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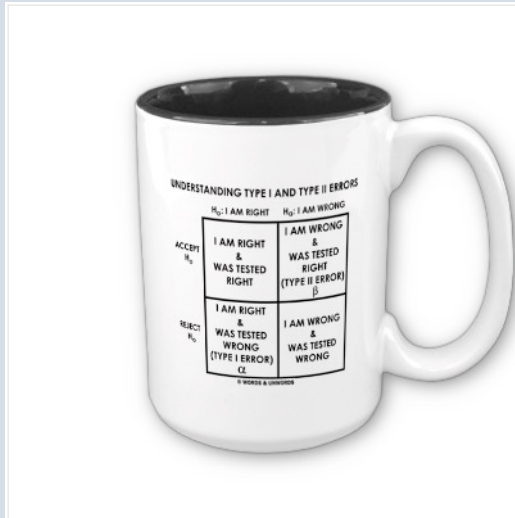
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Module 3

Hypothesis Testing



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Discrete and Continuous Variables

- **Discrete**

Values can be counted, i.e. associate an integer index

e.g. Number of petals on the daisies in the gardens of Ottawa

- Daisies (in the gardens of Ottawa): population units
- Number of petals: discrete variable (numerical)

Car brands in Sudbury

- Cars (in Sudbury): population units
- Car brand: discrete variable (categorical)

Discrete and Continuous Variables

- **Continuous**

Any real value in a range (continuous)

e.g. Blood pressure of overweight Canadians

- Overweight Canadians: population units
- Blood pressure: continuous variable (numerical)

Liters of wastewater produced by each Toronto inhabitant in 2010

- Toronto inhabitants: population units
- Liters of wastewater (2010): continuous variable (numerical)

Analytical Variable Distributions

- **Empirical distributions**

- We measure all the members of a *population* for some property
- We end up having a finite number of values
- Their distribution can be summarized using the techniques described in the previous chapter (histogram, ...)
- The probability of observing a value in a given range is just the empirically observed frequency

- **Analytical Distributions**

- What if we can define analytically the distribution?
- i.e. use a mathematical formula $P(x) = f(x)$

Discrete Analytical Distributions

- Cast a (fair) 6-face dice, observe the number on the top face
 - Population units: all the possible dice-casting events for that (fair) 6-face dice
 - Discrete variable: number on the top face of the dice

- Probability distribution

$$P(x) = 1/6, \quad x \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

$$P(1) = 1/6$$

$$P(4) = 1/6$$

$$P(2) = 1/6$$

$$P(3) = 1/6$$

$$P(5) = 1/6$$

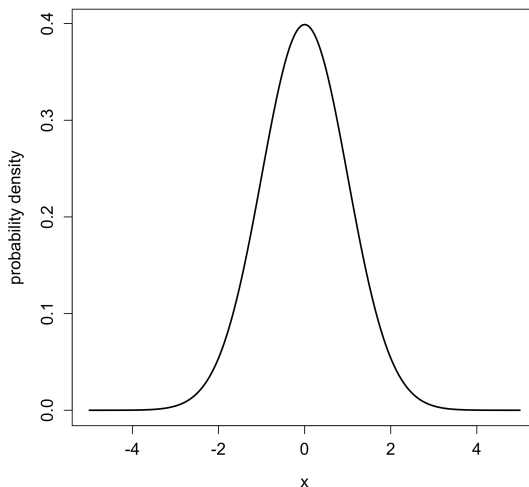
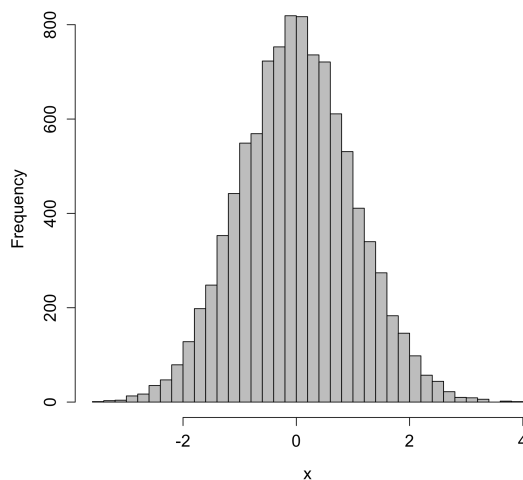
$$P(6) = 1/6$$

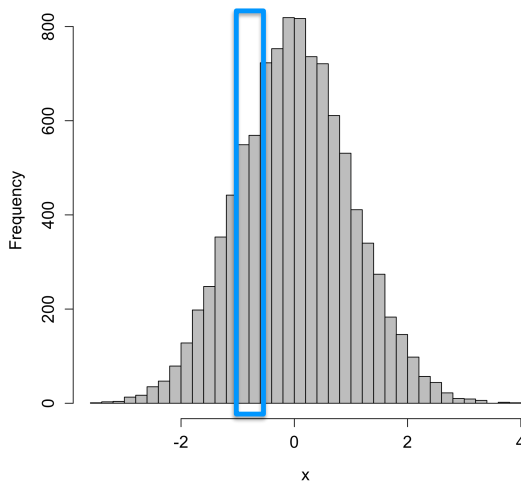
- This is a uniform discrete distribution

- It's mathematically simple,
but not all discrete analytical distributions are as simple

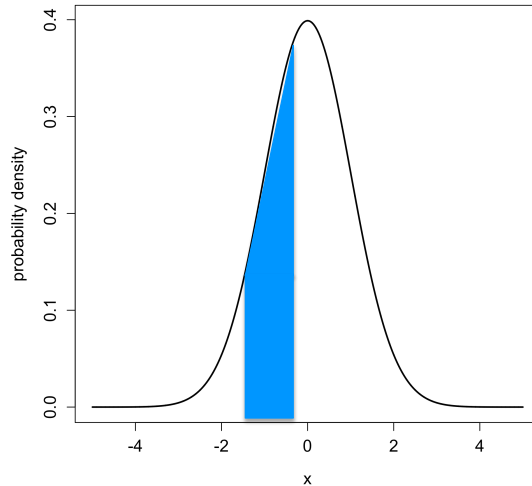
Continuous Analytical Distributions

- Since the variable can have any possible value in a range, the probability of a single value is not finite
- We need calculus to correctly handle the probability distribution, which is called **density function**





Empirically observed frequency
(count the number of values observed)



Analytical probability density
(area under the curve)

$$P(x_a < x < x_b) = \int_{x_a}^{x_b} f(x) dx$$

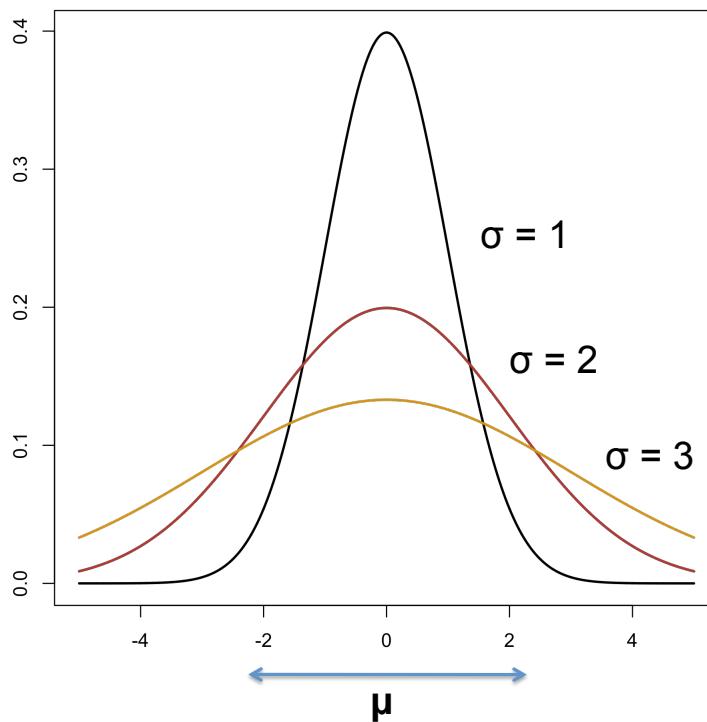
Normal Distribution

- The Normal is a very important distribution
 - Often found when measuring a physical property multiple times (variability due to random instrumental errors)
 - Often found for anthropometric indexes in human populations
 - The *sampling mean* follows the normal distribution

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

Parameters:

- μ = Mean (x)
- σ = StDev (x)



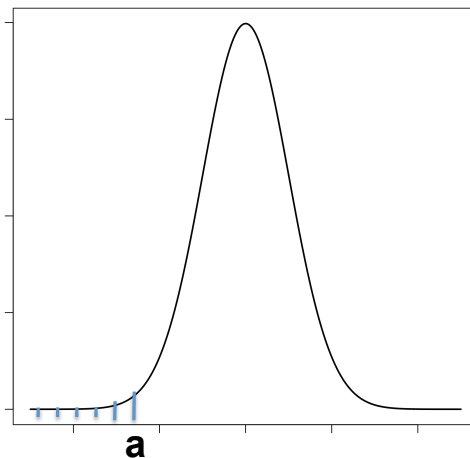
The normal is symmetric and centered on μ

σ affects the width of the curve

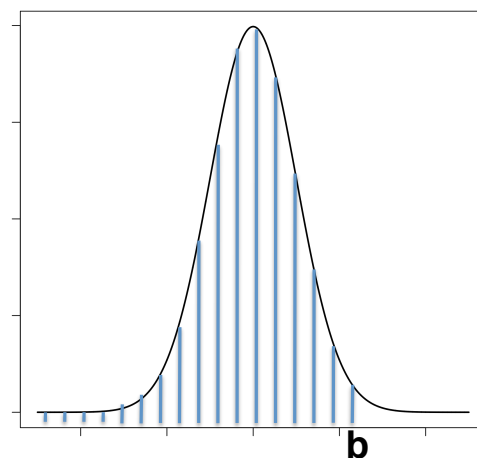
μ affects the position of the center of the curve

Normal Distribution in R: Find P given x

$P(x < a) = \dots$



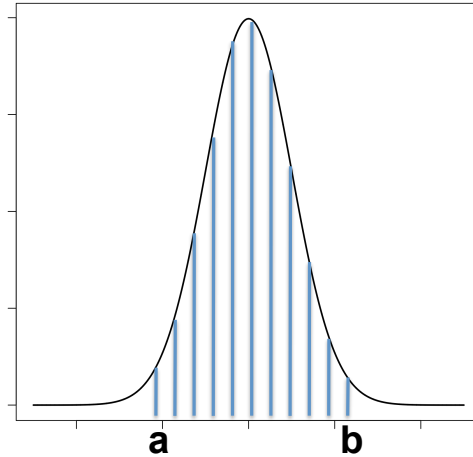
$P(x < b) = \dots$



`pnorm (x = ..., mean = ..., sd = ...)`

Normal Distribution in R: Find P given x

$$P(a < x < b) = P(x < b) - P(x < a)$$

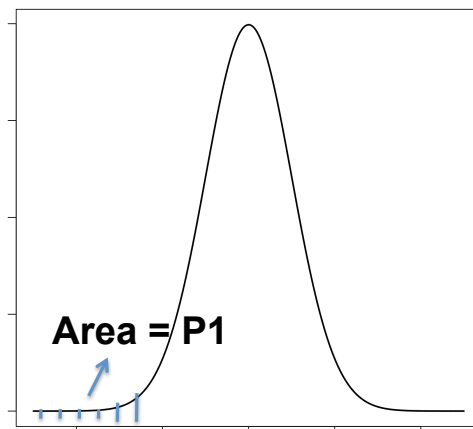


Assignment:
verify that for any mean and
standard deviation, the
probability of x falling within
 $\mu \pm 2\sigma$ is about 95%

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pnorm (x = xa.n, ...) - pnorm (x = xb.n, ...)
```

Normal Distribution in R: Find x given P

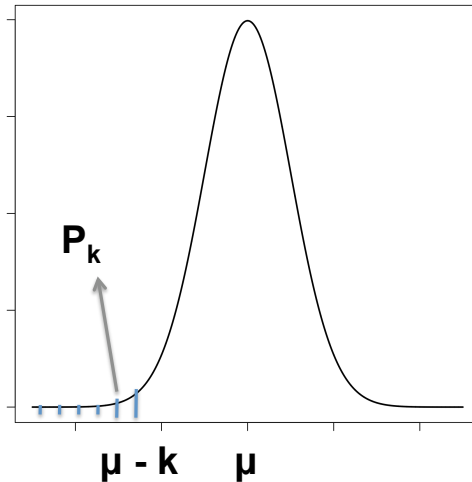
$$P(x < ...) = P1$$



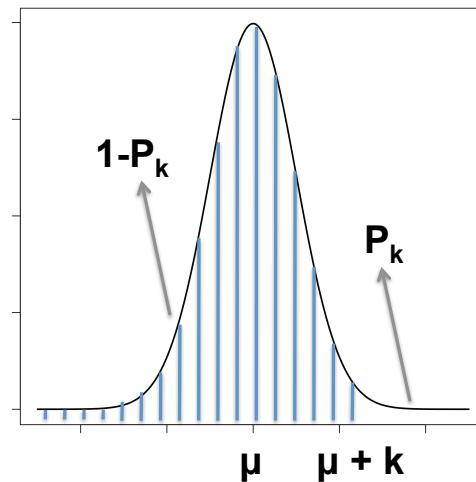
```
qnorm (p = ..., mean = ..., sd = ...)
```


Normal Distribution: The Effect of Symmetry

$$P(x < \mu - k) = P_k$$



$$P(x < \mu + k) = 1 - P_k$$



Assignment: test this property using `pnorm()`

The Standard Normal and the z-score

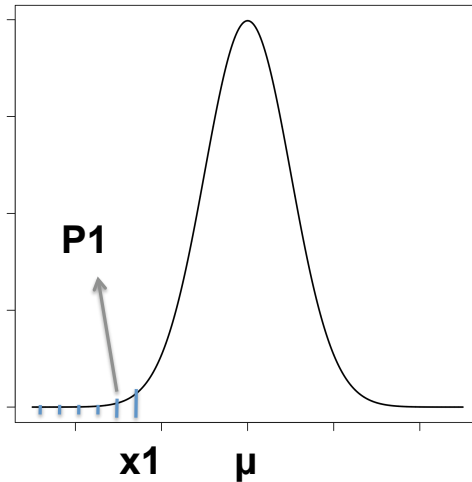
- The Standard Normal distribution has $\mu = 0$, $\sigma = 1$
- The z-score is used to transform normally distributed variables into a standard normal
 - Z follows the standard normal

$$z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}$$

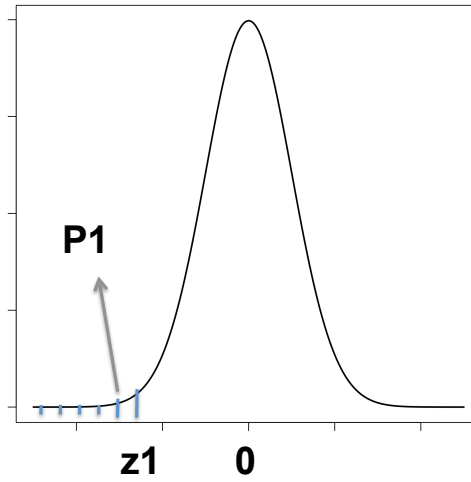
- The z-score is often interpreted as the number of standard deviations from the mean
- The reverse formula is also important $x = \mu + z \cdot \sigma$

Normal Distribution: Find x given P using the Standard

$$P(x < x_1) = P_1$$



$$P(z < z_1) = P_1$$



$$x_1 = \mu + z_1 \cdot \sigma$$

- Test this relation: $x_1 = \mu + z_1 \cdot \sigma$
using the R commands you have learnt

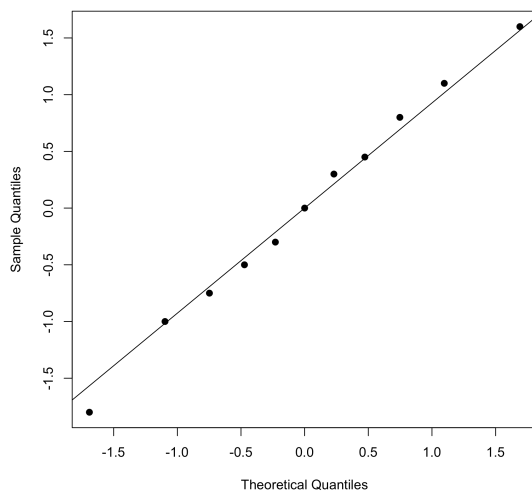
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# Normal
x1.n <- qnorm (p = ..., mean = ..., sd = ...)

# Standard Normal
z1.n <- qnorm (p = ...)
```

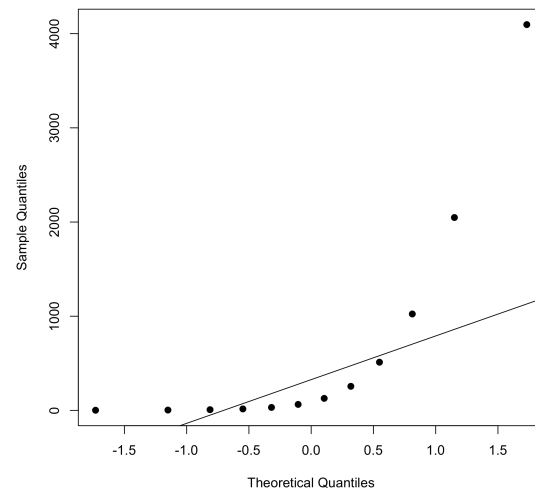
QQplot

- The qqplot of an observed distribution versus the normal can be used to evaluate how close the observed distribution is to the normal
 - The point should be lying on a line

```
# quasi-normal
x.nv <- c (-1.8, -1, -0.75,
          -0.5, -0.3, 0, 0.3,
          0.45, 0.8, 1.1, 1.6)
qqnorm (x.nv, pch = 19)
qqline (x.nv)
```



```
# not normal
x.nv <- 2 ^ (1: 12)
qqnorm (x.nv, pch = 19)
qqline (x.nv)
```



Population and Sample

- **Population**

set of entities (individuals, objects, events)

mean: μ

stdev: σ

- **Sample**

subset of a population

mean: m

stdev: s

Correction for Sample Stdev

- Population
$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (M(x) - x_i)^2}$$

- Sample
$$s = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=1}^N (M(x) - x_i)^2}$$

The R function `sd()` uses by default the second definition

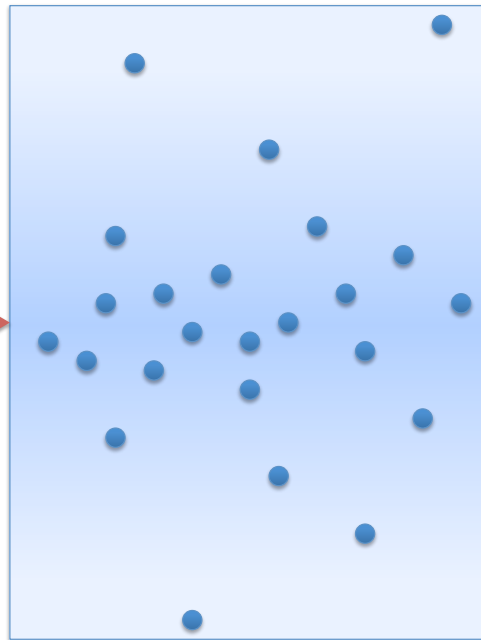
Populations, Samples, Inferences

- Measuring a property for all the units of a population is often not practical
→ Only the units in a sub-set (i.e. sample) are measured
- If we can only measure sample,
can we make inferences that hold at the population level?
- This is the object of **Statistical Inference**

Sampling Variable

- Generate many *random* samples of a population (sample size: N)
 - For each sample, measure a property → **variable**
 - For each sample, compute a statistic summarizing the variable (e.g. mean)
→ New variable (**sampling variable**)
 - New population units: samples of the original population
 - *How is this useful..?!*
 - The statistic has only one value in the population (e.g. mean)
 - Different random samples will have values which cluster around the population statistic
- Useful to study this to guide statistical inference

Value
of the statistic
*in the
population*



Values
of the statistic
*in random
samples*

Arbitrary axis

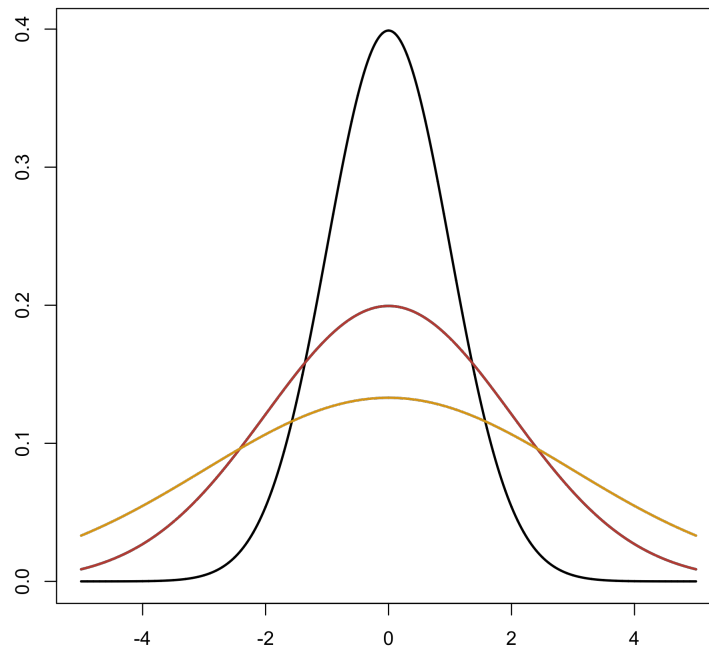
Sampling Mean

- **Sampling mean** of a variable x : \bar{x}
mean of variable x for each random sample
(sample size: N)

– Mean of the sampling mean $\mu(\bar{x}) = \mu(x)$

– Stdev of the sampling mean $\sigma(\bar{x}) = \frac{\sigma(x)}{\sqrt{N}}$

– What happens if sample size \approx population size?



As N increases, the sample means of the statistic become closer to the population value of the statistic

Sampling Mean Distribution

- If the distribution of x is normal, the distribution of \bar{x} is normal as well
- Even if the distribution of x is not normal, when sample size N is *sufficiently large* the distribution of \bar{x} is **normal**
(Central Limit Theorem)
- *For practical purposes, sufficiently large corresponds to $N > 30$*

Sampling Mean Distribution

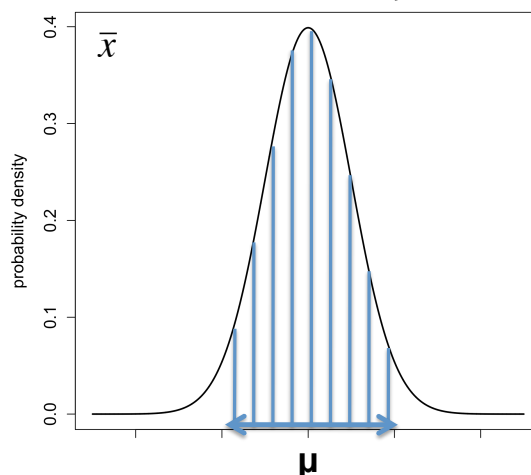
- How is this useful?
- We have a model defining a quantitative relation between the population and sample mean
- Is the sample mean probable or improbable under the population sampling mean distribution?

Confidence Interval of the Mean

- Known
 - Population parameters: μ , σ
 - Sample size (N): ≥ 30
- Goal
 - Determine the range of possible sample mean values for this population
- Strategy
 - Use the sampling mean distribution (normal)

Sampling mean distribution:

- Normal
- Mean = μ , Stdev = $\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{N}}$



Confidence Interval of the Mean

- Solution

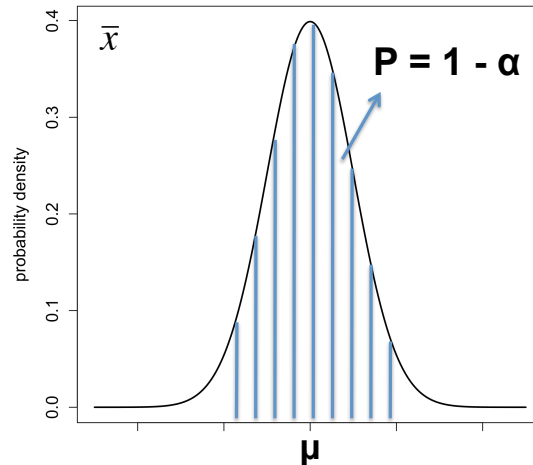
1. Set the probability α of \bar{x} falling *outside* the interval (usually $\alpha = 0.05$)

This is the confidence associated to the interval:

- The probability of x being outside the interval is α
- The probability of x being within the interval is $1 - \alpha$

Sampling mean distribution:

- Normal
- Mean = μ , Stdev = $\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{N}}$



Confidence Interval of the Mean

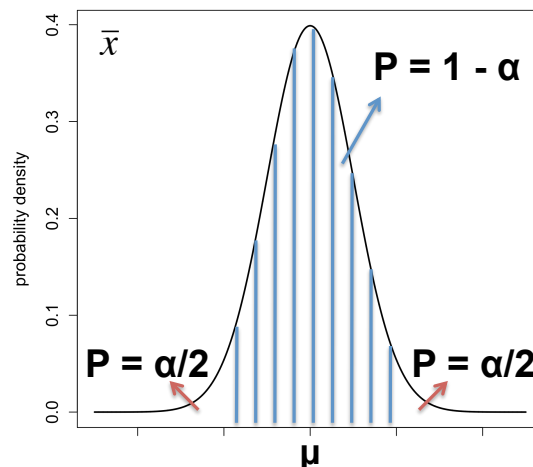
- Solution

1. Set the probability α of \bar{x} falling *outside* the interval (usually $\alpha = 0.05$)
2. Find $z_{\alpha/2}$: $P(z < z_{\alpha/2}) = 1 - \alpha/2$ (standard normal)

We use the Standard Normal for reasons that will be clearer later. However in R we can use any normal distribution to compute x given the probability

Sampling mean distribution:

- Normal
- Mean = μ , Stdev = $\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{N}}$



Confidence Interval of the Mean

- Solution

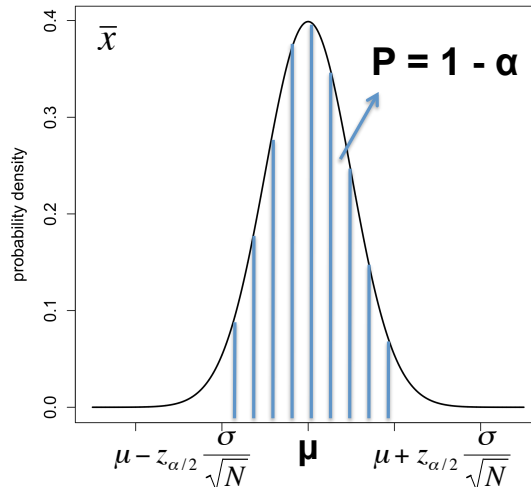
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2. Find $z_{\alpha/2}$: $P(z < z_{\alpha/2}) = 1 - \alpha/2$ (standard normal)
3. The Confidence Interval is:

$$\mu - z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{N}} < \bar{x} < \mu + z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{N}}$$

Since $x = \text{Mean} + z * \text{StDev}$
 $x_2 \mid P(x > x_2) = 1 - \alpha/2$
 $x_2 = \mu + z_{\alpha/2} * \sigma / \sqrt{N}$

Sampling mean distribution:

- Normal
- Mean = μ , Stdev = $\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{N}}$



Confidence Interval of the Mean

- This is just a way to express the confidence interval in terms of the population parameters and Standard Normal quantile

$$\mu - z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{N}} < \bar{x} < \mu + z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{N}}$$

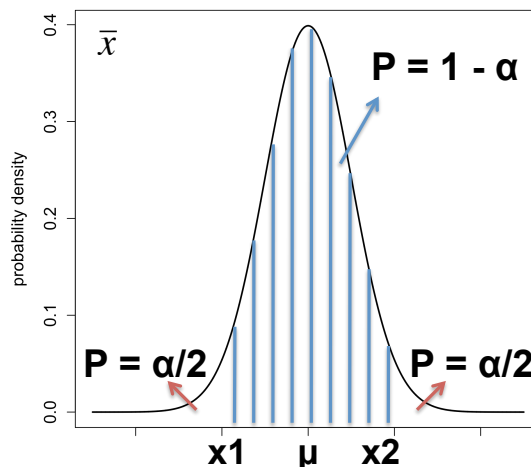
$$\bar{x}_1 < \bar{x} < \bar{x}_2$$

$$P(\bar{x} < \bar{x}_1) = \alpha/2$$

$$P(\bar{x} < \bar{x}_2) = 1 - \alpha/2$$

Sampling mean distribution:

- Normal
- Mean = μ , Stdev = $\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{N}}$



```

# In R,
# You can directly compute x1, x2

x1.n <- qnorm (p = 0.025, mean = ..., sd = ...)
x2.n <- qnorm (p = 0.975, mean = ..., sd = ...)

# Or use  $z_{\alpha/2}$ 

z_a2.n <- qnorm (p = 1 - 0.025)
x1.n <- mu.n - z_a2.n * sd.n / sqrt (N.n)
x1.n <- mu.n + z_a2.n * sd.n / sqrt (N.n)

# Equivalent way to compute  $z_{\alpha/2}$  (symmetry)
z_a2.n <- - qnorm (p = 0.025)

```

Confidence Interval of the Mean

Unknown Population Parameters + Large Sample

- Known
 - Sample mean: m
 - Sample StDev: s
 - Sample size (N): ≥ 30
- Goal
 - Determine the population mean confidence interval
- Strategy
 - Swap x and μ in the standard normal formula
 - Assume s is a good point estimate of σ

$$m - z_{\alpha/2} \frac{s}{\sqrt{N}} < \mu < m + z_{\alpha/2} \frac{s}{\sqrt{N}}$$

*By extracting samples
and computing their m and s
for W times,
 M will fall in the confidence interval
 $W * (1-\alpha)$ times*

Confidence Interval of the Mean

Unknown Population Parameters + Small Sample

- For small samples ($N < 30$) derived from normally-distributed populations, the sample stdev is not a good estimate of the population stdev
- Instead of using the standard normal distribution, we have to use the t-student distribution
- The t-student density function depends on the degree of freedom = $N - 1$; for $N > 30$ t-student is quasi-normal

$$\mu - t(N-1)_{\alpha/2} \frac{s}{\sqrt{N}} < \bar{x} < \mu + t(N-1)_{\alpha/2} \frac{s}{\sqrt{N}}$$

```
# Confidence interval using the t-student

t_a2.n <- qt (p = 1 - 0.025, df = N.n - 1)
x1.n <- m.n - t_a2.n * s.n / sqrt (N.n)
x1.n <- m.n + t_a2.n * s.n / sqrt (N.n)
```

Hypothesis Testing

- Given a sample (with known mean and stdev), we want to test whether it may belong or not to a population (with known mean)
- We can use the framework we have derived for confidence interval, and reshape it as a **test**
 - Application example:
Monsanto claims that a new crop variety has a higher yield
Compare the yield of a sample of Monsanto's new variety versus the historical yield average of the traditional variety and test Monsanto's claim

Hypothesis Testing: Null and Alternative Hypothesis

Monsanto claims that a new crop variety has a higher yield
Compare the yield of a sample of Monsanto's new variety versus the historical yield average of the traditional variety and test Monsanto's claim

- Test Statistic: Mean
 - Distribution: t-student
- Null Hypothesis $H_0: \mu \leq \mu_0$
- Alternative Hypothesis $H_1: \mu > \mu_0$

*Null Hypothesis ("status quo"):
the sample being tested could
have been drawn from the
population being tested*

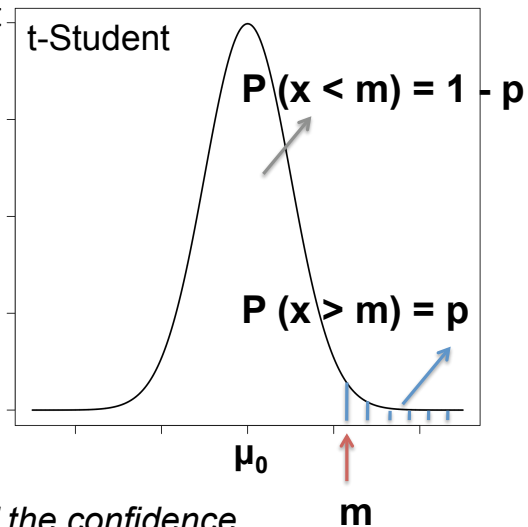
*μ : mean yield of the
new variety
 μ_0 : mean yield of the
traditional variety*

Hypothesis Testing: p-value

- Set the confidence interval so that

$$m = \mu_0 + t(N-1)_p \frac{s}{\sqrt{N}}$$

- p = probability of observing a population sample as extreme or more extreme than the one being tested when drawing from the population with mean μ_0
 - $p \gg 0$: null hypothesis likely
 - $p \sim 0$: null hypothesis not likely



How much do we have to “stretch” the confidence interval to “explain” the observed sample mean?

Hypothesis Testing: p-value

- Null Hypothesis:**
 - statistical model where differences are only due to random fluctuations (sampling)
 - If we could always work on *populations* only, we would not need inferential statistics
- P-value:**
 - Probability that the null hypothesis model does not explain the data
 - The differences observed are probably due to some underlying phenomenon

Hypothesis Testing: Error Types

- Depending on the p-value, you can decide to *reject or not* the null hypothesis

	H ₀ : TRUE	H ₀ : FALSE
H ₀ NOT REJECTED	OK (True Negative)	Type-II Error (False Negative)
H ₀ REJECTED	Type-I Error (False Positive)	OK (True Positive)

- P-value threshold for rejection: α (common values 0.05, 0.01)
- There has to be sufficient evidence to reject the null hypothesis
(*in the criminal trial, the defendant is not guilty, unless proved guilty*)
- Multiple testing issues

Hypothesis Testing: Error Types

- Depending on the p-value, you can decide to *reject or not* the null hypothesis

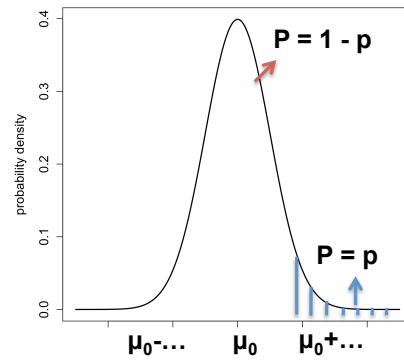
	H ₀ : TRUE	H ₀ : FALSE
H ₀ NOT REJECTED	True Negative ($P = 1 - \alpha \mid H_0 \text{ TRUE}$)	Type-II Error ($P = \beta \mid H_0 \text{ FALSE}$)
H ₀ REJECTED	Type-I Error ($P = \alpha \mid H_0 \text{ TRUE}$)	True Positive ($P = 1 - \beta \mid H_0 \text{ FALSE}$)

- Using the p-value for the decision
 - P-value < α : reject H₀
 - P-value $\geq \alpha$: do not reject H₀enables to control the Type-I Error but not the Type-II Error

One-tail Test

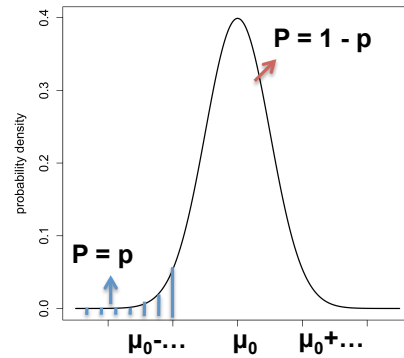
- Null Hypothesis: $\mu \leq \mu_0$
- Alternative Hypothesis: $\mu > \mu_0$

R: set input argument of the test
`alternative = "greater"`



- Null Hypothesis: $\mu \geq \mu_0$
- Alternative Hypothesis: $\mu < \mu_0$

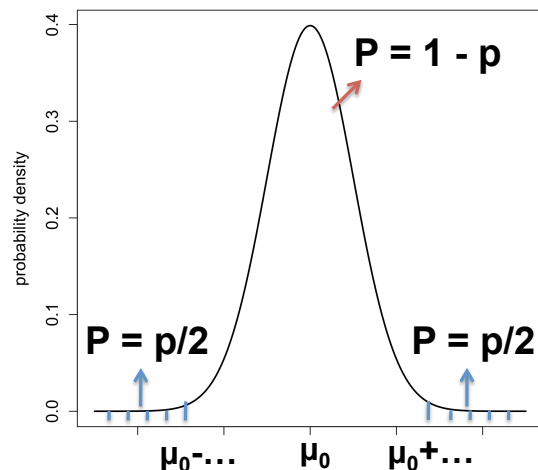
R: set input argument of the test
`alternative = "less"`



Two-tail Test

- Null Hypothesis: $\mu = \mu_0$
- Alternative Hypothesis: $\mu \neq \mu_0$

R: set input argument of the test
`alternative = "two.sided"`



Power Calculations

Power = 1 - β

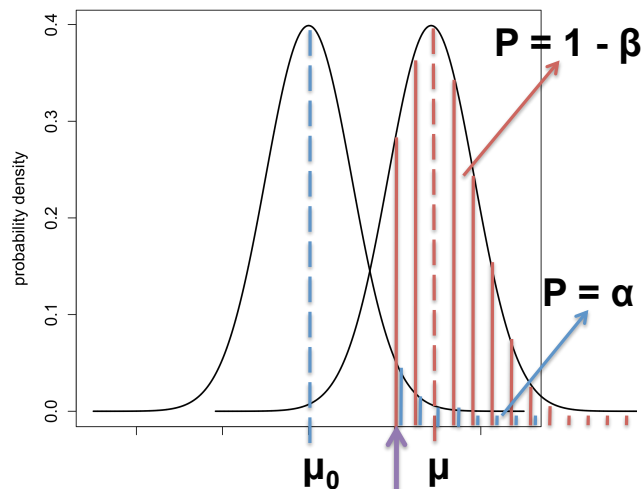
- Assume H_0 is false
- Set the **tail** of the test
- Set α (the p-value decision threshold)
- Set μ (mean of the sample source population)
- Set σ for both distributions (or use the sample estimate s)
- Set N (sample size)

→ The power is a function of all these factors
– It is common to plot the power as a function of $\mu - \mu_0$ or N

Power Calculations

1. Find the decision value on x with respect to μ_0 , given α
2. Find the corresponding value for μ
3. Calculate the area under the curve (1- β)

For small samples use t-Student instead of standard normal (z)



$$\mu_0 + z_{\alpha} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{N}} = \mu - z_{\beta} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{N}}$$

Example with R calculations

- α (p-value threshold): 0.05
- Traditional crop variant, yield average: 2400
- Monsanto's crop variant, projected population mean: 2425
- Standard deviation: 200
- Monsanto's crop sample size: 50

```
# Input:
mu0.n <- 2400; mu.n <- 2450; s.n <- 200; N.n <- 50; a.n <- 0.05

# 1. find the value for  $\mu_0$ 
x_a.n <- mu0.n + qnorm (1 - a.n) * s.n / sqrt (N.n)

# 2. find  $z_\beta$ 
#   x_a.n = mu.n - z_b.n * s.n / sqrt (N.n)
z_b.n <- (mu.n - x_a.n) * sqrt (N.n) / s.n

# 3. find power (=  $1 - \beta$ )
#   P (z < z( $\beta$ )) = 1 -  $\beta$ 
power.n <- pnorm (z_b.n)           # 0.5489121

# for mu.n = 2500, power = 0.971
```

Difference of the Mean: Significance vs Absolute Magnitude

- As the absolute magnitude of the difference between means increases, the power increases
 - The power can also be increased by increasing the sample size
 - Be aware that the difference of the mean test we have seen so far tests for significance of any difference, even very small
- Don't confuse significance with absolute magnitude!!!

Difference of the Mean: Significance vs Absolute Magnitude

- Example
 - A new drug leads to a significant improvement in tumor size for a cohort of 5000 patients
 - But what's the average tumor shrinkage? Is it clinically relevant?
 - Statistically significant and clinically relevant are not the same

One-sample t-Test (Mean Difference): R

- Goal: does the sample belong to a population with mean larger/smaller/different than a reference population with mean μ_0 ?
- Input
 - Reference population mean (μ_0)
 - Sample values
- Assumptions
 - Independence
 - The sample has been randomly drawn,
 - There is no dependence between sample units
 - Distribution
 - Small samples ($N < 30$): population normally distributed
 - Large samples ($N \geq 30$): none

One-sample t-Test (Mean Difference): R

- Example (Monsanto's new variety)
 - Reference yield mean: 2400
 - Sample yields: 2531, 2659, 2487, 2398, 2771
 - Alternative: Monsanto larger than reference

```
t.test (x = c (2531, 2659, 2487, 2398, 2771) ,  
        mu = 2400 ,  
        alternative = "greater")  
  
# t = 2.5756, df = 4, p-value = 0.03081  
# 95 percent confidence interval:  
#  2429.151      Inf  
  
# output class: list, with slots:  
t.test (...)$p.value; t.test (...)$statistic
```

Two-sample t-Test (Mean Difference)

- Goal: do the samples belong to populations with mean larger/smaller/different?
- Input
 - Sample #1 values
 - Sample #2 values
- Assumptions
 - Independence
 - The samples has been randomly drawn,
 - There is no dependence between sample units
 - There is no dependence between samples
 - Distribution
 - Small samples ($N < 30$): population normally distributed
 - Large samples ($N \geq 30$): none

Two-sample t-Test (Mean Difference): R

- Example: Monsanto compares two new varieties
 - Variety #1: 2405, 2378, 2254, 2471, 2390
 - Variety #2: 2531, 2659, 2487, 2398, 2771
 - Alternative: #1 different than #2

```
t.test (x = c (2405, 2378, 2254, 2471, 2390),  
        y = c (2531, 2659, 2487, 2398, 2771),  
        alternative = "two.sided")
```

```
# t = -2.5428, df = 6.129, p-value = 0.04311  
# 95 percent confidence interval:  
# -371.123009    -8.076991
```

- *The confidence interval refers to the difference of the means*

Two-sample Paired t-Test

- Use instead of the standard two-sample t-test whenever sample units are highly correlated
 - E.g. patients before and after treatment

```
t.test (x = ...,  
        y = ...,  
        alternative = ...,  
        paired = T)
```

Non-parametric Test (Mean Difference)

- When the sample is small and the normality distribution assumption is not met,
Use the Wilcoxon test (a.k.a. Mann-Whitney test)
 - one-sample
 - Two-samples

`wilcox.test (...)`

- The test works on the *rank*s of the values
- The input and output is the same as the t-test

Tests Based on Permutations

- In the previous tests we have always tested the difference of means
 - between populations,
but using limited knowledge from samples
- Thanks to the central limit theorem, we knew how the sampling mean is supposed to be distributed
 - normal or t-student, depending on sample size
- What if we are, but we don't know how the sampling distribution?

Tests Based on Permutations

- A common approach consists of permuting the class labels
- and computing the count ratio of
 - how many times the difference observed for real data is also observed for permuted data
 - the number of permutations
- The resulting index is called **empirical p-value**

Test Summary Tables

TEST AND DISTRIBUTION

Large Sample ($N \geq 30$)	Small Sample Population normally distr.	Small Sample Population not normally distr.
z-Test (Standard Normal)	t-Test (t-Student, $df = N-1$)	Wilcoxon test

ALTERNATIVE HYPOTHESIS

	One-Tail Greater	One-Tail Smaller	Two-tail
One-sample	$\mu > \mu_0$	$\mu < \mu_0$	$\mu \neq \mu_0$
Two-samples	$\mu_1 > \mu_2$	$\mu_1 < \mu_2$	$\mu_1 \neq \mu_2$

Test Summary Tables

TYPE OF TWO-SAMPLE TEST
(T-TEST OR WILCOXON TEST ALIKE)

Sample units: independent	Sample units: dependent
Not Paired	Paired

Other Tests

- **Proportion Test** (Bernoullian Probability)
- **Fisher's Exact Test** (2x2 contingency tables)
- **X² Test** (2x2 or larger contingency tables)
- **Kolmogorov-Smirnov** (distribution inequality)
- ...

Multiple Testing

- Previously, we have always focused on single tests
- If we test many independent samples from the same population, some of them will lead to the null hypothesis rejection
- However, even if the null hypothesis is TRUE, we do expect a rejection rate > 0 :
 $M * \alpha$, where M is the number of tests performed
- How to account for this?

Multiple Testing: Bonferroni Correction

- The Bonferroni correction is very conservative:
after correction, the probability of finding at least one false positive at $p\text{-value} \leq \alpha$ will be exactly α
- $p' = \text{MIN}(p * M, 1)$
- This correction is usually overly conservative for most genomic applications (e.g. gene expression microarrays)
- It is sometimes recommended for biomarkers and risk factors

Multiple Testing: Benjamini-Hochberg's FDR

- The Benjamini-Hochberg FDR transforms the p-value into a q-value
- Let's consider the q-value q_i ,
that is the false positive rate when considering all tests with $q \leq q_i$
- **$q_i = \text{MIN}(p_i * M / i, 1)$**
followed by monotonicity correction (i.e. values have to be monotonically increasing)

Multiple Testing: Benjamini-Hochberg's FDR

- For each p-value p_i
 - Expected number of false positives if the null hypothesis is true:
 $p_i * M$ ($\alpha = p_i$)
 - Observed number of positives:
 i ($p_1, \dots, p_i \leq \alpha$)
 - Ratio between expected false positives and observed positives:
 $p_i * M / i$

Multiple Testing in R

- Input: vector of p-values

```
# Bonferroni
p.adjust (pvalue.nv, method = "Bonferroni")

# Benjamini-Hochberg FDR
p.adjust (pvalue.nv, method = "BH")
```

Application to Microarray Analysis

- For the typical two-class design
(e.g. disease vs. control, treated vs. untreated)
we can test every gene using a two-sample t-test
(not-paired or paired)
 - Each biological replicate corresponds to a sample unit
- Since the number of replicates is typically small,
the stdev estimate is usually unreliable

Application to Microarray Analysis

- To address the stdev estimation problem, several ***moderated t statistics*** have been introduced
 - Recommended: ***limma*** package
- P-values are usually corrected using Benjamini-Hochberg FDR

We are on a Coffee Break &
Networking Session