

# Sampling

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| Pair      | 3,5 | 3,9 | 3,11 | 3,14 | 5,9 | 5,11 | 5,14 | 9,11 | 9,14 | 11,14 |
|-----------|-----|-----|------|------|-----|------|------|------|------|-------|
| $\bar{x}$ | 4   | 6   | 7    | 8.5  | 7   | 8    | 9.5  | 10   | 11.5 | 12.5  |

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|-----------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| $\bar{x}$ | 5.67  | 6.33   | 7.33   | 7.67   | 8.67   | 9.33    | 8.33   | 9.33   | 10      | 11.33   |

- What is the mean of all the possible values of  $\bar{x}$  for these samples of size two and what is the standard deviation?
- Mean = 8.4
- Std = 1.713

- Suppose that  $\bar{x}$  is the mean of a simple random sample of size  $n$  drawn from a large population. If the population mean is  $\mu$  and the population standard deviation is  $\sigma$ , then the mean of the sampling distribution of  $\bar{x}$  is  $\mu = \mu$  and the standard deviation of the sampling distribution is  $\sigma = \sigma / \sqrt{n}$
- If our original population has a normal distribution, the sample mean's distribution is  $N(\mu, \sigma / \sqrt{n})$
- An **unbiased statistic** is a statistic used to estimate a parameter in such a way that mean of its sampling distribution is equal to the true value of the parameter being estimated. We consider the above values to be unbiased estimates of our distribution.

- The **Central Limit Theorem** states that if we draw a simple random sample of size  $n$  from any population with mean  $\mu$ . and standard deviation  $\sigma$ , when  $n$  is large the sampling distribution of the sample mean is close to the normal distribution  $N(\mu, \sigma / \sqrt{n})$ .
- Determining whether  $n$  is large enough for the central limit theorem. to apply depends on the original population distribution.
- The more the population distribution's shape is from being normal, the larger the needed sample size will be.
- A rule of thumb is that  $n > 30$  will be large enough.

- The mean TOEFL score of international students at a certain university is normally distributed with a mean of 490 and a standard deviation of 80. Suppose groups of 30 students are studied. Find the mean and the standard deviation for the distribution of sample means.
- Mean = 490
- Std =  $80 / \sqrt{30}$

- A waiter estimates that his average tip per table is \$20 with a standard deviation of \$4. If we take samples of 9 tables at a time, calculate the following probabilities when the tip per table is normally distributed.
  - What is the probability that the average tip for one table is less than \$21?
    - $P(X < 21) = 0.7734$
  - What is the probability that the average tip for one table is more
    - $P(X > 21) = 0.2266$
  - What is the probability that the average tip for one table is between \$19 and \$21?
    - $P(19 < X < 21) = 0.5468$