

Inferential Statistics

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Outlines

- Estimation
- Hypothesis Testing

Overview

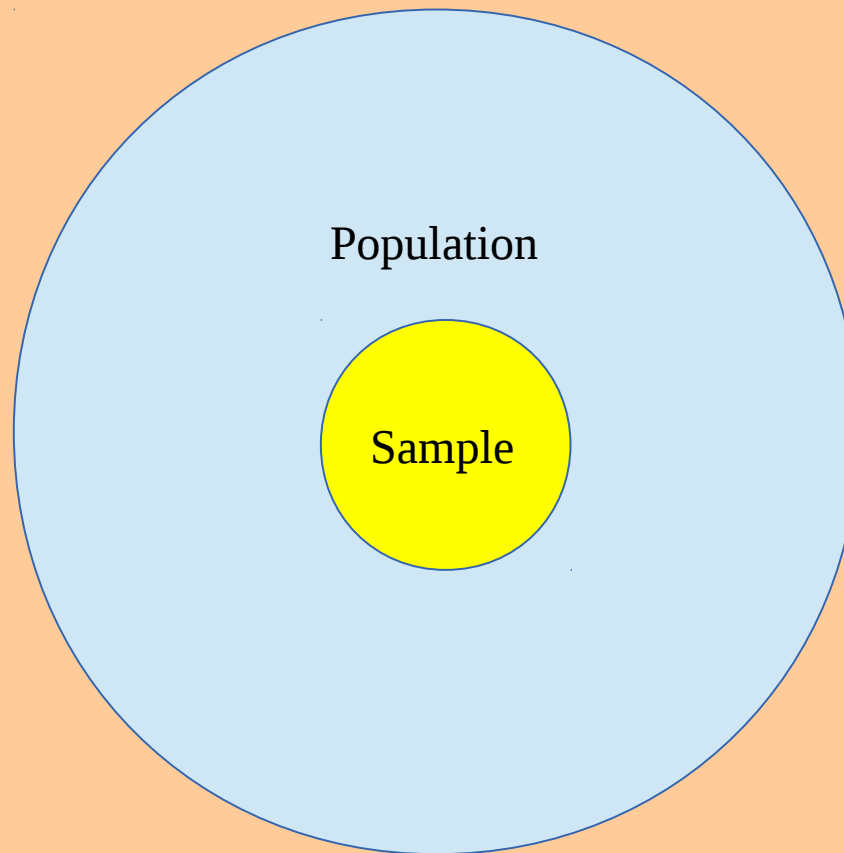
- Statistics?
- Population vs sample?
- Inference?

Overview

- Statistics is a field of study dealing with (Daniel, 1995):
 1. Collection, organization, summarization and analysis of data.
 2. Making inference/conclusion about population data from sample data.

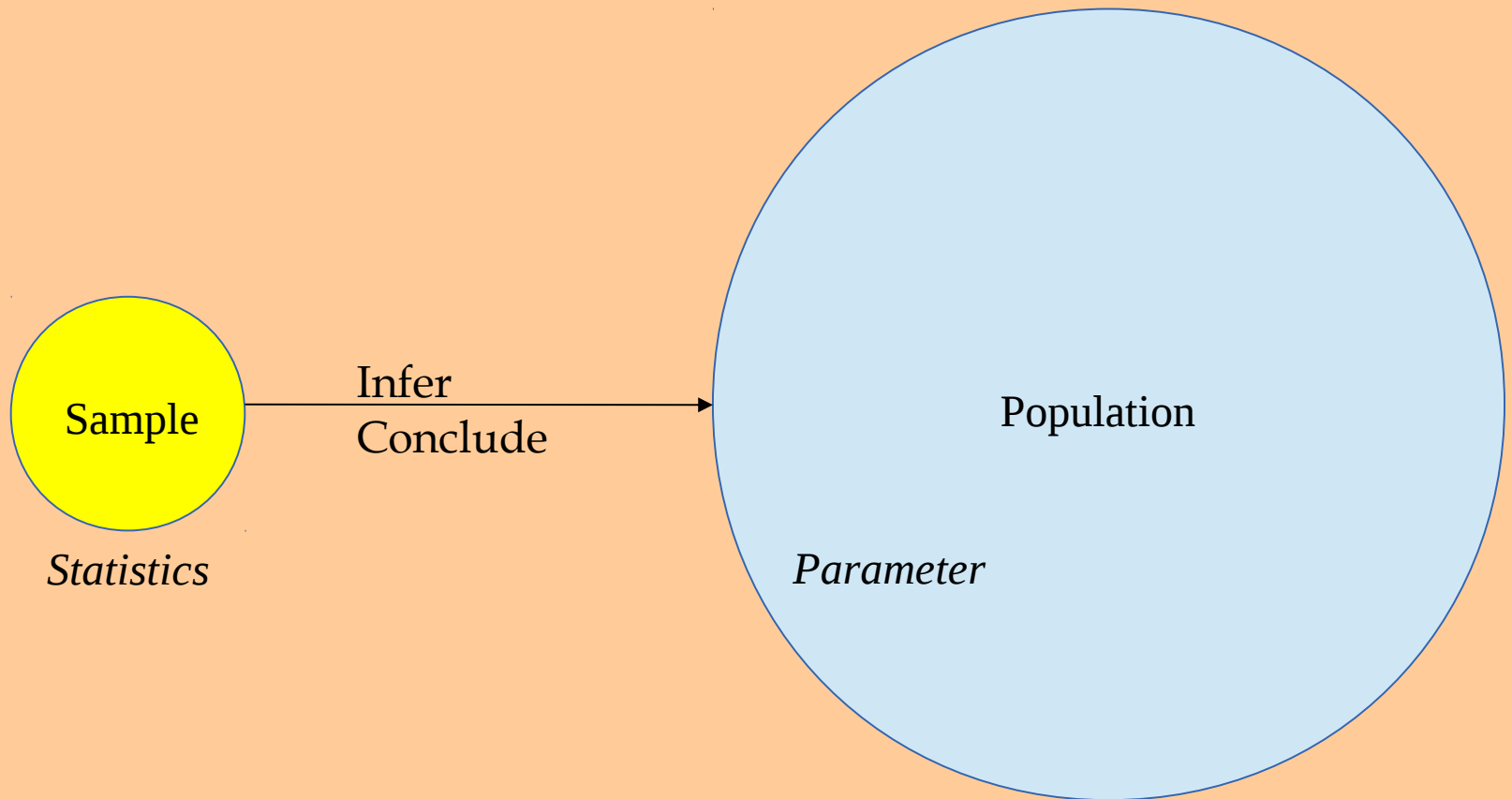
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- Population vs sample

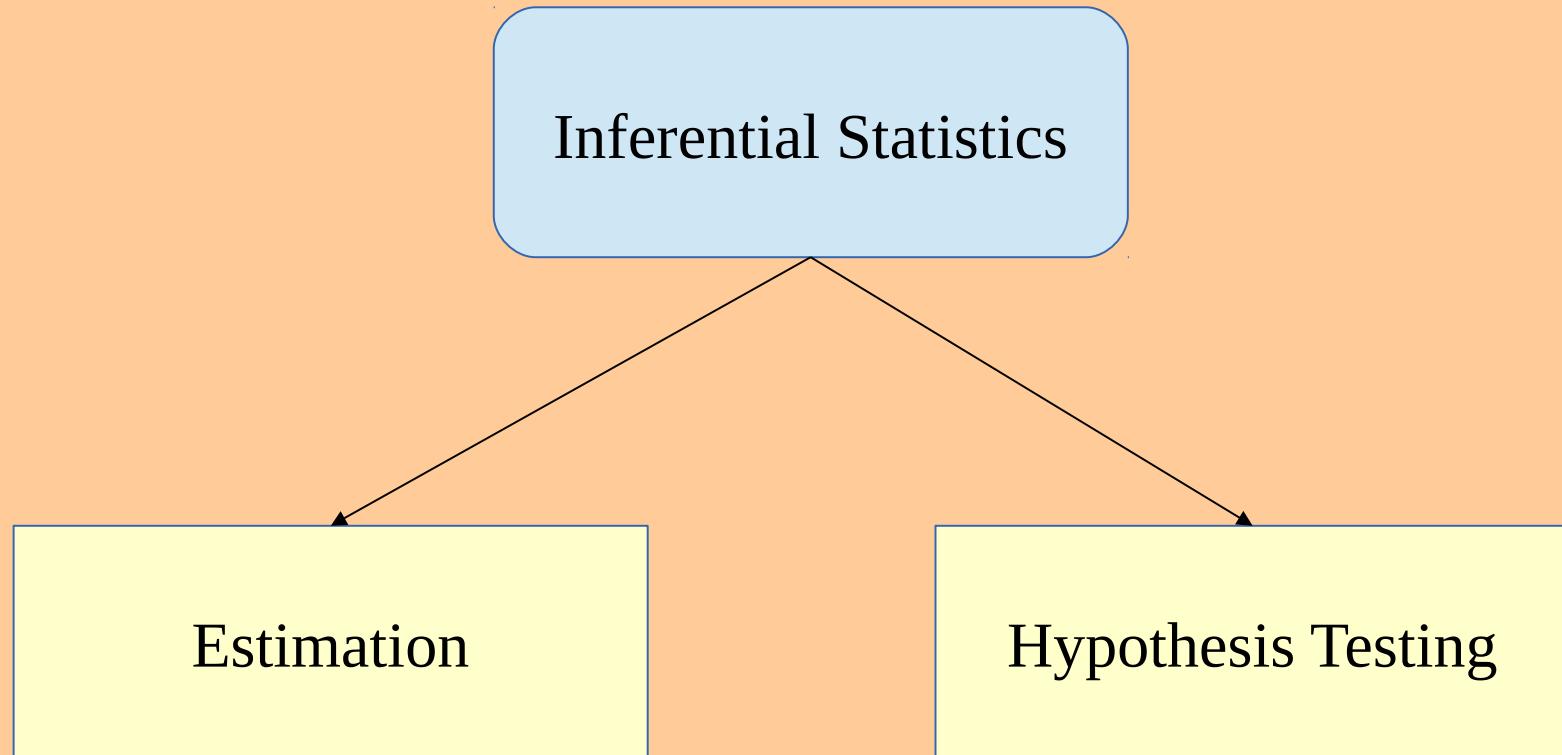


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- Inference:



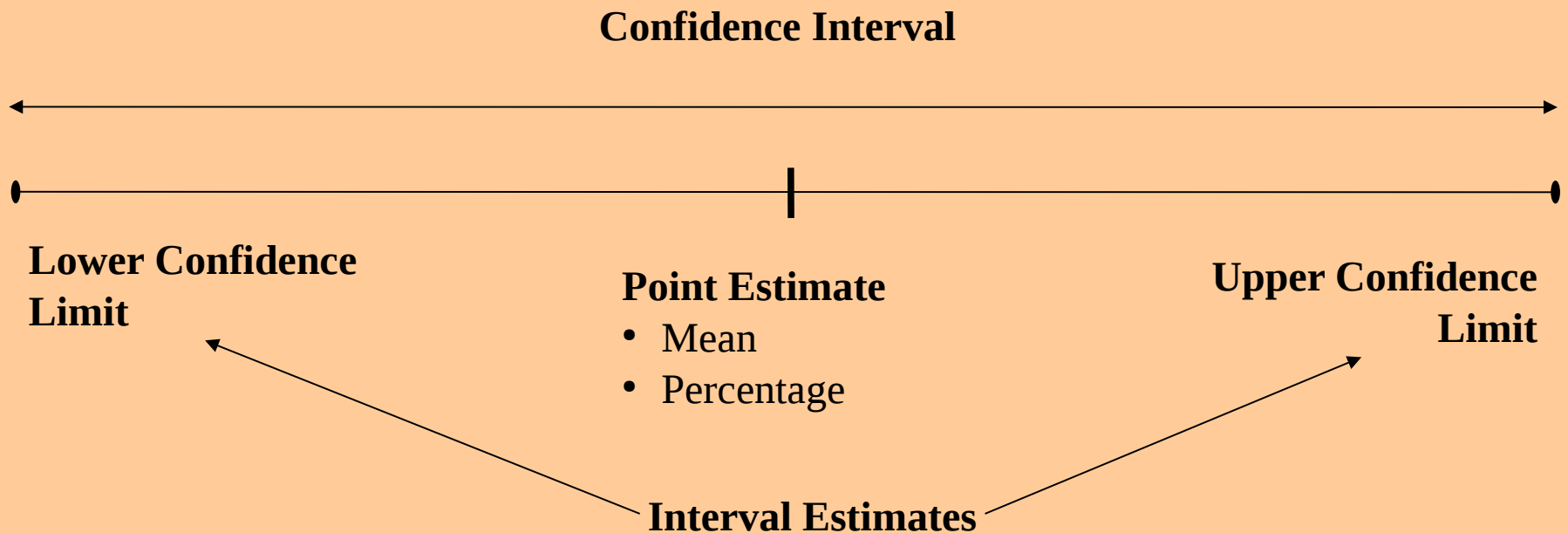
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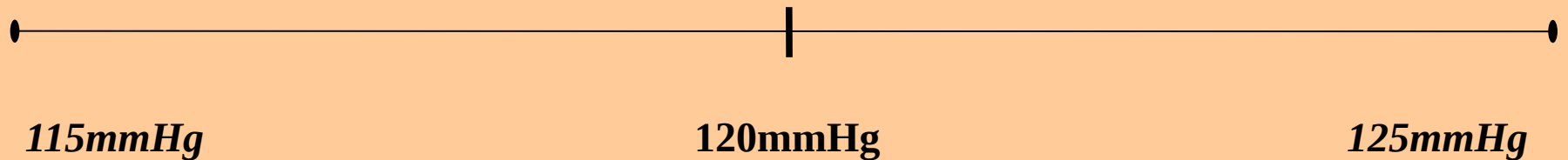
- Usually for One Sample → One Population
- Estimate *parameter* by



1. Estimation

Mean SBP for Normal population

95% Confidence Interval



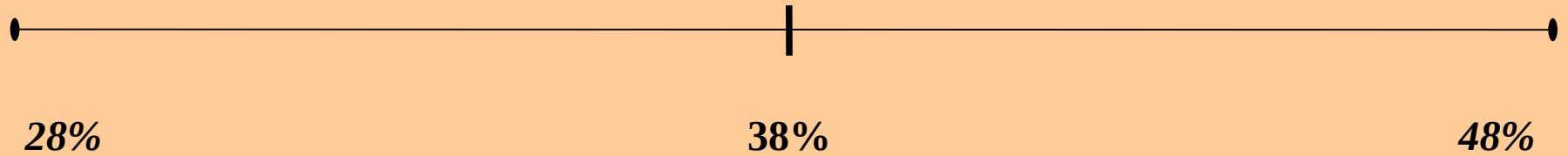
Interpretation: Based on a *sample* of 30 subjects, I am 95% sure that mean SBP of normal *population* is between 115mmHg to 125mmHg. The sample mean is 120mmHg.

Reporting: 120mmHg (95% CI: 115mmHg, 125mmHg)

1. Estimation

Percentage of Obesity among University Students' population

95% Confidence Interval



Interpretation: Based on a *sample* of 100 subjects, I am 95% sure that percentage of obesity of university students' *population* is between 28% to 48%. The sample percentage is 38%.

Reporting: 38% (95% CI: 28%, 48%)

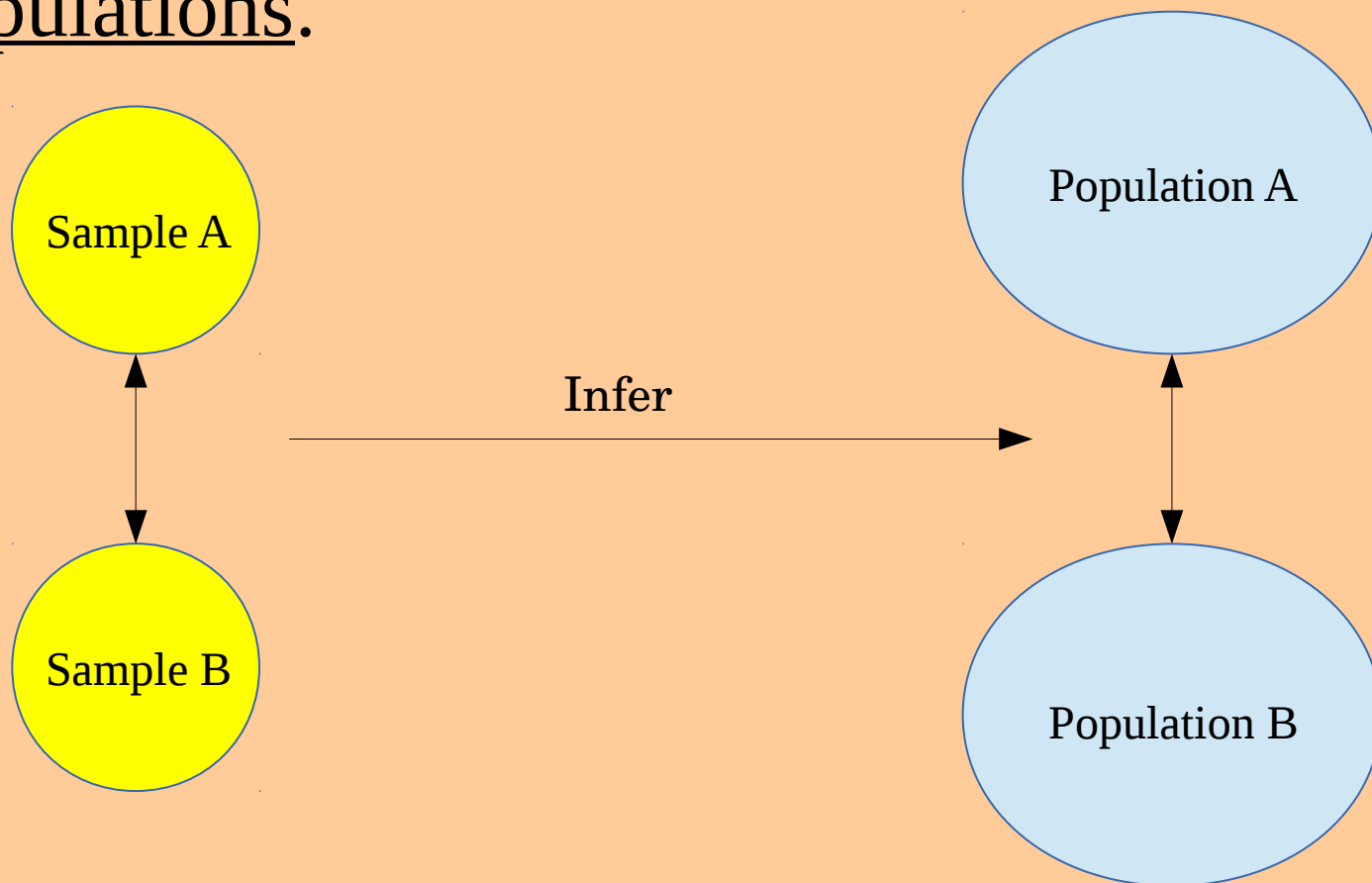
1. Estimation

- **Interval estimates** values depend on ***Confidence level*** (90%, 95%, 99%), ***sample size*** and ***standard deviation*** → Precision.
- Calculation*? Given in SPSS output. It is important to know the interpretation.

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- Usually for comparison of samples → comparison of populations.



2. Hypothesis Testing

- Stated in form of **Statistical Hypothesis** → Can be tested with statistical test.

Alternative Hypothesis:

Population A is different from Population B

Null Hypothesis:

Population A is similar to Population B

2. Hypothesis Testing

- **P-value** – Probability that the difference is merely by chance → Calculated from statistical test.
- Set acceptable level so called “chance” → **Significance level, α (0.05, 0.01, 0.001)**

Alternative Hypothesis:

$$\text{P-value} \leq \mathbf{0.05}$$

Null Hypothesis:

$$\text{P-value} > \mathbf{0.05}$$

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Statistical Test 

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2. Hypothesis Testing

Comparing **Mean SBP of Medical Students' population** vs **Lecturers' population**

Alternative Hypothesis:
Mean SBP of MS population
is different from L population

Null Hypothesis:
No difference in Mean SBP
between the populations

Statistical Test

Alternative Hypothesis:
P-value \leq **0.05**

Null Hypothesis:
P-value $>$ **0.05**

Independent t-test

2. Hypothesis Testing

Comparing **Obesity % of Medical Students' population** vs **Lecturers' population**

Alternative Hypothesis:

Obesity % among MS population is different from L population

Null Hypothesis:

No difference in Obesity % between the populations

Statistical Test

Alternative Hypothesis:

P-value \leq **0.05**

Null Hypothesis:

P-value $>$ **0.05**

Chi-square test

Outcomes

- ✓ Understand basic concept of confidence interval.
- ✓ Able to interpret confidence interval.
- ✓ Understand basic concept of hypothesis testing.
- ✓ Able to interpret P-value.
- ✓ Understand concept of significance level.

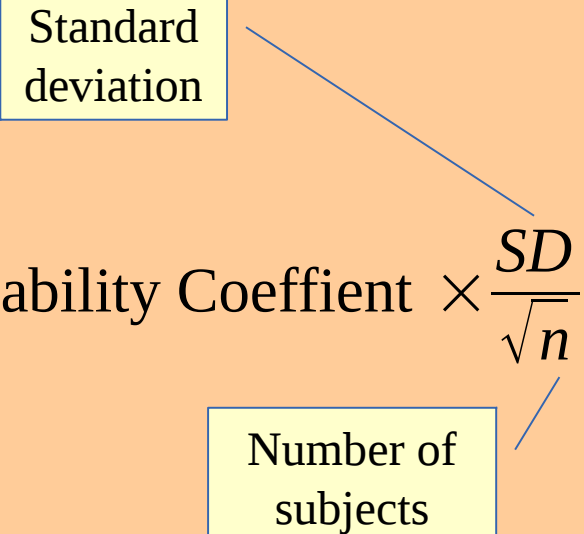
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* 1. Estimation

- Interval estimates (mean):

Standard
deviation



A blue line connects the 'Standard deviation' box to the 'SD' in the formula for the lower confidence limit. Another blue line connects the 'Number of subjects' box to the 'n' in the denominator of the same formula.

$$\text{Lower confidence limit} = \text{Point Estimate} - \text{Reliability Coefficient} \times \frac{SD}{\sqrt{n}}$$

Number of
subjects

$$\text{Upper confidence limit} = \text{Point Estimate} + \text{Reliability Coefficient} \times \frac{SD}{\sqrt{n}}$$

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- Interval estimates (mean):

Percentage

$$\text{Lower confidence limit} = \text{Point Estimate} - \text{Reliability Coefficient} \times \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}}$$

Number of
subjects

$$\text{Upper confidence limit} = \text{Point Estimate} + \text{Reliability Coefficient} \times \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}}$$

* 1. Estimation

- Reliability Coefficient:

Confidence level	Reliability coefficient
90%	1.65
95%	1.96
99%	2.56