

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(\hat{\theta}_1) &= \text{Var}\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i)\right) = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(x_i) \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma^2 = \frac{1}{n^2} \cdot n \sigma^2 = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{\theta}_1 \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2/n)$$

$$\frac{\hat{\theta}_1 - \mu}{\sqrt{\sigma^2/n}} \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$P(-z < \frac{\hat{\theta}_1 - \mu}{\sqrt{\sigma^2/n}} < +z) = \Phi(z) - \Phi(-z) = 2\Phi(z) - 1$$

mult  
by -1:

$$P(-z < \frac{\mu - \hat{\theta}_1}{\sqrt{\sigma^2/n}} < +z) = 2\Phi(z) - 1$$

$$P(\hat{\theta}_1 - z\sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2}{n}} < \mu < \hat{\theta}_1 + z\sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2}{n}}) = 2\Phi(z) - 1 = 0.95$$

if we choose  $\Delta = z\sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2}{n}}$

$$2\Phi(z) - 1 = 0.95$$

$$\Phi(z) = 0.975$$

$$z \approx 1.96$$

$$P(\mu \in [\hat{\theta}_1 - z\sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2}{n}}, \hat{\theta}_1 + z\sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2}{n}}])$$

$$= P(\mu \in [\hat{\theta}_1 - 1.96\sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2}{n}}, \hat{\theta}_1 + 1.96\sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2}{n}}]) = 0.95$$

What if  $\sigma^2$  is unknown?

Could use  $\hat{\sigma}_2^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \hat{\theta}_1)^2$  as an estimator for  $\sigma^2$ .

If  $n$  is large, then  $\frac{\hat{\theta}_1 - \mu}{\sqrt{\hat{\sigma}_2^2/n}}$  is approximately normal and  $\Delta = 1.96\sqrt{\frac{\hat{\sigma}_2^2}{n}}$  gives an approximate 95% confidence interval.