

Meeting 8 - 3/25/2020

Standard Normal Dist'n

$$\text{Norm}(M=0, \sigma=1)$$

$$f(x | M=0, \sigma=1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$$

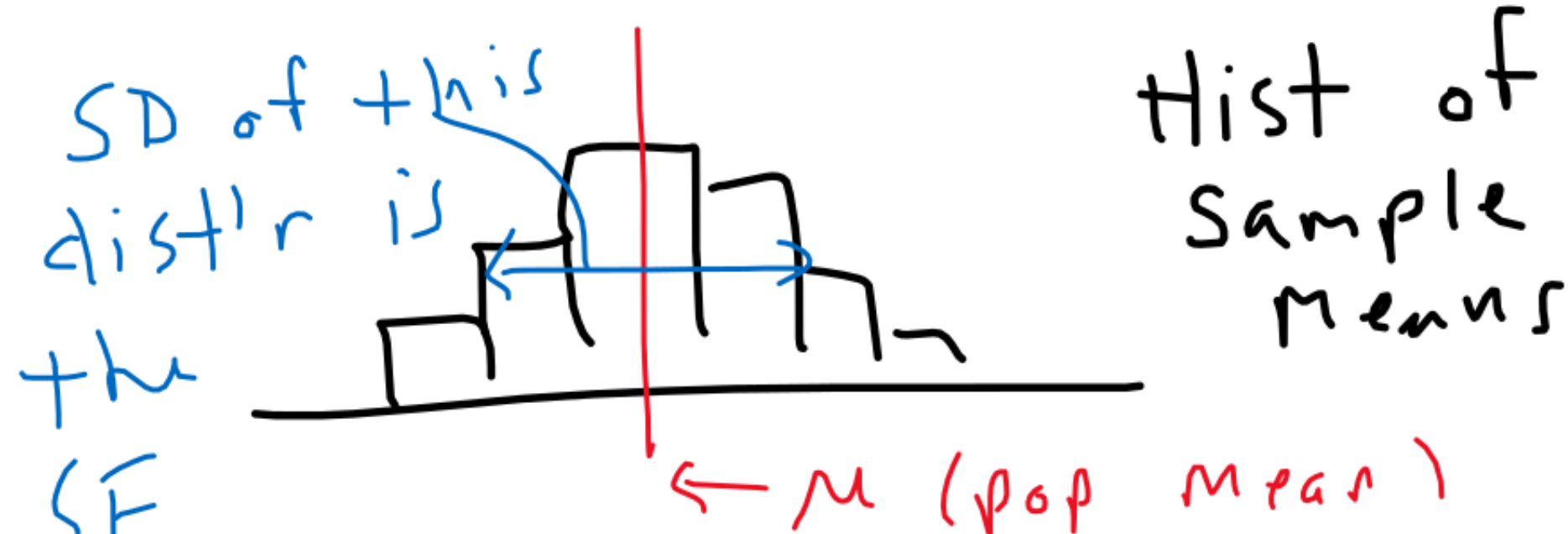
Central Limit Theorem

prob dist of means of samples from any populatn is normally distributed

→ the mean of a large # of sample means is approximately the population mean

Side Bar | population - all of the things in our group of interest.
sample - subset of those things that we observe.

Dist'n of sample means



standard error of the mean

$$\sigma_{\bar{y}} = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$$

← population s.d.
← sample size

$$s_{\bar{y}} = \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$$

← sample s.d.

Standard Error "tells us about the error in using \bar{y} to estimate μ (population mean)"

Confidence Intervals

can transform any normal to a standard normal using a z-transformation

$$z_i = \frac{y_i - \mu}{\sigma}$$

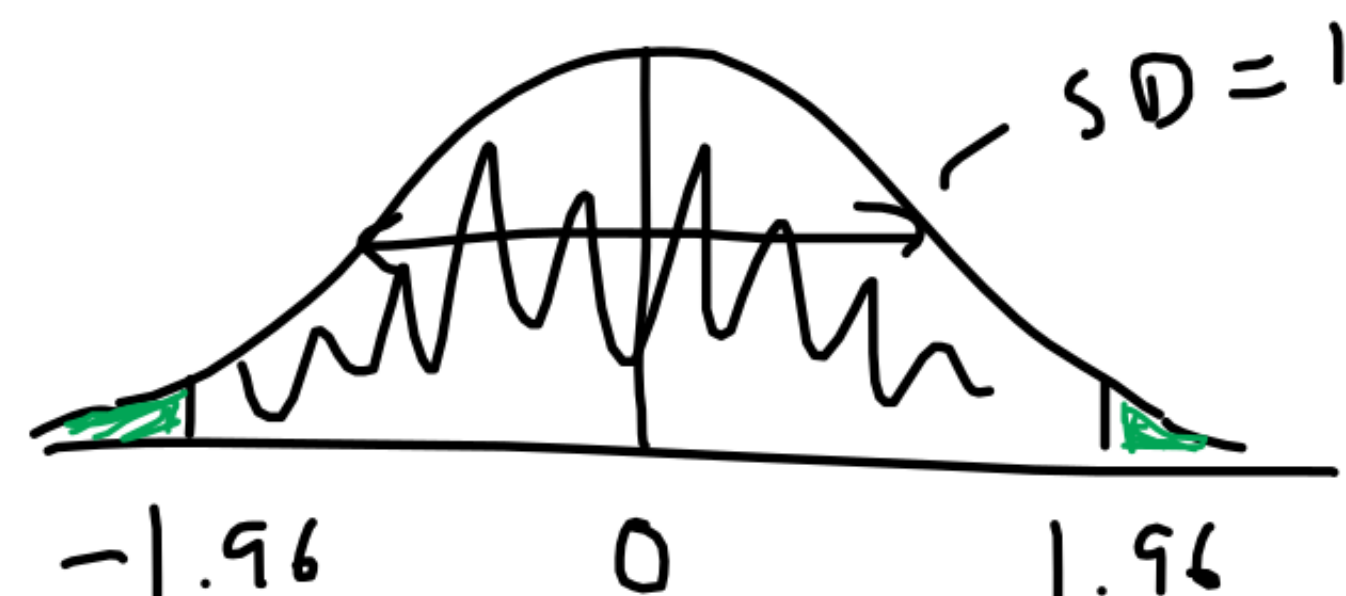
z-scores

Apply this to dist'n of sample means.

$$z = \frac{\bar{y} - \mu}{\sigma_{\bar{y}}}$$

why?

→ we can say something about the probability of observing specific ranges of values



Can say something about how confident we are that a sample mean represents the true mean.

$$P(\bar{y} - 1.96 \sigma_{\bar{y}} \leq \mu \leq \bar{y} + 1.96 \sigma_{\bar{y}}) = 0.95$$

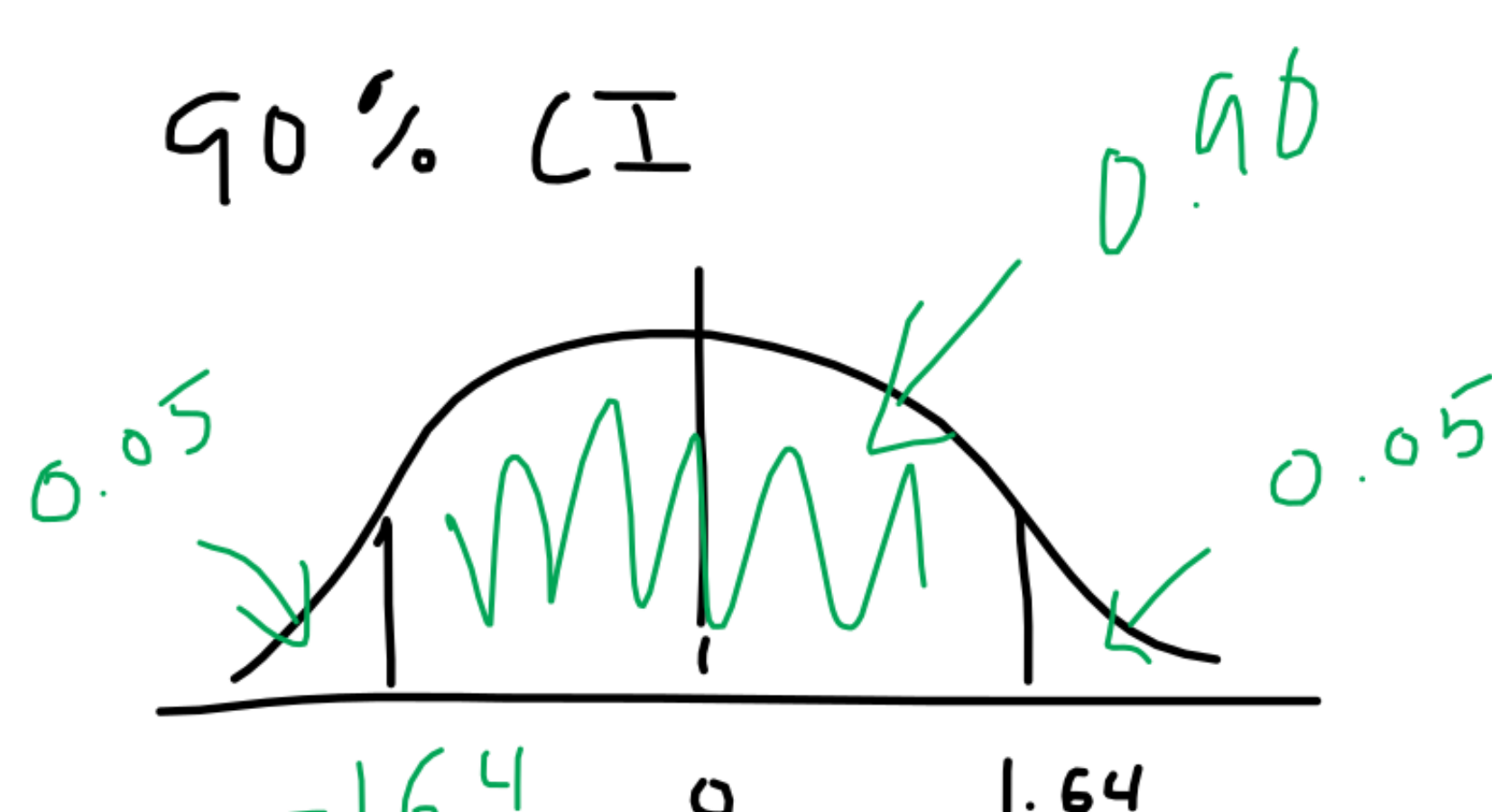
formula for 95% CI

\bar{y} = sample mean

$\sigma_{\bar{y}}$ = population SE

± 1.96 = critical values (95%)

90% CI



Reality Check

don't usually know σ , $\sigma_{\bar{y}}$

use sample sd as an estimate

$$s \sim \sigma$$

using estimate, no longer using a standard normal, but rather, we use a t-distribution.

? dt ⇒ what are the parameters

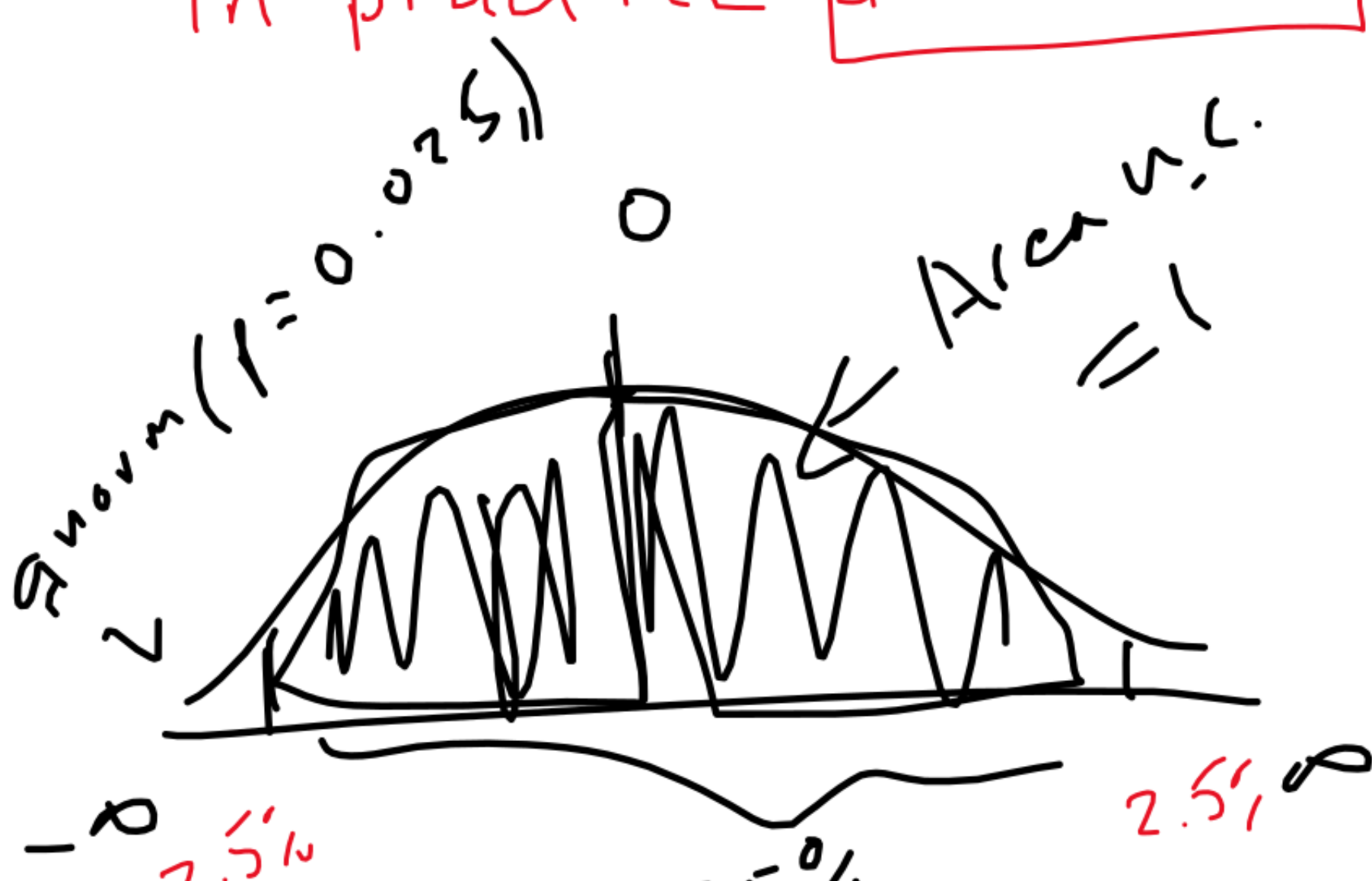
Parameters of normal?
mean, s

Parameter for t-dist = degrees of freedom

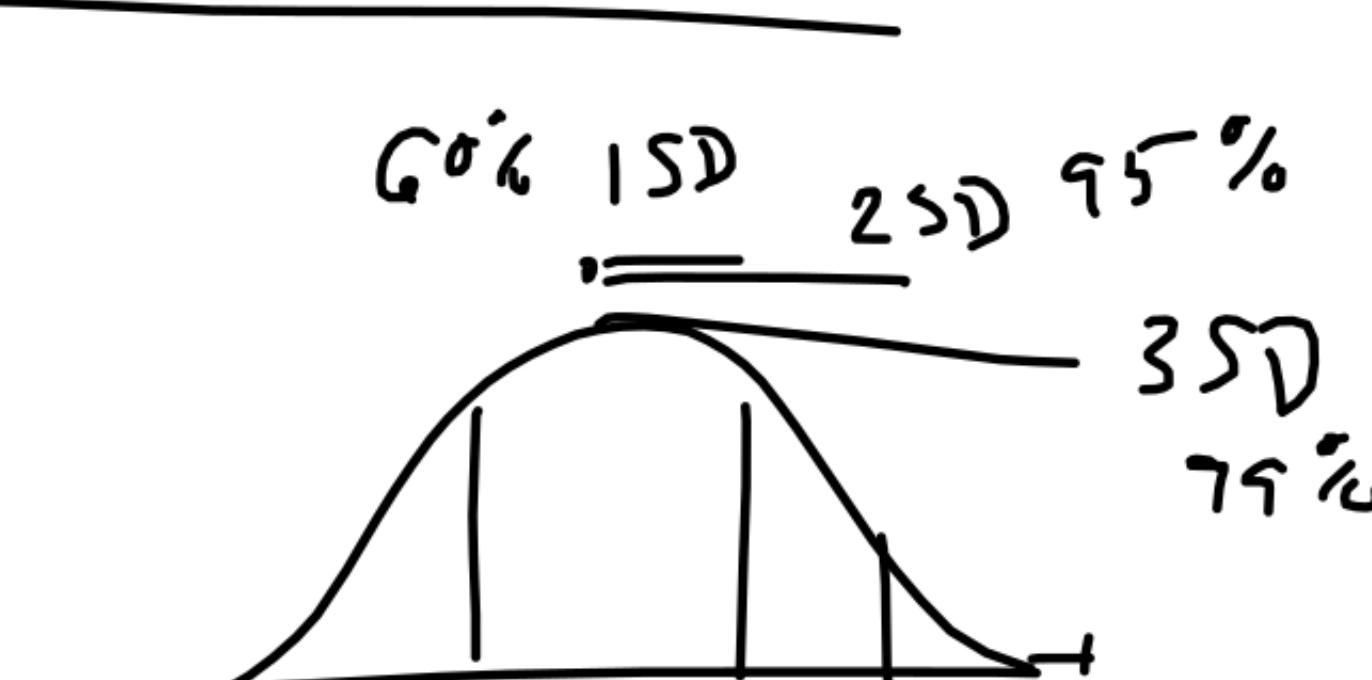
"the number of observations that are 'free to vary' when estimating a statistic"

$$\{1, 2, 3\} \Rightarrow \text{mean} = 2$$

in practice $df = n - 1$



60-95-99 Rule



z-score is essentially the distance in standard deviations that a point is from a mean value.