

# Statistical Techniques for CS/BIT

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# Today:

## Lectorial (meeting #6)

- Lecture CH 3 (3.4 & 3.3)

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- Break

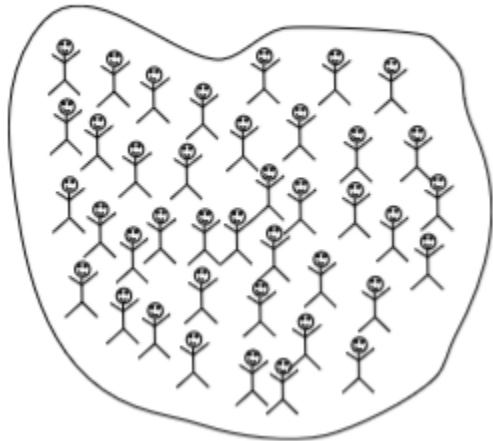
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- Tutorial

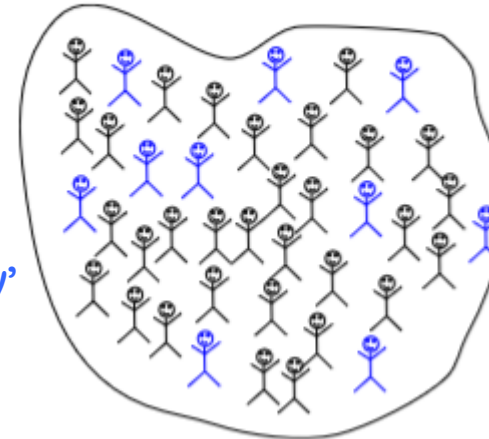
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# Population proportion

Population



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$P$ : 'success probability'  
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$p$ : the parameter that describes a percentage value in the population

e.g.

$p$ : defective items

$p$ : having a smart watch

$P$ : voting for a party

Dichotomous (1 or 0) (Yes or No)

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## Example

See Reader Example 3.4.1

In a survey with 1000 randomly selected voters, 258 voters found for the Labour party.

$p$ : the proportion of the voters among all voters

$\hat{p}$ : estimator for  $p$ ,

$$\hat{p} = \frac{258}{1000} = 0.258, \quad p \text{ remains unknown!}$$

$X$ : the number of voters of the Labour party in the sample of 1000 voters.

$$X \sim B(1000, p)$$

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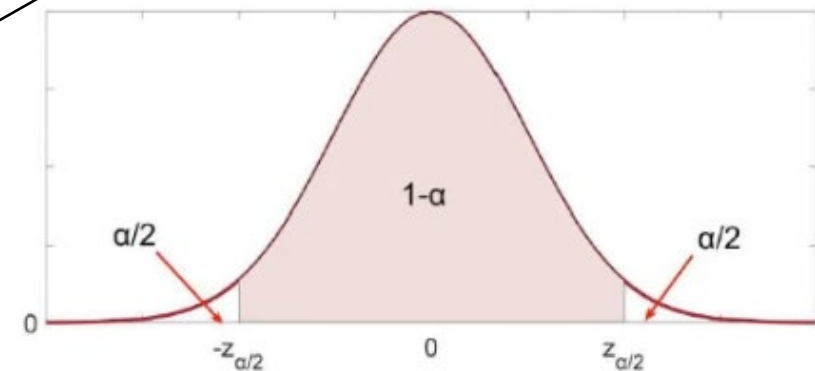
## Example (cont.)

$n=1000$ , large  $n$ ,

$X$  is approximately  $N(np, np(1-p))$  distributed

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a further approximation:

the standard deviation  $\sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}}$  is estimated by  $\sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}}$ ,  
the standard error of  $\hat{p}$ .

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## Example (cont)

$$\alpha=0.10, C=1.645, \hat{p} = 0.258$$

90 % - CI(p) :

$$\left( 0.258 - 1.645 \sqrt{\frac{0.258(1-0.258)}{1000}}, 0.258 + 1.645 \sqrt{\frac{0.258(1-0.258)}{1000}} \right)$$

$$\approx (0.235, 0.281)$$

- Approximate confidence interval for the population proportion of the Labour party voters at a 90% level of confidence.
- “We are 90% confident that the Labour party will have between 23.5 and 28.1 % Voters”

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## Sample size $n$ (for given interval width ( $W$ ) and $1 - \alpha$ )

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2 problems:
  - $\sigma$  and  $s$  are unknown  $\rightarrow$  use an estimate or maximum value
  - $df = n - 1$  unknown  $\rightarrow$  use  $c$  from the  $N(0,1)$ -table (approximately correct if  $n$  is large)

3. The width of a  $(1 - \alpha)100\%$ -**CI**( $p$ ) is at most  $W$ : Solve  $n$  from  $2 \cdot c \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}} \leq W$

Problem:  $\hat{p}$  is unknown.

- use an estimate of  $p$  (if available, e.g. from a initial small sample)
- or otherwise use the property:  $\hat{p}(1 - \hat{p}) \leq 0.25$

# Questions ?

# Confidence Interval for the Variance $\sigma^2$

## Confidence interval for the population mean $\mu$

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$(1 - \alpha)$ -CI for  $\mu$  when  $\sigma$  is unknown

$$CI(\mu, S, \alpha) = \left( \bar{X} - t_{n-1, 1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \frac{S}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{X} + t_{n-1, 1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \frac{S}{\sqrt{n}} \right),$$

## Example: Average height of Dutch men

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Random Sample
176.2
180.4
190.1
194.8
188.4
190.7
189.4
185.3
170.6
173.2
$n = 10$
$\bar{x} = 183.91$
$s = 8.292$

- Determine a 95%-confidence interval for the average height of Dutch men!
- $CI = \left( \bar{X} - t_{n-1, 1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{X} + t_{n-1, 1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \right)$ .
- $t_{n-1, 1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} = t_{9, 0.975} = 2.262$
- $n = 10$ ,  $\bar{x} = 183.91$  and  $s = 7.9980$ .
- The 95%-confidence interval is given by

$(177.978, 189.842)$ .

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# Chi-square distribution

The distribution of the Chi-square statistic is called the chi-square distribution

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The chi-square distribution ( $\chi^2$ -distribution)

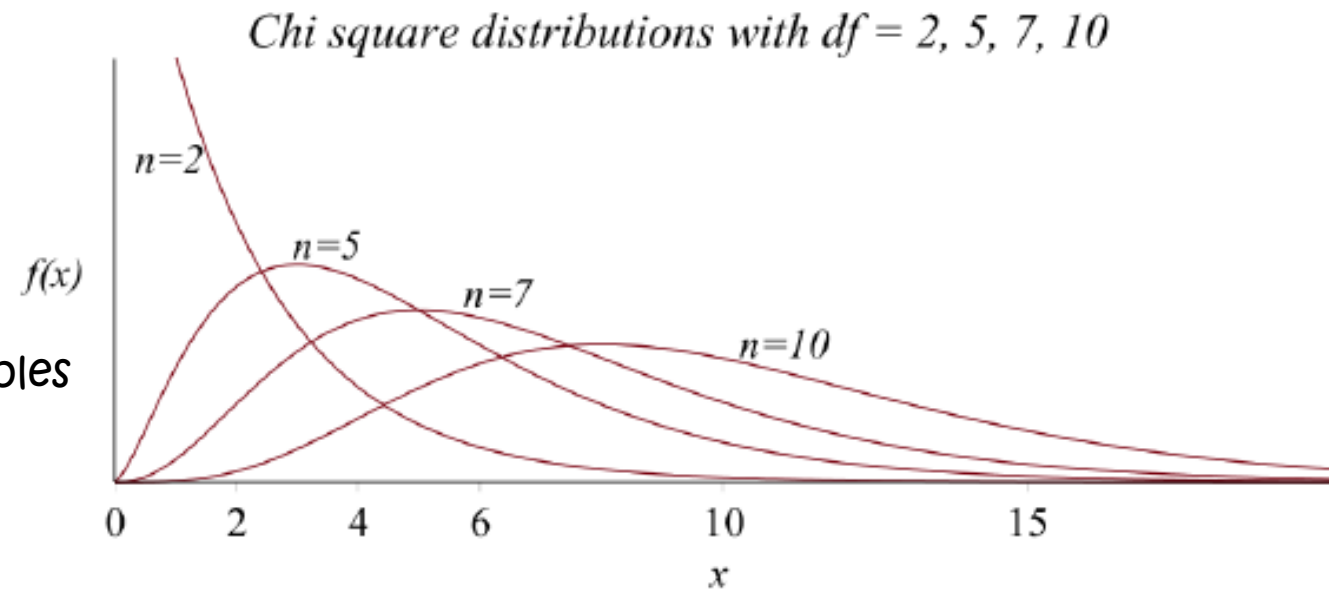
with  $k$  degrees of freedom is

the distribution of a sum of the squares

of  $k$  independent *standard normal*/random variables

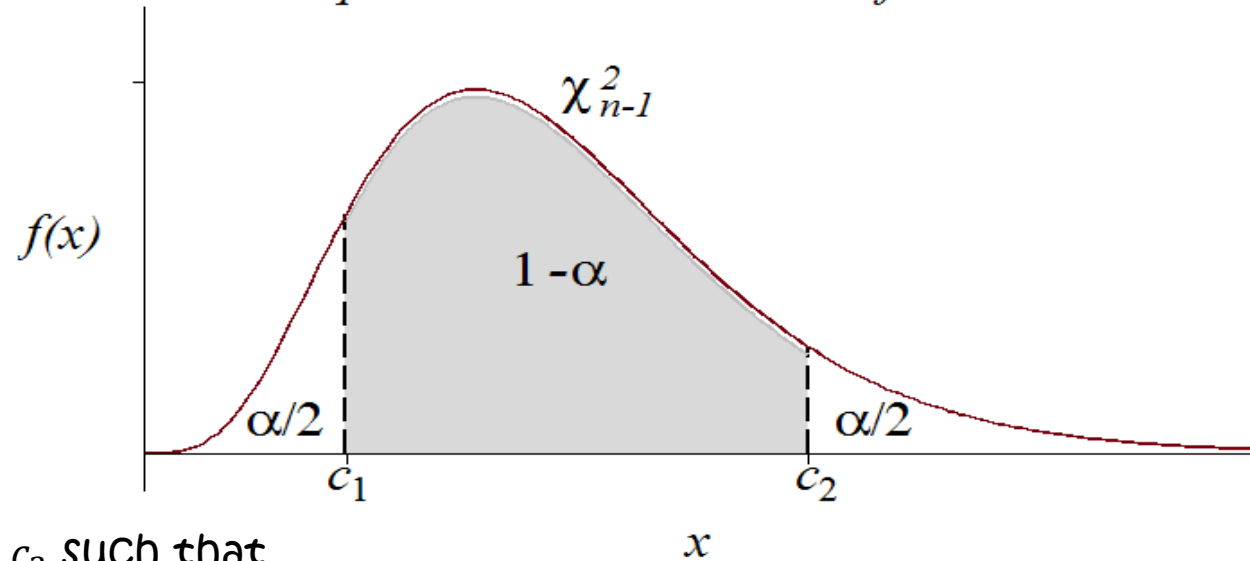
Does not depend on  $\mu$

$\chi_{n-1}^2$  is not normalized wrt  $n$



# Construction of confidence interval for $\sigma^2$

*Chi-square distribution with  $df = n - 1$*



Determine  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  such that

$$P(\chi_{n-1}^2 \leq c_1) = P(\chi_{n-1}^2 \geq c_2) = \frac{\alpha}{2}$$

$$P\left(c_1 < \frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} < c_2\right) = 1 - \alpha \Leftrightarrow P\left(\frac{1}{c_2} < \frac{\sigma^2}{(n-1)S^2} < \frac{1}{c_1}\right) = 1 - \alpha \Leftrightarrow P\left(\frac{(n-1)S^2}{c_2} < \sigma^2 < \frac{(n-1)S^2}{c_1}\right) = 1 - \alpha$$

Interval for  $\sigma$ :  $P\left(\sqrt{\frac{(n-1)S^2}{c_2}} < \sigma < \sqrt{\frac{(n-1)S^2}{c_1}}\right) = 1 - \alpha$

# Example

Determine a 90%-CI for the standard deviation of the yearly returns on investment (see reader exercise 3.3.5)

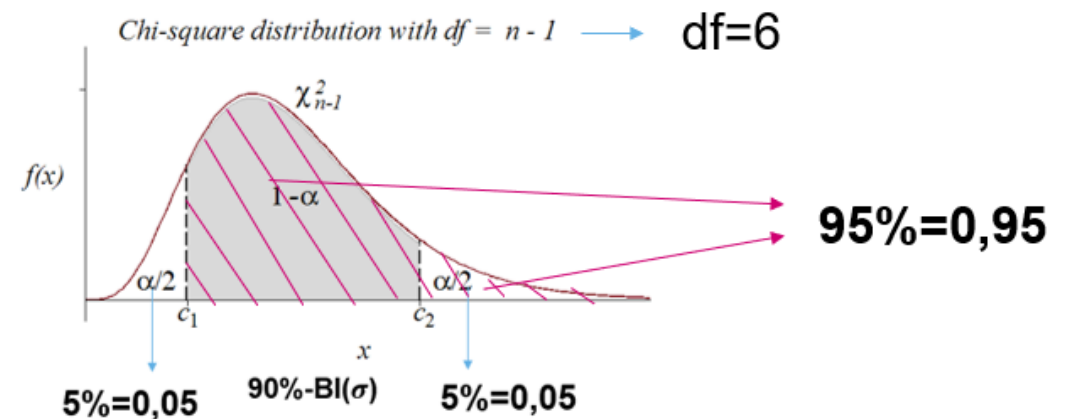
We will use the same numerical summary of the 7 returns:

$$n = 7, \bar{x} = 8.0 \text{ and } s \approx 5.84$$

Model (statistical assumptions): The returns on investment,  $X_1, \dots, X_7$  are independent and normally distributed with unknown  $\mu$  and *unknown*  $\sigma^2$ .

- $90\text{-CI}(\sigma) = \left( \sqrt{\frac{(n-1)s^2}{c_2}}, \sqrt{\frac{(n-1)s^2}{c_1}} \right) \approx (4.0, 11.2)$

since  $P(\chi_6^2 \leq c_1) = 0.05$ , so  $c_1 = 1.64$   
and  $P(\chi_6^2 \geq c_2) = 0.05$ , so  $c_2 = 12.59$

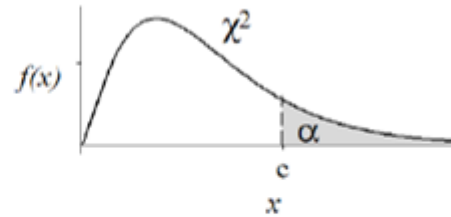


# Critical Values from the Chi-Square distribution table

Tab-3  
Table Chi-square distribution

In the table you will find critical values  $c$  for the upper-tailed probabilities

$$P(\chi^2 \geq c) = \alpha$$



$df$  = number of degrees of freedom

$df$	$\alpha$											
	0.995	0.990	0.975	0.95	0.90	0.75	0.25	0.10	0.05	0.025	0.010	0.005
1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.10	1.32	2.71	3.84	5.02	6.63	7.88
2	0.01	0.02	0.05	0.10	0.21	0.58	2.77	4.61	5.99	7.38	9.21	10.60
3	0.07	0.11	0.22	0.35	0.58	1.21	4.11	6.25	7.81	9.35	11.34	12.84
4	0.21	0.30	0.48	0.71	1.06	1.92	5.39	7.78	9.49	11.14	13.28	14.86
5	0.41	0.55	0.83	1.15	1.61	2.67	6.63	9.24	11.07	12.83	15.09	16.75
6	0.68	0.87	1.24	1.64	2.20	3.45	7.84	10.64	12.59	14.45	16.81	18.55
7	0.99	1.24	1.69	2.17	2.83	4.25	9.04	12.02	14.07	16.01	18.48	20.28
8	1.34	1.65	2.18	2.73	3.49	5.07	10.22	13.36	15.51	17.53	20.09	21.95
9	1.73	2.09	2.70	3.33	4.17	5.90	11.39	14.68	16.92	19.02	21.67	23.59
10	2.16	2.56	3.25	3.94	4.87	6.74	12.55	15.99	18.31	20.48	23.21	25.19
11	2.60	3.05	3.82	4.57	5.58	7.58	13.70	17.28	19.68	21.92	24.72	26.76
12	3.07	3.57	4.40	5.23	6.30	8.44	14.85	18.55	21.03	23.34	26.22	28.30
13	3.57	4.11	5.01	5.89	7.04	9.30	15.98	19.81	22.36	24.74	27.69	29.82
14	4.07	4.66	5.63	6.57	7.79	10.17	17.12	21.06	23.68	26.12	29.14	31.32
15	4.60	5.23	6.26	7.26	8.55	11.04	18.25	22.31	25.00	27.49	30.58	32.80
16	5.14	5.81	6.91	7.96	9.31	11.91	19.37	23.54	26.30	28.85	32.00	34.27
17	5.70	6.41	7.56	8.67	10.09	12.79	20.49	24.77	27.59	30.19	33.41	35.72
18	6.26	7.01	8.23	9.39	10.86	13.68	21.60	25.99	28.87	31.53	34.81	37.16
19	6.84	7.63	8.91	10.12	11.65	14.56	22.72	27.20	30.14	32.85	36.19	38.58
20	7.43	8.26	9.59	10.85	12.44	15.45	23.83	28.41	31.41	34.17	37.57	40.00
21	8.03	8.90	10.28	11.59	13.24	16.34	24.93	29.62	32.67	35.48	38.93	41.40
22	8.64	9.54	10.98	12.34	14.04	17.24	26.04	30.81	33.92	36.78	40.29	42.80
23	9.26	10.20	11.69	13.09	14.85	18.14	27.14	32.01	35.17	38.08	41.64	44.18
24	9.89	10.86	12.40	13.85	15.66	19.04	28.24	33.20	36.42	39.36	42.98	45.56
25	10.52	11.52	13.12	14.61	16.47	19.94	29.34	34.38	37.65	40.65	44.31	46.93
26	11.16	12.20	13.84	15.38	17.29	20.84	30.43	35.56	38.89	41.92	45.64	48.29

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“At a level of confidence 90%, the real standard deviation of the yearly returns on investment are between 4.0 and 11.2%”.

# Questions ?

Thank you!