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Another Example on Central Limit Theorem

Example: X_i: customer spending with $\mu = 80, \sigma = 40.$

Approximate the probability that the average spending of 100 customers is $10\,\%$ or more below average. Use norm.cdf(-2)=0.023.

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Revisit:

Linear combinations/transformations of normal independent variables:

If X_1, X_2 are independent and each is normally distributed

then $Y = a_1X_1 + a_2X_2 + b$ has a normal distribution.

Its mean is $a_1\mu_1 + a_2\mu_2 + b$ and its variance is $a_1^2\sigma_1^2 + a_2^2\sigma_2^2$.

CLT and Difference Between Two Means

Apply it to the difference of two sample means:

If independent samples of size n_1, n_2 are drawn at random from two populations, with means μ_1, μ_2 and variances σ_1^2, σ_2^2, respectively, then the sampling distribution of the differences of means, $\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2$ is approximately normally distributed with mean $\mu_1 - \mu_2$ and variance $\dfrac{\sigma_1^2}{n_1} + \dfrac{\sigma_2^2}{n_2}$.

Example on CLT and Difference Between Two Means

Case Study 8.2: **Paint Drying Time**: Two independent experiments are run in which two different types of paint are compared. Eighteen specimens are painted using type A, and the drying time, in hours, is recorded for each. The same is done with type B. The population standard deviations are both known to be 1.0.

Assuming that the mean drying time is equal for the two types of paint, find $P(\bar{X}_A - \bar{X}_B > 1.0)$, where $\bar{X}_A$ and $\bar{X}_B$ are average drying times for samples of size $n_A = n_B = 18$. Use norm.cdf(3)=0.9987.

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Given data find parameters/properties of distribution.

Ex: We observed $X_1 = 0,\ X_2 = 1,\ \cdots,\ X_{10} = 0$

What is the distribution parameter p , i.e. probability of heads?

Point Estimation

Point Estimate:

Find single "good estimate" of a quantity of interest of a distribution/ population using statistics.

Statistics:

Any function of the sample: average, max, max-min, $\cdots$

Point Estimation

Formally, $X_1, \cdots, X_n$ iid data points from some distribution. An estimate of parameter θ of the distribution is:

$$\widehat{\Theta} = r(X_1, \cdots, X_n), \quad \text{for some appropriate function } r.$$

Note 1: A single value of $\widehat{\Theta}$ is denoted with $\hat{\theta}$.

Note 2: θ is considered fixed, unknown quantity. $\widehat{\Theta}$ is a random variable.

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We can try to estimate θ with any function of $X_1, \cdots, X_4$:

$\widehat{\Theta}$: $\dfrac{X_1 + \cdots + X_n}{n}$ $\dfrac{min(X_1, \cdots, X_n) + max(X_1, \cdots, X_n)}{2}$ $X_1 \cdot X_n$

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If we consider all possible unbiased estimators of some parameter θ, the one with the smallest variance is called the **most efficient estimator** of θ.

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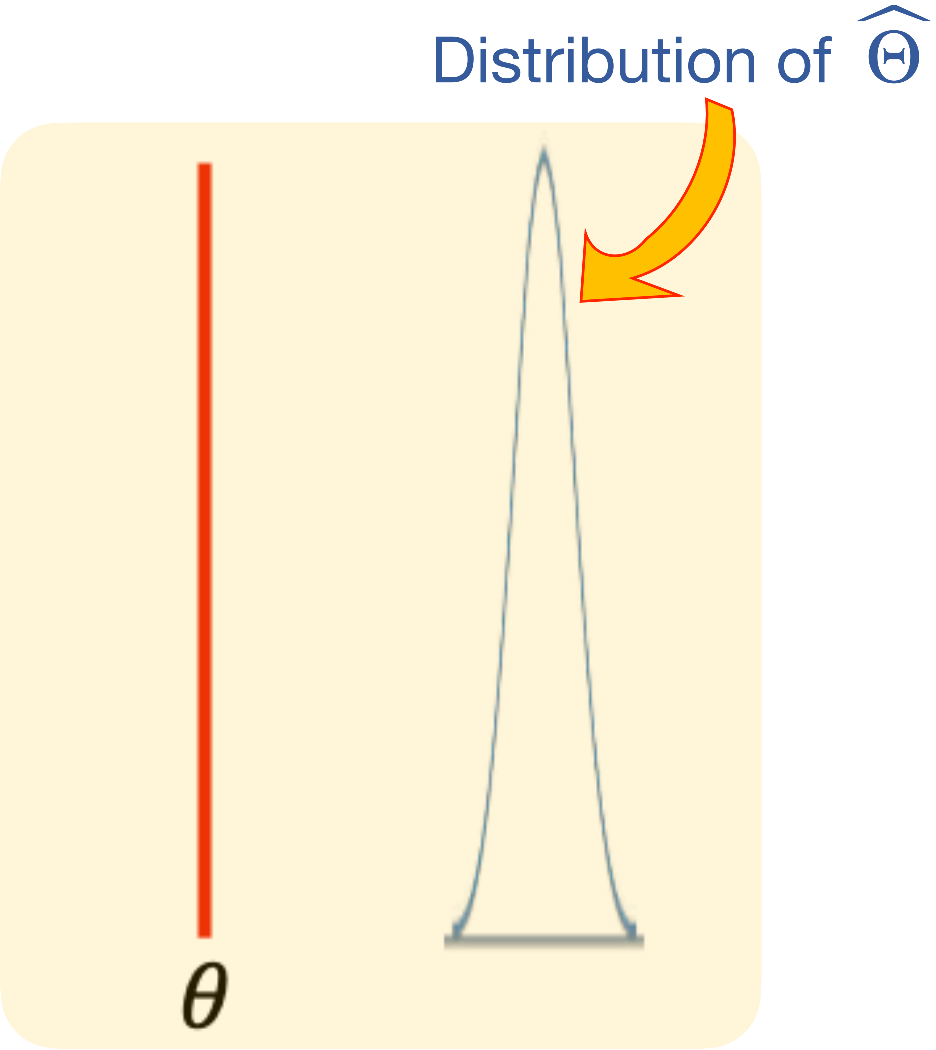

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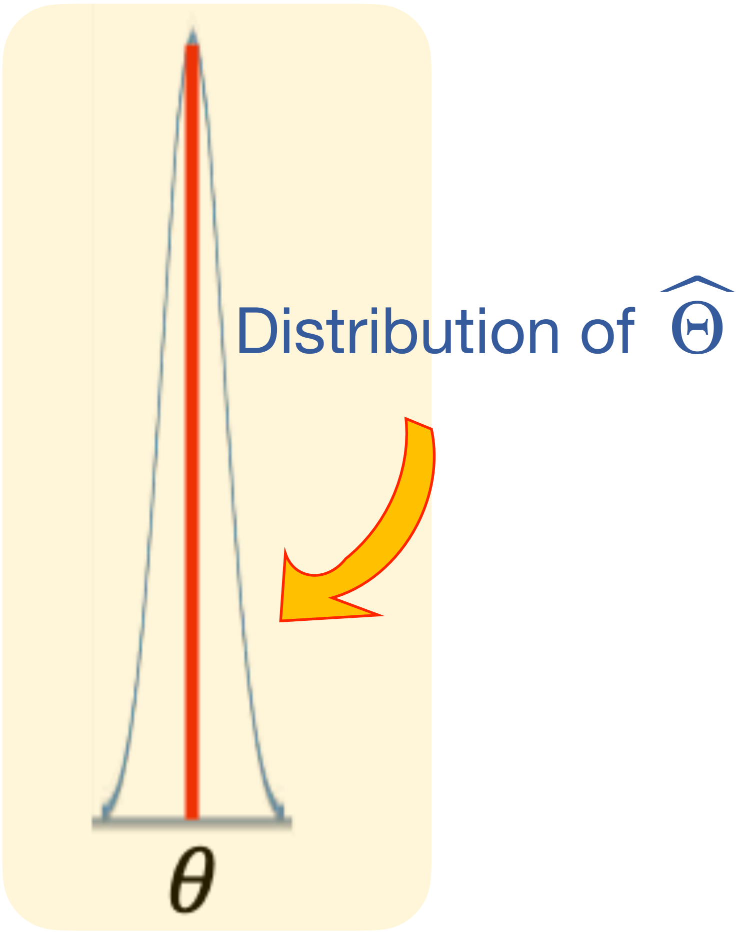

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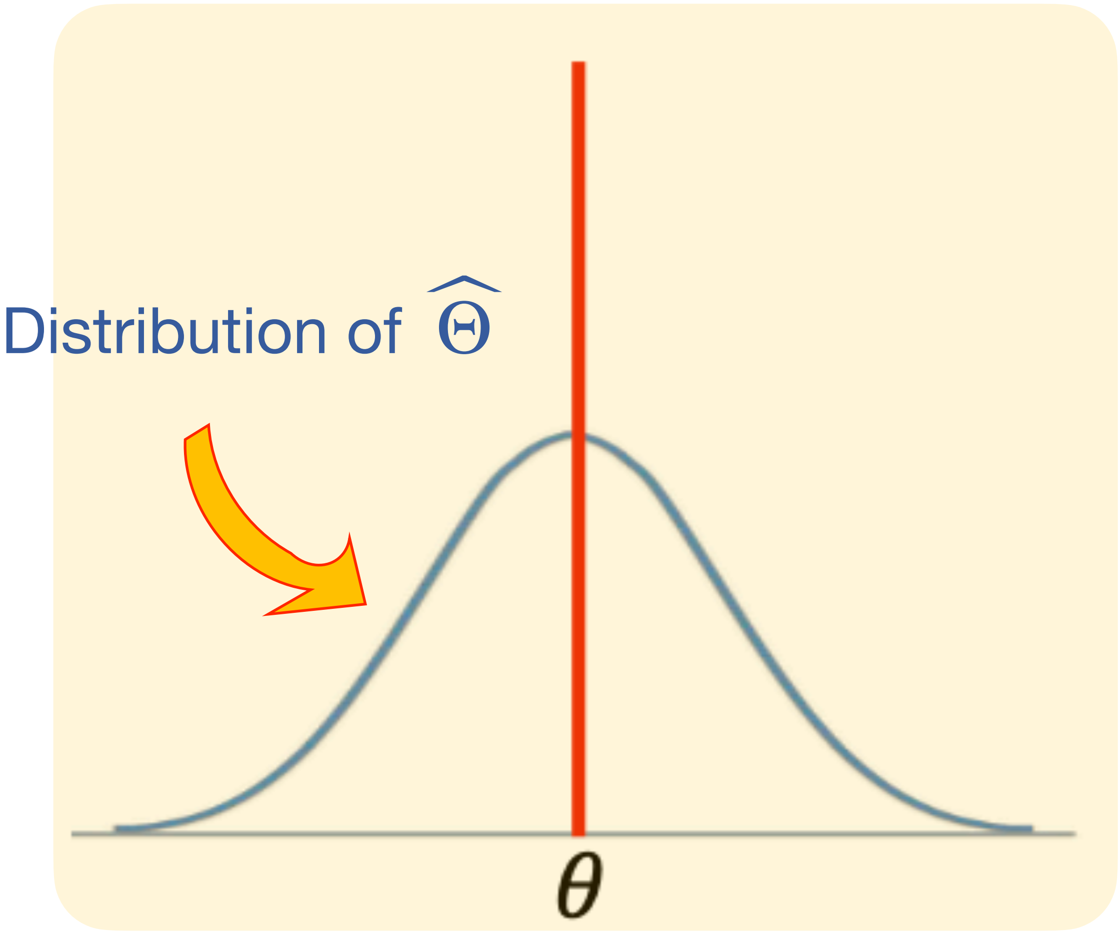

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Point Estimation

Example: Observe n coin flips $X_1, \cdots, X_n \sim Bernoulli(p)$.

True value of p unknown. We want to estimate it.

Possible estimator: Sample mean $\overline{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum X_i$

Is it biased?