

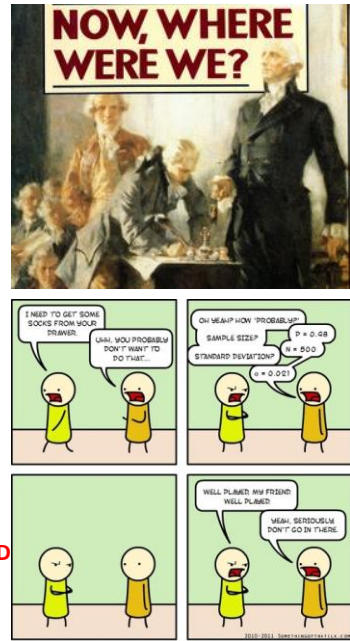
Past weeks:  
 Measures of central tendency (mean, mode, median)  
 Measures of dispersion (standard deviation, variance, range, etc).

Working with the normal curve

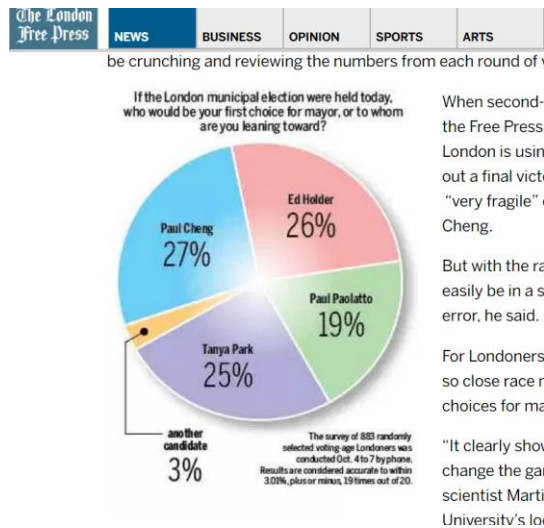
Last week:  
 Sample, population and **sampling distributions**  
 finished with estimation & “confidence intervals”...

Today: move onto Chapter 7:  
 Hypothesis Testing and the One Sample test..

**AFTER TODAY< YOU CAN COMPLETE YOUR  
 WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT # 1 (WHICH HAS BEEN POSTED  
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 avoid late penalty**



**Example of confidence intervals (in real life):**



**“Statistical dead heat”**

**describe reported percentages that differ by less than a margin of error**

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Recall with Confidence Intervals, I gave you three formulas that are appropriate when calculating:

1. Working with means: when we know our “population standard deviation”

FORMULA 6.1 
$$\text{c.i.} = \bar{X} \pm Z \left( \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \right)$$

where c.i. = confidence interval  
 $\bar{X}$  = the sample mean  
 $Z$  = the Z score as determined by the alpha level  
 $\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$  = the standard deviation of the sampling distribution or the standard error of the mean

2. Working with means: when we do not know our “population standard deviation” but do know our sample standard deviation

FORMULA 6.2 
$$\text{c.i.} = \bar{X} \pm Z \left( \frac{s}{\sqrt{n-1}} \right)$$

3. Working with proportions

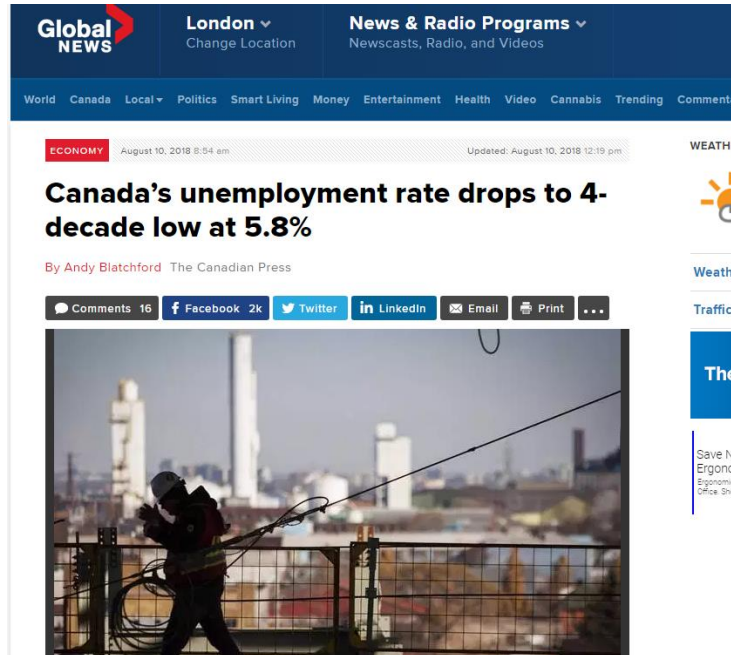
FORMULA 6.3 
$$\text{c.i.} = P_s \pm Z \sqrt{\frac{P_u(1 - P_u)}{n}}$$

## Constructing Confidence Intervals

We want to construct an interval working with a sample whereby the true population parameter likely lies...

Procedures:

1. Set what is called our “alpha level”.
2. Find the associated Z score of the normal distribution that corresponds to this alpha (working with our **sampling distribution**).
3. Substitute values into the appropriate formula for constructing confidence intervals.. Several formulas are possible..



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A random sample of 100,000 Canadians (this is roughly the size of Canada's Labour Force Survey) estimates that 5.8% of Canada's population is unemployed. Create a 95% CI on this statistic:

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3. Use appropriate formula:

$$\text{C.I.} = .058 \pm 1.96 \sqrt{.5(1-.5)/100,000}$$

$$\text{C.I.} = .058 \pm 1.96 \sqrt{(.25)/100,000}$$

$$\text{C.I.} = .058 \pm 1.96 \sqrt{.0000025}$$

$$\text{C.I.} = .058 \pm 1.96 (.0015811)$$

$$\text{C.I.} = .058 \pm .0031 \rightarrow .07069 \text{ and } .07131$$

CI: 95% of the time, we anticipate that Canada's unemployment rate falls somewhere between 5.49% and 6.11%

In addition to working with proportions (and %s)



Might be given a mean, and its sample standard deviation (with sample size)

-> calculate a CI

$$\text{c.i.} = \bar{X} \pm Z \left( \frac{s}{\sqrt{n-1}} \right)$$

Might be given a mean, with its population standard deviation (with sample size)

-> calculate a CI

$$\text{c.i.} = \bar{X} \pm Z \left( \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \right)$$

Could be asked for a:

95% CI   or a   90 % CI   or a   99% CI

The only difference relates to the Z value used:

1.96   or   1.645   or   2.575

# Chapter 7

## Hypothesis Testing I: The One-Sample Case

Idea:

Obtain a statistic for a specific sample,..

Does it differ significantly from a given population parameter?

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Eg. We take a “sample of King’s students” ...  
calculate their “mean GPA”

Does this sample statistic differ significantly from  
all students in Ontario (i.e. the population parameter)?

That’s a Hypothesis Test I:  
The One-Sample Case

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# In this presentation you will learn about:

- The basic logic of hypothesis testing
  - Hypothesis testing for single sample means
  - The Five-Step Model
- Other material covered:
  - One- vs. Two- tailed tests
  - Type I vs. Type II error
  - Student's  $t$  distribution
  - Hypothesis testing for single sample proportions

## Hypothesis Testing

- Hypothesis testing is designed to detect *significant differences*: differences that did *not* occur by random chance.
- Is an observed difference “real”, or is it merely “sampling error” or “random noise” in our data?



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# Hypothesis Testing for Single Sample Means: An Example

- 
- The rumor is that Brock majors have different GPAs than students in general – even though the work requirements & apparent motivation appear to be no different from other universities
- We have data from Stats Can on all university students, i.e. the full population (but nothing specifically for Brock)
- We can only draw a “sample” of Brock students, and we want to do a “single sample test”, comparing the sample statistic with the population parameter.

Suppose we know from Stats Can:



- ▶ The value of the parameter, average GPA for *all* University students across Ontario, is 2.70 ( $\mu = 2.70$ ), with a standard deviation of 0.70 ( $\sigma = .70$ ).

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Then we take a random sample of 117 Brock majors, & we document a mean = 3.00

- There is a difference between the parameter (2.70) and the statistic (3.00)., but is it real???
- Is it a “significant difference?”
- The observed difference may have been caused by random chance.



- Formally, we can state the two **hypotheses** as:

**Null Hypothesis ( $H_0$ )**

“The difference is caused by random chance.”

Note: The *Null Hypothesis* always states  
there is “no significant difference.”

OR

**Alternative hypothesis ( $H_1$ )**

“The difference is real”.

Note: The *Alternate hypothesis*  
always contradicts the  $H_0$ .

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In other words:

$H_0$ : The sample mean (3.00 with this specific sample) is the same as the pop. mean (2.70).

- The difference is merely caused by random chance (sampling error)
- Note: more likely with small samples, right?

$H_1$ : The difference is real (significant).

- Brock majors are different from all students.

We can test  $H_0$  given our knowledge of the  
“**sampling distribution**” and Z scores

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How do we do “significance tests”?

We always begin by assuming the  $H_0$  is true (no real difference).

- & then ask, “What is the **probability** of getting a sample statistic if in fact  $H_0$  is true?
- In other words, in this case:
- “What is the probability of this sample of Brock students having a mean of 3.00 if in fact all Brock majors in reality have a mean of 2.70” (i.e. no different from the mean of all Canadian students)?

- How do we determine this probability?
- We always work with **our sampling distribution** and use the Z score formula to identify specific statistics on our sampling distribution,

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

We can then use Appendix A to determine the **probability** of getting the observed difference in our sampling distribution.

NOTE: this formula is equivalent to dividing the difference between the sample statistic and the population parameter by the **standard error**

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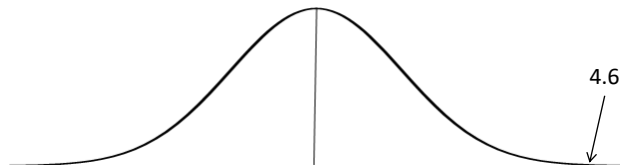
With our example,

The sample mean = 3.00 (GPA for sample of Brock students)

With:  $\mu = 2.70$ ;  $\sigma = 0.70$  (population mean & standard deviation)

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

$$Z(\text{obtained}) = \frac{3.0 - 2.7}{.70 / \sqrt{117}} = 4.6$$

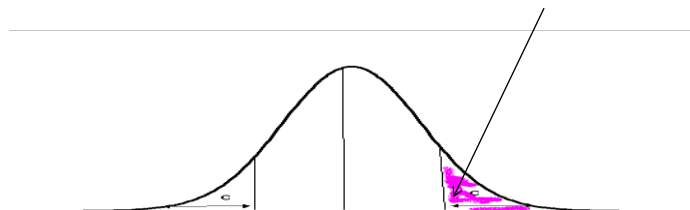


A mean of 3.0 is fully 4.6 standard errors (Z scores) above our population mean..  
We can estimate the probability of scoring this high on this sampling distribution

Our sampling distribution

Z score (also referred to as Z obtained)  
In significance tests

**4.6**

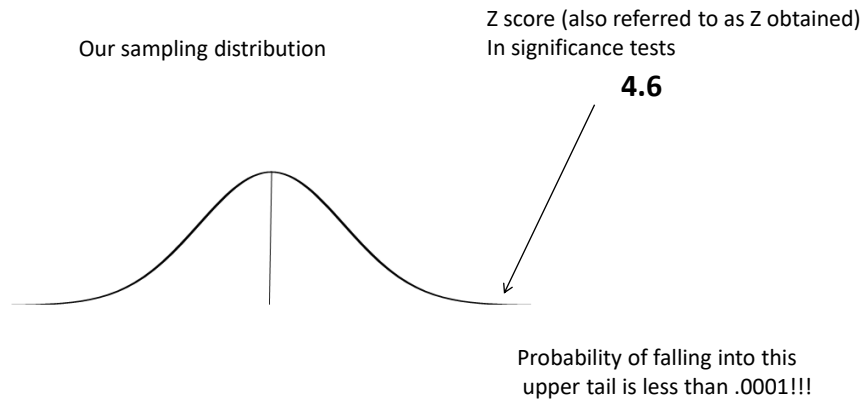


(a)	(b)	(c)	(a)	(b)	(c)
z	Area between Mean and z	Area beyond z	z	Area between Mean and z	Area beyond z
2.61	0.4955	0.0045	3.11	0.4991	0.0009
2.62	0.4956	0.0044	3.12	0.4991	0.0009
2.63	0.4957	0.0043	3.13	0.4991	0.0009
2.64	0.4958	0.0041	3.14	0.4992	0.0008
2.65	0.4960	0.0040	3.15	0.4992	0.0008
2.66	0.4961	0.0039	3.16	0.4992	0.0008
2.67	0.4962	0.0038	3.17	0.4992	0.0008
2.68	0.4963	0.0037	3.18	0.4993	0.0007
2.69	0.4964	0.0036	3.19	0.4993	0.0007
2.70	0.4965	0.0035	3.20	0.4993	0.0007
2.71	0.4966	0.0034	3.21	0.4993	0.0007
2.72	0.4967	0.0033	3.22	0.4994	0.0006
2.73	0.4968	0.0032	3.23	0.4994	0.0006
2.74	0.4969	0.0031	3.24	0.4994	0.0006
2.75	0.4970	0.0030	3.25	0.4994	0.0006
2.76	0.4971	0.0029	3.26	0.4994	0.0006
2.77	0.4972	0.0028	3.27	0.4995	0.0005
2.78	0.4973	0.0027	3.28	0.4995	0.0005
2.79	0.4974	0.0026	3.29	0.4995	0.0005
2.80	0.4974	0.0026	3.30	0.4995	0.0005
2.81	0.4975	0.0025	3.31	0.4996	0.0005
2.82	0.4976	0.0024	3.32	0.4996	0.0005
2.83	0.4977	0.0023	3.33	0.4996	0.0004
2.84	0.4977	0.0023	3.34	0.4996	0.0004
2.85	0.4978	0.0022	3.35	0.4996	0.0004
2.86	0.4979	0.0021	3.36	0.4996	0.0004
2.87	0.4979	0.0021	3.37	0.4996	0.0004
2.88	0.4980	0.0020	3.38	0.4996	0.0004
2.89	0.4981	0.0019	3.39	0.4997	0.0003
2.90	0.4981	0.0019	3.40	0.4997	0.0003
2.91	0.4982	0.0018	3.41	0.4997	0.0003
2.92	0.4982	0.0018	3.42	0.4997	0.0003
2.93	0.4983	0.0017	3.43	0.4997	0.0003
2.94	0.4984	0.0016	3.44	0.4997	0.0003
2.95	0.4984	0.0016	3.45	0.4997	0.0003
2.96	0.4985	0.0015	3.46	0.4997	0.0003
2.97	0.4985	0.0015	3.47	0.4997	0.0003
2.98	0.4986	0.0014	3.48	0.4997	0.0003
2.99	0.4986	0.0014	3.49	0.4998	0.0002
3.00	0.4986	0.0014	3.50	0.4998	0.0002
3.01	0.4987	0.0013	3.60	0.4998	0.0002
3.02	0.4987	0.0013	3.70	0.4999	0.0001
3.03	0.4988	0.0012	3.80	0.4999	0.0001
3.04	0.4988	0.0012	3.90	0.4999	0.0001
3.05	0.4989	0.0011	4.00	0.4999	0.0001
3.06	0.4989	0.0011			
3.07	0.4990	0.0010			
3.08	0.4990	0.0010			
3.09	0.4990	0.0010			
3.10	0.4990	0.0010			

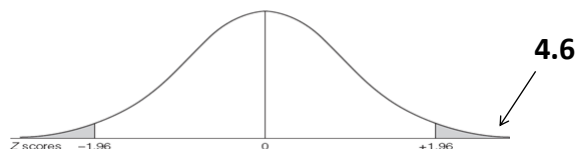
The probability of getting  
Such an outcome is  
<.0001!

4.60 .4999 <.0001

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Note: part of running a significance test is identifying what is called a “critical region”



If your Z(obtained) falls into it, you consider it a “rare event” ... I’ll return to this..

The chances of this sort of outcome (a mean of 3.0 in a sample of Brock students) when in reality their mean is expected to be 2.7 is extremely slim... less than .0001 chance

Here, we can be safe in "rejecting our null hypothesis"

Accept our H1 research hypothesis.. A significant difference appears to be documented.. Brock students are "significantly" different!!

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## **Hypothesis Testing: The Five Step Model**

- All the elements used in the example above can be formally organized into a five-step model:
  1. Making assumptions and meeting test requirements.
  2. Stating the null hypothesis.
  3. Selecting the sampling distribution and establishing the critical region.
  4. Computing the test statistic.
  5. Making a decision and interpreting the results of the test.

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## Step 1: Make Assumptions and Meet Test Requirements

- Random sampling
  - Hypothesis testing assumes samples were selected according to EPSEM (equal probability of selection method: random)  
The sample of 117 was randomly selected from all Brock majors.
- Level of Measurement is Interval-Ratio
  - GPA is Interval-Ratio so the mean is an appropriate statistic.
- Sampling Distribution is normal in shape
  - This assumption is satisfied by using a large enough sample ( $n > 100$ ).

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## Step 2: State the Null Hypothesis

$$H_0: \mu = 2.7$$

- The sample of 117 comes from a population that has a GPA of 2.7.
- The difference between 2.7 and 3.0 is trivial and caused by random chance.
- $H_1: \mu \neq 2.7$ 
  - The sample of 117 comes from a population that *does not* have a GPA of 2.7.
  - The difference between 2.7 and 3.0 reflects an actual difference between Brock majors and other students

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### Step 3: Select Sampling Distribution and Establish the Critical Region

- Sampling Distribution=  $Z$

*Critical Region:*

*That segment of the “sampling distribution” whereby we consider a sample statistic to be “a rare event”, hence if our test statistic falls into it, we “reject the null hypothesis”..*

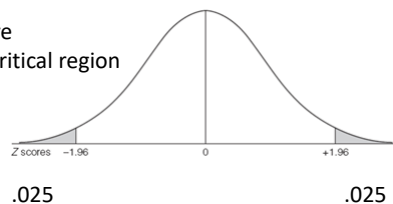
*Typically we set it such that there is only a 5% chance that a statistic fall within it..*

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## Hypothesis Testing for Single Sample Means

- By convention, we use the .05 value as a guideline to identify differences that would be rare if  $H_0$  is true.
- If the **probability** is less than .05, the calculated or “obtained”  $Z$  score will be beyond  $\pm 1.96$

Shaded tails here  
Represent our critical region



5% chance overall..

### Step 3: Select Sampling Distribution and Establish the Critical Region

- Sampling Distribution=  $Z$ 
  - Alpha ( $\alpha$ ) = .05 (indication of a “rare” event)
  - *NORMAL DISTRIBUTION* (if  $n > 100$ )

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*That segment of the “sampling distribution” whereby we consider a sample statistics to be “a rare event”, hence if our test statistic falls into it, we “reject the null hypothesis”..*

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### Step 3: Select Sampling Distribution and Establish the Critical Region

- Sampling Distribution=  $Z$ 
  - Alpha ( $\alpha$ ) = .05
  - $\alpha$  is the indicator of “rare” events.
  - Any difference with a probability less than  $\alpha$  is rare and will cause us to reject the  $H_0$ .
- Critical Region (C.R) begins at  $\pm 1.96$ 
  - This is the critical  $Z$  score associated with  $\alpha = .05$ , two-tailed test.
  - If the obtained  $Z$  score falls in the C.R., reject the  $H_0$ .

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## Step 4: Compute the Test Statistic & draw the Z distribution

With our example,

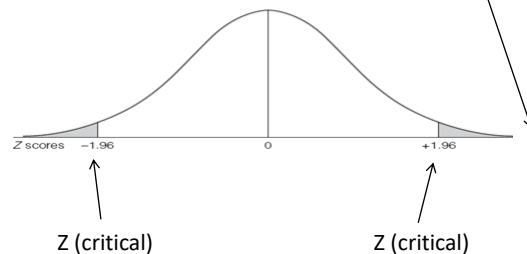
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Draw it:



## Step 5: Make Decision and Interpret Results

MAKING A DECISION IN STEP 5 AND INTERPRETING THE RESULTS OF THE TEST

Situation	Decision	Interpretation
The test statistic is <i>in</i> the critical region	Reject the null hypothesis ( $H_0$ )	The difference is statistically significant
<b>OR:</b>		
Situation	Decision	Interpretation
The test statistic is <i>not</i> the critical region	Fail to reject the null hypothesis ( $H_0$ )	The difference is not in statistically significant

## Step 5: Make Decision and Interpret Results *(continued)*

- The obtained  $Z$  score fell in the C.R., so we *reject* the  $H_0$ .
  - If the  $H_0$  were true, a sample outcome of 3.00 would be highly unlikely.
  - Therefore, the  $H_0$  is false and must be rejected.
- Brock majors have a GPA that is significantly different from the general student body.

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### Hypothesis Testing for Single Sample Means: Example with one tailed test

- The rumor is: Montreal Habs fans have a different level of intelligence than other Canadians?
- Sample:  $n=101$  Habs Fans (SRS)
- Mean IQ = 95
- We know: Population mean is 100, with a standard deviation of 15 on this standard IQ test.
- Are they “significantly” different?



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## Step 1: Make Assumptions and Meet Test Requirements

- Random sampling
  - The sample of 101 Habs fans was randomly selected from all Habs fans.
- Level of Measurement is Interval-Ratio
  - IQ test score is Interval-Ratio so the mean is an appropriate statistic.
- Sampling Distribution is normal in shape
  - This assumption is satisfied by using a large enough sample ( $n > 100$ ).

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## Step 2: State the Null Hypothesis

$$H_0: \mu = 100$$

- The sample of 101 comes from a population that has an IQ of 100 (i.e. all Habs fans).
- The difference between 95 and 100 is trivial and caused by random chance.
- $H_1: \mu \neq 100$ 
  - The sample of 101 comes from a population that *has* an IQ different than 100.
  - The difference between 95 and 100 is real!

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### Step 3: Select Sampling Distribution and Establish the Critical Region

- Sampling Distribution=  $Z$ 
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  - If the obtained  $Z$  score falls in the C.R., reject the  $H_0$ .

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### Step 4: Compute the Test Statistic & draw

So, substituting the values into

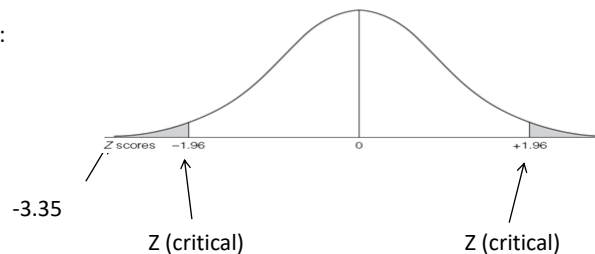
Formula 7.1,

With:  $\mu = 100$ ;  $\sigma=15$  and  $N=101$

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

$$\triangleright Z (\text{obtained}) = \frac{95 - 100}{15/\sqrt{101}} = -3.35$$

Draw it:



## Step 5: Make Decision and Interpret Results

MAKING A DECISION IN STEP 5 AND INTERPRETING THE RESULTS OF THE TEST

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## Step 5: Make Decision and Interpret Results *(continued)*

- The obtained  $Z$  score fell in the C.R., so we *reject* the  $H_0$ .
  - If the  $H_0$  were true, a sample outcome of 95 would be highly unlikely.
  - Therefore, the  $H_0$  is false and must be rejected.
- Habs fans are significantly different than other Canadians

## Crucial Choices in the Five Step Model

- Model is fairly rigid, but there are two crucial choices:
  1. One-tailed or two-tailed test (Section 7.4)
  2. Alpha ( $\alpha$ ) level (Section 7.5)

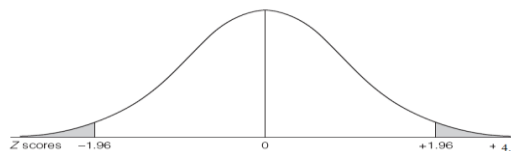
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## One- and Two-Tailed Hypothesis Tests

- Two-tailed: States that population mean is “not equal” to value stated in null hypothesis.

Example:

$H_1: \mu \neq 2.7$ , where  $\neq$  means “not equal to”. Note: the GPA example illustrated above was a two-tailed test, with two critical regions



Alternatively: one-tailed tests are possible: Differences in a specific direction.

Example:

$H_1: \mu > 2.7$ , where  $>$  signifies “greater than”

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## The Curve for Two- vs. One-tailed Tests

at  $\alpha = .05$ :

### Two-tailed test:

“is there a **significant difference?**”

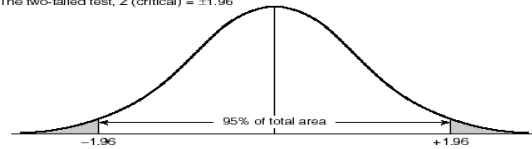
### One-tailed tests:

“is the sample mean **greater** than  $\mu$ ?”

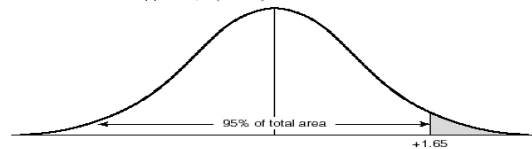
“is the sample mean **less** than  $\mu$ ?”

ESTABLISHING THE CRITICAL REGION, ONE-TAILED TESTS VERSUS TWO-TAILED TESTS  
( $\alpha = 0.05$ )

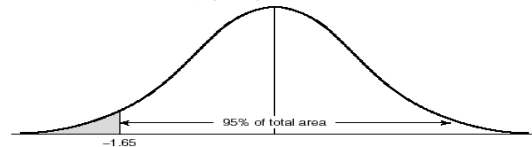
A. The two-tailed test,  $Z(\text{critical}) = \pm 1.96$



B. The one-tailed test for upper tail,  $Z(\text{critical}) = +1.65$



C. The one-tailed test for lower tail,  $Z(\text{critical}) = -1.65$



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## ► Tails affect Critical Region in Step 3:

TABLE 8.1 ONE- VS. TWO-TAILED TESTS,  $\alpha = .05$

If the Research Hypothesis Uses	The Test Is	And Concern Is with	$Z(\text{critical}) =$
$\neq$	Two-tailed	Both tails	$\pm 1.96$
$>$	One-tailed	Upper tail	$+1.65$
$<$	One-tailed	Lower tail	$-1.65$

### **Hypothesis Testing for Single Sample Means: Example with one tailed test**

- Previous research has established that immigrants earn less than other Canadians:
- Sample:  $n=101$  recent immigrants
- Mean employment earnings = \$36,000
- We know: Population mean is \$40,000, with a standard deviation of \$15,000
- Are they earning “significantly” less?

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### **Step 1: Make Assumptions and Meet Test Requirements**

- Random sampling
  - The sample of 101 immigrants was randomly selected from all immigrants.
- Level of Measurement is Interval-Ratio
- Earnings is Interval-Ratio so the mean is an appropriate statistic.
- Sampling Distribution is normal in shape
  - This assumption is satisfied by using a large enough sample ( $n>100$ ).

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## Step 2: State the Null Hypothesis

$$H_0: \mu = \$40,000$$

- The sample of 101 immigrants comes from a population that has a mean income of \$40,000 (i.e. all Canadians).
- The difference between \$36,000 and \$40,000 is caused by random chance.
- $H_1: \mu < \$40,000$ 
  - The sample of 101 comes from a population that has a mean income less than \$40,000.
  - The difference between \$36,000 and \$40,000 reflects lower earnings among new Canadians relative to all Canadians.

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## Step 3: Select Sampling Distribution and Establish the Critical Region

- Sampling Distribution=  $Z$ 
  - Alpha ( $\alpha$ ) = .05
  - $\alpha$  is the indicator of “rare” events.
  - Any difference with a probability less than  $\alpha$  is rare and will cause us to reject the  $H_0$ .
- Critical Region (C.R) begins at - 1.65
  - This is the critical  $Z$  score associated with  $\alpha = .05$ , one-tailed test.
  - If the obtained  $Z$  score falls in the C.R., reject the  $H_0$ .

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## Step 4: Compute the Test Statistic

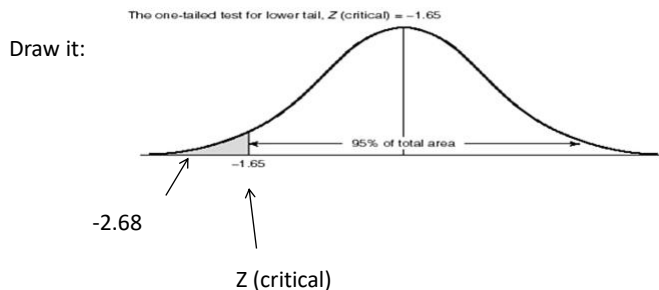
So, substituting the values into Formula

7.1,

With:  $\mu = 40,000$ ;  $\sigma = 15,000$  and  $N = 101$

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

$$\triangleright Z(\text{obtained}) = \frac{36000 - 40000}{15000 / \sqrt{101}} = -2.68$$



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## Step 5: Make Decision and Interpret Results

MAKING A DECISION IN STEP 5 AND INTERPRETING THE RESULTS OF THE TEST

Situation	Decision	Interpretation
The test statistic is <i>in</i> the critical region	Reject the null hypothesis ( $H_0$ )	The difference is statistically significant
<b>OR:</b>		
Situation	Decision	Interpretation
The test statistic is <i>not</i> the critical region	Fail to reject the null hypothesis ( $H_0$ )	The difference is not in statistically significant

## Step 5: Make Decision and Interpret Results *(continued)*

- The obtained  $Z$  score fell in the C.R., so we *reject* the  $H_0$ .
  - If the  $H_0$  were true, a sample outcome of \$36,000 would be highly unlikely.
  - Therefore, the  $H_0$  is false and must be rejected.
- New Canadians are earning less than other Canadians

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Note: In previous examples, I have used the formula:

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

What if our “population standard deviation is unknown?”

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- What if our population standard deviation is unknown?
- How can we test a hypothesis if  $\sigma$  is not known, as is usually the case?
  - For large samples ( $N > 100$ ), we use  $s$  as an estimator of  $\sigma$  and use standard normal distribution ( $Z$  scores), suitably corrected for the bias ( $n$  is replaced by  $n-1$  to correct for the fact that  $s$  is a biased estimator of  $\sigma$ ).

$$Z(\text{obtained}) = \frac{\bar{X} - \bar{\mu}}{s/\sqrt{n-1}}$$

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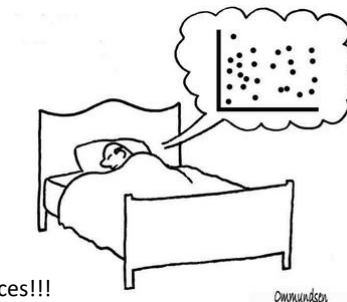
What if our sample size is small? Less than 100?

The statistician's nightmare..

Really small samples...

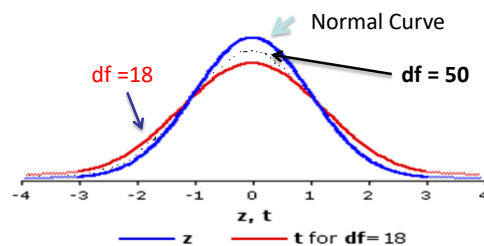
Much more sampling error!!!

Harder to document significant differences!!!



- When the sample size is small ( $< 100$ ) then the **Student's  $t$  distribution** should be used

- The test statistic is known as “ $t$ ”.
- The curve of the  $t$  distribution is flatter than that of the  $Z$  distribution
- but as the sample size increases, the  $t$ -curve starts to resemble the normal curve



## The Student's $t$ distribution

- ▶ A similar formula as for  $Z$  (obtained) is used in hypothesis testing:

$$t(\text{obtained}) = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{s/\sqrt{n-1}}$$

- ▶ The logic of the five-step model for hypothesis testing is followed.
- ▶ However in testing hypothesis we use the  $t$  table (Appendix B), not the  $Z$  table (Appendix A).

- ▶ NOTE:
- ▶ The  $t$  table differs from the  $Z$  table in the following ways:

Degrees of Freedom (df)	Level of Significance for One-tailed Test					
	.10	.05	.025	.01	.005	.0005
	Level of Significance for Two-tailed Test					
	.20	.10	.05	.02	.01	.001
1	3.078	6.314	12.706	31.821	63.657	636.619
2	1.886	2.920	4.303	6.965	9.925	31.598
3	1.638	2.353	3.182	4.541	5.841	12.941
4	1.533	2.132	2.776	3.747	4.604	8.610
5	1.476	2.015	2.571	3.365	4.032	6.859
6	1.440	1.943	2.447	3.143	3.707	5.959
7	1.415	1.895	2.365	2.998	3.499	5.405
8	1.397	1.860	2.306	2.896	3.355	5.041
9	1.383	1.833	2.262	2.821	3.250	4.781
10	1.372	1.812	2.228	2.764	3.169	4.587
11	1.363	1.796	2.201	2.718	3.106	4.437
12	1.356	1.782	2.179	2.681	3.055	4.318
13	1.350	1.771	2.160	2.650	3.012	4.221
14	1.345	1.761	2.145	2.624	2.977	4.140
15	1.341	1.753	2.131	2.602	2.947	4.073
16	1.337	1.746	2.120	2.582	2.921	4.015

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1. Column at left for degrees of freedom (df) ( $df = n - 1$ )  
i.e. the smaller the sample, the flatter the distribution
1. Alpha levels along top two rows: one- and two-tailed
2. Entries in table are actual scores:  $t$  (critical)  
i.e. they mark beginning of critical region, not areas under the curve

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## Example



- A random sample of 30 students at Kings reported drinking on average 4 bottles of beer per week, with a standard deviation of 5.
- Is this significantly different from the population average ( $\mu = 6$  bottles)?

## Solution (using five step model)

- Step 1: Make Assumptions and Meet Test Requirements:
  - Random sample
  - Level of measurement is interval-ratio
  - The sample is small ( $<100$ ), so we can't work with a normal distribution

## Solution (cont.)

Step 2: State the null and alternate hypotheses.

$H_0: \mu = 6$  Kings students are no different from the population overall

$H_1: \mu \neq 6$  Kings students differ from other Canadians in their beer consumption

## Solution (cont.)

- Step 3: Select Sampling Distribution and Establish the Critical Region
  1. Small sample, I-R level, so use  $t$  distribution.
  2. Alpha ( $\alpha$ ) = .05
  3. Degrees of Freedom =  $N-1 = 30-1 = 29$
  4. Critical  $t = ?$



Degrees of Freedom (df)	Level of Significance for One-tailed Test					
	.10	.05	.025	.01	.005	.0005
	Level of Significance for Two-tailed Test					
	.20	.10	.05	.02	.01	.001
1	3.078	6.314	12.706	31.821	63.657	636.619
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25	1.316	1.708	2.060	2.485	2.787	3.725
26	1.315	1.706	2.056	2.479	2.779	3.707
27	1.314	1.703	2.052	2.473	2.771	3.690
28	1.313	1.701	2.048	2.467	2.763	3.674
29	1.311	2.045	2.462	2.756	3.659	
30	1.310	2.042	2.457	2.750	3.646	

## Solution (cont.)

- Step 3: Select Sampling Distribution and Establish the Critical Region
1. Small sample, I-R level, so use  $t$  distribution.
  2. Alpha ( $\alpha$ ) = .05
  3. Degrees of Freedom =  $N-1 = 30-1 = 29$
  4.  $t$  (critical) = ?  
= 2.045

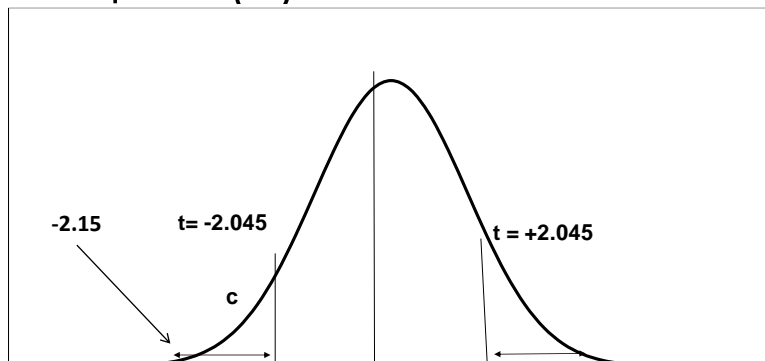
## Solution (cont.)

- Step 4: Use Formula to Compute the Test Statistic

$$t \text{ (obtained)} = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{S / \sqrt{n-1}} = \frac{4 - 6}{5 / \sqrt{30-1}} = -2.15$$

Looking at the curve for the t distribution

Alpha ( $\alpha$ ) = .05



## Step 5 Make a Decision and Interpret Results

- The obtained t score fell in the Critical Region, so we *reject* the  $H_0$  ( $t$  (obtained) >  $t$  (critical))
  - If the  $H_0$  were true, a sample outcome of 4 would be unlikely.
  - Therefore, we consider  $H_0$  to be false and must be rejected.
- Kings students likely have drinking habits (beer consumption) that are significant different from other Canadians ( $t = -2.15$ ,  $df = 29$ ,  $\alpha = .05$ ).

## Testing Sample Proportions ( $n > 100$ ):

Formula 7.3

$$Z(\text{obtained}) = \frac{P_s - P_u}{\sqrt{P_u(1 - P_u)/n}}$$

Beyond this, if working with a large sample, same essential 5 steps as with “testing sample means” ...

## Testing Sample Proportions:



- Example: 48% of a sample of 250 Kings students report being Catholic. Data is available from the Census indicate that 43% of all residents of Ontario report being Catholic. Are Kings students significantly more likely to be Catholic than other Ontario residents?
- If the data are in % format, convert to a proportion first (48%  $\rightarrow$  .48)
- The method is virtually identical as the one sample Z-test for means, except we work with proportions and a slightly different formula for Z (obtained)  $\rightarrow$  Follow the 5 step model.

### Solution (using five step model)

- Step 1: Make Assumptions and Meet Test Requirements:
  - Random sample
  - Level of measurement is nominal  $\rightarrow$  use proportions
  - The sample is large ( $>100$ ), so we can work with a normal distribution as our sampling distribution

## Solution (cont.)

Step 2: State the null and alternate hypotheses.

$H_0: P_\mu = .43$  The full population of Kings students are no different from the Ontario population overall

$H_1: P_\mu > .43$  Kings students are more likely to be Catholic than other Ontario residents

## Solution (cont.)

- Step 3: Select Sampling Distribution and Establish the Critical Region
1. Sampling distribution = Z distribution
  2. Alpha ( $\alpha$ ) = .05
  3. Critical Z = ?  
= +1.65 (why? one tailed test)

## Solution (cont.)

- Step 4: Use Formula to Compute the Test Statistic

$$\mathbf{Z \text{ (obtained)}} = \frac{P_s - P\mu}{\sqrt{P\mu(1 - P\mu)/n}} = \frac{.48 - .43}{\sqrt{.43(1 - .43)/250}} = 1.60$$

Looking at the curve for the Z  
distribution

Alpha ( $\alpha$ ) = .05

The one-tailed test for upper tail, Z (critical) = +1.65



## Step 5 Make a Decision and Interpret Results

- The obtained Z score did not fall in the Critical Region, so we fail to *reject* the  $H_0$
- Kings students do not appear to be significantly more likely to be Catholic than the population over all ( $Z = 1.60$ ,  $\alpha = .05$ ,  $n=250$  ).

- NOTE: What if we had the exact same data, but this time with  $N=1000$ , rather than 250?
- With original sample ( $N=250$ )

$$Z \text{ (obtained)} = \frac{Ps - P\mu}{\sqrt{P\mu(1 - P\mu)/n}} = \frac{.48 - .43}{\sqrt{.43(1 - .43)/250}} = 1.60$$

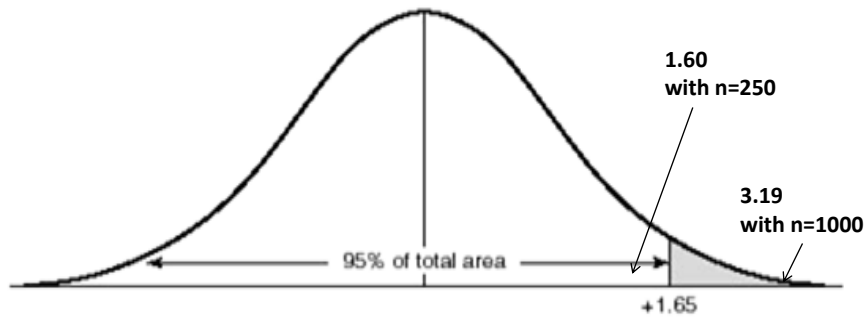
- With a larger sample ( $N=1000$ )

$$Z \text{ (obtained)} = \frac{Ps - P\mu}{\sqrt{P\mu(1 - P\mu)/n}} = \frac{.48 - .43}{\sqrt{.43(1 - .43)/1000}} = 3.19$$

Looking at the curve for the t distribution

Alpha ( $\alpha$ ) = .05

The one-tailed test for upper tail,  $Z(\text{critical}) = +1.65$



**WITH A MUCH LARGER SAMPLE, THE SAME PROPORTIONAL DIFFERENCE CAN BECOME SIGNIFICANT!!! (WE KNOW FOR SURE IT IS A REAL DIFFERENCE)**

Alpha levels affect Critical Region in Step 3:

If Alpha Equals	The Two-Tailed Critical Region Will Begin at $Z(\text{critical})$ Equal to
0.10	$\pm 1.65$
0.05	$\pm 1.96$
0.01	$\pm 2.58$
0.001	$\pm 3.29$