

3.3 Common Distributions and CLT with Dice

MBC 638

Data Analysis and Decision Making

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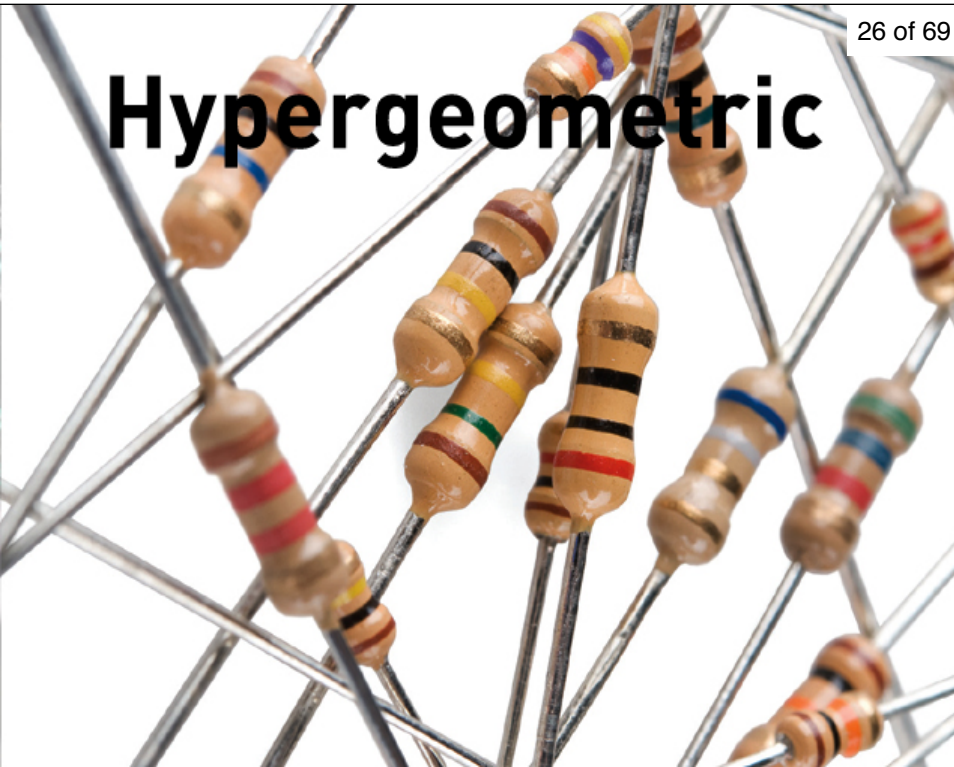
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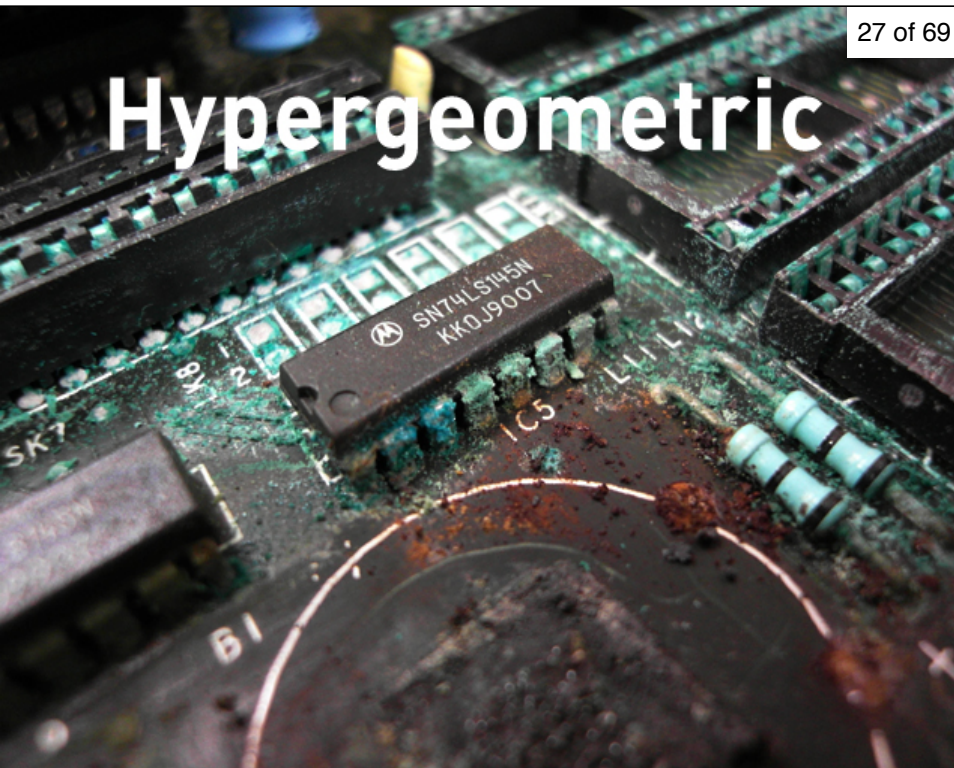
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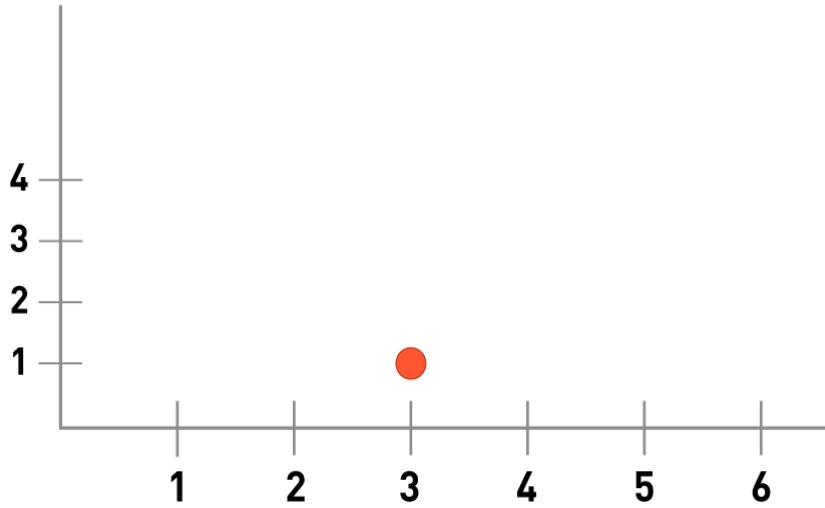
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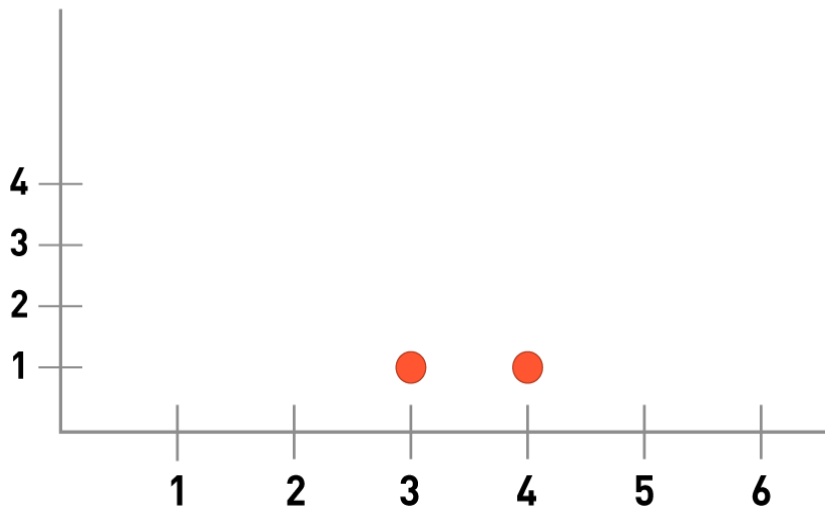
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- Single die rolls fulfill a discrete uniform distribution.

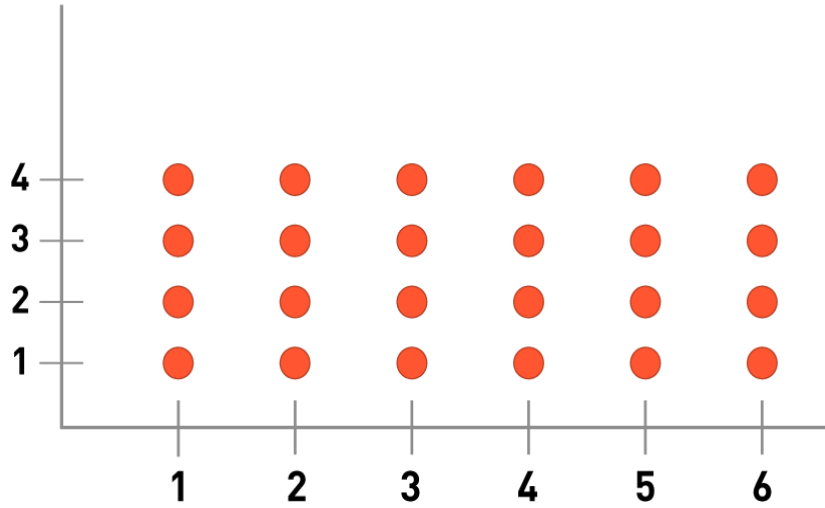
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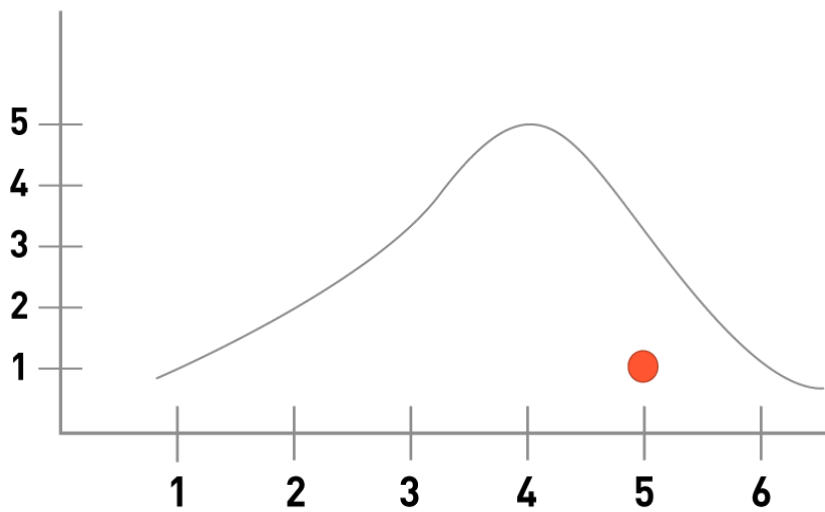
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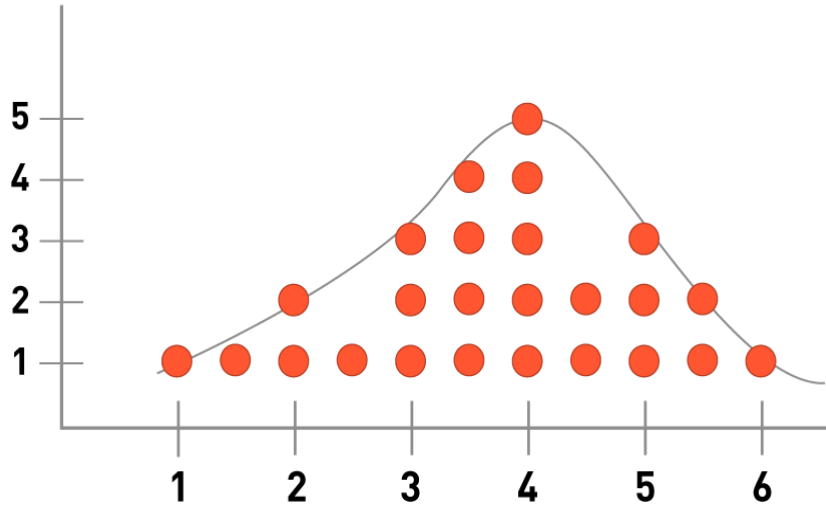
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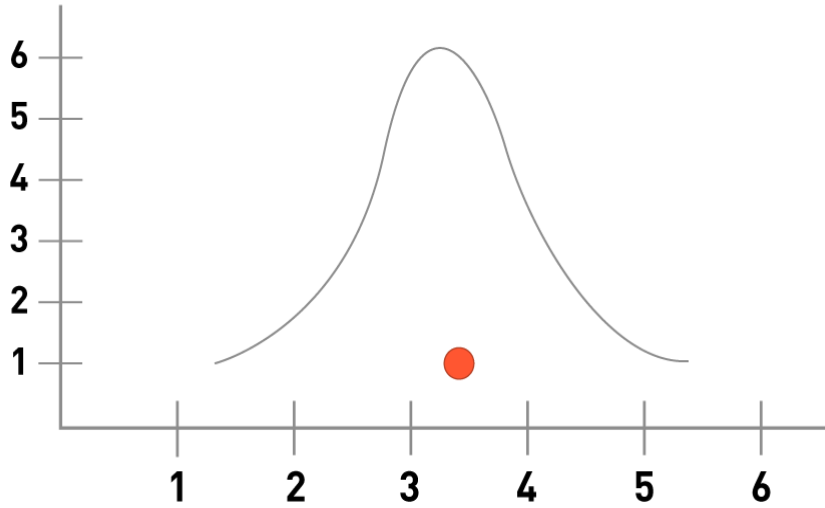
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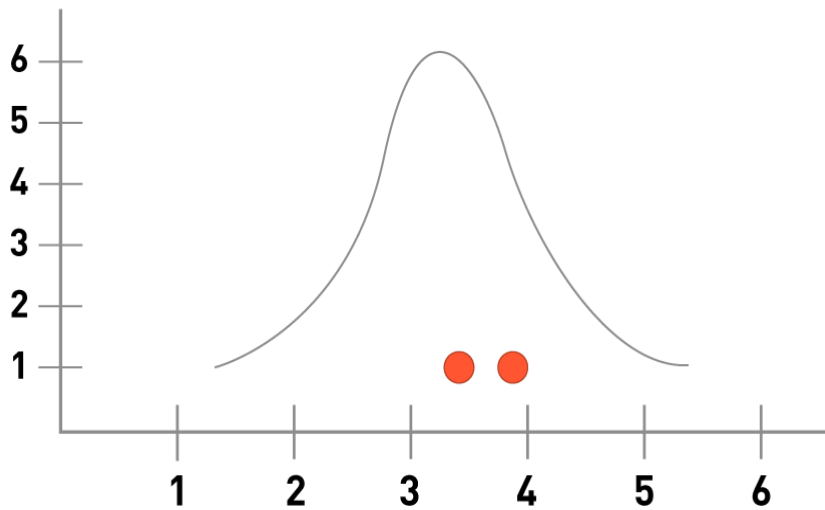


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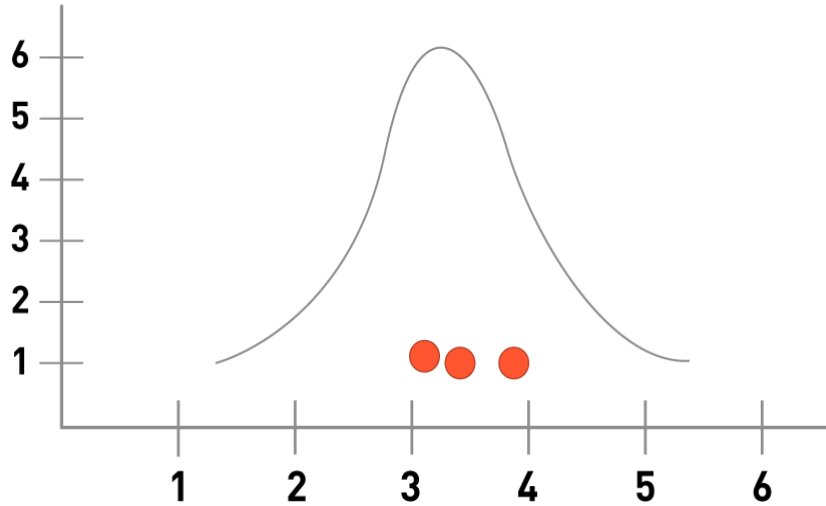
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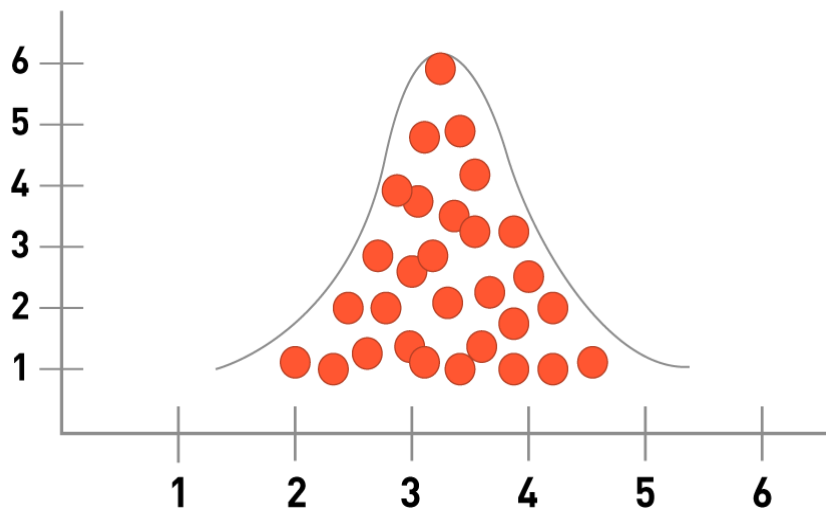
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- **Remember:**
 - “No matter what the parent looks like, the child will be normal, especially by age 30.”
 - I.e., no matter the shape of the parent distribution, the distribution of sample means approach normal as the sample size, n increases.
 - $n = 30$ is large.