

Lesson 17 - week 9 (1 of 2)

Aim: How do we estimate a population mean (μ) when we know σ ?

I - Point Estimates

1) A population is divided into equal samples of size (n)

S_1, S_2, \dots, S_n Population μ, σ

$\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2, \dots, \bar{x}_n$ point estimates as n get bigger the estimates get better

Note: If the population is not normally dist then $n > 30$

II - Confidence Interval

1) Requirement - Sample must a Random Single Sample.

2) $[\bar{x} - E < \mu < \bar{x} + E]$

3) popular levels of confidence

95%, 90%, 99%

Inv Area = 0.95, $\alpha = 0.05$, $z = 1.96$

Area = 0.95, $\alpha = 1$, $\mu = 0$

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4) $\bar{x} - E < \mu < \bar{x} + E$

$E = z_{\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$

Ex) $\mu = 98.6^\circ$ is the acceptable body temp. (Adults)
What is the mean body temp? Use $\sigma = 0.62$

- Let's take SRS
- $n = 106$ people
- to measure their temp. $\hat{\mu} = 98.2$
- Let's create an interval

$\bar{x} - E < \mu < \bar{x} + E$

$E = z_{\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$
 $E = 1.96 \times \frac{0.62}{\sqrt{106}} = 0.1180$

$98.2 - 0.1180 < 98.6 < 98.2 + 0.1180$

estimate the C.I. at 95% $[98.082, 98.318]$

Interpretation of my interval

- 95% of all samples will contain the μ
- there is a 95% prob that the mean is between 98.082 and 98.318

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II How do you find n ?

$n = \text{size of the sample}$

$E = z_{\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$

Solve for n :

$n = \left[\frac{z_{\alpha/2} \cdot \sigma}{E} \right]^2$

From the previous sample

$z_{\alpha/2} = 1.96$

$\sigma = 0.62$

$E = 0.1180$

$n = \left(\frac{1.96 \times 0.62}{0.1180} \right)^2$

$n = 186$

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An engineer wishes to determine the width of a particular electronic component. If she knows that the standard deviation is 3.2 mm, how many of these components should she consider to be 80% sure of knowing the mean will be within ± 0.2 mm?

$\sigma = 3.2$ mm

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

L.C. = 80%

$E = \pm 0.2$ mm

$z_{\alpha/2} = 1.28155$ Inv. (left)

$\sigma = 1$

$\mu = 0$

$n = \left[\frac{z_{\alpha/2} \cdot \sigma}{E} \right]^2 = \left(\frac{1.28155 \cdot 3.2}{0.2} \right)^2 = 421$

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