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Case study 3:
The NHANES dataset: number of sleep hours per night

The case study

- How to use the HTML book for a simple analysis in one population:
 - Point estimates.
 - Confidence intervals.
 - Hypothesis testing.
- R code is a part of the book.

The NHANES data set

- The NHANES dataset consists of data from the US National Health and Nutrition Examination Study.
- Information about 76 variables is available for 10000 individuals included in the study.
- The 10000 individuals are considered as the **population**.

The HTML book

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Foundations for inference using R

Ziv Shkedy and Thi Huyen Nguyen based on Chapter 4 in the book of Julie Vu and Dave Harrington *Introductory Statistics for the Life and Biomedical Sciences* (<https://www.openintro.org/book/biostat/>)

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1. Variability in estimates

A point estimate for the population parameter

A natural way to estimate features of the population, such as the population mean weight, is to use the corresponding summary statistic calculated from the sample. For example, the sample mean \bar{x} is a point parameter estimate for the population (unknown) mean μ and the sample variance s^2 is a point parameter estimate for the population variance σ^2 .

Example: the wind speed in the airquality dataset

Data and point estimates

The airquality dataset gives information about 153 daily air quality measurements in New York, May to September 1973.

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```
## [1] 153 6
```

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##	Ozone	Solar.R	Wind	Temp	Month	Day
## 1	41	190	7.4	67	5	1
## 2	36	118	8.0	72	5	2
## 3	12	149	12.6	74	5	3
## 4	18	313	11.5	62	5	4
## 5	NA	NA	14.3	56	5	5
## 6	28	NA	14.9	66	5	6

The variable wind is the average wind speed in miles per hour at 0700 and 1000 hours at LaGuardia Airport. The mean wind speed is $\hat{\mu} = \bar{x} = 9.95$ and the sample standard deviation is $\hat{\sigma} = s = 3.52$. This sample mean is a point estimate of the population mean. If

- An online book covers chapter 4.
- The NHANES data set is used as one of the examples.

The NHANES data set: analysis of the number of sleep hours per night

- The variable of interest is the number of sleeping hours per night (the variable `SleepHrsNight`).
- Continuous variable.
- Information about the number of sleeping hours per night is available for 7755 individuals (i.e., the population).

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Example 2: The NHANES data set analysis of the number of sleep hours per night

The population

In this section, the variable of interest is the number of sleeping hours per night (the variable `SleepHrsNight`). Information about the number of sleeping hours per night is available for 7755 individuals (i.e., the population). The population mean and variance are $\mu = 6.927$ and $\sigma^2 = 1.813$, respectively.

[1] 7755 Show

[1] 6.927531 Show

[1] 1.81368 Show

Visualization

Figure 19 and 20 show the histogram and boxplot of the number of sleeping hours in the population and reveal a discrete distribution as expected. Note that the number of sleeping hours per night is a count variable.

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Frequency

2000

1500

1000

500

5 6 7 8

- Analysis:
 - Point estimates.
 - Confidence intervals.
 - Hypothesis testing in one population.
 - Continuous response (number of sleep hours).

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```
library(NHANES)
data(NHANES)
#dim(NHANES)
sleep<-na.omit(NHANES$SleepHrsNight)
length(sleep)
```

```
## [1] 7755
```

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```
mean(sleep)
```

Population mean

```
## [1] 6.927531
```

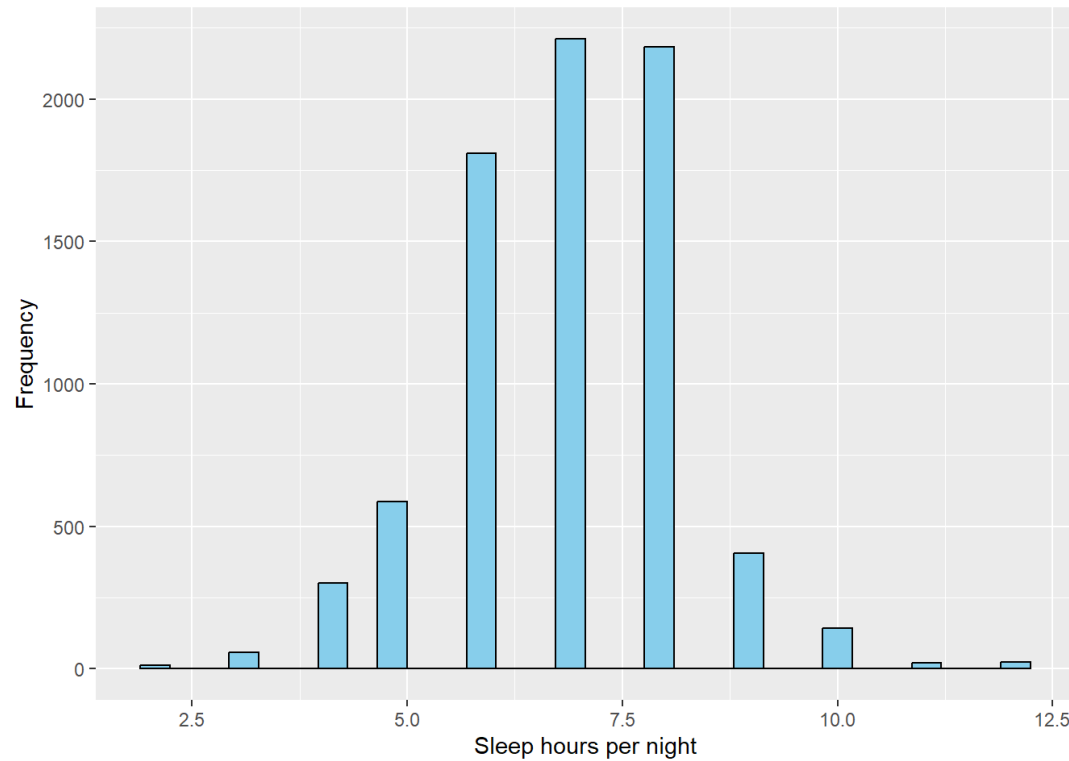
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```
var(sleep)
```

Population variance

```
## [1] 1.81368
```


The number of sleep hours per night in the population



$$n = 7755$$

$$\mu = 6.927$$

$$\sigma = 1.813$$

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```
ggplot(NHANES, aes(x = SleepHrsNight)) +  
  geom_histogram(fill = "skyblue", color = "black")+  
  ylab("Frequency")+  
  xlab("Sleep hours per night")
```

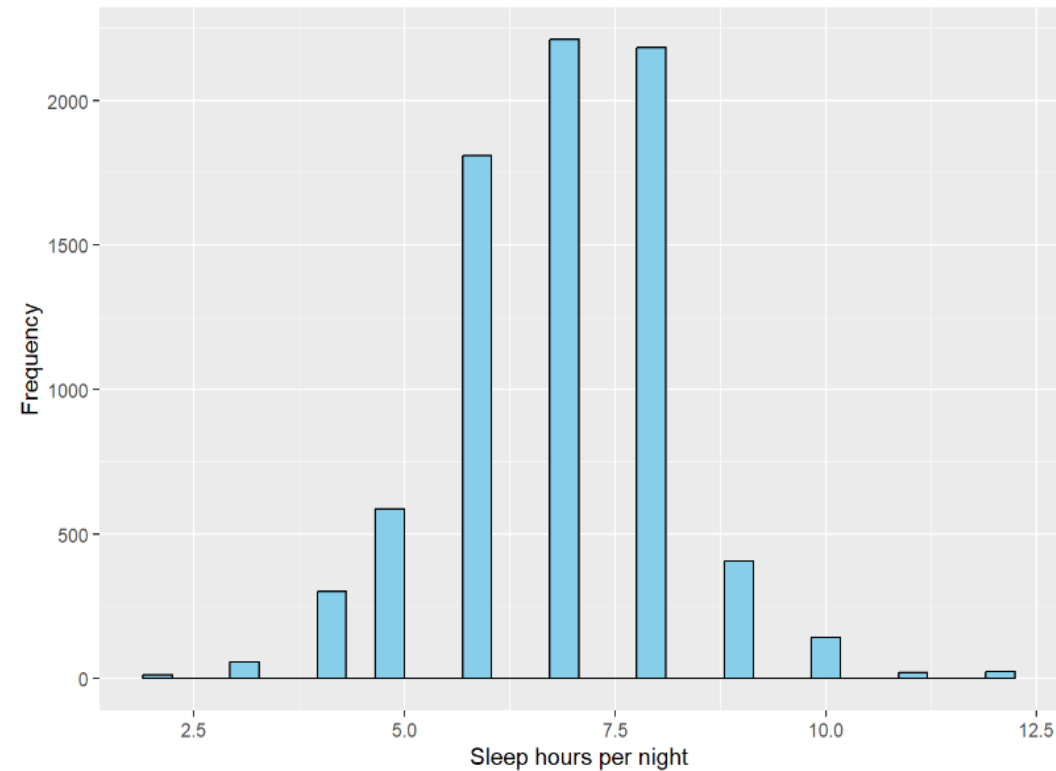


Figure 19: Histogram of sleep hours per night.

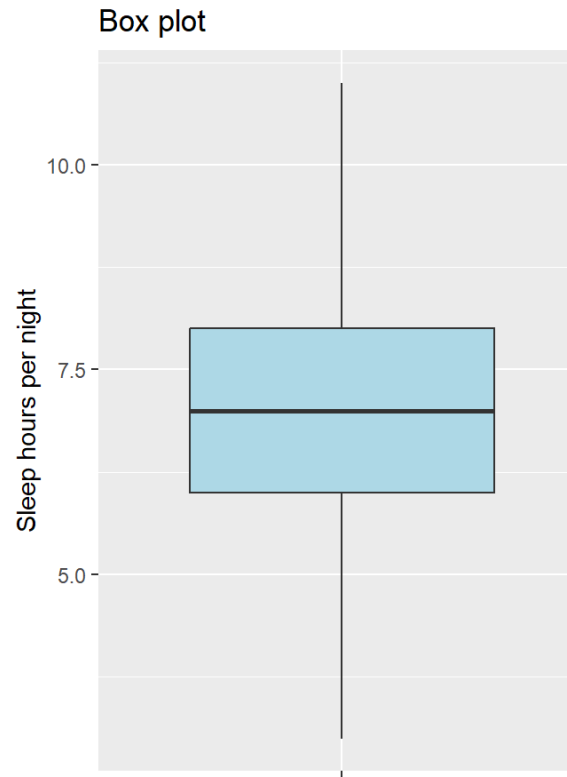
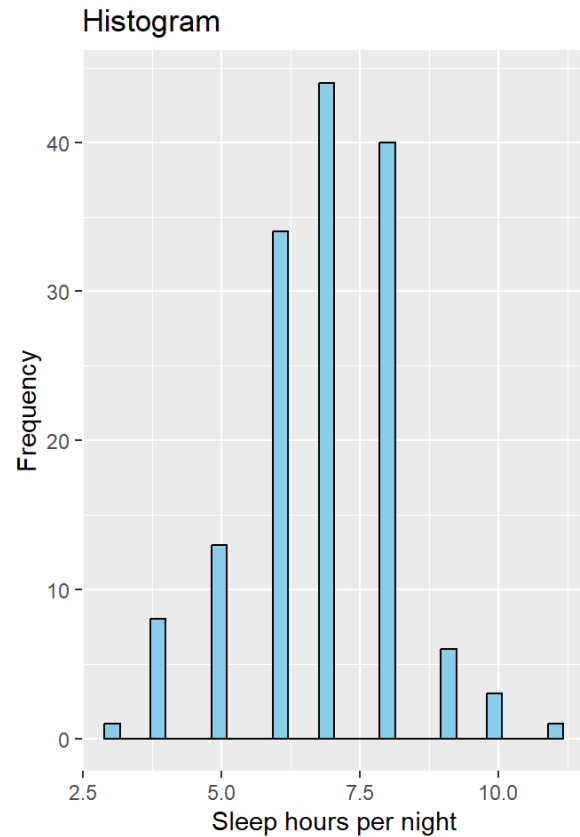
Case study 3:

Point estimates

A random sample from the population

- Population size: 7755.
- We draw a random sample from the population.
- Sample size: 150.

A random sample from the population



- A random sample from the population:

$$n = 150$$

$$\bar{x} = 6.846$$

$$s^2 = 1.862$$

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A random sample of size 150 from the population

We draw a sample of 150 individuals from the population ($n = 150$). The point estimates for the sample are $\bar{x} = 6.8466$ and $\sigma^2 = 1.8622$.

```
set.seed(456789)
x.sleep<-sample(na.omit(NHANES$SleepHrsNight),size=150,replace=FALSE)
length(x.sleep)
```

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```
## [1] 150
```

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```
## [1] 6.846667
```

$$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$

```
var(x.sleep)
```

```
## [1] 1.862237
```

$$S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$$

Sample mean and variance.

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```
box_sleep = ggplot(data.frame(SleepHrsNight = x.sleep), aes(x = "", y = SleepHrsNight)) +  
  geom_boxplot(fill = "lightblue") +  
  xlab("") +  
  ylab("Sleep hours per night") +  
  ggtitle("Box plot")
```

```
grid.arrange(hist_sleep, box_sleep, ncol = 2)
```

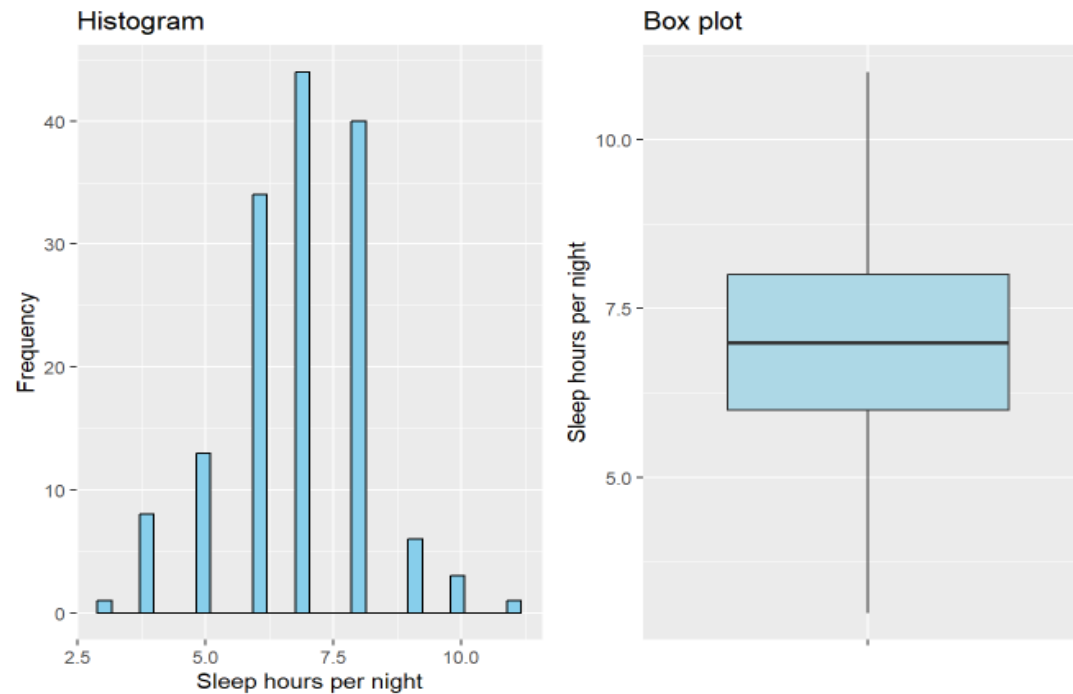


Figure 21: Histogram and box plot of sleep hours per night in the sample.

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Confidence interval for the population mean

Confidence interval for the population mean (Case 2)

If $X \sim F$

Then: $\bar{X} \sim N(\mu, \frac{S^2}{n})$

and $T_{\bar{X}} = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}} \sim N(0,1)$

3. X has an unknown distribution, but we have a **large sample** ($n > 30$)

$$E(X) = \mu$$

$$Var(X) = \sigma^2$$

The same as case 1 but we replace σ^2 by S^2 .

C.I. for case 2

Step 1: example, choose $1-\alpha = 0.95$

Step 2: case 2, so :

$$\boxed{\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2}{n}}} \sim N(0,1)} \quad \text{or} \quad \boxed{\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}} \sim N(0,1)}$$

Step 3: critical points: -1.96 and 1.96
(the same as in Case 1, since we are still using the **standard normal distribution** function)

Step 4: Calculate the point estimator (s) \bar{x} (and possibly s^2)

C.I. for case 2

Step 5: In the same manner as in Case 1:

The $(1-\alpha)$ CI for μ is :

$$\left[\bar{x} - z \sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2}{n}}, \bar{x} + z \sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2}{n}} \right] \quad \text{or} \quad \left[\bar{x} - z \sqrt{\frac{s^2}{n}}, \bar{x} + z \sqrt{\frac{s^2}{n}} \right]$$

Example for case 2

- Suppose X = number of sleep hours per night.
- X has an unknown distribution with unknown variance.
- But large sample ($n = 150 \gg 30$).

The 95% CI for μ : the mean number of sleep hours per night in the population.

Step 1: choose confidence level $1-\alpha = 0.95$

Step 2: case 2, so :

$$\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}} \sim N(0,1)$$

Step 3: critical points: -1.96 and 1.96

*(the same as in Case 1, since we are still using the
standard normal distribution function)*

Example for case 2

Step 4 : Calculate the point estimators:

$$\bar{x} = 6.8466 \text{ and } s^2 = 1.8622$$

Step 5 : In the same manner as in Case 1:

The $(1-\alpha)$ CI for μ is :

$$\Rightarrow \left[\bar{x} - z \sqrt{\frac{s^2}{n}}, \bar{x} + z \sqrt{\frac{s^2}{n}} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[6.8466 - 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{1.8622}{150}}, 6.8466 + 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{1.8622}{150}} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow [6.6283, 7.0650]$$

Example for case 2

- A 95% CI for the population mean μ of the number of sleep hours per night [6.6283, 7.0650]
- **Interpretations:**
 - Based on our sample, we are 95% confident that the true mean of number of sleep hours per night lie between 6.6283 and 7.0650.

A 95% C.I. for the mean sleep hours per night

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A 95% C.I for the mean sleep hours per night

The sample standard deviation and the standard error of the sample mean are equal to 1.3646 and 0.1114, respectively.

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```
n<-length(x.sleep)
SD.x<-sqrt(var(x.sleep))
SD.x
```

```
## [1] 1.364638 Standard deviation
```

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```
SE<-SD.x/sqrt(n)
SE
```

$$SE = \sqrt{\frac{s^2}{n}}$$

```
## [1] 0.1114222 Standard error of the sample mean
```

For the sample, the error margin for a 95% confidence interval is $m = 1.96 \times SE = 1.96 \times 0.1114$ and the confidence interval is given by

$$\bar{x} \pm m = 6.8466 \pm 0.2183 = (6.628279, 7.065054).$$

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```
LL<-mean(x.sleep)-1.96*SE
UL<-mean(x.sleep)+1.96*SE
c(LL,UL)
```

```
## [1] 6.628279 7.065054
```

A 95% C.I. for the mean sleep hours per night

- A 95% Confidence interval for the population mean using the R function `z.test()`.

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```
z.test(x.sleep, sd=SD.x)
```

```
##
## One Sample z-test
##
## data:  x.sleep
## z = 61.448, n = 150.00000, Std. Dev. = 1.36464, Std. Dev. of the sample
## mean = 0.11142, p-value < 2.2e-16
## alternative hypothesis: true mean is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## 6.628283 7.065050
## sample estimates:
## mean of x.sleep
## 6.846667
```

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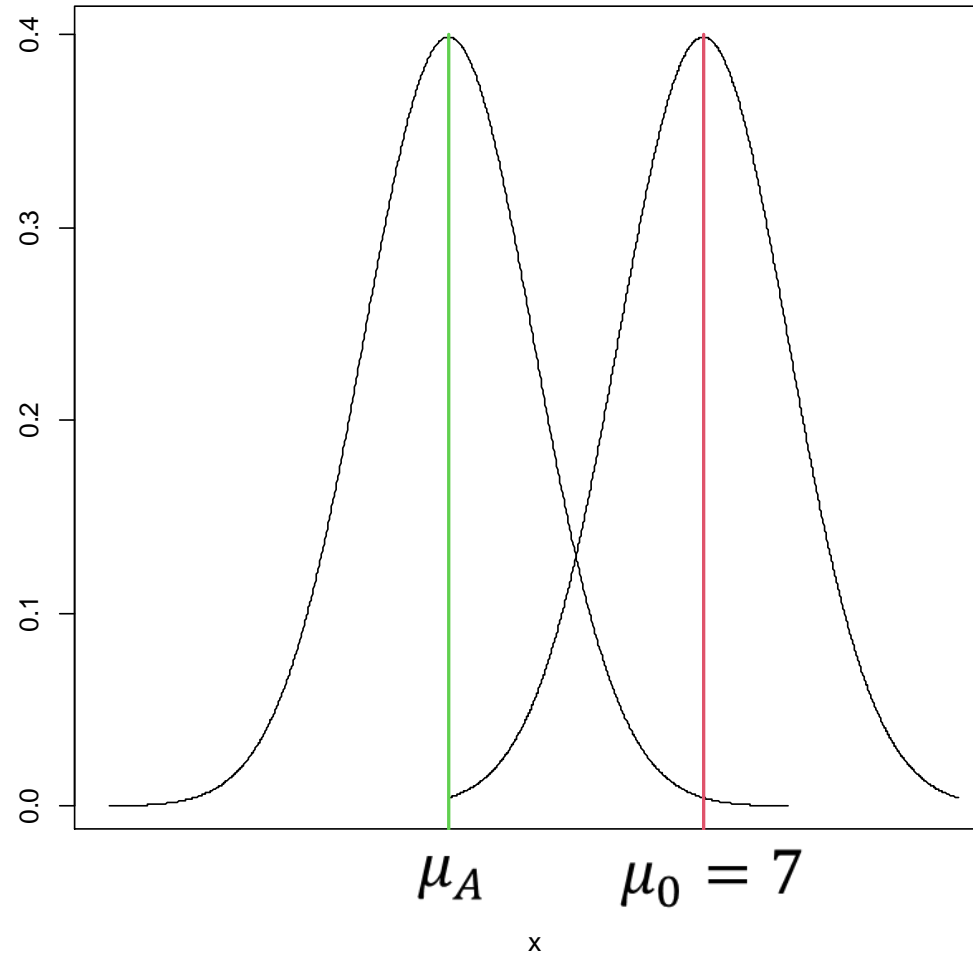
Hypotheses testing

Test of hypothesis: a one sided test

$$H_0: \mu = 7$$

$$H_A: \mu < 7$$

- We test the null hypothesis versus a one sided alternative.
- In our case, under the alternative the mean is smaller than 7 (but not specified).

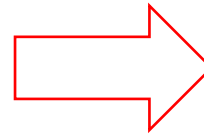


The null hypothesis

Test statistic

$$t = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\sqrt{\frac{1.3646^2}{150}}} = -1.3761$$

The population variance σ^2 is unknown but... $n=150$.



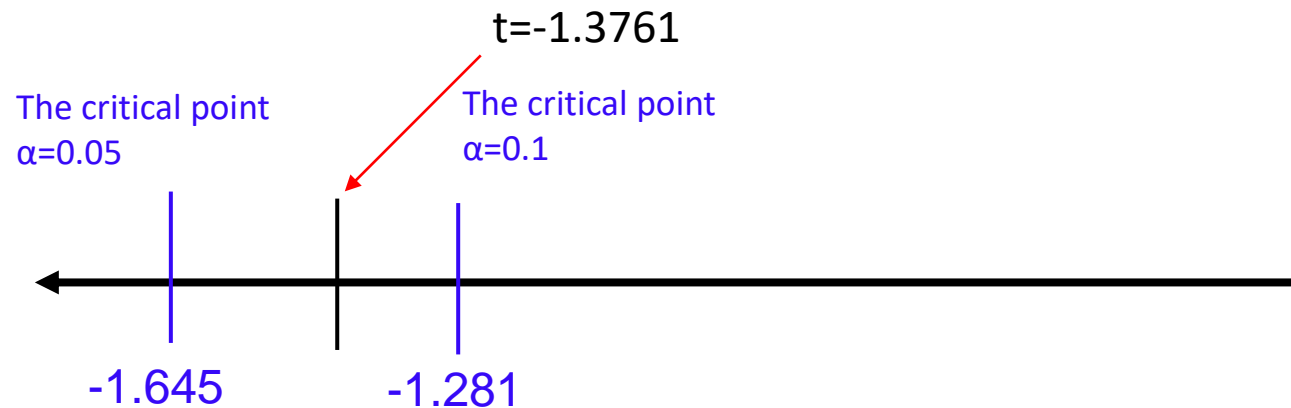
$$\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}} \sim N(0,1)$$

The critical points and the test statistic

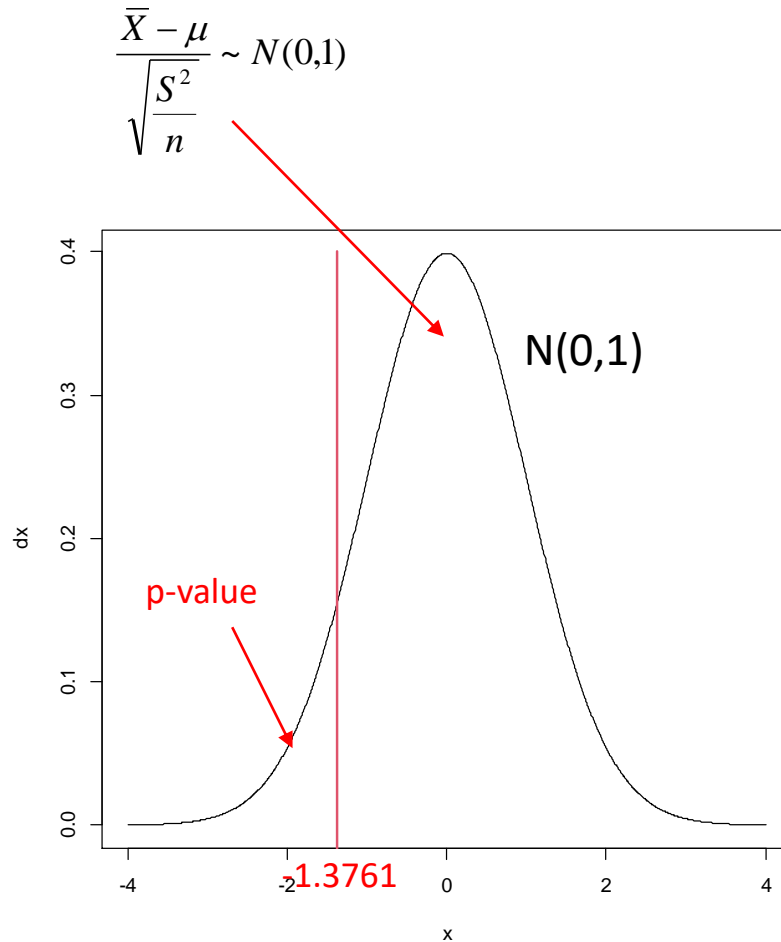
For one sided test and $\alpha=0.05$, $Z=-1.645$.

For one sided test and $\alpha=0.1$, $Z=-1.281$.

For $\alpha=0.1$ We reject H_0 : $-1.3761 < -1.281$.



p-value



$$H_0: \mu = 7$$

$$H_A: \mu < 7$$

$$P(Z < -1.3761) = 0.08439$$

- For $\alpha=0.05$, we DO NOT reject the null hypothesis.
- For $\alpha=0.1$, we reject the null hypothesis.

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We wish to test the null hypothesis $\mu = 7$ against a one sided alternative $H_1 : \mu < 7$. This can be done using the argument `alternative = 'less'` in the function `z.test`. Note that we assume that in the population, $\sigma = 1.3646$. As can be seen in the panel below, for the sample, the mean number of sleeping hours is equal to $\bar{x} = 6.8466$ and the test statistic is equal to -1.3761 . The $p=0.08439 > 0.05$. We cannot reject the null hypothesis and conclude that $\mu = 7$.

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```
mean(x.sleep)
```

```
## [1] 6.846667
```

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```
sqrt(var(x.sleep))
```

```
## [1] 1.364638
```

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```
z.test(x.sleep,mu=7, 1.364638, alternative = 'less')
```

```
##
## One Sample z-test
##
## data: x.sleep
## z = -1.3761, n = 150.00000, Std. Dev. = 1.36464, Std. Dev. of the
## sample mean = 0.11142, p-value = 0.08439
## alternative hypothesis: true mean is less than 7
## 95 percent confidence interval:
##      -Inf 7.02994
## sample estimates:
## mean of x.sleep
##      6.846667
```