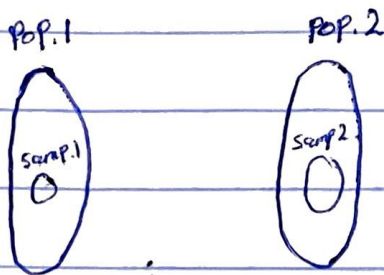


## 11.2: Inferences about two population variances.



Notation:

$N_1$ : size of pop. 1       $N_2$ : size of pop. 2. } (population size)  
 $\sigma_1^2$ : variance of pop. 1       $\sigma_2^2$ : var. of pop. 2.  
 $n_1$ : size of sample 1.       $n_2$ : size of sample 2.  
 $S_1^2$ : var. of sample 1.       $S_2^2$ : var. of sample 2.

★ sampling dist. of  $\frac{S_1^2}{S_2^2}$  when  $\sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2$ .

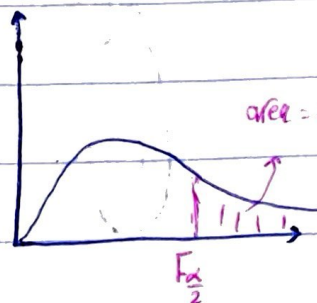
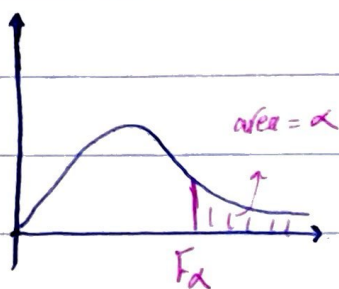
$$\frac{S_1^2}{S_2^2} \sim F \quad \begin{array}{l} df_1 = n_1 - 1 \\ df_2 = n_2 - 1 \end{array}$$

In words,  $\frac{S_1^2}{S_2^2}$  has F distribution with  $n_1 - 1$  degrees of freedom for the numerator and  $n_2 - 1$  degrees of freedom for the denominator.

★ Assuming:

- sample 1 and sample 2 random
- sample 1 and sample 2 independent.
- sample 1 and sample 2 are from Normal ~~dist~~ population.
- $\sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2$ .

★ F-dist (df<sub>1</sub> and df<sub>2</sub>)



H<sub>0</sub>:  $\sigma_1^2 \leq \sigma_2^2$

H<sub>0</sub>:  $\sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2$

H<sub>1</sub>:  $\sigma_1^2 > \sigma_2^2$

H<sub>1</sub>:  $\sigma_1^2 \neq \sigma_2^2$

(LTT) (sb)

★ Test statistic:  $F = \frac{S_1^2}{S_2^2}$  with  $df_1 = n_1 - 1$ ,  $df_2 = n_2 - 1$

Note: Pop. 1 is the population with higher sample variance

★ Reject H<sub>0</sub> if  $F \geq F_\alpha$  (UTT)

Reject H<sub>0</sub> if  $F \geq F_{\alpha/2}$  (TTT)

Reject H<sub>0</sub> if p-value  $\leq \alpha$

Q14 exp: Pop.1  $n_1 = 16$   $S_1^2 = 5.8$   
 Pop.2  $n_2 = 21$   $S_2^2 = 2.4$

$H_0: \sigma_1^2 \leq \sigma_2^2$   $\alpha = 0.05$   
 $H_1: \sigma_1^2 > \sigma_2^2$

(a)  $F = \frac{S_1^2}{S_2^2} = \frac{5.8}{2.4} = 2.42$

p-value  $\in (0.25, 0.105)$

	$df_1 = 15$	
	8.10	1.84
$df_2 = 20$	<u>0.105</u>	<u>2.20</u>
	0.025	2.57
	0.01	3.09

p-value  $\leq \alpha$   
 $\rightarrow$  Reject  $H_0$  ( $\alpha = 0.05$ )

$\Rightarrow \sigma_1^2 > \sigma_2^2$  ( $\alpha = 0.05$ )

(b)  $F = 2.42$  + The table  $\uparrow$

critical value:  $F_\alpha = F_{0.05} = 2.2$

$\Rightarrow F \geq F_\alpha$

so we Reject  $H_0$  ( $\alpha = 0.05$ )

$\sigma_1^2 > \sigma_2^2$  ( $\alpha = 0.05$ )