

# The Central Limit Theorem

*Simplified:*

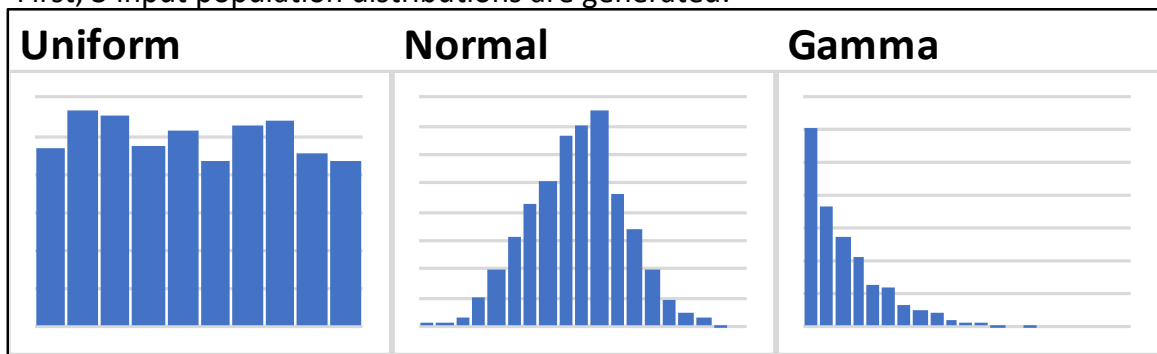
*"Take chunks of ~30 or more from any set, and their averages will usually have a normal distribution"*

## Context

To present the concept to ~50 peers, the calculation sheet was prepared in 30 minutes

## Method

First, 3 input population distributions are generated:



Then, 2 parameters are set to sample them:

Chunk size	# Chunks
5	500

They are combined via 1 formula (hand-derived in a single cell):

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=LET(
    range, A3#,
    sample_size, $E$4,
    experiment_repeats, $E$5,

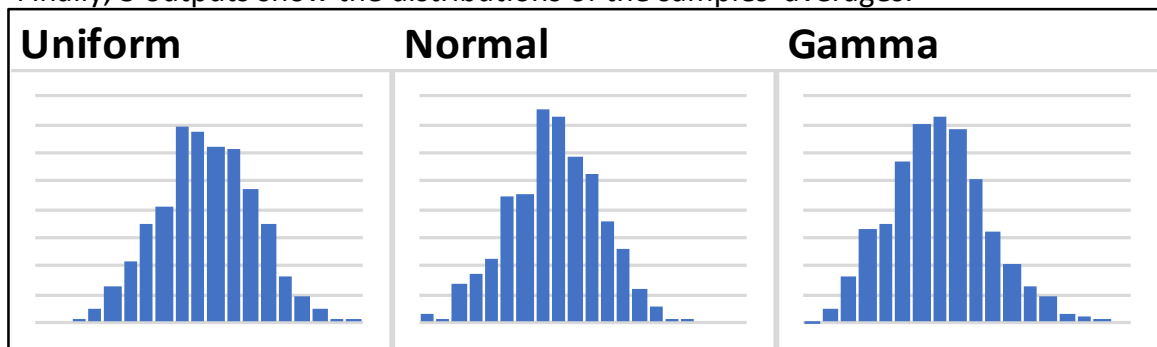
    sample_indices, RANDARRAY(sample_size, experiment_repeats, 1,
        ROWS(range), TRUE),
    sampled_outputs, INDEX(range, sample_indices),

    bycol_sum, TRANSPOSE(MMULT(TRANSPOSE(sampled_outputs),
        SEQUENCE(ROWS(sampled_outputs),, 1, 0))),
    bycol_average, bycol_sum / sample_size,

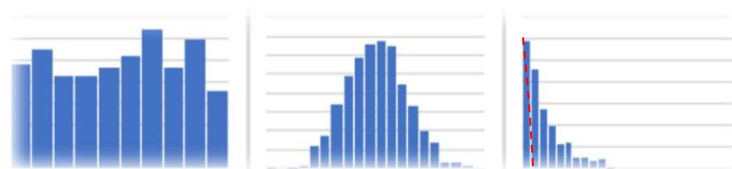
    TRANSPOSE(bycol_average)
)
```

Note: The third paragraph redefines BYCOL(), because an older version of Excel was used

Finally, 3 outputs show the distributions of the samples' averages.



(Tried during the presentation: 1000 Chunks, with Chunk sizes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 30 -- illustrated below)

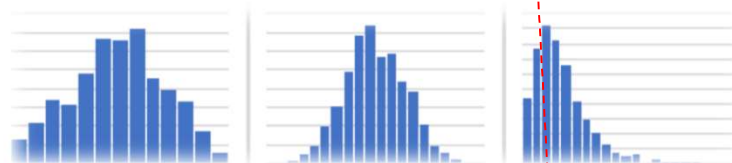


Chunk size

1

# Chunks

1000

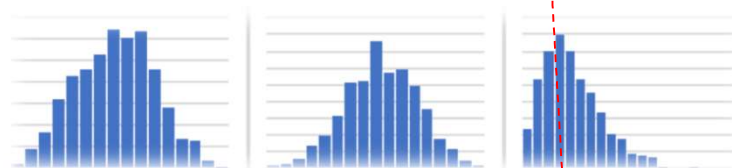


Chunk size

2

# Chunks

1000

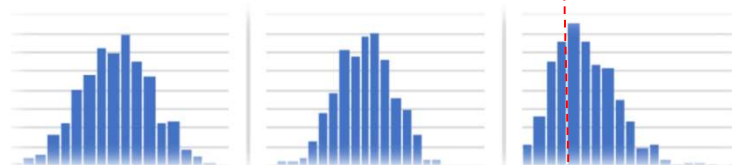


Chunk size

3

# Chunks

1000



Chunk size

4

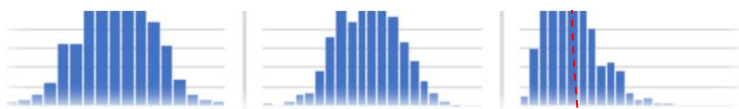
# Chunks

1000

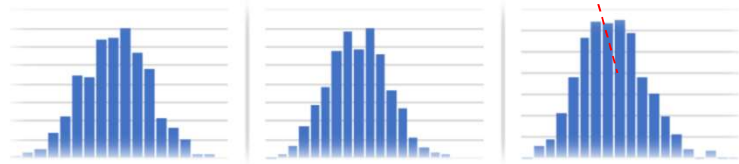


Chunk size

5



# Chunks
1000



Chunk size
30

# Chunks
1000