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# Level 2 Mathematics and Statistics, 2017

## 91267 Apply probability methods in solving problems

2.00 p.m. Friday 24 November 2017

Credits: Four

Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
Apply probability methods in solving problems.	Apply probability methods, using relational thinking, in solving problems.	Apply probability methods, using extended abstract thinking, in solving problems.

Check that the National Student Number (NSN) on your admission slip is the same as the number at the top of this page.

**You should attempt ALL the questions in this booklet.**

Make sure that you have Formulae Sheet L2–MATHF.

Show ALL working.

If you need more space for any answer, use the page(s) provided at the back of this booklet and clearly number the question.

Check that this booklet has pages 2–15 in the correct order and that none of these pages is blank.

**YOU MUST HAND THIS BOOKLET TO THE SUPERVISOR AT THE END OF THE EXAMINATION.**

**Achievement**

**TOTAL**

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## QUESTION ONE

Regular surveys are taken of New Zealanders to find out about the state of their health and well-being.

A random sample of 2500 young adults from the age group 15–24 years gave the following results for obesity.

**Table 1**

	Obese	Not Obese	Total
<b>Male</b>	222	983	1205
<b>Female</b>	285	1010	1295
<b>Total</b>	507	1993	2500

- (a) (i) What proportion of obese young adults in the sample were male?

$$1205 / 2500$$

- (ii) At the time of the survey, there were known to be about 585 000 young adults in the age group 15–24 years in New Zealand.

From the results of this survey, how many young adults in this age group would you estimate to be obese?

$$507 / 0.2028 = 0.2028$$

$$585000 \times 0.2028 = 118638$$

118,638 young adults out of 585,000 would be obese approx

- (iii) A newspaper uses the survey results in an article with the following introduction.

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**Kiwi Girls More Obese than Boys**

A recent survey of young adults aged 15 – 24 years shows that females are more than 20% more likely to be obese than their male counterparts.

Do you agree with the article's introduction?

Use the data from Table 1 to support your answer, showing full calculations.

$$P(\text{Male} \cap \text{Obese}) = 0.1842$$

$$P(\text{Female} \cap \text{Obese}) = 0.2200$$

$$0.1842 \times 0.2200 = 0.0405$$

The probability that a young male would be obese is around 18%.

The probability that a young female would be obese is around 22%.

I would disagree with the heading of the article as the percentages do not add up to the promised 20% increase.

- (b) Table 1 from Page 2 is repeated below.

**Table 1**

	<b>Obese</b>	<b>Not Obese</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Male</b>	222	983	1205
<b>Female</b>	285	1010	1295
<b>Total</b>	507	1993	2500

The survey also obtained information about the current smoking habits of participants.

It was found that of the young adults in the survey who were defined as obese, 103 were current smokers, and that 53 of the current smokers were male.

- (i) What proportion of obese young adults in the sample were female non-smokers?

$$\frac{53}{222} = \text{Male obese smokers}$$

$$\frac{50}{285} = \text{Female } \overset{\text{obese}}{\cancel{\text{smokers}}}$$

$$\frac{23}{285} = \text{Female obese non-smokers}$$

~~$\frac{50}{507}$~~   $\frac{23}{507}$

- (ii) Table 2 below gives further information on the participants in the survey who were in the age group 15–24 years.

**Table 2**

	<b>Obese</b>	<b>Not Obese</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Current smoker</b>	103	317	420
<b>Non-smoker</b>	404	1676	2080
<b>Total</b>	507	1993	2500

It is claimed that young adult smokers are more at risk of being obese than young adult non-smokers.

Do the results of the survey support this claim?

Support your answer with appropriate calculations.

$$P(\text{Smoker} + \text{Obese}) = \frac{103}{420} = 0.2452 = \text{around } 25\%.$$

$$P(\text{Non-smoker} + \text{Obese}) = \frac{404}{2080} = 0.1942 = \text{around } 19\%.$$

$$P(\text{Smoker} + \text{Not Obese}) = \frac{317}{420} = 0.7547 = \text{around } 75\%.$$

$$P(\text{Non-smoker} + \text{Not Obese}) = \frac{1676}{2080} = 0.8107 = \text{around } 81\%.$$

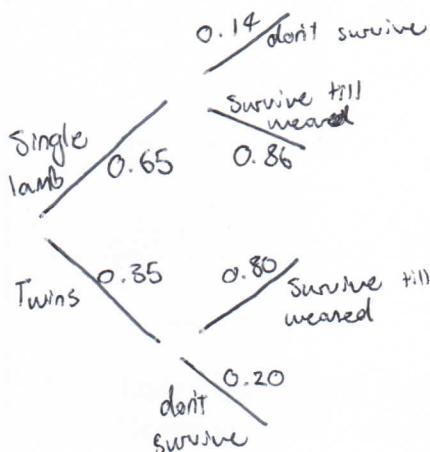
As a higher percentage of smokers were obese compared to non smokers ~~and by about~~  
I would agree with the survey claim however the smokers are only more likely by about 5%. so it's not a very definite claim.

## QUESTION TWO

- (a) Merino ewes that produce lambs usually have either single lambs or twins. Multiple births other than twins are extremely rare.

A long-term study has shown that 65% of Merino ewes that produce a lamb will have a single lamb, and of those lambs, 86% survive until they are weaned (separated from their mothers).

Of the ewes that produce twins, about one in five lose both lambs before they are weaned. Approximately equal numbers of one twin or both twins survive until they are weaned.



- (i) Find the probability that a ewe gives birth to a single lamb that survives until it is weaned.

$$0.65 \times 0.86 = 0.559 = \text{Around } 56\%$$

- (ii) What proportion of ewes give birth to twins that both survive until they are weaned?

$$0.35 \times 0.80 = 0.28 = \text{Around } 28\%$$

- (iii) What is the probability that a randomly selected lamb that survives until it is weaned will be from a ewe that produced a single lamb?

Hint: Remember that there is an equal number of one twin or both twins surviving until they are weaned.

0.559 or roughly 56%

$(0.65 \times 0.86)$

- (iv) 'Lambing percentage' is the number of **lambs** that survive until they are weaned compared to the number of **breeding ewes**, expressed as a percentage.

It is known that about 85% of breeding Merino ewes actually produce lambs.

What was the lambing percentage for this long-term study?

$$(0.65 \times 0.86) + (0.35 \times 0.80) = 0.839 \text{ or about } 84\%$$

- (b) On Highbrook Station there are two breeds of sheep, Merino and Romney.

Table 3 below gives information about the lambs born in the 2016 lambing season. It shows the proportion of ewes that did not produce a lamb, had a single birth, or had multiple births, for each breed of sheep.

**Table 3**

	No lamb	Single	Multiple
<b>Merino</b>	0.13	0.62	0.25
<b>Romney</b>	0.06	0.48	0.46

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After the lambs were weaned, the ewes were sorted. Some were culled (not kept) and others were kept for breeding in the 2017 lambing season.

Table 4 shows the proportion of Romney ewes that were either culled or kept for the 2017 lambing season.

**Table 4**

	No lamb	Single	Multiple
<b>Romney ewes culled</b>	0.88	0.68	0.40
<b>Romney ewes kept</b>	0.12	0.32	0.60

The ratio of Romney to Merino breeding ewes on Highbrook Station at the beginning of the season was approximately 3:2.

According to the data in tables 3 and 4, at the end of the 2016 lambing season, what proportion of the total breeding ewes on Highbrook Station were Romneys that were 'empty' (did not produce a lamb) and were culled?

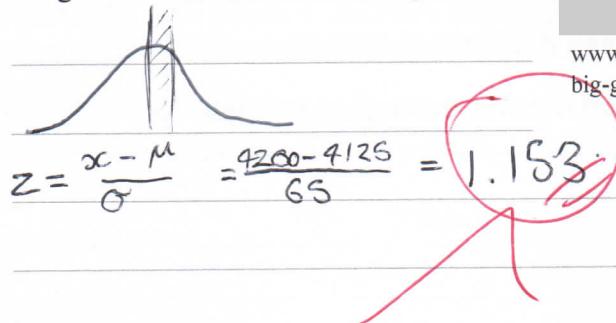
A  $0.06 / 0.88 = 0.0681 = \text{about } 7\%$

**QUESTION THREE**ASSESSOR'S  
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- (a) Salmon are grown in sea pens. Each pen contains several thousand salmon.

After one year in the pens, male salmon have weights that are approximately normally distributed, with mean 4125 grams and standard deviation 65 grams.

- (i) Find the probability that after one year in a pen, a randomly selected male will weigh between 4125 and 4200 grams.



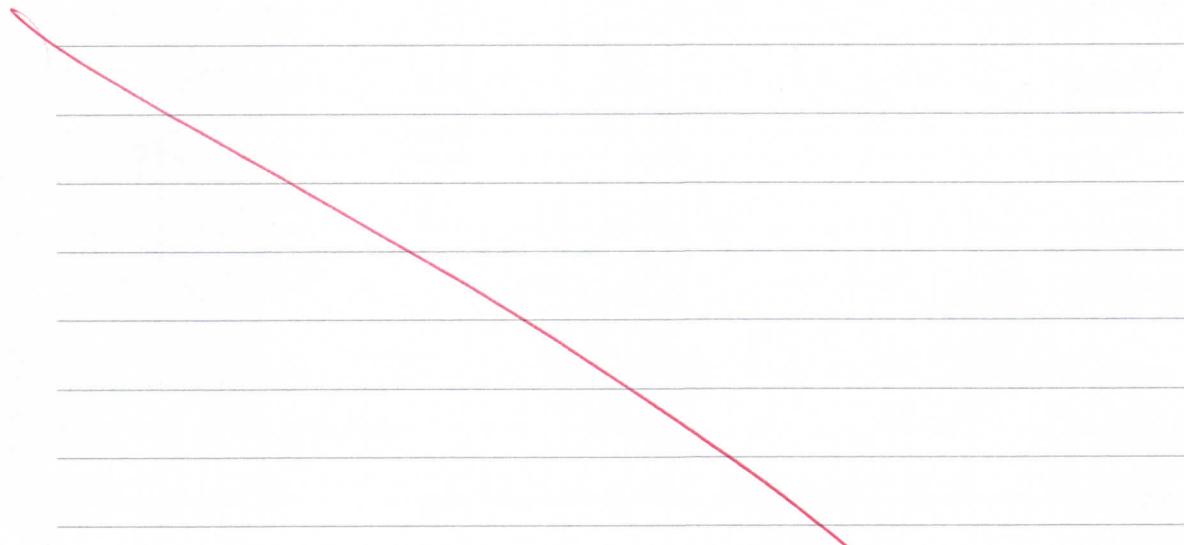
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- (ii) What is the maximum weight of the lightest 10% of salmon?



- (iii) After one year in the pens, female salmon have weights that are approximately normally distributed with mean 3975 grams.

If 40% of female salmon exceed 4000 grams, then what would be the standard deviation?

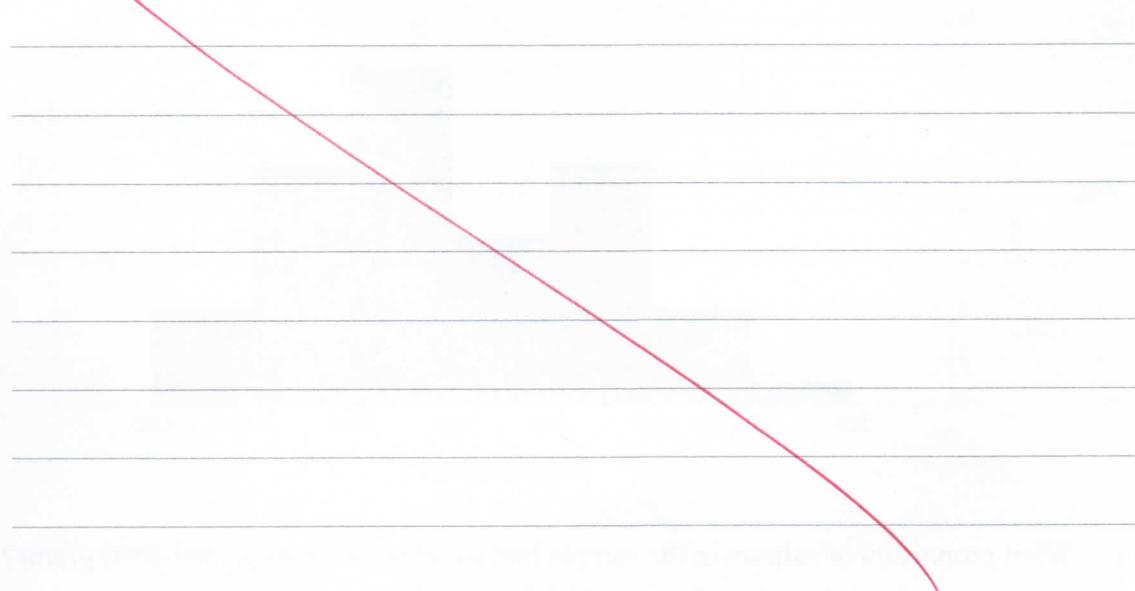


- (iv) The pens contain approximately equal numbers of male and female salmon.

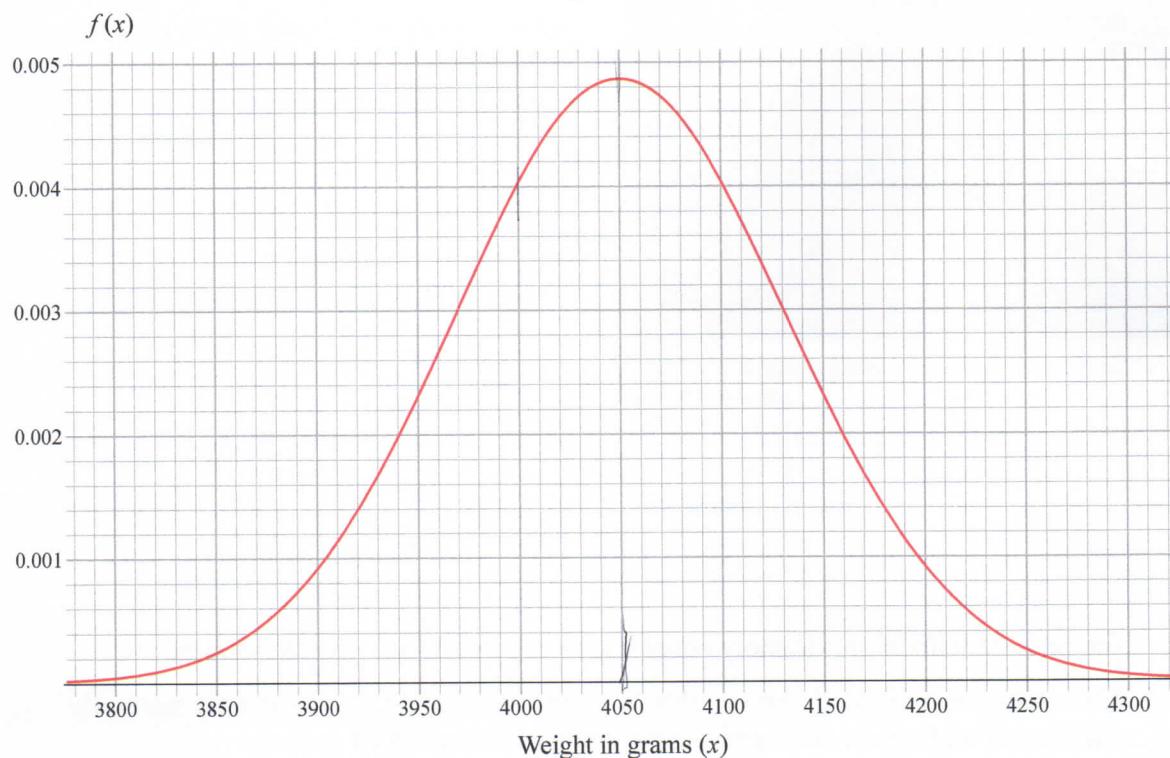
When they are harvested, the weights of all the salmon are approximately normally distributed, with mean 4050 grams and standard deviation 84 grams.

When the salmon are harvested, each member of the harvest team is given two salmon to take home.

If these two salmon are selected at random, what is the probability that **both** of the salmon will each weigh more than 4025 grams?

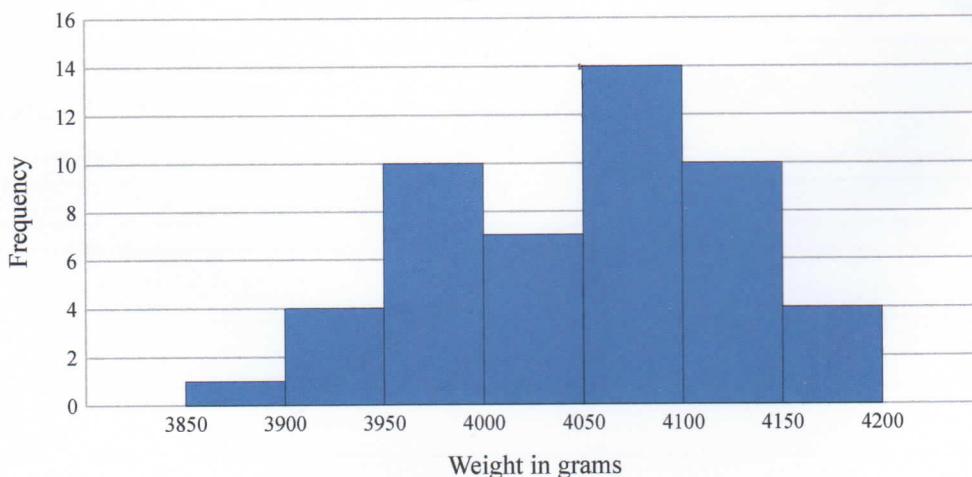


- (b) When a pen of salmon is harvested, the weights of the salmon are expected to have the probability distribution shown in Figure 1 below.

**Figure 1**

Once harvested, a random sample of 50 salmon was taken and weighed.

A histogram of the weights of the sampled salmon is shown in Figure 2 below.

**Figure 2**

- (i) What proportion of salmon in the sample had weights which exceeded 4000 grams?

~~$\frac{35}{50} = 0.5 = 50\%$~~ 

$35/50 = 0.7 = 70\%$

- (ii) Compare the probability distribution and the histogram that resulted from the sample results.

In your answer you should consider the shape, centre, and spread of both distributions, and should provide numerical evidence where appropriate.

The shape of figure 2 could be considered bi-modal due to the dip in the 4000-4080 range.

The center of figure 2 is further to the right than figure 1, figure 1's center is on 4050 whereas figure 2's center could be up to 80 grams higher. Although the difference is very small and is not definitive.

In terms of spread in figure 1 there are some higher values that are not in figure 2, with figure 1's max value being at ~~4000~~ closer to 4325 whereas figure 2's max value is 4200.

Similarly figure 1's minimum value is approximately 70 grams lower than figure 2's. (3850 to approx 3780)

### Question One

Part	Annotation (if any)
A i	It is important to identify the numbers in the table that relate to the question
A ii	The first line of working is not correct, but does not affect final result
A iii	The context of this question requires a relative risk to be calculated to gain any more than U
B i	
B ii	The clear labels on the working allows the marker to see what the student is talking about in the paragraph. Without this the grade could only be U
Overall	Being careful to answer the question accurately is an important skill when reading tables.

### Question Two

Part	Annotation (if any)
A i	Student shows a good habit of showing working and then rounding the answer
A ii	
A iii	
A iv	
B	
Overall	Drawing the probability tree makes it much easier to be accurate in answering questions.

### Question Three

Part	Annotation (if any)
A i	Student has made a start on this question but has only found the z-value and needs to go on to find the probability
A ii	Even using guess and check would have been better than leaving the question blank
A iii	
A iv	
B i	
B ii	<p>The question gives clear pointers about what the student should talk about when comparing the two graphs. This student has made a paragraph on each, which is a good idea.</p> <p>However, the first paragraph does not actually compare the two graphs.</p> <p>The term “center” is too vague to be clear: using mean, median or mode is required.</p> <p>We often measure spread by calculating the range: this would have improved this answer.</p>
Overall	