19: Sampling and the Bootstrap

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Sampling definitions

Motivating example

You want to know the true mean and variance of happiness in Bhutan.

- But you can't ask everyone.
- You poll 200 random people.
- Your data looks like this:

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

 The mean of all these numbers is 83.
 Is this the true mean happiness of Bhutanese people?





Population



This is a **population**.

Sample



A **sample** is selected from a population.

Sample

















A sample is selected from a population.

A sample, mathematically

Consider *n* random variables $X_1, X_2, ..., X_n$.

The sequence $X_1, X_2, ..., X_n$ is a sample from distribution F if:

- X_i are all independent and identically distributed (i.i.d.)
- X_i all have same distribution function F (the underlying distribution), where $E[X_i] = \mu$, $Var(X_i) = \sigma^2$ Population Happiness (N = 10000)



A sample, mathematically

A sample of sample size 8: $(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5, X_6, X_7, X_8)$

A realization of a sample of size 8: (59,87,94,99,87,78,69,91)



A single sample



A happy Bhutanese person If we had a distribution F of our entire population, we could compute exact statistics about about happiness.

But we only have 200 people (a sample).

Today: If we only have a single sample,

- How do we report estimated statistics?
- How do we report estimated error of these estimates?
- How do we perform hypothesis testing?

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Unbiased estimators

A single sample



If we had a distribution F of our entire population, we could compute exact statistics about about happiness.

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A happy Bhutanese person So these population statistics are <u>unknown</u>:

- μ , the **population mean**
- σ^2 , the population variance

A single sample



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But we only have 200 people (a sample).

- From these 200 people, what is our <u>best estimate</u> of population mean and population variance?
- How do we define <u>best estimate</u>?

Estimating the population mean



1. What is our best estimate of μ , the mean happiness of Bhutanese people?

If we only have a sample, $(X_1, X_2, ..., X_n)$:

The best estimate of μ is the sample mean:



 \overline{X} is an **unbiased estimator** of the population mean μ . $E[\overline{X}] = \mu$

Intuition: By the CLT, $\overline{X} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n})$ If we could take *multiple* samples of size *n*:

If we could take *multiple* samples of size *n*:
1. For each sample, compute sample mean
2. On average, we would get the population mean

Sample mean



Even if we can't report μ , we can report our sample mean 83.03, which is an unbiased estimate of μ .

Estimating the population variance



2. What is σ^2 , the variance of happiness of Bhutanese people?

If we knew the entire population $(x_1, x_2, ..., x_N)$:

population mean

population
variance
$$\sigma^2 = E[(X - \mu)^2] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (x_i - \mu)^2$$

If we only have a sample, $(X_1, X_2, ..., X_n)$: sample mean

sample variance

$$S^{2} = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (X_{i} - \bar{X})^{2}$$

Actual, σ^2







Population size, N

Calculating population statistics exactly requires us knowing all N datapoints.







Estimating the population variance



2. What is σ^2 , the variance of happiness of Bhutanese people?

If we only have a sample, $(X_1, X_2, ..., X_n)$:

The best estimate of σ^2 is the sample variance:

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$$S^2$$
 is an **unbiased estimator** of the population variance, σ^2 . $E[S^2] = \sigma^2$

Proof that S^2 is unbiased (just for reference)

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

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 $E[S^2] = \sigma^2$

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Standard error

A particular outcome

- 1. Collect a sample, $X_1, X_2, ..., X_n$. (72, 85, 79, 79, 91, 68, ..., 71) n = 200
- 2. Compute sample mean, $\overline{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i$. $\overline{X} = 83$
- 3. Compute sample deviation, $X_i \overline{X}$. (-11, 2, -4, -4, 8, -15, ..., -12)

4. Compute sample variance, $S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (X_i - \bar{X})^2$. $S^2 = 793$

How "close" are our estimates \overline{X} and S^2 ?

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Sample mean



- Var(\overline{X}) is a measure of how "close" \overline{X} is to μ .
- How do we estimate $Var(\overline{X})$?

How "close" is our estimate \overline{X} to μ ?

$$E[\overline{X}] = \mu$$

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

We want to estimate this

<u>def</u> The standard error of the mean is an estimate of the standard deviation of \overline{X} .

Intuition:

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- S^2/n is an unbiased estimate of $\sigma^2/n = Var(\overline{X})$
- $\sqrt{S^2/n}$ can estimate $\sqrt{\operatorname{Var}(\overline{X})}$



Errata (5/18) More info on bias of standard error: <u>wikipedia</u>

Standard error of the mean



These 2 statistics give a sense of how the sample mean random variable \overline{X} behaves.

1. Mean happiness:



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Bootstrap: Sample mean

The Bootstrap:

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Computing statistic of sample mean

What is the standard deviation of the sample mean \overline{X} ? (sample size n = 200)



Note: We don't have access to the population. But Lisa is sharing the exact statistic with you. Lisa Yan, CS109, 2020

Bootstrap insight 1: Estimate the true distribution



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You can estimate the PMF of the underlying distribution, using your sample.*



*This is just a histogram of your data!

Bootstrap insight 2: Simulate a distribution

Approximate the procedure of simulating a distribution of a statistic, e.g., \overline{X} .



Bootstrapped sample means



Estimate the true PMF using our "PMF" (histogram) of our sample. ...generate a whole bunch of sample means of this estimated distribution... ...and compute the standard deviation of this distribution.

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- 2. Repeat **10,000** times:
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 - b. Recalculate the **sample mean** on the resample
- 3. You now have a **distribution of your sample mean**

What is the distribution of your sample mean?

We'll talk about this algorithm in detail during live lecture!

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What is the distribution of your statistic?

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What is the distribution of your sample variance?

Even if we don't have a closed form equation, we estimate statistics of sample variance with bootstrapping!

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Quick check

- **1.** μ , the population mean
- 2. $(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5, X_6, X_7, X_8)$, a sample
- 3. σ^2 , the population variance
- 4. \overline{X} , the sample mean

5. $\bar{X} = 83$

6.
$$(X_1 = 59, X_2 = 87, X_3 = 94, X_4 = 99, X_5 = 87, X_6 = 78, X_7 = 69, X_8 = 91)$$

- A. Random variable(s)
- B. Value
- C. Event



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Questions we want answers to





Hypothetical questions:

- What is the probability that a Bhutanese peep is just straight up loving life?
- What is the probability that the mean of a subsample of 200 people is within the range 81 to 85?
- What is the variance of the sample variance of subsamples of 200 people?

The Bootstrap:

Probability for Computer Scientists

Allows you to do the following:

- Calculate distributions over statistics
- Calculate p values

 $E[\overline{X}] = \mu$

Errata

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 $Var(\overline{X}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{\sigma}$



We want to estimate this

Standard error

Review



Standard error

1. Mean happiness:

Claim: The average happiness of Bhutan is 83, with a standard error of 1.99.

Closed
$$SE = \sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}$$

2. Variance of happiness:



Claim: The variance of happiness of Bhutan is 793.

Closed Not covered form: in CS109



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We can bootstrap for standard error of sample variance—a statistic of a statistic.

Review

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Why are these samples different?

1. Estimate the PMF using the sample

- 2. Repeat **10,000** times:
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3. You now have a distribution of your

This resampled sample is generated **with replacement**.



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What is the bootstrapped standard error?

np.std(variances)

Bootstrapped standard error: 66.16



Standard error

1. Mean happiness:



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1. Estimate the PMF using the sample

2. Repeat **10,000** times:

a. Resample sample.size() from PMF, with replacement

b. Recalculate the **statistic** on the resample

3. You now have a distribution of your statistic



To the code!

Bootstrap provides a way to calculate probabilities of statistics using code.

- Invented bootstrapping in 1979
- Still a professor at Stanford
- Won a National Science Medal



Efron's dice: 4 dice A, B, C, D such that

 $P(A > B) = P(B > C) = P(C > D) = P(D > A) = \frac{2}{3}$



Bootstrap provides a way to calculate probabilities of statistics using code. Bootstrapping works for any statistic*

*as long as your sample is i.i.d. and the underlying distribution does not have a long tail

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Bootstrap: p-value

Null hypothesis test

Sample 1	Sample 2
4.44	4.44
3.36	3.36
5.87	5.87
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	•••
3.70	3.70
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Claim: Sample 1 and Sample 2 have a 0.7 difference of means.

Null hypothesis test

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Claim: The difference in mean happiness between Nepal and Bhutan is 0.7 happiness points, and this is significant. <u>def</u> null hypothesis – Even if there is no pattern (i.e., the two samples are from identical distributions), your claim might have arisen by chance.

<u>def</u> **p-value** – What is the probability that, under the null hypothesis, the observed difference occurs?

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Universal sample

(this is what the null hypothesis assumes)



Want **p-value**: probability $|\overline{X}_1 - \overline{X}_2| = |3.1 - 2.4|$ happens under null hypothesis
Create a universal sample using your two samples

Recreate the null hypothesis



 Create a universal sample using your two samples

2. Repeat **10,000** times:

- a. Resample both samples
- b. Recalculate the mean difference
 between the resamples

3. p-value = # (mean diffs >= observed diff)
n

Probability that observed difference arose by chance

```
def pvalue_boot(bhutan_sample, nepal_sample):
   N = size of the bhutan_sample
    M = size of the nepal_sample
    observed_diff = |mean of bhutan_sample - mean of nepal_sample|
    uni_sample = combine bhutan_sample and nepal_sample
    count = 0
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Bootstrap



Let's try it!

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