

4.33: (a): The distribution is strongly right skewed, almost geometric looking. The median seems to be between 5 and 10. The maximum seems to be near 55 and the minimum is around 0.

(b): They look pretty good. As the sample size increases, the sampling distributions look more normal. It seems the population mean was probably around 10, and so these sampling distributions seem to cluster around that. As the sample size increases, the standard error is decreasing (the spread of means is decreasing).

(c): When $n = 5$:

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_{\bar{x}} &= 10.44 \\ \sigma_{\bar{x}} &= SE = \frac{9.2}{\sqrt{5}} = 4.11\end{aligned}$$

When $n = 30$:

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_{\bar{x}} &= 10.44 \\ \sigma_{\bar{x}} &= SE = \frac{9.2}{\sqrt{30}} = 1.68\end{aligned}$$

When $n = 100$:

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_{\bar{x}} &= 10.44 \\ \sigma_{\bar{x}} &= SE = \frac{9.2}{\sqrt{100}} = 0.92\end{aligned}$$

Those sampling distributions look pretty consistent with the calculated parameters.

4.34: A sampling distribution of means describes our expectations when sampling from some population and generating a sample mean. Sampling distributions become normal as the sample size increases. A sampling distribution's mean mean is the same as the population's mean. The spread of the sampling distribution is smaller as the sample size increases.

4.35: (a): It seems to be right skewed.

(b): I'd expect most houses to be less than 1.3 million USD. A right-skewed distribution has a median less than its mean.

(c): No. We don't think individual prices are normally distributed.

(d): Even though the population is not normal, the sampling distribution will be almost normal.

$$\begin{aligned}SE &= \frac{300000}{\sqrt{60}} = 38730 \\ z &= \frac{1.4 \times 10^6 - 1.3 \times 10^6}{38730} = 2.58 \\ P(Z > 2.58) &= 1 - \Phi(2.58) = 0.0049\end{aligned}$$

The probability of 60 random houses having a mean price over 1.4 million USD is 0.0049.

(e): Doubling the sample size will cause the standard error to change by a multiple of $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$.

4.36: (a): Left skewed.

(b): Most students scored above 70 points. The median is 74.

(c): No. We can not assume the scores are normally distributed.

(d): We can assume the sampling distribution is almost normal.

$$SE = \frac{10}{\sqrt{40}} = 1.58$$

$$z = \frac{75 - 70}{1.58} = 3.16$$

$$P(\bar{x} > 75) = P(Z > 3.16) = 1 - \Phi(3.16) = 0.0008$$

The probability that 40 random students would have a mean score over 75 is about 0.0008.

(e): If we halved the sample size, the standard error would change by a multiple of $\sqrt{2}$.

4.37: Plot B is the histogram of 100 individuals because it has the largest spread. Plot A is the histogram of 100 sample means with $n = 5$, as it has the middle amount of spread. Plot C is the histogram of 100 sample means with $n = 25$ because it has the tightest spread.

4.38: Plot B is the 500 individuals (most spread). Plot C is 500 means when $n = 18$ (middle spread). Plot A is the 500 means when $n = 81$ (least spread). The spread decreases as sample size increases.

4.39: (a): This is a throw-back problem. Let $X \sim \mathcal{N}(2.5, 0.03)$. We want to evaluate $P(X < 2.4)$. We calculate a z-score.

$$z = \frac{2.4 - 2.5}{0.03} = -3.33$$

We calculate the probability.

$$P(X < 2.4) = P(Z < -3.33) = \Phi(-3.33) = 0.0004$$

(b): We think $\bar{X} \sim \mathcal{N}(2.5, SE)$. We need the standard error.

$$SE = \frac{0.03}{\sqrt{10}} = 0.0095$$

We calculate a z-score.

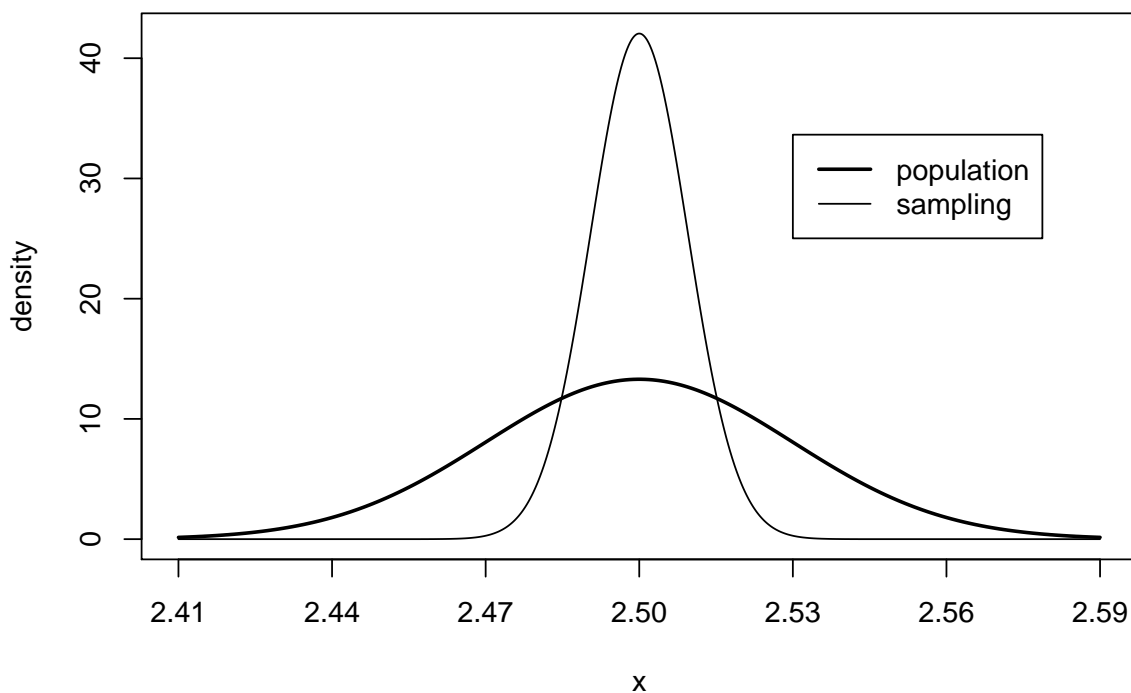
$$z = \frac{2.4 - 2.5}{0.0095} = -10.52$$

We don't even bother calculating this probability.

$$P(\bar{X} < 2.4) = P(Z < -10.52) \approx 0$$

If you are curious, my software says it is actually 3.14×10^{-26} .

(c):



(d): We could not really estimate either. The population is not normal, and a sample size of 10 is not large enough to think the sampling distribution is normal.

4.40: (a): We find a z score.

$$z = \frac{10500 - 9000}{1000} = 1.5$$

We find the probability.

$$P(X > 10500) = P(Z > 1.5) = 1 - P(Z < 1.5) = 1 - \Phi(1.5) = \boxed{0.067}$$

(b): We need the standard error.

$$SE = \frac{1000}{\sqrt{15}} = 258.2$$

A sampling distribution of a normal population is exactly normal with any sample size.

$$\bar{X} \sim \mathcal{N}(9000, 258)$$

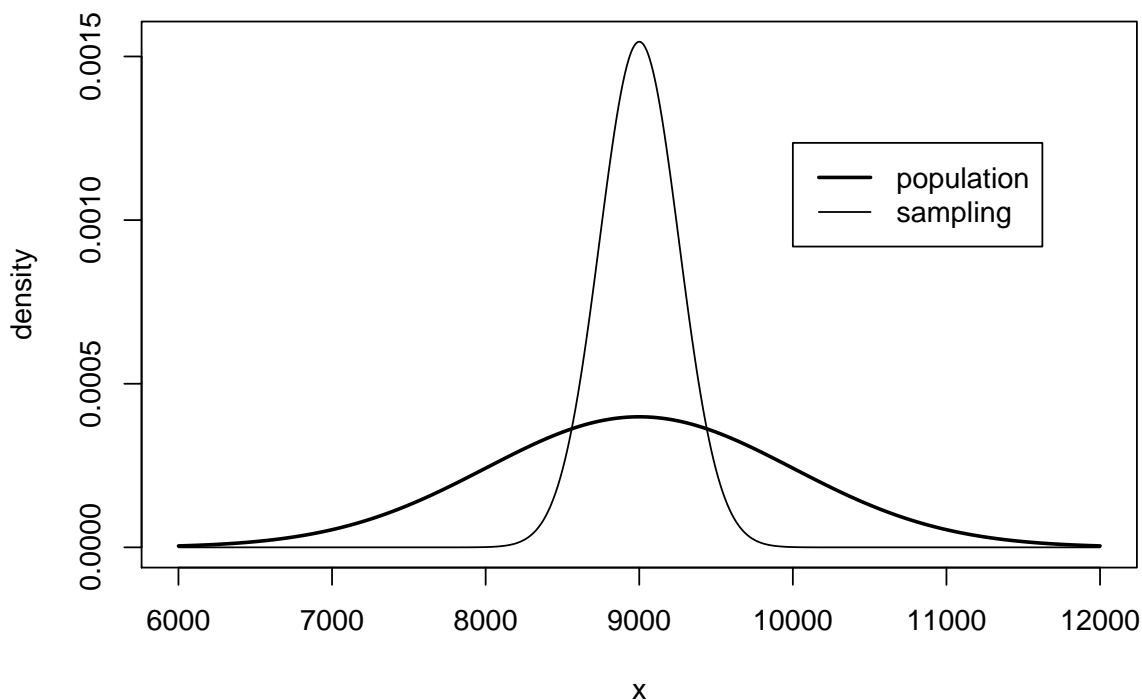
(c): We find the z -score.

$$z = \frac{10500 - 9000}{258} = 5.81$$

This is a very large z -score... (Anything over 3.5 is very large.)

$$P(\bar{X} > 10500) = P(Z > 5.81) \approx 0$$

(d):



(e): Not unless we knew the population distribution. But we wouldn't be able to use normal approximations. Maybe the sampling distribution would still be almost normal if the skew was not strong.

4.41: (a): We need to use the histogram. I'll estimate the heights of the bars corresponding to lengths over 5 minutes: 350, 100, 30, 30, 10. Thus, I estimate about 520 songs are over 5 minutes.

$$P(\text{song is over 5 minutes}) \approx \frac{520}{3000} = 0.173$$

(b): We find the minimum average length.

$$\frac{60}{15} = 4$$

The population is not strongly skewed, so I bet the sampling distribution is almost normal. We let $\bar{X} \sim \mathcal{N}(3.45, \frac{1.63}{\sqrt{15}})$. Let's evaluate the standard error.

$$SE = \frac{1.63}{\sqrt{15}} = 0.42$$

We calculate a z-score.

$$z = \frac{4 - 3.45}{0.42} = 1.31$$

We find the appropriate probability.

$$P(\bar{X} > 4) = P(Z > 1.31) = 1 - \Phi(1.31) = 0.095$$

We think there is a 9.5% chance of having enough music.

(c): We determine the minimum average song length.

$$\frac{6 \times 60}{100} = 3.6$$

We find the standard error.

$$SE = \frac{1.63}{\sqrt{100}} = 0.163$$

We find the z-score.

$$z = \frac{3.6 - 3.45}{0.163} = 0.92$$

We find the probability.

$$P(\bar{X} > 3.6) = P(Z > 0.92) = 1 - \Phi(0.92) = 0.179$$

We think there is a 17.9% chance the playlist will last the entire trip.

4.42: (a): $z = \frac{27-25}{3} = 0.67$

$$P(X > 27) = P(Z > 0.67) = 1 - \Phi(0.67) = 0.25$$

We think there is about a 25% chance the can sprays more than 27 square feet.

(b): $540/20=27$.

(c): We find the standard error.

$$SE = \frac{3}{\sqrt{20}} = 0.67$$

We find the z score.

$$\frac{27 - 25}{0.67} = 2.99$$

We find the probability.

$$P(\bar{X} > 27) = P(Z > 2.99) = 1 - \Phi(2.99) = \boxed{0.0014}$$

(d): We could not do (a) the same way. We might be able to get away with (c) since there is a slight skew.