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Markov chains

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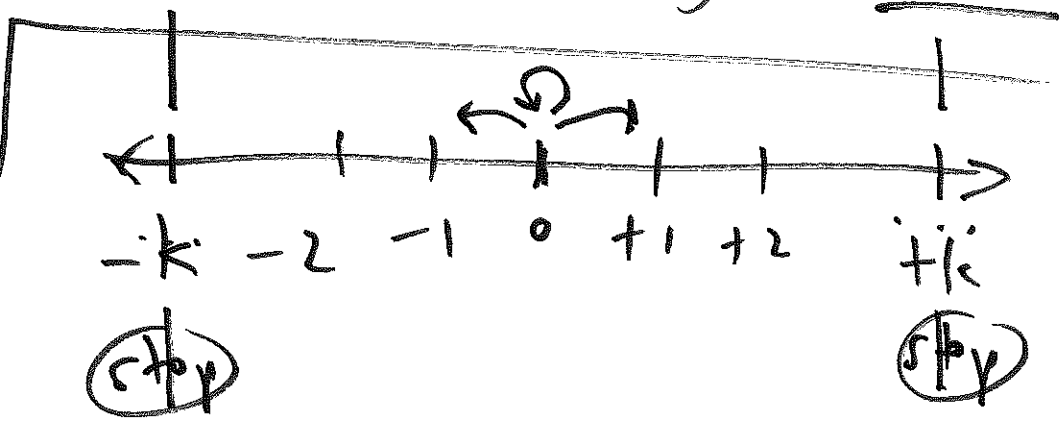
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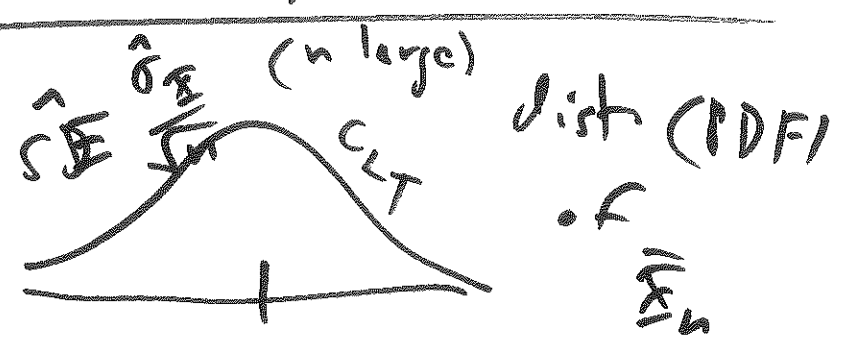
WPA The confidence interval story

single most important frequentist inferential idea <sup>(2)</sup>

Neyman (~1930)

$X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim}$  some dist. ( $\sigma_X^2 < \infty$ )  
 $E(X_i) = \mu_X$ ,  $V(X_i) = \sigma_X^2$

for  $n$  large,



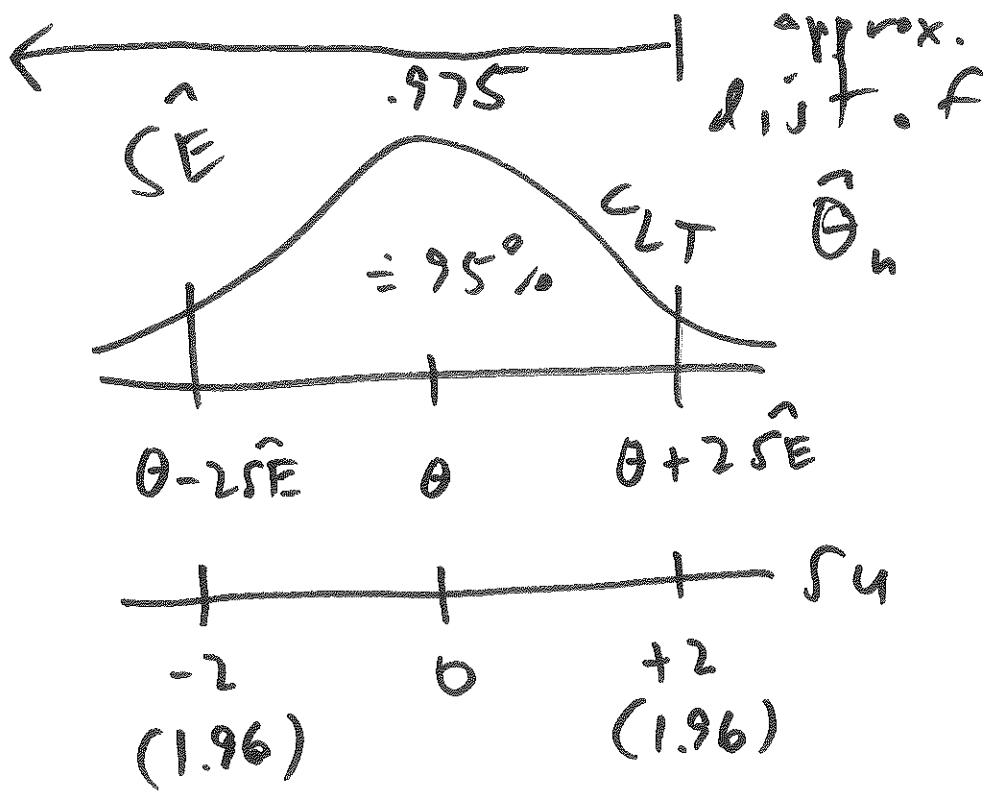
$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i = \bar{X}_n$$

$$\bar{X}_n \xrightarrow{P} \mu_X$$

$X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim}$  some dist, ( $\sigma_X^2 < \infty$ )  
 (summary of dist)  
 unknown parameter  $\theta$  of interest

suppose you can find an estimator  $\hat{\theta}_n$  of  $\theta$  (a function of the  $X_i$ )

$\theta$  such that (CLT) (PDF) dist. of  $\hat{\theta}_n$  <sup>(n large)</sup>



Neyman (3)  
 was a  
 rabid  
 frequentist:  
 for him  
 $\theta$  is a  
 fixed  
 unknown  
 constant  
 and  $\hat{\theta}_n$   
 is a r.v.

fixed (r.v.) fixed

$$P_F(\theta - 2\hat{SE} < \hat{\theta}_n < \theta + 2\hat{SE}) \approx 95\%$$

frequentist This is not

yet what people need; they need  
 something like  $P_B(A < \theta < B) \approx .95$   
 data

if  $A, B$   
 are  
 fixed

$$P_F(A < \theta < B) = \text{undefined}$$

fixed known    ↑ fixed unknown    ↑ fixed known

# Neyman's confidence trick

(4)

$$.95 = P_F \left( \underline{\theta - 2\hat{SE}} < \hat{\theta}_n < \underline{\theta + 2\hat{SE}} \right)$$

rewrite  $\hat{\theta}_n < \theta + 2\hat{SE} \Leftrightarrow$

$$\hat{\theta}_n - 2\hat{SE} < \theta$$

rewrite  $\hat{\theta}_n > \theta - 2\hat{SE} \Leftrightarrow$

$$\theta < \hat{\theta}_n + 2\hat{SE}$$

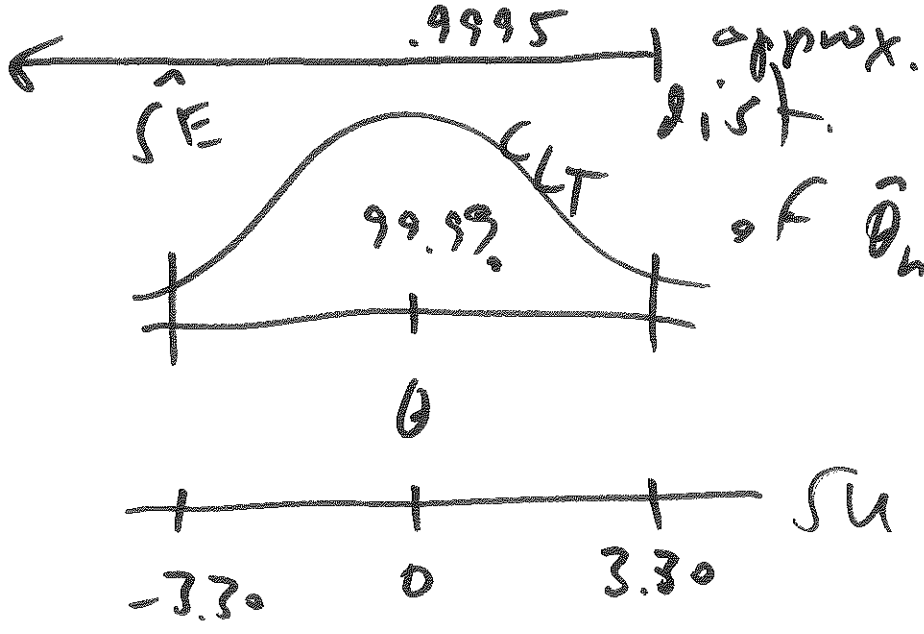
$$.95 = P_F \left( \underbrace{\hat{\theta}_n - 2\hat{SE}}_A < \theta < \underbrace{\hat{\theta}_n + 2\hat{SE}}_B \right)$$

A, B  
r.v.s

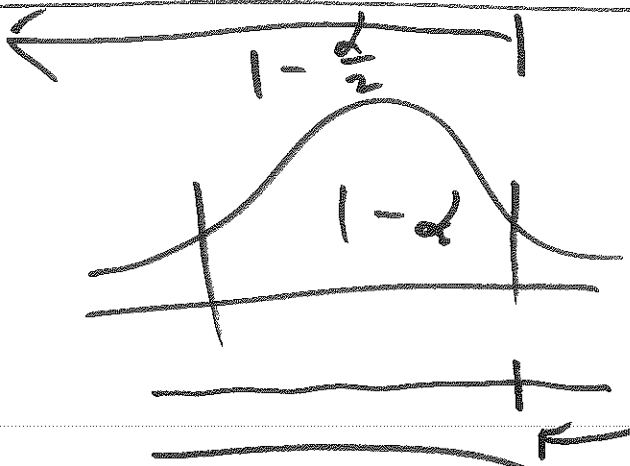
Therefore let's agree to call

$$\hat{\theta}_n \pm 2\hat{SE}$$

an <sup>approximate</sup> 95% confidence interval for  $\theta$   
(CI)



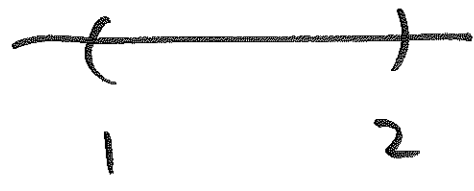
An approx. 99.99% CI for  $\theta$  is  $\hat{\theta}_n \pm 3.3 \hat{SE}$



An approx.  $100(1 - \alpha)\%$  CI is

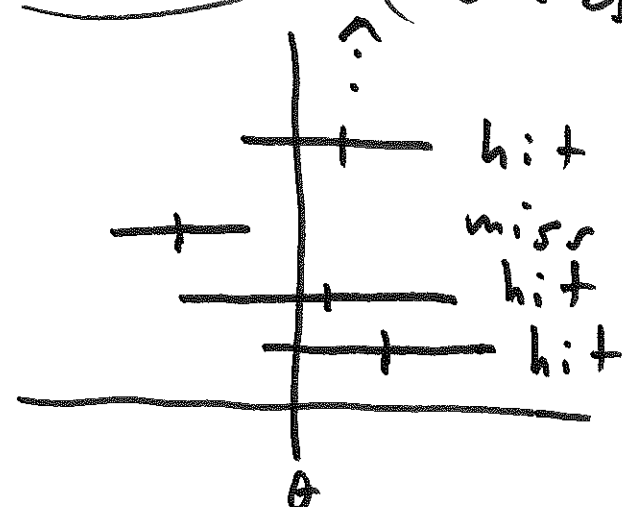
95% CI for  $\theta$

$$\hat{\theta}_n \pm z^*(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}) \cdot \hat{SE}$$



$P_F(1 < \theta < 2) = \cancel{.95}$   
 is undefined

(95% CIs)



$$P_F(\text{hit}) = .95$$

Every estimator  $\hat{\theta}_n$  is a r.v. (6)

so it has a variance  $V(\hat{\theta}_n)$ ;

SE  $\triangleq \sqrt{V(\hat{\theta}_n)}$  Unfortunately

$\sqrt{V(\hat{\theta}_n)}$  often involves  $\theta$

when this occurs, define  $SE$  to

be  $\sqrt{\vec{V}(\hat{\theta}_n)}$  stick in  $\hat{\theta}_n$  wherever  $\theta$  appears

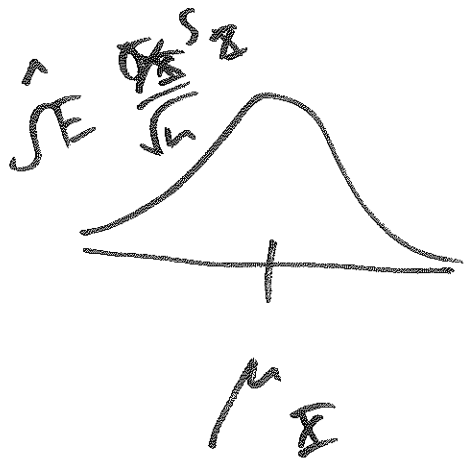
← 99.9% CI for  $(\theta_c - \theta_T)$  (10.43)



↑  
devil's  
advocate

$\theta_c - \theta_T$

when 0 is  
not in CI,  
diff. is  
statistically significant (statsig)



PDF of  $\bar{X}_n$

$n$  large

$$SD(\bar{X}_n) = \frac{\sigma_X}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$SE(\bar{X}_n)$

$\sigma_X$  unknown, so  $SE(\bar{X}_n) = \frac{\sigma_X}{\sqrt{n}}$

is unusable; sample mean

natural fix:

in the same way pop. mean

that  $\bar{X}_n$  is a good estimate of  $\mu_X$

sample SD  $s_X = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2}$  is a good est. of  $\sigma_X$  (s.d.)

so let's work with  $\hat{SE}(\bar{X}_n) = \frac{s_X}{\sqrt{n}}$

all uk adult  
hypertensive

diff (B-A) 1975  
N=?  
(big)

sample  
The observed  
hypertensive people

diff (B-A) = D  
D<sub>1</sub> d<sub>1</sub> = +9  
:  
:  
:  
D<sub>12</sub> d<sub>12</sub> = +33  
h = 12

repeated sampling

18.6  
19.3  
:  
↑  
M  
↓

mean  $\bar{D}_n = 18.6$  units

SD  $S_D = 10.1$  units

mean  $\Delta = ?$

SD  $\sigma_D = ?$

hyp. IID  
 $\theta$

[ ] n=12

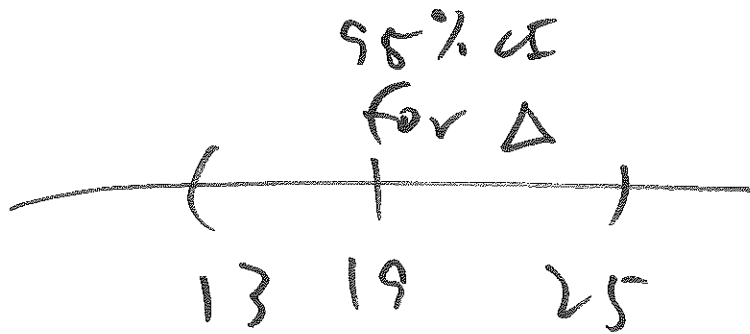
mean  $\bar{D}_n = ?$   
ex. (19.3)

(estimate of  $\Delta$ ) =  $\hat{\Delta} = \bar{D}_n = 18.6$

(SE for  $\hat{\Delta}$  as est. of  $\Delta$ ) =  $SE(\hat{\Delta}) = \frac{S_D}{\sqrt{12}} = \frac{10.1}{\sqrt{12}} \approx 2.9$

(95% CI for  $\Delta$ )  $\approx 18.6 \pm 2(2.9)$   
 $\approx 19 \pm 6$

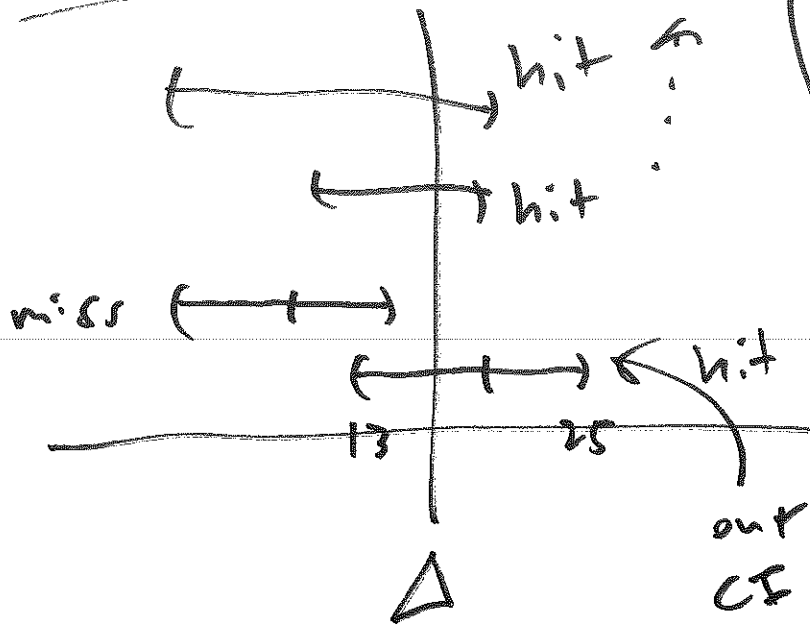




does this  
mean that (9)

$$P(\Delta \text{ is between } 13 \text{ and } 25) = \cancel{0.95} ?$$

undefined



imagine lots  
of CI,  
each based  
on  $n=12$   
IID draws  
from  $\theta$ .

$$P(\text{hit}) = 0.95$$

(10.58)