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Introductory Statistics for Social Sciences

Tutorial 4: PROBABILITY II

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CML 01 and CML 02.

CML 1 and 2 Reminder

Posted on: Wednesday, 14 December 2022 09:00:00 o'clock AEST

Dear Students,

A reminder that:

1. **CML 1 (2nd Attempt)** is now open and will close at 4pm this Friday (16 December)
2. **CML 2 (1st Attempt)** is now open and will close at 4pm on Monday 19 December (Week 4)
3. Please note that you **MUST check, save and submit** your CMLs, as they do not auto-submit.
4. Familiarise yourselves with the **CML Information Sheet** (Assessment > CML Quizzes > CML Administrative Folder), which contains **CML rules**, how questions are marked, and how to access your CML answers (once they have closed) etc.
5. You are now able to **view your answers for CML 1 (1st Attempt)** under 'My Grades' in Blackboard. Page 7 of the CML Information Sheet outlines instructions for this.

Feel free to email me if you have any questions.

Best of luck!

Dominic

LBRT 01 – First week of 2023!

LBRT #1

Type: Online Quiz

Learning Objectives Assessed: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Due Date: 03 Jan 23 9:00 - 04 Jan 23 16:00 2nd attempt: 5-6 Jan 2023, 09:00-16:00

Weight: 20%

Reading: 0 minutes

Duration: 90 minutes

Format: Multiple-choice, Problem solving

Task Description:

LBRT #1 will involve solving problems based on the learning materials covered in Lectures 1 to 4 inclusively. This includes all learning materials presented in Lectures 1 to 4 and the associated tutorials, as well as CML1 and CML2. All answers must be entered into Blackboard by the due date and time.

Criteria & Marking:

UQ Students: Please access the profile from [Learn.UQ](#) or [mySI-net](#) to access marking criteria held in this profile.

Stats from Tutorial 03:

Students attending: **34** (33)

- Students enrolled in this tutorial: **32** (28)
- Students not enrolled: **2** (5) (Welcome!)
 - If you haven't yet, please email d.byrne@uq.edu.au to inform him you would like to attend this tutorial (4 pm).

Poll participation

- Answered all 3+ polls: **15** (27)
- 2 polls: **11** (3) students
- 1 poll: **3** (0) students
- 0 polls: **5** (3) students

Time Spent (total time per student – multiple logins added)

- Max time: **95** (100) minutes (Francisco – 107 min)
- Min time: **23** (10) minutes (does it count as attending?)
- Mean time: **77.88** (82.6) minutes
- Standard deviation: **12.3** (15.7) minutes

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Tutorial 4 – Week 5

PROBABILITY II

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- Construct a discrete probability distribution.
- Calculate the mean and variance for a discrete probability distribution.
- Describe the characteristics of a binomial distribution.
- Calculate the probability of a particular outcome of a binomial distribution using a calculator.

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		2.1

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107	0.57	60.99	893.8512	50.2713
35	0.31	10.85	325.4256	
-37	0.12	-4.44	1307.9232	
		67.4	2527.2	

- Q3.** (i) It was thought that 32% of people preferred Pepsi to Coke. Thirty-five people participated in a Pepsi versus Coke taste test. Each person was given two samples and asked to say which they preferred.
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- 1) The trials are identical – each person was given two samples.
- 2) Two possible outcomes – either Pepsi or Coke.
- 3) Trials are independent – random people participated.
- 4) Constant probability – thought that 32% of people preferred Pepsi.

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standard deviation = $\text{sd}(X) = \sigma = \sqrt{\sigma^2} = \sqrt{\text{var}(X)} = 2.76$

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Understanding the Binomial Formula

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$$P(X) = {}^nC_X p^X q^{(n-X)}$$

$n = 3$

$p = \text{probability of getting heads} = 0.5$

$X = \text{number of heads} = 2$

3 combinations of two heads and a tail

$${}^3C_2 = \frac{3 \times 2}{2 \times 1} = 3 \quad \leftarrow \text{(use calculator in ECON1310)}$$

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$$P(X=0) = {}^3C_0 * 0.5^0 * 0.5^{(3-0)}$$

$$\text{(no heads)} = 1 * 0.5^0 * 0.5^3$$

$$= 1 * 1 * (1/2)^3$$

$$= 0.125$$

$$P(X=1) = {}^3C_1 * 0.5^1 * 0.5^{(3-1)}$$

$$\text{(one head)} = 3 * 0.5^1 * 0.5^2$$

$$= 3 * 1/2 * 1/4$$

$$= 3/8 = 0.375$$

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(Excel)

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$$P(X=9 \mid n=14, p=0.4) = 0.04081$$

$$= \text{BINOM.DIST}(9, 14, 0.4, \text{FALSE})$$

$$P(X<3 \mid n=11, p=0.65) = 0.002038$$

$$= \text{BINOM.DIST}(2, 11, 0.65, \text{TRUE})$$

- Q5.** A life insurance salesman has arranged to call on three households tomorrow. Based on past experience, he feels there is a 20% chance of closing a sale on each call, and that the outcome of each call is independent of the others. Let X represent the number of sales he would close tomorrow.
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$$P(X=x \mid n=3, p=0.2) = ?$$

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$$P(X > 1) = 1 - P(X \leq 1)$$

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$$P(X > 1) = P(X \geq 2) = 0.096 + 0.008 = 0.104$$

$P(X > 1 \mid n=3, p=0.2) =$	0.104	$= 1 - \text{BINOM.DIST}(1, 3, 0.2, \text{TRUE})$
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Tutorial 4 – Week 5

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Thank you

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