

# Classical statistical inference

*Uncertainties on arbitrary RV*

Part 4

Associated notebook:

[04-Basic statistical inference frequentists 2/Frequentist Monte Carlo.ipynb](#)

# Uncertainty calculation

How to calculate **stde** (or simply **std**) on a RV if it is a function of one or multiple RV ?

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$p(x)$  known

Case 2:  $z = \phi(x, y)$

$p(x)$  and  $p(y)$  known

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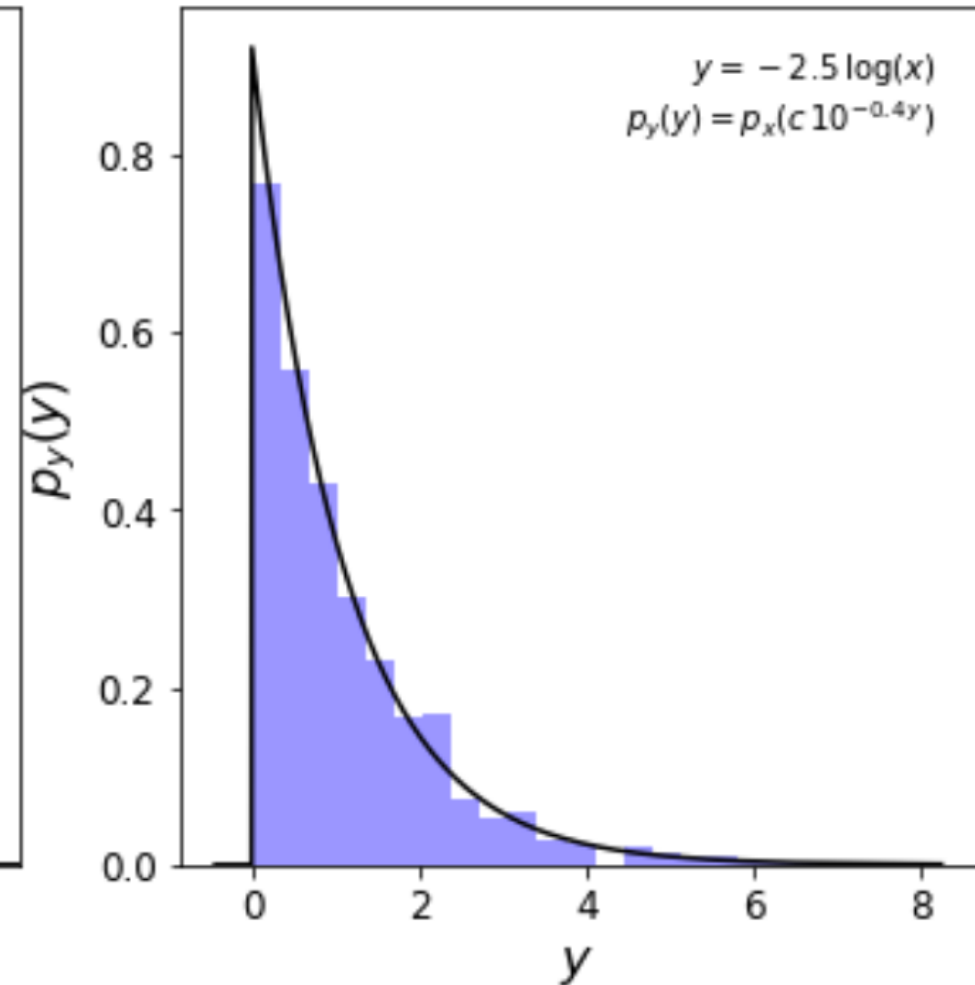
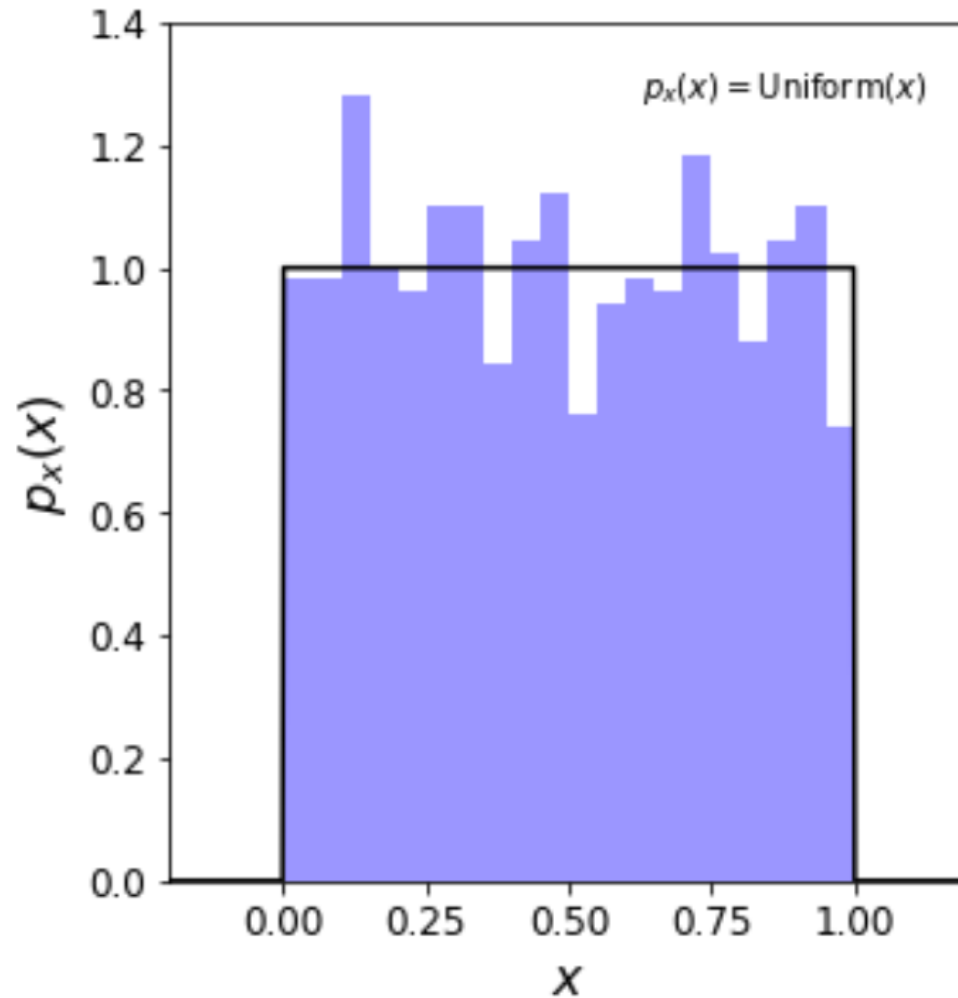
$x = \phi^{-1}(y) = 10^{-0.4*y}$   $p(x) \sim U(0, 1) \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in [0, 1] \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin [0, 1] \end{cases}$

$p(y) = 1 \times 0.4 \ln(10) 10^{-0.4 y}$   $0 < y < \infty$

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Case 2:  $z = \phi(x, y)$   $p(x)$  and  $p(y)$  known

## Error propagation formula

$$\sigma_z^2 = \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \right)_{\bar{x}}^2 \sigma_x^2 + \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \right)_{\bar{y}}^2 \sigma_y^2 + 2 \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \right)_{\bar{x}} \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \right)_{\bar{y}} \sigma_{xy}$$

Results from Taylor expanding  $z$  around  $\bar{x}$  and  $\bar{y}$   $\Rightarrow$  neglects some high order terms

**Go to:** Sect. II.4.2 of the notebook for the demo

# Uncertainty calculation

*Monte-Carlo*

$c = \Phi(a, b): \sigma_c ?$

The expectation (“average”) of a function  $f(x)$  of a RV  $x$  can be approximated by drawing a virtually infinite sample from  $x$

$$E(f(x)) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x)h(x)dx \rightarrow \frac{1}{N} \sum_i^N f(x_i),$$

You can specialise  $f()$  to the calculation of the mean, or the variance of a RV.

1. Draw random samples from  $h(a; \mu_a, \sigma_a)$ ,  $h(b; \mu_b, \sigma_b)$
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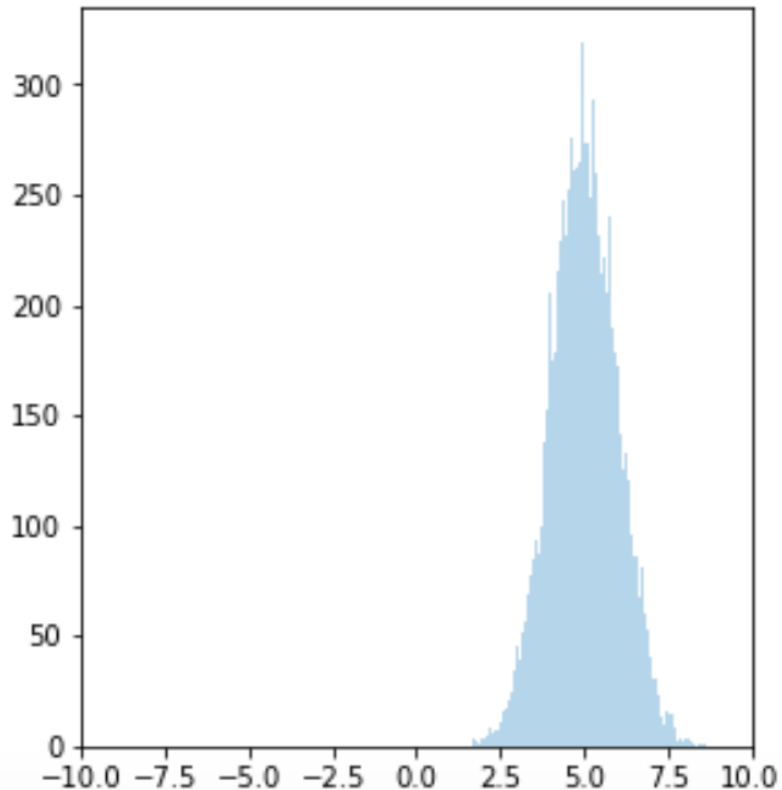
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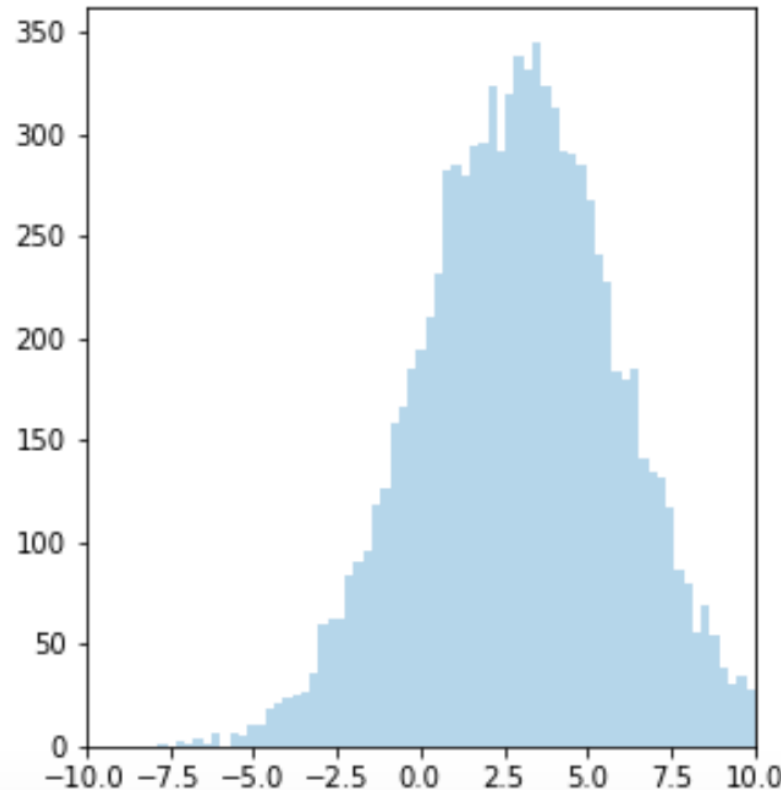
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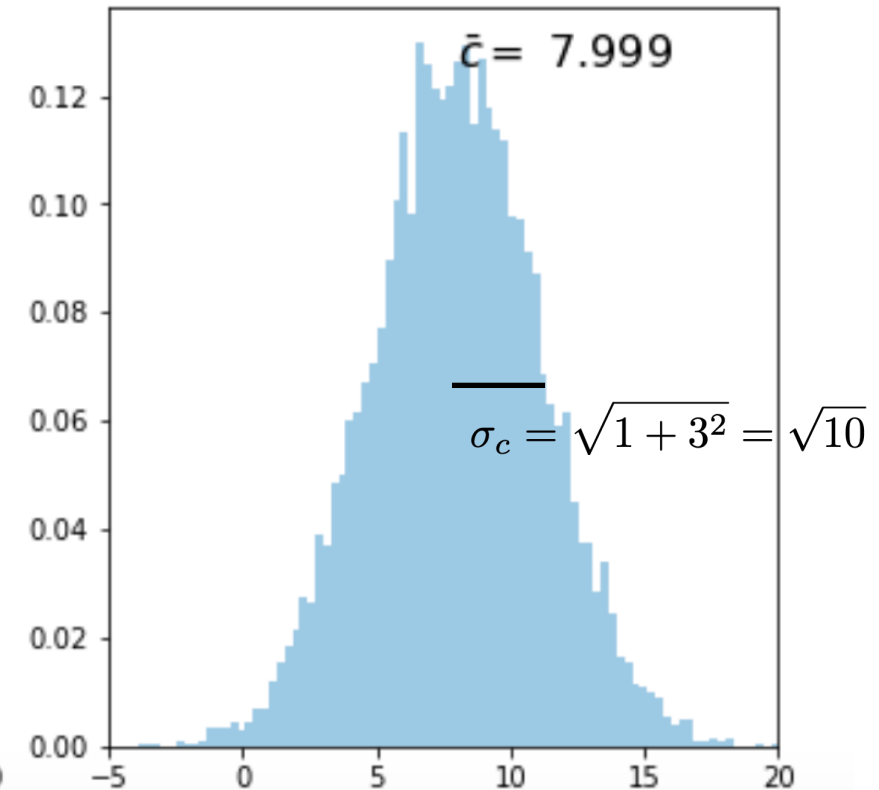
a:  $\mu_a = 5, \sigma_a = 1$



b:  $\mu_b = 3, \sigma_b = 3$



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# Classical statistical inference

## *Bootstrap and Jackknife*

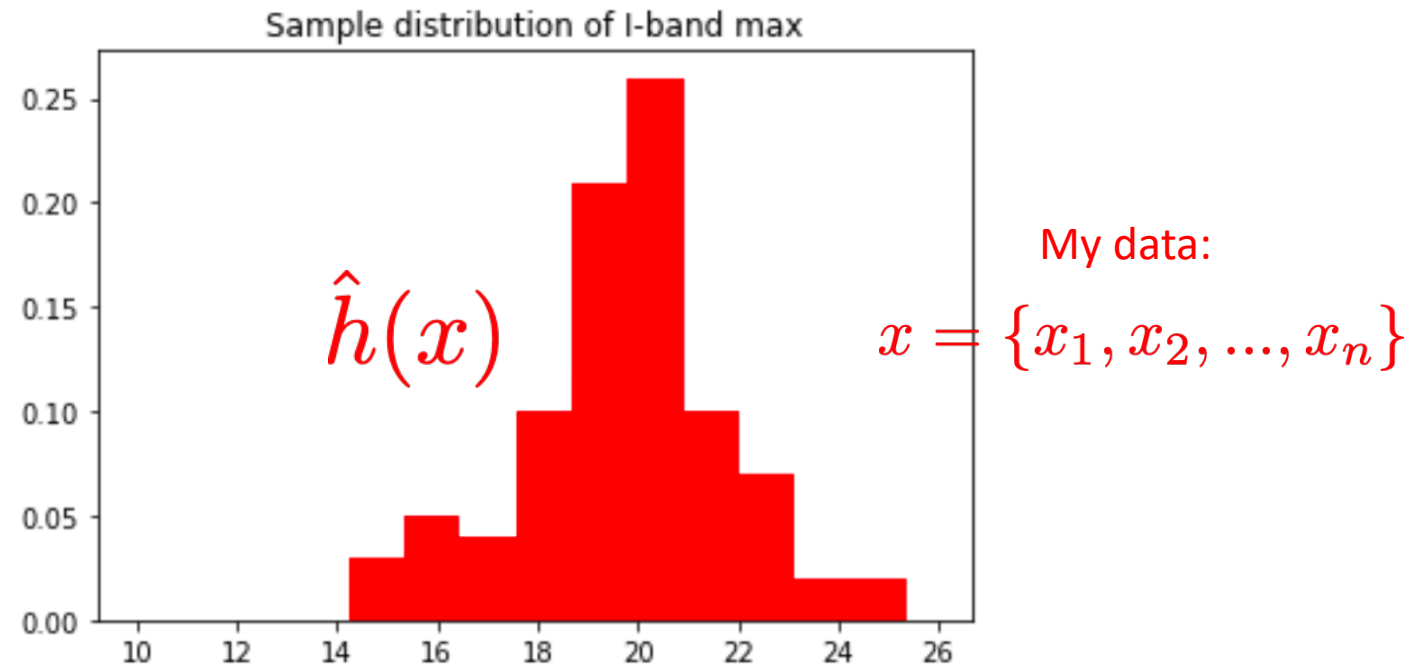
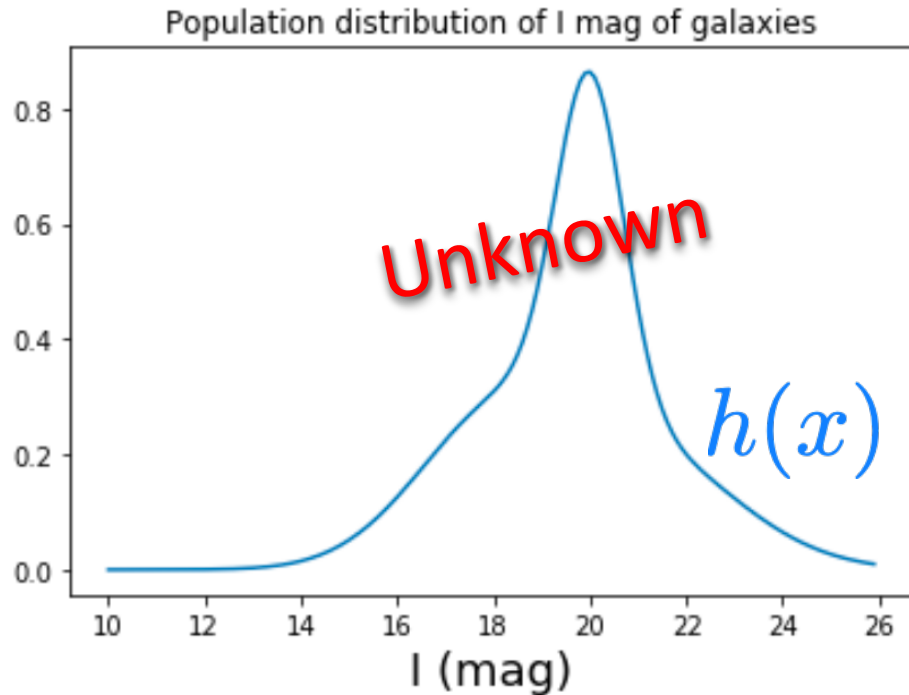
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Frequentist inference Bootstrap.ipynb](#)

# Bootstrap

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**Bootstrap**  $\equiv$  Draw samples from the sample PDF  $\hat{h}(x)$ , allowing from replacements

$$B = \{x_1^*, x_2^*, \dots, x_n^*\}$$

w.  $x^*$  from  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$

e.g.  $B1 = \{x_1, x_1, x_7, \dots, x_{28}\}$

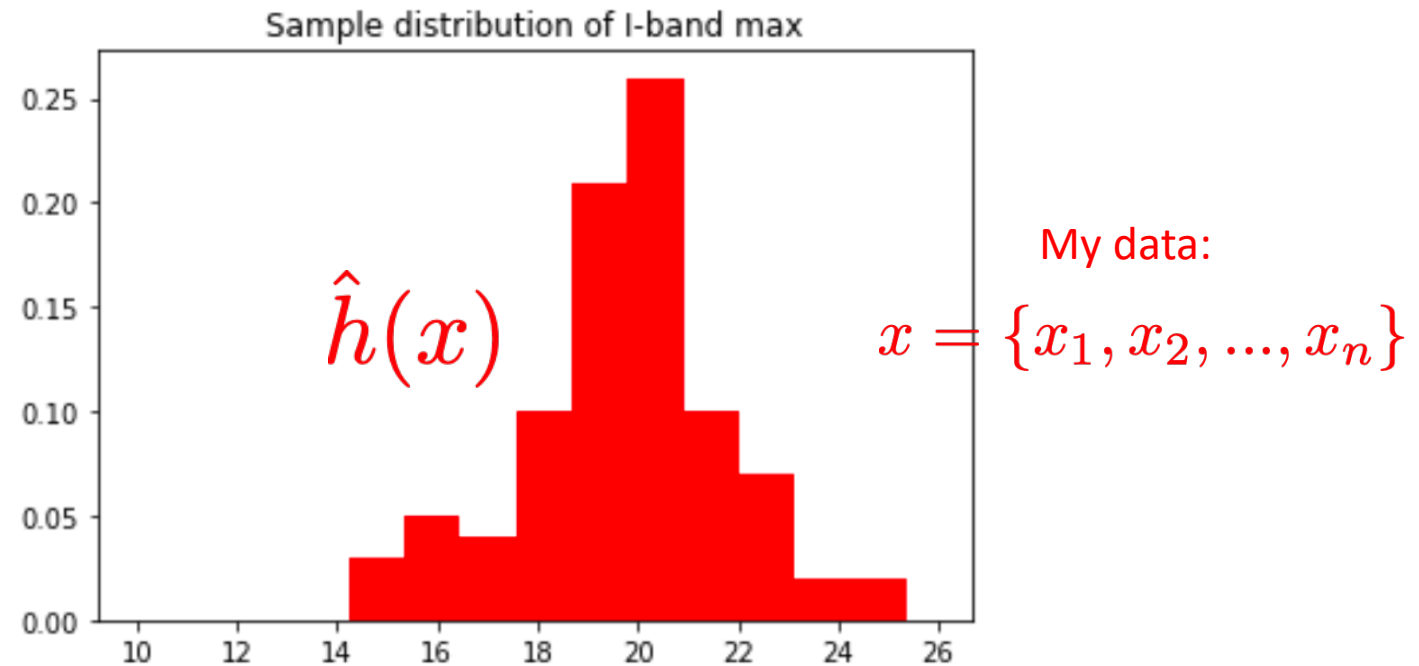
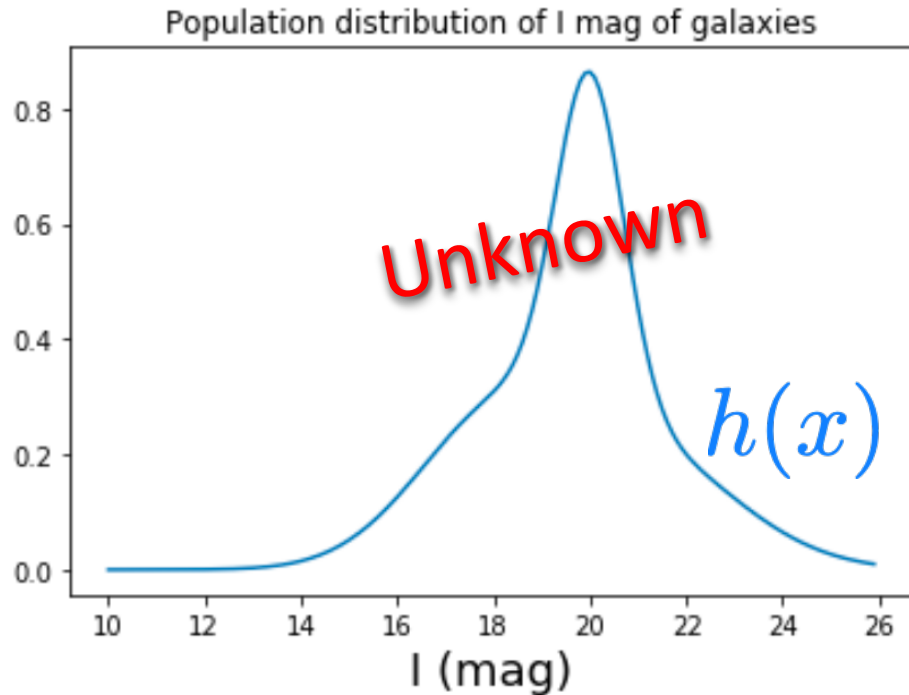
$B2 = \{x_2, x_{36}, x_9, \dots, x_8\}$

...

$Bk = \{x_{16}, x_{12}, x_3, \dots, x_{10}\}$

# Bootstrap Confidence Interval

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Calculate the estimate of your statistics  $q$  from all the bootstrapped samples + its associated  $stde^B(q)$

Normal CI:

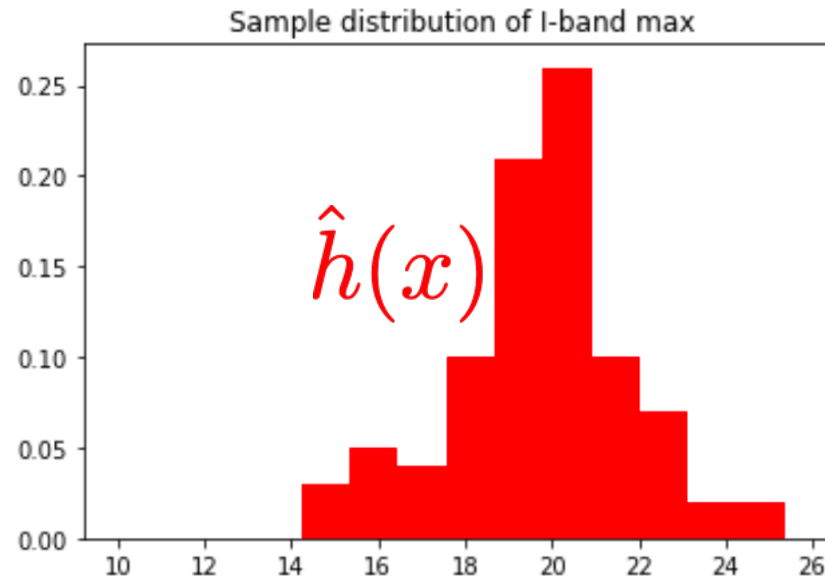
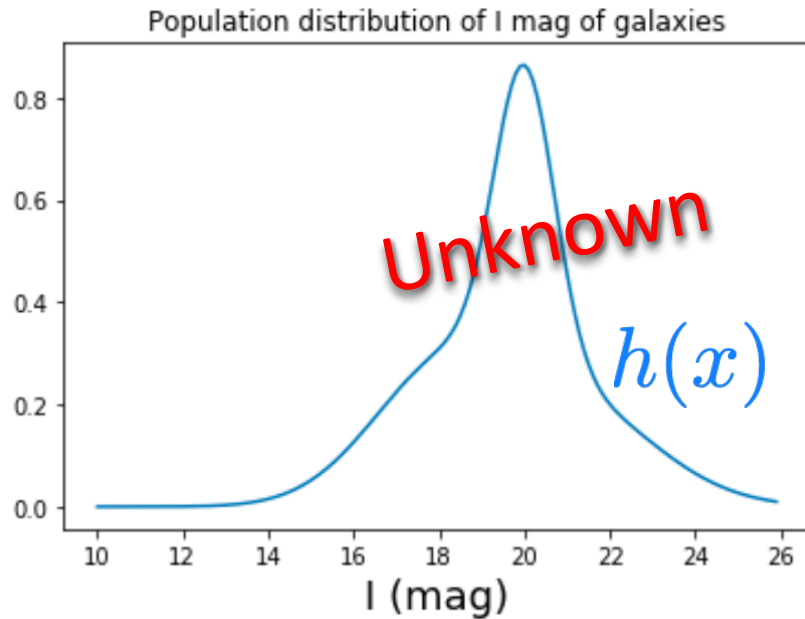
$$[\hat{q} - z_{\alpha/2} stde^B(q), \hat{q} + z_{\alpha/2} stde^B(q)]$$

Percentile CI:

$$[q_{\alpha/2}^*, q_{1-\alpha/2}^*]$$

# Jackknife

Go to: Sect. II.5.2 of the notebook



My data:

$$x = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$$

$$J1 = \{x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}\}$$

$$J2 = \{x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_n\}$$

...

$$Jn = \{x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n\}$$

With  $n-1$  point per sample

**Jackknife**  $\equiv$  Remove 1 data point from your sample,  $n$  times

WARNING: statistics  $q_n$  from Jackknife is biased

$$q^J = n q_n - (n - 1) \bar{q}_n$$

$$\bar{q}_n = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n q_i^*$$

$$\sigma_q^2 = \frac{n-1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (q_i^* - \bar{q}_n)^2$$