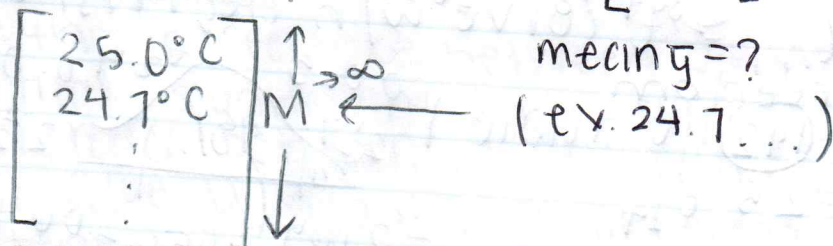


Lecture #12: Statistical Inference  
inferential summary

pop. unknown pop. quantity of main interest	$M = \text{pop. mean equil. temp}$
sample estimate of $M$	$\bar{y} = 25.0^\circ\text{C}$
give or take for $\bar{y}$ as estimate of $M$	$\uparrow$ $SE_{IID}(\bar{y}) = 0.27^\circ\text{C}$
95% conf. int. for $M$	$(24.5^\circ\text{C}, 25.6^\circ\text{C})$

hypothetical IID sample  $\left[ \int \right] n=25$   
imag data



- Long run mean: EV of  $\bar{y} = M$
- Long run SD:  $SE \text{ of } \bar{y} = \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} = \frac{1.34^\circ\text{C}}{\sqrt{25}} = 0.27^\circ\text{C}$
- Long run hist:  $\frac{(*)}{n} SE_{\frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}} = 0.27^\circ\text{C}$

(expected value  $\bar{y}$ ) = (EV of  $\bar{y}$ ) =  $E_{IID}(\bar{y}) = M$       \* formula 3 R-22

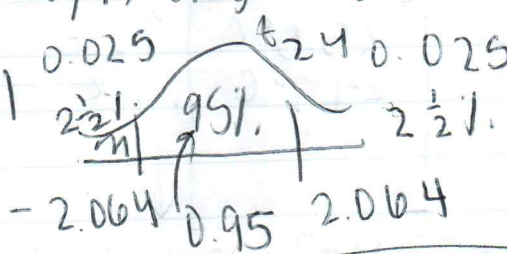
(estimated standard error of  $\bar{y}$ ) =  $SE \text{ of } \bar{y} = SE_{IID}(\bar{y}) = \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$       \* formula 4 R-22

• On the basis of this data set, we think that  $\mu$  is around  $25^\circ\text{C}$  ( $\bar{y}$ ), give or take about  $0.27^\circ\text{C}$  ( $\widehat{SE}(\bar{y})$ ), and a 95% CI for  $\mu$  runs from  $24.5^\circ\text{C}$  to  $25.6^\circ\text{C}$

(\*)  $\widehat{SE} = 0.27^\circ\text{C}$  (CLT)  $L=124$  W.S. Gosset (1908)  
 long run hist of  $\bar{y}$

• long run hist. of  $\bar{y}$ , accounting for uncertainty in  $\sigma$   
 $\widehat{SE} = 0.27^\circ\text{C}$  t curve  $\rightarrow$  longer tails

•  $t_{n-1}$  t curve w/ n degrees of freedom  
 •  $L=142$  t table  $n=25$   $t_{24}$



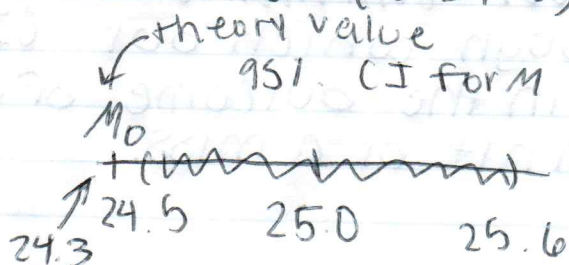
•  $P(\mu - 2.064\widehat{SE} < \bar{y} < \mu + 2.064\widehat{SE})$   
 • Neyman's confidence trick

$$\mu < \bar{y} + 2.064\widehat{SE} \quad \mu > \bar{y} - 2.064\widehat{SE}$$

$$\bar{y} - 2.064\widehat{SE} < \mu < \bar{y} + 2.064\widehat{SE}$$

•  $P(\bar{y} - 2.064\widehat{SE} < \mu < \bar{y} + 2.064\widehat{SE})$   
 $= 0.95 = 95\% \rightarrow$   
 $\bar{y} \pm 2.064\widehat{SE}(\bar{y})$  is a 95% confidence interval (CI) for  $\mu$

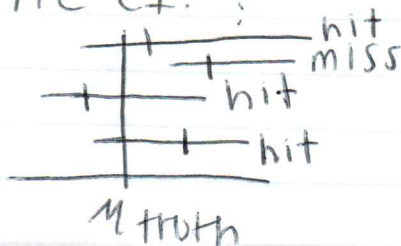
$$25.0^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2.064 (0.27^{\circ}\text{C}) = (24.5, 25.6)^{\circ}\text{C}$$



- informally we're pretty sure  $\mu$  is somewhere between 24.5 & 25.6
- since theory value  $\mu_0 = 24.3$  for  $\mu$  is not in the 95% confidence interval for  $\mu$ , we conclude that the theory is probably wrong
- ② The difference between 24.3 & 25.0 is statistically significant (stat sig) at the 95% level of confidence

### Diff question

- Is the difference between 24.3 + 25.0 practically significant (pract sig)?
- Difference between theory value  $\mu_0$  and data value  $\bar{y}$  statsig  $\Rightarrow$  difference is hard to attribute to unlucky random sampling  $\Rightarrow$  theory probably wrong
- Is confidence the same as probability?
  - 95% CI for  $\mu$  is (24.5, 25.6); does this mean probability  $P_F(24.5 < \mu < 25.6) = 95\%$ ?
  - frequentist  $\Rightarrow$  **No**  $\mu$  is a fixed unknown number that is either in or out of the CI.



resp. Neyman guarantees 95% of these intervals will be hits

• Neyman's / our confidence is in the process through which our CI was made, not in the outcome of whether our CI is a hit or a miss.