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# 19: Sampling and the Bootstrap



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# Sampling definitions

# Motivating example

You want to know the true mean and variance of happiness in Bhutan.

*we really want to know the average happiness of the full distribution*

- But you can't ask everyone.
- You poll 200 random people.
- Your data looks like this:

Happiness = {72, 85, 79, 91, 68, ..., 71}

- The mean of all these numbers is 83.

Is this the **true mean happiness** of all Bhutanese people?



# Population

assume for simplicity that  
population is  $N=100,000$

(true population is close to 800,000  
now though)



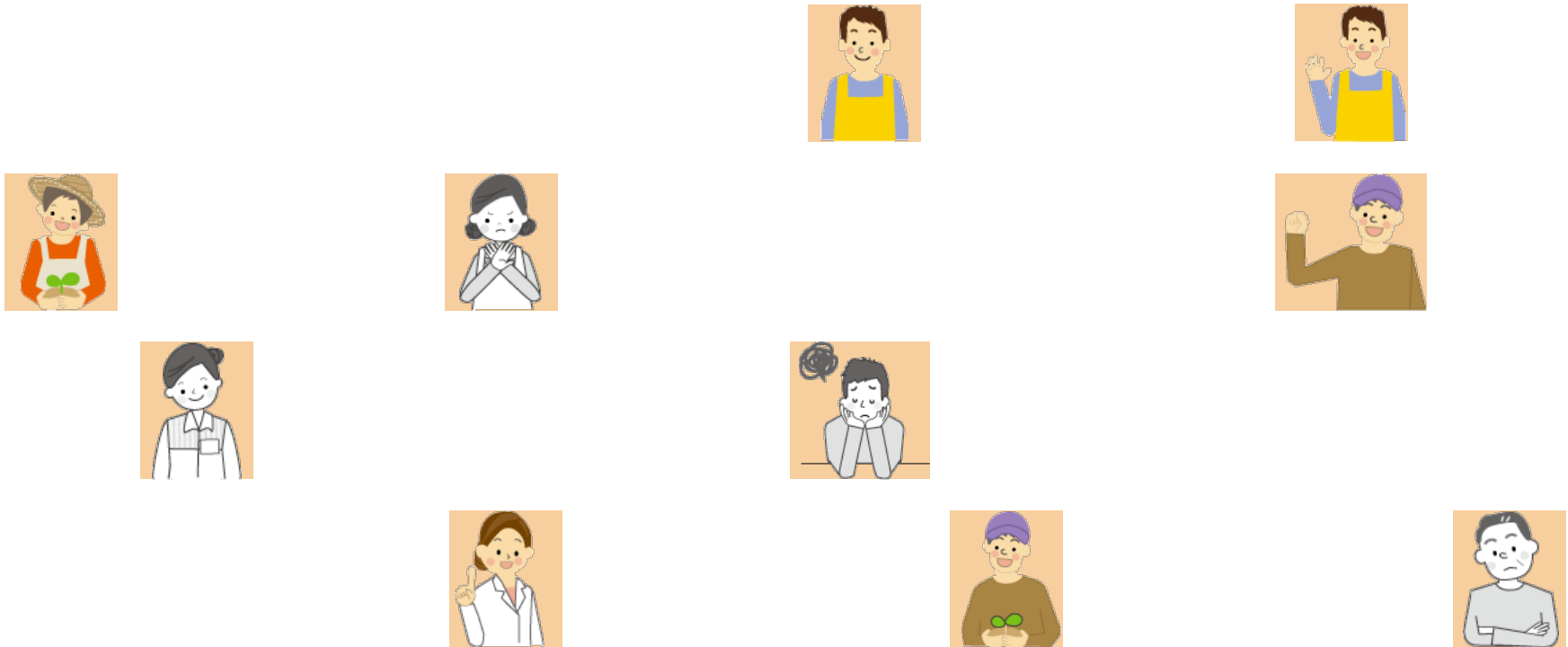
This is a **population**.

# Sample



A **sample** is selected from a population.

# Sample



A **sample** is selected from a population.

# Reasonable Questions Starting Out

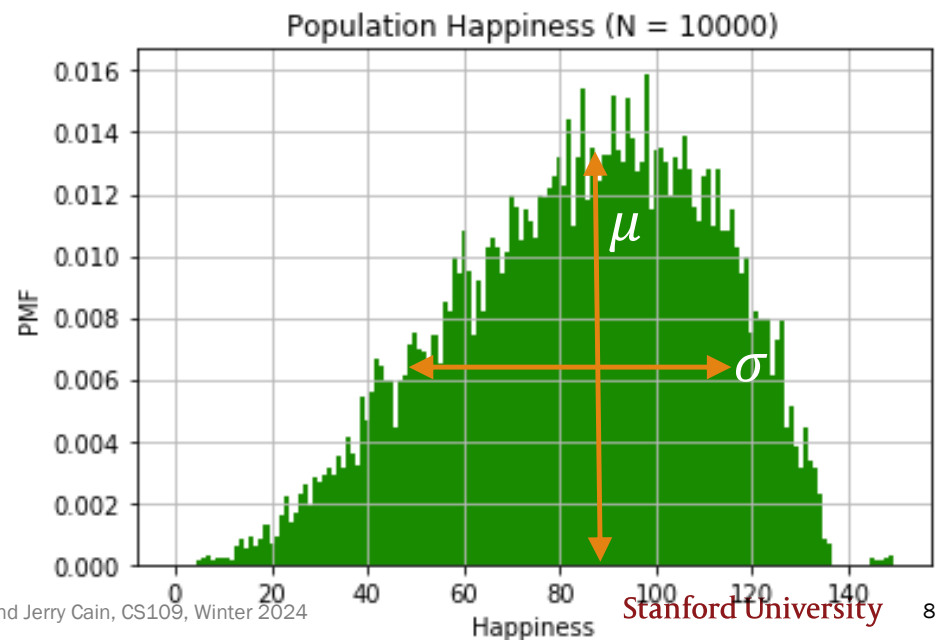
- e.g. interview, or analyze, or inquire, or otherwise observe.
1. In situations where we can't observe the entire population, what can we safely infer by polling a sample drawn from that population?  
*safely here mean reliably, i.e. backed by data and/or scientific method.*
  2. How large does your sample need to be before your conclusions become trustworthy, and how do we express confidence in what we conclude.
  3. Are there alternative ways to infer population statistics without polling entire populations?  
*yes. because here we are discussing some of them. 😊*

# A sample, mathematically

Consider  $n$  random variables  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ .

The sequence  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  is a **sample** from distribution  $F$  if:

- $X_i$  are all independent and identically distributed (iid)
- $X_i$  all have same distribution function  $F$  (the **underlying distribution**), where  $E[X_i] = \mu$ ,  $\text{Var}(X_i) = \sigma^2$





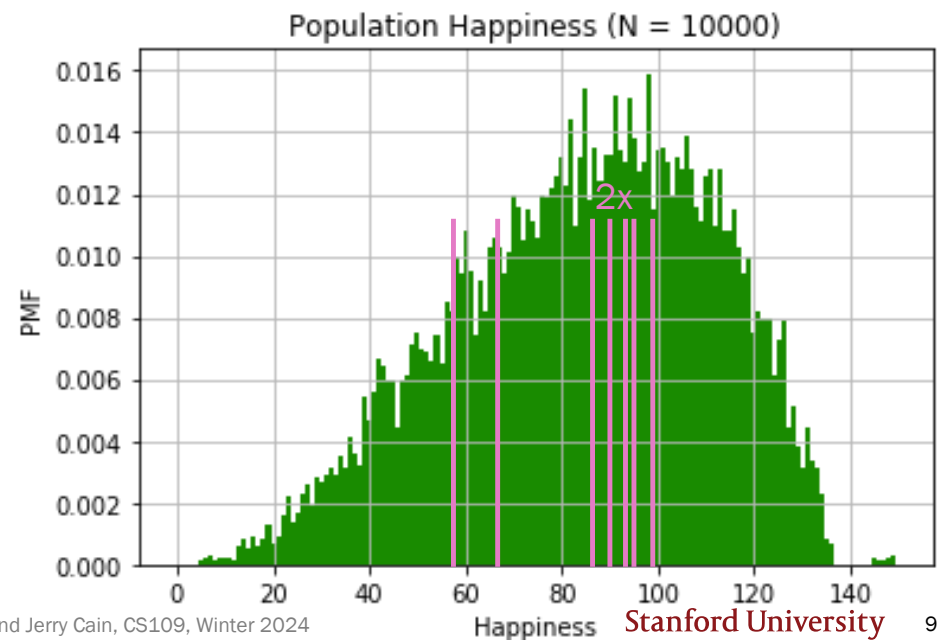
# A sample, mathematically

A sample of **size** 8:

$(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5, X_6, X_7, X_8)$

The **realization** of a sample of size 8:

$(59, 87, 94, 99, 87, 78, 69, 91)$



# A single sample



A happy  
Bhutanese person

If we had a distribution  $F$  of our entire population, we could compute exact statistics about happiness. *the distribution from the prior slide pretends we do know the full population distribution  $F$ , though in general we won't have access to it.*

But we only have 200 people—or rather, a sample.

Today: If we only have a single sample,

- How do we report **estimated** statistics?
  - We're careful to call them **estimated** mean and **estimated** variance, since they're based on samples (i.e., experiments)
- How do we report estimated errors on these estimates?
- How do we perform something called **hypothesis testing**? Oh, and what is it?



# Unbiased estimators

# A single sample



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If we had a distribution  $F$  of our entire population, we could compute exact statistics about happiness. *But again, we generally do not have access to it.*

But we only have 200 people (a sample).

These population-level statistics are unknown:

- $\mu$ , the **population mean**
- $\sigma^2$ , the **population variance**

# A single sample

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A happy  
Bhutanese person

If we had a distribution  $F$  of our entire population, we could compute exact statistics about happiness.

But we only have 200 people (a sample).

- From these 200 people, what is our best estimate of the **population mean** and the **population variance**?
- How exactly do we define best estimate?

# Estimating the population mean



1. What is our best estimate of  $\mu$ , the **mean happiness** of Bhutanese people?

If we only have  $(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$ :

The best estimate of  $\mu$  is the **sample mean**:

$$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$

$\bar{X}$  is an unbiased estimator of the population mean  $\mu$ .

$$E[\bar{X}] = \mu$$

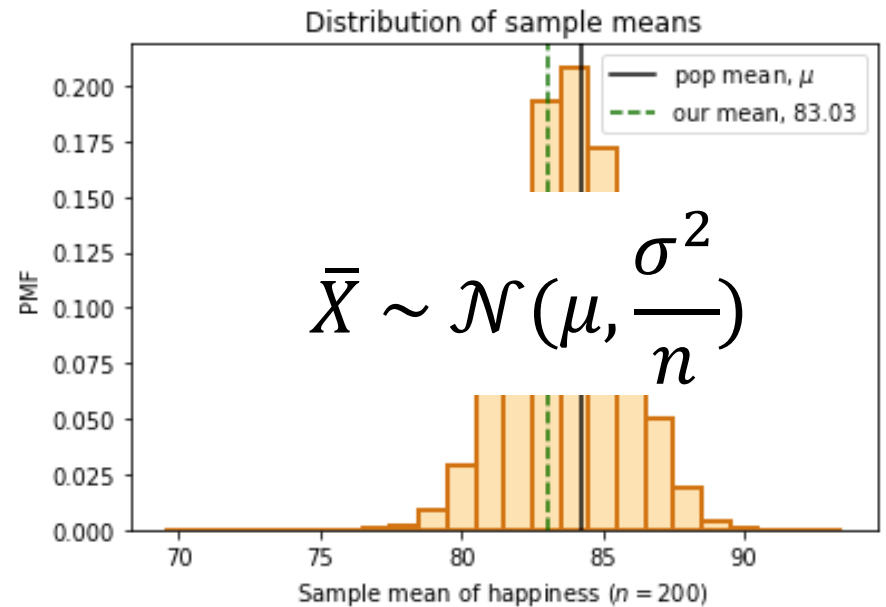
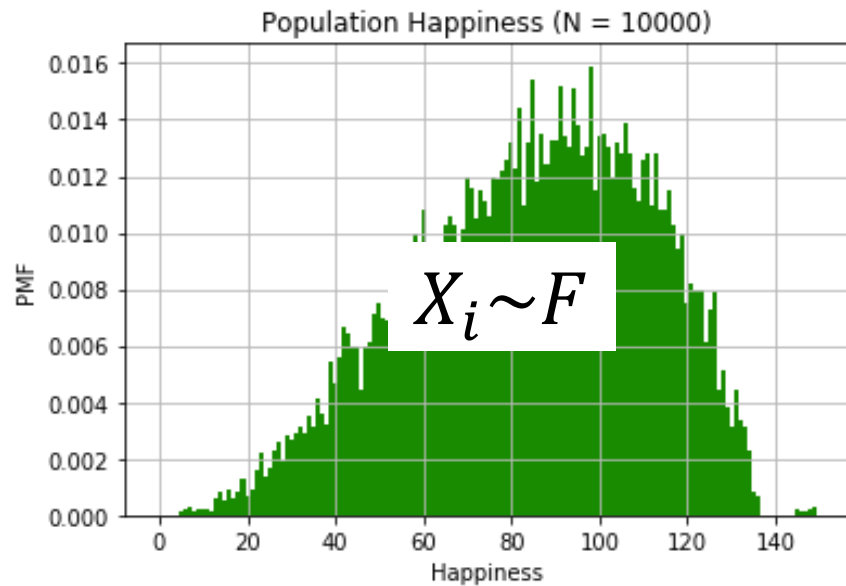
Intuition: By the CLT,  $\bar{X} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n})$



If we could take *multiple* samples of size  $n$ :

1. For each sample, compute sample mean
2. On average, we would get the population mean

# Sample mean



Even if we can't report  $\mu$ , we can report our sample mean 83.03, which is an unbiased estimate of  $\mu$ .

# Estimating the population variance



2. What is  $\sigma^2$ , the **variance of happiness** of Bhutanese people?

If we knew the entire population  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)$ :

population variance

$$\sigma^2 = E[(X - \mu)^2] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \mu)^2$$

population mean

If we only have one sample:  $(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$ :

sample variance

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

reasonable question: why not  $n$ ?

note that our estimated variance is defined in terms of another estimate — the sample mean.



# Intuition about the sample variance, $S^2$

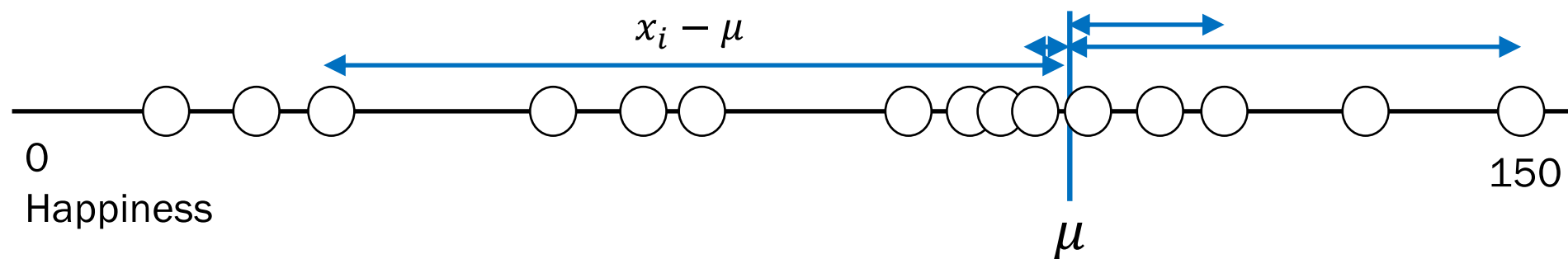
Actual,  $\sigma^2$

population  
variance

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \mu)^2$$

population mean

*you have perfect information if you have access to the full population, because that's pretty much everything there is to know.*



Population size,  $N$

Calculating population statistics exactly requires us knowing all  $N$  datapoints.

# Intuition about the sample variance, $S^2$

Actual,  $\sigma^2$

population variance

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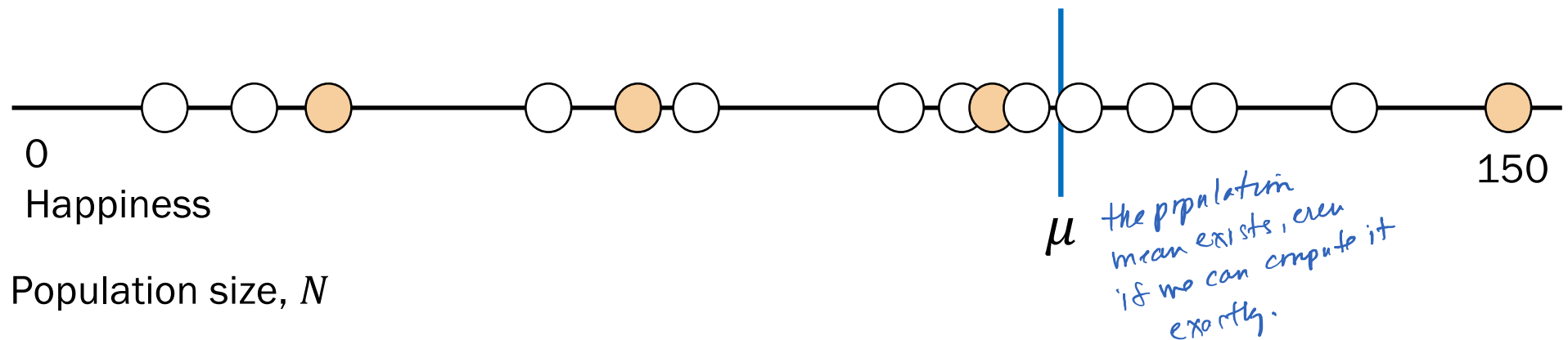
population mean

Estimate,  $S^2$

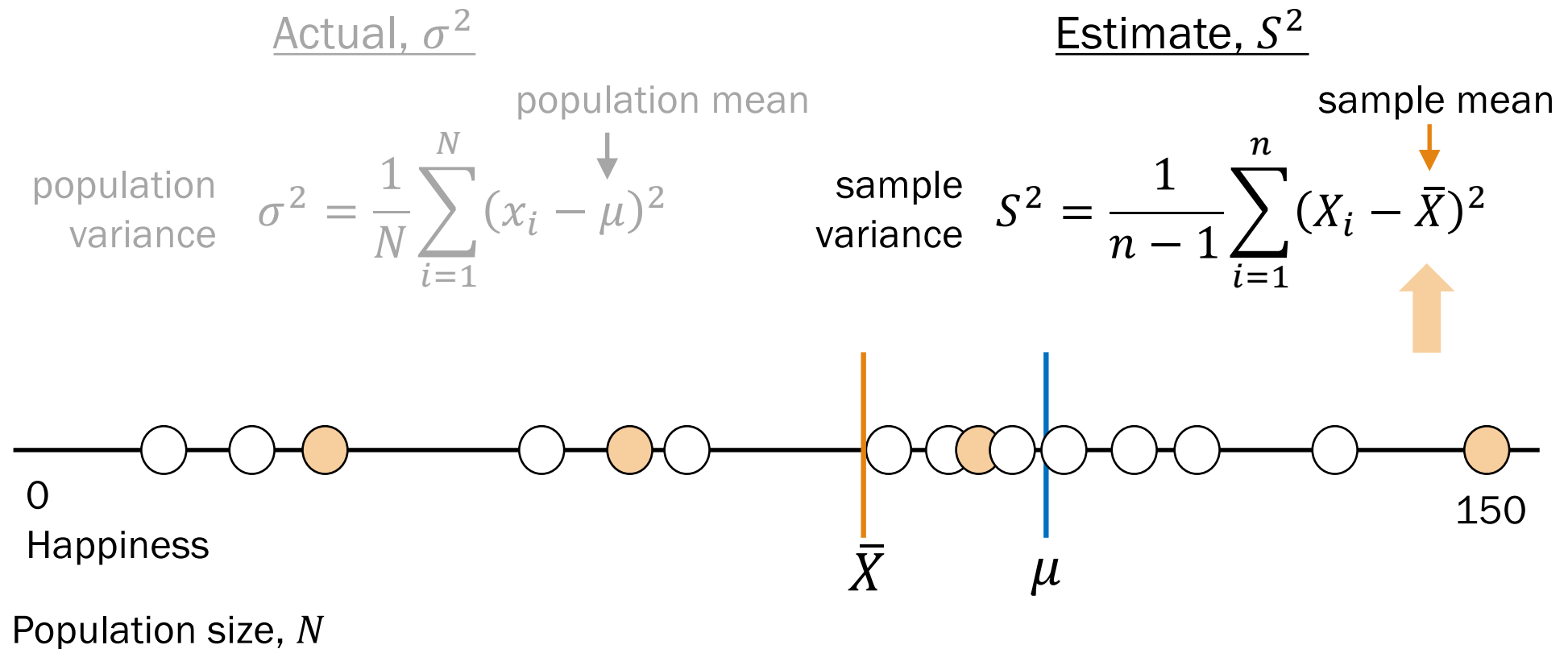
sample variance

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population mean

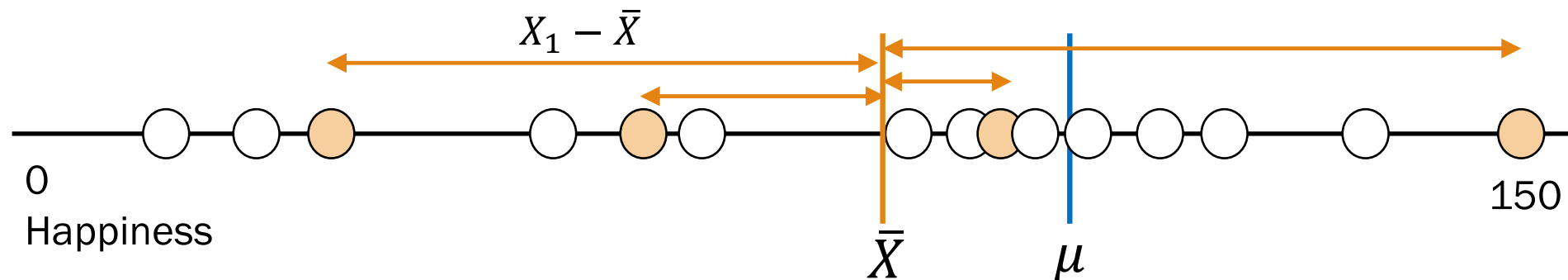
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Estimate,  $S^2$

sample variance

sample mean

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



Population size,  $N$

Sample variance is an **estimate using an estimate**, so it requires additional scaling.

# Estimating the population variance



2. What is  $\sigma^2$ , the **variance of happiness** of Bhutanese people?

If we only have a sample,  $(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$ :

The best estimate of  $\sigma^2$  is the **sample variance**:

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

$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$  is also an estimator, but it's biased, because it's generally too low.

$S^2$  is an unbiased estimator of the population variance,  $\sigma^2$ .  $E[S^2] = \sigma^2$

# Proof that $S^2$ is unbiased (just for reference)

$$E[S^2] = \sigma^2$$

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

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

(introduce  $\mu - \mu$ )

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

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

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

$$= n\sigma^2 - n\text{Var}(\bar{X}) = n\sigma^2 - n\frac{\sigma^2}{n} = n\sigma^2 - \sigma^2 = (n-1)\sigma^2$$

Therefore  $E[S^2] = \sigma^2$

$$\begin{aligned} & 2(\mu - \bar{X}) \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu) \\ & 2(\mu - \bar{X}) \left( \sum_{i=1}^n X_i - n\mu \right) \\ & 2(\mu - \bar{X})n(\bar{X} - \mu) \\ & -2n(\mu - \bar{X})^2 \end{aligned}$$



# Standard error

# Estimating population statistics

A particular outcome

1. Collect a sample,  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ .

(72, 85, 79, 79, 91, 68, ..., 71)  
 $n = 200$

2. Compute **sample mean**,  $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ .

$\bar{X} = 83$

3. Compute sample deviation,  $X_i - \bar{X}$ .

(-11, 2, -4, -4, 8, -15, ..., -12)

Handwritten annotations for step 3:  
- Blue arrows point from the first three values of the deviation list to the mean:  $72 - 83$ ,  $85 - 83$ ,  $79 - 83$ .  
- The deviation list is: (-11, 2, -4, -4, 8, -15, ..., -12)

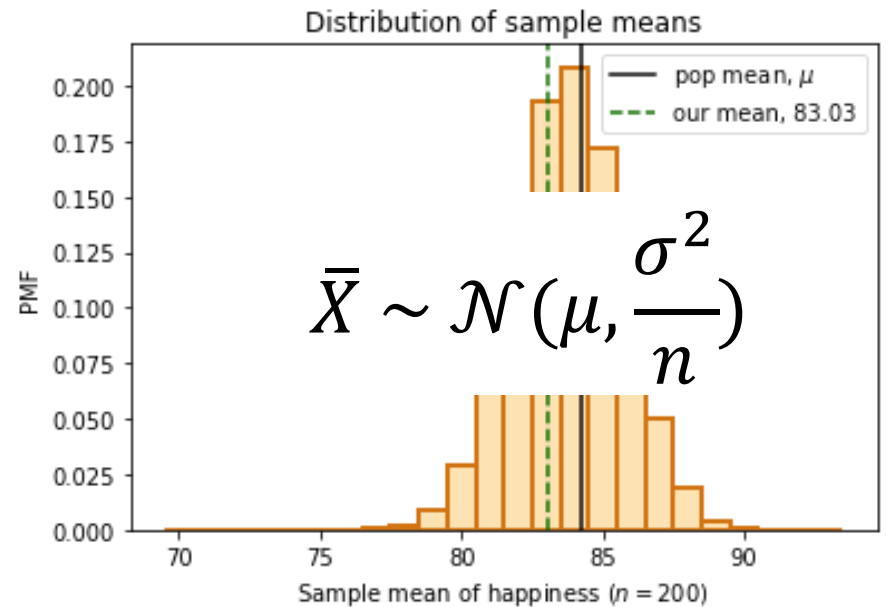
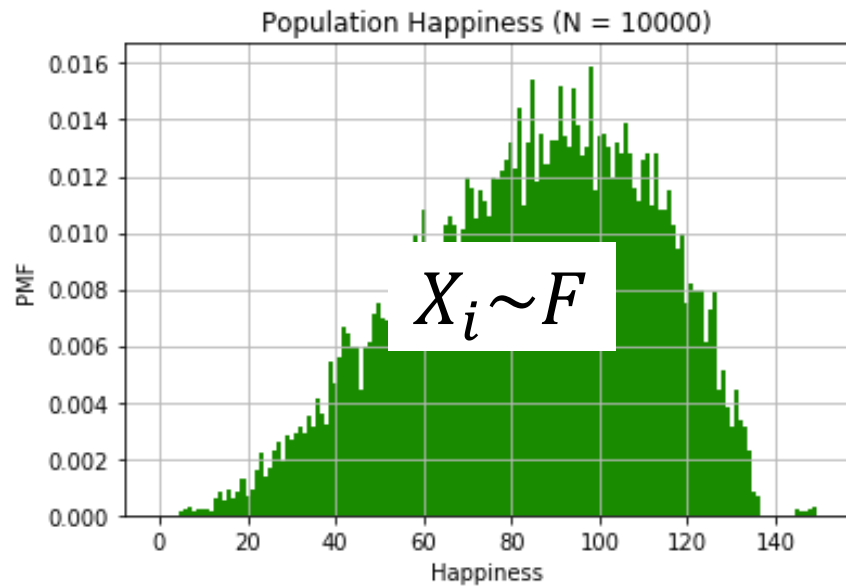
4. Compute **sample variance**,  $S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$ .

$S^2 = 793$

How close are our estimates  $\bar{X}$  and  $S^2$ ?



# Sample mean



- $\text{Var}(\bar{X})$  is a measure of how close  $\bar{X}$  is to  $\mu$ .
- How do we estimate  $\text{Var}(\bar{X})$ ?

if  $\text{Var}(\bar{X})$  is large, we're not all that confident that  $\bar{X}$  is close to  $\mu$ .  
conversely, if  $\text{Var}(\bar{X})$  is small, then we're more confident it's close.

# How close is our estimate $\bar{X}$ to $\mu$ ?

$$E[\bar{X}] = \mu$$

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

We want to estimate this

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

note: sadly, that we don't know what  $\sigma^2$  is, as that's a population-level statistic.

we use  $S^2$

def The **standard error** of the mean is an estimate of the standard deviation of  $\bar{X}$ .

$$SE = \sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}$$

Intuition:

- $S^2$  is an unbiased estimate of  $\sigma^2$
- $S^2/n$  is an unbiased estimate of  $\sigma^2/n = \text{Var}(\bar{X})$
- $\sqrt{S^2/n}$  can estimate  $\sqrt{\text{Var}(\bar{X})}$

somewhat biased ;  
but best we can do ;

$$E[SE] < \text{SD}(\bar{X})$$

less than because of the bias.

More info on bias of standard error: [wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bias_of_standard_error)

# Standard error of the mean

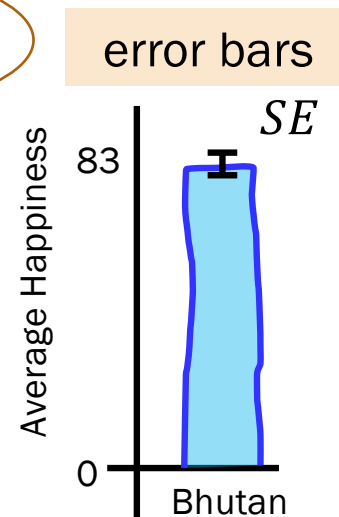
## 1. Mean happiness:

Claim: The average happiness of Bhutan is 83, with a standard error of 1.99.

Closed form:  $SE = \sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}$

this is our estimate of how close we are to  $\mu$

this is our best estimate of  $\mu$



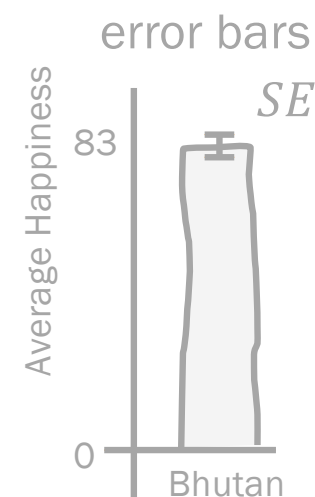
These 2 statistics give a sense of how  $\bar{X}$ —that is, the sample mean random variable—behaves.

# Standard error of variance?

## 1. Mean happiness:

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Closed form:  $SE = \sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}$



## 2. Variance of happiness:

Claim: The variance of happiness of Bhutan is 793.

Closed form: Not covered in CS109

But how close are we?



this is our best estimate of  $\sigma^2$

Up next: Compute statistics with code!



# Bootstrap: Sample mean

# Bootstrap

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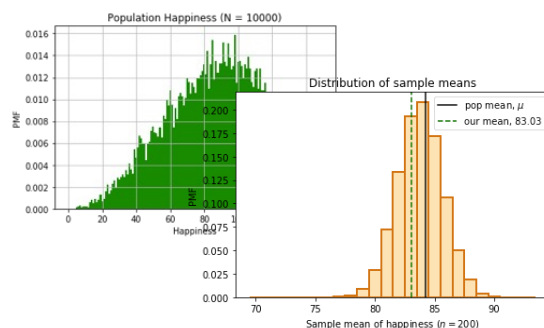
The Bootstrap:

## Probability for Computer Scientists

# Computing statistic of sample mean

What is the standard deviation of the sample mean  $\bar{X}$ ? (sample size  $n = 200$ )

Population  
distribution  
(we don't have this)



$$\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} = 1.886$$

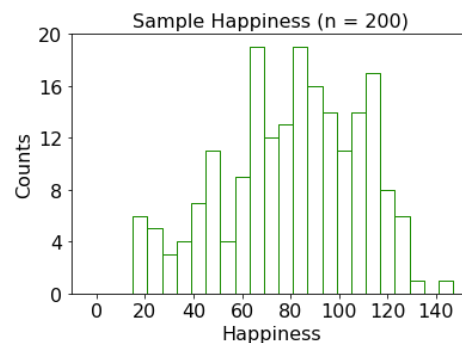
1.869

Exact statistic  
(we don't have this)

*these are the types of things we know with access to full population*

Simulated statistic  
(we don't have this)

Sample  
distribution  
(we do have this)



$$SE = \frac{S}{\sqrt{n}} = 1.992$$

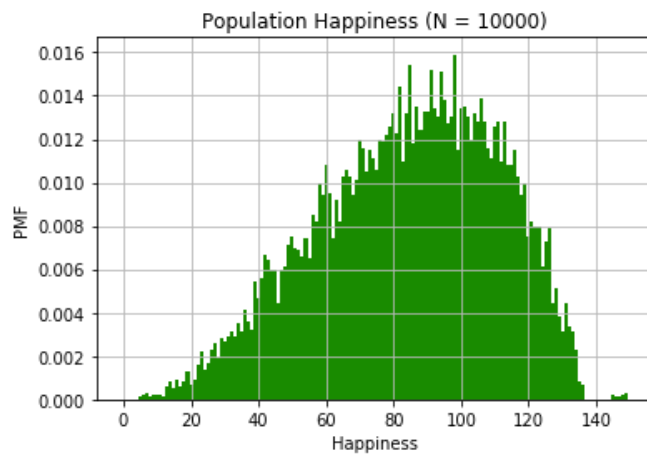
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Estimated statistic,  
by formula,  
**standard error**

Simulated  
estimated statistic

**Note:** We don't have access to the population.  
But Doris is sharing the exact statistic with you.

# Bootstrap insight 1: Estimate the true distribution

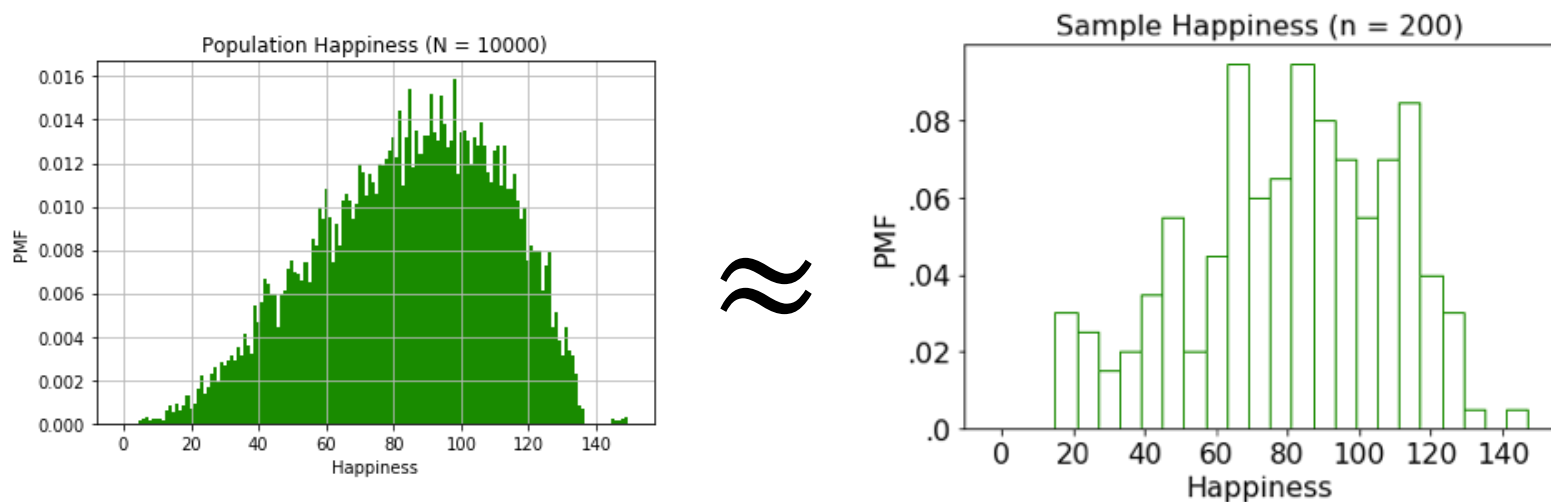


$\approx$



# Bootstrap insight 1: Estimate the true distribution

You can estimate the PMF of the underlying distribution, using your sample.\*



The underlying distribution  $\Rightarrow F \approx \hat{F} \Leftarrow$  the sample distribution (aka the histogram of your data)   
 *normalized to function as a PMF*

\*This is just a histogram of your data!

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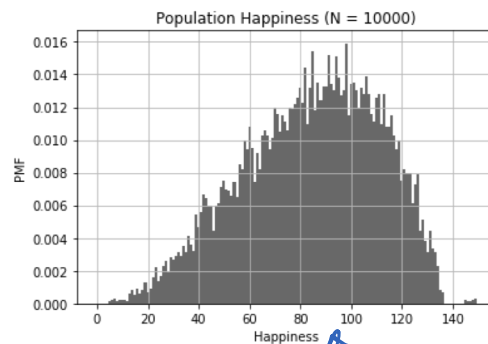
# Bootstrap insight 2: Simulate a distribution

Approximate the procedure of simulating a distribution of a statistic, e.g.,  $\bar{X}$ .

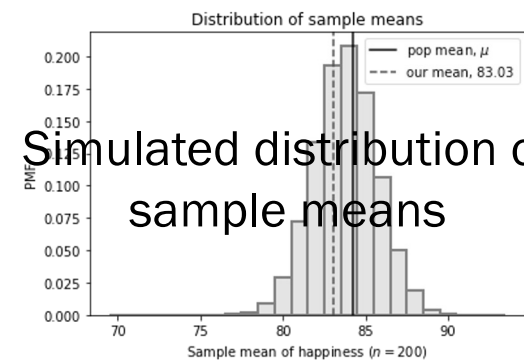
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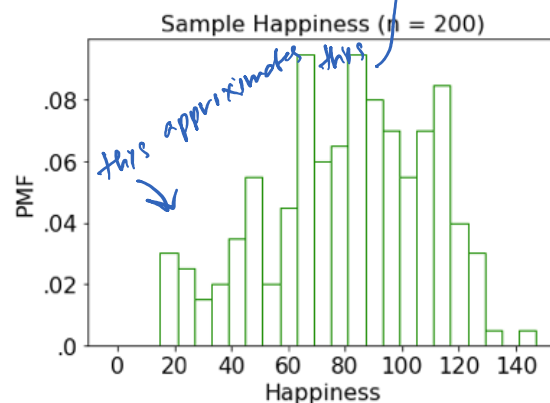
Sample  
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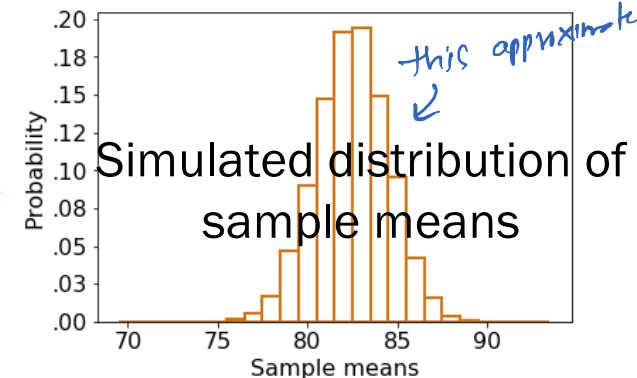
Distribution  
of  $\bar{X}$



Simulated distribution of  
sample means



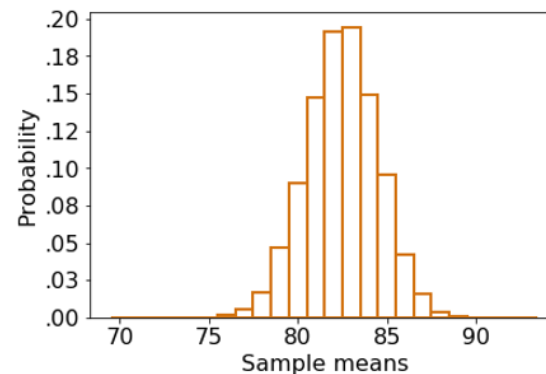
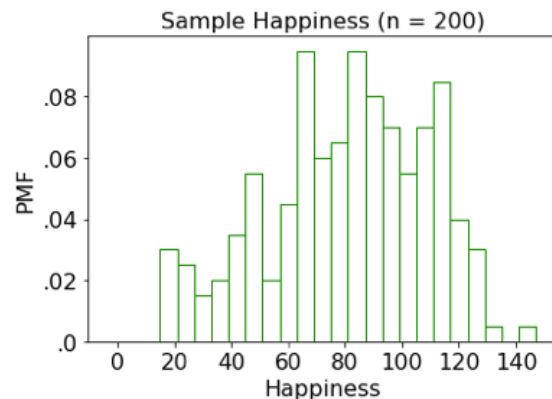
Bootstrap  
means



Simulated distribution of  
sample means

# Bootstrapped sample means

`means` = [84.7, 83.9, 80.6, 79.8, 90.3, ..., 85.2]



`np.std(means)`  
2.003

Estimate the true PMF  
using our "PMF" (histogram)  
of our sample.

...generate a whole  
bunch of sample means  
of this estimated distribution...

...and compute the  
standard deviation  
of this distribution.

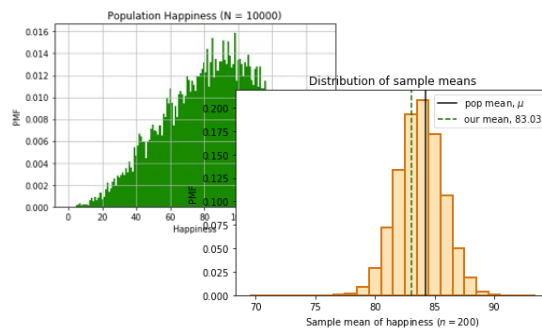
*from this*

*by brute force  
computation.*

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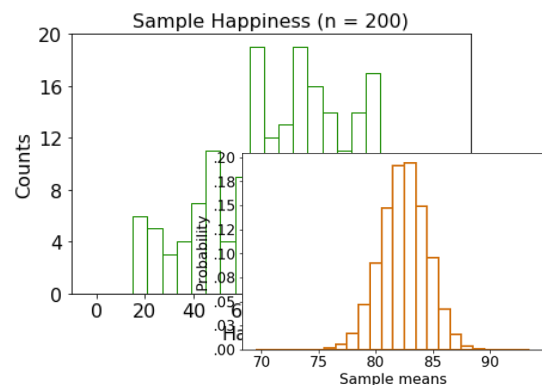
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Simulated estimated  
statistic, **bootstrapped  
standard error**

# Bootstrap algorithm

## Bootstrap Algorithm (sample):

1. Estimate the **PMF** using the sample
2. Repeat **10,000** times:
  - a. Resample **sample.size()** from PMF
  - b. Recalculate the **sample mean** on the resample
3. You now have a **distribution of your sample mean**

*We sample with replacement,  
because the sample operates  
as a PMF  
(and if we didn't,  
we would just  
regenerate the original  
sample every  
time.)*

What is the distribution of your **sample mean**?

We'll talk about this algorithm  
in detail with a demo!

# Bootstrap algorithm

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What is the distribution of your **statistic**?

# Bootstrapped sample variance

## Bootstrap Algorithm (sample):

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2. Repeat **10,000** times:
  - a. Resample `sample.size()` from PMF
  - b. Recalculate the **sample variance** on the resample
3. You now have a **distribution of your sample variance**

takeaway:  
this method — the  
bootstrap method —  
is generic and can  
be used to estimate  
all kinds of  
statistics.

we are using  
bootstrapping  
to compute the standard  
error of the sample  
variance.

What is the distribution of your **sample variance**?

Even if we don't have a closed form equation,  
we estimate statistics of sample variance with bootstrapping!



# Bootstrap: Sample variance



# Bootstrapped sample variance

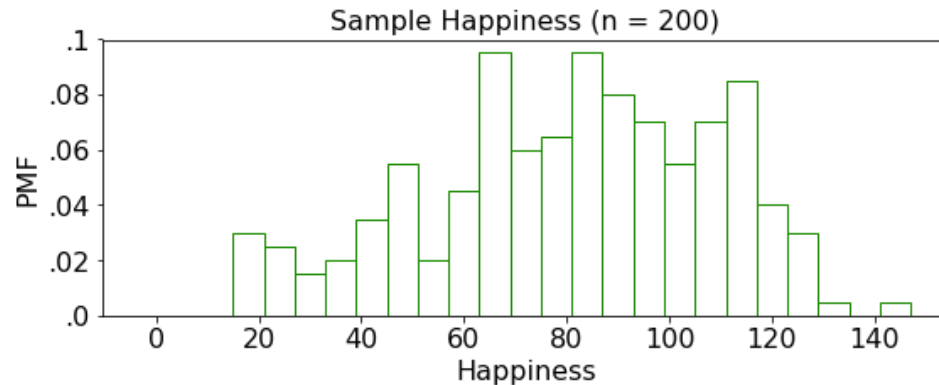
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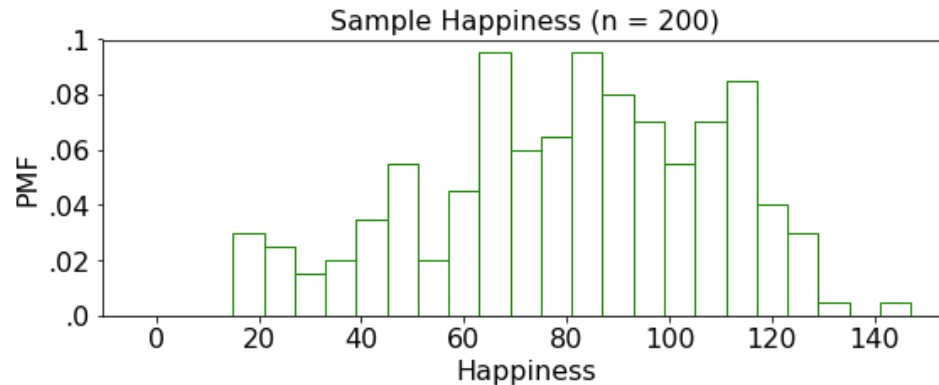
Goal    What is the distribution of your **sample variance**?

# Bootstrapped variance



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# Bootstrapped variance



1. Estimate the **PMF** using the sample



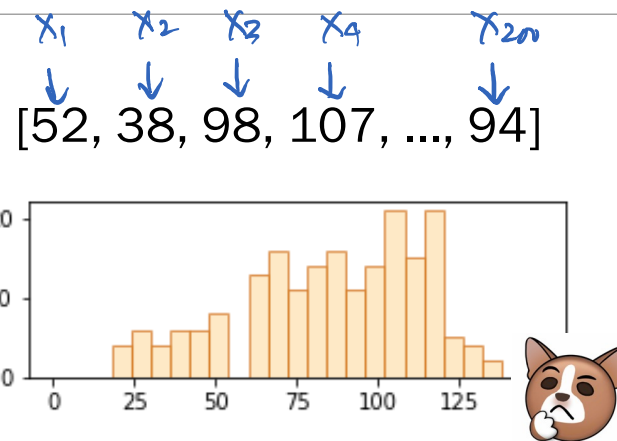
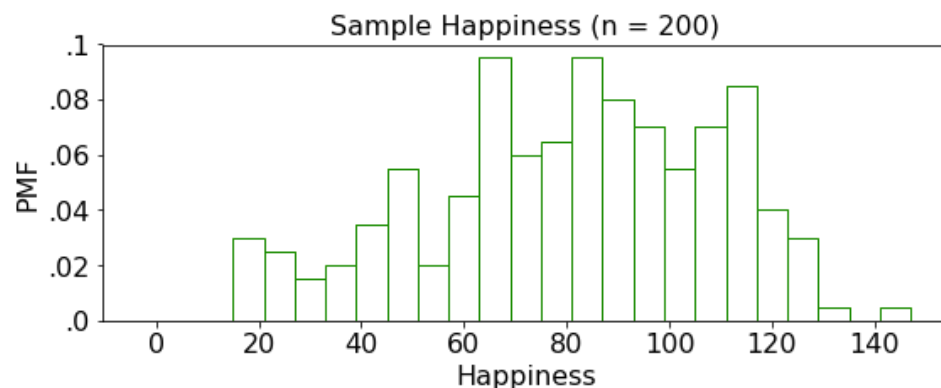
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# Bootstrapped variance



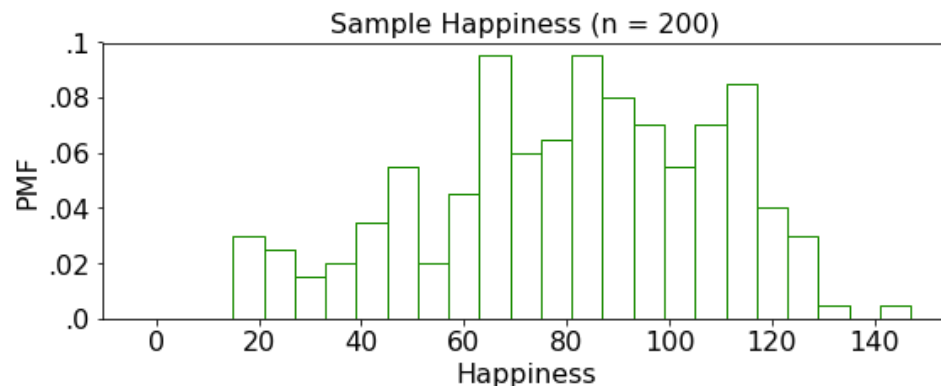
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2. Repeat **10,000** times:
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3. You now have a **distribution of your**



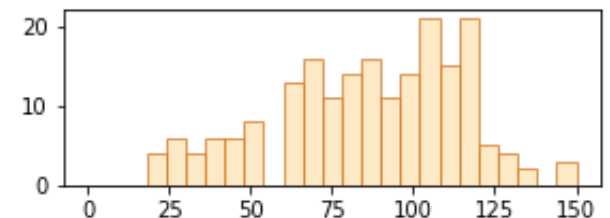
Why are these samples **different**?

This resampled sample is generated with **replacement**.

# Bootstrapped variance



[52, 38, 98, 107, ..., 94]

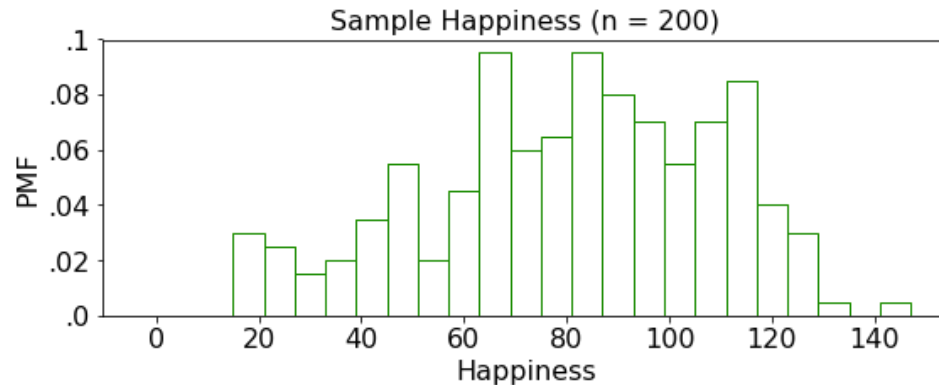


formula for  $S^2$  is still  $\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{k=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2$

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**variances** = [827.4]

# Bootstrapped variance



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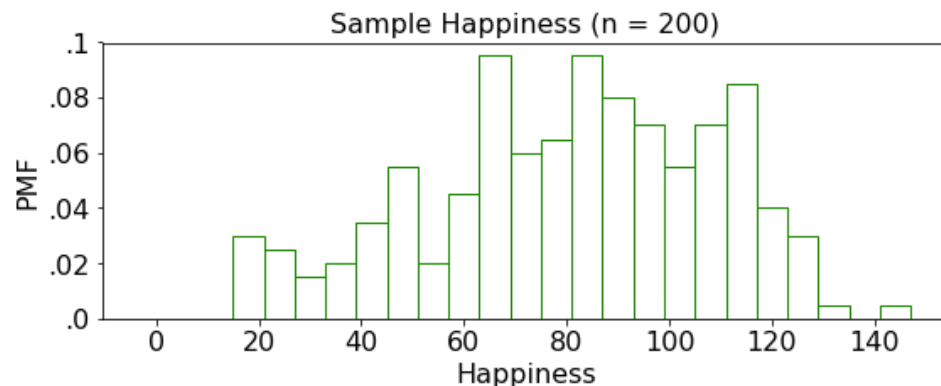
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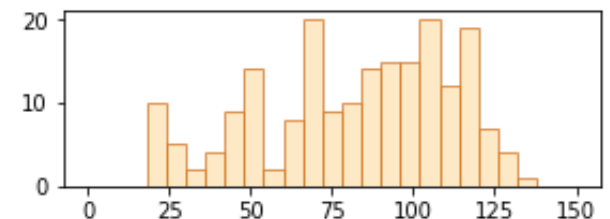
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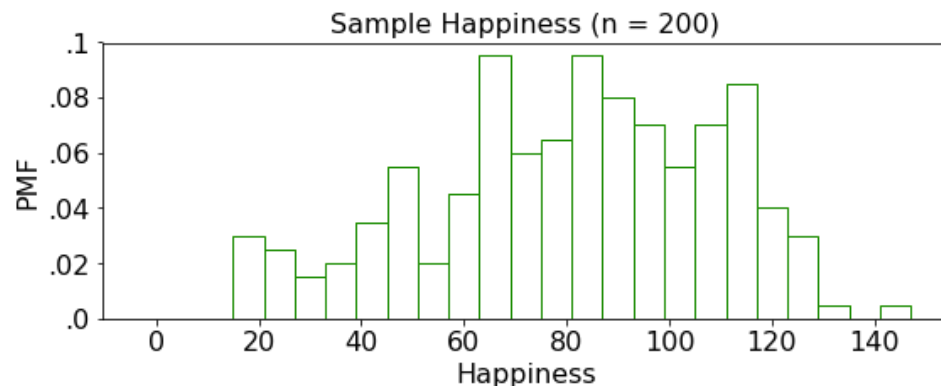
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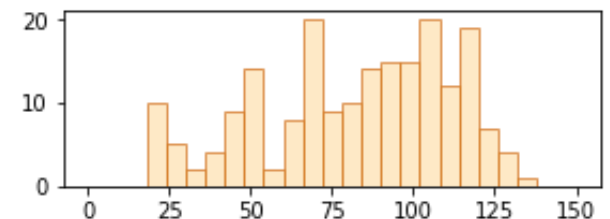
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# Bootstrapped variance



*second iteration might generate this*

$x_1$   $x_2$   $x_3$   $x_4$   $x_{200}$   
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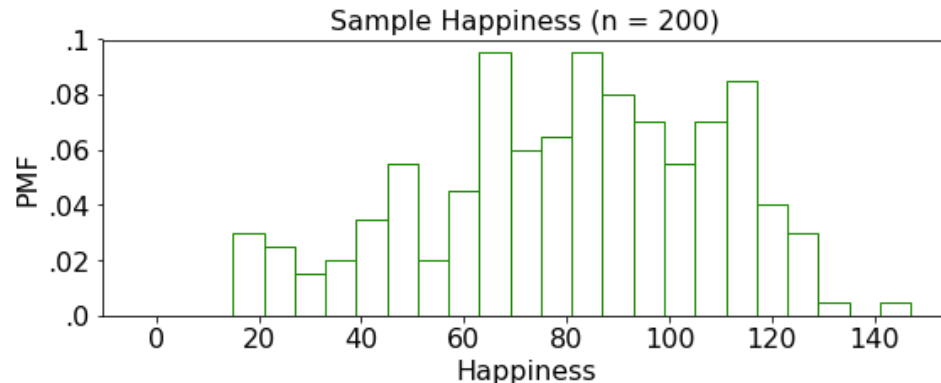


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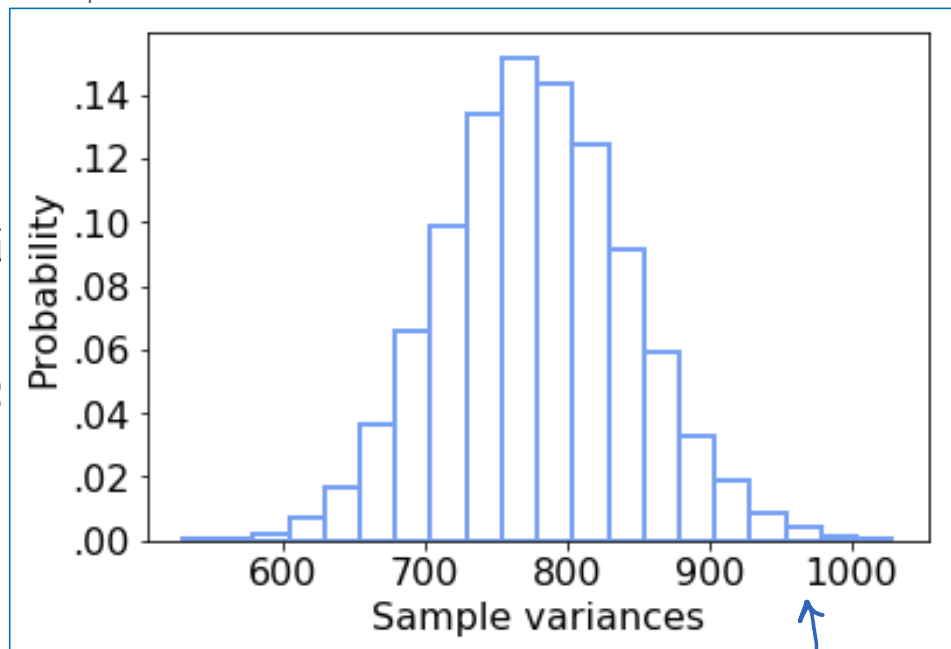
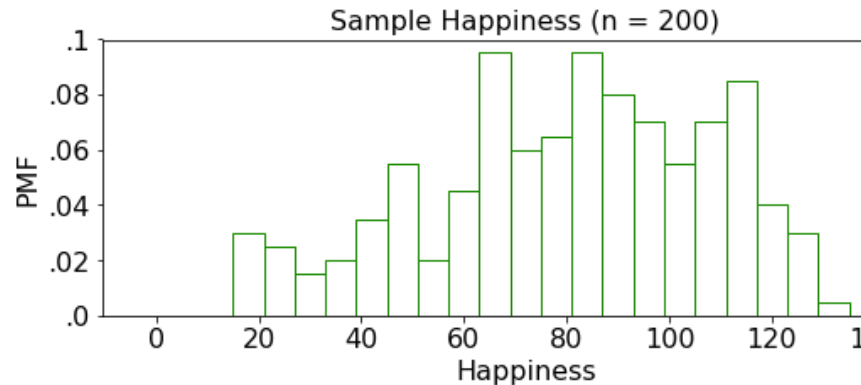


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# Bootstrapped variance



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*data for this graph*

# Bootstrapped variance

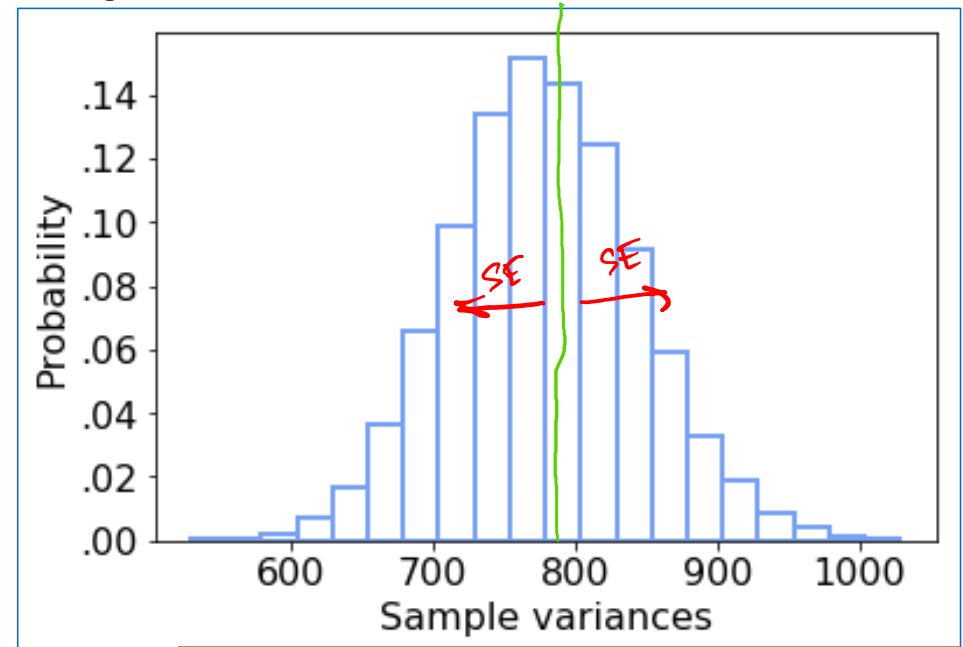
3. You now have a **distribution of your sample variance**

`variances` = [827.4, 846.1, 726.0, ..., 860.7] *1000 of these*

What is the bootstrapped standard error?

`np.std(variances)`

**Bootstrapped standard error: 66.16**



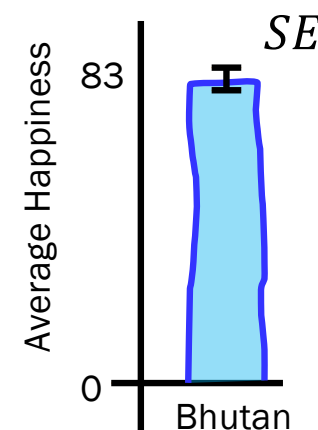
- Simulate a distribution of sample variances
- Compute standard deviation

# Standard error

## 1. Mean happiness:

Claim: The average happiness of Bhutan is 83, with a standard error of 1.99.

Closed form:  $SE = \sqrt{\frac{S^2}{n}}$



$S^2$  is our best estimate of  $\sigma^2$

## 2. Variance of happiness:

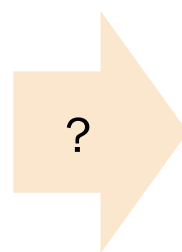
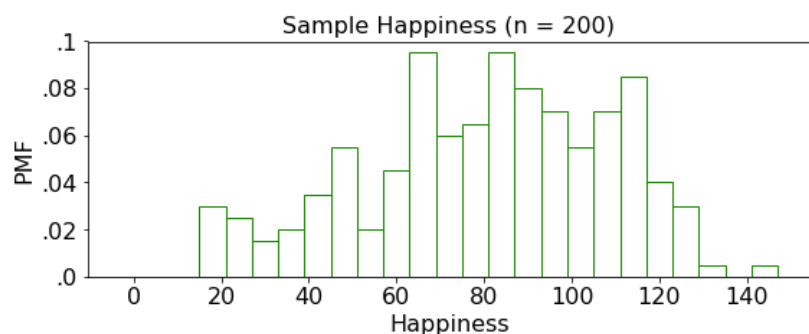
Claim: The variance of happiness of Bhutan is 793, with a **bootstrapped standard error of 66.16**.

this is how close we are, calculated by bootstrapping

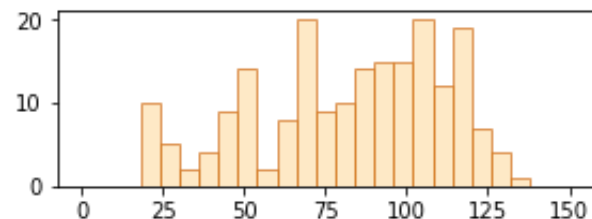
and confident

# Algorithm in practice: Resampling

1. Estimate the **PMF** using the sample
2. Repeat **10,000** times:
  - a. Resample **sample.size()** from PMF
  - b. Recalculate the **statistic** on the resample
3. You now have a **distribution of your statistic**



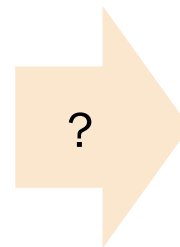
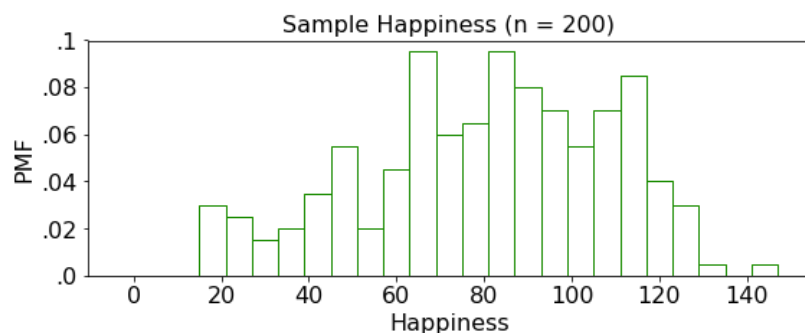
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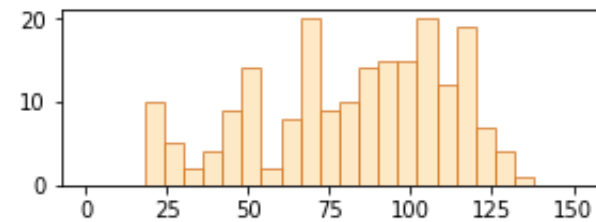
$$P(X = k) = \frac{\text{\# values in sample equal to } k}{n}$$

# Algorithm in practice: Resampling

```
def resample(sample, n):  
    # estimate the PMF using the sample  
    # draw n new samples from the PMF  
    return np.random.choice(sample, n, replace=True)
```



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$$P(X = k) = \frac{\text{\# values in sample equal to } k}{n}$$

This resampled sample is generated **with replacement**.

# To the code!

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Bootstrap provides a way to calculate probabilities of statistics using code.

Bootstrapping works for any statistic\*

\*as long as your sample is iid and the underlying distribution does not have a long tail

*fancy way of saying  
that variance is finite*  
Google colab notebook [link](#)

# Bradley Efron

- Invented bootstrapping in 1979
- Still a professor at Stanford
- Won a National Science Medal



Inventor of Efron's dice: 4 dice  $A, B, C, D$  where:

$$P(A > B) = P(B > C) = P(C > D) = P(D > A) = \frac{2}{3}$$





# Bootstrap: p-value



# Null hypothesis test

Nepal  
Happiness

4.45

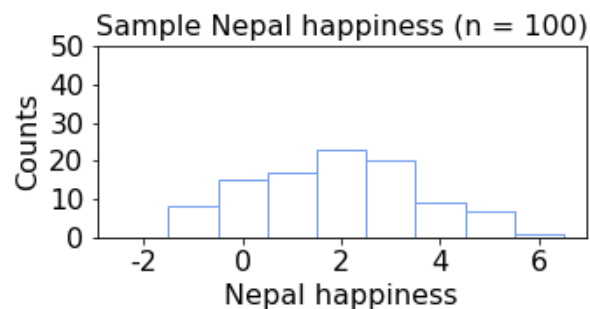
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Bhutan  
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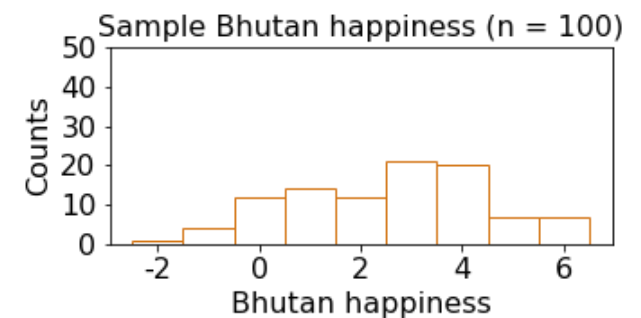
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$$\bar{X}_2 = 2.4$$

Claim: The difference in mean happiness between Nepal and Bhutan is 0.7 happiness points, and **this is statistically significant.**

# Null hypothesis test

def **null hypothesis** – Even if there is no pattern (i.e., the two samples are from identical distributions), your claim might have arisen by chance.

def **p-value** – What is the probability that the observed difference occurs under the null hypothesis? *that is, what is the chance you observed a significant difference by chance but it's not reproducible.*

Example:

- Flip some coin 100 times.
- Flip the same coin another 150 times.
- Compute fraction of heads in both groups.
- There is a possibility we'll see the observed difference in these fractions even if we used the same coin

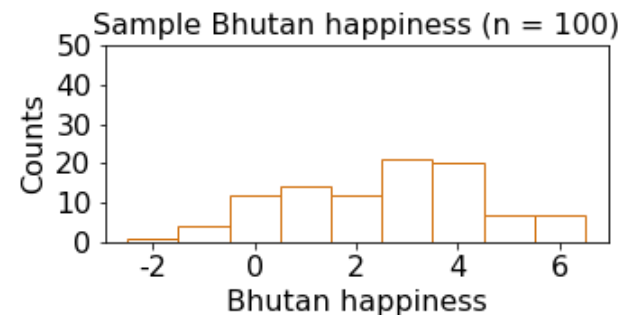
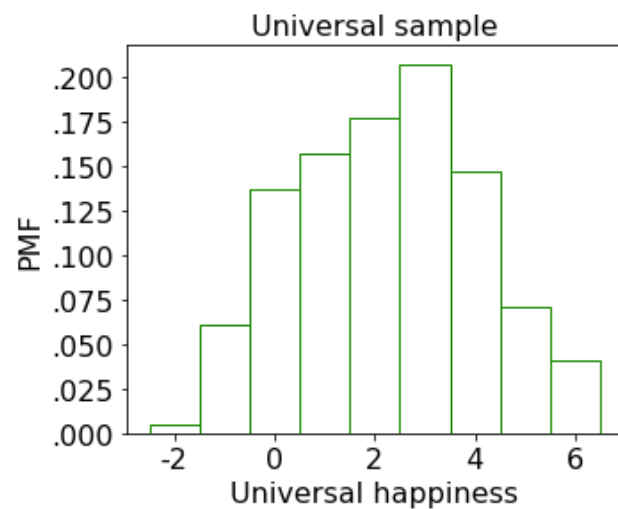
} **Null hypothesis** assumes we use the same coin

} **p-value**

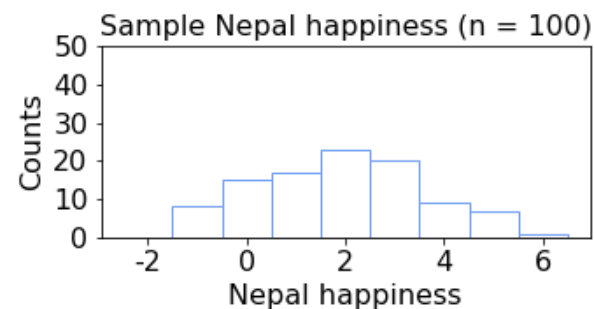
A **significant** p-value ( $< 0.05$ ) means we reject the null hypothesis.

# Universal sample

(this is what the null hypothesis assumes)



$\bar{X}_1 = 3.1$   
*how often do we see this from the combined population?*



$\bar{X}_2 = 2.4$

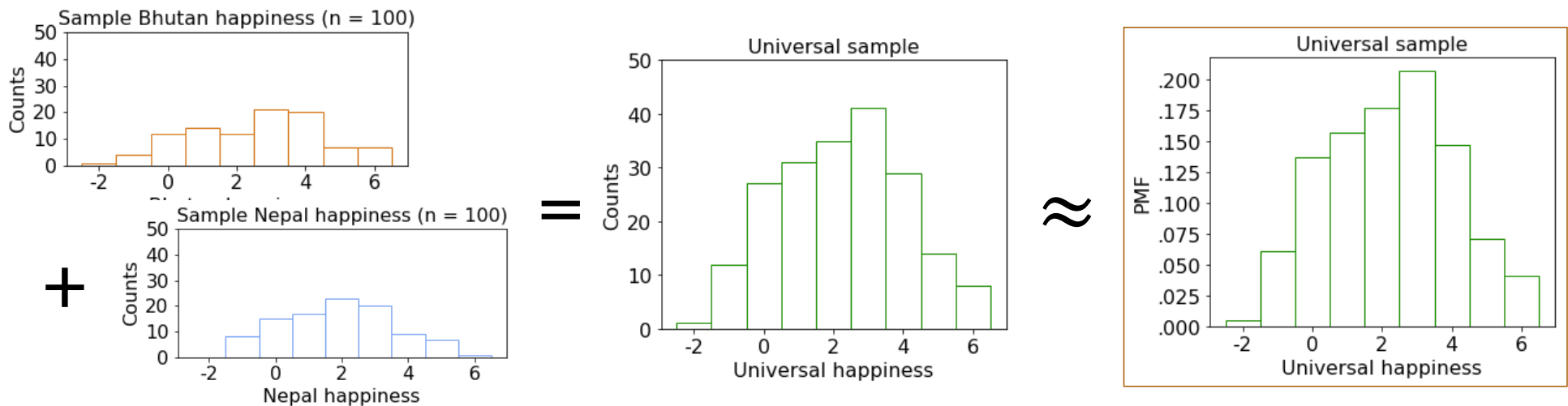
Want **p-value**: probability  $|\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2| = |3.1 - 2.4|$  happens under null hypothesis

# Bootstrap for p-values

*if two statistics are different by chance, then combining the populations shouldn't matter, right?*

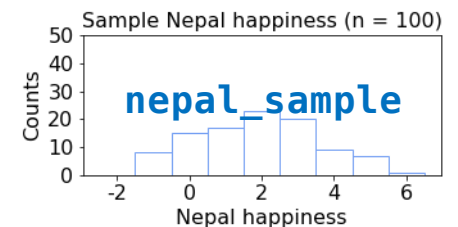
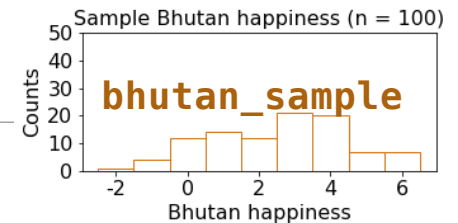
1. Create a **universal sample** using your two samples

i.e., recreate the null hypothesis



# Bootstrap for p-values

1. Create a **universal sample** using your two samples
2. Repeat **10,000** times:
  - a. Resample **both samples**
  - b. Recalculate the **mean difference** between the resamples
3. **p-value** = 
$$\frac{\# (\text{mean diffs} \geq \text{observed diff})}{n = 10000}$$



Probability  
that observed  
difference arose  
by chance

# Bootstrap for p-values

```
def pvalue_boot(bhutan_sample, nepal_sample):  
    N = size of the bhutan_sample  
    M = size of the nepal_sample  
    observed_diff = |mean of bhutan_sample – mean of nepal_sample|  
  
    uni_sample = combine bhutan_sample and nepal_sample  
    count = 0  
  
    repeat 10,000 times:  
        bhutan_resample = draw N resamples from the uni_sample  
        nepal_resample = draw M resamples from the uni_sample  
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        muNepal = sample mean of the nepal_resample  
        diff = |muNepal – muBhutan|  
        if diff >= observed_diff:  
            count += 1  
  
    pValue = count / 10,000
```

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*this is the backbone of a null hypothesis.*

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## 2. a. Resample both samples

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*it's important you go with the same sizes, otherwise you're using different random variables!*

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# Bootstrap for p-values

2. b. Recalculate the **mean difference** b/t resamples

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# Bootstrap for p-values

$$3. \text{ p-value} = \frac{\# (\text{mean diffs} > \text{observed diff})}{n}$$

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with replacement!

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# Bootstrap

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Let's try it!

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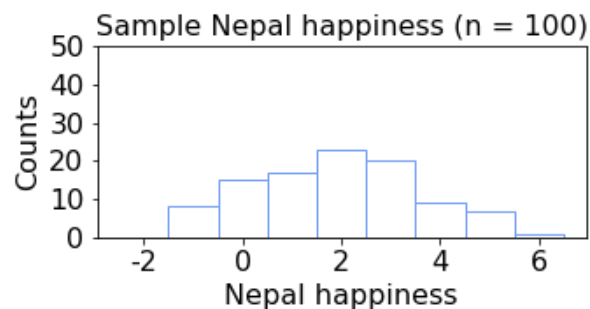
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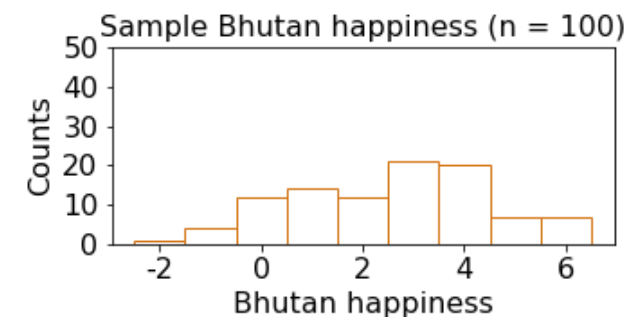
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Claim: The happiness of Nepal and Bhutan have a 0.7 difference of means, and this is statistically significant ( $p < 0.05$ ).