

STAT 231

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- Tutorial : Past midterm solutions  
+ problems.

- Video Review → Posted Tonight.

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# Interval Estimation

- Recap the Student's T-distribution
  - How to look up T-tables.
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## Applications

- Gaussian problem with unknown  $\sigma$

• Interval Estimation  $\mu$

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- Relationship between Likelihood Interval and Confidence Interval.

## T-distribution

• A r.v.  $\in (-\infty, \infty)$  is said to follow a T-distribution with  $n$  degrees of freedom. if

$$T = \frac{Z}{Y}$$

$Z, Y$  independent

where  $W \sim \chi_n^2$        $Z \sim N(0, 1)$

$$Y = \sqrt{W/n}$$

# Properties of the T-distribution

- $T$  takes all possible values in the real line. for any  $n = df$
- $T$  is always symmetric around zero.  $\forall n$ .
- The T-distribution looks similar to the Z-distribution, but with more extreme observations  
 $K > 3$

- As  $n \rightarrow \infty$  (df becomes large)  
the T-distribution approaches the  
Z-distribution.
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## CALCULATION OF T-probabilities

- Look up the T-table
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T-table: Row = degrees of freedom

Entries: Quantiles corresponding to the prob on.  
the Columns

Example.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} n = 20. \\ \text{Column} = 0.9 \end{array} \right\} \boxed{1.3253}$$

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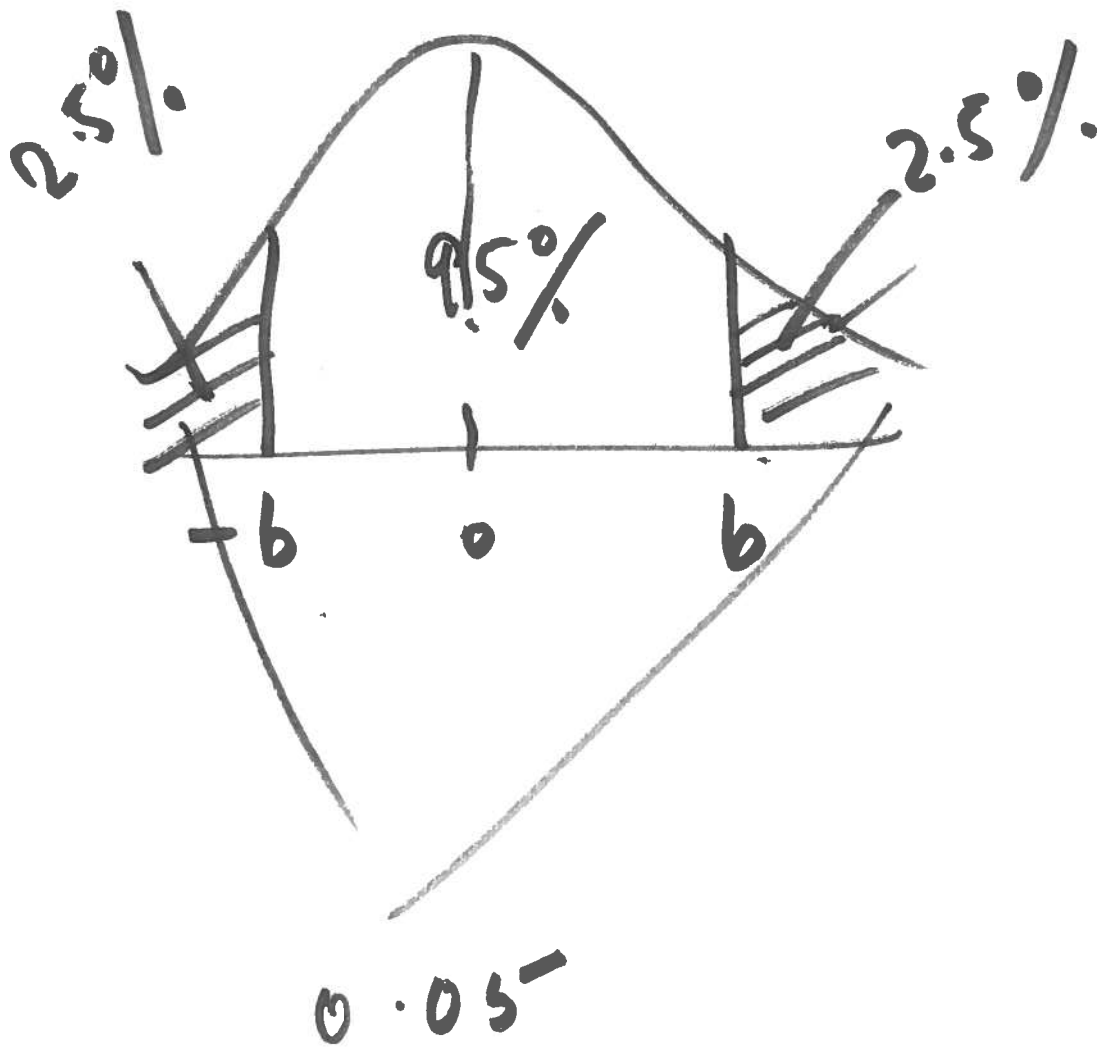
$$P(T_{20} \leq 1.3253) = 0.9$$

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Examples:      b T

• Suppose a r.v. ~~with~~ follows a T-distribution with  $df=15$

Find b such that  $P(|T| \geq b) = 0.05$



$b = 97.5^{\text{th}}$  percentile

Row = 15; Column = 0.975

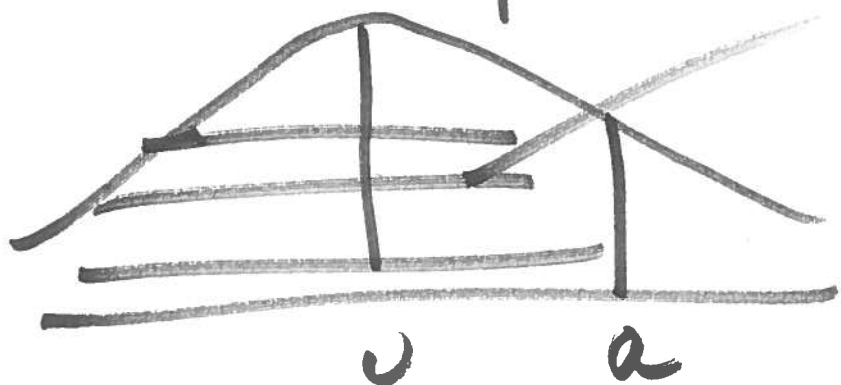
$t_{\alpha} = b = 2.1314$



## Example 2

Suppose  $T$  follows a  $T$  distribution with  $n = 200$  df. Find the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile of  $T$ .

Since  $df = \text{large}$ , the  $T$ -problem is ~~eqv~~ approximately equivalent to the  $Z$ -problem.



0.9

$\alpha = 1.645$
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Example let  $Y \sim G(2, 3)$

$Y$  and  $T$   
independent

$$T \sim T_{400}$$

$$n = df$$

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$$\text{let } W = \left( \frac{Y - 2}{3} \right)^2 + T^2$$

What does  $W$  follow?

$$W \sim \chi^2(2).$$

## Theorem:

Let  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  be Gaussian r.v.s (independent) with mean  $\mu$  (unknown) and s.d  $\sigma$  (unknown)

Sample:  $\{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$

$$(i) \frac{\bar{Y} - \mu}{\frac{S}{\sqrt{n}}} \sim t_{n-1}$$

$$(ii) \frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$$

where  $\bar{Y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum Y_i$

$$S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2$$

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Suppose  $\sigma$  was known

$$\bar{Y} \sim N\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}\right)$$

(SAMPLING)

$$\frac{\bar{Y} - \mu}{\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}} = Z$$

If  $\sigma$  is unknown, we cannot  
use the 2-pivot any more.  
because C.I will have  $\sigma$  in it.

So we use the theorem and construct  
the T-pivot.

Example : The IQs of UW profs  
are  $\sim$  have a Gaussian  
distribution with mean  $\mu$  and  
s.d  $\sigma$ .

A random sample of 10 UW  
professors are taken

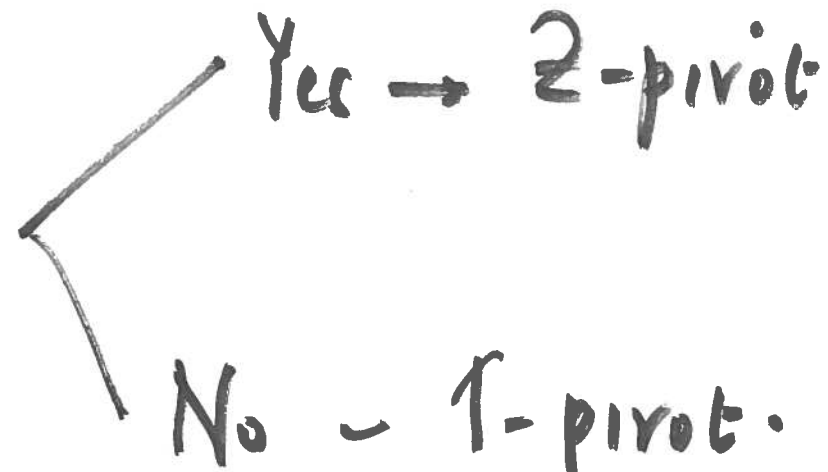
$$\{y_1, \dots, y_{10}\}$$

$$\bar{y} = 90 \quad s^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum (y_i - \bar{y})^2 \\ = 64$$

Based on this data, we want to  
construct a 95% C.I for  $p$

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How to construct the right pivot?

Is  $\sigma$  known? 

- Yes  $\rightarrow$  2-pivot
- No - 1-pivot.

By the theorem,

$$\frac{\bar{Y} - \mu}{\frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}} \sim T_{n-1}$$

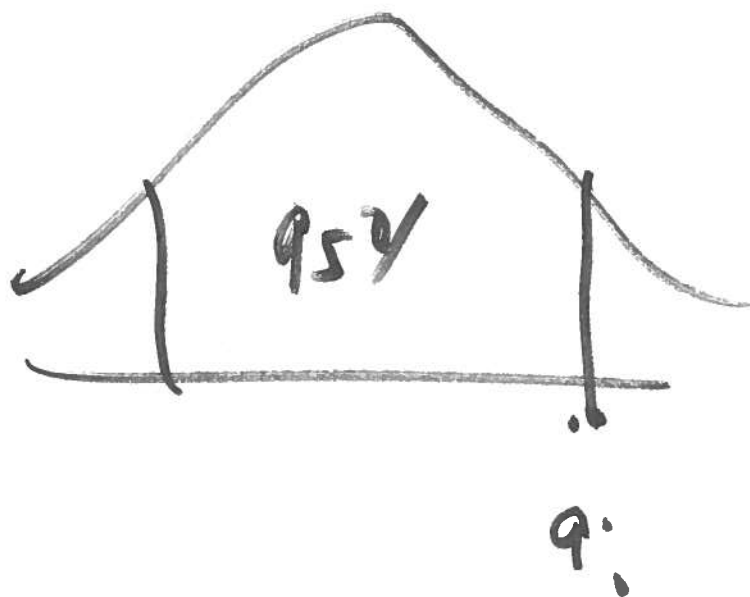
In our example

$$\frac{\bar{Y} - \mu}{\frac{s}{\sqrt{10}}} \sim T_9$$



$$\text{Row} = 9 \quad (n-1) \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{matrix} \text{Row} = 9 \\ \text{Column} = 0.975 \end{matrix}} \right\} \boxed{2.2622}$$

$$\text{Column} = 0.975$$



$t^*$

$$P(-2.2622 < T < 2.2622)$$

$$P(-2.2622 < \frac{\bar{Y} - \mu}{\frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}} < 2.2622) = 0.95$$

$$\mu > \bar{Y} - 2.2622 \frac{S}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$\mu < \bar{Y} + 2.2622 \frac{S}{\sqrt{n}}$$

Coverage Interval.

$$\left( \bar{Y} - 2.2622 \frac{S}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{Y} + 2.2622 \frac{S}{\sqrt{n}} \right)$$

Confidence Interval

$$\left( \bar{y} - 2.2622 \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{y} + 2.2622 \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} \right)$$

$$\left( 90 - 2.2622 \cdot \frac{8}{\sqrt{10}}, 90 + 2.2622 \frac{8}{\sqrt{10}} \right)$$

# Gaussian problem

Interested in  $\mu$ .

C.I.:  $\bar{y} \pm z^* \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$

if  $\sigma$  is  
known.

OR

$$\bar{y} \pm t^* \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$$

if  
 $\sigma$  is

unknown.

$$(ii) \quad \frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^2_{n-1}$$

What is  $E(S^2)$ ?

$$E\left[\frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2}\right] = n-1$$

$$[E(\chi^2) = df]$$

$$\frac{\cancel{(n-1)}}{\sigma^2} E(S^2) = \cancel{n-1}$$

$$\boxed{E(S^2) = \sigma^2}$$

$$S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum$$

$$= \frac{n}{n-1} \left[ \frac{1}{n} \sum \right]$$

$$S^2 = \frac{n}{n-1} \left[ \frac{1}{n} \sum (y_i - \bar{y})^2 \right]$$

$$E(S^2) = \sigma^2$$