

Math 3070, Applied Statistics

Section 1

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Section 5.3

- Random Samples and Statistics
- Sampling Distributions

Random Samples

X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are called a **simple random sample** of size n if

- 1 The X_i 's are independent.
- 2 Every X_i has the same probability distribution.

Note: These two assumptions are frequently referred to as **independently and identically distributed** (i.i.d.).

For example, measurements of parts from an assembly line or outcomes of sufficiently randomized polls could be considered simple random sample. Framework is extremely flexible, can describe most settings, and be used to compute statistical errors.

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Both \bar{X} and S^2 functions of X_i so they are random. But, they estimate $E[X_i] = \mu$ and $Var(X_i) = \sigma^2$ which are numbers and not random.

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As n becomes very large, dividing by n or $n - 1$ is mostly irrelevant.

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Fun Fact:

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where

$$\mu_4 = E[(X_i - \mu)^4]$$

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