

# Sampling People, Records, & Networks

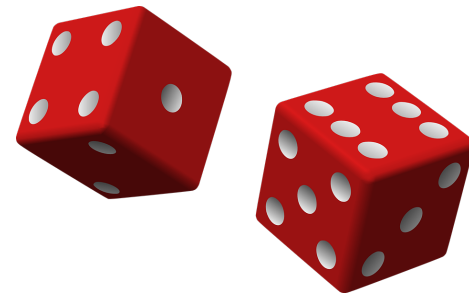
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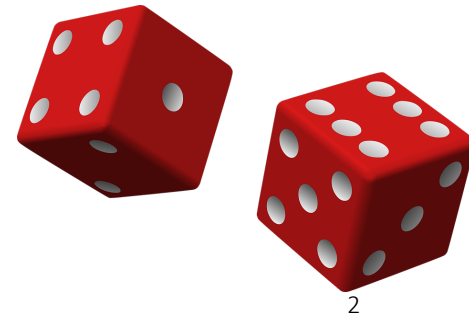
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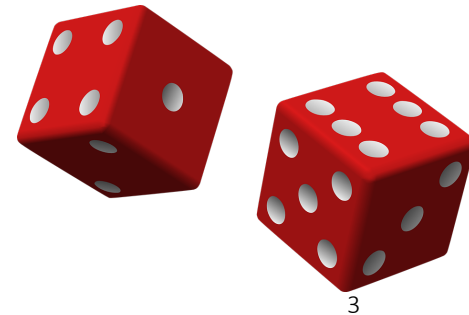
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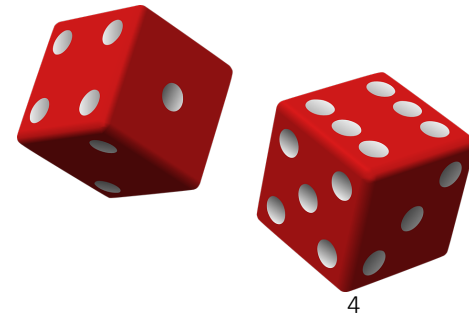


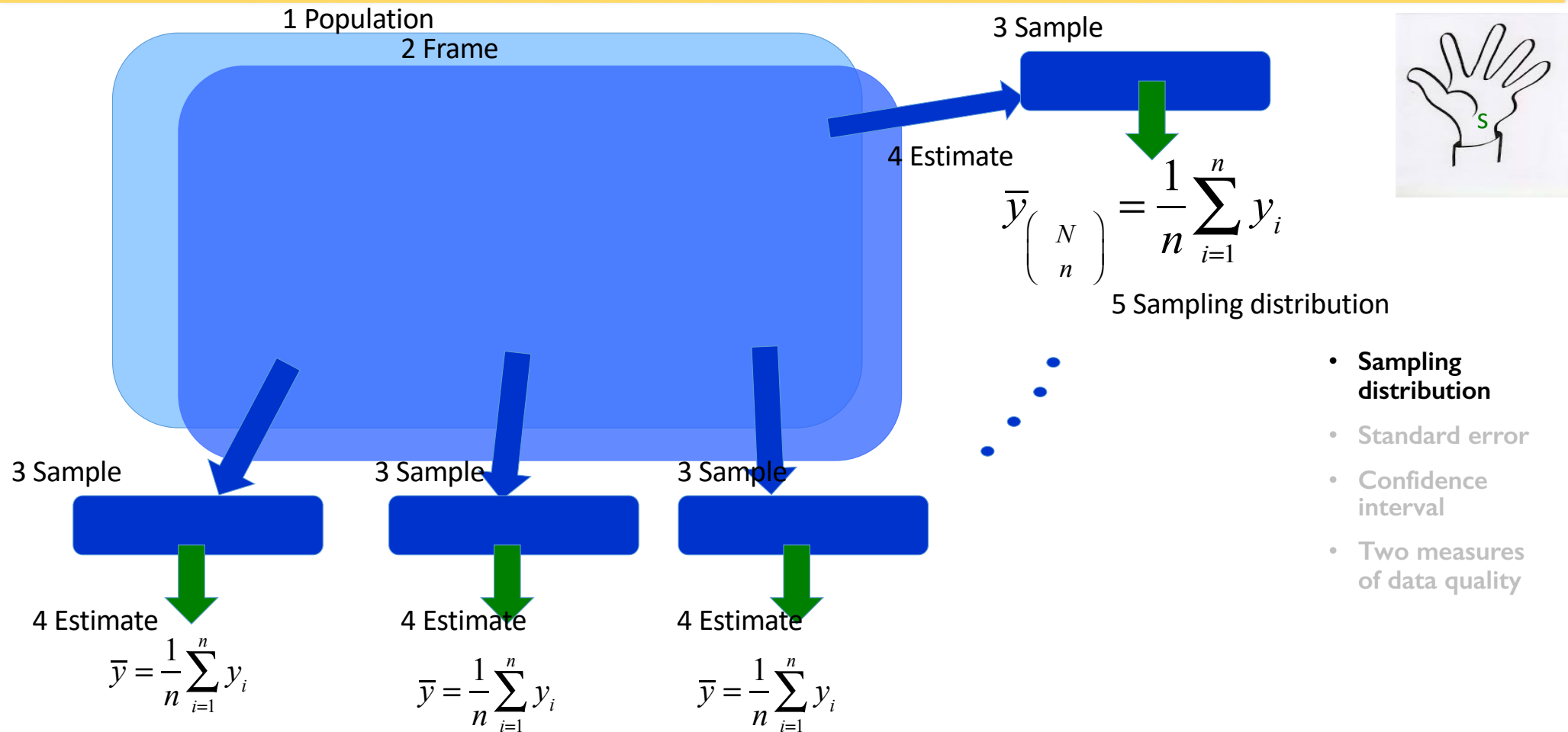
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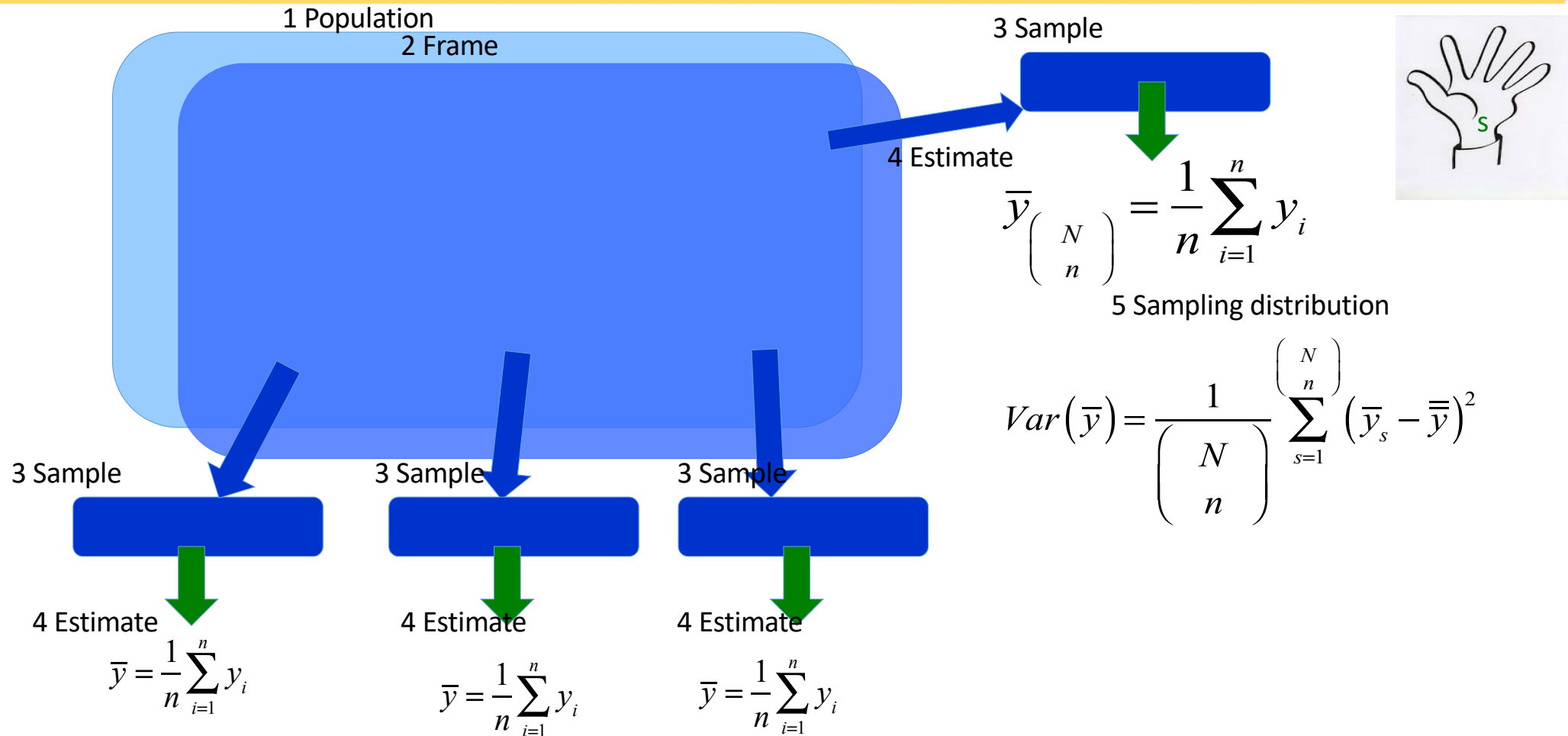
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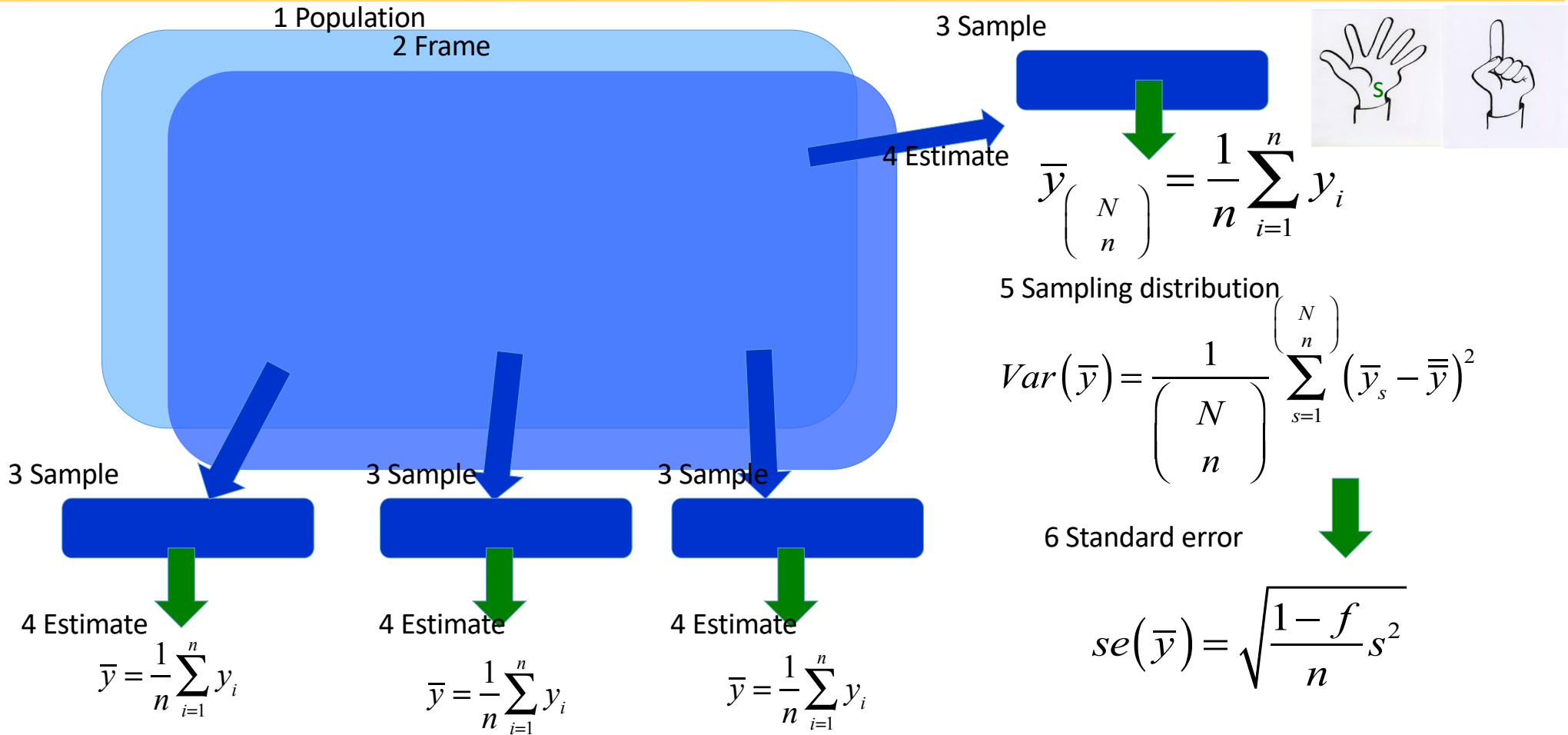
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## Standard errors

*For our SRS of  $n = 20$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(\bar{y}) &= \frac{(1-f)}{n} S^2 \\ &= \frac{\left(1 - \frac{20}{370}\right)}{20} 766.62 \\ &= 36.26 \end{aligned}$$

$$SE(\bar{y}) = \sqrt{V(\bar{y})} = 6.02$$

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$$\bar{y}_{\binom{N}{n}} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$$

$$Var(\bar{y}) = \frac{1}{\binom{N}{n}} \sum_{s=1}^{\binom{N}{n}} (\bar{y}_s - \bar{\bar{y}})^2$$
$$se(\bar{y}) = \sqrt{\frac{1-f}{n}} s^2$$
$$\bar{y} \pm t_{(0.05, n-1)} \times se(\bar{y})$$

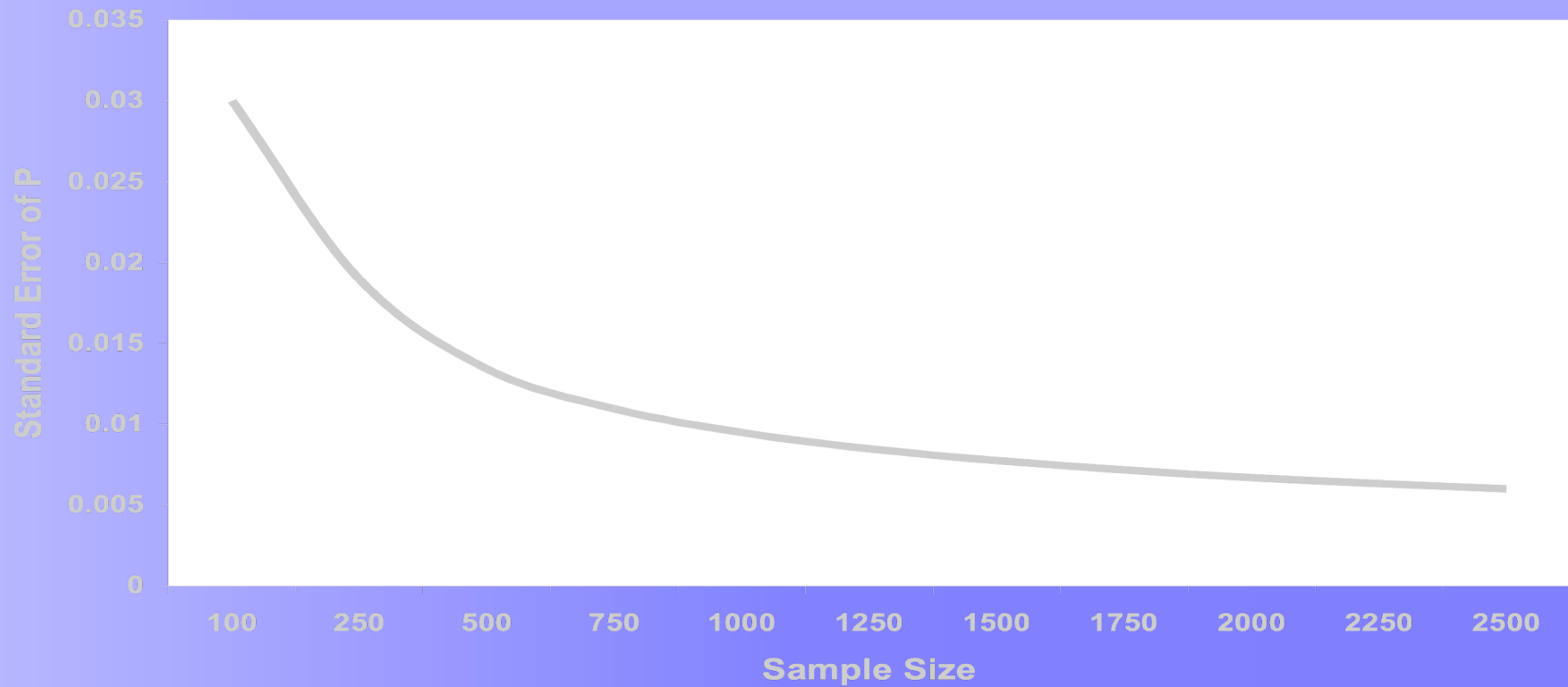
## Probability sampling principles

## 95% Confidence interval

*For our SRS of  $n = 20$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{y} \pm t_{(1-\alpha/2, n-1)} SE(\bar{y}) \\ 78.6 \pm t_{(0.975, 19)} \times 6.02 \\ 78.6 \pm 2.09 \times 6.02 \\ (66.0, 98.2)\end{aligned}$$

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  - Bias



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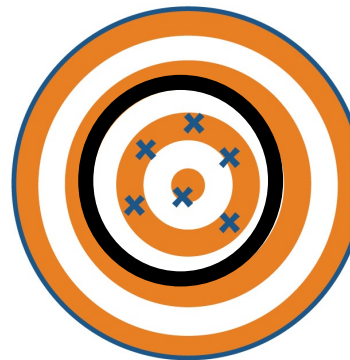
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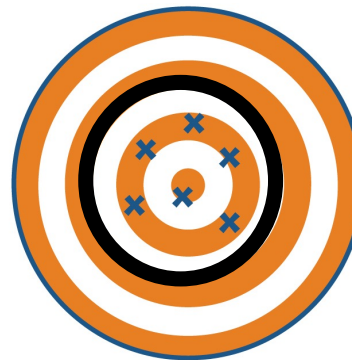
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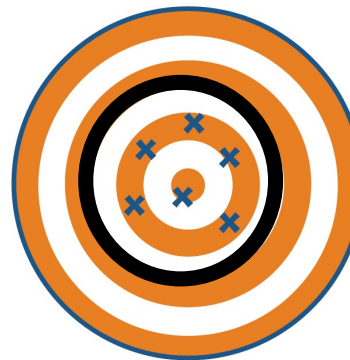
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- It all depends on the random process to select the sample ...



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- **Thus, two measures ...**

- Bias
- Variance

- **And a random process ...**

- Using random digits applied to a frame to generate, in theory, a large number of possible samples
- And we can measure the variance across all possible samples from just a single randomly drawn sample
- But only random samples allow us to do this without making any assumptions about either ...
  - The sampling mechanism
  - The population distribution

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