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Suppose we have a large population and draw all possible samples of size n from the population. Suppose for each sample, we compute a statistics (for example the sample mean, \bar{x}). Note that \bar{x} varies sample to sample and is also a random variable. The sampling distribution is the probability distribution of this statistics considered as a random variable. We measure the variability of the sampling distribution by its variance or its standard deviation.

Example: Air samples are collected for eight successive days in a particular site. Particulate matter (PM), an index of environmental quality, for these eight days is listed below:

Day	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
PM	36	38	39	40	36	34	33	32

```
> PM=c(36, 38, 39, 40, 36, 34, 33, 32)
> mean(PM)
[1] 36
> sd(PM)
[1] 2.878492
> n=500
> meanSRS=numeric(n)### This initiates the vector with zeros
> for (i in 1:n){SRS=sample(PM,5)
+ meanSRS[i]=mean(SRS)}
> mean(meanSRS)
> sd(meanSRS)
> hist(meanSRS)
```

R supports a large number of distributions. Usually, four types of functions are provided for each distribution:

- ▶ d: density function
- ▶ p: cumulative distribution function, $P(X \leq x)$
- ▶ q: quantile function
- ▶ r: draw random numbers from the distribution

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample of size n from a distribution with mean μ and variance σ^2 . Then for large n , \bar{X} is approximately normal with mean μ and variance σ^2/n . This means

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

as $n \rightarrow \infty$

Use R to simulate 1000 times the sampling distribution of the mean, \bar{X} of 1, 50, and 1000 observations from the uniform distribution. Create a histogram and determine the mean and standard deviation of these simulations.

```
> windows()  
> xbar1=numeric(1000)  
> for (i in 1:1000){x=runif(1);xbar1[i]=mean(x)}  
> hist(xbar1,col="green",main="CLT for uniform n=1")
```

```
> windows()  
> xbar2=numeric(1000)  
> for (i in 1:1000){x=runif(50);xbar2[i]=mean(x)}  
> hist(xbar2,col="blue",main="CLT for uniform n=50")
```

```
> windows()  
> xbar3=numeric(1000)  
> for (i in 1:1000){x=runif(100);xbar3[i]=mean(x)}  
> hist(xbar3,col="orange",main="CLT for uniform n=100")
```

Example: If a sample of size 16 is drawn from a normal population that has a mean 27 and standard deviation of 2, what is the probability that the mean of the sample will be less than 26?

We have $n = 16$, $\mu = 27$, $\sigma = 2$. We want to find $P(\bar{X} < 26)$.

We know that

$$\begin{aligned}P(\bar{X} \leq 26) &= P\left(\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \leq \frac{26 - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}\right) \\&= P\left(Z \leq \frac{26 - 27}{2/\sqrt{16}}\right) \\&= P(Z \leq -2) \\&= 0.0228.\end{aligned}$$

Hence the probability that the mean of the sample will be less than 26 is 0.0228.

```
> pnorm(26,27,2/sqrt(16))  
[1] 0.02275013
```

```
n = 30                # sample size
k = 1000              # number of samples
mu = 5; sigma = 2; SEM = sigma/sqrt(n)
x = matrix(rnorm(n*k,mu,sigma),n,k) # creates a matrix
x.mean = apply(x,2,mean)
x.down = mu - 4*SEM; x.up = mu + 4*SEM; y.up = 1.5
hist(x.mean,prob= T,xlim= c(x.down,x.up),ylim= c(0,y.up),
main= "Sampling  distribution of the sample mean, Normal case")
par(new= T)
x = seq(x.down,x.up,0.01)
y = dnorm(x,mu,SEM)
plot(x,y,type= 'l',xlim= c(x.down,x.up),ylim= c(0,y.up))
```

```
for(i in 1:100){  
  print("Hello world!")  
  print(i*i)  
}
```

Note

Everything inside the curly brackets `{..}` is done 100 times

Looped commands can depend on `i` (or whatever you called the counter)

R creates a vector `i` with 1:100 in it. You could use any vector that's convenient

```
for(i in 1:10)  
{  
  print(i^2)  
}
```



```
> # We generate 500 random samples of sizes n=5,10,15,20
> # from the Weibull Distribution with alpha=2 and beta=5.
> # For information on Weibull Distribution:

> m=500; alpha=2; beta=5
>
> # Get MEAN, SD and VAR for this beta distribution.
> mu=beta*gamma(1+1/alpha);mu
[1] 4.431135
> sigma2=beta^2*(gamma(1+2/alpha))-mu^2;sigma2
[1] 5.365046
>
> # Put four graphs on a page. The matrix entries give the order of graphs.
> layout(matrix(c(1,3,2,4),ncol=2))
> # loop through sample sizes. Then loop through 500 random samples
> # of size j taken from Weibull(alpha,beta), compute the mean of the sample
> # and record the mean in the vector res. For each 500 means, plot histogram a
> # Superimpose the bell curve for given mean and sd.
```

```
> for (j in c(5,10,20,30)){  
+ res=c()  
+ for (i in 1:m){  
+ res[i]=mean(rweibull(j,alpha,beta))  
+ }  
+ hist(res,prob=TRUE,main=paste("Weibull(5,2) Samp. Dist. Xbar with n=",j),col="gray")  
+ curve(dnorm(x,mu,sqrt(sigma2/j)),add=TRUE,col=j/5+1)  
+ qqnorm(res)  
+ qqline(res,col=j/5+1)  
+}
```

If X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n is a random sample from a normal distribution with mean μ and variance σ^2 then

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

This is an important result, but the major difficulty arise on application in which cases σ is unknown. In this case we replace σ with its estimate s and we study the distribution of $\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{s/\sqrt{n}}$. The distribution of this expression will have the student's t-distribution.

A random variable X is said to have t-distribution with n degrees of freedoms if its pdf is given by

$$f(x) = \frac{\Gamma(\frac{n+1}{2})}{\sqrt{n\pi}\Gamma(\frac{n}{2})} \left\{ 1 + \frac{x^2}{n} \right\}^{-\frac{n+1}{2}} \text{ for } -\infty < x < \infty.$$

R codes for t- distribution

- ▶ dt: density function of t-distribution
- ▶ pt: cumulative distribution function
- ▶ qt: quantile function of t- distribution
- ▶ rt: draw random numbers from the t-distribution

Need to choose the parameter n .

$t(df, ncp)$? noncentral t distribution with noncentrality parameter ncp

```
> pt(-1,df=10)
[1] 0.1704466
> pt(0, df=10)
[1] 0.5
> pt(1, df=10)
[1] 0.8295534
```

```
# Calculating percentiles
```

```
> # Find the 25th percentile with a degree of freedom=4
> qt(.25, df=4)
[1] -0.7406971
```

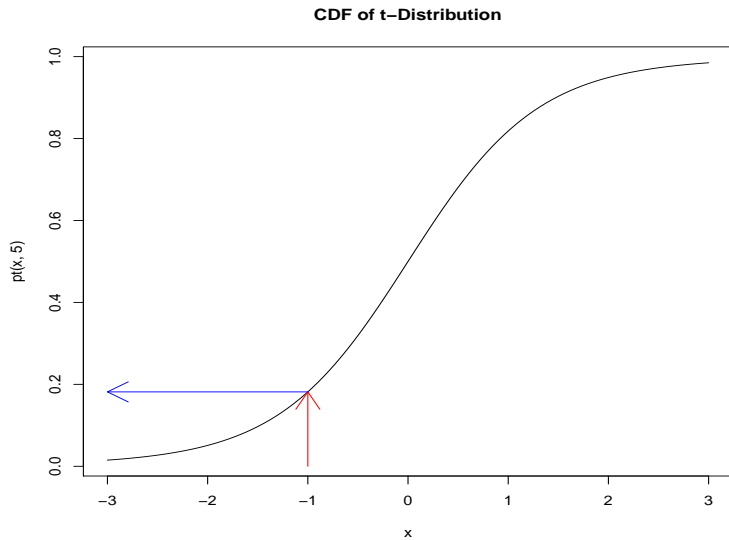
The cumulative probability function is a straightforward notion: it is an S-shaped curve showing, for any value of x , the probability of obtaining a sample value that is less than or equal to x . Here is what it looks like for the normal distribution:

```
>curve(pt(x,5),-3,3, main="CDF of t-Distribution")
>arrows(-1,0,-1,pt(-1,5),col="red")
>arrows(-1,pt(-1,5),-3,pt(-1,5),col="blue")
```

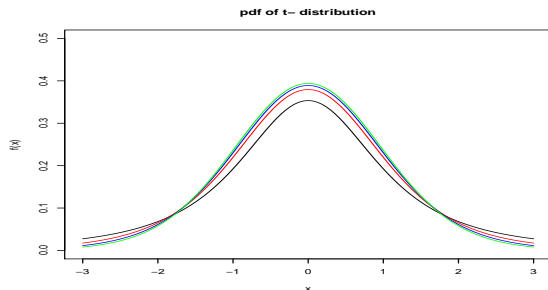
The value of $x(-1)$ leads up to the cumulative probability (red arrow) and the probability associated with obtaining a value of this size (-1) or smaller is on the y axis (blue arrow). The value on the y axis is 0.1816087:

```
> pt(-1,5)
[1] 0.1816087
```

CDF- Student's t- Distribution



Superimpose many PDFs:



```
curve(dt(x,2),from=-3,to=3,col="black", ylim=c(0,0.5),
xlim=c(-3,3),ylab="f(x)",xlab="x",main="pdf of t-distribution")
curve(dt(x,5),from=-3, to=3, col="red", add=T)
curve(dt(x,10),from=-3,to=3,col="blue", add=T)
curve(dt(x,20),from=-3, to=3, col="green", add=T)
```

The "from" and "to" can be omitted.

```
cord.x <- c(-3,seq(-3,-1,0.01),-1)
cord.y <- c(0,dt(seq(-3,-1,0.01),5),0)
curve(dt(x,5),xlim=c(-3,3),main='Student t- distribution')
polygon(cord.x,cord.y,col='blue')
```


1) Plot the t distribution with 5 degrees of freedom and mark the 90th percentile:

```
curve(dt(x,5),-3,3)  
lines(qt(0.9,5),dt(qt(0.9,5),5),type="h", col="red")
```

2) Shade the area under the pdf of t distribution with 5 degrees of freedoms to the right of the 90th percentile:

```
x1=seq(qt(0.9,5),3,0.01);  
y1=dt(x1,5)  
curve(dt(x,5),-3,3); lines(x1,y1,type="h",col="red")
```

Example

- 1) Generate 10 random numbers from t- distribution with 20 degrees of freedom.
- 2) For a Student's t-distribution with 12 degrees of freedom what is the probability that $P(X \leq 2)$?
- 3) What is the "x" value from a Student's t-distribution with 12 degrees of freedom so that there is a 99% probability that a random value is below x?
- 4) Obtain 95% quantile for student's t -distribution with 15 degrees of freedom.

Chi-Square Distribution

A random variable X is said to have χ^2 -distribution with n -degrees of freedom if its pdf is given by

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\frac{n}{2})2^{\frac{n}{2}}} x^{\frac{n}{2}-1} e^{-x/2} \quad x > 0$$

Here n is called the degrees of freedom.

If $X \sim N(0, 1)$ then $X^2 \sim \chi^2(1)$. Therefore, if $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ then the random variable $Z^2 = (X - \mu)^2 / \sigma^2$ is $\chi^2(1)$

chisq(df) – central χ^2 with df degrees of freedom (default)

chisq(df,ncp) – noncentral χ^2 with noncentrality parameter ncp

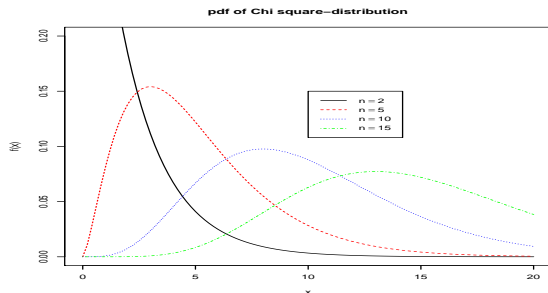
Chi-square Example

- ▶ `dchisq(x, df, ncp = 0, log = FALSE)`
- ▶ `pchisq(q, df, ncp = 0, lower.tail = TRUE, log.p = FALSE)`
- ▶ `qchisq(p, df, ncp = 0, lower.tail = TRUE, log.p = FALSE)`
- ▶ `rchisq(n, df, ncp = 0)`

Note that *ncp* is the non-centrality parameter. If omitted the central chi-square is assumed.

```
> x <- seq(0,20,by=.5)
> y <- dchisq(x,df=10)
> plot(x,y)
    Or
> curve(dchisq(x, 10),0,20)
```

Chi-square distribution



```
curve(dchisq(x,2),from=0,to=20,col="black", ylim=c(0,0.2),xlim=c(0,20),
ylab="f(x)",xlab="x",main="pdf of Chi square-distribution", lty=1)
curve(dchisq(x,5),from=0, to=20,col="red", add=T,lty=2)
curve(dchisq(x,10),from=0,to=20,col="blue", add=T,lty=3)
curve(dchisq(x,15),from=0, to=20,col="green", add=T,lty=4)
legend(10,0.15,legend=c(expression(n==2),expression(n==5),
expression(n==10), expression(n==15)),lty=1:4,
col=c("black","red","blue", "green"))
```

Chi-Square Distribution

CDF of chi-square distribution: `pchisq(q,df)`

```
> pchisq(2,5)
[1] 0.150855
> pchisq(10,5)
[1] 0.9247648
> pchisq(10,20)
[1] 0.03182806
```

Quantiles of chi-square distribution: `qchisq(p,df)`

```
> qchisq(0.2,5)
[1] 2.342534
> qchisq(0.5,5)
[1] 4.35146
> qchisq(0.95,5)
[1] 11.0705
```

Generating random numbers from chi-square distribution: `rchisq(n,df)`

A random variable X is said to have a F-distribution with n_1 numerator degrees of freedom and n_2 denominator degrees of freedom, denoted as $X \sim F(n_1, n_2)$, if its pdf is given by

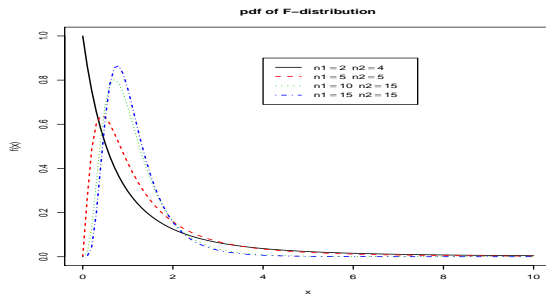
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{n_1+n_2}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{n_1}{2})\Gamma(\frac{n_2}{2})} \left(\frac{n_1}{n_2}\right)^{\frac{n_1}{2}} x^{\frac{n_1-2}{2}} \left(1 + \frac{n_1}{n_2}x\right)^{-(n_1+n_2)/2} & \text{if } x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- ▶ `df(x, df1, df2, ncp, log = FALSE)`
- ▶ `pf(q, df1, df2, ncp, lower.tail = TRUE, log.p = FALSE)`
- ▶ `qf(p, df1, df2, ncp, lower.tail = TRUE, log.p = FALSE)`
- ▶ `rf(n, df1, df2, ncp)`

Note that *ncp* is the non-centrality parameter. If omitted the central F is assumed.

```
> x <- seq(0,20,by=.5)
> y <- df(x,df1=10, df2=5)
> plot(x,y)
    or
> curve(df(x, df1=10,df2=5),0,20)
```


F-distribution



```
curve(df(x,2,4),from=0,to=10,col=1, ylim=c(0,1),xlim=c(0,10), lwd=2,
ylab="f(x)",xlab="x",main="pdf of F-distribution", lty=1)
curve(df(x,5,5),from=0, to=10, col=2, add=T,lty=2,lwd=2)
curve(df(x,10,15),from=0,to=10,col=3, add=T,lty=3,lwd=2)
curve(df(x,15,15),from=0, to=10, col=4, add=T,lty=4,lwd=2)
legend(4,0.9,legend=c(expression(n1==2~~n2==4),expression(n1==5~~n2==5),
expression(n1==10~~n2==15), expression(n1==15~~n2==15)),lty=1:4,lwd=2,
col=c(1,2,3,4))
```

CDF of F- distribution: `pf(q,df1,df2)`

```
> pf(2,df1=5,df2=10)
[1] 0.835805
> pf(10,df1=5,df2=10)
[1] 0.9987942
> pf(10,df1=20,df2=10)
[1] 0.9996589
```

Quantiles of F-distribution: `qf(p,df1,df2)`

```
> qf(0.2,10,5)
[1] 0.5547161
> qf(0.5,10,5)
[1] 1.073038
> qf(0.95,10,5)
[1] 4.735063
```

Generating random numbers from chi-square distribution: `rf(n,df1,df2)`

Quantile-Quantile Plots for Normal Distributions

One of the most useful graphical procedure for assessing distributions is the quantile-quantile plot. A quantile-quantile (Q-Q) plot plots the quantiles of one distribution against the quantiles of another distribution as (x,y) points. When two distributions have similar shapes, the points will fall along a straight line. The R function to draw a quantile-quantile plot is `qqplot(x,y)`. Histograms can be used to compare two distributions. However, it is rather challenging to put both histograms on the same graph. R offers two statements: `qqnorm()`, to test the goodness of fit of a gaussian distribution, or `qqplot()` for any kind of distribution.

```
x.norm<-rnorm(n=200,m=10,sd=2)
hist(x.norm,main="Histogram of observed data")
plot(density(x.norm),main="Density estimate of data")
plot(ecdf(x.norm),main="Empirical CDF")
z.norm<-(x.norm-mean(x.norm))/sd(x.norm) ## standardized data
qqnorm(z.norm) ## drawing the QQplot
abline(0,1) ## drawing a 45-degree reference line
```

Example

```
unif50=runif(50)
unif100=runif(100)
norm50=rnorm(50)
norm100=rnorm(100)
lognorm50=exp(rnorm(50))
lognorm100=exp(rnorm(100))
par(mfrow=c(2,3))
plot(ecdf(unif50),pch="16")
plot(ecdf(unif100),pch="17")
plot(ecdf(norm50),pch="18")
plot(ecdf(norm100),pch="19")
plot(ecdf(lognorm50),pch="20")
plot(ecdf(lognorm100),pch="21")
```

Example

```
unif50=runif(50)
unif100=runif(100)
norm50=rnorm(50)
norm100=rnorm(100)
lognorm50=exp(rnorm(50))
lognorm100=exp(rnorm(100))
par(mfrow=c(2,3))
qqnorm(unif50,main="Normal QQ-plot\n unif50")
qqnorm(unif100,main="Normal QQ-plot\n unif100")
qqnorm(norm50,main="Normal QQ-plot\n norm50")
qqnorm(norm100,main="Normal QQ-plot\n norm100")
qqnorm(lognorm50,main="Normal QQ-plot\n lognorm50")
qqnorm(lognorm100,main="Normal QQ-plot\n lognorm100")
```