

POL 212
Winter 2024
Assignment 1

1. Pick a distribution, any distribution (e.g., normal, binomial, Poisson, gamma, uniform, etc.).
 - a. How many parameters does it have?
 - b. What are those parameters (symbols and name)?
 - c. Interpret each of the parameters (e.g., what do lower/higher values mean)?
2. Next, simulate that distribution in R.
 - a. Which values of the distribution parameter(s) did you choose?
 - b. Using 100 random simulations, how close are the observed values to the actual (chosen) value?
 - i. How about with 1000 random simulations?
 - ii. How about with 10,000 random simulations?
 - iii. How about with 100,000 random simulations?
 - c. Provide histogram plots of your sampled values with 100, 1000, 10,000, and 100,000 simulations.