

Question 1.27

- a. [1 pt] An individual is a lake in northern Wisconsin (north of Highway 8).
- b. [1 pt] The number of frogs on a lake is a discrete quantitative variable.
- c. [1 pt] No it is not reasonable to count frogs on every lake in northern Wisconsin because there is no reasonable way to get to every lake in the state at roughly the same time.
- d. [1 pt] You should have a list of results from 10 lakes here.
- e. [1 pt] The number of frogs differs between the first two lakes. This is an example of natural variability.
- f. [1 pt] You should have the average of your 10 lakes here. The exact average depends on the sample.
- g. [1 pt] You should have a list of results from 10 lakes here.
- h. [1 pt] The average number of frogs per lake differs between the two samples. This is an example of sampling variability.
- i. [1 pt] Your average likely does not equal the population average. You should not be surprised because a sample is representative but not perfectly representative of the population.

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[4 pts] Natural variability is the differences among individuals. Sampling variability is the differences among summaries of samples. Narrative examples will vary among students.

Question 1.29

[2 pts] The two realities that make the field of statistics a necessity are the facts that we generally can not “see” the entire population and that variability is everywhere (beginning with natural variability and extending to sampling variability).

Question 1.30

- a. [6 pts] The IVPPSS is ...
 - Individual – a rusty crayfish in the lake with smallmouth bass
 - Variable – length of rusty crayfish
 - Population – **all** rusty crayfish in the lake with smallmouth bass
 - Parameter – mean length of **all** rusty crayfish in the lake with smallmouth bass
 - Sample – 235 rusty crayfish in the lake with smallmouth bass that were actually examined
 - Statistic – mean length of 235 rusty crayfish in the lake with smallmouth bass
- b. [1 pt] Crayfish length is a continuous quantitative variable.

Question 1.31

- a. [6 pts] IVPPSS is ...
 - Individual – a ballast tank on an ocean-going vessel in 2001.
 - Variable – whether or not the tank contains any living organisms.
 - Population – **all** ballast tanks on ocean-going vessels in 2001.
 - Parameter – proportion of **all** ballast tanks that contained living organisms.
 - Sample – 43 ballast tanks in 2001.
 - Statistic – proportion of 43 ballast tanks that contained living organisms.
- b. [1 pt] Whether or not the tank contains any living organisms is a nominal categorical variable.

Question 1.32

[1 pt] The concentration of lead is a continuous quantitative variable.

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[1 pt] The risk rating is an ordinal categorical variable.

Question 1.34

[1 pt] The information type is a nominal categorical variable.

Question 1.35

[1 pt] The Koppen scheme is a nominal categorical variable (unless you “see” an order (e.g., decreasing temperature?) among the categories, in which case it would be an ordinal categorical variable).

Notes from the Professor

- Make sure to include and sign the “Honor Statement” from the syllabus.
- Each answer should be completed with a complete sentence.
- Do not double space results in tables (see [this FAQ](#)).
- Many of you got the variable in question 1.27 correct (i.e., number of frogs) but not the individual (mistakenly saying that an individual was a frog). An individual cannot be a frog if the variable is the number of frogs. Always ask yourself if it makes sense to record your variable about your individual – does it make sense to record the number of frogs on a single frog.