

Describing Data:

- **Descriptive Statistics:** Describing categorical and quantitative variables and the relationships between them via 2 aspects:
 1. How to visualize data using graphs
 2. How to summarise data (key aspects) using numerical quantities (summary statistics)

Categorical Variables:

- **ONE CATEGORICAL VARIABLE:**
 - **Proportion:** Summary statistic helping describe categorical variables ○ Sum of proportions is 1

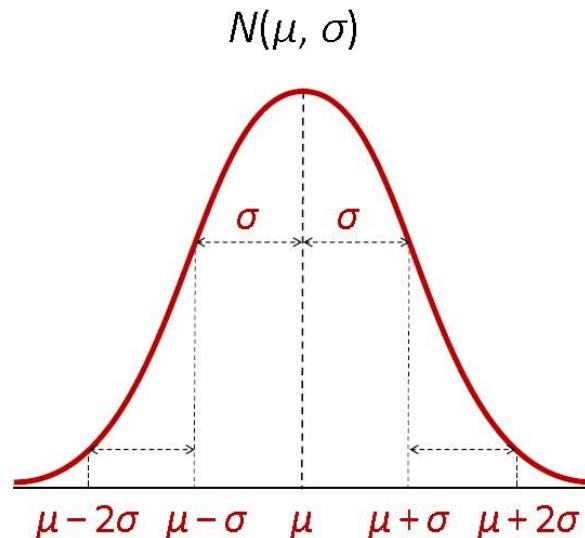
$$P / \hat{p} = \frac{\text{no. in category}}{\text{total sample size}}$$

- - **Relative Frequency:** Shows proportions ○ Enables making comparisons without referring to the sample size
 - **Bar/ Pie Charts:** Used to visually explain proportions
- **TWO CATEGORICAL VARIABLES:**
 - Relationship i.e. group of people 2 categories are male/ female
 - Useful measure of **ASSOCIATION**
 - **Two-Way Table:** Shows the relationship between 2 categorical variables
 - **Side by side chart:** Visual representation of this

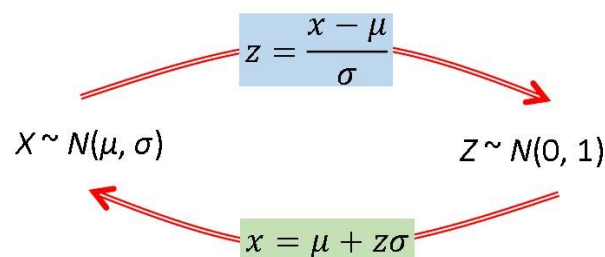
Testing in Normal Distributions:

Normal Distribution:

- Distributions of common statistics following a bell-shaped pattern ▪ Uses $\mu, \sigma \rightarrow N(\mu, \sigma)$
- **Density Curve:** Reflects the location, spread and shape of the distribution
 - Total area under the curve is 1 \rightarrow 100% of the distribution
 - Area over an interval is the proportion within the interval ▪ DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A NORMAL CURVE!
- **Normal Density Curve:** Follows a normal, bell-shaped distribution ▪ $N(\mu, \sigma)$
 - Centered on μ
 - 95% of the data is $\mu \pm 2\sigma$



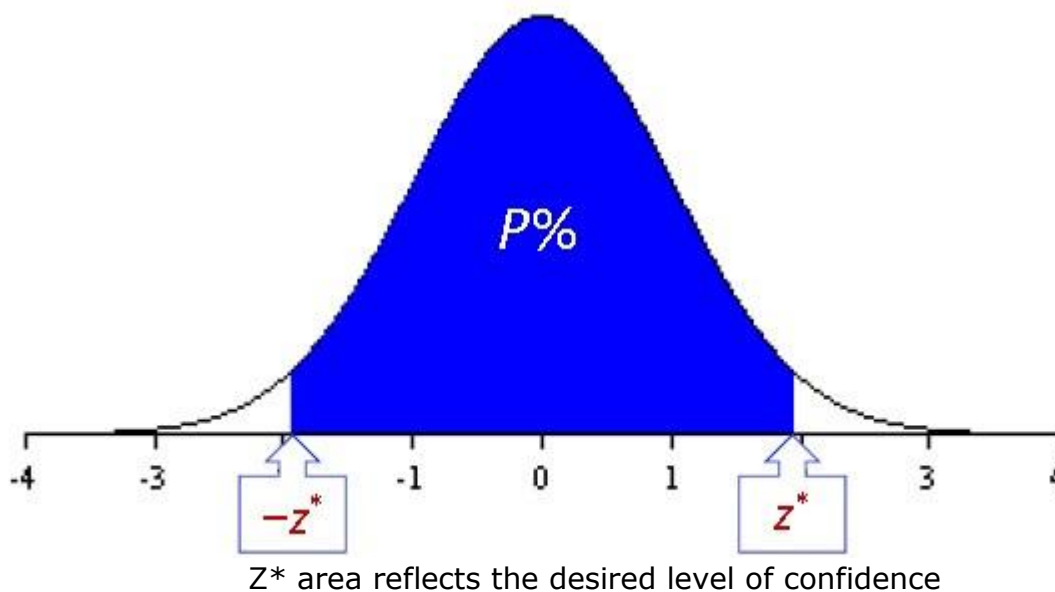
- **Standard Normal $N(0,1)$:** z-distribution used as a basic way to compare different distributions
 - Convert normal distributions to z-scores
 - To convert from $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma)$ to $Z \sim N(0,1)$ use **Z-SCORE FORMULA!!!**



Confidence Intervals and P-Values Using Normal Distributions:

- For categorical data, the parameter = p for proportion
- For numerical data the parameter = μ for mean
- **Central Limit Theorem:** For a large enough sample size, the distribution of sample proportions and means will be approximately normally distributed and centered at the population parameter (p or μ)
 - $n \geq 30 \rightarrow$ for quantitative variables
 - $n \geq 10 \rightarrow$ for categorical variables
 - As n increases, the distribution gets more closely approximated to the normal distribution and σ decreases
- **Confidence Interval:**

Confidence Interval: Sample Statistic $\pm Z^* \times SE$



- **How to apply/ test for Confidence Intervals:**
 1. Confirm the sampling distribution can be approximated by normal distribution
 - Check CLT applies
 2. Find z^* for the $P\%$ CI
 3. Obtain the $P\%$ CI using formula
- **P-Values in a normal distribution:** Standardise the value of the statistic from the original sample, using the $H_0 \mu$ and the randomization SE

- **Hypotheses tests based on a normal distribution:** The normal distribution should be consistent with H_0 so the μ is determined by H_0 ▪ Compute standardized test statistic using:

$$Z = \frac{SS - H_0}{SE}$$

- This formula calculates the number of SEs the statistic is from H_0 , consequently allowing us to assess the extremity on a **COMMON SCALE**
 - ❖ If the statistic is normally distributed under H_0 , the pvalue is the $N(0,1)$ probability beyond z

****In order to apply the CI and hypotheses testing for a normal distribution, then we need to CALCULATE THE SE FOR DIFFERENT PARAMETERS!!!!**