

# Inference Concepts

R Handout

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## Background

The Survey of Study Habits and Attitudes (SSHA) was a psychological test that measures the motivation, attitudes, and study habits of college students. Scores range from 0 to 200 and follow (approximately) a normal distribution, with a mean of 110 and a standard deviation of 20. The survey was given to 40 “non-traditional” students to test the hypothesis that they had stronger study habits and greater motivation for school work.

The results of the study are in SSHA.csv. Use these data to test the hypothesis at the 5% level.

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## Getting the Data

```
> library(NCStats)

> setwd("C:/stats/")
> d <- read.csv("SSHA.csv")

> str(d)

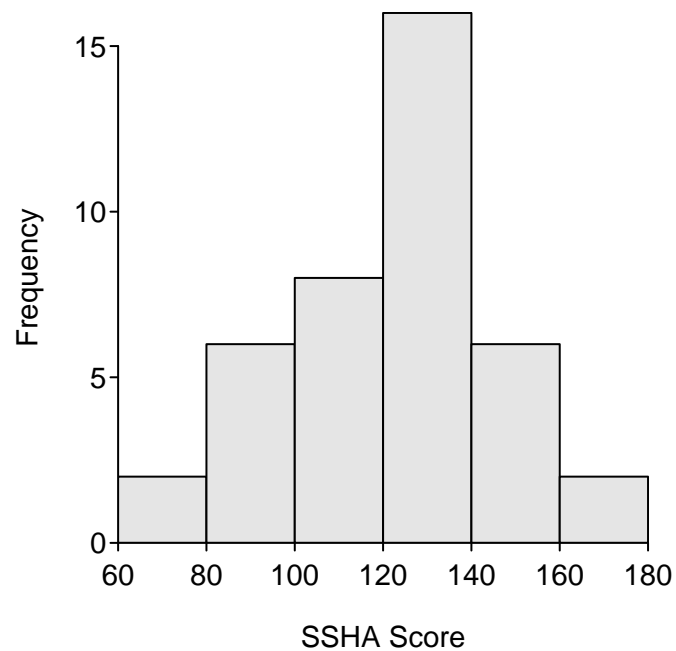
'data.frame':   40 obs. of  1 variable:
 $ score: int   113 131 108 72 124 129 125 100 141 117 ...
```

## Quick EDA

```
> Summarize(~score, data=d, digits=1)

      n  mean   sd   min    Q1 median    Q3   max
40.0 121.1  24.8  72.0 106.8 125.0 138.0 180.0

> hist(~score, data=d, xlab="SSHA Score")
```



## 1-Sample Z-test

```
> ( z1 <- z.test(d$score,sd=20,mu=110,alt="greater",conf.level=0.95) )
```

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One Sample z-test with d$score
z = 3.5101, n = 40.000, Std. Dev. = 20.000, Std. Dev. of the sample mean =
3.162, p-value = 0.0002239
alternative hypothesis: true mean is greater than 110
95 percent confidence interval:
 115.8985      Inf
sample estimates:
mean of d$score
      121.1
```

```
> plot(z1)
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