

AMS 7 - 5/3/18

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THIS TIME: Prob. Models for means

NEXT TIME: Inference

- * Strike next week → will be updated by email
- * Case study (medicine): Hypokalemia

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→ How to cope with uncertainty:

GET MORE GOOD (Unbiased) DATA!

* Blocks of Butter (weight/mass) in oz

Non-random
(Deterministic)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 16 \\ 16 \\ 16 \\ \vdots \\ 16 \end{bmatrix}$$

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(Deterministic)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 16.0 \\ 16.0 \\ 16.0 \\ \vdots \\ 16.0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 16.03 \\ 15.99 \\ 15.95 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

Probabilistic
(random)
(stochastic)

* Astronomy (1600s)

- Basic measurement error model

$$(\text{Obs. \#1}) = (\text{true value}) + (\text{bias}) + (\text{random error \#1})$$

$$(\text{Obs. \#2}) = (\text{true value}) + (\text{bias}) + (\text{random error \#2})$$

$$(\text{Obs. \#n}) = (\text{true value}) + (\text{bias}) + (\text{random error \#n})$$

IID
draws from
a normal
Curve with
mean 0 &
SD σ same

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 &= \theta + b + e_1 \\ y_2 &= \theta + b + e_2 \\ &\vdots \\ y_n &= \theta + b + e_n \end{aligned}$$

(oz) Unbiased

$$\begin{aligned} 16.03 &= 16.0 + 0 + (+.03) \\ 15.99 &= 16.0 + 0 + (-0.01) \\ &\vdots \\ 15.95 &= \theta + b + (-0.05) \end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{y} = \theta + b + \left(\text{mean of } n \text{ IID draws } \right) \text{ (mean)}$$

each with mean 0

$$\frac{(+0.03) + (-0.01) + \dots + (-0.05)}{n}$$

(2)

→ \bar{e} will (with high prob.) be closer to 0 than any of the e_i

truth + bias

→ as $n \uparrow$, $\bar{e} \downarrow$ to 0 (with high prob.), therefore, \bar{y} will be close, when n is large, to $(\theta + b)$

→ To make \bar{y} get arbitrarily close to θ , we need 2 things:

1) n should get \uparrow and...

2) $b = 0$ (measuring process is unbiased)

* you cannot make bias \downarrow

Magazine

▷ Literary Digest (LD) - Surveying Organization

• 1936 - Roosevelt (D) vs. Landon (R)

↳ 24,000 letters (Pre-stamped postcard)

Got back 16,000 post cards

LD estimated that Landon 60% vs Roosevelt 40%

↳ truth: Landon 40% vs Roosevelt 60%

* 20 - Percentage point error

↳ George Gallup (Iowa state) (1,000 people)

• found out real values & how wrong LD was

• LD data was deeply biased

* Addresses (1936)

- landowner records

- telephone books

- Club membership lists

Republicans
RICH People

▷ Case study: Medicine (Hypokalemia)

(conceptual)

Population

All possible measur.
Potassium level

$N = \infty$
↑
↓
[]

Sample

the obs. measurements
Potassium level

$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_4 \end{bmatrix}$ $n=4$
 $\bar{y}=?$

Imaginary Data Set

Hyp. repetitions
All possible \bar{y} values

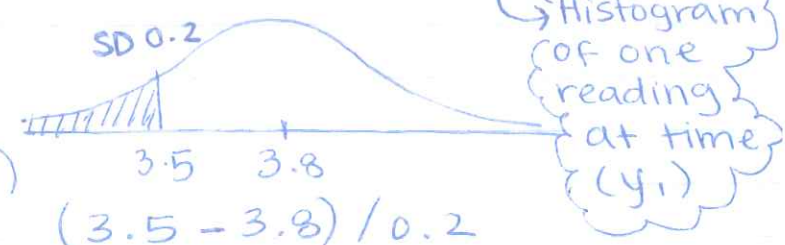
$\begin{bmatrix} 3.92 \\ 3.77 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$ \bar{y}_1
 \bar{y}_2
 $M \rightarrow \infty$
 $M = \text{long run mean}$

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Population

mean $\mu = 3.8$
SD $\sigma = 0.2$

Population Histogram



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$P(\text{misdiagnosis w/ } n=1)$

$\rightarrow \hat{=} 7\%$

$P(\text{misdiagnosis w/ } n=4)$

$\rightarrow P(\bar{y}_{(n=4)} < 3.5) = ?$

$$\frac{(3.5 - 3.8) / 0.2}{0.2} = -1.5$$

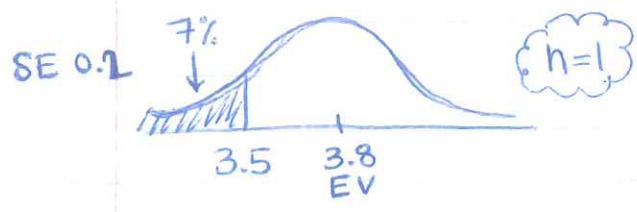
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Imaginary Data Set

* long run mean \rightarrow expected value of \bar{y}

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{expected} \\ \text{value of} \\ \bar{y} \end{array} \right) = (EV \text{ of } \bar{y}) = \underbrace{E_{IID}(\bar{y})}_{\text{MATH FACT}} = \mu = 3.8$$

long run histogram (\bar{y})



MATH FACT

long run SD

\rightarrow Standard error of \bar{y}

$$(SE \text{ of } \bar{y}) = SE_{IID}(\bar{y}) = ?$$

* Square root law:
to cut $SE(\bar{y})$ in half,
need to quadruple n

Ingredients	belong?
N	X
μ	X
σ	$\sigma \uparrow, SE(\bar{y}) \uparrow$
n	$n \uparrow, SE(\bar{y}) \downarrow$

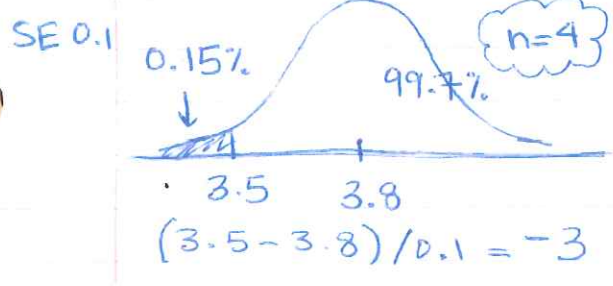
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$$SE(\bar{y}) = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} = \frac{0.2}{\sqrt{4}} = 0.1$$

\rightarrow cut in half

~~$\frac{\sigma}{n}$~~ \rightarrow Perfect world



$\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$ \rightarrow uncertainty goes down w/ n , but only at a \sqrt{n} rate (more data)

* This is called the ...
SQUARE ROOT LAW

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n	P(misdiagnosis)	Cost
1	7%	\$25
4	0.15%	\$100

*Cost-benefit

trade off

In this case,

1st row better

→ Just eat a banana!

Save the money b/c not that bad of a misdiagnosis in this case.