

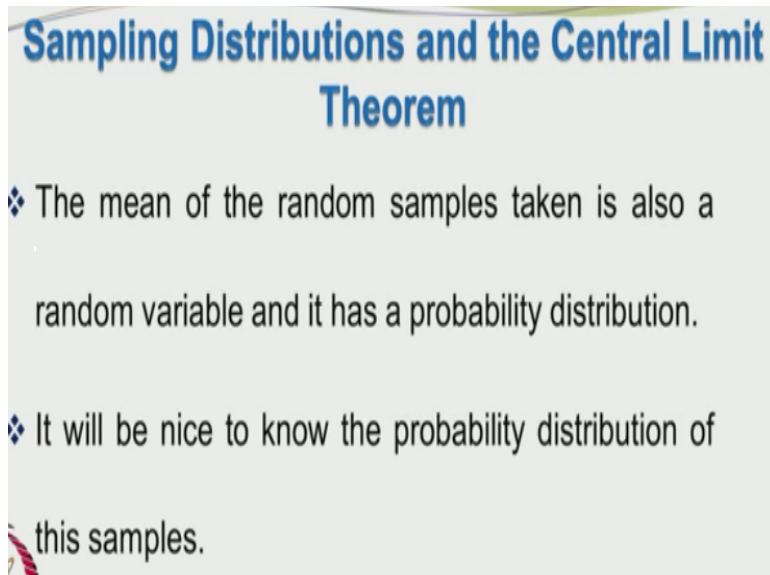
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**Lecture - 13**  
**Sampling distributions and the Central Limit Theorem**

We are now looking at the sampling distributions of the mean. We started originally with the random variable  $X$ , then we started looking at the sample mean  $\bar{X}$ . We collected the random variables into one group or set and we created the sample mean  $\bar{X}$ ,  $X_1+X_2$  so on to  $X_n/n$  and this is also a random variable. It is also having the distribution, but what is the type of the distribution of the random variables forming the sample mean.

We are unaware of it, but rather than working with random variables  $X$ , as I said earlier we are now going to work more with the random samples. We are going to work with a collection of random variables and we are going to look at the sample means and use them to draw certain inferences. So we should also know the distribution of the sample means, what population they follow.

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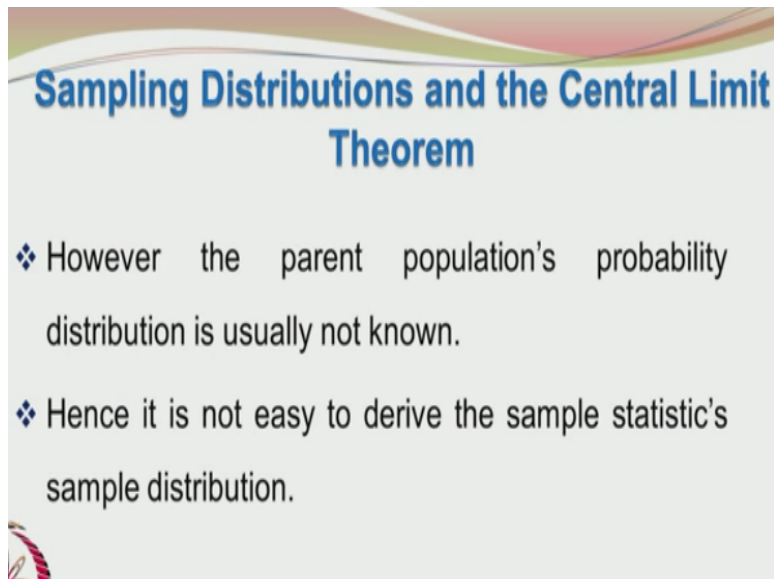
**Sampling Distributions and the Central Limit Theorem**

- ❖ The mean of the random samples taken is also a random variable and it has a probability distribution.
- ❖ It will be nice to know the probability distribution of this samples.

The question is we do not know about the population itself. We do not know about the original population. We do not know whether this is normal or gamma or variable or what are the type of distribution. We do not know its parameters, but all we have is only the random samples and they

themselves are forming another distribution. Fortunately for us, the central limit theorem comes to our rescue. What is the central limit theorem? That is going to be the focus for the next half-an-hour or so.

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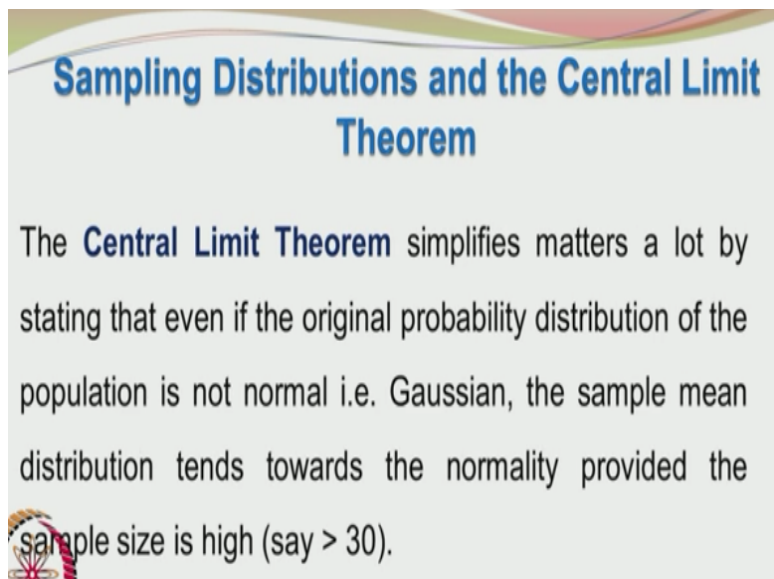


**Sampling Distributions and the Central Limit Theorem**

- ❖ However the parent population's probability distribution is usually not known.
- ❖ Hence it is not easy to derive the sample statistic's sample distribution.

Since the parent populations probability distribution is usually not known. We cannot also say directly what is the sample statistics sampling distribution.

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**Sampling Distributions and the Central Limit Theorem**

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**Sampling Distributions and the Central Limit Theorem**

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If there is a non-normal population from where a random sample is picked. If we take a reasonably large sample size, the sampling distribution of the mean is normal. So the important thing is the sampling distribution of the mean is tending towards normality, provided the sample size is reasonably large.

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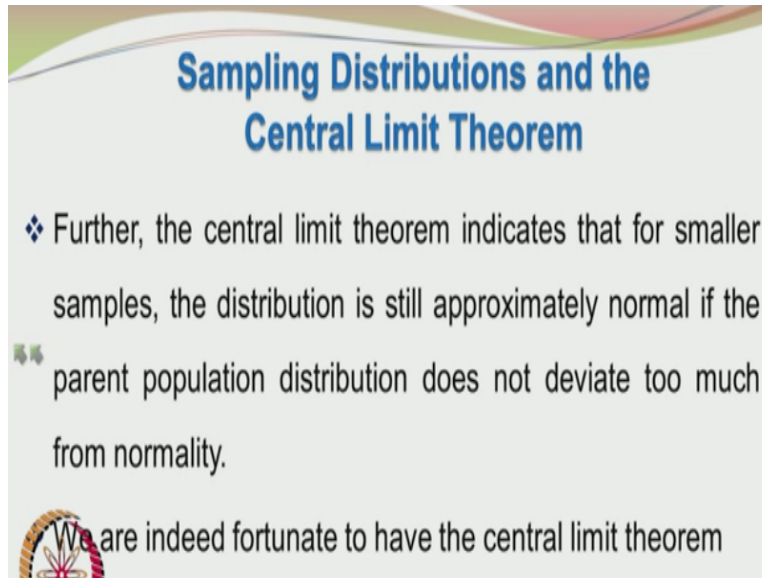
**Sampling Distributions and the Central Limit Theorem**

Even if the parent population were not normal the **large sample size** enables the distribution of the sample means to be **normal**.

Further even for smaller samples, the distribution is still approximately normal if the parent population distribution does not deviate too much from normality. Even if you have a small sample, the sample size is small, the distribution is still approximately normal if the parent

population distribution does not deviate too much from normality. So it is indeed fortunate that we have the central limit theorem.

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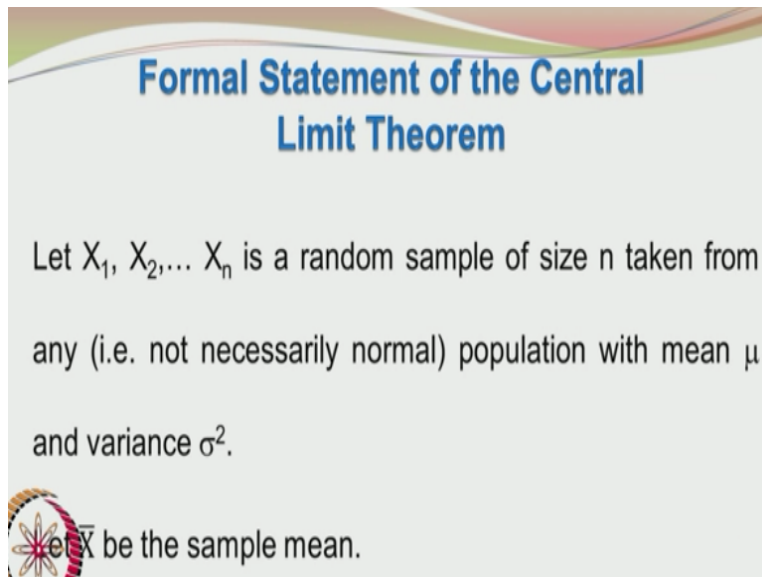
**Sampling Distributions and the Central Limit Theorem**

- ❖ Further, the central limit theorem indicates that for smaller samples, the distribution is still approximately normal if the parent population distribution does not deviate too much from normality.

We are indeed fortunate to have the central limit theorem

So now let us make the formal statement of the central limit theorem. Let  $X_1, X_2$  so on to  $X_n$  be a random sample of size  $n$  taken from any not necessarily normal population with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ . Let  $\bar{X}$  be the sample mean.

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**Formal Statement of the Central Limit Theorem**

Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  is a random sample of size  $n$  taken from any (i.e. not necessarily normal) population with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ .

$\bar{X}$  be the sample mean.

The limiting form of the distribution of the standard normal variable  $z = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}$  as  $n$  tends to infinity is the standard normal distribution. Since it is a standard normal distribution, we are using the symbol  $z$ . So  $z = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}$  the limiting form of the distribution of

$z = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}}$ , as  $n$  tends to infinity is the standard normal distribution. What we are doing is we are creating a new random variable  $z$  by expressing it or defining it in terms of  $\bar{X} - \mu$  whole divided by  $\sigma / \sqrt{n}$ .

Here  $\bar{X}$  is the sample mean,  $\mu$  is the population mean,  $\sigma$  is the population standard deviation,  $n$  is the sample size. When  $n$  tends to a large number, then this random variable tends towards a standard normal distribution. Please recall that the standard normal distribution is something which is having mean 0 and variance of unity.

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$\bar{x}$	Outcomes	Number	Probability
1	(1,1)	1	0.027778
1.5	(1,2),(2,1)	2	0.055556
2	(1,3),(3,1),(2,2)	3	0.083333
2.5	(1,4),(4,1),(2,3),(3,2)	4	0.111111
3	(1,5),(5,1),(2,4),(4,2),(3,3)	5	0.138889
3.5	(1,6),(2,5),(3,4),(4,3),(5,2),(6,1)	6	0.166667
4	(2,6),(3,5),(4,4),(5,3),(6,2)	5	0.138889
4.5	(3,6),(4,5),(5,4),(6,3)	4	0.111111
5	(4,6),(5,5),(6,4)	3	0.083333
5.5	(5,6),(6,5)	2	0.055556
6	(6,6)	1	0.027778
	<b>Sum</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>1</b>

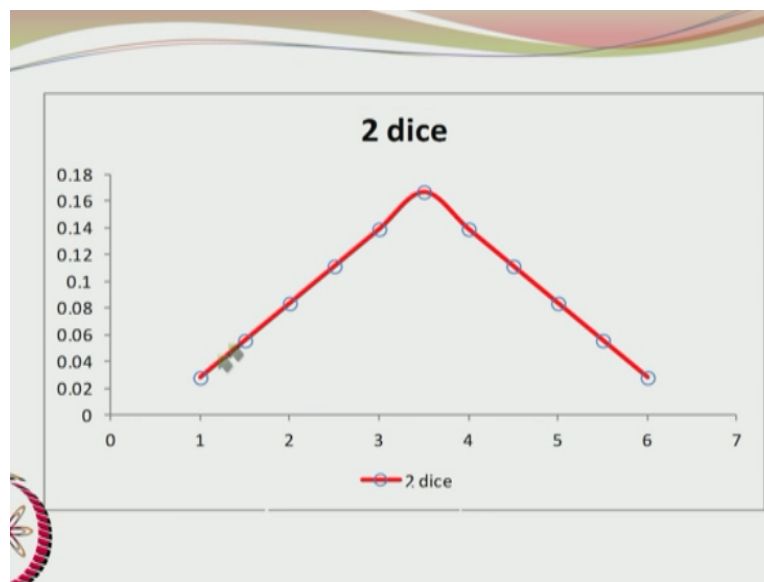
Let us take some interesting examples. The first one involving the role of 2 dice. Lot of theory has been built from games. We will be demonstrating the central limit theorem with a couple of simple examples. We have the outcomes tabulated here, all the possible outcomes are tabulated here. You have 1 and 1 that means the first dice is showing 1, the second dice is also showing 1, the average of 1 and 1 would be 1 and the number of such outcomes is only 1.

When you have the dice showing numbers 1 and 2, the first dice may show 1 and the second dice may show 2 or the first dice may show 2 and the second dice may show 1. So there are 2 possible outcomes. So that is why the number 2 has been put and the average of  $1+2$  and  $2+1$  would be both 1.5. Similarly, you have for other cases. For example, if you have 3.5 as the average that may be formed by the combinations, (1, 6) (2, 5) (3, 4) (4, 3) (5, 2) and (6, 1).

In such a case, you can have 6 base of getting the average 3.5. So these are the 6 possibilities through which we can get an average of 3.5. Similarly, we can do for the other averages also. You cannot get an average of 1.33 with 2 dice or you cannot get an average of 5.25 with 2 dice, we can get only these as the possible outcomes and the numbers are here and so the numbers will add up to 36. There are 6 ways in which the first dice can throw up the results.

There are 6 ways in which the second independent dice will throw up the results, so you have 6 x 6, which is 36 possible outcomes and the probabilities are calculated based on the number divided by the total number  $1/36$ ,  $2/36$  and so on and these are the probability values and they sum up to 1. This can be represented on a graph. We can plot the probability and X bar.

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So when you plot the probability versus X bar, you can see a kind of a hat. This is definitely not a bell shaped curve, but it is more of a hat shaped curve and these are the probabilities. We are talking about discrete probability outcomes and so we can directly mark the probability against the outcome. So 1 was about 0.03, which is 0.027 and that is what you have here. So the probabilities are marked against each of the averages that are possible.

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### ROLL OF THREE DICE

outcome	Mean	Possible Outcomes					
3	1	111					
4	1.333	121					
5	1.666	221	113				
6	2	114	123	222			
7	2.333	115	124	133	223		
8	2.667	116	125	134	224	233	
9	3	126	135	144	225	234	333
10	3.333	136	145	226	235	244	334
11	3.667	326	335	344	425	461	515
12	4	156	246	354	444	525	633
13	4.333	166	256	346	355	445	
14	4.667	266	356	446	455		
15	5	366	465	555			
16	5.333	466	556				
17	5.667	566					
18	6	666					

Let us see what is going to happen when you have three dice. It becomes slightly more cumbersome. You have more occurrences of the mean. The discrete probability distribution tends towards the continuous one or appears to be continuous as you increase the number of dice. You can now get more possibilities of the mean, you can get 1, you can also get an outcome of 4, the sum of numbers appearing on the dice.

The sum of numbers appearing on the 3 dice can be 4 and the mean value would be  $\frac{4}{3}$ , which is 1.333. How can you get the number 4. The dice will have numbers 1, 2, and 1 and the 3 dice can roll in a such a way to get 1, 2, 1 in three different ways. It can be (1, 2, 1) (1, 1, 2) and (2, 1, 1). There can be three ways in which the number 1, 2, 1 may arise. Similarly, when you look at the outcome as 5, it can be 2, 2, 1 or 1, 1, 3. You can get 2, 2, 1 in three different ways.

You can get 1, 1, 3 in three different ways. The average is  $\frac{5}{3}$ , which is 1.667. So when you do like that for all the possible cases, you can see that the averages can range from 1 to 6 and there is a finer division of the interval between 1 to 6 because you are having 3 dice.

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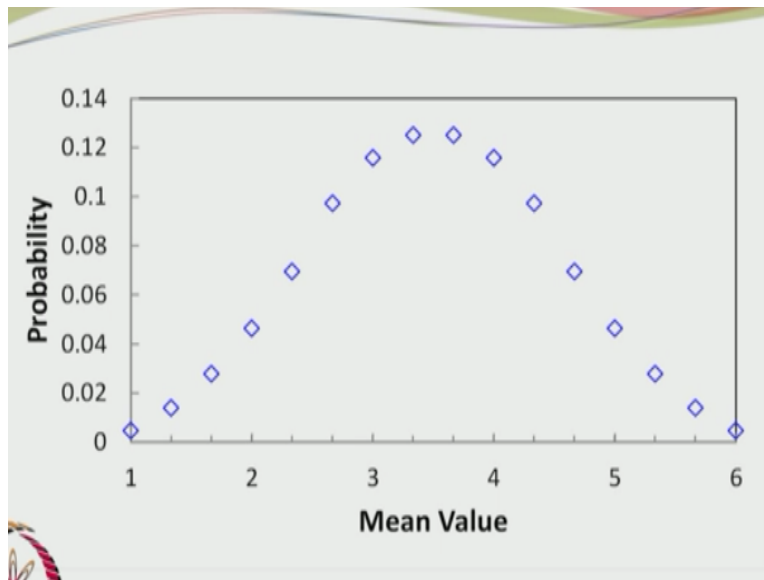
outcome	Mean	Frequency of Occurrence						Total	Probability
3	1	1						1	0.00463
4	1.333	3						3	0.013889
5	1.667	3	3					6	0.02778
6	2	3	6	1				10	0.04630
7	2.333	3	6	3	3			15	0.06944
8	2.667	3	6	6	3	3		21	0.09722
9	3	6	6	3	3	6	1	25	0.11574
10	3.333	6	6	3	6	3	3	27	0.125
11	3.667	6	3	3	6	6	3	27	0.125
12	4	6	6	6	1	3	3	25	0.11574
13	4.333	3	6	6	3	3		21	0.09722
14	4.667	3	6	3	3			15	0.06944
15	5	3	6	1				10	0.04630
16	5.333	3	3					6	0.027778
17	5.667	3						3	0.01389
18	6	1						1	0.00469
								216	1

So you look at the frequency of the occurrence and 3 will occur in only one way, the outcome of 3 or a mean of 1 can occur in only one way. An outcome of 4 or a mean of 1.333 can occur in 3 ways. Like that you can see the number of occurrences for all these outcomes or all these means, both are equivalent. You can see that the numbers can be recorded in this table and they can be counted and that would be total ways in which a number 3 can arise.

The sum of numbers on the 3 dice are average of 1 can realize. There can be 3 ways in which a number of 4 can totally appear on the three dice or a mean of 1.333 can arise and so you can have all these possibilities. Since you are talking about 3 dice, the number of possible outcomes are  $6*6*6$ , which is 216. So you have 216 here. The probability can be obtained by dividing  $1/216$ ,  $3/216$ ,  $6/216$ . So you can have all these probabilities and they can add up to 1.

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No even with 3 dice, you are taking an average based on  $n=3$ . Sample size=3. You can see that the distribution is tending towards normality. It is appearing more bell shaped. For  $n=2$ , you had a hat shape, now you are getting slightly a broader peak.

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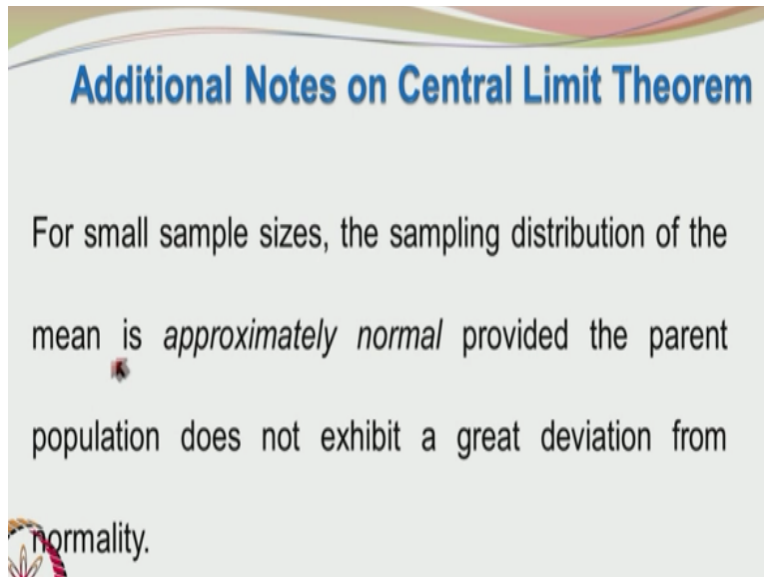
### Additional Notes on Central Limit Theorem

- ❖ If the sample size is large, then the sampling distribution of the mean is normal even if the original population is not normal
- ❖ If the parent population is normal, the sampling distribution is also normal **even for small n.**

So if the sample size is large, the sampling distribution of the means is normal even if the original population is not normal. If the parent population is normal, the sampling distribution is also normal even for small  $n$ . There are 2 distinct cases. The parent population is not normal, but the sample size is large. The resulting distribution of the sample means is normal. In the second the parent population itself is normal.

So even if you take a small sample from such as population and you look at the distribution of the sample means, you will find the sampling distribution of the means is also normal, even for small  $n$ .

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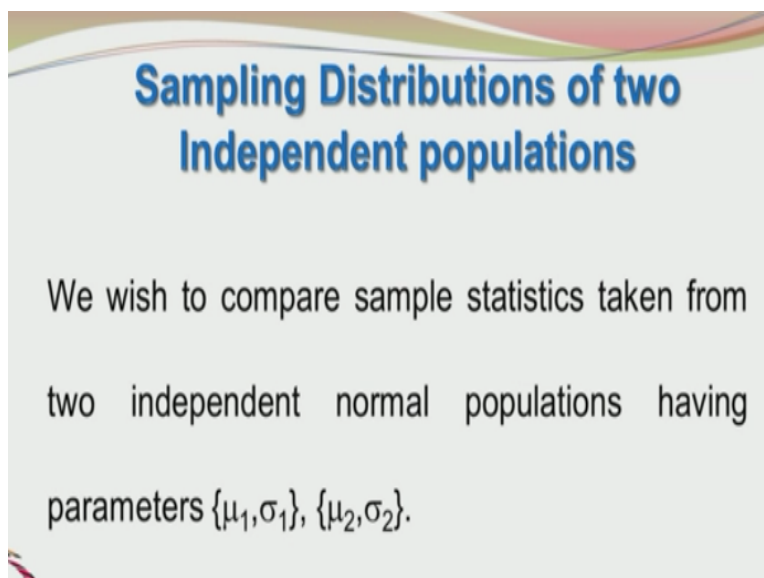


**Additional Notes on Central Limit Theorem**

For small sample sizes, the sampling distribution of the mean is *approximately normal* provided the parent population does not exhibit a great deviation from normality.

For small sample sizes, the sampling distribution of the means is approximately normal provided the parent population does not exhibit a great deviation from normality. Even if the parent population was not normal, it was only slightly deviating from normal and you have a small sample size. A sampling distribution in such as case involving the small sample size would also tend to be approximately normal.

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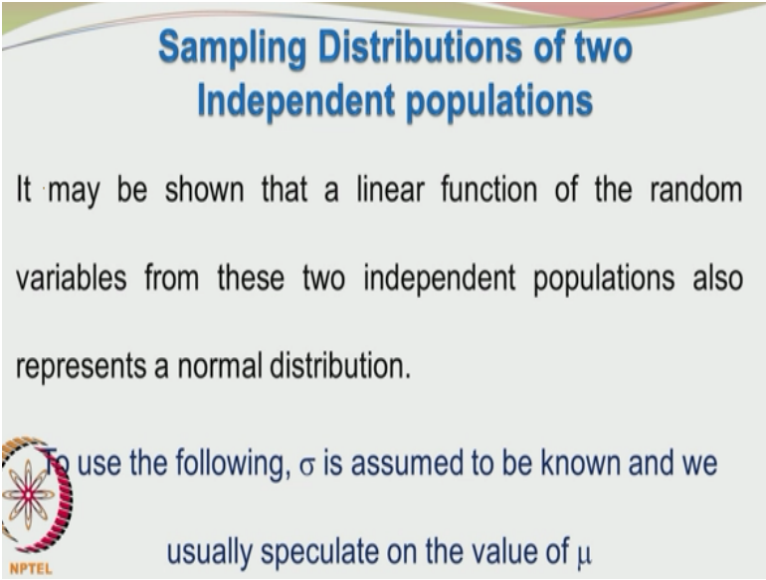
**Sampling Distributions of two Independent populations**

We wish to compare sample statistics taken from two independent normal populations having parameters  $\{\mu_1, \sigma_1\}$ ,  $\{\mu_2, \sigma_2\}$ .

We were looking at variance of  $X_1+X_2$ . We were also looking at variance of  $X_1-X_2$  and expected value of  $X_1+X_2$ , expected value of  $X_1-X_2$ . The reason for doing that is in our statistical applications, we may wish to compare sample statistics taken from 2 independent normal populations. Let us say that we are taking the sample statistics from 2 independent normal populations.

Both the populations are normal, from where the samples are taken and sample statistics are calculated. Let us say that the 2 normal populations have different parameters and they are  $\mu_1$ ,  $\sigma_1$  for the first population,  $\mu_2$ ,  $\sigma_2$  for the second population,  $\mu_1$  is different or may be different from  $\mu_2$ ,  $\sigma_1$  may be different from  $\sigma_2$  and that is what I meant by 2 populations which are belonging to the same type, but they are having different parameters.


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**Sampling Distributions of two Independent populations**

It may be shown that a linear function of the random variables from these two independent populations also represents a normal distribution.

To use the following,  $\sigma$  is assumed to be known and we usually speculate on the value of  $\mu$

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We know by now that the linear function of the random variables from these 2 independent populations is also a normal distribution, because the original random variables were from normal distribution themselves. Let us assume before we go to the most general case, let us assume that  $\sigma$  is known and so we do not know only the value of  $\mu$ .

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## Sampling Distributions of two independent populations

If the linear function of these independent sample statistics is the difference between the sample means, then

$$\mu_{\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2} = \mu_{\bar{X}_1} - \mu_{\bar{X}_2}$$



$$\sigma_{\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2}^2 = \sigma_{\bar{X}_1}^2 + \sigma_{\bar{X}_2}^2 = \frac{\sigma_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{n_2}$$

Now let us consider a linear function of the independent sample statistics. Let us define the linear function as  $\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2$ ,  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are random variables.  $\bar{X}_1$  and  $\bar{X}_2$  are also random variables.  $\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2$  would also be a random variable and that would be having a probability distribution. What is the mean  $\mu$  of such a distribution  $\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2$ . This can be written as expected value of  $\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2$ , which is expected value of  $\bar{X}_1$  - expected value of  $\bar{X}_2$ .

By now, you should be familiar with this. That is why, I am not giving you the steps and that can be written as  $\mu$  of  $\bar{X}_1 - \mu$  of  $\bar{X}_2$ . The mean of the first sampling distribution of the mean - the mean of the second sampling distribution of the mean. This is interesting and this is important. So  $\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2$  is a random variable. It is having a probability distribution and it will have its variance.

What is the variance of the distribution formed by the difference of the 2 sampling means  $\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2$ . What is the variance? That would be  $\sigma_{\bar{X}_1}^2 + \sigma_{\bar{X}_2}^2$ . We saw that variance of  $X_1 + X_2 =$  variance of  $X_1 +$  variance of  $X_2$ .  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  can be any random variable. In the present case,  $X_1$  is  $\bar{X}_1$ ,  $X_2$  is  $\bar{X}_2$ . Do not look at it as  $X_1$  and  $\bar{X}_1$  as very different quantities.  $X_1$  is a random variable,  $\bar{X}_1$  is also a random variable.

$X_2$  is a random variable,  $\bar{X}_2$  is also a random variable. So when you are trying to find the variance of difference of any 2 random variables, it would still be the sum of the variances of the

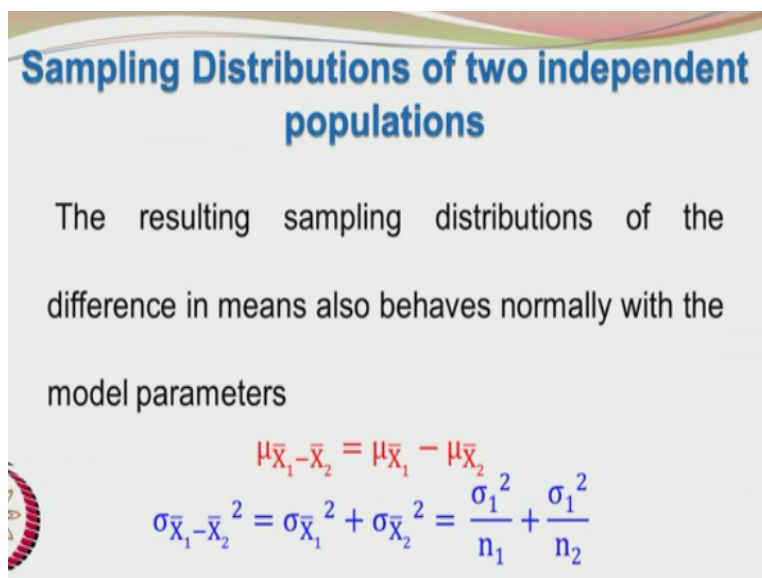
2 random variables in question, provided the 2 random variables were independent and that is why we are talking about 2 independent populations. So we are having  $\sigma_{\bar{X}_1}^2 + \sigma_{\bar{X}_2}^2$ . Now we have to ask ourselves, what is  $\sigma_{\bar{X}_1}^2$ ?

What is the variance of the probability distribution formed by  $\bar{X}_1$ ? What is the variance of the sampling distribution of  $\bar{X}_1$ ? The variance of the sampling distribution of  $\bar{X}_1$  would be  $\sigma_1^2/n_1$ . The variance of the sampling distributions of the mean  $\bar{X}_2$  is given by  $\sigma_2^2/n_2$ .  $\sigma_1^2$  is the variance of the first population.  $\sigma_2^2$  is the variance of the second population.

$\sigma_1^2/n_1$  is the variance of the sampling distributions of the mean corresponding to  $\bar{X}_1$ .  $\sigma_2^2/n_2$  is the variance of the sampling distributions of the means corresponding to  $\bar{X}_2$ ,  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  are the samples sizes for  $\bar{X}_1$  and samples size for the  $\bar{X}_2$  bar. This is a very important concept. I request you to think it over, understand it and try to write down the combinations properties on a paper after thinking about these concepts and see whether you are able to understand.

Otherwise you again go through the lectures and see where you did not understand.

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**Sampling Distributions of two independent populations**

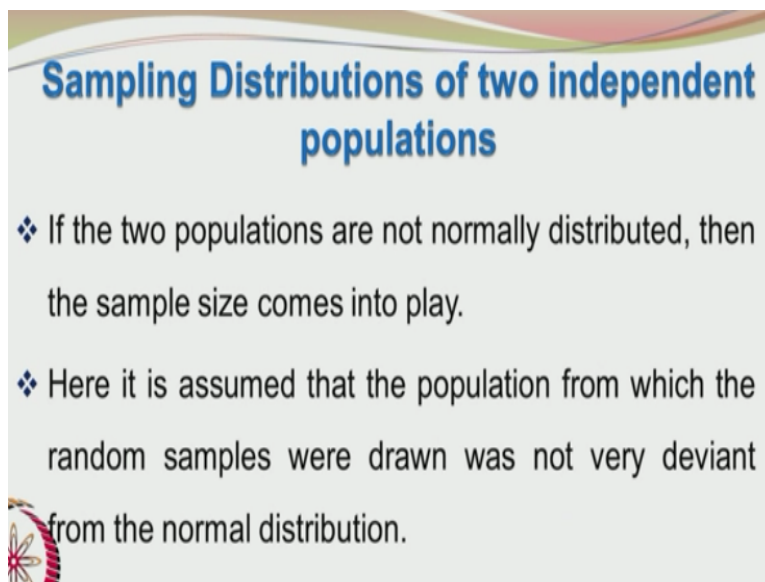
The resulting sampling distributions of the difference in means also behaves normally with the model parameters

$$\mu_{\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2} = \mu_{\bar{X}_1} - \mu_{\bar{X}_2}$$
$$\sigma_{\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2}^2 = \sigma_{\bar{X}_1}^2 + \sigma_{\bar{X}_2}^2 = \frac{\sigma_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{n_2}$$

So if the 2 parent populations were normal in addition to being independent, then the resulting distribution formed by the difference of  $\bar{X}_1$  and  $\bar{X}_2$  would also be normal and the parameters would be  $\mu_1 - \mu_2$ . What is  $\mu_1$ ? What is the mean of the sampling distributions of  $\bar{X}_1$ ? In other words, what is the expected value of  $\bar{X}_1$ . We know by now; it should be  $\mu_1$ .

Similarly expected value of  $\bar{X}_2$  or mean of the distribution formed by  $\bar{X}_2$  would be  $\mu_2$ . So you will have  $\mu_1 - \mu_2$ . Similarly, the variance of the distribution formed by the difference of the 2 samples means  $\bar{X}_1$  and  $\bar{X}_2$  would have  $\sigma_1^2/n_1 + \sigma_2^2/n_2$ , there is a typo, I will correct it,  $\sigma_1^2/n_1 + \sigma_2^2/n_2$ . So the variance of the distribution formed by the difference between the 2 sample means  $\bar{X}_1$  and  $\bar{X}_2$  would be  $\sigma_1^2/n_1 + \sigma_2^2/n_2$ , which is nothing but  $\sigma_1^2/n_1 + \sigma_2^2/n_2$ .

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**Sampling Distributions of two independent populations**

- ❖ If the two populations are not normally distributed, then the sample size comes into play.
- ❖ Here it is assumed that the population from which the random samples were drawn was not very deviant from the normal distribution.

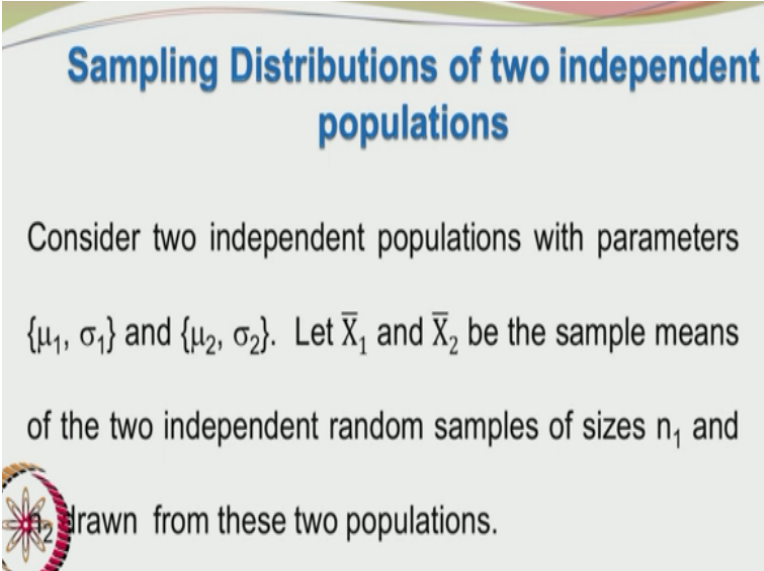
If the populations are not normally distributed, then what can you say about the resulting sampling distribution of the mean. It would depend upon the sample size. If you assume that the population from which the random samples were drawn was not very deviant from the normal distribution, then for samples sizes  $>30$ , the 2 independent sampling distributions are approximately normal and a linear combination of them would also behave approximately normal.

Here what you are doing is quite important. We are now talking of difference between 2 sample means  $\bar{X}_1$  and  $\bar{X}_2$ .  $\bar{X}_1$  and  $\bar{X}_2$  have been taken from 2 different populations 1 and 2. Please do not confuse with  $\bar{X}_1$  and  $\bar{X}_2$  being taken from the same population. Now we are talking about 2 different populations and we are taking samples from these 2 populations and we represent them by  $\bar{X}_1$  and  $\bar{X}_2$ .

Now we are looking at the resulting distribution we will get based on the difference between the 2 sampling means and what are observing is, if the sample sizes are  $>30$  in both the cases, the sample taken from the first population is having the size  $>30$ , the sample taken from the second population is also having the size  $>30$ , and according to the central limit theorem, the 2 independent sampling distributions would be behaving normally and hence a linear combination of them would also behave approximately normally.

So according to the central limit theorem, since the sample size was  $>30$ ,  $\bar{X}_1$  would behave in a normal manner. The sampling distribution of  $\bar{X}_2$  would also behave in a normal fashion. Under linear combination of them, here  $\bar{X}_1$  and  $\bar{X}_2$  would also be behaving approximately normally.

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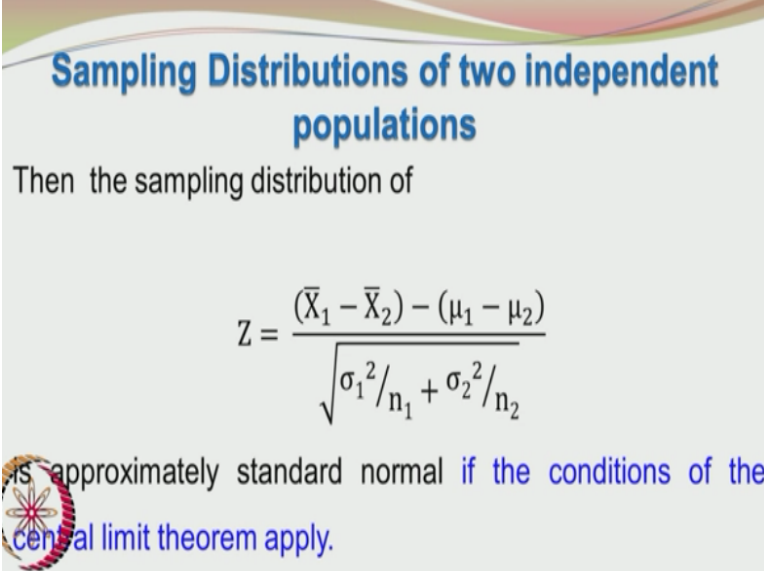


**Sampling Distributions of two independent populations**

Consider two independent populations with parameters  $\{\mu_1, \sigma_1\}$  and  $\{\mu_2, \sigma_2\}$ . Let  $\bar{X}_1$  and  $\bar{X}_2$  be the sample means of the two independent random samples of sizes  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  drawn from these two populations.

Consider 2 independent parameters  $\mu_1$  and  $\sigma_1^2$  and  $\mu_2$ ,  $\sigma_2^2$ . Let  $\bar{X}_1$  and  $\bar{X}_2$  be the sample means of the 2 independent random samples of sizes  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  drawn from these 2 populations.

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**Sampling Distributions of two independent populations**

Then the sampling distribution of

$$Z = \frac{(\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2) - (\mu_1 - \mu_2)}{\sqrt{\sigma_1^2/n_1 + \sigma_2^2/n_2}}$$

is approximately standard normal if the conditions of the central limit theorem apply.

So now we are going to define a new random variable based on the difference between the 2 random sample means. These are 2 independent random samples drawn from 2 different populations of mean  $\mu_1$  and mean  $\mu_2$  and variance  $\sigma_1^2$  and variance  $\sigma_2^2$ . I am talking about the 2 populations of means  $\mu_1$ ,  $\sigma_1^2$  and  $\mu_2$ ,  $\sigma_2^2$ . Now we are having the sample means,  $\bar{X}_1$  and  $\bar{X}_2$ .

We are taking the difference of them. Then, we subtract this quantity  $\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2$  with  $\mu_1 - \mu_2$ , also note that the expected value of  $\bar{X}_1$  would be  $\mu_1$ , expected value of  $\bar{X}_2$  would be  $\mu_2$ . As far as the original population as well as the sampling distributions go, their means are identical. The mean of the sampling distribution of the means is = the population mean, but the same thing is not true with the variance.

The sampling distribution of the means will have a variance  $\sigma^2/n$ , where  $n$  is the sample size. So as far as the variance is concerned, the sample size comes into play. So we know that the variance of  $\bar{X}_1 = \sigma_1^2/n_1$ , variance of  $\bar{X}_2$ , the variance of the sampling



distribution of the means for  $\bar{X}_2$  would be  $\sigma_2^2$  square by  $n_2$ . The variance of  $\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2$  bar =  $\sigma_1^2/n_1 + \sigma_2^2/n_2$ .

When you are making this combination, we are not arbitrarily choosing our  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$ , we are not arbitrarily choosing  $\sigma_1^2/n_1$  and  $\sigma_2^2/n_2$ , you may recollect the standard normal variable was defined as  $Z = (X - \mu)/\sigma$ , where  $\mu$  was the mean and  $\sigma$  was the standard deviation of the population from where  $X$  was chosen. So we are taking  $\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2$  bar and we are looking at that corresponding distributions mean, which is  $\mu_1 - \mu_2$  and the variance  $\sigma_1^2/n_1 + \sigma_2^2/n_2$ .

So that  $\sigma$  is square root of that would become the standard deviation. So we are defining a standard normal variable, because of the central limit theorem, the  $\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2$  bar was behaving approximately normally owing to the large sample size. Because of the large sample size for  $\bar{X}_1$  bar, because of the large sample size for  $\bar{X}_2$  bar, both of them according to the central limit theorem would tend to exhibit normal behavior.

A linear combination of the 2 random variables  $\bar{X}_1$  bar and  $\bar{X}_2$  bar would also tend towards normal behavior and so we are creating a standard normal variable  $Z$  for this particular situation and that standard normal variable is given by  $(\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2) - (\mu_1 - \mu_2) / \sqrt{\sigma_1^2/n_1 + \sigma_2^2/n_2}$ . If the two populations are normal, right now we are looking at two original normal populations.

Then irrespective of the sample size, you are not constrained by a small sample size, in such a situation,  $(\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2) - (\mu_1 - \mu_2) / \sqrt{\sigma_1^2/n_1 + \sigma_2^2/n_2}$  will be a standard normal. In the previous case, the original populations 1 and 2 were not normally distributed, but large samples were chosen. So the sampling distribution of the difference in means also behaved normally and for large sample sizes  $n_1 > 30$  and  $n_2 > 30$ , we had the standard normal variable.

In the easier case, where both the populations are coming from normal distributions even if the sample sizes for both the sample means  $\bar{X}_1$  bar and  $\bar{X}_2$  bar are small, even then the resulting

distribution of the sampling distribution of the means  $\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2$  would be normal. Because the parent populations were themselves normal.

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**SUMMARY**

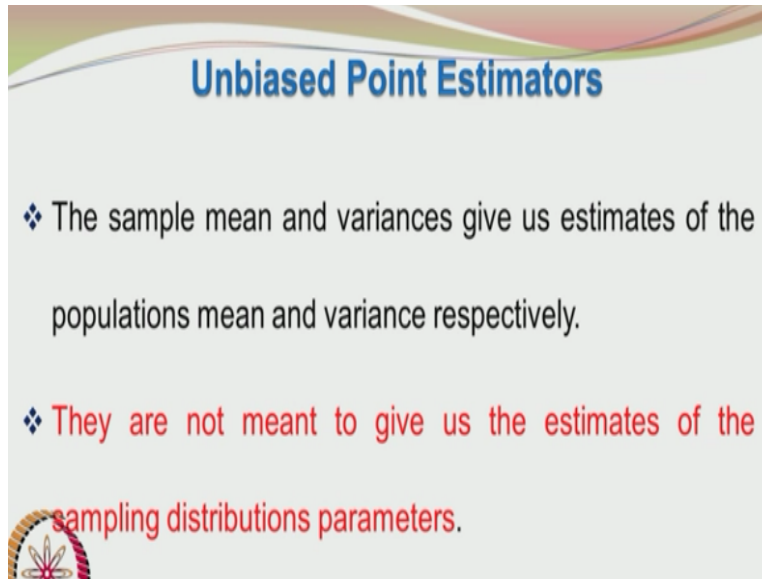
Sample size	Parent distribution	Statistic	Population mean	Variance	Sampling distribution
Large (>30)	normal	$\bar{X}$	$\mu$	$\frac{\sigma^2}{n}$	NORMAL
Small (<30)					
Large (>30)	Different from normal	$\bar{X}$	$\mu$	$\frac{\sigma^2}{n}$	NORMAL
Small (<30)	Only slightly deviant from normal				

So this is what, I am summarizing here. You are having a large sample size  $>30$ , parent distribution is also normal, the statistic involved is  $\bar{X}$ , the population mean is  $\mu$ , variance is  $\sigma^2/n$ , the sampling distribution is normal. If the sample size is small and the parent distribution is normal, does not matter, the resulting sampling distribution of the mean would be normal. You have a large sample  $>30$ . The parent distribution is different from normal.

Nothing to worry, central limit theorem will help us and the sampling distribution of the mean would be normal with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2/n$ . The population mean would also be equal to the sampling distribution mean. The population variance is  $\sigma^2$ , but the sampling distribution variance would be  $\sigma^2/n$ . So the sampling distribution variance is  $\sigma^2/n$  and you have a large sample size.

The parent distribution is different from normal. The resulting distribution of the sample would have mean  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2/n$  owing to the central limit theorem, it would be normal. If you have a small size,  $< 30$  the parent distribution is only slightly deviating from normal, then also you can assume that the sampling distribution of the mean would be approximately normal with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2/n$ .

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### Unbiased Point Estimators

- ❖ The sample mean and variances give us estimates of the populations mean and variance respectively.
- ❖ They are not meant to give us the estimates of the sampling distributions parameters.

Now let us look at the desirable properties of the point estimators. We have seen that we are estimating the population parameters  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$  by using sample statistics. We are using the sample mean  $\bar{X}$  and the sample standard deviation  $S$  to get good point estimates of the population mean  $\mu$  and population standard deviation  $\sigma$ . We are talking about good point estimators. We will qualify it even further by saying them as unbiased point estimators.

The sample mean and sample variance give us estimates of the population mean and variance respectively. They are not meant to give us estimates of the sampling distributions parameters. We are talking about samples taken from a population. The samples have been taken from the population to get idea about the population parameters. We are not using the sample estimators to help us to find the sampling distribution parameters.

This is an important difference, which we should be aware of. We are using sample estimators  $\bar{X}$  and  $S^2$  to know about  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$  of the original population. We are not using  $\bar{X}$  and  $S^2$  to get us estimates of the sampling distribution properties. Once the information of  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$  is estimated, then it would be helpful for us. How, we will be seeing some examples in the future.

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## Unbiased Point Estimators

Hence the sample mean is expected to give us the population mean ( $\mu$ ) and sample variance is expected to give us the population variance ( $\sigma^2$ ) and remember, NOT

the sample distribution variance viz.  $\sigma^2/n$ .

A sample mean is expected to give us the population mean  $\mu$  and sample variance is expected to give us the population variance  $\sigma^2$  and remember not the sampling distribution variance  $\sigma^2/n$ . I know the sample size  $n$ , I know the  $\sigma^2$ , estimated from the sample variance; however, conceptually we are querying the population through the random sample and most cases have only one random sample taken.

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## Unbiased Point Estimators

The expected value of the statistics is expected to be equal to the population parameters themselves.

Hence

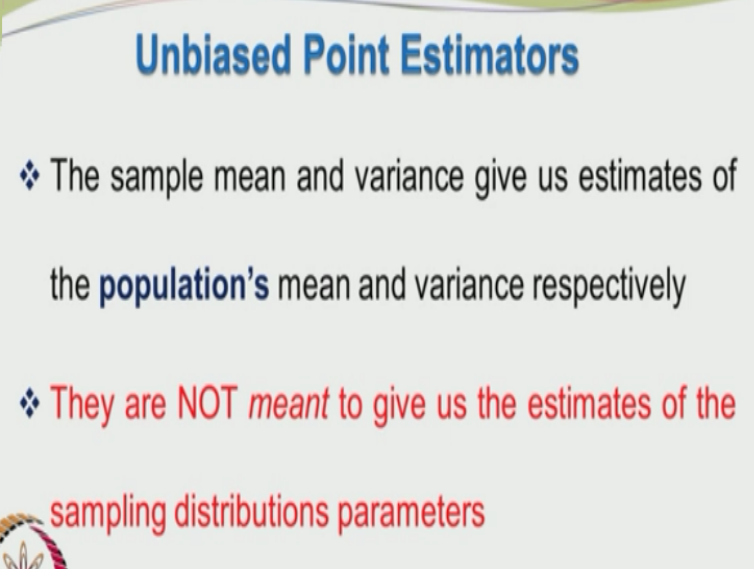
$$E(\bar{X}) = \mu$$

$$E(S^2) = \sigma^2$$

For unbiased point estimators, the expected value of  $\bar{X}$  will be equal to  $\mu$  and the expected value of  $S^2$  will be equal to  $\sigma^2$ . What this means is the expected value of  $\bar{X}$  that means the mean of the sampling distribution of the means would be equal to  $\mu$  and the

expected value of  $S^2 = \sigma^2$ . The  $\sigma^2$  is the population variance and the expected value that  $S^2$  will take is also equal to  $\sigma^2$ , we can prove them.

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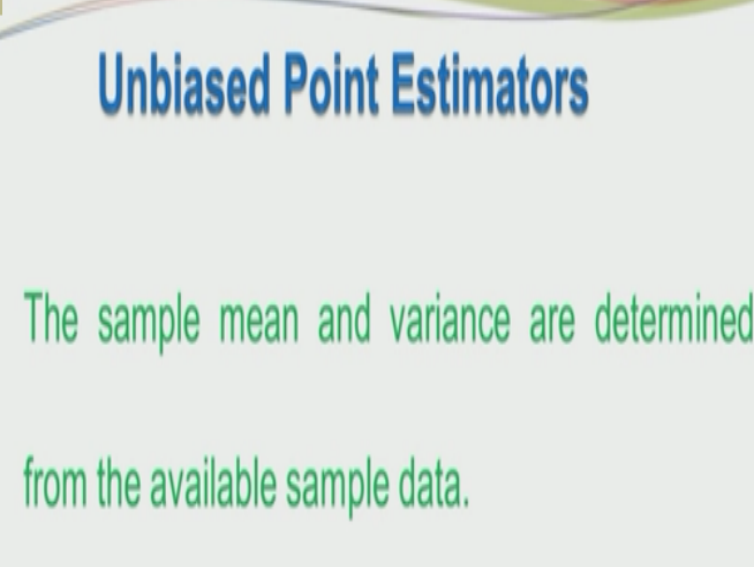


**Unbiased Point Estimators**

- ❖ The sample mean and variance give us estimates of the **population's** mean and variance respectively
- ❖ They are **NOT meant** to give us the estimates of the **sampling distributions parameters**

This I have already told you.

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**Unbiased Point Estimators**

The sample mean and variance are determined from the available sample data.

The sample mean and sample variance are only determined from the available sample data, sometimes the available sample may be only 1 and it may be also small in number. So whatever we have, we have to make do and draw the appropriate estimates.

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## Expected Value of the Sample Variance

$$E(S^2) = E\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2}{n-1}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{n-1} E\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 - n\bar{X}^2\right)$$

This is very interesting. We have to prove that expected value of S square = sigma square, so I am just substituting the definition for S square here. So since n-1 is constant, we can take it out and you are essentially having expected value of sigma=1 to n, Xi-X bar whole square. We have already seen that this will reduce to sigma=1 to n X1 square – nX bar square. I request you to carry out the calculations on a paper on your own. If you are stuck, you please look at some of the earlier examples we have covered.

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## Expected Value of the Sample Variance

$$E[(\bar{X} - \mu)^2] = \frac{\sigma^2}{n} = \sigma_{\bar{X}}^2$$

$$E(\bar{X}^2) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n} + \mu^2$$

$$E(X^2) = \sigma^2 + \mu^2$$

So expected value of X bar-mu whole square is the variance of X bar and that we get as sigma square/n. we also know that the expected value of X bar square is equal to sigma square/n+mu square. Previously, one of the first example set problems, we saw that expected value of X

square was sigma square + mu square. The same concept, I am applying for expected value of X bar square.

Instead of sigma square, which was the variance for X, I am using sigma square/n, which is the variance for X bar and the mean of X was mu and the mean of X bar is also mu. So expected value of X bar square=sigma square/n + mu square.


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Hence,

$$E(S^2) = \frac{1}{n-1} E\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 - n\bar{X}^2\right)$$

This may be written as

$$= \frac{1}{n-1} \left[ n(\sigma^2 + \mu^2) - n\left(\frac{\sigma^2}{n} + \mu^2\right) \right]$$

$$= \sigma^2$$


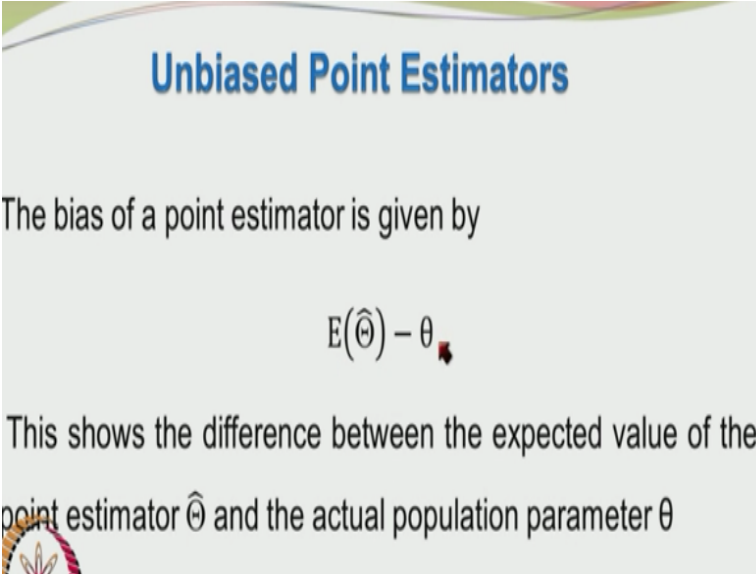
Hence we can write  $1/n-1$ \*expected value of sigma Xi square can be written as  $n$ \*sigma square + mu square. Since all the random variables were identically distributed for each of these Xi squares we will write sigma square + mu square, then add it up,  $i=1$  to  $n$ , sigma square + mu square  $n$  times, so that will become  $n$ \*sigma square + mu square, then we write for the expected value of this  $n$ \*X bar square. So we will have  $n$  and we use the previous result.

Expected value of X bar square=sigma square/n + mu square, we plug it in here and we have  $1/n-1$ ,  $n$  to sigma square + mu square- $n$ \*sigma square/n + mu square and so we get  $n-1$  sigma square in the bracket, this  $n$  and  $n$  will cancel, you will have  $-1$  sigma square, so this  $n$  mu square will cancel this  $n$  mu square, you will have  $n-1$  sigma square resulting. That  $n-1$  will cancel out with this  $n-1$  and you get sigma square.

So by defining our variance, the sample variance in terms of  $n-1$  makes it possible for us to have the sample variance  $S^2$  as the unbiased estimator of the population variance  $\sigma^2$ . If we had  $n$  in our definition for the sample variance, this expected value of  $S^2$  would have been different. That is not the same as the population variance  $\sigma^2$ , just by making the definition properly in terms of the degrees of freedom given as  $n-1$  for the sample variance.

We can see that the expected value of  $S^2$  is  $\sigma^2$  itself, hence  $S^2$  is an unbiased estimator for the population variance  $\sigma^2$ .

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**Unbiased Point Estimators**

The bias of a point estimator is given by

$$E(\hat{\theta}) - \theta$$

This shows the difference between the expected value of the point estimator  $\hat{\theta}$  and the actual population parameter  $\theta$

So the bias of a point estimator is given by the expected value of the estimator – the actual population parameter  $\theta$ . We want the bias to be 0. We want the expected value of the point estimator to be  $\theta$  itself so that we can get  $\theta - \theta = 0$ , so that the bias disappears.

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## Unbiased Point Estimators

$$E(\hat{\theta}) - \theta$$

Hence if the estimator i.e. the sample mean is an unbiased estimator, then  $E(\bar{X}) = \mu$  and the bias is zero.

When you have  $\bar{X}$ , which is the point estimator for the population mean, we are using the random sample mean as the point estimator for the population mean  $\mu$ , expected value of  $\bar{X}$  was  $\mu$  and  $\theta$  was also  $\mu$ ,  $\mu - \mu = 0$ . So the bias has become 0. We can confidently proclaim that the sample mean is an unbiased estimator of the population mean  $\mu$ .

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## Unbiased Point Estimators

Similarly the estimator  $S^2$  is also an unbiased estimator for the population variance  $\sigma^2$  (not the sampling distribution variance which is  $\sigma^2/n$ ) because

$$E(S^2) = \sigma^2$$

Similarly, we saw that expected value of  $S^2 = \sigma^2$ , so we can proclaim that the  $S^2$ , the sample variance is an unbiased estimator of the population variance  $\sigma^2$ . So concluding, we have seen the point estimation process. We were looking at random samples, the sample means, the sample means also behaved as random variables, it exhibited the full fledged

probability distribution and the complication was we do not know about the population parameters  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$ .

We do not know the nature of the population whether it was normal, log normal or viable, but even with so many uncertainties by carefully choosing a sample and by using the sample statistics like the mean and sample variance, we were able to generate estimates of the population parameters  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$  respectively and we are also able to show that these  $\bar{X}$  and  $S^2$  sample statistics were unbiased estimators of the 2 population parameters.

We also talked about the central limit theorem and the central limit theorem is a boon to us, because if we choose an adequately large sample size, say  $n > 30$ , the sampling distribution of the mean behaved in a normal fashion even if the original distribution did not belong to the normal classification. So we have covered quite a lot of important ground here and these definitely form the bases for design of experiments and analysis of statistical data.

I would request you to revise the portions up to this point and be clear with the concepts. You do not have to remember the formulae or the rules. It is important for you to understand the concepts, assimilate the concepts and then the remaining part of the course would not only be easy, but also enjoyable. You will be able to directly relate to what we have covered up to this point, with what you are learning from now on. Thank you.