

Interval Estimation

Let x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n be a random sample from a popⁿ with distⁿ $I(n, \underline{\theta})$, $\underline{\theta} = (\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_k) \in \mathcal{R}$.
We want to estimate a function $I = g(\underline{\theta})$. In interval estimation we find two statistics $T_1(x)$ and $T_2(x)$ such that interval $(T_1(x), T_2(x))$ is likely to include $g(\underline{\theta})$.

Confidence interval:- We say that $(T_1(x), T_2(x))$ is a $100(1-\alpha)\%$ confidence interval for $g(\underline{\theta})$ if

$$P(T_1(x) < g(\underline{\theta}) < T_2(x)) = 1 - \alpha \quad \forall \underline{\theta} \in \mathcal{R}$$

Confidence interval for parameters of a Normal Distributions:-

Let $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$.

Case I:- σ^2 is known, we want confidence interval for μ .

Method of Pivoting :-

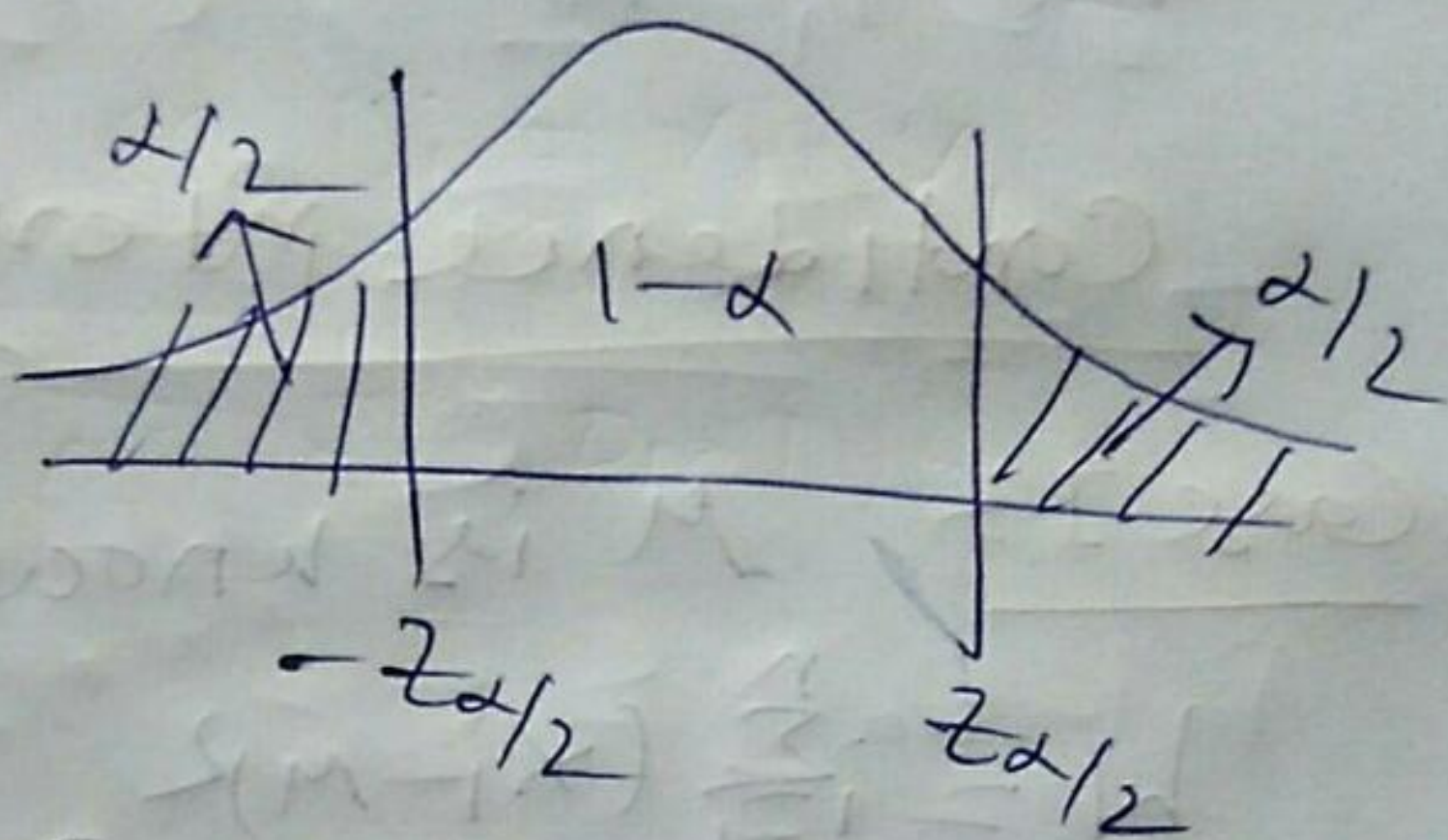
$$\bar{x} \sim N(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n})$$

$$Z = \frac{(\bar{x} - \mu)}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \sim N(0,1)$$

$$P(-z_{\alpha/2} \leq Z \leq z_{\alpha/2})$$

$$= 1 - \alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow P\left(-z_{\alpha/2} \leq \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{x} - \mu)}{\sigma} \leq z_{\alpha/2}\right) = 1 - \alpha$$



$$\Rightarrow P\left(-\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} z_{\alpha/2} \leq \bar{x} - \mu \leq \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} z_{\alpha/2}\right) = 1 - \alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow P\left(\bar{x} - \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} z_{\alpha/2} \leq \mu \leq \bar{x} + \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} z_{\alpha/2}\right) = 1 - \alpha$$

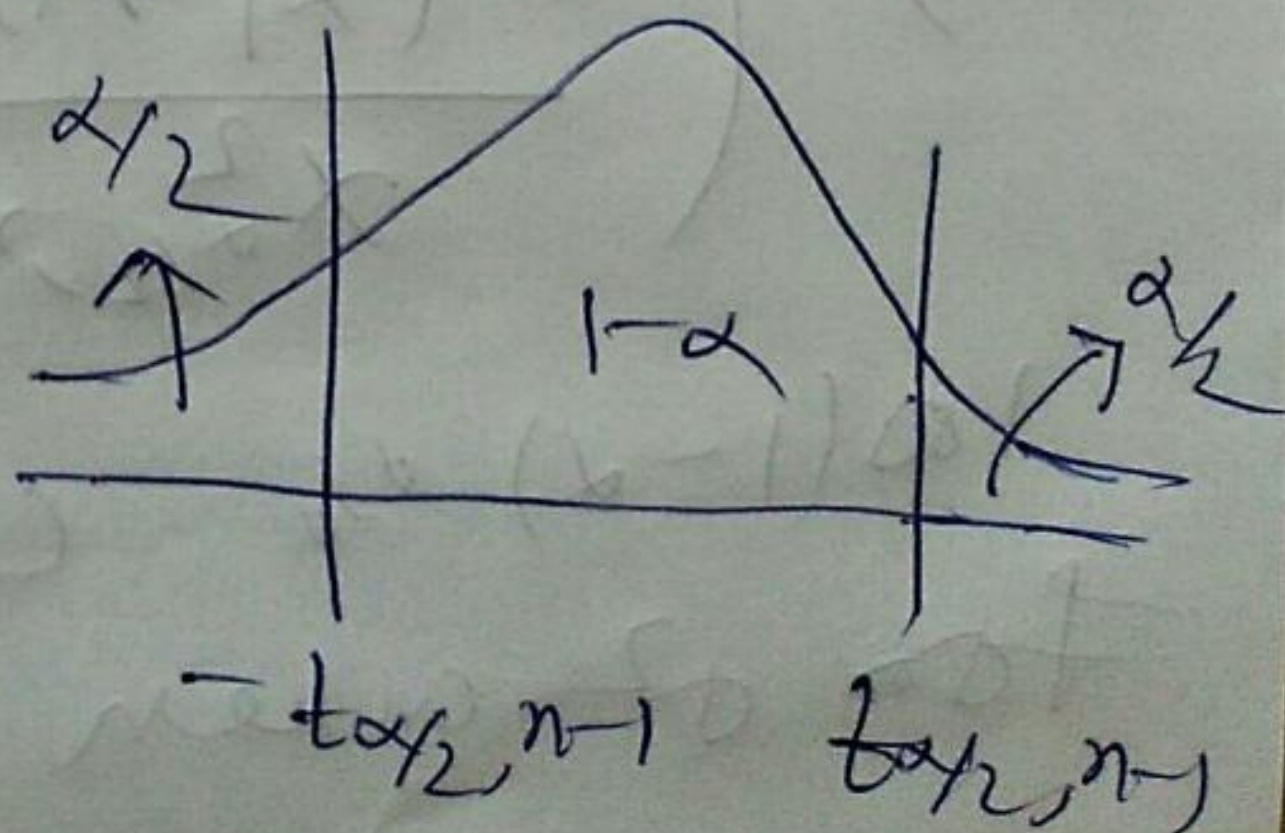
So, $\left(\bar{x} - \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} z_{\alpha/2}, \bar{x} + \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} z_{\alpha/2}\right)$ is

100(1 - \alpha) % confidence interval for \mu.

Case II :- \sigma^2 is unknown

$$\frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{x} - \mu)}{s} \sim t_{n-1}$$

$$\text{So, } P\left(-t_{\alpha/2, n-1} \leq \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{x} - \mu)}{s} \leq t_{\alpha/2, n-1}\right) = 1 - \alpha$$



$$\Rightarrow P\left(\bar{x} - \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} t_{\alpha/2, n-1} \leq \mu \leq \bar{x} + \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} t_{\alpha/2, n-1}\right) = 1 - \alpha$$

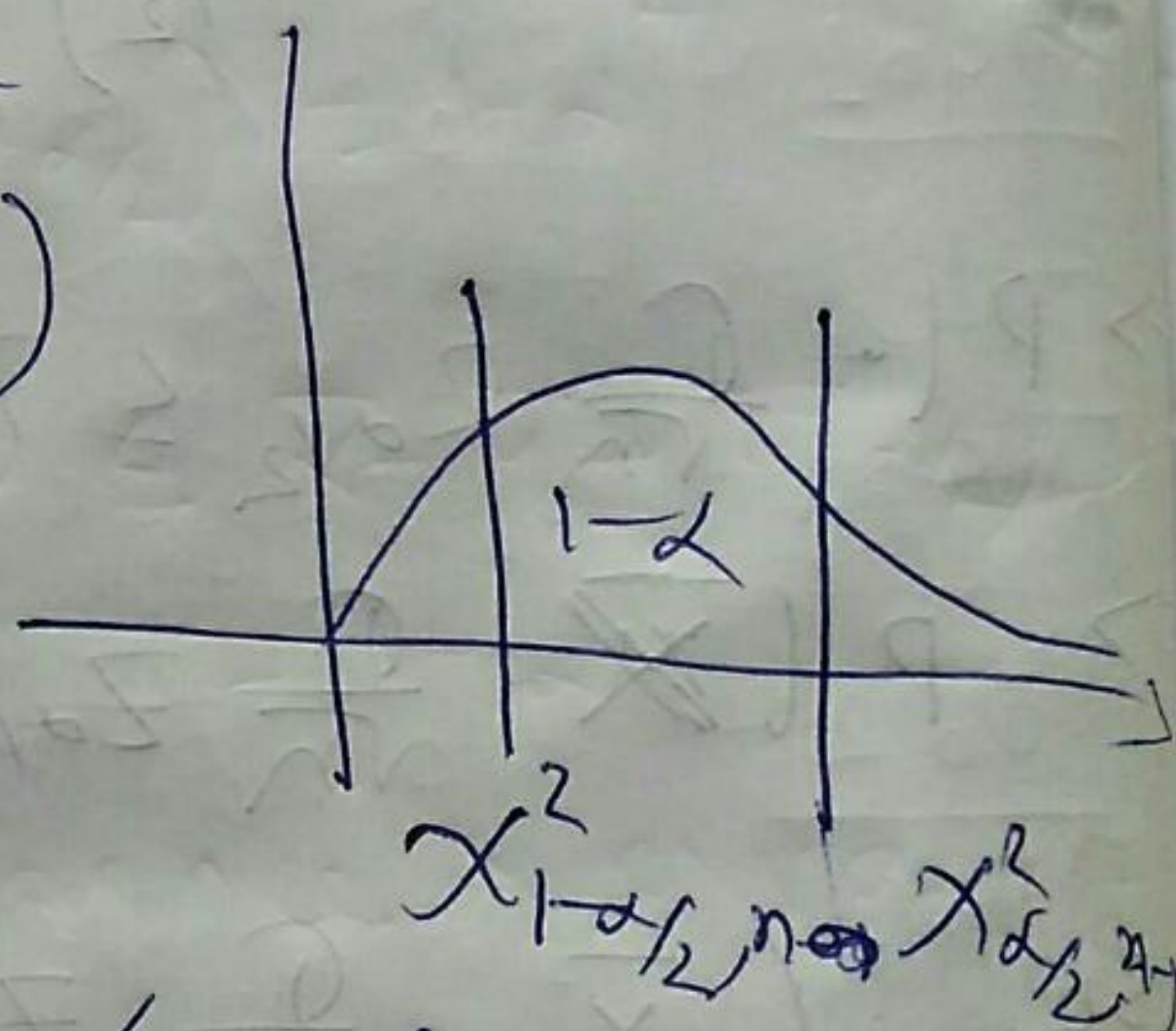
So, $\left(\bar{x} - \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} t_{\alpha/2, n-1}, \bar{x} + \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} t_{\alpha/2, n-1}\right)$ is $100(1-\alpha)\%$ confidence interval for μ .

Confidence interval for σ^2

Case I μ is known

$$W = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_n^2$$

$$P(\chi_{1-\alpha/2, n}^2 \leq W \leq \chi_{\alpha/2, n}^2) = 1 - \alpha$$



$$\Rightarrow P\left(\chi_{1-\alpha/2, n}^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{\sigma^2} \leq \chi_{\alpha/2, n}^2\right) = 1 - \alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow P\left(\frac{\sum (x_i - \mu)^2}{\chi_{\alpha/2, n}^2} \leq \sigma^2 \leq \frac{\sum (x_i - \mu)^2}{\chi_{1-\alpha/2, n}^2}\right) = 1 - \alpha$$

$$\text{So, } \left(\frac{\sum (x_i - \mu)^2}{\chi_{\alpha/2, n}^2}, \frac{\sum (x_i - \mu)^2}{\chi_{1-\alpha/2, n}^2}\right) \text{ is}$$

$100(1-\alpha)\%$ confidence interval for σ^2 when μ is known.

Case II:- When μ is unknown.

$$W = \frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^2_{n-1}$$

$$P\left(\chi^2_{1-\alpha/2, n-1} \leq \frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} \leq \chi^2_{\alpha/2, n-1}\right) = 1-\alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow P\left(\frac{(n-1)S^2}{\chi^2_{\alpha/2, n-1}} \leq \sigma^2 \leq \frac{(n-1)S^2}{\chi^2_{1-\alpha/2, n-1}}\right) = 1-\alpha$$

So, $\left(\frac{(n-1)S^2}{\chi^2_{\alpha/2, n-1}}, \frac{(n-1)S^2}{\chi^2_{1-\alpha/2, n-1}}\right)$ is $100(1-\alpha)\%$

Confidence interval for σ^2 .

Confidence intervals for parameters of two normal populations:-

Let x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m be a random sample from $N(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2)$

y_1, \dots, y_n be another independent sample from $N(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2)$ both.

We want find confidence interval for $\theta = \mu_1 - \mu_2$.

Case I:- σ_1^2 & σ_2^2 are known.

Independent

$$\bar{X} \sim N(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2/m)$$
$$\bar{Y} \sim N(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2/n)$$

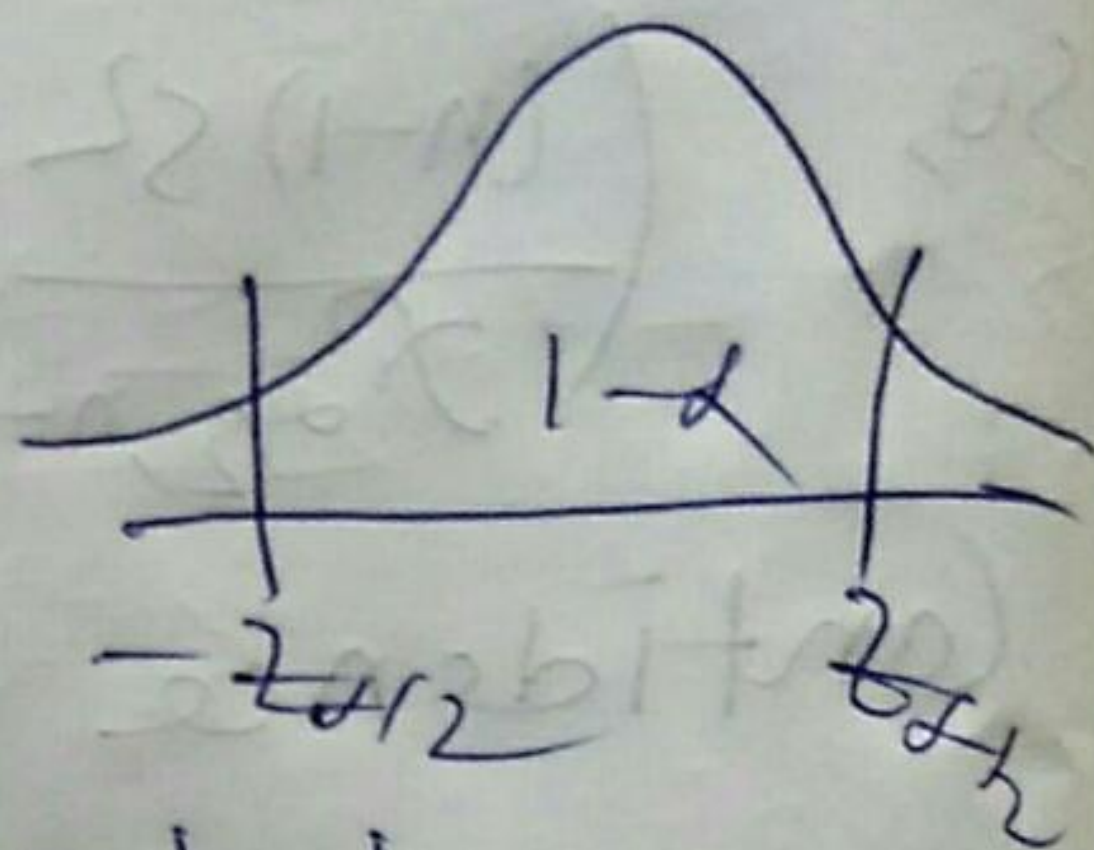
$$\Rightarrow \bar{X} - \bar{Y} \sim N(\mu_1 - \mu_2, \frac{\sigma_1^2}{m} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{n})$$

$$\text{So, } \frac{\bar{X} - \bar{Y} - (\mu_1 - \mu_2)}{\sqrt{\frac{\sigma_1^2}{m} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{n}}} \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$\text{let } \theta = \mu_1 - \mu_2, \tau^2 = \frac{\sigma_1^2}{m} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{n}$$

$$Z = \frac{\bar{X} - \bar{Y} - \theta}{\tau} \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$P(-z_{\alpha/2} \leq Z \leq z_{\alpha/2}) = 1 - \alpha$$



$$\Rightarrow P(-z_{\alpha/2} \leq \frac{\bar{X} - \bar{Y} - \theta}{\tau} \leq z_{\alpha/2}) = 1 - \alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow P(\bar{X} - \bar{Y} - \tau z_{\alpha/2} \leq \theta \leq \bar{X} - \bar{Y} + \tau z_{\alpha/2}) = 1 - \alpha$$

So, $100(1 - \alpha)\%$ confidence interval

for $\theta = \mu_1 - \mu_2$ in this case is

$$(\bar{X} - \bar{Y} - \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_1^2}{m} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{n}} z_{\alpha/2}, \bar{X} - \bar{Y} + \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_1^2}{m} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{n}} z_{\alpha/2})$$

Case II:- σ_1^2 and σ_2^2 are unknown but equal.
say $\sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2 = \sigma^2$.

$$U = \frac{\bar{X} - \bar{Y} - \theta}{\sigma \sqrt{\frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{n}}} \sim N(0,1), \quad c^2 = \frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{n}.$$

$$\Rightarrow U = \frac{\bar{X} - \bar{Y} - \theta}{c\sigma} \sim N(0,1).$$

$$W_1 = \frac{(m-1)S_x^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{m-1}^2, \quad S_x^2 = \frac{1}{m-1} \sum_{i=1}^m (x_i - \bar{x})^2$$

↑ independent

$$W_2 = \frac{(n-1)S_y^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2, \quad S_y^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{j=1}^n (y_j - \bar{y})^2$$

$$W_1 + W_2 = \frac{(m-1)S_x^2 + (n-1)S_y^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{m+n-2}^2$$

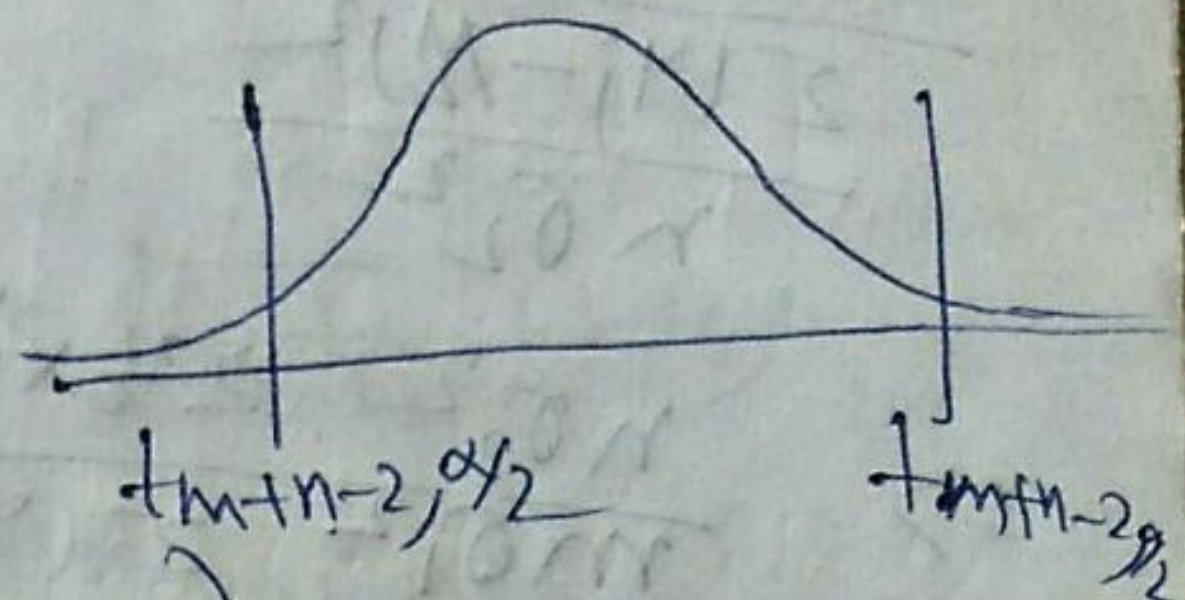
$$S_p^2 = \frac{1}{(m+n-2)} \left\{ (m-1)S_x^2 + (n-1)S_y^2 \right\} \rightarrow \text{Pooled sample variance}$$

$$V = \frac{(m+n-2)S_p^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{m+n-2}^2.$$

Since sample mean & sample variance are independent so, U & V are independent.

$$\text{so, } \frac{U}{\sqrt{\frac{V}{m+n-2}}} \sim t_{m+n-2}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\bar{X} - \bar{Y} - \theta}{\frac{c s_p}{\sqrt{(m+n-2) s_p^2}}} = \frac{\bar{X} - \bar{Y} - \theta}{c s_p} \sim t_{m+n-2}$$



$$P(-t_{\alpha/2, m+n-2} \leq \frac{\bar{X} - \bar{Y} - \theta}{c s_p} \leq t_{\alpha/2, m+n-2}) = 1 - \alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow P(\bar{X} - \bar{Y} - c s_p t_{\alpha/2, m+n-2} \leq \theta \leq \bar{X} - \bar{Y} + c s_p t_{\alpha/2, m+n-2}) = 1 - \alpha$$

So, $\bar{X} - \bar{Y} \pm c s_p t_{\alpha/2, m+n-2}$ gives 100(1- α)% confidence interval for $\theta = \mu_1 - \mu_2$ when $\sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2 = \sigma^2$ (unknown).

Case III:- When σ_1^2 and σ_2^2 are unknown & unequal.

Welch / Satterthwaite Formula

$$T = \frac{\bar{X} - \bar{Y} - \theta}{\sqrt{\frac{s_1^2}{m} + \frac{s_2^2}{n}}} \text{ has an approximate } t_{\nu}^{\text{dist}} -$$

where ν can be taken as integer part of

$$\frac{(\frac{s_1^2}{m} + \frac{s_2^2}{n})^2}{[\frac{s_1^4}{m^2(m-1)} + \frac{s_2^4}{n^2(n-1)}]}$$

Theory of two stage / multi stage

Confidence interval for $\gamma = \frac{\sigma_1^2}{\sigma_2^2}$

Case I:- μ_1 & μ_2 are known

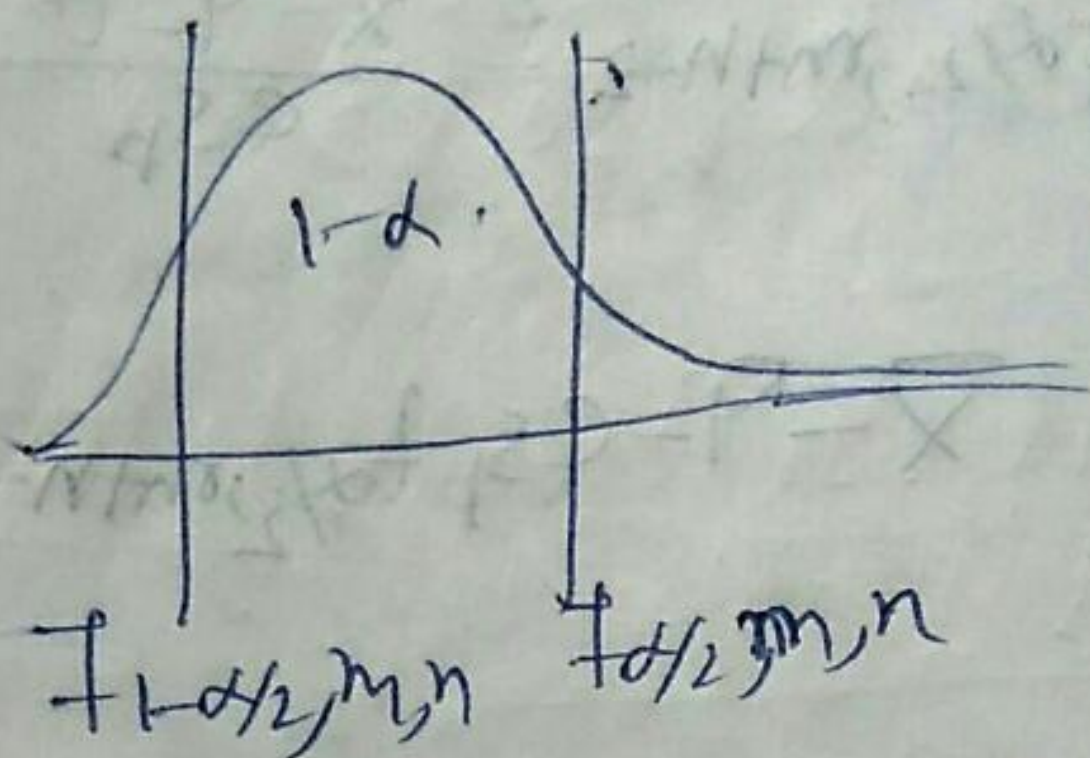
$$\frac{\sum (x_i - \mu_1)^2}{\sigma_1^2} \sim \chi_m^2, \quad \frac{\sum (y_j - \mu_2)^2}{\sigma_2^2} \sim \chi_n^2$$

Independent

$$\frac{\frac{\sum (x_i - \mu_1)^2}{m \sigma_1^2}}{\frac{\sum (y_j - \mu_2)^2}{n \sigma_2^2}} \sim F_{m,n}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n \sigma_2^2}{m \sigma_1^2} \frac{\sum (x_i - \mu_1)^2}{\sum (y_j - \mu_2)^2} \sim F_{m,n} \quad (\text{+ very skewed})$$

$$P\left(\frac{1}{f_{1-\alpha/2, m, n}} \leq \frac{n \sigma_2^2}{m \sigma_1^2} \frac{\sum (x_i - \mu_1)^2}{\sum (y_j - \mu_2)^2} \leq f_{\alpha/2, m, n}\right) = 1 - \alpha$$



$$\Rightarrow P\left(\frac{m \sum (y_j - \mu_2)^2}{n \sum (x_i - \mu_1)^2} \leq \frac{\sigma_2^2}{\sigma_1^2} \leq \frac{m \sum (y_j - \mu_2)^2}{n \sum (x_i - \mu_1)^2} f_{\alpha/2, m, n}\right) = 1 - \alpha$$

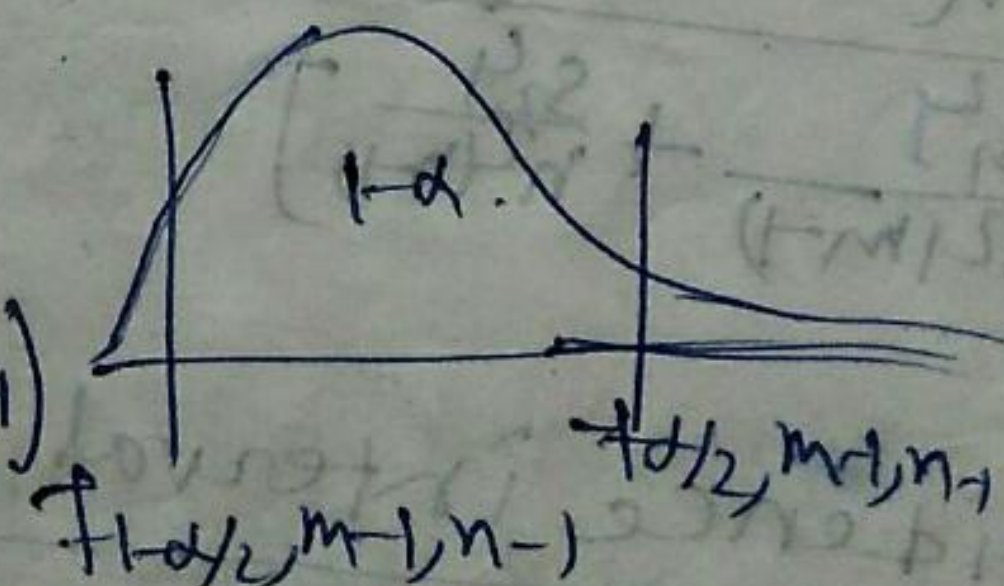
$$f_{1-\alpha/2, m, n} = \frac{1}{f_{\alpha/2, n, m}}$$

Case II: μ_1 and μ_2 are unknown

$$\frac{\frac{(m-1) S_1^2}{\sigma_1^2 (m-1)}}{\frac{(n-1) S_2^2}{\sigma_2^2 (n-1)}} \sim F_{m-1, n-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sigma_2^2}{\sigma_1^2} \frac{S_1^2}{S_2^2} \sim F_{m-1, n-1}$$

$$P\left(\frac{1}{f_{1-\alpha/2, m-1, n-1}} \leq \frac{\sigma_2^2}{\sigma_1^2} \frac{S_1^2}{S_2^2} \leq f_{\alpha/2, m-1, n-1}\right) = 1 - \alpha$$



$$\Rightarrow P\left(\frac{S_2^2}{S_1^2} \frac{1}{f_{1-\alpha/2, m-1, n-1}} \leq \frac{\sigma_2^2}{\sigma_1^2} \leq \frac{S_2^2}{S_1^2} f_{\alpha/2, m-1, n-1}\right) = 1 - \alpha$$

Example $m=36, n=64$

$$\bar{x}=10, \bar{y}=8, \sigma_1^2=1, \sigma_2^2=1.$$

$$\alpha=0.05, Z_{0.025}=1.96$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\bar{x}-\bar{y} \pm \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_1^2}{m} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{n}} Z_{\alpha/2} \right) &= 2 \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{36} + \frac{1}{64}} (1.96) \\ &= 2 \pm \frac{10}{6 \times 8} \times 1.96 \\ &= 2 \pm \frac{5}{24} \times 1.96 \\ &= (1.592, 2.408) \end{aligned}$$

95% confidence interval for $\mu_1 - \mu_2$

Ex:- To compare age at marriage of women in two ethnic groups, a random sample of 100 women is taken from each group.

$$\bar{x}=18.5, \bar{y}=20.7$$

$$s_1^2=5.8, s_2^2=6.3$$

$$\bar{x}-\bar{y} \pm \sqrt{\frac{m+n}{mn}} S_b \text{ to } 0.05, 198$$

$$(18.5-20.7 \pm \frac{\sqrt{2}}{10} \times 1645)$$

Ex:- Two machines are used to fill plastic bottles with dishwashing detergent. The s.d. of fill volume are known to be $\sigma_1=0.15$ fluid and $\sigma_2=0.12$ fluid for the two machines.

Two random samples of $n_1=12$ bottles from machine 1 and $n_2=10$ bottles from machine 2 are selected and the observations are $\bar{x}_1=30.87$,

$\bar{x}_2=30.68$ 90% C.I. for $\mu_1 - \mu_2$.

$$\bar{x}-\bar{y} \pm \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_1^2}{m} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{n}} Z_{0.05} \rightarrow 30.87 -$$

Paired observations

$$(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n) \sim \text{BVN}(\mu_1, \mu_2, \sigma_1^2, \sigma_2^2, \rho).$$

$$d_i = x_i - y_i \sim N(0, \tau^2), \quad \tau^2 = \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 - 2\rho\sigma_1\sigma_2.$$

So, $100(1-\alpha)\%$ confidence interval for $\theta = \mu_1 - \mu_2$ is

$$\left(\bar{d} - \frac{s_d}{\sqrt{n}} t_{\alpha/2, n-1}, \bar{d} + \frac{s_d}{\sqrt{n}} t_{\alpha/2, n-1} \right)$$

where $\bar{d} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n d_i$, $s_d^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (d_i - \bar{d})^2$

Ex:- To compare the gripping strength of left hand and right hand of left handed persons the measurements are made on 10 persons

Person	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Left hand	140	90	125	130	95	121	85	97	131	110	\bar{x}_1
Right hand	138	87	110	132	96	120	86	90	129	100	\bar{x}_2

Confidence interval for $\mu_1 - \mu_2$

$d_i \rightarrow 2, 3, 15, -2, -1, 1, -1, 7, 2, 10$

$$\bar{d} = 3.6, S_d^2 = \frac{1}{9} \sum d_i^2 - \bar{d}^2$$

$$t_{0.05, 9} = 1.833$$

$$(3.6 \pm \frac{S_d}{\sqrt{10}} \times 1.833)$$