

EXAM 2/PART 2/CHAPTERS 5-6

36 POINTS POSSIBLE

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NAME Key

1. (20 POINTS) Do you tailgate the car in front of you? About 35% of all drivers will tailgate before passing, thinking they can make the car in front of them go faster. Suppose that you are driving a considerable distance on a two-lane highway and are passed by four vehicles.

a. (8 POINTS) Represent the probability distribution in the table below. Let X be the number of vehicles that tailgate before passing.

Binomial, $n=4, p=0.35, q=0.65$

$$P(X=x) = {}_n C_x p^x q^{n-x}$$

$$P(X=4) = {}_4 C_4 (0.35)^4 (0.65)^0 \approx 0.0150$$

$$P(X=0) = {}_4 C_0 (0.35)^0 (0.65)^4 \approx 0.179$$

$$P(X=1) = {}_4 C_1 (0.35)^1 (0.65)^3 \approx 0.384$$

$$P(X=2) = {}_4 C_2 (0.35)^2 (0.65)^2 \approx 0.310$$

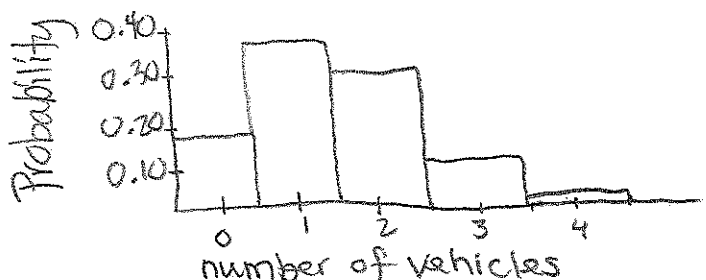
$$P(X=3) = {}_4 C_3 (0.35)^3 (0.65)^1 \approx 0.111$$

X	P(X)
0	0.179
1	0.384
2	0.310
3	0.111
4	0.0150

b. (2 POINTS) Does the given information describe a probability distribution? Explain.

Yes. The sum of the probabilities is $0.999 \approx 1$.

c. (4 POINTS) Sketch the probability histogram which corresponds to the probability distribution from part (a).



d. (2 POINTS) Compute the expected number of vehicles out of four that will tailgate.

$$\mu = np$$

$$\mu = 4(0.35)$$

$$\mu \approx 1.4$$

e. (2 POINTS) Compute the standard deviation of this distribution.

$$\sigma = \sqrt{npq}$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{4(0.35)(0.65)}$$

$$\sigma \approx 1.0$$

f. (2 POINTS) Would it be unusual if none of the four vehicles tailgated?

$$\mu - 2\sigma < \text{usual \# of vehicles that tailgate before passing} < \mu + 2\sigma$$

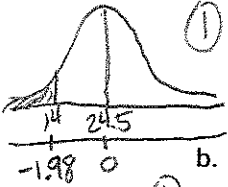
$$-0.6 < \text{usual \# of vehicles that tailgate before passing} < 3.4$$

No since zero is within the range of usual values.

2. (8 POINTS) Assume that the weights of healthy 10-week-old kittens are normally distributed with $\mu = 24.5$ ounces with a standard deviation of $\sigma = 5.3$ ounces. Use Table A-2 only. DO NOT use the STAT feature on your calculator. Include sketches of the indicated areas and/or boundary values.

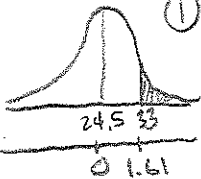
a. (2 POINTS) What is the probability that a healthy 10-week-old kitten will weigh less than 14 ounces?

① $z = \frac{14 - 24.5}{5.3} \approx -1.98$ ② $P(X < 14) = P(Z < -1.98)$
 $= 0.0239$



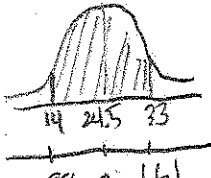
b. (2 POINTS) What is the probability that a healthy 10-week-old kitten will weigh more than 33 ounces?

① $z = \frac{33 - 24.5}{5.3} \approx 1.61$ ② $P(X > 33) = P(Z > 1.60)$
 $= 1 - P(Z < 1.60)$
 $= 1 - 0.9452 = 0.0548$



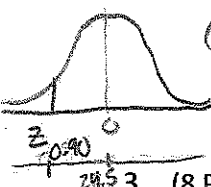
c. (2 POINTS) What is the probability that a healthy 10-week-old kitten will weigh between 14 and 33 ounces?

① $z_1 = \frac{14 - 24.5}{5.3} \approx -1.98$ ② $P(14 < X < 33) = P(-1.98 < Z < 1.61)$
 $= P(Z < 1.61) - P(Z < -1.98)$
 $= 0.9452 - 0.0239 = 0.9213$



d. (2 POINTS) A kitten whose weight is in the bottom 10% of the probability distribution of weights is called undernourished. What is the weight that serves as a cutoff for the weight of an undernourished kitten.

① $z_{0.90} = -1.28$ ② $X = \mu + z\sigma$
 $X = 24.5 + (-1.28)(5.3)$
 $X \approx 18.0$



The cutoff weight of an undernourished kitten is 18.0 ounces.

3. (8 POINTS) Let x represent the dollar amount spent on supermarket impulse buying in a 10-minute unplanned shopping interval. Based on a *Denver Post* article the mean of the x distribution is about \$20 and the estimated standard deviation is about \$7. Use Table A-2 only. DO NOT use the STAT feature on your calculator. Include sketches of the indicated areas and/or boundary values.

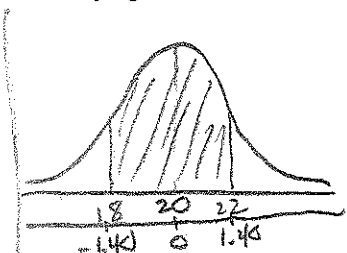
a. (2 POINTS) Consider a random sample of $n = 100$ customers, each of whom has 10 minutes of unplanned shopping time in a supermarket. From the central limit theorem, what can you say about the probability distribution of \bar{x} , the average amount spent by these customers due to impulse buying?

The distribution will be normal.

b. What are the mean and standard deviation of the \bar{x} distribution?

(1 POINT) mean of \bar{x} $\mu_{\bar{x}} = \mu = \$20$

(1 POINT) standard deviation of \bar{x} : $\sigma_{\bar{x}} = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} = \frac{7}{\sqrt{100}} = \0.70

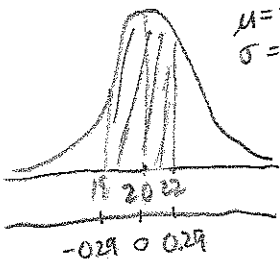


c. (2 POINTS) What is the probability that \bar{x} is between \$18 and \$22?

① $z_1 = \frac{18 - 20}{0.7} \approx -2.86$ ② $P(18 < \bar{x} < 22) = P(-2.86 < Z_{\bar{x}} < 2.86)$
 $= P(Z_{\bar{x}} < 2.86) - P(Z_{\bar{x}} < -2.86)$
 $= 0.9979 - 0.0021 = 0.9958$

d. (2 POINTS) Let us assume that x has a distribution that is approximately normal. What is the probability that x is between \$18 and \$22?

① $z_1 = \frac{18 - 20}{7} \approx -0.29$ ② $P(18 < X < 22) = P(-0.29 < Z < 0.29)$
 $= P(Z < 0.29) - P(Z < -0.29)$
 $= 0.6141 - 0.3859 = 0.2282$



Answer Key

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- 1) A
- 2) A
- 3) B
- 4) C
- 5) C
- 6) A
- 7) A
- 8) C
- 9) D
- 10) B
- 11) A
- 12) D
- 13) A
- 14) C

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- 1) B
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- 13) B
- 14) C

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