LAB 3D: Are you sure about that? Response Sheet

Directions: Record your responses to the **bold** lab questions in the spaces provided.

Confidence and intervals

In this lab

Load the built-in atus (*American Time Use Survey*) dataset, which is a survey of how a sample of Americans spent their day.

- The United States has an estimated population of 327,350,075. How many people were surveyed for this particular dataset?
- Why is it important that the ATUS is a random sample?
- Use our atus data to calculate an estimate for the average age of people older than 15 living in the U.S.

One bootstrap

Our first bootstrap

Take a look

Write a paragraph that explains to someone that's not familiar with R how you created bs_rows and bs_atus. Be sure to include an explanation of what the *values* of bs_rows mean and how those values are used to create bs_atus. Also, be sure to explain what each argument of each function does.

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One strap, two strap

Calculate the mean of the age variable in your bootstrapped data, then use a different value of set.seed() to create your own, personal bootstrapped sample. Then calculate its mean.

• Compare this second *bootstrapped* sample with three other classmates and write a sentence about how similar or different the *bootstrapped* sample means were.

Many bootstraps

Bootstrap function

Visualizing our bootstraps

Create a histogram for your bootstrapped samples and describe the *center*, *shape* and *spread* of its distribution.

Bootstrapped confidence intervals

- Using your histogram, fill in the statement below: The lowest 5% of our estimates are below _____ years and the highest 5% of our estimates are above _____ years.
 - Use the quantile() function to check your estimates.
- Based on your bootstrapped estimates, between which two ages are we 90% confident the actual mean age of people living in the U.S. is contained?

On your own

- Why is the 95% confidence interval wider than the 90% interval?
- Write down how you would explain what a 95% confidence interval means to someone not taking *Introduction to Data Science*.