Lab 5: Simulations

Welcome to Lab 5!

We will go over <u>iteration (https://www.inferentialthinking.com/chapters/09/2/Iteration.html)</u> and <u>simulations (https://www.inferentialthinking.com/chapters/09/3/Simulation.html)</u>, as well as introduce the concept of <u>randomness (https://www.inferentialthinking.com/chapters/09/Randomness.html)</u>.

The data used in this lab will contain salary data and other statistics for basketball players from the 2014-2015 NBA season. This data was collected from the following sports analytic sites: Basketball-Reference (http://www.basketball-reference.com) and Spotrac (http://www.spotrac.com).

First, set up the tests and imports by running the cell below.

```
In [1]: # Run this cell, but please don't change it.

# These lines import the Numpy and Datascience modules.
import numpy as np
from datascience import *

# These lines do some fancy plotting magic
import matplotlib
%matplotlib inline
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
plt.style.use('fivethirtyeight')

# Don't change this cell; just run it.
from client.api.notebook import Notebook
ok = Notebook('lab05.ok')
```

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1. Nachos and Conditionals

In Python, the boolean data type contains only two unique values: True and False. Expressions containing comparison operators such as < (less than), > (greater than), and == (equal to) evaluate to Boolean values. A list of common comparison operators can be found below!



Run the cell below to see an example of a comparison operator in action.

```
In [7]: 3 > 1 + 1
Out[7]: True
```

We can even assign the result of a comparison operation to a variable.

```
In [8]: result = 10 / 2 == 5
    result
Out[8]: True
```

Arrays are compatible with comparison operators. The output is an array of boolean values.

```
In [9]: make_array(1, 5, 7, 8, 3, -1) > 3
Out[9]: array([False, True, True, False, False])
```

One day, when you come home after a long week, you see a hot bowl of nachos waiting on the dining table! Let's say that whenever you take a nacho from the bowl, it will either have only **cheese**, only **salsa**, **both** cheese and salsa, or **neither** cheese nor salsa (a sad tortilla chip indeed).

Let's try and simulate taking nachos from the bowl at random using the function, np.random.choice(...).

np.random.choice

np.random.choice picks one item at random from the given array. It is equally likely to pick any of the items. Run the cell below several times, and observe how the results change.

```
In [10]:    nachos = make_array('cheese', 'salsa', 'both', 'neither')
    np.random.choice(nachos)
Out[10]: 'cheese'
```

To repeat this process multiple times, pass in an int n as the second argument to return n different random choices. By default, np.random.choice samples with replacement and returns an array of items.

Run the next cell to see an example of sampling with replacement 10 times from the nachos array.

```
In [11]: np.random.choice(nachos, 10)
Out[11]: array(['neither', 'neither', 'cheese', 'neither', 'both', 'cheese', 'cheese', 'neither', 'cheese'], dtype='<U7')</pre>
```

To count the number of times a certain type of nacho is randomly chosen, we can use np.count_nonzero

np.count nonzero

np.count_nonzero counts the number of non-zero values that appear in an array. When an array of boolean values are passed through the function, it will count the number of True values (remember that in Python, True is coded as 1 and False is coded as 0.)

Run the next cell to see an example that uses np.count nonzero.

```
In [12]: np.count_nonzero(make_array(True, False, False, True, True))
Out[12]: 3
```

Question 1. Assume we took ten nachos at random, and stored the results in an array called ten_nachos as done below. Find the number of nachos with only cheese using code (do not hardcode the answer).

Hint: Our solution involves a comparison operator (e.g. = , < , ...) and the np.count_nonzero method.

Conditional Statements

A conditional statement is a multi-line statement that allows Python to choose among different alternatives based on the truth value of an expression.

Here is a basic example.

```
def sign(x):
    if x > 0:
        return 'Positive'
    else:
        return 'Negative'
```

If the input x is greater than 0, we return the string 'Positive'. Otherwise, we return 'Negative'.

If we want to test multiple conditions at once, we use the following general format.

```
if <if expression>:
        <if body>
elif <elif expression 0>:
        <elif body 0>
elif <elif expression 1>:
        <elif body 1>
...
else:
        <else body>
```

Only the body for the first conditional expression that is true will be evaluated. Each if and elif expression is evaluated and considered in order, starting at the top. As soon as a true value is found, the corresponding body is executed, and the rest of the conditional statement is skipped. If none of the if or elif expressions are true, then the else body is executed.

For more examples and explanation, refer to the section on conditional statements <u>here</u> (<u>https://www.inferentialthinking.com/chapters/09/1/conditional-statements.html</u>).

Question 2. Complete the following conditional statement so that the string 'More please' is assigned to the variable say_please if the number of nachos with cheese in ten_nachos is less than 5.

Hint: You should be using number cheese from Question 1.

```
BEGIN QUESTION name: q12
```

```
""" # BEGIN PROMPT
In [16]:
          say_please = '?'
          if ...:
              say_please = 'More please'
          """; # END PROMPT
          # BEGIN SOLUTION NO PROMPT
          say_please = '?'
          if number_cheese < 5:</pre>
              say please = 'More please'
          # END SOLUTION
          say please
Out[16]: 'More please'
In [17]:
         # TEST
          say please == 'More please'
Out[17]: True
```

Question 3. Write a function called nacho_reaction that returns a reaction (as a string) based on the type of nacho passed in as an argument. Use the table below to match the nacho type to the appropriate reaction.



Hint: If you're failing the test, double check the spelling of your reactions.

BEGIN QUESTION name: q13

```
""" # BEGIN PROMPT
In [18]:
          def nacho reaction(nacho):
              if nacho == "cheese":
                  return ...
                  . . .
              ...:
          """; # END PROMPT
         # BEGIN SOLUTION NO PROMPT
         def nacho reaction(nacho):
              if nacho == 'cheese':
                  return 'Cheesy!'
              elif nacho == 'salsa':
                  return 'Spicy!'
              elif nacho == 'both':
                  return 'Wow!'
              else:
                  return 'Meh.'
         # END SOLUTION
         spicy_nacho = nacho_reaction('salsa')
         spicy_nacho
Out[18]: 'Spicy!'
In [19]: # TEST
         nacho reaction('salsa')
Out[19]: 'Spicy!'
In [20]: # TEST
         nacho reaction('cheese')
Out[20]: 'Cheesy!'
In [21]: # TEST
         nacho reaction('both')
Out[21]: 'Wow!'
In [22]: # TEST
         nacho_reaction('neither')
Out[22]: 'Meh.'
```

Question 4. Create a table ten_nachos_reactions that consists of the nachos in ten_nachos as well as the reactions for each of those nachos. The columns should be called Nachos and Reactions.

Hint: Use the apply method.

```
BEGIN QUESTION name: q14
```

```
In [23]: ten_nachos_tbl = Table().with_column('Nachos', ten_nachos)
    """ # BEGIN PROMPT
    ...
    """; # END PROMPT
    # BEGIN SOLUTION NO PROMPT
    ten_nachos_reactions = ten_nachos_tbl.with_column('Reactions', ten_nachos_tbl.apply(nacho_reaction, 'Nachos'))
    # END SOLUTION
    ten_nachos_reactions
```

```
Out[23]: Nachos Reactions

neither Meh.
```

cheese Cheesy!

both

both Wow!

Wow!

cheese Cheesy!

salsa Spicy!

both Wow!

neither Meh.

cheese Cheesy!

both Wow!

```
In [24]: # TEST
# One or more of the reaction results could be incorrect
np.count_nonzero(ten_nachos_reactions.column('Reactions') == make_array(
   'Meh.', 'Cheesy!', 'Wow!', 'Wow!', 'Cheesy!', 'Spicy!', 'Wow!', 'Meh.',
   'Cheesy!', 'Wow!')) == 10
```

Out[24]: True

Question 5. Using code, find the number of 'Wow!' reactions for the nachos in ten nachos reactions.

```
BEGIN QUESTION name: q15
```

```
In [25]: number_wow_reactions = np.count_nonzero(ten_nachos_reactions.column('Rea ctions') == 'Wow!') #SOLUTION
    number_wow_reactions

Out[25]: 4

In [26]: # TEST
    2 < number_wow_reactions < 6

Out[26]: True

In [27]: # TEST
    # Incorrect value for number_wow_reactions
    number_wow_reactions == 4</pre>
Out[27]: True
```

2. Simulations and For Loops

Using a for statement, we can perform a task multiple times. This is known as iteration.

One use of iteration is to loop through a set of values. For instance, we can print out all of the colors of the rainbow.

We can see that the indented part of the <code>for</code> loop, known as the body, is executed once for each item in <code>rainbow</code>. The name <code>color</code> is assigned to the next value in <code>rainbow</code> at the start of each iteration. Note that the name <code>color</code> is arbitrary; we could easily have named it something else. The important thing is we stay consistent throughout the <code>for</code> loop.

In general, however, we would like the variable name to be somewhat informative.

Question 1. In the following cell, we've loaded the text of *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen, split it into individual words, and stored these words in an array <code>p_and_p_words</code>. Using a <code>for</code> loop, assign <code>longer than five</code> to the number of words in the novel that are more than 5 letters long.

Hint: You can find the number of letters in a word with the len function.

```
BEGIN QUESTION
  name: q21
In [32]: austen string = open('Austen PrideAndPrejudice.txt', encoding='utf-8').r
         p_and_p_words = np.array(austen_string.split())
          """ # BEGIN PROMPT
          longer than five = ...
         # a for loop would be useful here
          """; # END PROMPT
          # BEGIN SOLUTION NO PROMPT
         longer than five = 0
         for word in p_and_p_words:
             if len(word) > 5:
                  longer than five = longer than five + 1
          # END SOLUTION
         longer than five
Out[32]: 35453
In [33]:
         # TEST
         longer than five == 35453
Out[33]: True
```

Question 2. Using a simulation with 10,000 trials, assign num_different to the number of times, in 10,000 trials, that two words picked uniformly at random (with replacement) from Pride and Prejudice have different lengths.

Hint 1: What function did we use in section 1 to sample at random with replacement from an array?

Hint 2: Remember that != checks for non-equality between two items.

```
BEGIN QUESTION name: q22
```

```
""" # BEGIN PROMPT
In [34]:
          trials = 10000
         num different = ...
          for ... in ...:
          """; # END PROMPT
          # BEGIN SOLUTION NO PROMPT
         trials = 10000
         num different = 0
         for i in np.arange(trials):
             words = np.random.choice(p and p words, 2)
             if len(words.item(0)) != len(words.item(1)):
                  num different = num different + 1
          # END SOLUTION
         num different
Out[34]: 8580
In [35]:
         # TEST
         8100 <= num different <= 9100
```

We can also use np.random.choice to simulate multiple trials.

Question 3. Allie is playing darts. Her dartboard contains ten equal-sized zones with point values from 1 to 10. Write code that simulates her total score after 1000 dart tosses.

Hint: First decide the possible values you can take in the experiment (point values in this case). Then use np.random.choice to simulate Allie's tosses. Finally, sum up the scores to get Allie's total score.

```
BEGIN QUESTION name: q23
```

Out[35]: True

```
""" # BEGIN PROMPT
In [36]:
          possible point values = ...
         num tosses = 1000
         simulated tosses = ...
          total score = ...
          """; # END PROMPT
          # BEGIN SOLUTION NO PROMPT
         possible point values = np.arange(1, 11)
         num tosses = 1000
         simulated_tosses = np.random.choice(possible_point_values, num_tosses)
         total score = sum(simulated tosses)
          # END SOLUTION
         total_score
Out[36]: 5414
In [37]: # TEST
         1000 <= total score <= 10000
Out[37]: True
```

3. Sampling Basketball Data

We will now introduce the topic of sampling, which we'll be discussing in more depth in this week's lectures. We'll guide you through this code, but if you wish to read more about different kinds of samples before attempting this question, you can check out section 10 of the textbook (https://www.inferentialthinking.com/chapters/10/Sampling_and_Empirical_Distributions.html).

Run the cell below to load player and salary data that we will use for our sampling.

```
In [38]: player_data = Table().read_table("player_data.csv")
    salary_data = Table().read_table("salary_data.csv")
    full_data = salary_data.join("PlayerName", player_data, "Name")

# The show method immediately displays the contents of a table.
# This way, we can display the top of two tables using a single cell.
    player_data.show(3)
    salary_data.show(3)
    full_data.show(3)
```

Name	Age	Team	Games	Rebounds	Assists	Steals	Blocks	Turnovers	Points
James Harden	25	HOU	81	459	565	154	60	321	2217
Chris Paul	29	LAC	82	376	838	156	15	190	1564
Stephen Curry	26	GSW	80	341	619	163	16	249	1900

... (489 rows omitted)

PlayerName	Salary
Kobe Bryant	23500000
Amar'e Stoudemire	23410988
Joe Johnson	23180790

... (489 rows omitted)

PlayerName	Salary	Age	Team	Games	Rebounds	Assists	Steals	Blocks	Turnovers	Points
A.J. Price	62552	28	TOT	26	32	46	7	0	14	133
Aaron Brooks	1145685	30	СНІ	82	166	261	54	15	157	954
Aaron Gordon	3992040	19	ORL	47	169	33	21	22	38	243

... (489 rows omitted)

Rather than getting data on every player (as in the tables loaded above), imagine that we had gotten data on only a smaller subset of the players. For 492 players, it's not so unreasonable to expect to see all the data, but usually we aren't so lucky.

If we want to make estimates about a certain numerical property of the population (known as a statistic, e.g. the mean or median), we may have to come up with these estimates based only on a smaller sample. Whether these estimates are useful or not often depends on how the sample was gathered. We have prepared some example sample datasets to see how they compare to the full NBA dataset. Later we'll ask you to create your own samples to see how they behave.

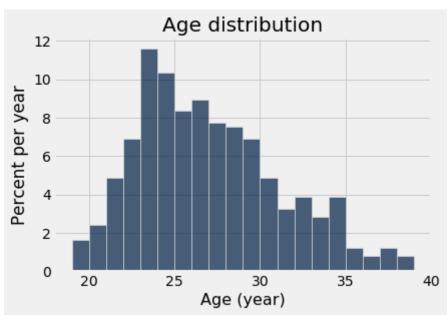
To save typing and increase the clarity of your code, we will package the analysis code into a few functions. This will be useful in the rest of the lab as we will repeatedly need to create histograms and collect summary statistics from that data.

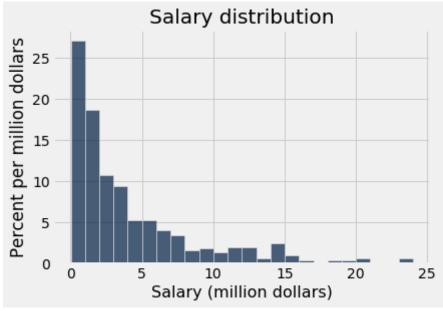
We've defined the histograms function below, which takes a table with columns Age and Salary and draws a histogram for each one. It uses bin widths of 1 year for Age and \$1,000,000 for Salary.

```
In [39]: def histograms(t):
    ages = t.column('Age')
    salaries = t.column('Salary')/1000000
    t1 = t.drop('Salary').with_column('Salary', salaries)
    age_bins = np.arange(min(ages), max(ages) + 2, 1)
    salary_bins = np.arange(min(salaries), max(salaries) + 1, 1)
    t1.hist('Age', bins=age_bins, unit='year')
    plt.title('Age distribution')
    t1.hist('Salary', bins=salary_bins, unit='million dollars')
    plt.title('Salary distribution')

histograms(full_data)
    print('Two histograms should be displayed below')
```

Two histograms should be displayed below





Question 1. Create a function called <code>compute_statistics</code> that takes a table containing ages and salaries and:

- · Draws a histogram of ages
- Draws a histogram of salaries
- Returns a two-element array containing the average age and average salary (in that order)

You can call the histograms function to draw the histograms!

Note: More charts will be displayed when running the test cell. Please feel free to ignore the charts.

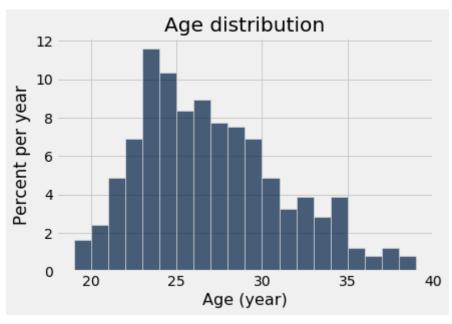
BEGIN QUESTION

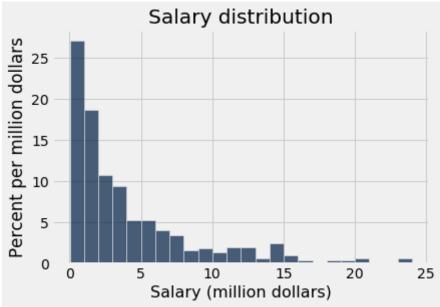
name: q31

In [40]: def compute_statistics(age_and_salary_data):
 histograms(age_and_salary_data) #SOLUTION
 age = age_and_salary_data.column("Age") #SOLUTION
 salary = age_and_salary_data.column("Salary") #SOLUTION
 return make_array(np.mean(age), np.mean(salary)) #SOLUTION

full_stats = compute_statistics(full_data)
full_stats

Out[40]: array([2.65365854e+01, 4.26977577e+06])





```
In [41]: # TEST
     stats = compute_statistics(full_data)
     plt.close()
     plt.close()
     round(float(stats[0]), 2) == 26.54

Out[41]: True

In [42]: # TEST
     stats = compute_statistics(full_data)
     plt.close()
     plt.close()
     round(float(stats[1]), 2) == 4269775.77

Out[42]: True
```

Convenience sampling

One sampling methodology, which is **generally a bad idea**, is to choose players who are somehow convenient to sample. For example, you might choose players from one team who are near your house, since it's easier to survey them. This is called, somewhat pejoratively, *convenience sampling*.

Suppose you survey only *relatively new* players with ages less than 22. (The more experienced players didn't bother to answer your surveys about their salaries.)

Question 2. Assign convenience_sample to a subset of full_data that contains only the rows for players under the age of 22.

BEGIN QUESTION name: q32

```
In [43]: convenience sample = full_data.where("Age", are.below(22)) #SOLUTION
```

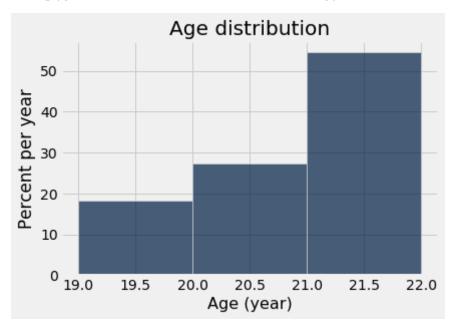
in [43]:	convenience_sample = full_data.where(Age , are.below(22)) #SOLUTION convenience_sample										
Out[43]:	PlayerName	Salary	Age	Team	Games	Rebounds	Assists	Steals	Blocks	Turnovers	Points
	Aaron Gordon	3992040	19	ORL	47	169	33	21	22	38	243
	Alex Len	3649920	21	PHO	69	454	32	34	105	74	432
	Andre Drummond	2568360	21	DET	82	1104	55	73	153	120	1130
	Andrew Wiggins	5510640	19	MIN	82	374	170	86	50	177	1387
	Anthony Bennett	5563920	21	MIN	57	216	48	27	16	36	298
	Anthony Davis	5607240	21	NOP	68	696	149	100	200	95	1656
	Archie Goodwin	1112280	20	PHO	41	74	44	18	9	48	231
	Ben McLemore	3026280	21	SAC	82	241	140	77	19	138	996
	Bradley Beal	4505280	21	WAS	63	241	194	76	18	123	962
	Bruno Caboclo	1458360	19	TOR	8	2	0	0	1	4	10
	(34 rows omitted)										
In [44]:	<pre># TEST convenience_sample.num_columns</pre>										
Out[44]:	11										
In [45]:	# TEST	e_sampl	.e.nu	m_row	s						

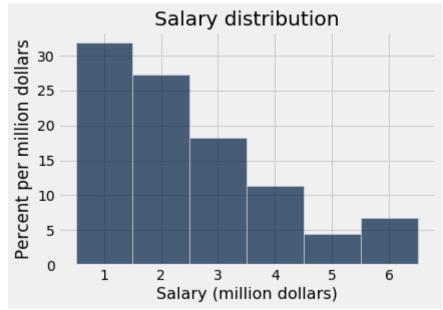
Out[45]: 44

Question 3. Assign convenience_stats to an array of the average age and average salary of your convenience sample, using the <code>compute_statistics</code> function. Since they're computed on a sample, these are called sample averages.

BEGIN QUESTION name: q33

Out[46]: array([2.03636364e+01, 2.38353382e+06])





```
In [47]: # TEST
len(convenience_stats)
```

Out[47]: 2

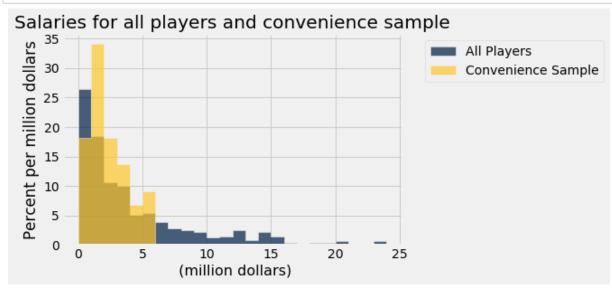
```
In [48]: # TEST
round(float(convenience_stats[0]), 2) == 20.36
```

Out[48]: True

```
In [49]: # TEST
  round(float(convenience_stats[1]), 2) == 2383533.82
Out[49]: True
```

Next, we'll compare the convenience sample salaries with the full data salaries in a single histogram. To do that, we'll need to use the bin_column option of the hist method, which indicates that all columns are counts of the bins in a particular column. The following cell does not require any changes; just run it.

```
def compare salaries(first, second, first title, second title):
In [50]:
             """Compare the salaries in two tables."""
             first salary in millions = first.column('Salary')/1000000
             second salary in millions = second.column('Salary')/1000000
             first_tbl_millions = first.drop('Salary').with_column('Salary', firs
         t salary in millions)
             second tbl millions = second.drop('Salary').with column('Salary', se
         cond salary in millions)
             max salary = max(np.append(first tbl millions.column('Salary'), seco
         nd_tbl_millions.column('Salary')))
             bins = np.arange(0, max_salary+1, 1)
             first binned = first_tbl_millions.bin('Salary', bins=bins).relabeled
         (1, first title)
             second binned = second tbl millions.bin('Salary', bins=bins).relabel
         ed(1, second_title)
             first binned.join('bin', second binned).hist(bin column='bin', unit=
          'million dollars')
             plt.title('Salaries for all players and convenience sample')
         compare salaries(full data, convenience sample, 'All Players', 'Convenie
         nce Sample')
```



Question 4. Does the convenience sample give us an accurate picture of the salary of the full population? Would you expect it to, in general? Before you move on, write a short answer in English below. You can refer to the statistics calculated above or perform your own analysis.

SOLUTION: No, the convenience sample does not give us an accurate picture of the salary of the full population of NBA players in 2014-2015. We would not expect it to, because it is biased towards players younger than 22.

Simple random sampling

A more justifiable approach is to sample uniformly at random from the players. In a **simple random sample (SRS) without replacement**, we ensure that each player is selected at most once. Imagine writing down each player's name on a card, putting the cards in an box, and shuffling the box. Then, pull out cards one by one and set them aside, stopping when the specified sample size is reached.

Producing simple random samples

Sometimes, it's useful to take random samples even when we have the data for the whole population. It helps us understand sampling accuracy.

sample

The table method sample produces a random sample from the table. By default, it draws at random with replacement from the rows of a table. It takes in the sample size as its argument and returns a **table** with only the rows that were selected.

Run the cell below to see an example call to sample() with a sample size of 5, with replacement.

```
In [51]: # Just run this cell
salary_data.sample(5)

Out[51]: PlayerName Salary

Pero Antic 1250000
Jason Terry 5850313
Luke Babbitt 981084
Ish Smith 981084
T.J. Warren 1953120
```

The optional argument with_replacement=False can be passed through sample() to specify that the sample should be drawn without replacement.

Run the cell below to see an example call to sample() with a sample size of 5, without replacement.

```
In [52]: # Just run this cell
salary_data.sample(5, with_replacement=False)
```

Out[52]:	PlayerName	Salary		
	Patrick Beverley	915243		
	Jeff Ayres	1828750		
	Rudy Gay	19317326		
	Dwight Howard	21436271		

Question 5. Produce a simple random sample of size 44 from <code>full_data</code> . Run your analysis on it again. Run the cell a few times to see how the histograms and statistics change across different samples.

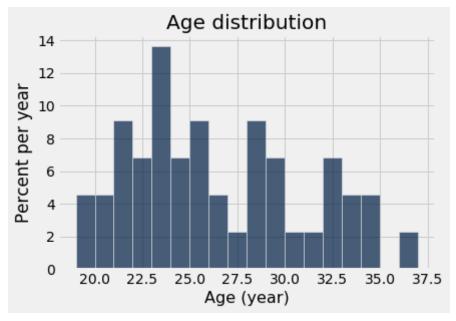
How much does the average age change across samples?

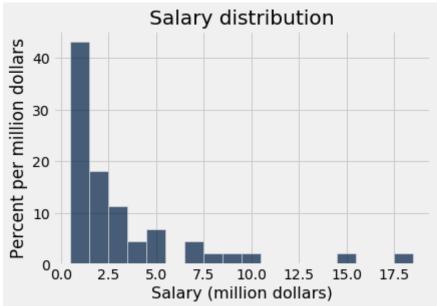
P.J. Hairston 1149720

• What about average salary?

```
In [53]: my_small_srswor_data = full_data.sample(44, with_replacement = False) #S
   OLUTION
   my_small_stats = compute_statistics(my_small_srswor_data) #SOLUTION
   my_small_stats
```

Out[53]: array([2.59772727e+01, 3.31178255e+06])



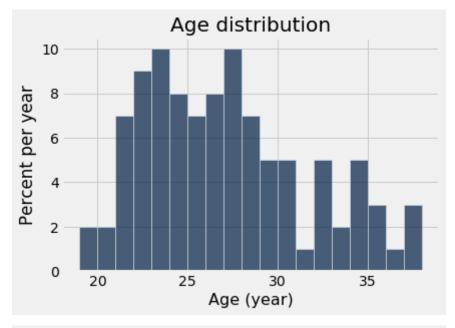


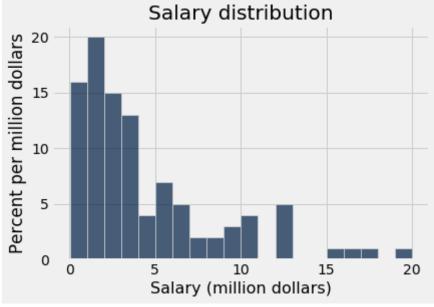
SOLUTION: The average age tends to stay around the same value as there is a limited range of ages for NBA players, but the salary changes by a sizeable factor due to larger variability in salary.

Question 6. As in the previous question, analyze several simple random samples of size 100 from full_data.

- Do the histogram shapes seem to change more or less across samples of 100 than across samples of size 44?
- Are the sample averages and histograms closer to their true values/shape for age or for salary? What did you expect to see?

Out[54]: array([2.66800000e+01, 4.47264256e+06])





SOLUTION: The average and histogram statistics seem to change less across samples of 100. They are closer to their true values, which is what we'd expect to see because we are sampling a larger subset of the population. The histogram and sample average for age seem closer to their true value or shape. We'd expect this because players' ages are less variable than their salaries.

Congratulations, you're done with Lab 5! Be sure to

- Run all the tests (the next cell has a shortcut for that).
- Save and Checkpoint from the File menu.
- · Run the cell at the bottom to submit your work.
- · And ask one of the staff members to check you off.