Solution: (cont.)

Descriptive Statistics: Concentration

Variable	N	Mean	Median	TrMean	StDev	SE Mean
Concentration	53	0.5250	0.4900	0.5094	0.3486	0.0479

Variable	Minimum	Maximum	Q1	Q3
Concentration	0.0400	1.3300	0.2300	0.7900

$$\bar{x} - z_{0.025}\frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} \le \mu \le \bar{x} + z_{0.025}\frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$0.5250 - 1.96\frac{0.3486}{\sqrt{53}} \le \mu \le 0.5250 + 1.96\frac{0.3486}{\sqrt{53}}$$

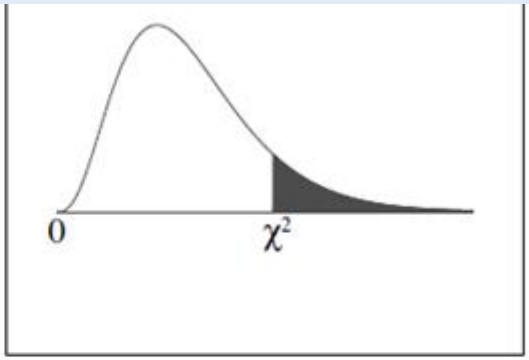
$$0.4311 \le \mu \le 0.6189$$

Confidence interval on the population variance

If s^2 is the sample variance from a random sample of n observations from a normal distribution with unknown variance σ^2, then **a $100(1-\alpha)\%$ confidence interval on σ^2 is**

$$\frac{(n-1)s^2}{\chi^2_{\alpha/2,n-1}} \le \sigma^2 \le \frac{(n-1)s^2}{\chi^2_{1-\alpha/2,n-1}}$$

where $\chi^2_{\alpha/2,n-1}$ and $\chi^2_{1-\alpha/2,n-1}$ are the upper and lower $100\alpha/2$ percentage points of the chi-square distribution with $n-1$ degrees of freedom, respectively.



Chi-Square Distribution Table

The shaded area is equal to α for $\chi^2 = \chi^2_\alpha$.

df	$\chi^2_{.995}$	$\chi^2_{.990}$	$\chi^2_{.975}$	$\chi^2_{.950}$	$\chi^2_{.900}$	$\chi^2_{.100}$	$\chi^2_{.050}$	$\chi^2_{.025}$	$\chi^2_{.010}$	$\chi^2_{.005}$
1	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.004	0.016	2.706	3.841	5.024	6.635	7.879
2	0.010	0.020	0.051	0.103	0.211	4.605	5.991	7.378	9.210	10.597
3	0.072	0.115	0.216	0.352	0.584	6.251	7.815	9.348	11.345	12.838
4	0.207	0.297	0.484	0.711	1.064	7.779	9.488	11.143	13.277	14.860
5	0.412	0.554	0.831	1.145	1.610	9.236	11.070	12.833	15.086	16.750

Ex: The percentage of titanium in an alloy used in aerospace castings is measured in 51 randomly selected parts. The sample standard deviation is *S= 0.37. Construct a 95% two sided* confidence interval for .

Solution:

95% confidence interval for σ: given $n = 51$, $s = 0.37$

First find the confidence interval for σ^2 :

For $\alpha = 0.05$ and $n = 51$, $\chi^2_{\alpha/2,n-1} = \chi^2_{0.025,50} = 71.42$ and $\chi^2_{1-\alpha/2,n-1} = \chi^2_{0.975,50} = 32.36$

$$\frac{50(0.37)^2}{(71.42)^2} \le \sigma^2 \le \frac{50(0.37)^2}{(32.36)^2}$$

$$0.096 \le \sigma^2 \le 0.2115$$

Taking the square root of the endpoints of this interval we obtain,

$$0.31 < \sigma < 0.46$$

CONFIDENCE INTERVAL FOR A POPULATION PROPORTION

If n is large, the distribution of

$$Z = \frac{X - np}{\sqrt{np(1-p)}} = \frac{\hat{P} - p}{\sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}}}$$

is approximately standard normal.

If $\hat{p}$ is the proportion of observations in a random sample of size n that belongs to a class of interest, an approximate $100(1-\alpha)\%$ confidence interval on the proportion p of the population that belongs to this class is

$$\hat{p} - z_{\alpha/2}\sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}} \le p \le \hat{p} + z_{\alpha/2}\sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}}$$

where $z_{\alpha/2}$ is the upper $\alpha/2$ percentage point of the standard normal distribution.

$$\hat{p} - z_{\alpha/2}\sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}} \le p \le \hat{p} + z_{\alpha/2}\sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}}$$

Ex:

In a random sample of 85 automobile engine crankshaft bearings, 10 have a surface finish that is rougher than the specifications allow. Therefore, a point estimate of the proportion of bearings in the population that exceeds the roughness specification is $\hat{p} = x/n = 10/85 = 0.12$. A 95% two-sided confidence interval for p is

Solution:

$$\hat{p} - z_{0.025}\sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}} \le p \le \hat{p} + z_{0.025}\sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}}$$

or

$$0.12 - 1.96\sqrt{\frac{0.12(0.88)}{85}} \le p \le 0.12 + 1.96\sqrt{\frac{0.12(0.88)}{85}}$$

which simplifies to

$$0.05 \le p \le 0.19$$