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1. Suppose that  $X_1, X_2, X_3$  are independent with common probability mass function:  $P\{X_i = 0\} = .2, P\{X_i = 1\} = .3, P\{X_i = 3\} = .5, i = 1, 2, 3$

- (a) Plot the probability mass function of the average of a sample size of 2.  $X_2 = \frac{X_1 + X_2}{2}$

Event	$X_2$	Probability
0,0	0	0.04
0,1	0.5	0.06
1,1	1	0.09
1,3	2	0.15
3,3	3	0.25
0,3	1.5	0.1

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- (b) Determine  $E[X_2]$  and  $Var(X_2)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E[X_2] &= \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i)P(x_i) \\
 &= 1.3200 \\
 Var(X_2) &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x - \bar{x})^2}{n - 1} \\
 &= 1.1667
 \end{aligned}$$

- (c) Plot the probability mass function of the average of a sample size of 3.  $X_3 = \frac{X_1 + X_2 + X_3}{3}$

Event	$X_2$	Probability
0,0,0	0	0.008
0,0,1	0.33333333	0.012
0,1,1	0.66666667	0.018
1,1,1	1	0.027
0,0,3	1	0.02
0,3,3	2	0.05
3,3,3	3	0.125
1,1,3	1.66666667	0.045
1,3,3	2.33333333	0.075

- (d) Determine  $E[X_3]$  and  $Var(X_3)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E[X_3] &= \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i)P(x_i) \\
 &= 0.7880 \\
 Var(X_3) &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x - \bar{x})^2}{n - 1} \\
 &= 0.9722
 \end{aligned}$$

2. If 10 fair dice are rolled, approximate the probability that the sum of the values obtained (which ranges from 10 to 60) is between 30 and 40 inclusive.

Solution:

$$E[X_i] = \sum_{x_i=1}^6 \frac{1}{6}x = \frac{7}{2}$$

$$Var(X_i) = \sum_{x_i=1}^6 \frac{1}{6}\left(x - \frac{7}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{35}{12}$$

$$\text{Let } X = \sum_{x_i=1}^6 X_i$$

$$\begin{aligned}
E[X_i] &= \sum_{x_i=1}^{10} E(X_i) = 10\left(\frac{7}{5}\right) = 35 \\
Var(X_i) &= \sum_{x_i=1}^{10} Var[X_i] = 10\left(\frac{35}{12}\right) = \frac{350}{12} \\
P(30 \leq X \leq 40) &= P(29.5 < X < 39.5) \\
&= P\left(\frac{29.5 - 35}{\sqrt{350/12}} < \frac{X - 35}{\sqrt{350/12}} < \frac{39.5 - 35}{\sqrt{350/12}}\right) \\
&= P(-1.02 \leq Z \leq 1.02) \\
&= 2(0.8461) - 1 \\
&= 0.6922
\end{aligned}$$

3. A highway department has enough salt to handle a total of 80 inches of snowfall. Suppose the daily amount of snow has a mean of 1.5 inches and a standard deviation of .3 inch.

- (a) Approximate the probability that the salt on hand will suffice for the next 50 days.

Solution:

Given:

$$E[X_i] = 1.5 \text{ inches}$$

$$SD[X_i] = 0.3 \text{ inches}$$

$$\text{Let } X = \sum_{x_i=1}^{50} X_i$$

$$E[X] = \sum_{x_i=1}^{50} E(X_i) = 50(1.5) = 75$$

$$Var(X) = \sum_{x_i=1}^{50} (SD[X_i])^2 = 50(0.09) = 4.5$$

$$\begin{aligned}
P(X \leq 80) &= P\left(\frac{X - 75}{\sqrt{4.5}} < \frac{80 - 75}{\sqrt{4.5}}\right) \\
&= P(\leq Z \leq 2.36) \\
&= 0.9909
\end{aligned}$$

- (b) What assumption did you make in solving part (a)?

Solution:

It is assumed that  $X_i$  are independent and normal distributed random variables

- (c) Do you think this assumption is justified? Explain briefly.

Solution:

This assumption is not justified because given snowfall in last few days is dependent on the atmospheric conditions, which would also affect today's rainfall.

4. The lifetime (in hours) of a type of electric bulb has expected value 500 and standard deviation 80. Approximate the probability that the sample mean of  $n$  such bulbs is greater than 525 when

Given:

$$E[X_i] = 500 \text{ hours}$$

$$SD[X_i] = 80 \text{ hours}$$

$$\text{Let } \bar{X}_n = \frac{\sum_{x_i=1}^{50} X_i}{n}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
P(\bar{X}_n > 525) &= P\left(\frac{\bar{X}_{25} - 500}{80/\sqrt{n}} < \frac{525 - 500}{80/\sqrt{n}}\right) \\
&= P\left(\leq Z > \sqrt{n}\frac{25}{80}\right) \\
&= 1 - P\left(\leq Z = \sqrt{n}\frac{25}{80}\right)
\end{aligned}$$

(a)  $n = 4$ ;

$$\begin{aligned}
P(\bar{X}_4 > 525) &= 1 - P\left(\leq Z = \sqrt{4}\frac{25}{80}\right) \\
&= 1 - 0.7324 \\
&= 0.2676
\end{aligned}$$

(b)  $n = 16$ ;

$$\begin{aligned}
P(\bar{X}_{16} > 525) &= 1 - P\left(\leq Z = \sqrt{16}\frac{25}{80}\right) \\
&= 1 - 0.8944 = 0.1056
\end{aligned}$$

(c)  $n = 36$ ;

$$\begin{aligned}
P(\bar{X}_{36} > 525) &= 1 - P\left(\leq Z = \sqrt{36}\frac{25}{80}\right) \\
&= 1 - 0.9699 \\
&= 0.0301
\end{aligned}$$

(d)  $n = 64$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
P(\bar{X}_{64} > 525) &= 1 - P\left(\leq Z = \sqrt{64}\frac{25}{80}\right) \\
&= 1 - 0.9938 \\
&= 0.0062
\end{aligned}$$

5. Fifty-two percent of the residents of a certain city are in favor of teaching evolution in high school. Find or approximate the probability that at least 50 percent of a random sample of size  $n$  is in favor of teaching evolution, when

Given:

$$p = 0.52$$

$$X_i = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i^{th} \text{ resident is in favour of teaching evolution,} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Let } X_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \quad P\left(X_n \geq \frac{n}{2}\right) = P\left(X_n > \frac{n}{2} - 0.5\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= P\left(\frac{X_n - 0.52n}{\sqrt{0.2496n}} > \frac{n/2 - 0.5 - 0.52n}{\sqrt{0.2496n} \equiv a_n}\right) \\
&= P(Z > a_n)
\end{aligned}$$

(a)  $n = 10$ ;

$$\begin{aligned}
a_{10} &= \frac{10/2 - 0.5 - 0.52(10)}{\sqrt{0.2496(10)}} \\
&= -0.44 \\
P\left(X_n \geq \frac{n}{2}\right) &= P(Z \leq 0.44) \\
&= 0.67
\end{aligned}$$

(b)  $n = 100$ ;

$$\begin{aligned}
a_{100} &= \frac{100/2 - 0.5 - 0.52(100)}{\sqrt{0.2496(100)}} \\
&= -0.5 \\
P\left(X_n \geq \frac{n}{2}\right) &= P(Z \leq 0.5) \\
&= 0.6915
\end{aligned}$$

(c)  $n = 1000$ ;

$$a_{1000} = \frac{1000/2 - 0.5 - 0.52(1000)}{\sqrt{0.2496(1000)}}$$

$$= -1.3$$

$$P(X_n \geq \frac{n}{2}) = P(Z \leq 1.3)$$

$$= 0.9023$$

(d)  $n = 10,000$ .

$$a_{10000} = \frac{10000/2 - 0.5 - 0.52(10000)}{\sqrt{0.2496(10000)}}$$

$$= -4.01$$

$$P(X_n \geq \frac{n}{2}) = P(Z \leq 4.01)$$

$$= 1$$

6. An electric scale gives a reading equal to the true weight plus a random error that is normally distributed with mean 0 and standard deviation  $\sigma = .1$  mg. Suppose that the results of five successive weighings of the same object are as follows: 3.142, 3.163, 3.155, 3.150, 3.141.  $\bar{x} = \frac{\sum_i x_i}{n}$

$$= 3.1502$$

(a) Determine a 95 percent confidence interval estimate of the true weight.

$$\bar{x} - z_{0.025}\sigma/\sqrt{n} \leq \mu \leq \bar{x} + z_{0.025}\sigma/\sqrt{n}$$

$$3.1502 - 1.96(0.1)/\sqrt{5} \leq \mu \leq 3.1502 + 1.96(0.1)/\sqrt{5}$$

$$3.0625 \leq \mu \leq 3.2379$$

(b) Determine a 99 percent confidence interval estimate of the true weight.

$$\bar{x} - z_{0.005}\sigma/\sqrt{n} \leq \mu \leq \bar{x} + z_{0.005}\sigma/\sqrt{n}$$

$$3.1502 - 2.58(0.1)/\sqrt{5} \leq \mu \leq 3.1502 + 2.58(0.1)/\sqrt{5}$$

$$3.0348 \leq \mu \leq 3.2656$$

7. The following are scores on IQ tests of a random sample of 18 students at a large eastern university. 130, 122, 119, 142, 136, 127, 120, 152, 141, 132, 127, 118, 150, 141, 133, 137, 129, 142

if  $X_i$ 's are normally distributed,  $t = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{S/\sqrt{n}}$  has  $t$  distributed with  $n - 1$  degrees of freedom.

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum_i x_i}{n}$$

$$= 133.22$$

$$s^2 = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_i (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n - 1}}$$

$$= 10.2128$$

(a) Construct a 95 percent confidence interval estimate of the average IQ score of all students at the university

$$\bar{x} - z_{0.025}\sigma/\sqrt{n} \leq \mu \leq \bar{x} + z_{0.025}\sigma/\sqrt{n}$$

$$133.22 - 2.11(10.2128)/\sqrt{18} \leq \mu \leq 133.22 + 2.11(10.2128)/\sqrt{18}$$

$$128.141 \leq \mu \leq 138.3$$

(b) Construct a 95 percent lower confidence interval estimate.

$$\mu \leq \bar{x} + z_{0.005}\sigma/\sqrt{n}$$

$$\mu \leq 133.22 + 1.74(10.2128)/\sqrt{18}$$

$$\mu \leq 137.41$$

(c) Construct a 95 percent upper confidence interval estimate.

$$\bar{x} - z_{0.025}\sigma/\sqrt{n} \leq \mu$$

$$133.22 - 1.74(10.2128)/\sqrt{18} \leq \mu$$

$$\mu \leq 129.03$$

8. The capacities (in ampere-hours) of 10 batteries were recorded as follows:

140, 136, 150, 144, 148, 152, 138, 141, 143, 151

- (a) Estimate the population variance  $\sigma^2$ .

Solution:

Given:

$$n = 10$$

$$s^2 = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_i (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n - 1}}$$

$$s^2 = 32.23$$

- (b) Compute a 99 percent two-sided confidence interval for  $\sigma^2$ .

Solution:

$$(n - 1) \frac{s^2}{X_{0.005}^2} \leq \sigma^2 \leq (n - 1) \frac{s^2}{X_{0.995}^2}$$

$$9 \left( \frac{32.23}{23.59} \right) \leq \sigma^2 \leq 9 \left( \frac{32.23}{1.73} \right)$$

$$12.3 \leq \sigma^2 \leq 167.67$$

- (c) Compute a value  $v$  that enables us to state, with 90 percent confidence, that  $\sigma^2$  is less than  $v$ .

Solution:

$$0 \leq \sigma^2 \leq (n - 1) \frac{s^2}{X_{0.90}^2}$$

$$0 \leq \sigma^2 \leq 9 \left( \frac{32.23}{4.17} \right)$$

$$0 \leq \sigma^2 \leq 69.56$$

9. Independent random samples are taken from the output of two machines on a production line. The weight of each item is of interest. From the first machine, a sample of size 36 is taken, with sample mean weight of 120 grams and a sample variance of 4. From the second machine, a sample of size 64 is taken, with a sample mean weight of 130 grams and a sample variance of 5. It is assumed that the weights of items from the first machine are normally distributed with mean  $\mu_1$  and variance  $\sigma^2$  and that the weights of items from the second machine are normally distributed with mean  $\mu_2$  and variance  $\sigma^2$  (that is, the variances are assumed to be equal). Find a 99 percent confidence interval for  $\mu_1 - \mu_2$ , the difference in population means.

Solution:

Given:

$$n_1 = 36$$

Sample mean weight of first machine,  $\bar{x}_1 = 120$  grams

Sample variance of first machine,  $s_1^2 = 4$

$$n_2 = 64$$

Sample mean weight of first machine,  $\bar{x}_1 = 130$  grams

Sample variance of first machine,  $s_1^2 = 5$

Let  $\bar{X}_1$  and  $\bar{X}_2$  be the random variables corresponding to sample mean of first and second machine respectively, respectively.

$$\frac{\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2 - (\mu_1 - \mu_2)}{S_p \sqrt{1/n_1 + 1/n_2}} \sim t_{n_1 + n_2 - 2} \text{ where}$$

$$S_p^2 = \frac{(n_1 - 1)(S_1)^2 + (n_2 - 1)(S_2)^2}{n_1 + n_2 - 2}$$

$$= s_p^2 = \frac{(n_1 - 1)(s_1)^2 + (n_2 - 1)(s_2)^2}{n_1 + n_2 - 2}$$

$$= \frac{35(4) + 63(5)}{98}$$

$$= 4.643$$

$$s_p = 2.155$$

$$\left( \bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2 - t_{0.005} s_p \sqrt{1/n_1 + 1/n_2}, \bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2 + t_{0.005} s_p \sqrt{1/n_1 + 1/n_2} \right)$$

$$(120 - 130 - 2.627(2.155)(1/36 + 1/64), 120 - 130 + 2.627(2.155)(1/36 + 1/64))$$

$$(-11.18, 8.82)$$

10. To estimate  $p$ , the proportion of all newborn babies that are male, the gender of 10,000 newborn babies was noted. If 5106 of them were male, determine

Solution:

Given:

$$n = 10,000$$

$$\text{Sample probability for being a male, } \hat{p} = \frac{5106}{10000} = 0.5106$$

- (a) a 90 percent and

$$(\hat{p} - z_{0.05} \sqrt{\hat{p}(1 - \hat{p})/n}, \hat{p} + z_{0.05} \sqrt{\hat{p}(1 - \hat{p})/n})$$

$$(0.5106 - 1.645 \sqrt{0.5106(1 - 0.5106)/10000}, 0.5106 + 1.645 \sqrt{0.5106(1 - 0.5106)/10000})$$

$$(0.5023, 0.5188)$$

- (b) a 99 percent confidence interval estimate of  $p$ .

$$(\hat{p} - z_{0.05} \sqrt{\hat{p}(1 - \hat{p})/n}, \hat{p} + z_{0.05} \sqrt{\hat{p}(1 - \hat{p})/n})$$

$$(0.5106 - 2.58 \sqrt{0.5106(1 - 0.5106)/10000}, 0.5106 + 2.58 \sqrt{0.5106(1 - 0.5106)/10000})$$

$$(0.5977, 0.5235)$$