

8.3 CI for  $\mu$ ,  $\sigma$  NOT known (old 8.4)

## GOALS:

1. Learn the properties of the *student-t* distribution and the *t-curve*.
2. Understand how degrees of freedom, *df*, relates to *t-curves*.
3. Recognize that t-curves approach the SNC as *df* increases.
4. Perform the *t-interval* procedure to find the confidence interval when  $\sigma$  is not known.

Study 8.3, # 109-113, 119, 123-127(75-91\*),  
133(~97\*) \*old 8.4

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8.1 Estimating the Population Mean,  $\mu$ 

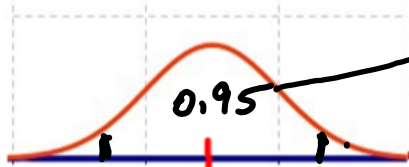
## Overview



1. Want to find unknown mean from unknown population.
2. Find a sample mean.
3. Use sample mean to estimate population mean.

## POINT ESTIMATE

4. Know that sample mean is not expected to = population mean.
5. If n.d., can find an interval with the level of confidence wanted using area under the normal curve.



95% confidence

6. Use procedure:  
z-interval  
t-interval

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## z-interval

SNCstandardized  $\bar{x}$ 

$$z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}$$

n.d. or large  $n$  $\sigma$  knownsame for all  $n$ 

## t-interval

t - curvestudentized  $\bar{x}$ 

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

n.d. or large  $n$  $\sigma$  not knowndifferent curve  
for each  $n$ 

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

test  
statistic

estimating  
1 variable:  $\bar{x}$       2 variables:  $\bar{x}$   $s$

 $\sigma$ 

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8.3 CI for  $\mu$ ,  $\sigma$  NOT known (old 8.4)Not covering because  $\sigma$  is rarely known

## z-interval

★ Find a CI for  $\mu$  ★

- Assumptions: 1. Simple Random Sample  
2. nd or large  $n$   
3.  $\sigma$  known

Procedure

1. For CL of  $1 - \alpha$  find  $z_{\alpha/2}$  from Table II or calculator

2. Find CI:

$$\bar{x} - z_{\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \leq \mu \leq \bar{x} + z_{\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$$

3. Interpret:

- a) If n.d., CI precise  
b) If not n.d.,  $n$  large, CI approximate

Covering this, does not require  $\sigma$ 

## t-interval

★ Find a CI for  $\mu$ : t - interval ★

- Assumptions: 1. Simple Random Sample  
2. nd or large  $n$   
3.  $\sigma$  unknown

Procedure

1. For CL of  $1 - \alpha$  find  $t_{\alpha/2}$  from Table IV or

**invT(area, df)**  $df = n - 1$ ,  
where  $n$  = sample size

2. Find CI:

$$\bar{x} - t_{\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} \leq \mu \leq \bar{x} + t_{\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$$

3. Interpret:

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In more realistic situations,  $\sigma$  is NOT known.

Need to use sample  $s$  instead of  $\sigma$

But, can NOT use standardized version of  $\bar{X}$   
ie: no z score

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Wikipedia: Why is this procedure called the **student t-test** ?

The t-statistic was introduced in 1908 by William Sealy Gosset, a chemist working for the Guinness brewery in Dublin, Ireland. "Student" was his pen name.  
[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)[\[4\]](#)

Gosset had been hired owing to Claude Guinness's policy of recruiting the best graduates from Oxford and Cambridge to apply biochemistry and statistics to Guinness's industrial processes.[\[2\]](#) Gosset devised the t-test as an economical way to monitor the quality of stout. The t-test work was submitted to and accepted in the journal Biometrika and published in 1908.[\[5\]](#) Company policy at Guinness forbade its chemists from publishing their findings, so Gosset published his statistical work under the pseudonym "Student" (see Student's t-distribution for a detailed history of this pseudonym, which is not to be confused with the literal term student).

$\sigma$

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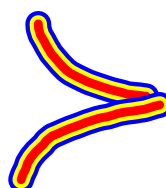
SNC  
only 1 variable  
 $\bar{x}$

t - curve  
2 variables  
 $\bar{x}$   $s$

When  $\sigma$  is known, there is only one parameter to estimate, the population  $\mu$ . Therefore, there is only one variable,  $\bar{x}$

When  $\sigma$  is NOT known, there are two parameters to estimate: the population  $\mu$ , and the population standard deviation,  $\sigma$ . Therefore, there are 2 variables,  $\bar{x}$  and  $s$

<u>SNC</u>	<u>t - curve</u>
standardized $\bar{x}$	studentized $\bar{x}$
$z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}$	$t = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{s/\sqrt{n}}$
n.d. or large $n$	n.d. or large $n$
$\sigma$ known	$\sigma$ not known
same for all $n$	different curve for each $n$



Many t-curves-  
different curve  
for each  $n$ .  
When you change  
 $n$ , change  $\sigma_x$   
and change  
shape.

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calculator demo (not required):

1.  $y_1 = \text{normalpdf}(x, 0, 1)$
2.  $y_2 = \text{tpdf}(x, 1)$
3. use stat to enter 2, 4, 20 into L1
4.  $y_3 = \text{tpdf}(x, L1)$
5.  $y_4 = \text{tpdf}(x, 100)$

window:  $-3 < x < 3$ ,  $0 < y < 0.4$

**not required**

geogebra t-curve demo

$$df = n - 1$$

For  $df = 1$ , the t curve is wider and shorter than SNC.  
What does this tell us about the two curves? (Hint: shape)

As  $df$  increases, t- curves  $\rightarrow$  snc

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8.3 CI for  $\mu$ ,  $\sigma$  NOT known (old 8.4)Properties of  $t$  - curve

1. Total area under curve = 1.
2. Approaches horizontal axis as asymptote
3. Symmetric about 0.
4. As the df increases,  $t$ -curves  $\rightarrow$  SNC

} same as the  
SNC

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8.3 CI for  $\mu$ ,  $\sigma$  NOT known (old 8.4)**Degrees Of Freedom**

The number of values in a study that are free to vary.

eg: If have 5 pieces of fruit in a bowl, and you eat one each day.

On Day 1, you have a choice of 5

Day 2 4

Day 3 3

Day 4 2

Day 5 NO choice

**For  $n = 5$ , free to choose 4 times:**

$$df = n - 1 = 4$$

Degrees of Freedom refers to the maximum number of logically independent values, which are values that have the **freedom to vary**, in the data sample.

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8.3 CI for  $\mu$ ,  $\sigma$  NOT known (old 8.4)★ Find a CI for  $\mu$ : t - interval ★

- Assumptions:
1. Simple Random Sample
  2. nd or large n
  3.  $\sigma$  unknown

Procedure

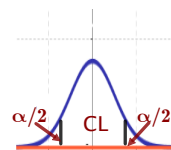
1. For CL of  $1 - \alpha$   
df = n - 1, where n = sample size

2. Find CI:

$$\bar{x} - t_{\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} \leq \mu \leq \bar{x} + t_{\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$$

3. Interpret:

- a) If n.d., CI precise
- b) If not n.d., n large, CI approximate



We will use the t-interval procedure on the calculator. So, do **not** need to specify the  $t_{\alpha/2}$  value. **DO** need to specify the  $\alpha/2$  value.

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$$\bar{x} \pm t_{\alpha/2} \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$$

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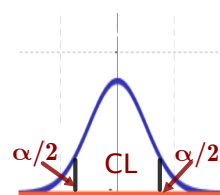
2. Find CI:

$$\bar{x} - t_{\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} \leq \mu \leq \bar{x} + t_{\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$$

Standard Error

3. Interpret:

- a) If n.d., CI precise
- b) If not n.d., n large, CI approximate



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While some hawk species have been declining in the Northeast, Red-shouldered Hawks (RS) seem to have increased. Data from hawk watch sites for the 10 years from 2014 to 2023 have a mean of 3729.8 RS migrating across the Northeast, with a standard deviation of 1286.43 RS.

Find the 95% Confidence Interval for the mean number of RS hawks that migrate across the Northeast. (Assume random sampling. A NPP of the data shows an approximately straight line.)

## REQUIRED:

1. Check assumptions
2. \*\*sketch showing both CL and  $\alpha/2$
3. Write formula and df
4. Substitute into equation showing subscript on t as value of  $\alpha/2$
5. STAT/TESTS/Tinterval
6. Result as an interval
7. Interpretation

Switch steps 4 and 5 if have data.

★ Find a CI for  $\mu$ : t - interval ★

- Assumptions: 1. Simple Random Sample  
2. nd or large n  
3.  $\sigma$  unknown

## Procedure

1. For CL of  $1 - \alpha$ ,  $df = n - 1$ , where  $n$  = sample size
2. Find CI:

$$\bar{x} - t_{\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} \leq \mu \leq \bar{x} + t_{\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$$

3. Interpret:
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G: n.d., p.r.s., no  $\sigma$

$\bar{x} = 3729.8, s = 1286.43, n = 10$

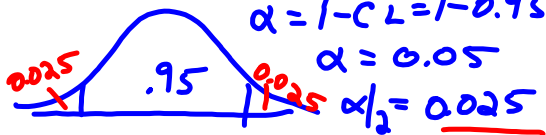
F: CI t-interval  
95% C.I.

CL = 0.95

$\alpha = 1 - CL = 1 - 0.95$

$\alpha = 0.05$

$\alpha/2 = 0.025$



$$\bar{x} \pm t_{\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$df = 10 - 1 = 9$$

$$3729.8 \pm t_{0.025} \cdot \frac{1286.43}{\sqrt{10}}$$

$$2809.5 \leq \mu \leq 4650.1$$

Concl: We have 95% confidence that the mean RS hawks migrating over the northeast lies between 2809.5 and 4650.1.

## REQUIRED:

1. Check assumptions
2. \*\*sketch showing both CL and  $\alpha/2$
3. Write formula and df
4. Substitute into equation showing subscript on t as value of  $\alpha/2$
5. STAT/TESTS/Tinterval
6. Result as an interval
7. Interpretation

Switch steps 4 and 5 if have data.

★ Find a CI for  $\mu$ : t - interval

- Assumptions: 1. Simple Random Sample  
2. nd or large n  
3.  $\sigma$  unknown

## Procedure

1. For CL of  $1 - \alpha$  find  $t_{\alpha/2}$  from Table IV

invT(area, df)  $df = n - 1$ , where n = sample size

2. Find CI:

$$\bar{x} - t_{\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} \leq \mu \leq \bar{x} + t_{\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$$

3. Interpret:
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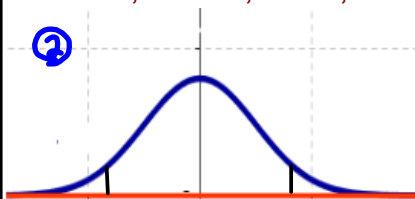
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8.3 CI for  $\mu$ ,  $\sigma$  NOT known (old 8.4)① srs, n large,  $\sigma$  not knownG: srs,  $\bar{x} = 25$ ,  $n = 36$ ,  $s = 3$ , CL = 95% F: CI

CL = \_\_\_\_\_

$\alpha = 1 - \underline{\hspace{1cm}} = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$

$\alpha/2 = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$

$t_{\alpha/2} = t_{\boxed{\hspace{1cm}}}$

$df = n - 1 = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$

$$\bar{x} \pm t_{\alpha/2} \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$$

Margin of Error

Standard Error

REQUIRED:

1. Check assumptions
2. \*\*sketch showing both CL and  $\alpha/2$
3. Write formula and df
4. Substitute into equation showing subscript on t as value of  $\alpha/2$
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Result: (23.985,26.015)

Calculate

C-Level: .95

n: 36

s: 3

STAT / TESTS

8: TInterval

Inpt: STAT

$\bar{x}$ : 25

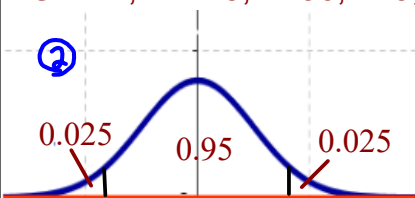
Sx: 3

n: 36

C-Level: .95

Calculate

Result: (23.985,26.015)

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CL = 0.95

$\alpha = 1 - \underline{0.95} = \underline{0.05}$

$\alpha/2 = \underline{0.025}$

$t_{\alpha/2} = t_{0.025}$

$df = n - 1 = \underline{35}$

③  $\bar{x} \pm t_{\alpha/2} \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$

④  $25 \pm t_{0.025} \frac{3}{\sqrt{36}}$

⑤ calculator:

STAT / TESTS

8: TInterval

Inpt: STAT

$\bar{x}$ : 25

Sx: 3

n: 36

C-Level: .95

Calculate

Result: (23.985,26.015)

⑥  $23.99 \leq \mu \leq 26.02$

⑦ Conclude: We have 95% confidence that the population mean lies within the interval from 23.99 to 26.02

REQUIRED:

1. Check assumptions
2. \*\*sketch showing both CL and  $\alpha/2$
3. Write formula and df
4. Substitute into equation showing subscript on t as value of  $\alpha/2$
5. STAT/TESTS/TInterval
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7. Interpretation

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## Calculator details

calculator:

STAT / TESTS

8: TInterval

Inpt: STAT &lt;- Could be DATA

 $\bar{X}$  : 25 $S_x$ : 3

n: 36

C-Level: .95

Calculate

Result: (23.985,26.015)

 $\bar{X}$ 

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G: A random sample of 16 batteries resulted in a mean weight of 55 gm and a standard deviation of 5 gm. If the weight is known to be normally distributed, estimate the population mean with a 99% confidence interval.

G: \_\_\_\_\_ F: \_\_\_\_\_

## REQUIRED:

1. Check assumptions
2. \*\*sketch showing both CL and  $\alpha/2$
3. Write formula and df
4. Substitute into equation showing subscript on t as value of  $\alpha/2$
5. STAT/TESTS/TInterval
6. Result as an interval  
\_\_\_\_\_  $\leq \mu \leq$  \_\_\_\_\_
7. Interpretation  
Switch steps 4 and 5 if have data.

51.32  $\leq \mu \leq$  58.68

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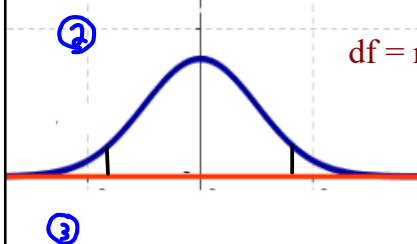
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G: srs, nd,  $\bar{x} = 55$ ,  $n=16$ ,  $s=5$ ,  $CL=99\%$  F: CI

① A: srs, nd,  $\sigma$  not known



$$df = n - 1 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$CL = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$\alpha = 1 - \underline{\hspace{2cm}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$\alpha/2 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$t_{\alpha/2} = t_{\boxed{\hspace{1cm}}}$$

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$$\bar{x} \pm t_{\alpha/2} \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$$

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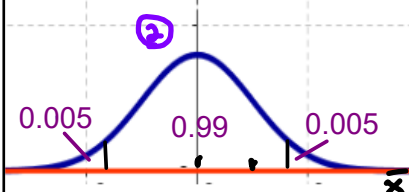
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G: srs, nd,  $\bar{x} = 55$ ,  $n=16$ ,  $s=5$ ,  $CL=99\%$  F: CI

① Assumptions met: 1)srs 2)nd 3) $\sigma$  not known



$$\bar{x} \pm t_{\alpha/2} \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$55 \pm t_{0.005} \frac{5}{\sqrt{16}}$$

$$51.3\text{mg} \leq \mu \leq 58.7\text{mg}$$

Conclude: Have 99% confidence that the population mean battery weight lies between 51.2 mg and 58.7 mg.

$$CL = \underline{0.99}$$

$$\alpha = 1 - \underline{0.99} = \underline{0.01}$$

$$\alpha/2 = \underline{0.005}$$

$$t_{\alpha/2} = t_{\boxed{0.005}}$$

$$df = n - 1 = \underline{15}$$

## REQUIRED:

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2. \*\*sketch showing both CL and  $\alpha/2$
3. Write formula and df
4. Substitute into equation showing subscript on t as value of  $\alpha/2$
5. STAT/TESTS/TInterval
6. Result as an interval
7. Interpretation

TInterval  
(51.317, 58.683)  
 $\bar{x}=55$   
 $s=5$   
 $n=16$

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$$51.32 \leq \mu \leq 58.68$$

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52	30	44	35
47	37	56	26
52	47	52	26

Find the 95% confidence interval for the mean number of weeks to a baby's first crawl.

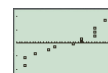
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6. Result as an interval  $\underline{\quad} \leq \mu \leq \underline{\quad}$
7. Interpretation

Switch steps 4 and 5 if have data.

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Numeric results:  
 $35.1 \leq \mu \leq 48.9$  weeks  
 $\bar{x}=42, s=10.79$



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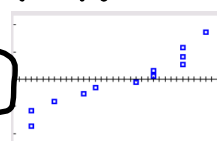
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Find the 95% confidence interval for the mean number of weeks to a baby's first crawl.

$G: n=12$   $F: 95\% \text{ C.I.}$

$0.025$   $0.95$   $0.025$   $\sim n.d., NPP \checkmark$   
 $\therefore [A: \text{srs, n.d., no } \sigma]$   
 $t\text{-interval}$



$$\bar{x} \pm t_{\alpha/2} \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$42 \pm t_{0.025} \cdot \frac{10.8}{\sqrt{12}} \quad (35.1, 48.9)$$

$$35.1 \leq \mu \leq 48.9 \text{ weeks}$$

conclude: Have 95% confidence that popul. mean lies betw. 35.1 and 48.9 weeks.

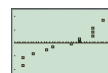
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