

# Statistical Inference

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Monday **Statistical inference**, and the t-test

Tuesday Simple and Multiple regression

Wednesday ANOVA, ANCOVA, and linear models

Thursday Categorical data, statistical report writing,  
logistic Regression

Friday Introduction to repeated measures , Principal  
Component Analysis

# Outline

## 01\_Statistical inference

- Introduction
- Background
- Summary Statistics
- Statistical Modelling
- Estimation
- Test
- Power

# An Introductory Experiment

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- How much time did you spend on social media yesterday? Guess?

# Example: Low Birth Weight

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```
BWTdata <- read.csv2("Data/lowbwt.txt")
head(BWTdata)
```

	ID	LOW	AGE	LWT	RACE	SMOKE	PTL	HT	UI	FTV	BWT
1	85	0	19	182	2	0	0	0	1	0	2523
2	86	0	33	155	3	0	0	0	0	3	2551
3	87	0	20	105	1	1	0	0	0	1	2557
4	88	0	21	108	1	1	0	0	1	2	2594
5	89	0	18	107	1	1	0	0	1	0	2600
6	91	0	21	124	3	0	0	0	0	0	2622

- Rows are *observations*
- Columns are *variables*

*Hosmer & Lemeshow data 2000*

# Example: Low Birth Weight - Statistical Analysis

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The variable that we want to analyse is **BWT**. When we look at data, what can we say about the underlying statistical model that gave rise to these data?

- A normal model with parameters mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ ?
- A log-normal model with similar parameters?
- something else?

Once we settle upon a (reasonable) model, we can proceed to conduct *statistical Inference*

# Example: Low Birth Weight - Statistical Analysis

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- Estimation: With these 189 Birth weights, what can we say about the two unknown parameters  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$ ?  
Guesses on values, precision on guesses, possible dependencies on variables.
- Test: Does the mean  $\mu$  depend on Age? Does the variance  $\sigma^2$  depend on Race?
- Prediction: Given values of Age and Race, what expectation will we have to the birthweight? What will be the uncertainty of our expectation?

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- What information are we going to collect? *A suitable response variable (birth weight). Primary explanatory variables (smoking) Variables that may affect the outcome variable and/or cloud effects of the main explanatory variable (Age, gender, region etc).*
- *All of these choices are made to be able to conduct relevant statistical inference*

# Background

## 01\_Statistical inference

- Probability - outcomes and sample spaces.
- Frequency
- Subjective probability
- Continuous variables

# Background - Probability

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A *probability* is relative to an event. It is a number between 0 and 1, indication uncertainty about if that event occurs or not.

- Probability of 0.5 - large uncertainty (toss of a coin)
- Probability close to 0 or 1 - small uncertainty (winning in lotto; surviving until tomorrow)
- *Outcomes* - elements of the *sample space*
- Coin toss: sample space  $\{Heads, Tails\}$
- Birth weight in grams - sample space  $(0; \infty)$

# Example: Toss of a Die

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Tossing a die: Sample space and outcome probability

Outcome	1	2	3	4	5	6	Landing on the Edge
Probability	$1/6$	$1/6$	$1/6$	$1/6$	$1/6$	$1/6$	0

Altering tools of the experiment: Put lead opposite the six eyes, a common trick for sharpers:

Outcome	1	2	3	4	5	6	Landing on the Edge
Probability	$2/15$	$2/15$	$2/15$	$2/15$	$2/15$	$1/3$	0

Altering circumstances of the experiment: Throw on a garden table:

Outcome	1	2	3	4	5	6	landing on the Edge
Probability	$1/9$	$1/9$	$1/9$	$1/9$	$1/9$	$1/9$	$1/3$

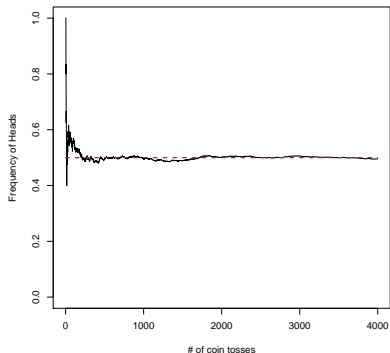
# Frequency

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- The frequency is the relative proportion of an event.
- In contrast to a probability, a frequency contains an element of randomness.
- The **Law of Large Numbers**: If an experiment is repeated many times without changing the circumstances, the frequency of an event will converge to the probability.
- The **Frequency Interpretation** of probabilities: Limit values of frequencies

# Example: Frequency of Heads in Coin Tosses

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- Frequency converges to 0.5.

# Subjective probabilities

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- Should NOT be confused with true probability.
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- Typically, subjective probabilities contain an element of *subject bias*.

# Probabilities and Continuous Variables

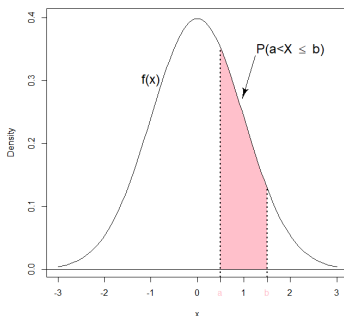
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- What does a probability mean when we are talking about a continuous variable  $X$ , with no upper limit to the number of possible values, like  $X = \text{birth weight}$ ?
- The sample space is  $(0; \infty)$ . Each possible outcome, say 3545 g, has probability 0 of occurring.
- In this case we represent the probability distribution by a **density function**, and discuss the probability of an interval;

$$P(a < X \leq b)$$

# Probabilities and Continuous Variables

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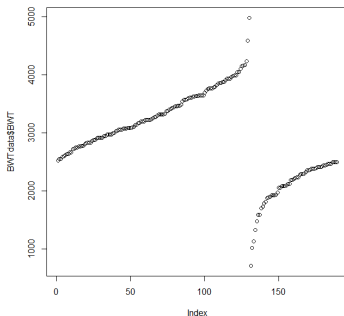
- Note that  $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} P(X \in [x - \varepsilon; x + \varepsilon]) / 2\varepsilon = f(x)$
- Thus the density function is a limit of (normalized) probabilities.

# Summary Statistics

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- the first thing that we want to do is to plot the data:

```
plot(BWTdata$BWT)
```



Data are ordered according to low birthweight ( $< 2500$  g), and birthweight.

# Summary Statistics - Location

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After having plotted our data, we may want to get a further overview by calculating some simple statistics. Assume that we have observations  $y_1, \dots, y_n$  of a continuous variable  $Y$ .

The **location**, or **centre** of our data:

- Empirical mean:  $\bar{y} = \frac{1}{n} (y_1 + \dots + y_n)$
- Median: The middle observation when data are sorted and  $n$  is odd. The average of the two central observations when  $n$  is even.

# Summary Statistics - Measures of Variation

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The empirical variance (or standard deviation) is a measure of how much the observations are spread out

- Empirical Variance  $s^2$ :

$$s^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2$$

- Standard deviation (SD)  $s$

$$s = \sqrt{s^2} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2}$$

- Percentiles: the median is the 50% percentile.

# Summary Statistics - Measures of Variation

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Percentile (and quartiles): Sort the data from smallest to largest:

**2.5% percentile:** First observation for which at least 2.5% of the observations are smaller or equal to, and at most 97.5% are larger.

**25% percentile:** First observation for which at least 25% of the observations are smaller or equal to, and at most 75% are larger.

**50% percentile:** First observation for which at least 50% of the observations are smaller or equal to, and at most 50% are larger.

**75% percentile:** First observation for which at least 75% of the observations are smaller or equal to, and at most 25% are larger.

**97.5% percentile:** First observation for which at least 97.5% of the observations are smaller or equal to, and at most 2.5% are larger.

# Summary Statistics - Measures of Variation

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Empirical percentiles (and quartiles): Sort the data from smallest to largest:  
 **$p$ -percentile  $q_p$** : First observation for which at least the fraction  $p$  of the observations are smaller, and at most the fraction  $1 - p$  are larger

- The **quartiles** are  $q_{0.25}$ ,  $q_{0.5}$ ,  $q_{0.75}$ .  $q_{0.5}$  is usually equated with the median.
- Inter quartile range **IQR**:  $q_{0.75} - q_{0.25}$ . This is the size of the box in a box plot.
- $q_{0.025}$  and  $q_{0.975}$  spans an interval where **95% of the observations** lie within.



# Summary Statistics in R

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```
mean(BWTdata$BWT)
```

```
[1] 2944.656
```

```
summary(BWTdata$BWT)
```

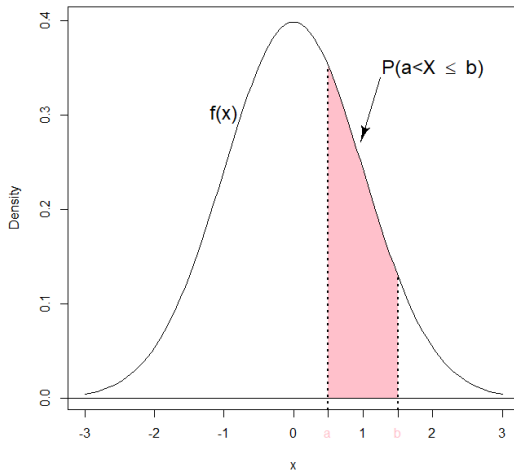
Min.	1st Qu.	Median	Mean	3rd Qu.	Max.
709	2414	2977	2945	3475	4990

```
quantile(BWTdata$BWT, probs=seq(0,1,by=0.1), type=2)
```

0%	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	100%
709	1970	2325	2495	2778	2977	3175	3374	3629	3884	4990

# Statistical Models from Probability Densities

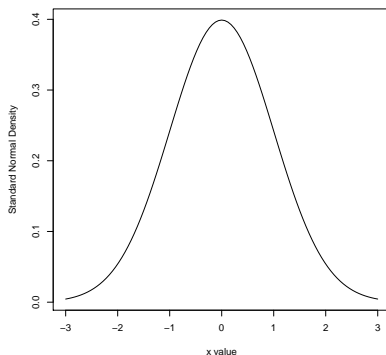
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# The Standard Normal Density

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$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2}, \text{ with mean}=0 \text{ and SD}=1.$$



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- Because of this, it turns out that the Normal distribution is often a good approximation to real life distributions (perhaps after a transformation with the log, the square root or other...).
- The structure of the Normal distribution is mathematically tractable, and software has been developed for a lot of situations.

# A Non-Normal Distribution

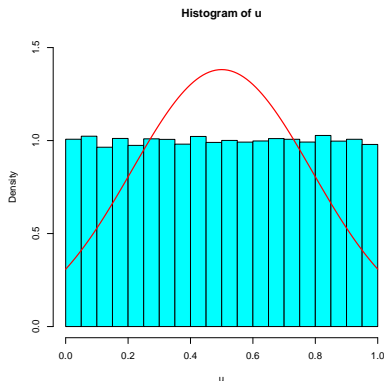
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A non-normal distribution could be the uniform distribution between 0 and 1;  $f(x) = 1, 0 < x < 1$ . Histogram of  $u$ :

```
u<-runif(2500)
```

```
hist(u, col="cyan",probability=T,breaks=20,ylim=c(0,1.5))
```

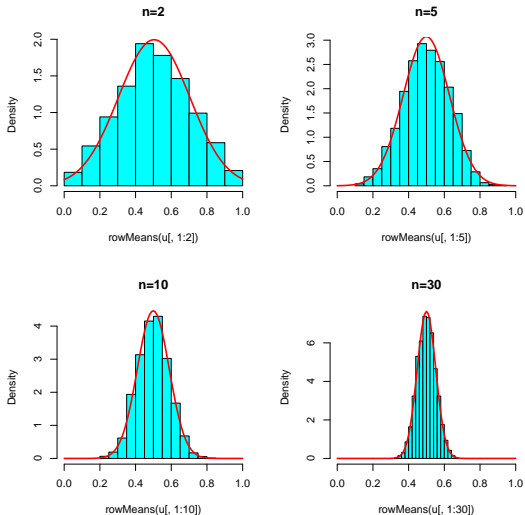
```
curve(dnorm(x,mean=mean(u),sd=sd(u)),0,1,add=T,col="red",lwd=2)
```



# A Non-Normal Distribution

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Histograms for means of uniformly distributed variables:

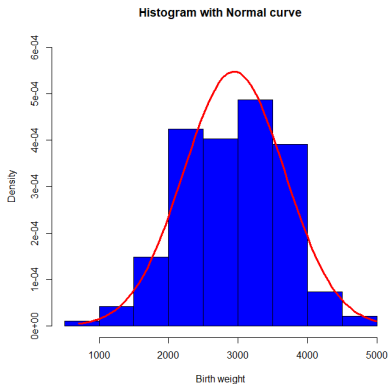




# Normality Check

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With normality, a data histogram should resemble normality. Birth weight data:



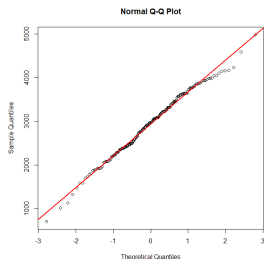
May be difficult to detect deviations from normality from a histogram.

# Normality Check

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- Much better to use a *quantile-quantile plot* (qq-plot). Here, observed percentiles are plotted against percentiles from the normal distribution.
- If the empirical distribution is normal, a more or less straight line.
- If the data are non-normal, some deviation from a straight line should occur.

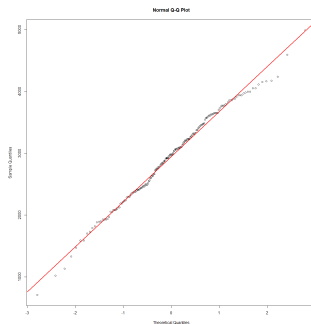
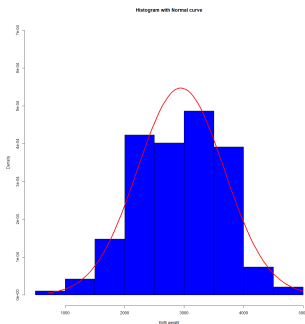
```
qqnorm(BWTdata$BWT)  
lines((-3):3, ((-3):3)*sd(BWTdata$BWT)+mean(BWTdata$BWT),  
      type="l", col="red", lwd=2)
```



# Statistical Model for the Birthweight data

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Let  $Y_1, \dots, Y_{189}$  be the 189 registered birth weights in our dataset. We will assume that the 189 variables are **independent and normally distributed** with a common mean  $\mu$  and common variance  $\sigma^2$ .



# Statistical Models in General

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In general, a statistical model consists of

- A family of distributions. In our example the 1-dimensional normal distributions (but there are others);
- the parameters that typically parametrizes the family of distributions. Eg. our example: The mean and variance in a normal distribution;

$$(\mu, \sigma^2) \in \mathbf{R} \times (0; \infty)$$

or the probability of 'Heads' in a coin toss:  $p \in [0; 1]$ .

**Parameter interpretation:** Effects/associations; e.g. the decrease in mpg per lbs/1000 weight.

# Exercise 1

## 01\_Statistical inference

- Set your working directory to where you keep your data for today.
- Load the cars dataset `mtcars.txt`.
- Describe the data
- Make plots of the variable miles per gallon, "mpg".
- Calculate summary statistics for mpg.
- Where would we expect most of the observations to be found?
- Calculate IQR and 0.025, 0.975 percentiles.

## Exercise 2

### 01\_Statistical inference

- Load the cars data set `mtcars.txt`.
- can we assume that miles per gallon are normally distributed?
- The variable “am” is 0 for cars with automatic transmission and 1 for cars with manual. Make a boxplot for the two levels of am.
- can we assume that miles per gallon are normally distributed for each level of am?

# Estimation

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- Based on observations  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ , independent and each having a density function  $f_\theta(x)$ , we want to choose the parameters that fits our data the best.
- The density function measures the limiting probability of the data; The simultaneous (limiting) data probability is given by

$$f_\theta(X_1, \dots, X_n) := \prod_{i=1}^n f_\theta(X_i)$$

- Let's view this as a function of the parameter  $\theta$ , rather than the data  $X$ :

$$L_X(\theta) := f_\theta(X_1, \dots, X_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n f_\theta(X_i)$$

We choose the parameter that **maximizes the probability of the data**; ie. we maximize  $L_X(\theta)$  (or  $\ell_X(\theta) = \log(L_X(\theta))$ ).

# Estimation in the Birth Weights Example

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This is also called the one-sample problem (will be treated in detail tomorrow). 189 samples assumed from the same normal distribution:

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

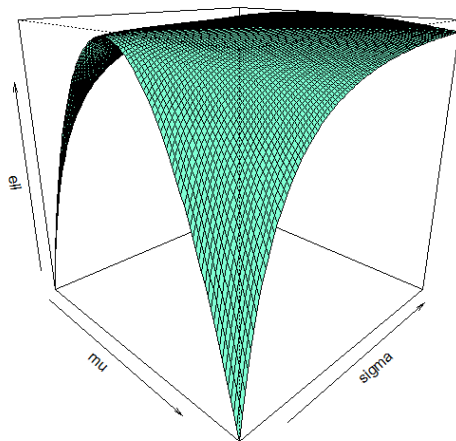
$$\ell(\mu, \sigma^2) = -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|Y - \mu\|^2$$



# Birth Weights Example: The Log Likelihood Function

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The log-likelihood function



# Estimation in the Birth Weights Example

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$$\begin{aligned}\ell(\mu, \sigma^2) &= -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|Y - \mu\|^2 \\ &= -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (n\bar{Y}^2 - 2n\bar{Y}\mu + n\mu^2)\end{aligned}$$

For fixed  $\sigma^2$  this is a 2nd order polynomial in  $\mu$  - easy to maximize!

- maximization point:

$$(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\sigma}^2) = (\bar{Y}, \text{Var}(Y))$$

- $\text{Var}(Y) = \frac{1}{n} \sum (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2$  is downwards biased as an estimator of  $\sigma^2$ ; the mean is not  $\sigma^2$ . We use the slightly bigger estimator  $s^2 = \frac{n}{n-1} \text{Var}(Y)$  defined on slide 19, to arrive at an unbiased estimate. Thus, theoretical mean and variance is estimated by empirical mean and variance.
- values from R:

```
>Y<-BWTdata$BWT; mean(Y);var(Y)
[1] 2944.656
[1] 531473.7
```

# Uncertainty of an Estimate

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- We have  $\hat{\mu} = 2944.7g$ ; this is our best guess on the parameter, but (likely) not the true value. How uncertain is our estimate?
- Just as  $Y_i$  has a distribution, so does  $\hat{\mu}$ , as it is nothing but a constructed random variable.
- We can use the standard deviation of this distribution to construct measures of uncertainty. We call this the standard error of the estimate (or the Standard Error of the Mean (SEM)).

# The Standard Error of the Mean (SEM):

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The Standard Error of the Mean is calculated as

$$SEM = SD(\bar{Y}) = \frac{SD(Y_1)}{\sqrt{n}}$$

SEM gets smaller as  $\sqrt{n}$  when  $n$  increases.

```
> SEM<-sd(BWTdata$BWT)/sqrt(length(BWTdata$BWT))  
> SEM  
[1] 53.02858
```

# Confidence Intervals

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The interval

$$[\hat{\mu} - 1.97SEM; \hat{\mu} + 1.97SEM]$$

is a stochastic interval that (in this case) has a 95% probability of containing the true value  $\mu$ .

More on this later.

# Statistical Tests

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Could we use a simpler model? Could one or more parameters in the chosen model be of a known value (often 0)? We want to attempt to simplify our model, through a statistical test of hypotheses, where we decide if a given hypothesis is supported by the data at hand.

Examples of hypotheses:

- Is the mean birth weight 3000g ( $\mu = 3000$ )?
- Is the mean birth weight the same for smokers and non-smokers ( $\mu_1 = \mu_2$  or  $\mu_1 - \mu_2 = 0$ )?
- Are the miles per gallon independent of the weight of the car (slope  $\beta = 0$ )?

# Tests Statistics

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- We test a hypothesis through a **test statistic**. A test statistic measures the discrepancy between a hypothesis and an already accepted model (say, a normality assumption).
- An extreme test statistic says that the hypothesis fits the data badly.
- We will be studying whether an observed test statistic is more extreme than what could be expected by chance, assuming that the hypothesis is correct.

# A Test Statistic in the Birth Weight Example

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We would like to test

$H_0$ : The mean of a birth weight is 3000g.

An obvious idea would be to assess whether our mean estimate,  $\hat{\mu} = \bar{Y}$  is close to 3000, ie. whether  $\bar{Y} - 3000$  is close to 0, relative to its uncertainty. Under  $H_0$  we have:

$$\bar{Y} \sim N\left(3000, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right), \quad \text{ie. } \frac{\bar{Y} - 3000}{\sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2}{n}}} \sim N(0, 1)$$

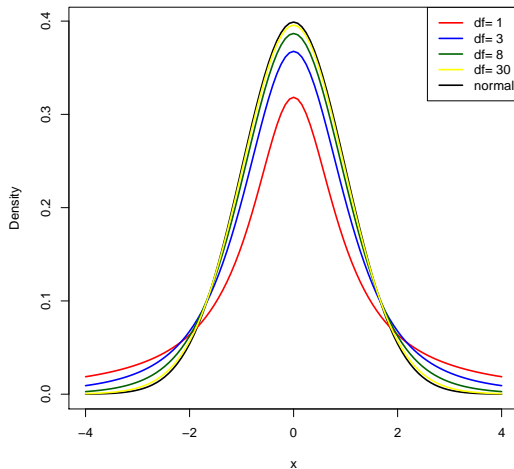
We do not know  $\sigma^2$ , but we have an **estimate**  $s^2 = 531473.7$ . Replacing  $\sigma^2$  with its estimate  $s^2$  increases the uncertainty:

$$T = \frac{\bar{Y} - 3000}{\sqrt{\frac{s^2}{n}}} = \frac{\bar{Y} - 3000}{SEM} \sim t_{n-1}$$



# Densities from t-distributions

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# A Test Statistic in the Birth Weight Example

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We now have the test statistic

$$t = \frac{2944.7 - 3000}{53.03} = -1.0437$$

Is the value  $-1.0437$  extreme in a t-distribution with 188 degrees of freedom? We should calculate the probability

$$P(|t| > 1.0437)$$

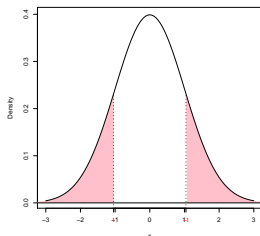
This is straight forward in R:

```
> 2*pt(-1.0437,188)
[1] 0.2979644
```

## p value

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- The **p-value** is the probability of observing what we have seen, or something worse (more extreme) if  $H_0$  is true.
- If what we have seen is very unlikely ( $p < 0.05$ ), We will not put faith in the hypothesis and **reject**  $H_0$ .
- We will not reject  $H_0$  for the Birth weight data ( $p = 0.30$ ). *Statistical Inference*: The data *conforms* with a mean of 3000g at the 5% test level. But that doesn't mean that 3000g is the correct mean, only that the data can't support a rejection of it.



# Significance Level

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- If the p-value is below 0.05, we say that the test is *significant at the 5% level*, and we reject the hypothesis  $H_0$
- If the p-value is above 0.05, we say that the test is *insignificant at the 5% level*, and we accept the hypothesis  $H_0$ .
- The choice of the threshold 5%, the *significance level*, is a standard, but not a convention that is applicable in all settings. Both the p-value and the significance level should normally be reported.

# Confidence Interval

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The interval reported earlier:

$$[\hat{\mu} - 1.97SEM; \hat{\mu} + 1.97SEM] \approx [2840.05; 3049.264]$$

is a **standard confidence interval**:  $\hat{\mu} \pm qSEM$  where  $q$  is the 0.975 percentile in the t-distribution with 188 degrees of freedom. For high degrees of freedom,  $q$  will converge to 1.96. The 1.97 in the formula is rounded; the interval to the right is for the exact  $q$  value.

- Our best guess on  $\mu$  is thus 2944.66g, but we cannot reject that it may be between 2840.05 and 3049.264.
- For normally distributed data, the probability that this stochastic interval contains the true parameter  $\mu$  is 0.95 if the model is correct.
- For non-normal data, the probability is approximately 95% (The Central Limit Theorem), barring weird cases where the CLT do not apply (Cauchy distributed data etc.).

# A Test Statistic in the Birth Weight Example

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The whole process in one go:

```
> t.test(BWTdata$BWT,mu=3000)
```

One Sample t-test

```
data: BWTdata$BWT
```

```
t = -1.0437, df = 188, p-value = 0.298
```

```
alternative hypothesis: true mean is not equal to 3000
```

```
95 percent confidence interval:
```

```
2840.049 3049.264
```

```
sample estimates:
```

```
mean of x
```

```
2944.656
```

# 'Exact' Confidence Intervals

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- So-called **Exact confidence intervals** consists of the parameter values that a given test will accept as parameter value.
- A different but not necessarily more precise concept. Very handy in some situations (binomial distributions, more on this on Friday).
- The drawback is that the concept is dependent on a specific test.
- However, for the normal distribution, a standard CI and an 'exact' CI from the t-test **coincides**:

```
t.test(BWTdata$BWT,mu=2840.05)
```

```
t.test(BWTdata$BWT,mu=3049.264)
```

both give borderline significant p-values EXACTLY equal to 0.05.

## Exercise 3

### 01\_Statistical inference

- Load the mtcars data.
- Calculate the mean and SD for miles per gallon (mpg).
- Calculate a 95% CI for mean mpg.
- In which interval will you expect the true mean to be found?



# Exercise 4

## 01\_Statistical inference

- Load the mtcars data.
- Test the hypothesis that the mean mpg is 22.
- Which values would be acceptable at a 1% test level?

# Type 1 and Type 2 Error

01\_Statistical inference

When we are testing hypotheses, we can make (one of) two different types of errors:

**Type I:** Reject  $H_0$  when  $H_0$  is true.

**Type II:** Fail to reject  $H_0$  when the alternative  $H_1$  is true.

Standard notation:

$$P(\text{Type I error}) = \alpha$$

$$P(\text{Type II error}) = \beta$$

# Type 1 and Type 2 Errors

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	Reject $H_0$	Fail to reject $H_0$
$H_0$ is true	Type 1 error ( $\alpha$ )	Correct acceptance of $H_0$ ( $1 - \alpha$ )
$H_0$ is false	Correct rejection of $H_0$ ( $1 - \beta$ )	Type II error ( $\beta$ )

$1 - \beta$  is called the **power**, and is the probability of rejecting a false hypothesis.

Difficulty:  $H_0$  can be wrong in many ways!

Usually one looks at different possible scenarios (what if  $\mu$  really was 4000g, with what probability could I detect that? How about 3500g etc.).

# Planning a Study: The Power

01\_Statistical inference

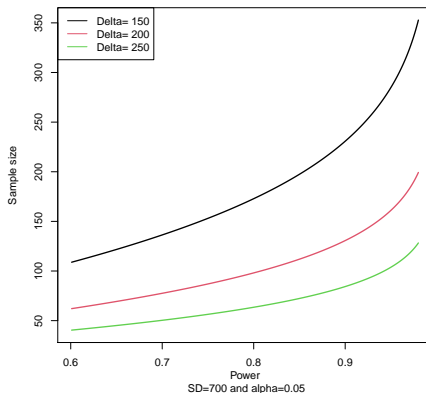
Suppose that you have decided on a test statistic. One need to assign values to four of the following five quantities to be able to calculate the last:

- The sample size  $n$ .
- The significance level  $\alpha$  of the test.
- A change in mean that you would want to detect  $(\mu_0 - \mu_1)$ .
- The population standard deviation  $\sigma$ .
- The power  $1 - \beta$ .

# The Power Function

## 01\_Statistical inference

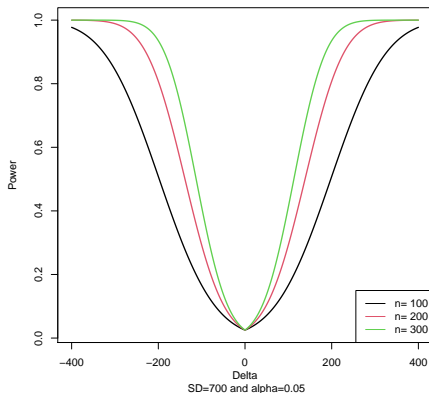
The sample size depends on the power, and the difference one wants to detect:



# The Power Function

## 01\_Statistical inference

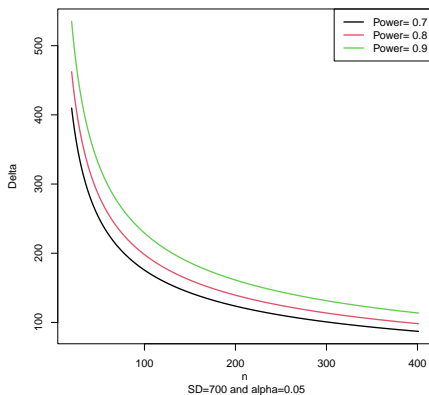
The power depends on the sample size, and the difference one wants to detect:



# The Power Function

## 01\_Statistical inference

The difference that you can expect to detect depends on the sample size, and the power for your detection:



# Planning a Study: The Power

01\_Statistical inference

Important note:

- The power is calculated **before the study is carried out**, in the planning phase. The main reason is to find the study sample size (should it be 10, 100 or 10000....)
- Once the study has been completed, report confidence intervals.
- The power calculations presented here are for the simple t-test. In general, power calculations follow the same principles, but may be **much** more complicated. Powers, sample sizes and minimum differences may be best found through simulations of statistical models.



# Power Calculations for the t-test in R

01\_Statistical Inference

If you wish to plan a study with a power of 0.8,  $\alpha = 0.05$  to detect a difference of 250, where you expect the  $sd = 750$ , then you will need  $n = 73$  subjects:

```
>power.t.test(power=0.8,delta=250,sd=750 , type='one.sample')
```

One-sample t test power calculation

```
      n = 72.58407
delta = 250
    sd = 750
sig.level = 0.05
  power = 0.8
alternative = two.sided
```

# Power Calculations for the t-test in R

01\_Statistical inference

If you wish to plan a study with 150 subjects,  $\alpha = 0.05$  to detect a difference of 100, where you expect the  $sd = 750$ , then the power will be 37%:

```
>power.t.test(n=150,delta=100,sd=750 , type='one.sample')
```

One-sample t test power calculation

```
      n = 150
  delta = 100
     sd = 750
sig.level = 0.05
  power = 0.3678721
alternative = two.sided
```

# Power Calculations for the t-test in R

01\_Statistical Inference

If you wish to plan a study with 150 subjects and a power of 0.8,  $\alpha = 0.05$ , where you expect the  $sd = 750$ , then the minimum difference that you can detect with such power will be  $delta = 173$ :

```
>power.t.test(n=150, power=0.8, sd=750 , type='one.sample')
```

One-sample t test power calculation

```
      n = 150
  delta = 172.677
      sd = 750
sig.level = 0.05
  power = 0.8
alternative = two.sided
```

# How to Set Up the Analysis

01\_Statistical inference

- Explore the form of the data: Make plots of the following types:
  - Histogram
  - Box plots
  - Scatter plots
- Find preliminary values of centres and deviations etc: Descriptive Statistics like
  - Tables
  - Summary Statistics
- Then: Well prepared, proceed to **Analyses** (main focus for the rest of the course):
  - Select model
  - Estimation
  - Test

# Steps in a Statistical Analysis

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- **Estimation**: Which parameter values fit the observations best? How certain are we of our estimates?
- **Model check** : Are the assumptions on the underlying model fulfilled? Logically this should come first, but for practical reasons it comes after estimation.
- **Simplifying the model (test)**: Is there a more simple model that fits the data nearly as well?

In practice, one can move back and forth between the first two steps a number of times, before a satisfying model is found.

## Exercise 5

### 01\_Statistical inference

In a one-sample setting with  $\alpha = 0.05$ :

- Calculate the sample size to get a power of 80% when trying to detect a difference of 2, when  $SD=6$  is expected.
- Calculate the power in a study planned to include 40 subjects, if we want to detect a difference of 3 and expect  $SD=6$ .
- What difference can we detect in a study with power of 80% , 45 subjects and  $SD=4$ ?