## Economics 103 – Statistics for Economists

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Lecture 18



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Normal, by independence and linearity property of normal distributions.

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Shorthand: 
$$SE(\bar{X}_n - \bar{Y}_m) = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_x^2}{n} + \frac{\sigma_y^2}{m}}$$

# CI for Difference of Population Means, $\sigma_x^2, \sigma_y^2$ Known

$$\frac{(\bar{X}_n - \bar{Y}_m) - (\mu_{\scriptscriptstyle X} - \mu_{\scriptscriptstyle Y})}{\mathit{SE}(\bar{X}_n - \bar{Y}_m)} \sim \mathit{N}(0, 1)$$

Thus, we construct a  $100 \times (1 - \alpha)\%$  CI for  $\mu_x - \mu_y$  as follows:

$$(ar{X}_{\it n} - ar{Y}_{\it m}) \pm \ {
m qnorm}(1 - lpha/2) \ {\it SE}(ar{X}_{\it n} - ar{Y}_{\it m})$$

Where 
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$$SE = \sqrt{\frac{3^2}{25} + \frac{4^2}{25}} = \frac{\sqrt{9+16}}{5} = 1$$

$$ME = \text{qnorm}(1 - 0.05/2) \times SE \approx 2 \times SE = 2$$



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The actual population means were 4 and 3, respectively

# What if $\sigma_x^2$ , $\sigma_y^2$ are Unknown?

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u)$$

#### Formula for $\nu$ is Complicated and You Don't Need to Know it

#### Two possibilities:

- 1. Have R find the correct value of  $\nu$  for us
- 2. If m, n are large enough, approximately standard normal.

## Case of Equal, Unknown Variances

The book considers a case where  $\sigma_x^2 = \sigma_y^2 = \sigma^2$ , that is a common unknown variance. This is a very dangerous assumption. It is almost certainly false and can throw off our results in a serious way. You are not responsible for this case.

## Sampling Distributions Under Normality: One-sample

Suppose that  $X_1, \ldots, X_n \sim \text{iid } N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ . Then:

$$\left(\frac{n-1}{\sigma^2}\right)S^2 \sim \chi^2(n-1)$$

$$\frac{\bar{X}_n - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \sim N(0,1)$$

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# But what if the population isn't Normal?

#### The Central Limit Theorem

Suppose that  $X_1, \ldots, X_n$  are a random sample from a population with unknown mean  $\mu$ . Then, provided that n is sufficiently large, the sampling distribution of  $\bar{X}_n$  is approximately  $N\left(\mu, \widehat{SE}(\bar{X}_n)^2\right)$ , even if the even if the underlying population is non-normal.

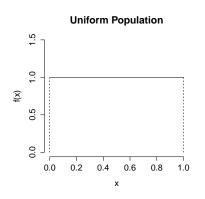
In Other Words...

$$rac{ar{X}_n - \mu}{\widehat{SE}(ar{X}_n)} pprox N(0,1)$$

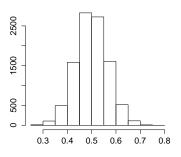
Use this to create approximate CIs for population mean!

You should be amazed by this.

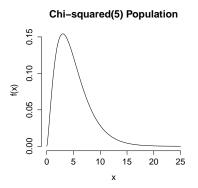
## Example: Uniform(0,1) Population, n = 20



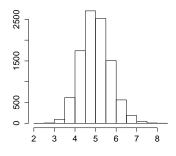
#### Sample Mean - Uniform Pop (n = 20)



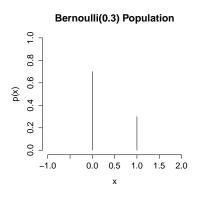
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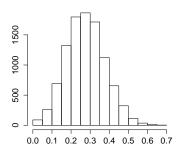
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## Example: Bernoulli(0.3) Population, n = 20



#### Sample Mean – Ber(0.3) Pop (n = 20)



# Who is the Chief Justice of the US Supreme Court?



- (a) Harry Reid
- (b) John Roberts
- (c) William Rehnquist
- (d) Stephen Breyer

## Are US Voters Really That Ignorant?

Pew: "What Voters Know About Campaign 2012"

#### The Data

Of 771 registered voters polled, only 39% correctly identified John Roberts as the current chief justice of the US Supreme Court.

#### Research Question

Is the majority of voters unaware that John Roberts is the current chief justice, or is this just sampling variation?

Assume Random Sampling...

## Confidence Interval for a Proportion

What is the appropriate probability model for the sample?

 $X_1, \ldots, X_n \sim \mathsf{iid} \; \mathsf{Bernoulli}(p), \; 1 = \mathsf{Know} \; \mathsf{Roberts} \; \mathsf{is} \; \mathsf{Chief} \; \mathsf{Justice}$ 

What is the parameter of interest?

p = Proportion of voters *in the population* who know Roberts is Chief Justice.

What is our estimator?

Sample Proportion:  $\hat{p} = (\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i)/n$ 

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## Central Limit Theorem Applied to Sample Proportion

#### Central Limit Theorem: Intuition

Sample means are approximately normally distributed provided the sample size is large even if the population is non-normal.

#### CLT For Sample Mean

## CLT for Sample Proportion

$$\frac{\bar{X}_n - \mu}{\widehat{SE}(\bar{X}_n)} \approx N(0, 1)$$

$$\frac{\widehat{p}-p}{\sqrt{\frac{\widehat{p}(1-\widehat{p})}{n}}}\approx N(0,1)$$

In this example, the population is Bernoulli(p) rather than normal.

The sample mean is  $\hat{p}$  and the population mean is p.

$$\frac{\widehat{p} - p}{\sqrt{\frac{\widehat{p}(1-\widehat{p})}{n}}} \approx N(0,1)$$

$$P\left(-2 \le \frac{\widehat{p} - p}{\sqrt{\frac{\widehat{p}(1-\widehat{p})}{n}}} \le 2\right) \approx 0.95$$

$$P\left(\widehat{p} - 2\sqrt{\frac{\widehat{p}(1-\widehat{p})}{n}} \le p \le \widehat{p} + 2\sqrt{\frac{\widehat{p}(1-\widehat{p})}{n}}\right) \approx 0.95$$

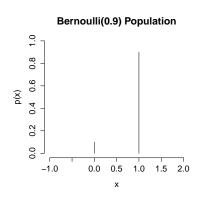
# $100 \times (1 - \alpha)$ CI for Population Proportion (p)

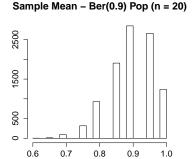
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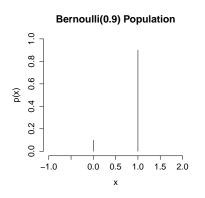
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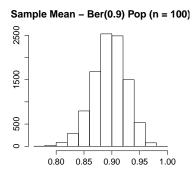
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What can we conclude?

#### Are Republicans Better Informed Than Democrats?

Pew: "What Voters Know About Campaign 2012"

Of the 239 Republicans surveyed, 47% correctly identified John Roberts as the current chief justice. Only 31% of the 238 Democrats surveyed correctly identified him. Is this difference meaningful or just sampling variation?

Again, assume random sampling.

### Confidence Interval for a Difference of Proportions

#### What is the appropriate probability model for the sample?

 $X_1, \ldots, X_n \sim \text{ iid Bernoulli}(p) \text{ independently of}$ 

 $Y_1, \ldots, Y_m \sim \text{ iid Bernoulli}(q)$ 

#### What is the parameter of interest?

The difference of population proportions p-q

#### What is our estimator?

The difference of sample proportions:  $\hat{p} - \hat{q}$  where:

$$\widehat{p} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_{i} \qquad \widehat{q} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} Y_{i}$$

#### What We Have

Approx. sampling dist. for individual sample proportions from CLT:

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# Approx. 95% CI for Difference of Population Proportions

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 What can we conclude?