

9. Introduction to Statistics

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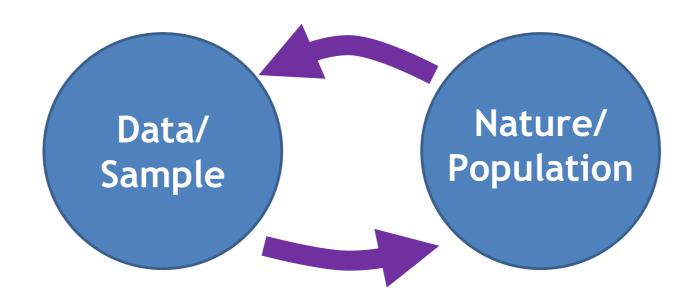
Todays Content

- Introduction to Statistics
- Estimators
- Significance Level and p-value
- Confidence Intervals
- Sample Size Determination

Introduction to Statistics

Probability theory

Given the cause (population), what should the data (sample) look like?



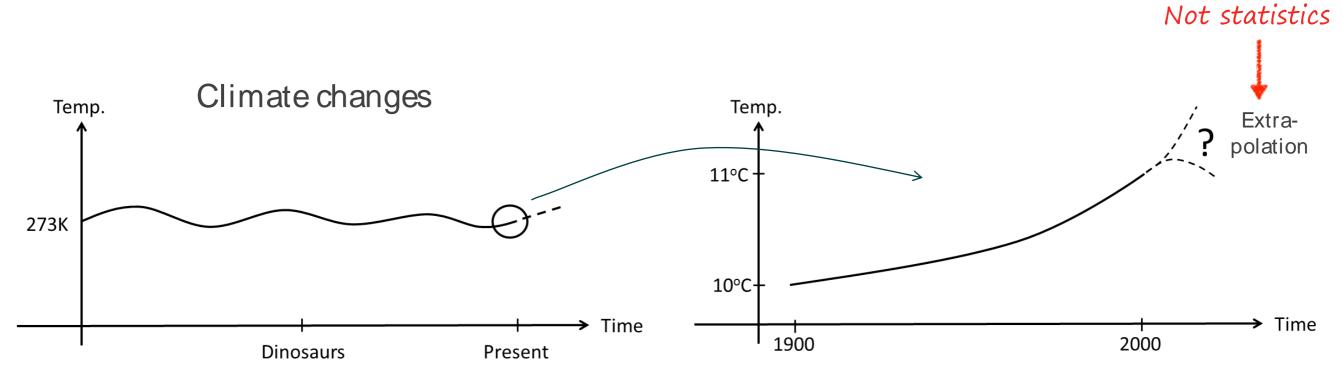
Statistics

Given the data (sample), what caused them (population)?

- Testing a hypotesis
- Estimating means and variances
- If we don't know better: We assume data are normally distributed

Descriptive Statistics

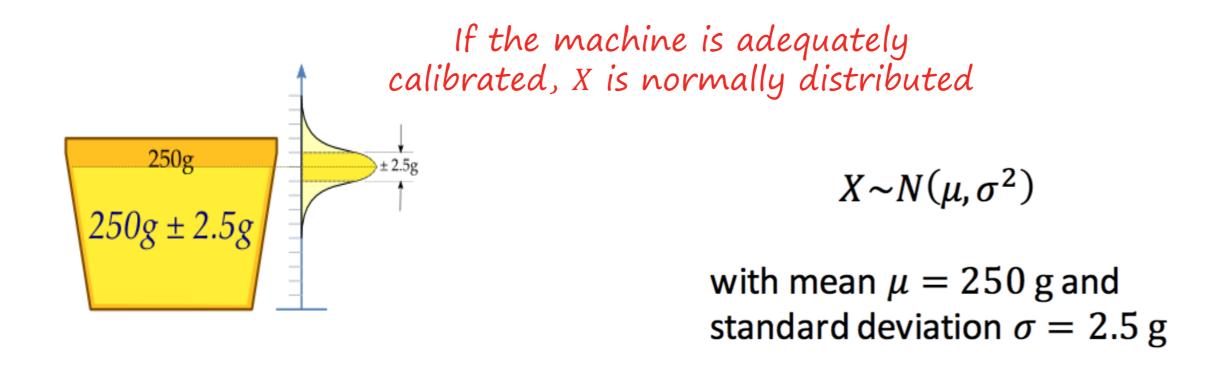
- Descriptive statistics summarizes data from a sample using indexes such as the mean or standard deviation.
- Descriptive statistics also includes tables, graphs, etc.



Inferential Statistics

- Inferential statistics infers predictions about a larger population than the sample represents.
- It uses patterns in the sample data to draw inferences about the population represented, accounting for randomness.
- These inferences may take the form of:
 - answering yes/no questions about the data (hypothesis testing)
 - estimating numerical characteristics of the data (estimation)
 - describing associations within the data (correlation)
 - * modeling relationships within the data (regression analysis).

- A machine fills cups with a liquid, the content of the cups is 250 grams of liquid.
- The machine cannot fill with exactly 250 grams, the content added to individual cups shows some variation, and is considered a random variable, X.



ONE sample of the population!

- To determine if the machine is adequately calibrated, a sample of $n=25\,\mathrm{cups}$ of liquid is chosen at random and the cups are weighed.
- The resulting measured masses of liquid are $X_1, X_2, ..., X_{25}$, a random sample from X.

 Population All cups for all times
- To get an impression of the population mean (μ) , we use the average (or sample mean) as an estimate:

Sample mean is NOT the expected value (true mean)!

^ means an estimator of the true polulation value
$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{1}{25} \sum_{i=1}^{25} X_i = 250.2 \ g$$

Is the machine adequately calibrated?

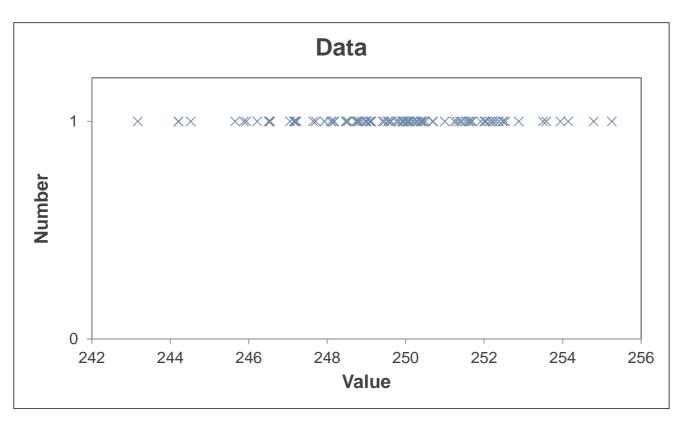
- What would we typically observe, if the machine is indeed adequately calibrated?
 100 samples of the population – fx. in Matlab
- Perform 100 simulations of the cup filling experiment, where in each experiment we assume that the machine is adequately calibrated.
- The result of each experiment is a sample mean, $\hat{\mu}$, which is calculated by first drawing 25 random samples $(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{25})$ from a normal distribution with mean $\mu = 250$ grams and standard deviation $\sigma = 2.5$ grams.

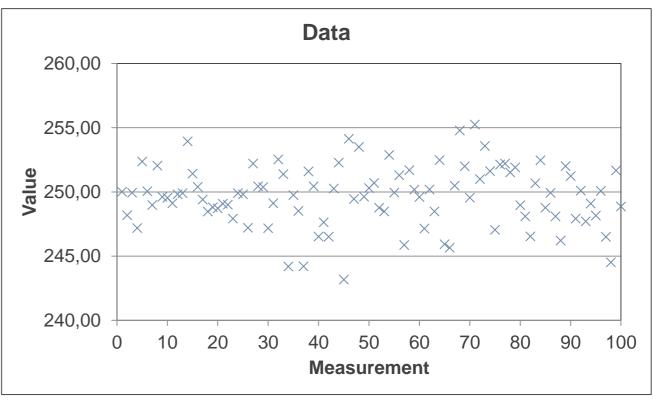
Think of the Central Limit theorem!!

Histograms

 Presentation of data

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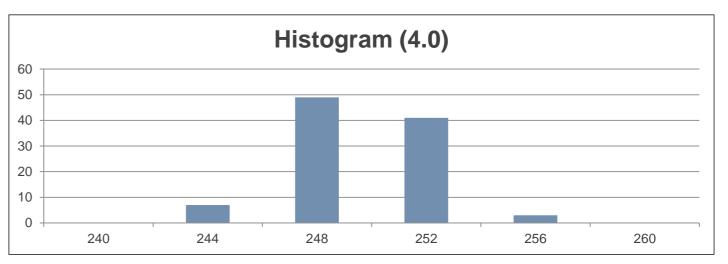


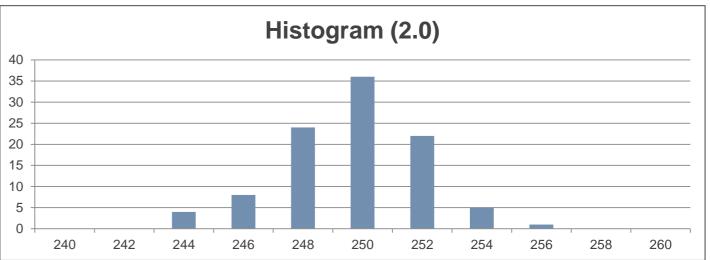


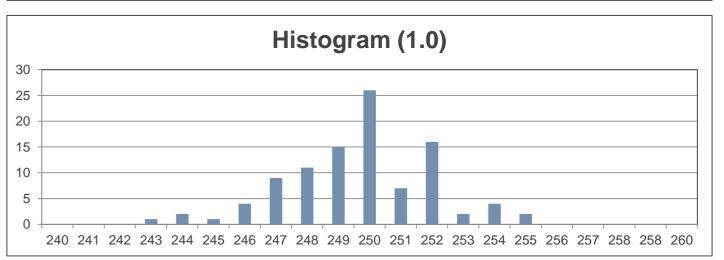
Histograms

Grouping of data

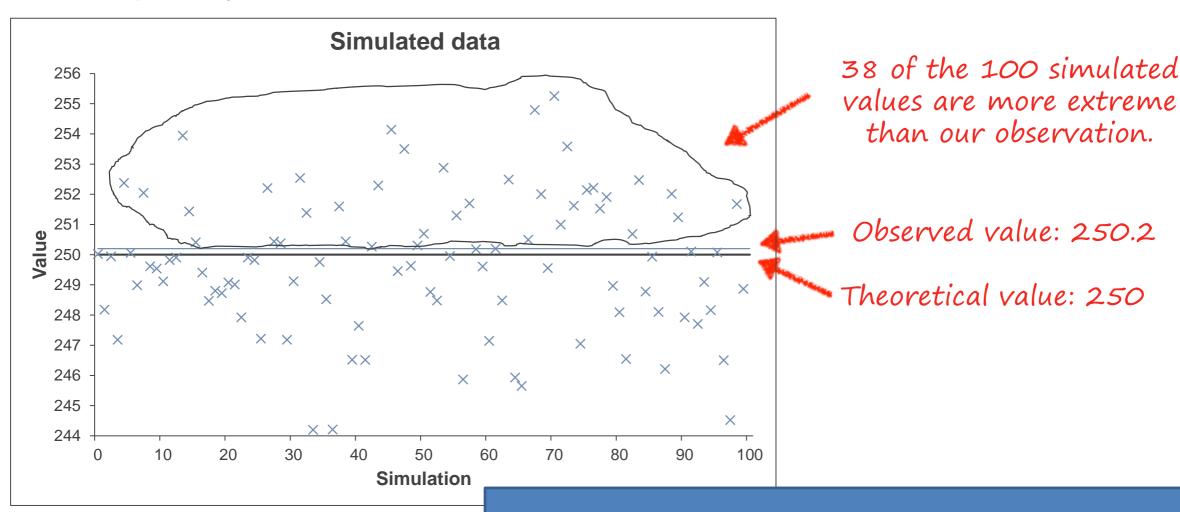
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259-261	260	0







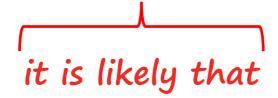
What would we typically observe, if the machine is adequately calibrated?



values are more extreme

Conclusion: If the machine is adequately calibrated, then due to random variation, we will often observe a sample mean (or average) that is more extreme than the actually observed value of 250.2 g.

- A loose interpretation of this result is that just by random variation in X there is a 38% chance of observing a sample mean that is larger than what we have observed (250.2 g), even though the machine is adequately calibrated.
- This means that observing a sample mean of 250.2 g or larger, when the machine is adequately calibrated, is a relatively common event.
- Hence, the 0.2 gram deviation from the hypothesized mean $(\mu = 250 \text{ g})$ can be explained by random variation in X, and we conclude that the machine is adequately calibrated.



Population

Definition 1 - Population

- In statistics, a population is a complete set of items that share at least one property in common that is the subject of a statistical analysis.
- Populations can be diverse topics such as "all persons living in a country" or "every atom composing a crystal".
- In the cup filling example, the population is "all cups filled by the machine".

Sample

Definition 2 - Sample

- A statistical sample is a subset drawn from the population to represent the population in a statistical analysis.
- If a sample is chosen properly, characteristics of the entire population that the sample is drawn from can be inferred from corresponding characteristics of the sample.
- We will denote the sample $X_1, X_2, ..., X_n$, where the samples are <u>iid random variables</u> with a given probability distribution.

Statistical Model

Definition 3 – Statistical model

- A random sample X and its PDF, $f_X(x;\theta)$, where θ is the parameter of the PDF.
- The parameter, θ , is in general a vector and often unknown.
- If $f_X(x;\theta)$ is a normal distribution with mean μ and variance σ^2 , then $\theta = \left[\mu, \sigma^2\right]$.
- The purpose of inferential statistics is to infer knowledge about the unknown parameter(s), θ .

Statistic

Definition 4 – Statistic

- A *statistic* is a random variable that is a function of the random sample, X, but not a function of unknown parameters, θ .
- A commonly used statistic is the average or sample mean

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i$$

Estimator

Definition 5 – Estimator

- An estimator, $\hat{\theta}(X)$, is a statistic used to estimate the unknown parameter θ of a random sample, X.
- For notational convenience, we will often write $\widehat{\theta}$ instead of $\widehat{\theta}(X)$.
- We have already seen an example of an estimator,
 namely the sample mean

$$\hat{\mu} = \bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i$$

• which is an estimator of the (true) population mean, μ , of a normally distributed random variable, X.

Maximum-likelihood Estimator

- Maximum-likelihood estimation (MLE) is a method of estimation the parameters of a statistical model.
- For a given distribution with the parameter $\hat{\theta}$ and the pdf $f_X(x \mid \hat{\theta})$ the likelihood function is:

$$L(\hat{\theta}) = f_X(x | \hat{\theta})$$

- Important:
 - ightharpoonup The likelihood function $L(\hat{\theta})$ is a function of the parameter estimate $\hat{\theta}$ and not x
 - The likelihood function $L(\hat{\theta})$ is the probability density of observing x if the true parameter is $\hat{\theta}$
- The optimum (MLE) estimate of the parameter is the one that maximizes $L(\widehat{\theta}).$

Maximum-likelihood Estimate of the Mean

• Given independent observations, $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n$, the likelihood function given the true variance (σ^2) and some choice of mean $(\hat{\mu})$ is Multiplication

Likelihood
$$L(\hat{\mu}) = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n | \hat{\mu}, \sigma^2) = f(x_1) \cdot f(x_2) \cdot \dots \cdot f(x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i)$$

where

$$f(x_i) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \cdot e^{-(x_i - \hat{\mu})^2/\sigma^2}$$

Inserting, we get

$$L(\hat{\mu}) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \cdot e^{-(x_i - \hat{\mu})^2/\sigma^2}$$

Maximum-Likelihood Estimate of the Mean

i.i.d. Gaussian data

We have,

$$L(\hat{\mu}) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \cdot e^{-(x_i - \hat{\mu})^2/\sigma^2}$$

• Ignoring constants and taking the logarithm, we see that the optimum choice of $\hat{\mu}$ must maximize

$$-\sum_{i=1}^{n}(x_i-\hat{\mu})^2$$
 Called: the log-likelihood

• Differentiating with respect to $\hat{\mu}$ and setting equal to zero, we get the desired result

$$\widehat{\mu} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i = \overline{x}$$

Maximum-likelihood Estimator for Binomial Data

For the binomial distribution the likelihood function is:

$$L(\hat{p}) = f_{bino}(x|\hat{p}) = \binom{n}{x} \hat{p}^x (1-\hat{p})^{n-x}$$

where $f_{bino}(x|\hat{p})$ denotes the binomial pdf, and x is the observed number of successes out of n trials.

- When maximizing, we can ignore the binomial coefficient $\binom{n}{\chi}$, because it does not depend on \hat{p} .
- Since the logarithm is a monoton function, the choise of \hat{p} that maximizes $L(\hat{p})$ also maximizes $\log(L(\hat{p}))$
- So, the optimum \hat{p} maximizes: $\log(\hat{p}^x(1-\hat{p})^{n-x}) = x \cdot \log(\hat{p}) + (n-x) \cdot \log(1-\hat{p})$
- Differentiate with \hat{p} and setting equal to zero: $\frac{x}{\hat{p}} \frac{n-x}{1-\hat{p}} = 0 \implies \hat{p} = \frac{x}{n}$
- Hence, the parameter estimate from the n trials, is exactly the maximumlikelihood estimate.

Unbiased Estimator

Definition 6 – Unbiased estimator

– An estimator, $\hat{\theta}$, is unbiased if

$$E[\widehat{\theta}] = \theta$$

- i.e., if it's expected value is equal to the true value of the unknown parameter being estimated.
- The sample mean

$$\hat{\mu} = \bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i$$

- is an unbiased estimator of the population mean, μ , of a normally distributed random variable, X.
- The sample successrate $\hat{p} = \frac{x}{n}$ is also an unbiased estimator:

$$E[\hat{p}] = E\left[\frac{x}{n}\right] = \frac{1}{n} \cdot E[x] = \frac{1}{n} \cdot np = p$$

The Sample Variance

• Let $X_1, X_2, ..., X_n$ be i.i.d. samples of a random variable X with mean μ and variance σ^2 . Then the maximum-likelihood estimate of the variance is

$$\widehat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \overline{x})^2$$

This is a biased estimator

$$E[\widehat{\sigma}^2] = \sigma^2 - \frac{1}{n}\sigma^2 \neq \sigma^2$$

The unbiased estimate of the variance is

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

Matlab

• We refer to this unbiased estimator as the sample variance or empirical variance.

Central Limit Theorem

- Let $X_1, X_2, ..., X_n$ be i.i.d. samples of a random variable X with mean μ and variance σ^2 .
- Then, as $n \to \infty$, the sample mean (\bar{X}) becomes normally distributed with a mean that is equal to the population mean (μ) and a variance that is scaled by 1/n:

Sample mean
$$\bar{X} \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2/n)$$

- Note that X can have any distribution, i.e., it is not required to be normally distributed.
- Although the exact number is subject of debate, it is common practice to require that the number of samples (n) should be 30 or larger in order to apply the CLT:

 $n \ge 30$

...most important number in statistics

Test Statistics

We can define which test statistics we use - z is an option.

- Definition 11 Test statistic
 - A random variable that summarizes a data-set by reducing the data to one value that can be used to perform the hypothesis test.
- The probability distribution of a test statistic, as opposed to descriptive statistics, does not depend on the unknown parameter (θ).
- Example (z-score):

expected value/true mean

sample mean

$$z=rac{ar{x}-\mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \sim N(0,1)$$
 Standard normal distribution ($\mu=0$ and $\sigma^2=1$)

standard deviation, sqrt(var(x))

'n - number in the sample

Test Statistics - Cup example

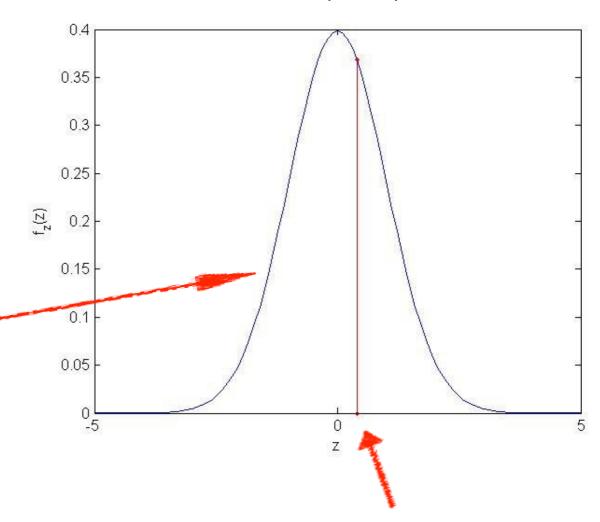
We define a test statistics z:

$$z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}}$$

Statistical model:

$$f_Z(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1)$$

Standard normal distribution (PDF)



Test statistics:
$$z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} = \frac{250.2 - 250}{2.5/\sqrt{25}} = 0.4$$

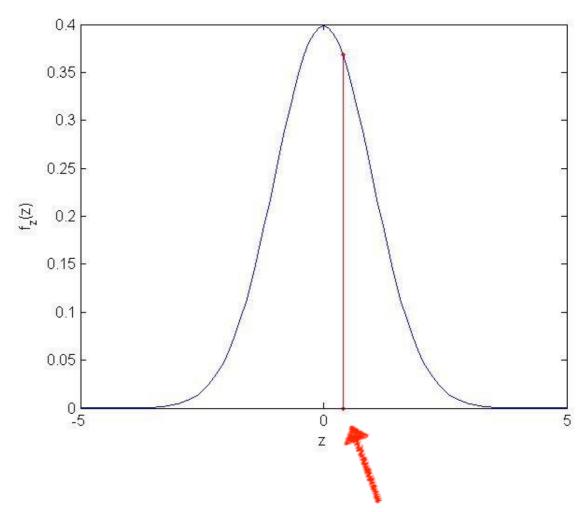
Plausible result?

Let's make a test for z

Does it seem plausible that z=0.4 is an observation drawn from a standard normal distribution?

Same as asking: what is the probability of observing a test size (z) that is more extreme than 0.4?

Standard normal distribution (PDF)



Test statistics:
$$z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} = \frac{250.2 - 250}{2.5/\sqrt{25}} = 0.4$$

Plausible result?

We compare z with another value:

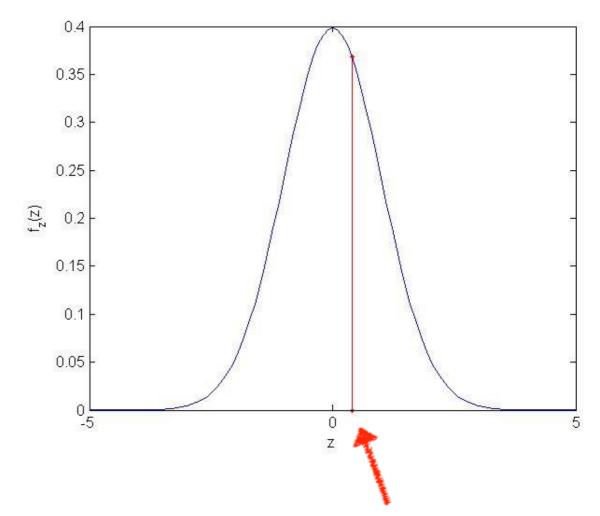
Same as asking: what is the probability of observing a test size (z) that is more extreme than 0.4?

p-value:

$$Pr(Z > z \cup Z < -z)$$

= $Pr(Z > z) + Pr(Z < -z)$
= $1 - Pr(Z \le z) + 1 - Pr(Z \le z)$
= $2 \cdot (1 - Pr(Z \le z))$
= $2 \cdot (1 - Pr(Z \le 0.4))$
= $2 \cdot (1 - \Phi(0.4)) \leftarrow \text{normcdf}(0.4)$
= $2 \cdot (1 - 0.6554)$
= 0.6892

Standard normal distribution (PDF)



Test statistics:
$$z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} = \frac{250.2 - 250}{2.5/\sqrt{25}} = 0.4$$

Compare with the α -value!

p-value

- Definition 10 p-value
 - The p-value is the probability of getting a result equal to or more extreme than the observed test-result under the assumption of a given distribution

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- One-sided: p-value = \Pr(X > x_{test}) (right-sided) p-value = \Pr(X < x_{test}) (left-sided)
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- Two-sided:
$$p-value = \Pr(X > \mu + \delta) + \Pr(X < \mu - \delta)$$

 $\delta = |\mu - x_{test}|$

Significance Level

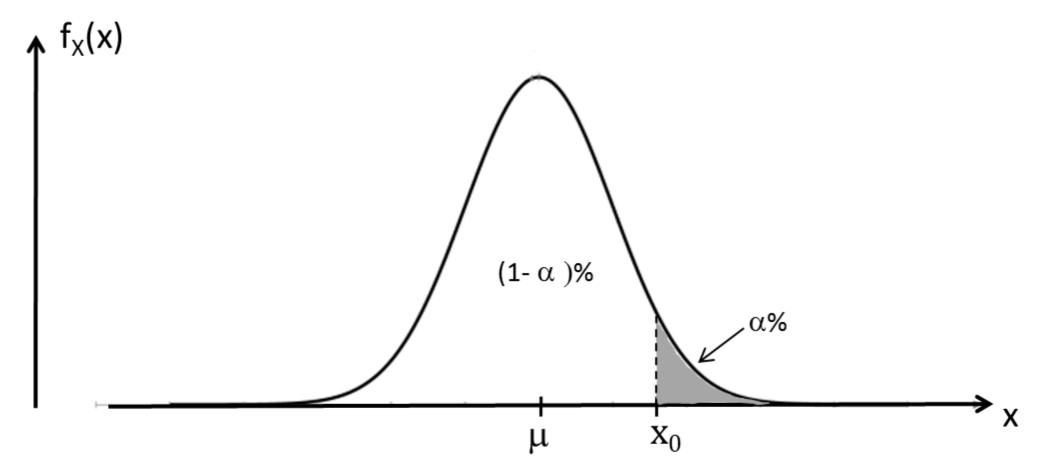
- Definition 9 Significance level
 - The statistical significance level α is the lower limit we will accept for the probability of getting a more extreme result under the assumption of a given distribution.
 - The most common used significance level is $\alpha = 0.05$ (5%)

By comparing the p-value for the test with the significance level
 α we can deside whether the test-result is plausible with the
 assumed distribution or not.

Significance Level

• If the test is <u>one-sided</u> (there is only a limit of how much we will allow the result to deviate from the expected value to one side (larger or lower)), this means that:

$$Pr(X > x_0) = 1 - Pr(X < x_0) = 1 - F_X(x_0) = \alpha$$



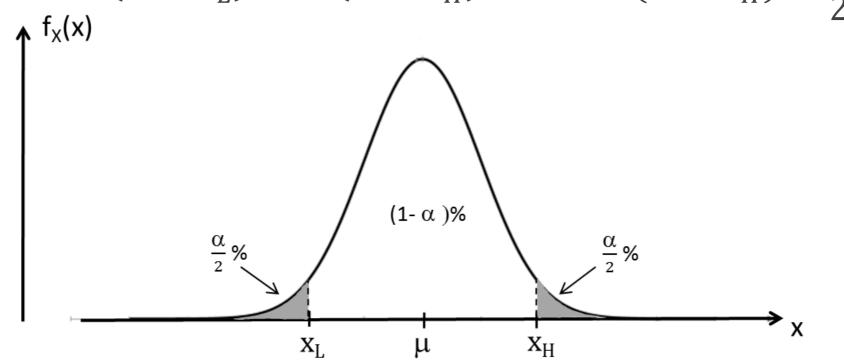
Significance Level

 If the test is <u>two-sided</u> (there are limits of how much we will allow the result to deviate from the expected value to both sides (larger and lower)), this means that:

$$Pr(X < x_L \cup X > x_H) = Pr(X < x_L) + Pr(X > x_H) = \alpha$$

If the distribution is symmetric $|\mu_X - x_L| = |\mu_X - x_H|$ and $\Pr(X < x_L) = \Pr(X > x_H)$ so:

$$\Pr(X < x_L) = \Pr(X > x_H) = 1 - \Pr(X < x_H) = \frac{\alpha}{2}$$



Yes!

Plausible result?

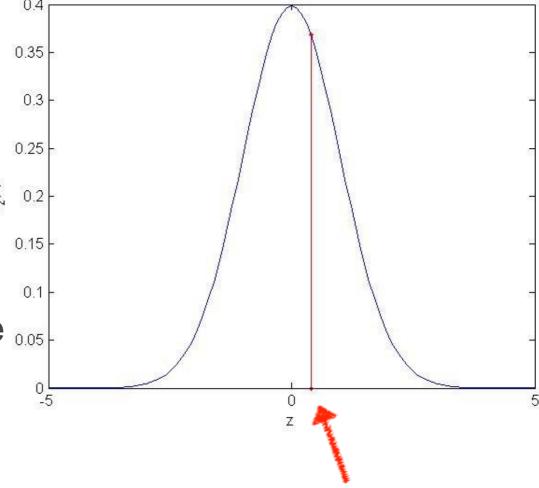
We compare the p-value with α :

Same as asking: what is the probability of observing a test size (z) that is more extreme than 0.4?

$$p = Pr(Z < -0.4 \cup Z > 0.4) = 0.6892 > 0.05 = \alpha$$

- If the cup-filling machine is adequately calibrated with μ =250 g and σ =2.5 g, we will in 68.9% of the time get a test-result more extreme than the observed one.
- So the test result is very plausible:
 - → We can't reject that the cup-filling machine is adequately calibrated!

Standard normal distribution (PDF)



$$z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}} = \frac{250.2 - 250}{2.5 / \sqrt{25}} = 0.4$$

Confidence Level

Definition 12 – Confidence level

– The confidence level is the complement of the significance level (α):

$$confidence\ level = 1 - \alpha$$

Now, how confident are we in the estimate of the mean?

Confidence Interval

Definition 13 – Confidence interval

– The $1-\alpha$ confidence interval is an interval $[\theta_-; \theta_+]$ such that the probability that the true value of the unknown parameter, θ , lies within the interval is $1-\alpha$:

$$\Pr(\theta_- \le \theta \le \theta_+) = 1 - \alpha$$

- Example 6 cup filling example
 - Recall that the observed test statistic was

$$z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}} = \frac{250.2 - 250}{2.5 / \sqrt{25}} = 0.4 \sim N(0,1)$$

- With a significance level of $\alpha = 0.05$, the confidence level is 1-0.05 = 0.95.
- Now, it is possible to find numbers –z and z, between which Z lies with 95% probability. So we have

$$Pr(-z \le Z \le z) = 0.95$$

 The number z follows from the CDF function, in this case the CDF of a standard normal distribution:

 $\Phi(z) = F(z)$ for the standard normal distribution $\mathcal{N}(0,1)$

$$\Phi(z) = \Pr(Z \le z) = 1 - \frac{\alpha}{2} = 1 - 0.025 = 0.975$$

- We have to divide α by 2, because we are considering a two-sided test.
- The value of z satisfying the above relation is z = 1.96, i.e., $\Phi(1.96) = 0.975$.
- The way to find this z value is according to

$$z = \Phi^{-1}(\Phi(z)) = \Phi^{-1}(0.975) = 1.96$$

 which can be done either by an inverse table lookup in the probability table of a standard normal distribution or by using the Matlab command, norminv(0.975).

By insertion we get

$$0.95 = \Pr(-1.96 \le Z \le 1.96) = \Pr\left(-1.96 \le \frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \le 1.96\right)$$
$$= \Pr(\bar{x} - 1.96 \cdot \sigma/\sqrt{n} \le \mu \le \bar{x} + 1.96 \cdot \sigma/\sqrt{n})$$

The lower endpoint of the 95% confidence interval is:

lower endpoint =
$$\mu_{-} = \bar{x} - 1.96 \cdot \sigma / \sqrt{n}$$

and the upper endpoint of the 95% confidence interval is:

upper endpoint =
$$\mu_+ = \bar{x} + 1.96 \cdot \sigma / \sqrt{n}$$

In the cup-filling example, the 95% confidence interval is

$$[\mu_{-}; \mu_{+}] = \left[\bar{x} - 1.96 \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}; \ \bar{x} + 1.96 \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \right]$$

$$= \left[250.2 - 1.96 \cdot \frac{2.5}{\sqrt{25}}; \ 250.2 + 1.96 \cdot \frac{2.5}{\sqrt{25}} \right]$$

$$= \left[250.2 - 0.98; \ 250.2 + 0.98 \right] = \left[249.22; \ 251.18 \right]$$

Correct interpretation:

- Every time the experiment is repeated, there will be a new estimate of the mean (i.e., we will observe another value for the sample mean \bar{x}).
- This changes the endpoints of the 95% confidence interval.
 - In 95% of the cases, the true mean μ will lie between the endpoints calculated from \bar{x} , but in 5% of the cases it will not.

Sample Size Determination

- Larger sample sizes generally lead to increased precision when estimating unknown parameters.
- For example, if we wish to know the effect of a medical treatment, we would generally have a more accurate estimate of this effect if we sampled and examined 200 rather than 100 patients.
- However, if sufficient statistical power can be obtained using just 100 patients, we prefer that instead of 200 patients because it reduces the economic costs of the experiment.
- Sample sizes are judged based on the quality of the resulting estimates.
- For example: If estimating a mean, one may wish to have the 95% confidence interval be less than 0.1 units wide.

Sample Size Determination

How big a sample size do you need?

Recall that the 95% confidence interval of the mean estimator $(\hat{\mu})$ is

$$\bar{x} \pm 1.96 \cdot \sigma / \sqrt{n}$$

- The general form of the 95% confidence interval is $\bar{x} \pm B$
- Suppose we wish to make an estimate of the mean of a population, where the 95% confidence interval is less than B units wide.
- Then, assuming that the population standard deviation is known, we require that

$$B \ge 1.96 \cdot \sigma / \sqrt{n}$$

B is the desired uncertaincy (95% confidence) on û

Isolating the sample size, n, in this equation results in

$$n \ge \left(\frac{1.96 \cdot \sigma}{B}\right)^2$$

 $n \ge \left(\frac{1.96 \cdot \sigma}{B}\right)^2$ If $B = \sigma$ then $n \ge 4$ If $B = 0.1\sigma$ then $n \ge 385$

- We want to estimate the average filling of the cups with a confidence (maximum uncertaincy) of ±B g.
- How many cups are needed to be tested (size of test-sample)?

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$$B = 2g \implies n \ge \left(\frac{1.96 \cdot \sigma}{B}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{1.96 \cdot 2.5}{2}\right)^2 = 6$$

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$$B = 1g \Rightarrow n \ge \left(\frac{1.96 \cdot \sigma}{B}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{1.96 \cdot 2.5}{1}\right)^2 = 24$$

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$$B = 0.5g \Rightarrow n \ge \left(\frac{1.96 \cdot \sigma}{B}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{1.96 \cdot 2.5}{0.5}\right)^2 = 96$$

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$$B = 0.1g \Rightarrow n \ge \left(\frac{1.96 \cdot \sigma}{B}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{1.96 \cdot 2.5}{0.1}\right)^2 = 2401$$

Words and Concepts to Know

Descriptive statistics

Statistic

Estimator

Population

Central Limit Theorem

Biased/Unbiased

Two-sided

Significance Level

Sample variance

Statistical model

Test statistics

Inferential statistics

Sample mean

Maximum-likelihood

True mean

Confidence Level

Standard Normal Distribution

One-sided

z-statistic

Sample Size

p-value

Sample

Confidence Interval