

# *Section 4.1*

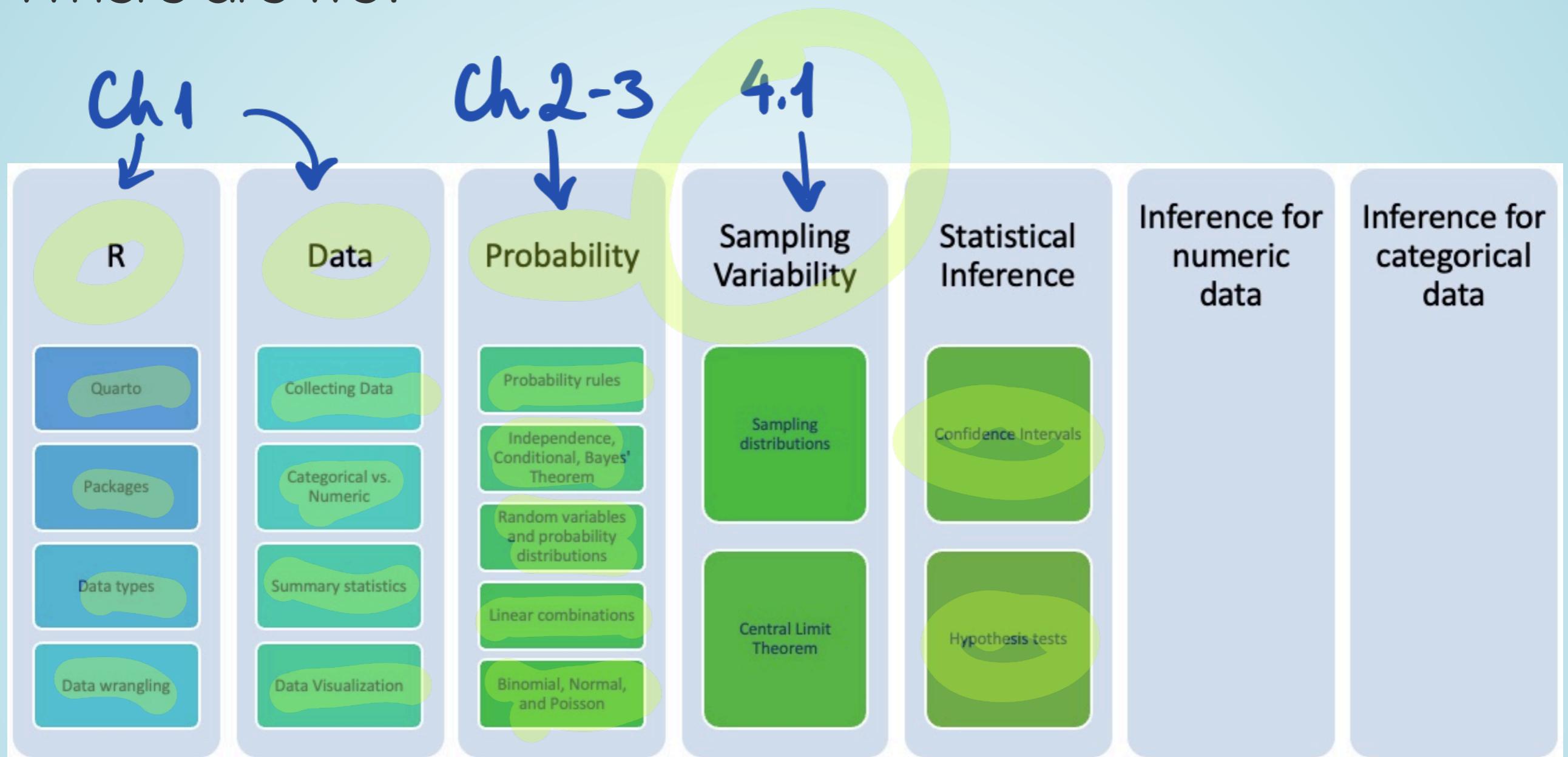
# Day 8: Variability in estimates

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# Where are we?



# Goals for today

## Section 4.1

- Sampling from a population
  - population parameters vs. point estimates
  - sampling variation
- Sampling distribution of the mean
  - Central Limit Theorem

→ simulations in R

Install **modernive**  
package

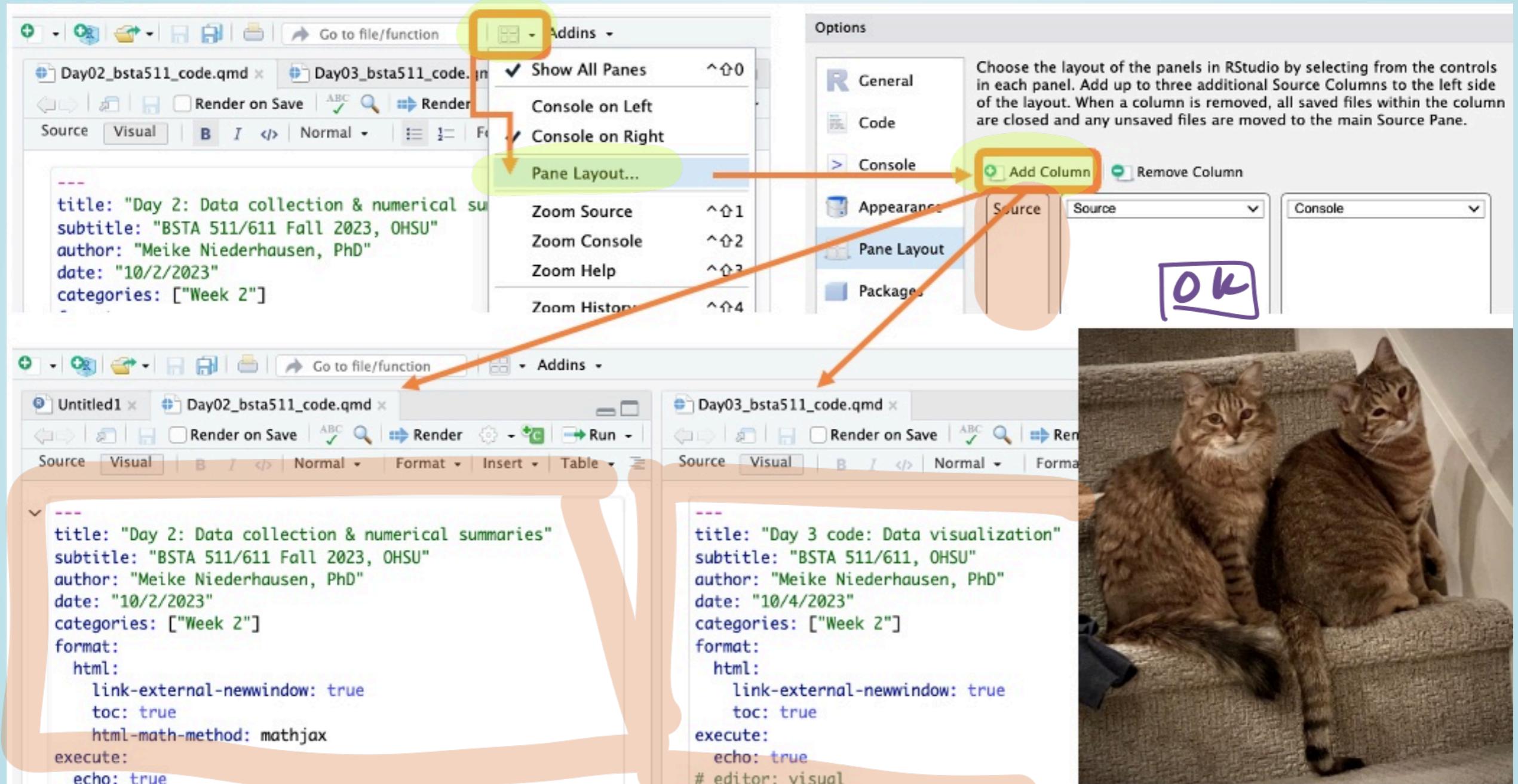


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# MoRitz's tip of the day: add a code pane in RStudio

Do you want to be able to view two code files side-by-side?

You can do that by adding a column to the RStudio layout.



See <https://posit.co/blog/rstudio-1-4-preview-multiple-source-columns/> for more information.

# Population vs. sample (from section 1.3)

## (Target) Population

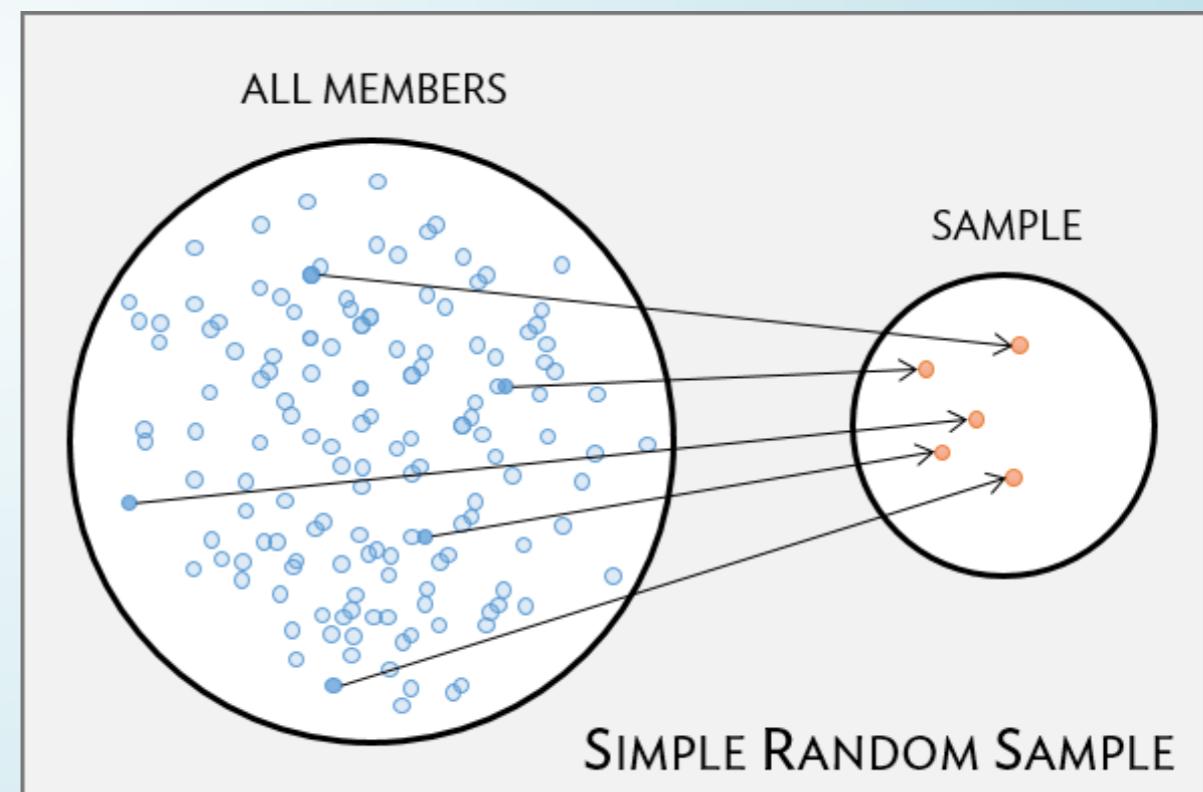
- group of interest being studied
- group from which the sample is selected
  - studies often have *inclusion* and/or *exclusion* criteria

## Sample

- group on which data are collected
- often a small subset of the population

## Simple random sample (SRS)

- each individual of a population has the *same chance* of being sampled
- randomly sampled
- considered best way to sample



# Population parameters vs. sample statistics

## Population parameter

mean :  $\mu$  "mu"

sd:  $\sigma$  "sigma"

variance:  $\sigma^2$

proportion:  $p, \pi$  "pi"

correlation:

## Sample statistic (point estimate)

$\bar{x}$  "x-bar" sample mean

$s$  sample sd

$s^2$  sample variance

$\hat{p}$  "p-hat" sample proportion

$r$  sample correlation coefficient

# Our hypothetical population: YRBSS

## Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS)

- Yearly survey conducted by the US Centers for Disease Control (CDC)
- “A set of surveys that track behaviors that can lead to poor health in students grades 9 through 12.”<sup>1</sup>
- Dataset `yrbss` from `oibiotstat` pacakge contains responses from  $n = 13,572$  participants in 2013 for a subset of the variables included in the complete survey data

```
1 library(oibiotstat)
2 data("yrbss") #load the data
3 # ?yrbss

1 names(yrbss)

[1] "age"
[3] "grade"
[5] "race"
[7] "weight"
[9] "text.while.driving.30d"
[11] "hours.tv.per.school.day"
[13] "school.night.hours.sleep"
[15] "gender"
[17] "hispanic"
[19] "height"
[21] "helmet.12m"
[23] "physically.active.7d"
[25] "strength.training.7d"
```

```
1 dim(yrbss)
[1] 13583 13
```

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/data/yrbss/index.htm>

# Getting to know the dataset: `glimpse()`

```
1 glimpse(yrbss) # from tidyverse package (dplyr)
```

Rows: 13,583

Columns: 13

```
$ age <int> 14, 14, 15, 15, 15, 15, 15, 14, 15, 15, 15, 15, 1...  
$ gender <chr> "female", "female", "female", "female", "fema...  
$ grade <chr> "9", "9", "9", "9", "9", "9", "9", "9", "...  
$ hispanic <chr> "not", "not", "hispanic", "not", "not", "not"...  
$ race <chr> "Black or African American", "Black or Africa...  
$ height <dbl> NA, NA, 1.73, 1.60, 1.50, 1.57, 1.65, 1.88, 1...  
$ weight <dbl> NA, NA, 84.37, 55.79, 46.72, 67.13, 131.54, 7...  
$ helmet.12m <chr> "never", "never", "never", "never", "did not ...  
$ text.while.driving.30d <chr> "0", NA, "30", "0", "did not drive", "did not...  
$ physically.active.7d <int> 4, 2, 7, 0, 2, 1, 4, 4, 5, 0, 0, 0, 4, 7, 7, ...  
$ hours.tv.per.school.day <chr> "5+", "5+", "5+", "2", "3", "5+", "5+", "5+...  
$ strength.training.7d <int> 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 2, 0, 3, 0, 3, 0, 0, 7, 7, ...  
$ school.night.hours.sleep <chr> "8", "6", "<5", "6", "9", "8", "9", "6", "<5"...
```

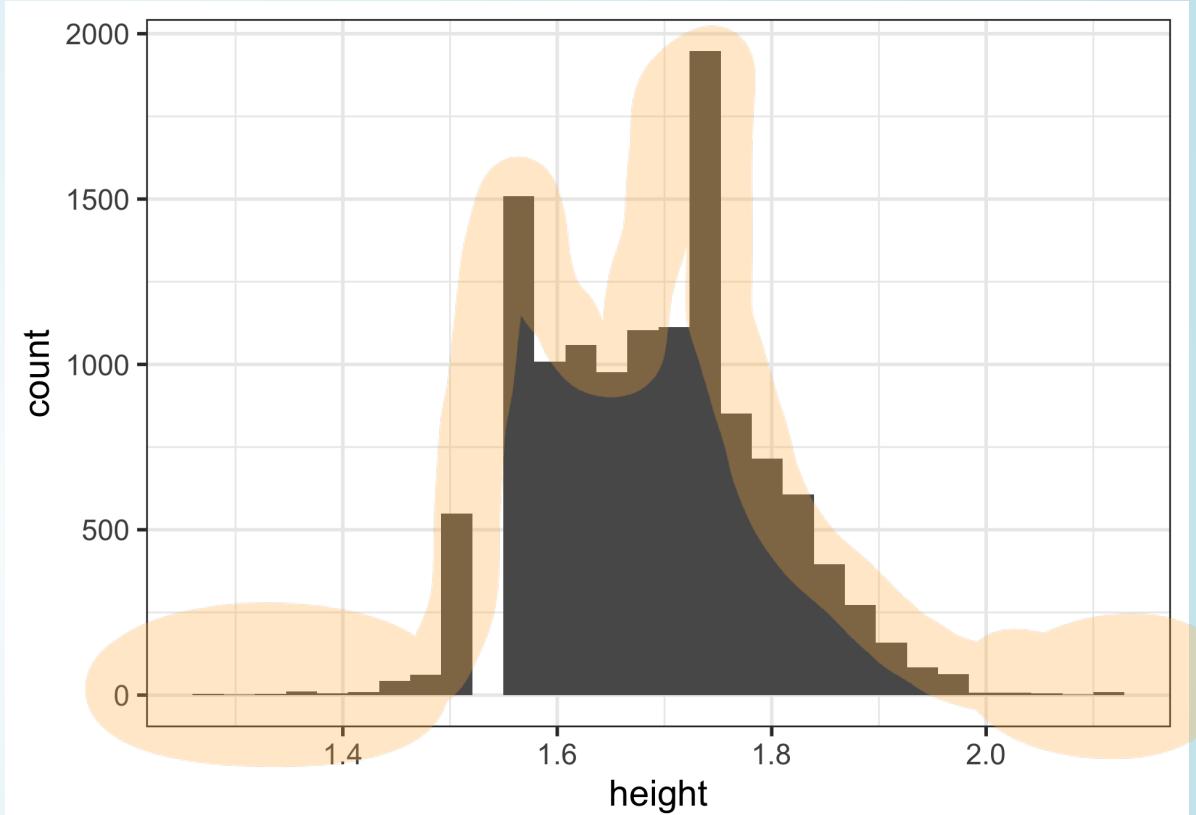
NA: missing values

# Height & weight variables

```
1 yrbss %>%
2   select(height, weight) %>%
3   summary()
```

	height	weight
Min.	:1.270	Min. : 29.94
1st Qu.	:1.600	1st Qu.: 56.25
Median	:1.680	Median : 64.41
Mean	:1.691	Mean : 67.91
3rd Qu.	:1.780	3rd Qu.: 76.20
Max.	:2.110	Max. :180.99
NA's	:1004	NA's :1004

```
1 ggplot(data = yrbss,
2         aes(x = height)) +
3         geom_histogram()
```



# Transform height & weight from metric to standard

Also, drop missing values and add a column of id values

```
1 yrbss2 <- yrbss %>%
2   mutate(
3     height.ft = 3.28084*height,
4     weight.lb = 2.20462*weight
5   ) %>%
6   drop_na(height.ft, weight.lb) %>%
7   mutate(id = 1:nrow(.)) %>%
8   select(id, height.ft, weight.lb)
9
10 head(yrbss2)
```

	id	height.ft	weight.lb
1	1	5.675853	186.0038
2	2	5.249344	122.9957
3	3	4.921260	102.9998
4	4	5.150919	147.9961
5	5	5.413386	289.9957
6	6	6.167979	157.0130

```
1 dim(yrbss2)
```

```
[1] 12579    3
```

```
1 # number of rows deleted that had missing values for height and/or weight:
2 nrow(yrbss) - nrow(yrbss2)
```

```
[1] 1004
```

# yrbss2 summary

```
1 summary(yrbss2)
```

	id	height.ft	weight.lb
Min.	: 1	Min. : 4.167	Min. : 66.01
1st Qu.	: 3146	1st Qu.: 5.249	1st Qu.: 124.01
Median	: 6290	Median : 5.512	Median : 142.00
Mean	: 6290	Mean : 5.549	Mean : 149.71
3rd Qu.	: 9434	3rd Qu.: 5.840	3rd Qu.: 167.99
Max.	: 12579	Max. : 6.923	Max. : 399.01

Another summary:

```
1 yrbss2 %>%
2   get_summary_stats(type = "mean_sd") %>%
3   kable()
```

variable	n	mean	sd
id	12579	6290.000	3631.389
height.ft	12579	5.549	0.343
weight.lb	12579	149.708	37.254

# Random sample of size $n = 5$ from yrbss2

Take a random sample of size  $n = 5$  from yrbss2:

→ first install moderndive

```
1 library(moderndive)
2 samp_n5_rep1 <- yrbss2 %>%
3   rep_sample_n(size = 5, n
4                 reps = 1,
5                 replace = FALSE)
6 samp_n5_rep1
```

# A tibble: 5 × 4  
# Groups: replicate [1]  
replicate id height.ft weight.lb  
<int> <int> <dbl> <dbl>  
1 1 5869 5.15 145.  
2 1 6694 5.41 127.  
3 1 2517 5.74 130.  
4 1 5372 6.07 180.  
5 1 5403 6.07 163.

Do not include people multiple times

Calculate the mean of the random sample:

```
1 means_hght_samp_n5_rep1 <-
2   samp_n5_rep1 %>%
3     summarise(
4       mean_height = mean(height.ft))
5
6 means_hght_samp_n5_rep1
```

# A tibble: 1 × 2  
replicate mean\_height  
<int> <dbl>  
1 1 5.69

Would we get the same mean height if we took another sample?

# Sampling variation

- If a different random sample is taken, the mean height (point estimate) will likely be different
  - this is a result of **sampling variation**

Take a 2nd random sample of size  $n = 5$  from `yrbss2`:

```
1 samp_n5_rep1 <- yrbss2 %>%
2   rep_sample_n(size = 5,
3                 reps = 1,
4                 replace = FALSE)
5 samp_n5_rep1
```

```
# A tibble: 5 × 4
# Groups:   replicate [1]
  replicate    id height.ft weight.lb
  <int> <int>     <dbl>      <dbl>
1       1  2329      6.07     182.
2       1  8863      5.25     125.
3       1  8058      5.84     135.
4       1   335      6.17     235.
5       1  4698      5.58     124.
```

Calculate the mean of the 2nd random sample:

```
1 means_hght_samp_n5_rep1 <-
2   samp_n5_rep1 %>%
3   summarise(
4     mean_height = mean(height.ft))
5
6 means_hght_samp_n5_rep1
```

```
# A tibble: 1 × 2
  replicate mean_height
  <int>      <dbl>
1           1        5.78
```

$$\bar{x}$$

Did we get the same mean height with our 2nd sample?

100 random samples of size  $n = 5$  from `yrbss2`

↳ **replicates** or **simulations**

Take 100 random samples of size  $n = 5$  from `yrbss2`:

```
1 samp_n5_rep100 <- yrbss2 %>%
 2   rep_sample_n(size = 5,
 3                 reps = 100,
 4                 replace = FALSE)
 5 samp_n5_rep100
```

# A tibble: 500 × 4  
# Groups: replicate [100]  
replicate id height.ft weight.lb  
<int> <int> <dbl> <dbl>  
1 1 6483 5.51 145.  
2 1 9899 4.92 90.0  
3 1 6103 5.68 118.  
4 1 2702 5.68 150.  
5 1 11789 5.35 115.  
6 2 10164 5.51 140.  
7 2 5807 5.41 215.  
8 2 9382 5.15 98.0  
9 2 4904 6.00 196.  
10 2 229 6.07 101.  
# i 490 more rows

$5 \times 100$

Calculate the mean for each of the 100 random samples:

```
1 means_hght_samp_n5_rep100 <-
 2   samp_n5_rep100 %>%
 3     group_by(replicate) %>%
 4       summarise(
 5         mean_height = mean(height.ft))
```

7 means\_hght\_samp\_n5\_rep100  
# A tibble: 100 × 2  
replicate mean\_height  
<int> <dbl>  
1 1 5.43  
2 2 5.63  
3 3 5.34  
4 4 5.70  
5 5 5.90  
6 6 5.37  
7 7 5.49  
8 8 5.60  
9 9 5.50  
10 10 5.68  
# i 90 more rows

$\bar{x}_1$   
 $\bar{x}_2$   
 $\vdots$   
 $\bar{x}_{10}$   
 $\vdots$   
 $\bar{x}_{100}$

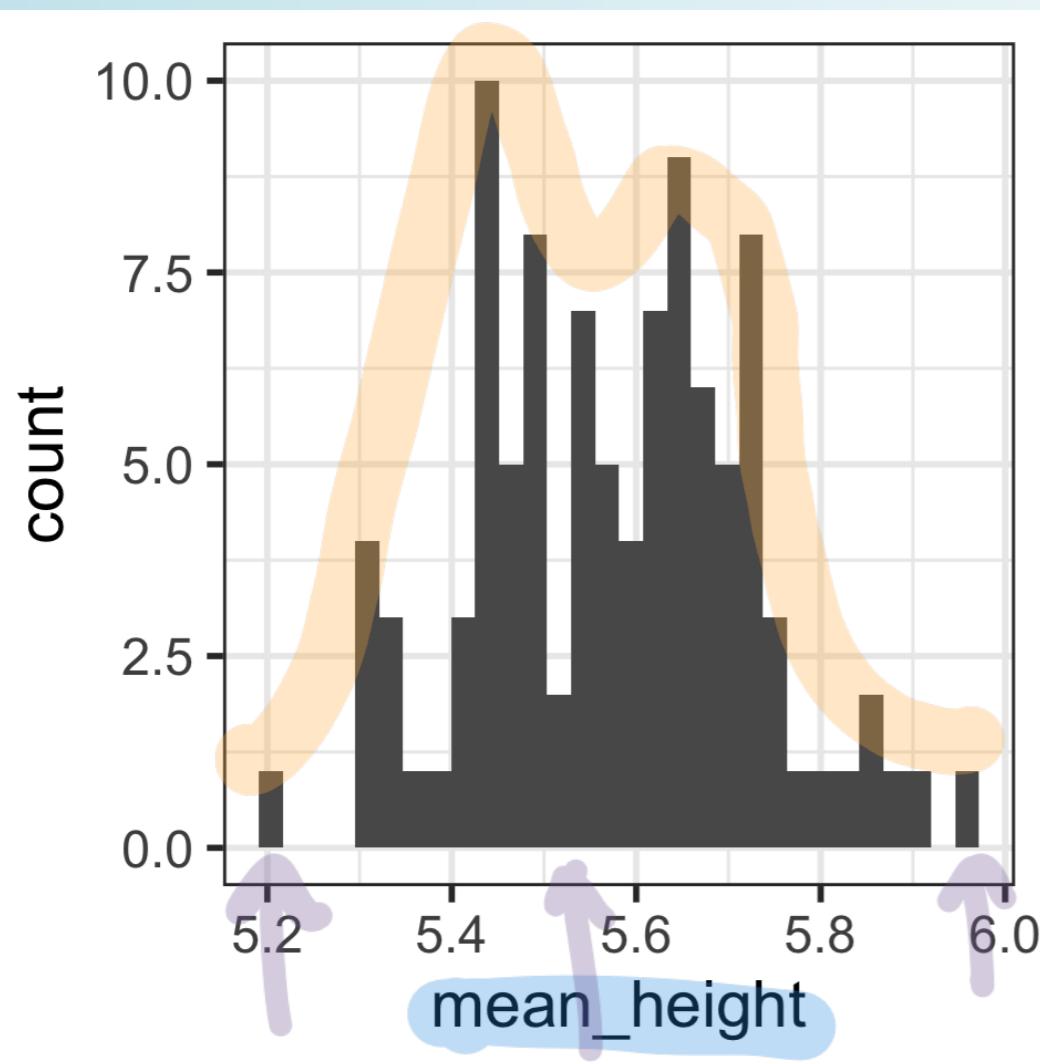
**100 sample means**

How close are the mean heights for each of the 100 random samples?

# Distribution of 100 sample mean heights ( $n = 5$ )

Describe the distribution shape.

```
1 ggplot(  ↗ 100 sample means  
2   means_hght_samp_n5_rep100,  
3   aes(x = mean_height)) +  
4   geom_histogram()
```



Calculate the mean and SD of the 100 mean heights from the 100 samples:

```
1 stats_means_hght_samp_n5_rep100 <-  
2   means_hght_samp_n5_rep100 %>%  
3   summarise(  
4     mean_mean_height = mean(mean_height),  
5     sd_mean_height = sd(mean_height)  
6   )  
7 stats_means_hght_samp_n5_rep100  
  
# A tibble: 1 × 2  
  mean_mean_height  sd_mean_height  
        <dbl>         <dbl>  
1          5.58         0.150
```

Is the mean of the means close to the "center" of the distribution?

$$\frac{\bar{x}_1 + \bar{x}_2 + \dots + \bar{x}_{100}}{100}$$

= mean of 100 means

# 10,000 random samples of size n = 5 from yrbss2

Take 10,000 random samples of size n = 5 from yrbss2:

```
1 samp_n5_rep10000 <- yrbss2 %>%
 2   rep_sample_n(size = 5,
 3                 reps = 10000,
 4                 replace = FALSE)
 5 samp_n5_rep10000

# A tibble: 50,000 × 4
# Groups:   replicate [10,000]
  replicate    id height.ft weight.lb
    <int> <int>     <dbl>      <dbl>
1       1  6383     5.35     126.
2       1  4019     5.41     107.
3       1  4856     5.25     135.
4       1  9988     5.58     120.
5       1  2245     6.17     270.
6       2 10580     5.68     155.
7       2  2254     5.84     159.
8       2  8081     5.09     110.
9       2 10194     5.35     115.
10      2  7689     5.35     135.
# i 49,990 more rows
```

Calculate the mean for each of the 10,000 random samples:

```
1 means_hght_samp_n5_rep10000 <-
 2   samp_n5_rep10000 %>%
 3   group_by(replicate) %>%
 4   summarise(
 5     mean_height = mean(height.ft))
 6
 7 means_hght_samp_n5_rep10000

# A tibble: 10,000 × 2
# Groups:   replicate [10,000]
  replicate mean_height
    <int>      <dbl>
1       1      5.55
2       2      5.46
3       3      5.49
4       4      5.60
5       5      5.47
6       6      5.83
7       7      5.68
8       8      5.47
9       9      5.37
10      10     5.15
# i 9,990 more rows
```

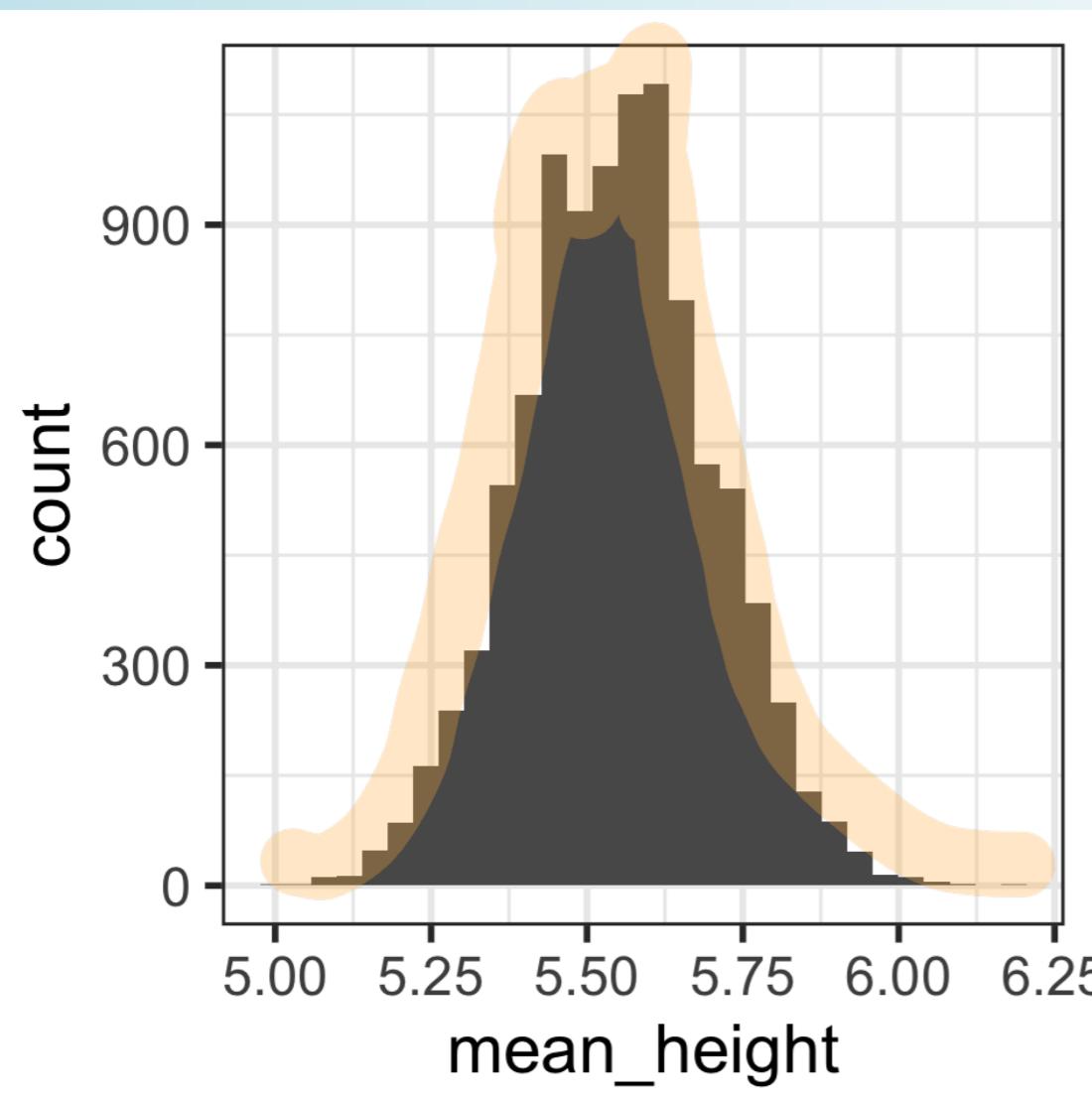
10,000 sample means

How close are the mean heights for each of the 10,000 random samples?

# Distribution of 10,000 sample mean heights ( $n = 5$ )

Describe the distribution shape.

```
1 ggplot(  
2   means_hght_samp_n5_rep10000,  
3   aes(x = mean_height)) +  
4   geom_histogram()
```



Calculate the mean and SD of the 10,000 mean heights from the 10,000 samples:

```
1 stats_means_hght_samp_n5_rep10000 <-  
2   means_hght_samp_n5_rep10000 %>%  
3   summarise(  
4     mean_mean_height=mean(mean_height),  
5     sd_mean_height = sd(mean_height)  
6   )  
7 stats_means_hght_samp_n5_rep10000  
  
# A tibble: 1 × 2  
  mean_mean_height  sd_mean_height  
        <dbl>            <dbl>  
1         5.55             0.153
```

Is the mean of the means close to the “center” of the distribution?

# 10,000 samples of size n = 30 from yrbss2

Take 10,000 random samples of size n = 30 from `yrbss2`:

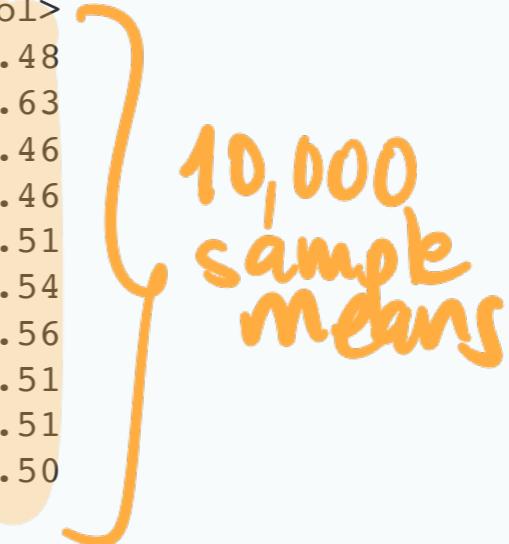
```
1 samp_n30_rep10000 <- yrbss2 %>%
2   rep_sample_n(size = 30,
3                 reps = 10000,
4                 replace = FALSE)
5 samp_n30_rep10000

# A tibble: 300,000 × 4
# Groups:   replicate [10,000]
  replicate    id height.ft weight.lb
  <int> <int>     <dbl>      <dbl>
1       1  3871      5.25      115.
2       1 12090      5.15      125.
3       1   241      5.58      119.
4       1  4570      5.58      140.
5       1  4131      5.35      143.
6       1 11513      5.35      135.
7       1  9663      5.25      125.
8       1  3789      5.25      160.
9       1   442      5.15      130.
10      1 11528      5.51      200.
# i 299,990 more rows
```

Calculate the mean for each of the 10,000 random samples:

```
1 means_hght_samp_n30_rep10000 <-
2   samp_n30_rep10000 %>%
3   group_by(replicate) %>%
4   summarise(mean_height =
5             mean(height.ft))
6
7 means_hght_samp_n30_rep10000

# A tibble: 10,000 × 2
# Groups:   replicate [10,000]
  replicate mean_height
  <int>      <dbl>
1       1      5.48
2       2      5.63
3       3      5.46
4       4      5.46
5       5      5.51
6       6      5.54
7       7      5.56
8       8      5.51
9       9      5.51
10      10     5.50
# i 9,990 more rows
```

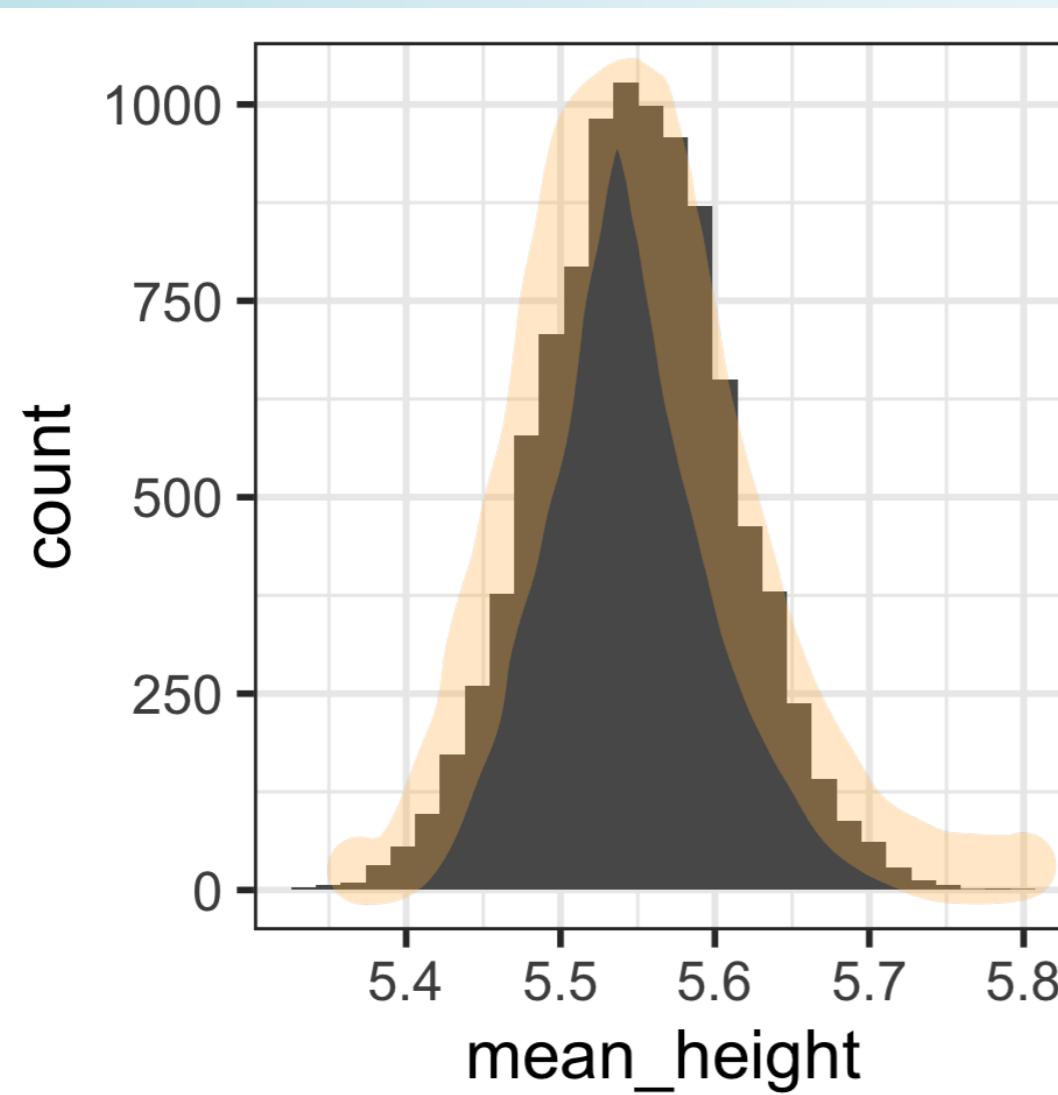


How close are the mean heights for each of the 10,000 random samples?

# Distribution of 10,000 sample mean heights ( $n = 30$ )

Describe the distribution shape.

```
1 ggplot(  
2   means_hght_samp_n30_rep10000,  
3   aes(x = mean_height)) +  
4   geom_histogram()
```



Calculate the mean and SD of the 10,000 mean heights from the 10,000 samples:

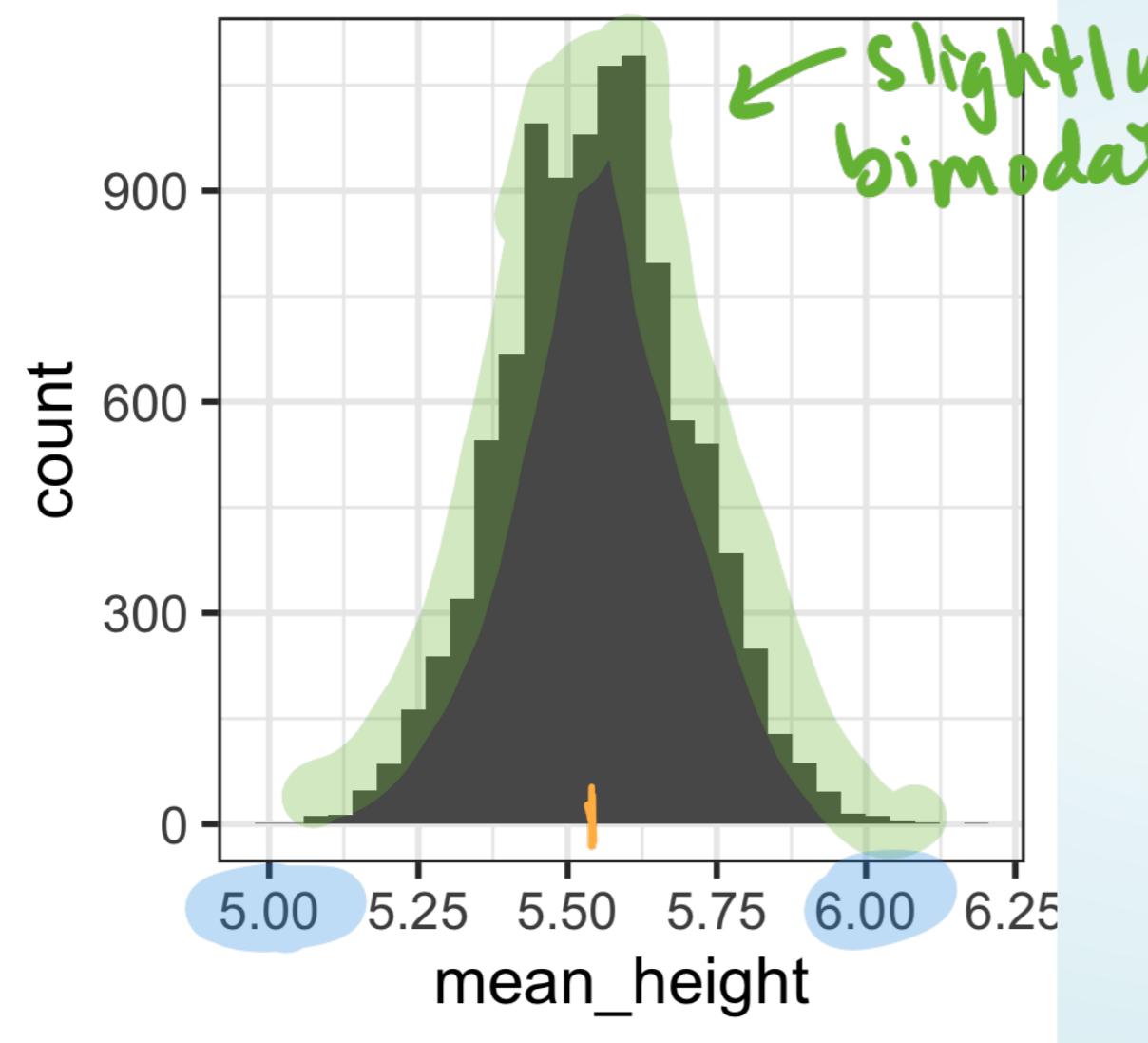
```
1 stats_means_hght_samp_n30_rep10000<-  
2   means_hght_samp_n30_rep10000 %>%  
3   summarise(  
4     mean_mean_height=mean(mean_height),  
5     sd_mean_height = sd(mean_height)  
6   )  
7 stats_means_hght_samp_n30_rep10000  
  
# A tibble: 1 × 2  
  mean_mean_height  sd_mean_height  
        <dbl>         <dbl>  
1       5.55          0.0623
```

Is the mean of the means close to the “center” of the distribution?

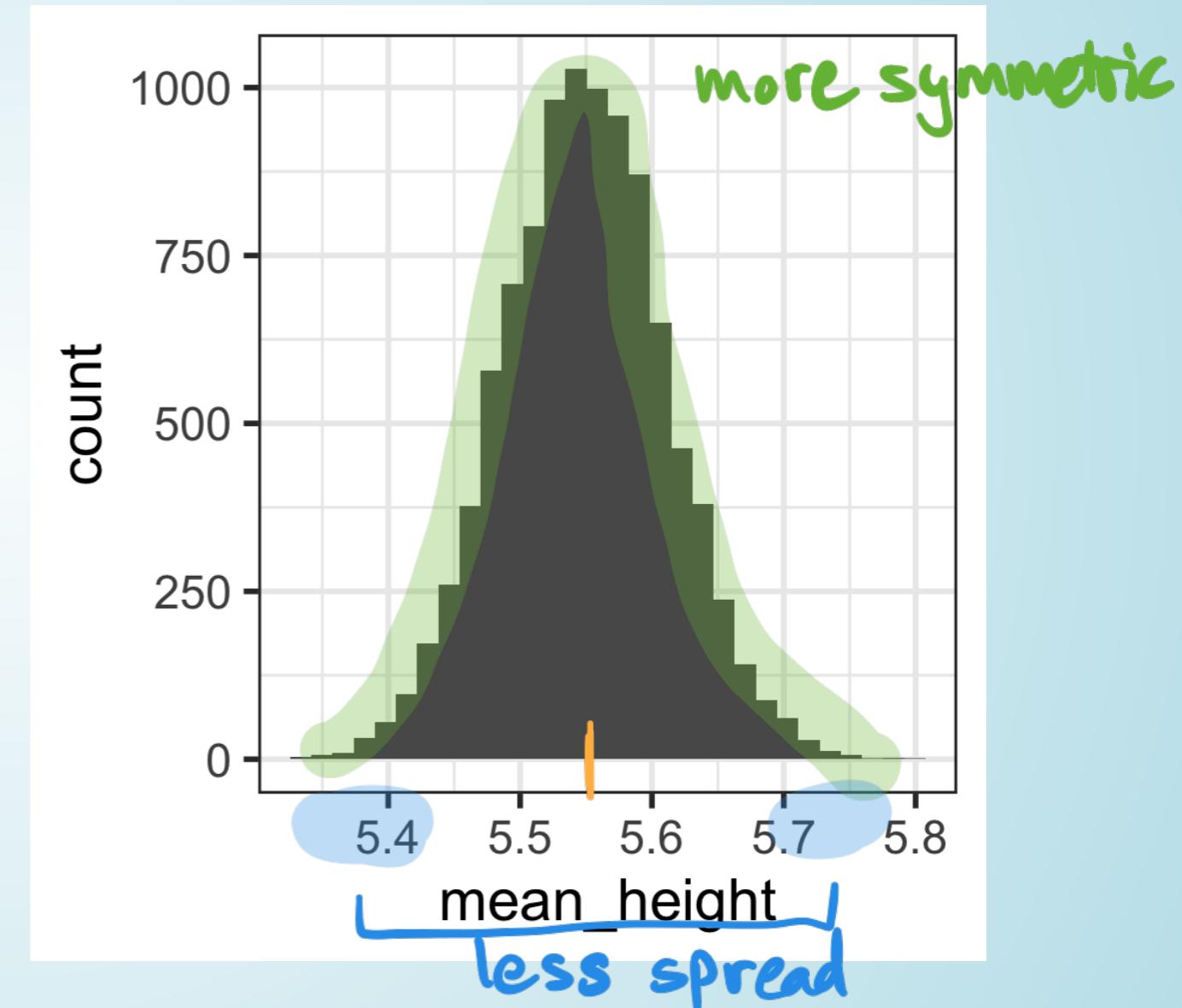
Compare distributions of 10,000 sample mean heights  
when  $n = 5$  (left) vs.  $n = 30$  (right)

How are the center, shape, and spread similar and/or different?

Same



```
# A tibble: 1 × 2
  mean_mean_height sd_mean_height
    <dbl>            <dbl>
1      5.55          0.153
```



```
# A tibble: 1 × 2
  mean_mean_height sd_mean_height
    <dbl>            <dbl>
1      5.55          0.0623
```

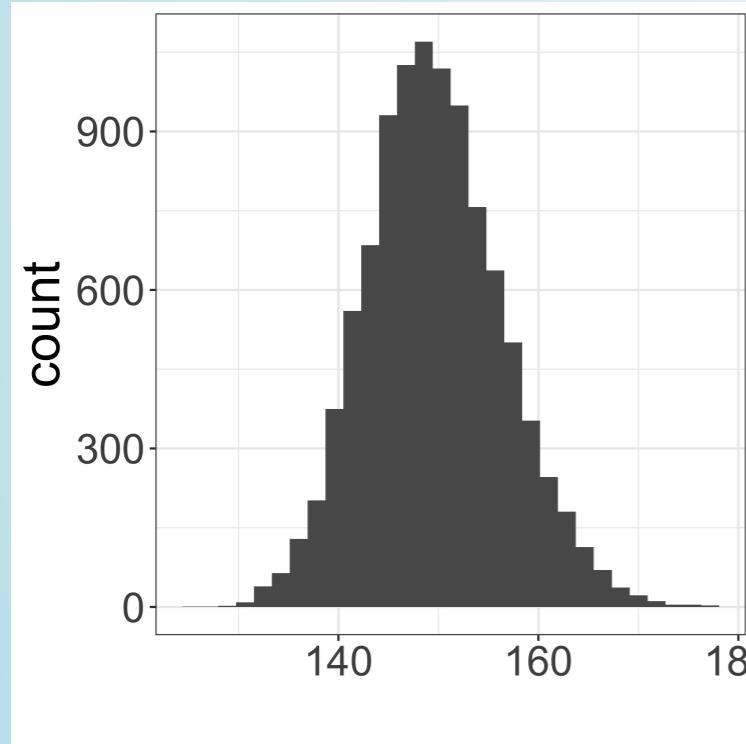
# Sampling high schoolers' weights

Class  
discussion

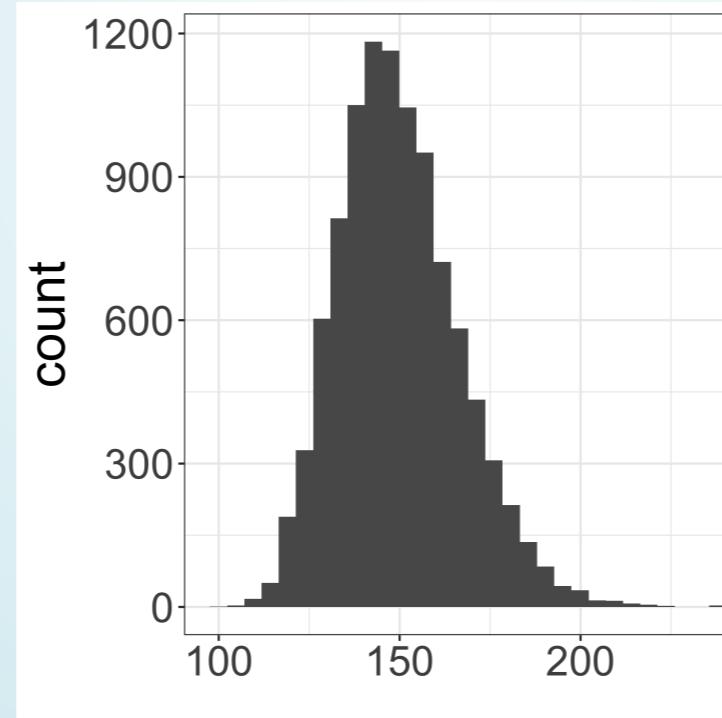
Which figure is which?

- Population distribution of weights
- Sampling distribution of mean weights when  $n = 5$
- Sampling distribution of mean weights when  $n = 30$ .

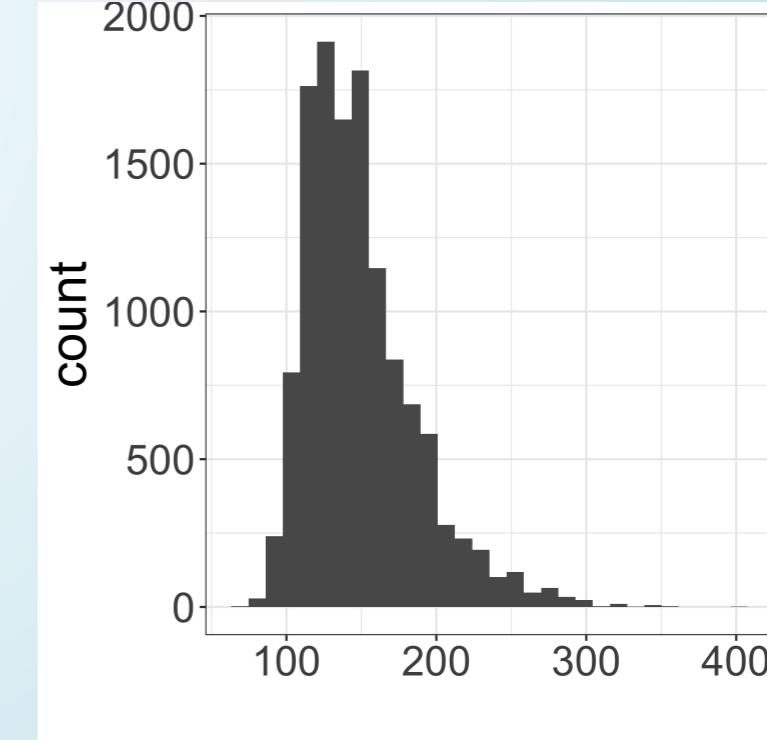
A



B

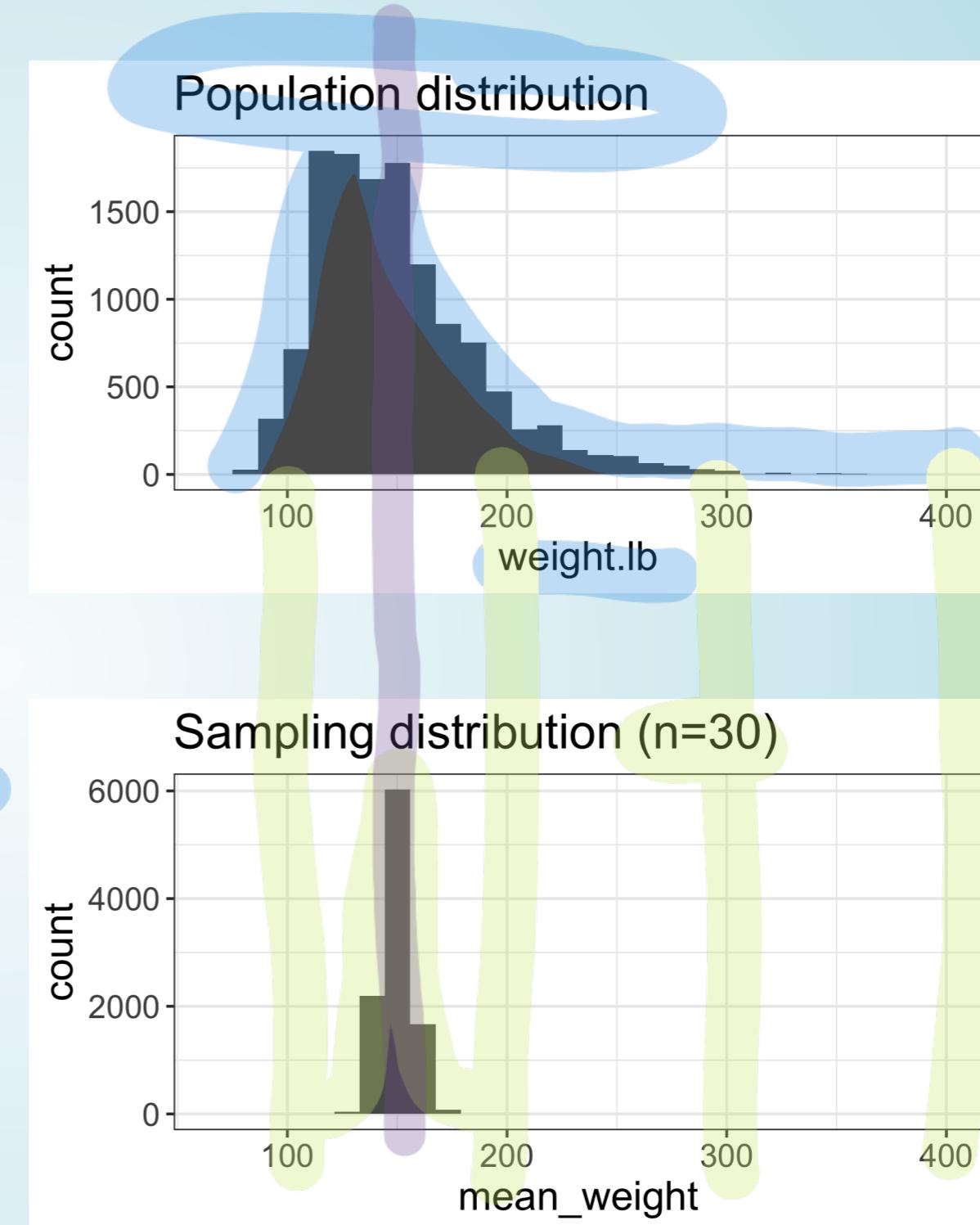


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# The sampling distribution of the mean

- The **sampling distribution** of the mean is the distribution of sample means calculated from repeated random samples of *the same size* from the same population
- Our simulations show approximations of the sampling distribution of the mean for various sample sizes
- The theoretical sampling distribution is based on all possible samples of a given sample size  $n$ .



# The Central Limit Theorem (CLT)

- For “large” sample sizes ( $n \geq 30$ ),
  - the sampling distribution of the sample mean
  - can be approximated by a normal distribution, with
    - mean equal to the population mean value  $\mu$ , and
    - standard deviation  $\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$

$$\bar{X} \sim N(\mu_{\bar{X}} = \mu, \sigma_{\bar{X}} = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}})$$

$\bar{X} = \frac{\sum X_i}{n}$

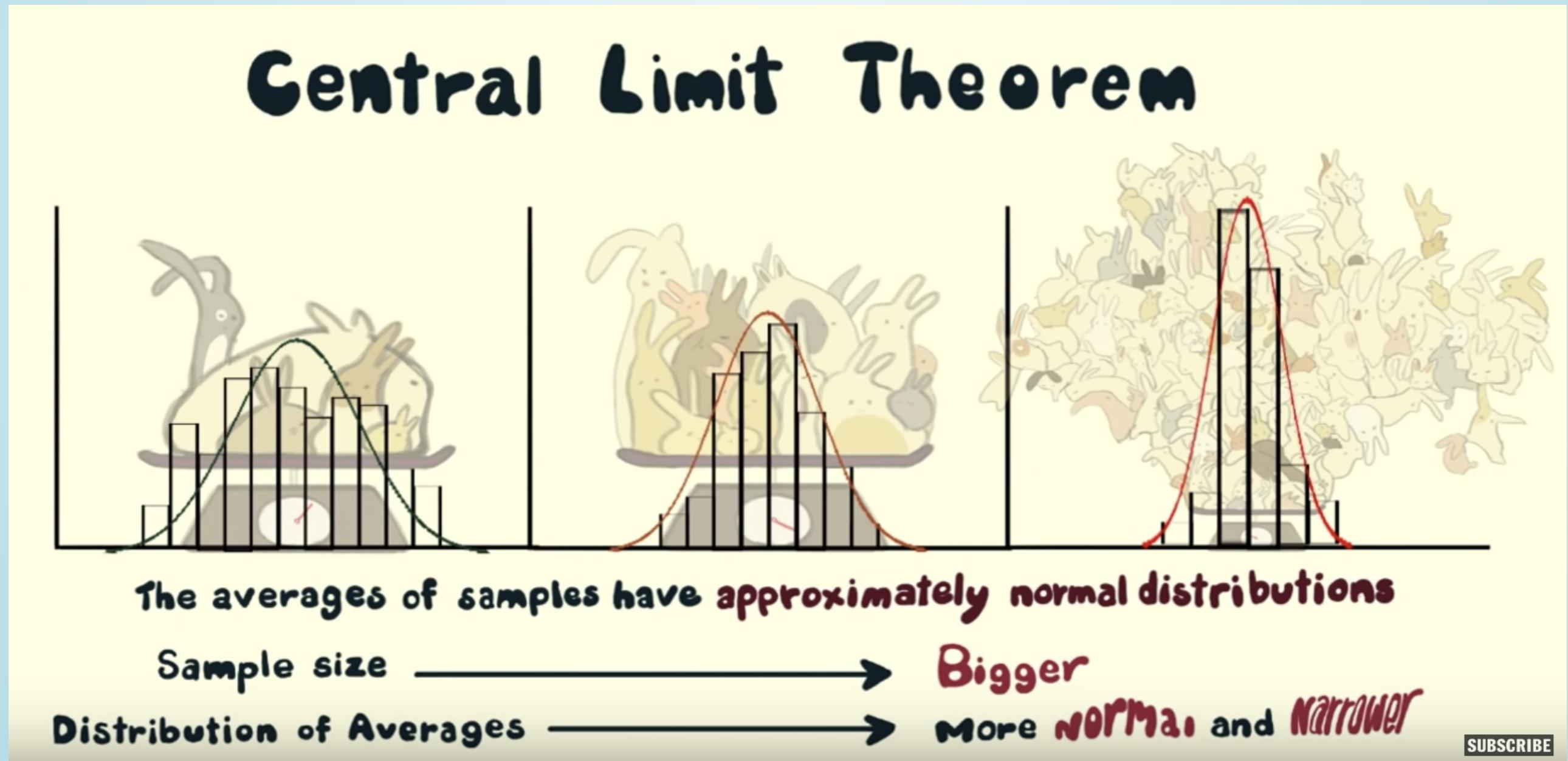
population sd

$\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \downarrow \text{as } n \uparrow$   
= standard error (SE)  
of  $\bar{X}$

- For small sample sizes, if the population is known to be normally distributed, then
  - the sampling distribution of the sample mean
  - is a normal distribution, with
    - mean equal to the population mean value  $\mu$ , and
    - standard deviation  $\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$

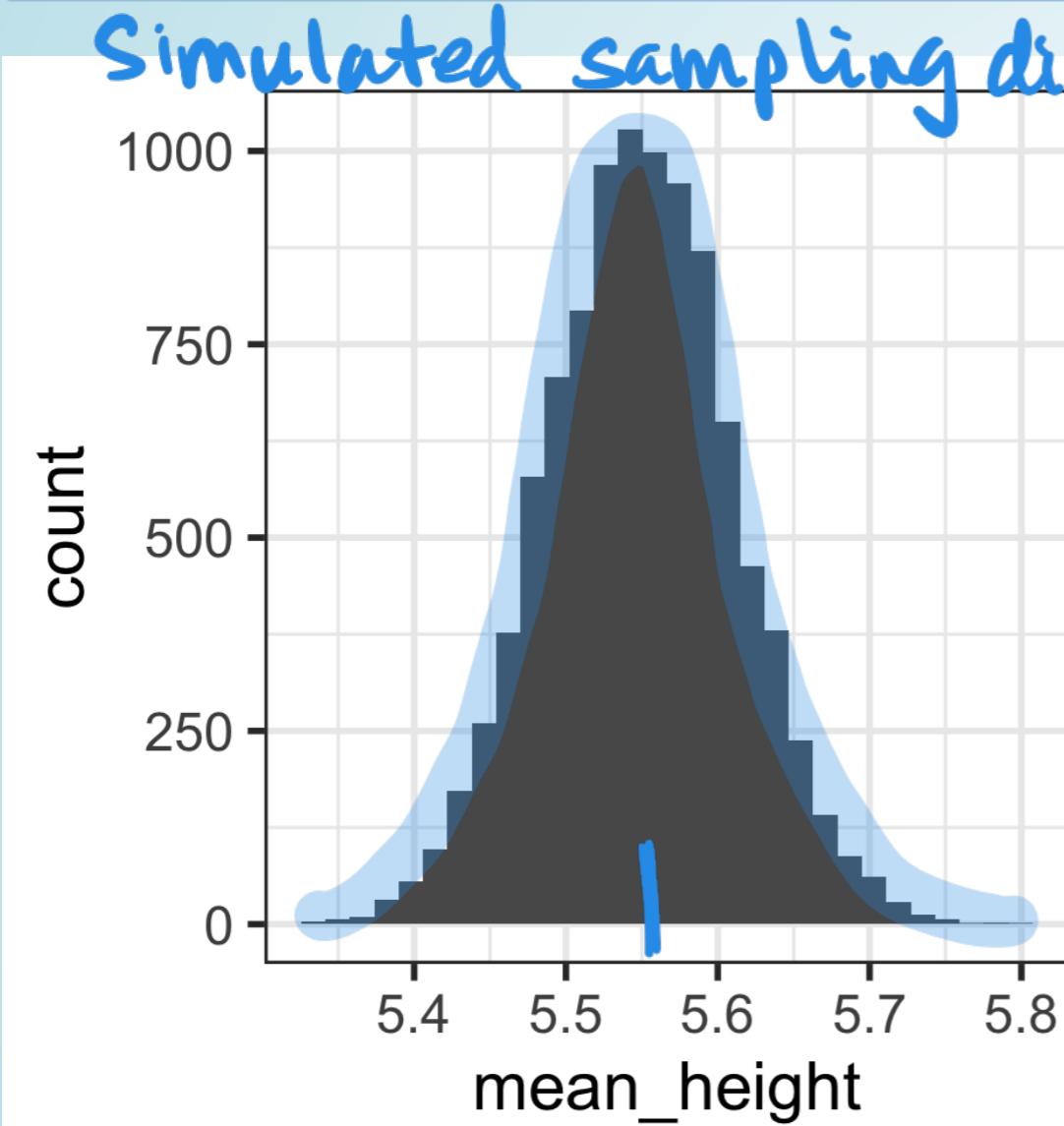
# The cutest statistics video on YouTube

- *Bunnies, Dragons and the 'Normal' World: Central Limit Theorem*
  - Creature Cast from the New York Times
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jvoxEYmQHNM&feature=youtu.be>

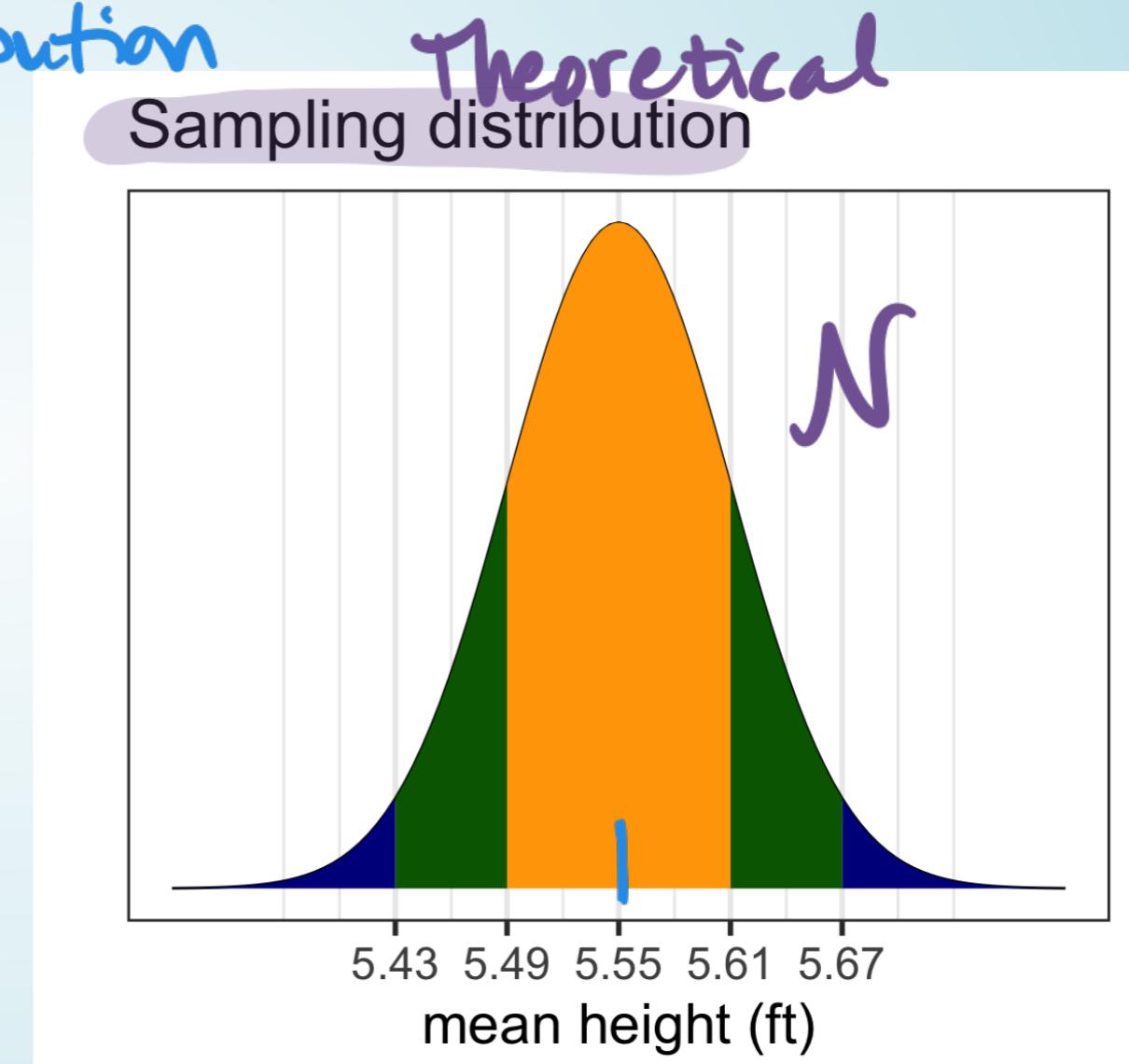


# Sampling distribution of mean heights when $n = 30$ (1/2)

```
1 ggplot(  
2   means_hght_samp_n30_rep10000,  
3   aes(x = mean_height)) +  
4   geom_histogram()
```



CLT tells us that we can model the sampling distribution of mean heights using a normal distribution.



# Sampling distribution of mean heights when n = 30 (2/2)

## Mean and SD of population:

```
1 mean_height.ft <- mean(yrbss2$height.ft))  
[1] 5.548691  
  
1 sd_height.ft <- sd(yrbss2$height.ft))  
[1] 0.3434949  
  
1 sd_height.ft/sqrt(30)  
[1] 0.06271331
```

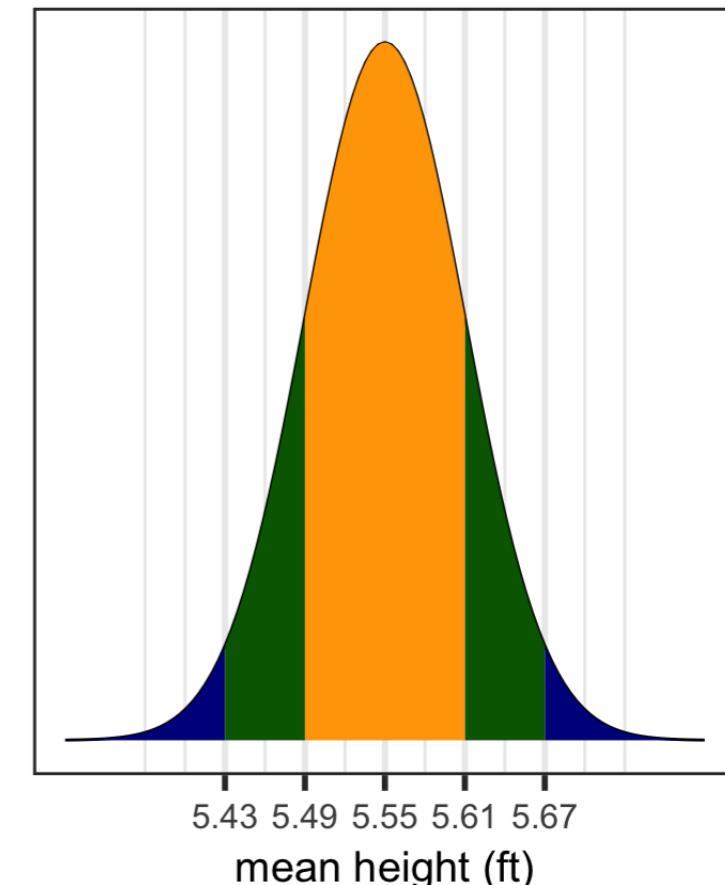
$$\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} = SE$$

## Mean and SD of simulated sampling distribution:

```
1 stats_means_hght_samp_n30_rep10000<-  
2 means_hght_samp_n30_rep10000 %>%  
3 summarise(  
4   mean_mean_height=mean(mean_height),  
5   sd_mean_height = sd(mean_height)  
6 )  
7 stats_means_hght_samp_n30_rep10000
```

```
# A tibble: 1 × 2  
  mean_mean_height sd_mean_height  
            <dbl>          <dbl>  
1           5.55        0.0623
```

Sampling distribution



Why is the mean  $\mu$  & the standard error  $\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$  ?

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n}$$

Show  $E[\bar{x}] = \mu$ :

$$E[\bar{x}] = E\left[\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n}\right] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n E[x_i] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mu = \frac{1}{n} (n \cdot \mu) = \mu$$

Show  $\text{Var}(\bar{x}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$ :

$$\text{Var}(\bar{x}) = \text{Var}\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n}\right) = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(x_i) = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma^2 = \frac{1}{n^2} (n \sigma^2) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$$

$$\Rightarrow SE_{\bar{x}} = SD(\bar{x}) = \sqrt{\text{Var}(\bar{x})} = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2}{n}} = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$$

## Applying the CLT

$n=30$

What is the probability that for a random sample of 30 high schoolers, that their mean height is greater than 5.6 ft?

$$\bar{x} \text{ Find } P(\bar{x} > 5.6)$$

Since  $n=30 \rightarrow$  use CLT:  $\bar{x} \sim N(\mu_{\bar{x}} = 5.55, \sigma_{\bar{x}} = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} = \frac{0.34}{\sqrt{30}} \approx 0.06)$

$$P(\bar{x} > 5.6) = P(Z > \frac{5.6 - 5.55}{0.06}) = P(Z > 0.81)$$

$$= 1 - P(Z \leq 0.81)$$

$$= 1 - 0.7910$$

$$= 0.2090$$

$\Rightarrow \approx 21\%$  chance

# Class Discussion

Problems from Homework 4:

- R1: Youth weights (YRBSS)
- Book exercise: 4.2
- Non-book exercise: Ethan Allen



Slide 21: matching