

# GPCO 453: Quantitative Methods I

## Sec 07: Samples

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$$\bar{x} \pm z * \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \quad (5)$$

$$= 127 \pm 1.96 * \frac{19}{\sqrt{1000}} \quad (6)$$

$$= (125.82, 128.18)$$

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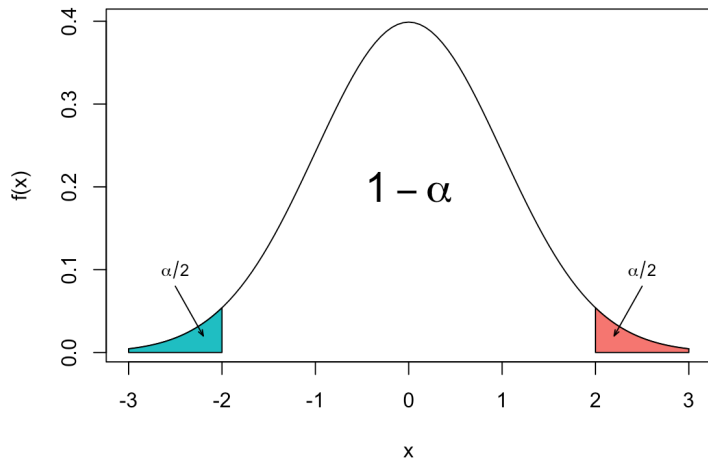
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- ▶ That is, in the case in which  $\sigma$  is unknown, we can bootstrap  $\sigma$  with  $s$ , as long as we use  $t$  instead of  $z$

- ▶ (Rule of thumb) We use  $z$ -table when  $n \geq 30$ , and  $t$ -table when  $n < 30$ . The  $t$ -statistics is calculated by

$$t_{\bar{x}} = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{s/\sqrt{n}}$$

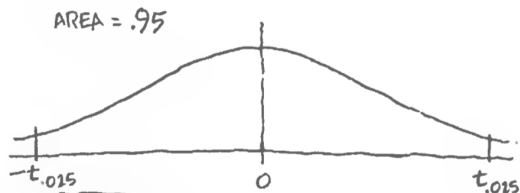
### Probability Density Function



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KNOWING THE SAMPLE SIZE  $n$ , WE CHOOSE THE  $t$  DISTRIBUTION WITH  $n-1$  DEGREES OF FREEDOM.

AS WITH THE  $z$  DISTRIBUTION (I.E., THE STANDARD NORMAL), WE GET A 95% CONFIDENCE LEVEL BY FINDING THE CRITICAL VALUE  $t_{.025}$  BEYOND WHICH THE AREA UNDER THE CURVE IS .025.



SINCE THE CURVE IS FLATTER THAN NORMAL,  $t_{.025}$  IS FARTHER FROM 0 THAN  $z_{.025}$ .



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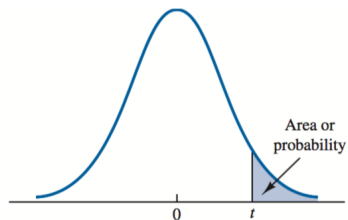
FOR A  $(1-\alpha)\cdot 100\%$  CONFIDENCE INTERVAL, WE FIND THE CRITICAL VALUE  $t_{\frac{\alpha}{2}}$  SUCH THAT  $\Pr(t \geq t_{\frac{\alpha}{2}}) = \frac{\alpha}{2}$ . HERE IS A SHORT TABLE OF CRITICAL VALUES FOR THE  $t$  DISTRIBUTION:

	$1-\alpha$	.80	.90	.95	.99
	$\alpha$	.20	.10	.05	.01
	$\alpha/2$	.10	.05	.025	.005
DEGREES OF FREEDOM	1	3.09	6.31	12.71	63.66
	10	1.37	1.81	2.23	4.14
	30	1.31	1.70	2.04	2.75
	100	1.29	1.66	1.98	2.63
	$\infty$	1.28	1.65	1.96	2.58

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# $t$ -distribution



Degrees of Freedom	Area in Upper Tail					
	.20	.10	.05	.025	.01	.005
1	1.376	3.078	6.314	12.706	31.821	63.656
2	1.061	1.886	2.920	4.303	6.965	9.925
3	.978	1.638	2.353	3.182	4.541	5.841
4	.941	1.533	2.132	2.776	3.747	4.604
5	.920	1.476	2.015	2.571	3.365	4.032
6	.906	1.440	1.943	2.447	3.143	3.707
7	.896	1.415	1.895	2.365	2.998	3.499
8	.889	1.397	1.860	2.306	2.896	3.355
9	.883	1.383	1.833	2.262	2.821	3.250

Table: When  $t$ -table only gives you information about **Area in Upper Tail**

$\frac{\alpha}{2}$	$\alpha$	$1 - \alpha$
0.05	0.1	90%
0.025	0.05	95%
0.01	0.02	98%
0.005	0.01	99%