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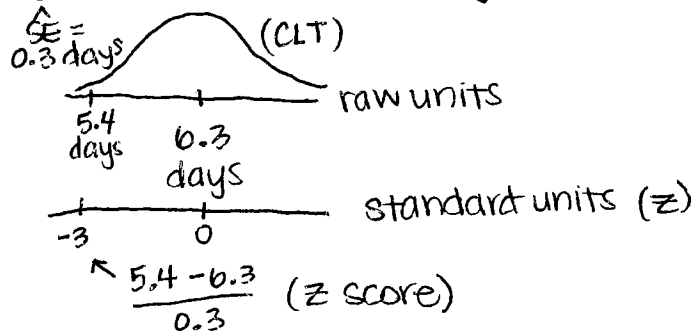
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IID read FPP ch. 27
Significance testing

Case Study 12 continued

* put long run SD in model from May 10th
estimated SD = $\hat{SE}_{IID}(\bar{y}) = S/\sqrt{n} = 3.9/\sqrt{100} = 0.3 \text{ days}$

* long run histogram of \bar{y} if null is true :



$z = -3$, so what?

→ how unusual is $z = -3$?

Answer:

$P(\text{value}) = P =$ chance, if H_0 is true, of getting data as extreme as, or more extreme than, what we got (find by calculating area to the left of 5.4 days under the curve because this is more extreme)

→ how do you know where "more extreme" is?

Answer:

look at the form of the alternative hypothesis:
here alt. is $(\mu < 6.3)$ so we look only at $\bar{y} < 5.4$

here we look only at one tail (left) of the normal curve to get P : one-tailed test; here $P = 0.15\%$

Final Step:

if P is small \leftrightarrow favor alt. hypothesis

if P is large \leftrightarrow favor null hypothesis

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→ how small is small enough for P?
no general answer (depends on real world consequences of choosing wrong hypothesis)

Conventional answer: (stat. sig. = statistically significant)

$P \leq 5\% \leftrightarrow$ "stat. sig."

$P \leq 1\% \leftrightarrow$ "highly stat. sig."

So here, result is highly stat. sig. ($P = 0.15\%$) → favor alt. hypothesis (the mean really has gone down).

BUT

you can't tell if flex time caused this decline (might have been due to some other change over time).

Better design:

Compare 2 groups at the same time, one on flex time (treatment), the other not (control).

Case Study B

* under null model $I=F$
 $\emptyset=M$

