process were repeated <u>multiple times</u>. For example, a 95% confidence interval means that <u>if you were to draw 100 different samples</u> from the population and calculate the <u>confidence interval</u> for each, approximately 95 of those intervals would contain the true population parameter.
- Interval range: The width of the confidence interval gives an indication of the precision of
 the estimate. A narrower confidence interval suggests a more precise estimate of the
 population parameter, while a wider interval indicates greater uncertainty. The width of
 the interval depends on the sample size, variability in the data, and the desired level of
 confidence.
- 3. **Interpretation**: To interpret the confidence interval values, you can say that you are "X% confident that the true population parameter lies within the range (lower limit, upper limit)." Keep in mind that this statement is about the interval, not the specific point estimate, and it refers to the confidence level you chose when constructing the interval.

What is the trade-off

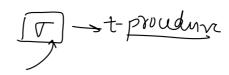






Confidence Interval (Sigma not known)

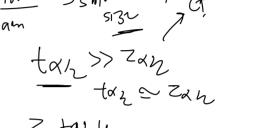
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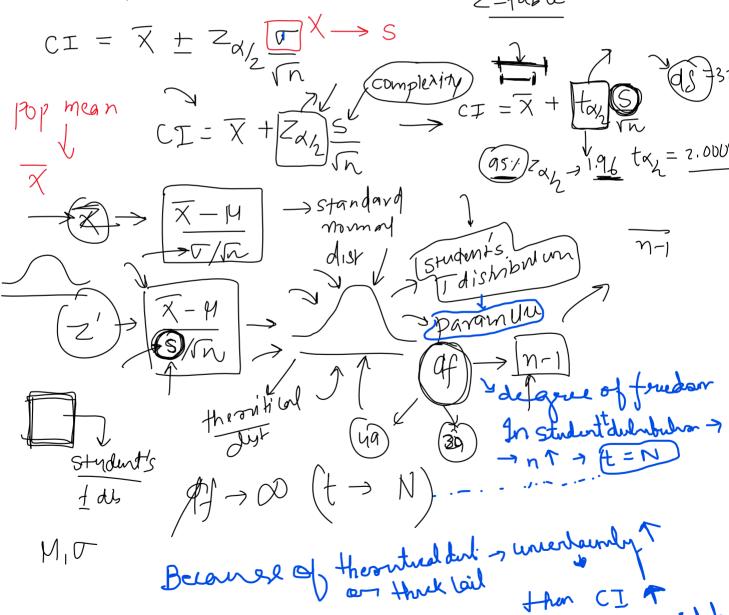


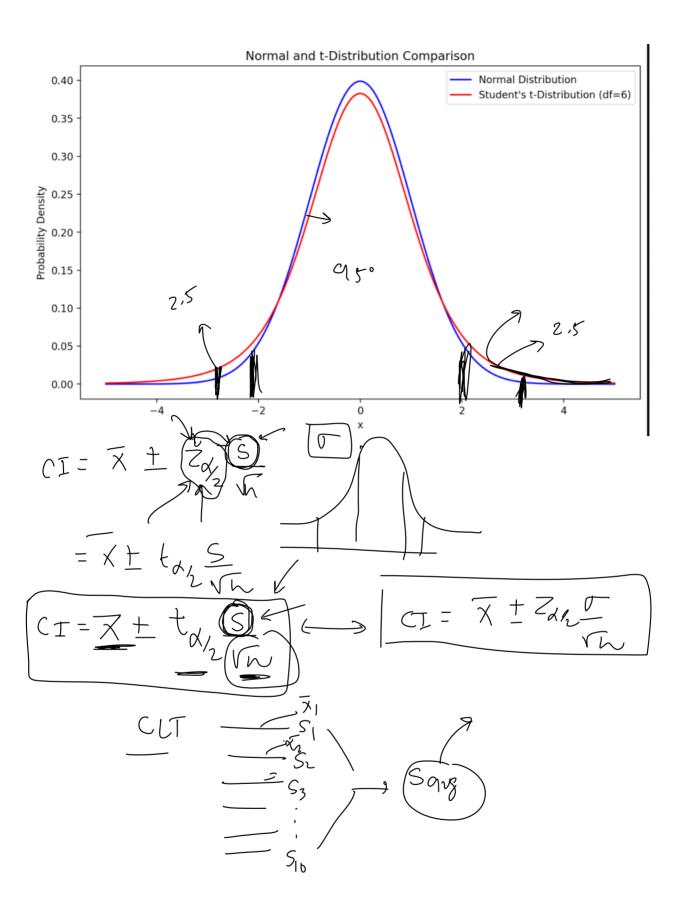
Using the t procedure

Assumptions

- 1. Random sampling: The data must be collected using a random sampling method to ensure that the sample is representative of the population. This helps to minimize biases and ensures that the results can be generalized to the entire population.
- Sample standard deviation: The population standard deviation (σ) is unknown, and the sample standard deviation (s) is used as an estimate. The t-distribution is specifically designed to account for the additional uncertainty introduced by using the sample standard deviation instead of the population standard deviation.
- Approximately normal distribution The t-procedure assumes that the underlying population is approximately normally distributed, or the sample size is large enough for the Central Limit Theorem to apply. If the population distribution is heavily skewed or has extreme outliers, the t-procedure may not be accurate, and non-parametric methods should be considered.
- 4. Independent observations: the observations in the sample should be independent of each other. In other words, the value of one observation should not influence the value of another observation. This is particularly important when working with time series data or data with inherent dependencies.

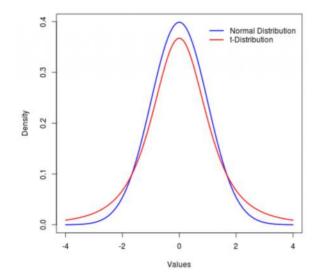






Student's T Distribution

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Student's t-distribution, or simply the t-distribution, is a probability distribution that arises when estimating the mean of a normally distributed population when the sample size is small and the population standard deviation is unknown. It was introduced by William Sealy Gosset, who published under the pseudonym "Student."

The t-distribution is similar to the normal distribution (also known as the Gaussian distribution or the bell curve) but has heavier tails. The shape of the t-distribution is determined by the degrees of freedom, which is closely related to the sample size (degrees of freedom = sample size - 1). As the degrees of freedom increase (i.e., as the sample size increases), the t-distribution approaches the normal distribution.

In hypothesis testing and confidence interval estimation, the t-distribution is used in place of the normal distribution when the sample size is small (usually less than 30) and the population standard deviation is unknown. The t-distribution accounts for the additional uncertainty that arises from estimating the population standard deviation using the sample standard deviation.

To use the t-distribution in practice, you look up critical t-values from a t-distribution table, which provides values corresponding to specific degrees of freedom and confidence levels (e.g., 95% confidence). These critical t-values are then used to calculate confidence intervals or perform hypothesis tests.

Titanic Case Study

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