

MATH 560 - Exam 1

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Problem 1.

Solution. (a) Since the given values of E , are exhaustive, the probability that a randomly selected elite typist makes exactly one error in a written report

$$\begin{aligned} &= P(E = 1) = 1 - (P(E = 0) + P(E = 2)) \\ &= 1 - (0.63 + 0.12) \\ &= \boxed{0.25} \end{aligned}$$

(b) The mean of the distribution of E is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_E &= \sum e_i p_i \\ &= 0(0.63) + 1(0.25) + 2(0.12) \\ &= \boxed{0.49} \end{aligned}$$

(c) For the standard deviation

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_E^2 &= \sum e_i^2 p_i - \mu_E^2 \\ &= 0^2(0.63) + 1^2(0.25) + 2^2(0.12) - 0.49^2 \\ &= \boxed{0.4899} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $\sigma_E \approx 0.6999$

(d) To get the probability that at least one of three S.R.S has two errors we observe that the probability that a randomly selected person does not have 2 errors is $P(2') = P(0) + P(1) = 0.88$.

Since the events of selecting the 3 persons are independent of each other (selecting one person doesn't affect which subsequent person gets picked), the required probability is $P(2')^3 \approx \boxed{0.6814}$

Problem 2.

Solution. It is given that

$$\mu_G = 134$$

$$\sigma_G = 78$$

$$\mu_E = 188$$

$$\sigma_E = 46$$

$$\rho_{GE} = -0.5$$

(a) The monthly mean for the total utility bill,

$$\mu_{G+E} = \mu_G + \mu_E = 134 + 188 = 322$$

(b) For the monthly standard deviation for the total utility bill,

$$\sigma_{G+E}^2 = \sigma_G^2 + \sigma_E^2 + 2\rho\sigma_G\sigma_E = 78^2 + 46^2 + 2(-0.5)(78 \times 46) = 4612$$

Therefore $\sigma_{G+E} \approx 67.91$

Problem 3.

Solution. A skewed continuous distribution is given with

$$\mu = 40$$

$$\sigma = 40$$

$$n = 64$$

(a) Since the distribution is Normal, the mean of the sample mean is same as population mean. Therefore

$$\mu_{\bar{x}} = \mu = 40$$

(b) Similarly, the standard deviation of the sample mean is given by

$$\sigma_{\bar{x}} = \sigma/\sqrt{n} = 40/\sqrt{64} = 5$$

(c) The Central Limit Theorem states that the **mean time between texts**, \bar{x} follows the Normal distribution, $N(\mu_{\bar{x}}, \sigma_{\bar{x}})$ and is given by

$$N(40, 5)$$

and the probability that the mean time for 64 independent pairs of consecutive text messages is more than 42 minutes is

$$\begin{aligned} P(\bar{x} > 42) &= P\left(z > \frac{42 - 40}{5}\right) \\ &= P(z > 0.05) = 1 - P(z \leq 0.05) \\ &= 1 - \text{pnorm}(0.05) \approx \boxed{0.48} \end{aligned}$$

Problem 4.

Solution. The following are given:

$$n = 25$$

$$\sigma = 3$$

$$\mu_{\bar{x}} = 5.43$$

$$\sigma_{\bar{x}} = 2.98$$

- (a) To compute a 90% two-sided confidence interval, we first note that since the Normal Table evaluates probability **up to** a certain statistic, let's call it z^* , we need to "add the tail" to the probability before we look up z^* . In other words,

$$z^* = qnorm(.90 + \frac{1 - .90}{2}) = qnorm(.95) \approx 1.6449 \quad (1)$$

The required **margin of error** is given by

$$m = z^* \sigma / \sqrt{n} \approx 0.9869 \quad (2)$$

The 90% two-sided confidence interval, therefore

$$\begin{aligned} CI &= (\mu_{\bar{x}} - 0.9869, \mu_{\bar{x}} + 0.9869) \\ &= (5.43 - 0.9869, 5.43 + 0.9869) \\ &= \boxed{(4.4431, 6.4169)} \end{aligned}$$

- (b) To find the smallest sample size needed so that the margin of error, m , is no more than 0.5 we use (2) above,

$$m = z^* \sigma / \sqrt{n} = 1.6449(3) / \sqrt{n}$$

For the desired inequality $m \leq 0.5$, we can say

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1.6449(3)}{\sqrt{n}} &\leq 0.5 \\ \sqrt{n} &\geq 9.87 \\ n &\geq 97.4 \end{aligned}$$

We conclude that the sample size must be **at least 98**.

Problem 5.

Solution. The following are given:

$$\mu_0 = 8$$

$$n = 6$$

$$\bar{x} = \text{mean}(c(7.7, 7.4, 7.5, 7.9, 6.8, 7.9)) \approx 7.53$$

$$\sigma = 0.5$$

$$\alpha = 0.05$$

The **null-hypothesis** is stated as $H_0 : \mu = 8$ and the **alternate hypothesis** is $H_a : \mu \neq 8$.

The **test statistic** we want to calculate is:

$$\begin{aligned} z &= \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \\ &= \frac{7.53 - 8}{0.5/\sqrt{6}} \\ &\approx -2.3025 \end{aligned}$$

Looking up -2.3025 in the Normal table, we get $P(Z < z) = 0.01065292$ however since this is a **two-sided** alternate (less than or greater than μ_0), we shall use $2 \times P(Z < z) = 0.02130584$.

This value is significantly smaller than significance-level, $\alpha = .05$. Hence H_0 is to be **rejected**.