***Udacity Data Analyst Track***

**I. Into to Descriptive Stats**

6. Sampling Distributions

* By knowing the mean and SD of a normal distribution, we can compare any value in the population to the rest of that population by finding the % of values greater than or less than that value
* To compare *samples* of a population, we can find the mean of a sample + of other samples and compare them
* Ex: tetrahedral die 🡪 sides of 1, 2, 3, 4, w/ mean = 2.5 = **expected value** if we take a sample of this population
* **The Central Limit Theorem** = used to help understand the following facts regardless of whether a population distribution is normal or not:
* *the mean of the sample means is the same as the population mean*
* the SD of the sample means is always equal to the **standard error** (i.e. SE = sigma/Sqrt(n) )
* the distribution of sample means will become *more normal* as sample size, n, increases
* **Sampling Distribution** **of a statistic** = the distribution of that statistic.
* May be considered as the distribution of a statistic for *all* possible samples from the *same* population of a given size.
* Example: We are interested in average height of trees in a particular forest.
* 5 students measure a sample of 20 trees + return w/ the average tree height from their samples.
* Sample results: 35.23 , 36.71, 33.21, 38.2, 35.54
* *If it is known the population average = 36 feet w/ SD = 2 feet, how many Standard errors is the students average away from the population mean?*
* To solve this problem 1st need to find the average of the students averages so
* x¯ = 35.23+36.71+33.21+38.2+35.54 / 5 = **35.78**
* Now find Standard error of the sample 🡪 SE = SD/Sqrt(n) = 2 / 5 = **0.4**
* To get the # of SE’s away from the mean our observation is, use the z-score formula 🡪 x¯ - mu / SE 🡪 (35.7836 – 46) / 0.4 = **0.55**
* So our sample distribution is relatively close to the population distribution!
* Problem 7.1 🡪 The known average time it takes to deliver a pizza is 22.5 minutes w/ SD = 2 minutes. I ordered pizza every week for the last 10 weeks w/ average time = 18.5 minutes. What is the probability that get this average?
* Problem 7.2 🡪 If I continue to order pizzas for eternity what could I expect this average to get close to?