

Introduction to Probability, Statistics and Data Handling	Central Limit Theorem
Tutorial 6	

Discussion:

Suppose X is a **random variable with a distribution that may be known or unknown** (it can be any distribution). X represents the population. We denote μ as **the mean of X** and σ as **the standard deviation of X** .

Suppose that you draw **random samples of size n** and calculate the mean values of your sample. Name them as \bar{x} , so you have **n values of \bar{x}** , which **are sample means and \bar{X}** is also a random variable.

If n increases the random variable \bar{X} **tends to be normally distributed with a mean value μ and standard deviation $\sigma_{\bar{x}} = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$** : $\bar{X} \rightarrow N\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}\right)$. It means that if you draw random sample of size n , the distribution of sample means has the normal distribution with the same mean as the population and a variance that is equal the population variance divided by the sample size n .

The standard variable Z is then defined as: $Z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}$; $Z \rightarrow N(0,1)$

- An unknown distribution has a mean of 90 and a standard deviation of 15. Samples of size $n = 25$ are drawn randomly from the population.
 - Find the probability that the sample mean is between 85 and 92.
 - Find the value that is two standard deviations above the expected value of the sample mean.
- Cans of a cola beverage claim to contain 16 ounces. The amounts in a sample are measured and the statistics are $n = 34$, $\bar{x} = 16.01$ ounces. If the cans are filled so that $\mu = 16.00$ ounces (as labelled) and $\sigma = 0.143$ ounces, find the probability that a sample of 34 cans will have an average amount greater than 16.01 ounces. Do the results suggest that cans are filled with an amount greater than 16 ounces?
- An unknown distribution has a mean of 90 and a standard deviation of 15. A sample of size 80 is drawn randomly from the population.
 - Find the probability that the sum of the 80 values (or the total of the 80 values) is more than 7500.
 - Find the sum that is 1.5 standard deviations above the mean of the sums.
- In a recent study, the mean age of tablet users is 35 years. Suppose the standard deviation is ten years. The sample size is 39.
 - What are the mean and standard deviation for the sum of the ages of tablet users? What is the distribution?
 - Find the probability that the sum of the ages is between 1,400 and 1,500 years.
 - Find the 90th percentile for the sum of the 39 ages.
- A study involving stress is conducted among the students on a college campus. The stress scores follow a uniform distribution with the lowest stress score equal to one and the highest equal to five. Using a sample of 75 students, find:
 - The probability that the mean stress score for the 75 students is less than two.
 - The 90th percentile for the mean stress score for the 75 students.
 - The probability that the total of the 75 stress scores is less than 200.
 - The 90th percentile for the total stress score for the 75 students.