

Statistics and Estimation for Computer Science



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Interval Estimation

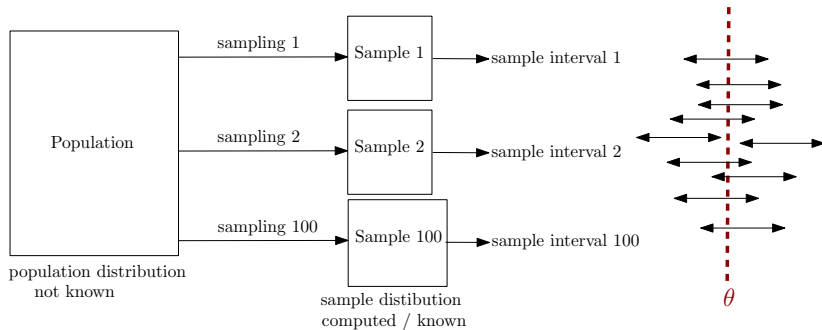
Interval Estimation

- ▶ Point estimates are not always useful
- ▶ Instead of a single estimate, an interval can be given
- ▶ For example, sample mean interval: $[L, U]$, where L is the lower limit and U is the upper limit
 - ▶ Short interval: High chance to miss population parameter
 - ▶ Long interval: Not very useful
- ▶ Define a confidence level to determine the length of the interval
- ▶ Commonly used confidence levels are
 - ▶ 90 % confidence level
 - ▶ 95 % confidence level
 - ▶ 99 % confidence level
- ▶ Given a confidence level, how to find the corresponding interval?

Confidence Interval (CI)

- ▶ Sample parameter estimation has certain sampling distr.
- ▶ For example, sample mean $\bar{x} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{N})$
- ▶ Using sampling distr
 - ▶ High variance \implies larger confidence interval
 - ▶ Low variance \implies shorter confidence interval
- ▶ Determine confidence interval using area under sampling distribution
- ▶ For example, if 95 % CI for sample mean is $[10, 20]$, then $P(10 \leq \bar{x} \leq 20) = 0.95$
- ▶ How do we interpret this interval in terms of population parameter? (note: population parameter is **not** rv)

Confidence Interval (CI)



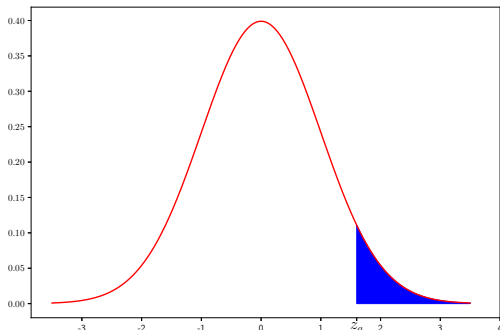
- ▶ If you take 100 different samples \implies compute 100 different 95% confidence intervals,
- ▶ True population parameter θ will be included in 95 of these intervals.

Notation

- Define z_α as the value such that

$$\alpha = 1 - \Phi(z_\alpha) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{z_\alpha}^{\infty} \exp\left\{-\frac{x^2}{2}\right\} dx$$

- Area of the blue shaded area is α



Confidence Interval for Sample Mean

- ▶ Sampling distribution of \bar{x}

$$\bar{x} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{\sqrt{N}}\right)$$

$$Z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{N}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

- ▶ We need z_α such that $P(|Z| < z_\alpha) = 0.95$
- ▶ $\alpha = 0.025$
- ▶ From z look-up table $z_\alpha = 1.96$
- ▶ Hence

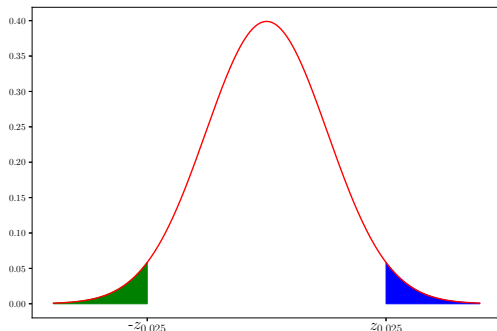
$$P\left(\frac{\sqrt{N}}{\sigma}|\bar{x} - \mu| \leq 1.96\right) = 0.95$$

- ▶ $\bar{x} \pm 1.96\sigma/\sqrt{N}$ will contain μ with 95% probability.

$$P(\mu \in \bar{x} \pm 1.96\sigma/\sqrt{N}) = 0.95$$

Confidence Interval for Sample Mean

- Why $\alpha = 0.025$



- Total area of red and green shades should be 0.05
- From symmetry of distr. green area = blue area = 0.025

Confidence Interval and Sample Size

- ▶ Confidence interval is

$$\left[\bar{x} - z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{N}} , \bar{x} + z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{N}} \right]$$

- ▶ With a large sample size (N) \implies shorter interval
- ▶ With a small sample size (N) \implies larger interval

Confidence Interval (CI)

- Commonly used confidence levels and corresponding z_{α} values are

Confidence level	α	$z_{\alpha/2}$
90%	0.10	1.645
95%	0.05	1.96
99%	0.01	2.576

Confidence Interval (CI)

- ▶ sample size N given \implies confidence interval is computed
- ▶ confidence interval is given \implies sample size is computed
- ▶ For example, we want confidence interval $1 - \alpha$ to be B , then

$$z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{N}} \leq \frac{B}{2}$$
$$N \geq \left(\frac{2z_{\alpha/2}\sigma}{B} \right)^2$$
$$N_{min} = \left\lceil \left(\frac{2z_{\alpha/2}\sigma}{B} \right)^2 \right\rceil$$

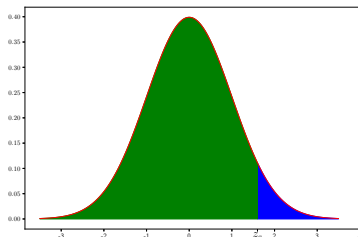
Confidence Level for Lower Limit

- Sometimes an upper or a lower limit is required with some confidence level $1 - \alpha$
- For example find the lower limit for population mean with confidence level $1 - \alpha$

$$P\left(\frac{\sqrt{N}}{\sigma}(\bar{x} - \mu) \leq z_{\alpha}\right) = 1 - \alpha$$

$$P\left(\bar{x} - z_{\alpha} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{N}} \leq \mu\right) = 1 - \alpha$$

- We need green area to be $1 - \alpha$, and blue area to be α



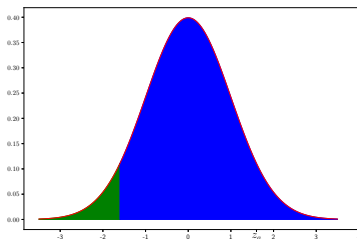
Confidence Level for Upper Limit

- ▶ Similarly, find the upper limit for population mean with confidence level α

$$P\left(\frac{\sqrt{N}}{\sigma}(\bar{x} - \mu) \geq z_{\alpha}\right) = 1 - \alpha$$

$$P\left(\mu \leq \bar{x} + z_{\alpha} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{N}}\right) = 1 - \alpha$$

- ▶ We need green area to be α , and blue are to be $1 - \alpha$



Confidence Level for Lower/Upper Limits

- ▶ Upper limit with confidence level of $1 - \alpha$ is

$$\bar{x} + z_{\alpha} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{N}}$$

- ▶ Lower limit with confidence level of $1 - \alpha$ is

$$\bar{x} - z_{\alpha} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{N}}$$

Confidence Interval

- ▶ Population std dev σ is used to compute confidence interval \implies σ **not** known
- ▶ Use sample std dev s instead of population std dev σ
- ▶ Both \bar{x} and s are rv \implies their ratio is also rv
- ▶ Ratio of 2 rv does **not** have normal distr anymore

$$T \triangleq \frac{\sqrt{N}}{s}(\bar{x} - \mu)$$

- ▶ T has t distribution with $N - 1$ dof as one dof is lost due to specification of sample std dev s

$$T \sim t_{N-1}$$

T-distribution History

- ▶ Discovered by William Gosset, a chemist working for the Guinness brewery
- ▶ Statistical methods were used to test quality of beer production
- ▶ Company policy at Guinness forbade its chemists from publishing their findings
- ▶ Gosset published his statistical work in the journal Biometrika 1908 under the pseudonym "Student"
- ▶ Known also as Student's t distribution
- ▶ For more info
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Student's_t-test

T Distribution

- ▶ Continuous distribution
- ▶ Distribution is symmetric around $x = 0$
- ▶ Single parameter degrees of freedom (v)
- ▶ pdf

$$f(x) = a(v) \left(1 + \frac{1}{v}x^2\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}(v+1)}$$

where

$$a(v) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{v\pi} \frac{\Gamma(0.5(v+1))}{\Gamma(0.5v)}}$$

for integer values of v and gamma function is

$$\Gamma(m) = (m-1)!$$

for positive integers.

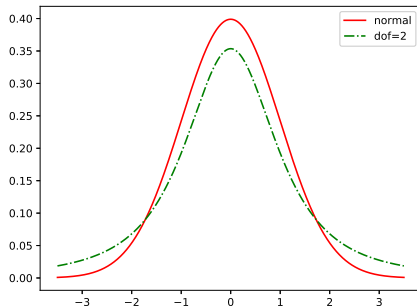
- ▶ No closed form expression for cdf of t-distr \implies Need look-up table

T Distribution vs Normal Distribution

- ▶ t-distribution has fatter tails compared to normal distr
- ▶ This is due to the added uncertainty for using sample std dev instead of population std dev
- ▶ For a given α

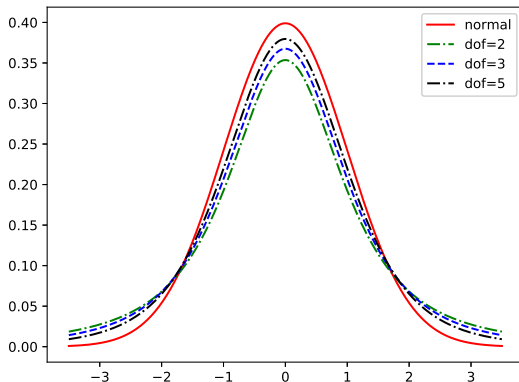
$$t_{N-1,\alpha} > z_{\alpha}$$

due to fat tails



T Distribution vs Normal Distribution

- ▶ As dof increases t distr converges to normal distr
- ▶ Difference between $t_{N-1,\alpha}$ z_α decreases with increasing dof (N)
- ▶ For $\text{dof} \geq 30$, t-distr is just like normal distr



Confidence Interval of Sample Mean with Sample Std Dev

- ▶ $1 - \alpha$ confidence interval is:

$$\left[\bar{x} - t_{N-1, \alpha/2} \frac{s}{\sqrt{N}}, \bar{x} + t_{N-1, \alpha/2} \frac{s}{\sqrt{N}} \right]$$

- ▶ This interval is larger compared to case where population std dev is used
- ▶ This is due to added uncertainty
- ▶ How to find $t_{N-1, \alpha/2} \implies$ Use t-table

T-table

- ▶ Cdf of t-distr. is precomputed numerically
- ▶ Values of cdf at all t values are not given
- ▶ Only critical t values for some α are given
- ▶ T-lookup table

TABLE A.2
t Distribution: Critical Values of t

Degrees of freedom	Two-tailed test: One-tailed test:	Significance level					
		10% 5%	5% 2.5%	2% 1%	1% 0.5%	0.2% 0.1%	0.1% 0.05%
1		6.314	12.706	31.821	63.657	318.309	636.619
2		2.920	4.303	6.965	9.925	22.327	31.599
3		2.353	3.182	4.541	5.841	10.215	12.924
4		2.132	2.776	3.747	4.604	7.173	8.610
5		2.015	2.571	3.365	4.032	5.893	6.869
6		1.943	2.447	3.143	3.707	5.208	5.959
7		1.894	2.365	2.998	3.499	4.785	5.408
8		1.860	2.306	2.896	3.355	4.501	5.041
9		1.833	2.262	2.821	3.250	4.297	4.781
10		1.812	2.228	2.764	3.169	4.144	4.587
11		1.796	2.201	2.718	3.106	4.025	4.437

Confidence Interval for t Distr

- Commonly used confidence levels and corresponding $t_{10,\alpha/2}$ values are

Confidence level	α	$z_{\alpha/2}$	$t_{10,\alpha/2}$
90%	0.10	1.645	1.812
95%	0.05	1.960	2.228
99%	0.01	2.576	3.169

- Commonly used confidence levels and corresponding $t_{30,\alpha/2}$ values are

Confidence level	α	$z_{\alpha/2}$	$t_{30,\alpha/2}$
90%	0.10	1.645	1.697
95%	0.05	1.960	2.042
99%	0.01	2.576	2.750

- As sample size gets close to 30, there is small difference between critical values of normal distr and t distr

Confidence Level Lower/Upper Limits

- ▶ Upper limit with confidence level of $1 - \alpha$ is

$$\bar{x} + t_{N-1, \alpha} \frac{s}{\sqrt{N}}$$

- ▶ Lower limit with confidence level of $1 - \alpha$ is

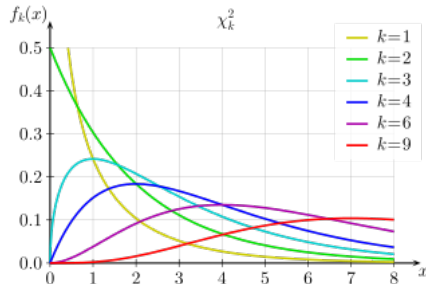
$$\bar{x} - t_{N-1, \alpha} \frac{s}{\sqrt{N}}$$

Confidence Interval for Population Variance

- ▶ Sampling distribution of the sample variance s^2 is

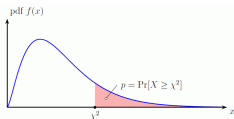
$$\chi^2 = \frac{(N-1)s^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{N-1}^2$$

chi-square distribution with $N - 1$ dof



Confidence Interval for Population Variance

- ▶ Need χ^2 look-up table for intervals
- ▶ Critical values for χ^2 distribution:



Chi-square Distribution Table

d.f.	.995	.99	.975	.95	.9	.1	.05	.025	.01
1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	2.71	3.84	5.02	6.63
2	0.01	0.02	0.05	0.10	0.21	4.61	5.99	7.38	9.21
3	0.07	0.11	0.22	0.35	0.58	6.25	7.81	9.35	11.34
4	0.21	0.30	0.48	0.71	1.06	7.78	9.49	11.14	13.28
5	0.41	0.55	0.83	1.15	1.61	9.24	11.07	12.83	15.09
6	0.68	0.87	1.24	1.64	2.20	10.64	12.59	14.45	16.81
7	0.99	1.24	1.69	2.17	2.83	12.02	14.07	16.01	18.48
8	1.34	1.65	2.18	2.73	3.49	13.36	15.51	17.53	20.09

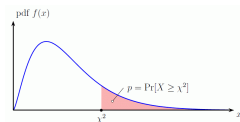
- ▶ For $1 - \alpha$ CI with $\text{dof} = N-1$
 - ▶ Lower limit for X^2 should be $\chi^2_{N-1, 1-\alpha/2}$
 - ▶ Upper limit for X^2 should be $\chi^2_{N-1, \alpha/2}$

$$\chi^2_{N-1, 1-\alpha/2} \leq X^2 \leq \chi^2_{N-1, \alpha/2}$$

$$\chi^2_{N-1, 1-\alpha/2} \leq \frac{(N-1)s^2}{\sigma^2} \leq \chi^2_{N-1, \alpha/2}$$

$$\frac{(N-1)s^2}{\chi^2_{N-1, \alpha/2}} \leq \sigma^2 \leq \frac{(N-1)s^2}{\chi^2_{N-1, 1-\alpha/2}}$$

Confidence Interval for Population Variance



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- 90% CI for population variance σ^2 with dof=5 is

$$\left[\frac{5s^2}{11.07}, \frac{5s^2}{1.15} \right]$$

Lower and Upper Limit for Population Variance

- ▶ Lower limit with $1 - \alpha$ confidence is

$$\frac{(N - 1)s^2}{\chi_{N-1,\alpha}^2}$$

- ▶ Upper limit with $1 - \alpha$ confidence is

$$\frac{(N - 1)s^2}{\chi_{N-1,1-\alpha}^2}$$

Confidence Interval for Population Proportion

- ▶ Sometimes a confidence interval is required for a proportion of some condition in a population
- ▶ For example, a confidence interval can be required for the accuracy of a binary classifier
- ▶ Let \hat{p} be a zero bias point estimate of the proportion
- ▶ If p is not close to 0 or 1, and when the sample size is large ($Np > 5$ and $N(1 - p) > 5$)

$$Z \triangleq \frac{\hat{p} - p}{\sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{N}}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

- ▶ Why?

Confidence Interval for Population Proportion

- ▶ Let m be total number of cases in the sample that has this certain condition
- ▶ In binary classification example, let m be the number of correctly classified cases
- ▶ m has binomial distr

$$m \sim \text{Binomial}(p)$$

with $E(m) = Np$ and $\sigma_m^2 = Np(1 - p)$

- ▶ If p is not close to 0 or 1, and when the sample size is large ($Np > 5$ and $N(1 - p) > 5$) binomial distr can be approximated with normal distr.
- ▶ Continuity correction - described in the next slide!!!
- ▶ Then, $\frac{m - Np}{\sqrt{Np(1 - p)}}$ has standard normal distr.

$$Z \triangleq \frac{m - Np}{\sqrt{Np(1 - p)}} = \frac{\hat{p} - p}{\sqrt{\frac{p(1 - p)}{N}}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

Confidence Interval for Population Proportion

$$Z \triangleq \frac{m - Np}{\sqrt{Np(1-p)}} = \frac{\hat{p} - p}{\sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{N}}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

- ▶ $1 - \alpha$ confidence interval is

$$\left[\hat{p} - z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{N}}, \hat{p} + z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{N}} \right]$$

- ▶ This interval is useless as it uses population parameter p to get an interval about p !

Confidence Interval for Population Proportion

- ▶ Let $\hat{\Theta}$ be an estimator for population parameter θ
 - ▶ If $\hat{\Theta}$ has normal distr.
 - ▶ If $\hat{\Theta}$ is approximately unbiased
 - ▶ If estimator variance $\sigma_{\hat{\Theta}}^2$ can be estimated from sample

then confidence interval for θ can be computed using $\sigma_{\hat{\Theta}}^2$ instead of population variance σ^2

$$[\hat{\theta} - z_{\alpha/2}\sigma_{\hat{\Theta}}, \hat{\theta} + z_{\alpha/2}\sigma_{\hat{\Theta}}]$$

- ▶ For population parameter listed conditions hold
- ▶ $1 - \alpha$ confidence interval is

$$\left[\hat{p} - z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1 - \hat{p})}{N}}, \hat{p} + z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1 - \hat{p})}{N}} \right]$$

Lower and Upper Limit for Population Proportion

- ▶ Lower limit with $1 - \alpha$ confidence is

$$\hat{p} - z_{\alpha} \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1 - \hat{p})}{N}}$$

- ▶ Upper limit with $1 - \alpha$ confidence is

$$\hat{p} + z_{\alpha} \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1 - \hat{p})}{N}}$$

Continuity Correction

- ▶ Binomial is a discrete distr
- ▶ Normal distr. is continuous distr
- ▶ Binomial \rightarrow Normal approximation will not work:
 - ▶ if p is close to 0 or 1,
 - ▶ if sample size is small

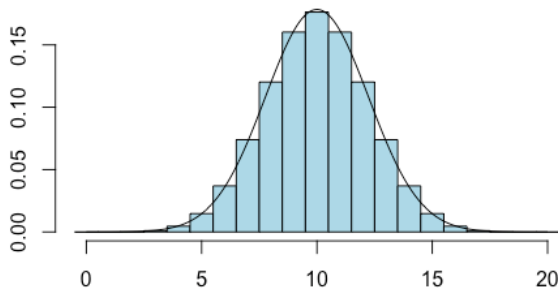


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Continuity Correction

Binomial	Normal
$P(X = k)$	$P(k-0.5 < X < k + 0.5)$
$P(X \leq k)$	$P(X < k + 0.5)$
$P(X < k)$	$P(X < k-0.5)$
$P(X > k)$	$P(X > k + 0.5)$
$P(X \geq k)$	$P(X > k-0.5)$

One Sample Hypothesis Testing

Hypothesis Testing

- ▶ From estimation of a population parameter to test a hypothesis about the population parameter
- ▶ Concepts
 - ▶ H_0 : null hypothesis
 - ▶ H_1 : alternative hypothesis
- ▶ Typically, widely accepted assumption is used as null hypothesis
- ▶ Without a strong evidence (from sample) against null hypothesis, it will not be rejected

Hypothesis Types

- ▶ There are two types of hypothesis

- ▶ Simple hypothesis (two-sided)

$$H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$$

$$H_1 : \theta \neq \theta_0$$

- ▶ Composite hypothesis (one-sided)

$$H_0 : \theta \leq \theta_0$$

$$H_1 : \theta > \theta_0$$

or

$$H_0 : \theta \geq \theta_0$$

$$H_1 : \theta < \theta_0$$

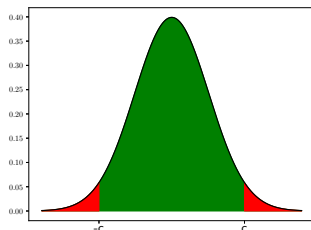
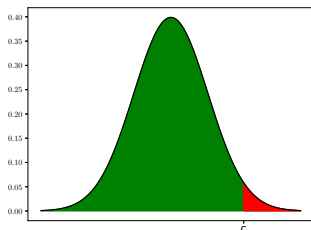
Hypothesis Testing

- ▶ A test statistics (T) obtained from the sample is used
- ▶ Depending on the value of this test statistics, we can reject or retain H_0
- ▶ Define a critical region (rejection region) using a critical value c

$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{one-sided}} = \{T(x) > c\}$$

or

$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{two-sided}} = \{|T(x)| > c\}$$



Hypothesis Testing

- ▶ If the value of test statistics is within critical region \implies reject H_0
- ▶ If the value of test statistics is outside critical region (acceptance region) \implies do not reject H_0 / retain H_0

$$\begin{cases} T(x) \in \mathcal{R} & \text{reject } H_0 \\ T(x) \notin \mathcal{R} & \text{retain } H_0 \end{cases}$$

- ▶ Not rejecting H_0 **does not** mean accepting H_0
- ▶ Failing to reject (or retaining) H_0 just means sample statistics does not supply a strong evidence against H_0

Hypothesis Testing – Example

- ▶ Let H_0 to be average cholesterol level in the healthy population is 170
- ▶ Take a sample of 100 healthy individual, measure their cholesterol
- ▶ Let the test statistic to be $T = \bar{x} - 170$
- ▶ Let critical value to be 20
- ▶ Then critical region will be

$$\mathcal{R} = \{|\bar{x} - 170| \geq 20\}$$

- ▶ If mean cholesterol of the sample is
 - ▶ larger then or equal to 190
 - ▶ less than or equal to 150

H_0 is rejected

Hypothesis Testing

- ▶ How to determine the test statistics T
- ▶ Use a test statistics where the sampling distribution is known
- ▶ How to determine the critical value or critical region?
- ▶ Determine a significance level α
- ▶ Using sampling distr of test statistics, find a critical value c such that

$$P(T(x) \in R \mid H_0) = \alpha$$

$$P(\text{reject } H_0 \mid H_0) = \alpha$$

Relation of Hypothesis Testing and Confidence Interval

- ▶ Consider the simple hypothesis:

$$H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$$

$$H_1 : \theta \neq \theta_0$$

- ▶ Let significance level to be α

- ▶ Let $[L, U]$ be the $1 - \alpha$ CI

$$\begin{cases} \theta_0 \in [L, U] & \text{retain } H_0 \\ \theta_0 \notin [L, U] & \text{reject } H_0 \end{cases}$$

Types of Errors in Hypothesis Testing

	H_0 retained	H_0 rejected
H_0 correct	$1 - \alpha$	type-I error α
H_0 incorrect	type-II error β	$1 - \beta$

$$P(\text{retain } H_0 \mid H_0) = 1 - \alpha$$

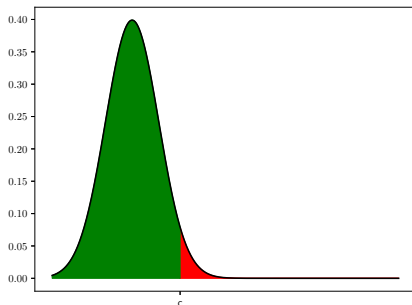
$$P(\text{reject } H_0 \mid H_0) = P(\text{type-I error}) = \alpha$$

$$P(\text{reject } H_0 \mid H_1) = 1 - \beta$$

$$P(\text{retain } H_0 \mid H_1) = P(\text{type-II error}) = \beta$$

Type-I Error

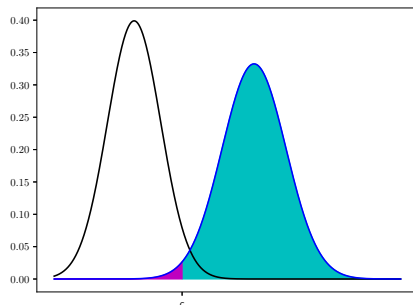
- ▶ Assume H_0 is correct for a composite hypothesis (one-sided)
- ▶ Consider the following sampling distribution (for a sample statistics) when H_0 is correct
- ▶ If a sample statistics fall in the critical (red) region, H_0 is rejected
 \implies type-I error
- ▶ Red area is the probability of type-I error $= \alpha$
- ▶ Green area is the probability of correctly retaining $H_0 = 1 - \alpha$



Factors of Type-I Error

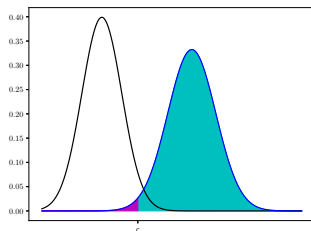
- ▶ Type-I error probability is the significance level α
- ▶ Depending on the cost of type-I error, its probability is selected during study design before data collection
- ▶ Typically used values for power of a test is 0.8, 0.85, or 0.9
- ▶ Hence there is no factor that affects type-I error

Type-II Error



- ▶ Type-II error: Retaining H_0 when H_1 is correct
- ▶ If the sample parameter falls within the acceptance region (outside critical region)
- ▶ In the figure, if sample parameter is less than c , H_0 is retained
- ▶ Probability of type-II error is the area shown in magenta $\implies \beta$

Type-II Error and Power



- ▶ Probability of type-II error is the area shown in magenta $\implies \beta$
- ▶ Probability of rejecting H_0 when H_1 is correct is called “power of the test” $= 1 - \beta$
- ▶ Shown in cyan area
- ▶ How to compute type-II error probability and power of the test
- ▶ Blue sampling distribution – $P(\text{sample parameter} \mid H_1)$ – is not known

Type-II error and Power

- ▶ H_1 does not result in a sampling distribution

- ▶ For example:

$$H_0 : \mu = 0$$

$$H_1 : \mu \neq 0$$

Alternative hypothesis do not result in a distribution for sample mean

- ▶ One possibility is to compute type-II error and power as a function of distance from H_0
- ▶ What about std. dev.? \implies requires pilot study (small sample size) or technical prior information
- ▶ Another possibility is to compute type-II error and power of test at a meaningful (in terms of application) distance

Type-II Error and Power

- ▶ Power of a test is typically pre-selected at a given distance to find the sample size
- ▶ Typically used values for power of a test is 0.8, 0.85, or 0.9
- ▶ Distance is a meaningful difference
- ▶ Sample variance is computed from a pilot study (small sample size) or used from literature

Factors of Type-II Error and Power

- ▶ Sample size N and significance level α affects type-II error probability β and test power $1 - \beta$
- ▶ Sample size $\uparrow \implies \beta \downarrow$ and power \uparrow
- ▶ Significance level $\alpha \uparrow \implies \beta \downarrow$ and power \uparrow

Type I-II Errors in Binary Classification

- ▶ In binary classification, terminology is a bit different
 - ▶ Confusion matrix
 - ▶ True/False positive
 - ▶ True/False negative
- ▶ Think H_0 as negative and H_1 as positive
- ▶ Type-I error is like FP
- ▶ Type-II error is like FN

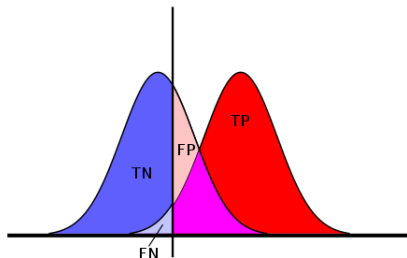
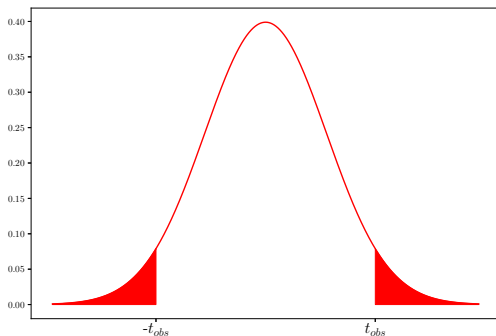


Figure taken from https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Type_I_and_type_II_errors

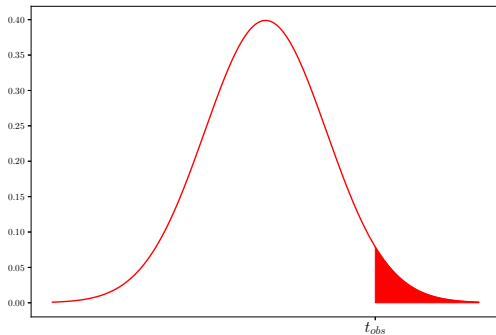
p-value

- ▶ From a sample, let the observed value of t statistic be t_{obs}
- ▶ Then p-value is the probability of observed sample statistics or more extreme observations when H_0 is correct
- ▶ For a two-tailed test (simple hypothesis), p-value is the red area shown below



p-value

- For a one-tailed test (composite hypothesis), p-value is the red area shown below



Interpretation of p-value

- ▶ p-value is a measure of evidence against H_0

p-value	Interpretation
<0.01	very strong evidence against H_0
0.01-0.05	strong evidence against H_0
0.05-0.10	weak evidence against H_0
>0.10	little or no evidence against H_0

- ▶ A large p-value is **NOT** a strong evidence in favor of H_0
- ▶ p-value is **NOT** the probability of H_0
- ▶ Why?

Interpretation of p-value

- ▶ t_{obs} is an rv \implies p is also rv

$$p \triangleq P(T \geq t_{obs} | H_0) = 1 - F_t(t_{obs})$$

F_t is the cdf of sample statistics t when H_0 is correct

- ▶ Consider a new rv K whose pdf is $F_t(t)$
- ▶ Then $p = 1 - K$
- ▶ From probability course
 - ▶ $K \sim \text{Uni}(0, 1)$
 - ▶ $p \sim \text{Uni}(0, 1)$
- ▶ When H_0 is correct, p-value has uniform distribution in $[0, 1]$
- ▶ Hence a large p-value cannot be interpreted as an evidence in favor of H_0

Significance Level vs p-value

- ▶ Significance level α is selected during study design (before data collection)
- ▶ Typical values for significance level is 0.1, 0.05 or 0.01
- ▶ If type-I error is very costly choose smaller significance level
- ▶ p-value is computed from sample after data collection
- ▶ If $p < \alpha$ ($t_{obs} > t_{\alpha}$) \implies reject H_0
- ▶ t_{obs} is within critical region reject H_0
- ▶ If $p > \alpha$ ($t_{obs} < t_{\alpha}$) \implies retain H_0
- ▶ t_{obs} is outside critical region retain H_0

Hypothesis Testing for Population Parameters

- ▶ Population parameters
 - ▶ Mean
 - ▶ Variance
 - ▶ Proportion

Hypothesis Testing for Population Mean

- ▶ Simple hypothesis: (two-sided test)

$$H_0 : \mu = \mu_0$$

$$H_1 : \mu \neq \mu_0$$

- ▶ Composite hypothesis: (one-sided test)

$$H_0 : \mu \leq \mu_0$$

$$H_1 : \mu > \mu_0$$

or

$$H_0 : \mu \geq \mu_0$$

$$H_1 : \mu < \mu_0$$

Hypothesis Testing for Population Mean

- ▶ For population mean, normalized sample mean is used as test statistic

- ▶ If population variance σ^2 is known

$$T = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{\sigma / \sqrt{N}}$$

- ▶ Sampling distribution for sample mean: $T \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$

- ▶ If population variance σ^2 is unknown, sample variance s^2 is used

$$T = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{s / \sqrt{N}}$$

- ▶ Sampling distribution for sample mean: $T \sim t_{N-1}$

Hypothesis Testing for Population Mean

- ▶ Set significance level α
- ▶ Depending on the sampling distribution
 - ▶ Normal distr if population variance is known
 - ▶ T distr if population variance is unknown
- ▶ Critical values are found from tables
- ▶ For two-sided test (simple hypothesis), $t_{critical}$ is
 - ▶ $z_{\alpha/2}$ if population variance is known
 - ▶ $t_{N-1, \alpha/2}$ if population variance is unknown
- ▶ For one-sided test (composite hypothesis), $t_{critical}$ is
 - ▶ z_{α} if population variance is known
 - ▶ $t_{N-1, \alpha}$ if population variance is unknown
- ▶ Compute sample mean from sample \bar{x} and observed test statistic t_{obs}
- ▶ If t_{obs} is within critical region \implies reject H_0
- ▶ Otherwise, retain H_0

Hypothesis Testing for Population Mean

- ▶ p-value of the test is
- ▶ For known population variance
 - ▶ two-sided test

$$\text{p-value} = 2\left(1 - F_z\left(\frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{N}}\right)\right) = 2(1 - F_z(t_{obs}))$$

- ▶ one-sided test

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- ▶ one-sided test

$$\text{p-value} = 1 - F_t\left(\frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{N}}\right) = 1 - F_t(t_{obs})$$

where F_t is the cdf of t distr with $N - 1$ dof.

Hypothesis Testing for Population Variance

- ▶ Simple hypothesis: (two-sided test)

$$H_0 : \sigma^2 = \sigma_0^2$$

$$H_1 : \sigma^2 \neq \sigma_0^2$$

- ▶ Composite hypothesis: (one-sided test)

$$H_0 : \sigma^2 \leq \sigma_0^2$$

$$H_1 : \sigma^2 > \sigma_0^2$$

or

$$H_0 : \sigma^2 \geq \sigma_0^2$$

$$H_1 : \sigma^2 < \sigma_0^2$$

Hypothesis Testing for Population Variance

- ▶ Test statistics:

$$T = \frac{(N-1)s^2}{\sigma_0^2} \sim \chi_{N-1}^2$$

- ▶ Critical value for significance level of α

- ▶ Two-sided test:

- ▶ Lower critical value: $\chi_{N-1, 1-\alpha/2}^2$

- ▶ Upper critical value: $\chi_{N-1, \alpha/2}^2$

- ▶ One-sided test:

- ▶ $\chi_{N-1, 1-\alpha}^2$ if $H_0 : \sigma^2 \geq \sigma_0^2$

- ▶ $\chi_{N-1, \alpha}^2$ if $H_0 : \sigma^2 \leq \sigma_0^2$

Hypothesis Testing for Population Proportion

- ▶ Simple hypothesis: (two-sided test)

$$H_0 : p = p_0$$

$$H_1 : p \neq p_0$$

- ▶ Composite hypothesis: (one-sided test)

$$H_0 : p \leq p_0$$

$$H_1 : p > p_0$$

or

$$H_0 : p \geq p_0$$

$$H_1 : p < p_0$$

Hypothesis Testing for Population Proportion

- ▶ Test statistic:

$$T = \frac{M/N - p_0}{\sqrt{\frac{p_0(1-p_0)}{N}}}$$

- ▶ $T \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ if $Np_0 > 5$ and $N(1 - p_0) > 5$

- ▶ Critical value

- ▶ Two-sided test: $z_{\alpha/2}$
- ▶ One-sided test: z_{α}

- ▶ p-value

- ▶ Two-sided test:

$$\text{p-value} = 2(1 - F_z(t_{obs}))$$

- ▶ One-sided test:

$$\text{p-value} = 1 - F_z(t_{obs})$$