

Definitions

Element: The entity on which data are collected	Population: A collection of all the elements of interest
Sample: A subset of the population	Sampled population: The population from which the sample is collected
Frame: a list of elements that the sample will be collected from	

Sampling from an Infinite Population

Populations generated by an ongoing process are referred to as Infinite Populations: parts being manufactured, transactions occurring at a bank, calls at a technical help desk, customers entering a store	Each element selected must come from the population of interest, Each element is selected independently.
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Sampling Distribution of

Expected value of \bar{x} : $E(\bar{x}) = \mu$	Standard Deviation of \bar{x} : $\sigma_{\bar{x}} = \sigma/\sqrt{n}$
Finite Population: $\sigma_{\bar{x}} = \sqrt{N-n/(N-1)} (\sigma/\sqrt{n})$	Infinite Population: $\sigma_{\bar{x}} = \sigma/\sqrt{n}$
Z-value at the upper endpoint of interval = largest value - $\mu/\sigma_{\bar{x}}$	Area under the curve to the left of the upper endpoint = largest value - $\mu/\sigma_{\bar{x}}$ on the z table
Z-value at the lower endpoint of the interval = smallest value - $\mu/\sigma_{\bar{x}}$	Area under the curve to the left of the lower endpoint = smallest value - $\mu/\sigma_{\bar{x}}$ on the z table
Probability = area under curve to left of upper endpoint - area under curve to left of lower endpoint	When selecting a different sample number, expected value remains the same. When the sample size is increased the standard error is decreased.

Sampling from a Finite Population

Finite Populations are often defined by lists: Organization Member Roster, Credit Card Account Numbers, Inventory Product Numbers	A simple random sample of size n from a finite population of size N: a sample selected such that each possible sample of size n has the same probability of being selected
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Point Estimation

Point Estimation is a form of statistical inference.	We use the data from the sample to compute a value of a sample statistic that serves as an estimate of a population parameter.
\bar{x} is the point estimator of the population mean	s is the point estimator of the standard deviation
\hat{p} is the point estimator of the population proportion	$\bar{x} = (\sum x_i)/n$
$s = \sqrt{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2 / (n-1)}$	$\hat{p} = x/n$

Sampling Distribution of

Expected value of \hat{p} : $E(\hat{p}) = p$	Standard Deviation of \hat{p} : $\sigma_{\hat{p}} = \sqrt{p(1-p)/n}$
Finite Population: $\sigma_{\hat{p}} = \sqrt{N-n/(N-1)} (\sqrt{p(1-p)/n})$	Infinite Population: $\sigma_{\hat{p}} = \sqrt{p(1-p)/n}$
Z-value at the upper endpoint of the interval = largest value - $p/\sigma_{\hat{p}}$	Area under the curve to the left of the upper endpoint equals z value of largest value - $p/\sigma_{\hat{p}}$
Z-value at the lower endpoint of the interval = smallest value - $p/\sigma_{\hat{p}}$	Area under the curve to the left of the lower endpoint = z = value of smallest value - $p/\sigma_{\hat{p}}$
Probability = area under curve to left of upper endpoint - area under curve to left of lower endpoint	