

**C7C Sample-Resample** Estimate population in a hard-to-count situation (Fish in a lake)  
 Tag all subjects in sample1 and release. In sample 2, count total number and those with tags.

	Sample1	Sample2	
Tagged	T1	T2	T1: # tagged in sample:
Sample Tot	N1=T1	N2	T2: # tagged in sample:
	N1=Size of sample1	N2=Size of sample2	

Assume: Tagged subjects mix randomly in entire population; Sample 2 is random sample

Proportional reasoning:

# tagged / # in population = fraction observed in 2nd sample  $T1/N = T2/N2$   
 # in population = # in 1st sample divided by fraction in 2nd sample  $N = T1*(N2/T2)$

**C7D Sensitive-question survey so that those answering honestly are not identifiable.**

Group membership is random and known only to the individual.

Those in group 1 agree to say Yes regardless of whether that is true. #No in Group1 = 0

Those who find themselves in group 2 agree to answer honestly. (Concealed by group1)

Subjects	Group1	Group2		
Yes	N/2	=#Yes-N/2	#Yes	1. Observe & count Yes and No 2. Infer Group1=Group2 = N/2 Assume randomly assigned to gr 3. Fraction of Yes who are real $= (#Yes-N/2)/#Yes$ 4. Same as fraction of population
No	0	=#No	#No	
	N/2	N/2	N	
	N = Number in both groups combined			

N Can be any number, since answer is a ratio.

**C7G Confidence Intervals: Estimate the interval for the population statistics**

Point estimate = Sample mean or sample proportion

CI = sample mean (proportion) ± Margin of error (sampling variation)

ME = Margin of [sampling] error n is the size of the sample

For measurements,  $ME = 2*s/\sqrt{n}$  where s is standard deviation

For proportions,  $ME = 2 \sqrt{p(1-p)/n}$  where p is proportion in sample

Conservative ME (proportion) =  $1 / \sqrt{n}$  Assumes that p = 1/2

Note: Don't mix percentages and decimal fractions. Use the latter!!!

**C7I Required Sample Size so Margin of Error is Less than M**

For measurements  $n = (2*s/M)^2$

For proportions  $n = [4*p*(1-p)]/M^2$

$n = 1/M^2$  using conservative estimate.

**C7J & C7L Statistical Significance: Difference in population statistics is likely to be real (not chance).**

\* If confidence intervals do not overlap or touch, difference is statistically significant

\* If confidence intervals overlap or touch, difference is NOT statistically significant

Note: Statistically significant does not mean "important"

Statistically-significant means difference is statistically unlikely (if due to chance)

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