

The _____ of the Sample Mean($V(\bar{X})$)

➤ We also need to know the variance of the sampling distribution of _____ for a given sample size n.

Notation: The variance of the values of $\bar{X}$ is denoted by either:

$$V(\bar{X}) \quad \text{or} \quad \sigma_{\bar{X}}^2$$

➤ The _____ is the average of the squared deviations of the variable $\bar{X}$ about its mean $\mu_{\bar{X}}$.

$$\sigma_{\bar{X}}^2 = V(\bar{X}) = E(\bar{X} - \mu_{\bar{X}})^2 = \sum_{\bar{X}} (\bar{X} - \mu_{\bar{X}})^2 P(\bar{X})$$

Continuation of the previous example:

$\bar{X}$	$P(\bar{X})$	$(\bar{X} - \mu_{\bar{X}})$	$(\bar{X} - \mu_{\bar{X}})^2$	$(\bar{X} - \mu_{\bar{X}})^2 P(\bar{X})$
4	$\frac{1}{16}$	(4-7)=-3		$\frac{9}{16}$
5	$\frac{2}{16} = \frac{1}{8}$	(5-7)=-2		$\frac{8}{16}$
6	$\frac{3}{16}$	(6-7)=-1		$\frac{3}{16}$
7	$\frac{4}{16} = \frac{1}{4}$	(7-7)=0		0
8	$\frac{3}{16}$	(8-7)=1		$\frac{3}{16}$
9	$\frac{2}{16} = \frac{1}{8}$	(9-7)=2		$\frac{8}{16}$
10	$\frac{1}{16}$	(10-7)=3		$\frac{9}{16}$

$$\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2 P(\bar{X}) = 40/16 = 2.5$$

Mean = ____

Variance = ____

Recall the population variance = ____

Notice that:
$$V(\bar{X}) = \sigma^2_{\bar{X}} = \sigma^2 / n$$

i.e. $5/2 = 2.5$

➤ **This is not a coincidence either!!**

Recall: The $\text{Var}(X) = \text{Var}(X_i \forall i) = \sigma^2$.

‘n’ is the sample size.

Sampling distribution is for all possible samples of size n.

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} V(\bar{X}) &= V\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_i X_i\right) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^2 V\left(\sum_i X_i\right) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^2 \sum (V(X_i)) \end{aligned}$$

and Since X's are independent under random sampling:

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{n^2} \left[\sum (\sigma^2 + \sigma^2 + \sigma^2 + \dots + \sigma^2) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} n \sigma^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sigma^2. \end{aligned}$$

Although we calculated the value of _____ directly in this 4 element population of X_i 's, in problems where there are many values of $\bar{X}$, direct calculation is impractical.

As long as we _____ the variance of the population σ^2 , we can calculate the $V(\bar{X})$.

This is because the variance of the random variable $\bar{X}$ is related to σ^2 , the population variance, and to the sample size by the formula:

$$V(\bar{X}) = \sigma^2 / ___$$

The variance of $\bar{X}$ is **always** **than or equal** to the population variance.

The variance of the mean of a sample of n independent observations is $1/n$ times the _____ of the parent population (see footnote p. 256).

$$\boxed{V(\bar{X}) = \sigma_{\bar{X}}^2 = \left(1/n\right)\sigma^2} \quad (\text{Equation 7.6})$$

When $n=1$, the samples contain only one observation and distribution of X and $\bar{X}$ are the _____.

➤ As n increases, $\sigma_{\bar{X}}^2$ becomes _____ because the sample means will tend to be closer to the value of the population mean

$\mu_{\bar{X}}$.

When $n = N$ (in a finite population) **all** sample means will _____ the population mean and the $V(\bar{X})$'s will equal ____.

With our example, the population variance (σ^2) is known (= 5) and $n=2$:

So the variance of $\bar{X}$ ($V(\bar{X})$) is:

$$V(\bar{X}) = \sigma_{\bar{X}}^2 = \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\sigma^2 = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)(5) = 2.5$$

What Happens to $V(\bar{X})$ as n _____?

➤ Because each sample contains more information or more elements of the population as the sample size _____, the sample will be closer to the population, so expect _____ variability.

Example: Suppose $X \sim N(0, 100)$

Randomly draw samples of size:

- (i) 10
- (ii) 100
- (iii) 1000

from this population.

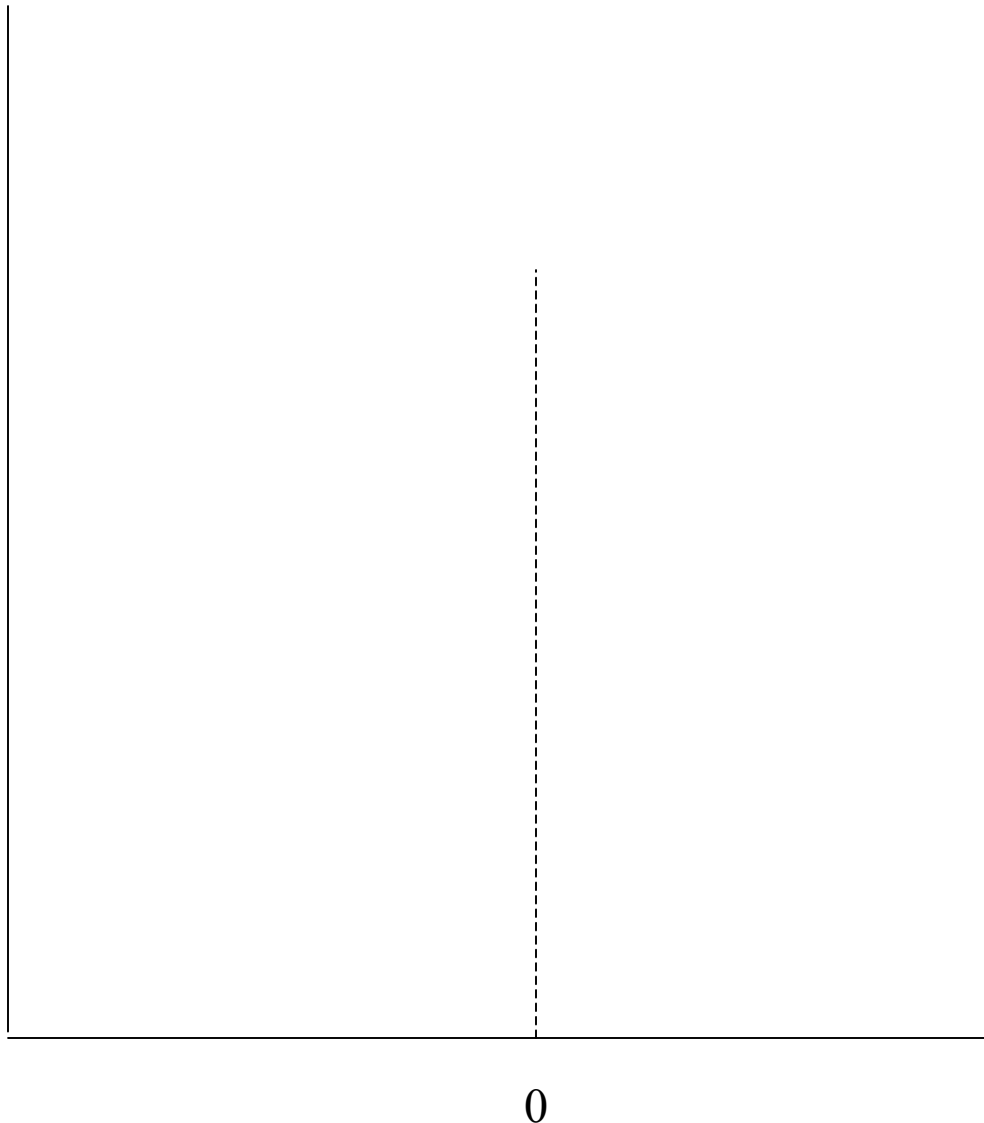
Calculate $\bar{X}_{10}$ for all possible samples of size 10.

Calculate $\bar{X}_{100}$ for all possible samples of size 100.

Calculate $\bar{X}_{1000}$ for all possible samples of size 1000.

Then we can show:

Sampling Distributions for Xbar: Various Sample Sizes:



For $n=10$: dispersion of $\bar{X}$ is quite wide around the mean of 0.

For $n=1000$: less variation around the mean of zero.

➤ When n approaches _____, there is no dispersion and variance of $\bar{X} = 0$.

Standard _____ of the Mean

Notation: We usually denote the standard deviation of $\bar{X}$'s, $\sigma_{\bar{X}}$, the standard _____ of the mean.

➤ The error refers to *sampling* _____.

➤ $\sigma_{\bar{X}}$ is a measure of the standard expected _____ when the sample mean is used to obtain information or draw conclusions about the unknown population mean.

Standard Error of the mean:

$$\sigma_{\bar{X}} = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2}{n}} = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \quad (\text{Equation 7.7})$$

In our example: $\sigma_{\bar{X}} = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2}{n}} = \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}} = \frac{2.236}{\sqrt{2}} = 1.5811$

Notes: (i) $\mu_{\bar{X}}$ and $\sigma_{\bar{X}}$ are parameters of the population of sample averages for all conceivable samples of size n.

➤ These parameters are usually _____.

(ii) The population parameters (μ, σ^2) are also usually _____.

(iii) This means that we cannot use the relationships:

$$\mu = \mu_{\bar{X}} \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma / \sqrt{n} = \sigma_{\bar{X}}$$

to solve for values of one of these statistics.

But these relationships allow us to test hypotheses about the population parameters on the basis of sample results.

More on this later.....

Next: We now have derived the mean and the variance of the sampling distribution, but have not said anything about the _____ of the sampling distribution of $\bar{X}$.

Recall that distributions with the same mean and variance can have very different _____.

➤ **We must now specify an assumption about the entire distribution of $\bar{X}$'s:**

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Sampling distribution of $\bar{X}$, _____ Parent Population

➤ It is typically not possible to specify the *shape* of the $\bar{X}$'s when the parent population is discrete and the sample _____ is small.

➤ However, the shape of a sample taken from a **normally distributed** parent population (X) can be specified.

In this case, the $\bar{X}$'s are distributed normally.

“ The sampling distribution of $\bar{X}$'s drawn from a normal parent population is a _____ distribution.”

Recall: The mean of the $\bar{X}$ s is $\mu_{\bar{X}} = \mu$ and the variance of $\bar{X}$ s is $\sigma_{\bar{X}}^2 = \sigma^2 / n$.

➤ Hence the sampling distribution of $\bar{X}$ is:

$$\bar{X} \sim N(\mu_{\bar{X}}, \sigma_{\bar{X}}^2) = N(\mu, \sigma^2 / n)$$

when ever the parent population is _____. $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$.

➤ Meaning, regardless of the _____ of the parent population, the mean and variance of $\bar{X}$ equal: $\mu_{\bar{X}}$ and $\sigma_{\bar{X}}^2 = \sigma^2 / n$.

From the **last example**: $X \sim N(0, 100)$.

Hence,

$$\bar{X}_{10} \sim N\left(0, \frac{100}{10}\right) = N(0, 10)$$

$$\bar{X}_{100} \sim N\left(0, \frac{100}{100}\right) = N(0, 1)$$

$$\bar{X}_{1000} \sim N\left(0, \frac{100}{1000}\right) = N(0, 0.1).$$

Remember: The normal distribution is a continuous distribution.
(I.e. infinite number of different samples could be drawn.)

(Error in text on page 259?)

Example: Suppose all the possible samples of size 10 are drawn from a _____ distribution that has a mean of 25 and a variance of 50. That is, X is normally distributed with a mean $\mu=25$ and variance $\sigma^2=50$: $X \sim N(25, 50)$.

➤ Since the population mean $\mu=25$, the mean of $\bar{X}$ s equal $\mu_{\bar{X}} = 25$.

➤ Since the population variance $\sigma^2=50$, the variance of the $\bar{X}$'s equals $\sigma_{\bar{X}}^2 = \frac{\sigma^2}{n} = \frac{50}{10} = 5$.

➤ Since X is _____, $\bar{X}$ is _____ distributed $\bar{X} \sim N(25, 5)$.

What this means is:

68.3% of the sample means will fall within $\pm$ one _____ error of the mean: $\sigma_{\bar{X}} = \sqrt{5} = 2.24$.

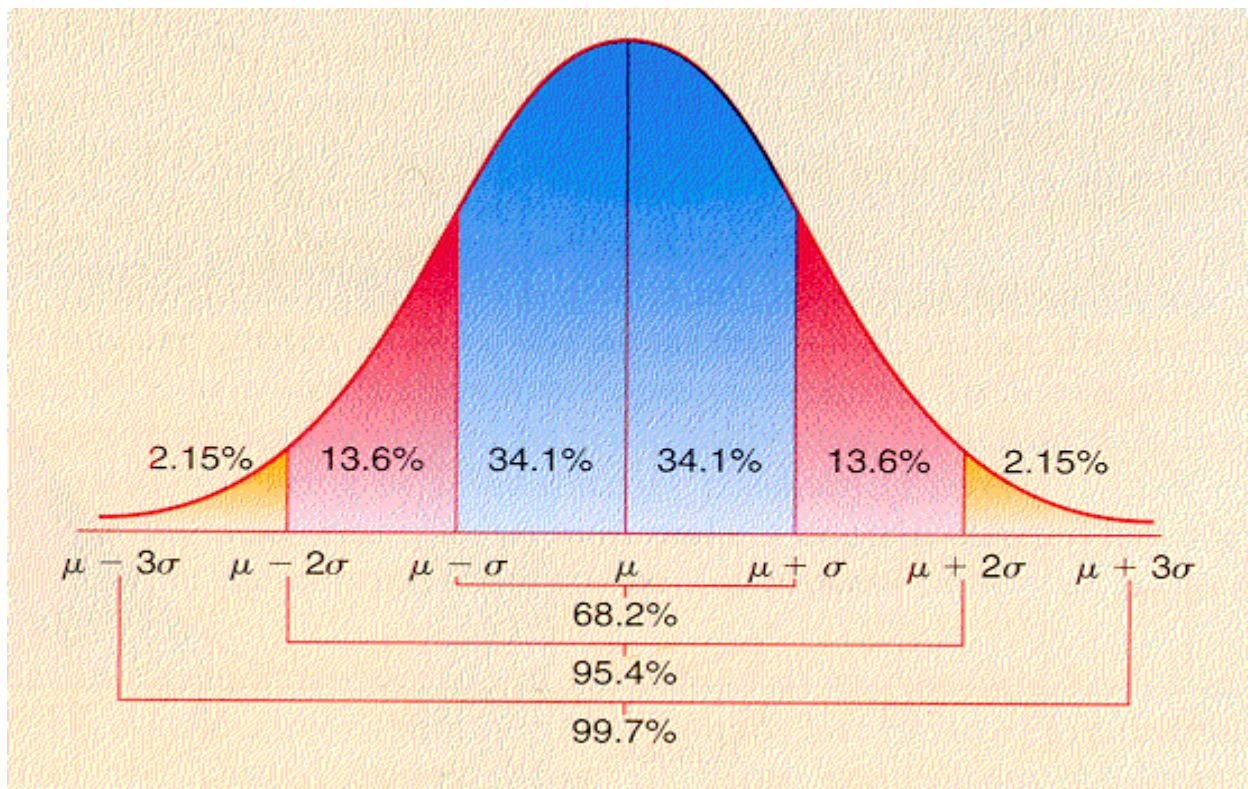
$$\mu + 1\sigma_{\bar{X}} = 25 \pm (1)(2.24) = 22.76 \text{ to } 27.24.$$

_____ % of the sample means will fall within $\pm$ two standard errors of the mean:

$$\mu + 2\sigma_{\bar{X}} = 25 \pm (2)(2.24) = 25 \pm 4.48 \Rightarrow 20.52 \text{ to } 29.48.$$

99.7% of the sample means will fall within $\pm$ three standard errors of the _____ :

$$\mu + 3\sigma_{\bar{X}} = 25 \pm (3)(2.24) = 25 \pm 6.72 \Rightarrow 18.28 \text{ to } 31.72.$$



The Standardized Form of the Random Variable $\bar{X}$ and σ

In Economics 245, we saw from Chapter 6 that it is easier to work with the standard normal form of a variable than it is to leave it in its original units.

The same type of _____ made on a random variable X , can be made on the random variable $\bar{X}$.

Recall, to _____ the random variable X to its standard normal form (Z), we subtract the mean from each value and divide by the standard deviation:

$$\boxed{Z = \frac{(X - \mu)}{\sigma}} \leftarrow Z \text{ has a mean} = 0 \text{ \& variance} = 1.$$

$Z \sim N(0,1).$

The standardization of $\bar{X}$ is _____ the same way:

$$\boxed{Z = \frac{(\bar{X} - \mu_{\bar{X}})}{\sigma_{\bar{X}}} = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}}} \text{ (Equation 7.9)}$$

➤ The random variable **Z** has a mean of zero and a variance of ____.

Thus: When sampling from a normal parent population, the distribution of $Z = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}}$ will be _____ with mean zero and variance equal to _____.
(See figure 7.4.)

Example: Suppose X is the height (in inches) of basketball players on all university teams in Canada during summer term. Suppose $X \sim N(_, 36)$. A random sample of nine players is drawn from this population.

➤ **What is the probability that the sample average team player height is less than 80 inches? (What is $P(\bar{X} \leq 80)$?)**

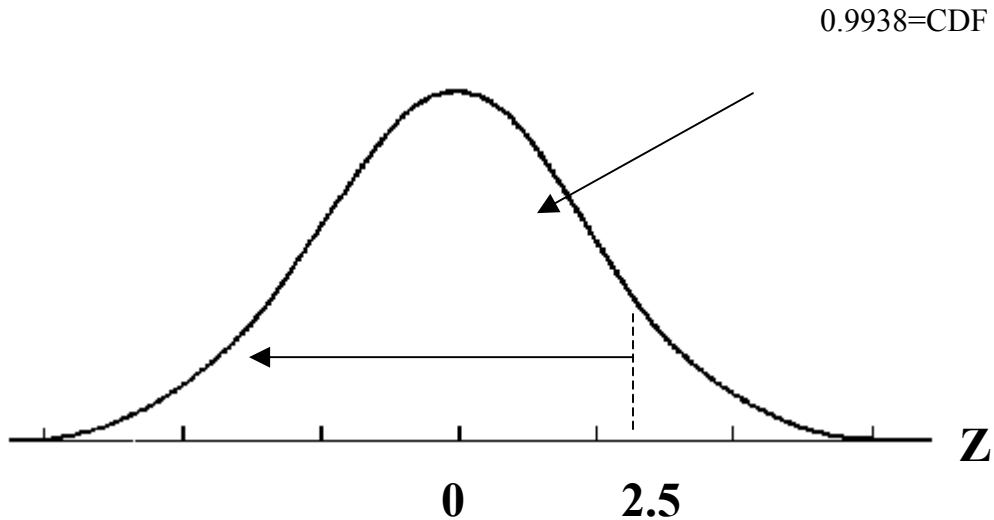
Solution: If $X \sim N(_, 36)$, then $\bar{X} \sim N(75, 36/9=4)$.

➤ Standardize the variable $\bar{X}$:

$$Z = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}} = \frac{80 - 75}{6 / \sqrt{9}} = \frac{5}{6/3} = \frac{5}{2} = 2.5$$

Looking at the Cumulative Standardized Normal Distribution Table F(Z), on page 891, the $P(Z \leq 2.5) = 0.9938$.

The probability that the average height of basketball players in our sample of size 9 is less than 80 inches is 99.38%.



Example: Let X be the amount of money customers owe on home mortgages at the Bank of Nova Scotia (in thousands of \$).
 Suppose $X \sim N(150, ___)$.
 Draw a random sample of 25 from the population.

What is the probability that the average amount owing is greater than \$200? $P(\bar{X} \geq 200)$?

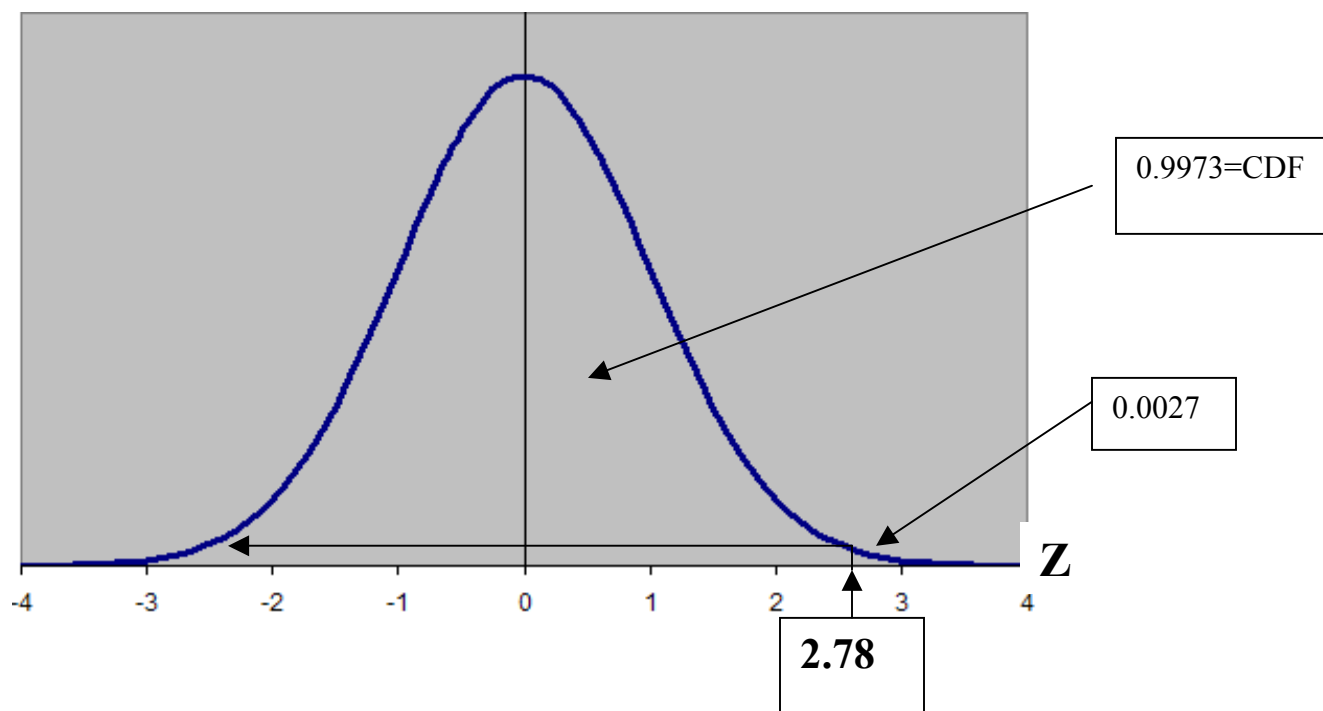
Solution: $X \sim N(150, ___)$, so

$$\bar{X} \sim N(150, ___ / 25 = 324) = N(150, 324);$$

$$Z = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}} = \frac{200 - 150}{90 / \sqrt{25}} = \frac{50}{90 / 5} = \frac{50}{18} = 2.78$$

$$P(Z \geq 2.78) = (1 - 0.9973) = 0. ___.$$

The probability that average amount owing on a mortgage is greater than \$200 is .27%.



Section 7.6

The limitations from the last section is obvious:

“ We cannot always assume that the parent population is ____.”

What if the Population is ____ - ____ l?

Sampling Distribution of $\bar{X}$: Population Distribution Unknown and σ Known

- When the samples drawn are not from a normal population or when the population distribution is unknown, the ____ *of the sample* is extremely important.
- When the sample ____ is small, the shape of the distribution will depend mostly on the shape of the parent population.
- As the sample ____ increases, the shape of the sampling distribution of $\bar{X}$ will become more and more like a ____ distribution, regardless of the shape of the parent population.

Central Limit Theorem:

“Regardless of the distribution of the parent population, as long as it has a finite mean μ and variance σ^2 , the distribution of the means of the random samples will approach a ____ distribution, with mean μ and variance σ^2/n , as the sample size n , goes to infinity.”

(I) When the parent population is _____, the sampling distribution of $\bar{X}$ is **exactly** _____.

(II) When the parent population is not normal or unknown, the sampling distribution of $\bar{X}$ is **approximately** _____ as the sample size increases.

Example:

Let the sample be $(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$

Let $S = (X_1 + X_2 + X_3 + \dots + X_n)$

$$E(S) = E(X_1) + E(X_2) + \dots + E(X_n) \\ = \sum E(X_i) = n(E(X)) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$V(S) = V(X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n) = V(X_1) + V(X_2) + \dots + V(X_n) \\ = \sum V(X_i) = nV(X_i) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}.$$

Assuming independence.

So according to the CLT as $n \rightarrow \infty$
 $S \rightarrow N(n\mu, n\sigma^2)$

$$\text{Now, } \bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i = \frac{(X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n)}{n} = \frac{S}{n}.$$

The expected value of $\bar{X}$ is:

$$E(\bar{X}) = \frac{1}{n} E(S) = \frac{1}{n} n\mu = \mu$$

and the variance of $\bar{X}$:

$$V(\bar{X}) = V\left(\frac{S}{n}\right) = \frac{1}{n^2} V(S) = \frac{1}{n^2} \sigma^2 n = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}.$$

So, according to the CLT: as $n \rightarrow \infty$,

$\bar{X} \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2/n)$ regardless of the form of the parent population distribution.

Notes on Page 262, Figure 7.5

(Distribution with discrete values of X.)

(Note: the CLT applies in discrete and continuous cases.)

➤ The first row of diagrams in Figure 7.5 shows four different parent populations.

The next 3 rows show the sampling distribution of

$\bar{X}$ for all possible repeated samples of size $n=2$, $n=5$, and $n=30$, drawn from the populations in the first row.

Column 1: Normal population

All sampling distributions are normal and have the same mean μ ;

The variances decrease as $\sqrt{n}$ increases.

Column 2 : Uniform Population

At $n=2$, symmetrical

At $n=5$, normal looking distribution

Column 3: Bimodal Population

At $n=2$ the distribution is symmetrical.

At $n=5$, the distribution is bell-shaped.

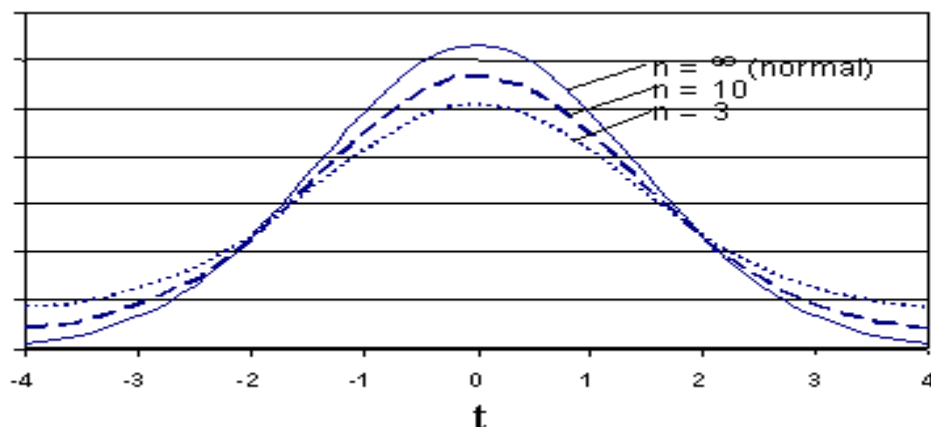
Column 4: Highly skewed exponential Population.

At $n=2$ and $n=5$, the distribution is still skewed.

At $n=30$, symmetrical bell-shaped distribution for

$$\bar{X} \rightarrow \text{_____}.$$

In General, if $n \geq \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$, the sampling distribution of $\bar{X}$ will be a good approximation.



Section 7.8

Sampling Distribution of $\bar{X}$, Normal Population, σ

Recall that if $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$, then $\bar{X} \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2/n)$;

Also recall that the standardized form of Z,

$$Z = \frac{(\bar{X} - \mu)}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}}$$

is important in the determination of probability of $\bar{X}$ taking some value, assuming that its population mean is μ .

We then use this probability distribution for problem solving and decision making.

But what happens if σ is _____ ?

➤ In solving a problem where σ is _____, 's', the sample statistic for standard deviation of σ , can be applied to solve problems involving standardization.

It is legitimate because it can be shown that: $E(S^2) = \sigma^2$

and we can standardize creating a new ratio:

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

Where "t-ratio" is **not** _____ distributed.

➤ The resulting distribution no longer has a _____ equal to 1.

To determine the distribution of the ratio $\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{s/\sqrt{n}}$ we follow these steps:

1) Collect all the possible samples of size n from a normal parent population.

2) Calculate $\bar{X}$ and s for each sample.

3) Subtract μ from each value of $\bar{X}$, and then divide this deviation by the appropriate value of $s/\sqrt{n}$.

This process will generate an infinite number of values of this

random variable $\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{s/\sqrt{n}}$.

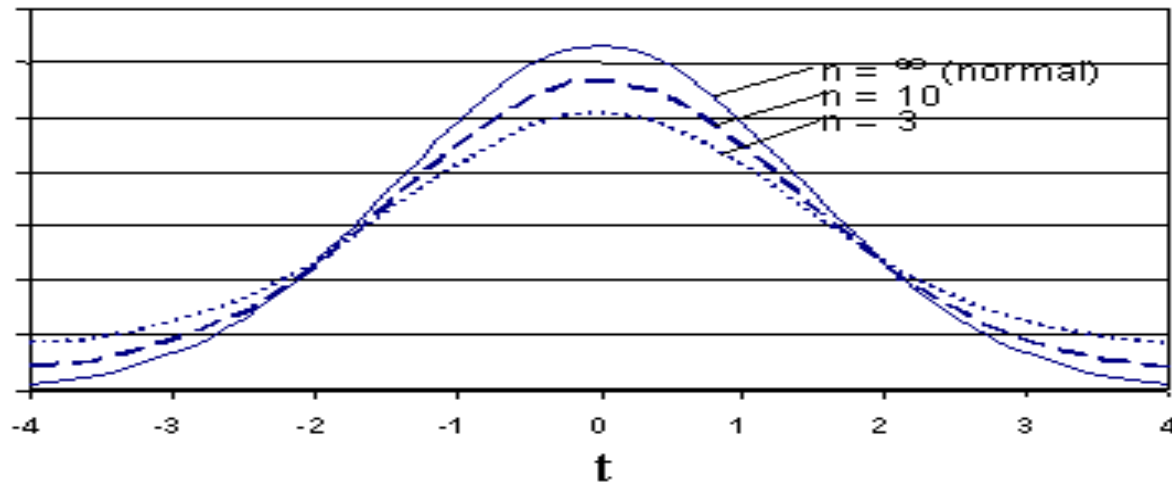
➤ The **mean** of the t-distribution still equals ____.

➤ The **variance** no longer equals $V(Z) = _$. It is _____.

Because we use 's' to standardize, the dispersion or the variation around the mean zero, will be wider.

➤ “s” introduces an element of uncertainty or ____ because s^2 is a parameter estimate, not the **actual** population parameter.

Hence the more uncertainty there is, the more spread out the distribution.



Notes About The t- Distribution:

1) The t-distribution was developed by W.S. Gossett.

It consists of two random variables $\bar{X}$ and s. Hence, the variable “t” is a _____ random variable.

2) $[-\infty < t < \infty]$ _____ probability.

3) The t-distribution is _____: $E(t) = 0 = \text{median} = \text{mode}$.

4) Variability of the t-distribution depends on the sample size (n), since n affects the ***reliability*** of the estimate of ‘ σ ’ which ‘s’ estimates.

- When n is large, 's' will be a **good** estimator of σ .
- When n is small, 's' may ____ be a good estimator.

The variability of the distribution depends on n :

$$t = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{s / \sqrt{n}} \quad (7.11)$$

1) The t-distribution

$$t = \frac{Z}{\sqrt{\chi^2 / \nu}} = \frac{(\bar{X} - \mu) / \sigma / \sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{\chi^2 / \nu}}.$$

6) We characterize the t-distribution in terms of the sample size minus one, $(n-1)$.

The $(n-1)$ is referred to as the number of “**degrees of freedom**” (d.f.), which represent the number of _____ pieces of information that are used to estimate the standard deviation of the parent population.

$\nu \leftarrow$ “nu” denotes degrees of freedom: $\nu = (n-1)$.

➤ t-distribution is described by ν degrees of freedom.

(i) The mean of t-distribution $= 0$; $[E(t) = 0]$.

(ii) The variance for $n \geq 3$, is
$$V(t) = \frac{\nu}{(\nu - 2)} = \frac{(n - 1)}{(n - 1 - 2)} = \frac{(n - 1)}{(n - 3)}.$$

7) For _____ sample sizes, the t-distribution is typically more _____ out than the normal distribution.

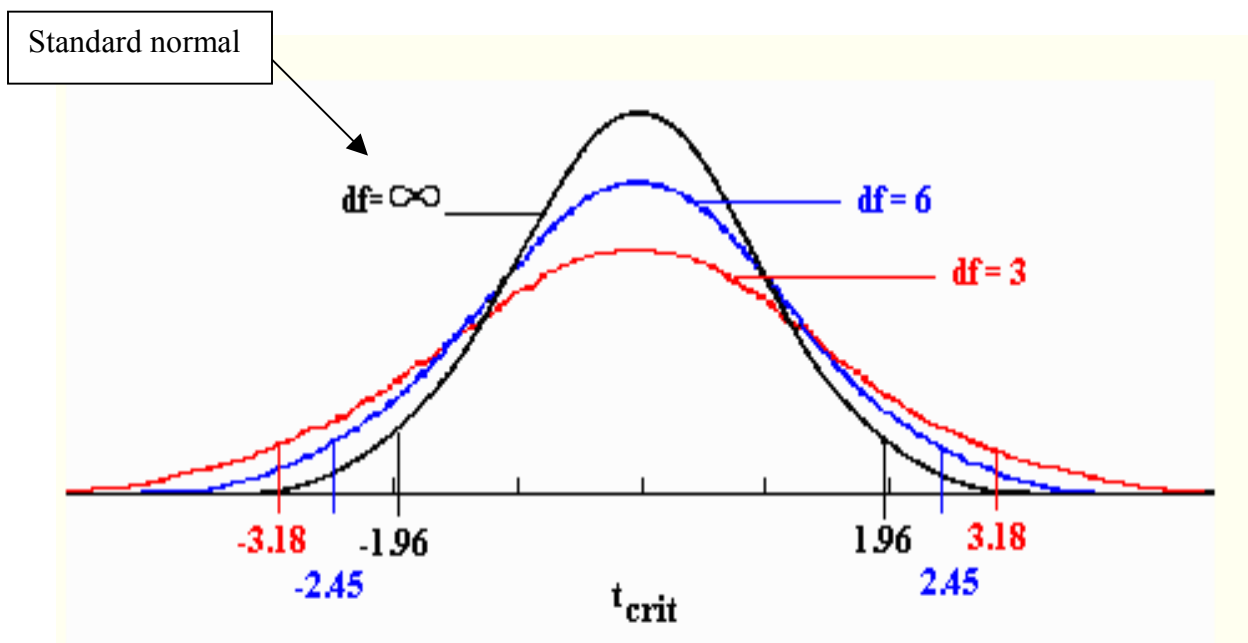
➤ t-distribution typically has fatter tails than the Z for small degrees of freedom.

➤ When the degrees of freedom are larger than 30, the t distribution resembles the _____ distribution.

➤ In the limit, as n approaches infinity, the t and Z distributions are the same.

So, the t-tables usually have probability values for $\nu \leq 30$, since larger samples normally give a good approximation and are easier to use.

Although the distribution holds for any sample size, we usually use the t-distribution when we are using _____ samples.



Probability Applications:

Probability questions involving a t-distributed random variable

can be solved by forming the t-statistic:

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

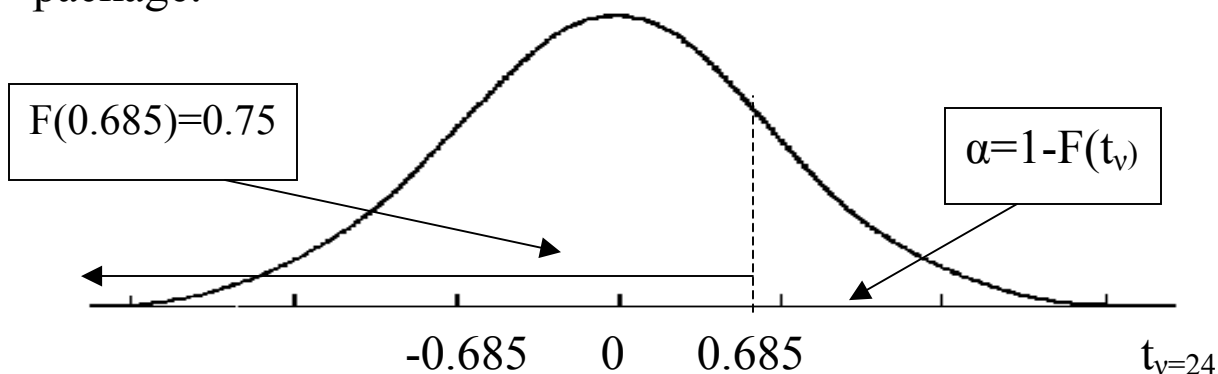
and determining the probability by using the Student t-table (H&M page 894) or a computer generated value (using the @ctdist(x,v) command in EViews).

➤ The Student t-table gives the values of “t” for _____ values of the cumulative probability $F(t)=P(t < t)$ across the top of the table and for degree of freedom (v) down the left margin.

➤ Table VI gives probabilities for 7 selected t-values for each degree of freedom.

➤ More extensive tables are available.

➤ The easiest way to determine probabilities is to use a statistical package.



Recall, the t-distribution is the appropriate statistic for inference on a population mean whenever the parent population is normally distributed and σ is known.

Example: A large restaurant reports its outstanding bills to suppliers are approximately normally distributed with a mean of \$1200. The standard deviation is unknown. A random sample of 10 accounts is taken. The mean of the sample $\bar{X} = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$, with a standard deviation $s = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$. What is the probability that the sample mean will be \$980 or lower when $\mu = 1200$?

$P(\bar{X} \leq 980)$?

To solve, standardize the values:

$$t = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{s / \sqrt{n}} = \frac{980 - 1200}{210 / \sqrt{10}} = \frac{-220}{66.4078} = -\underline{\hspace{1cm}}$$

Using $t = -3.312$ does not appear in the row $v = 9$.

Use table to determine an upper and lower bound for $P(t < -3.312)$:

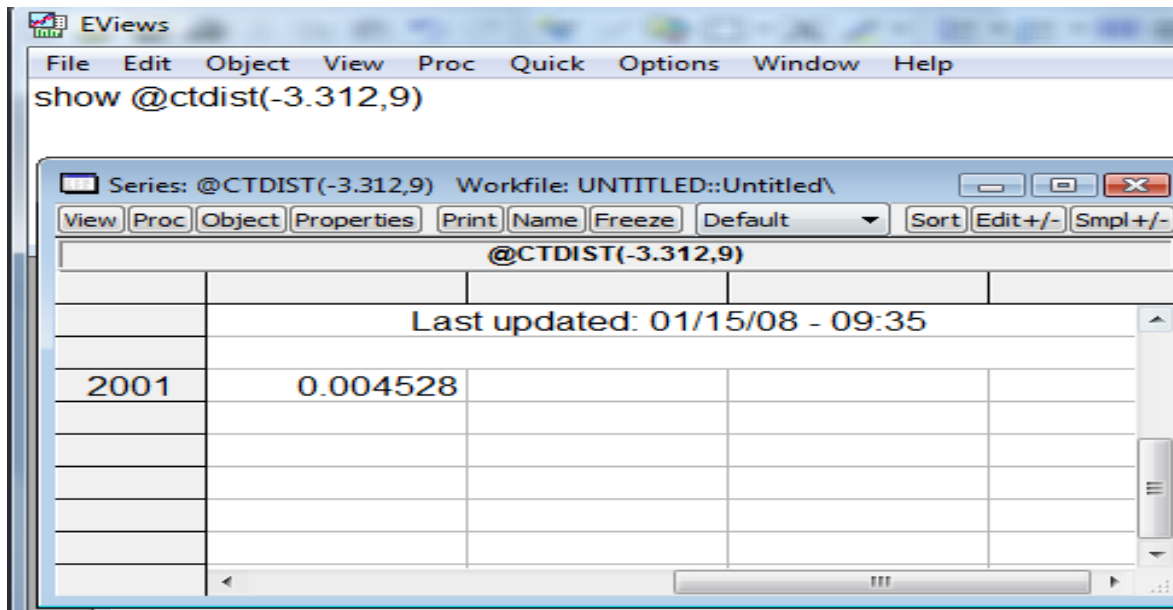
$$F(-3.250) = 0.005$$

$$F(-4.781) = 0.0005$$

$$\mathbf{0.005 \leq P(t \leq -\underline{\hspace{1cm}}) \leq 0.0005.}$$

A Sample mean as low or lower than 980 will occur approximately between 0.5% to 0.05% of the time with $\mu = \$1200$. May be concerned with the accuracy of the sample.

Using EViews :



Draw another sample:

Next sample: What is the $P(\bar{X} \geq 1250)$?

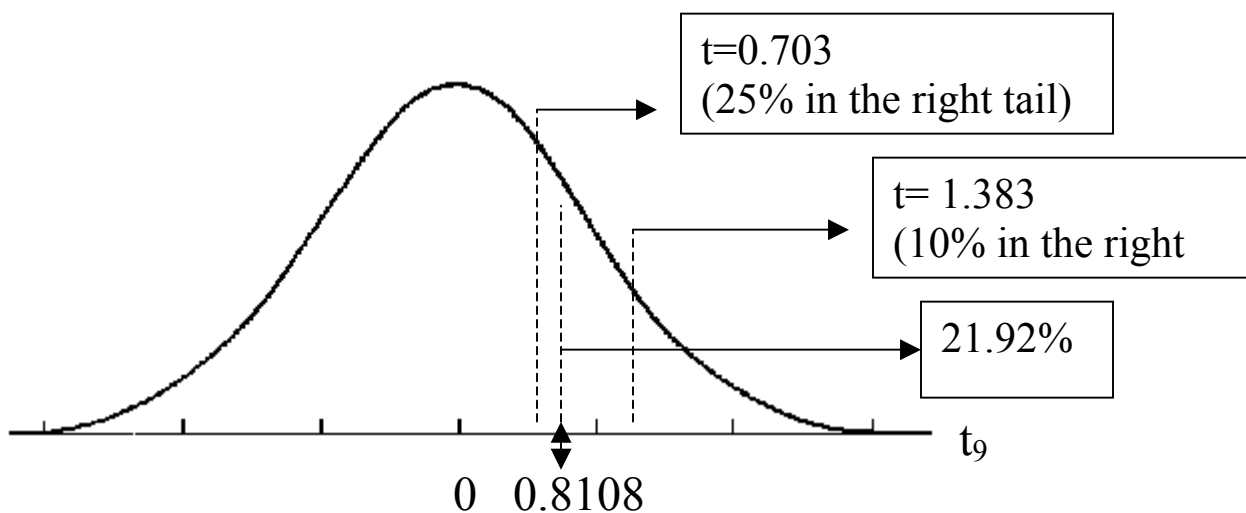
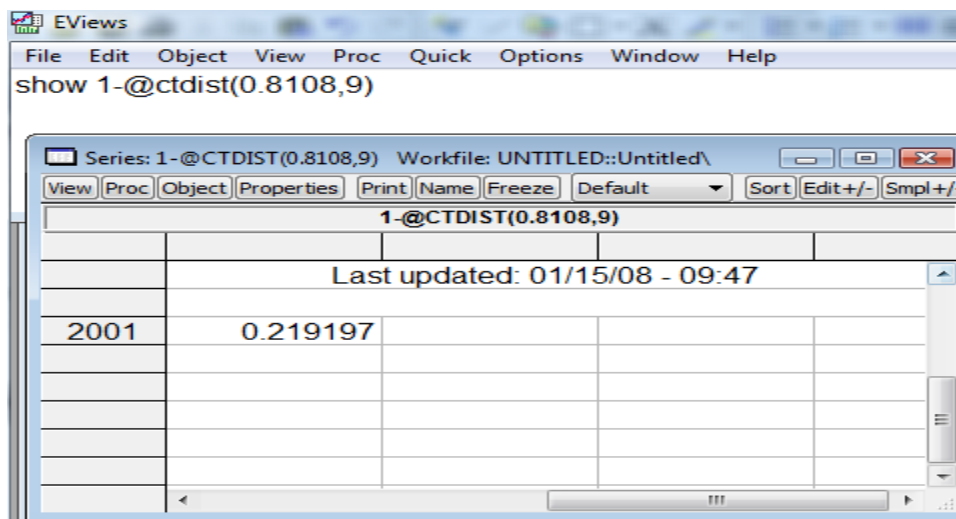
$\bar{X} = 1250$, $s = 195$ and $n = 10$

$$t = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{s/\sqrt{n}} = \frac{1250 - 1200}{195/\sqrt{10}} = \frac{50}{61.6644} = 0.8108.$$

$P(\bar{X} \geq 1250)$: $F(0.703) = 0.75 \rightarrow 1 - F(0.703) = 0.25$
 $F(1.383) = 0.90 \rightarrow 1 - F(1.383) = 0.10$

$$(0.25 \geq P(t \geq 0.8108) \geq 0.10)$$

Using EViews:

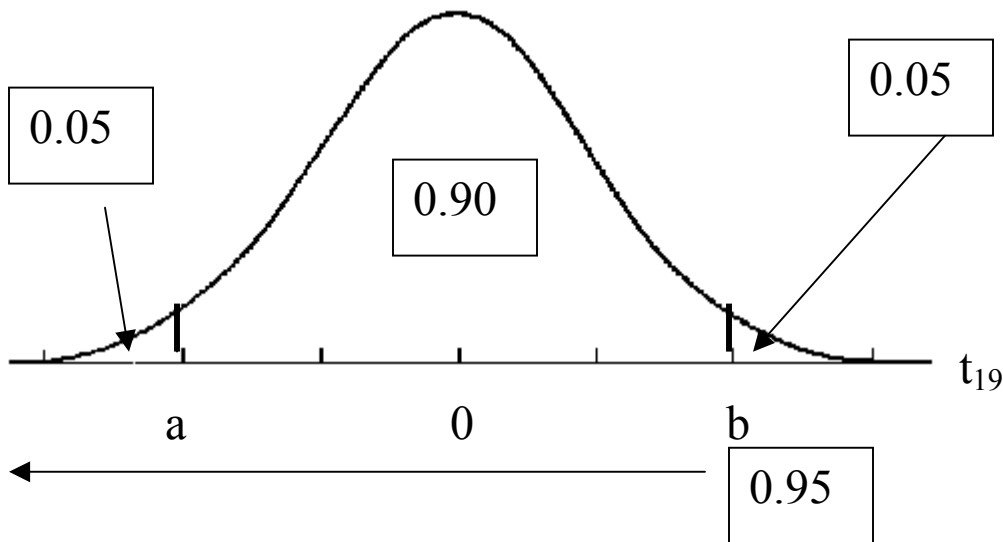


Example:

Determine an interval (a,b) such that $P(a \leq t \leq b) = 0.90$, assuming $n-1 = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$ degrees of freedom.

Put half of the excluded area in each tail of the distribution:

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)(0.10) = .05$$



$$P(t \geq b) = 0.05 \quad \Rightarrow \quad F(\underline{\hspace{1cm}}) = 0.95 \quad \Rightarrow \quad b = 1.729$$

Since the t-distribution is symmetrical, 'a' is the negative value of b:

$$\Rightarrow a = -1.729.$$

$$P(-\underline{\hspace{1cm}} \leq t \leq 1.729) = 0.90$$

Use of the t-Distribution When the Population is Not

The discussion so far regarding the t-distribution assumes that samples drawn are from a normally distributed parent population.

➤ But often we cannot be sure or we cannot determine if the parent population is _____.

“So how important is this _____ assumption?”

➤ The _____ assumption can be relaxed without significantly changing the sampling distribution of the t-distribution.

➤ The distribution is said to be quite *“robust”*, which implies the results still hold even if the assumptions about the parent population do not conform to the original assumption of _____.

➤ We must stress that the t-distribution is appropriate whenever ‘x’ is normal and σ is unknown, even though many t tables do not list values higher than $v=30$.

➤ Some texts suggest that the normal distribution be used to approximate the t-distribution when $v > 30$, since t and z-values will then be quite close.

Because of this procedure, the t-distribution is sometimes **erroneously** applied to only _____ samples. But, the t-distribution is *always* correct whenever σ is _____ and x is normal.

Section 7.9
**The Sampling Distribution of the Sample Variance s^2 ,
Normal Population**

We examined the sampling distribution of $\bar{X}$ to determine how good $\bar{X}$ is as an estimator of μ .

Now we need to examine the sampling distribution of s^2 to consider issues about σ^2 .

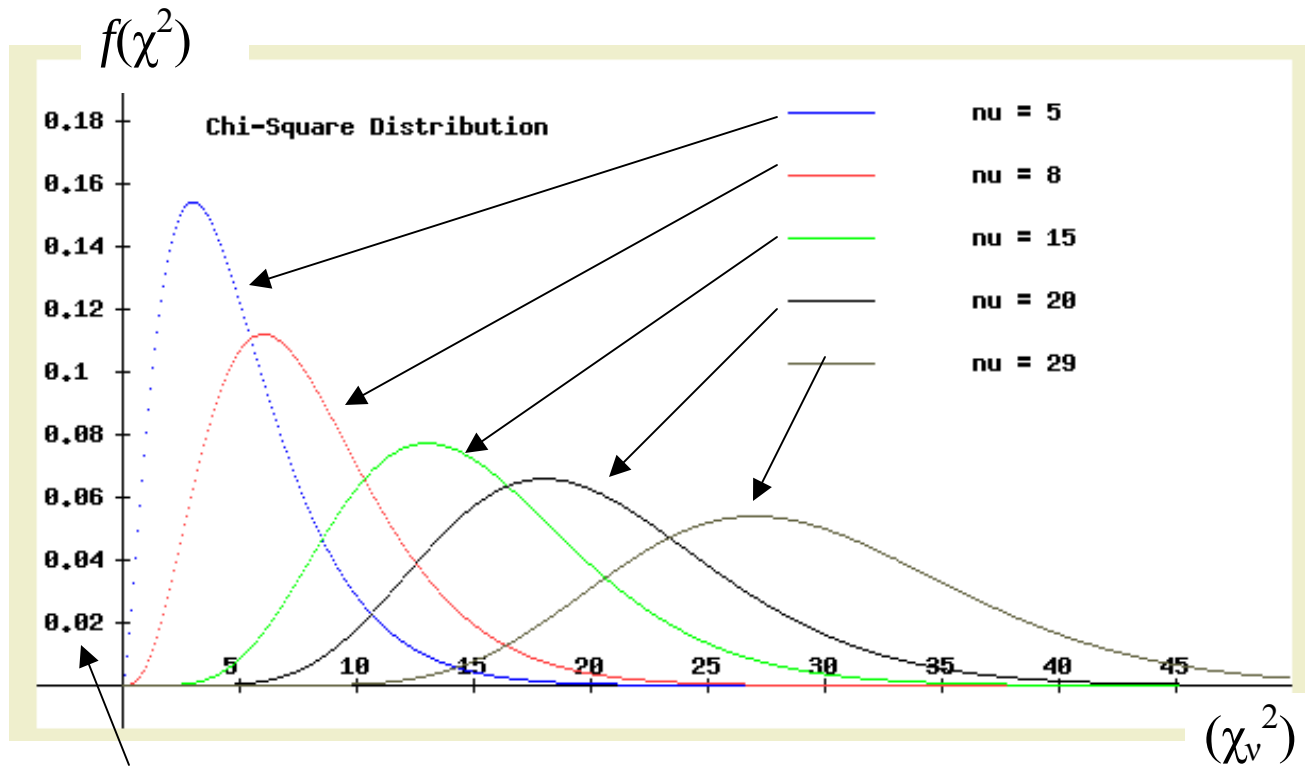
That is, need to explore the distribution that consists of all the possible values of s^2 calculated from samples of size n .

Characteristics of the sample variance:

1) s^2 must always be _____. Hence, the distribution of s^2 cannot be a normal distribution.

“ s^2 ” is a _____ distribution that is skewed to the _____ and looks like a smooth curve.

Sampling is from a normal population and it has one parameter, the degree of freedom.



Relative
Frequency

The shape depends on the sample ____.

2) The usual application involving s^2 , is analyzing whether s^2 will be larger or _____ than some observed value, given some assumed value of σ^2 .

Example:

Given $\sigma^2=0.020$, what is the probability that a random sample of $n=10$ will result in a sample variance $s^2 = 0.015$?

$P(s^2 \geq 0.015)$ assuming $(n-1) = 9$ and $\sigma^2 = 0.02$?

➤ We cannot directly solve this type of problem.

We must transform it: “Multiply s^2 by $(n-1)$ then divide the product by σ^2 .”

This new random variable is denoted “ χ^2 ” $\rightarrow$ ____ - ____

➤ The Chi-squared distribution is part of a family of positively _____ density functions, which depend on one parameter, $n-1$, which is its degree of freedom:

$$\chi_{n-1}^2 = \frac{\nu(s^2)}{\sigma^2} = \frac{(n-1)s^2}{\sigma^2} \quad (7.12)$$

If s^2 is the _____ of random samples of size n taken from a normal population having a variance of σ^2 , then the variable

$$\frac{(n-1)s^2}{\sigma^2}$$

has the same distribution as a χ^2 -variable with $(n-1)$ d.f.

Solving a problem involving s^2 by 7.12 follows the same process as solving problems for $\bar{X}$.

Example Continuation:

$$P(s^2 \geq 0.015) = P\left[\frac{(n-1)s^2}{\sigma^2} \geq \frac{(9)0.015}{0.02}\right] = P(\chi_9^2 \geq 6.75)$$

Properties of χ^2 Distribution

1) The number of degrees of freedom in a χ^2 distribution determine its _____ $f(\chi^2)$.

➤ When the degrees of freedom is _____, the shape of the density function is highly skewed to the _____.

➤ As ν gets larger, the distribution becomes more _____.

➤ As $\nu \rightarrow \infty$. The chi-square distribution becomes _____.

2) χ^2 is never less than _____. It has values between zero and positive infinity.

3) $E(\chi_v^2) = ______$

4) $V(\chi_v^2) = ______$

Table VII in Appendix C gives values of the cumulative χ^2 distribution for selected values of ν .

Example: Use the Chi-squared distribution to solve the following: Assume the sample variance equals \$^216, $s^2=16$, the population variance = \$^29, $\sigma^2 = 9$, and the sample is of size 11, $n=11$.
What is the probability that $P(s^2 \geq 16)$?

$$\frac{(n-1)s^2}{\sigma^2} = \frac{10(16)}{9} = \text{-----}$$

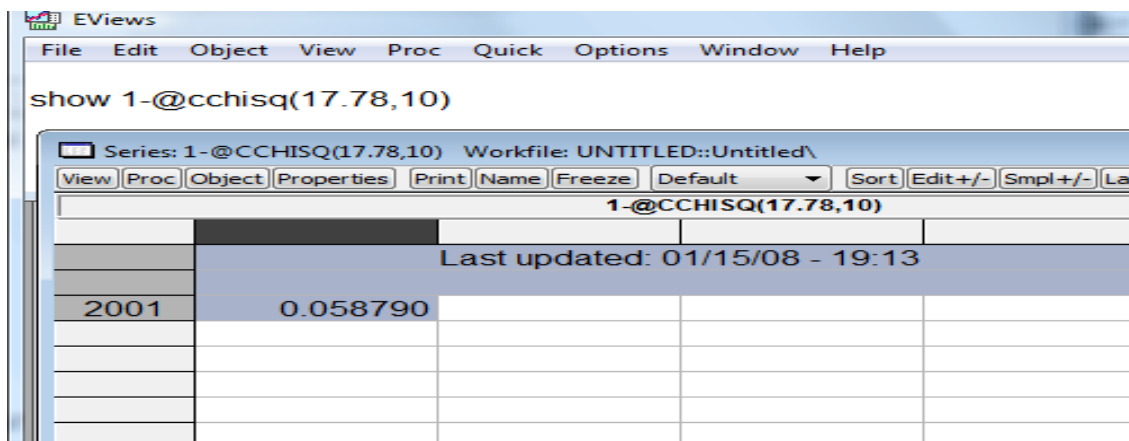
From Appendix C:

$$F(0.950) = \text{-----}$$

$$F(0.975) = \text{-----}$$

Meaning: $0.95 < P(\chi^2 \leq 17.78) < 0.975$

This implies $0.10 > P(\chi^2 \geq 17.78) > 0.05$



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