

Coding

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1 # HW 10 Interval Estimation
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4 # This function calculates the lower and upper limits of a confidence interval.
5 # The first parameter x takes in the data set as a vector.
6 # The second parameter conf is the % confidence. conf=95 means 95% CI.
7 int.est = function(x, conf)
8 {
9   area = (conf/100) + ((1-(conf/100)) / 2)
10  # Calculates area, which is the probability in the CI, from central interval
11  # and one tail because of division by 2.
12
13  se = sd(x) / sqrt(length(x))
14  # Calculates the standard error of the sample mean by dividing the sample
15  # standard deviation by the square root of the sample size.
16
17  margin = qt(area, length(x)-1) * se
18  # Calculates the margin of error. qt is the quantile function of the t-
19  # distribution. It takes in the area and the degree of freedom, length(x)-1.
20  # Multiplying by standard error to get margin of error.
21
22  lower = mean(x) - margin
23  upper = mean(x) + margin
24  # Calculates the lower and upper limits. CI = sample mean +/- margin of error
25
26  cat("lower=", lower, "upper=", upper) # Prints results.
27 }
28
29 score = c(83, 73, 62, 63, 71, 77, 77, 59, 92)
30 int.est(score, 95)
31 # Function call to find lower and upper limits of 'score' data set with 95% CI.
32
33 t.test(score)$conf.int
34 # One sample t-test on the 'score' data set to confirm the 'int.est' function.
35 # The confidence level is 0.95 by default.
36 # '$conf.int' extracts only the lower and upper limits and the CI.

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Results

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> int.est(score, 95)
lower= 64.78388 upper= 81.21612

> t.test(score)$conf.int
[1] 64.78388 81.21612
attr(,"conf.level")
[1] 0.95

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Conclusion

The lower and upper limits of the 95% confidence interval of the data set 'score' is 64.78388 and 81.21612, respectively. Therefore, the confidence of the true population mean being within this interval is 95%. The results calculated from our 'int.est' function are exactly the same as the results obtained from the R t-test. This confirms the correctness of formula #2.