

CONFIDENCE INTERVALS

	Cases	<i>Distribution:</i> <i>Normal or t</i>	(1- α)% Confidence Interval
A.	Confidence Interval for μ (population mean)		
	(1) σ known	Normal	$\bar{x} \pm z_{\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$
	(2) σ unknown, $n \geq 30$	Normal (or t : d.f.= $n-1$)	$\bar{x} \pm z_{\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$
	(3) σ unknown, $n < 30$	t d.f.= $n-1$	$\bar{x} \pm t_{\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$
B.	Confidence Interval for $\mu_1 - \mu_2$ (difference in population means)		
	(1) σ_1 and σ_2 known	Normal	$(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) \pm z_{\alpha/2} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{n_2}}$
	(2) σ_1 and σ_2 unknown, $n_1 \geq 30$ and $n_2 \geq 30$	Normal (or t : d.f.= $n_1 + n_2 - 2$)	$(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) \pm z_{\alpha/2} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{s_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{n_2}}$
	(3) σ_1 and σ_2 unknown, $n_1 < 30$ and $n_2 < 30$	t d.f.= $n_1 + n_2 - 2$	$(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) \pm t_{\alpha/2} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{s_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{n_2}}$

Notations:

\bar{x} = Sample mean

μ = Population mean

s = Sample standard deviation

σ = Population standard deviation