

Probability and Statistics: Lecture-40

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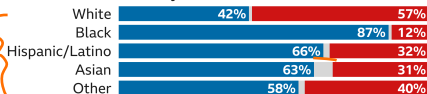
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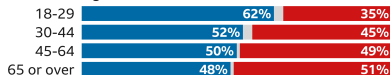
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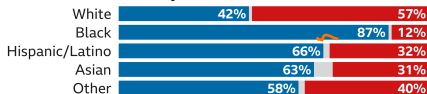
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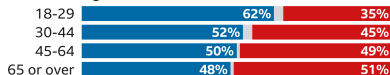
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- * Poll on Trump Vs Biden
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- * Draw conclusions from the sample data
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BIHAR ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS RESULTS 2020

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- * After election, NDA has full majority
- * How do we estimate such errors?

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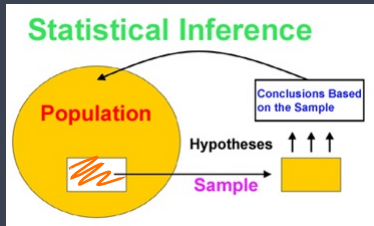
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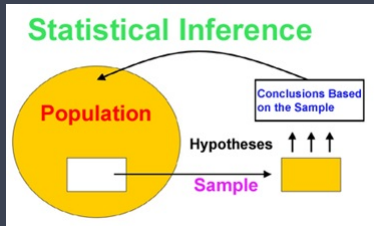


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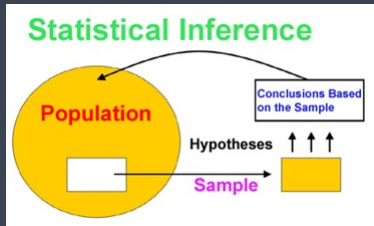
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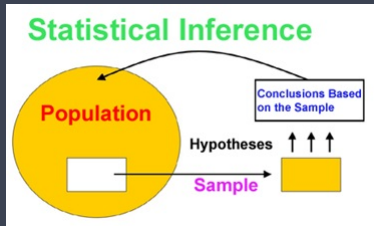
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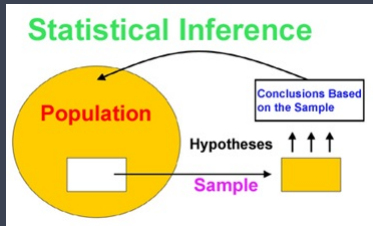
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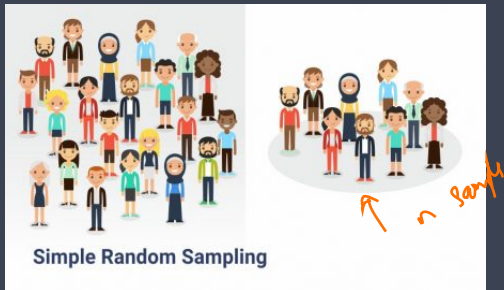
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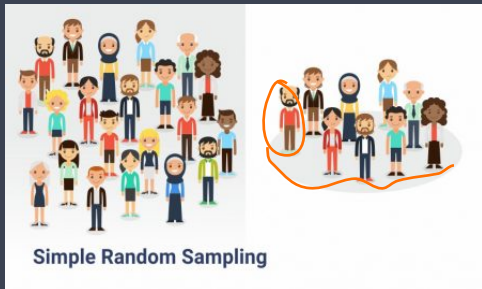


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This is called max. likelihood estimate of θ

$p = \frac{\theta}{3}$: prob. of picking blue.

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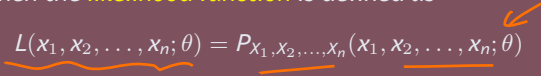
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