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Midterm Tomorrow



"hope"

A photograph of a festival at sunset. In the foreground, a man and a woman are silhouetted against the bright sun, kissing. In the background, there are various structures, including a large wooden tower with people on it, and other festival-goers. The sky is a warm orange color.

Covariance:
Want to deviate from the mean with me?

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Review

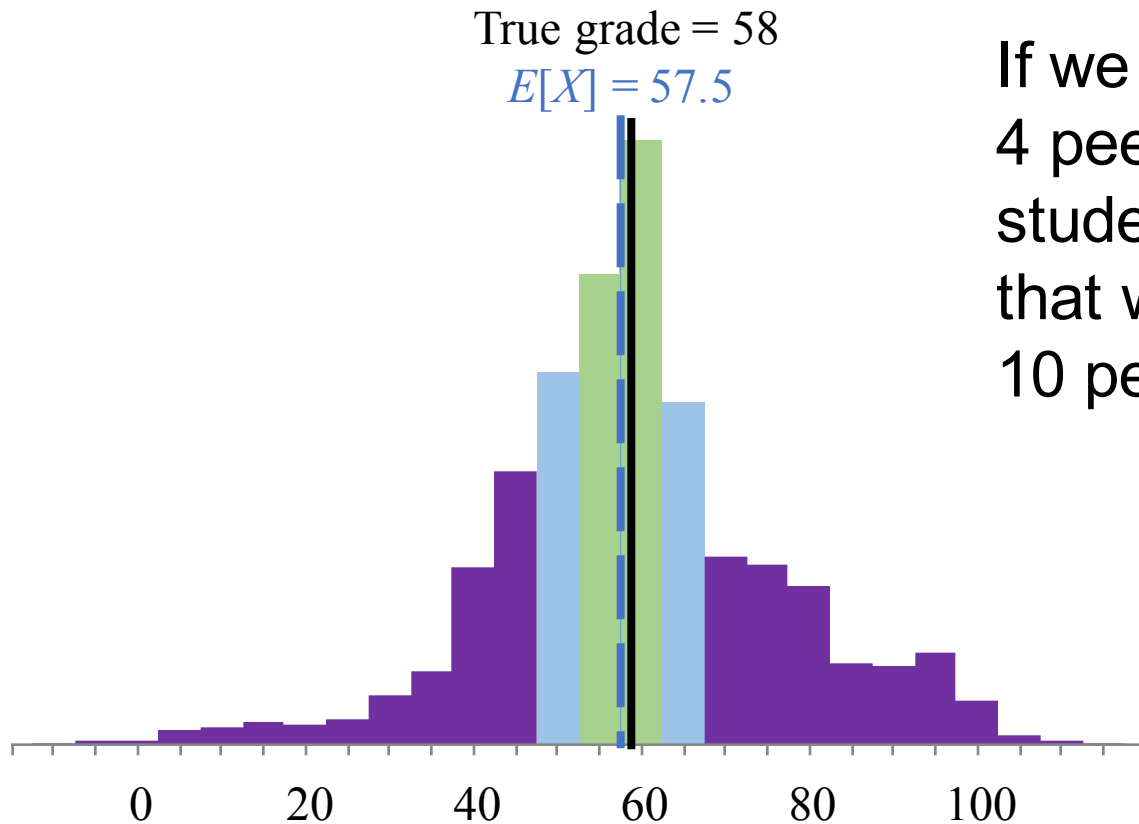
Expectation and Variance

The two most important descriptors of a distribution, a random variable or a dataset

Peer Grades in Coursera HCI

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$$E(X) = \text{weighted average}$$

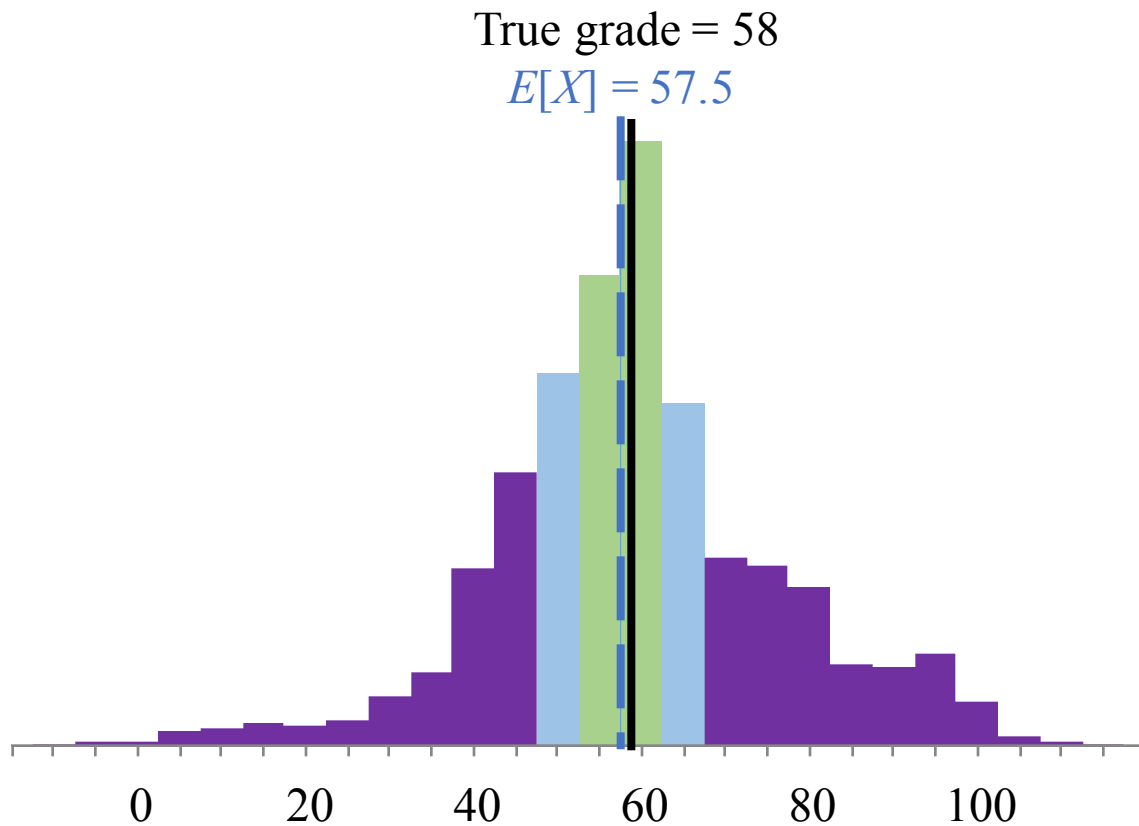


If we base a final score off 4 peer-grades, 19% of students would get a score that was off by more than 10 percentage points

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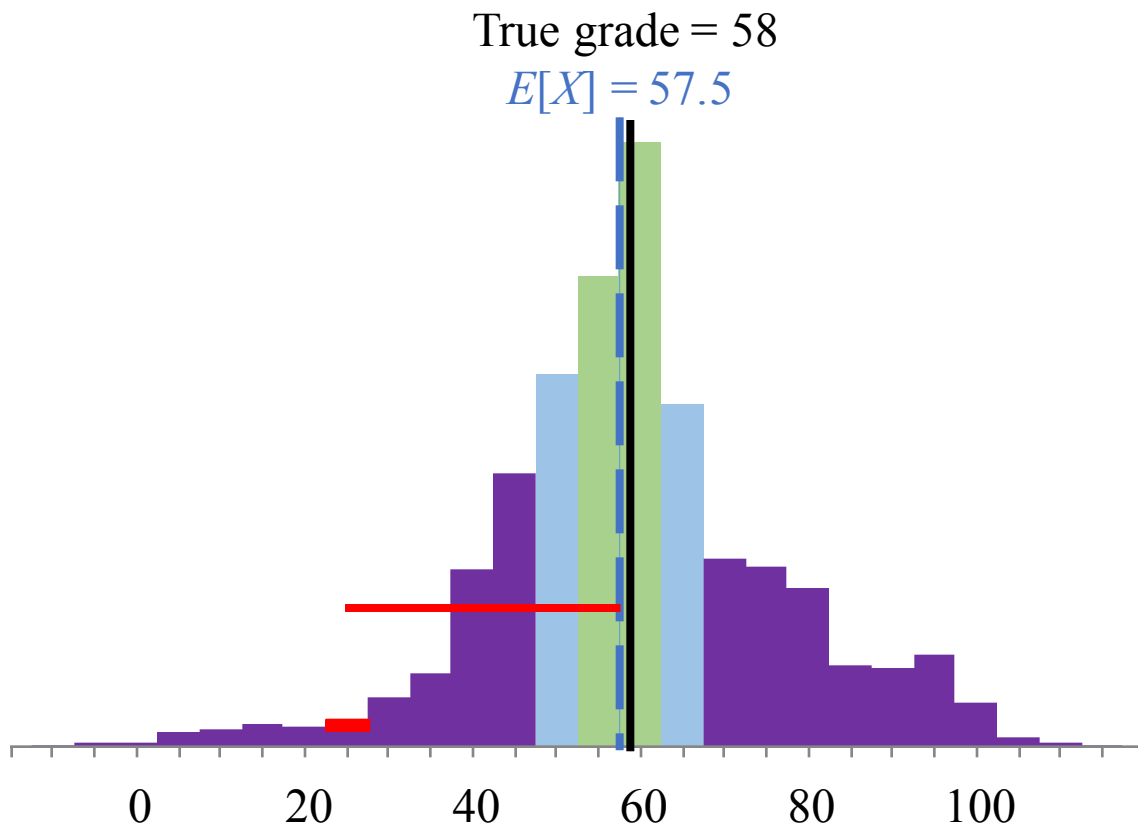
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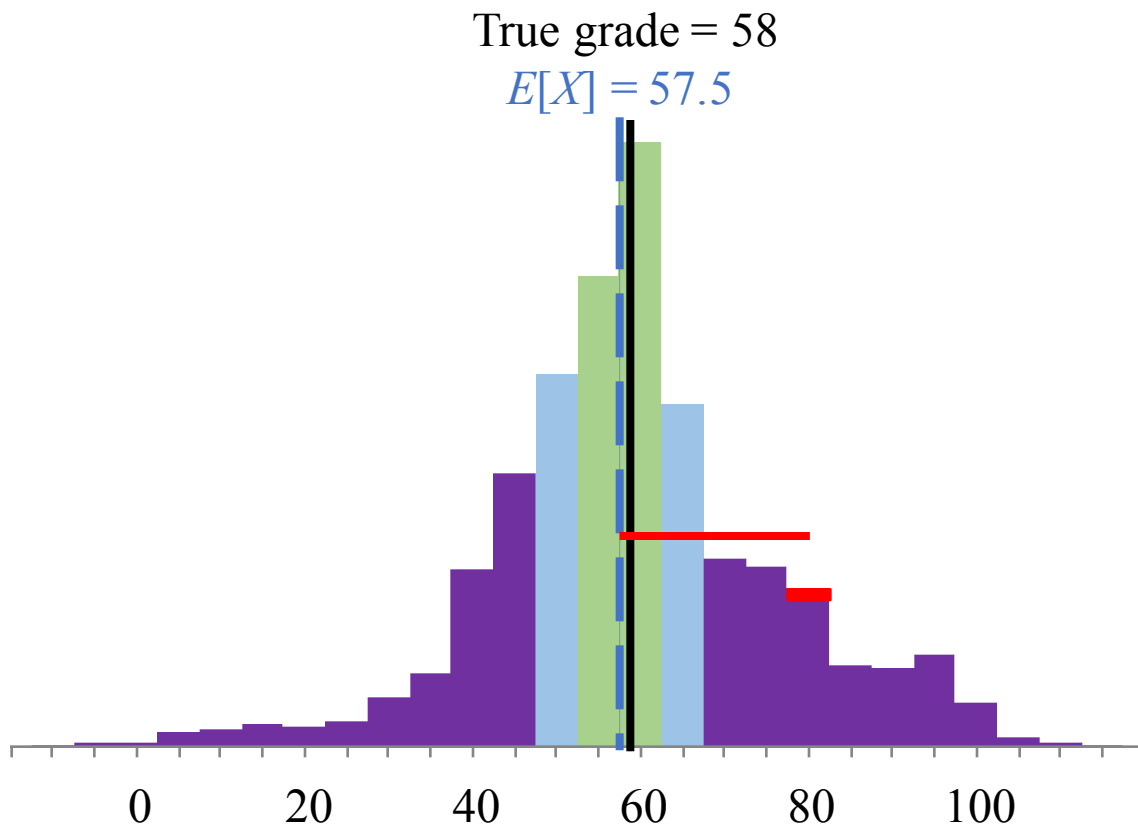


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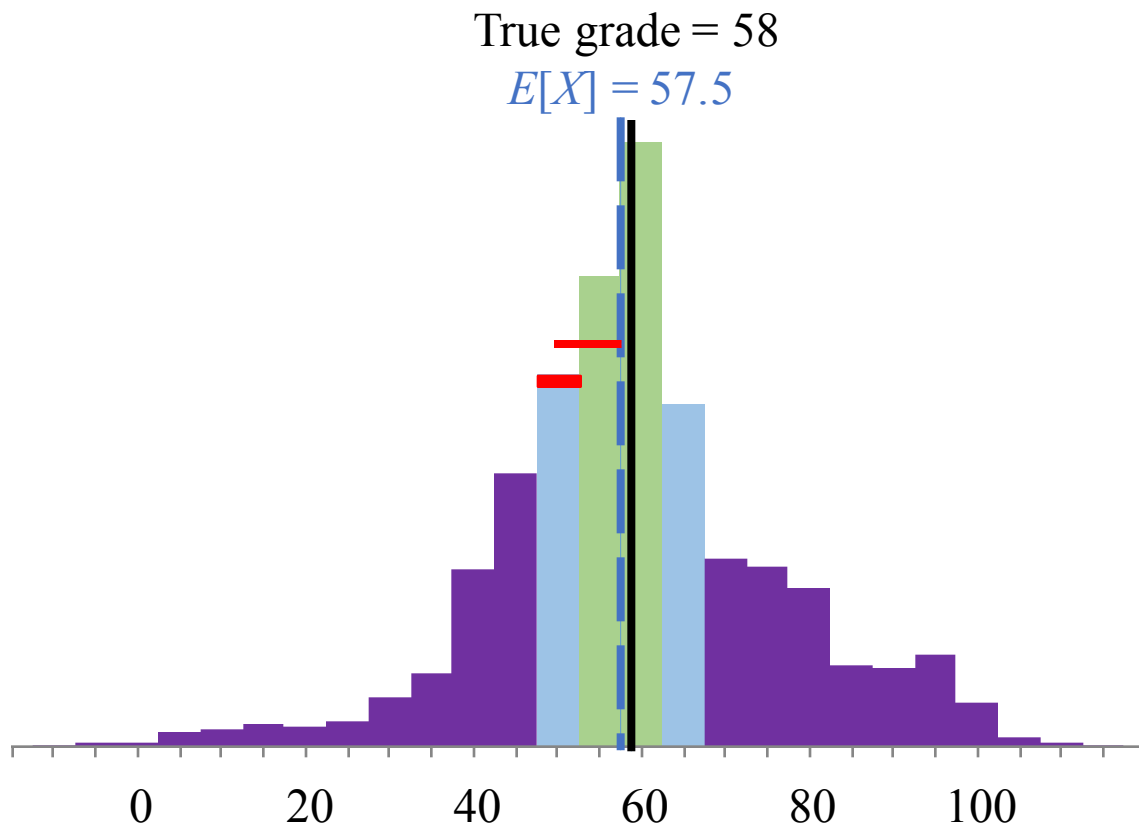
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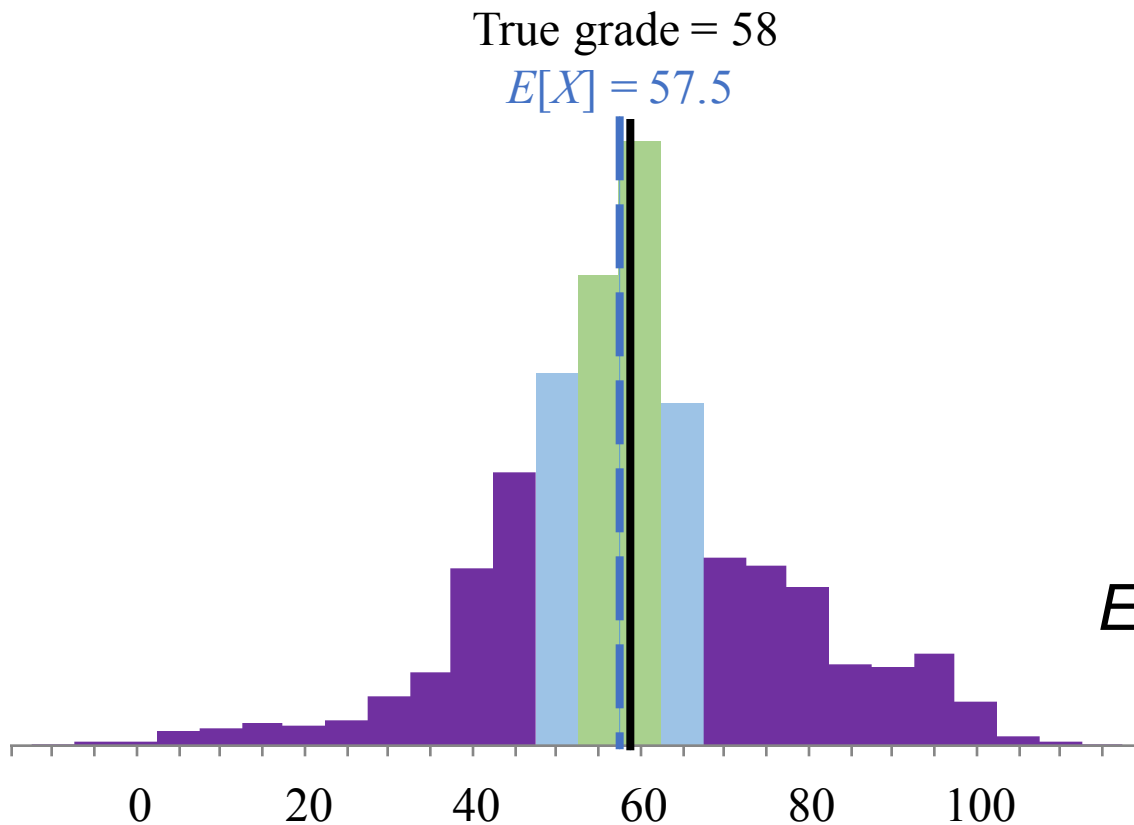


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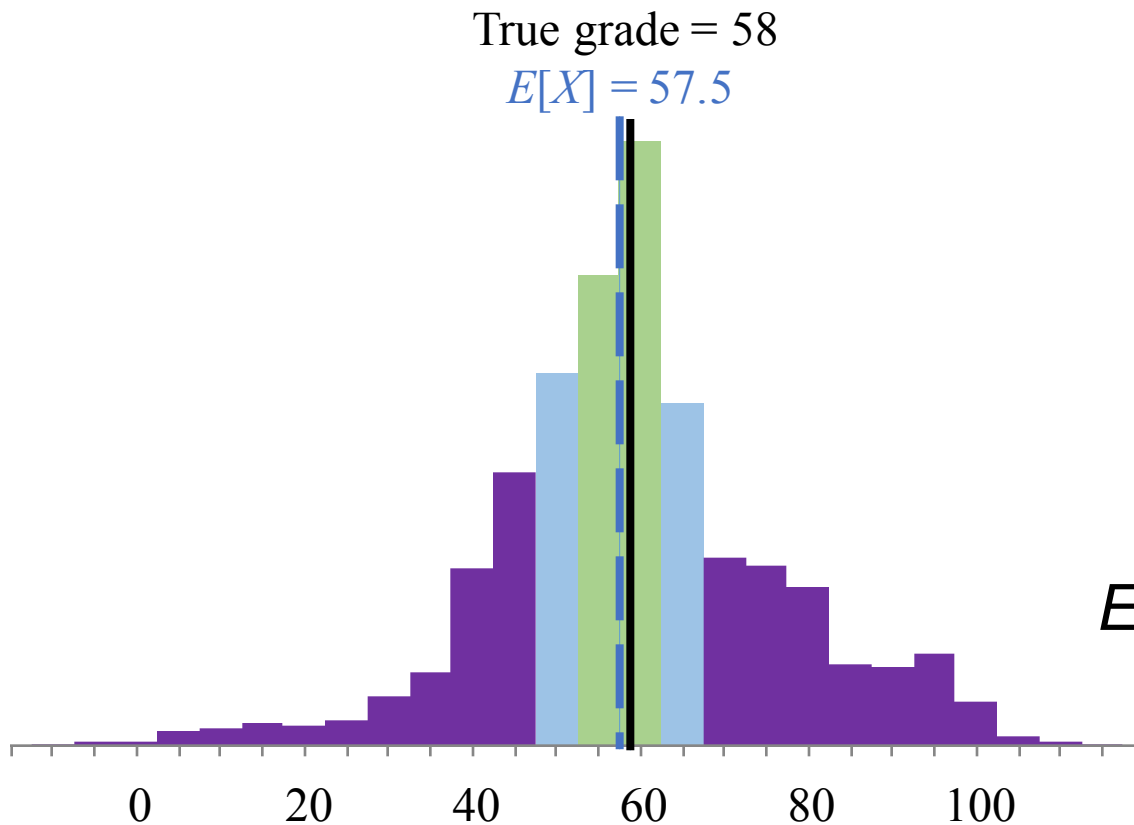
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$$SD(X) = 7.2 \text{ points}$$

Expected Values of Sums

$$E[X + Y] = E[X] + E[Y]$$

Generalized: $E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right] = \sum_{i=1}^n E[X_i]$

Holds regardless of dependency between X_i 's



Expectation of Functions?

Expected Values of Functions

$$E[g(X)] = \sum_x g(x)p(x)$$

$$E[g(X, Y)] = \sum_{x,y} g(x, y)p(x, y)$$

For example:

$$E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{X_i}{n}\right]$$

$$E\left[\binom{X}{2}\right]$$

Product of Expectations

- Say X and Y are independent random variables, and $g(\bullet)$ and $h(\bullet)$ are real-valued functions

$$E[g(X)h(Y)] = E[g(X)]E[h(Y)]$$

- Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} E[g(X)h(Y)] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x)h(y)f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx dy \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x)h(y)f_X(x)f_Y(y) dx dy \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x)f_X(x) dx \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(y)f_Y(y) dy \\ &= E[g(X)]E[h(Y)] \end{aligned}$$

Variance from events

Indicators: Now with pair-wise flavor!

- Recall I_i is indicator variable for event A_i when:

$$I_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } A_i \text{ occurs} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Let $X = \#$ of events that occur:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= 2 \sum_{i < j} P(A_i A_j) + E[X] - (E[X])^2 \\ &= 2 \sum_{i < j} P(A_i A_j) + \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i) - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i) \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Let's Try it With the Binomial

- $X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$ $E[X] = \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i) = np$
 - Each trial: $X_i \sim \text{Ber}(p)$ $E[X_i] = p$
 - Let event $A_i =$ trial i is success (i.e., $X_i = 1$)

$$\sum_{i < j} P(A_i A_j) = \sum_{i < j} p^2 = \binom{n}{2} p^2 = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} p^2$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = 2 \sum_{i < j} P(A_i A_j) + E[X] - (E[X])^2$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = 2 \frac{n(n-1)}{2} p^2 + np - (np)^2$$

$$= n^2 p^2 - np^2 + np - n^2 p^2$$

$$= np - np^2 = np(1 - p)$$

Substitute in for
each term

Expand and
simplify

End Review

Computer Cluster Utilization

- Computer cluster with k servers
 - Requests independently go to server i with probability p_i
 - Let event A_i = server i receives no requests
 - X = # of events A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k that occur
 - Y = # servers that receive ≥ 1 request = $k - X$
 - $E[Y]$ after first n requests?
 - Since requests independent: $P(A_i) = (1 - p_i)^n$

$$E[X] = \sum_{i=1}^k P(A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^k (1 - p_i)^n$$

$$E[Y] = k - E[X] = k - \sum_{i=1}^k (1 - p_i)^n$$

$$\text{when } p_i = \frac{1}{k} \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq k, \quad E[Y] = k - \sum_{i=1}^k \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right)^n = k \left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right)^n\right)$$

amazon

The Amazon logo consists of the word "amazon" in a bold, black, lowercase sans-serif font. Below the text is a thick, orange curved arrow that starts under the letter 'a' and points to the right, ending under the letter 'n'.



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 - $\text{Var}(Y)$ after first n requests? (= $(-1)^2 \text{Var}(X) = \text{Var}(X)$)
 - Independent requests: $P(A_i A_j) = (1 - p_i - p_j)^n$, $i \neq j$

$$\text{Var}(X) = 2 \sum_{i < j} P(A_i A_j) + E[X] - (E[X])^2$$

$$E[X] = \sum_{i=1}^k (1 - p_i)^n$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = 2 \sum_{i < j} (1 - p_i - p_j)^n + E[X] - (E[X])^2$$

$$= 2 \sum_{i < j} (1 - p_i - p_j)^n + \sum_{i=1}^k (1 - p_i)^n - \left(\sum_{i=1}^k (1 - p_i)^n \right)^2 = \text{Var}(Y)$$

Dance of Covariance

The Dance of the Covariance

- Say X and Y are arbitrary random variables
- Covariance of X and Y :

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E[(X - E[X])(Y - E[Y])]$$

x	y	$(x - E[X])(y - E[Y])p(x,y)$
Above mean	Above mean	Positive
Bellow mean	Bellow mean	Positive
Bellow mean	Above mean	Negative
Above mean	Bellow mean	Negative

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- Equivalently:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cov}(X, Y) &= E[XY - E[X]Y - XE[Y] + E[Y]E[X]] \\ &= E[XY] - E[X]E[Y] - E[X]E[Y] + E[X]E[Y] \\ &= E[XY] - E[X]E[Y]\end{aligned}$$

- X and Y independent, $E[XY] = E[X]E[Y] \rightarrow \text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0$
- But $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0$ does **not** imply X and Y independent!

Independence and Covariance

- X and Y are random variables with PMF:

$Y \backslash X$	-1	0	1	$p_Y(y)$
0	1/3	0	1/3	2/3
1	0	1/3	0	1/3
$p_X(x)$	1/3	1/3	1/3	1

$$Y = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } X \neq 0 \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- $E[X] = -1(1/3) + 0(1/3) + 1(1/3) = 0$
 - $E[Y] = 0(2/3) + 1(1/3) = 1/3$
 - Since $XY = 0$, $E[XY] = 0$
 - $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E[XY] - E[X]E[Y] = 0 - 0 = 0$
- But, X and Y are clearly dependent!

Example of Covariance

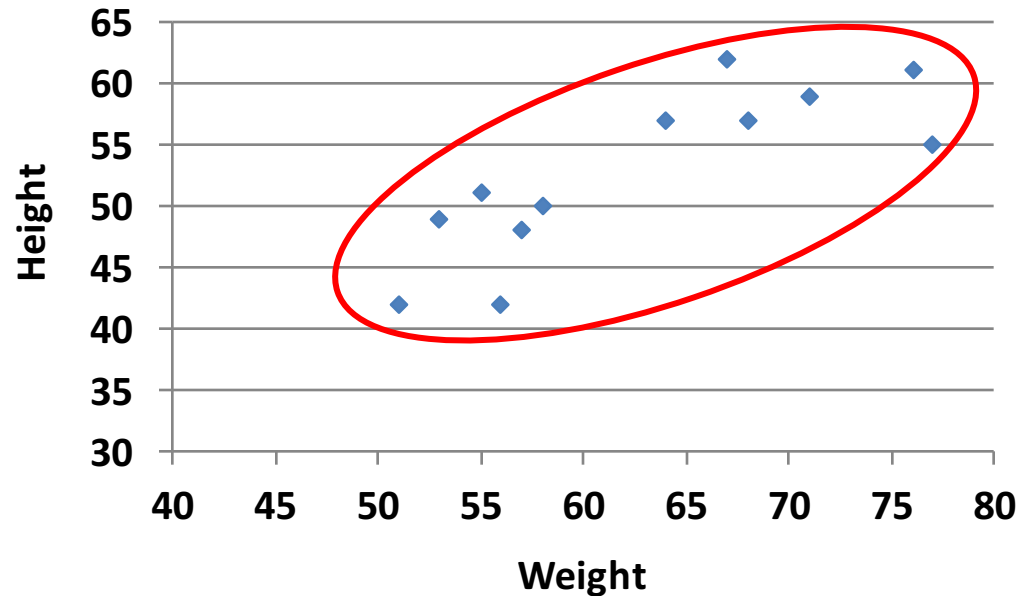
- Consider rolling a 6-sided die
 - Let indicator variable $X = 1$ if roll is 1, 2, 3, or 4
 - Let indicator variable $Y = 1$ if roll is 3, 4, 5, or 6
- What is $\text{Cov}(X, Y)$?
 - $E[X] = 2/3$ and $E[Y] = 2/3$
 - $E[XY] = \sum_x \sum_y xy p(x, y)$
 $= (0 * 0) + (0 * 1/3) + (0 * 1/3) + (1 * 1/3) = 1/3$
 - $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E[XY] - E[X]E[Y] = 1/3 - 4/9 = -1/9$
 - Consider: $P(X = 1) = 2/3$ and $P(X = 1 | Y = 1) = 1/2$
 - Observing $Y = 1$ makes $X = 1$ less likely

Another Example of Covariance

- Consider the following data:

Weight	Height	Weight * Height
64	57	3648
71	59	4189
53	49	2597
67	62	4154
55	51	2805
58	50	2900
77	55	4235
57	48	2736
56	42	2352
51	42	2142
76	61	4636
68	57	3876

$$\begin{array}{lll} E[W] & E[H] & E[W*H] \\ = 62.75 & = 52.75 & = 3355.83 \end{array}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(W, H) &= E[W*H] - E[W]E[H] \\ &= 3355.83 - (62.75)(52.75) \\ &= 45.77 \end{aligned}$$

Properties of Covariance

- Say X and Y are arbitrary random variables
 - $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \text{Cov}(Y, X)$
 - $\text{Cov}(X, X) = E[X^2] - E[X]E[X] = \text{Var}(X)$
 - $\text{Cov}(aX + b, Y) = a\text{Cov}(X, Y)$
- Covariance of sums of random variables
 - X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n and Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_m are random variables
 - $$\text{Cov}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i, \sum_{j=1}^m Y_j\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \text{Cov}(X_i, Y_j)$$

Variance of Sum of Variables

$$\text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(X_i) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i+1}^n \text{Cov}(X_i, X_j)$$

▪ Proof:

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Note: $\text{Cov}(X, X) = \text{Var}(X)$

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X_1	$\text{Cov}(X_1, X_1)$	$\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2)$	$\text{Cov}(X_1, X_3)$	$\text{Cov}(X_1, X_4)$
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X_4	$\text{Cov}(X_4, X_1)$	$\text{Cov}(X_4, X_2)$	$\text{Cov}(X_4, X_3)$	$\text{Cov}(X_4, X_4)$

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Note: $\operatorname{Cov}(X, X) = \operatorname{Var}(X)$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \operatorname{Cov}(X_i, X_j)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \operatorname{Var}(X_i) + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n \operatorname{Cov}(X_i, X_j)$$

By symmetry:

$$\operatorname{Cov}(X_i, X_j) = \operatorname{Cov}(X_j, X_i)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \operatorname{Var}(X_i) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i+1}^n \operatorname{Cov}(X_i, X_j)$$

▪ If all X_i and X_j independent ($i \neq j$): $\operatorname{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \operatorname{Var}(X_i)$

Three Ways of Computing Variance of a Sum!

Hola Amiga: La Distribución Binomial

- Let $Y \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$
 - n independent trials
 - Let $X_i = 1$ if i -th trial is “success”, 0 otherwise
 - $X_i \sim \text{Ber}(p)$ $E[X_i] = p$
 - $\text{Var}(Y) = \text{Var}(X_1) + \text{Var}(X_2) + \dots + \text{Var}(X_n)$
 - $\text{Var}(X_i) = E[X_i^2] - (E[X_i])^2$
 $= E[X_i] - (E[X_i])^2$ since $X_i^2 = X_i$
 $= p - p^2 = p(1 - p)$
 - $\text{Var}(Y) = n\text{Var}(X_i) = np(1 - p)$

Any Indication of Similar Funk?

- Let I_A and I_B be indicators for events A and B

$$I_A = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } A \text{ occurs} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$I_B = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } B \text{ occurs} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- $E[I_A] = P(A)$, $E[I_B] = P(B)$, $E[I_A I_B] = P(AB)$
- $\text{Cov}(I_A, I_B) = E[I_A I_B] - E[I_A] E[I_B]$
 $= P(AB) - P(A)P(B)$
 $= P(A | B)P(B) - P(A)P(B)$
 $= P(B)[P(A | B) - P(A)]$
- $\text{Cov}(I_A, I_B)$ determined by $P(A | B) - P(A)$
- $P(A | B) > P(A) \Rightarrow \rho(I_A, I_B) > 0$
- $P(A | B) = P(A) \Rightarrow \rho(I_A, I_B) = 0$ (and $\text{Cov}(I_A, I_B) = 0$)
- $P(A | B) < P(A) \Rightarrow \rho(I_A, I_B) < 0$

Egg Samples

Machine Learning Example

- You want to know the true mean and variance of happiness in Buthan
 - But you can't ask everyone.
 - Randomly sample 200 people.
 - Your data looks like this:



Happiness = {72, 85, 79, 91, 68, ... , 71}

- The mean of all of those numbers is 83. Is that the true average happiness of Bhutanese people?

Sample Mean

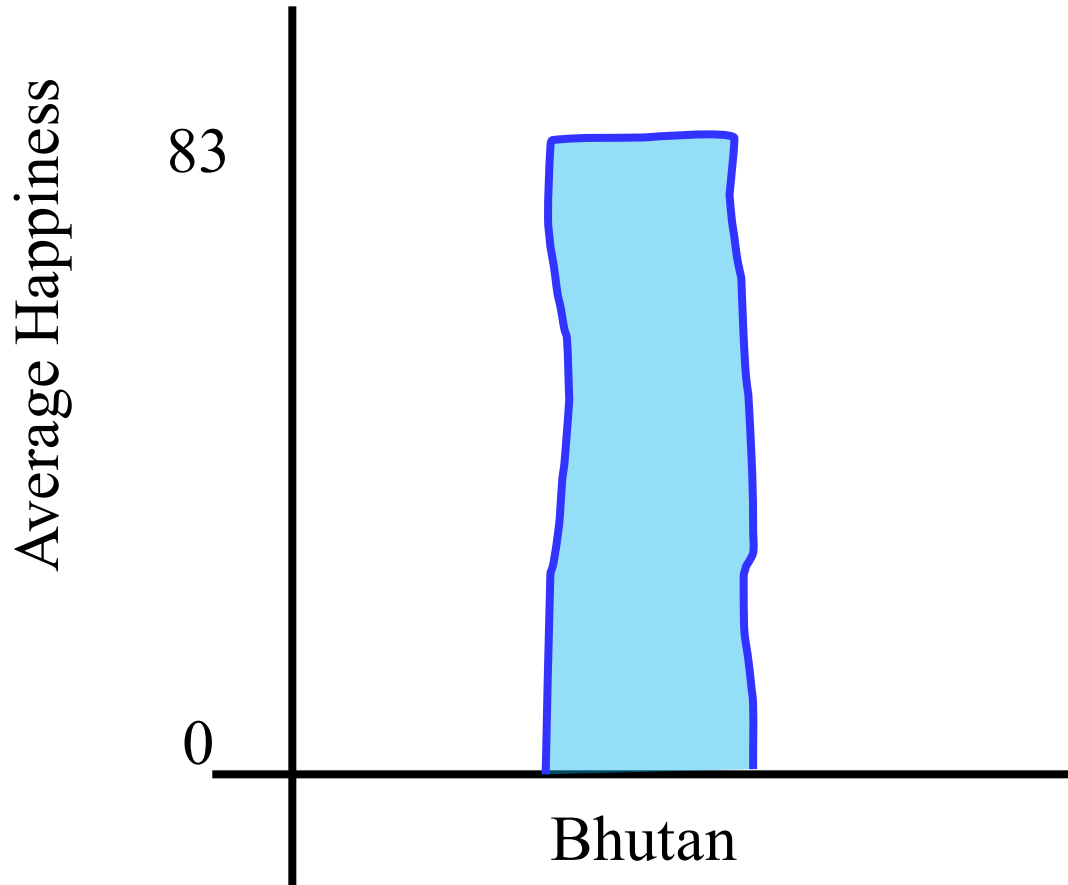
- Consider n random variables X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n
 - X_i are all independently and identically distributed (I.I.D.)
 - Have same distribution function F and $E[X_i] = \mu$
 - We call sequence of X_i a **sample** from distribution F
 - Sample mean: $\bar{X} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{X_i}{n}$
 - Compute $E[\bar{X}]$

$$\begin{aligned} E[\bar{X}] &= E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{X_i}{n}\right] = \frac{1}{n} E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n E[X_i] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mu = \frac{1}{n} n\mu = \mu \end{aligned}$$

- \bar{X} is “unbiased” estimate of μ ($E[\bar{X}] = \mu$)

Sample Mean

Average Happiness



Sample Variance

- Consider n I.I.D. random variables X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n
 - X_i have distribution F with $E[X_i] = \mu$ and $\text{Var}(X_i) = \sigma^2$
 - We call sequence of X_i a **sample** from distribution F
 - Recall sample mean: $\bar{X} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{X_i}{n}$ where $E[\bar{X}] = \mu$
 - Sample deviation: $\bar{X} - X_i$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$
 - Sample variance: $S^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(X_i - \bar{X})^2}{n-1}$
 - What is $E[S^2]$?
 - $E[S^2] = \sigma^2$
 - We say S^2 is “unbiased estimate” of σ^2

Proof that $E[S^2] = \sigma^2$ (just for reference)

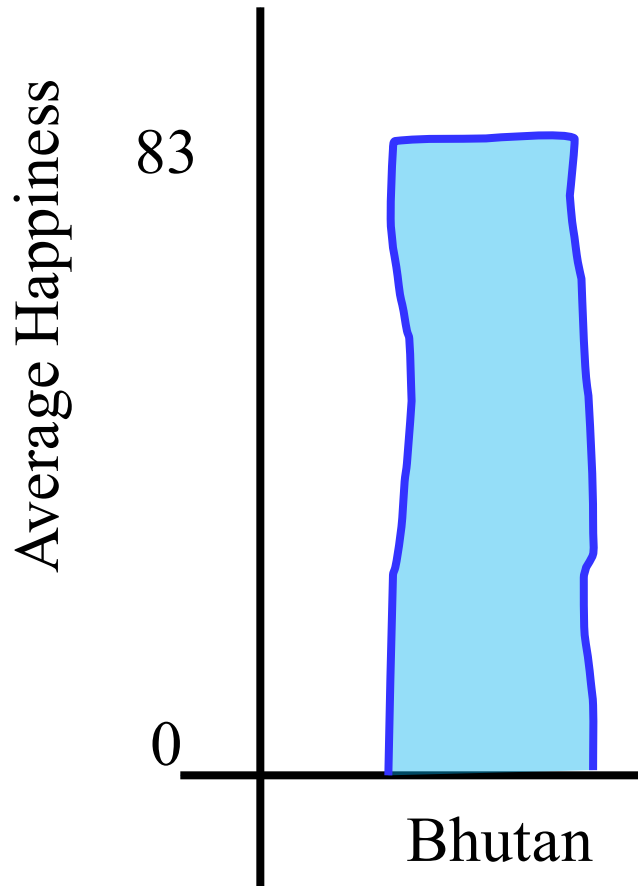
$$E[S^2] = E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(X_i - \bar{X})^2}{n-1}\right] \Rightarrow (n-1)E[S^2] = E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2\right]$$

$$\begin{aligned}(n-1)E[S^2] &= E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2\right] = E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n ((X_i - \mu) + (\mu - \bar{X}))^2\right] \\ &= E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n (\mu - \bar{X})^2 + 2\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)(\mu - \bar{X})\right] \\ &= E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2 + n(\mu - \bar{X})^2 + 2(\mu - \bar{X})\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)\right] \\ &= E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2 + n(\mu - \bar{X})^2 + 2(\mu - \bar{X})n(\bar{X} - \mu)\right] \\ &= E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2 - n(\mu - \bar{X})^2\right] = \sum_{i=1}^n E[(X_i - \mu)^2] - nE[(\mu - \bar{X})^2] \\ &= n\sigma^2 - n\text{Var}(\bar{X}) = n\sigma^2 - n\frac{\sigma^2}{n} = n\sigma^2 - \sigma^2 = (n-1)\sigma^2\end{aligned}$$

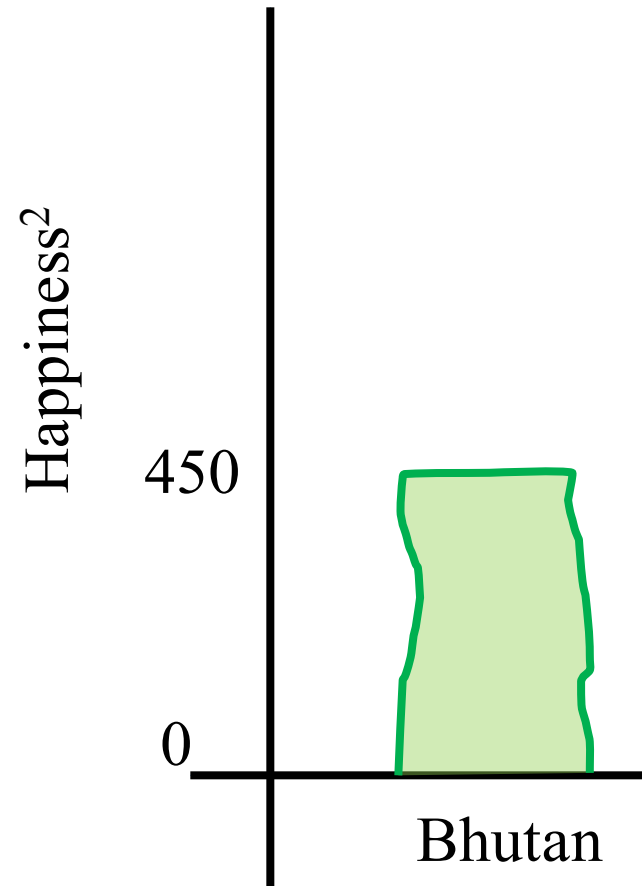
- So, $E[S^2] = \sigma^2$

Sample Mean

Average Happiness

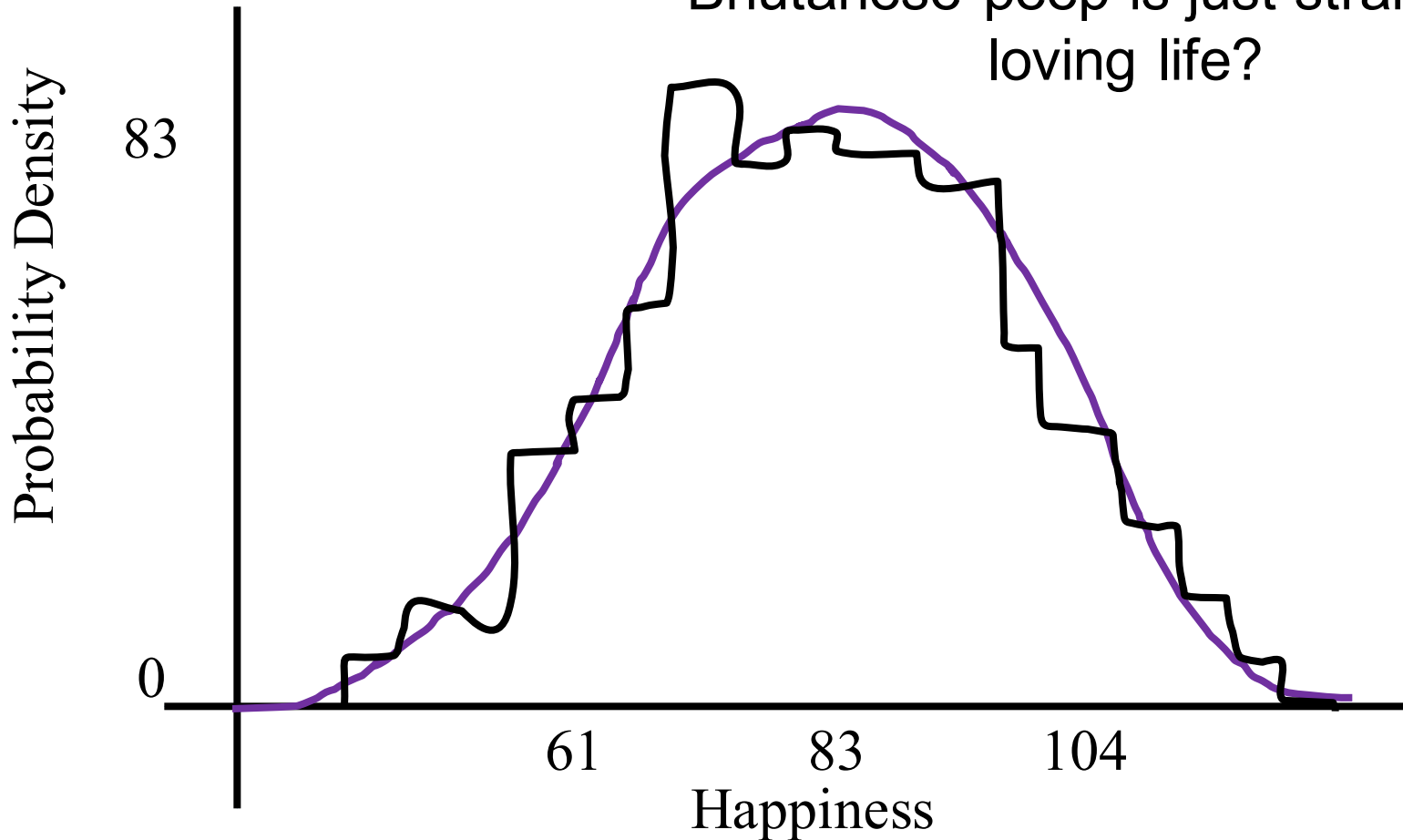


Variance of Happiness



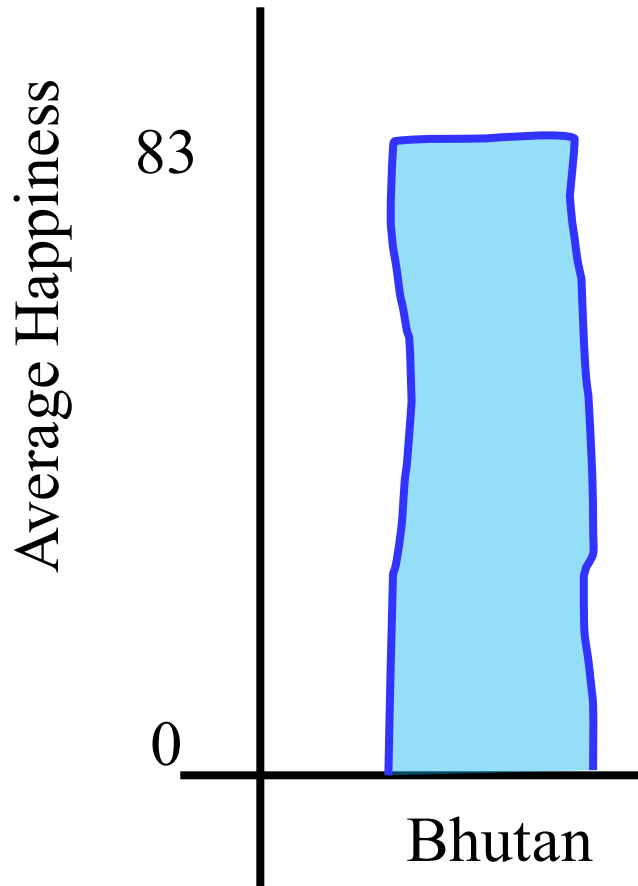
Happiness of Bhutan

What is the probability that a Bhutanese peep is just straight up loving life?

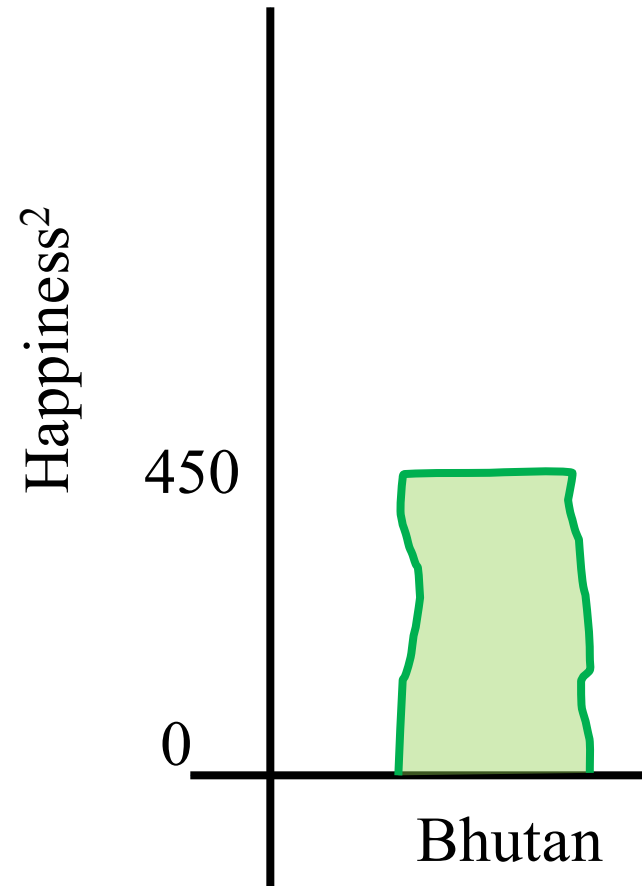


Sample Mean

Average Happiness



Variance of Happiness



No Error Bars ☹️

Variance of Sample Mean

- Consider n I.I.D. random variables X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n
 - X_i have distribution F with $E[X_i] = \mu$ and $\text{Var}(X_i) = \sigma^2$
 - We call sequence of X_i a **sample** from distribution F
 - Recall sample mean: $\bar{X} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{X_i}{n}$ where $E[\bar{X}] = \mu$
 - What is $\text{Var}(\bar{X})$?

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(\bar{X}) &= \text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{X_i}{n}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^2 \text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^2 \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(X_i) = \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^2 \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma^2 = \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^2 n\sigma^2 \\ &= \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\end{aligned}$$

Standard Error of the Mean

$$\text{Var}(\bar{X}) = \text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{X_i}{n}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^2 \text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$$

$$\text{Var}(\bar{X}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$$

$$= \frac{S^2}{n}$$

Since S_2 is an unbiased estimate

$$\text{Std}(\bar{X}) = \sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}$$

Change variance to standard deviation

$$= \sqrt{\frac{450}{200}}$$

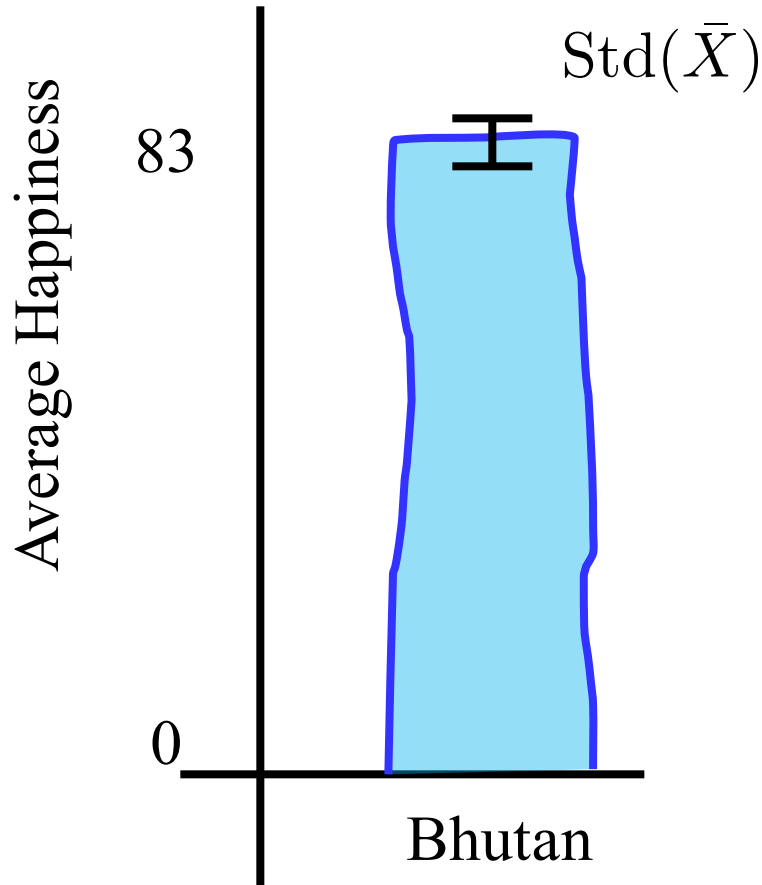
The numbers for our Bhutanese poll

$$= 1.5$$

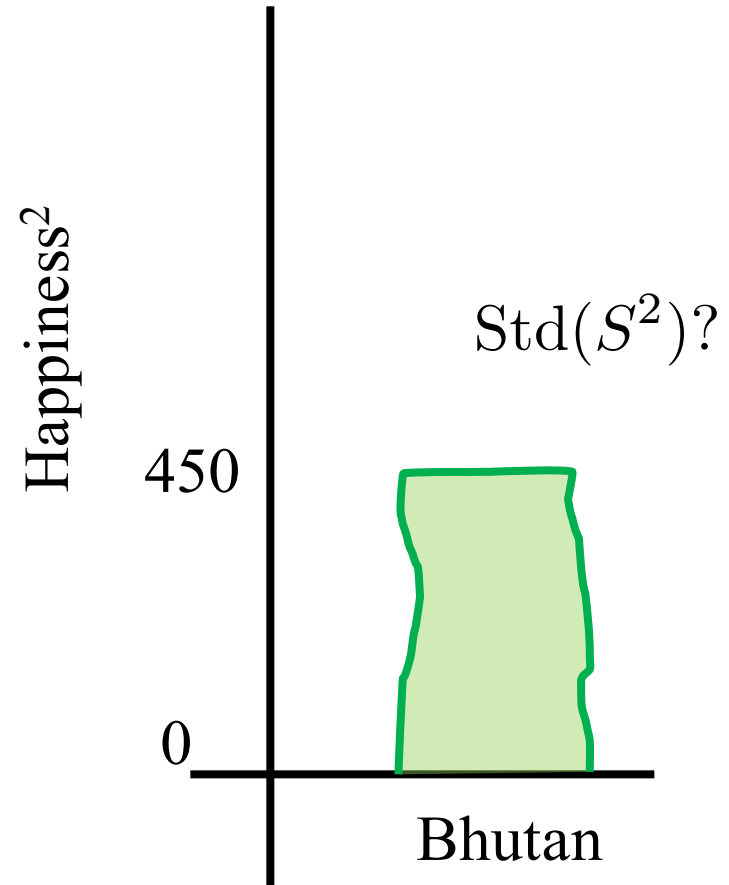
Bhutanese standard error of the mean

Sample Mean

Average Happiness

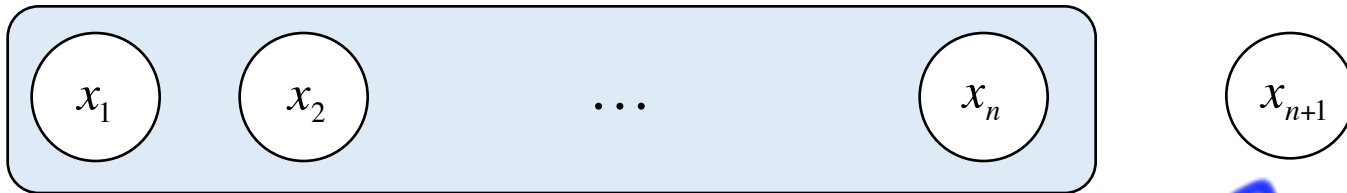


Variance of Happiness



Knowledge Tracing

Given n historical answers:



Answer is a tuple:

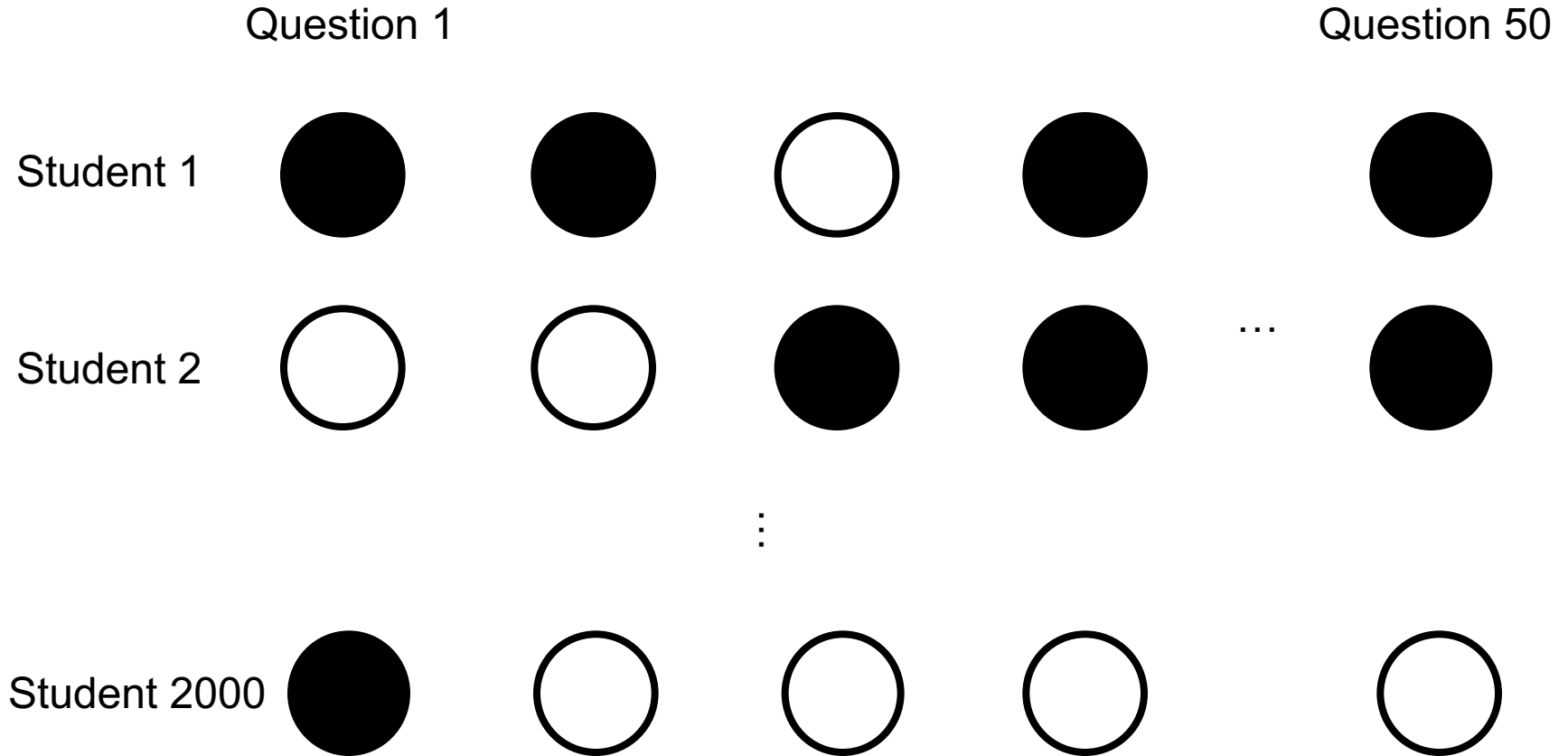
$$x_i = \{q_i, a_i\}$$

Question
id

Correct
or not

Predict the
next one

Synthetic Data



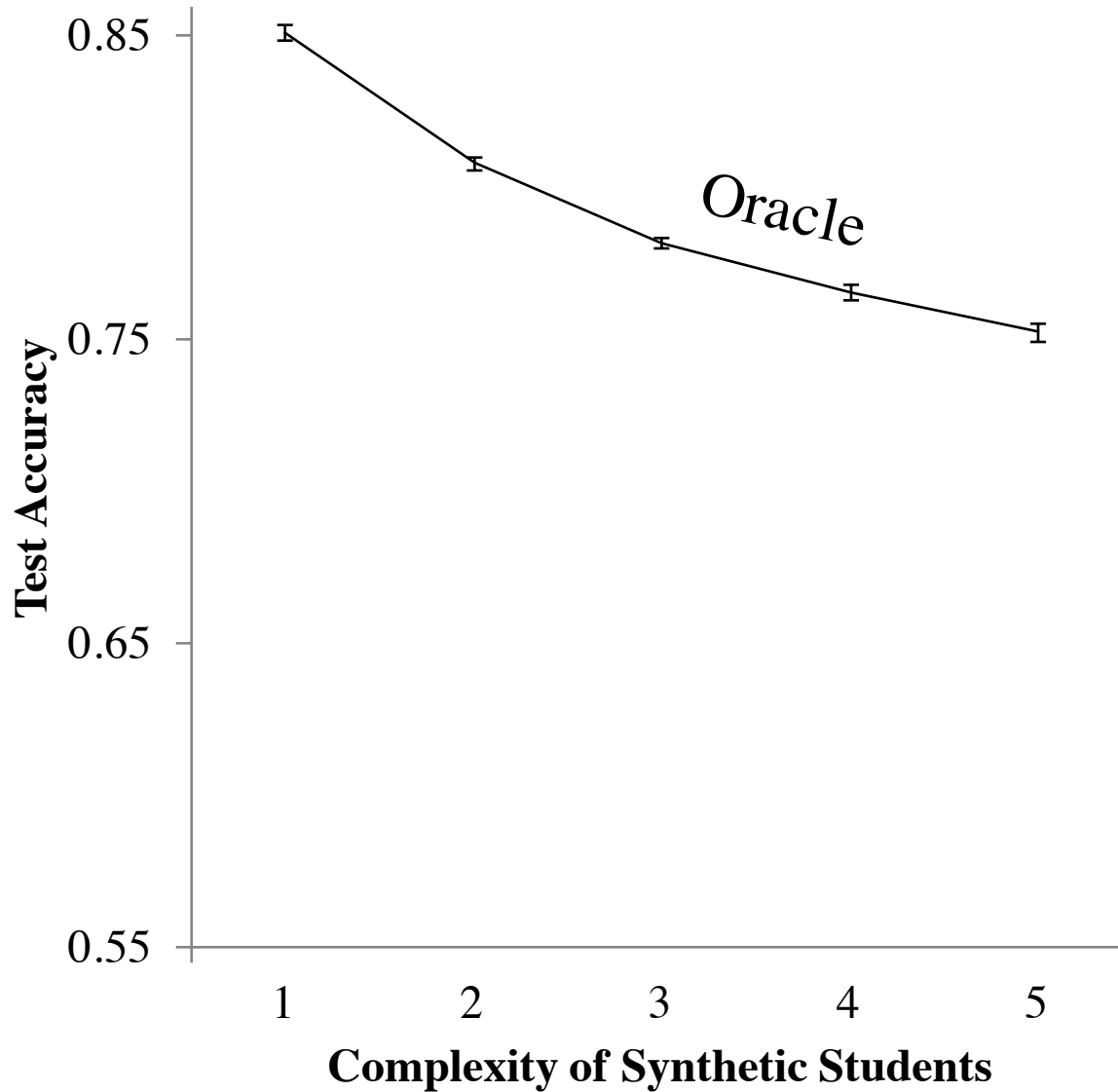
Each question corresponds to one of n concepts. Results based on IRT model

Machine Learning Example

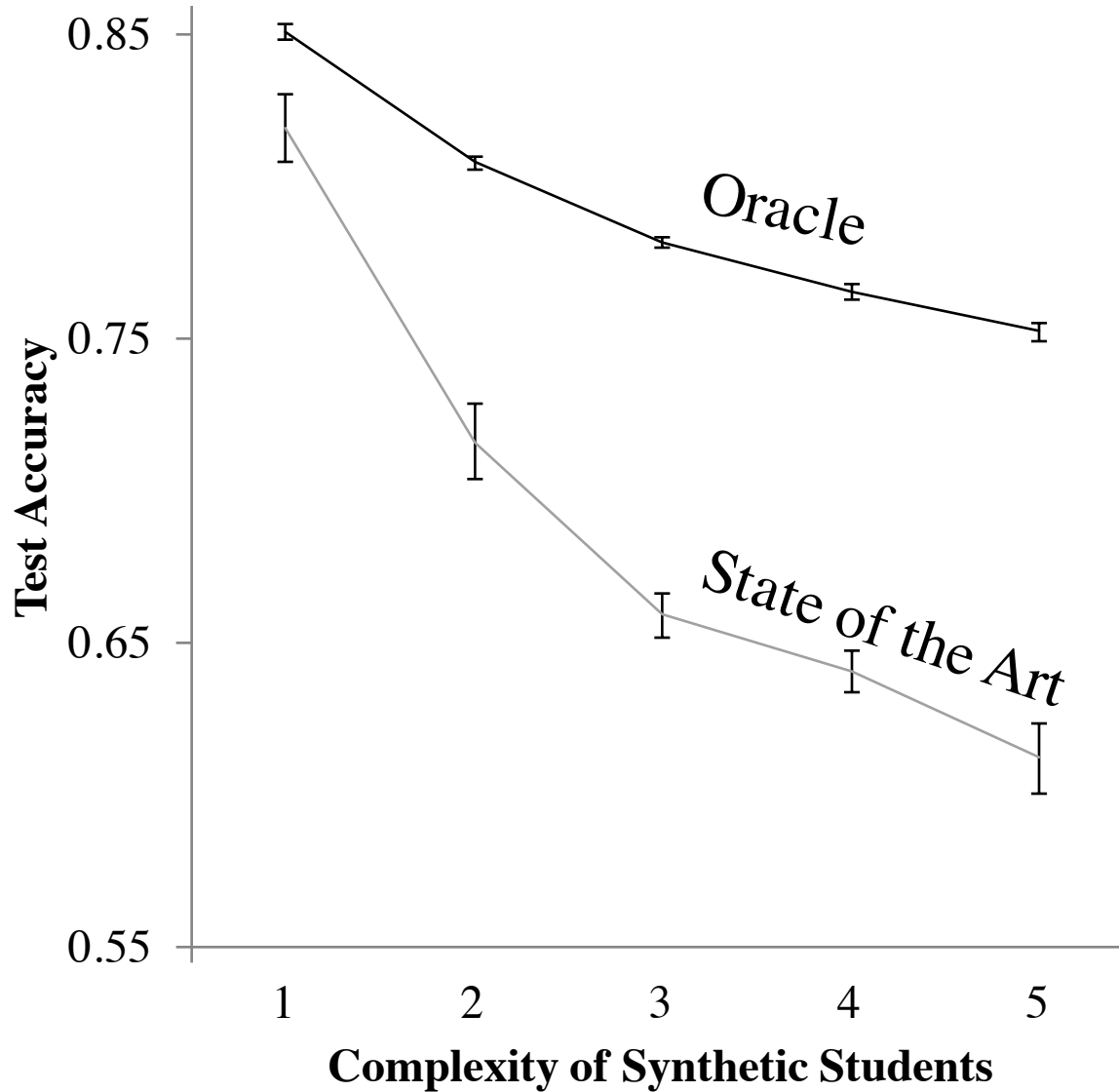
- You have a machine learning algorithm.
 - You can randomly generate input dataset
 - For each input dataset you can measure accuracy
 - Do you have to try infinite experiments to know your true average accuracy?

Accuracies = {0.72, 0.85, 0.79, 0.91, 0.68, 0.71}

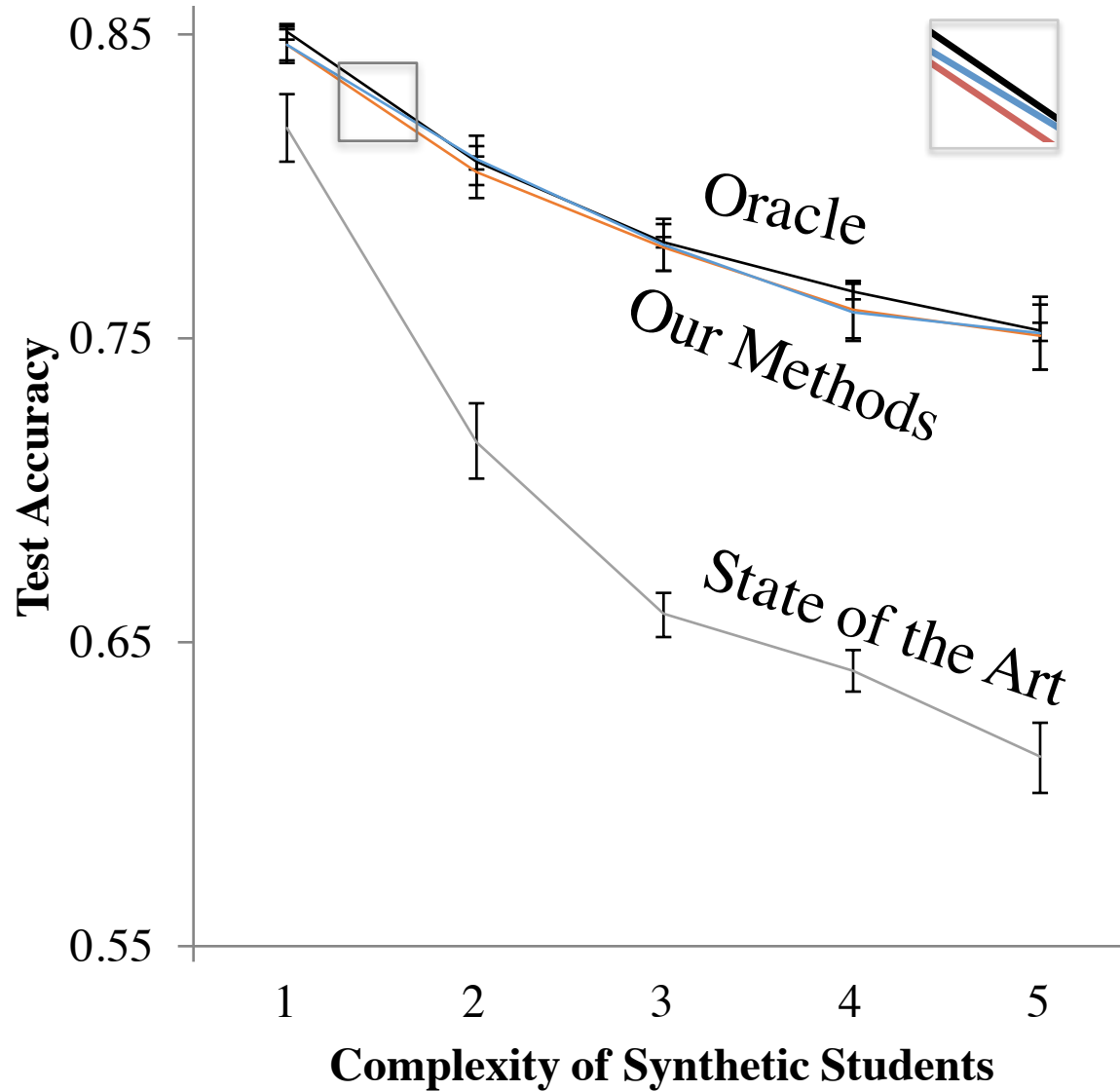
Item Response Theory Data



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Correlation (given enough time)

Viva La Correlación

- Say X and Y are arbitrary random variables

- Correlation of X and Y , denoted $\rho(X, Y)$:

$$\rho(X, Y) = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(X)\text{Var}(Y)}}$$

- Note: $-1 \leq \rho(X, Y) \leq 1$
- Correlation measures linearity between X and Y
- $\rho(X, Y) = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad Y = aX + b \quad \text{where } a = \sigma_y/\sigma_x$
- $\rho(X, Y) = -1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad Y = aX + b \quad \text{where } a = -\sigma_y/\sigma_x$
- $\rho(X, Y) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{absence of linear relationship}$
 - But, X and Y can still be related in some other way!
- If $\rho(X, Y) = 0$, we say X and Y are “uncorrelated”
 - Note: Independence implies uncorrelated, but **not** vice versa!

Que te vayas bien