Statistics

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Preface

I read Mike X Cohen’s excellent book “Modern Statistics”, and now it’s time to practice.

Part I

data

1 height data

I found growth curves for girls and boys in Israel:

- url girls, pdf girls
- url boys, pdf boys
- url both, png boys, png girls.

For example, see this:

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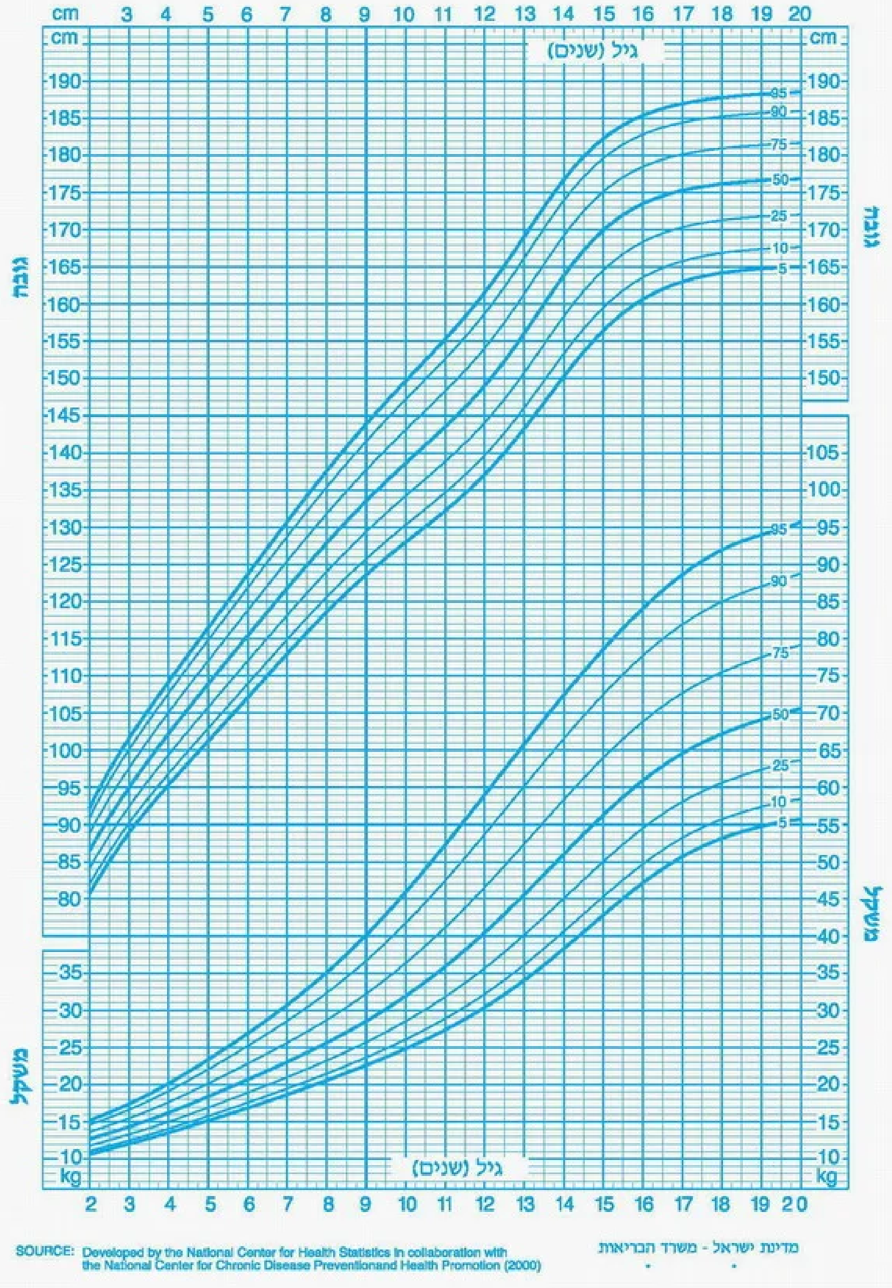
בנים



SOURCE: Developed by the National Center for Health Statistics in collaboration with the National Center for Chronic Disease Preventionand Health Promotion (2000)

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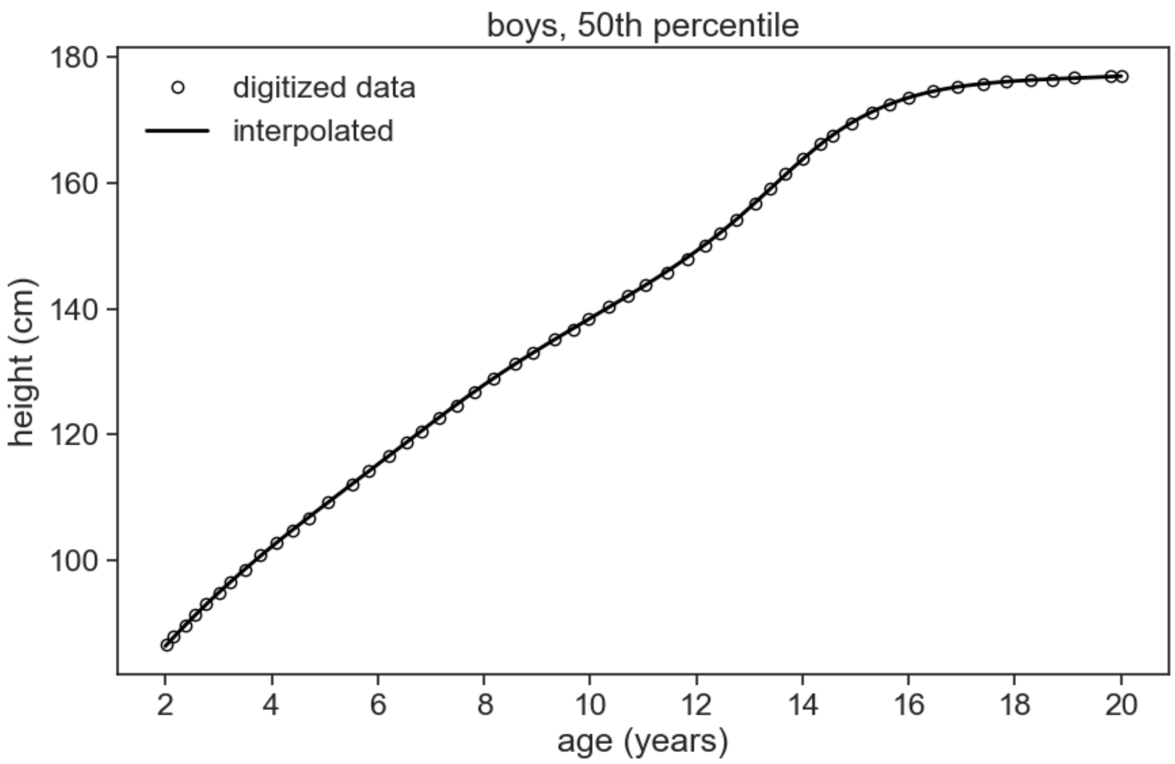
I used the great online resource Web Plot Digitizer v4 to extract the data from the images files. I captured all the growth curves as best as I could. The first step now is to get interpolated versions of the digitized data. For instance, see below the 50th percentile for boys:

```python
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
sns.set_theme(style="ticks", font_scale=1.5)
from scipy.optimize import curve_fit
from scipy.special import erf
from scipy.interpolate import UnivariateSpline
import matplotlib.animation as animation
from scipy.stats import norm
import plotly.graph_objects as go
import plotly.io as pio
pio.renderers.default = 'notebook'
# %matplotlib widget
```

```python
age_list = np.round(np.arange(2.0, 20.1, 0.1), 1)
height_list = np.round(np.arange(70, 220, 0.1), 1)
```

```python
df_temp_boys_50th = pd.read_csv('../archive/data/height/boys-p50.csv', names=['age','height'
spline = UnivariateSpline(df_temp_boys_50th['age'], df_temp_boys_50th['height'], s=0.5)
interpolated = spline(age_list)
```

```python
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10, 6))
ax.plot(df_temp_boys_50th['age'], df_temp_boys_50th['height'], label='digitized data',
        marker='o', markerfacecolor='None', markeredgecolor="black", markersize=6, linestyle=
ax.plot(age_list, interpolated, label='interpolated', color="black", linewidth=2)
ax.set(xlabel='age (years)',
       ylabel='height (cm)',
       xticks=np.arange(2, 21, 2),
       title="boys, 50th percentile"
       )
ax.legend(frameon=False);
```



Let’s do the same for all the other curves, and then save them to a file.

```
col_names = ['p05', 'p10', 'p25', 'p50', 'p75', 'p90', 'p95']
file_names_boys = ['boys-p05.csv', 'boys-p10.csv', 'boys-p25.csv', 'boys-p50.csv',
                   'boys-p75.csv', 'boys-p90.csv', 'boys-p95.csv',]
file_names_girls = ['girls-p05.csv', 'girls-p10.csv', 'girls-p25.csv', 'girls-p50.csv',
                   'girls-p75.csv', 'girls-p90.csv', 'girls-p95.csv',]

# create dataframe with age column
df_boys = pd.DataFrame({'age': age_list})
df_girls = pd.DataFrame({'age': age_list})
# loop over file names and read in data
for i, file_name in enumerate(file_names_boys):
    # read in data
    df_temp = pd.read_csv('../archive/data/height/' + file_name, names=['age','height'])
    spline = UnivariateSpline(df_temp['age'], df_temp['height'], s=0.5)
    df_boys[col_names[i]] = spline(age_list)
for i, file_name in enumerate(file_names_girls):
    # read in data
    df_temp = pd.read_csv('../archive/data/height/' + file_name, names=['age','height'])
    spline = UnivariateSpline(df_temp['age'], df_temp['height'], s=0.5)
    df_girls[col_names[i]] = spline(age_list)

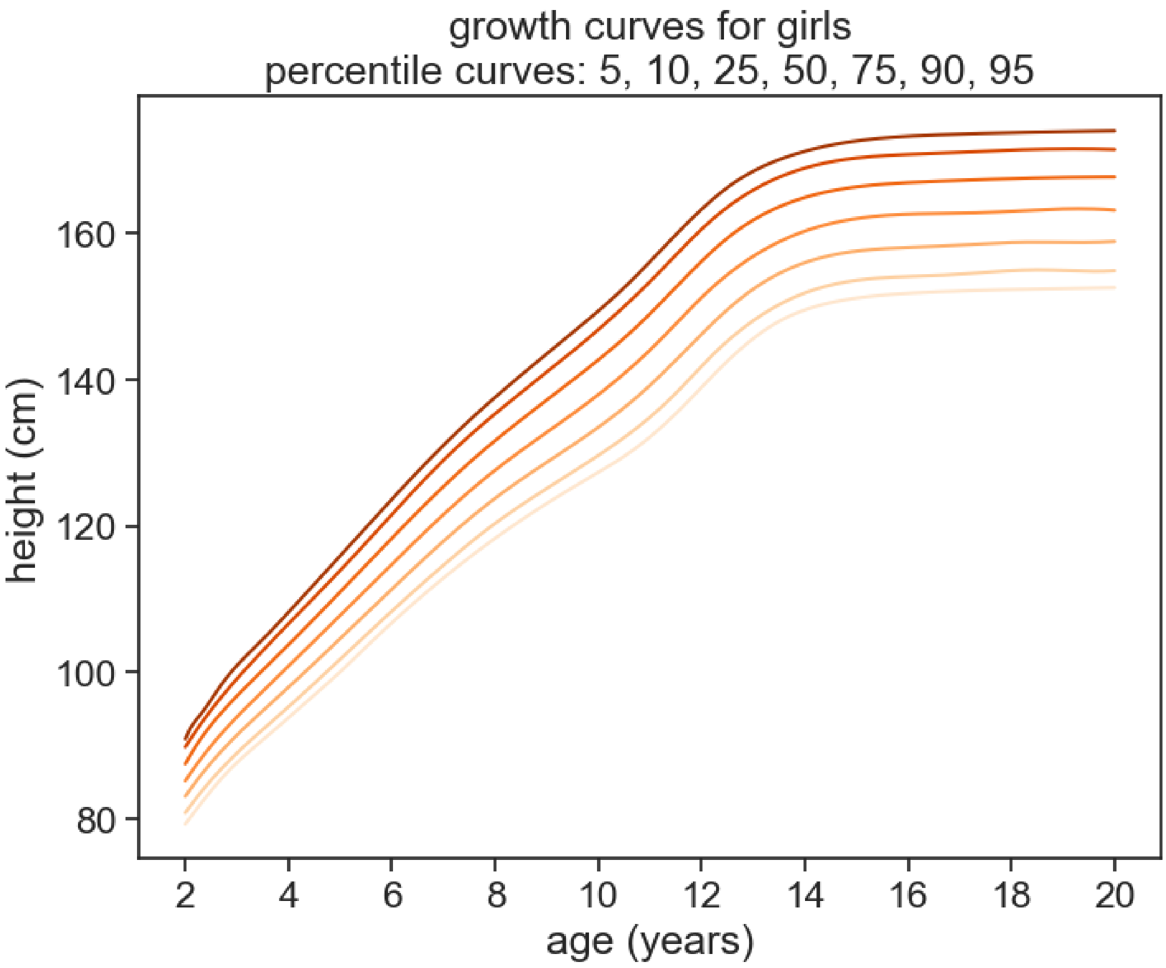
# make age index
df_boys.set_index('age', inplace=True)
df_boys.index = df_boys.index.round(1)
df_boys.to_csv('../archive/data/height/boys_height_vs_age_combined.csv', index=True)
df_girls.set_index('age', inplace=True)
df_girls.index = df_girls.index.round(1)
df_girls.to_csv('../archive/data/height/girls_height_vs_age_combined.csv', index=True)
```

Let's take a look at what we just did.

```
df_girls
```

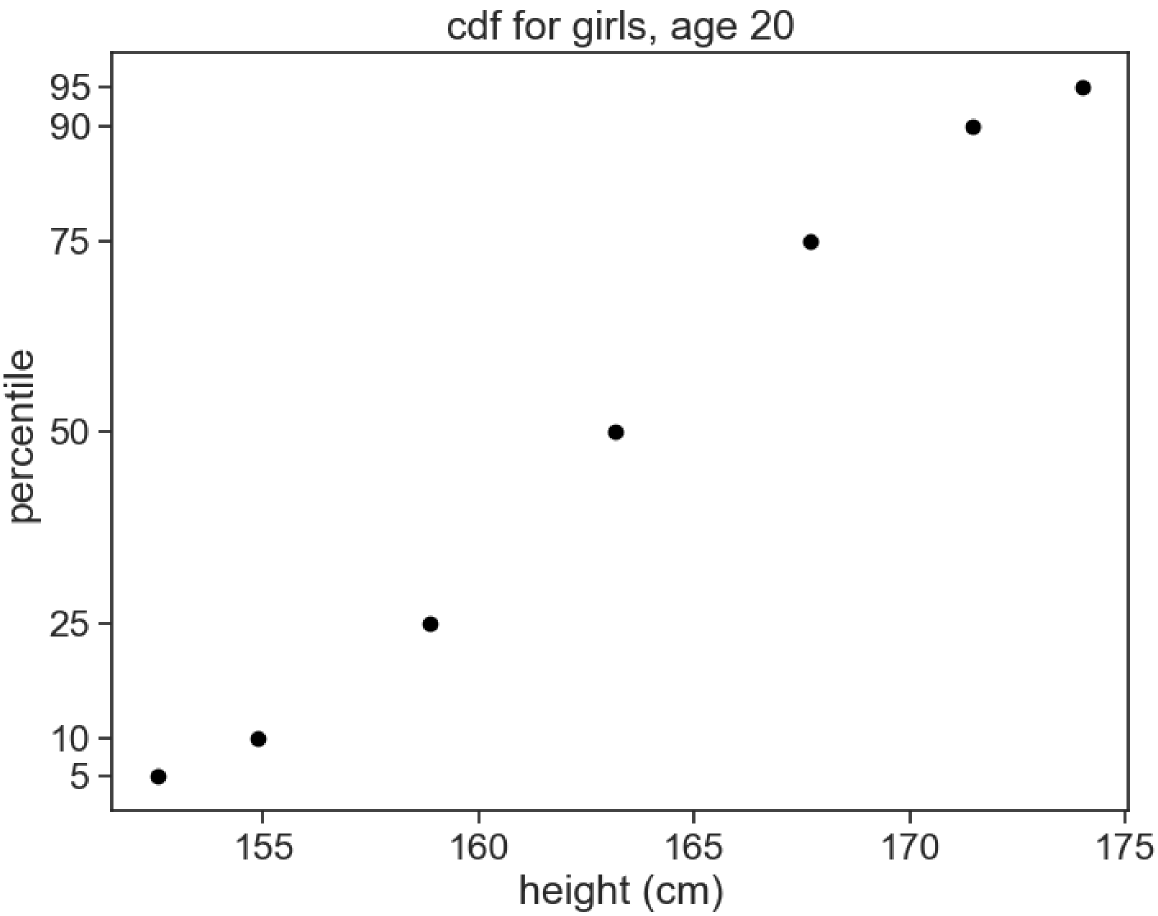
	p05	p10	p25	p50	p75	p90	p95
age							
2.0	79.269087	80.794167	83.049251	85.155597	87.475854	89.779822	90.882059
2.1	80.202106	81.772053	84.052858	86.207778	88.713405	90.883740	92.409913
2.2	81.130687	82.706754	85.011591	87.211543	89.856186	91.940642	93.416959
2.3	82.048325	83.601023	85.928399	88.170313	90.914093	92.953965	94.270653
2.4	82.948516	84.457612	86.806234	89.087509	91.897022	93.927147	95.226089
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
19.6	152.520938	154.812286	158.775277	163.337149	167.699533	171.531349	173.969235
19.7	152.534223	154.814440	158.791925	163.310864	167.704618	171.519600	173.980150
19.8	152.548001	154.827666	158.815071	163.275852	167.708562	171.504730	173.990964
19.9	152.562338	154.853760	158.845506	163.231563	167.711342	171.486629	174.001704
20.0	152.577300	154.894521	158.884019	163.177444	167.712936	171.465189	174.012396

```
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(8, 6))
# loop over col_names and plot each column
colors = sns.color_palette("Oranges", len(col_names))
for col, color in zip(col_names, colors):
    ax.plot(df_girls.index, df_girls[col], label=col, color=color)
ax.set(xlabel='age (years)',
       ylabel='height (cm)',
       xticks=np.arange(2, 21, 2),
       title="growth curves for girls\npercentile curves: 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 90, 95",
       );
```



Let's now see the percentiles for girls age 20.

```
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(8, 6))
percentile_list = np.array([5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 90, 95])
data = df_girls.loc[20.0]
ax.plot(data, percentile_list, ls='', marker='o', markersize=6, color="black")
ax.set(xlabel='height (cm)',
         ylabel='percentile',
         yticks=percentile_list,
         title="cdf for girls, age 20"
         );
```



I suspect that the heights in the population are normally distributed. Let's check that. I'll fit the data to the integral of a gaussian, because the percentiles correspond to a cdf. If a pdf is a gaussian, its cumulative is given by

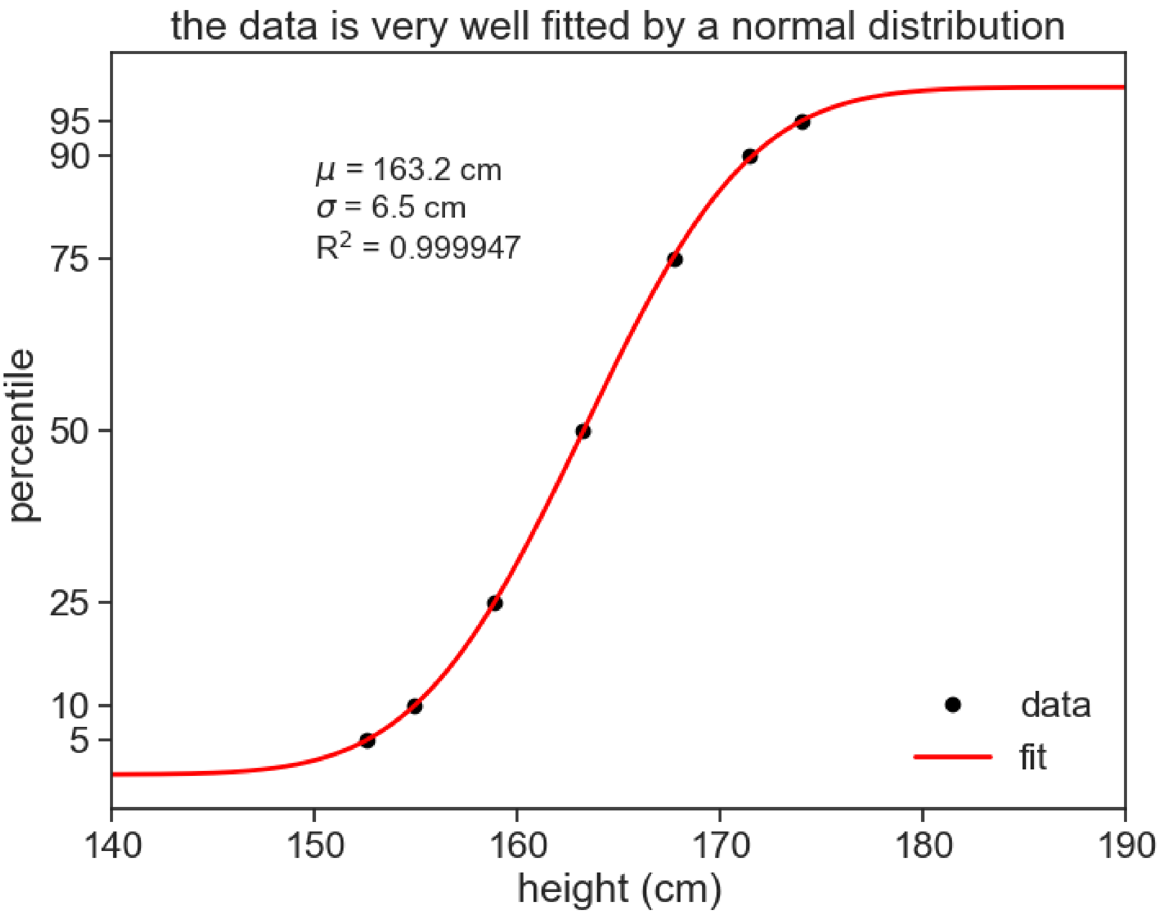
$$\Phi(x) = \frac{1}{2}\left(1 + \mathrm{erf}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma\sqrt{2}}\right)\right)$$

where μ is the mean and σ is the standard deviation of the distribution. The error function erf is a sigmoid function, which is a good approximation for the cdf of the normal distribution.

```
def erf_model(x, mu, sigma):
    return 50 * (1 + erf((x - mu) / (sigma * np.sqrt(2))) )
# initial guess for parameters: [mu, sigma]
p0 = [150, 6]
# Calculate R-squared
def calculate_r2(y_true, y_pred):
    ss_res = np.sum((y_true - y_pred) ** 2)
    ss_tot = np.sum((y_true - np.mean(y_true)) ** 2)
    return 1 - (ss_res / ss_tot)
```

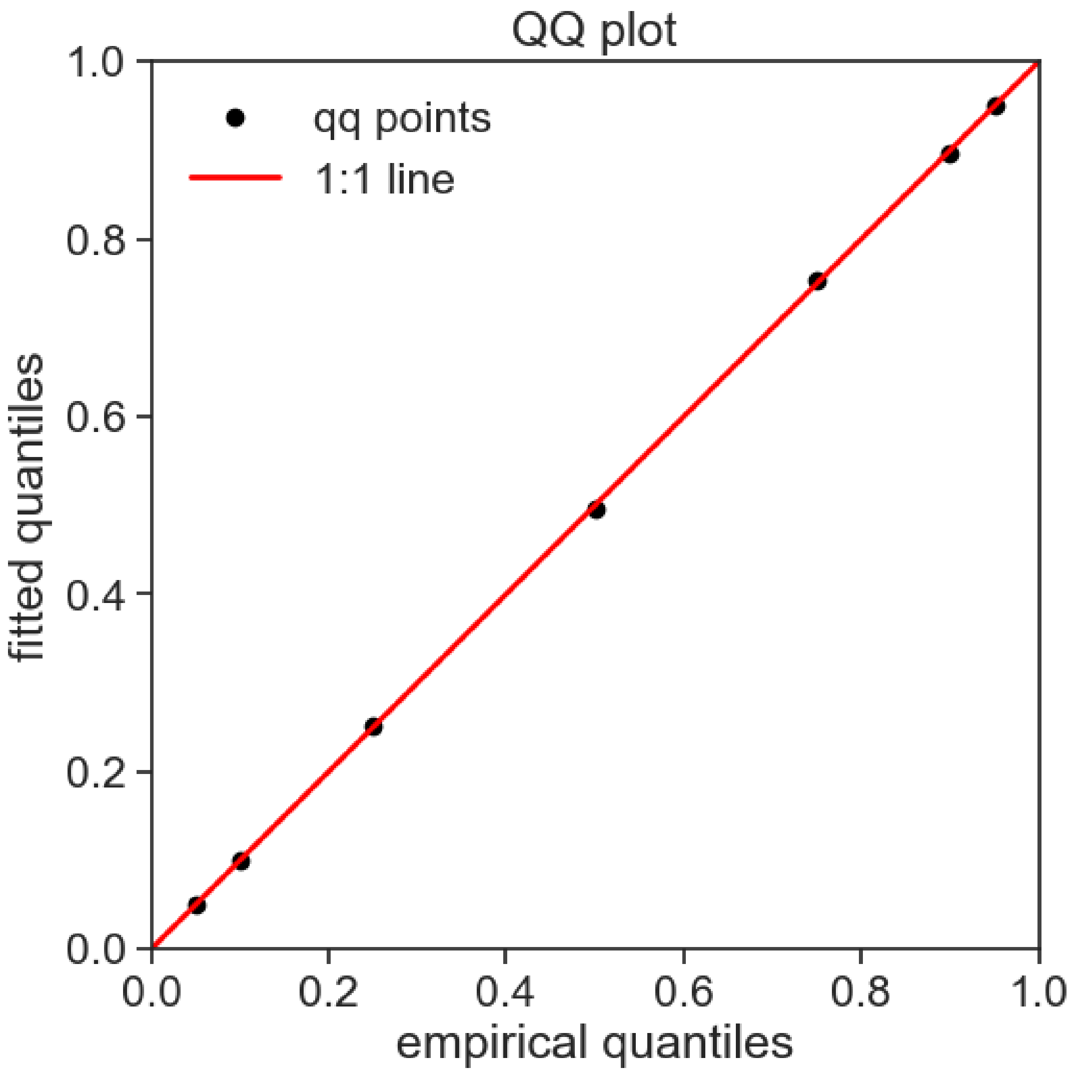
```
data = df_girls.loc[20.0]
params, _ = curve_fit(erf_model, data, percentile_list, p0=p0,
                        bounds=([100, 3],   # lower bounds for mu and sigma
                                [200, 10])  # upper bounds for mu and sigma
                        )
# store the parameters in the dataframe
percentile_predicted = erf_model(data, *params)
# R-squared value
r2 = calculate_r2(percentile_list, percentile_predicted)
```

```
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(8, 6))
percentile_list = np.array([5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 90, 95])
data = df_girls.loc[20.0]
ax.plot(data, percentile_list, ls='', marker='o', markersize=6, color="black", label='data')
fit = erf_model(height_list, *params)
ax.plot(height_list, fit, label='fit', color="red", linewidth=2)
ax.text(150, 75, f'$\mu$ = {params[0]:.1f} cm\n$\sigma$ = {params[1]:.1f} cm\nR$^2$ = {r2:.6
        fontsize=14, bbox=dict(facecolor='white', alpha=0.5))
ax.legend(frameon=False)
ax.set(xlabel='height (cm)',
       xlim=(140, 190),
         ylabel='percentile',
         yticks=percentile_list,
         title="the data is very well fitted by a normal distribution"
         );
```



Another way of making sure that the model fits the data is to make a QQ plot. In this plot, the quantiles of the data are plotted against the quantiles of the normal distribution. If the data is normally distributed, the points should fall on a straight line.

```
fitted_quantiles = norm.cdf(data, loc=params[0], scale=params[1])
experimental_quantiles = percentile_list / 100
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(8, 6))
ax.set_aspect('equal', adjustable='box')
ax.plot(experimental_quantiles, fitted_quantiles,
        ls='', marker='o', markersize=6, color="black",
        label='qq points')
ax.plot([0, 1], [0, 1], color='red', linewidth=2, label="1:1 line")
ax.set(xlabel='empirical quantiles',
       ylabel='fitted quantiles',
       xlim=(0, 1),
       ylim=(0, 1),
       title="QQ plot")
ax.legend(frameon=False)
```



Great, now we just need to do exactly the same for both sexes, and all the ages. I chose to divide age from 2 to 20 into 0.1 intervals.

```
df_stats_boys = pd.DataFrame(index=age_list, columns=['mu', 'sigma', 'r2'])
df_stats_boys['mu'] = 0.0
df_stats_boys['sigma'] = 0.0
df_stats_boys['r2'] = 0.0
df_stats_girls = pd.DataFrame(index=age_list, columns=['mu', 'sigma', 'r2'])
```

```
df_stats_girls['mu'] = 0.0
df_stats_girls['sigma'] = 0.0
df_stats_girls['r2'] = 0.0
```

```
p0 = [80, 3]
# loop over ages in the index, calculate mu and sigma
for i in df_boys.index:
    # fit the model to the data
    data = df_boys.loc[i]
    params, _ = curve_fit(erf_model, data, percentile_list, p0=p0,
                          bounds=([70, 2],   # lower bounds for mu and sigma
                                  [200, 10])  # upper bounds for mu and sigma
                         )
    # store the parameters in the dataframe
    df_stats_boys.at[i, 'mu'] = params[0]
    df_stats_boys.at[i, 'sigma'] = params[1]
    percentile_predicted = erf_model(data, *params)
    # R-squared value
    r2 = calculate_r2(percentile_list, percentile_predicted)
    df_stats_boys.at[i, 'r2'] = r2
    p0 = params
# same for girls
p0 = [80, 3]
for i in df_girls.index:
    # fit the model to the data
    data = df_girls.loc[i]
    params, _ = curve_fit(erf_model, data, percentile_list, p0=p0,
                          bounds=([70, 3],   # lower bounds for mu and sigma
                                  [200, 10])  # upper bounds for mu and sigma
                         )
    # store the parameters in the dataframe
    df_stats_girls.at[i, 'mu'] = params[0]
    df_stats_girls.at[i, 'sigma'] = params[1]
    percentile_predicted = erf_model(data, *params)
    # R-squared value
    r2 = calculate_r2(percentile_list, percentile_predicted)
    df_stats_girls.at[i, 'r2'] = r2
    p0 = params

# save the dataframes to csv files
df_stats_boys.to_csv('../archive/data/height/boys_height_stats.csv', index=True)
df_stats_girls.to_csv('../archive/data/height/girls_height_stats.csv', index=True)
```

Let's see what we got. The top panel in the graph shows the average height for boys and girls, the middle panel shows the coefficient of variation (σ/μ), and the bottom panel shows the R2 of the fit (note that the range is very close to 1).

```
df_stats_boys
```

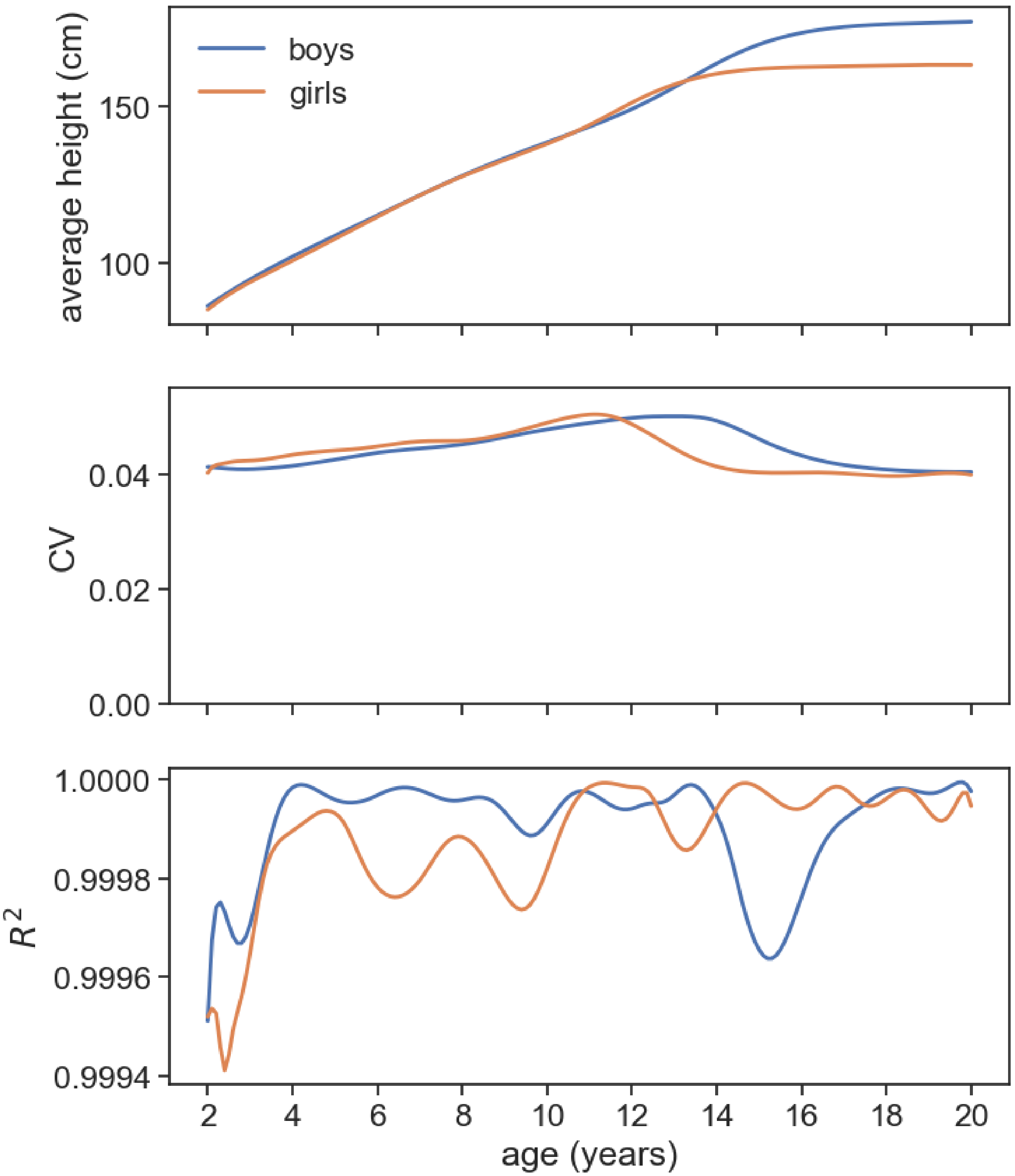
	mu	sigma	r2
2.0	86.463069	3.563785	0.999511
2.1	87.374895	3.596583	0.999676
2.2	88.269676	3.627433	0.999742
2.3	89.148086	3.657263	0.999752
2.4	90.010783	3.686764	0.999733
...	...	...	...
19.6	176.802810	7.134561	0.999991
19.7	176.845789	7.135786	0.999994
19.8	176.892196	7.137430	0.999995
19.9	176.942521	7.139466	0.999990
20.0	176.997255	7.141858	0.999976

```
fig, ax = plt.subplots(3,1, figsize=(8, 10), sharex=True)
fig.subplots_adjust(left=0.15)
ax[0].plot(df_stats_boys['mu'], label='boys', lw=2)
ax[0].plot(df_stats_girls['mu'], label='girls', lw=2)
ax[0].legend(frameon=False)

ax[1].plot(df_stats_boys['sigma'] / df_stats_boys['mu'], lw=2)
ax[1].plot(df_stats_girls['sigma'] / df_stats_girls['mu'], lw=2)

ax[2].plot(df_stats_boys.index, df_stats_boys['r2'], label=r'$r2$ boys', lw=2)
ax[2].plot(df_stats_girls.index, df_stats_girls['r2'], label=r'$r2$ girls', lw=2)

ax[0].set(ylabel='average height (cm)',)
ax[1].set(ylabel='CV',
          ylim=[0,0.055])
ax[2].set(xlabel='age (years)',
            ylabel=r'$R^2$',
            xticks=np.arange(2, 21, 2),
          );
```



Let’s see how the pdfs for boys and girls move and morph as age increases.

```
age_list_string = age_list.astype(str).tolist()
df_pdf_boys = pd.DataFrame(index=height_list, columns=age_list_string)
```

```
df_pdf_girls = pd.DataFrame(index=height_list, columns=age_list_string)

for age in df_pdf_boys.columns:
    age_float = round(float(age), 1)
    df_pdf_boys[age] = norm.pdf(height_list,
                                loc=df_stats_boys.loc[age_float]['mu'],
                                scale=df_stats_boys.loc[age_float]['sigma'])
for age in df_pdf_girls.columns:
    age_float = round(float(age), 1)
    df_pdf_girls[age] = norm.pdf(height_list,
                                loc=df_stats_girls.loc[age_float]['mu'],
                                scale=df_stats_girls.loc[age_float]['sigma'])
```

```
df_pdf_girls
```

	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6
70.0	0.000006	2.962419e-06	1.229580e-06	4.740717e-07	1.893495e-07	7.928033e-08	3.395629e-
70.1	0.000007	3.369929e-06	1.401926e-06	5.423176e-07	2.172465e-07	9.118694e-08	3.914667e-
70.2	0.000008	3.830459e-06	1.597215e-06	6.199308e-07	2.490751e-07	1.048086e-07	4.509972e-
70.3	0.000009	4.350475e-06	1.818328e-06	7.081296e-07	2.853621e-07	1.203810e-07	5.192270e-
70.4	0.000010	4.937172e-06	2.068480e-06	8.082806e-07	3.267014e-07	1.381707e-07	5.973725e-
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
219.5	0.000000	5.214425e-307	1.377605e-289	3.568527e-277	6.457994e-266	2.232144e-255	6.340272e-
219.6	0.000000	1.813597e-307	5.050074e-290	1.356408e-277	2.537010e-266	9.046507e-256	2.642444e-
219.7	0.000000	6.302763e-308	1.849870e-290	5.151948e-278	9.959447e-267	3.663840e-256	1.100546e-
219.8	0.000000	2.188653e-308	6.771033e-291	1.955386e-278	3.906942e-267	1.482823e-256	4.580523e-
219.9	0.000000	7.594139e-309	2.476504e-291	7.416066e-279	1.531537e-267	5.997065e-257	1.905138e-

```
import plotly.graph_objects as go
import plotly.io as pio

pio.renderers.default = 'notebook'

# create figure
fig = go.Figure()

# assume both dataframes have the same columns (ages) and index (height)
ages = df_pdf_boys.columns
x_vals = df_pdf_boys.index
```

```
# add traces: 2 per age (boys and girls), all hidden except the first pair
for i, age in enumerate(ages):
    fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(x=x_vals, y=df_pdf_boys[age], name=f'Boys {age}',
                             line=dict(color='#1f77b4'), visible=(i == 0)))
    fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(x=x_vals, y=df_pdf_girls[age], name=f'Girls {age}',
                             line=dict(color='#ff7f0e'), visible=(i == 0)))

# create slider steps
steps = []
for i, age in enumerate(ages):
    vis = [False] * (2 * len(ages))
    vis[2*i] = True      # boys trace
    vis[2*i + 1] = True  # girls trace

    steps.append(dict(
        method='update',
        args=[{'visible': vis},
              {'title': f'Height Distribution - Age: {age}'}],
        label=str(age)
    ))

# define slider
sliders = [dict(
    active=0,
    currentvalue={"prefix": "Age: "},
    pad={"t": 50},
    steps=steps
)]

# update layout
fig.update_layout(
    sliders=sliders,
    title='Height Distribution by Age',
    xaxis_title='Height (cm)',
    yaxis_title='Density',
    yaxis=dict(range=[0, 0.12]),
    showlegend=True,
    height=600,
    width=800
)

fig.show()
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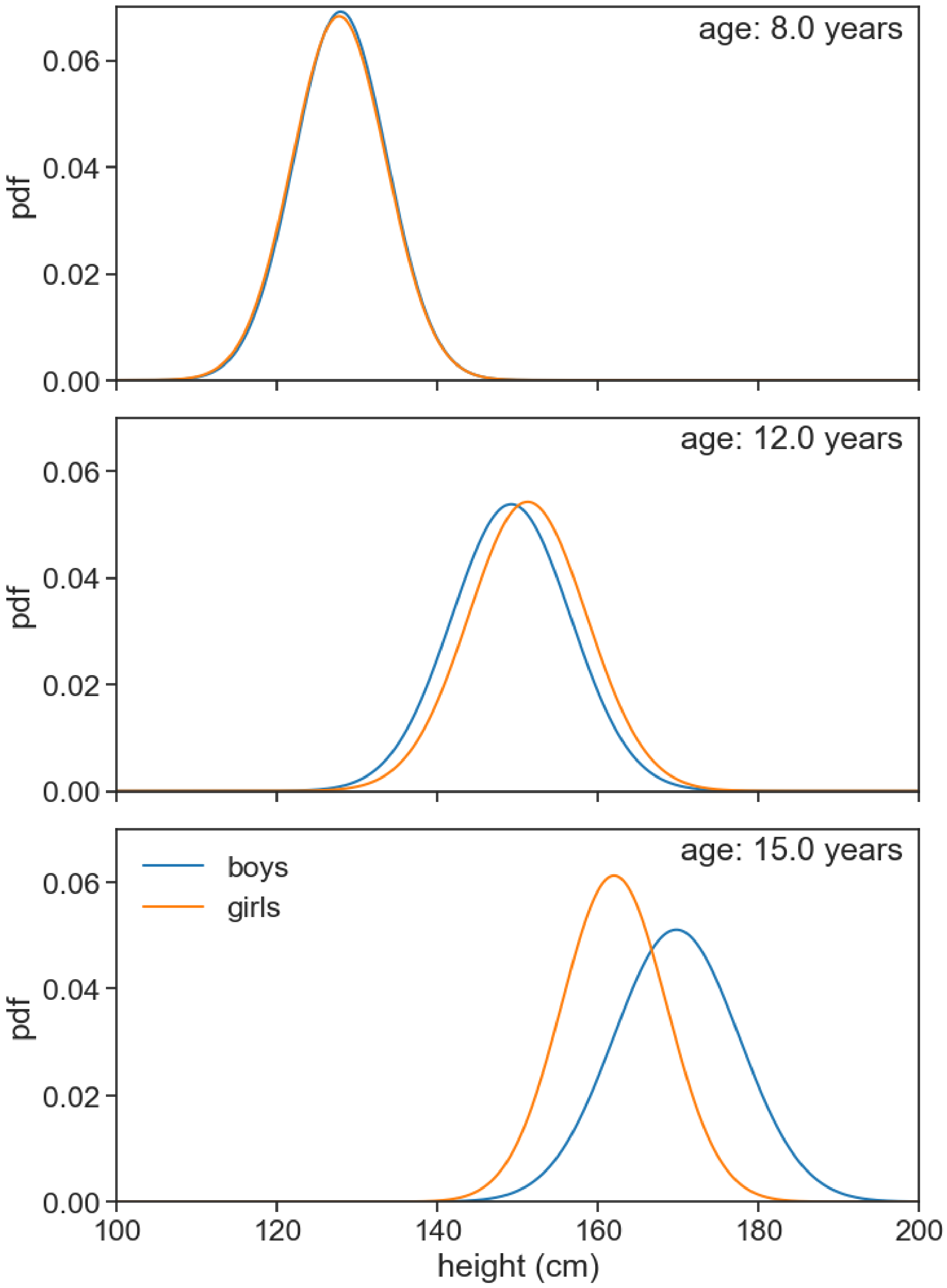
A few notes about what we can learn from the analysis above.

- My impression that 12-year-old girls are taller than boys is indeed true.
- Boys and girls have very similar distributions up to age 11.
- From age 11 to 13 girls are on average taller than boys.
- From age 13 boys become taller than girls, on average.
- The graph showing the coefficient of variation is interesting. CV for girls peaks roughtly at age 12, and for boys it peaks around age 14. These local maxima may be explained by the wide variability in the age ofpuberty onset.
- The height distribution for each sex, across all ages, is indeed extremely well described by the normal distribution. What biological factors may account for such a fact?

I'll plot one last graph from now, let's see what we can learn from it. Let's see the pdf for boys and girls across three age groups: 8, 12, and 15 year olds.

```
fig, ax = plt.subplots(3, 1, figsize=(8, 12), sharex=True)
fig.subplots_adjust(hspace=0.1)
ages_to_plot = [8.0, 12.0, 15.0]

for i, age in enumerate(ages_to_plot):
    pdf_boys = norm.pdf(height_list, loc=df_stats_boys.loc[age]['mu'], scale=df_stats_boys.lo
    pdf_girls = norm.pdf(height_list, loc=df_stats_girls.loc[age]['mu'], scale=df_stats_girls
    ax[i].plot(height_list, pdf_boys, label='boys', color='tab:blue')
    ax[i].plot(height_list, pdf_girls, label='girls', color='tab:orange')
    ax[i].text(0.98, 0.98, f'age: {age} years', transform=ax[i].transAxes, verticalalignment=
    ax[i].set(ylabel='pdf',
              ylim=(0, 0.07),
            )
ax[2].legend(frameon=False)
ax[2].set(xlabel='height (cm)',
          xlim=(100, 200),);
```


age: 8.0 years
age: 12.0 years
age: 15.0 years
boys
girls
pdf
0.00
0.02
0.04
0.06
100
120
140
160
180
200
height (cm)

- Indeed, boys and girls age 8 have the exact same height distribution.
- 12-year-old girls are indeed taller than boys, on average. This difference is relatiely small, though.
- By age 15 boys have long surpassed girls in height, and the difference is quite large. Boys still have some growing to do, but girls are mostly done growing.

Part II

hypothesis testing

2 one-sample t-test

2.1 Question

I measured the height of 10 adult men. Were they sampled from the general population of men?

2.2 Hypotheses

- Null hypothesis: The sample mean is equal to the population mean. In this case, the answer would be “yes”
- Alternative hypothesis: The sample mean is not equal to the population mean. Answer would be “no”.
- Significance level: 0.05

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
sns.set_theme(style="ticks", font_scale=1.5)
from scipy.stats import norm, ttest_1samp, t
%matplotlib widget
```

```
df_boys = pd.read_csv('../archive/data/height/boys_height_stats.csv', index_col=0)
mu_boys = df_boys.loc[20.0, 'mu']
sigma_boys = df_boys.loc[20.0, 'sigma']
```

Let’s start with a sample of 10.

```
N = 10
# set scipy seed for reproducibility
np.random.seed(314)
sample10 = norm.rvs(size=N, loc=mu_boys+2, scale=sigma_boys)
```

```
height_list = np.arange(140, 220, 0.1)
pdf_boys = norm.pdf(height_list, loc=mu_boys, scale=sigma_boys)

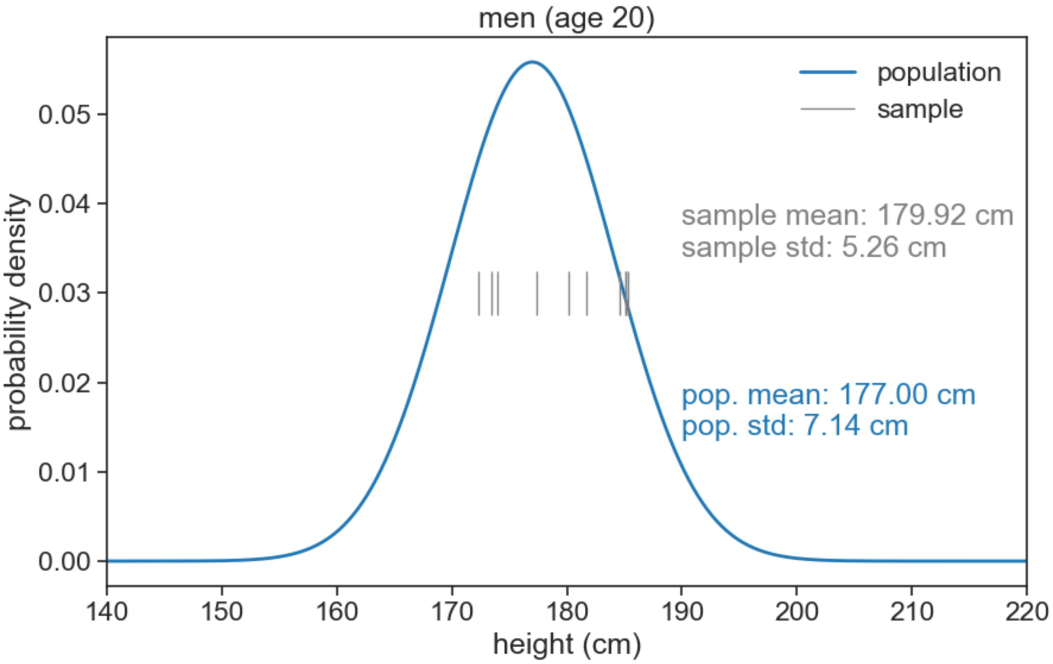
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10, 6))
ax.plot(height_list, pdf_boys, lw=2, color='tab:blue', label='population')

ax.eventplot(sample10, orientation="horizontal", lineoffsets=0.03,
             linewidth=1, linelengths= 0.005,
             colors='gray', label='sample')

ax.text(190, 0.04,
       f"sample mean: {sample10.mean():.2f} cm\nsample std: {sample10.std(ddof=1):.2f} cm",
       ha='left', va='top', color='gray')

ax.text(190, 0.02,
       f"pop. mean: {mu_boys:.2f} cm\npop. std: {sigma_boys:.2f} cm",
       ha='left', va='top', color='tab:blue')

ax.legend(frameon=False)
ax.set(xlabel='height (cm)',
       ylabel='probability density',
       title="men (age 20)",
       xlim=(140, 220),
       );
```



The t value is calculated as follows:

$$t = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{s/\sqrt{n}}$$

where

- $\bar{x}$: sample mean
- μ: population mean
- s: sample standard deviation
- n: sample size

Let's try the formula above and compare it with scipy's ttest_1samp function.

```
t_value_formula = (sample10.mean() - mu_boys) / (sample10.std(ddof=1) / np.sqrt(N))
t_value_scipy = ttest_1samp(sample10, popmean=mu_boys)
print(f"t-value (formula): {t_value_formula:.3f}")
print(f"t-value (scipy): {t_value_scipy.statistic:.3f}")
```

```
t-value (formula): 1.759
t-value (scipy): 1.759
```

Let's convert this t value to a p value. It is easy to visualize the p value by ploting the pdf for the t distribution. The p value is the area under the curve for t greater than the t value and smaller than the negative t value.

```
# degrees of freedom
dof = N - 1
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10, 6))

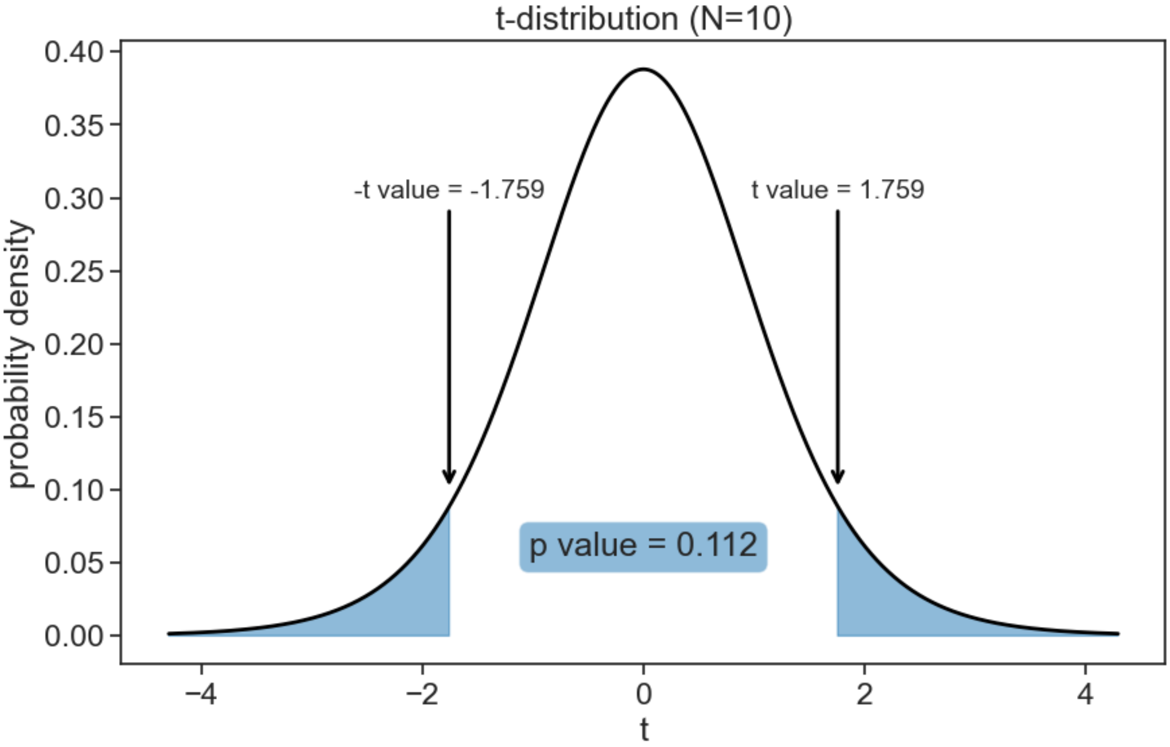
t_array_min = np.round(t.ppf(0.001, dof),3)
t_array_max = np.round(t.ppf(0.999, dof),3)
t_array = np.arange(t_array_min, t_array_max, 0.001)

# annotate vertical array at t_value_scipy
ax.annotate(f"t value = {t_value_scipy.statistic:.3f}",
                        xy=(t_value_scipy.statistic, 0.10),
                        xytext=(t_value_scipy.statistic, 0.30),
                        fontsize=14,
                        arrowprops=dict(arrowstyle="->", lw=2, color='black'),
                        ha='center')
ax.annotate(f"-t value = -{t_value_scipy.statistic:.3f}",
                        xy=(-t_value_scipy.statistic, 0.10),
                        xytext=(-t_value_scipy.statistic, 0.30),
                        fontsize=14,
                        arrowprops=dict(arrowstyle="->", lw=2, color='black'),
                        ha='center')
# fill between t-distribution and normal distribution
ax.fill_between(t_array, t.pdf(t_array, dof),
                 where=(np.abs(t_array) > t_value_scipy.statistic),
                 color='tab:blue', alpha=0.5,
                 label='rejection region')

# write t_value_scipy.pvalue on the plot
ax.text(0, 0.05,
        f"p value = {t_value_scipy.pvalue:.3f}",
        ha='center', va='bottom',
        bbox=dict(facecolor='tab:blue', alpha=0.5, boxstyle="round"))

ax.plot(t_array, t.pdf(t_array, dof),
       color='black', lw=2)

ax.set(xlabel='t',
       ylabel='probability density',
       title="t-distribution (N=10)",
        );
```



The p value is the fraction of the t distribution that is more extreme than the observed t value. If the p value is less than the significance level, we reject the null hypothesis. In this case, the p value is larger than the significance level, so we fail to reject the null hypothesis. This means that we do not have enough evidence to say that the sample mean is different from the population mean. In other words, we cannot conclude that the 10 men samples were drawn from a distribution different than the general population.

2.3 increase the sample size

Let’s see what happens when we increase the sample size to 100.

```
N = 100
# set scipy seed for reproducibility
np.random.seed(628)
sample100 = norm.rvs(size=N, loc=mu_boys+2, scale=sigma_boys)
```

```
height_list = np.arange(140, 220, 0.1)
pdf_boys = norm.pdf(height_list, loc=mu_boys, scale=sigma_boys)

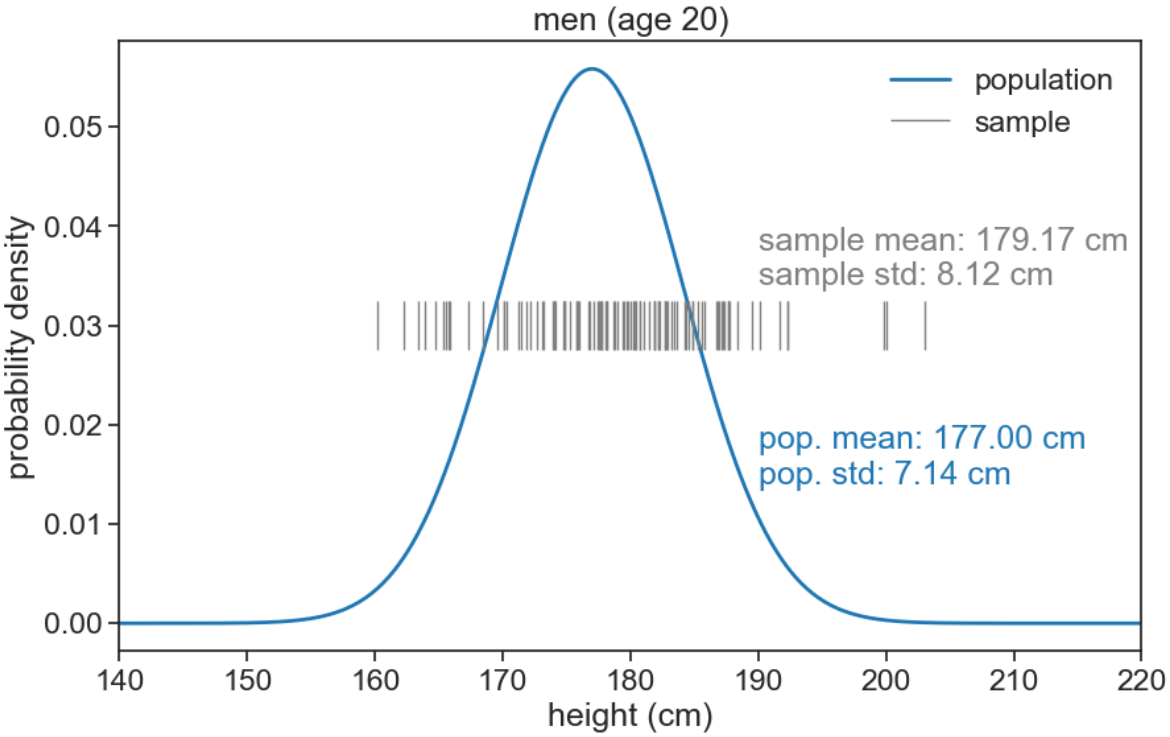
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10, 6))
ax.plot(height_list, pdf_boys, lw=2, color='tab:blue', label='population')

ax.eventplot(sample100, orientation="horizontal", lineoffsets=0.03,
             linewidth=1, linelengths= 0.005,
             colors='gray', label='sample')

ax.text(190, 0.04,
       f"sample mean: {sample100.mean():.2f} cm\nsample std: {sample100.std(ddof=1):.2f} cm"
       ha='left', va='top', color='gray')

ax.text(190, 0.02,
       f"pop. mean: {mu_boys:.2f} cm\npop. std: {sigma_boys:.2f} cm",
       ha='left', va='top', color='tab:blue')

ax.legend(frameon=False)
ax.set(xlabel='height (cm)',
       ylabel='probability density',
       title="men (age 20)",
       xlim=(140, 220),
       );
```



```
t_value_scipy = ttest_1samp(sample100, popmean=mu_boys)
print(f"t-value: {t_value_scipy.statistic:.3f}")
print(f"p-value: {t_value_scipy.pvalue:.3f}")
```

```
t-value: 2.675
p-value: 0.009
```

```
# degrees of freedom
dof = N - 1
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10, 6))

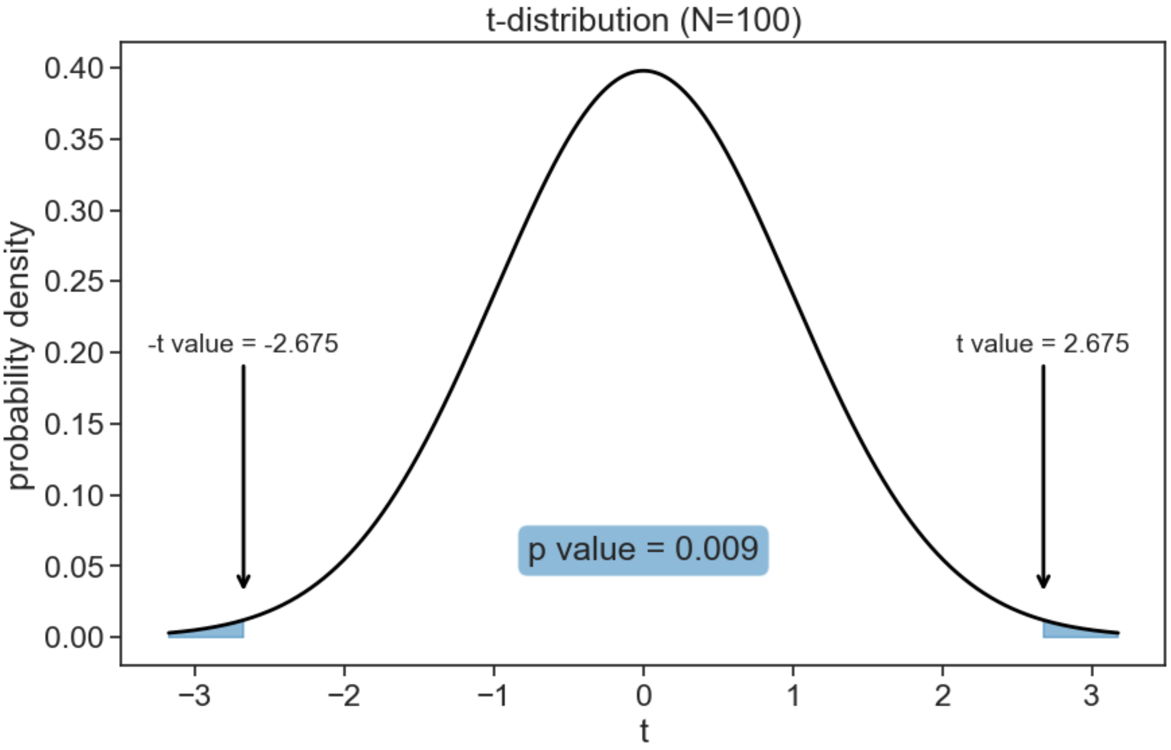
t_array_min = np.round(t.ppf(0.001, dof),3)
t_array_max = np.round(t.ppf(0.999, dof),3)
t_array = np.arange(t_array_min, t_array_max, 0.001)

# annotate vertical array at t_value_scipy
ax.annotate(f"t value = {t_value_scipy.statistic:.3f}",
                        xy=(t_value_scipy.statistic, 0.03),
                        xytext=(t_value_scipy.statistic, 0.20),
                        fontsize=14,
                        arrowprops=dict(arrowstyle="->", lw=2, color='black'),
                        ha='center')
ax.annotate(f"-t value = -{t_value_scipy.statistic:.3f}",
                        xy=(-t_value_scipy.statistic, 0.03),
                        xytext=(-t_value_scipy.statistic, 0.20),
                        fontsize=14,
                        arrowprops=dict(arrowstyle="->", lw=2, color='black'),
                        ha='center')
# fill between t-distribution and normal distribution
ax.fill_between(t_array, t.pdf(t_array, dof),
                 where=(np.abs(t_array) > t_value_scipy.statistic),
                 color='tab:blue', alpha=0.5,
                 label='rejection region')

# write t_value_scipy.pvalue on the plot
ax.text(0, 0.05,
        f"p value = {t_value_scipy.pvalue:.3f}",
        ha='center', va='bottom',
        bbox=dict(facecolor='tab:blue', alpha=0.5, boxstyle="round"))

ax.plot(t_array, t.pdf(t_array, dof),
       color='black', lw=2)

ax.set(xlabel='t',
       ylabel='probability density',
       title="t-distribution (N=100)",
       );
```



2.4 Question 2

Can we say that the sampled men are taller than the general population?

2.5 Hypotheses

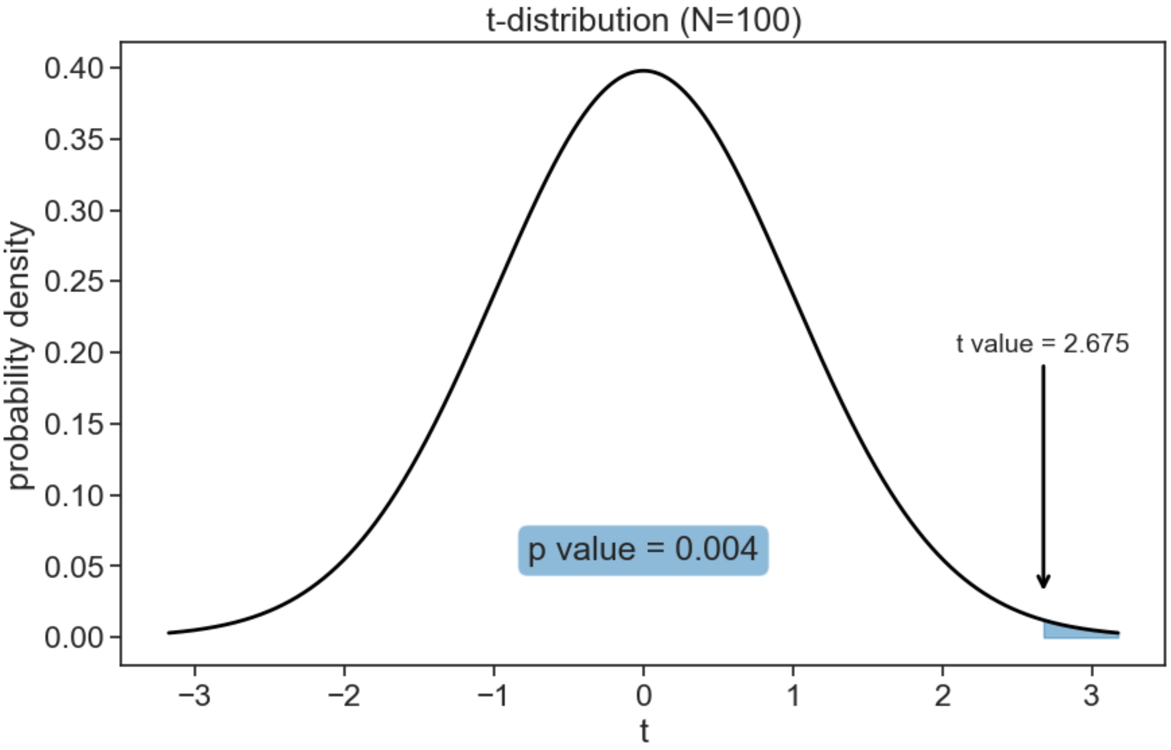
- Null hypothesis: The sample mean is equal to the population mean.
- Alternative hypothesis: The sample mean is higher the population mean.
- Significance level: 0.05

The analysis is the same as before, but we will use a one-tailed test. The t statistic is the same, but the p value is smaller, since we account for a smaller portion of the total area of the pdf.

```
t_value_scipy = ttest_1samp(sample100, popmean=mu_boys, alternative='greater')
print(f"t-value: {t_value_scipy.statistic:.3f}")
print(f"p-value: {t_value_scipy.pvalue:.3f}")
```

```
t-value: 2.675
p-value: 0.004
```

```python
# degrees of freedom
dof = N - 1
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10, 6))

t_array_min = np.round(t.ppf(0.001, dof),3)
t_array_max = np.round(t.ppf(0.999, dof),3)
t_array = np.arange(t_array_min, t_array_max, 0.001)

# annotate vertical array at t_value_scipy
ax.annotate(f"t value = {t_value_scipy.statistic:.3f}",
                        xy=(t_value_scipy.statistic, 0.03),
                        xytext=(t_value_scipy.statistic, 0.20),
                        fontsize=14,
                        arrowprops=dict(arrowstyle="->", lw=2, color='black'),
                        ha='center')
# fill between t-distribution and normal distribution
ax.fill_between(t_array, t.pdf(t_array, dof),
                 where=(t_array > t_value_scipy.statistic),
                 color='tab:blue', alpha=0.5,
                 label='rejection region')

# write t_value_scipy.pvalue on the plot
ax.text(0, 0.05,
        f"p value = {t_value_scipy.pvalue:.3f}",
        ha='center', va='bottom',
        bbox=dict(facecolor='tab:blue', alpha=0.5, boxstyle="round"))

ax.plot(t_array, t.pdf(t_array, dof),
       color='black', lw=2)

ax.set(xlabel='t',
       ylabel='probability density',
       title="t-distribution (N=100)",
       );
```



The answer is yes: the sampled men are significantly taller than the general population, since the p value is smaller than the significance level.

3 independent samples t-test

3.1 Question

Are 12-year old girls significantly taller than 12-year old boys?

3.2 Hypotheses

- Null hypothesis: Girls and boys have the same mean height.
- Alternative hypothesis: Girls are *significantly* taller.
- Significance level: 0.05

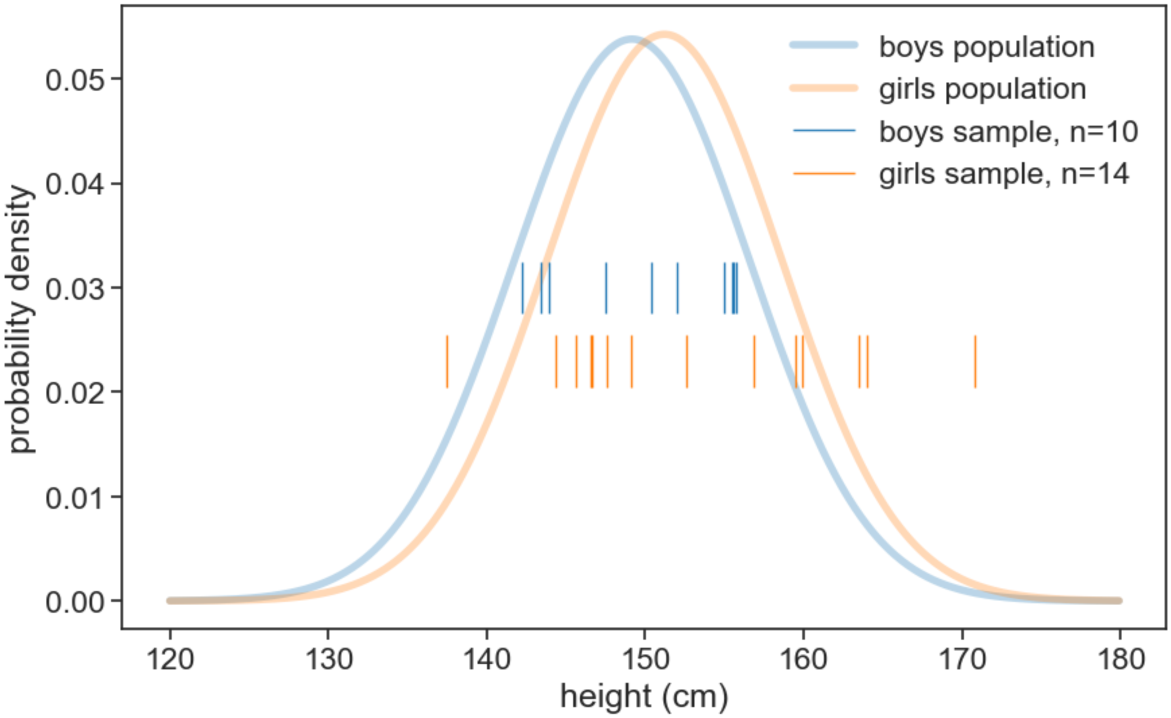
```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
sns.set_theme(style="ticks", font_scale=1.5)
from scipy.stats import norm, ttest_ind, t
# %matplotlib widget
```

```
df_boys = pd.read_csv('../archive/data/height/boys_height_stats.csv', index_col=0)
df_girls = pd.read_csv('../archive/data/height/girls_height_stats.csv', index_col=0)
age = 12.0
mu_boys = df_boys.loc[age, 'mu']
mu_girls = df_girls.loc[age, 'mu']
sigma_boys = df_boys.loc[age, 'sigma']
sigma_girls = df_girls.loc[age, 'sigma']
```

In this example, we sampled 10 boys and 14 girls. See below the samples data and their underlying distributions.

```
N_boys = 10
N_girls = 14
# set scipy seed for reproducibility
np.random.seed(314)
sample_boys = norm.rvs(size=N_boys, loc=mu_boys, scale=sigma_boys)
sample_girls = norm.rvs(size=N_girls, loc=mu_girls, scale=sigma_girls)
```

```
height_list = np.arange(120, 180, 0.1)
pdf_boys = norm.pdf(height_list, loc=mu_boys, scale=sigma_boys)
pdf_girls = norm.pdf(height_list, loc=mu_girls, scale=sigma_girls)
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10, 6))
ax.plot(height_list, pdf_boys, lw=4, alpha=0.3, color='tab:blue', label='boys population')
ax.plot(height_list, pdf_girls, lw=4, alpha=0.3, color='tab:orange', label='girls population

ax.eventplot(sample_boys, orientation="horizontal", lineoffsets=0.03,
             linewidth=1, linelengths= 0.005,
             colors='tab:blue', label=f'boys sample, n={N_boys}')
ax.eventplot(sample_girls, orientation="horizontal", lineoffsets=0.023,
             linewidth=1, linelengths= 0.005,
             colors='tab:orange', label=f'girls sample, n={N_girls}')
ax.legend(frameon=False)
ax.set(xlabel='height (cm)',
       ylabel='probability density',
    )
```



To answer the question, we will use an independent samples t-test.

$$t = \frac{\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2}{\Theta} \tag{3.1}$$

$$\Theta = \sqrt{\frac{s_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{n_2}} \tag{3.2}$$

This is a generalization of the one-sample t-test. If we take one of the samples to be infinite, we get the one-sample t-test.

We can compute the t-statistic by ourselves, and compare the results with those of `scipy.stats.ttest_ind`. Because we are interested in the difference between the means, we will use the `equal_var=False` option to compute Welch's t-test. Also, because we are testing the alternative hypothesis that girls are taller, we will use the one sided test.

```
Theta = np.sqrt(sample_boys.std(ddof=1)**2/sample_boys.size + \
                sample_girls.std(ddof=1)**2/sample_girls.size)
t_stat = (sample_boys.mean() - sample_girls.mean()) / Theta
dof = N_boys + N_girls - 2
p_val = t.cdf(t_stat, dof)
```

```
# the option alternative="less" is used because we are testing whether the first sample (boy
t_value_scipy = ttest_ind(sample_boys, sample_girls, equal_var=False, alternative="less")

print(f"t-statistic: {t_stat:.3f}, p-value: {p_val:.3f}")
print(f"t-statistic (scipy): {t_value_scipy.statistic:.3f}, p-value (scipy): {t_value_scipy.p
```

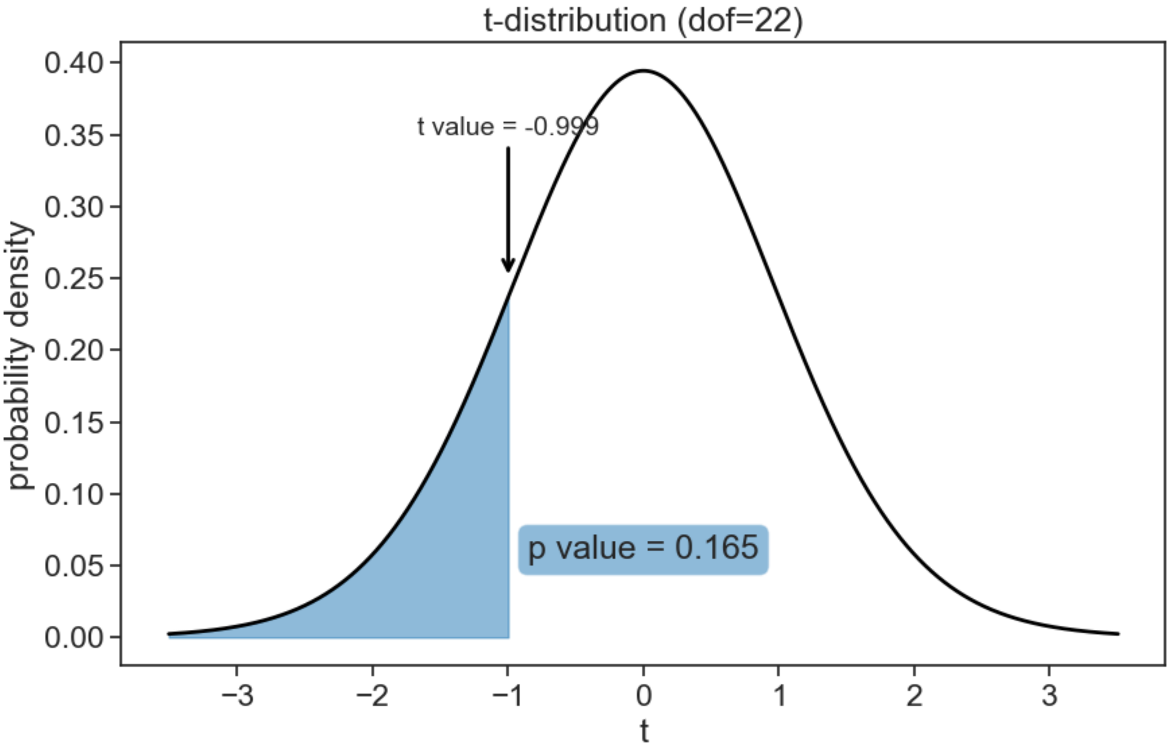
```
t-statistic: -0.999, p-value: 0.164
t-statistic (scipy): -0.999, p-value (scipy): 0.165
```

We got the exact same results :)

Now let's visualize what the p-value means.

```
# degrees of freedom
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10, 6))

t_array_min = np.round(t.ppf(0.001, dof),3)
t_array_max = np.round(t.ppf(0.999, dof),3)
t_array = np.arange(t_array_min, t_array_max, 0.001)

# annotate vertical array at t_value_scipy
ax.annotate(f"t value = {t_value_scipy.statistic:.3f}",
                        xy=(t_value_scipy.statistic, 0.25),
                        xytext=(t_value_scipy.statistic, 0.35),
                        fontsize=14,
                        arrowprops=dict(arrowstyle="->", lw=2, color='black'),
                        ha='center')
# fill between t-distribution and normal distribution
ax.fill_between(t_array, t.pdf(t_array, dof),
                 where=(t_array < t_value_scipy.statistic),
                 color='tab:blue', alpha=0.5,
                 label='rejection region')

# write t_value_scipy.pvalue on the plot
ax.text(0, 0.05,
        f"p value = {t_value_scipy.pvalue:.3f}",
        ha='center', va='bottom',
        bbox=dict(facecolor='tab:blue', alpha=0.5, boxstyle="round"))

ax.plot(t_array, t.pdf(t_array, dof),
       color='black', lw=2)
```

```
ax.set(xlabel='t',
       ylabel='probability density',
       title="t-distribution (dof=22)",
       );
```



Because the p-value is higher than the significance level, we fail to reject the null hypothesis. This means that, based on the data, we cannot conclude that girls are significantly taller than boys.

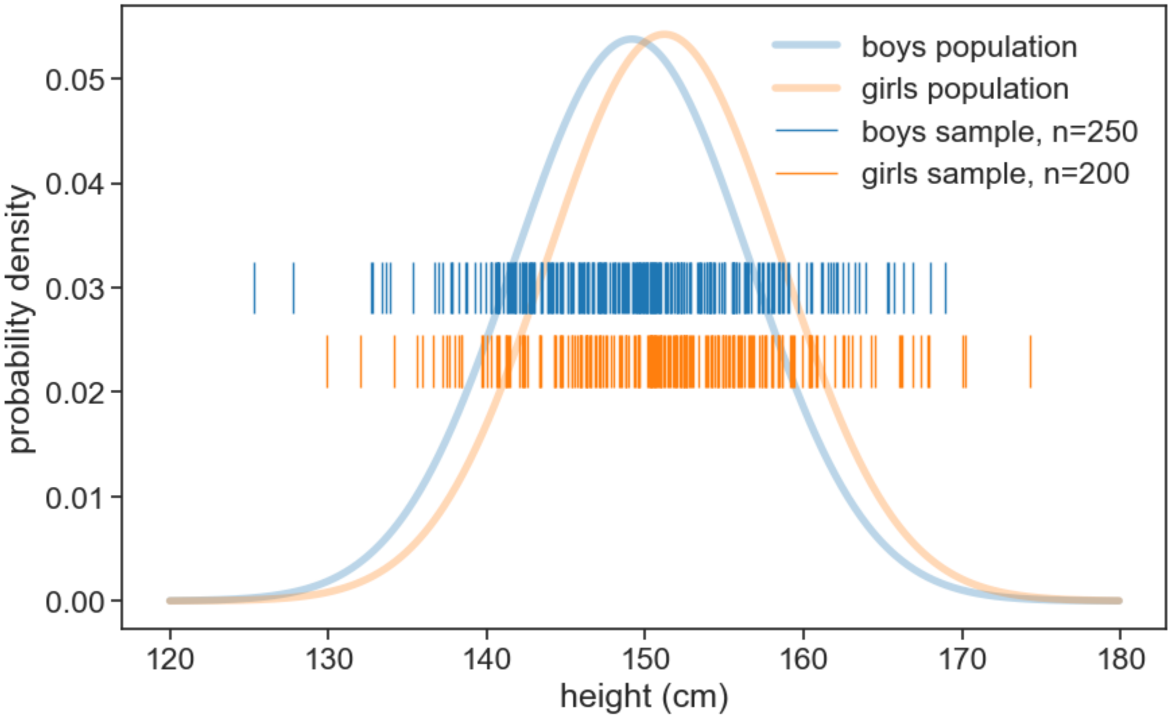
3.3 increasing sample size

Let's increase the sample size to see how it affects the p-value. We'll sample 250 boys and 200 girls now.

```
N_boys = 250
N_girls = 200
# set scipy seed for reproducibility
np.random.seed(314)
```

```
sample_boys = norm.rvs(size=N_boys, loc=mu_boys, scale=sigma_boys)
sample_girls = norm.rvs(size=N_girls, loc=mu_girls, scale=sigma_girls)
```

```
height_list = np.arange(120, 180, 0.1)
pdf_boys = norm.pdf(height_list, loc=mu_boys, scale=sigma_boys)
pdf_girls = norm.pdf(height_list, loc=mu_girls, scale=sigma_girls)
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10, 6))
ax.plot(height_list, pdf_boys, lw=4, alpha=0.3, color='tab:blue', label='boys population')
ax.plot(height_list, pdf_girls, lw=4, alpha=0.3, color='tab:orange', label='girls population

ax.eventplot(sample_boys, orientation="horizontal", lineoffsets=0.03,
             linewidth=1, linelengths= 0.005,
             colors='tab:blue', label=f'boys sample, n={N_boys}')
ax.eventplot(sample_girls, orientation="horizontal", lineoffsets=0.023,
             linewidth=1, linelengths= 0.005,
             colors='tab:orange', label=f'girls sample, n={N_girls}')
ax.legend(frameon=False)
ax.set(xlabel='height (cm)',
       ylabel='probability density',
     )
```



```
Theta = np.sqrt(sample_boys.std(ddof=1)**2/sample_boys.size + \
                sample_girls.std(ddof=1)**2/sample_girls.size)
t_stat = (sample_boys.mean() - sample_girls.mean()) / Theta
dof = N_boys + N_girls - 2
p_val = t.cdf(t_stat, dof)

# the option alternative="less" is used because we are testing whether the first sample (boys
t_value_scipy = ttest_ind(sample_boys, sample_girls, equal_var=False, alternative="less")

print(f"t-statistic: {t_stat:.3f}, p-value: {p_val:.3f}")
print(f"t-statistic (scipy): {t_value_scipy.statistic:.3f}, p-value (scipy): {t_value_scipy.p
```

```
t-statistic: -2.639, p-value: 0.004
t-statistic (scipy): -2.639, p-value (scipy): 0.004
```

We found now a p-value lower than the significance level, so we reject the null hypothesis. This means that, based on the data, we can conclude that girls are significantly taller than boys.

Part III

confidence interval

4 basic concepts

Suppose we randomly select 30 seven-year-old boys from schools around the country and measure their heights (this is our sample). We'd like to use their average height to estimate the true average height of all seven-year-old boys nationwide (the population). Because different samples of 30 boys would yield slightly different averages, we need a way to quantify that uncertainty. A confidence interval gives us a range—based on our sample data—that expresses what we would expect to find if we were to repeat this sampling process many times.

```python
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
sns.set_theme(style="ticks", font_scale=1.5)
from scipy.stats import norm, ttest_ind, t
import scipy
from matplotlib.lines import Line2D
import matplotlib.gridspec as gridspec
# %matplotlib widget
```

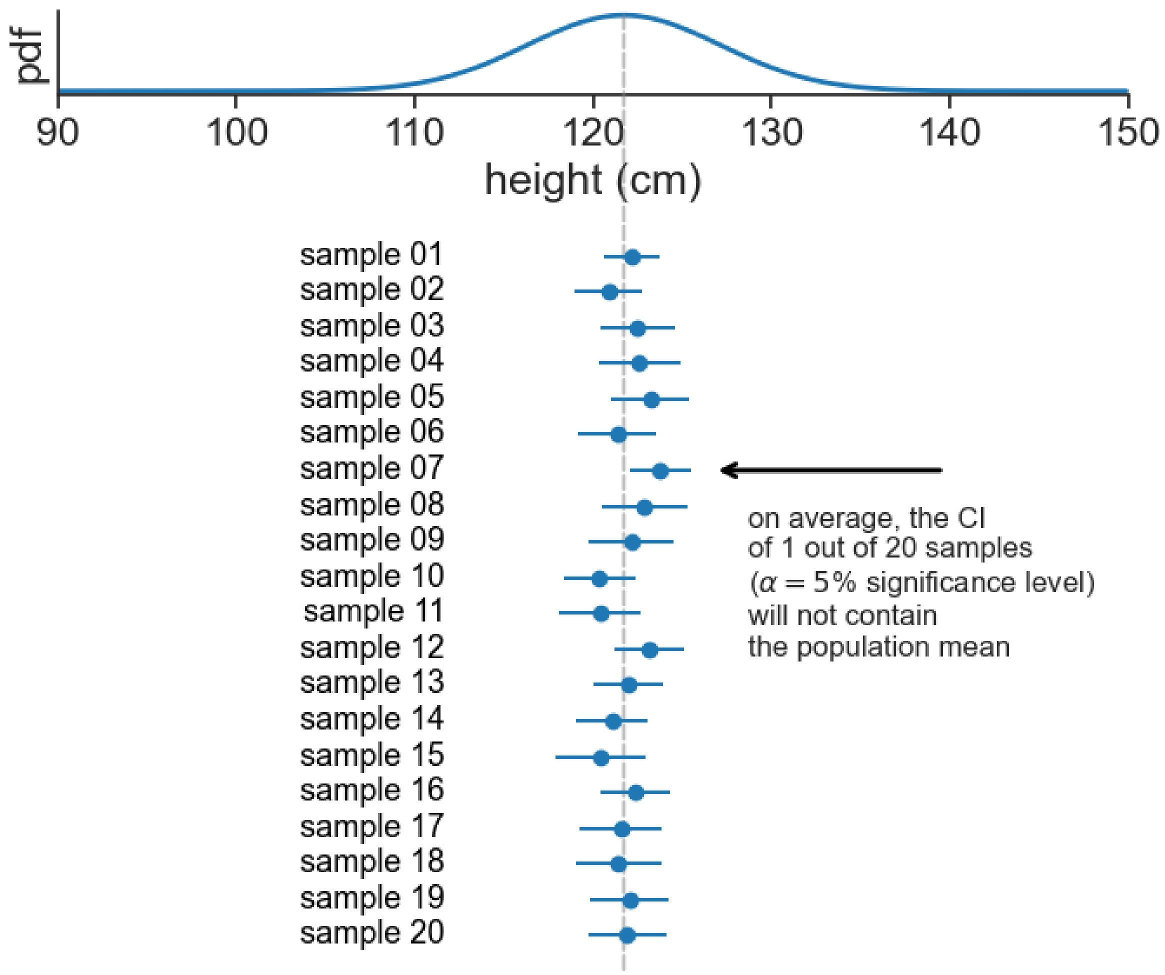
```python
df_boys = pd.read_csv('../archive/data/height/boys_height_stats.csv', index_col=0)
age = 7.0
mu_boys = df_boys.loc[age, 'mu']
sigma_boys = df_boys.loc[age, 'sigma']
```

See the height distribution for seven-year-old boys. Below it we see the means for 20 samples of groups of 30 boys. The 95% confidence interval is the range of values that, on average, 95% of the samples CI contain the true population mean. In this case, this amounts to one out of the 20 samples.

```python
np.random.seed(628)
height_list = np.arange(90, 150, 0.1)
pdf_boys = norm.pdf(height_list, loc=mu_boys, scale=sigma_boys)

fig = plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
gs = gridspec.GridSpec(2, 1, height_ratios=[0.1, 0.9])
```

```python
gs.update(left=0.09, right=0.86,top=0.98, bottom=0.06, hspace=0.30, wspace=0.05)
ax0 = plt.subplot(gs[0, 0])
ax1 = plt.subplot(gs[1, 0])

ax0.plot(height_list, pdf_boys, lw=2, color='tab:blue', label='population')

N_samples = 20
N = 30

for i in range(N_samples):
    sample = norm.rvs(loc=mu_boys, scale=sigma_boys, size=N)
    sample_mean = sample.mean()
    # confidence interval
    alpha = 0.05
    z_crit = scipy.stats.t.isf(alpha/2, N-1)
    CI = z_crit * sample.std(ddof=1) / np.sqrt(N)
    ax1.errorbar(sample_mean, i, xerr=CI, fmt='o', color='tab:blue',
                 label=f'sample {i+1}' if i == 0 else "", capsize=0)


from matplotlib.patches import ConnectionPatch
line = ConnectionPatch(xyA=(mu_boys, pdf_boys.max()), xyB=(mu_boys, -1), coordsA="data", coo
                      axesA=ax0, axesB=ax1, color="gray", linestyle='--', linewidth=1.5, alph
ax1.add_artist(line)

ax1.annotate(
        '',
        xy=(mu_boys + 5, 13),  # tip of the arrow (first error bar, y=0)
        xytext=(mu_boys + 5 + 13, 13),  # text location
        arrowprops=dict(arrowstyle='->', lw=2, color='black'),
        fontsize=13,
        color='tab:blue',
        ha='left',
        va='center'
)

ax1.text(mu_boys + 5 + 2, 12, "on average, the CI\nof 1 out of 20 samples\n"
         r"($\alpha=5$% significance level)"
          "\nwill not contain\nthe population mean",
          va="top", fontsize=12)

# write "sample i" for each error bar
```

```
for i in range(N_samples):
    ax1.text(mu_boys -10, i, f'sample {N_samples-i:02d}',
             fontsize=13, color='black',
             ha='right', va='center')

# ax.legend(frameon=False)
ax0.spines['top'].set_visible(False)
ax0.spines['right'].set_visible(False)
ax1.spines['top'].set_visible(False)
ax1.spines['right'].set_visible(False)
ax1.spines['left'].set_visible(False)
ax1.spines['bottom'].set_visible(False)

ax0.set(xticks=np.arange(90, 151, 10),
        xlim=(90, 150),
        xlabel='height (cm)',
        # xticklabels=[],
        yticks=[],
        ylabel='pdf',
        )
ax1.set(xticks=[],
        xlim=(90, 150),
        ylim=(-1, N_samples),
        yticks=[],
       );
```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sample 01
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sample 05
sample 06
sample 07
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sample 09
sample 10
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sample 13
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sample 15
sample 16
sample 17
sample 18
sample 19
sample 20
on average, the CI
of 1 out of 20 samples
($\alpha = 5\%$ significance level)
will not contain
the population mean

5 analytical confidence interval

```python
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
sns.set_theme(style="ticks", font_scale=1.5)
from scipy.stats import norm, ttest_ind, t
import scipy
# %matplotlib widget
```

We wish to compute the confidence interval for the mean height of 7-year-old boys, for a sample of size N.

We will start our journey with a refresher of the Central Limit Theorem (CLT).

5.1 CLT

The Central Limit Theorem states that the sampling distribution of the sample mean

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

approaches a normal distribution as the sample size N increases, regardless of the shape of the population distribution. This normal distribution can be expressed as:

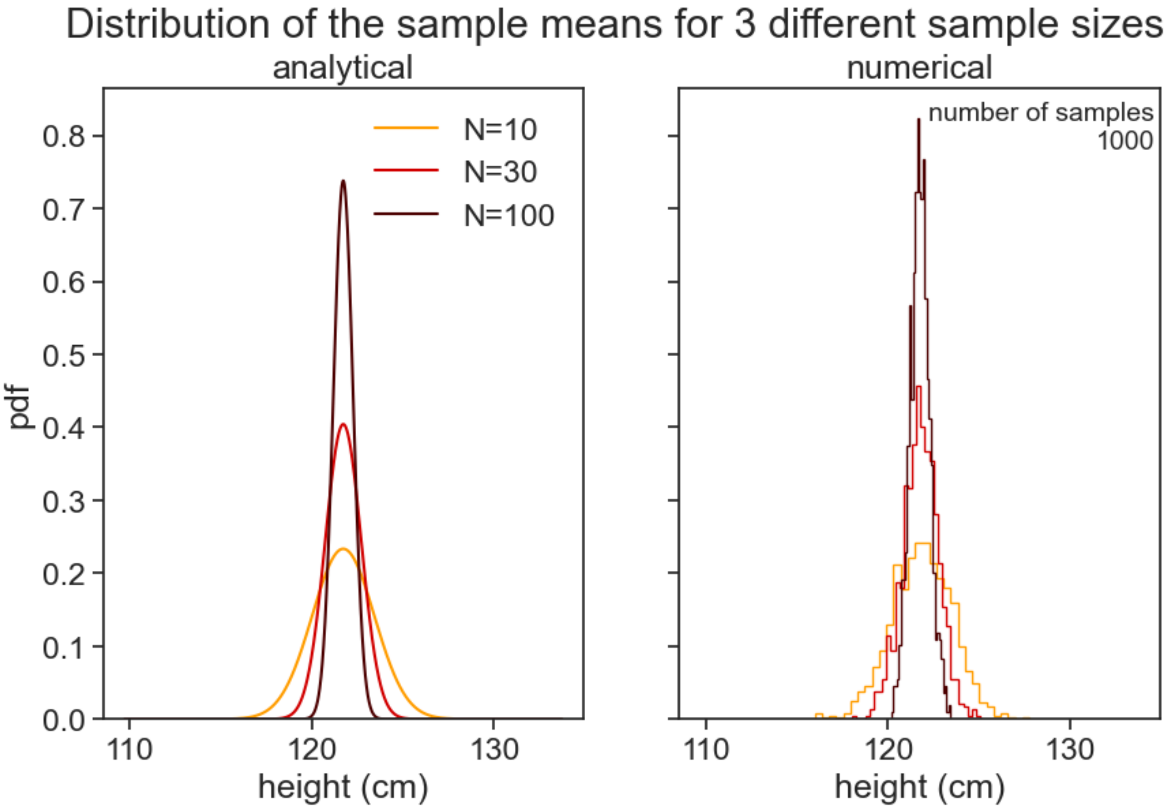
$$\bar{X} \sim N\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{N}\right),$$

where μ and σ^2 are the population mean and variance, respectively. When talking about samples, we use $\bar{x}$ and s^2 to denote the sample mean and variance.

Let's visualize this. The graph below shows how the sample size N affects the sampling distribution of the sample mean $\bar{X}$. The higher the sample size, the more concentrated the distribution becomes around the population mean μ. If we take N to be infinity, the sampling distribution of the sample mean becomes a delta function at μ, and we will know the exact value of the population mean.

```python
df_boys = pd.read_csv('../archive/data/height/boys_height_stats.csv', index_col=0)
mu_boys = df_boys.loc[7.0, 'mu']
sigma_boys = df_boys.loc[7.0, 'sigma']
```

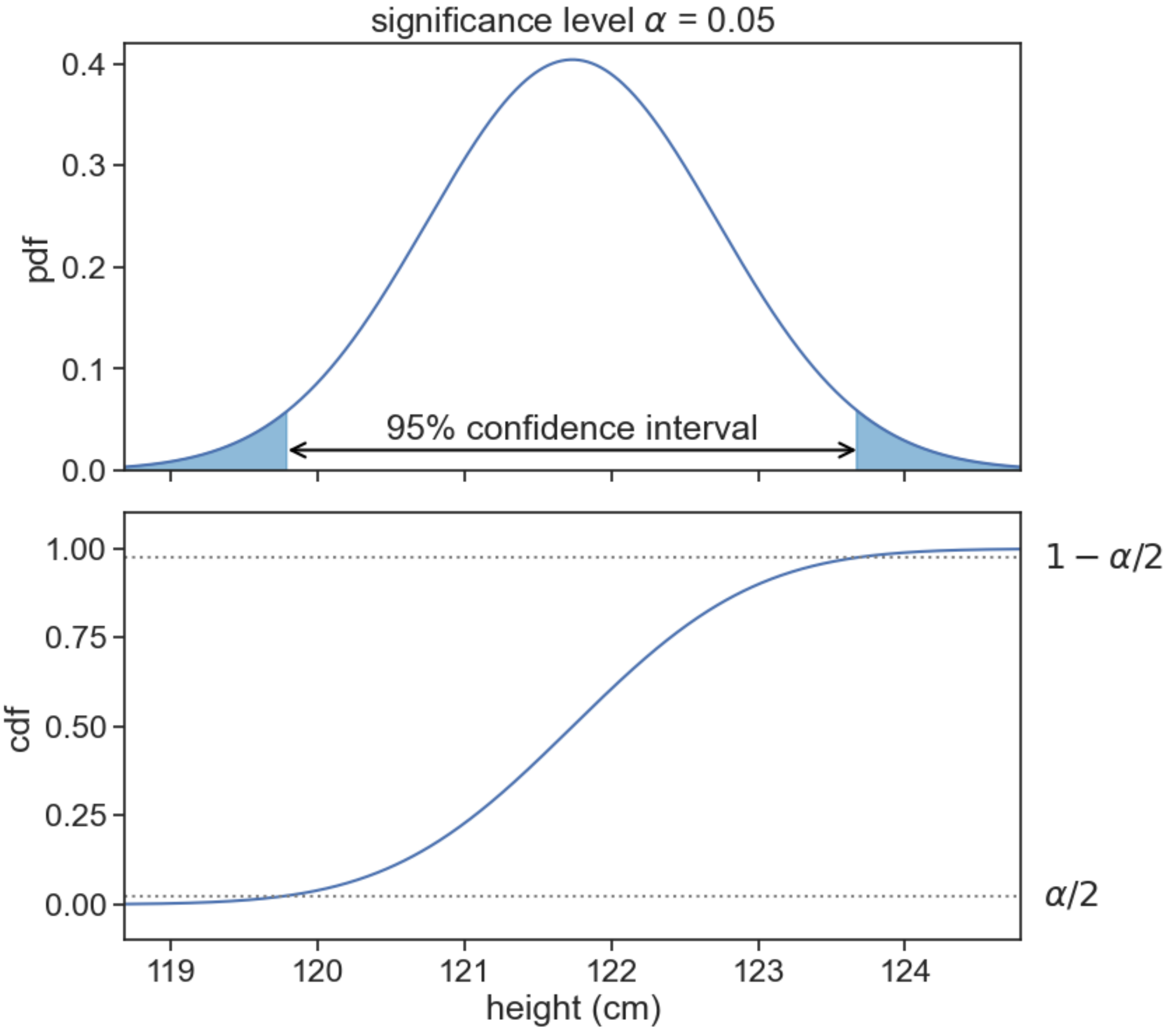
```python
fig, ax = plt.subplots(1,2, figsize=(10, 6), sharex=True, sharey=True)

height_list = np.arange(mu_boys-12, mu_boys+12, 0.01)
N_list = [10, 30, 100]
alpha_list = [0.4, 0.6, 1.0]

colors = plt.cm.hot([0.6, 0.3, 0.1])

N_samples = 1000
np.random.seed(628)
mean_list_10 = []
mean_list_30 = []
mean_list_100 = []
for i in range(N_samples):
    mean_list_10.append(np.mean(norm.rvs(size=10, loc=mu_boys, scale=sigma_boys)))
    mean_list_30.append(np.mean(norm.rvs(size=30, loc=mu_boys, scale=sigma_boys)))
    mean_list_100.append(np.mean(norm.rvs(size=100, loc=mu_boys, scale=sigma_boys)))

alpha = 0.05

# z_alpha_over_two = norm(loc=mu_boys, scale=SE).ppf(1 - alpha / 2)
# z_alpha_over_two = np.round(z_alpha_over_two, 2)

for i,N in enumerate(N_list):
    SE = sigma_boys / np.sqrt(N)
    ax[0].plot(height_list, norm(loc=mu_boys, scale=SE).pdf(height_list),
            color=colors[i], label=f"N={N}")

ax[1].hist(mean_list_10, bins=30, density=True, color=colors[0], label="N=10", align='mid', l
ax[1].hist(mean_list_30, bins=30, density=True, color=colors[1], label="N=10", align='mid', l
ax[1].hist(mean_list_100, bins=30, density=True, color=colors[2], label="N=10", align='mid',

ax[1].text(0.99, 0.98, "number of samples\n1000", ha='right', va='top', transform=ax[1].trans
ax[0].legend(frameon=False)
ax[0].set(xlabel="height (cm)",
       ylabel="pdf",
       title="analytical"
       )
ax[1].set(xlabel="height (cm)",
          title="numerical"
          )
# title that hovers over both subplots
fig.suptitle(f"Distribution of the sample means for 3 different sample sizes");
```



5.2 confidence interval 1

Let's use now the sample size $N = 30$. The confidence interval for a significance level $\alpha = 0.05$ is the interval that leaves $\alpha/2$ of the pdf area in each tail of the distribution.

```
fig, ax = plt.subplots(2, 1, figsize=(8, 8), sharex=True)
plt.subplots_adjust(left=0.1, bottom=0.1, right=0.9, top=0.9, wspace=0.0, hspace=0.1)
N = 30
SE = sigma_boys / np.sqrt(N)

h_min = np.round(norm(loc=mu_boys, scale=SE).ppf(0.001), 2)
h_max = np.round(norm(loc=mu_boys, scale=SE).ppf(0.999), 2)
height_list = np.arange(h_min, h_max, 0.01)

alpha = 0.05
z_alpha_over_two_hi = np.round(norm(loc=mu_boys, scale=SE).ppf(1 - alpha / 2), 2)
z_alpha_over_two_lo = np.round(norm(loc=mu_boys, scale=SE).ppf(alpha / 2), 2)


ax[0].plot(height_list, norm(loc=mu_boys, scale=SE).pdf(height_list))
ax[1].plot(height_list, norm(loc=mu_boys, scale=SE).cdf(height_list))

ax[0].fill_between(height_list, norm(loc=mu_boys, scale=SE).pdf(height_list),
                   where=((height_list > z_alpha_over_two_hi) | (height_list < z_alpha_over_t
                   color='tab:blue', alpha=0.5,
                   label='rejection region')

ax[0].annotate(f"",
               xy=(z_alpha_over_two_hi, 0.02),
               xytext=(z_alpha_over_two_lo, 0.02),
               arrowprops=dict(arrowstyle="<->", lw=1.5, color='black', shrinkA=0.0, shrinkB=
               )
ax[1].text(h_max+0.15, norm(loc=mu_boys, scale=SE).cdf(z_alpha_over_two_lo), r"$\alpha/2$",
           ha="left", va="center")
ax[1].text(h_max+0.15, norm(loc=mu_boys, scale=SE).cdf(z_alpha_over_two_hi), r"$1-\alpha/2$"
           ha="left", va="center")
ax[1].axhline(alpha/2, color='gray', linestyle=':')
ax[1].axhline(1-alpha/2, color='gray', linestyle=':')
ax[0].text(mu_boys, 0.03, "95% confidence interval", ha="center")
ax[0].set(ylim=(0, 0.42),
          ylabel="pdf",
          title=r"significance level $\alpha$ = 0.05",
          )
ax[1].set(ylim=(-0.1, 1.1),
          xlim=(h_min, h_max),
          ylabel="cdf",
          xlabel="height (cm)",
        );
```



That's it. That's the whole story.

5.3 confidence interval 2

The rest is repackaging the above in a slightly different way. Instead of finding the top and bottom of the confidence interval according to the cdf of a normal distribution of mean μ and variance σ^2/N, we first standardize this distribution to a standard normal distribution $Z \sim N(0,1)$, compute the confidence interval for Z, and then transform it back to the original distribution.

If the distribution of the sample mean $\bar{X}$

$$\bar{X} \sim N\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{N}\right),$$

then the standardized variable Z is defined as:

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

Why is this useful? Because we usually use the same significance level α for all confidence intervals, and we can compute the confidence interval for Z once and use it for all confidence intervals. For $Z \sim N(0,1)$ and $\alpha = 0.05$, the top and bottom of the confidence interval are $Z_{\alpha/2} = \pm 1.96$. Now we only have to invert the expression above to get the confidence interval for $\bar{X}$:

$$X_{1,2} = \mu \pm Z_{\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{N}}.$$

The very last thing we have to account for is the fact that we don't know the population statistics μ and σ^2. Instead, we have to use the sample statistics $\bar{x}$ and s^2. Furthermore, we have to use the t-distribution instead of the normal distribution, because we are estimating the population variance from the sample variance. The t-distribution has a shape similar to the normal distribution, but it has heavier tails, which accounts for the additional uncertainty introduced by estimating the population variance. Thus, we replace μ with $\bar{x}$ and σ^2 with s^2, and we use the t-distribution with $N-1$ degrees of freedom. This gives us the final expression for the confidence interval:

$$X_{1,2} = \bar{x} \pm t^*_{N-1} \cdot \frac{s}{\sqrt{N}},$$

where t^*_{N-1} is the critical value from the t-distribution with $N-1$ degrees of freedom.

5.4 the solution

Let's say I measured the heights of 30 7-year-old boys, and this is the data I got:

```
N = 30
np.random.seed(271)
sample = norm.rvs(size=N, loc=mu_boys, scale=sigma_boys)
print(f"Sample mean: {np.mean(sample):.2f} cm")
print(sample)
```

```
Sample mean: 122.60 cm
[114.15972134 128.21581493 122.9864136  117.94247325 132.11013925
 118.69131645 123.67695468 112.03152008 121.59853424 114.8629358
 121.90458112 115.68839748 127.18043069 118.33193499 125.28525617
 124.5287395  120.72706375 113.10575734 132.229147   129.16820684
 125.94682095 126.08299475 125.95056303 125.6858065  115.07854075
 124.93539918 125.12886271 126.91366971 120.88030405 127.04777082]
```

Using the formula for the confidence interval we get:

```python
alpha = 0.05
z_crit = scipy.stats.t.isf(alpha/2, N-1)
CI = z_crit * sample.std(ddof=1) / np.sqrt(N)
CI_low = np.round(sample.mean() - CI, 2)
CI_high = np.round(sample.mean() + CI, 2)
print(f"Sample mean: {np.mean(sample):.2f} cm")
print("The 95% confidence interval is [{}, {}] cm".format(CI_low, CI_high))
print(f"The true population mean is {mu_boys:.2f} cm")
```

```
Sample mean: 122.60 cm
The 95% confidence interval is [120.54, 124.67] cm
The true population mean is 121.74 cm
```

5.5 a few points to stress

It is worth commenting on a few points:

- If we were to sample a great many number of samples of size $N = 30$, and compute the confidence interval for each sample, then approximately 95% of these intervals would contain the true population mean μ.
- It is not true that the probability that the true population mean μ is in the confidence interval is 95%. The true population mean is either in the interval or not, and it does not have a probability associated with it. The 95% confidence level refers to the long-run frequency of intervals containing the true population mean if we were to repeat the sampling process many times. This is the common *frequentist* interpretation of confidence intervals.
- If you want to talk about confidence interval in the *Bayesian* framework, then first we would have to assign a prior distribution to the population mean μ, and then we would compute the posterior distribution of μ given the data. The credible interval is then the interval that contains 95% of the posterior distribution of μ.

- To sum up the difference between the frequentist and Bayesian interpretations of confidence intervals:
  - Frequentist CI: “I am 95% confident in the method” (long-run frequency).
  - Bayesian credible interval: “There is a 95% probability that   lies in this interval” (degree of belief).

6 empirical confidence interval

Not always we want to compute the confidence interval of the mean. Sometimes we are interested in a different statistic, such as the median, the standard deviation, or the maximum. The equations we saw before for the confidence interval of the mean do not apply to these statistics. However, we can still compute a confidence interval for them using the empirical bootstrap method.

6.1 bootstrap confidence interval

1. Draw a sample of size N from the population. Let's assume you made an experiment and you could only afford to collect N samples. You will not have the opportunity to collect more samples, and that's all you have available.
2. Assume that the sample is representative of the population. This is a strong assumption, but we will use it to compute the confidence interval.
3. From this original sample, draw B bootstrap samples of size N with replacement. This means that you will randomly select N samples from the original sample, allowing for duplicates. This is like drawing pieces of paper from a hat, where you can put the paper back after drawing it.
4. For each bootstrap sample, compute the statistic of interest (e.g., median, standard deviation, maximum).
5. Compute the cdf of the bootstrap statistics. This will give you the empirical distribution of the statistic.
6. Compute the confidence interval using the empirical distribution. For a 95% confidence interval, you can take the 2.5th and 97.5th percentiles of the bootstrap statistics.

That's it. Now let's do it in code.

6.2 question

We have a sample of 30 7-year-old boys. What can we say about the maximum height of 7-year-olds in the general population?

```python
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
sns.set_theme(style="ticks", font_scale=1.5)
from scipy.stats import norm, ttest_ind, t
import scipy
# %matplotlib widget
```

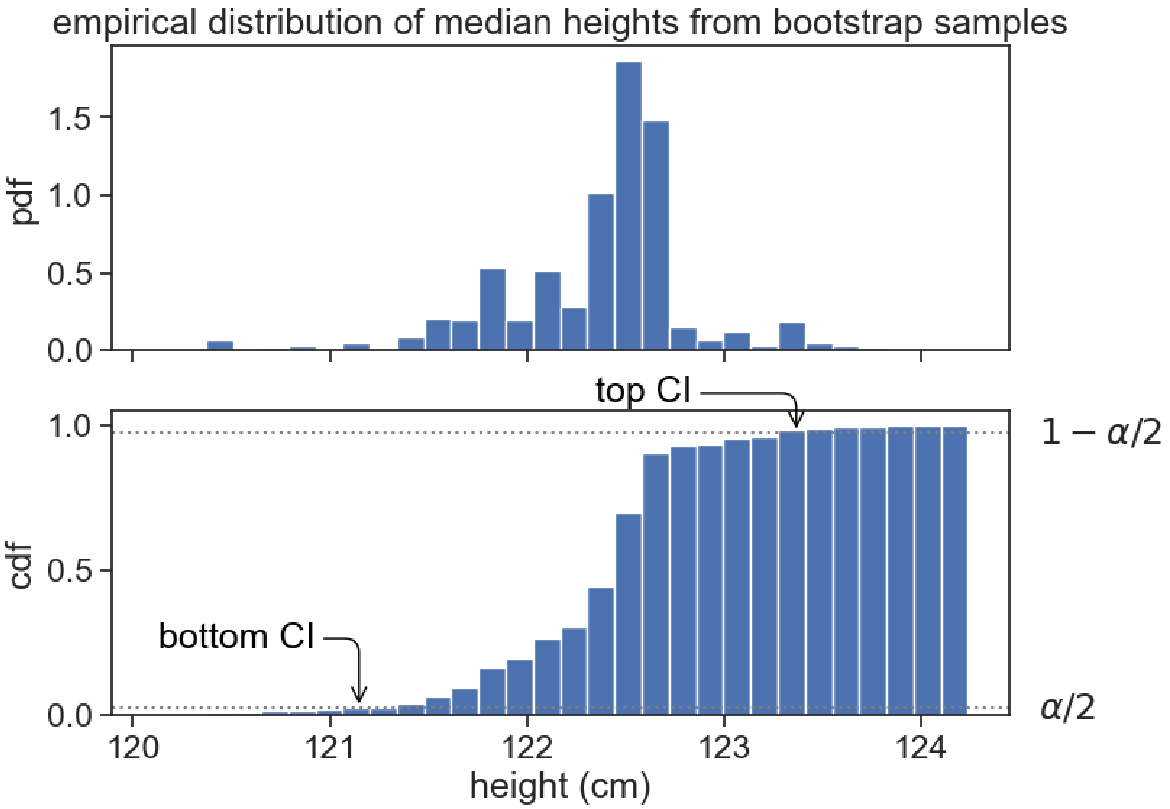
```python
df_boys = pd.read_csv('../archive/data/height/boys_height_stats.csv', index_col=0)
mu_boys = df_boys.loc[7.0, 'mu']
sigma_boys = df_boys.loc[7.0, 'sigma']
```

```python
N = 100
B = 10000
sample = norm.rvs(size=N, loc=mu_boys, scale=sigma_boys)
median_list = []
for i in range(B):
    sample_bootstrap = np.random.choice(sample, size=N, replace=True)
    median_list.append(np.median(sample_bootstrap))
median_list = np.array(median_list)

alpha = 0.05
ci_bottom = np.quantile(median_list,alpha/2)
ci_top = np.quantile(median_list, 1-alpha/2)
print(f"Bootstrap CI for median: {ci_bottom:.2f} - {ci_top:.2f} cm")
```

```
Bootstrap CI for median: 121.19 - 123.63 cm
```

```python
fig, ax = plt.subplots(2,1, figsize=(8, 6), sharex=True)
ax[0].hist(median_list, bins=30, density=True, align='mid')
ax[1].hist(median_list, bins=30, density=True, cumulative=True, align='mid')

ax[1].axhline(alpha/2, color='gray', linestyle=':')
ax[1].axhline(1-alpha/2, color='gray', linestyle=':')

xlim = ax[1].get_xlim()
ax[1].text(xlim[1]+0.15, alpha/2, r"$\alpha/2$",
           ha="left", va="center")
ax[1].text(xlim[1]+0.15, 1-alpha/2, r"$1-\alpha/2$",
           ha="left", va="center")
```

```
ax[1].annotate(
     'bottom CI',
     xy=(ci_bottom, alpha/2), xycoords='data',
     xytext=(-100, 30), textcoords='offset points',
     color='black',
     arrowprops=dict(arrowstyle="->", color='black',
                     connectionstyle="angle,angleA=0,angleB=90,rad=10"))
ax[1].annotate(
     'top CI',
     xy=(ci_top, 1-alpha/2), xycoords='data',
     xytext=(-100, 15), textcoords='offset points',
     color='black',
     arrowprops=dict(arrowstyle="->", color='black',
                     connectionstyle="angle,angleA=0,angleB=90,rad=10"))

ax[0].set(ylabel="pdf",
          title="empirical distribution of median heights from bootstrap samples")
ax[1].set(ylabel="cdf",
          xlabel="height (cm)")
```



Clearly, the distribution of median height is not normal. The bootstrap method gives us a way to compute the confidence interval of the median height (or any other statistic of your choosing) without assuming normality.

Part IV

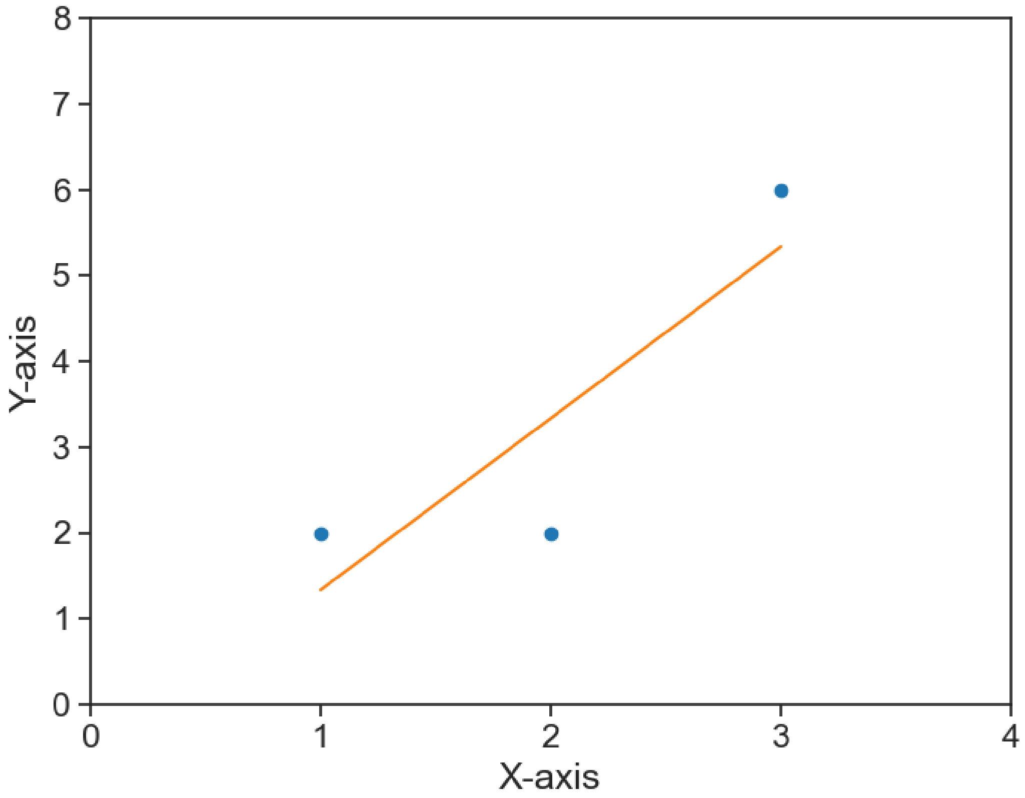
svd

7 svd

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
sns.set_theme(style="ticks", font_scale=1.5)
from scipy.stats import norm, ttest_ind, t
import scipy
from mpl_toolkits.mplot3d import Axes3D
from matplotlib.animation import FuncAnimation, FFMpegWriter
%load_ext manim

import os
%matplotlib widget
```

```
The manim module is not an IPython extension.
```

```
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(8, 6))
x = np.array([1, 2, 3])
y = np.array([2, 2, 6])
intercept = np.ones_like(x)

# linear regression
slope, intercept, r_value, p_value, std_err = scipy.stats.linregress(x, y)
# plot the regression line
ax.plot(x, intercept + slope * x, color='tab:orange', label='Regression Line')

ax.plot(x, y, marker='o', linestyle='None', color='tab:blue')
ax.set(xlim=(0, 4),
       ylim=(0, 7),
       xticks=np.arange(0, 5, 1),
       yticks=np.arange(0, 9, 1),
       xlabel='X-axis',
       ylabel='Y-axis');
```



```
intercept, slope
```

```
(np.float64(-0.6666666666666665), np.float64(2.0))
```