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Making R based education materials in statistics accessible for all

## Introduction to Statistical inference and estimation using R:

Foundations of inference (one population)

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**Chapter 4:** Foundations for inference

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- In this part of the course, we cover mainly Chapter 4 and Section 5.1.
- The examples that are used for illustration are not the same as the examples in the book.

Chapter 4 & 5.1: Foundations for inference



#### Software

- R functions: Hypothesis testing for one/two samples
  - z.test().
  - t.test().
- R program for the examples is available onlne.



#### **Datasets**

- Data are given as a part of R programs for the course.
- External datasets (which are not given as a part of the R code) and used for illustration are available online.

#### **Topics**

- 1. Samples and populations.
- 2. Point estimators.
- 3. Variability of the sample mean.
- 4. Confidence intervals.
- 5. Hypotheses testing in one population.
- 6. Decision errors.
- 7. Hypotheses testing using t distribution.



# Part 1: Samples and populations



#### 1.1: Notations and definitions

#### **Populations**

- The population is the 'big picture' of which we are certain parameters want to know, but we have all sorts of reasons (practical, physical, financial, ...) can not fully observe.
- examples:
- The birth lengths of all children as last year were recorded in all Flemish maternity hospitals.
- The results of the parliamentary elections in Belgium if today would be voted.
- The blood of the inhabitants of the European Union.

## Sample

 A Sample: is a portion of a population taken in such a way that it would represent the population that we would like to investigate.

#### Populations and samples

- 1. A population can be described by the random variable X.
- 2. A sample from that population of X:  $X_1$ , ...,  $X_n$  have the same distribution as X and independent.

## Population and sample: notations

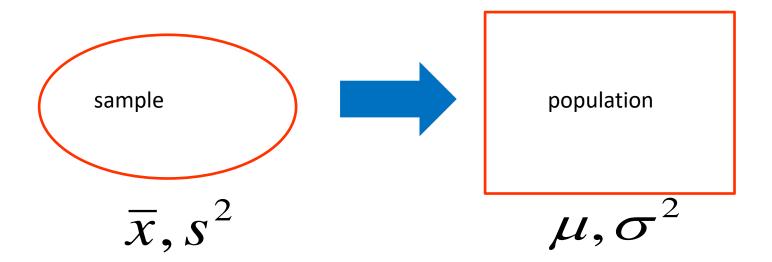
Population : X sample  $X_1, X_2, ..., X_N$ 

 $X_i$ : Random variable from the population.

 $\mu,\sigma^2$  : The unknown parameters.

## Population and sample: notaions

• Based on a sample of size n from a population, we try to make a statement about the population.



#### Example

 Population: ozone level in parts per billion from 1300 to 1500 hours at Roosevelt Island.

$$X_1, X_2, ..., X_N$$

uknown parameters

$$E(X) = \mu = ?$$

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

 $X_i$  = ozone levels in parts per billion.

## Example: the airquality data in R

Daily air quality measurements in New York, May to September 1973.

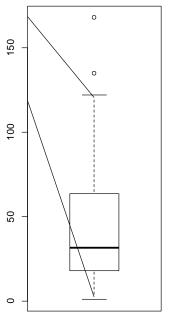
```
> help(airquality)
> airquality$Ozone
  [1]
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        23
            36
                               Missing values
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#### Graphical output

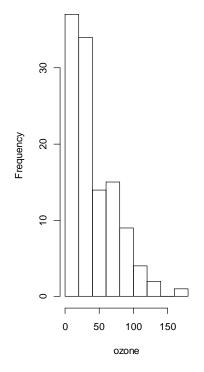
```
> ozone<-na.omit(airquality$Ozone)
> length(ozone)
[1] 116
> par(mfrow=c(1,2))
> boxplot(ozone)
```

A skew distribution with "long" right tail.

> hist(ozone)



#### Histogram of ozone





## 1.2 Random samples in R

#### Random sample form a normal distribution

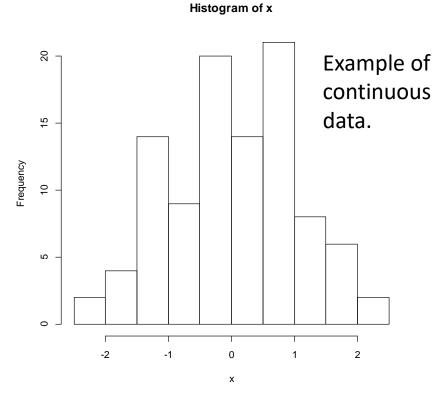
#### Population:

$$X_i \sim N(\mu = 0, \sigma = 1)$$

Random sample, n=100

$$X_1, X_2, ..., X_{100}$$

- > x < -rnorm(100, 0, 1)
- > hist(x)



Histogram of 100 observations from N(0,1).

## Random sample form a Binomial distribution

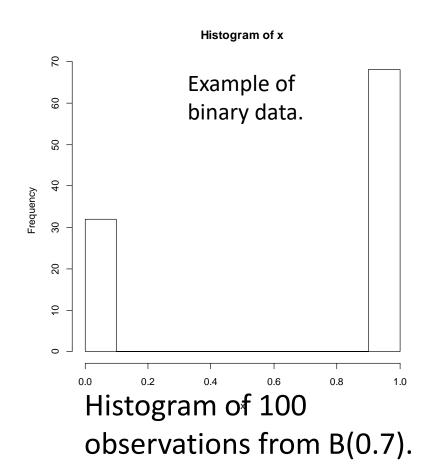
#### Population:

$$X_i \sim B(100, \pi = 0.7)$$

Random sample, n=100

$$X_1, X_2, ..., X_{100}$$

>x<-rbinom(100,1,0.7) >hist(x)



#### Random sample form a Poisson

```
Population: X_i \sim P(3)
Random sample, n=100 X_1, X_2, ..., X_{100}
```



#### Part 2:

Point estimation for population mean  $\mu$  and population variance  $\sigma^2$ 

## Sample Statistics as Estimators of Population Parameters

• A sample statistic is a numerical measure of a summary characteristic of a sample.

• A population parameter is a numerical measure of a summary characteristic of a population.

• An estimator of a population parameter is a sample statistic used to estimate the population parameter.

## Definition: sample mean and sample variance

If  $X_1, ..., X_n$  is a random sample from a population X then:

$$\overline{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i$$
 The sample mean

$$S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (X_i - \overline{X})^2$$
 The sample variance

#### The mean and the variance

The mean and the variance of the sample values:

$$\overline{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i$$

$$s^{2} = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_{i} - \bar{x})^{2}$$
$$= \left(\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i}^{2}\right) - \left(\frac{n}{n-1} \bar{x}^{2}\right)$$

## Example: the airquality data

The estimators for the unknown parameter  $(\mu, \sigma)$  in the population

$$\overline{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_{i}$$

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

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

Point estimators of the population parameters in R:

- > ozone=airquality\$Ozone
- > meanozone=mean(ozone, na.rm=T)
- > meanozone

[1] 42.12931

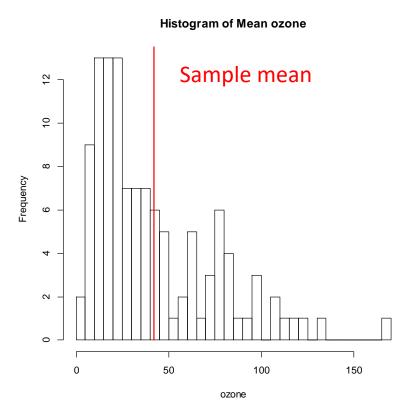
- > varozone=var(ozone,na.rm=T)
- > varozone

[1] 1088.201

> sqrt(varozone)
[1] 32.98788

## Graphical output

```
> hist(ozone,breaks=25,main="Histogram of Mean ozone")
> lines(c(meanozone,meanozone),c(0,23),col="red",lwd=2)
> text(meanozone,25,round(meanozone,2))
> text(100,25,"point estimate of mean ozone ",col=3)
```



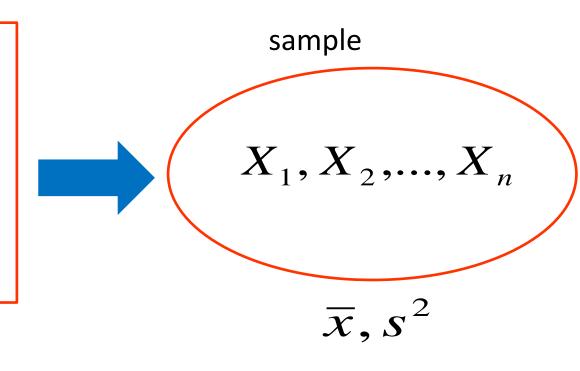
#### Population and sample

**Population** 

$$X_1, X_2, ..., X_N$$

 $\mu, \sigma^2$ 

Unknown parameters of the population.



Parameter estimates for the sample. 29

## Example: Average Heights and Weights for American Women

The data set gives the average heights and weights for 15 American women aged 30–39.

```
> help(women)
> women
   height weight
1
       58
              115
2
       59
              117
3
       60
             120
4
       61
             123
5
       62
             126
6
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             129
       64
             132
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              142
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       68
              146
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       69
              150
13
             154
       70
14
       71
              159
       72
15
              164
```

Sample size.

## Example: Average Heights and Weights for American Women

#### Parameter estimates for height:

#### Estimator for $\mu$

- > womenheight=women\$height
- > meanheight=mean(womenheight,na.rm=T)
- > meanheight

$$\Rightarrow \overline{x} = \frac{1}{15} \sum_{i=1}^{15} x_i = 65$$

#### Estimator for $\sigma^2$

- > womenheight=women\$height
- > varheight=var(womenheight,na.rm=T)
- > varheight

$$s^{2} = \frac{1}{14} \sum_{i=1}^{15} (x_{i} - \bar{x})^{2} = 20$$



#### Part 3: Variability of estimates

4.1.1: The Sampling Distributions of the sample mean

4.1.2: Standard error of the mean

## Basic properties for a sample mean $\mu$ and a sample variance $\sigma^2$

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Section 4.1

#### The sample mean

Let  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$ , ...,  $X_n$  is a random sample from a population X with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ :

$$E(X_i) = \mu$$
$$Var(X_i) = \sigma^2$$

Parameters of the population

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

Random variable in the sample.

$$E(\overline{X}) = ?$$
 $Var(\overline{X}) = ?$ 

## The variance of the sample mean

If the population X have mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$  i.e., E (X) =  $\mu$  and Var (X) =  $\sigma^2$ , then the sample mean  $\overline{X}$  is a mean and variance given by:

$$E(\overline{X}) = \mu$$

$$Var(\overline{X}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$$

## The sample variance

• The sample variance  $S^2$  is an estimator of the population variance  $\sigma^2$ 

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

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

## Sampling Distributions of the sample mean

- $\overline{X}$  is a random variable. Its value is determined partly by which people are randomly chosen to be in the sample.
- Many possible samples, many possible  $\overline{X}$  's.
- •The variance of the sample mean:

$$Var(\overline{X}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$$

 The variance of the sample mean is reduced as the sample size increases.

#### Example

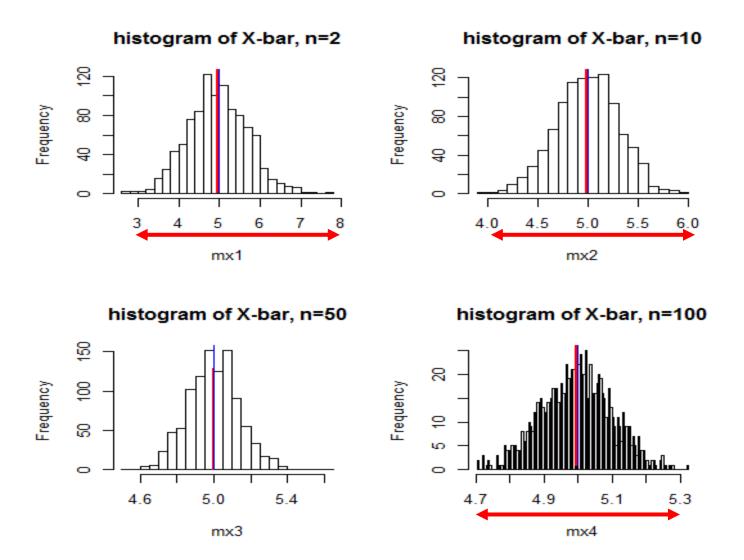
```
> mx1=c(1:1000)
> mx2=c(1:1000)
> mx3=c(1:1000)
> mx4=c(1:1000)
> for(i in 1:1000)
+ {
+ sample1=rnorm(2,5,1)
+ sample2=rnorm(10,5,1)
+ sample3=rnorm(50,5,1)
+ sample4=rnorm(100,5,1)
+ mx1[i]=mean(sample1)
+ mx2[i]=mean(sample2)
+ mx3[i]=mean(sample3)
+ mx4[i]=mean(sample4)
> mean (mx1)
[1] 4.967702
```

#### Example:

- 4 samples from normal distribution.
- Sample size=1000.

Sampling from normal distributions.

#### Graphical output: distribution of the sample mean



- n: sample size.
- Distribution of the sample mean for different values of n.

## Example for graphical output

```
> par(mfrow=c(2,2))
> hist(mx1,breaks=20, main="histogram of X-bar, n=2")
> lines(c(mean(mx1),mean(mx1)),c(1,129),col="red",lwd=2)
> lines(c(5,5),c(1,1000),col="blue")
> hist(mx2,breaks=20, main="histogram of X-bar, n=10")
> lines(c(mean(mx2),mean(mx2)),c(1,129),col="red",lwd=2)
> lines(c(5,5),c(1,1000),col="blue")
> hist(mx3,breaks=20, main="histogram of X-bar, n=50")
> lines(c(mean(mx3),mean(mx3)),c(1,129),col="red",lwd=2)
> lines(c(5,5),c(1,1000),col="blue")
> hist(mx4,breaks=200, main="histogram of X-bar, n=100")
> lines(c(mean(mx4),mean(mx4)),c(1,129),col="red",lwd=2)
> lines(c(5,5),c(1,1000),col="blue")
```

## Distribution of the sample mean

We distinguish between three cases:

- 1. X has a normal distribution with unknown  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$  known.
- 2. X has an unknown distribution, but we have a large sample.
- 3. X has a normal distribution with unknown  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$  and small sample.

## Distribution of the sample mean: case 1

When the sample comes from a normal population with known  $\sigma^2$ , i.e:

$$X_i \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$
  $i = 1,...,n$ 

Then for the sample mean :  $\overline{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i$ 

$$\overline{X} \sim N(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n})$$

$$Z_{\overline{X}} = \frac{\overline{X} - \mu}{\sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2}{n}}} \sim N(0,1)$$

## Distribution of the sample mean: case 2

If the sample comes from a population whose distribution is unknown, but the sample size is large (in practice n> 30), then approximate:

$$\overline{X} \sim N(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n})$$

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

If the variance in the population  $\sigma^2$  is unknown, use the parameter estimate, the sample variance  $s^2$ :

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

#### $\sigma^2$ and $S^2$

The population variance  $\sigma^2$  is usually not known. We can use the estimator for  $\sigma^2$ : sample variance  $S^2$ .

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

The sample variance S<sup>2</sup> is an unbiased estimator of the population variance

$$Var(\overline{X}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$$
  $SE(\overline{X}) = \sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}$ 

The standard error of the sample mean.

## Distribution of the sample mean: case 3

If the sample comes from a population whose distribution is normal and the variance is unknown, and the sample is small, then:

$$T_{\overline{X}} = \frac{\overline{X} - \mu}{\sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}} \sim t_{(n-1)}$$

A Student t-distribution with (n-1) degrees of freedom is denoted by t (n-1).

## The standard error of the sample mean

An estimate for the standard error of the sample mean.

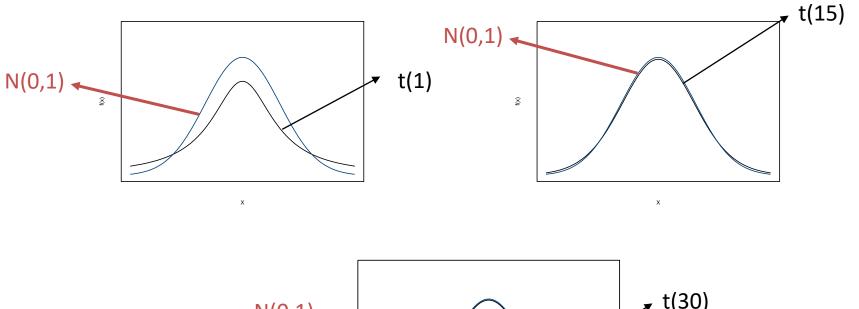
$$SE = \frac{S}{\sqrt{n}}$$
 The standard deviation. The sample size.

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## Student's t-distributions, and N (0,1)



N(0,1) (30)

## Example

$$X \sim t_{(13)}$$

What is the value of a, so that

$$P(X > a) = 0.025$$
 ?

#### Student's t-distribution

p	0.25	0.1	0.05	0.025	0.01	0.005	0.001
df							
1	1	3.078	6.314	12.706	31.821	63.657	318.309
2	0.817	1.886	2.92	4.303	6.965	9.925	22.327
3	0.765	1.638	2.353	3.182	4.541	5.841	10.215
4	0.741	1.533	2.132	2.776	3.747	4.604	7.173
5	0.727	1.476	2.015	2.571	3.365	4.032	5.893
6	0.718	1.44	1.943	2.447	3.143	3.707	5.208
7	0.711	1.415	1.895	2.365	2.998	3.499	4.785
8	0.706	1.397	1.86	2.306	2.896	3.355	4.501
9	0.703	1.383	1.833	2.262	2.821	3.25	4.297
10	0.7	1.372	1.812	2.228	2.764	3.169	4.144
11	0.697	1.363	1.796	2.201	2.718	3.106	4.025
12	0.696	1.356	1.782	2.179.	2.681	3.055	3.93
13	0.694	1.35	1.771	2.16	2.65	3.012	3.852
14	0.692	1.345	1.761	2.145	2.624	2.977	3.787
15	0.691	1.341	1.753	2.131	2.602	2.947	3.733
16	0.69	1.337	1.746	2.12	2.583	2.921	3.686
17	0.689	1.333	1.74	2.11	2.567	2.898	3.646
18	0.688	1.33	1.734	2.101	2.552	2.878	3.61
19	0.688	1.328	1.729	2.093	2.539	2.861	3.579
20	0.687	1.325	1.725	2.086	2.528	2.845	3.552
21	0.686	1.323	1.721	2.08	2.518	2.831	3.527
22	0.686	1.321	1.717	2.074	2.508	2.819	3.505
23	0.685	1.319	1.714	2.069	2.5	2.807	3.485
24	0.685	1.318	1.711	2.064	2.492	2.797	3.467
25	0.684	1.316	1.708	2.06	2.485	2.787	3.45
26	0.684	1.315	1.706	2.056	2.479	2.779	3.435
27	0.684	1.314	1.703	2.052	2.473	2.771	3.421
28	0.683	1.313	1.701	2.048	2.467	2.763	3.408
29	0.683	1.311	1.699	2.045	2.462	2.756	3.396
30	0.683	1.31	1.697	2.042	2.457	2.75	3.385
40	0.681	1.303	1.684	2.021	2.423	2.704	3.307
50	0.679	1.299	1.676	2	2.403	2.678	3.261
60	0.679	1.31	1.671	2.009	2.39	2.66	3.232
120	0.677	1.289	1.658	1.98	2.358	2.61	3.16
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Look in row labeled
13 and column labeled
.025 to find P(x>2.16)
= 0.025

$$P(X > 2.16) = 0.025$$

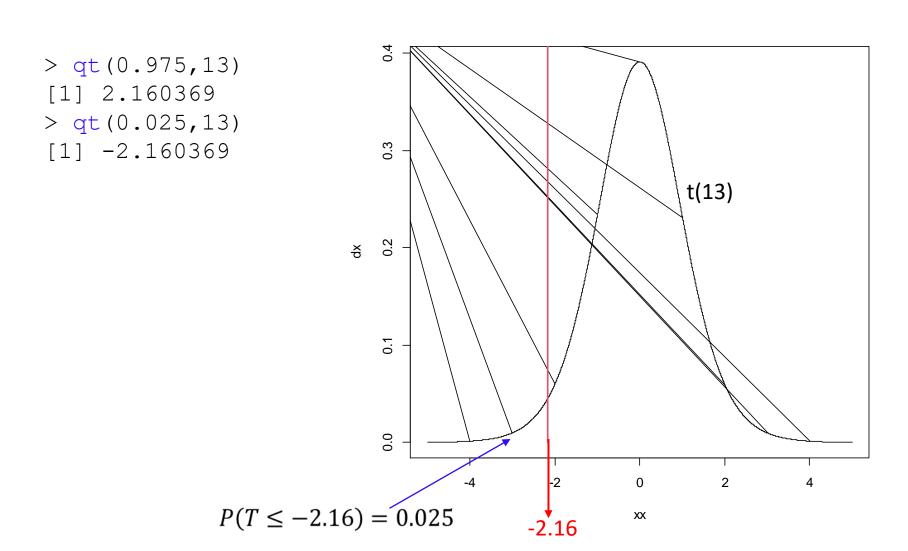
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40	0.681	1.303	1.684	2.021	2.423	2.704	3.30		
50	0.679	1.299	1.676	2	2.403	2.678	3.26		
60		1.31	1.671	2.009	2.39	2.66	3.23		
120		1.289	1.658	1.98	2.358	2.61	3.1		
00	0.674	1.282	1.645	1.960	2.326	2.576	3.000		

$$P(T > 2.16) = 0.025$$

$$P(T < -2.16) = 0.025$$

#### Student's t-distribution in R



	Case 1	Case 2	Case 3	
Distribution of the population	$X_i \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$	$X_i \sim unkown$	$X_i \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$	
$oldsymbol{\sigma}^2$	Known	Known / Not known	Not known	
Sample size	No condition	≥ 30	< 30	
Distribution of the sample mean	$\overline{X} \sim N(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n})$	$\overline{X} \sim N(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n})$ $\overline{X} \sim N(\mu, \frac{S^2}{n})$		
Standardized distribution	$\frac{\overline{X} - \mu}{\sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2}{n}}} \sim N(0,1)$	$\frac{\overline{X} - \mu}{\sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2 of S^2}{n}}} \sim N(0,1)$	$\frac{\overline{X} - \mu}{\sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}} \sim t_{(n-1)}$	



## Part 4: Confidence intervals

## Interval Estimation for a population mean $\mu$

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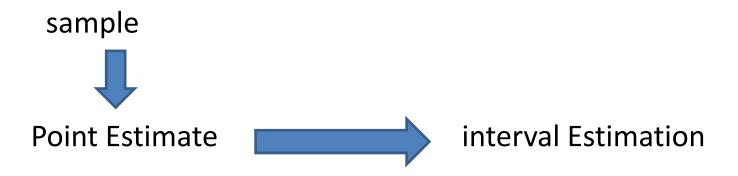
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Section 4.2

#### **Interval Estimation**



- On the basis of the sample, we find an interval in parameter space which contains this parameter  $\mu$  "almost always"
- Such an interval is called a confidence interval

#### Confidence interval

On the basis of the sample, we find an interval [L, R] so:

$$P(\mu \in [L,R]) = \text{"large"}$$
 
$$L$$
 
$$R$$
 
$$\text{Right limit}$$

We find an interval [L, R] that contains the value of the population mean  $(\mu)$  with "high probability"

#### Confidence interval

Large 
$$\rightarrow$$
 1 -  $\alpha$ 

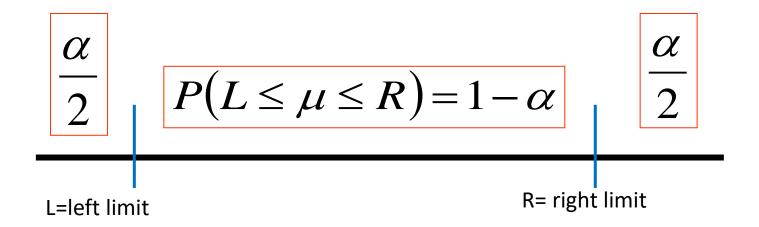
$$P(L \leq \mu \leq R) = 1 - \alpha$$

Example:  $\alpha = 0.05 \Rightarrow 1 - \alpha = 0.95$ 

Confidence level

#### Confidence interval

We are looking for an interval that



$$\alpha = 5\% \Rightarrow 1 - \alpha = 95\%$$

$$\frac{\alpha}{2} = 2.5\%$$

$$P(L \le \mu \le R) = 95\%$$

$$\frac{\alpha}{2} = 2.5\%$$

## A confidence interval for a population mean

- How can we calculate L and R?
- Cl calculate in 5 steps:
  - Step 1: choose a confidence level 1-α
     (e.g. 90%, 95%, 99%)
  - Step 2: decision on the basis of the data in which case you are in (1, 2 or 3)
  - Step 3: Find the critical points in the correct table
     (Standard Normal or t-table)
  - Step 4: calculate the point estimators for  $\mu$  ( $\sigma$ 2 and if not known)
  - Step 5: calculate the confidence interval

#### Case 1

If 
$$X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

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$$X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$
 then:  $\overline{X} \sim N(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n})$ 

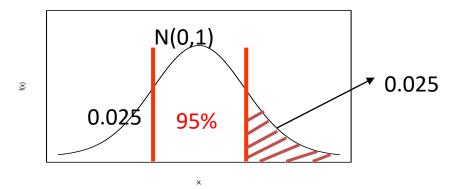
And 
$$Z_{\overline{X}} = \frac{\overline{X} - \mu}{\sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2}{n}}} \sim N(0,1)$$

1. X has <u>a normal</u>
<u>distribution</u> wit
unknown μ and
known σ². distribution with known  $\sigma^2$ .

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

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

Stap 3: critical point:



Tabel 3: Standaard normale verdeling



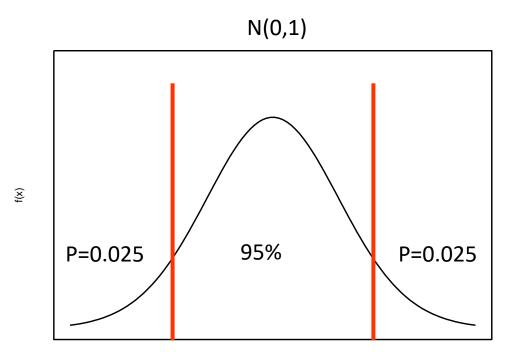
		$\Phi(x)=\int\limits_{-\infty}^{\infty}rac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-t^2/2}dt$								
×	.00	.01	.02	.03	.04	.05	.06	.07	.08	.09
.0	.5000	.5040	.5080	.5120	.5160	.5199	.5239	.5279	.5319	.5359
.1	.5398	.5438	.5478	.5517	.5557	.5596	.5636	.5675	.5714	.5753
.2	.5793	.5832	.5871	.5910	.5948	.5987	.6026	.6064	.6103	.6141
.3	.6179	.6217	.6255	.6293	.6331	.6368	.6406	.6443	.6480	.6517
.4	.6554	.6591	.6628	.6664	.6700	.6736	.6772	.6808	.6844	.6879
.5	.6915	.6950	.6985	.7019	.7054	.7088	.7123	.7157	.7190	.7224
.6	.7257	.7291	.7324	.7357	.7389	.7422	.7454	.7486	.7517	.7549
.7	.7580	.7611	.7642	.7673	.7704	.7734	.7764	.7794	.7823	.7852
.8	.7881	.7910	.7939	.7967	.7995	.8023	.8051	.8078	.8106	.8133
.9	.8159	.8186	.8212	.8238	.8264	.8289	.8315	.8340	.8365	.8389
1.0	.8413	.8438	.8461	.8485	.8508	.8531	.8554	.8577	.8599	.8621
1.1	.8643	.8665	.8686	.8708	.8729	.8749	.8770	.8790	.8810	.8830
1.2	.8849	.8869	.8888	.8907	.8925	.8944	.8962	.8980	.8997	.9015
1.3	.9032	.9049	.9066	.9082	.9099	.9115	.9131	.9147	.9162	.9177
1.4	.9192	.9207	.9222	.9236	.9251	.9265	.9279	.9292	.9306	.9319
1.5	.9332	.9345	.9357	.9370	.9382	.9394	.9406	.9418	.9429	.9441
1.6	.9452	.9463	.9474	.9484	.9495	.9505	.9515	.9525	.9535	.9545
1.7	.9554	.9564	.9573	.9582	.9591	.9599	.9608	.9616	.9625	.9633
1.8	.9641	.9649	.9656	.9664	.9671	.9678	0686	.9693	.9699	.9706
1.9	.9713	.9719	.9726	.9732	.9738	.9744	.9750	.9756	.9761	.9767
2.0	.9772	.9778	.9783	.9788	.9793	.9798	.9803	.9808	.9812	.9817
2.1	.9821	.9826	.9830	.9834	.9838	.9842	.9846	.9850	.9854	.9857
2.2	.9861	.9864	.9868	.9871	.9875	.9878	.9881	.9884	.9887	.9890
2.3	.9893	.9896	.9898	.9901	.9904	.9906	.9909	.9911	.9913	.9916
2.4	.9918	.9920	.9922	.9925	.9927	.9929	.9931	.9932	.9934	.9936
2.5	.9938	.9940	.9941	.9943	.9945	.9946	.9948	.9949	.9951	.9952
2.6	.9953	.9955	.9956	.9957	.9959	.9960	.9961	.9962	.9963	.9964
2.7	.9965	.9966	.9967	.9968	.9969	.9970	.9971	.9972	.9973	.9974
2.8	.9974	.9975	.9976	.9977	.9977	.9978	.9979	.9979	.9980	.9981
2.9	.9981	.9982	.9982	.9983	.9984	.9984	.9985	.9985	.9986	.9986
3.0	.9987	.9987	.9987	.9988	.9988	.9989	.9989	.9989	.9990	.9990
3.1	.9990	.9991	.9991	.9991	.9992	.9992	.9992	.9992	.9993	.9993
3.2	. 9993	.9993	.9994	.9994	.9994	.9994	.9994	.9995	.9995	.9995
3.3	. 9995	.9995	.9995	.9996	.9996	.9996	.9996	.9996	.9996	.9997
3.4	.9997	.9997	.9997	.9997	.9997	.9997	.9997	.9997	.9997	.9998

$$P(Z < 1.96) = 0.975$$

$$P(Z > 1.96) = 0.025$$

#### Critical value in R

```
> qnorm(0.025,0,1)
[1] -1.959964
> qnorm(0.975,0,1)
[1] 1.959964
>
```



Critical point =-1.96  $\times$  Critical point =1.96

From the table of the standard normal distribution, we find that :

$$P\left(-1.96 \le \frac{\overline{X} - \mu}{\sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2}{n}}} \le 1.96\right) = 0.95$$

Thus, critical points: -1.96 and 1.96

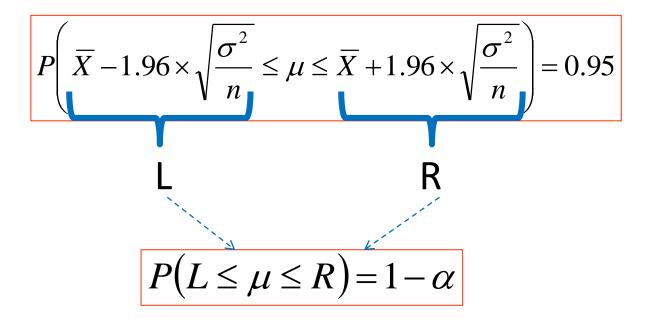
Step 4: calculate the point estimator :

Step 5: calculate the CI

For this, we know: 
$$P\left(-1.96 \le \frac{\overline{X} - \mu}{\sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2}{n}}} \le 1.96\right) = 0.95$$

or, after the conversion of the formula:

$$P\left(\overline{X} - 1.96 \times \sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2}{n}} \le \mu \le \overline{X} + 1.96 \times \sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2}{n}}\right) = 0.95$$



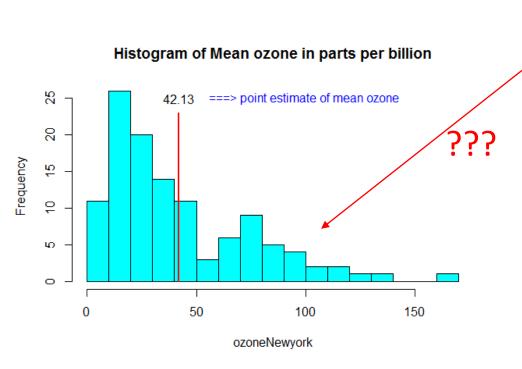
So, a  $(1-\alpha)$  CI for  $\mu$  is :

$$\left[ \frac{1}{x} - z \sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2}{n}}, \frac{1}{x} + z \sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2}{n}} \right]$$

## Example for case 1

#### The airquality data

- Daily reading of the mean ozone in parts per billion value at Roosevelt Island from May 1, 1973 to Sep 30, 1973 were use.
- X = Daily reading of ozone value



$$X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

and  $\sigma^2 = 1024$  known

Sample (n = 116) from population

The sample mean  $\bar{x} = 42.13$ 

#### The mean

$$X_i \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2 = 1024)$$

- The mean is unknown parameter.
- 1. Determine a point estimator for ozone value
- 2. Determine a 95% CI for the mean of the ozone values

## Example for case 1

The 95% CI for  $\mu$ : the mean ozone value in the population

- **Step 1**: Choose a confidence level  $1-\alpha = 0.95$
- Stap 2: : Decide on the basis of the data in which case you are in: population is normally distributed
  - σ<sup>2</sup> known
  - → Case 1, so normal distribution
- Stap 3 Find the critical points in the appropriate table N(0,1): 1.96 and 1.96
- **Stap 4**: Calculate the point estimator for  $\mu$ :
- **Stap 5**: calculate the confidence interval for  $\bar{x} = 42.13$

#### Example for case 1

$$P\left(\overline{X} - 1.96 \times \sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2}{n}} \le \mu \le \overline{X} + 1.96 \times \sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2}{n}}\right) = 0.95$$

$$R$$

$$42.13 - 1.96 \times \sqrt{\frac{1024}{116}}$$

$$= 36.306$$

$$42.13 + 1.96 \times \sqrt{\frac{1024}{116}}$$

$$= 47.973$$

A 95% CI for the population mean  $\mu$  of the ozone value [36.306, 47.953]

#### **Interpretations:**

Based on our sample, we are 95% confident that the true mean of ozone value lie in between 36.306 and 47.973

## Confidence interval using R

#### For Case 1

```
> ozone=na.omit(airquality$Ozone)
> sigma=32
> sem=sigma/sqrt(n)
> E=qnorm(0.975)*sem
> xbar=mean(ozone)
> xbar+c(-E,E)
```

[1] 36.30601 47.95261

## Analysis using the R package Teaching Demos

```
> library(TeachingDemos)
> ozone=na.omit(airquality$0zone)
                                      One sample test with normal distribution
> sigma=32
                                      using the function z.test()
> z.test(ozone,sd=sigma)
        One Sample z-test
data:
      ozone
z = 14.1796, n = 116.000, Std. Dev. = 32.000, Std. Dev. of the
sample mean = 2.971, p-value < 2.2e-16
alternative hypothesis: true mean is not equal to 0
95 percent confidence interval:
 36.30601 47.95261
sample estimates:
mean of ozone
     42.12931
```

## Case study 1a:

The airquality data: analysis of the average wind speed

# Confidence interval for the population mean



#### Case 2

If 
$$X \sim F$$

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

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

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  $\sigma^2$  by  $S^2$ .

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

Step 2: case 2, so:

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

or

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

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<sup>2</sup>)

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

The  $(1-\alpha)$  CI for  $\mu$  is :

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{x} - z\sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2}{n}}, -\frac{1}{x} + z\sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2}{n}} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{x} - z\sqrt{\frac{s^2}{n}}, -\frac{1}{x} + z\sqrt{\frac{s^2}{n}} \end{bmatrix}$$

### The airquality Data

- Suppose X = Daily reading of ozone value.
- X has an unknown distribution with unknown variance.
- But large sample (n = 116 >> 30).

The 95% CI for  $\mu$ : the mean ozone value in the population

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

**Step 2**: case 2, so :

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

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 estimators:

$$\chi = 42.13$$
 and  $s^2 = 1088.201$ 

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

The  $(1-\alpha)$  CI for  $\mu$  is :

$$=> \left[\frac{1}{x} - z\sqrt{\frac{s^2}{n}}, \frac{1}{x} + z\sqrt{\frac{s^2}{n}}\right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad 42.13 - 1.96\sqrt{\frac{1088.2}{116}}, \quad 42.13 + 1.96\sqrt{\frac{1088.2}{116}}$$

A 95% CI for the population mean  $\mu$  of the ozone value [36.126, 48.132]

#### **Interpretations:**

Based on our sample, we are 95% confident that the true mean of ozone value lie between 36.126 and 48.132.

# Confidence Interval using R

#### For Case 2

```
> ozone=na.omit(airquality$Ozone)
> sigma=sd(ozone)
> sem=sigma/sqrt(n)
> E=qnorm(0.975)*sem
> xbar=mean(ozone)
> xbar+c(-E,E)
```

[1] 36.12624 48.13238

# Analysis using the R package Teaching Demos

```
> library(TeachingDemos)
> ozone=na.omit(airquality$Ozone)
> z.test(ozone, sd=sd(ozone),conf.level = 0.95)
      One Sample z-test
data:
      ozone
z = 13.7549, n = 116.000, Std. Dev. = 32.988, Std.
Dev. of the sample mean = 3.063, p-value <
2.2e-16
alternative hypothesis: true mean is not equal to 0
95 percent confidence interval:
 36.12624 48.13238
sample estimates:
mean of ozone
     42.12931
```

If 
$$X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

If  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$  then:  $\overline{X} \sim N(\mu, \frac{S^2}{n})$ 

And 
$$T_{\overline{X}} = \frac{\overline{X} - \mu}{\sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}} \sim t(n-1)$$

3. X has a normal distribution with unknown  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$ 2. n is small.

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

We use t(n-1) instead of N(0,1).

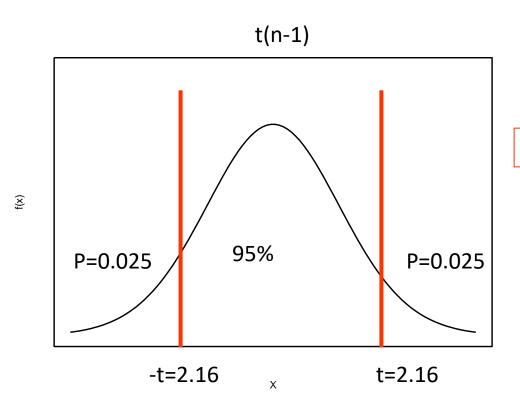
Stap 1: example, choose  $1-\alpha = 0.95$ 

Stap 2: case 3, so:

$$\frac{\overline{X} - \mu}{\sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}} \sim t_{(n-1)}$$

Stap 3: critical points: gives you the t-table value will depend on the number of degrees of freedom (and hence on the size of the sample)

Take for example, n = 14



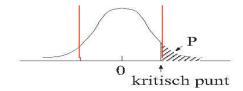
Example: n=14 and  $\alpha$ =0.05

From t table with 13 df, we find that

$$P\left(-2.16 \le \frac{\overline{X} - \mu}{\sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2}{n}}} \le 2.16\right) = 0.95$$

## Student t-distribution

Tabel 4: Kritische punten student t verdeling



Р	.25	.10	.05	.025	:010	.005	.001
v.g.	.20	.10	.00	.020	.010	.003	.001
1	1.000	3.078	6.314	12.706	31.821	63.657	318.31
2	.816	1.886	2.920	4.303	6.965	9.925	22.326
3	.765	1.638	2.353	3.182	4.541	5.841	10.213
4	.741	1.533	2.132	2.776	3.747	4.604	7.173
5	.727	1.476	2.015	2.571	3.365	4.032	5.893
6	.718	1.440	1.943	2.447	3.143	3.707	5.208
7	.711	1.415	1.895	2.365	2.998	3.499	4.785
8	.706	1.397	1.860	2.306	2.896	3.355	4.501
9	.703	1.383	1.833	2.262	2.821	3.250	4.297
10	.700	1.372	1.812	2.228	2.764	3.169	4.144
11	.697	1.363	1.796	2.201	2.718	3.106	4.025
12	.695	1.356	1.782	2.179	2.681	3.055	3.930
13	.694	1.350	1.771	(2.160	2.650	3.012	3.852
14	.692	1.345	1.761	2.145	2.624	2.977	3.787
15	.691	1.341	1.753	2.131	2.602	2.947	3.733
16	.690	1.337	1.746	2.120	2.583	2.921	3.686
17	.689	1.333	1.740	2.110	2.567	2.898	3.646
18	.688	1.330	1.734	2.101	2.552	2.878	3.610
19	.688	1.328	1.729	2.093	2.539	2.861	3.579
20	.687	1.325	1.725	2.086	2.528	2.845	3.552
21	.686	1.323	1.721	2.080	2.518	2.831	3.527
22	.686	1.321	1.717	2.074	2.508	2.819	3.505
23	.685	1.319	1.714	2.069	2.500	2.807	3.485
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28	.683	1.313	1.701	2.048	2.467	2.763	3.408
29	.683	1.311	1.699	2.045	2.462	2.756	3.396
30	.683	1.310	1.697	2.042	2.457	2.750	3.385
40	.681	1.303	1.684	2.021	2.423	2.704	3.307
60	.679	1.296	1.671	2.000	2.390	2.660	3.232
120	.677	1.289	1.658	1.980	2.358	2.617	3.160
$\infty$	.674	1.282	1.645	1 960	2.326	2.576	3.090

$$P(T > 2.16) = 0.025$$

$$P(T < -2.16) = 0.025$$

$$C.I:95\% \Rightarrow \alpha = 0.05 \Rightarrow \frac{\alpha}{2} = 0.025$$

$$P\left(\overline{X} - t \times \sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}} \le \mu \le \overline{X} + t \times \sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}\right) = 1 - \alpha$$

$$P\left(L \le \mu \le U\right) = 1 - \alpha$$

So: a  $(1-\alpha)$  CI for  $\mu$  is :

$$\left[\overline{X} - t \times \sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}, \overline{X} + t \times \sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}\right]$$

#### The women Data:

Suppose X = the height of woman aged 30 - 39. We assume that:

1. 
$$X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

2.  $\sigma^2$  unknown

Sample Size: 
$$n = 15$$

Mean: 
$$\bar{x} = 65$$

Variance: 
$$s^2 = 20$$

The 95% CI for  $\mu$ , the average height of women aged 30 - 39 :

- Step 1: Choose a confidence level  $1-\alpha = 0.95$
- Step 2: Decide on the basis of the data in which case you are in: normal distribution, small sample (n = 15 <30) and unknown  $\sigma^2$  $\rightarrow$  Case 3, so t distribution: t(15-1)
- Step 3: Find the critical points in the correct table: -2.145 and 2.145
- **Step 4**: Calculate the point estimators for  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$ :

$$\bar{x} = 65 \text{ and } s^2 = 20$$

**Step 5**: calculate the confidence interval:

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{x} - t\sqrt{\frac{s^2}{n}}, -\frac{1}{x} + t\sqrt{\frac{s^2}{n}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 65 - 2.145\sqrt{\frac{20}{15}}, 65 + 2.145\sqrt{\frac{20}{15}} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 62.52; 67.48 \end{bmatrix}$$

A 95% CI for the population mean  $\mu$  of the women height is [62.52, 67.48]

### Interpretation:

Based on our sample, we are 95% confident that the true mean of the women height aged 30 – 39 will lies in between 62.52 and 67.48

## Confidence Interval using R

#### For Case 3

```
> Height=women$height
> n=length(Height)
> SE=s/sqrt(n)
> E=qt(0.975,df=n-1)*SE
> xbar=mean(Height)
> xbar+c(-E,E)

[1] 62.52341 67.47659

OR

> library(TeachingDemos)
> t.test(women$height))
```

## Analysis using the R function t.test()

```
> t.test(women$height))
One Sample t-test
data: women$height
t = 56.2917, df = 14, p-value < 2.2e-16
alternative hypothesis: true mean is not equal to 0
95 percent confidence interval:
 62.52341 67.47659
sample estimates:
mean of x
       65
```

# Case study 2: The The NHANES dataset: BMI

# Confidence interval for the population mean





# Part 5: Hypotheses testing

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Section 4.3

## 5.3.1: A Formal Approach to Hypothesis Testing

Testing a hypothesis about a population parameter

## Hypothesis tests

- In the testing theory we try, on the basis of a sample, a hypothesis about the population keys.
- In practice, we test a hypothesis about a parameter of a population distribution.
- Example:
  - The parameter of interest: the population mean.
  - The parameter  $\mu$  in a population with distribution N ( $\mu$ ,  $\sigma^2$ ).

## Example: population and sample

- Two zoologists study the population of Horse shoe crabs.
- The variable of interest is the number of satellites, E,g the number of satellites in the horse shoe crab population.
- In the sample:

$$s^2 = 9.9119$$

$$\overline{x} = 2.91$$

$$n = 173$$

The zoologists collected data about 173 horse shoe crabs and in the sample the mean is equal to 2.91 and the variance to 9.911.



### **Notation**

 $X_i$ : the number of satellites.

$$X_1, X_2, ..., X_N$$
 
$$E(X_i) = \mu$$
 
$$Var(X_i) = \sigma^2$$

# The two hypotheses of zoologists

• The hypothesis of the first zoologist (about population mean) is that

• The hypothesis of the second zoologist (about population mean) is that

$$E(X_i) = \mu = 2.5$$

$$E(X_i) = \mu = 2.9$$

both zoologists know the variance in the population mean is not known.

### What we want to do in this section?

• We look for a procedure we can use to make a decision about the parameter in the population.

$$X_1, X_2, ..., X_N$$

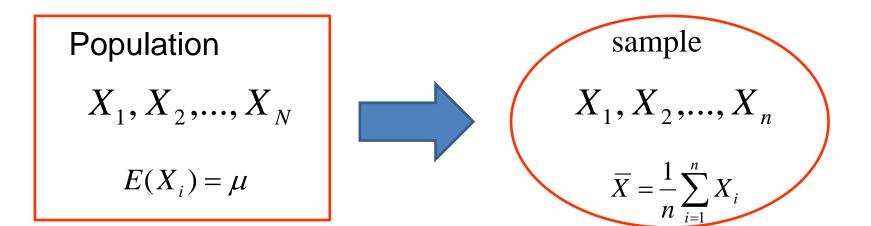
$$E(X_i) = \mu$$

### What we want to do in this section?

We look for a procedure we can use to make a decision about the parameter in the population:

$$\mu = 2.5$$
 or  $\mu = 2.9$ 

### The decision rule



Based on the mean in the sample, we would like to make a decision about the parameter (the mean) in the population

The estimate from the sample of the unknown parameter

$$\overline{\chi}$$

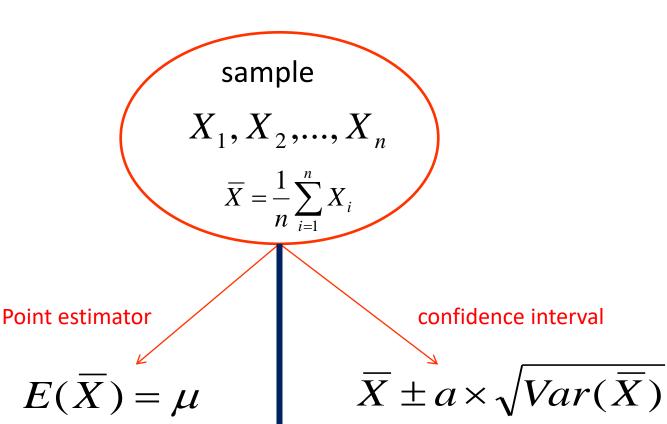
$$\mu = 2.5$$

or

$$\mu = 2.9$$



### The decision rule



previous sections

sections

this section

On the basis of the sample and the sample mean we want to test hypotheses about the population parameter

## The sample

 The two zoologists decide to a large sample taking the population and the number of satellites per crab to count.

• The sample size is 173.

$$X_i \sim unknown$$
 $n > 30$ 
 $\sigma^2 : unkown$ 

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

## The two hypotheses

We call the hypothesis of the

first zoologist: the null

hypothesis

- We call the hypothesis of the second the zoologist: the
- alternative hypothesis

$$H_0: \mu = 2.5$$

$$H_1: \mu = 2.9$$

$$\overline{X} \sim N(2.5, \frac{S^2}{n})$$

$$\mu \text{ under } H_0$$

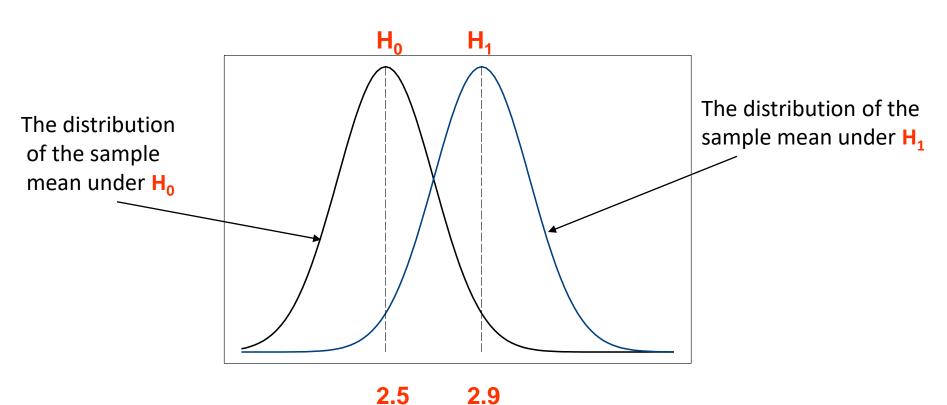
$$\overline{X} \sim N(2.5, \frac{S^2}{n})$$

$$\overline{X} \sim N(2.9, \frac{S^2}{n})$$
 $\mu \text{ under H}_1$ 

## The distribution of the sample mean

$$\overline{X} \sim N\left(2.5, \frac{S^2}{n}\right)$$
 under  $H_0$ 

$$\overline{X} \sim N\left(2.9, \frac{S^2}{n}\right)$$
 under  $H_1$ 



## The rejection region

$$H_0: \mu = 2.5$$
  
 $H_1: \mu = 2.9$   $\mu_0 = 2.5 < \mu_1 = 2.9$ 

- From the nature of the alternative hypothesis it follows that we will reject the null hypothesis if we find in our sample a value of  $\overline{x}$  which is `` too large ''.
- We determine c so :

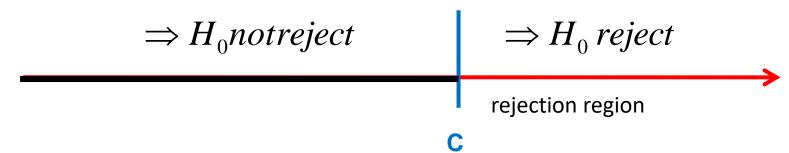
To a ``large'' value of  $\overline{x}$  (which we reject the null hypothesis)  $\overline{x}$  means a value that is greater than c.

## The rejection region: the decision rule

when we find a  $\overline{x}$  value that is greater than c, then we reject the null hypothesis.

The decision rule

$$\overline{X} > c \Longrightarrow H_0$$
 reject



If the  $\bar{\chi}$  rejection region is, we reject the null hypothesis.

## "The Question"

The decision rule is:

$$\overline{X} > c \Rightarrow H_0$$
 reject

How can we choose the value of c????



The two types of errors



# Part 6: Decision errors

# The two types of errors

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Section 4.3.4: Decision errors



# 6.1 Two types of errors

#### **Decision errors**

Definition: the two types of errors

- •The two types of errors that can be made by taking a decision:
  - 1. if we reject the null hypothesis when it is correct then we say that we committed a type I error.
  - 2. if we accept the null hypothesis when it is wrong, then we say that we committed a type II error.

#### Type I error

• Example: If the first zoologist is correct about the value of  $\mu$  (2.5) and we reject the null hypothesis ( $\mu$  = 2.5) then we make a Type I error.

 General: If the null hypothesis is true and we reject the null hypothesis we make a Type I error.

#### Type II error

• Example: If the second zoologist is correct about the value of  $\mu$  ( $\mu$  = 2.9), and we do not reject the null hypothesis ( $\mu$  = 2.5) we make a type II error.

 General: If the alternative hypothesis is correct and we do not reject the null hypothesis then we make a Type II error.

#### The two errors

**Population** 

	H <sub>0</sub> is true	H <sub>o</sub> not true
Test		
reject H <sub>0</sub>	incorrect statement Type I error	correct statement
Not reject H <sub>0</sub>	correct statement	incorrect statement Type II error

#### The two errors

•We implement a "decision rule" for a given value of the probability of a Type I error.

Decision rule for a given value of "small" Type I error (usually 0.01 or 0.05).

• If the researcher uses the probability of a type I error at 0.05 then there is 5% that the null hypothesis is rejected, while it is true.

## The significance level

- ullet The Probability of a Type I error is denoted by lpha
- We call  $\alpha$  the significance level.
- We say that the null hypothesis  $H_0$  is rejected at a significance level of  $\alpha$  (or cannot be rejected at significance level  $\alpha$ ).



## Choosing the value of critical point for the test

#### 6.2 The decision rule

## The distribution of the sample mean

The null and alternative hypotheses

$$H_0: \mu = 2.5$$

$$H_0: \mu = 2.5$$
  
 $H_1: \mu = 2.9$ 

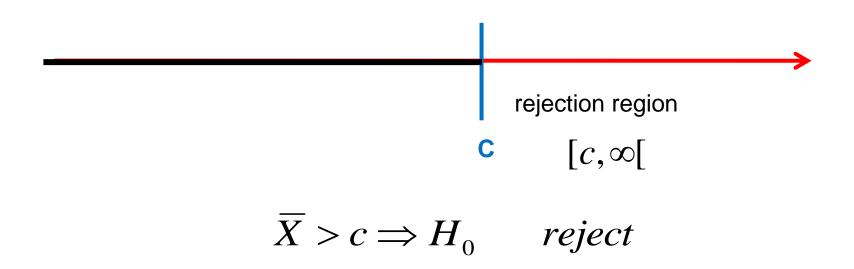
The distribution of the sample mean under the null and the alternative hypotheses

$$\overline{X} \sim N(2.5, \frac{S^2}{n})$$
under  $H_0$ 

$$\overline{X} \sim N(2.9, \frac{S^2}{n})$$
under H<sub>1</sub>

## The rejection region

When the value of  $\overline{\mathcal{X}}$  is greater than C, we reject null hypothesis



How can we choose c?

#### Type I error & c

 If the null hypothesis is true and we reject the null hypothesis we make a type I error.

$$\alpha = 0.05$$

$$\overline{X} > c \Longrightarrow H_0$$
 reject

$$P(\overline{X} > c) = 0.05$$

if the null hypothesis is true!!

Determine c under the null hypothesis that

$$P(\overline{X} > c) = 0.05$$
 if  $\overline{X} \sim N\left(2.5, \frac{S^2}{n}\right)$ 

$$P(\overline{X} > c) = P\left(\frac{\overline{X} - 2.5}{\sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}} > \frac{c - 2.5}{\sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}}\right) = 0.05$$

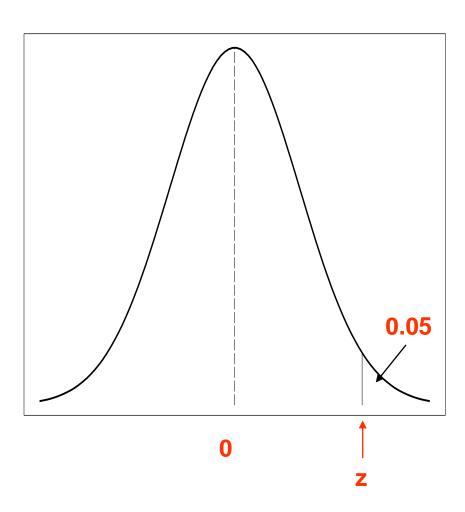
$$P\left(\frac{\overline{X} - 2.5}{\sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}} > \frac{c - 2.5}{\sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}}\right) = 0.05$$

$$P\left(Z > \frac{c - 2.5}{\sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}}\right) = 0.05$$

#### The test statistic

The sample  $\frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\sqrt{\frac{s^2}{n}}}$  Population mean under  $H_0$  Standard error of the sample mean.

N(0,1)



We choose the significance level  $\alpha$  = 0.05.

This means that we reject the null hypothesis with probability 0.05 if it is correct, or with a probability of 95% the null hypothesis will be acceptable (not reject) if they are indeed correct.

This leads to the determination of a critical point z

$$P(Z < z) = 0.95$$

Tabel 3: Standaard normale verdeling



				$\Phi(x)$	$=\int_{-\infty}^{x}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-t^2/2}dt$				
×	,00	.01	.02	.03	.04	.05	.06	.07	.08	.09
.О	.5000	.5040	.5080	.5120	.5160	.5199	.5239	.5279	.5319	.5359
. 1	.5398	.5438	.5478	.5517	.5557	.5596	.5636	.5675	.5714	.5753
.2	.5793	.5832	.5871	.5910	.5948	.5987	.6026	.6064	.6103	.6141
.3	.6179	.6217	.6255	.6293	.6331	.6368	.6406	.6443	.6480	.6517
.4	.6554	.6591	.6628	.6664	.6700	.6736	.6772	.6808	.6844	.6879
.5	.6915	.6950	.6985	.7019	.7054	.7088	.7123	.7157	.7190	.7224
.6	.7257	.7291	.7324	.7357	.7389	.7422	.7454	.7486	.7517	.7549
.7	.7580	.7611	.7642	.7673	.7704	.7734	.7764	.7794	.7823	.7852
.8	.7881	.7910	.7939	.7967	.7995	.8023	.8051	.8078	.8106	.8133
.9	.8159	.8186	.8212	.8238	.8264	.8289	.8315	.8340	.8365	.8389
1.0	.8413	.8438	.8461	.8485	.8508	.8531	.8554	.8577	.8599	.8621
1.1	.8643	.8665	.8686	.8708	.8729	.8749	.8770	.8790	.8810	.8830
1.2	.8849	.8869	.8888	.8907	.8925	.8944	.8962	.8980	.8997	.9015
1.3	.9032	.9049	.9066	.9082	.9099	.9115	.9131	.9147	.9162	.9177
1.4	.9192	.9207	.9222	.9236	.9251	.9265	.9279	.9292	.9306	.9319
1.5	.9332	.9345	.9357	.9370	.9000	000	.9406	.9418	.9429	.944
1.6	.9452	.9463	.9474	.9484	9495	.9505	.9515	.9525	.9535	.9545
1.7	.9554	.9564	.9573	.9582	.9551	.0009	.9608	.9616	.9625	.9633
1.8	.9641	.9649	.9656	.9664	.9671	.9678	.9686	.9693	.9699	.9706
1.9	.9713	.9719	.9726	.9732	.9738	.9744	.9750	.9756	.9761	.976
2.0	.9772	.9778	.9783	.9788	.9793	.9798	.9803	.9808	.9812	.981
2.1	.9821	.9826	.9830	.9834	.9838	.9842	.9846	.9850	.9854	.9851
2.2	.9861	.9864	.9868	.9871	.9875	.9878	.9881	.9884	.9887	.9890
2.3	.9893	.9896	.9898	.9901	.9904	.9906	.9909	.9911	.9913	.9916
2.4	.9918	.9920	.9922	.9925	.9927	.9929	.9931	.9932	.9934	.9936
2.5	.9938	.9940	.9941	.9943	.9945	.9946	.9948	.9949	.9951	.9952
2.6	.9953	.9955	.9956	.9957	.9959	.9960	.9961	.9962	.9963	.9964
2.7	.9965	.9966	.9967	.9968	.9969	.9970	.9971	.9972	.9973	.9974
2.8	.9974	.9975	.9976	.9977	.9977	.9978	.9979	.9979	.9980	.998:
2.9	.9981	.9982	.9982	.9983	.9984	.9984	.9985	.9985	.9986	.9986
3.0	.9987	.9987	.9987	,9988	,9988	.9989	.9989	,9989	.9990	.9990
3.1	.9990	.9991	.9991	.9991	.9992	.9992	.9992	.9992	.9993	.9993
3.2	.9993	.9993	.9994	.9994	.9994	.9994	.9994	.9995	.9995	.9998
3.3	.9995	.9995	.9995	.9996	.9996	.9996	.9996	.9996	.9996	.9997
3.4	.9997	.9997	.9997	.9997	.9997	.9997	,9997	.9997	.9997	.9998

$$P(Z < 1.645) = 0.95$$

$$P(Z > 1.645) = 0.05$$

In R:

> qnorm(0.95,0,1) [1] 1.644854

$$P\left(Z > \frac{c - 2.5}{\sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}}\right) = 0.05$$

$$P(Z > 1.645) = 0.05$$

$$\frac{c - 2.5}{\sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}} = 1.645$$

$$\frac{c-2.5}{\sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}} = 1.645$$

$$c = 1.645 \times \sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}} + 2.5$$

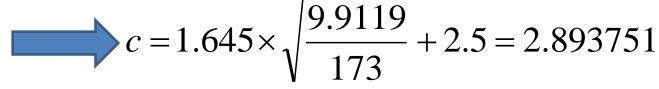
$$c = 1.645 \times \sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}} + 2.5$$

#### From the Sample (see page 91):

$$s^2 = 9.9119$$

$$\bar{x} = 2.91$$

$$n = 173$$



[2.893751, ∞[

2.893751

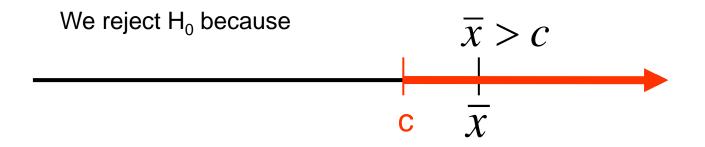
$$\frac{\overline{x} - 2.5}{\sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}} > \frac{c - 2.5}{\sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}} \Rightarrow \dots$$

$$c = z \times \sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n} + \mu_0}$$

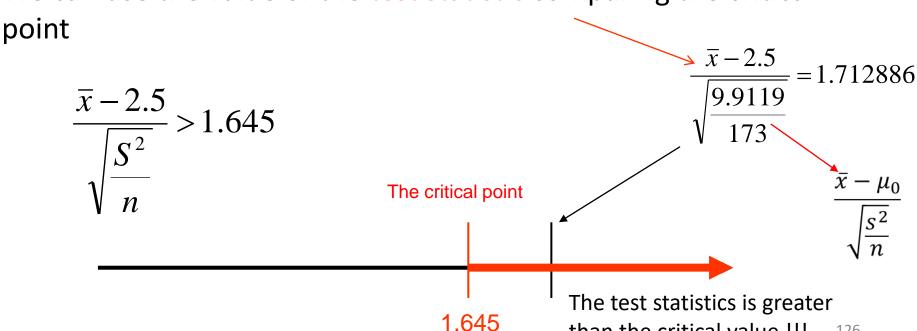
$$\overline{x}=2.91>2.893...\Rightarrow H_0$$
 reject c 2.893751  $\overline{x}=2.91$ 

 $[2.893751, \infty[$ 

## The critical point and the test statistic



We can use the value of the test statistic comparing the critical



than the critical value !!!

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#### the checklist

Stap	information	example
1	The hypotheses (the qualifying problem)	$H_0: \mu = 2.5$ $H_1: \mu = 2.9$
2	The distribution in the population & $\sigma^2$	$X \sim unknown$ $\sigma^2$ not known
3	sample size	n = 173 > 30
4	The distribution of the sample mean under the null hypothesis	$\overline{X} \sim N\left(2.5, \frac{S^2}{n}\right)$
5	The level of significance	$\alpha = 0.05$
6	The test statistic	$\frac{\overline{X} - 2.5}{\sqrt{S^2}} \sim N(0,1)$
7	The distribution of the review greatness under the null hypothesis	$\sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}$
8	The critical point	1.645 N(0,1)

#### Examples by R

```
> xbar=2.91; s=sqrt(9.9119) 

> n=173 

> H0=2.5 

> cc=qnorm(0.95) * (s/sqrt(n)) + H0 

> cc c = z \times \sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}} + \mu_0
> cc c = 1.645 \times \sqrt{\frac{9.9119}{173}} + 2.5 = 2.893751
```

We reject H<sub>0</sub>

$$\bar{x} > c$$

$$\overline{x} = 2.91 > 2.893... \Rightarrow rejectH_0$$

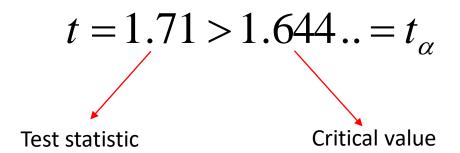
#### By using critical point

```
> xbar=2.91; s=sqrt(9.9119); n=173; H0=2.5

> test.stat=(xbar-H0)/(s/sqrt(n))  \frac{\bar{x}-2.5}{\sqrt{9.9119}} = 1.712886 
> crit.point=qnorm(0.95)

> crit.point [1] 1.644854
```

#### We reject H<sub>0</sub>



## Example: the air quality data

The estimators for the unknown parameter  $(\mu, \sigma)$  in the population

$$\overline{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_{i}$$

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

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

## Point estimators of the population parameters in R:

```
> ozone=airquality$Ozone
> meanozone=mean(ozone, na.rm=T)
> meanozone
[1] 42.12931

> varozone=var(ozone, na.rm=T)
> varozone
[1] 1088.201

> sqrt(varozone)
[1] 32.98788
```

#### Example: the air quality data

 Mean ozone in parts per billion from 1300 to 1500 hours at Roosevelt Island.

```
> z.test(ozone, sd=s, mu=40) Testing the null hypothesis that mu =40
One Sample z-test
data:
       ozone
z = 0.6952, n = 116.000, Std. Dev. = 32.988, Std. Dev. of the sample
mean = 3.063, p-value = 0.4869
alternative hypothesis: true mean is not equal to 40
95 percent confidence interval:
 36.12624 48.13238
sample estimates:
mean of ozone
                                              sqrt(1088.201)
     42.12931
                                               [1] 32.98789
```

## Case study 1b:

The airquality data: analysis of the average wind speed

Test of hypothesis about the population mean (two sided test)





# Part 7: Inference for one-sample means with the t distribution

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7.1: hypothesis testing using a t distribution

#### t-test for a population

- We assume that X~N(μ,σ²) & n is small
- For this test, we used the Student t distribution.

as 
$$X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$
 than:  $\overline{X} \sim N(\mu, \frac{S^2}{n})$  and  $T_{\overline{X}} = \frac{\overline{X} - \mu}{\sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}} \sim t(n-1)$ 

X has a normal distribution with unknown  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$ . n is small

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

## Example

A researcher would like the following hypotheses:

$$H_0: \mu = 21$$

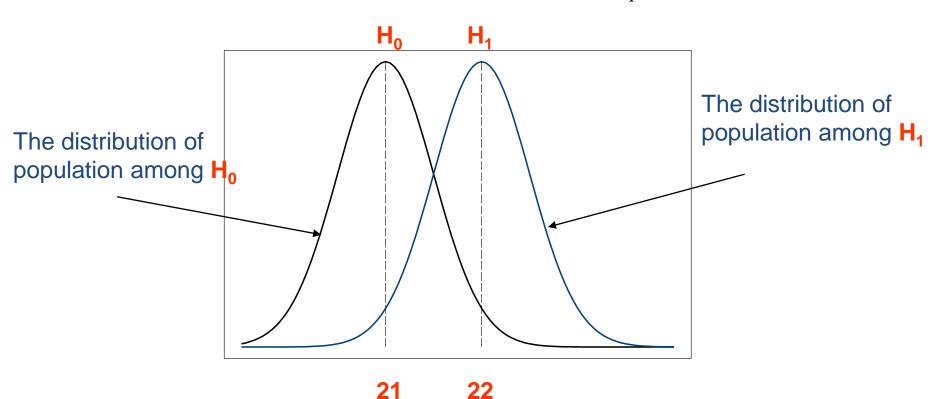
$$H_1: \mu = 22$$

We assume that

$$X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

#### The distribution of the population

$$X \sim N(21, \sigma^2)$$
 under  $H_0$   
 $X \sim N(22, \sigma^2)$  under  $H_1$ 



## The sample

- To test the hypotheses, we draw a sample of size 9 (n = 9) from the population.
- X has a normal distribution with unknown  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$ .

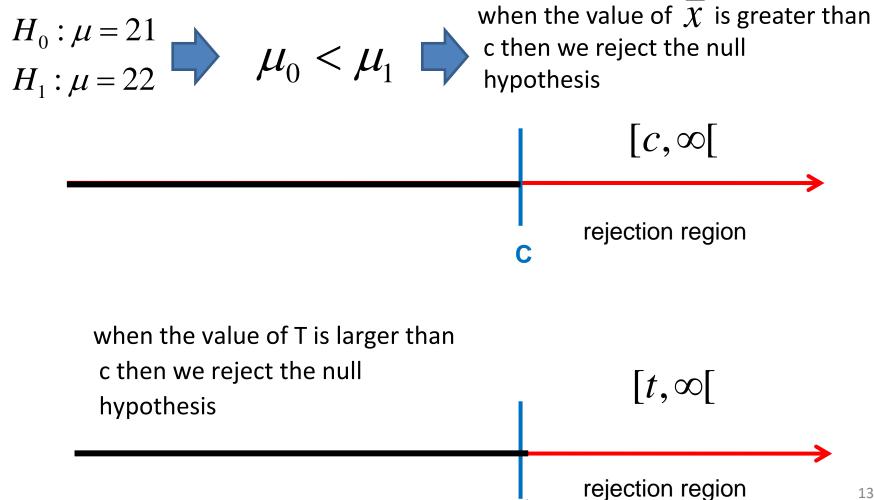
  n is small

$$X_i \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$
  
 $n = 9$  (small)  
 $\sigma^2 : unknown$ 

$$\frac{\overline{X} - 21}{\sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}} \sim t(n-1)$$

The distribution of the test statistic population under **H**<sub>0</sub>

## The rejection region



#### The choice of c

We choose c so that Type I error 0.05.

$$\alpha = 0.05$$

$$\overline{X} > c \Rightarrow H_0 \quad reject \qquad \longleftrightarrow \quad T > t \Rightarrow H_0 \quad reject$$

$$P(\overline{X} > c) = P(T > t) = 0.05$$

if the null hypothesis is correct

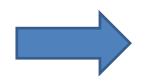
#### The choice of c

Determine c so that Type I error =5%

$$P(\bar{X} > c) = 0.05$$

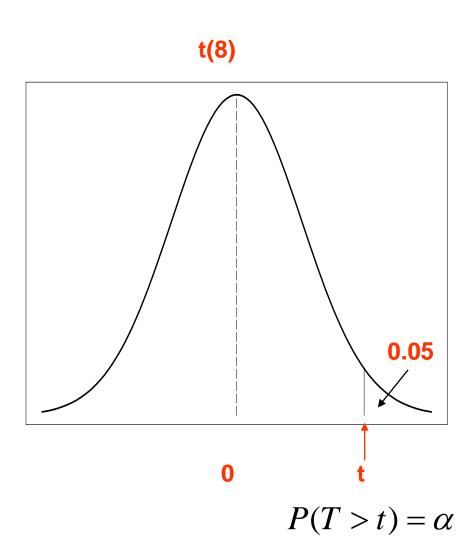
$$P(\overline{X} > c) = P\left(\frac{\overline{X} - 21}{\sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}} > \frac{c - 21}{\sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}}\right) = 0.05$$

$$P\left(T > \frac{c - 21}{\sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}}\right) = 0.05$$



$$P\left(T > \frac{c - 21}{\sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}}\right) = 0.05$$

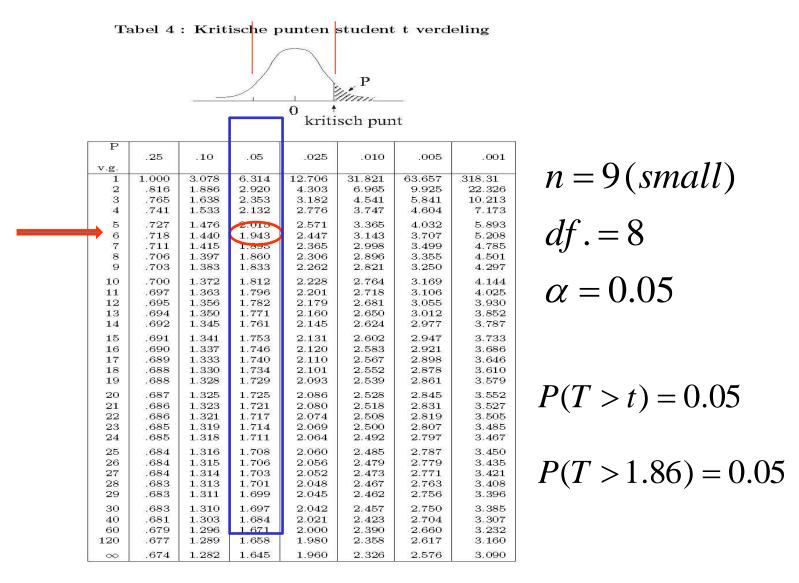
#### The critical point



The distribution of the test statistic under  $H_0$ 

$$\frac{\overline{X} - 21}{\sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}} \sim t(n-1)$$

#### Student's t-distribution and critical point



#### The sample

subject	X <sub>i</sub>
1	22
2	19
3	17
4	26
5	21
6	20
7	29
8	27
9	22

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{9} \sum_{i=1}^{9} x_i = 22.556$$

$$s^2 = \frac{1}{9-1} \sum_{i=1}^{9} (x_i - \bar{x}) = 3.972^2$$

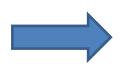
The estimators for the unknown parameters ( $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$ ) in the population

#### The rejection region & statistic

$$s^2 = 3.972$$

$$\bar{x} = 22.556$$

$$n = 9$$



$$\frac{\bar{x} - 21}{\sqrt{\frac{3.972^2}{9}}} = 1.175227$$

 $T < t \Longrightarrow$  We do not reject H<sub>0</sub>



## The rejection region

$$P\left(T > \frac{c - 21}{\sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}}\right) = 0.05$$

$$\frac{c - 21}{\sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}} = 1.86$$

$$C = 1.86 \times \sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}} + 21$$

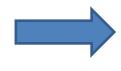
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rejection region
$$c$$

#### The rejection region

$$s^2 = 3.972$$

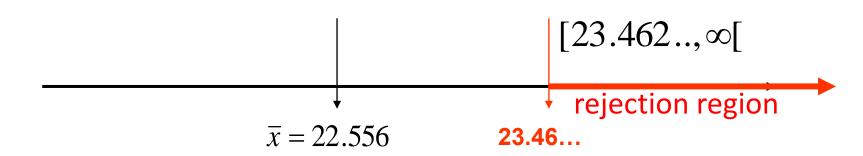
$$\bar{x} = 22.556$$

$$n = 9$$



$$c = 1.86 \times \sqrt{\frac{3.972^2}{9} + 21} = 23.46264$$

$$\bar{x} < c \Longrightarrow \text{We do not reject H}_0$$



#### the checklist

Step	information	example
1	The hypotheses (the qualifying problem)	$H_0: \mu = 21$ $H_1: \mu = 22$
2	The distribution in the population and $\ensuremath{\sigma} 2$	$X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ $\sigma^2$ not known
3	sample size	n = 9 < 30
4	The distribution of the sample mean	Unknown
5	The level of significance	$\alpha = 0.05$
6	The test statistic	$\frac{\overline{X} - 21}{\overline{S^2}} \sim t(8)$
7	The distribution of the test statistic	$\sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}$
8	The critical point (or points)	1.86 t(8)

#### R code

- The test statistic 1.174854 is greater than the critical value of 1.859548.
- Hence, at 0.05 significance level, we can reject the null hypothesis.

#### Example:

#### The women data:

heights and weights for American women aged 30-39.

```
> womenheight=women$height
> t.test(womenheight, mu=60, conf.level=0.90)
        One Sample t-test
data: womenheight
t = 4.3301, df = 14, p-value = 0.000692
alternative hypothesis: true mean is not equal to 60
90 percent confidence interval:
 62.96621 67.03379
sample estimates:
mean of x
       65
```



# Testing a hypothesis about a Population parameter

#### 7.2: One sided and two-sided testing problems

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## The hypothesis and the alternative hypothesis

- In the previous example, we tested the hypothesis that the mean of a normal distribution with unknown variance equal to a certain value (21).
- As an alternative hypothesis we mean that it was equal to another specified
- value (22).

$$H_0: \mu = 21$$

$$H_1: \mu = 22$$

• In practice, the researcher usually do not know the exact details of the alternative hypothesis.

## Case (a)

The average under H<sub>1</sub> is smaller than the average under H<sub>0</sub>

$$H_0: \mu = \mu_{H_0}$$
 $H_1: \mu < \mu_{H_0}$ 

$$H_1: \mu < \mu_{H_0}$$

null hypothesis

alternative hypothesis

One sided test problem

## Case (b)

The average under  $H_1$  is greater than the average under  $H_0$ :

$$H_0: \mu = \mu_{H_0}$$
 $H_1: \mu > \mu_{H_0}$ 

$$H_1: \mu > \mu_{H_0}$$

null hypothesis

alternative hypothesis

One sided test problem

# Case (c)

The average under  $H_0$  is not equal to the mean under  $H_1$ :

$$H_0: \mu = \mu_{H_0}$$
 $H_1: \mu \neq \mu_{H_0}$ 

$$H_1: \mu \neq \mu_{H_0}$$

null hypothesis

alternative hypothesis

two sided test problem

## Example (case a)

$$H_0: \mu = \mu_{H_0}$$
 $H_1: \mu < \mu_{H_0}$ 

$$H_1: \mu < \mu_{H_0}$$

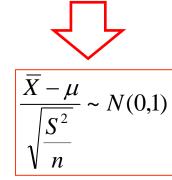
One sided test

## Example: one-tailed test

- A gynecologist says that girls at birth, averaging less than 51 cm.
- His colleague Judge reproach him that his claim is based on a prejudice, and that the average length is 51 cm indeed.
- They draw a sample of 100 girls.
- In the sample:

$$\bar{x} = 50.8$$
 &  $s^2 = 1.6$   $n=100$ 

The variance  $\sigma^2$  is unknown but large n.



#### The testing problem

The choice of H<sub>1</sub> reflects here the assertion of the first gynecologist

$$H_{0}$$
 :  $\mu$  =  $51$  null hypothesis

$$H_{\scriptscriptstyle 1}$$
 :  $\mu$   $<$   $51$  alternative hypothesis

One-sided test

#### The test statistic

We now supplement the sample values and find:

$$\frac{\overline{x} - 51}{\sqrt{\frac{s^2}{n}}} = \frac{50.8 - 51}{\sqrt{\frac{1.6}{100}}} = -1.58$$

 Conclusion: at significance level of 5%, the length of girls at birth 51 cm.



#### The checklist

Stap	information	example
1	The hypotheses (the qualifying problem)	One-sided test
2	The distribution in the population & $\sigma^2$	
3	sample size	
4	The distribution of the sample mean under $H_0$	
5	The level of significance	
6	The test statistic	$\frac{\overline{X}-51}{\sqrt{2}} \sim ?$
7	The distribution of the review greatness	$\sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}$
8	The critical point (or points)	

#### R code

```
> xbar=50.8;s=sqrt(1.6);n=100;H0=51
> test.statgy=(xbar-H0)/(s/sqrt(n))
> test.statgy
[1] -1.581139
> crit.point1=qnorm(0.95,lower.tail=TRUE)#p=0.05 one tailed
> -crit.point1
[1] -1.644854
```

## Example (case c)

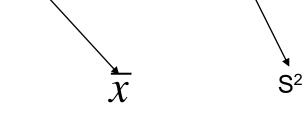
$$H_0: \mu = \mu_{H_0}$$
 $H_1: \mu \neq \mu_{H_0}$ 

$$H_1: \mu \neq \mu_{H_0}$$

two-tailed test

#### Example: two-tailed test

- At a certain university one takes many years an intelligence-off normally distributed with mean score results yields 115 (115 =  $\mu$  under H<sub>0</sub>).
- An administrator wants now for the new class to test the hypothesis that the mean is the same as in previous years.
- He takes a sample of size 50, and: mean 118 and variance 98.



#### The testing problem

The choice of  $H_1$  is to be determined by the consideration that the administrator has no idea whether the new crop is better or worse than the previous

$$H_0$$
:  $\mu$  = 115 Null hypothesis

$$H_1: \mu \neq 115$$
 Alternative hypothesis

two-tailed test

# The rejection region (sided test)

$$\frac{\overline{x} - 115}{\sqrt{\frac{s^2}{n}}} = \frac{118 - 115}{\sqrt{\frac{98}{50}}} = 2.14$$

The test statistic

2.14 > 1.96  $\Longrightarrow$  the administrator rejects H<sub>0</sub> at significance level 0.05.



#### The checklist

Stap	information	Example
1	The hypotheses (the testing problem)	One-sided test
2	The distribution in the population $\!$	
3	sample size	
4	The distribution of the sample mean under $H_0$	
5	The level of significance	
6	The test statistic	$\frac{\overline{X}-115}{\sqrt{2}} \sim ?$
7	The distribution of the test statistic	$\sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}$
8	The critical point (or points)	

#### R code

```
> xbar=118;s=sqrt(98);n=50;H0=115
> test.statcrop=(xbar-H0)/(s/sqrt(n))
> test.statcrop
[1] 2.142857
> alpha = 0.05
> crit.pointcrop = qnorm(1-alpha/2)
> crit.pointcrop
[1] 1.959964
> -crit.pointcrop
[1] -1.959964
> c(-crit.pointcrop, crit.pointcrop)
[1] -1.959964 1.959964
```

## Population, n & $\sigma^2$

- from above examples show that we are always three things to keep in mind:
- 1. which assumption we make about the distribution of the population?
- 2. is the variance  $\sigma^2$  is known or should they be estimated using  $S^2$ ?
- 3. how big is the sample (which is the value of n)?

## 1: n large

#### For n large

$$\frac{\overline{X} - \mu_{H_0}}{\sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2}{n}}} \sim N(0,1)$$

If  $\sigma^2$  is known

$$\frac{\overline{X} - \mu_{H_0}}{\sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}} \sim N(0,1)$$

If  $\sigma^2$  is unknown

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

#### 2: n small & normal distribution

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$$\frac{\overline{X} - \mu_{H_0}}{\sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2}{n}}} \sim N(0,1)$$

If  $\sigma^2$  is known

$$\frac{\overline{X} - \mu_{H_0}}{\sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}} \sim t_{(n-1)}$$

If  $\sigma^2$  is unknown

## The choice of the setting

n	$\sigma^2$	statistics	distribution of the population	Distribution for statistical
large	known	$\frac{\overline{X} - \mu_{H_0}}{\boxed{\sigma^2}}$	normal distribution or	Z(0,1)
		V n	not known	
large	not known	$\frac{\overline{X} - \mu_{H_0}}{\sqrt{S^2}}$	normal distribution or	Z(0,1)
		$\sqrt{n}$	not known	
small	known	$\frac{\overline{X} - \mu_{H_0}}{\sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2}{n}}}$	normal distribution	Z(0,1)
small	not known	$\frac{\overline{X} - \mu_{H_0}}{\sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}}$	normal distribution	t(n-1)
small	not known		normal distribution	Not for this course

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



#### 7.3 The P-value

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## The significance level and the critical point

- In the examples on hypothesis testing, we have until now always pre specified significance level  $\alpha$  (usually  $\alpha = 0.05$ ).
- We determine the rejection region so:

$$P_{H_0}(\bar{x} \in [c, \infty[) = \alpha]$$

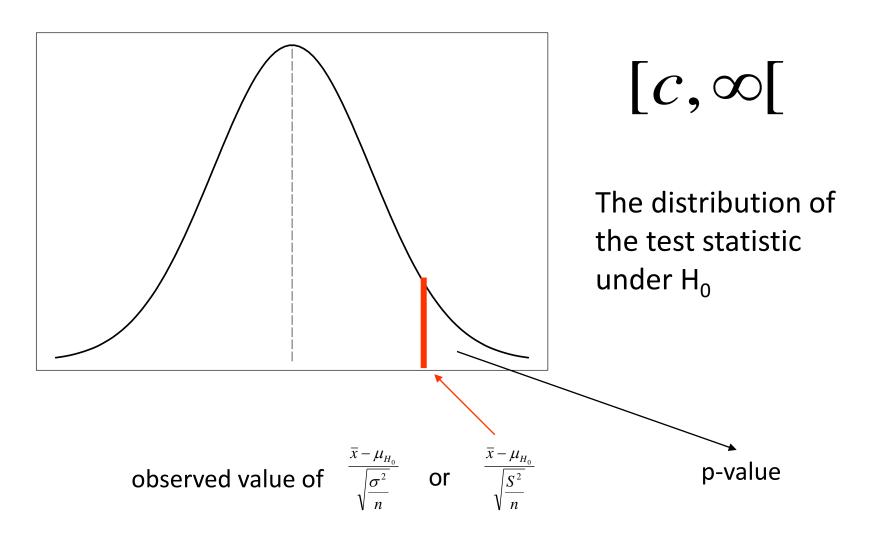
## The level of significance and the p-value

 The relationship between the p-value and the level of significance is clear:

 $H_0$  is rejected on significance level  $\alpha$  if and only if the p-value  $<\alpha$ 

## Right-sided test

$$\mu_0 < \mu_1$$



# Example 1 (p-value): right-tailed test

#### population

$$X_i \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$
  
 $n = 9$  (small)  
 $\sigma^2$ : unknown

sample 
$$\bar{x} = 22.556$$
  
 $s^2 = 3.972^2$ 

$$H_0: \mu = 21$$

$$H_1: \mu > 21$$



$$\frac{\bar{x} - 21}{\sqrt{\frac{3.972^2}{9}}} = 1.175227$$

We look at student t distribution with 8 df

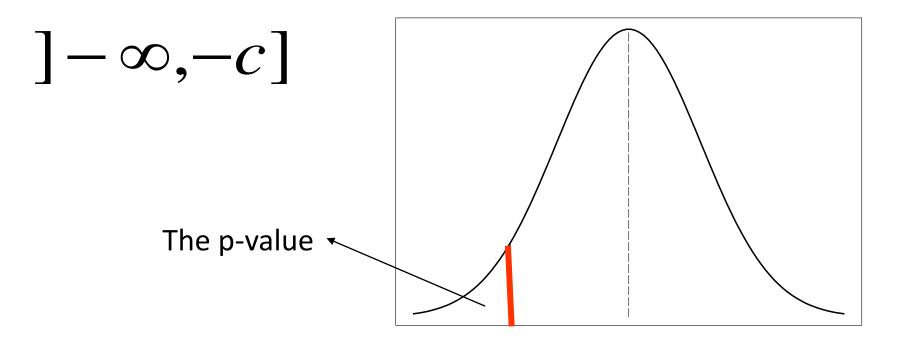
$$p-value = P(T > 1.175227) = 0.1481026$$

P-value = 0.1481026 > 0.05, we can not reject H<sub>0</sub>.

#### R code

```
> x=c(22,19,17,26,21,20,29,27,22)
> xbar=mean(x)
> mu = 21
> s = sd(x)
> n = length(x)
> t = (xbar-mu)/(s/sqrt(n))
> alpha = .05
> pval = pt(t,df=n-1, lower.tail=FALSE)
> pval
[1] 0.1369174
P value
```

# Left-sided test $\mu_0 > \mu_1$



observed value of

$$\frac{\vec{x} - \mu_{H_0}}{\sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2}{n}}} \quad \text{of} \quad \frac{\vec{x} - \mu_{H_0}}{\sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}}$$

## Example 2 (p-value): left-tailed test

$$H_0: \mu = 51$$
 $H_1: \mu < 51$ 

$$\frac{50.8 - 51}{\sqrt{\frac{1.6}{100}}} = -1.58$$

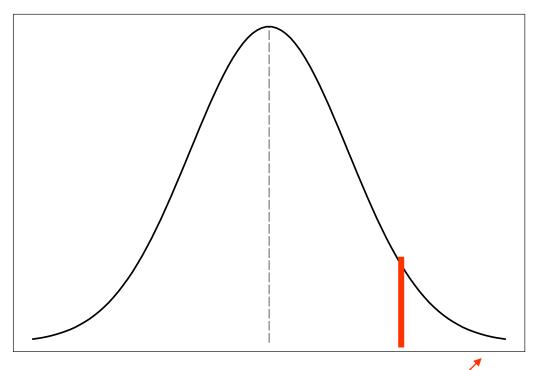
$$p-value = P(Z < -1.58) = 0.0571$$

for each significance level > 0.0571 H<sub>0</sub> will be rejected

#### R code

```
> xbar=50.8;s=sqrt(1.6);n=100;H0=51
> test.statgy=(xbar-H0)/(s/sqrt(n))
> test.statgy
[1] -1.581139
> pval1 = pt(test.statgy,df=n-1,
+ lower.tail=TRUE)
> pval1
[1] 0.05851802
```

#### two-tailed test



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observed value of

$$p-value = 2 \times P \left( Z > \frac{\overline{x} - \mu_{H_0}}{\sqrt{\frac{s^2}{n}}} \right)$$

$$\frac{\overline{x} - \mu_{H_0}}{\sqrt{\underline{\sigma^2}}}$$

of

$$\frac{\overline{x} - \mu_H}{\sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}}$$

# Example 3 (p-value)

$$H_0: \mu = 115$$
  
 $H_1: \mu \neq 115$  
$$\frac{98-115}{\sqrt{\frac{98}{50}}} = 2.14$$

$$p-value = 2 \times P(Z > 2.14) = 2 \times [1 - \Phi(2.14)] = 0.0324$$

for each significance level> 0.0324 H<sub>0</sub> will be rejected

#### R code

```
> bar=118;s=sqrt(98);n=50;H0=115
> test.statcrop=(xbar-H0)/(s/sqrt(n))
> test.statcrop
[1] 2.142857
> 2*(1-pnorm(test.statcrop))
[1] 0.03212457
```

# The level of significance and the p-value

- Statistical computer packages give as output a hypothesis test the p-value.
- A generally accepted criterion (e. g in scientific publications) is as follows
- 1. If the P-value <0.05, then H0 is rejected, and then the results are significant.
- if the p-value > 0.05, then H0 is not rejected, and then the results are not significant.

## Case study 3:

# The The NHANES dataset: number of sleep hours per night

Test of hypothesis about the population mean (one sided test)



### **Case studies**

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### Case study 1a:

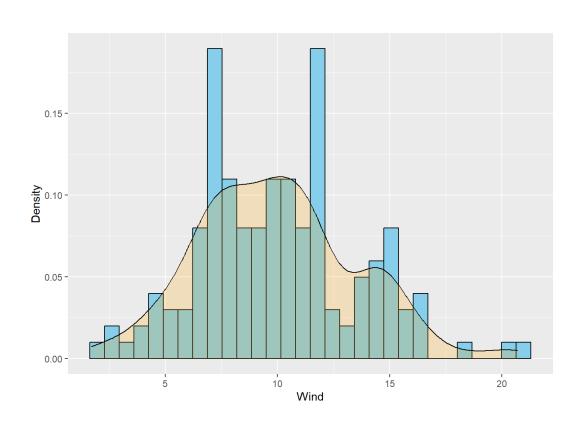
The airquality data: analysis of the average wind speed

Confidence interval for the population mean

# The average wind speed per day

- The airquality dataset gives information about 153 daily air quality measurements in New York, May to September 1973.
- The variable Wind is the average wind speed in miles per hour at 0700 and 1000 hours at LaGuardia Airport.

# The average wind speed per day



$$n = 153$$

$$\bar{x} = 9.55$$

$$s = 3.52$$

#### Distribution of the test statistic

#### Case 2

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

If  $X \sim F$ 

and 
$$T_X = \frac{\overline{X} - \mu}{\sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}} \sim N(0,1)$$
 
$$E(X) = \mu$$
 
$$Var(X) = \sigma^2$$

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

$$E(X) = \mu$$
$$Var(X) = c$$

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

#### Our example:

n = 153

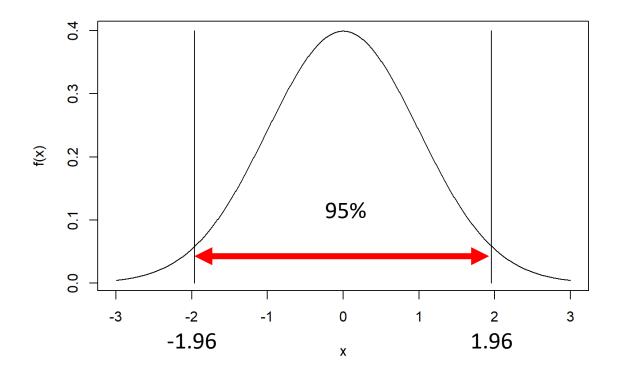


Use N(0,1) to choose the critical values for the Upper and Lower limits.

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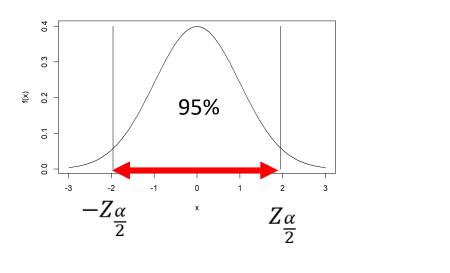
# Critical values from N(0,1)

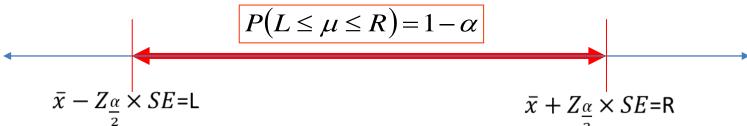
• For  $\alpha$ =0.025, we are looking for two values for which the probability to be between these value is 0.95=(1-2 $\alpha$ ).



# Lower (L) and upper (R) limits

• For a given value of  $\alpha$ , we are looking for two values for which the probability to be between these value is  $0.95=(1-\alpha)$ .





# The average wind speed per day

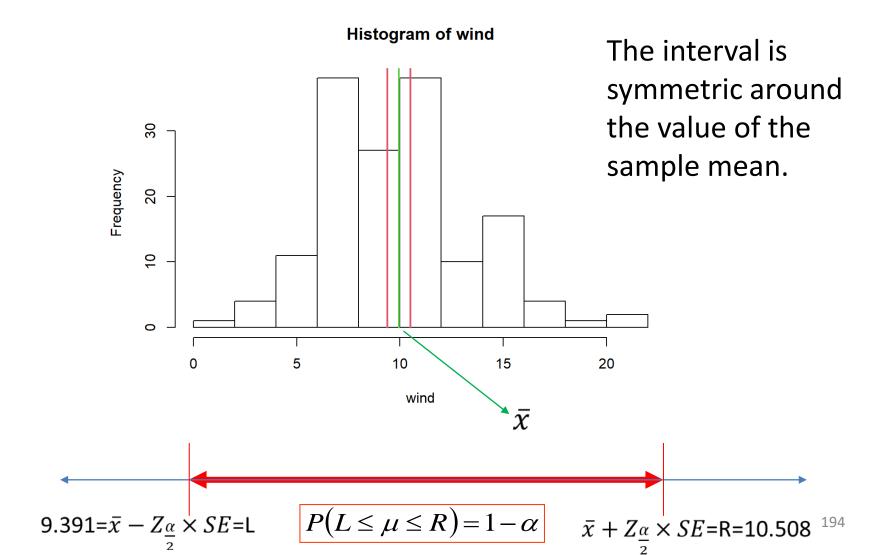
A 95% confidence interval:

$$(\bar{x}-m,\bar{x}+m)$$

$$m = Z_{\alpha} \times SE = Z_{\alpha} \times \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} = 1.96 \times \frac{3.52}{\sqrt{153}} = 0.5582$$

$$(\bar{x}-m,\bar{x}+m)$$
=(9.391,10.508) SE of the sample mean.

#### 95% confidence interval



## Case study 1b:

The airquality data: analysis of the average wind speed

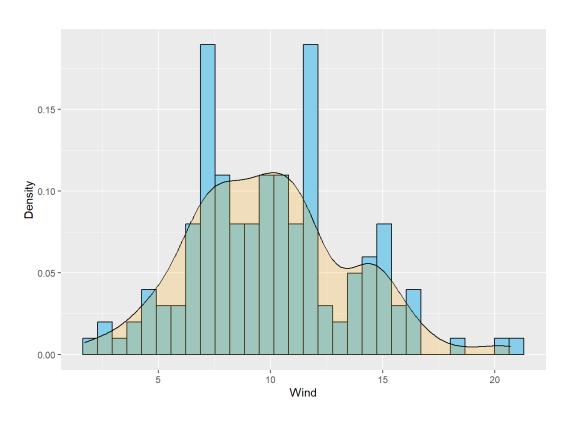
Test of hypothesis about the population mean (two sided test)

# The average wind speed per day

$$H_0: \mu = 9$$
  
 $H_A: \mu \neq 9$ 

- We test the null hypothesis that the population mean is equal to 9.
- The alternative hypothesis: the mean is not equal to 9 (we do not specify a value).
- For the analysis, we assume that the variance in the population is known.

# The average wind speed per day



• Sample size:

$$n = 153$$

 Point estimators in the sample:

$$\bar{x} = 9.55$$

$$s = 3.52$$

 We assume that in the population:

$$\sigma = 3.52$$

#### Distribution of the test statistic

#### Case 2

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

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

and 
$$T_X = \frac{\overline{X} - \mu}{\sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}} \sim N(0,1)$$
 
$$E(X) = \mu$$
 
$$Var(X) = \sigma^2$$

The same as case 1 but we replace  $oldsymbol{0}^2$  by  $oldsymbol{0}^2$ .

#### Our example:

$$n = 153$$



Use N(0,1) to choose the critical value.

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#### Test statistic

n=153, under  $H_0$  the distribution of the test statistic:

$$t = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}} \sim N(0,1)$$

Test statistic:

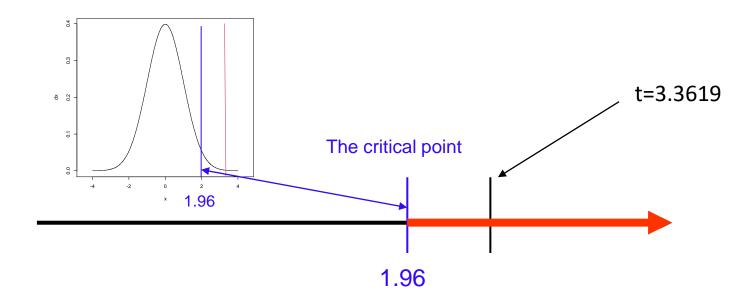
$$t = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}} = \frac{9.95 - 9}{\frac{3.523}{\sqrt{153}}} = 3.3619$$

# The critical point and the test statistic

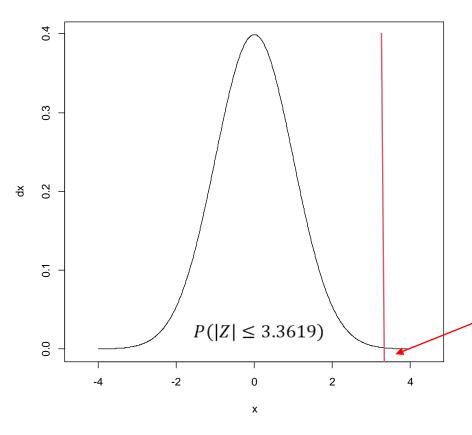
We can use the value of the test statistic comparing the critical point.

For two sided test and  $\alpha$ =0.05,  $Z_{0.975}$ =1.96.

We reject  $H_0$ : 3.3619 > 1.96.



### p-value



$$2 \times \left(1 - P(\lfloor Z \rfloor \le 3.3619)\right)$$

$$2 \times 0.00038 = 0.000775 < 0.05 = \alpha$$

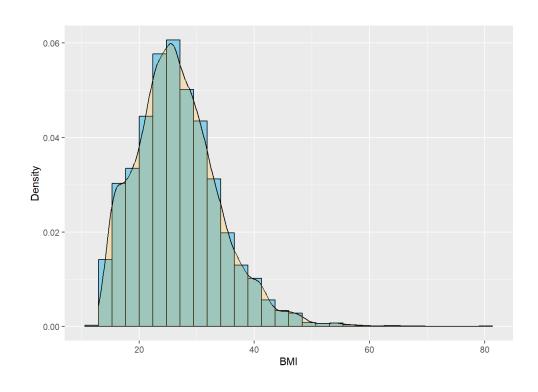
- For  $\alpha$ =0.05, p-value < 0.05.
- We reject the null hypothesis and conclude that the mean in the population is not 9.

# Case study 2: The The NHANES dataset: BMI

#### The The NHANES dataset: BMI

- 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.
- Some individuals excluded due to missing values.
- In this part we focus on the BMI (the R object BMI).

### The The NHANES dataset: BMI



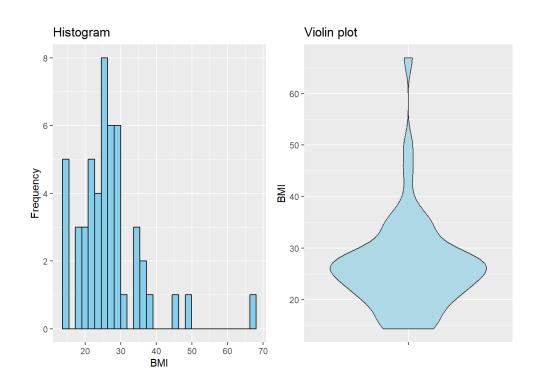
- The population:
  - N=9634.
  - Population mean:

$$\mu = 26.76$$

• Population variance:

$$\sigma^2 = 54.41$$

#### The The NHANES dataset: BMI



- A sample of 50 individuals from the population.
- Sample mean:

$$\bar{x} = 26.76$$

Sample variance:

$$S^2 = 87.67$$

#### Distribution of the test statistic

#### Case 2

If  $X \sim F$ 

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

and 
$$T_X = \frac{\overline{X} - \mu}{\sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}} \sim N(0,1)$$
 
$$E(X) = \mu$$
 
$$Var(X) = \sigma^2$$

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  $^2$  by  $S^2$ .

#### Our example:

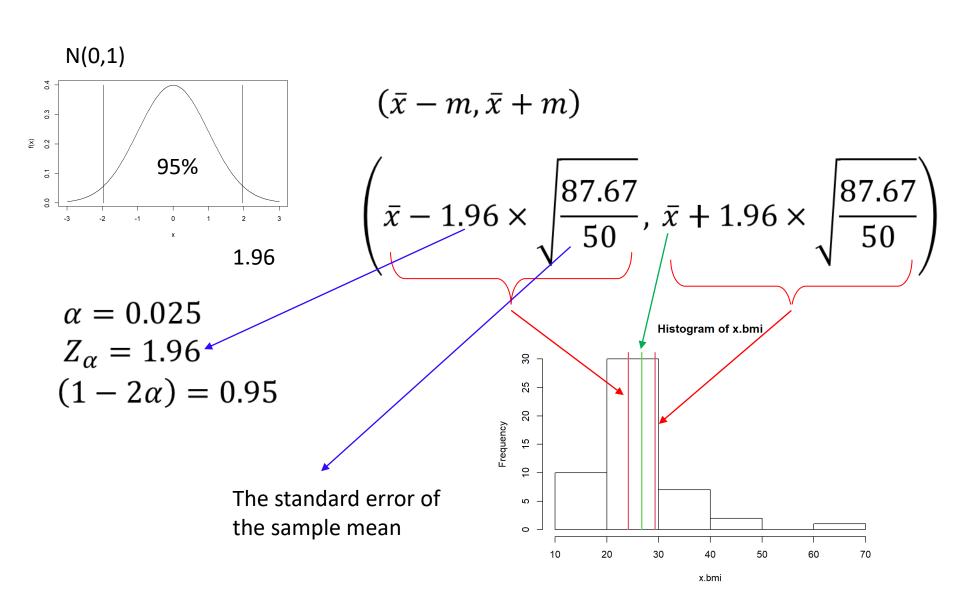
$$n = 50$$



Use N(0,1) to choose the critical value for the upper and lower limits.

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#### 95% C. I. for the mean BMI



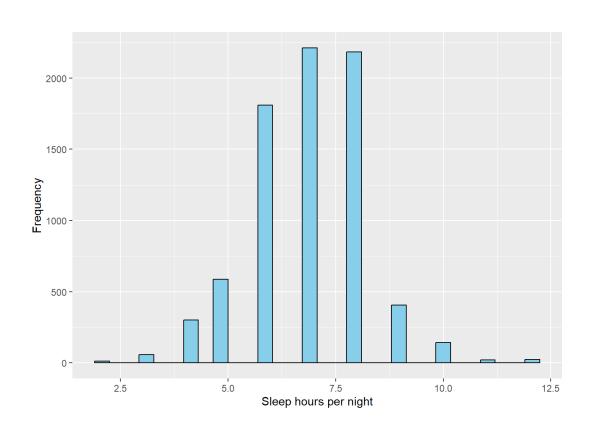
# Case study 3: The The NHANES dataset: number of sleep hours per night

Test of hypothesis about the population mean (one sided test)

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

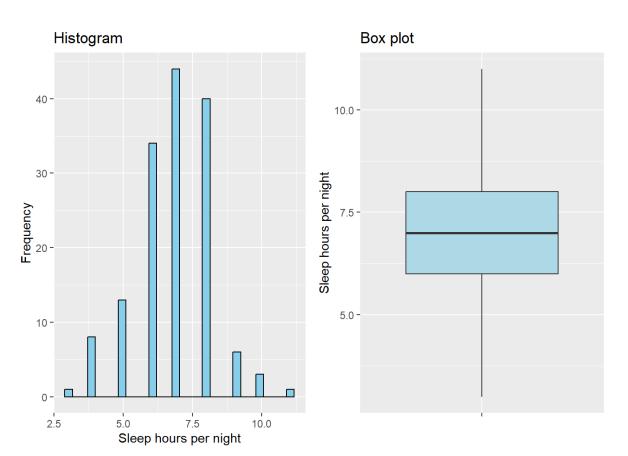
- In this section, the variable of interest is the number of sleeping hours per night (the variable SleepHrsNight).
- Information about the number of sleeping hours per night is available for 7755 individuals (i.e., the population).

# The number of sleep hours per night



$$n = 7755$$
  
 $\mu = 6.927$   
 $\sigma = 1.813$ 

# A random sample from the population



 A random sample from the population:

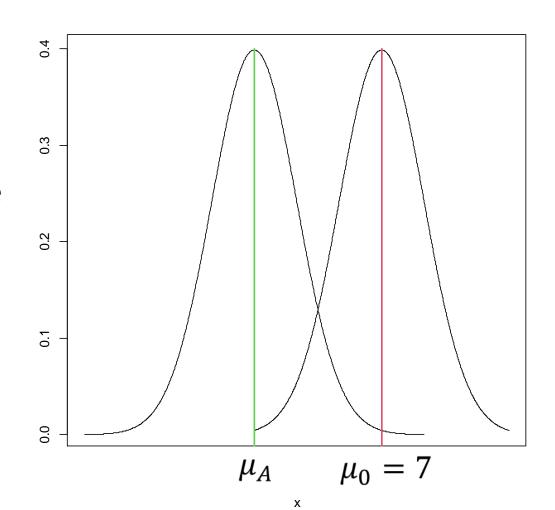
$$n = 150$$
  
 $\bar{x} = 6.846$   
 $s^2 = 1.862$ 

# 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).

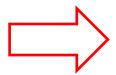


The null hypothesis

#### Test statistic

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

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



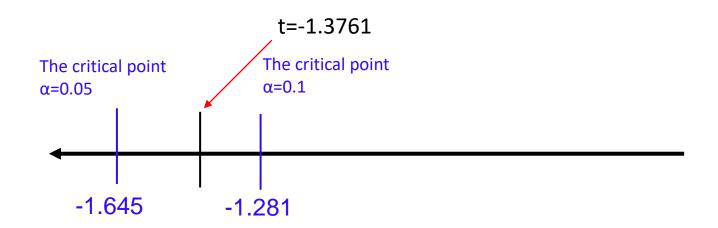
$$\frac{\overline{X} - \mu}{\sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}} \sim N(0,1)$$

# The critical points and the test statistic

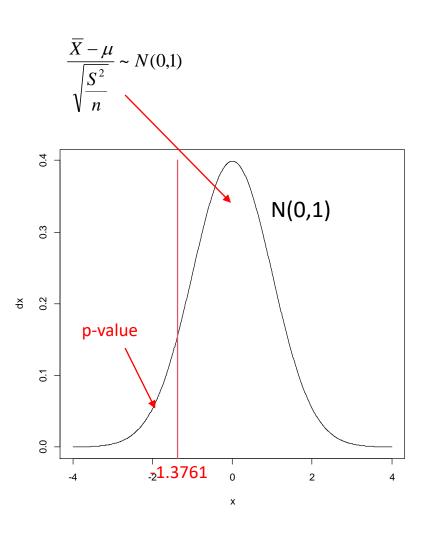
For one sided test and  $\alpha$ =0.05, Z=-1.645.

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

For  $\alpha$ =0.1 We reject H<sub>0</sub>: -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.

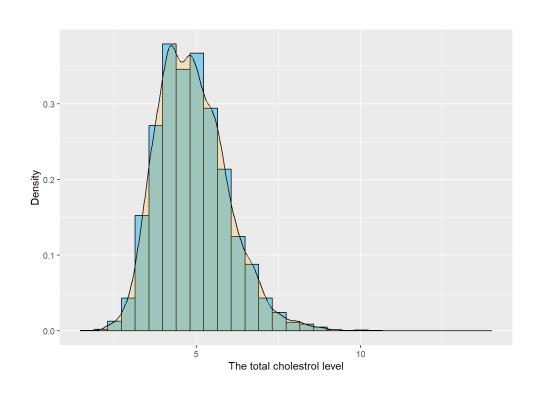
# Case study 4: The The NHANES dataset: cholesterol level

Test of hypothesis about the population mean (two sided test and confidence interval)

# The NHANES data set: analysis of the total cholesterol level

- In this section we focus on the total cholesterol level (the variable TotChol).
- After omitting all individuals with missing values, 8474 individuals are included in the analysis.

#### Total cholesterol level



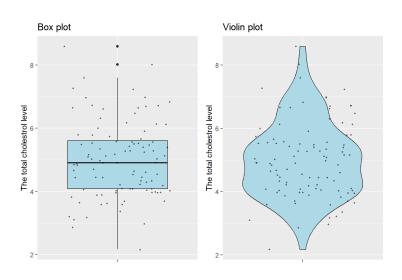
The population and parameters:

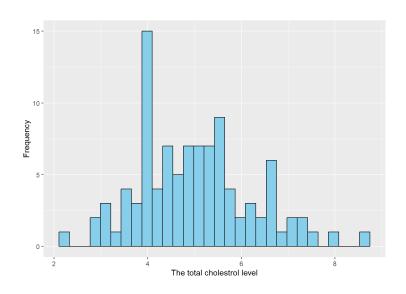
$$n = 8474$$
  
 $\mu = 4.879$   
 $\sigma^2 = 1.0755^2$ 

# A random sample of 100 individuals

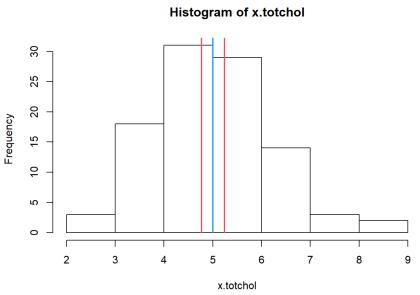
For a sample of 100 individuals:

$$\frac{\bar{x} = 5.004}{s = 1.207}$$
  $\Rightarrow \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} = \frac{1.2072}{10} = 0.12073$ 





# A 95% confidence interval for the population mean



$$\alpha = 0.025$$
 $Z_{\alpha} = 1.96$ 
 $m = 1.96 \times 0.12073$ 
 $\bar{x} \pm m = 5.0041 \pm 1.96 \times 0.12073$ 

(4.7674, 5.2407)

# Test of hypothesis for the population mean (two-sided test)

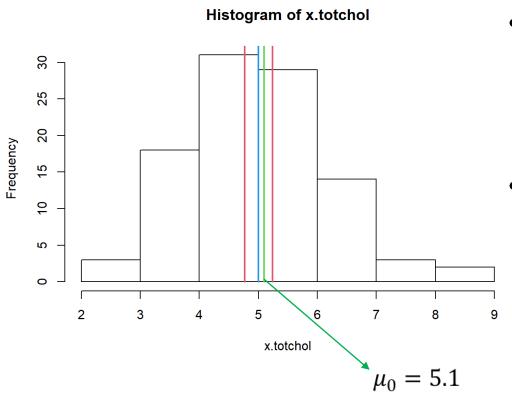
$$H_0$$
:  $\mu = 5.1$   
 $H_A$ :  $\mu \neq 5.1$ 

# Test statistics and p-value

$$\frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}} = \frac{5.0041 - 5.1}{\frac{1.2073}{10}} = -0.7943 \qquad 2 \times \left(1 - P(|Z| > 0.7943)\right) = 0.427$$

$$p - value = 0.427 > 0.05 = \alpha$$

#### A two sided test and a confidence interval



 A 95% confidence interval for the population mean:

(4.7674, 5.2407)

 The value of μ<sub>0</sub>=5.1 is covered by the 95% confidence interval.