# Lecture 15 Sampling Distribution And The Central Limit Theorem

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# **Use Sample Statistics To Estimate Population Parameters**



**The scenario:** we draw a sample of size n from the population. We observe the sample mean is  $\bar{x}$  and the sample variance is  $s^2$ . We want to answer the following type of questions:

- If the population mean were  $\mu_0$ :
  - what would be the probability of observing a sample of size n with a mean of  $\bar{x}?$
  - what would be the probability of observing a sample of size n with a mean falling into [a,b]?
- If the population variance were  $\sigma_0^2$ :
  - what would be the probability of observing a sample of size n with a variance of  $s^2$ ?
  - what would be the probability of observing a sample of size n with a variance of [a, b]?

### Intuition of Sampling Distribution



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#### 100 plates (samples)



#### Intuition of Sampling Distribution



#### Sampling Distribution of The Sample Mean





Sampling distribution of the sample mean



 $ar{m{X}} \sim ?(?,?)$  6/12

 $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are in-

#### By Pierre Simon de Laplace in 1810.

#### Theorem

The sampling distribution of the sample mean of n independent and identically distributed (i.i.d.) random variables is approximately normal, even if original variables themselves are not normally distributed, provided that n is large enough.

$$ar{X} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_{ar{X}}, \sigma_{ar{X}}^2), \text{ where } \mu_{ar{X}} = \mu, \sigma_{ar{X}}^2 = rac{\sigma^2}{n}$$

 $\sigma_{\bar{X}} = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$ : standard error.

### The Central Limit Theorem



### **Three Distributions**



#### Practice: Pou5f1 Expression

Based on the previous research, the expression of Pou5f1 in all ES cells follow a normal distribution with  $\mu = 3$  and  $\sigma^2 = 4^2$ .



Estimation



Use info. from the sample to do a point estimation

• Estimator



• Estimate

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i$$
$$s^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})^2$$
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Population parameter

$$\mu, \sigma^2$$

Sample statistics

$$\bar{x}, s^2$$

We say the following estimators are unbiased estimators:

$$\bar{\boldsymbol{X}} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \boldsymbol{X}_i$$
$$\boldsymbol{S}^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (\boldsymbol{X}_i - \bar{\boldsymbol{X}})^2$$

Because:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\bar{\boldsymbol{X}}\right] = \mu$$
$$\mathbb{E}\left[\boldsymbol{S}^2\right] = \sigma^2$$