

Class 20: Topic 16: Confidence Intervals: Proportions

Held: Friday, 7 March 2008

Summary: In our recent explorations of sample statistics, we have assumed that we know the population parameters. Today, we begin to explore how we think about the accuracy of our statistics as estimates of unknown population parameters. We consider the particular case of proportions.

Notes:

- Class time reserved for any campus issues you wish to discuss.
- Homework collected.
- We'll use a different strategy today: We're going to do the activities as a class.
- Work for Monday: Activities 16-7, 16-9, 16-10, 16-19, 16-21. Also Overview and Preliminaries (as appropriate) for Topic 17.
- We'll cover Topic 17 over two days (Monday and Wednesday) next week.
- There is no class next Friday.
- Quiz!
- More serious quiz on Monday (on sampling distributions).
- Handouts: Applet: Simulating Confidence Intervals.
- Due: Activities 15-7, 15-8, 15-13, 15-14, and 16-1.

Overview:

- Samples vs. Populations, Revisited.
- Estimating Population Proportions from Sample Proportions.
- Exploring the Confidence of Our Estimates.

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