Bootstrap Confidence Intervals

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Review of Confidence Intervals

Sampling Distribution

Definition 1 (Sampling Distribution)

- The sampling distribution of a statistic is the distribution of values taken by the statistic in all possible samples of the same size from the same population.
- The standard deviation of a sampling distribution is called a standard error

Confidence intervals for depths of the ocean

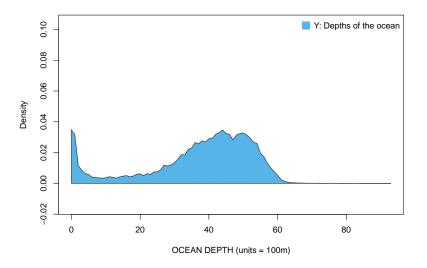


Fig.: The original data distribution of sampled depths of the ocean. Note that it is bimodal and not Normal looking.

The CLT is 'kicking in' at n = 16

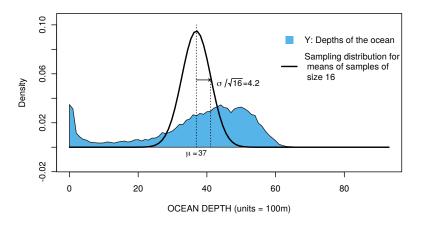


Fig.: The sampling distribution for the mean depth of the ocean with samples of size n=16, looks normal (centered at $\mu=37$ and SD equal to $\sigma/\sqrt{16}$)

68% Confidence interval using qnorm

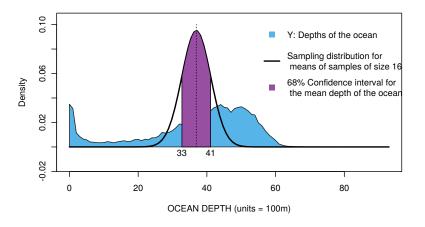


Fig.: 68% Confidence interval calculated using qnorm(p = c(0.16, 0.84), 37, 4.2)

95% Confidence interval using qnorm

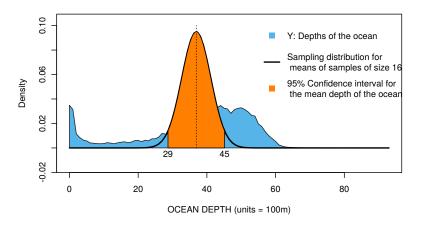


Fig.: 95% Confidence interval calculated using qnorm(p = c(0.025, 0.975), 37, 4.2)