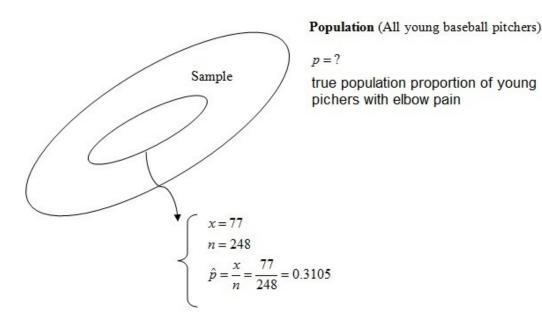
## University of New Mexico CONFIDENCE INTERVALS (Fall 2018)

BIOM 505: Biostatistical Methods I [Instructor: Dr. Fares Qeadan]

## 1.1 C.I. AROUND ONE POPULATION PROPORTION (p) [using sample statistics]:

**Example:** In a 1999-2000 longitudinal study of youth baseball, researchers found that 77 of 248 young pitchers complained of elbow pain after pitching. What is the 90% C.I. for the true population proportion of young pitchers with elbow pain?



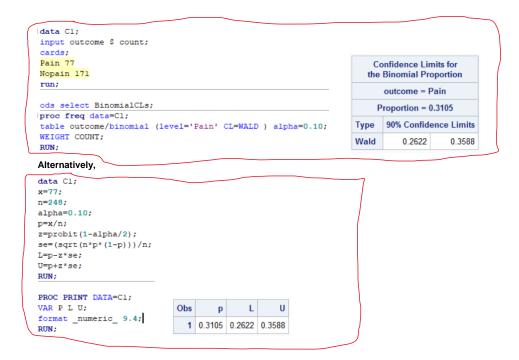
#### Solution by hand:

Since the CL is 90% then  $Z_{\alpha/2} = QUANTILE('Normal', (1-0.90)/2) \approx -1.645$  [alternatively,  $Z_{\alpha/2} = probit((1-0.90)/2) \approx -1.645$ ]. Thus,

$$\hat{p} \pm Z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}} = 0.3105 \pm 1.645 \sqrt{\frac{0.3105(1-0.3105)}{248}} = (0.2621676, 0.3588324) \approx (0.2622, 0.3588).$$

We are 90% confident that the true population proportion of young pitchers with elbow pain is between 26.22% and 35.88%.

#### Solution by SAS:

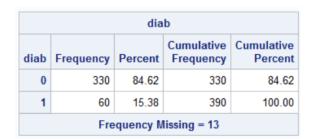


## 1.2 C.I. AROUND ONE POPULATION PROPORTION (p) [using sample data]:

**Example:** Using the Diabetes dataset from Lab1, what is the 95% confidence interval around the true population proportion of diabetes?

#### Solution by SAS:

proc freq data=biom505.diabetesfall17;
table diab/binomial (level='1');
run;

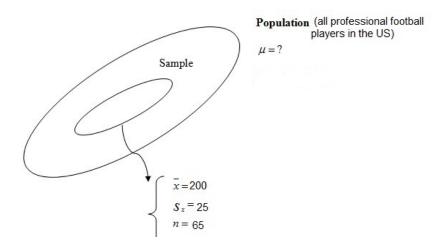


Binomial Proportion			
diab = 1			
Proportion	0.1538		
ASE	0.0183		
95% Lower Conf Limit	0.1180		
95% Upper Conf Limit	0.1897		
<b>Exact Conf Limits</b>			
95% Lower Conf Limit	0.1195		
95% Upper Conf Limit	0.1935		

We are 90% confident that the true population proportion of diabetes is between 11.80% and 18.96%.

## 2.1 C.I. AROUND ONE POPULATION MEAN ( $\mu$ ) when $\sigma$ is unknown [using sample statistics]:

**Example:** A study from the US of 65 professional football players found that the weight of football players is roughly normally distributed with a sample mean of 200 pounds and a standard deviation of 25 pounds. What is the 99% C.I. for the true population mean weight of US football players?



Solution by hand: Since the CL is 99% then  $t_{n-1,\alpha/2} = tinv((1-0.99)/2,64) \approx -2.655$ . Thus,

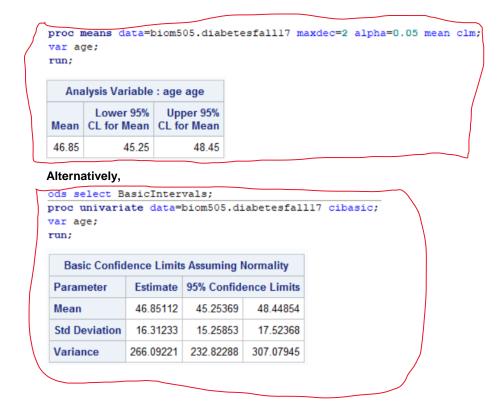
$$ar{x}\pm t_{n-1,lpha/2}\left(rac{s_x}{\sqrt{n}}
ight)=200\pm 2.655\left(rac{25}{\sqrt{65}}
ight)=(191.7672,208.2328)pprox (191.77,208.23).$$
 Solution by SAS:

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data t;
xbar=200;
s=25;
n=65;
alpha=1-0.99;
se=s/sqrt(n);
L=xbar-tinv(1 - alpha/2, 64) *se;
U=xbar+tinv(1 - alpha/2, 64) *se;
run;
PROC PRINT DATA=t;
                                      Obs
                                            xbar
                                                             U
VAR xbar L U;
format _numeric_ 9.2;
                                          200.00
                                                 191.77 208.23
RUN;
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We are 99% confident that the true population mean weight of US professional football players is between 191.77 and 208.23 pounds.

### 2.2 C.I. AROUND ONE POPULATION MEAN ( $\mu$ ) when $\sigma$ is unknown [using sample data]:

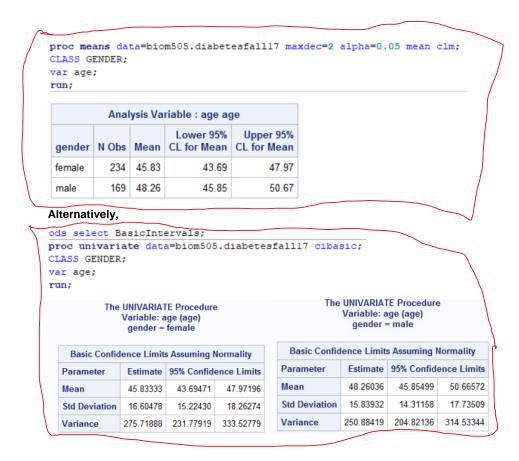
**Example:** Using the Diabetes dataset from Lab1, what is the 95% confidence interval around the true mean age of subjects in the population of African Americans in Virginia? **Solution by SAS:** 



We are 95% confident that the true mean age of subjects in the population of African Americans in Virginia is between 45.25 and 48.45 pounds.

# 2.3 C.I. AROUND ONE POPULATION MEAN ( $\mu$ ) when $\sigma$ is unknown by stratum (group) [using sample data]:

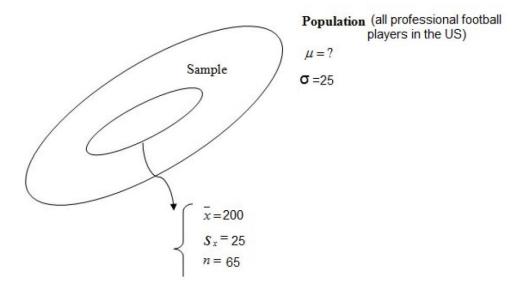
**Example:** Using the Diabetes dataset from Lab1, what is the 95% confidence interval around the true mean age of Female subjects in the population of African Americans in Virginia? Solution by SAS:



We are 95% confident that the true mean age of Females in the population of African Americans in Virginia is between 43.69 and 47.97 pounds.

### 3.1 C.I. AROUND ONE POPULATION MEAN ( $\mu$ ) when $\sigma$ is known [using sample statistics]:

**Example:** A study from the US of 65 professional football players found that the weight of football players is roughly normally distributed with a sample mean of 200 pounds. Assume that the population standard deviation for the weights is known and equals to 25 pounds. What is the 99% C.I. for the true population mean weight of US football players?



Solution by hand: Since the CL is 99% then  $Z_{\alpha/2} = probit((1-0.99)/2) \approx -2.576$ . Thus,  $\bar{x} \pm Z_{\alpha/2} \left(\frac{\sigma_x}{\sqrt{n}}\right) = 200 \pm 2.576 \left(\frac{25}{\sqrt{65}}\right) = (192.0122, 207.9878) \approx (192.01, 207.99)$ .

#### Solution by SAS:

```
data Zci;
xbar=200;
sigma=25;
n=65;
alpha=1-0.99;
se=sigma/sqrt(n);
L=xbar-probit(1 - alpha/2)*se;
U=xbar+probit(1 - alpha/2)*se;
run;

PROC PRINT DATA=Zci;
VAR xbar L U;
format _numeric_ 9.2;
RUN;
```

Obs	xbar	L	U
1	200.00	192.01	207.99

We are 99% confident that the true population mean weight of US professional football players is between 192.01 and 207.99 pounds.