



## Trend Videos

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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Topic and motivation

The aim of this project is to analyze what are the most favorite YouTube videos with respect each category. These trends can be measured with quantifiers such as the number of accumulated views, the number of accumulated likes, the number of accumulated dislikes and the number of accumulated comments. Therefore, the higher the value of any of these parameters, the more likely to be in the top of the trendiest videos.

## 1.2 Description of the dataset

Data comes from Kaggle separate by countries and we has merged all of them into a single csv file. As it is commented in the previous website, the information was obtained through the YouTube API.

The csv file we uploaded at the beginning of the course contains 375,942 rows and 10 variables. It describes the 200 top trending YouTube videos per day for some different countries: United States of America, Canada, Mexico, Japan, South Korea, India, Russia, United Kingdom, France and Germany. Not all countries have the same interval of time. YouTube videos do not have the same period of time between each other either. Let's see the data grouped in the Table 1, aggregated the dates for each group (**video\_id** and **category\_id**).

Table 1: Original data example

<b>video_id</b>	<b>country_id</b>	<b>trending_dates</b>
n1WpP7iowLc	CA	17.14.11 17.15.11 17.16.11 17.17.11
0dBIkQ4Mz1M	CA	17.14.11 17.15.11 17.16.11 17.17.11 17.18.11
5qpjK5DgCt4	CA	17.14.11 17.15.11 17.16.11 17.17.11
d380meD0W0M	CA	17.14.11 17.15.11 17.16.11 17.17.11
2Vv-BfVoq4g	CA	17.14.11 17.15.11
0yIWz1XEeyc	CA	17.14.11

Then it is clear that the record dates depend on the **video\_id** and the **country\_id**. For example, in the original data the interval times for Canada, US, Germany, FR, UK, India, South Korea, Mexico and Russia are from 14-11-2017 to 14-06-2018 and for Japan from 07-02-2018 to 14-06-2018.

Therefore, due to the fact that time-series is not allowed for the purpose of this project, we are going to consider the last registered date time observation for a specific **video\_id** and **country\_id**.

Besides that, we are applying a couple of tweaks to have our data ready for the analysis. First, we are going to modify the type of a few variables:

- **trending\_date** from character to Date class
- **category\_id** from integer to factor class
- **country\_id** from integer to factor class
- **comments\_disables** from character to factor class

Secondly, in order to have available a continuous variable, we are going to change the value of the variable **views** to be measured in miles. Lastly, we are filling in the missing values for the variable **comments\_disables** (setting 0 when there are comments and 1 when the number of comments is zero) and removing the variables that we are not going to use afterwards such as **trending\_date** and **tags**.

After all of these changes our modified dataset contains 207,148 rows.

### 1.3 Description of the population

Observing some blogs about the YouTube's figures for 2018, we can say that the total number of YouTube videos approximately was around 8 billion videos. A significantly large population size comparing with the sample size of our data that is just 207,148 observations, then the population size is totally different from the sample size.

The total number of videos in YouTube at the time where the last observation was recorded vary based on the country. Considering the number of active users per country we could approximate the total videos for each market, however this value would not be accurate at all. We have obtained the number of observations we have for each country and visualized them in the Table 2.

Table 2: Number of videos per country

country_id	n
CA	24427
DE	29627
FR	30581
GB	3272
IN	16307
JP	12912
KR	15876
MX	33513
RU	34282
US	6351

We could see in the table above that UK and US have a smaller number of observations, nevertheless it does not mean that they have less videos, it could be that they have a large number of videos repeated (consecutive days appeared in the 200 trendiest videos).

We would like to extrapolate our results (top 200 trending videos per day) to the whole population of YouTube videos. At the beginning just for the whole YouTube and later on segmented by country.

### 1.4 Description of the variables

The dataset has 8 dimensions, these variables are:

- **video\_id** (*qualitative nominal variable*) unique identifier for a YouTube video, it is a string of characters of length 11.
- **category\_id** (*qualitative nominal variable*) unique identifier for video's category. The mapping between categories and ids is the following one: Film & Animation (1), Autos & Vehicles (2), Music (10), Pets & Animals (15), Sports (17), Travel & Events (19), Gaming (20), People & Blogs (22), Comedy (23), Entertainment (24), News & Politics (25), Howto & Style (26), Education (27), Science & Technology (28), Nonprofits & Activism (29), Movies (30), Shows (43) and Trailers (44).
- **view** (*quantitative continuous variable*) number of views, measured in miles, up to the last record's date for a specific video and country.
- **likes** (*quantitative discrete variable*) number of likes up to the last record's date for a specific video and country
- **dislikes** (*quantitative discrete variable*) number of dislikes up to the last record's date for a specific video and country
- **comments\_count** (*quantitative discrete variable*) number of comments up to the last record's date for a specific video and country.
- **comments\_disabled** (*qualitative binary variable*) whether the comments are enabled or not, represented as 0 if it is false and 1 if it is true.

- **country\_id** (*qualitative nominal variable*) unique identifier for the country where the video is hosted. It consists a string of characters of length 2. The mapping between countries and ids is the following one: United States of America (US), Canada (CA), Mexico (MX), Japan (JP), South Korea (KR), India (IN), Russia (RU), United Kingdom (GB), France (FR) and Germany (DE).

As it is indicated in the guide project, we are going to reduce the number of factors for the categorical variables we have: **category\_id** and **country\_id**. For the first variable, we are going to merge those factors that are intimately related to, having:

- **Film**, that includes: Film & Animation (1), Comedy (23), Entertainment (24), Movies (30), Shows (43) and Trailers (44).
- **Music**, that is just Music (10).
- **Education**, that is formed by News & Politics (25), Howto & Style (26), Education (27), Science & Technology (28) and Nonprofits & Activism (29).
- **Leisure**, that includes: Autos & Vehicles (2), Pets & Animals (15), Sports (17), Travel & Events (19), Gaming (20) and People & Blogs (22).

The number of factors of the variable **country\_id** can be reduced using the continent associated instead of the country, therefore this variable will be renamed to **continent\_id**. Then, we will have three different ids:

- **America**, that contains United States of America (US), Canada (CA) and Mexico (MX).
- **Europe**, that includes Russia (RU), United Kingdom (GB), France (FR) and Germany (DE).
- **Asia**, that contains Japan (JP), South Korea (KR) and India (IN).

Notice that for this last case, we should add the value of the quantifiers for the same video and different countries in the same continent.

After the previous transformation, we have a dataset with 195,582 observations.

In the table 3 we have summarized some important statistics related to the measures of centrality, variability and shape for the quantitative variables within the dataset.

Table 3: Stats Table

	Min.	1st Qu.	Median	Mean	3rd Qu.	Max.	sd	skewness	kurtosis
<b>views</b>	0.2	23.2	82.2	561.1	279.5	516003.4	4617.47	46.85	3290.39
<b>likes</b>	0	341	1529	17182	6420	19759060	149734.44	46.63	3537.62
<b>dislikes</b>	0	21	84	1037	329	5462288	20691.41	178.41	40459.19
<b>comment</b>	0	54	243	2141	919	4259927	23739.88	83.93	10519.16

Once we have analyzed the table above, we can conclude that all of the YouTube videos within the dataset at least contain 200 views, not occurring the same for the other three variables where data can have 0 likes, 0 dislikes or 0 comments.

Taking a look to the measures of centrality we obtain an idea of how it is the variability, for example, the variability is much larger for the variable **likes** than the variable **views** since the difference between the mean with respect the minimum value and the maximum value of the variable **views** is considerably smaller than the same calculation for the variable **likes**. In order to verify this assumption we just need to check the value of the standard deviation (a measure of variability), for the case we have just commented the value for the variable **views** is 4617.47 in contrast with the value of the variable **likes** that is 149734.44, which is considerably much larger.

The other other two statistics provide a measure of the shape of the distribution. In particular, the skewness gives an idea of how much shifted the distribution is with respect a Normal distribution. In our case, the table 3 shows that all variables have a positive skewness, meaning that those distributions are right-skewed.

It is worthy to say that this insight can be approximately acquired looking at the mean and the 1st and the 3rd quantiles. If the mean is more or less in the middle between the quantiles, then it is more likely to have a skewness close to 0. In our case, the four variables have the mean outside the interval between the 1st and the third quantile. Lastly, it is the kurtosis statistic that measures how heavy are the tails of the distribution. As it is occurred in the skewness, the Normal distribution is taken as the golden standard and the kurtosis is compared with respect this distribution. Therefore, for those variables -**views**, **likes**, **dislikes** and **comments\_count**- with a value greater than 3, the distribution is *leptokurtic* (heavier tails than a Normal distribution). Let's check all of this visually thanks to the plots in Figure 1.

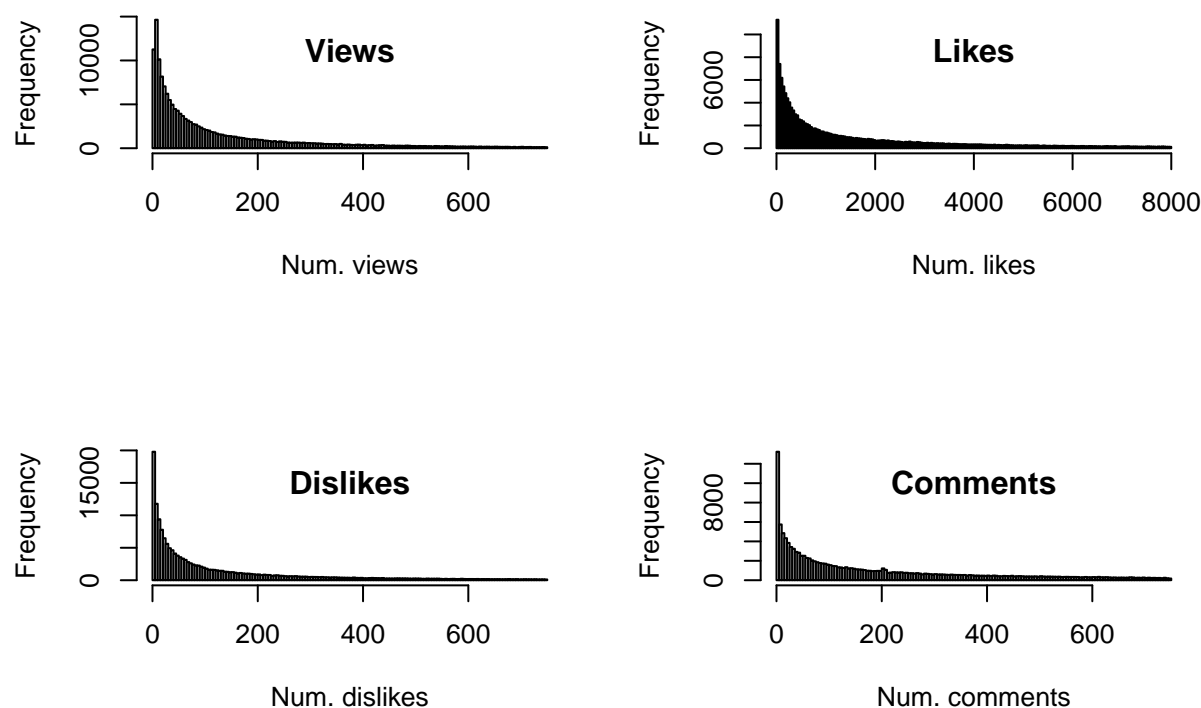


Figure 1: Histograms

In the plot above, we can see clearly the characteristic that was pointed by the kurtosis value, distributions are *leptokurtic*, having heavier tails. It is noticeable as well the fact that there is not any variable that follows a Normal distribution. We will see more about this in the following point.

After describing some distribution details of each of the variables, now it is time to see if they are related to each other. In the following pairs chart, represented in the Figure 2, we can see the relationship between each quantitative variable with others.

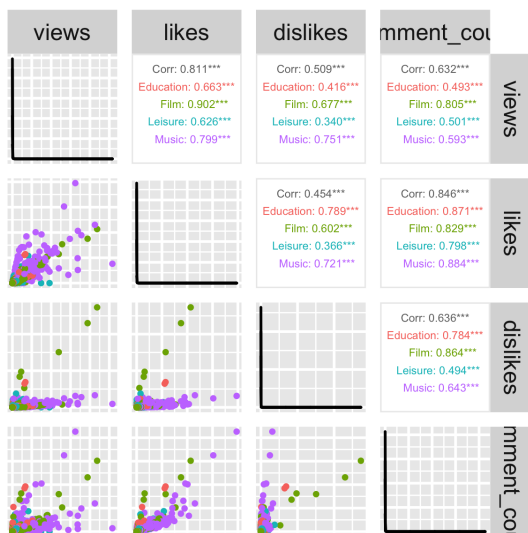


Figure 2: Correlation information

All variables are positive correlated, having that **views** and **likes** are highly correlated (0.811) since the higher of views the more likely that video is liked by the viewers. This logic works also for the number of comments and the number of likes, that's the reason the correlation is high as well (0.846). Moreover, we have shown the correlation split by the different category ids and it is clear that this correlation value depends directly on the category of the video.

Once we have analyzed the quantitative variables, we can move forward and describe a little bit the qualitative variables. For doing this, we are using the frequency tables showed in Table 4.

Table 4: Frequency tables

category_id	Freq	Prob	continent_id	Freq	Prob	comments_disabled	Freq	Prob
<b>Education</b>	43023	0.2199742	<b>America</b>	60202	0.3078095	<b>0</b>	189632	0.969578
<b>Film</b>	79334	0.4056304	<b>Asia</b>	44386	0.2269432	<b>1</b>	5950	0.030422
<b>Leisure</b>	55391	0.2832111	<b>Europe</b>	90994	0.4652473			
<b>Music</b>	17834	0.0911843						

The three categorical variables are unbalanced, then there are not the same number of observations for each factor. As we could expect, there are more videos with the comments enabled. It is curious that there are more videos in Europe or America than in Asia, the reason might make sense since YouTube (belonging to Google) is a western company. In case of the number of videos by category, the one that has more videos is the **Film** category, followed by **Leisure**, **Education** and lastly **Music**.

## 2 Model selection

### 2.1 Selecting a continuous random variable

In this section we have selected the variable `views` with the purpose of estimating its parameters. The reason to choose this variable is based on the importance of knowing how are distributed the visualization of the top 200 YouTube videos. As we could see in the histograms visualized in Figure 1 and commented before, the distribution of this variable is right-skewed so it is far from being distributed with a Normal. To achieve normality, or at least being closer, we could apply the log transformation to our variable. Notice that in this case, since the values are greater than zero, no offset is needed.

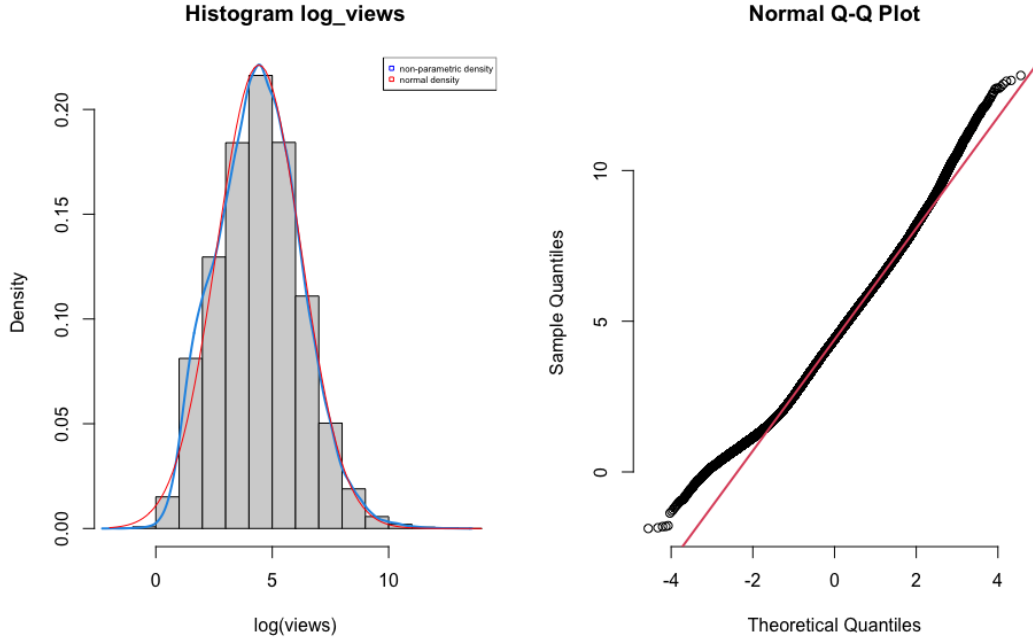


Figure 3: Log transformation of views variable

In the Figure 3 it is possible to see two different plots that checks whether normality is achieved or not. The plot on the left shows in total three components: two non-parametric components (the histogram of the distribution after applying the transformation and the blue line showing the density distribution of our data) and the third one that is a red line which shows the theoretical Normal density taking into account a estimation of the parameters of our data (sample mean and sample standard deviation). As we can see, the blue line fits almost perfectly the red line, except for the tails where lines are slightly different. This difference is also noticeable in the Q-Q plot, a chart that compares the sample quantiles with the theoretical Normal ones, showing that in the extremes of the sample the distribution is slightly different than a Gaussian but in general the distribution is adjusted perfectly. In conclusion, the `log_views` variable adapts smoothly to a Normal distribution therefore the untransformed variable `views` contains data that can be assumed to follow a log-normal distribution. Then, we have that:  $X_{views} \sim \text{Lognormal}(\mu, \sigma^2)$  where  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$  are the parameters of interest. Having its probability density function as it follows:

$$f(x; \mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{x\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{(\log(x) - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

In the following points we will estimate the parameters of interest of the distribution we have assumed for our variable `views`.



## 2.2 Estimate the model parameters

In this point we will estimate the parameters of interest of  $X_{views} \sim \text{Lognormal}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ , where  $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\theta_1, \theta_2)'$ ,  $\theta_1 = \mu$  and  $\theta_2 = \sigma^2$ , using two different approaches: method of moments and maximum likelihood estimation.

### 2.2.1 Method of moments

First, let's define the population moments as:  $\alpha_r = \alpha_r(\theta_1, \theta_2) \triangleq \mathbb{E}[X^r]$  and the sample moments as  $a_r \triangleq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^r$ . Then, the moments estimators of  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  are the solutions of the 2 equations obtained by equating 2 population moments to the corresponding sample moments:  $\alpha_{r_2}(\theta_1, \theta_2) = a_{r_2}$ . Recall that the log-normal distribution has  $\mathbb{E}[X] = e^{\mu + \sigma^2/2}$ , then we can formulate the parts of our system of equations. In the population we have that  $\alpha_1 = \exp\{\hat{\mu}_{mm} + \hat{\sigma}_{mm}^2/2\} = \exp\{\hat{\mu}_{mm}\} \exp\{\hat{\sigma}_{mm}^2/2\} = \mathbb{E}[X]$  and  $\alpha_2 = \exp\{2\hat{\mu}_{mm} + 2\hat{\sigma}_{mm}^2\} = \exp\{2\hat{\mu}_{mm}\} \exp\{2\hat{\sigma}_{mm}^2\} = \mathbb{E}[X^2]$  and in the sample side we have that  $a_1 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = \bar{x}$  and  $a_2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2$ . Then equating  $\alpha_1 = a_1$  and  $\alpha_2 = a_2$  we come to our system of equations:

$$\begin{cases} \exp\{\hat{\mu}_{mm}\} \exp\{\hat{\sigma}_{mm}^2/2\} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \\ \exp\{2\hat{\mu}_{mm}\} \exp\{2\hat{\sigma}_{mm}^2\} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \end{cases}$$

Analytically it can be shown that  $\exp\{2\hat{\mu}_{mm}\} \exp\{2\hat{\sigma}_{mm}^2\} = \bar{x}^2$ , then squaring both sides of the first equation we have this. Then we divide the second equation by the squared first:

$$\frac{\exp\{2\hat{\mu}_{mm}\} \exp\{2\hat{\sigma}_{mm}^2\}}{\exp\{2\hat{\mu}_{mm}\} \exp\{2\hat{\sigma}_{mm}^2\}} = \frac{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}{\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right)^2} \rightarrow \exp\{2\hat{\sigma}_{mm}^2\} = n \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right)^{-2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \rightarrow \hat{\sigma}_{mm}^2 = \log \left[ n \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right)^{-2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \right]$$

Plug-in this into the first equation we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \exp\{\hat{\mu}_{mm}\} \exp\left\{\log \left[ n \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right)^{-2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \right] / 2\right\} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \rightarrow \exp\{\hat{\mu}_{mm}\} \exp\left\{\log \sqrt{n \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right)^{-2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}\right\} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \rightarrow \\ &\rightarrow \exp\{\hat{\mu}_{mm}\} \sqrt{n \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right)^{-2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \rightarrow \hat{\mu}_{mm} = \log \left\{ \frac{1}{n^{3/2}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2\right)^{-1/2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right)^2 \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Let's calculate using the formulas above the estimations of the parameters' values. The Table 5 shows the results for  $\hat{\mu}_{mm}$  and  $\hat{\sigma}_{mm}^2$ .

Table 5: Method of moments estimators

	mu	sigma^2
Method of moments	4.214997	4.229932

In the Figure 4 we can see the difference between the kernel density estimator of our data and the density of the log-normal distribution with the parameters we have just calculated. Notice that this difference is tiny, almost imperceptible.

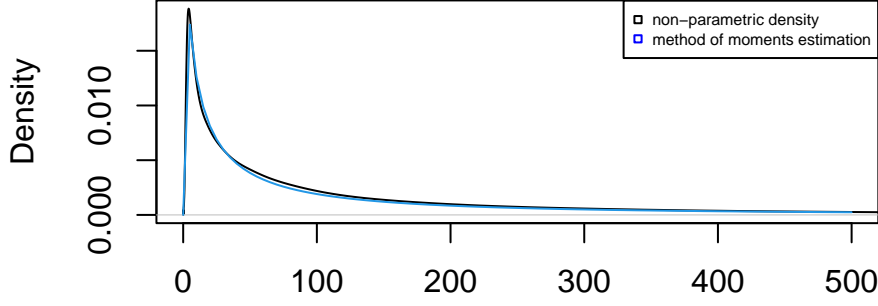


Figure 4: Method of moments, kde

### 2.2.2 Maximum likelihood estimation

Now we will estimate the parameters using the maximum likelihood estimation. As we mentioned before, assuming that  $X \sim \mathcal{LN}(\mu, \sigma^2)$  and let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be a simple random sample that each of them is independent and identically distributed, then

$$L(\mu, \sigma^2; x_1, \dots, x_n) = f(x_1, \dots, x_n; \mu, \sigma^2) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i; \mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\left(\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}\right)^n \prod_{i=1}^n x_i} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\log(x_i) - \mu)^2\right)$$

Since the log-likelihood is more manageable and less cumbersome, we are going to apply logarithms to the formula above:

$$\begin{aligned} \ell(\mu, \sigma^2; x_1, \dots, x_n) &= \log \left[ \frac{1}{\left(\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}\right)^n \prod_{i=1}^n x_i} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\log(x_i) - \mu)^2\right) \right] \\ &= -\log\left(\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}\right)^n - \sum_{i=1}^n \log(x_i) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\log x_i - \mu)^2 \\ &= -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \sum_{i=1}^n \log(x_i) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n ((\log x_i)^2 - 2\mu \log x_i + \mu^2) \\ &= -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \sum_{i=1}^n \log(x_i) - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (\log x_i)^2}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \mu \log x_i}{\sigma^2} - \frac{n\mu^2}{2\sigma^2} \end{aligned}$$

Then we have to look for values of  $\hat{\mu}$  and  $\hat{\sigma}^2$  that maximizes the log-likelihood. Then, we must find the partial derivative with respect both parameters, with respect  $\mu$  we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \ell(\mu, \sigma^2; X) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \mu \log x_i}{\sigma^2} - \frac{n\mu^2}{2\sigma^2} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \log x_i}{\sigma^2} - \frac{n\mu}{\sigma^2} \rightarrow \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \log x_i}{\sigma^2} - \frac{n\mu}{\sigma^2} = 0 \rightarrow n\mu = \sum_{i=1}^n \log x_i \\ &\rightarrow \hat{\mu}_{MLE} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \log x_i}{n} \end{aligned}$$

and with respect  $\sigma^2$  we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma^2} \ell(\mu, \sigma^2; X) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma^2} \left[ -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\log x_i - \mu)^2 \right] \\ &= -\frac{n}{2\sigma^2} - \frac{1}{2} (\sigma^2)^{-2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\log x_i - \mu)^2 = -\frac{n}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{2\sigma^4} \sum_{i=1}^n (\log x_i - \mu)^2 \\ &\rightarrow -\frac{n}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{2\sigma^4} \sum_{i=1}^n (\log x_i - \mu)^2 = 0 \rightarrow \frac{n}{2\sigma^2} = \frac{1}{2\sigma^4} \sum_{i=1}^n (\log x_i - \mu)^2 \rightarrow \sigma_{MLE}^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (\log x_i - \mu)^2}{n} \end{aligned}$$

The parameters were calculated by equaling both partial derivations to zero, then we obtain  $\hat{\mu}_{MLE}$  and  $\hat{\sigma}_{MLE}^2$ . In this case, for the log-normal distribution, the maximum likelihood estimators are identical to those for the Normal distribution where its observations were log-transformed. To verify that these estimators maximize the value of the log-likelihood function we must calculate the Hessian of the log-likelihood function and verify that it is negative-definite matrix. We have avoided calculations and we have just defined the resulting Hessian matrix  $\mathbf{H} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{n}{\sigma^2} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (\log x_i - \mu)^2}{2(\sigma^2)^3} \end{pmatrix}$ . It is negative-definite, since the matrix is symmetric and all its pivots are negative, indicating a strict local maximum. Doing the calculations above with the data from the variable `views` we obtain the estimations described in the Table 6.

Table 6: Maximum likelihood estimation

	<b>mu</b>	<b>sigma^2</b>
<b>Maximum likelihood estimation</b>	4.426363	3.25175

In the Figure 5 we can see the difference between the kernel density estimator of our data and the density of the log-normal distribution with the parameters we have just calculated. As you can see comparing the green line with the black one, the distribution defined using the parameters calculated through MLE is not so accurate with respect the non-parametric estimation. In this case, the estimation is not as good as it was using the method of moments.

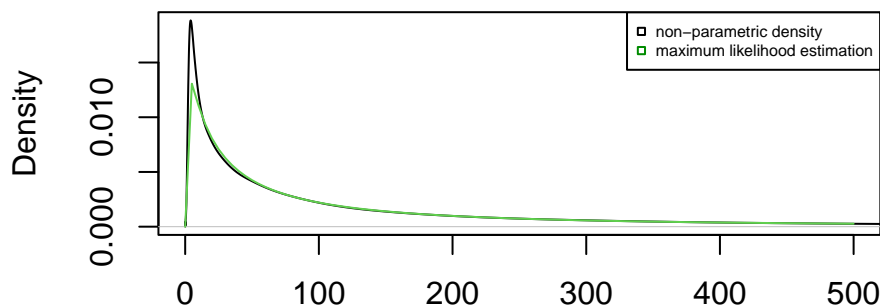


Figure 5: Maximum likelihood estimation, kde

### 3 One-sample inference

#### 3.1 Estimators of population mean

In this section, we use again the continuous variable **views** in order to calculate two different estimators of the population mean. Recall the distribution  $X_{views} \sim \text{Lognormal}(\mu, \sigma)$  with mean  $E[X] = e^{\mu + \frac{\sigma^2}{2}}$  and variance  $\text{Var}(X) = E[X^2] - E[X]^2 = \exp\{2\mu + 2\sigma^2\} - \exp\{2\mu + \sigma^2\} = (\exp\{\sigma^2\} - 1)\exp\{2\mu + \sigma^2\}$ . The estimators selected and their value associated are the following:

$$\hat{\mu}_1 = \bar{X} = 561.1358 \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\mu}_2 = \frac{X_1 + X_n}{2} = 258001.8$$

It is worthy to mention that  $\hat{\mu}_2$  has a higher value than  $\hat{\mu}_1$ . Now, let's analyze the properties of both estimators. First, we will see if any of them is unbiased.

$$\begin{aligned} E[\hat{\mu}_1] &= E[\bar{X}] = E\left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n E[X_i] = E[X] = e^{\mu + \frac{\sigma^2}{2}} \\ E[\hat{\mu}_2] &= E\left[\frac{X_1 + X_n}{2}\right] = \frac{1}{2} E[X_1 + X_n] = E[X] = e^{\mu + \frac{\sigma^2}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Hence both estimators are unbiased. Now, let's calculate the variance of each one.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(\hat{\mu}_1) &= \text{Var}(\bar{X}) = \text{Var}\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(X_i) = \frac{\text{Var}(X)}{n} = \frac{(e^{\sigma^2} - 1)}{n} e^{2\mu + \sigma^2} \\ \text{Var}(\hat{\mu}_2) &= \text{Var}\left(\frac{X_1 + X_n}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{4} \text{Var}(X_1 + X_n) = \frac{1}{2} \text{Var}(X) = \frac{(e^{\sigma^2} - 1)}{2} e^{2\mu + \sigma^2} \end{aligned}$$

It can be seen that the variance of  $\hat{\mu}_2$  is higher than the variance of  $\hat{\mu}_1$ , as the latter one depends on  $n$  (the number of observations) which in our case is much larger than 2. Therefore, the estimator with smaller variance is  $\hat{\mu}_1$ .

Other property we can analyse is the consistency in squared mean. We know that if the bias and the variance tend to zero as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then the estimator is consistent in squared mean. Therefore, since both estimators are unbiased but  $\hat{\mu}_2$  does not tend to zero in the limit, the only consistent estimator is  $\hat{\mu}_1$ .

#### 3.2 Estimation of the error of the estimators

As we have mentioned previously, the estimators selected are unbiased. Thus, we must estimate the coefficient of variation (CV). The coefficient of variation (CV) is defined as the ratio of the standard deviation  $\sigma$  to the mean  $\mu$ ,  $CV = \frac{\sigma}{\mu}$ . We calculate the CV for both estimators:

$$\begin{aligned} CV_{\hat{\mu}_1} &= \frac{\sqrt{\text{Var}(\hat{\mu}_1)}}{E[\hat{\mu}_1]} \times 100 = \frac{\sqrt{\text{Var}(X)}}{\sqrt{n} E[X]} \times 100 = \frac{\sqrt{(e^{\sigma^2} - 1)e^{2\mu + \sigma^2}}}{\sqrt{n} e^{\mu + \frac{\sigma^2}{2}}} \times 100 = \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{(e^{\sigma^2} - 1)e^{(\mu + \frac{\sigma^2}{2})^2}}}{\sqrt{n} e^{\mu + \frac{\sigma^2}{2}}} \times 100 = \frac{\sqrt{(e^{\sigma^2} - 1)e^{(\mu + \frac{\sigma^2}{2})}}}{\sqrt{n} e^{\mu + \frac{\sigma^2}{2}}} \times 100 = \frac{\sqrt{(e^{\sigma^2} - 1)}}{\sqrt{n}} \times 100 \end{aligned}$$

We use the estimations of the model parameters carried out using the method of moments for calculating the final value of the CV, i.e.  $\hat{\mu}_{mm}$  and  $\hat{\sigma}_{mm}^2$ . We use these specified values because they are more accurate than the ones obtained with maximum likelihood method. Thus,  $CV_{\hat{\mu}_1} = \frac{\sqrt{(e^{\hat{\sigma}_{mm}^2} - 1)}}{\sqrt{n}} \times 100 = 1.86\%$ . It is

also important to mention that this estimation of the variance will be used for the following sections, since it will be necessary to compute the calculations required.

We follow the same procedure for  $CV_{\hat{\mu}_2} = \frac{\sqrt{\text{Var}(\hat{\mu}_2)}}{\mathbb{E}[\hat{\mu}_2]} \times 100 = \frac{\sqrt{\text{Var}(X)}}{\sqrt{2\mathbb{E}[X]}} \times 100 = \frac{\sqrt{(e^{\sigma^2}-1)}}{\sqrt{2}} \times 100 = \frac{\sqrt{(e^{\hat{\sigma}_{mm}^2}-1)}}{\sqrt{2}} \times 100 = 581.86\%$

Since the coefficient of variation for  $\hat{\mu}_1$  is much smaller than  $CV_{\hat{\mu}_2}$ , we can say that the error of the expected value of  $\mu_1$  is considerably lower than the same for  $\mu_2$  and therefore  $\hat{\mu}_1$  is a more suitable estimator.

### 3.3 95% confidence interval for the population mean

We approximate  $\bar{X}$  of `views` by the Central Limit Theorem  $\frac{\bar{X}_n - \mu}{\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  for a large  $n$ . Hence, the 95% confidence interval for the population mean can be computed as follows  $CI_{0.95}(\mu) = \bar{X} \pm Z_{\frac{\alpha}{2}} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$ . Thus:

$$CI_{0.95}(\mu) = (\bar{X} - Z_{0.975} \frac{\hat{\sigma}_{mm}}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{X} + Z_{0.975} \frac{\hat{\sigma}_{mm}}{\sqrt{n}})$$

The confidence interval (upper and lower bounds) obtained for  $\mu$  is (561.1267, 561.1449).

### 3.4 Estimation of a qualitative variable's proportion

Now, we consider a categorical variable instead of a continuous one. We are interested in estimating the population's proportion of videos that belongs to a specific category. In particular, we want to know what proportion of videos are related to music, i.e. the videos that belong to the factor `Music` of the qualitative variable `category_id`.

Since the variable `category_id` has four categories, it follows a multinomial distribution  $Y \sim \mathcal{Multinom}(n, \boldsymbol{\pi})$  being  $\boldsymbol{\pi}$  the vector of probabilities of belong to each category, i.e.  $\boldsymbol{\pi} = \{\pi_1, \pi_2, \pi_3, \pi_4\} = \{\pi_{Education}, \pi_{Film}, \pi_{Leisure}, \pi_{Music}\}$ . We can write  $Y = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ , where  $X_i$  follows a Categorical distribution, a generalization of the Bernoulli distribution. We want to estimate the proportion  $\pi_4 = P(X = Music)$  by computing the expression  $\hat{\pi}_4 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i = 0.0912$ . We conclude that the 9% of the population are videos related with music. As it occurred with the quantitative case, this estimator is unbiased since the  $\mathbb{E}[\hat{\pi}_4] = \mathbb{E}[X_4]$ .

### 3.5 Estimation of the variance of the estimator of proportion

Here we need to calculate the variance of the estimator  $\hat{\pi}_4$ :

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\pi}_4) = \text{Var}\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(X_i) = \frac{1}{n} \text{Var}(X)$$

Thus, since we know that  $\text{Var}(X)$  is equal to  $\pi_k(1 - \pi_k)$  and that the categorical distribution is a generalized form of the Bernoulli distribution, we can estimate the variance of  $\hat{\pi}_4$  as follows  $\hat{\sigma}_{\hat{\pi}_4} = \frac{1}{n} \hat{\pi}_4(1 - \hat{\pi}_4) = 4 \times 10^{-07}$ . This value is considerable smaller, being a good quality of an estimator, since the variance depends on the sample size,  $\frac{1}{n}$ , and this value in our data set is sizeable.

### 3.6 95% confidence interval for the population proportion

By the CLT, we know that  $\frac{\hat{\pi} - \pi}{\sqrt{\pi(1-\pi)/n}} \approx N(0, 1)$ . Furthermore, it is known that by the Algebra of Consistency  $\sqrt{\frac{\hat{\pi}(1-\hat{\pi})}{\pi(1-\pi)}} \xrightarrow{P} 1$  and, finally, by Slutsky's Theorem, we obtain  $\frac{\hat{\pi} - \pi}{\sqrt{\hat{\pi}(1-\hat{\pi})/n}} \approx N(0, 1)$ . Thus, we can get the 95% confidence interval for the proportion of music videos:

$$CI_{0.95}(\pi) = (\hat{\pi} - Z_{0.975} \sqrt{\frac{\hat{\pi}(1-\hat{\pi})}{n_{music}}}, \hat{\pi} + Z_{0.975} \sqrt{\frac{\hat{\pi}(1-\hat{\pi})}{n_{music}}}) = (0.0869, 0.0954)$$

## 4 Inference with more than one sample

### 4.1 Estimate the population mean and the CV of subgroups

In this case, we are going to select the qualitative variable `category_id` to divide the population of the variable `views` into subgroups. Then, there will be four different groups associated to the factors **Education**, **Film**, **Leisure** and **Music**. Each subgroups' population mean is estimated using the sample mean, as we did in point 3.1. Then, in our case we have one estimations per subgroup:  $\hat{\mu}_{education} = \bar{x}_{education}$ ,  $\hat{\mu}_{film} = \bar{x}_{film}$ ,  $\hat{\mu}_{leisure} = \bar{x}_{leisure}$  and  $\hat{\mu}_{music} = \bar{x}_{music}$ . Table 7 summarizes this information.

Table 7: Estimations of the population mean using sample mean

	<b>mu_hat</b>
<b>Education</b>	272.2602
<b>Film</b>	551.1167
<b>Leisure</b>	314.1382
<b>Music</b>	2069.7486

Recall from point 3.1 that the estimator  $\hat{\mu}$  using the sample mean  $\bar{x}$  is unbiased, then it has the following formula of the expected value  $\mathbb{E}[\hat{\mu}] = \mathbb{E}[X]$  and the formula of the variance  $\text{Var}[\hat{\mu}] = \frac{1}{n}\text{Var}[X]$ . Recall also from point 3.2 that the formula of the coefficient of variation for the sample mean estimator of the population is  $CV_{\mu} = \frac{\sqrt{e^{\sigma^2}-1}}{\sqrt{n}} \times 100$ .

Once we have described the bases, we are ready to apply these formulas with the data segmented by the `category_id`. The coefficient shows the percentage of error of the estimator's expected value. It is also used to estimate the required sample size for a given coefficient of variation. We have used for each category the  $\hat{\sigma}^2$  based on the method of moments. In the table 8 is shown the coefficient of variation of the estimator for each subgroup. In our case, the error presented in the expected value of each estimator is considerably low since all of them are below the 5%. The worst estimator comparing the their coefficients is the  $\hat{\mu}_{music}$  since it contains a 4.58% of error in its expected value.

Table 8: Coefficient of variation for the population mean estimator of each subgroup

	<b>CV(mu) %</b>
<b>Education</b>	2.477851
<b>Film</b>	2.296751
<b>Leisure</b>	2.345054
<b>Music</b>	4.584213

### 4.2 Estimate the proportion and the MSE

In this section, we are going to calculate the proportion we calculated in point 3.4 but considering the qualitative variable we chose in the previous point. Then, we visualize the  $\hat{\pi}$  for each factor in the Table 9.

Table 9: Estimation of the proportion for the category id variable

	<b>p_hat</b>
<b>Education</b>	0.2199742
<b>Film</b>	0.4056304
<b>Leisure</b>	0.2832111
<b>Music</b>	0.0911843

Our random variable `category_id` defined as  $X \sim \text{Multin}(n, \boldsymbol{\pi})$  with parameters  $n$  and  $\boldsymbol{\pi}$ , where  $n = 195582$  and  $\boldsymbol{\pi} = (\pi_1, \pi_2, \pi_3, \pi_4) = (0.2200, 0.4056, 0.2832, 0.0912)$  being  $\pi_i$  so that  $i = 1$ ,  $i = 2$ ,  $i = 3$  and  $i = 4$  correspond to the categories **Education**, **Film**, **Leisure** and **Music**, respectively.

After proportions have been calculated, we are ready to calculate the MSE for each estimator. Since this estimator is unbiased, that  $\text{Bias}(\hat{\pi}_i) = \mathbb{E}[\hat{\pi}_i] - \pi_i = 0$  holds and then  $\mathbb{E}[\hat{\pi}_i] = \pi_i = \mathbb{E}[X]$ , therefore  $\text{MSE}(\hat{\pi}_i) = \text{Bias}^2(\hat{\pi}_i) + \text{Var}[\hat{\pi}_i] = \text{Var}[\hat{\pi}_i] = \frac{1}{n_i} \hat{\pi}_i(1 - \hat{\pi}_i)$ , then  $\text{MSE}_i = \frac{1}{n_i} \hat{p}_i(1 - \hat{p}_i)$ . In the Table 10 is shown these estimations for each category. As we can see, the mean squared errors in all the cases are considerably small since the sample size is really large. It means that all the estimators are consistent in squared mean, since it holds  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{MSE}(\hat{\pi}) = 0$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ .

Table 10: Estimation of the MSE for the category id variable

	MSE_hat
Education	4.0e-06
Film	3.0e-06
Leisure	3.7e-06
Music	4.6e-06

### 4.3 Comparing the difference of means using CI

In this section we select, for instance, the subgroups *music* and *education* that we have defined in the previous point. We know, by the CLT, that  $\bar{X}_i \sim N(\mu_i, \sigma_i^2/n_i)$  for  $i = \text{music}, \text{education}$ . The difference of sample means can be defined as  $\bar{X}_{\text{music}} - \bar{X}_{\text{education}} \sim N(\mu_{\text{music}} - \mu_{\text{education}}, \frac{\sigma_{\text{music}}^2}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_{\text{education}}^2}{n_2})$ . By the Slutsky's theorem we obtain  $N(\mu_{\text{music}} - \mu_{\text{education}}, \frac{\sigma_{\text{music}}^2}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_{\text{education}}^2}{n_2}) \approx N(0, 1)$ . Thus, we can define the 95% confidence interval as follows:

$$CI_{0.95}(\mu_{\text{film}} - \mu_{\text{music}}) = ((\hat{\mu}_{\text{film}} - \hat{\mu}_{\text{music}}) - Z_{0.975} \sqrt{\frac{\hat{\sigma}_{\text{film}}^2}{n_{\text{film}}} + \frac{\hat{\sigma}_{\text{music}}^2}{n_{\text{music}}}}, (\hat{\mu}_{\text{film}} - \hat{\mu}_{\text{music}}) + Z_{0.975} \sqrt{\frac{\hat{\sigma}_{\text{film}}^2}{n_{\text{film}}} + \frac{\hat{\sigma}_{\text{music}}^2}{n_{\text{music}}}})$$

Table 11: Confidence interval for population mean subgroups

	Lower bound	Estimation of mean difference	Upper bound
	-1518.663	-1518.632	-1518.601

Therefore, we can see that the mean of the views of music videos is higher than the one of the education videos, i.e. more people visualize music videos than education videos.

### 4.4 Comparing the equality of means using hypothesis testing

First, we state the two hypothesis of the case:

$$H_0 : \mu_{\text{film}} = \mu_{\text{music}}$$

$$H_1 : \mu_{\text{film}} \neq \mu_{\text{music}}$$

We want to know if we should reject or not the null hypothesis at significance level  $\alpha = 0.05$ . For this purpose, we perform the following test statistic used for large samples as in our case:

$$Z = \frac{\hat{\mu}_{\text{film}} - \hat{\mu}_{\text{music}}}{\sqrt{\frac{\hat{\sigma}_{\text{film}}^2}{n_{\text{film}}} + \frac{\hat{\sigma}_{\text{music}}^2}{n_{\text{music}}}}} \approx N(0, 1)$$

Thus, we reject  $H_0$  if  $|Z| > Z_{\alpha/2}$ , i.e. if  $|Z| > Z_{0.025}$ . The results is  $|Z| = 95658.03$  related to a  $Z_{0.025} = 1.96$ . Hence, since the value of the test statistic is higher than  $Z_{0.025}$  we reject the null hypothesis and we can confirm that both means are not equal at all.



## 4.5 Comparing of the difference of proportions using CI

Considering the two simple random samples  $X_{film}$  and  $X_{music}$  (independent and identically distributed), and their proportions associated  $\pi_{film}$  and  $\pi_{music}$ , respectively. Applying the Central Limit Theorem we have that  $\hat{\pi}_i \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\pi_i, \frac{\pi_i(1-\pi_i)}{n_i}\right)$  where  $i \in (\text{film}, \text{music})$ . Standardize it we have that  $\frac{\hat{\pi}_i - \pi_i}{\sqrt{\frac{\pi_i(1-\pi_i)}{n_i}}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ .

By the Algebra of Consistency we know that  $\sqrt{\frac{\pi_i(1-\pi_i)}{\hat{\pi}_i(1-\hat{\pi}_i)}} \xrightarrow{P} 1$  and then by the Slutsky's theorem we have that  $\frac{\hat{\pi}_i - \pi_i}{\sqrt{\frac{\hat{\pi}_i(1-\hat{\pi}_i)}{n_i}}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ .

Recall that the result of the difference of two random variables that are Normal and independent is another Normal random variable with  $\mu = \mu_1 - \mu_2$  and  $\sigma^2 = \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2$ , then we have that

$$\hat{\pi}_{film} - \hat{\pi}_{music} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\pi_{film} - \pi_{music}, \frac{\hat{\pi}_{film}(1 - \hat{\pi}_{film})}{n_{film}} + \frac{\hat{\pi}_{music}(1 - \hat{\pi}_{music})}{n_{music}}\right)$$

We have set a 95% confidence interval (the level of significance  $\alpha = 5$ ) and to make the formulas clearer we have set  $\sigma_{film-music}^2 = \frac{\hat{\pi}_{film}(1 - \hat{\pi}_{film})}{n_{film}} + \frac{\hat{\pi}_{music}(1 - \hat{\pi}_{music})}{n_{music}}$  then:

$$\mathbb{P}\left[-Z_{\alpha/2} \leq \frac{\hat{\pi}_{film} - \hat{\pi}_{music} - (\pi_{film} - \pi_{music})}{\sqrt{\sigma_{film-music}^2}} \leq Z_{\alpha/2}\right] = 95 \rightarrow$$

$$\rightarrow \mathbb{P}\left[(\hat{\pi}_{film} - \hat{\pi}_{music}) - Z_{\alpha/2}\sqrt{\sigma_{film-music}^2} \leq \pi_{film} - \pi_{music} \leq (\hat{\pi}_{film} - \hat{\pi}_{music}) + Z_{\alpha/2}\sqrt{\sigma_{film-music}^2}\right] = 95$$

$$CI(\pi_{film} - \pi_{music}) := (\hat{\pi}_{film} - \hat{\pi}_{music}) \pm Z_{\frac{0.95}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{\hat{\pi}_{film}(1 - \hat{\pi}_{film})}{n_{film}} + \frac{\hat{\pi}_{music}(1 - \hat{\pi}_{music})}{n_{music}}}$$

Results are gathered in Table 12.

Table 12: Confidence Interval of the difference of proportions

Lower bound	Difference	Upper bound
0.3090125	0.3144461	0.3198797

## 4.6 Comparing the equality of proportions using hypothesis testing

Taking the standardized version of the proportions from the previous exercise, we could set an hypothesis test where the null hypothesis  $H_0 : \pi_{film} = \pi_{music}$  and the alternative hypothesis  $H_1 : \pi_{film} \neq \pi_{music}$ , then the test statistic must be evaluated:

$$Z = \frac{\bar{\pi}_{film} - \bar{\pi}_{music} - (\pi_{film} - \pi_{music})}{\sqrt{\frac{\hat{\pi}_{film}(1 - \hat{\pi}_{film})}{n_{film}} + \frac{\hat{\pi}_{music}(1 - \hat{\pi}_{music})}{n_{music}}}} \stackrel{\pi_{film} = \pi_{music}}{=} \frac{\bar{\pi}_{film} - \bar{\pi}_{music}}{\sqrt{\frac{\hat{\pi}_{film}(1 - \hat{\pi}_{film})}{n_{film}} + \frac{\hat{\pi}_{music}(1 - \hat{\pi}_{music})}{n_{music}}}}$$

In Table 13 is shown the z-scored obtained and the quantile of Z for a 5% of level of significance. Since the z-scored is much larger than the quantile, we do reject the null hypothesis and we can say that the proportions are not equal.

Table 13: Hypothesis test | Z statistic

z-score	$Z_{\{0.05/2\}}$
113.4239	1.96

## 5 Conclusions

### 5.1 Summary

At the beginning of this document we defined the purpose of our project, that is to know the most favorite videos by category in YouTube, and we explained some tweaks we had applied in our data before started to work on. Later on, we split the dataset's variables into quantitative and qualitative variables.

For the first group, we have analyzed them by means of some measures of centrality, variability and shape, giving us a first insight of how data are. After analyze them, we conclude that these variables do follow something different than a Normal distribution since the interpretation of some measures, for instance skewness and kurtosis, are designed to compare the random variable's distribution with the Normal one. These values are far away from the Normal one, saying that in all the cases the variable's distribution are *right-skewed* and *leptokurtic* (See Figures 1). After described each variable individually, we made an analysis about the relationship between variables (also segmented by category), emphasizing that all pair of variables are positive correlated (See Figure 2). Some of them, such as  $\rho_{dislikes,comment\_count}$  with a value of 0.846, are highly positive correlated. This makes sense since the more likes, the more comments the video might have.

For the qualitative variables, we showed three frequency tables for the `category_id`, the `continent_id` and the `comments_disabled` variables, respectively (See Table 4). Since the all three variables do not contain the same number of factors, we said that the variables are not well-balanced. The factor from `category_id` that contains more observations is **Film**, with 40.56% observations (more than one third of the total videos), the factor from `continent_id` that has more rows is **Europe**, with a 46.52% of observations (almost the half of the total videos), and the last variable, that is binary, with a large amount of videos that have the comments enable (almost 97% of the observations).

In the point 2, we selected the variable `views` to apply some inference. Firstly, as it was suggested in the description of the project, we applied the log transformation since the data is concentrated on the left side of the distribution. After this conversion, we could see that the transformed variable clearly follows a Normal distribution (See Figures 3), this means that the original variable might follow a Log-normal distribution with parameters  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$ . In this section, we calculated these parameters by means of the method of moments and, additionally, the maximum likelihood estimation. Graphically, we could see that the method of moments, in this case, provides better results since the distribution generated gets closer to the non-parametric kernel density estimation (See Figure 5).

The next point is about doing one-sample inference, at the beginning we applied some inference methods to a quantitative variable and at the end we worked with a qualitative one. First, we started defining two different estimators of the population mean for the variable `views`: the sample mean and the mean of the highest and the lowest. We checked that the value of the last estimator is considerably larger than the first one since our data set a larger number of observations. Also, we assessed the statistical bias, showing that both estimators are unbiased since their expected value is the same than the expected value of our random variable `views`. In contrast, it does not happen the same for the variance, being much higher for the estimator of the mean of the highest and the lowest. Besides that, we have checked that the only estimator consistent in squared mean is the estimator of the sample mean. The coefficient of variation, since both estimators are unbiased, shows also that the estimator of the mean of the highest and the lowest contains a significantly larger error of the expected value than the other estimator. Hence, we concluded that the estimator of the sample mean is more suitable. We proceeded at this point to calculate a confidence interval for the true value of the population mean, obtaining that it is within 561.128 and 561.144. Notice that the value obtained with the sample mean estimator, 561.135, is included in this interval. The last part of this section, as we mentioned before, we selected a qualitative variable, `category_id`, and we estimate the population proportion of the factor `music` using the sample proportion being 0.0912 its value. This estimator is unbiased as it occurred in the continuous case, and its variance is considerably small since it decreases when the sample size grows. We have calculated a confidence interval for the population proportion which is within the interval 0.090 and 0.092, again we have checked that the estimated value is within this interval.

In point 4, we applied the same estimation of the population mean for the variable **views** but in this case segmented by the factors of the **category\_id** variable. Then, we obtained four different values, having the greatest estimated mean of the views for the category **music**. Therefore, this sub-sample, although its category is not presented in so many other videos, it has the highest mean of visualizations. Again, since we used the sample mean as the estimator, the estimation is unbiased and the coefficient of variation is low (around 2.30% except that the one related to the factor **music** that is slightly higher, a 4.58%). We evaluated the mean squared error of the proportions of each of the factor of the qualitative variable selected before. Then, we obtained that the values associated to this error, for all the factors, are low (around  $3 \times 10^{-6}$ ). Finally, we assessed the confidence interval for the difference of means of the population and also of the proportion with respect two categories: **film** versus **music**. In case of the difference of the means we have obtained an interval of  $(-1518.663, -1518.601)$ , having the sample mean difference a value of  $-1518.632$ , negative since we commented before, music has a mean of visualizations considerably much larger. For the other case, the population proportion, we got that the true value is included in  $(0.3090, 0.3199)$  and the sample difference of proportions is 0.3144. We also tested some hypothesis, wanted to demonstrate that the means and the proportions with respect **Film** and **Music** are different for each characteristic. In effect, both test led to reject the null hypothesis of having the same population mean and proportion in the two different sub-samples. Then, it is pretty clear that although the proportion of videos of type **Music** is smaller, the visualizations for this kind of videos are much higher.

## 5.2 Limitations and extensions

In the future, we could evolve this document filling some gaps we have not covered. For instance, it would be great if we could analyzed other quantitative variables from our data set in order to see if the conclusions we got from the **views** variable are extrapolated to the rest in terms of distribution. Nevertheless, as we saw in Table 3, the measures of centrality are dispersed among variables, having higher values the variable **likes** than the number of views (in miles), dislikes or comments.

As we saw before, we drew some conclusions about the number of views per category, in the next iteration it would be great to widen this segmentation to **views** per **category\_id** and **continen\_id**. Hence, we could get some insights with respect the group of countries where the observation comes from, figuring out if the results we obtained in point 4.1 are extended to the different continents where the videos are visualized.

The limitations we have identified reside in the number of countries we have in our data set that, as we mentioned at the beginning of this document, are just 10: Canada, US, Germany, FR, UK, India, South Korea, Mexico and Russia. Nevertheless, since we have so many observations (195,582 rows) we can say that data are a good picture of the world state at that time, in 2018. As an extension, we could incorporate more data from other different countries to see if there is any variation in comparison with the acquired results.

## 6 Appendix

### 6.1 Code

```
knitr::opts_chunk$set(echo = TRUE, fig.align = "center")
library(dplyr)
library(stringr)
library(moments)
library(kableExtra)
library(GGally)
load("dataset.RData")
# 1.

## Show original data: dates per video_id and country_id

diff_dates <- youtube %>%
  group_by(country_id, video_id) %>%
  mutate(trending_dates = paste0(trending_date, collapse = "|")) %>%
  distinct(trending_dates) %>%
  data.frame

knitr::kable(head(diff_dates), caption = "Original data example") %>%
  row_spec(0, bold=TRUE) %>%
  kable_styling(latex_options = "HOLD_position", font_size = 7)

# Applying changes to the original data. Change type of variables (date, factor)

data <- youtube %>%
  mutate(
    trending_date = as.Date(trending_date, '%y.%d.%m'),
    category_id = as.factor(category_id),
    country_id = as.factor(country_id),
    comments_disabled = factor(ifelse(is.na(comments_disabled), NA,
                                     ifelse(comments_disabled=="True", 1, 0)))
  ) %>%
  group_by(video_id, country_id) %>%
  slice(which.max(trending_date)) %>%
  select(-c(trending_date, tags)) %>%
  data.frame

data$comments_disabled[is.na(data$comments_disabled)] <-
  ifelse(data[is.na(data$comments_disabled),]$comment_count==0, 1, 0)
data$views = data$views/1000

# Visualize the number of videos per country

count <- data %>%
  group_by(country_id) %>%
  summarise(n = n())
```

```

knitr::kable(count, caption = "Number of videos per country") %>%
  row_spec(0, bold=TRUE) %>%
  kable_styling(latex_options = "HOLD_position", font_size = 7)

# Simplifying categorical variables: category_id and country_id

film_categories <- c(1, 23, 24, 30, 43, 44)
education_categories <- c(25, 26, 27, 28, 29)
leisure_categories <- c(2, 15, 17, 19, 29, 22)

new_category_ids <-
  ifelse(data$category_id %in% film_categories, "Film",
        ifelse(data$category_id %in% education_categories, "Education",
              ifelse(data$category_id %in% leisure_categories, "Leisure", "Music")))

new_continent_ids <-
  ifelse(data$country_id %in% c("US", "CA", "MX"), "America",
        ifelse(data$country_id %in% c("RU", "GB", "FR", "DE"), "Europe", "Asia"))

final_data <- data %>%
  rename(continent_id = country_id) %>%
  mutate(
    category_id = factor(new_category_ids),
    continent_id = factor(new_continent_ids)
  ) %>%
  group_by(video_id, continent_id, category_id) %>%
  summarize(comments_disabled=comments_disabled[1],
            across(where(is.numeric), sum), .groups="keep") %>%
  data.frame

# Statistics table for the quantitative variables

stats_quant <- t(summary(final_data[,5:8]))
stats_data <- t(sapply(((5:8)-4), function(i) {
  sapply(1:6, function(j) {
    str_trim(str_split(stats_quant[i,], ":")[[j]][2])
  })
}))
colnames(stats_data) <- drop(t(sapply(1:6, function(i) {
  str_trim(str_split(stats_quant[1,], ":")[[i]][1])
})))
rownames(stats_data) <- colnames(final_data[,5:8])
rownames(stats_data)[4] <- "comment"

skewness <- round(c(skewness(final_data$views), skewness(final_data$likes),
  skewness(final_data$dislikes),
  skewness(final_data$comment_count)), digits=2)
kurtosis <- round(c(kurtosis(final_data$views), kurtosis(final_data$likes),
  kurtosis(final_data$dislikes),
  kurtosis(final_data$comment_count)), digits=2)
sd <- round(c(sd(final_data$views), sd(final_data$likes),

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      sd(final_data$dislikes),
      sd(final_data$comment_count)), digits=2)
stats_data <- cbind(stats_data, sd, skewness, kurtosis)

knitr::kable(stats_data, digits = 2, caption = "Stats Table") %>%
  column_spec(1, bold=TRUE) %>% row_spec(0, bold=TRUE) %>%
  kable_styling(latex_options = "HOLD_position", font_size = 7)

# Histograms for the quantitative variables, selecting different breaks parameter
par(mfrow=c(2,2))
hist(final_data$views[final_data$views >= 0 & final_data$views < 750],
      breaks=seq(0, 750, by=5), main="", xlab="Num. views")
title("Views", line=-1.5)
hist(final_data$likes[final_data$likes >= 0 & final_data$likes < 8000],
      breaks=seq(0, 8000, by=40), main="", xlab="Num. likes")
title("Likes", line=-1.5)
hist(final_data$dislikes[final_data$dislikes >= 0 & final_data$dislikes < 750],
      breaks=seq(0, 750, by=5), main="", xlab="Num. dislikes")
title("Dislikes", line=-1.5)
hist(final_data$comment_count[final_data$comment_count >= 0 &
                              final_data$comment_count < 750],
      breaks=seq(0, 750, by=5), main="", xlab="Num. comments")
title("Comments", line=-1.5)

# Generating pairs plot with correlation values and save the image
ggpairs(final_data, columns = 5:8,
        mapping = ggplot2::aes(colour=final_data$category_id),
        upper = list(continuous = wrap("cor", size = 1.5)),
        lower = list(continuous = wrap("points", size=0.5),
                      combo = wrap("dot", size=0.5))) +
  theme(axis.line=element_blank(),
        axis.text=element_blank(),
        axis.ticks=element_blank())

ggsave(file="corr.png", dpi=400)

knitr::include_graphics("corr.png")

# Frequency tables for the qualitative variables

cat_table <- data.frame(table(final_data$category_id))
cat_table$Prob <- as.numeric(cat_table$Freq) / nrow(final_data)
colnames(cat_table)[1] <- "category_id"
cont_table <- data.frame(table(final_data$continent_id))
cont_table$Prob <- as.numeric(cont_table$Freq) / nrow(final_data)
colnames(cont_table)[1] <- "continent_id"
comm_table <- data.frame(table(final_data$comments_disabled))
comm_table$Prob <- as.numeric(comm_table$Freq) / nrow(final_data)
colnames(comm_table)[1] <- "comments_disabled"
knitr::kable(list(cat_table, cont_table, comm_table), caption = "Frequency tables") %>%
  column_spec(1, bold=TRUE) %>% row_spec(c(0, 5, 9), bold=TRUE) %>%
  kable_styling(latex_options = "HOLD_position", font_size = 7)

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# 2.

# Create variable log_views

final_data <- final_data %>% mutate(
  log_views = log(views)
)

# Plot the histogram and the QQ-plot

par(mfrow = c(1,2))
hist(final_data$log_views, probability = TRUE, main="Histogram log_views",
     xlab = "log(views)")
lines(density(final_data$log_views), col = 4, lwd = 2)
curve(dnorm(x, mean=mean(final_data$log_views), sd=sd(final_data$log_views)),
     add=TRUE, col="red")
legend('topright', legend=c('non-parametric density', 'normal density'),
     col = c('blue', 'red'), pch = 0, cex = 0.5)
qqnorm(final_data$log_views, pch = 1, frame = FALSE)
qqline(final_data$log_views, col = 2, lwd = 2)
knitr::include_graphics("log_views_figures.png")

# Estimation using the method of the moments

method_moments_lnorm <- function(X) {
  mu_mm <- log(1/length(X)^(3/2) * sum(X^2)^{-1/2}*sum(X)^2)
  sigma2_mm <- log(length(X) * sum(X)^{-2}*sum(X^2))
  return(list(mu=mu_mm, sigma2=sigma2_mm))
}

mu_mm <- method_moments_lnorm(final_data$views)$mu
sigma2_mm <- method_moments_lnorm(final_data$views)$sigma2

mm_est <- cbind(mu_mm, sigma2_mm)
colnames(mm_est) <- c('mu', 'sigma^2')
rownames(mm_est) <- c('Method of moments')

knitr::kable(mm_est, caption="Method of moments estimators") %>%
  column_spec(1, bold=TRUE) %>% row_spec(0, bold=TRUE) %>%
  kable_styling(latex_options = "HOLD_position", font_size = 7)
# Plot the non parametric kde of views and the density of the log-normal with the parameters

kde <- density(log(final_data$views))
kde_transf <- kde
kde_transf$x <- exp(kde_transf$x)
kde_transf$y <- kde_transf$y * 1 / kde_transf$x
plot(kde_transf, main="", xlim = c(0, 500), xlab="")
curve(dlnorm(x, mu_mm, sqrt(sigma2_mm)), from=0, to=500, col=4,
     ylab="frequency", xlab="views", add=TRUE)
legend('topright', legend=c('non-parametric density', 'method of moments estimation'),
     col = c('black', 'blue'), pch = 0, cex = 0.5)

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# Estimate the parameters using MLE

mle_lnorm <- function(X) {
  mu_mm <- mean(log(X))
  sigma2_mm <- var(log(X))
  return(list(mu=mu_mm, sigma2=sigma2_mm))
}

mu_mle <- mle_lnorm(final_data$views)$mu
sigma2_mle <- mle_lnorm(final_data$views)$sigma2

mle_est <- cbind(mu_mle, sigma2_mle)
colnames(mle_est) <- c('mu', 'sigma^2')
rownames(mle_est) <- c('Maximum likelihood estimation')

knitr::kable(mle_est, caption="Maximum likelihood estimation") %>%
  column_spec(1, bold=TRUE) %>% row_spec(0, bold=TRUE) %>%
  kable_styling(latex_options = "HOLD_position", font_size = 7)

# Plot the non parametric kde of views and the density of the log-normal with the parameters

kde <- density(log(final_data$views))
kde_transf <- kde
kde_transf$x <- exp(kde_transf$x)
kde_transf$y <- kde_transf$y * 1 / kde_transf$x
plot(kde_transf, main="", xlim = c(0, 500), xlab="")
curve(dlnorm(x, mu_mle, sqrt(sigma2_mle)), from=0, to=500, col=3,
      ylab="frequency", xlab="views", add=TRUE)
legend('topright', legend=c('non-parametric density', 'maximum likelihood estimation'),
      col = c('black', 'green4'), pch = 0, cex = 0.5)

# 3.

# Estimator of the population mean

mu_1 <- mean(final_data$views)
mu_2 <- (min(final_data$views) + max(final_data$views))/2
estimators <- cbind(mu_1, mu_2)
colnames(estimators) <- c("Estimator mu^hat_1", "Estimator mu^hat_2")
rownames(estimators) <- c("Estimation")

# Estimation of the estimators' error

n <- length(final_data$views)
cv_1 <- sqrt(exp(sigma2_mm)-1)/sqrt(n) * 100
cv_2 <- sqrt(exp(sigma2_mm)-1)/sqrt(2) * 100
cv <- cbind(cv_1, cv_2)
colnames(cv) <- c("CV_1 %", "CV_2 %")
rownames(cv) <- c("Error of estimations")

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# 95% confidence interval for the population mean

sigma_mm <- sqrt(sigma2_mm)
CI_lower <- mu_1 - qnorm(.975)*(sigma_mm/sqrt(n))
CI_upper <- mu_1 + qnorm(.975)*(sigma_mm/sqrt(n))

CI <- cbind(CI_lower, CI_upper)
colnames(CI) <- c("Lower bound", "Upper bound")
rownames(CI) <- c("Confidence interval for population mean")

# Selection a qualitative variable and calculate the proportion

prop_music <- length(which(final_data$category_id=="Music"))/length(final_data$category_id)

props <- rbind(prop_music)
colnames(props) <- c("pi^hat")
rownames(props) <- c("Music")

# Estimation of the variance of the estimator of proportion

var_prop <- (1/n)*prop_music*(1-prop_music)

var_prop <- rbind(var_prop)
colnames(var_prop) <- c("variance^hat")
rownames(var_prop) <- c("Music")

# Confidence interval for the proportion

x_music <- final_data$views[final_data$category_id=='Music']
n_music <- length(x_music)

CI_p_lower <- prop_music - qnorm(.975)*(sqrt(prop_music*(1-prop_music)/n_music))
CI_p_upper <- prop_music + qnorm(.975)*(sqrt(prop_music*(1-prop_music)/n_music))

CI_p <- cbind(CI_p_lower, CI_p_upper)
colnames(CI_p) <- c("Lower bound", "Upper bound")
rownames(CI_p) <- c("Confidence interval for population proportion")

# 4.1

# Population mean estimation (sample mean) for each subgroup

n <- length(final_data$views)

x_education <- final_data$views[final_data$category_id=='Education']
x_film <- final_data$views[final_data$category_id=='Film']
x_leisure <- final_data$views[final_data$category_id=='Leisure']

mu_education <- mean(x_education)

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mu_film <- mean(x_film)
mu_leisure <- mean(x_leisure)
mu_music <- mean(x_music)

mus <- c(mu_education, mu_film, mu_leisure, mu_music)

mu_groups <- cbind(mus)
colnames(mu_groups) <- c('mu^hat')
rownames(mu_groups) <- c('Education', 'Film', 'Leisure', 'Music')

knitr::kable(mu_groups, caption="Estimations of the population mean using sample mean") %>%
  column_spec(1, bold=TRUE) %>% row_spec(0, bold=TRUE) %>%
  kable_styling(latex_options = "HOLD_position", font_size = 7)

# CV_mu: coefficient of variation of the mean estimator

s2_mm_education <- method_moments_lnorm(x_education)$sigma2
s2_mm_film <- method_moments_lnorm(x_film)$sigma2
s2_mm_leisure <- method_moments_lnorm(x_leisure)$sigma2
s2_mm_music <- method_moments_lnorm(x_music)$sigma2

cv_education <- sqrt(exp(s2_mm_education)-1)/(sqrt(length(x_education)))*100
cv_film <- sqrt(exp(s2_mm_film)-1)/(sqrt(length(x_film)))*100
cv_leisure <- sqrt(exp(s2_mm_leisure)-1)/(sqrt(length(x_leisure)))*100
cv_music <- sqrt(exp(s2_mm_music)-1)/(sqrt(length(x_music)))*100

cvs <- c(cv_education, cv_film, cv_leisure, cv_music)

cvs_groups <- cbind(cvs)
colnames(cvs_groups) <- c('CV(mu) %')
rownames(cvs_groups) <- c('Education', 'Film', 'Leisure', 'Music')

knitr::kable(cvs_groups,
  caption="Coefficient of variation for the population mean estimator of each subgroup") %>%
  column_spec(1, bold=TRUE) %>% row_spec(0, bold=TRUE) %>%
  kable_styling(latex_options = "HOLD_position", font_size = 7)

# Proportion and the MSE

n_education <- length(x_education)
n_film <- length(x_film)
n_leisure <- length(x_leisure)

prop_education <- n_education/length(final_data$category_id)
prop_film <- n_film/length(final_data$category_id)
prop_leisure <- n_leisure/length(final_data$category_id)
prop_music <- n_music/length(final_data$category_id)

props <- rbind(prop_education, prop_film, prop_leisure, prop_music)
colnames(props) <- c('p_hat')
rownames(props) <- c('Education', 'Film', 'Leisure', 'Music')

knitr::kable(props,

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      caption="Estimation of the proportion for the category id variable") %>%
    column_spec(1, bold=TRUE) %>% row_spec(0, bold=TRUE) %>%
    kable_styling(latex_options = "HOLD_position", font_size = 7)
mse_education <- 1/n_education*prop_education*(1-prop_education)
mse_film <- 1/n_film*prop_film*(1-prop_film)
mse_leisure <- 1/n_leisure*prop_leisure*(1-prop_leisure)
mse_music <- 1/n_music*prop_music*(1-prop_music)

mses <- rbind(mse_education, mse_film, mse_leisure, mse_music)
colnames(mses) <- c('MSE_hat')
rownames(mses) <- c('Education', 'Film', 'Leisure', 'Music')

knitr::kable(mses,
      caption="Estimation of the MSE for the category id variable") %>%
    column_spec(1, bold=TRUE) %>% row_spec(0, bold=TRUE) %>%
    kable_styling(latex_options = "HOLD_position", font_size = 7)

# Confidence interval for two subgroup of the mean

CI_submean_lower <- (mu_film - mu_music) - qnorm(.975)*
  (sqrt((s2_mm_film / n_film) + (s2_mm_music / n_music)))
mean_diff <- mu_film - mu_music
CI_submean_upper <- (mu_film - mu_music) + qnorm(.975)*
  (sqrt((s2_mm_film / n_film) + (s2_mm_music / n_music)))

CI_submean <- cbind(CI_submean_lower, mean_diff, CI_submean_upper)
colnames(CI_submean) <- c("Lower bound", "Estimation of mean difference", "Upper bound")
rownames(CI_submean) <- c("")

knitr::kable(CI_submean, caption="Confidence interval for population mean subgroups") %>%
  row_spec(0, bold=TRUE) %>%
  kable_styling(latex_options = "HOLD_position", font_size = 7)

# Hypothesis testing to compare means of two subgroups

Z <- (mu_film-mu_music)/sqrt((s2_mm_film/n_film) + (s2_mm_music/n_music))
Z_alpha2 <- qnorm(0.025)

# Confidence interval to compare the difference of two subgroups proportions

diff_prop_film_music <- prop_film-prop_music

var_x_film <- prop_film*(1-prop_film)/n_film
var_x_music <- prop_music*(1-prop_music)/n_music

lower_bound <- diff_prop_film_music + qnorm(0.05/2)*sqrt(var_x_film + var_x_music)
upper_bound <- diff_prop_film_music + qnorm(0.95 + 0.05/2)*sqrt(var_x_film + var_x_music)

ci_prop_diff <- cbind(lower_bound, diff_prop_film_music, upper_bound)
colnames(ci_prop_diff) <- c('Lower bound', 'Difference', 'Upper bound')

knitr::kable(ci_prop_diff,

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        caption="Confidence Interval of the difference of proportions") %>%
row_spec(0, bold=TRUE) %>%
kable_styling(latex_options = "HOLD_position", font_size = 7)

# Hypothesis testing to compare the equality of two subgroups proportions

z_score <- diff_prop_film_music/sqrt(var_x_film+var_x_music)

test_diff <- cbind(z_score, round(-qnorm(0.025), 4))
colnames(test_diff) <- c('z-score', 'Z_{0.05/2}')

knitr::kable(test_diff,
              caption="Hypothesis test | Z statistic") %>%
row_spec(0, bold=TRUE) %>%
kable_styling(latex_options = "HOLD_position", font_size = 7)

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