

Z-Squared CLT Demonstration

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Given $Z_i \sim N(0, 1)$ iid for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n Z_i^2 \sim \chi_{(n)}^2$$

We will demonstrate this property in two directions:

- 1) The sum of n Z^2 random variables should resemble the χ^2 distribution with n degrees of freedom. As degrees of freedom increase, we expect the distributions to approach $\sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$
- 2) By Central Limit Theorem, the sum of n Z^2 and/or χ^2 random variables should approach $N(0, 1)$ distribution with large enough n when standardized.

Generating Z^2 Random Variables

We generate the simulation using 50 repetitions for each of 50 Z^2 random variables, $Z_1^2, Z_2^2, \dots, Z_{50}^2$, where Z_1, Z_2, \dots, Z_n iid $\sim N(0, 1)$

```
# Create 50x50 matrix "z_sqs"  
# let each column be a random variable Z^2(1), Z^2(2),... Z^2(50)  
# with each row containing a z^2 value generated from rnorm, n = 50.  
  
set.seed(777)  
  
z_sqs <- matrix(nrow = 50, ncol = 50)  
  
for(i in 1:50){  
  z_sqs[,i] <- rnorm(n = 50, mean = 0, sd = 1)^2  
}
```

Histogram Demonstration

We plot histograms for n Z^2 sums, with the χ^2 PDF shown for corresponding n degrees of freedom.

We want to show sum of n Z^2 random variables $\sim \chi_{(df=n)}^2$

```
layout(matrix(c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6), nrow=3, ncol=2, byrow=TRUE), widths = c(10,10))  
  
xz = "Sum of Z Squared"  
  
#hist df 1
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hist((z_sqs[,1]), breaks = 10, prob = T,
     main = "Histogram of n = 1 Z-Squared Sums (50 repetitions)",
     xlab = xz)
x <- seq(min(z_sqs[,1]),max(z_sqs[,1]), length = 50)
y <- dchisq(x, df = 1)
lines(x,y, col = "blue", lwd = 2, lty = "dashed")
legend(x = "topright",           # Position
       legend = "Chi Square PDF, df 1", # Legend texts
       lty = 2,                 # Line types
       col = "blue",            # Line colors
       lwd = 2,
       cex = .75,
       bty="n")

#hist of df 10
hist(rowSums(z_sqs[,1:10]),
     breaks = 10,
     prob = T,
     main = "Histogram of n = 10 Z-Squared Sums (50 repetitions)",
     xlab = xz)
lines(dchisq(0:35, 10), col = "blue", lwd = 2, lty = "dashed")
legend(x = "topright",           # Position
       legend = "Chi Square PDF, df 10", # Legend texts
       lty = 2,                 # Line types
       col = "blue",            # Line colors
       lwd = 2,
       cex = .75,
       bty="n")

#hist df 20
hist(rowSums(z_sqs[,1:20]),
     breaks = 10, prob = T,
     main = "Histogram of n = 20 Z-Squared Sums (50 repetitions)",
     xlab = xz)
lines(dchisq(0:35, 20), col = "blue", lwd = 2, lty = "dashed")
legend(x = "topright",           # Position
       legend = "Chi Square PDF, df 20", # Legend texts
       lty = 2,                 # Line types
       col = "blue",            # Line colors
       lwd = 2,
       cex = .75,
       bty="n")

#hist df 30
hist(rowSums(z_sqs[,1:30]), ylim = c(0, 0.06), breaks = 12,prob = T,
     main = "Histogram of n = 30 Z-Squared Sums (50 repetitions)",
     xlab = xz)
lines(dchisq(0:50, 30), col = "blue", lwd = 2, lty = "dashed")
legend(x = "topright",           # Position
       legend = "Chi Square PDF, df 30", # Legend texts
       lty = 2,                 # Line types
       col = "blue",            # Line colors
       lwd = 2,

```

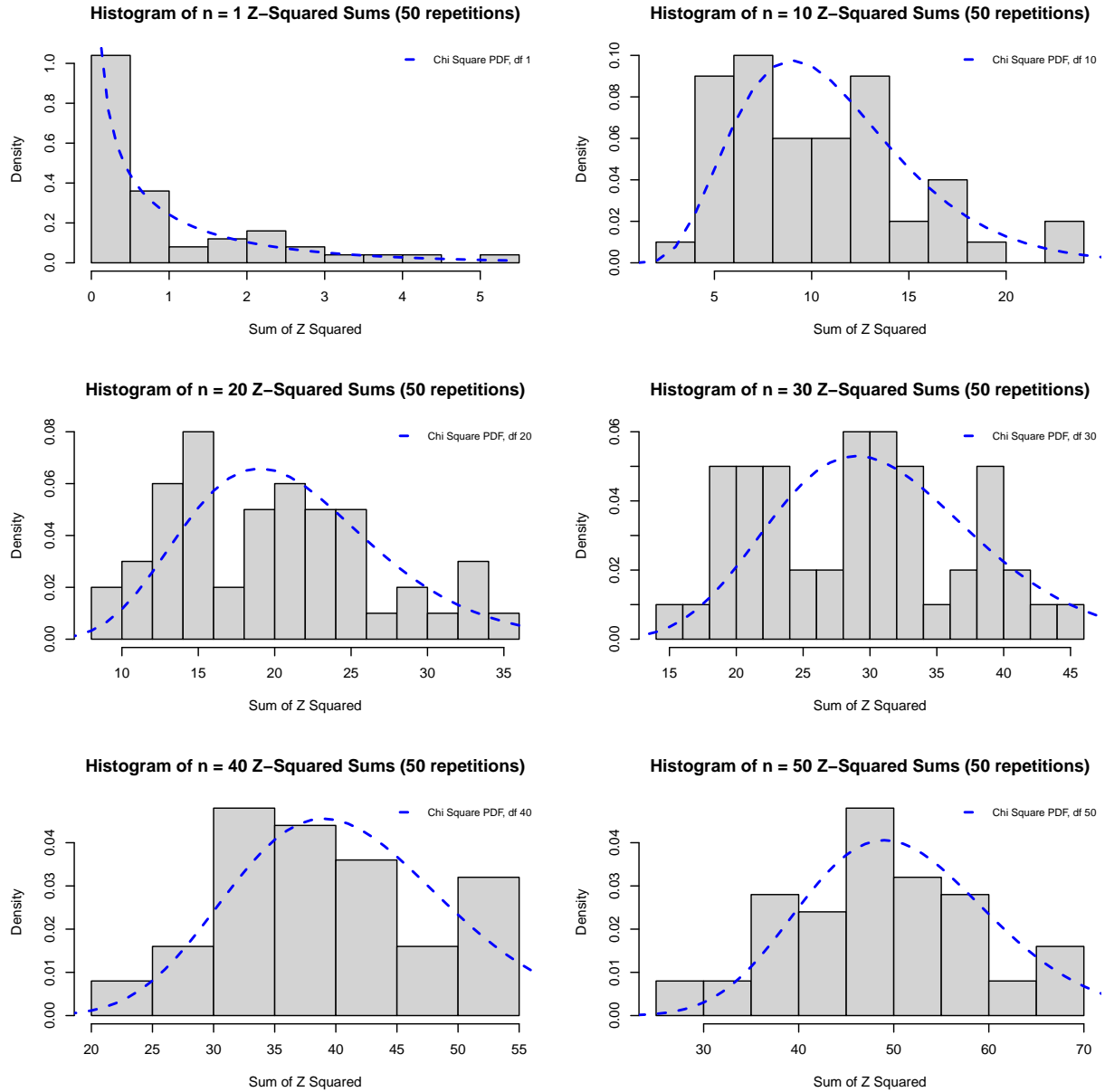
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        cex = .75,
        bty="n")

#hist df 40
hist(rowSums(z_sqs[,1:40]),
      breaks = 12, prob = T,
      main = "Histogram of n = 40 Z-Squared Sums (50 repetitions)",
      xlab = xz)
lines(dchisq(0:60, 40), col = "blue", lwd = 2, lty = "dashed")
legend(x = "topright",           # Position
       legend = "Chi Square PDF, df 40", # Legend texts
       lty = 2,                  # Line types
       col = "blue",            # Line colors
       lwd = 2,
       cex = .75,
       bty="n")

#hist df 50
hist(rowSums(z_sqs[,1:50]),
      breaks = 14,
      prob = T,
      main = "Histogram of n = 50 Z-Squared Sums (50 repetitions)",
      xlab = xz)
lines(dchisq(0:80, 50), col = "blue", lwd = 2, lty = "dashed")
legend(x = "topright",           # Position
       legend = "Chi Square PDF, df 50", # Legend texts
       lty = 2,                  # Line types
       col = "blue",            # Line colors
       lwd = 2,
       cex = .75,
       bty="n")

```



As expected, the histograms appear consistent with the corresponding χ^2 distributions. Also, as we increase n , the distributions trend towards a normal shape, consistent with this property of the Chi Squared distribution.

Approaching $N(0,1)$ Distribution with Z^2 Random Variables

- 2) By Central Limit Theorem, the sum of n Z^2 and/or χ^2 random variables should approach $N(0,1)$ distribution with large enough n when standardized.

We will examine the distribution of the sums of the $n=50$ Z^2 random variables we have already generated.

```
# from page 9 in course notes.
# let Sn = the sum of n = 50 iid random variables
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# each with mean = 1, variance = 2.
# then by Central Limit Theorem
#  $sn \sim (n \cdot \mu) / sd \cdot \sqrt{n}$ 
# should be approximately distributed as  $N(0,1)$  if  $n$  is large.

#let sn be the sum of random variables  $Z^2(1) \dots Z^2(50)$ , each  $\sim \text{ChiSquare}(df = 1)$ .
# we have 50 repetitions

sn <- rowSums(z_sqs)

# standardizing to  $\sim N(0,1)$  using Central Limit Theorem
z2_std <- 0
for(i in 1:50){
  z2_std[i] <- (sn[i]-50)/sqrt(2*50)
}

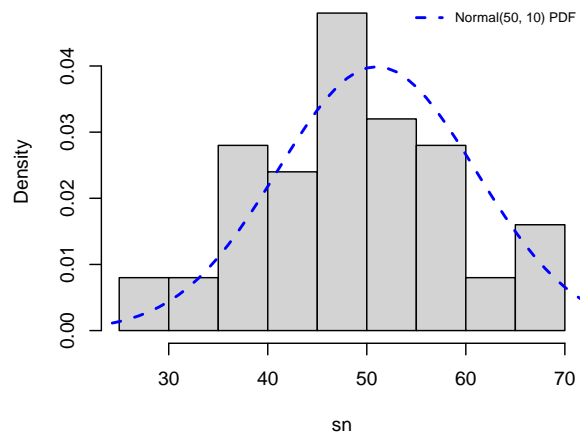
#plot histograms

layout(matrix(c(1, 2), nrow=2, ncol=2, byrow=TRUE), widths = c(10,10))
hist(sn, main = "Histogram of Sn for n = 50 Z^2 Random Variables",
     prob = T)
lines(dnorm(0:100, mean = 50, sd = 10),
     col = "blue", lwd = 2, lty = "dashed")
legend(x = "topright",          # Position
     legend = "Normal(50, 10) PDF", # Legend texts
     lty = 2,                   # Line types
     col = "blue",              # Line colors
     lwd = 2,
     cex = .75,
     bty="n")

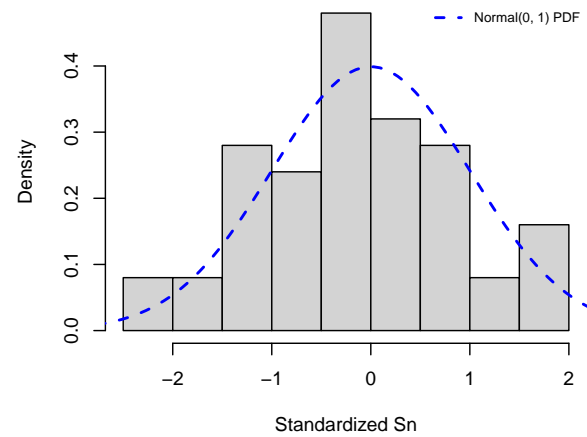
hist(z2_std,
     main = "Histogram for Sn Standardized by CLT",
     prob = T,
     xlab = "Standardized Sn")
lines(x=seq(-3,3, length=100),
     y = dnorm(x=seq(-3,3, length=100), mean = 0, sd = 1),
     col = "blue", lwd = 2, lty = "dashed")
legend(x = "topright",          # Position
     legend = "Normal(0, 1) PDF", # Legend texts
     lty = 2,                   # Line types
     col = "blue",              # Line colors
     lwd = 2,
     cex = .75,
     bty="n")

```

Histogram of Sn for n = 50 Z² Random Variables



Histogram for Sn Standardized by CLT



```
qqnorm(z2_std) #plot qqnorm
qqline(z2_std)

#means and sds

mean(sn) #mean of Sn, expect 50
```

```
## [1] 48.26072
```

```
sd(sn)^2 #variance of Sn, expected (2 * 50)
```

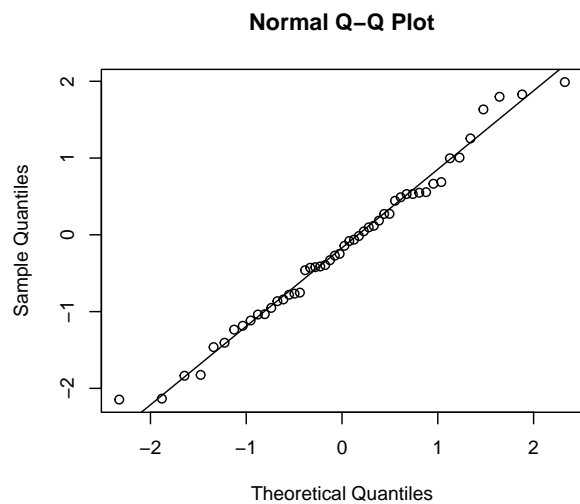
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## [1] 101.2248
```

```
mean(z2_std) #mean of Sn standardized by CLT (expected 0)
```

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## [1] -0.1739279
```

```
sd(z2_std)^2 #variance of Sn standardized by CLT (expected 1)
```

```
## [1] 1.012248
```



As expected, the distribution of sums of our 50 Z^2 random variables begins to take on a normal shape, and when standardized with Central Limit Theorem, is approximately distributed as $N(0,1)$. This is supported by visual inspection of the QQ plot and the proximity of the expected vs. observed means and standard deviations.

In conclusion, we find these demonstrations support:

Given $Z_i \sim N(0, 1)$ iid for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n Z_i^2 \sim \chi_{(n)}^2$$