

Part 6: Bootstrapping Activity

Bootstrapping is sampling from the sample with replacement. It normally involves sampling until you have the same number as in your original sample, but for the sake of this activity when we are doing it manually we are just going to take samples of 30 in total, which means we may end up with different numbers of forwards and backs.

Record the weights of the forwards and backs below (you won't end up filling up the whole table), and then use your calculator to work out the median for the forwards and the backs from the bootstrap, and find the difference between the two.

This activity can also be done online at: http://www.jake4maths.com/mboot.php

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Plot the differences from both your bootstraps, as well as the bootstraps from your class as a dot plot on the axis below.

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This gives us a fairly good idea of how accurate our samples are going to be, and if there is going to be a difference between the two groups (in this case the forwards' and the backs' weights). It is a very tedious process though, so we normally will us a computer to speed it up. Bootstrapping Activity



Below is all of the rugby players from Data Set 1. You will need to cut them all out in order to do the activity on page 15. This activity can also be done online at:

http://www.jake4maths.com/mboot.php

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