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List of (possibly) useful R functions:

apply()
boxplot()
c()
coef()
fitted()
lm()
matrix()
mean()
nrow()
par()
quantile()
rgamma()
round()
sample()
set.seed()
summary()
unique()

Question 1

Please run `set.seed(6040)` before running the analysis below.

Implement a Monte Carlo simulation with $M = 1,000$ repetitions to demonstrate that the number of data points selected in any bootstrap resample is about 63.2%. Consider a sample size $N = 1,000$ for this Monte Carlo experiment.

Note: no dataset is required to perform this analysis. Hint: R function `unique()` may be useful here.

Question 2

Please run `set.seed(6015)` before running the analysis below.

Implement a Monte Carlo simulation of $M = 1,000$ random samples of $N = 100$ realizations of the Gamma distribution $\mathcal{G}(a, b)$ with shape $a = 3$ and rate $b = 2$. Calculate and store the M corresponding sample means.

- (a) Quote the Monte Carlo estimate of the expected value of the sample mean for this probability model.
- (b) Is this value of the sample mean surprising? Briefly explain why (or why not).
- (c) Quote the Monte Carlo estimate of the standard error of the sample mean for this probability model.

Question 3

Please run `set.seed(4060)` before running the analysis below.

Consider R's dataset `trees` of 31 felled black cherry trees. Generate 100 bootstrap estimates of the slope estimate in the linear regression of tree height (`Height`, in feet) with respect to tree diameter (`Girth`, in inches), i.e. to explain tree height in function of tree girth.

- (a) Provide a boxplot of the sampling distribution of bootstrap estimates of the parameter of interest.
- (b) Quote the bootstrap estimate of the expected value of the least squares estimator of the regression slope parameter.
- (c) Quote the bootstrap estimate for the standard error associated with the least squares estimator of the regression slope parameter.
- (d) Provide an empirical bootstrap confidence interval for the true value of the regression slope parameter.