Midterm 3 Study Guide

This is meant to be a representative sampling of the key concepts you will need to know, and it is not meant to be exhaustive. You should make sure that you are comfortable with Quizzes 8-11 and Homework Assignments 12-17.

- 1. What differentiates *random variables* from other random phenomena? Give examples of random variables
- 2. What conditions must we meet in order to be in the binomial setting?
- 3. What is the formula for the binomial distribution?
- 4. How do we compute the mean and the standard deviation of a random variable?
- 5. How do we compute the mean and standard deviation of the binomial distribution?
- 6. What can we say about the mean and standard deviation of a linear transformation of a variable?
- 7. What can we say about the mean and standard deviation of a sum of two variables?
- 8. What do *X* and \hat{p} represent in the binomial setting?
- 9. What are the mean and standard deviation of X and \hat{p} in a binomial setting?
- 10. What condition must n, p satisfy in order for us to be able to use the normal distribution for the computations in a binomial setting?
- 11. What conditions must hold in order for us to be in the IID setting?
- 12. What do μ and σ represent in the IID setting?
- 13. What are the formulas for the mean and standard deviation of \bar{x} in the IID setting?
- 14. What does the Central Limit Theorem say?
- 15. What do we refer to when we talk about the sampling distribution of \bar{x} ?
- 16. What quantities do we refer to as *parameters*, and what quantities do we refer to as *statistics*?
- 17. What is the general goal of a confidence interval?
- 18. State precisely what the confidence interval for the population mean μ says, describing all the terms needed along the way.
- 19. What are the options we have when we want to reduce the *margin of error*? What are the tradeoffs?
- 20. How do we compute the sample size needed to achieve a specific margin of error?
- 21. What is the general idea behind a hypothesis test?
- 22. What are the two kinds of conclusions we can get from a hypothesis test?
- 23. What errors do we refer to as Type I errors? What about Type II errors?
- 24. What three parts of our work in a hypothesis test or confidence interval are affected by the sample size and a change in the sample size?