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Sampling distributions and the Central Limit Theorem

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Random sample

A collection of independent rvs with the same distribution is a *random sample*.

- Often denote by $X_1, \dots, X_n$, where n is the *sample size*.
- In random sample, $X_1, \dots, X_n$ are *iid*: independent and identically distributed.
- Common distribution of $X_1, \dots, X_n$ called the *population distribution*.
- Can write $X_1, \dots, X_n \overset{\text{ind}}{\sim} F$ if a rs from a distribution F.

Goal is to learn from $X_1, \dots, X_n$ about the population distribution.

Expected value and variance of the sample mean

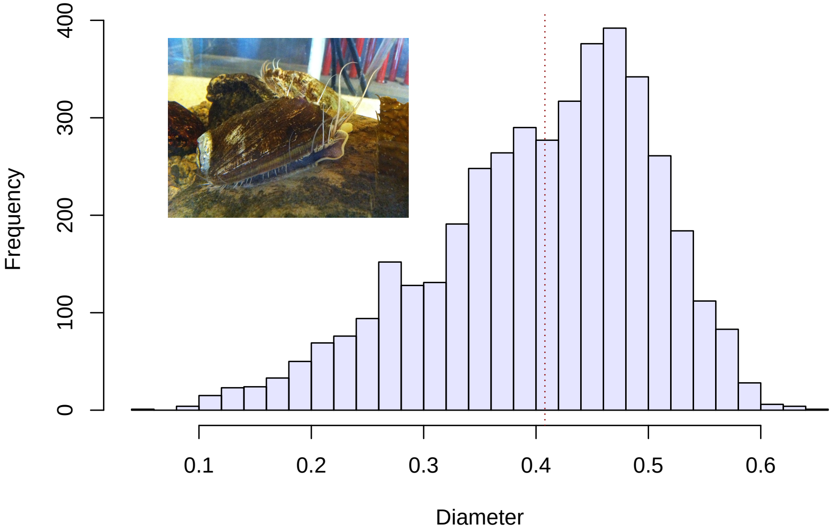
Let $X_1, \dots, X_n$ be a rs from a population with mean μ and σ^2. Then

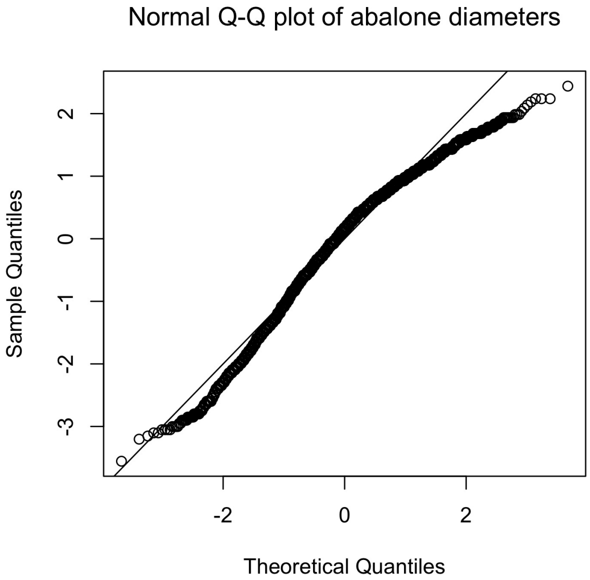
$$\mathbb{E}\bar{X}_n = \mu \quad \text{and} \quad \operatorname{Var} \bar{X}_n = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}.$$

Examples:

1. If $X_1, \dots, X_n \overset{\text{ind}}{\sim} \text{Normal}(\mu, \sigma^2)$, then $\mathbb{E}\bar{X}_n = \mu$ and $\operatorname{Var} \bar{X}_n = \sigma^2/n$.
2. If $X_1, \dots, X_n \overset{\text{ind}}{\sim} \text{Bernoulli}(p)$, then $\mathbb{E}\bar{X}_n = p$ and $\operatorname{Var} \bar{X}_n = p(1-p)/n$.
3. If $X_1, \dots, X_n \overset{\text{ind}}{\sim} \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$, then $\mathbb{E}\bar{X}_n = \lambda$ and $\operatorname{Var} \bar{X}_n = \lambda/n$.
4. If $X_1, \dots, X_n \overset{\text{ind}}{\sim} \text{Exponential}(\lambda)$, then $\mathbb{E}\bar{X}_n = 1/\lambda$ and $\operatorname{Var} \bar{X}_n = 1/(n\lambda^2)$.

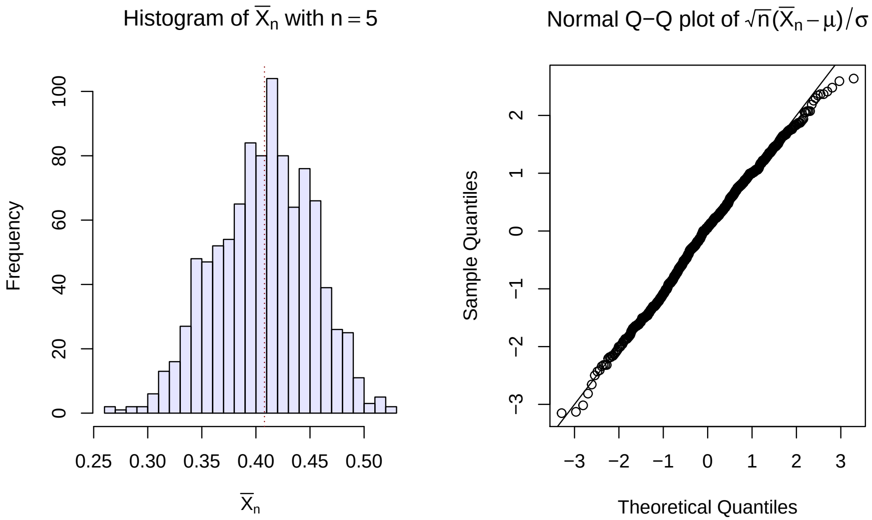
Consider the diameters of 4,176 abalones with mean 0.4078915. link to data

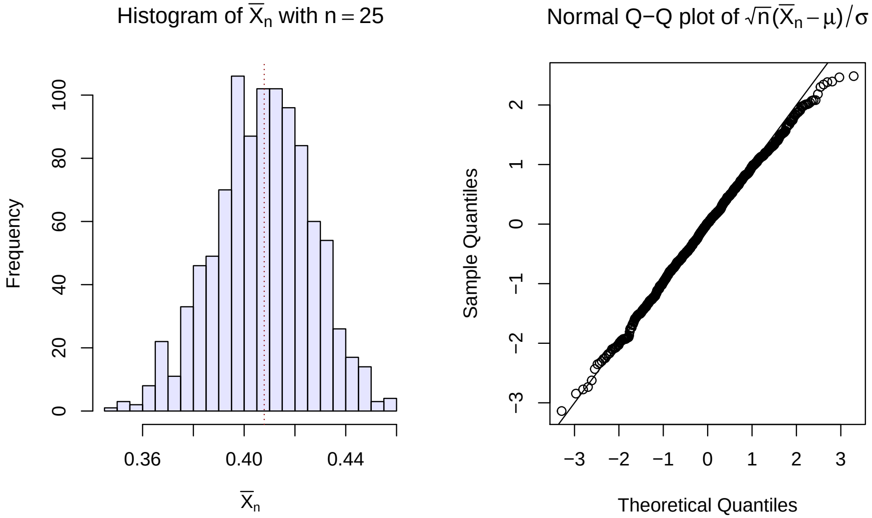


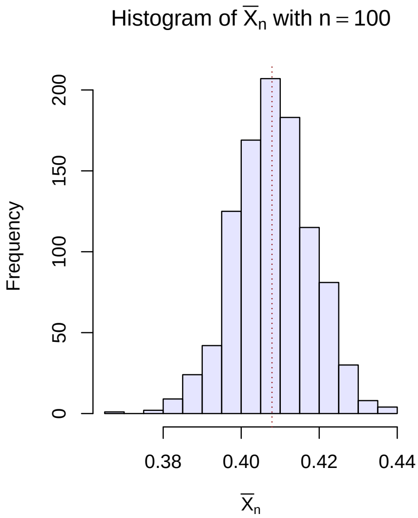

Normal Q-Q plot of abalone diameters
Sample Quantiles
-3
-2
-1
0
1
2
Theoretical Quantiles
-2
0
2

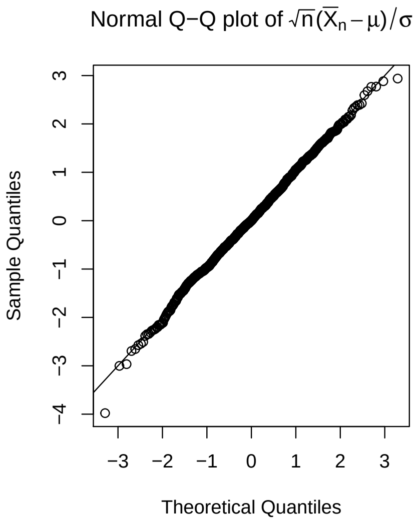
Exercise: Treat the 4,176 abalone as a population. The mean diameter is $\mu = 0.408$. Let $\bar{X}_n$ be the mean diameter from a sample of abalone.

1. For the sample sizes $n = 5, 25, 100$, draw 1,000 samples and
   1. Make a histogram of the $\bar{X}_n$ values.
   2. Make a Normal Q-Q plot of the $\bar{X}_n$ values.
2. Around what value are the values of $\bar{X}_n$ centered?
3. What changes as n changes?


Histogram of $\overline{X}_n$ with $n = 5$
Frequency
0
20
40
60
80
100
0.25
0.30
0.35
0.40
0.45
0.50
$\overline{X}_n$
Normal Q−Q plot of $\sqrt{n}(\overline{X}_n - \mu)/\sigma$
Sample Quantiles
−3
−2
−1
0
1
2
3
Theoretical Quantiles

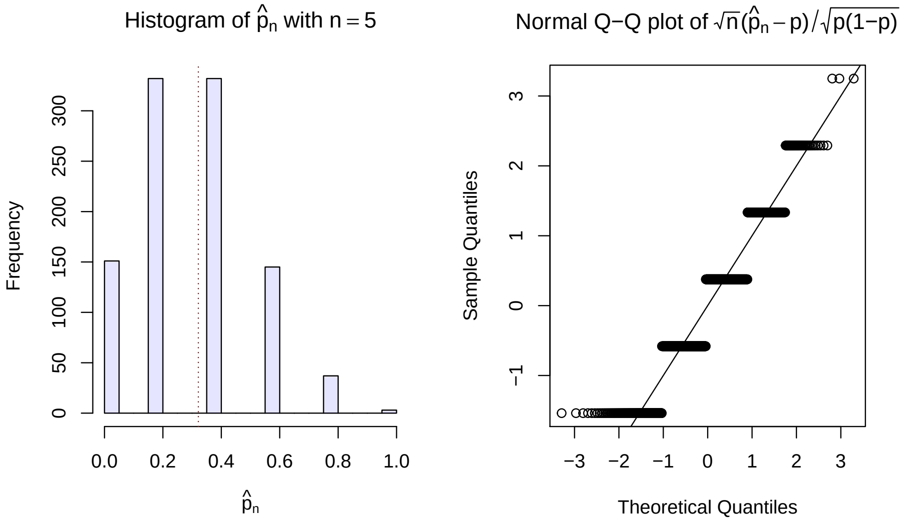

Histogram of $\overline{X}_n$ with $n = 25$
Frequency
0
20
40
60
80
100
0.36
0.40
0.44
$\overline{X}_n$
Normal Q−Q plot of $\sqrt{n}(\overline{X}_n - \mu)/\sigma$
Sample Quantiles
−3
−2
−1
0
1
2
Theoretical Quantiles
−3
−2
−1
0
1
2
3

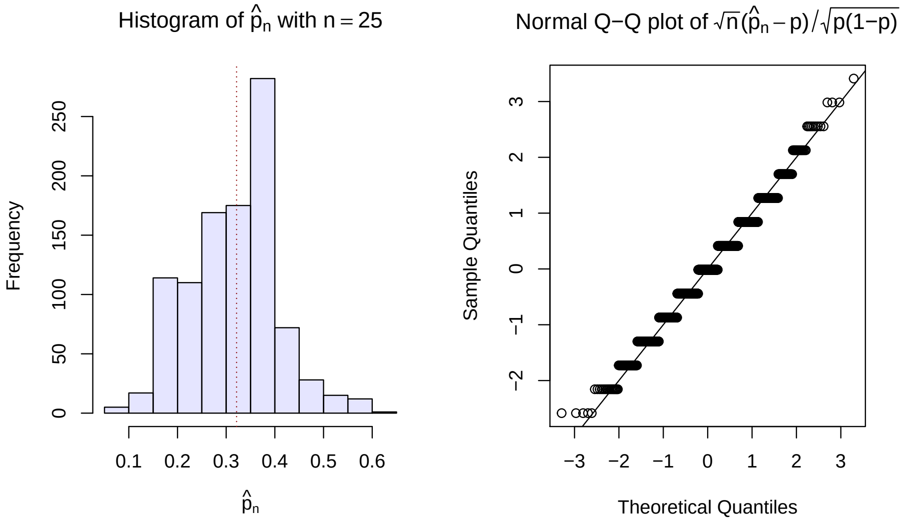

Histogram of $\overline{X}_n$ with $n = 100$
Frequency
0
50
100
150
200
0.38
0.40
0.42
0.44
$\overline{X}_n$


Normal Q−Q plot of $\sqrt{n}(\overline{X}_n - \mu)/\sigma$
Sample Quantiles
−4
−3
−2
−1
0
1
2
3
−3
−2
−1
0
1
2
3
Theoretical Quantiles

Exercise: Treat the $4{,}176$ abalone as a population. The proportion classified as infants among the abalone is $p = 0.321$; let $\hat{p}_n$ represent the proportion of infants in a random sample of abalone.

1. For the sample sizes $n = 5, 25, 100$, draw $1{,}000$ samples and
    1. Make a histogram of the $\hat{p}_n$ values.
    2. Make a Normal Q-Q plot of the $\hat{p}_n$.
2. Around what value are the values of $\hat{p}_n$ centered?
3. What changes as n changes?


Histogram of p̂n with n = 5
Frequency
0
50
100
150
200
250
300
0.0
0.2
0.4
0.6
0.8
1.0
p̂n
Normal Q−Q plot of √n(p̂n − p)/√p(1−p)
Sample Quantiles
−1
0
1
2
3
−3
−2
−1
0
1
2
3
Theoretical Quantiles


Histogram of $\hat{p}_n$ with $n = 25$
Frequency
0
50
100
150
200
250
0.1
0.2
0.3
0.4
0.5
0.6
$\hat{p}_n$
Normal Q−Q plot of $\sqrt{n}(\hat{p}_n - p)/\sqrt{p(1-p)}$
Sample Quantiles
−2
−1
0
1
2
3
−3
−2
−1
0
1
2
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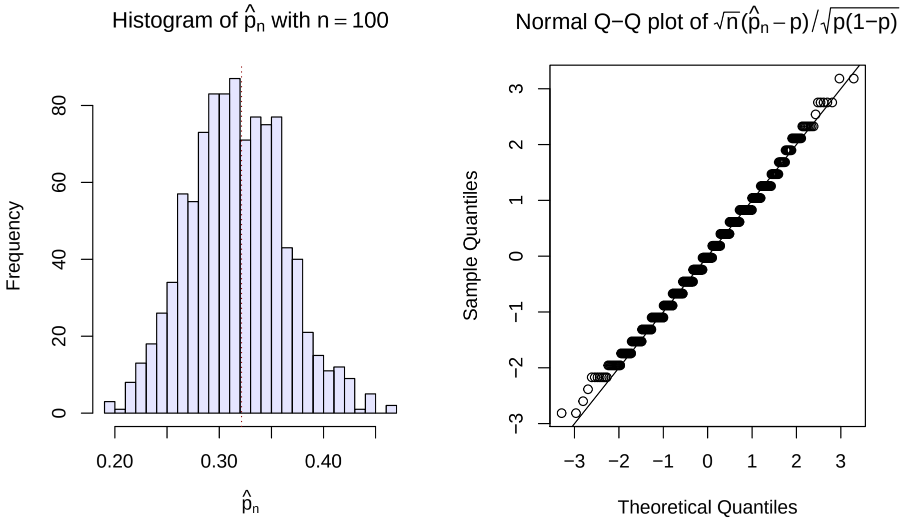
Theoretical Quantiles


Histogram of $\hat{p}_n$ with $n = 100$
Frequency
0
20
40
60
80
0.20
0.30
0.40
$\hat{p}_n$
Normal Q−Q plot of $\sqrt{n}(\hat{p}_n - p)/\sqrt{p(1-p)}$
Sample Quantiles
−3
−2
−1
0
1
2
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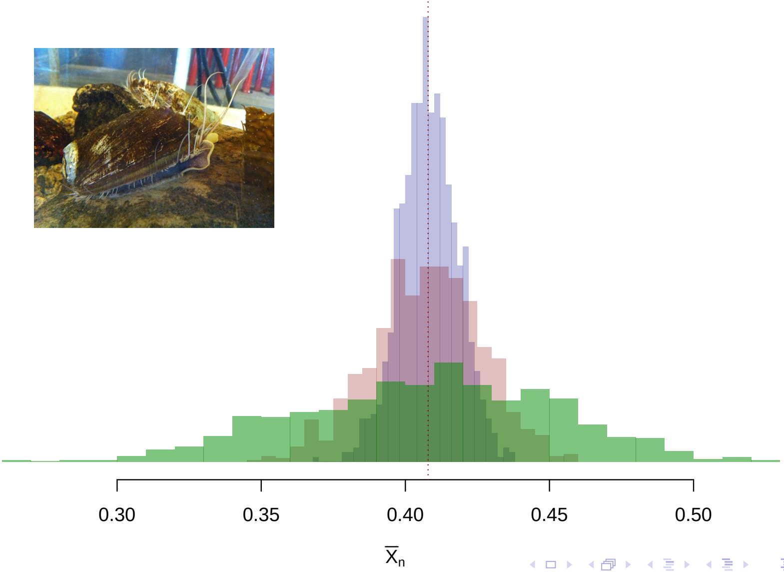
Theoretical Quantiles

If $X_1, \ldots, X_n$ a rs of abalone, $\mathbb{E}\bar{X}_n = 0.4079$ and $\text{Var}\,\bar{X}_n = (0.09924)^2/n$.



Distribution of sample mean when population is Normal

Let $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{\text{ind}}{\sim} \text{Normal}(\mu, \sigma^2)$. Then $\bar{X}_n \sim \text{Normal}(\mu, \sigma^2/n)$.

Can use this to get probabilities like $P(a < \bar{X}_n < b)$ as follows:

1. Transform a and b to the Z-world (# of standard deviations world):
$$a \mapsto \frac{a-\mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \quad \text{and} \quad b \mapsto \frac{b-\mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}},$$
2. Find
$$P\left(\frac{a-\mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} < Z < \frac{b-\mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}\right).$$

Exercise: Let X = minutes talking on phone in last month of a randomly selected USC student. Assume $X \sim \text{Normal}(\mu = 450, \sigma^2 = 50^2)$.

1. Find $P(|X - 450| > 50)$.
2. Find $P(X < 425)$.

Now let $\bar{X}_n$ be the mean talk time from $n = 9$ randomly selected students.

1. Find $P(|\bar{X}_n - 450| > 50)$.
2. Find $P(\bar{X}_n < 425)$.

Exercise: You sell jars of baby food labelled as weighing 4oz $\approx$ 113g. Suppose your process results in jar weights with the Normal($\mu = 116, \sigma^2 = 4^2$) distribution. A regulator will sample 5 jars and fine you if the average weight is less than 113g.

1. With what probability will you get fined?
2. To what must you increase μ so that you are fined with prob. at most 0.01?
3. Keeping $\mu = 116$g, to what must you reduce σ so that you are fined with probability at most 0.01?

Central Limit Theorem

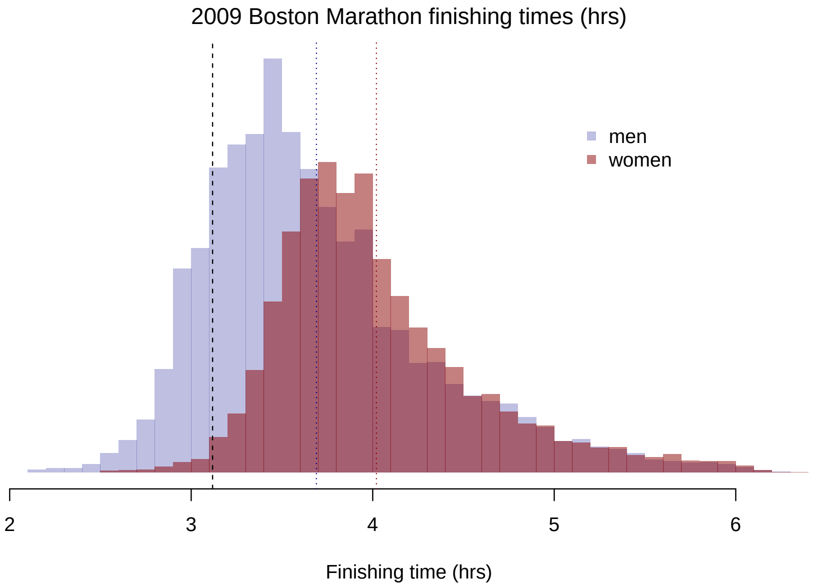
Let $X_1, \ldots, X_n$ be a rs from a dist. with mean μ and variance $\sigma^2 < \infty$. Then

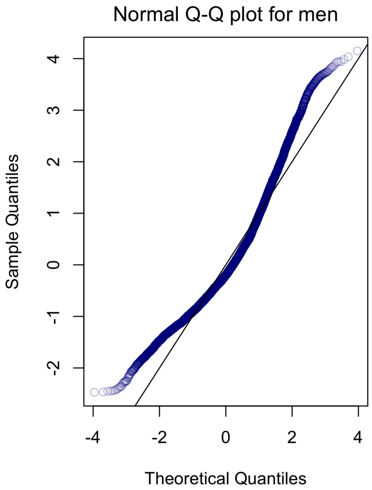
$$\frac{\bar{X}_n - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \text{ behaves more and more like } Z \sim \text{Normal}(0, 1)$$

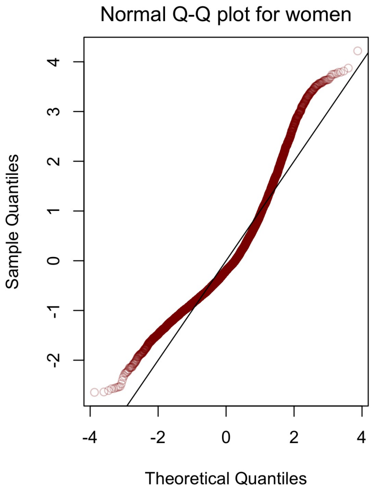
for larger and larger n.

This means that for large n (say $n \geq 30$), we have

$$\bar{X}_n \overset{\text{approx}}{\sim} \text{Normal}\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right).$$


2009 Boston Marathon finishing times (hrs)
men
women
2
3
4
5
6
Finishing time (hrs)


Normal Q-Q plot for men
Sample Quantiles
Theoretical Quantiles
-4
-2
0
2
4
-2
-1
0
1
2
3
4


Normal Q-Q plot for women
Sample Quantiles
Theoretical Quantiles
-4
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2
4
-2
-1
0
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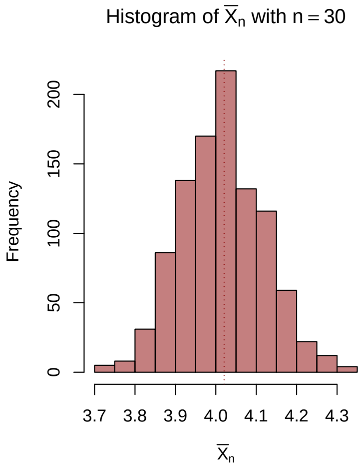
Exercise: Women's finishing times for the 2009 Boston Marathon had mean 4.02 hours and standard deviation 0.555 hours.

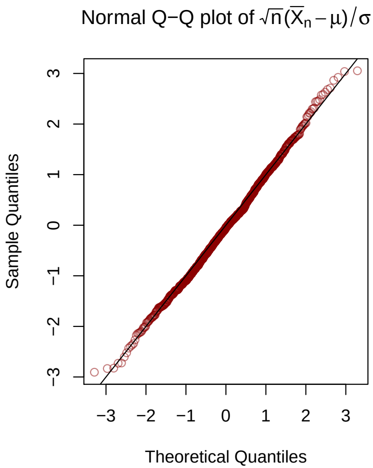
Consider sampling $n = 30$ women and let $\bar{X}_n$ be the mean of their finishing times.

1. Find an approximation to $P(\bar{X}_n < 3.90)$.
2. Find an approximation to $P(\bar{X}_n > 4.25)$.
3. Find an approximation to $P(|\bar{X}_n - 4.02| < 0.2)$.

Now use R to draw 1,000 samples of size $n = 30$. `link to women's data`.

1. Make histogram and Normal Q-Q plot of $\bar{X}_n$.
2. Get the probabilities above using the output of the simulation.


Histogram of $\bar{X}_n$ with $n = 30$
Frequency
0
50
100
150
200
3.7
3.8
3.9
4.0
4.1
4.2
4.3
$\bar{X}_n$


Normal Q−Q plot of $\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu)/\sigma$
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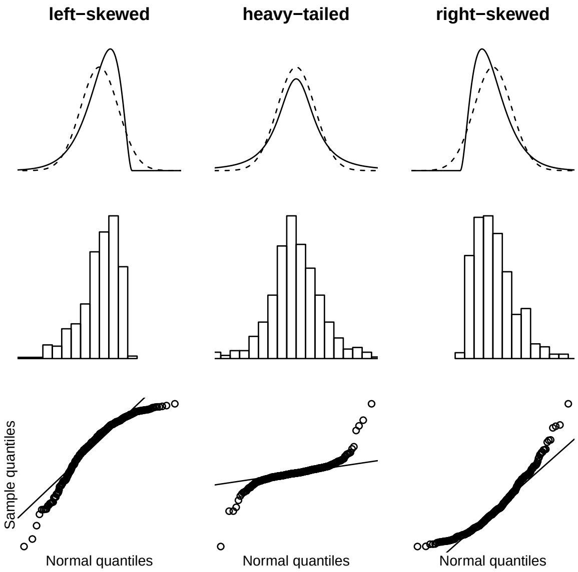
Theoretical Quantiles


left−skewed
heavy−tailed
right−skewed
Sample quantiles
Normal quantiles
Normal quantiles
Normal quantiles

We can apply the Central Limit theorem to proportions...

Central Limit Theorem for the sample proportion

Let $X_1, \dots, X_n \overset{\text{ind}}{\sim} \text{Bernoulli}(p)$ and let $\hat{p}_n = \bar{X}_n$. Then

$$\frac{\hat{p}_n - p}{\sqrt{p(1-p)/n}} \text{ behaves more and more like } Z \sim \text{Normal}(0,1)$$

for larger and larger n.

This means that for large n (say $np \geq 5$ and $n(1-p) \geq 5$), we have

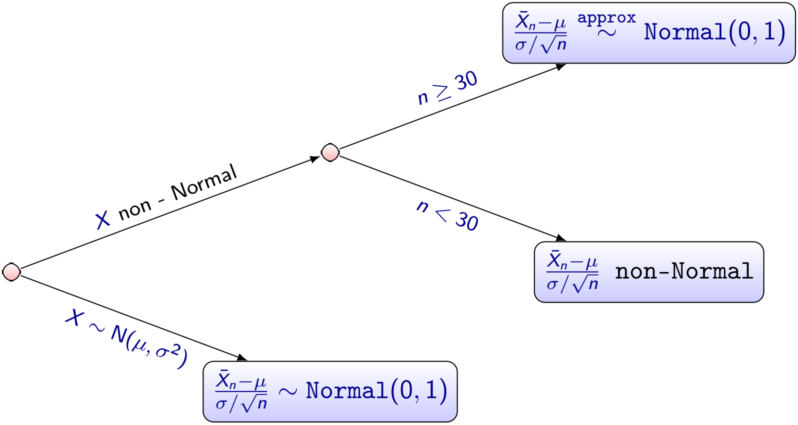
$$\hat{p}_n \overset{\text{approx}}{\sim} \text{Normal}\left(p, \frac{p(1-p)}{n}\right).$$

Also: $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i = n\hat{p}_n \overset{\text{approx}}{\sim} \text{Normal}\left(p, np(1-p)\right)$ for large n.

Exercise: Suppose 60% of USC undergraduates are registered to vote. Consider taking a sample of size $n = 15$. Let $\hat{p}_n$ be the number in your sample who are registered to vote.

1. Find the approximate value of $P(\hat{p}_n > 0.70)$ using the Normal distribution.
2. Find the exact value of $P(\hat{p}_n > 0.70)$ using the Binomial distribution.
3. Find the approximate value of $P(0.30 < \hat{p}_n < 0.80)$ using the Normal dist.
4. Find the exact value of $P(0.30 < \hat{p}_n < 0.80)$ using the Binomial dist.
5. Repeat the above for a sample of size $n = 100$.

Summary of sampling distribution results for $\bar{X}_n$:



Summary of sampling distribution results for $\hat{p}_n$:

- $\min\{np, n(1-p)\} < 5$
  - $n\hat{p}_n \sim \texttt{Binomial}(n, p)$
- $\min\{np, n(1-p)\} \geq 5$
  - $\frac{\hat{p}_n - p}{\sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}}} \overset{\text{approx}}{\sim} \texttt{Normal}(0, 1)$
  - $n\hat{p}_n \overset{\text{approx}}{\sim} \texttt{Normal}(np, np(1-p))$
  - $n\hat{p}_n \sim \texttt{Binomial}(n, p)$