

Ch. 1.1 Nature of Statistics

Goals:

- 1. Consider the nature of statistics and what it includes
- 2. Understand the difference between Descriptive Statistics and Inferential Statistics
- 3. Distinguish between an Observational Study and a Design Study

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1. Descriptive Statistics

- > organizing information
- > **summarizing** information
- > computing basic characteristics, like mean, standard deviation, etc.

2. Inferential Statistics

> drawing **conclusions** about a **population** based on a **sample**

Population: all the individuals under consideration in a statistical study

Sample: part of the population from which data is obtained

> associate **conclusions** with level of **reliability**

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Collecting Data:

1. Click on the following excel file and enter the heights of the students in class



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1	5	4	64
2			
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_ 4			
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2. Is the complete list a population or a sample?

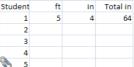
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If we are concerned with:

- 1. only the students in this class, then population
- 2. all WCC students taking Statistics this semester, then sample.

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We use sample data to make inferences about populations.

What kind of inferences?

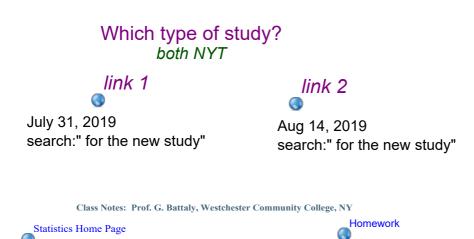
eg: If we read about a study where levels of blood cholesterol were positively correlated with weight, could we conclude...?

- a) that high cholesterol causes a person to be overweight?
- b) being overweight causes a high cholesterol level?

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Study Type	Data	Relationship of Variables
Observational Study	observe characteristics w/o manipulation	association
Design Experiment	determine treatment & control	causation



1.2 Simple Random Sampling

Why sample?

Sample vs Census

How to sample?

eg: FDR vs Alf Landon

Need a Representative Sample

If not representative, conclusions will not be valid.

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Observational vs Design Study

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Fiber article by Carl Zimmer: NYT Jan 2, 2018

For the studies discussed in the article, identify its Purpose, the Variable(s), and Types of Study

STUDY	PURPOSE	VARIABLE(S)	Observational or Design?	Descriptive or Inferential?
1. Gewirtz				
2. Backhed				

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1. Gewirtz	High Fat diet: Does the amount of fiber impact the population of gut bacteria?	amount of fiber, bacteria population	"Put mice on"	Inferential - study is intended to understand human health
2. Backhed	High Fiber switched to Low Fiber diet: Does the amount of fiber impact the species of gut bacteria?	amount of fiber, species of bacteria population	Design "Shifted diet from high fiber to low fiber -	Inferential - study is

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Simple Random Sampling

- > each individual of population is equally likely to be selected
- > without bias in selection

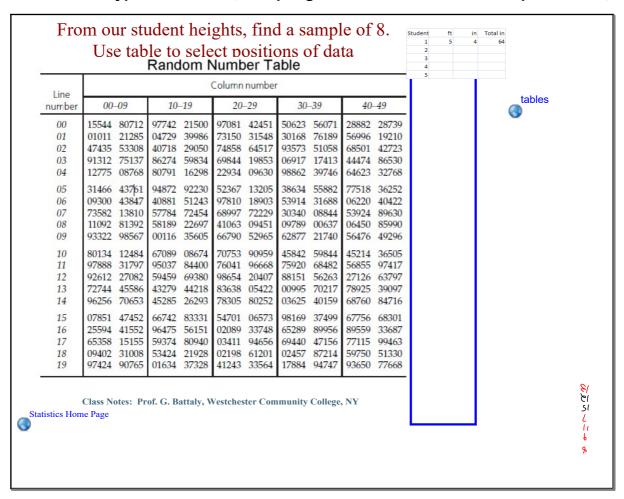
How to get a simple random sample?

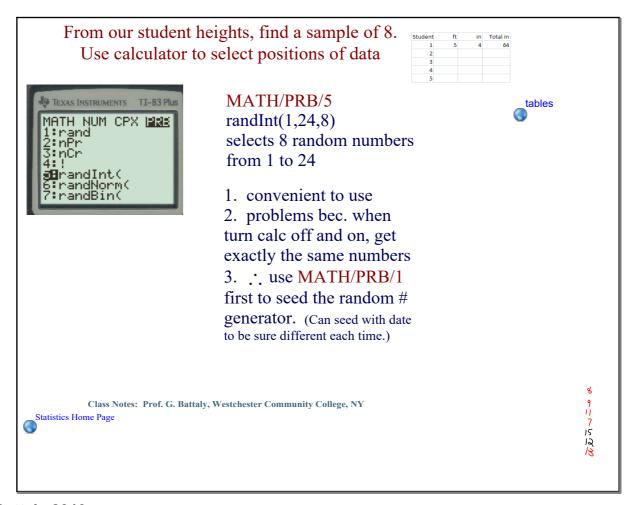
- > draw from hat
- > drum roll

Use a random number table or random number generator

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