

Virtual Lab #1

FUNDAMENTAL STATISTICAL CONCEPTS AND PROBABILITY

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ALSO, IN STRATIFIED RANDOM SAMPLING, A SAMPLE IS SELECTED FROM EACH GROUP. IN CLUSTER SAMPLING, ONCE A GROUP IS SELECTED, ALL UNITS WITHIN THAT GROUP ARE SELECTED FOR THE SAMPLE.

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IF THERE IS A GROUP OF INTEREST BUT IS RELATIVELY SMALL, YOU WOULD NEED A LARGE SRS IN ORDER TO GET ENOUGH UNITS TO MAKE INFERENCE ON THIS GROUP OF INTEREST. HOWEVER, IN STRATIFIED RANDOM SAMPLING, WE CAN OVERSAMPLE FROM THIS GROUP AND GET SAME PRECISION AS SRS BUT WITH A SMALLER SAMPLE.

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$$(123+11)/211 = 0.635 \text{ OR } 63.5\%$$

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$$(2/3) * (2/3) = 4/9 = 0.4444$$

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$$(1/3)*(2/3) + (2/3)*(1/3) = 4/9 = 0.4444$$

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$$5/(5+180+16) = 0.0249$$

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$0.8 * 0.25 = 0.2$ [This is assuming that lettuce and tomato are INDEPENDENT!]

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$$0.8 * 0.6 = 0.48 \quad [P(\text{Cheese AND Lettuce}) = P(\text{Lettuce})P(\text{Cheese} | \text{Lettuce})]$$

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$$(0.85)^2(0.95)^5 = 0.5591$$

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At least one with internet access: $1 - \text{NO Internet access:}$

$$1 - (0.15)^2(0.05)^5 \approx 1 \dots \text{YES}$$