

Business Statistics: Quantitative Methods and Techniques



Lecture 2: Introduction to Business Statistics



Overview of Business Statistics

- Business statistics is a broad topic.
 - Statistics
 - Computer Science
- Business statistics is widely applied.
 - Marketing
 - Human resource management
 - Economics
 - Finance
 - Health, sports, and politics
- Business statistics combines qualitative reasoning with quantitative tools.
 - Identify key business problems
 - Translate data analysis into decisions
 - Improve business performance



Overview of Business Statistics

- Business statistics begins with understating the business context.
 - Ask the right questions
 - Identify the appropriate analysis
 - Communicate information
- Numerical results are not very useful unless they are accompanied with clearly stated actionable business insights.
- There are three different types of analytics techniques.
 - Descriptive analytics: what has happened?
 - Predictive analytics: what could happen in the future?
 - Prescriptive analytics: what should we do?



Introduction to statistics

- What is **statistics**?
 - aim: making statements about real world phenomena
 - “**statistics** is a way to get **information** from **data**”
 - **collecting**, **analyzing** and **interpreting** data...
 - ...in order to get **insight** into phenomena...
 - ...to assist in **decision making** processes

Intuition check: Purchase history





Some Basic Concepts

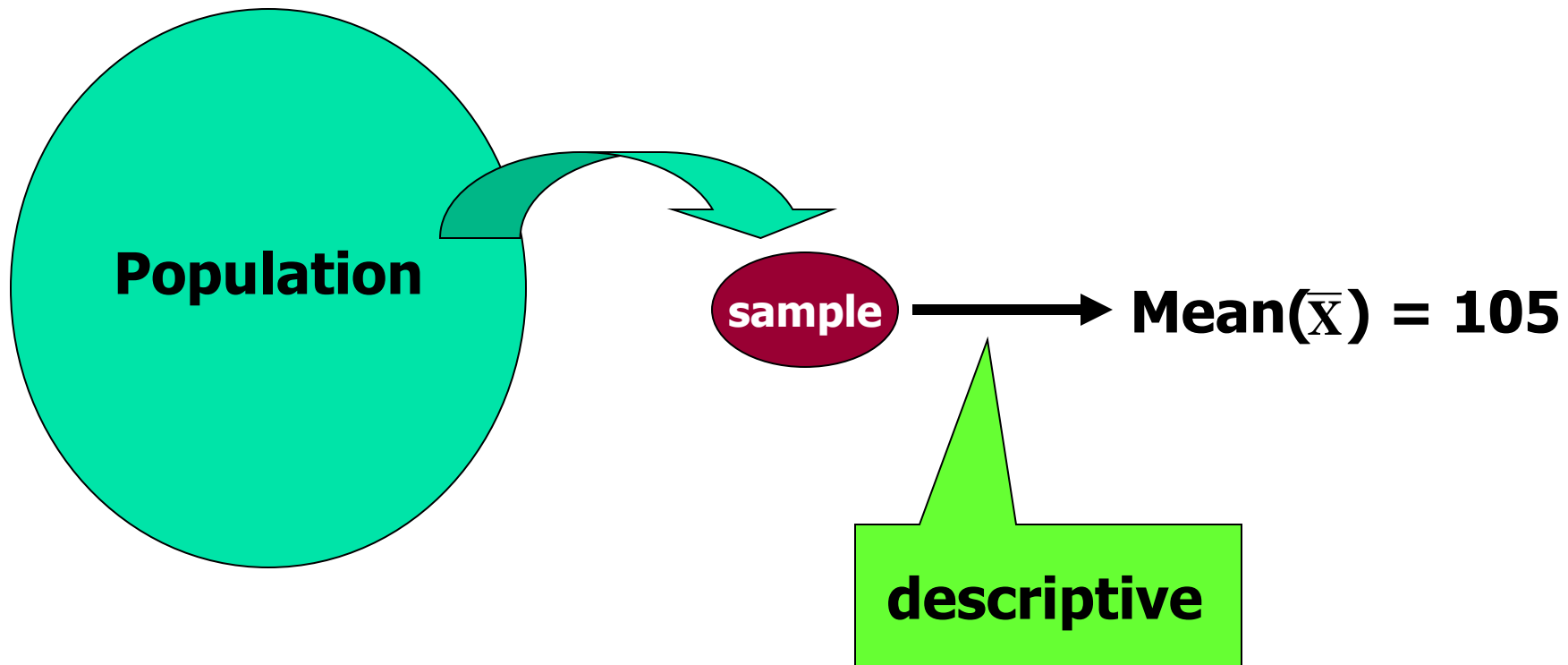
- **Population**: The entire set of things of interest.
 - **Parameter**: A property descriptive of the population
 - Population mean
- **Sample**: The part of the population. Typically this provides the data we will look at.
 - **Estimate**: A property of a sample
 - Sample mean



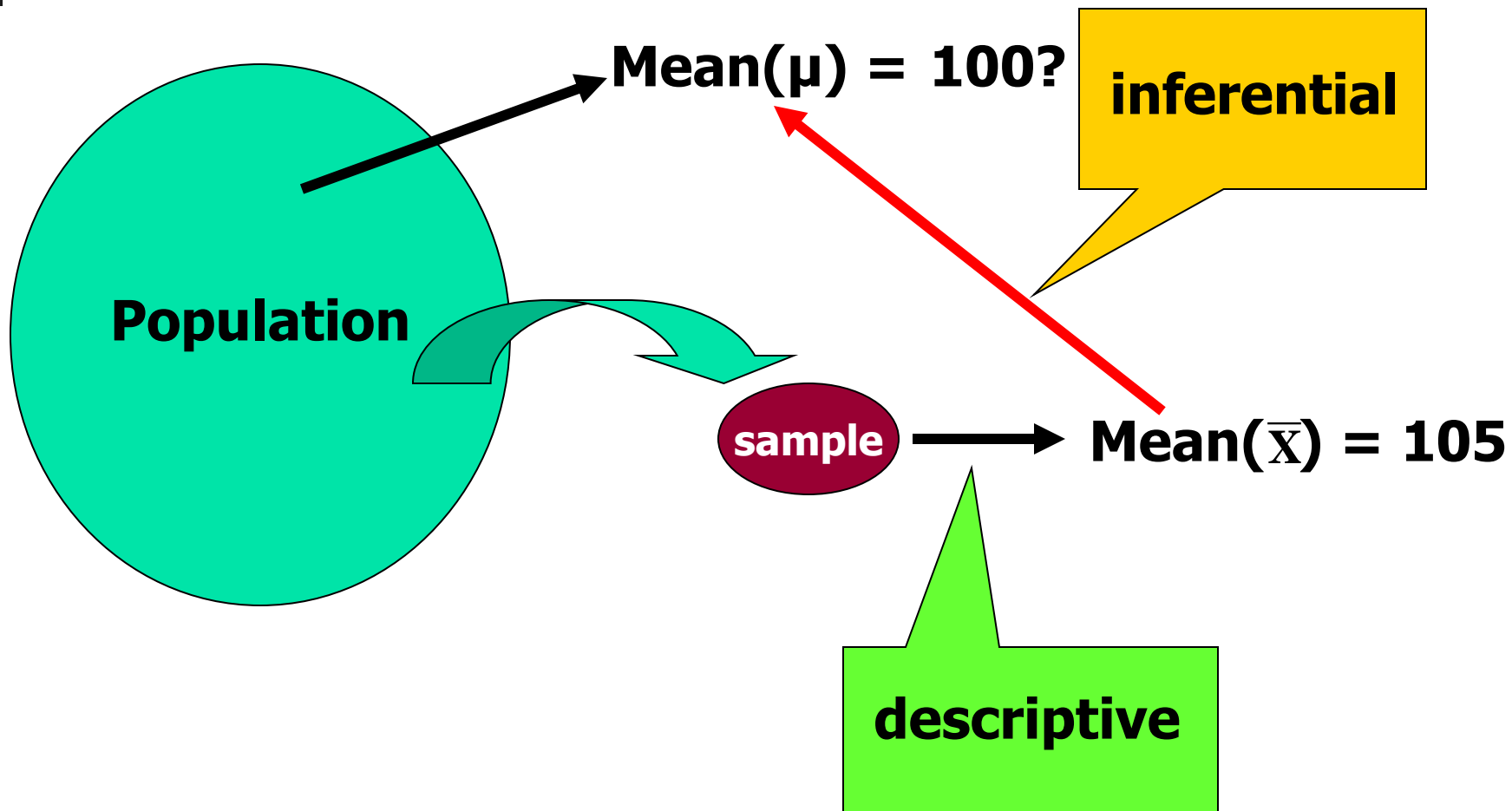
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- **Descriptive Statistics:**
 - Summarize/describe the properties of samples (or populations when they are completely known)
- **Inferential Statistics:**
 - Draw conclusions/make inferences about the properties of populations from sample data

Descriptive vs. Inferential Statistics



Descriptive vs. Inferential Statistics





Some Basic Concepts

- **Variable:**

- Something that varies
- A condition or characteristic that can have different values
- Constant



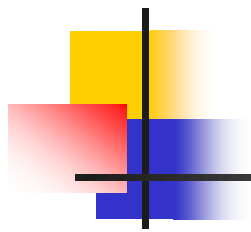
Types of Variables

- Nominal
 - Ordinal
- } **Categorical var. (범주형 변수)**
(Qualitative 정성)
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- Interval
 - Ratio
- } **Numerical var. (수치형 변수)**
(Quantitative 정량)



Types of Variables

- Dependent variables (Y):
 - Outcomes/Responses
 - Predicted variables
- Independent variables (X):
 - Aka *factors* in experimental designs
 - Aka predictors/covariates



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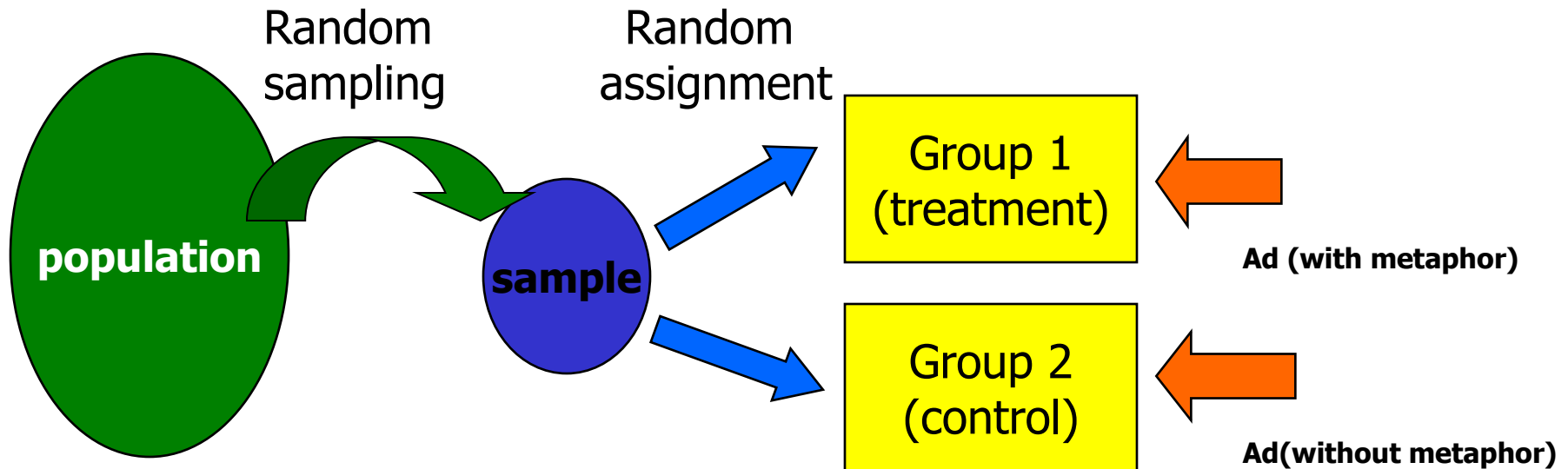
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We want to test the effect of visual metaphor on consumers' advertising response.



Y = Consumer preference (1-10)

X = Ad (0 = no, 1 = yes)



Univariate vs. Multivariate

- **Univariate**

- Only one DV, can have multiple IVs

- **Multivariate**

- Multiple DVs, regardless of number of IVs