

Sampling People, Records, & Networks

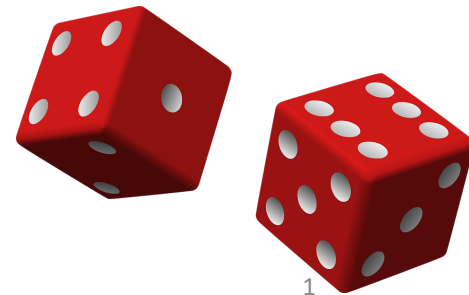
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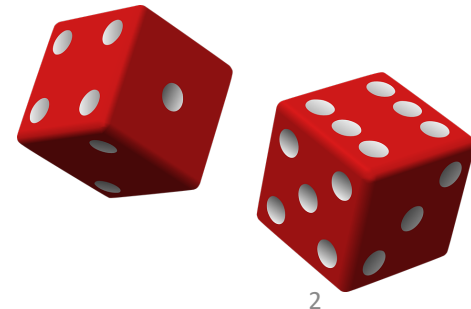
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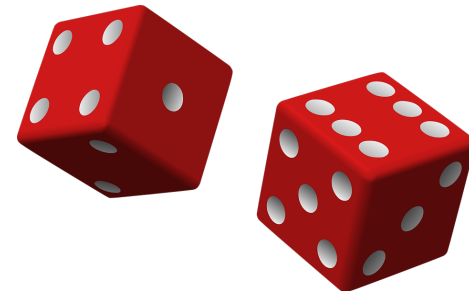
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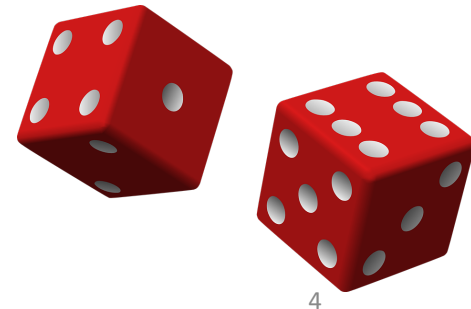
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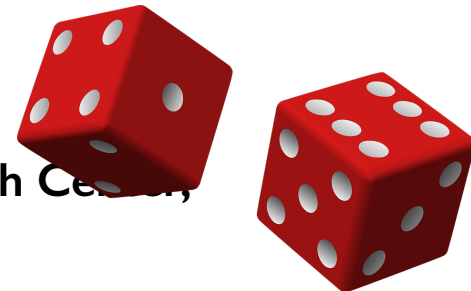
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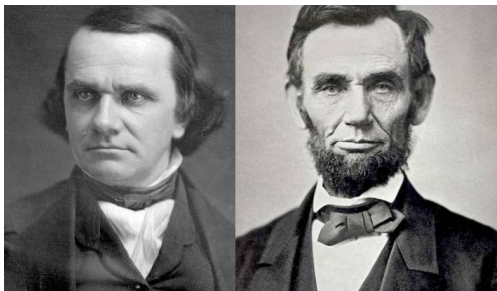


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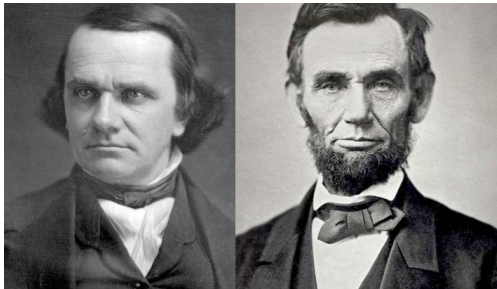
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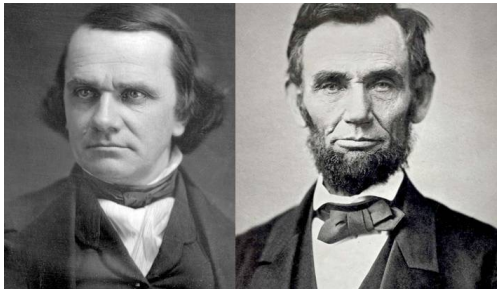
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- On nonprobability sampling approaches, per Cochran (1977)

- “**They are not amenable to the development of a sampling theory that is model-free**, since no element of random selection is involved. Even if a method appears to do well in one, this does not guarantee that it will do well under different circumstances.”



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- **Andrew Gelman (2015)**
 - “Remember: **just about no sample of humans is really a probability sample or even close to a probability sample**, and just about no regression model applied to humans is correct or even close to correct.”



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 - Multistage **quota**

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 - Mostly convenient samples
 - Email blasts
 - Chat rooms
 - Instant messengers
 - Banner ads
 - Social media (e.g., Facebook)



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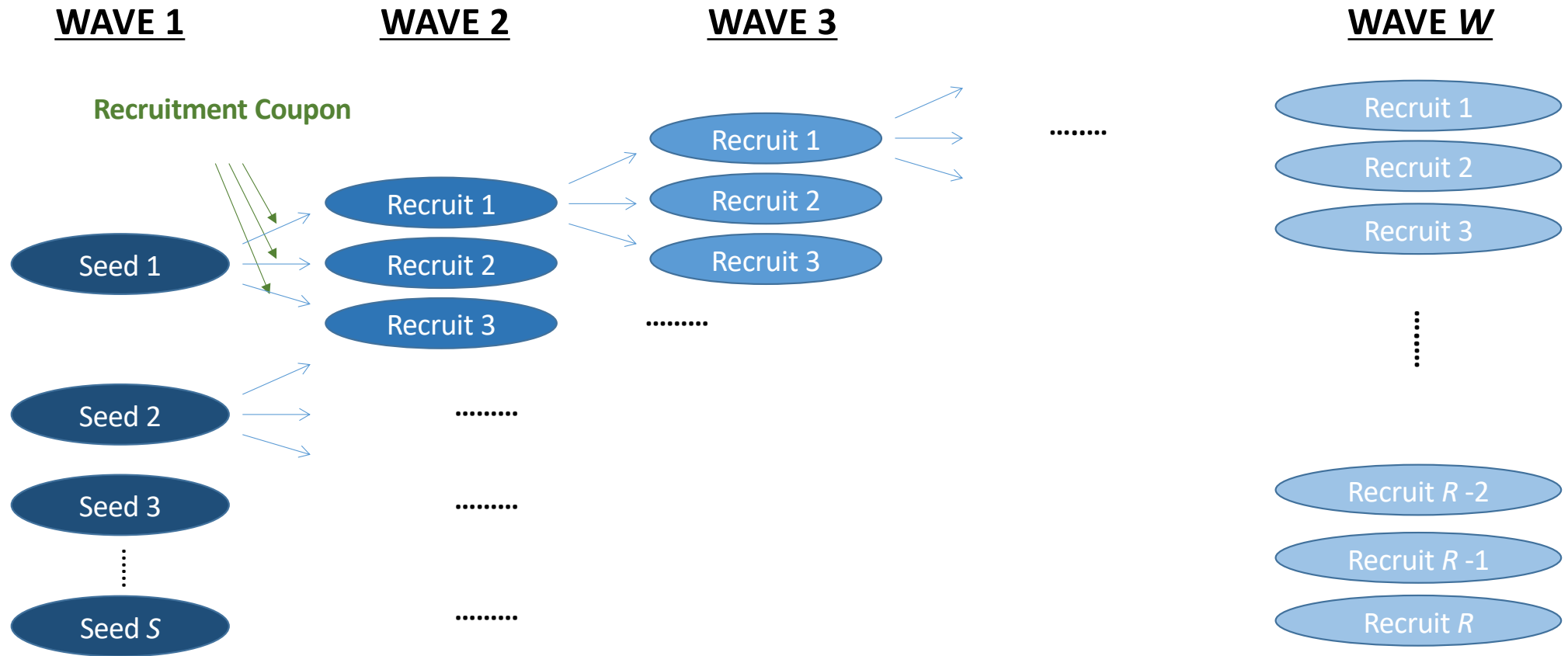
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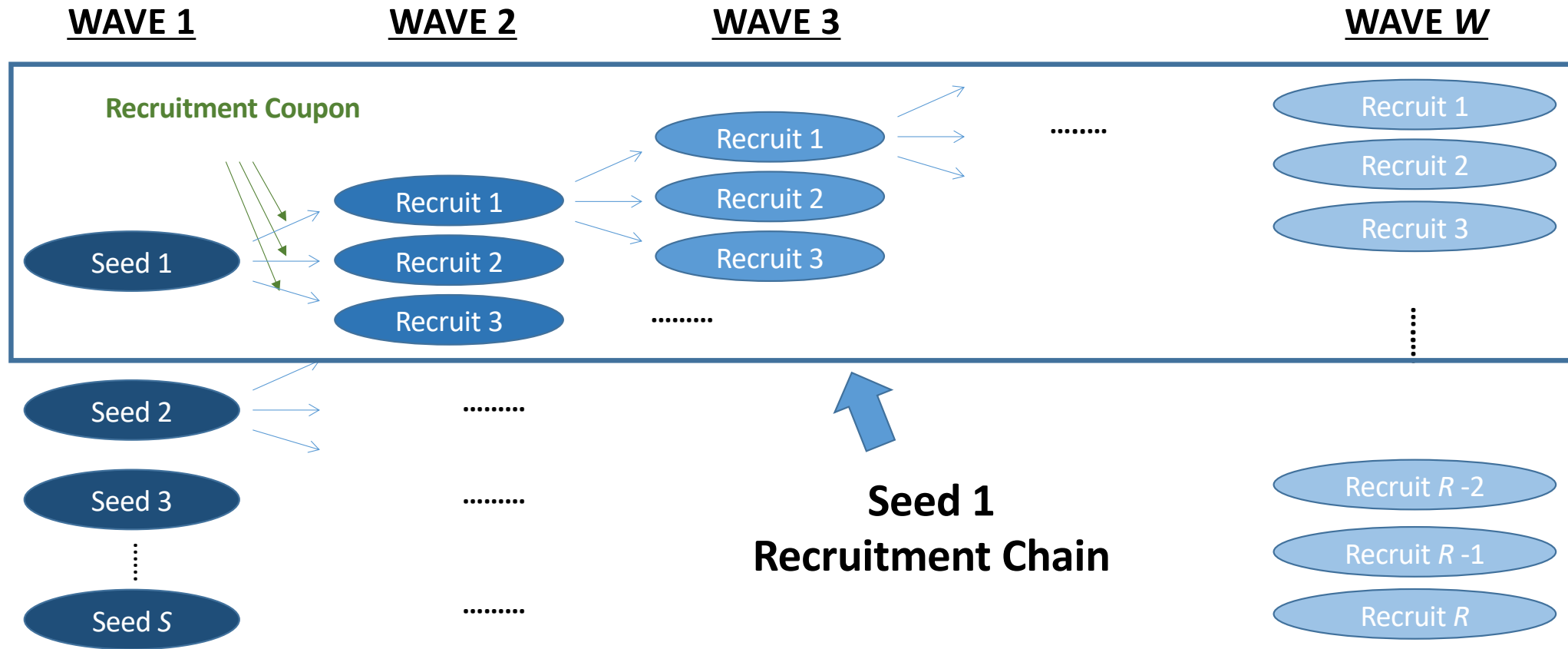
- Also known as **multiplicity** sampling (Sirken, 1970)
- Exploits connectedness among people (=networks)
- Counting rule:
 - Multiplicity --
 - Capitalize on duplicate counting of population elements
 - Same person linked to multiple households of their relatives



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- **Respondent-driven sampling**
 - Exploits social networks among rare population members for sampling purposes
 - **Assuming Markov process** in recruitment, claims to produce unbiased estimates (estimate stability=equilibrium points)
 - Self-reported network size used as selection probability adjustment weight







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 - Sampling frame: Visitors of other websites
 - Who are they? Why do they click on the banners/pop-ups?
 - Duplicates?
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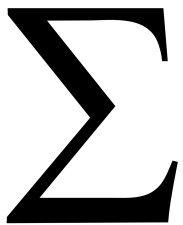


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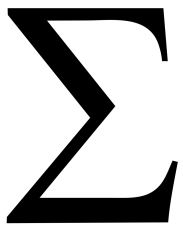


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