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 =
$$\{72, 85, 79, 91, 68, ..., 71\}$$

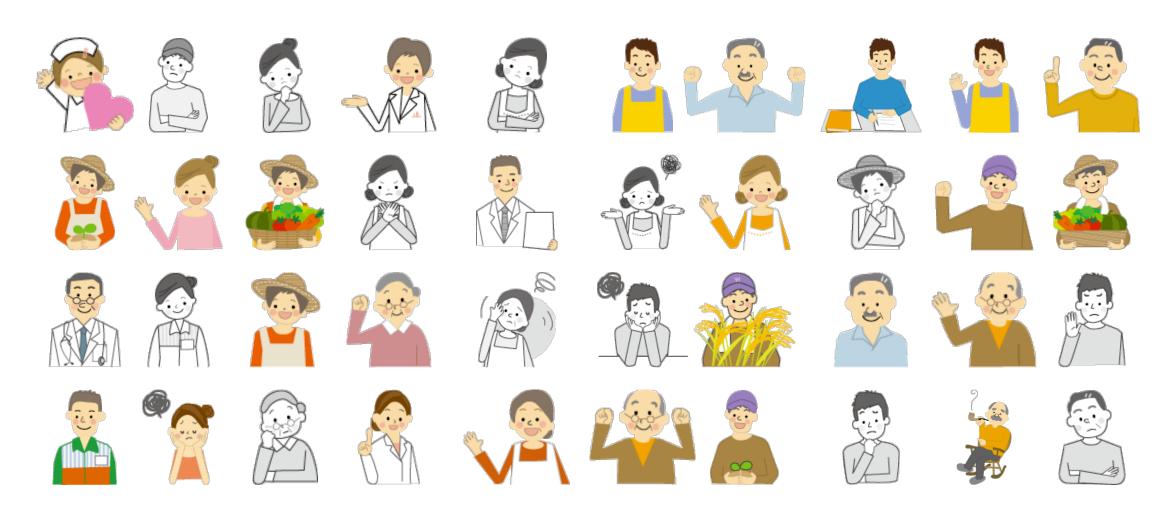
The mean of all these numbers is 83.

Is this the true mean happiness of Bhutanese people?



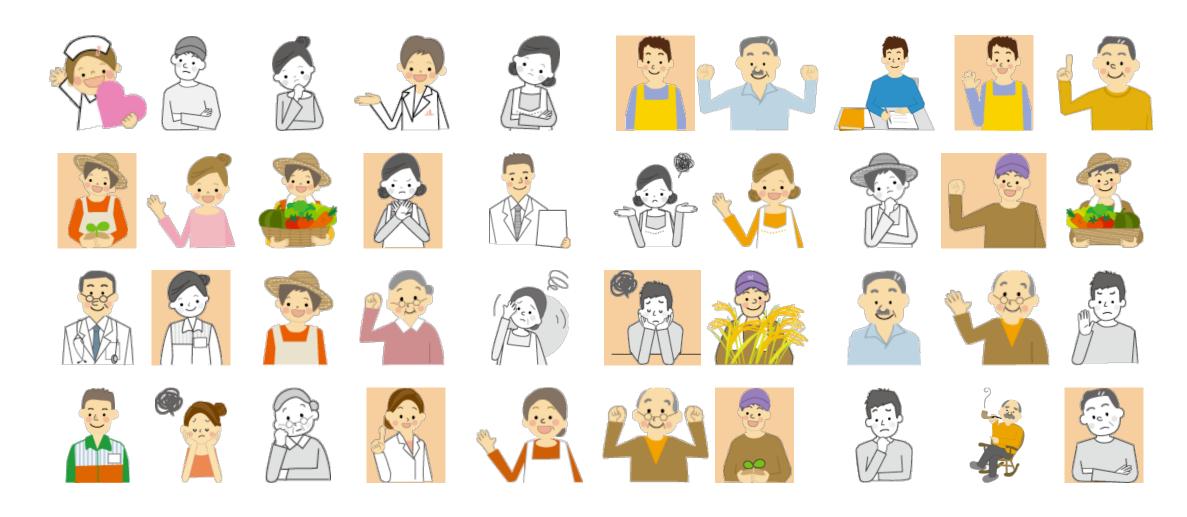


Population



This is a population.

Sample



A sample is selected from a population.

Sample























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A sample, mathematically

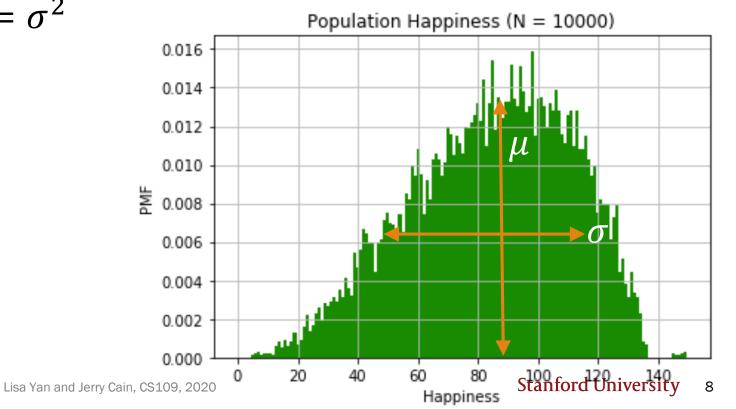
Consider n random variables $X_1, X_2, ..., X_n$.

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 $E[X_i] = \mu$, $Var(X_i) = \sigma^2$

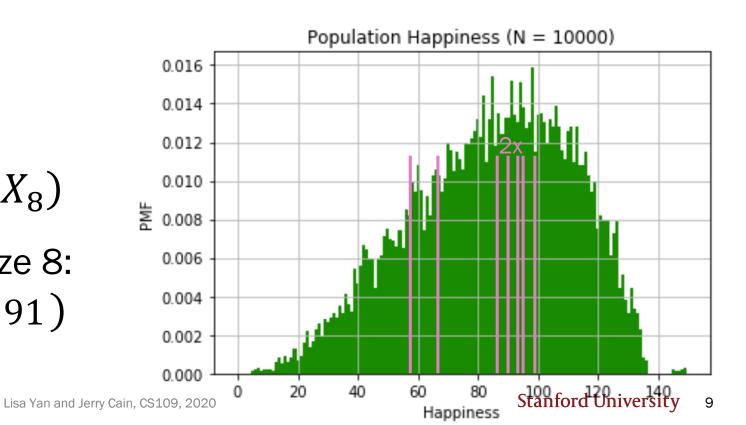


A sample, mathematically

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?

Unbiased estimators

A single sample



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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 best estimate of population mean and population variance?
- How do we define best estimate?

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:

$$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i$$

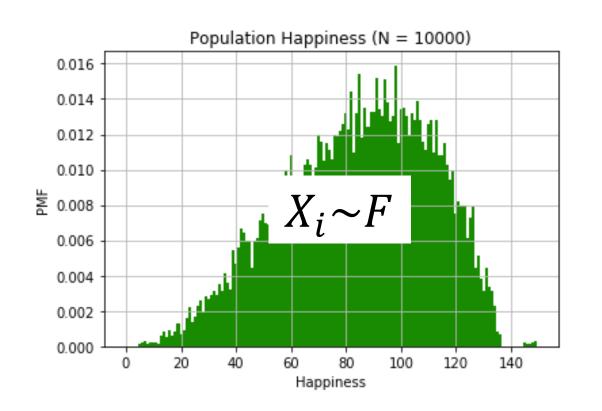
 \overline{X} is an <u>unbiased estimator</u> of the population mean μ .

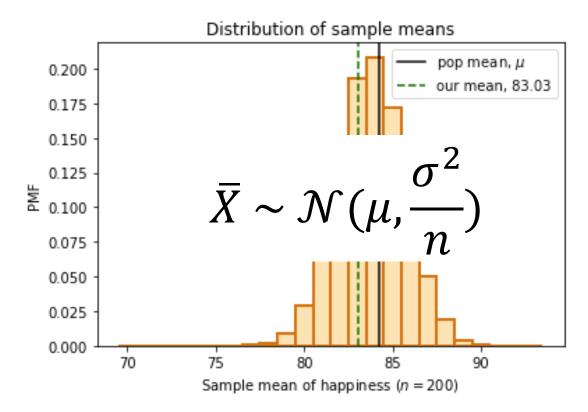
$$E[\bar{X}] = \mu$$

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

- 1. For each sample, compute sample mean
 - 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

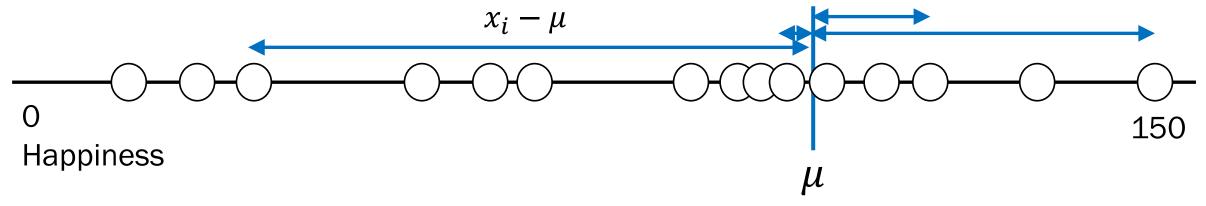
$$S^{2} = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (X_{i} - \bar{X})^{2}$$

Intuition about the sample variance, *S*²

Actual, σ^2

population mean

$$\sigma^{2} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (x_{i} - \mu)^{2}$$



Population size, N

Calculating population statistics **exactly** requires us knowing all N datapoints.

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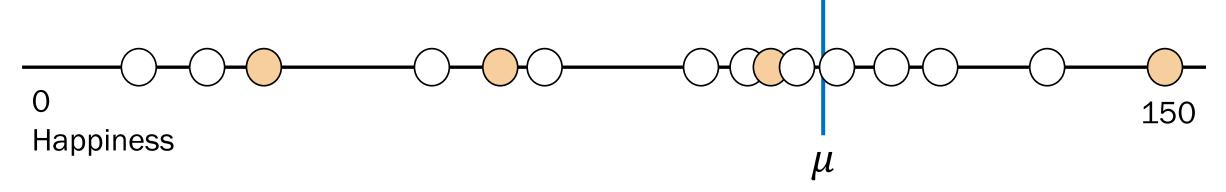
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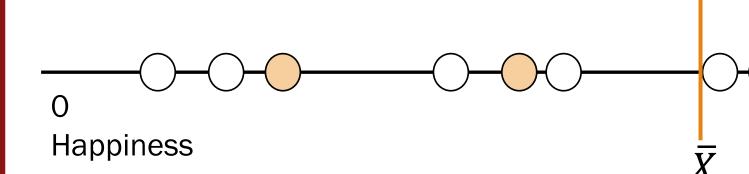
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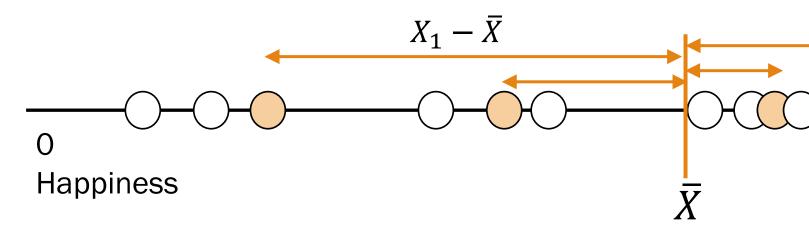
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Population size, N

Sample variance is an estimate using an estimate, so it needs additional scaling.

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
$$\sigma^2$$
 is the **sample variance**: $S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$

 S^2 is an **unbiased estimator** of the population variance, σ^2 .

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

Proof that S^2 is unbiased (i)

(just for reference)

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

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

$$(n-1)E[S^{2}] = E\left[\sum_{i=1}^{n}((X_{i}-\mu)+(\mu-\bar{X}))^{2}\right] \qquad \text{(introduce } \mu-\mu)$$

$$= E\left[\sum_{i=1}^{n}(X_{i}-\mu)^{2}+\sum_{i=1}^{n}(\mu-\bar{X})^{2}+2\sum_{i=1}^{n}(X_{i}-\mu)(\mu-\bar{X})\right]$$

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$$= n\sigma^2 - n\operatorname{Var}(\bar{X}) = n\sigma^2 - n\frac{\sigma^2}{n} = n\sigma^2 - \sigma^2 = (n-1)\sigma^2$$

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

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Standard error

Estimating population statistics

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, $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i$.

$$\bar{X} = 83$$

3. Compute sample deviation, $X_i - \overline{X}$.

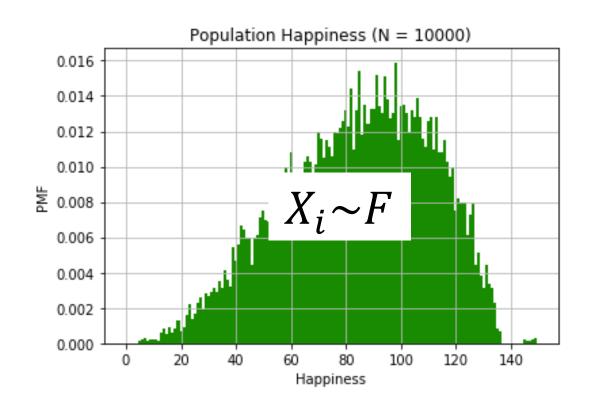
$$(-11, 2, -4, -4, 8, -15, ..., -12)$$

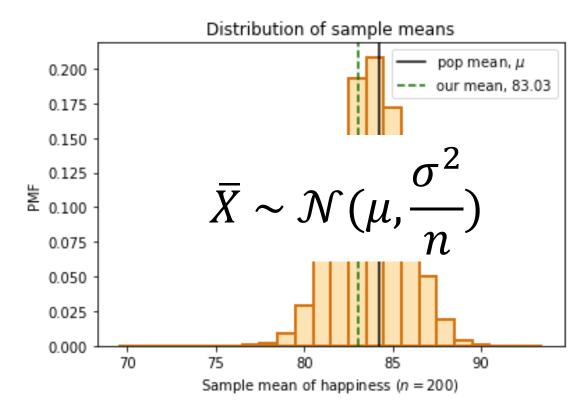
4. Compute sample variance, $S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$.

$$S^2 = 793$$

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

Sample mean





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

How "close" is our estimate X to μ ?

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

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

def The standard error of the mean is an estimate of the standard deviation of \bar{X} .

Intuition:

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

More info on bias of standard error: wikipedia

Standard error of the mean

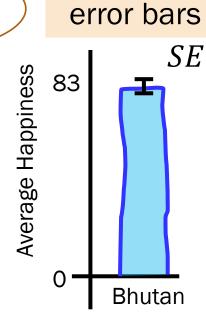
1. Mean happiness:

this is our best estimate of μ

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

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

this is our estimate of how "close" we are



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

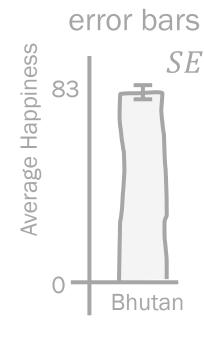
Standard error of variance?

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2. Variance of happiness:

Claim: The variance of happiness of Bhutan is 793.

Closed Not covered form: in CS109

But how close are we?

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Up next: Compute Statistics with code!

Bootstrap: Sample mean

Bootstrap

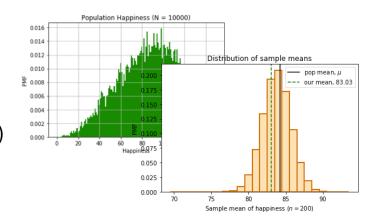
The Bootstrap:

Probability for Computer Scientists

Computing statistic of sample mean

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

Population distribution (we don't have this)



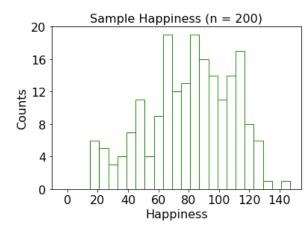
$$\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} = 1.886$$

1.869

Exact statistic (we don't have this)

Simulated statistic (we don't have this)

Sample distribution (we do have this)



$$SE = \frac{S}{\sqrt{n}} = 1.992$$

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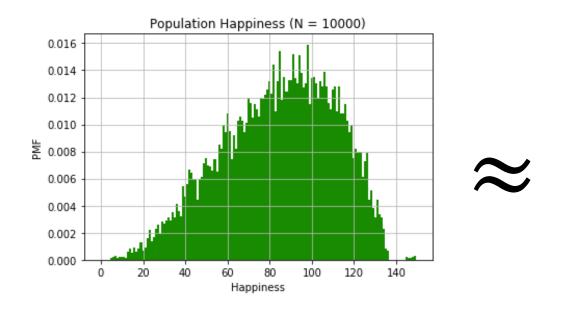
Estimated statistic, by formula, standard error

Simulated estimated statistic

Note: We don't have access to the population.

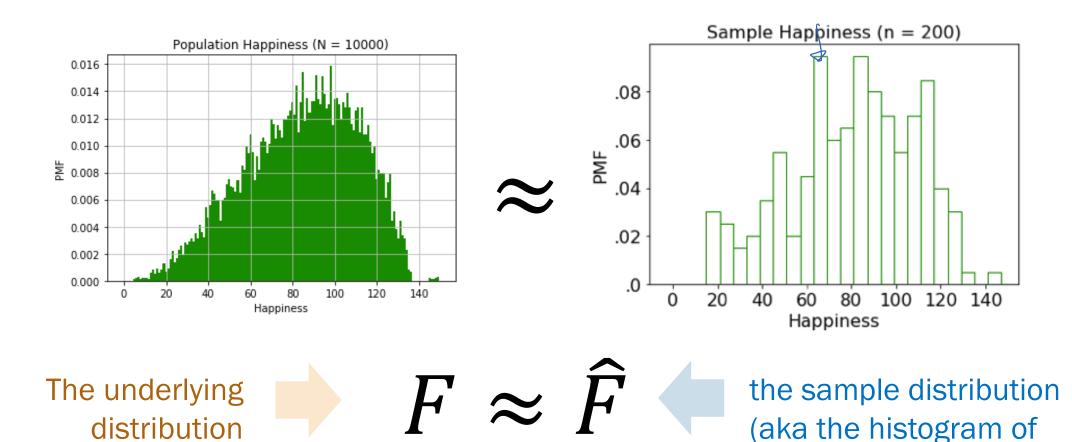
But Lisa is sharing the exact statistic with your and Jerry Cain, CS109, 2020

Bootstrap insight 1: Estimate the true distribution



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



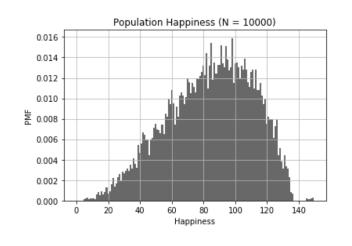
*This is just a histogram of your data!

your data)

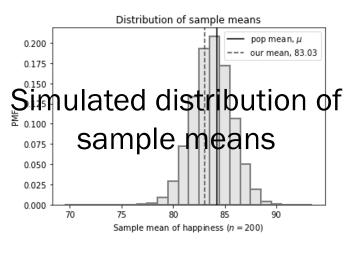
Bootstrap insight 2: Simulate a distribution

Approximate the procedure of simulating a distribution of a statistic, e.g., X.

Population distribution (we don't have this)

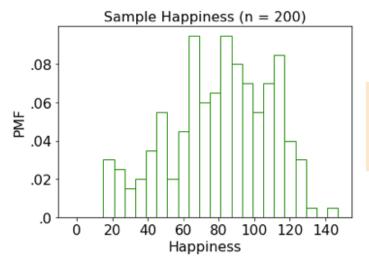


Distribution of \bar{X}

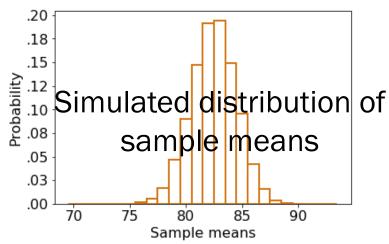




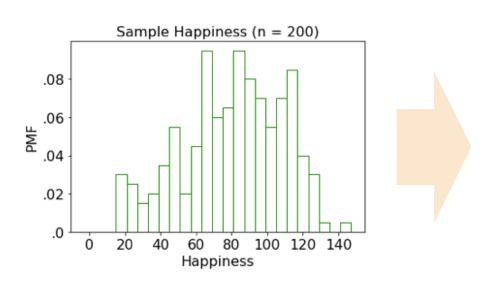
Sample distribution (we do have this)



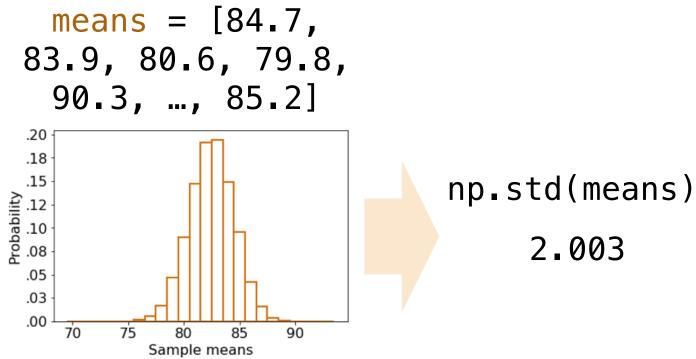
Bootstrap means



Bootstrapped sample means



Estimate the true PMF using our "PMF" (histogram) of our sample.



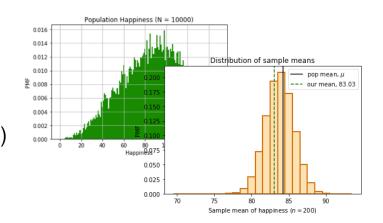
...generate a whole bunch of sample means of this estimated distribution...

...and compute the standard deviation of this distribution.

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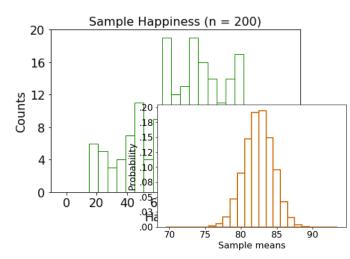
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Estimated statistic, by formula, standard error

Simulated estimated statistic, bootstrapped standard error

Bootstrap algorithm

Bootstrap Algorithm (sample):

- 1. Estimate the PMF using the sample
- 2. Repeat **10,000** times:
 - a. Resample sample.size() from PMF
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- 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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Bootstrapped sample variance

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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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Think

Slide 42 has a question to go over by yourself.

Post any clarifications here or in Zoom chat!

https://us.edstem.org/courses/2678/discussion/160257

Think by yourself: 2 min



Quick check

- 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. \bar{X} , the sample mean
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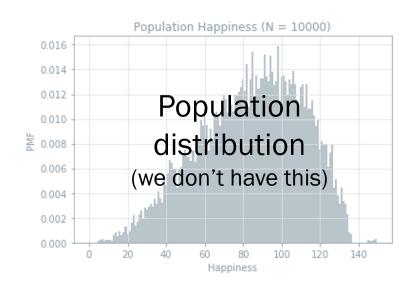
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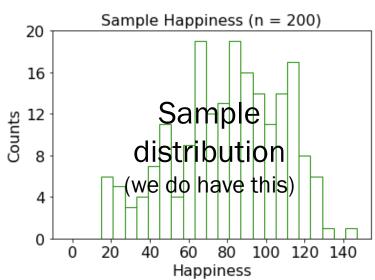
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These are outcomes from your collected data.

Today: Crash course on (bootstrapped) statistics





If we only have a single sample of RVs generated i.i.d. from the same unknown distribution, how can we perform statistical analysis?

- What is the probability that a Bhutanese peep is just straight up loving life?
- What is a good estimate of the population mean (and how "close" is the estimate)?
- What is a good estimate of the population variance (and how "close" is the estimate)?

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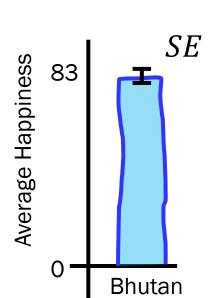
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Verified via bootstrap:



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

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Allows you to do the following:

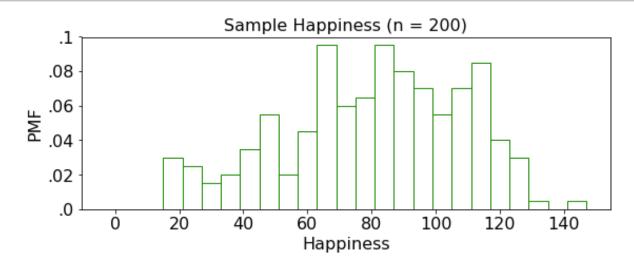
- Calculate distributions over statistics
- Calculate p values

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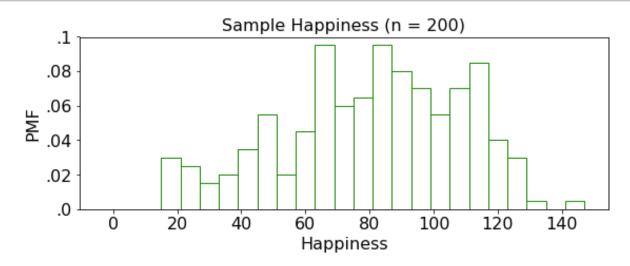
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What is the distribution of your sample variance? Goal

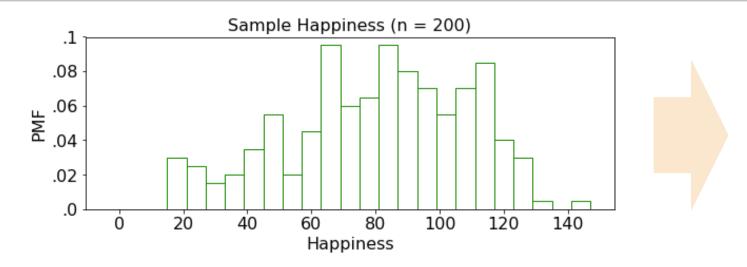




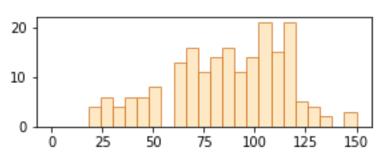
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[52, 38, 98, 107, ..., 94]

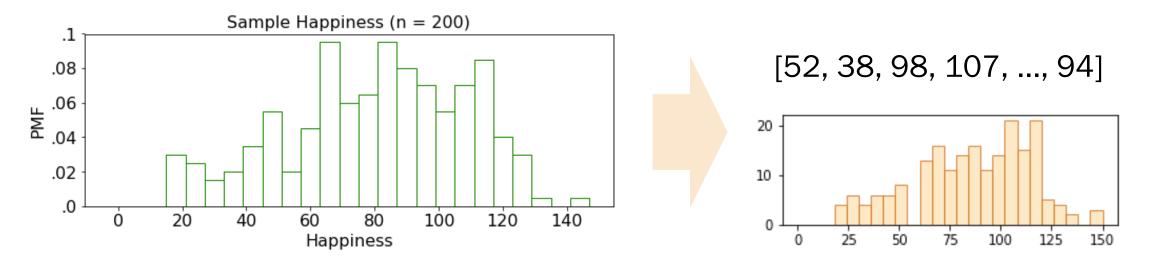


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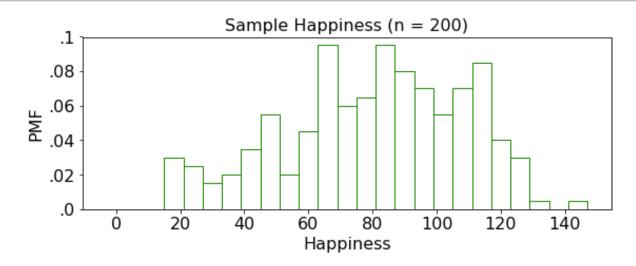
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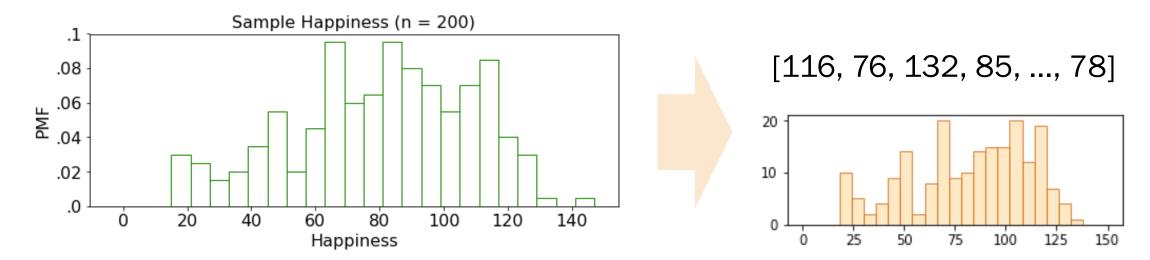
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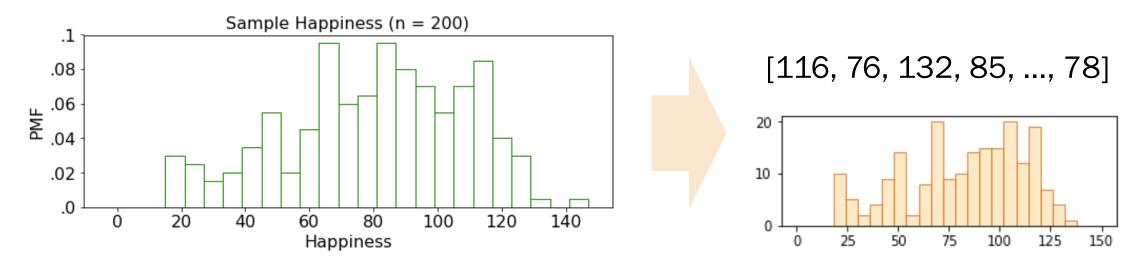
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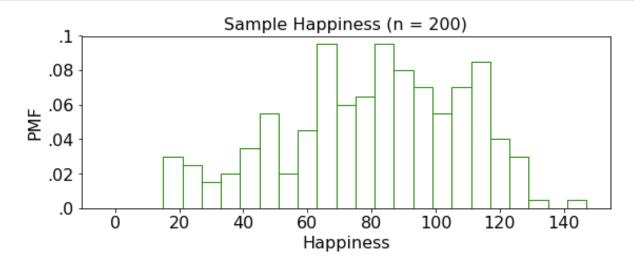
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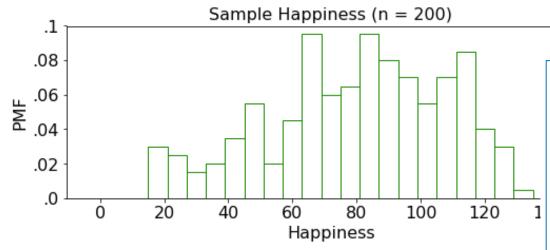
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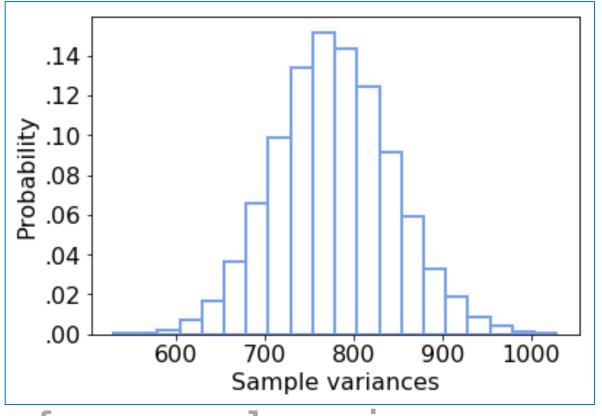


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- 1. Estimate the PMF using the
- 2. Repeat 10,000 times:
 - a. Resample sample.size()
 - b. Recalculate the sample



You now have a distribution of your sample variance

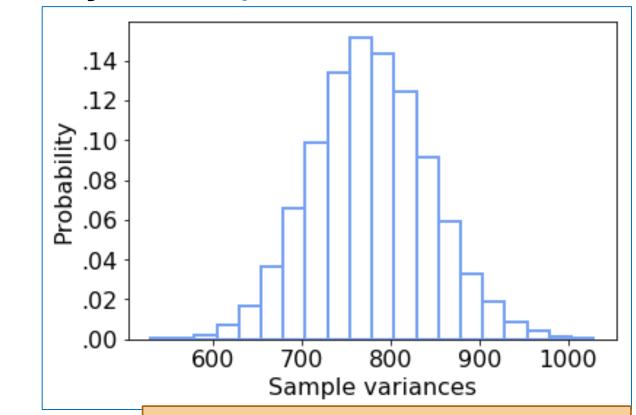
variances = [827.4, 846.1, 726.0, ..., 860.7]

3. You now have a distribution of your sample variance

What is the bootstrapped standard error?

np.std(variances)

Bootstrapped standard error: 66.16



- Simulate a distribution of sample variances
- Compute standard deviation

Standard error

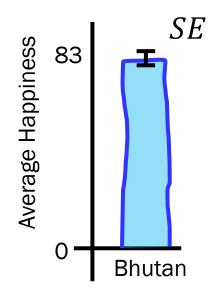
1. Mean happiness:

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:

 S^2 is our best estimate of σ^2



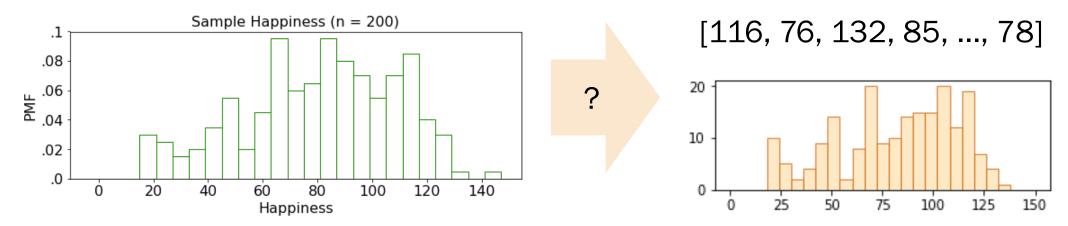
Claim: The variance of happiness of Bhutan is 793,

with a bootstrapped standard error of 66.16.

this is how close we are, calculated by bootstrapping

Algorithm in practice: Resampling

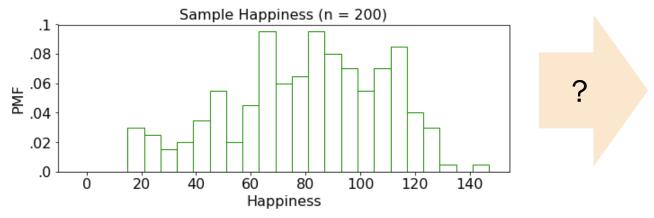
- 1. Estimate the PMF using the sample
- 2. Repeat **10,000** times:
 - a. Resample sample.size() from PMF
 - b. Recalculate the **statistic** on the resample
- 3. You now have a distribution of your statistic



$$P(X = k) = \frac{\text{# values in sample equal to } k}{n}$$

Algorithm in practice: Resampling

```
def resample(sample, n):
    # estimate the PMF using the sample
    # draw n new samples from the PMF
    return np.random.choice(sample, n, replace=True)
```



[116, 76, 132, 85, ..., 78] 10 100

$$P(X = k) = \frac{\text{# values in sample equal to } k}{n}$$

This resampled sample is generated with replacement.

125

150

To the code!

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

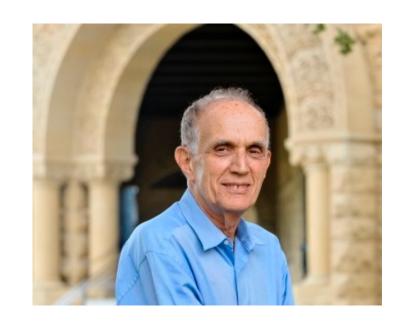
Bootstrapping works for any statistic*

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

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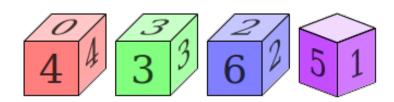
Bradley Efron

- 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

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



Interlude for jokes/announcements

Announcements

Problem Set 5

Out: now

Friday 11/6 1pm Due:

Up to and including today Covers:

Week 8 (Election Day 11/3)

Concept Check 23 (Wed 11/4) Cancelled

Lecture 23 (Wed 11/4) Optional: Quicksort runtime (Jerry)

Cancelled Section next week:

Section handout: Will still be posted

Extra Section / Destress OH: Wed 11/4 10am-12pm (Lisa)

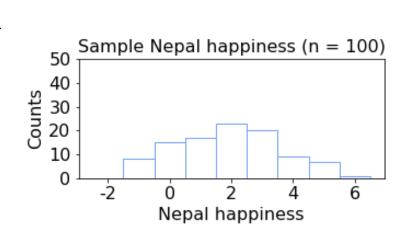
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Bootstrap: p-value

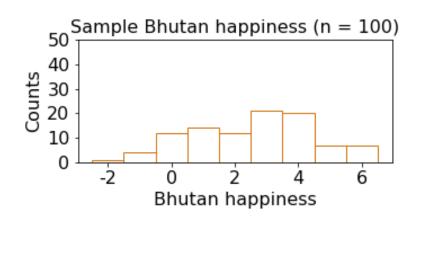


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$$\bar{X}_1 = 3.1$$

$$\bar{X}_2 = 2.4$$

Claim: The difference in mean happiness between Nepal and Bhutan is 0.7 happiness points, and this is significant.

Null hypothesis test

<u>def null hypothesis</u> – 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?

Example:

- Flip some coin 100 times.
- Flip the same coin another 150 times.
- Compute fraction of heads in both groups.
- There is a possibility we'll see the observed difference in these fractions even if we used the same coin

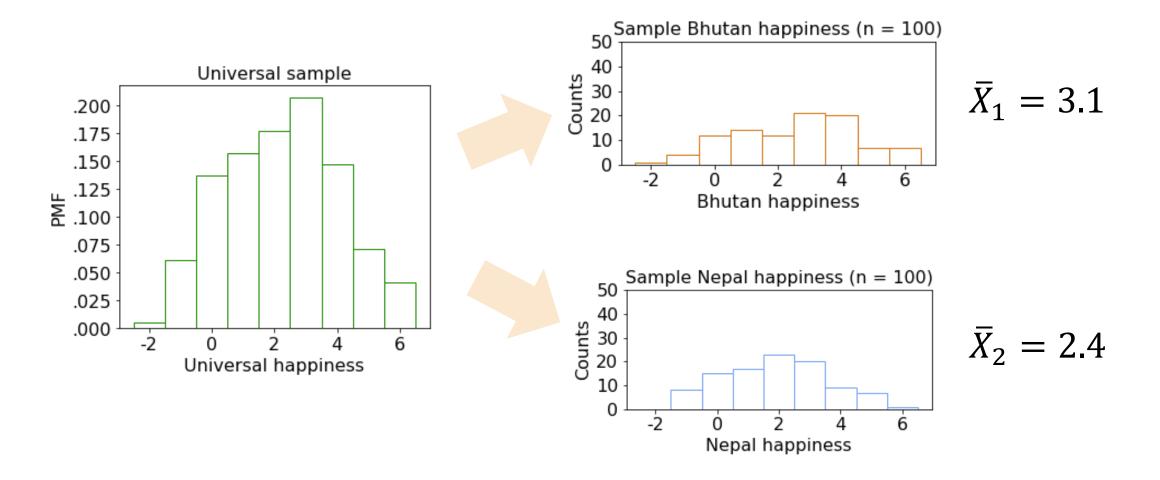
Null hypothesis assumes we use the same coin



A significant p-value (< 0.05) means we reject the null hypothesis.

Universal sample

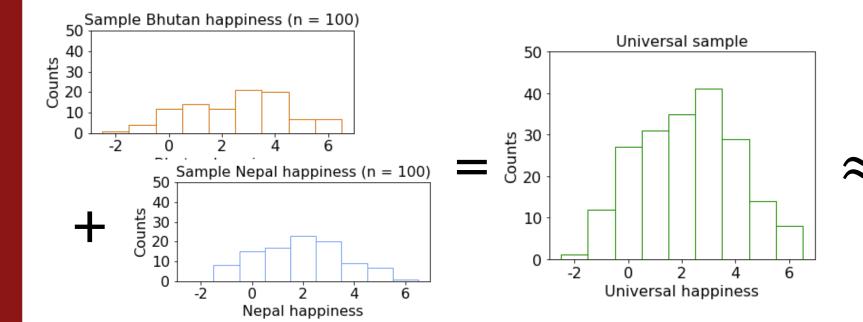
(this is what the null hypothesis assumes)

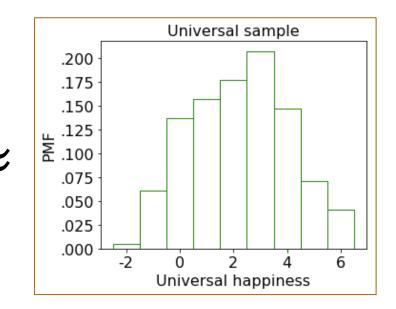


Want p-value: probability $|\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2| = |3.1 - 2.4|$ happens under null hypothesis

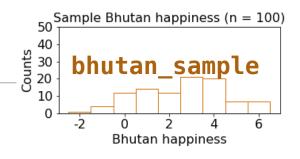
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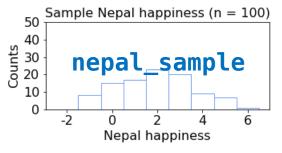
i.e., recreate the null hypothesis





- 1. 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





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

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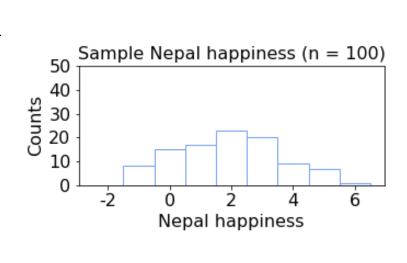


Let's try it!

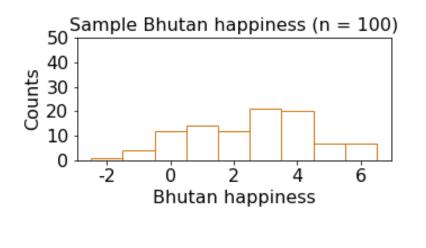
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Errata: Lisa said 0.01 in lecture. Should be 0.05