

# BUSINESS ANALYTICS



# CONFIDENCE INTERVAL

- Describe the amount of uncertainty associated with a sample estimate of a population parameter
- Confidence Interval Data Requirements
  - Confidence level (90%, 95%, or 99%)
  - Statistic (Sample mean)
  - Margin of error
    - (Margin of error = Critical value \* Standard deviation of statistic)
    - (Margin of error = Critical value \* Standard error of statistic)
- Range of the confidence interval is defined by the sample statistic  $\pm$  margin of error

## **Critical value:**

- Factor used to compute the margin of error
- To find the critical value:
  - Compute alpha ( $\alpha$ ):  $\alpha = 1 - (\text{confidence level} / 100)$
  - Critical probability ( $p^*$ ):  $p^* = 1 - \alpha/2$
  - Z score

## **Margin of Error:**

- Expresses the maximum expected difference between the true population parameter and a sample estimate of that parameter

## **Statistic:**

- A statistic is a characteristic of a sample
- Generally, a statistic is used to estimate the value of a population parameter

## Four Steps to find CONFIDENCE INTERVAL

- Identify a sample statistic (Mean Value)
- Select a confidence level (99%, 95%, 90%)
- Calculate margin of error (1%, 5%, 10%)

$$Z_{\alpha/2} * \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$\sigma = \text{SD}$   
 $Z = \text{Z value}$   
 $\alpha = \text{CI Value}$

- Range of CI – Output can vary within the range  
(Confidence interval = sample statistic  $\pm$  Margin of error)

Note: Most widely used Confidence Interval is 95%

## P-Value

- Function of the observed sample result that is used for testing a statistical hypothesis
- Before analytics, a threshold value (significance level of the test) will be chosen
- Traditionally 5% or 1% and denoted as  $\alpha$
- Threshold value – Proportion of false alarms that we are willing to tolerate
- $P < 0.05$ , it is significant, then reject the Null Hypothesis
- $P > 0.05$ , it is not significant, then accept the Null Hypothesis

Note: Various tests or methods are there to calculate p value

# TEST OF SIGNIFICANCE

- Methods of inference used to support or reject claims based on sample data
- A good scientific practice, Significance level is usually 0.05
- Setting up and testing hypothesis is an essential part of statistical inference
- Hypothesis has 2 options – it will happen or not
- Two type of Hypothesis
  - Null Hypothesis [ $H_0$ ]
  - Alternate Hypothesis [ $H_1$ ]
- Based on P-value, can analysis whether it is significant or not

# Hypothesis

- In statistical hypothesis testing, two hypotheses are compared
- Null hypothesis states that there is no relation between the Variables
- Alternative hypothesis states that there is some kind of relation
- Hypotheses are not treated on an equal basis, special consideration is given to the null hypothesis.

## Example:

An experiment is done, to reject or accept the null hypothesis:

- $H_0$ : there is no difference in taste between coke and diet coke against  $H_1$ : there is a difference.
- If the p-value is  $<0.05$ , then it is significant, states we have got strong evidence against the null hypothesis, then reject the null hypothesis: no difference in taste between coke flavours.
- If the p-value is  $>0.05$ , then it is not significant, accept the null hypothesis



# Z score

90%	95%	99%
1.645	1.96	2.576

# CORRELATION

- Mutual relationship or connection between two variables
- Strength of relationship, how variable is depended on another
- If correlation is same, it will be 100% which is equal to 1
- If co-efficient of correlation ( $r$ ):
  - $r > 0$  -- positive relationship
  - $r < 0$  -- negative relationship
  - $r = 0$  -- No relationship
- Disadvantages:
  - Only 2 variable can compare
  - Cannot conclude or form a model based on correlation