

Recall:  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  iid normal  $\sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ .

Point estimate for  $\hat{\mu} = \bar{X} = \frac{1}{n}(X_1 + \dots + X_n)$ .

Confidence interval:  $IP\left(\left|\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sqrt{\sigma^2/n}}\right| < z_{\alpha/2}\right) = 1 - \alpha = 95\%$   
 $\alpha = 0.05$

If  $\sigma$  is known!

$IP\left(\bar{X} - z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} < \mu < \bar{X} + z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}\right)$

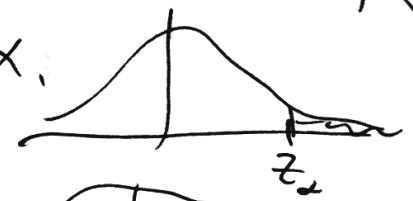
$z_{0.025} = 1.96$

If  $\sigma$  is unknown, estimate  $\sigma^2$  by  $S^2$ .  $c_i \left(1 + \frac{x^2}{n-1}\right)^{-\frac{n}{2}}$

$IP\left(\left|\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sqrt{S^2/n}}\right| < t_{\alpha/2, n-1}\right) = 1 - \alpha$

$IP\left(\bar{X} - t_{\alpha/2, n-1} \frac{S}{\sqrt{n}} < \mu < \bar{X} + t_{\alpha/2, n-1} \frac{S}{\sqrt{n}}\right) = 1 - \alpha$   
 95% confidence interval

$z_{\alpha}$  means  $\int_{z_{\alpha}}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx = \alpha$ .



~~Once  $n \geq 30$ , approx  $t_{\alpha/2, n-1}$  by  $z_{\alpha/2} = 1.96$ .~~  
 Using  $z$  instead of  $t$  gives only 94% confidence



New setting: Which Brand is better?

Brand A: 40 bulbs, found avg lifespan 418 hrs  $= \bar{X}_A$

Brand B: 50 bulbs, " " " " 402 hrs  $= \bar{X}_B$

Version 2: assume "know"  $\sigma_A = 26$ ,  $\sigma_B = 22$ .

Want to know  $\mu_A - \mu_B$ . 95% confidence interval.

$$\rightarrow (\bar{X}_A - \bar{X}_B) - (\mu_A - \mu_B) = (\bar{X}_A - \mu_A) - (\bar{X}_B - \mu_B)$$

Assume: light bulb lifespans are iid Gauss.  $\mu = 0$

Gauss mean 0

Gauss mean 0  $\Rightarrow$  Gauss mean 0.

$$\Rightarrow \text{Gauss mean 0, var} = \frac{\sigma_A^2}{n_A} + \frac{\sigma_B^2}{n_B}$$

$$\Rightarrow P\left(\left|\frac{(\bar{X}_A - \bar{X}_B) - (\mu_A - \mu_B)}{\sqrt{\frac{\sigma_A^2}{n_A} + \frac{\sigma_B^2}{n_B}}}\right| < z_{\alpha/2}\right) = 1 - \alpha$$

$\Rightarrow$  With  $(1 - \alpha)100\%$  confidence,  $(\alpha = 0.05)$

$$\bar{X}_A - \bar{X}_B - z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_A^2}{n_A} + \frac{\sigma_B^2}{n_B}} < \mu_A - \mu_B < \bar{X}_A - \bar{X}_B + z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_A^2}{n_A} + \frac{\sigma_B^2}{n_B}}$$

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 $(2) \quad 418 \quad 402 \quad 1.96 \quad 40 \quad 50$

More realistically, don't know  $\sigma$ !!!.

$$(\bar{X}_A - \bar{X}_B) - (\mu_A - \mu_B) = (\bar{X}_A - \mu_A) - (\bar{X}_B - \mu_B).$$

Try:  $\frac{\bar{X}_A - \mu_A}{\sqrt{S_A^2/n_A}} = T$  distr with  $n_A - 1$  degrees.

No simple ~~solution~~ <sup>expression</sup> for distr of unless

$$\sigma_A = \sigma_B = \sigma.$$

$$\frac{\bar{X}_A - \mu_A}{\sqrt{\sigma_A^2/n_A}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_A^2}{(n_A-1)S_A^2/(n_A-1)}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+1}}$$

$\bar{X}_A - \mu_A - (\bar{X}_B - \mu_B) \leftarrow$  mean 0 Gaussian,  $\text{Var} = \frac{\sigma_A^2}{n_A} + \frac{\sigma_B^2}{n_B} = \sigma^2 \left( \frac{1}{n_A} + \frac{1}{n_B} \right) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n_A + n_B}$

Obs:  $\frac{(n_A-1)S_A^2}{\sigma_A^2} + \frac{(n_B-1)S_B^2}{\sigma_B^2} = \chi^2$  with  $n_A + n_B - 2$  degrees of freedom.

$$\frac{1}{\sigma^2} \left\{ (n_A-1)S_A^2 + (n_B-1)S_B^2 \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\bar{X}_A - \mu_A - (\bar{X}_B - \mu_B)}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{n_A} + \frac{1}{n_B}}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{(n_A + n_B - 2)}{1 \left[ (n_A - 1)S_A^2 + (n_B - 1)S_B^2 \right]}}$$

$\Rightarrow$   $1 - \alpha$  confidence interval:

$$\bar{X}_A - \bar{X}_B - \dots < \mu_A - \mu_B < \bar{X}_A - \bar{X}_B + t_{\alpha/2, n_A + n_B - 2} \sqrt{\dots}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \frac{(n_A - 1)S_A^2 + (n_B - 1)S_B^2}{n_A + n_B - 2} \left( \frac{1}{n_A} + \frac{1}{n_B} \right)$$

"pooled estimator".

E.g.: 400 people got flu vaccine, 136 had reaction. Each  $X_i = \begin{cases} 0 \\ 1 \end{cases}$  had reaction (Bernoulli).

$P(X_i = 1) = \theta$  ← don't know.  $\hat{\theta} = \bar{X} = \frac{136}{400}$ .

$\theta = E(X_i)$ . What about  $1 - \alpha$  - confidence interval for  $\theta$ ?

$$\bar{X} - \theta$$

Recall:  $P(n\bar{X} = k) = \binom{n}{k} \theta^k (1 - \theta)^{n-k}$ .

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

$$\text{Var}(X_i) = \theta(1-\theta) = \theta - \theta^2 = \mathbb{E}(X^2) - \mathbb{E}(X)^2.$$

$$\text{Var}(\bar{X}) = \frac{\theta - \theta^2}{n}, \quad \text{Var}(n\bar{X}) = n\theta(1-\theta).$$

$$\frac{n\bar{X} - n\theta}{\sqrt{n\theta(1-\theta)}} \approx N(0,1).$$

Binomial  $\rightarrow$  Gaussian  
(CLT)  
DeMoivre-Laplace.

So approximately  $1-\alpha$  confidence interval:

$$P\left( \left| \frac{n(\bar{X} - \theta)}{\sqrt{n\theta(1-\theta)}} \right| < z_{\alpha/2} \right) \approx 1-\alpha.$$

Interval:

$$|\bar{X} - \theta| < z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{\theta(1-\theta)}{n}}$$

$\uparrow$

Not really, still have  $\theta$  here

Tweak 1 (hwk): Solve algebra for interval in  $\theta$ .

Lazier Tweak 2: Further approximation:  $\theta \approx \bar{X}$ .

$$|(\bar{X} - \theta)| \lesssim z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{\bar{X}(1-\bar{X})}{n}}.$$