

Statistics 211
In-Class Assessments
Topic: Chapter 5
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Consider the following sample of $n = 5$ observations from some population with mean μ and variance σ^2 : $-1.55, 0.08, -0.87, -0.09, -0.90$.

1. Which one of the following is *not* a possible bootstrap sample?

- (a) $-1.55, -1.55, -1.55, -1.55, -0.90$
- (b) $-1.55, 0.08, -0.87, -0.90, -1.55$
- (c) $-0.09, -0.09, -0.09, 0.08, -1.55$
- (d) $-0.87, 3.00, -0.09, -0.09, -0.09$

answer: d

2. Suppose we create $B = 500$ bootstrap samples and compute the sample mean \bar{x} each time. If we drew a histogram of the B sample means, we would be looking at an approximation of which one of the following?

- (a) The sampling distribution of \bar{X} .
- (b) The population distribution.
- (c) The distribution of μ .
- (d) The distribution of σ^2 .

answer: a

3. Suppose we compute a 95% confidence interval of $[-1.49, 0.16]$.

- (a) Which of the following are correct statements about this interval? Select all correct answers.
 - i. The probability that μ is between -1.49 and 0.16 is 0.95 .
 - ii. We are 95% confident that μ is in this interval.
 - iii. If we were to repeat this experiment many times, 95% of all intervals constructed in this way could be expected to contain μ .
 - iv. While we are confident in the interval estimate, we can not know for certain whether μ is actually contained in it.

answer: b, c, d

- (b) If we *decreased* our confidence level, what would happen to the interval?
 - i. The interval would get wider.
 - ii. The interval would get narrower.

answer: b

(c) If we *increased* the sample size, what would happen to the interval?

- i. The interval would get wider.
- ii. The interval would get narrower.

answer: b