

ISE 315: Engineering Statistics

Lecture 6: Statistical Intervals for a Single Sample (Part 2)

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Lecture 6 Outline:

- Announcements:
 - HW #2 due next week
 - Major Exam 1 in Week 8 (Chapters 7, 8, 9, 10)
 - Quiz #2 next Wednesday (up to 5 questions about Chapter 8)
- Z Table and Problem Examples
- CI for Mean (σ^2 unknown) , Variance, and Proportion

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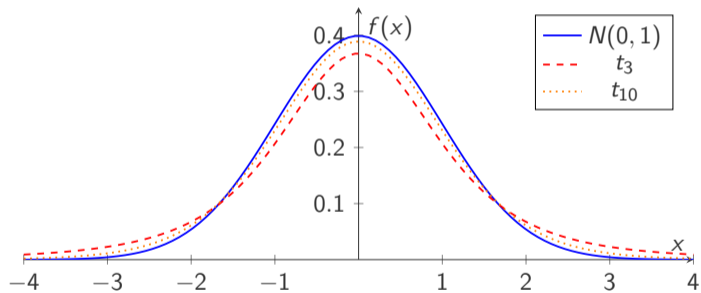
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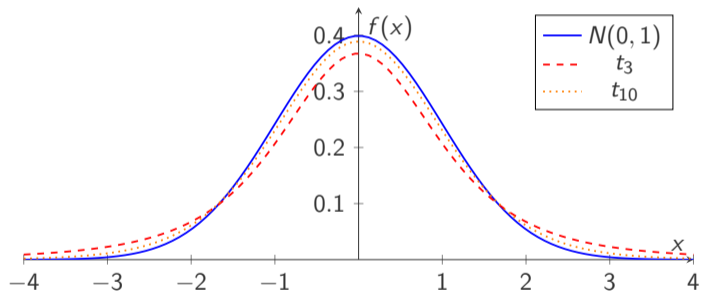
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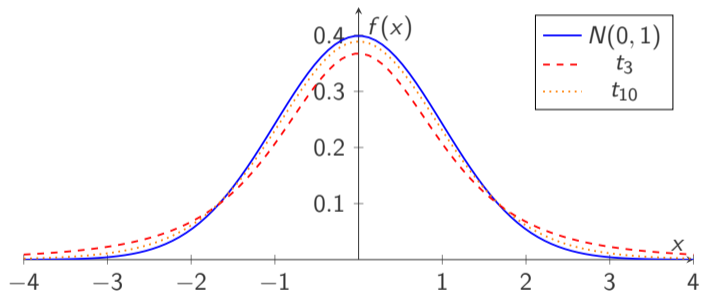
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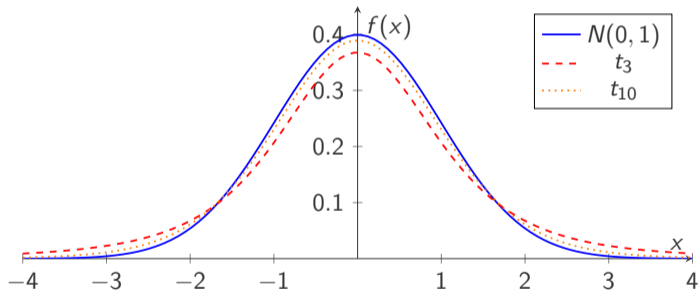
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Key insight: Lower df \Rightarrow heavier tails \Rightarrow larger critical values \Rightarrow wider CI

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