

# Math 2311

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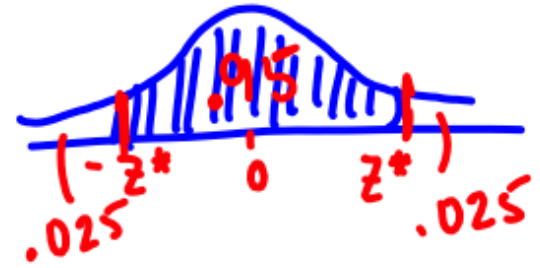
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# Confidence Intervals

proportions -  $\hat{p}$  or  $\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2$



critical value (conf. level) =  $z^*$   $\left( \begin{smallmatrix} \text{invNorm} \\ q \text{ norm} \end{smallmatrix} \right)$   
tied to our level of confidence  
CL

$\text{invNorm} \left( \frac{1+CL}{2} \right)$  ex: 95% conf. interval

$$z^* = \text{invNorm} \left( \frac{1.95}{2} \right)$$

bottom of t-table

1000		
$z^*$	1.645	1.96
	90%	95% . . . . .

larger level of confidence  
means wider interval

Statistic  $\pm$  margin of error

↑  
proportion(s):  $\hat{p}$  or  $\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2$

or  
mean(s):  $\bar{x}$  or  $\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2$

↳ =  $z^* \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}}$  or  $\sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}_1(1-\hat{p}_1)}{n_1} + \frac{\hat{p}_2(1-\hat{p}_2)}{n_2}}$

=  $z^* \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$  (know  $\sigma$ , the pop. std. dev.)

or  $t^* \cdot \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$  sample std dev.

↑  
critical value

↑  
standard error

bigger  $n \rightarrow$  narrower interval

Finding  $n$  given margin of error

for proportions:

$$ME \geq z^* \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}} \quad \text{Solve for } n$$

$p$  or  $\hat{p}$  or  $.5$

Ex: Suppose we want the width of a Conf. interval to be .3 w/ 95% level of confidence. How many should we sample?  $z^* = 1.96$

Use  $p = .5$   $ME = .15$  ( $\frac{.3}{2}$ )

$$.15 \geq 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{.5(1-.5)}{n}}$$

$$\frac{.15}{1.96} \geq \sqrt{\frac{.5(.5)}{n}} \quad \frac{\sqrt{.25}}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$\frac{.15}{1.96} \sqrt{n} \geq .5$$

$$\sqrt{n} \geq \frac{.5(1.96)}{.15}$$

$$n \geq \left( \frac{.5(1.96)}{.15} \right)^2$$

$n \geq 42.68$  need  $n = 43$

$$\square \pm ME$$

$$12 \pm 5$$

$$(7, 17)$$

~~width = 10~~  
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$$n \geq \left( \frac{\sqrt{p(1-p)} \cdot z^*}{ME} \right)^2$$

\* always round up

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$$\hat{p} \pm z^* \underbrace{\sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}}}$$

## Popper 18

1. What does a 95% confidence interval tell us?
  - a. 95% of the sample means have values between those endpoints.
  - b. 95% of the population means have values between those endpoints.
  - c. If the procedure were repeated many times, 95% of the resulting confidence intervals would contain the population mean.
- ~~x~~ The probability that the population mean ~~is between the endpoints~~ is between the endpoints is .95





4. A 95% confidence interval for the mean of a population is to be constructed and must be accurate to within 0.3 unit. A preliminary sample standard deviation is 2.9. Find the smallest sample size  $n$  that provides the desired accuracy.

$$ME = z^* \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$.3 \geq 1.96 \frac{2.9}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$\sqrt{n} \geq \frac{1.96(2.9)}{.3}$$

$$n \geq \left( \frac{1.96(2.9)}{.3} \right)^2$$

$$n \geq 358.98$$

$$n = 359$$

$s \rightarrow$  have to use  $z^*$

★ Since we don't have df to find  $t^*$

## 7.5 - Confidence Interval for the Difference of Two Means

A confidence interval for two population means is used when you have two independent random samples and you wish to make a comparison of the difference ( $\mu_1 - \mu_2$ ).

The assumptions that need to be satisfied are:

1. Both samples must be independent SRSs from the populations of interest.
2. Both sets of data must come from normally distributed populations. If this is not the case or if we are unsure whether the population is normally distributed, the sampling distributions of  $\bar{x}_1$  and  $\bar{x}_2$  must be normally distributed. (Recall from section 4.4 that we can assume that the sampling distribution of  $\bar{x}$  is normal for values of  $n$  greater than 30.)

When the population standard deviations are known, we use the formula  $(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) \pm z * \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{n_2}}$

and when it is unknown, we will need to find the sample standard deviations,  $s_1$  and  $s_2$ , and use

the formula  $(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) \pm t * \sqrt{\frac{s_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{n_2}}$  where  $t^*$  is the  $t$ -critical value based on the smaller of  $n_1 - 1$  or  $n_2 - 1$  degrees of freedom.

Examples:

$$\sigma_1 = 3.6$$

$$\sigma_2 = 2.9$$

1 = men

2 = women

1. The height (in inches) of men at UH is assumed to have a normal distribution with a standard deviation of 3.6 inches. The height (in inches) of women at UH is also assumed to have a normal distribution with a standard deviation of 2.9 inches. A random sample of 49 men and 38 women yielded respective means of 68.3 inches and 64.6 inches. Find the 90% confidence interval for the difference in the heights of men at UH and women at UH.

$$n_1 = 49$$

$$n_2 = 38$$

$$\rightarrow z^* = 1.645$$

$$\bar{x}_1 = 68.3$$

$$\bar{x}_2 = 64.6$$

$$(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) \pm z^* \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{n_2}}$$

$$(68.3 - 64.6) \pm 1.645 \sqrt{\frac{3.6^2}{49} + \frac{2.9^2}{38}}$$

$$3.7 \pm 1.645 (.6969975505)$$

$$3.7 \pm 1.14656$$

$$[2.55, 4.85]$$

2. A researcher wants to see if birds that build larger nests lay larger eggs. He selects two random samples of nests: one of small nests and the other of large nests. He weighs one egg from each nest. The data are summarized below:

	Small nests	Large nests
Sample size	60 $n_1$	159 $n_2$
Sample mean (g)	37.2 $\bar{x}_1$	35.6 $\bar{x}_2$
Sample variance	24.7 $s_1 = 4.97$	39.0 $s_2 = 6.24$

Find the 95% confidence interval for the difference between the average mass of eggs in small and large nests.

$$t^* \quad 95\% \text{ CL w/ } df = 60 - 1 = 59$$

$$t^* = 2.00$$

large - small

$$(\bar{x}_2 - \bar{x}_1) \pm t^* \sqrt{\frac{s_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{n_2}}$$

$$(35.6 - 37.2) \pm 2.00 \sqrt{\frac{24.7}{60} + \frac{39.0}{159}} \quad [-3.22, 0.02]$$

$$-1.6 \pm 1.62$$

## Popper 18

Suppose we compare the class averages for two classes on the same exams and get the following data:

Class	n	$\bar{x}$	s
A ①	25	88.4	4.3
B ②	36	86.7	1.9

2. What degrees of freedom will we use?

- a. 25
- b. 36
- c. 24
- d. 35
- e. none of these

$$t^* = 2.0639$$

3. Find the margin of error for a 95% CI

- a. 1.89
- b. 1.57
- c. 2.10
- ~~d. 2.06~~
- e. none of these

$$t^* \sqrt{\frac{S_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{S_2^2}{n_2}}$$

$(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) \pm$

4. Find the 95% CI for the difference of these two means.

- a. [0.13, 3.27]
- b. [-0.19, 3.59]
- c. [0, 3.4]
- d. [-1.7, 1.7]
- e. none of these

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