

# Confidence Intervals

UCLA Soc 114

# Concepts for today

## Statistical concepts

- ▶ Sampling distribution
- ▶ Standard error
- ▶ Confidence interval
- ▶ Bootstrap

## Coding concepts

- ▶ Writing a custom function
- ▶ Writing a for loop

## Example: Mean salary of MLB players

Load data:

```
baseball <- read_csv("https://soc114.github.io/data/baseball.csv")
# Keep only a few variables for simplicity
select(player, team, salary)
```

```
# A tibble: 944 x 3
  player              team    salary
  <chr>             <chr>   <dbl>
1 Bumgarner, Madison Arizona 21882892
2 Marte, Ketel        Arizona 11600000
3 Ahmed, Nick        Arizona 10375000
# i 941 more rows
```

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```
baseball |> summarize(population_mean = mean(salary))
```

```
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  population_mean
  <dbl>
1 4965481.
```

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  print(n = 3)
```

```
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  player              team      salary  
  <chr>               <chr>     <dbl>  
1 Montgomery, Jordan St. Louis 10000000  
2 Barnes, Matt          Miami    7500000  
3 Eflin, Zach           Tampa Bay 11000000  
# i 7 more rows
```

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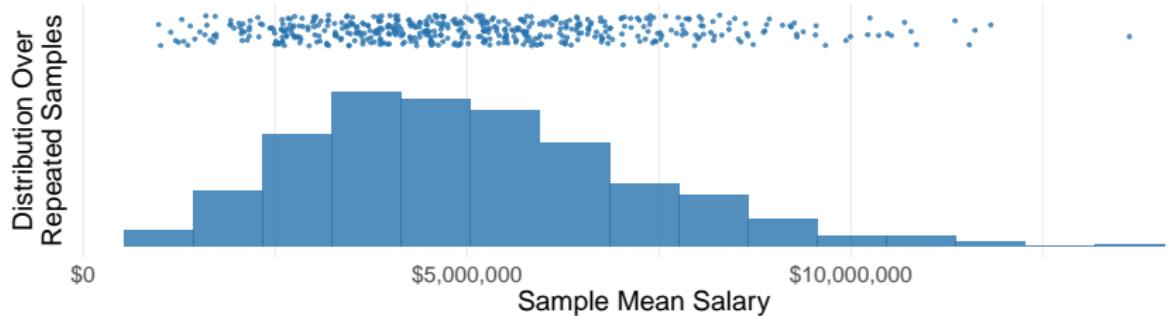
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sampled_players <- sampled_players |>  
  summarize(sample_estimate = mean(salary)) |>  
  print()
```

```
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  sample_estimate  
            <dbl>  
1           3435960
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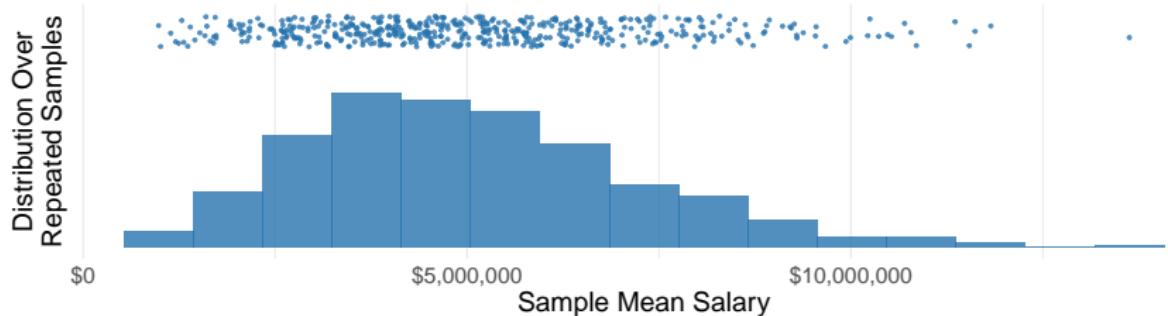


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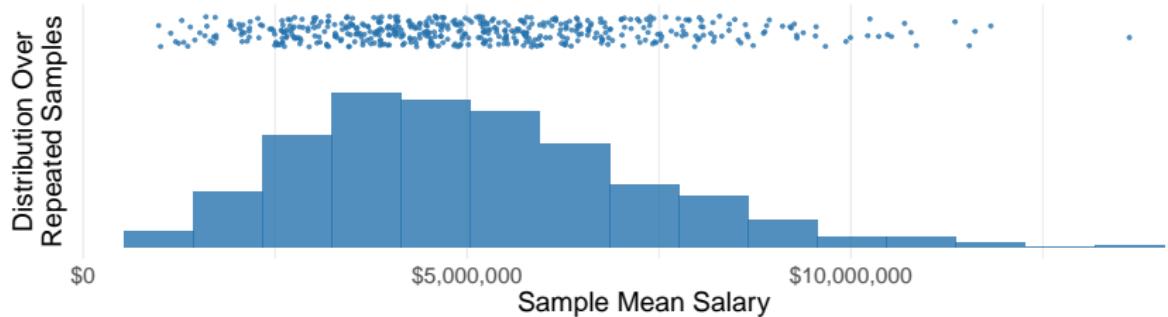
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Can you propose a summary statistic for this distribution?

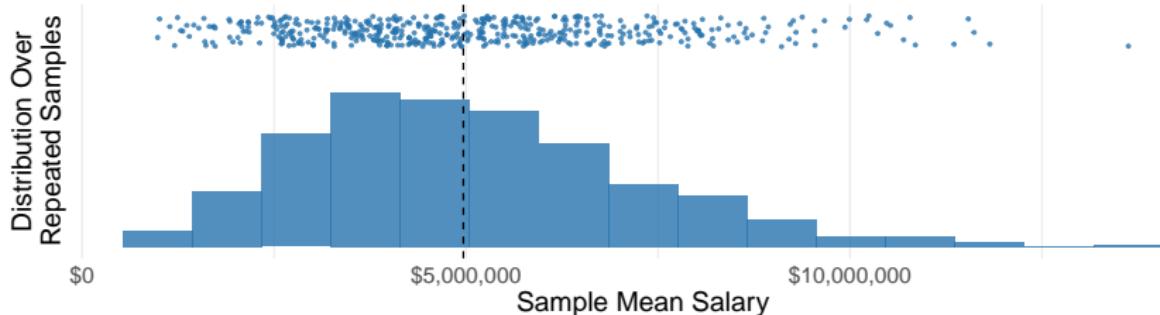
# Mean of the distribution

Also called the **expected value**.

```
many_samples |>  
  summarize(estimator_mean = mean(sample_estimate))
```

```
# A tibble: 1 x 1  
estimator_mean  
      <dbl>  
1       5077653.
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(In practice, the mean of the distribution is unknown)

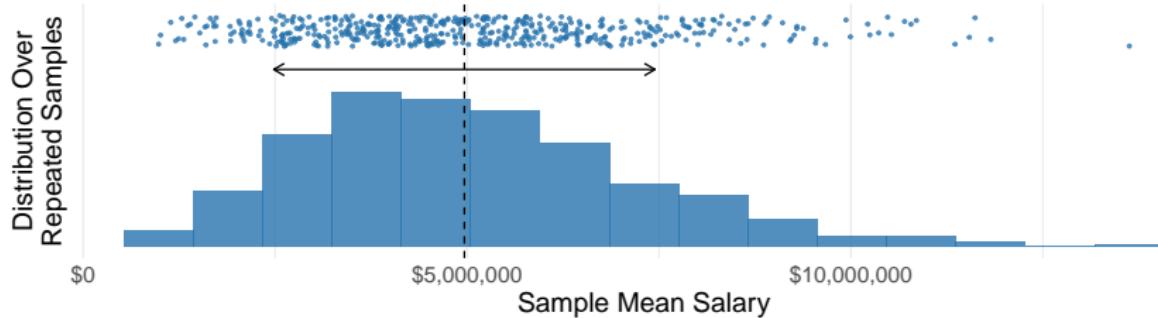
# Standard Error

A measure of dispersion for the distribution of sample mean estimates.

```
many_samples |>  
  summarize(standard_error = sd(sample_estimate))
```

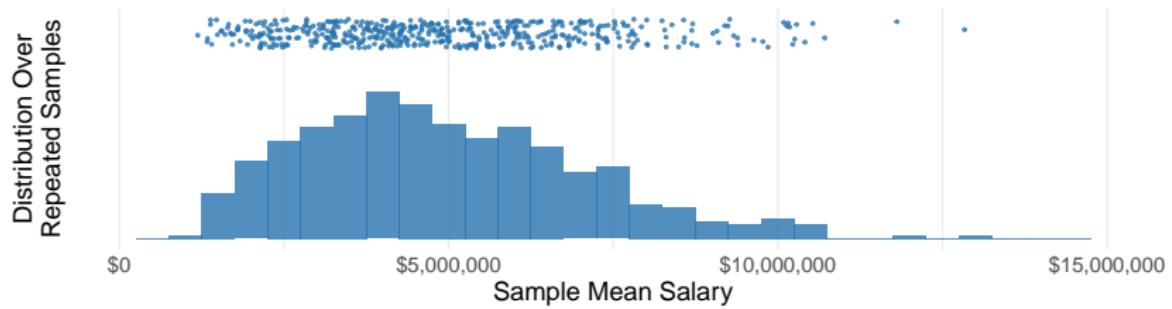
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# A tibble: 1 x 1  
  standard_error  
  <dbl>  
1 2158282.
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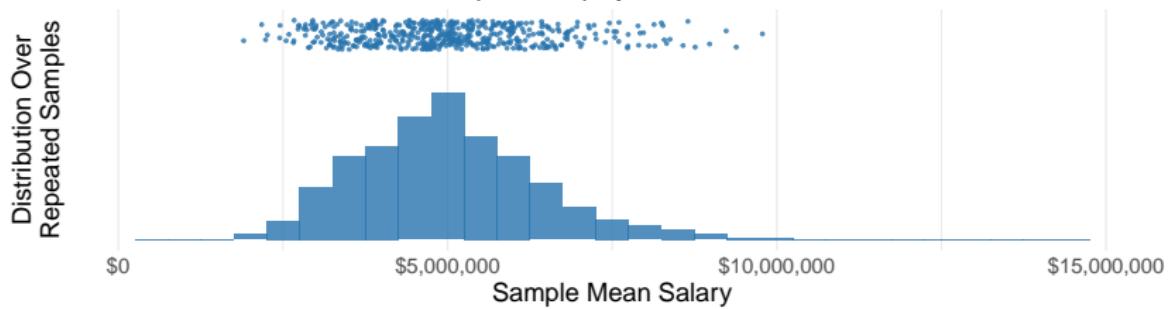
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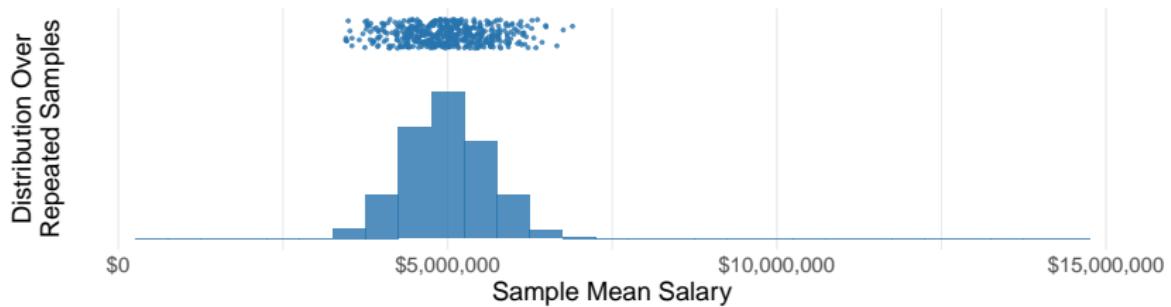
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Each dot is the mean from one sample of 25 players.



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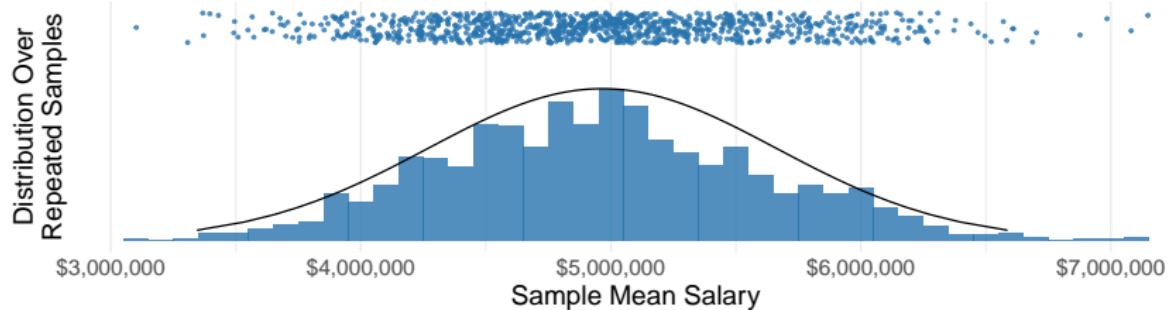
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# Asymptotic Normality

- ▶ As the sample size gets large (asymptotic)
- ▶ This becomes a Normal distribution

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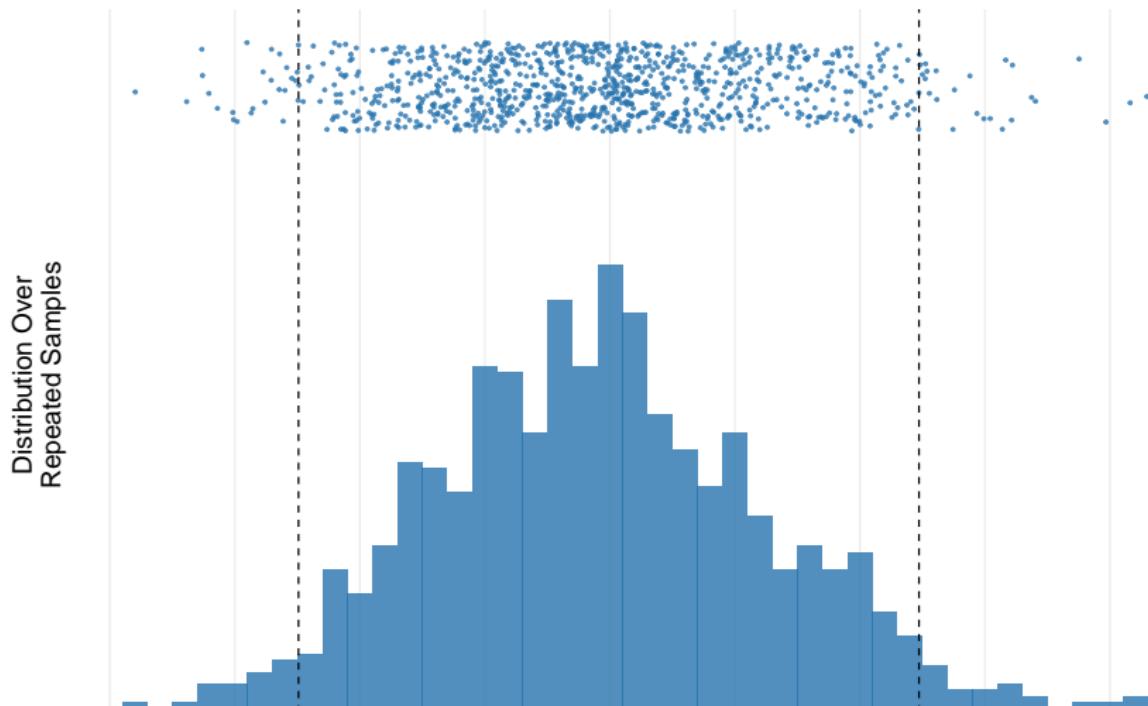


## Middle 95% sampling interval

We might want to summarize:

- ▶ The mean of the estimator
- ▶ A range containing the middle 95% of sample estimates

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# Confidence interval via the bootstrap

What we want:

1. We would want many samples: sample\_1, sample\_2, sample\_3,...
2. We estimate with each
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## Confidence interval via the bootstrap

What we can do:

1. We get only one sample
  - ▶ So we simulate hypothetical `sample_sim_1`, `sample_sim_2`, ...
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Resample  $n$  players with replacement.

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sampled_players_bootstrap <- sampled_players |>  
  slice_sample(prop = 1, replace = TRUE)
```

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Here is a sample of 3 players:

```
a_small_sample <- baseball |>
  slice_sample(n = 3) |>
  print()
```

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  player           team      salary
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## Coding concepts

We will analyze hundreds of bootstrap samples.

We need two coding concepts.

1. How to write an estimator function
2. How to write a for loop

## How to write an estimator function

A function (like `mean`) takes an input and returns an output. You can write your own.

```
estimator <- function(data) {  
  data |>  
    summarize(estimate = mean(salary)) |>  
    pull(estimate)  
}
```

The function takes data and returns an estimate.

```
estimator(data = sampled_players)
```

```
[1] 5522424
```

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Second, loop through and fill your vector.

```
for (index in 1:3) {  
  vector_for_results[index] <- index  
}
```

Square brackets [] extract an element of a vector.

## Analyze 500 bootstrap samples

Initialize a vector to hold the result.

```
bootstrap_estimates <- rep(NA, times = 500)
```

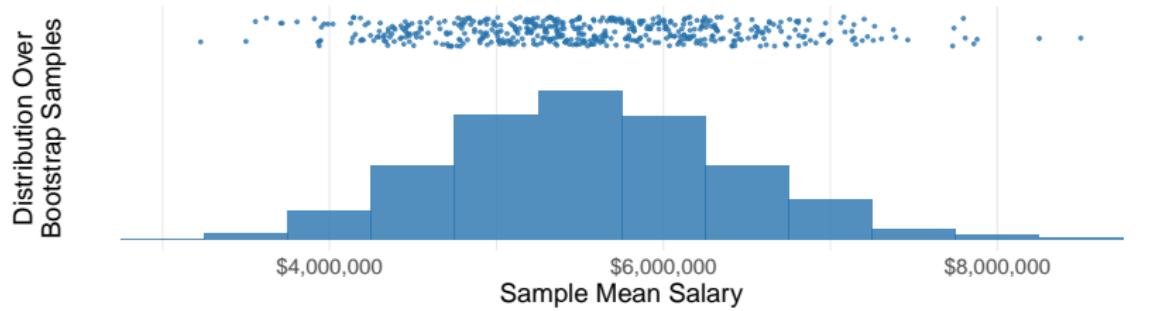
## Analyze 500 bootstrap samples

Write a for loop that will repeat 500 times.

```
for (index in 1:500) {  
  
  # Draw a bootstrap sample  
  bootstrap_sample <- sampled_players |>  
    slice_sample(prop = 1, replace = TRUE)  
  
  # Construct an estimate  
  estimate_this_index <- estimator(bootstrap_sample)  
  
  # Store that estimate  
  bootstrap_estimates[index] <- estimate_this_index  
}
```

# Bootstrap results

Each dot is the mean from one bootstrap sample of 100 players.



## Bootstrap results: Summary statistics

Bootstrap estimate of the standard error.

```
sd(bootstrap_estimates)
```

```
[1] 864362.2
```

Middle 95% of bootstrap estimates

```
quantile(x = bootstrap_estimates, prob = c(.025, .975))
```

```
2.5%    97.5%
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```

## Confidence interval

An interval from lower(sample) to upper(sample) with the property: across repeated samples, 95% of intervals constructed this way would contain the population parameter.

## Confidence interval: Example

Middle 95% of bootstrap estimates is a confidence interval.

- ▶ The true population mean salary is \$4,965,481
- ▶ Our sample mean is \$5,522,424
- ▶ Our confidence interval is:

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Across repeated samples, 95% of intervals constructed this way will contain the population mean salary.

## Recap

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## Statistical concepts

- ▶ Sampling distribution
  - ▶ Cannot be directly observed. We have one sample.
- ▶ Standard error
  - ▶ Spread of the sampling distribution
- ▶ Confidence interval
  - ▶ Covers truth in 95% of samples
- ▶ Bootstrap
  - ▶ Method of constructing the CI with one sample

## Recap: Coding concepts

- ▶ Writing a custom function (R4DS Ch 25)
- ▶ Writing a for loop (R4DS Ch 27.5)