

\* Announcement

① HW9 due today (11:59 PM PT)

② HW10 ~ 11/9  
    ↳ covers ch9

③ Quiz 8 : Ch8

④ No discussion sections on Tuesday (11/3) (Go Vote!)

## STAT 88: Lecture 29

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### Last time

A/B testing:

A/B testing is the shorthand for comparing the distributions of two random samples.

A = Control group; B = Treatment group.

It follows the same 5 steps for hypothesis testing:

- (a)  $H_0$ : treatment has no effect on back pain.
- (b)  $H_A$ : treatment has an effect on back pain.
- (c) Test statistic  $X$ : # patient in the treatment group who had pain relief.

Under  $H_0$ , any difference between treatment and control groups is due to the random assignment of elements to treatment and control, so  $X$  follows  $HG(N, G, n)$  where  $N$ =total number of patients;  $G$ =total number of patients who had pain relief;  $n$ =number of patients in the treatment group.

- (d) Find  $p$ -value.
- (e) Reject  $H_0$  iff  $p$ -value  $\leq 5\%$ .

HW 10 Q5.

Type-I error: (From warm up in Lecture 28) The **type I error** is the probability of rejecting the null hypothesis  $H_0$  given that it is true.

$$\sigma = 20$$

A population distribution has an SD of 20. You want to test if the population mean is equal to 50:

$$H_0 : \mu = 50 \text{ vs } H_A : \mu < 50.$$

The average of a sample of 64 observations is  $\bar{x}$ .

$$n = 64$$

"obs-value."

- Write down the expression for  $p$ -value.
- Is  $p$ -value random or fixed? Why?
- Suppose you reject  $H_0$  if  $p$ -value is less than or equal to 5%. Find the region of  $\bar{x}$  where you reject  $H_0$ .
- Find the type-I error at 5% level, i.e. the probability of rejecting the null hypothesis  $H_0$  given that it is true.

$$SD(\bar{x}) = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} = \frac{20}{\sqrt{64}} = 2.5$$

(a) Test statistic  $\bar{x}$ . Under  $H_0$ ,  $\bar{x} \sim N(50, 2.5^2)$  (by CLT)

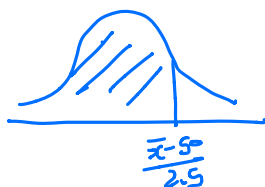
$$\text{Obs-value} = \bar{x}$$

$$p\text{-value} = P(\bar{x} \leq \bar{x})$$

$$= P\left(\frac{\bar{x} - 50}{2.5} \leq \frac{\bar{x} - 50}{2.5}\right)$$

$$= P\left(Z \leq \frac{\bar{x} - 50}{2.5}\right)$$

$$= \Phi\left(\frac{\bar{x} - 50}{2.5}\right)$$



(b)  $p$ -value is random b/c  $\bar{x}$  changes across different samples

(c) Reject  $H_0 \Leftrightarrow p\text{-value} \leq 0.05$

$$\Leftrightarrow \Phi\left(\frac{\bar{x} - 50}{2.5}\right) \leq 0.05$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \bar{x} \leq 2.5 \cdot \Phi^{-1}(0.05) + 50$$

(d) When  $H_0$  is true, your future observation  $\bar{x}$  has  $N(50, 2.5^2)$

Type-I error =  $P(\text{Reject } H_0 \text{ given } H_0 \text{ true})$

$$= P(\bar{x} \leq 2.5 \cdot \Phi^{-1}(0.05) + 50)$$

$$= P\left(\frac{\bar{x} - 50}{2.5} \leq \Phi^{-1}(0.05)\right)$$

$$= \Phi(\Phi^{-1}(0.05)) = 0.05.$$

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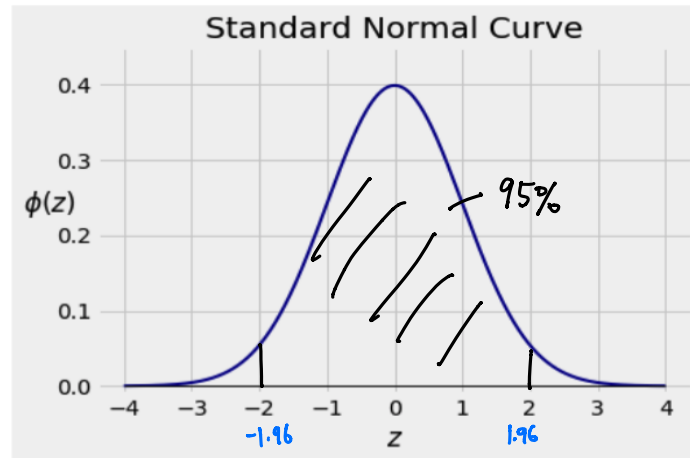


Standard normal curve

$\Rightarrow$  When  $H_0$  is true, you reject  $H_0$  w/ 5% chance due to randomness of your data.

## 9.3. Confidence Intervals: Method

**Preliminary** The standard normal curve:



$z$  has  $N(0,1)$ ,  $P(-2 < z < 2) = 95\%$

**Confidence interval** A **confidence interval** is an interval of estimates of a **fixed but unknown parameter**, based on data in a random sample.

Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be i.i.d. with mean  $\mu$  and SD  $\sigma$ . We know  $\bar{X}$  is an unbiased estimator of  $\mu$  (i.e.  $E(\bar{X}) = \mu$ ), and  $SD(\bar{X}) = \sigma/\sqrt{n}$  is a measure of the average spread of  $\bar{X}$ .

If  $n$  is large, the Central Limit Theorem tells us that the distribution of  $\bar{X}$  is roughly normal, so

$$P\left(-2 < \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} < 2\right) \approx 0.95.$$

$\sim N(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n})$

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

multiply  $-1 \rightarrow -2 < \frac{\mu - \bar{X}}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} < 2$

$\rightarrow \bar{X} - 2 \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} < \mu < \bar{X} + 2 \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$

We rewrite this equation as follows:

$$P\left(\bar{X} - 2\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} < \mu < \bar{X} + 2\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}\right) \approx 0.95$$

$$\Leftrightarrow P\left(\mu \in \left(\bar{X} - 2\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{X} + 2\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}\right)\right) \approx 0.95.$$

What is random and what is fixed?

$(\bar{X} - 2\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{X} + 2\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}})$  random  
 $\mu$  fixed

The *random interval*

$$\left( \bar{X} - 2 \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{X} + 2 \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \right)$$

(CLT)

is called an approximate 95% confidence interval for  $\mu$ . It is a random interval because its endpoints depend on the sample mean  $\bar{X}$  which is a random variable whose value varies across samples.

Interpretation: the chance that this *random interval* contains the *fixed parameter* is about 95%.

Example: (From warm up in Lecture 28)  $\sigma=20$  A population distribution is known to have an SD of 20. The average of a sample of 64 observations is 55. What is your 95% confidence interval for the population mean?  $n=64$   
*obs. value = 55*

$$95\% \text{ CI: } \left( \bar{X} - 2 \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{X} + 2 \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \right)$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} \text{obs. value of } \bar{X} = 55 \\ \sigma = 20 \\ n = 64 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\leadsto \left( 55 \pm 2 \cdot \frac{20}{\sqrt{64}} \right) = (50, 60)$$

= with replacement

Example: (Proportion of undecided voters) In a simple random sample of 400 voters in a state, 23% are undecided about which way they will vote. Find a 95% CI for the proportion of undecided voters in the state.

$$X_1, \dots, X_{400} \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$$

$$\begin{cases} 1 & \text{if undecided} \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{p(1-p)}$$

$$\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} = SD(\bar{x})$$

$$X_1, \dots, X_n \sim \text{Pop. Dist'n.}$$

$$E(x) = \mu, SD(x) = \sigma$$

$$95\% \text{ CI: } (\bar{x} - 2 \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{x} + 2 \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}})$$

$$\text{Obs-value of } \bar{x} = 0.23$$

$$n = 400$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{p(1-p)} \approx \sqrt{0.23(1-0.23)} = 0.44$$

Approximation

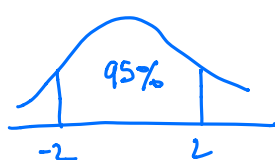
$$\rightarrow (0.23 \pm 2 \cdot \frac{0.44}{\sqrt{400}}) = (0.186, 0.274)$$

By CLT,  $\bar{x} \sim N(\mu, (\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}})^2)$

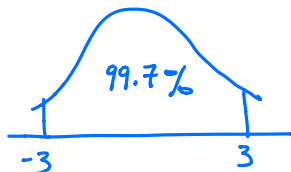
$$P(\mu \in (\bar{x} - 2 \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{x} + 2 \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}})) = 95\%$$

## Confidence Level

In above problem, find 99.7% confidence interval.



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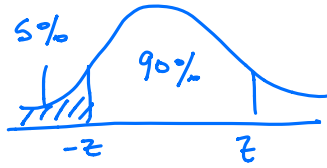
$$99.7\% \text{ CI: } (\bar{x} \pm 3 \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}})$$

$$= (0.23 \pm 3 \cdot \frac{0.44}{\sqrt{400}})$$

$$= (0.164, 0.296)$$

⇒ Notice greater certainty requires wider interval.

To find 90% confidence interval,



$$\begin{aligned} z &= \Phi^{-1}(0.95) \\ &= \text{stats.normal.ppf}(0.95) \\ &= 1.64 \end{aligned}$$

So 90% CI is

$$\left( \bar{X} - 1.64 \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{X} + 1.64 \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \right).$$

## 9.4. Confidence Intervals: Interpretation

95% CI for  $\mu$ :

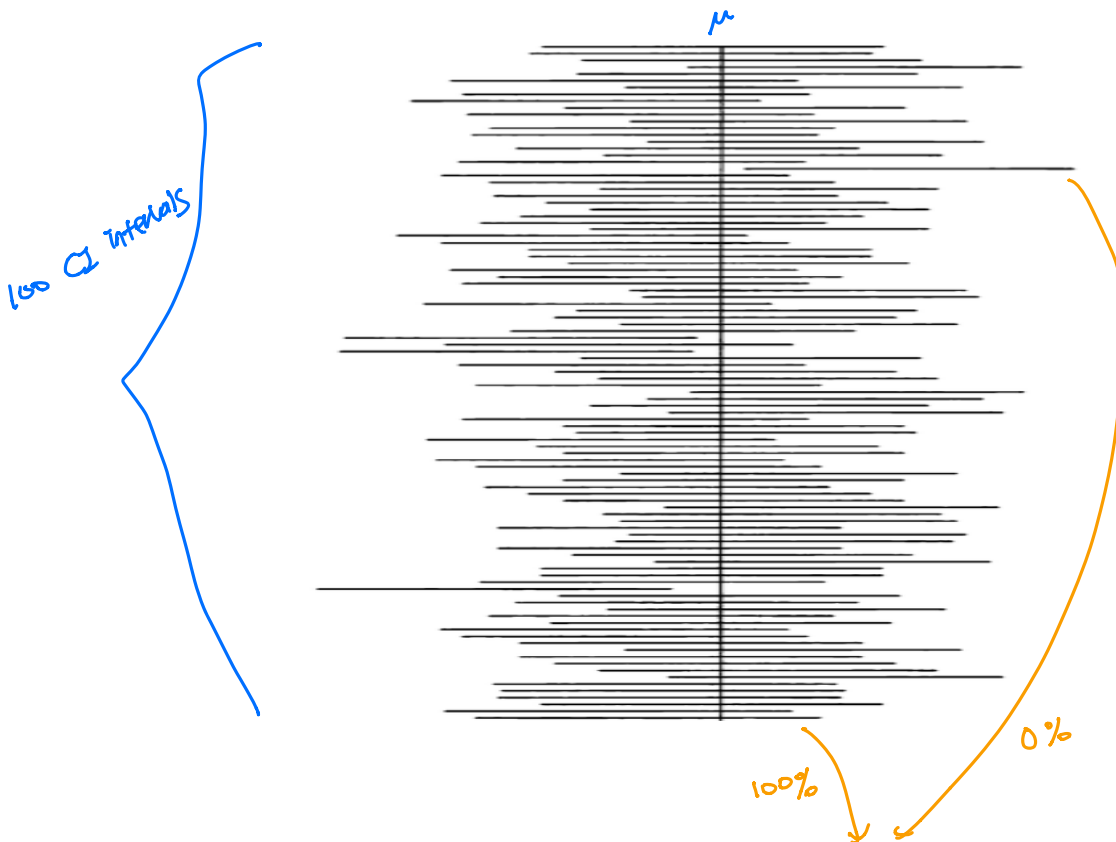
$$\left( \bar{X} - 2\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{X} + 2\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \right).$$

It satisfies the property

$$P\left(\mu \in \left(\bar{X} - 2\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{X} + 2\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}\right)\right) \approx 0.95.$$

The probability statement above is interpreted in terms of long run frequencies:

If you repeat the sampling process 100 times, and construct a 95% confidence interval each time, then about 95 of the 100 intervals will contain the parameter  $\mu$ .

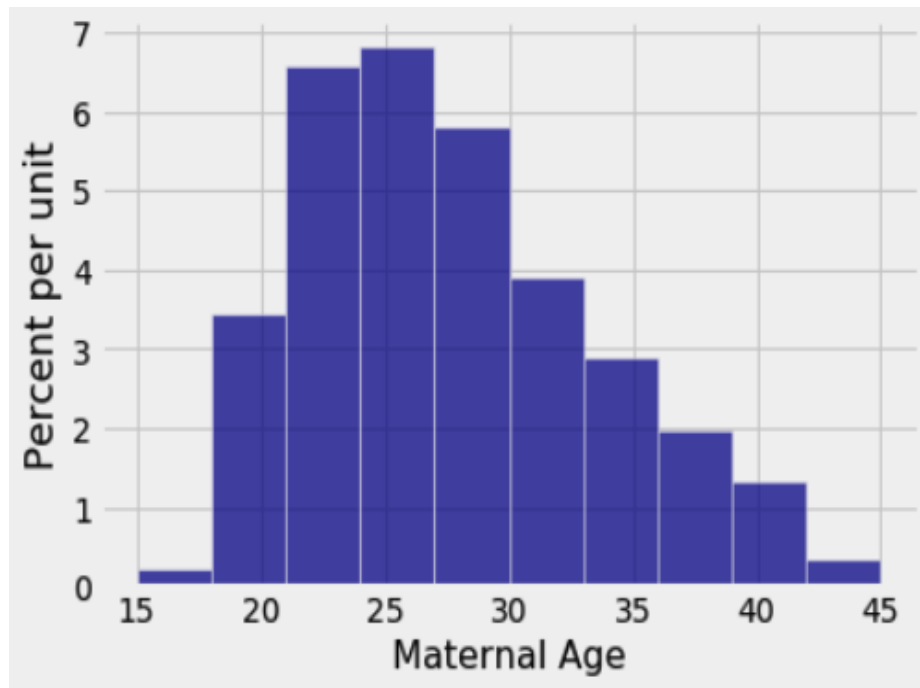


Ex: Suppose your observed instance of 95% CI is (79, 82). What is the chance that  $\mu \in (79, 82)$ ?

Either 0% or 100%.  $\mu$  is a fixed number, and (79, 82) fixed interval, so it either contains  $\mu$  or not

**Comparison with the Bootstrap** The interpretation of CI is the same as in Data 8.

Example: Here is a distribution of 1174 maternal ages (years) from a random sample.



The sample mean is about 27.23 years and the sample SD is about 5.8 years. Find the approximate 95% CI of  $\mu$  and interpret.

This works because  $\bar{X}$  is normally distributed by CLT. But if  $n$  is too small  $\bar{X}$  may not be normal and we have to **bootstrap your 95% CI**. How do you do this?



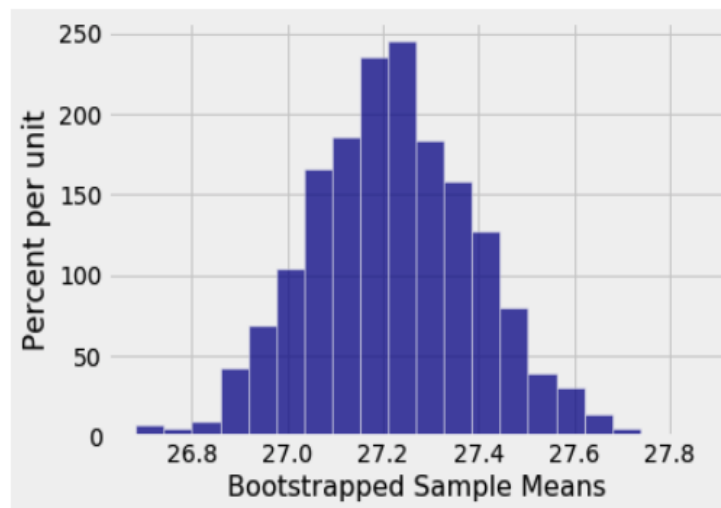
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def one_resampled_mean():
    return np.average(births.sample().column('Maternal Age'))
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We then called this function repeatedly to create an array of 2,000 bootstrap means:

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means = make_array()

for i in np.arange(2000):
    means = np.append(means, one_resampled_mean())

Table().with_column('Bootstrapped Sample Means', means).hist(0, bins=20)
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Finally, we found the "middle 95%" of the bootstrapped means. That was our empirical bootstrap 95% confidence interval for the population mean.

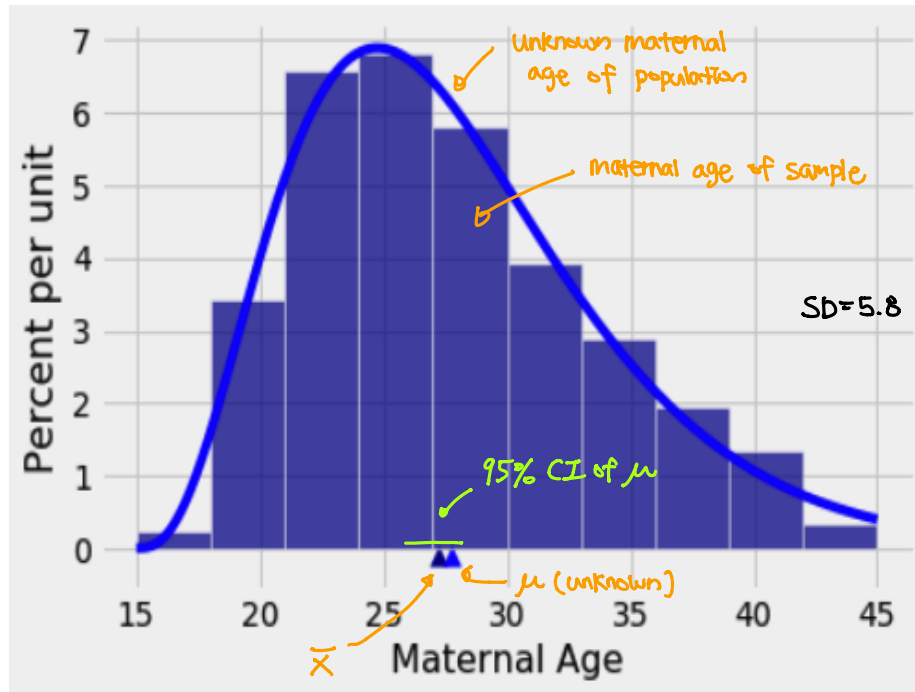
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left = percentile(2.5, means)
right = percentile(97.5, means)
left, right
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(26.89182282793867, 27.572402044293014)
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close to (26.89, 27.57)

## What the Confidence Interval Measures

CI is an interval of estimates of  $\mu$ :



$\bar{X}$  is close to  $\mu$ . On average it is  $SD(\bar{X}) = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$  away from  $\mu$ . Is there a 95% chance that maternal ages are between (26.89, 27.57)?