

$\rho(X, Y)$  close to 1



4. If the covariance and correlation are  $\approx 0$ , then there is \_\_\_\_\_ between  $X$  and  $Y$ .

5. For any two random variables  $X$  and  $Y$ ,  $-1 \leq \rho \leq 1$ . ✓

6. If  $a$  and  $c$  are either both positive or both negative,

and any  $b$  &  $d$ :

$(\text{corr}(X, Y) = \rho) \Rightarrow \rho(aX+b, cY+d) = \rho(X, Y)$   
 (if  $ac < 0$  then  $\rho(aX+b, cY+d) = -\rho(X, Y)$ )

7. If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent or uncorrelated, then  $\rho = 0$ , but  $\rho = 0$  does not imply independence. It just means that there is no **linear** association between  $X$  and  $Y$ . But it can also mean that  $X$  and  $Y$  may have a non-linear association.  $\rightarrow \rightarrow$

8.  $\rho = 1$  or  $-1$  if and only if  $Y = aX + b$  for some numbers  $a$  and  $b$  with  $a \neq 0$ .

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### 5.3 Statistics and Their Distributions

**Definition 28.** The random variables  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are said to form a (simple) **random sample** of size  $n$  if

1. identical distribution
2. independent

Consider taking a random sample from a population, and compute the sample mean,  $\bar{y}$ , for the observations.

- Because the sample is random, the observations will also be random.

Hence,  $\bar{y}$  will also be random.

- Because  $\bar{y}$  is random, it has a mass fn/pdf & so mean & variance/std dev associated with it. This

distribution plays an important role in drawing conclusion about the population, This

is what we called Inferential statistics.

**Definition 29.** A **statistic** is any quantity whose value can be calculated from

the sample. Prior to obtaining data, there is uncertainty as to

what value of any particular statistic will result. Therefore, a statistic is a

random variable

Examples: the sample mean  $\bar{y}$ , the sample median  $\tilde{y}$ , the sample standard deviation  $s$ , etc. are all statistics.

**Definition 30.** The distribution of the statistics is called the sampling distribution of the statistics.

$$\text{Var}(\bar{X}) = \text{Var}\left(\frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n}\right) = \frac{1}{n^2} \text{Var}(X_1 + \dots + X_n)$$

#### 5.4 The Distribution of the Sample Mean

indep  $\rightarrow \frac{1}{n^2} (\text{Var}(X_1) + \dots + \text{Var}(X_n))$

The importance of the sample mean  $\bar{X}$  arises from its use in drawing conclusions about

$$= \frac{1}{n^2} (\sigma^2 + \sigma^2 + \dots + \sigma^2)$$

$$\bar{X} = \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n}$$

$$E[\bar{X}] = \frac{1}{n} E[X_1 + \dots + X_n]$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} (E[X_1] + \dots + E[X_n])$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} (\mu + \mu + \dots + \mu) = \mu$$

Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample from a distribution with mean  $\mu$  and standard deviation  $\sigma$ . Then

- $E(\bar{X}) = \mu$

- $\text{Var}(\bar{X}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$

$$\text{std dev}(\bar{X}) = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$$

- The distribution of  $\bar{X}$  becomes more concentrated about  $\mu$  as sample size  $n$  increases, i.e. averaging moves probability in toward the middle.

**NOTE:** The standard deviation  $\sigma_{\bar{X}}$  is often called the **standard error of the mean**; it describes the magnitude of a typical or representative deviation of the sample mean from the population mean.

**NOTE:** These formulas are true for any distribution.

**Example 74.** The inside diameter of a randomly selected piston ring is a random variable with mean value 12cm and standard deviation 0.04cm.

- If  $\bar{X}$  is the sample mean diameter for a random sample of  $n = 16$  rings, where is the sampling distribution of  $\bar{X}$  centered, and what is the standard deviation of the  $\bar{X}$  distribution?
- Answer the questions posted in part (a) for a sample size of  $n = 64$  rings.
- For which of the two random samples, the one of part (a) or the one of part (b), is  $\bar{X}$  more likely to be within 0.01cm of 12cm? Explain your reasoning.

*Solution.*

$$a) \quad E(\bar{X}_{16}) = 12$$

$$std\ dev(\bar{X}_{16}) = \frac{0.04}{\sqrt{16}} = 0.01$$



mean 12cm  
std dev 0.04

$$b) \quad E(\bar{X}_{64}) = 12$$

$$std\ dev(\bar{X}_{64}) = \frac{0.04}{\sqrt{64}} = \frac{0.04}{8}$$

$\mu = 12$   
 $\sigma = 0.04$

c)  $\bar{X}_{64}$  has smaller std dev. than  $\bar{X}_{16}$   
So it is closer (on average) to 12.

### 5.4.1 Samples from Normal Distribution

Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample from a normal distribution with mean  $\mu$  and standard deviation  $\sigma$ . Then for any  $n$ ,  $\bar{X}$  is a normal

w/ mean  $\mu$  and stdev  $\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$

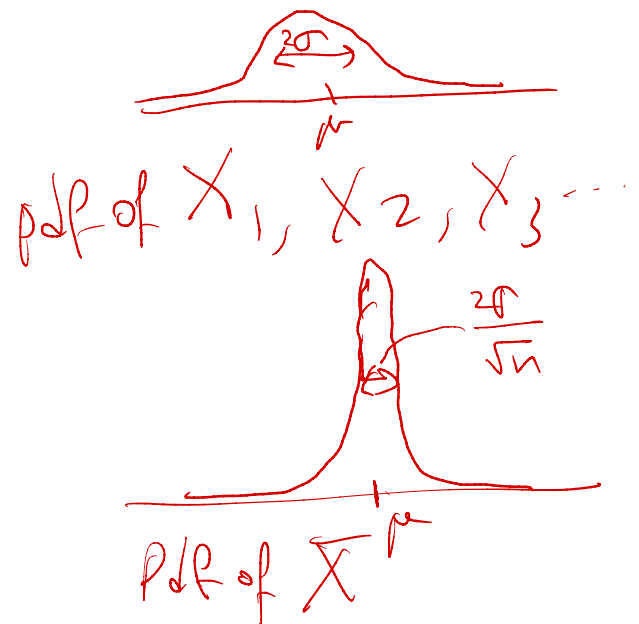
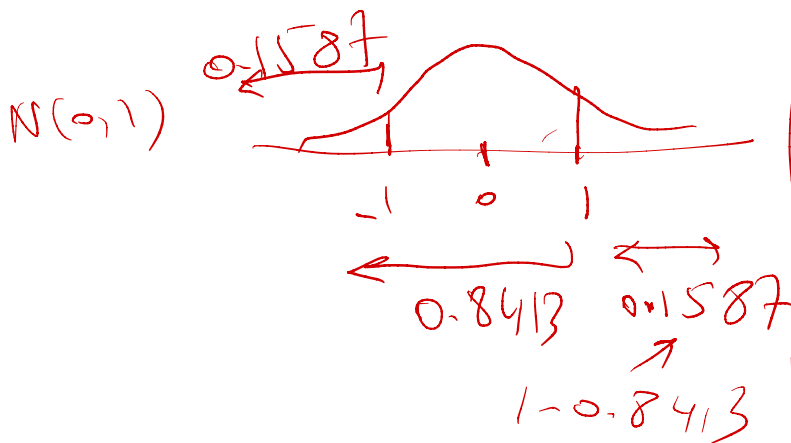
**Example 75.** (Example 74 continued) For the random sample in part (a), suppose  $X_i$ 's are normally distributed, what is the probability that  $\bar{X}$  is within one standard error of the mean?

*Solution.*

$\leftarrow N(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n})$

$$P(|\bar{X} - \mu| \leq \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}) \approx 0.68$$

$$P(|Z| \leq 1) \approx 0.6826 \quad Z = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}$$



### 5.4.2 The Central Limit Theorem

When the  $X_i$ 's are normally distributed, so is  $\bar{X}$  for any sample size  $n$ . Even when the population distribution is highly non-normal, if  $n$  is large, a normal curve will approximate the actual distribution of  $\bar{X}$ .

#### The Central Limit Theorem (CLT)

Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample from any distribution with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ . Then if  $n$  is sufficiently large,

- $\bar{X}$  is approximately  $N(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n})$
- The larger the  $n$  is, the better the approximation
- $n \geq 30$

In summary,

|                                                                                         | small sample<br>size: $n \leq 30$                               | larger sample size<br>$n > 30$                                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$                                                 | $\bar{X} \sim N(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n})$                       | $\bar{X} \sim N(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n})$                             |
| $X_1, \dots, X_n$ not<br>$N(\mu, \sigma^2)$<br>but have<br>mean $\mu$<br>var $\sigma^2$ | $\bar{X}$ has<br>mean $\mu$<br>stdev. $\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$ | $\bar{X} \sim (\text{approximately})$<br>$N(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n})$ |