# Lecture 11 Fundamental Sampling Distributions and Data Distributions I

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- The use of high speed computer enhances the use of formal statistical inference with graphical techniques.

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  - Infinite size: measuring the atmospheric pressure; some finite populations are so large.

• Each observation in a population is a value of a random variable *X* having some probability distribution *f*(*x*).

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• If we assume the population of battery lives to be normal, the possible values of any  $X_i$ , i = 1, 2, ..., 8, will be precisely the same as those in the original population, and hence  $X_i$  has the same identical normal distribution as X.

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#### Definition 8.6:

If  $X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n$  represent a random sample of size *n*, then the **sample variance** is defined by the statistic

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- Again this is very related to the standard deviation of a random variable but is not the same thing.

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9			2	
8	5	1	0	
7	2	1	0	
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Figure: Stem-and-leaf plot for the nicotine data.

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1.	29	36	39	34	34		35	30	35	29	37
2	29	29	28	32	31	17	40	31	38	35	31
3	34	34	39	38	37	18	35	36	30	33	32
4	35	37	33	38	41	19	35	34	35	30	36
5	30	29	31	38	29	20	35	35	31	38	36
6	34	31	37	39	36	21	32	36	36	32	36
7	30	35	33	40	36	22	36	37	32	34	34
8	28	28	31	34	30	23	29	34	33	37	35
9	32	36	38	38	35	24	36	36	35	37	37
10	35	30	37	35	31	25	36	30	35	33	31
11	35	30	35	38	35	26	35	30	29	38	35
12	38	34	35	35	31	27	35	36	30	34	36
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15	34	35	38	35	30	30	30	34	40	28	30

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• Example 8.4: Consider the following data, consisting of 30 samples measuring the thickness of paint can ears.

Sample	N	Aeas	sure	men	ts	Sample 16	Measurements				
1	29	36	39	34	34		35	30	35	29	37
2	29	29	28	32	31	17	40	31	38	35	31
3	34	34	39	38	37	18	35	36	30	33	32
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#### Table: Data for Example 8.4.



**Figure:** Box-and-whisker plot for thickness of paint can "ears".

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 $\mathbf{y}_{(1)} \leq \mathbf{y}_{(2)} \leq \cdots \leq \mathbf{y}_{(n-1)} \leq \mathbf{y}_{(n)}$ 

then the quantile plot depicts a plot of  $y_{(i)}$  against  $f_i$ .

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Figure: Normal quantile-quantile plot for paint data.

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**Figure:** Standard Normal Quantile,  $q_{0,1}(f)$ .

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**Figure:** Illustration of the central limit theorem (distribution of  $\bar{X}$  for n = 1, moderate *n*, and large *n*).

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