

## Random Sampling

Suppose we take a sample of size 'n' from a finite population of size N, then there are  $N C n$  possible samples. A sampling technique in which each of  $N C n$  samples has an equal chance of being selected is known as random sampling.

Simple Sampling - Simple sampling is a random sampling in which each unit of population has an equal chance say 'p' of being ~~selected~~ included in the sample and that probability is independent of the previous drawing.

It must be pointed out that random sampling does not necessarily imply simple sampling though obviously converse is true. For example, if an urn contains 'a' white balls and 'b' black ~~balls~~ balls. Then, the probability of drawing a white ball at the first draw is  $\frac{a}{a+b} = P_1$  (say) and

if this white ball is not replaced, the probability of drawing a white ball again ~~will be~~ in second draw is  $\frac{a-1}{a+b-1} = P_2$  (say). Since

$P_1 \neq P_2$ , the sampling is not simple but since in first draw, each white ball has the same ~~sample~~ chance i.e.  $\frac{a}{a+b}$  of being drawn and in second draw again, each white ball has ~~a~~ the same chance i.e.  $\frac{a-1}{a+b-1}$

of being drawn, the sampling is a random sampling. Hence, in this case, <sup>the</sup> sampling, though random, is not simple. To ensure that sampling is simple, it must be done with replacement, if a population is finite.

Unbiased estimate :- A statistic  $t = t(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ , a function on sample values  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  is an unbiased estimate of the population parameter ' $\theta$ ' if expectation  $E(t) = \theta$   
 $\uparrow$  expectation of  $t$

Sampling distribution  $\rightarrow$  If we draw a sample of size  $n$  from a given finite population of size  $N$ , then ~~total~~ number of possible samples  $N C_n = \frac{N!}{n!(N-n)!} = k$  (say).

~~Then~~ For each of the ' $k$ ' samples, we can conclude from statistic  $t = t(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ , in particular, the mean  $\bar{x}$ , variance  $s^2$ , etc, the set of values of the statistic so obtained ~~one~~ for each sample constitutes which is called sampling distribution.

Sampling from a finite population (without replacement)

Let the value  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_N$  constitute a finite population, with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$  so that ~~that~~  $\rightarrow$

$$\mu = \frac{1}{N} (y_1 + y_2 + y_3 + \dots + y_N)$$

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{N} [(y_1 - \mu)^2 + (y_2 - \mu)^2 + \dots + (y_N - \mu)^2]$$

$$= \frac{1}{N} (y_1^2 + y_2^2 + \dots + y_N^2) - \mu^2$$

Let  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  be a random sample drawn without replacement from a population and let the sample mean be  $\bar{x}$ .



Then,

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \text{ and } E(\bar{x}) = E\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right) \\ = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n E(x_i) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Now for ~~fixed~~ <sup>fixed</sup> value 'i', the ~~variable~~ <sup>variable</sup>  $x_i$  takes values  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$  each with probability  $\frac{1}{n}$  so that

$$E(x_i) = \frac{1}{n} (y_1 + y_2 + \dots + y_n) \\ \text{--- (2) } (i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$$

$$E(\bar{x}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n E(x_i) \quad \text{--- from (1)} \\ = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mu = \mu$$

Thus the expected value of  $\bar{x}$ , sample mean in random sampling is the population mean  $\mu$  irrespective of the sample size.

The variance  $\sigma_{\bar{x}}^2$  of the sample mean.

$$\sigma_{\bar{x}}^2 = E[\bar{x} - E(\bar{x})]^2 = E(\bar{x} - \mu)^2 \\ = \frac{1}{n^2} E[(x_1 - \mu) + (x_2 - \mu) + \dots \\ \dots + (x_n - \mu)]^2 \\ = \frac{1}{n^2} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n E(x_i - \mu)^2 + 2 \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^n E[(x_i - \mu)(x_j - \mu)] \right] \\ \quad \quad \quad (i < j)$$

Since  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  is a random sample,  $n$  expected value in the first sum are the same and for same reason for  $n(n-1)$  expected values,

second sum is identical, therefore

$$\sigma_{\bar{x}}^2 = \frac{1}{n^2} [n \sum (x_i - \mu)^2 + n(n-1) E[(x_1 - \mu)(x_2 - \mu)]]$$

$$\text{Now } E(x_1 - \mu)^2 = \frac{1}{N} [(y_1 - \mu)^2 + (y_2 - \mu)^2 + \dots + (y_N - \mu)^2] = \sigma^2$$

and the covariance between any two members of the sample is

$$E(x_1 - \mu)(x_2 - \mu) = \frac{1}{N(N-1)} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N (y_i - \mu)(y_j - \mu)$$

$$= \frac{1}{N(N-1)} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \mu) [(y_1 - \mu) + (y_2 - \mu) + \dots + (y_N - \mu) - (y_i - \mu)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{N(N-1)} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \mu) \{0 - (y_i - \mu)\} \right]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{N(N-1)} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \mu)^2 = -\frac{1}{N(N-1)} N\sigma^2$$

$$= -\frac{\sigma^2}{(N-1)}$$

$$\text{Var}(\bar{x}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n} + \frac{(n-1)}{n} \left( -\frac{\sigma^2}{N-1} \right) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n} \left[ 1 - \frac{n-1}{N-1} \right]$$

$$= \frac{\sigma^2}{n} \cdot \frac{N-n}{N-1}$$

Thus variance of the sample mean for random sampling from finite population, is

$$\frac{\sigma^2}{n} \cdot \frac{N-n}{N-1}$$