

# 1

## A

Since the values of  $Y$  are identical distributed and independent across the population with mean 10 and variance 4.

Given that the sample size is 500, then it is large enough ( $500 \gg 30$ ) to use the central limit theorem. So we have enough information to solve that problem.

$$\bar{Y} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{500} Y_i}{500} \asymp N(10, \frac{4}{500})$$

$$\frac{\bar{Y} - 10}{\sqrt{\frac{4}{500}}} \asymp N(0, 1)$$

$$P(9.8 \leq \bar{Y} \leq 10.1) = P(-\sqrt{5} \leq \frac{\bar{Y} - 10}{\sqrt{\frac{4}{500}}} \leq \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}) = \Phi(\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}) - \Phi(-\sqrt{5}) = 0.8555501$$

## B

If the sample size is 10, then it is not large enough (30) to use the central limit theorem. So we don't have enough information to solve that problem.

Assume that  $Y \sim N(10, 4)$ :

$$\bar{Y} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{10} Y_i}{10} \sim N(10, \frac{4}{10})$$

$$\frac{\bar{Y} - 10}{\sqrt{\frac{4}{10}}} \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$P(9.8 \leq \bar{Y} \leq 10.1) = P(-\frac{\sqrt{10}}{10} \leq \frac{\bar{Y} - 10}{\sqrt{\frac{4}{10}}} \leq \frac{\sqrt{10}}{20}) = \Phi(\frac{\sqrt{10}}{20}) - \Phi(-\frac{\sqrt{10}}{10}) = 0.1869017$$

## C

Because the sample sizes in A and B are different, so the variances of sample mean in A and B are also different. The difference of variance lead to difference of the answers in parts A and B. (Assume  $\bar{Y}$  is normally distributed both in A and B.)

## 2

### A

$X_i = 1$ : the  $i^{th}$  people in the sample have been victim of violence.

$X_i = 0$ : the  $i^{th}$  people in the sample have not been victim of violence.

The first way:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{500} X_i \sim B(500, 0.83)$$

then calculate  $P(\sum_{i=1}^{500} X_i > 415) = P(\sum_{i=1}^{500} X_i = 416) + P(\sum_{i=1}^{500} X_i = 417) \cdots + P(\sum_{i=1}^{500} X_i = 500)$

The second way:

since the sample size is greater than 30 and  $X_i$  is identical and independent distributed, we can use the central limit theorem:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{500} X_i \asymp N(415, 70.55)$$

then calculate  $P(\sum_{i=1}^{500} X_i > 415)$

### B

Use the second way:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{500} X_i \asymp N(415, 70.55)$$

$$P(\sum_{i=1}^{500} X_i > 415) = \Phi\left(\frac{415-415}{\sqrt{70.55}}\right) = \Phi(0) = 0.5$$

### C

$$\sum_{i=1}^8 X_i \sim B(8, 0.83)$$

$$P(\sum_{i=1}^8 X_i > 6) = P(\sum_{i=1}^8 X_i = 7) + P(\sum_{i=1}^8 X_i = 8) = 0.5942795$$

## 3

### A

Suppose that  $X$  is a random variable with a binomial distribution:

$$X \sim B(n, p)$$

then the variance of  $X$  is  $\sigma^2 = np(1-p)$

Mathematically, with the  $n$  increases, the value of  $\sigma^2$  increase.

Intuitively, with the  $n$  increase, the range of  $X$  (0 to  $n$ ) get larger, so the variance of  $X$  will also get larger.

### B

A: True

B: False. To use the Central Limit Theorem, the population being sampled doesn't need to be normally distributed.

## C

X: the number of odd tosses

If I choose two times:

$$X \sim B(2, 0.5)$$

The probability that the number of odd tosses equal to the number of even tosses is:  $P(X = 1) = C_2^1 \times 0.5 \times 0.5 = 0.5$

If I choose 100 times:

$$X \sim B(100, 0.5)$$

The probability that the number of odd tosses equal to the number of even tosses is:  $P(X = 50) = C_{100}^{50} \times 0.5^{50} \times 0.5^{50} = 0.07958924$

$0.5 > 0.07958924$ , so it is better to choose two times.

## 4

If  $X \sim B(n, p)$ , this equal to do n times Bernoulli experiments. Each experiments has the same distribution  $B(1, p)$  and they are independent to each other. So when n is large enough, the normal distribution can be used as an approximation to the binormal distribution.

For example, when  $X \sim B(n, p)$  and n is large enough, we can use  $N(np, np(1-p))$  as the approximation to X. The approximation becomes better with increasing n.

## 5

### A

$X_i$  = the weight of the  $i^{th}$  people.

According to central limit theorem, when the weights of these guests are independent and identically distributed random variables, we can use  $N(5664, 28800)$  as the approximation of the distribution of total weight.

$$P(\sum_{i=1}^{32} X_i \leq 6000) = \Phi\left(\frac{6000-5664}{\sqrt{28800}}\right) = 0.9761426$$

### B

The central limit theorem enabled me to answer this question and I use R language to calculate it.

## 6

### A

The finite sample correction factor make the standard error of the sample mean smaller.

When the sample size is infinite, the value of correction factor equals to 1.

Because  $n > 1$ , when the sample size is finite, the value of correction factor less than 1.

### B

When  $N=200$  and  $n=75$ :

$$\sqrt{\frac{N-n}{N-1}} = \sqrt{\frac{200-75}{200-1}} = 0.7925533$$

### C

When  $N=1000000$  and  $n=400$ :

$$\sqrt{\frac{N-n}{N-1}} = \sqrt{\frac{1000000-400}{1000000-1}} = 0.9998005$$

### D

The situation in Part(C) is likely to be most relevant for much of the type of social science research I am likely to do.

## 7

### A

$X$ : the number of returns that qualify for a refund in 250 samples.

According to the central limit theorem:

$$X \asymp N(200, 40), \quad 0.81 \times 250 = 202.5$$

$$P(X \leq 202) = \Phi\left(\frac{202-200}{\sqrt{40}}\right) = 0.6240852$$

### B

Assume that the proportion of refunds in the sample that I drew is  $p$ .

$$X \sim B(250, p)$$

According to the central limit theorem:

$$X \asymp N(250p, 250p(1-p))$$

$$250 \times 0.8 = 200$$

$$P(X < 200) = 0.95 \Rightarrow \frac{200-250p}{\sqrt{250p(1-p)}} = 1.644854 \Rightarrow p = 0.755275$$

## 8

### A

Because  $\bar{X}$  is the function of  $X_i$  (the  $i^{th}$  sample), given that every  $X_i$  is a random variable, the  $\bar{X}$  is also a random variable (whose value is uncertain and depends on outcomes of a random phenomenon).

Similarly,  $\bar{Y}$  is also a random variable.

### B

Because of central limit theorem, when the sizes of X and Y are all larger than 30 and they are all random samples, we can use normal distribution as the approximation for them:

$$\bar{X} \sim N(7, \frac{15}{80})$$

$$\bar{Y} \sim N(9, \frac{12}{59})$$

### C

Because X and Y are independent random samples, the distribution of W is approximately normal distribution.

$$\text{Mean of W: } E(\bar{X} + 2\bar{Y}) = 7 + 2 \times 9 = 25$$

$$\text{Variance of W: } \frac{15}{80} + 4 \times \frac{12}{59} = \frac{945}{944}$$

$$W \sim N(25, \frac{945}{944})$$

## 9

### A

$$E(X) = 0 \times 0.3 + 1 \times 0.2 + 2 \times 0.2 + 5 \times 0.3 = 2.1$$

$$E(X^2) = 0 \times 0.3 + 1 \times 0.2 + 4 \times 0.2 + 25 \times 0.3 = 8.5$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - E^2(X) = 4.09$$

### B

$\bar{X}$	0	0.5	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	5
P	0.09	0.12	0.16	0.08	0.04	0.18	0.12	0.12	0.09

### C

$$E(B) = 0.09 \times 0 + 0.12 \times 0.5 + 0.16 \times 1 + 0.08 \times 1.5 + 0.04 \times 2 + 0.18 \times 2.5 + 0.12 \times 3 + 0.12 \times 3.5 + 0.09 \times 5 = 2.1$$

**D**

$$S^2 = \frac{(X_1 - \bar{X})^2 + (X_2 - \bar{X})^2}{2-1} = (X_1 - \bar{X})^2 + (X_2 - \bar{X})^2 = \frac{(X_1 - X_2)^2}{2}$$

$S^2$	0	0.5	2	4.5	8	12.5
P	0.26	0.2	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.18

**E**

$$E(D) = 0.26 * 0 + 0.2 * 0.5 + 0.12 * 2 + 0.12 * 4.5 + 0.12 * 8 + 0.18 * 12.5 = 4.09$$

Because sample variance  $S^2$  is an unbiased estimator of the population variance.

**10**

**A**

$$X_1 \sim N(0, (0.2h)^2)$$

$$X_2 \sim N(0, (0.4h)^2)$$

$$X_3 \sim N(0, (0.6h)^2)$$

Since the three measurements are independent random variables:

$$X_1 + X_2 + X_3 \sim N(0, (0.2h)^2 + (0.4h)^2 + (0.6h)^2)$$

$$\bar{X} = \frac{X_1 + X_2 + X_3}{3} \sim N(0, \frac{(0.2h)^2 + (0.4h)^2 + (0.6h)^2}{9}) \Rightarrow \frac{X_1 + X_2 + X_3}{3} \sim N(0, \frac{14}{225}h^2)$$

$$P(0.7h < \bar{X} < 1.3h) = \Phi\left(\frac{1.3}{\sqrt{\frac{14}{225}}}\right) - \Phi\left(-\frac{0.7}{\sqrt{\frac{14}{225}}}\right) = 0.9974938$$

**B**

If we didn't assume that the measurements were independent random variables, we can't derive the distribution of  $X_1 + X_2 + X_3$  then we can't make the calculation in A.

I didn't use the central limit theorem in A to solve the problem, because given that the measurements are independent random variables, I can derive the distribution of  $X_1 + X_2 + X_3$  directly.