

	Bayesians	Frequentists
probability is	subjective (but not arbitrary)	objective
it is	degree of belief	long-run frequency
it is in	in beliefs of rational agents	in the world
it applies to	anything you can believe in	only to repeatable events

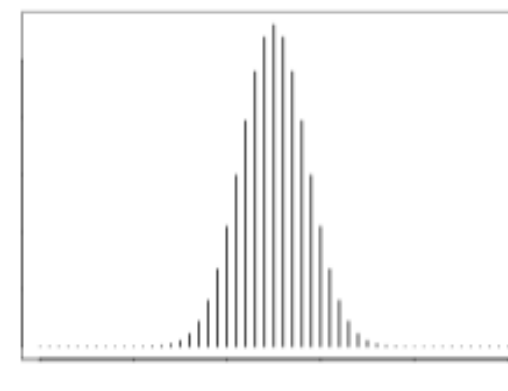
Probabilities go from 0 to 1
And must sum to 1!

Playing with distributions in R

	Definition	Binomial	Normal
d	Probability of specific outcome	x=outcome, size,prob	NA
p	Chance outcome doesn't exceed threshold	q=threshold, size,prob	q=threshold, mean,sd
q	Some quantile	p=quantile, size,prob	p=quantile, mean,sd
r	Sample random numbers	r=#of draws, size,prob	r=# of draws, mean,sd

Two important distributions

Binomial



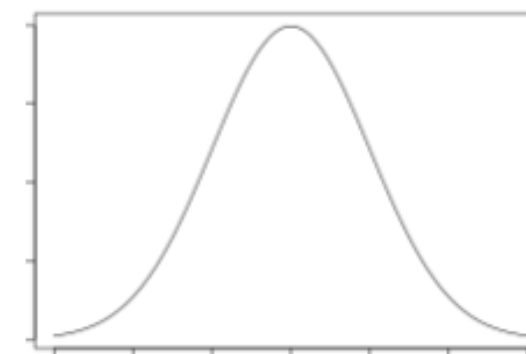
Count data with two outcomes (coin toss)

Discrete

size = # of trials

prob = "weight" of coin

Normal



"Bell curve"

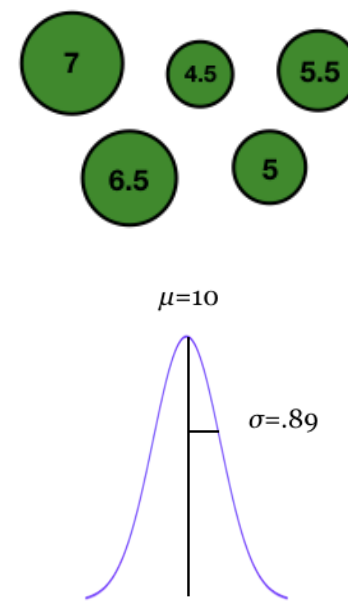
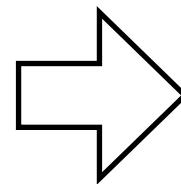
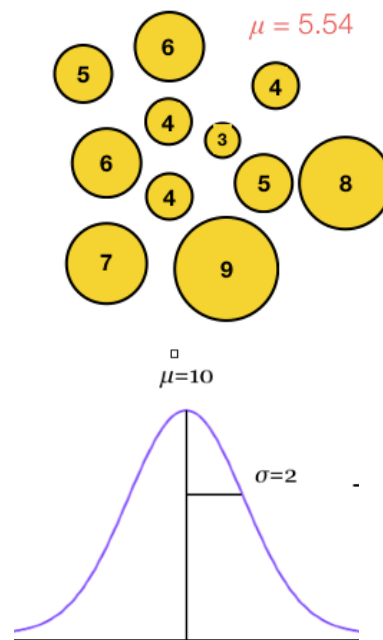
Continuous

mean = centre of mass

sd = measure of spread

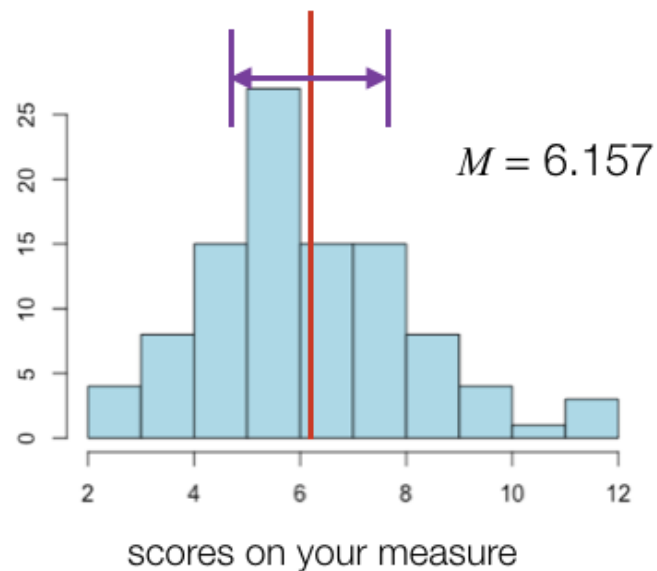
thing	“usual” symbol	thing	“usual” symbol	what is it?	do we know its value?
true population mean	μ	true population sd	σ	the truth	no
estimated population mean	$\hat{\mu}$	estimated population sd	$\hat{\sigma}$	a statistical inference	yes
sample mean	\bar{X} or M	sample sd	s	a description of our dataset	yes

Sampling distribution of the mean is a theoretical idea that captures what you would expect the means of lots of samples from a population to look like



It is less variable than the original distribution

- **Central limit theorem:** As sample size goes to infinity, the sampling distribution of the mean becomes normal, regardless of the shape of the underlying distribution



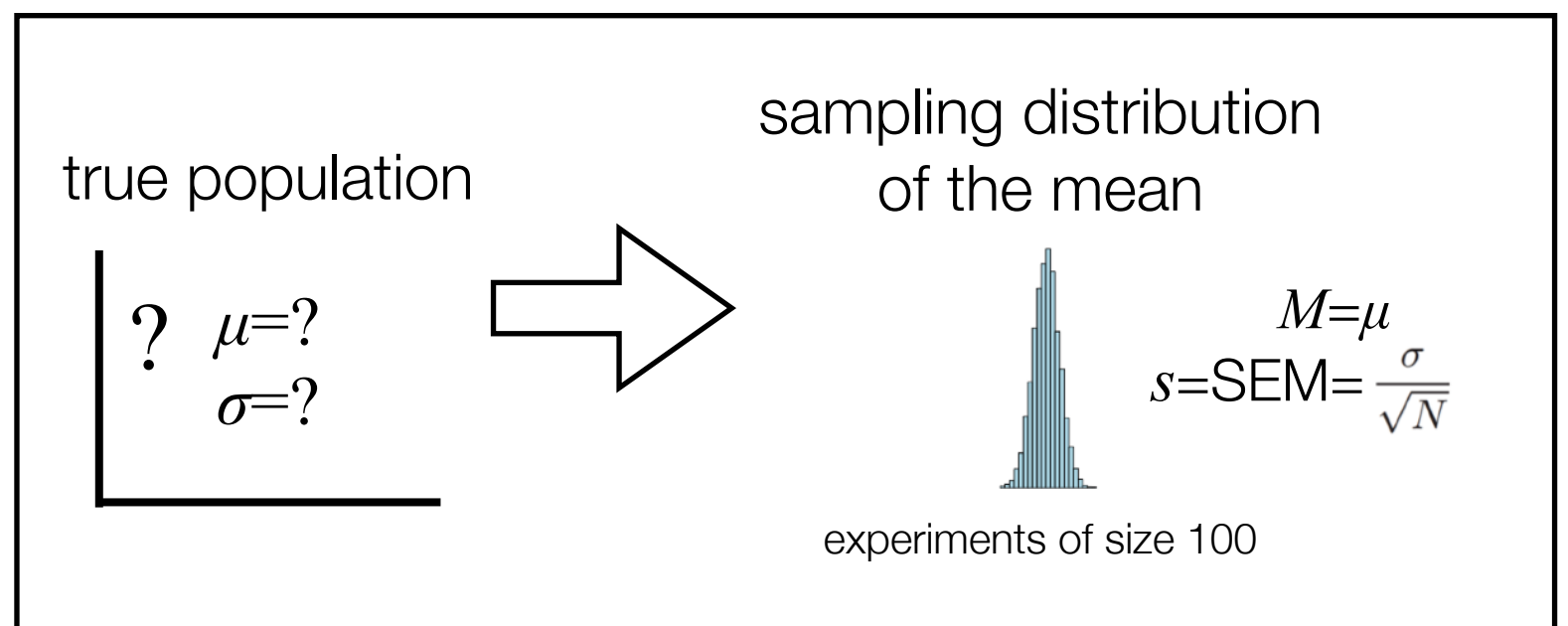
the 95% confidence interval (CI) is the range that covers the mean 95% of the time





$$CI_{95} = \bar{X} \pm 1.96 \frac{\hat{\sigma}}{\sqrt{N}}$$

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library(lsr)
ciMean(x)
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ciMean( data )
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ciMean( x, conf=.8 )
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Research	Implicit other research hypothesis “people disagree with each other about whether we’re running out of food”  	Hypothesis scientist cares about “people agree with each other about whether we’re running out of food”  
	Exact opposite of the alternative statistical hypothesis $H_0 : \theta = 0.5$ (the null)	Statistical consequences of research hypothesis $H_1 : \theta \neq 0.5$ (the alternative)

	accept H_0	reject H_0
H_0 is true	Correct!	Type I error: false positive α Type I error rate significance level
H_0 is false	Type II error: false negative β Type II error rate	Correct! $1-\beta$ power

Things you can say	Things you can't say
p is the Type 1 error rate you are willing to tolerate to reject H_0	p is the probability the null hypothesis is true
p is the probability, if H_0 is true, of observing a test statistic at least as extreme as yours	the null hypothesis is true / false
we reject / retain the null / alternative hypothesis	p is the probability that the result was due to chance
the test was / was not significant	

- Designing a statistical test requires:
- 1) A diagnostic test statistic, T (e.g., mean)
 - 2) Sampling distribution of T if the null is true
 - 3) The observed T in your data
 - 4) A rule that maps every value of T onto a decision (accept or reject H_0)



Two kinds of tests vary by whether the rejection region is on both sides of the distribution (depends on your research hypothesis)

