

**Topic:** Sampling distribution of sample mean; Point estimators;

**Reading Assignment:** 8.1 - 8.4, 9.1

**Assigned Problems:**

Chapter 8: 10, 11, 14, 16, 22, 30

Chapter 9: 1 (a & b), and then these two additional sections:

(c) Based on your results for (a) and (b), which of the 4 estimators would you consider to be best for population parameter  $\theta$  (and why)?

(d) Now also consider a 5<sup>th</sup> estimator:  $\hat{\theta}_5 = \frac{X_1 + X_2}{3}$

Determine if  $\hat{\theta}_5$  is better, equally good, or not as good as your choice of the best estimator in (c). Justify your answer.