

## Lecture A3. Statistics Review

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# Population and Sample

- A population set (모집단) is the entire group that you want to draw conclusions about.
- A sample set (표본집단) is the subset of population that you have an access to collect data from.
- ✓ ● The size of the sample is always less than the total size of the population.
- It is a researcher's primary concern to draw conclusion on the population set, by studying the behavior from the sample set.

$$\hat{\mu} \quad \hat{\sigma} \quad \hat{\theta}$$

# Population statistics

## • Population

- Suppose that you are interested in Korean male's hand length. Let  $X$  be a random var. distribution of population set (entire Korean male's hand length).
- Let  $\mu$  be the mean of  $X$  and  $\sigma^2$  be the variance of  $X$ .
- That is,  $\mu = \mathbb{E}X$  and  $\sigma^2 = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mathbb{E}X)^2]$ . (구분)
- These population statistics are what we are after, specifically, population mean and population variance. (구분)
- Since these are what we aim to estimate, we often call them as true values, specifically true mean and true variance.

## • Sample

- In order to estimate  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$  you collect  $n$  samples of Korean male's hand length.
- Typically, these collected samples are denoted as  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ , or  $\{X_i, 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ . sample set.  
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$X$ 의 여러 독립된 관측값.

$$X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \longrightarrow \mu, \sigma^2$$

# Sample statistics

표본 통계량

$$\{X_i, 1 \leq i \leq N\} \rightarrow f(X_i) \approx \mu$$

↓  
sample mean      population mean

## • Estimation

- You want to draw conclusions on the population mean ( $\mu$ ) and population variance ( $\sigma^2$ ) by studying the sample  $\{X_i, 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ .
- From the sample, we compute some value that should be similar to population statistics.

## • Sample Mean

- It is known that  $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i/n$  is similar value to the population mean.
- This quantity is typically notated as  $\bar{X}$ , i.e.,  $\bar{X} = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i/n$ .
- This quantity is called as sample mean for obvious reason.
- Sample mean is obtained by taking an arithmetic average of all samples.

## • Sample Variance

- It is known that  $\frac{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2}{n-1}$  is similar value to the population variance.
- This quantity is typically notated as  $s^2$ , i.e.,  $s^2 = \frac{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2}{n-1}$ .
- ✓ This quantity is called as sample variance for obvious reason.
- Sample variance is obtained by 1) summing up squared deviations of all samples and 2) divide it by  $n - 1$ .

- Summary

	Mean	Variance
Population <i>Statistics</i>	$\mu = \mathbb{E}X$	$\sigma^2 = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mathbb{E}X)^2]$
Sample <i>statistics</i>	$\bar{X} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{n}$	$s^2 = \frac{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2}{n-1}$

$\hat{\mu}$  : *point estimator* (ex.  $\bar{X}$ )  
 $\hat{\sigma}^2$  : *point estimator* (ex.  $s^2, \dots$ )

# Estimation

- Remind that it is mentioned that ‘Sample mean is believed to be a similar value to the population mean’.
- Like such, we call the process of ‘Finding sample statistics that is believed to be a similar value to the population statistics.’ as **estimation**. (true statistics)      등치/23, 24.
- For true mean  $\mu$ , there may be various estimation efforts that aims to find similar value to the  $\mu$ . We call these similar value to the true value, as an **estimator**.
- Again, *estimator* is not a true value, but an estimation effort. To distinguish between the *true value* and *estimator*. Notation of ‘hat’, or  $\hat{\cdot}$  is typically used. For example,  $\hat{\mu}$  indicates an estimator for  $\mu$ , and  $\hat{\sigma}^2$  indicates an estimator for  $\sigma^2$ .
- Sample mean serves as *an estimator* for the true mean.
- Sample variance serves as *an estimator* for the true variance.

# Desired properties of estimators

$$100 \rightarrow X_1, \dots, X_{100}$$

$$A: \hat{M} = \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_{100}}{100}$$

$$B: \hat{M} = \frac{X(5) + X(95)}{2}$$

- Is  $\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{n}$  a good estimator for the true mean? What it means by *good*?
- There are many criteria for *good* estimator such as  $E\hat{M} = M$ 
  - unbiased estimator - Expected value of estimator must be same as true value.
  - consistent estimator - As the number of sample increases, the estimator converges to the true value.
  - maximum-likelihood (ML) estimator - The probability that the estimator is exactly equal to true value is maximal.
- For mathematical expression, let's notate the true statistics we are after as  $\theta$ , and the estimator as  $\hat{\theta}$ . Then,
  - $\hat{\theta}$  is an unbiased estimator if  $E\hat{\theta} = \theta$ .
  - $\hat{\theta}$  is a consistent estimator if  $\hat{\theta} \rightarrow \theta$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .
  - $\hat{\theta}$  is a maximum-likelihood (ML) estimator if  $\hat{\theta} = \operatorname{argmax}_x \mathbb{P}(\theta = x)$ .

$$\hat{\theta} = \operatorname{argmax}_x \mathbb{P}(\theta = x)$$



- It is known that *sample mean*

- $\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{n}$  is an *unbiased, consistent, and maximum-likelihood* estimator for the **true mean**

- $\frac{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2}{n-1}$  is an *unbiased and consistent* estimator for the true variance, but it is not a *maximum-likelihood* estimator.

- $\frac{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2}{n}$  is a *consistent and maximum-likelihood* estimator for the true variance, but it is not an *unbiased* estimator. In other words, it is *biased* estimator.

μ.  $\hat{\mu}$ ,  $\bar{X}$

$\sigma^2$ .  $\hat{\sigma}^2$ ,  $s^2$

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

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

•  $\bar{X}^2$ 은  $\hat{\mu}^2$ 으로 쓸 수 있음...?

•  $s^2$ 은  $\hat{\sigma}^2$ 으로 쓸 수 있음?

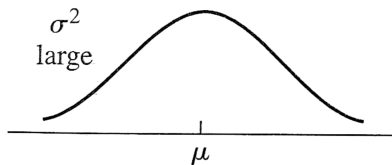
•  $\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2}{n}$ 은  $\hat{\sigma}^2$ 으로 쓸 수 있음?

$$\frac{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2}{n-1}$$

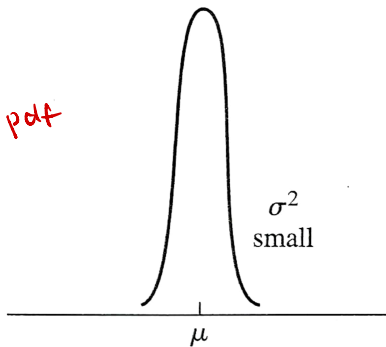
vs  $\frac{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2}{n}$

- Normal variable  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

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# Central limit theorem (CLT)

## Theorem 1

For a random variable  $X$ , whatever the distribution of  $X$  is, its sample mean  $\bar{X}$  follows a normal distribution as long as the number of samples  $n$  is larger than 30. That is

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

- It is intriguing that the population distribution may not be a normal distribution, but the sample mean from the population will always follow a normal distribution as long as the number of sample is larger than 30.
- It is also intriguing that the uncertainty of closeness between the estimator and true value is nicely quantified with the variance  $\sigma^2/n$ .

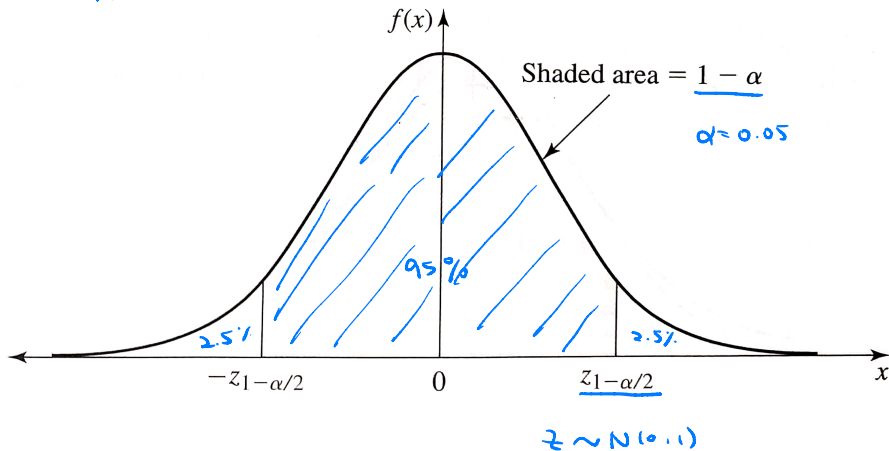
## Exercise 1

- Is  $\bar{X}$  an unbiased estimator for  $\mu$ , why or why not?
- Is  $\bar{X}$  a consistent estimator for  $\mu$ , why or why not?
- Is  $\bar{X}$  a ML estimator for  $\mu$ , why or why not?

## • ~~Questions~~

# Normal variable's quantile

random



# Confidence interval

$$z_{1-0.05/2} = z_{0.975} = 1.96$$

- From  $\bar{X} \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2/n)$ , we can use normal distribution's property to say:

$n$ :  
 $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$

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

$$P\left[\mu - 1.96 \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \leq \bar{X} \leq \mu + 1.96 \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}\right] = 0.95$$

①  
100% CI

- Two issues with the above confidence interval.

- The above expression is a confidence interval for the estimator  $(\bar{X})$  not for the true value  $(\mu)$ .
- We do not know the true value  $(\sigma)$ .

$$Z \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$-Z \sim N(0, 1)$$

- To tackle the first issue, the following effort is made.

$$\bar{X} \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2/n) \Rightarrow \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \sim N(0, 1) = Z$$

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$$P\left[\bar{X} - 1.96 \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \leq \mu \leq \bar{X} + 1.96 \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}\right] = 0.95$$

"100% CI"

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\mu - \bar{X}}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \sim Z$$

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

- From the last expression,  $\mu \sim N(\bar{X}, \sigma^2/n)$ , we still have the second issue of not knowing  $\sigma$ . We must replace  $\sigma$  with  $s$ .

- In replacing  $\sigma$  with  $s$ , it is known that  $\frac{\mu - \bar{X}}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \sim Z$  becomes

$$\frac{\mu - \bar{X}}{s/\sqrt{n}} \sim t_{n-1}$$

Student t-dist.

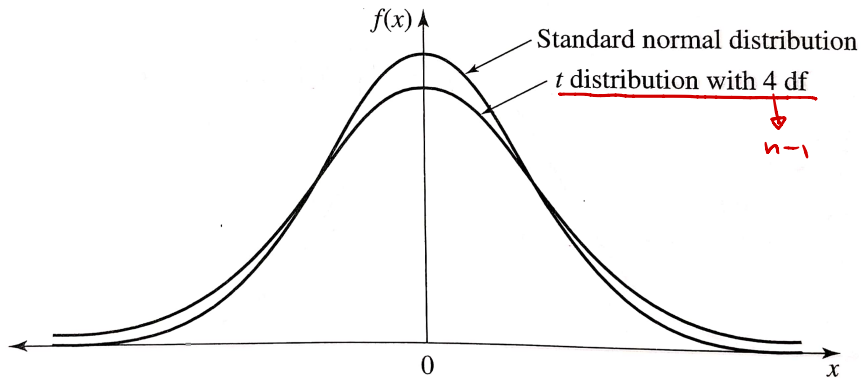
$$s^2 = \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n-1}$$

- Now we are ready to state the confidence interval for  $\mu$  as following.

$$\mathbb{P}[\bar{X} - t_{0.975, n-1} \cdot s/\sqrt{n} \leq \mu \leq \bar{X} + t_{0.975, n-1} \cdot s/\sqrt{n}] = 0.95$$

- To get the some sence of what  $t_{0.975, n-1}$  might be depending on  $n$ ,
  - If  $n = 30$ ,  $\mathbb{P}[\bar{X} - 2.045 \cdot s/\sqrt{30} \leq \mu \leq \bar{X} + 2.045 \cdot s/\sqrt{30}] = 0.95$
  - If  $n = 60$ ,  $\mathbb{P}[\bar{X} - 2.000 \cdot s/\sqrt{60} \leq \mu \leq \bar{X} + 2.000 \cdot s/\sqrt{60}] = 0.95$
  - If  $n = 120$ ,  $\mathbb{P}[\bar{X} - 1.980 \cdot s/\sqrt{120} \leq \mu \leq \bar{X} + 1.980 \cdot s/\sqrt{120}] = 0.95$
  - If  $n$  is bigger,  $\mathbb{P}[\bar{X} - 1.960 \cdot s/\sqrt{n} \leq \mu \leq \bar{X} + 1.960 \cdot s/\sqrt{n}] = 0.95$
- For the most applications in this course,  $n$  is so big enough that we are generally just fine using 1.96.

## Normal dist. vs $t$ dist.





## Exercise 2

You randomly sample 1,600 Korean male and measured their hand length. The sample mean is 20cm and the sample standard deviation is 2cm. What is the 95% confidence interval for Korean male's hand length?



"Man can learn nothing unless he proceeds from the known to the unknown. - Claude Bernard"