

## 7.7: The Central Limit Theorem (Exercises)

These are homework exercises to accompany the Textmap created for "Introductory Statistics" by OpenStax.

### 7.1: Introduction

### 7.2: The Central Limit Theorem for Sample Means (Averages)

#### Q 7.2.1

Previously, De Anza statistics students estimated that the amount of change daytime statistics students carry is exponentially distributed with a mean of \$0.88. Suppose that we randomly pick 25 daytime statistics students.

- In words,  $X =$  \_\_\_\_\_
- $X \sim$  \_\_\_\_\_(\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_)
- In words,  $\bar{X} =$  \_\_\_\_\_
- $\bar{X} \sim$  \_\_\_\_\_(\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_)
- Find the probability that an individual had between \$0.80 and \$1.00. Graph the situation, and shade in the area to be determined.
- Find the probability that the average of the 25 students was between \$0.80 and \$1.00. Graph the situation, and shade in the area to be determined.
- Explain why there is a difference in part e and part f.

#### S 7.2.1

- $X =$  amount of change students carry
- $X \sim E(0.88, 0.88)$
- $\bar{X} =$  average amount of change carried by a sample of 25 students.
- $\bar{X} \sim N(0.88, 0.176)$
- 0.0819
- 0.1882
- The distributions are different. Part a is exponential and part b is normal.

#### Q 7.2.2

Suppose that the distance of fly balls hit to the outfield (in baseball) is normally distributed with a mean of 250 feet and a standard deviation of 50 feet. We randomly sample 49 fly balls.

- If  $\bar{X} =$  average distance in feet for 49 fly balls, then  $\bar{X} \sim$  \_\_\_\_\_(\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_)
- What is the probability that the 49 balls traveled an average of less than 240 feet? Sketch the graph. Scale the horizontal axis for  $\bar{X}$ . Shade the region corresponding to the probability. Find the probability.
- Find the 80<sup>th</sup> percentile of the distribution of the average of 49 fly balls.

#### Q 7.2.3

According to the Internal Revenue Service, the average length of time for an individual to complete (keep records for, learn, prepare, copy, assemble, and send) IRS Form 1040 is 10.53 hours (without any attached schedules). The distribution is unknown. Let us assume that the standard deviation is two hours. Suppose we randomly sample 36 taxpayers.

- In words,  $X =$  \_\_\_\_\_
- In words,  $\bar{X} =$  \_\_\_\_\_
- $\bar{X} \sim$  \_\_\_\_\_(\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_)
- Would you be surprised if the 36 taxpayers finished their Form 1040s in an average of more than 12 hours? Explain why or why not in complete sentences.
- Would you be surprised if one taxpayer finished his or her Form 1040 in more than 12 hours? In a complete sentence, explain why.

### S 7.2.3

- length of time for an individual to complete IRS form 1040, in hours.
- mean length of time for a sample of 36 taxpayers to complete IRS form 1040, in hours.
- $N(10.53, \frac{1}{3})$
- Yes. I would be surprised, because the probability is almost 0.
- No. I would not be totally surprised because the probability is 0.2312

### Q 7.2.4

Suppose that a category of world-class runners are known to run a marathon (26 miles) in an average of 145 minutes with a standard deviation of 14 minutes. Consider 49 of the races. Let  $\bar{X}$  the average of the 49 races.

- $\bar{X} \sim \text{_____}(\text{_____,} \text{_____})$
- Find the probability that the runner will average between 142 and 146 minutes in these 49 marathons.
- Find the 80<sup>th</sup> percentile for the average of these 49 marathons.
- Find the median of the average running times.

### Q 7.2.5

The length of songs in a collector's iTunes album collection is uniformly distributed from two to 3.5 minutes. Suppose we randomly pick five albums from the collection. There are a total of 43 songs on the five albums.

- In words,  $X = \text{_____}$
- $\bar{X} \sim \text{_____}$
- In words,  $\bar{X} = \text{_____}$
- $\bar{X} \sim \text{_____}(\text{_____,} \text{_____})$
- Find the first quartile for the average song length.
- The IQR(interquartile range) for the average song length is from \_\_\_\_\_ – \_\_\_\_\_.

### S 7.2.6

- the length of a song, in minutes, in the collection
- $U(2, 3.5)$
- the average length, in minutes, of the songs from a sample of five albums from the collection
- $N(2.75, 0.0220)$
- 2.74 minutes
- 0.03 minutes

### Q 7.2.7

In 1940 the average size of a U.S. farm was 174 acres. Let's say that the standard deviation was 55 acres. Suppose we randomly survey 38 farmers from 1940.

- In words,  $X = \text{_____}$
- In words,  $\bar{X} = \text{_____}$
- $\bar{X} \sim \text{_____}(\text{_____,} \text{_____})$
- The IQR for  $\bar{X}$  is from \_\_\_\_\_ acres to \_\_\_\_\_ acres.

### Q 7.2.8

Determine which of the following are true and which are false. Then, in complete sentences, justify your answers.

- When the sample size is large, the mean of  $\bar{X}$  is approximately equal to the mean of  $X$ .
- When the sample size is large,  $\bar{X}$  is approximately normally distributed.
- When the sample size is large, the standard deviation of  $\bar{X}$  is approximately the same as the standard deviation of  $X$ .

### S 7.2.8

- True. The mean of a sampling distribution of the means is approximately the mean of the data distribution.
- True. According to the Central Limit Theorem, the larger the sample, the closer the sampling distribution of the means becomes normal.

- c. The standard deviation of the sampling distribution of the means will decrease making it approximately the same as the standard deviation of  $X$  as the sample size increases.

### Q 7.2.9

The percent of fat calories that a person in America consumes each day is normally distributed with a mean of about 36 and a standard deviation of about ten. Suppose that 16 individuals are randomly chosen. Let  $\bar{X}$  = average percent of fat calories.

- $\bar{X} \sim \text{_____}(\text{_____, } \text{_____})$
- For the group of 16, find the probability that the average percent of fat calories consumed is more than five. Graph the situation and shade in the area to be determined.
- Find the first quartile for the average percent of fat calories.

### Q 7.2.10

The distribution of income in some Third World countries is considered wedge shaped (many very poor people, very few middle income people, and even fewer wealthy people). Suppose we pick a country with a wedge shaped distribution. Let the average salary be \$2,000 per year with a standard deviation of \$8,000. We randomly survey 1,000 residents of that country.

- In words,  $X = \text{_____}$
- In words,  $\bar{X} = \text{_____}$
- $\bar{X} \sim \text{_____}(\text{_____, } \text{_____})$
- How is it possible for the standard deviation to be greater than the average?
- Why is it more likely that the average of the 1,000 residents will be from \$2,000 to \$2,100 than from \$2,100 to \$2,200?

### S 7.2.10

- $X$  = the yearly income of someone in a third world country
- the average salary from samples of 1,000 residents of a third world country
- $\bar{X} \sim N\left(2000, \frac{8000}{\sqrt{1000}}\right)$
- Very wide differences in data values can have averages smaller than standard deviations.
- The distribution of the sample mean will have higher probabilities closer to the population mean.  
 $P(2000 < \bar{X} < 2100) = 0.1537$   
 $P(2100 < \bar{X} < 2200) = 0.1317$

### Q 7.2.11

Which of the following is NOT TRUE about the distribution for averages?

- The mean, median, and mode are equal.
- The area under the curve is one.
- The curve never touches the x-axis.
- The curve is skewed to the right.

### Q 7.2.12

The cost of unleaded gasoline in the Bay Area once followed an unknown distribution with a mean of \$4.59 and a standard deviation of \$0.10. Sixteen gas stations from the Bay Area are randomly chosen. We are interested in the average cost of gasoline for the 16 gas stations. The distribution to use for the average cost of gasoline for the 16 gas stations is:

- $\bar{X} \sim N(4.59, 0.10)$
- $\bar{X} \sim N\left(4.59, \frac{0.10}{\sqrt{16}}\right)$
- $\bar{X} \sim N\left(4.59, \frac{16}{0.10}\right)$
- $\bar{X} \sim N\left(4.59, \frac{\sqrt{16}}{0.10}\right)$

### S 7.2.12

b

## 7.3: The Central Limit Theorem for Sums

### Q 7.3.1

Which of the following is NOT TRUE about the theoretical distribution of sums?

- a. The mean, median and mode are equal.
- b. The area under the curve is one.
- c. The curve never touches the  $x$ -axis.
- d. The curve is skewed to the right.

### Q 7.3.2

Suppose that the duration of a particular type of criminal trial is known to have a mean of 21 days and a standard deviation of seven days. We randomly sample nine trials.

- a. In words,  $\sum X =$  \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  $\sum X \sim$  \_\_\_\_\_(\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_)
- c. Find the probability that the total length of the nine trials is at least 225 days.
- d. Ninety percent of the total of nine of these types of trials will last at least how long?

### S 7.3.2

- a. the total length of time for nine criminal trials
- b.  $N(189, 21)$
- c. 0.0432
- d. 162.09; ninety percent of the total nine trials of this type will last 162 days or more.

### Q 7.3.3

Suppose that the weight of open boxes of cereal in a home with children is uniformly distributed from two to six pounds with a mean of four pounds and standard deviation of 1.1547. We randomly survey 64 homes with children.

- a. In words,  $X =$  \_\_\_\_\_
- b. The distribution is \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. In words,  $\sum X =$  \_\_\_\_\_
- d.  $\sum X \sim$  \_\_\_\_\_(\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_)
- e. Find the probability that the total weight of open boxes is less than 250 pounds.
- f. Find the 35<sup>th</sup> percentile for the total weight of open boxes of cereal.

### Q 7.3.4

Salaries for teachers in a particular elementary school district are normally distributed with a mean of \$44,000 and a standard deviation of \$6,500. We randomly survey ten teachers from that district.

- a. In words,  $X =$  \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  $X \sim$  \_\_\_\_\_(\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_)
- c. In words,  $\sum X =$  \_\_\_\_\_
- d.  $\sum X \sim$  \_\_\_\_\_(\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_)
- e. Find the probability that the teachers earn a total of over \$400,000.
- f. Find the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile for an individual teacher's salary.
- g. Find the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile for the sum of ten teachers' salary.
- h. If we surveyed 70 teachers instead of ten, graphically, how would that change the distribution in part d?
- i. If each of the 70 teachers received a \$3,000 raise, graphically, how would that change the distribution in part b?

### S 7.3.4

- a.  $X =$  the salary of one elementary school teacher in the district
- b.  $X \sim N(44,000, 6,500)$
- c.  $\sum X \sim$  sum of the salaries of ten elementary school teachers in the sample
- d.  $\sum X \sim N(44000, 20554.80)$
- e. 0.9742

- f. \$52,330.09
- g. 466,342.04
- h. Sampling 70 teachers instead of ten would cause the distribution to be more spread out. It would be a more symmetrical normal curve.
- i. If every teacher received a \$3,000 raise, the distribution of  $X$  would shift to the right by \$3,000. In other words, it would have a mean of \$47,000.

Use the following information to answer the next four exercises: An unknown distribution has a mean of 80 and a standard deviation of 12. A sample size of 95 is drawn randomly from the population.

#### Exercise 7.3.4

Find the probability that the sum of the 95 values is greater than 7,650.

**Answer**

0.3345

#### Exercise 7.3.5

Find the probability that the sum of the 95 values is less than 7,400.

#### Exercise 7.3.6

Find the sum that is two standard deviations above the mean of the sums.

**Answer**

7,833.92

#### Exercise 7.3.7

Find the sum that is 1.5 standard deviations below the mean of the sums.

Use the following information to answer the next five exercises: The distribution of results from a cholesterol test has a mean of 180 and a standard deviation of 20. A sample size of 40 is drawn randomly.

#### Exercise 7.3.8

Find the probability that the sum of the 40 values is greater than 7,500.

**Answer**

0.0089

#### Exercise 7.3.9

Find the probability that the sum of the 40 values is less than 7,000.

#### Exercise 7.3.10

Find the sum that is one standard deviation above the mean of the sums.

**Answer**

7,326.49

#### Exercise 7.3.11

Find the sum that is 1.5 standard deviations below the mean of the sums.

#### Exercise 7.3.12

Find the percentage of sums between 1.5 standard deviations below the mean of the sums and one standard deviation above the mean of the sums.

**Answer**

77.45%

Use the following information to answer the next six exercises: A researcher measures the amount of sugar in several cans of the same soda. The mean is 39.01 with a standard deviation of 0.5. The researcher randomly selects a sample of 100.

#### Exercise 7.3.13

Find the probability that the sum of the 100 values is greater than 3,910.

#### Exercise 7.3.14

Find the probability that the sum of the 100 values is less than 3,900.

**Answer**

0.4207

#### Exercise 7.3.15

Find the probability that the sum of the 100 values falls between the numbers you found in [Problem](#) and [Problem](#).

#### Exercise 7.3.16

Find the sum with a  $z$ -score of  $-2.5$ .

**Answer**

3,888.5

#### Exercise 7.3.17

Find the sum with a  $z$ -score of 0.5.

#### Exercise 7.3.18

Find the probability that the sums will fall between the  $z$ -scores  $-2$  and  $1$ .

**Answer**

0.8186

Use the following information to answer the next four exercise: An unknown distribution has a mean 12 and a standard deviation of one. A sample size of 25 is taken. Let  $X$  = the object of interest.

#### Exercise 7.3.19

What is the mean of  $\sum X$ ?

#### Exercise 7.3.20

What is the standard deviation of  $\sum X$ ?

**Answer**

5

#### Exercise 7.3.21

What is  $P(\sum x = 290)$ ?

#### Exercise 7.3.22

What is  $P(\sum x > 290)$ ?

**Answer**

0.9772

### Exercise 7.3.23

True or False: only the sums of normal distributions are also normal distributions.

### Exercise 7.3.24

In order for the sums of a distribution to approach a normal distribution, what must be true?

#### Answer

The sample size,  $n$ , gets larger.

### Exercise 7.3.25

What three things must you know about a distribution to find the probability of sums?

### Exercise 7.3.26

An unknown distribution has a mean of 25 and a standard deviation of six. Let  $X$  = one object from this distribution. What is the sample size if the standard deviation of  $\sum X$  is 42?

#### Answer

49

### Exercise 7.3.27

An unknown distribution has a mean of 19 and a standard deviation of 20. Let  $X$  = the object of interest. What is the sample size if the mean of  $\sum X$  is 15,200?

Use the following information to answer the next three exercises. A market researcher analyzes how many electronics devices customers buy in a single purchase. The distribution has a mean of three with a standard deviation of 0.7. She samples 400 customers.

### Exercise 7.3.28

What is the  $z$ -score for  $\sum x = 840$ ?

#### Answer

26.00

### Exercise 7.3.29

What is the  $z$ -score for  $\sum x = 1,186$ ?

### Exercise 7.3.30

What is  $P(\sum x < 1,186)$ ?

#### Answer

0.1587

Use the following information to answer the next three exercises: An unknown distribution has a mean of 100, a standard deviation of 100, and a sample size of 100. Let  $X$  = one object of interest.

### Exercise 7.3.31

What is the mean of  $\sum X$ ?

### Exercise 7.3.32

What is the standard deviation of  $\sum X$ ?

#### Answer

1,000

### Exercise 7.3.33

What is  $P(\sum x > 9,000)$ ?

## 7.4: Using the Central Limit Theorem

### Q 7.4.1

The attention span of a two-year-old is exponentially distributed with a mean of about eight minutes. Suppose we randomly survey 60 two-year-olds.

- In words,  $X =$  \_\_\_\_\_
- $X \sim$  \_\_\_\_\_(\_\_\_\_\_,\_\_\_\_\_)
- In words,  $\sum X =$  \_\_\_\_\_
- $\sum X \sim$  \_\_\_\_\_(\_\_\_\_\_,\_\_\_\_\_)
- Before doing any calculations, which do you think will be higher? Explain why.
  - The probability that an individual attention span is less than ten minutes.
  - The probability that the average attention span for the 60 children is less than ten minutes?
- Calculate the probabilities in part e.
- Explain why the distribution for  $\bar{X}$  is not exponential.

### Q 7.4.2

The closing stock prices of 35 U.S. semiconductor manufacturers are given as follows.

8.625, 30.25, 27.625, 46.75, 32.875, 18.25, 5, 0.125, 2.9375, 6.875, 28.25, 24.25, 21, 1.5, 30.25, 71, 43.5, 49.25, 2.5625, 31, 16.5, 9.5, 18.5, 18, 9, 10.5, 16.625, 1.25, 18, 12.87, 7, 12.875, 2.875, 60.25, 29.25

- In words,  $X =$  \_\_\_\_\_
- $\bar{X} =$  \_\_\_\_\_
  - $s_X =$  \_\_\_\_\_
  - $n =$  \_\_\_\_\_
- Construct a histogram of the distribution of the averages. Start at  $x = -0.0005$ . Use bar widths of ten.
- In words, describe the distribution of stock prices.
- Randomly average five stock prices together. (Use a random number generator.) Continue averaging five pieces together until you have ten averages. List those ten averages.
- Use the ten averages from part e to calculate the following.
  - $\bar{X} =$  \_\_\_\_\_
  - $s_X =$  \_\_\_\_\_
- Construct a histogram of the distribution of the averages. Start at  $x = -0.0005$ . Use bar widths of ten.
- Does this histogram look like the graph in part c?
- In one or two complete sentences, explain why the graphs either look the same or look different?
- Based upon the theory of the **central limit theorem**,  $\bar{X} \sim$  \_\_\_\_\_(\_\_\_\_\_,\_\_\_\_\_)

### S 7.4.2

- $X =$  the closing stock prices for U.S. semiconductor manufacturers
- i. \$20.71; ii. \$17.31; iii. 35
- 
- Exponential distribution,  $X \sim \text{Exp}\left(\frac{1}{20.71}\right)$
- Answers will vary.
- i. \$20.71; ii. \$11.14
- Answers will vary.
- Answers will vary.
- Answers will vary.
- $N\left(20.71, \frac{17.31}{\sqrt{5}}\right)$



Use the following information to answer the next three exercises: Richard's Furniture Company delivers furniture from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. continuously and uniformly. We are interested in how long (in hours) past the 10 A.M. start time that individuals wait for their delivery.

Q 7.4.3

$X \sim \text{_____}(\text{_____,} \text{_____})$

- a.  $U(0, 4)$
- b.  $U(10, 2)$
- c.  $Exp(2)$
- d.  $N(2, 1)$

Q 7.4.4

The average wait time is:

- a. one hour.
- b. two hours.
- c. two and a half hours.
- d. four hours.

S 7.4.4

b

Q 7.4.5

Suppose that it is now past noon on a delivery day. The probability that a person must wait at least one and a half **more** hours is:

- a.  $\frac{1}{4}$
- b.  $\frac{1}{2}$
- c.  $\frac{3}{4}$
- d.  $\frac{3}{8}$

Use the following information to answer the next two exercises: The time to wait for a particular rural bus is distributed uniformly from zero to 75 minutes. One hundred riders are randomly sampled to learn how long they waited.

Q 7.4.6

The 90<sup>th</sup> percentile sample average wait time (in minutes) for a sample of 100 riders is:

- a. 315.0
- b. 40.3
- c. 38.5
- d. 65.2

S 7.4.6

b

Q 7.4.7

Would you be surprised, based upon numerical calculations, if the sample average wait time (in minutes) for 100 riders was less than 30 minutes?

- a. yes
- b. no
- c. There is not enough information.

Use the following to answer the next two exercises: The cost of unleaded gasoline in the Bay Area once followed an unknown distribution with a mean of \$4.59 and a standard deviation of \$0.10. Sixteen gas stations from the Bay Area are randomly chosen. We are interested in the average cost of gasoline for the 16 gas stations.

## Q 7.4.8

What's the approximate probability that the average price for 16 gas stations is over \$4.69?

- a. almost zero
- b. 0.1587
- c. 0.0943
- d. unknown

## S 7.4.8

a

## Q 7.4.9

Find the probability that the average price for 30 gas stations is less than \$4.55.

- a. 0.6554
- b. 0.3446
- c. 0.0142
- d. 0.9858
- e. 0

## Q 7.4.10

Suppose in a local Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade (K - 12) school district, 53 percent of the population favor a charter school for grades K through five. A simple random sample of 300 is surveyed. Calculate following using the normal approximation to the binomial distribution.

- a. Find the probability that less than 100 favor a charter school for grades K through 5.
- b. Find the probability that 170 or more favor a charter school for grades K through 5.
- c. Find the probability that no more than 140 favor a charter school for grades K through 5.
- d. Find the probability that there are fewer than 130 that favor a charter school for grades K through 5.
- e. Find the probability that exactly 150 favor a charter school for grades K through 5.

If you have access to an appropriate calculator or computer software, try calculating these probabilities using the technology.

## S 7.4.10

- a. 0
- b. 0.1123
- c. 0.0162
- d. 0.0003
- e. 0.0268

## Q 7.4.11

Four friends, Janice, Barbara, Kathy and Roberta, decided to carpool together to get to school. Each day the driver would be chosen by randomly selecting one of the four names. They carpool to school for 96 days. Use the normal approximation to the binomial to calculate the following probabilities. Round the standard deviation to four decimal places.

- a. Find the probability that Janice is the driver at most 20 days.
- b. Find the probability that Roberta is the driver more than 16 days.
- c. Find the probability that Barbara drives exactly 24 of those 96 days.

## Q 7.4.12

$X \sim N(60, 9)$ . Suppose that you form random samples of 25 from this distribution. Let  $\bar{X}$  be the random variable of averages. Let  $\sum X$  be the random variable of sums. For parts c through f, sketch the graph, shade the region, label and scale the horizontal axis for  $\bar{X}$ , and find the probability.

- a. Sketch the distributions of  $X$  and  $\bar{X}$  on the same graph.
- b.  $\bar{X} \sim \text{____}(\text{____}, \text{____})$
- c.  $P(\bar{x} < 60) = \text{____}$

- d. Find the 30<sup>th</sup> percentile for the mean.
- e.  $P(56 < \bar{x} < 62) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
- f.  $P(18 < \bar{x} < 58) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
- g.  $\sum X \sim \underline{\hspace{2cm}}(\underline{\hspace{2cm}}, \underline{\hspace{2cm}})$
- h. Find the minimum value for the upper quartile for the sum.
- i.  $P(1,400 < \sum X < 1,550) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

#### S 7.4.12

- a. Check student's solution.
- b.  $\bar{X} \sim N(60, 925)$
- c. 0.5000
- d. 59.06
- e. 0.8536
- f. 0.1333
- g.  $N(1500, 45)$
- h. 1530.35
- i. 0.6877

#### Q 7.4.13

Suppose that the length of research papers is uniformly distributed from ten to 25 pages. We survey a class in which 55 research papers were turned in to a professor. The 55 research papers are considered a random collection of all papers. We are interested in the average length of the research papers.

- a. In words,  $X = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
- b.  $X \sim \underline{\hspace{2cm}}(\underline{\hspace{2cm}}, \underline{\hspace{2cm}})$
- c.  $\mu_X = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
- d.  $\sigma_X = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
- e. In words,  $\bar{X} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
- f.  $\bar{X} \sim \underline{\hspace{2cm}}(\underline{\hspace{2cm}}, \underline{\hspace{2cm}})$
- g. In words,  $\sum X = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
- h.  $\sum X \sim \underline{\hspace{2cm}}(\underline{\hspace{2cm}}, \underline{\hspace{2cm}})$
- i. Without doing any calculations, do you think that it's likely that the professor will need to read a total of more than 1,050 pages? Why?
- j. Calculate the probability that the professor will need to read a total of more than 1,050 pages.
- k. Why is it so unlikely that the average length of the papers will be less than 12 pages?

#### Q 7.4.14

Salaries for teachers in a particular elementary school district are normally distributed with a mean of \$44,000 and a standard deviation of \$6,500. We randomly survey ten teachers from that district.

- a. Find the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile for an individual teacher's salary.
- b. Find the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile for the average teacher's salary.

#### S 7.4.14

- a. \$52,330
- b. \$46,634

#### Q 7.4.15

The average length of a maternity stay in a U.S. hospital is said to be 2.4 days with a standard deviation of 0.9 days. We randomly survey 80 women who recently bore children in a U.S. hospital.

- a. In words,  $X = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
- b. In words,  $\bar{X} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
- c.  $\bar{X} \sim \underline{\hspace{2cm}}(\underline{\hspace{2cm}}, \underline{\hspace{2cm}})$
- d. In words,  $\sum X = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

- e.  $\sum X \sim \text{_____}(\text{_____,} \text{_____})$
- f. Is it likely that an individual stayed more than five days in the hospital? Why or why not?
- g. Is it likely that the average stay for the 80 women was more than five days? Why or why not?
- h. Which is more likely:
- An individual stayed more than five days.
  - the average stay of 80 women was more than five days.
- i. If we were to sum up the women's stays, is it likely that, collectively they spent more than a year in the hospital? Why or why not?

For each problem, wherever possible, provide graphs and use the calculator.

#### Q 7.4.16

NeverReady batteries has engineered a newer, longer lasting AAA battery. The company claims this battery has an average life span of 17 hours with a standard deviation of 0.8 hours. Your statistics class questions this claim. As a class, you randomly select 30 batteries and find that the sample mean life span is 16.7 hours. If the process is working properly, what is the probability of getting a random sample of 30 batteries in which the sample mean lifetime is 16.7 hours or less? Is the company's claim reasonable?

#### S 7.4.16

- We have  $\mu = 17$ ,  $\sigma = 0.8$ ,  $\bar{x} = 16.7$ , and  $n = 30$ . To calculate the probability, we use `normalcdf` (lower, upper,  $\mu$ ,  $\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$ ) = `normalcdf`  $\left(E-99, 16.7, 17, \frac{0.8}{\sqrt{30}}\right) = 0.0200$
- If the process is working properly, then the probability that a sample of 30 batteries would have at most 16.7 lifetime hours is only 2%. Therefore, the class was justified to question the claim.

#### Q 7.4.17

Men have an average weight of 172 pounds with a standard deviation of 29 pounds.

- Find the probability that 20 randomly selected men will have a sum weight greater than 3600 lbs.
- If 20 men have a sum weight greater than 3500 lbs, then their total weight exceeds the safety limits for water taxis. Based on (a), is this a safety concern? Explain.

#### Q 7.4.18

M&M candies large candy bags have a claimed net weight of 396.9 g. The standard deviation for the weight of the individual candies is 0.017 g. The following table is from a stats experiment conducted by a statistics class.

Red	Orange	Yellow	Brown	Blue	Green
0.751	0.735	0.883	0.696	0.881	0.925
0.841	0.895	0.769	0.876	0.863	0.914
0.856	0.865	0.859	0.855	0.775	0.881
0.799	0.864	0.784	0.806	0.854	0.865
0.966	0.852	0.824	0.840	0.810	0.865
0.859	0.866	0.858	0.868	0.858	1.015
0.857	0.859	0.848	0.859	0.818	0.876
0.942	0.838	0.851	0.982	0.868	0.809
0.873	0.863			0.803	0.865
0.809	0.888			0.932	0.848
0.890	0.925			0.842	0.940
0.878	0.793			0.832	0.833

Red	Orange	Yellow	Brown	Blue	Green
0.905	0.977			0.807	0.845
	0.850			0.841	0.852
	0.830			0.932	0.778
	0.856			0.833	0.814
	0.842			0.881	0.791
	0.778			0.818	0.810
	0.786			0.864	0.881
	0.853			0.825	
	0.864			0.855	
	0.873			0.942	
	0.880			0.825	
	0.882			0.869	
	0.931			0.912	
				0.887	

The bag contained 465 candies and he listed weights in the table came from randomly selected candies. Count the weights.

- Find the mean sample weight and the standard deviation of the sample weights of candies in the table.
- Find the sum of the sample weights in the table and the standard deviation of the sum the of the weights.
- If 465 M&Ms are randomly selected, find the probability that their weights sum to at least 396.9.
- Is the Mars Company's M&M labeling accurate?

#### S7.4.19

- For the sample, we have  $n = 100$ ,  $\bar{x} = 0.862$ ,  $s = 0.05$
- $\sum \bar{x} = 85.65$ ,  $\sum s = 5.18$
- $\text{normalcdf}(396.9, E99, (465)(0.8565), (0.05)(\sqrt{465})) \approx 1$
- Since the probability of a sample of size 465 having at least a mean sum of 396.9 is approximately 1, we can conclude that Mars is correctly labeling their M&M packages.

#### Q7.4.20

The Screw Right Company claims their  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch screws are within  $\pm 0.23$  of the claimed mean diameter of 0.750 inches with a standard deviation of 0.115 inches. The following data were recorded.

0.757	0.723	0.754	0.737	0.757	0.741	0.722	0.741	0.743	0.742
0.740	0.758	0.724	0.739	0.736	0.735	0.760	0.750	0.759	0.754
0.744	0.758	0.765	0.756	0.738	0.742	0.758	0.757	0.724	0.757
0.744	0.738	0.763	0.756	0.760	0.768	0.761	0.742	0.734	0.754
0.758	0.735	0.740	0.743	0.737	0.737	0.725	0.761	0.758	0.756

The screws were randomly selected from the local home repair store.

- Find the mean diameter and standard deviation for the sample
- Find the probability that 50 randomly selected screws will be within the stated tolerance levels. Is the company's diameter claim plausible?

## Q 7.4.21

Your company has a contract to perform preventive maintenance on thousands of air-conditioners in a large city. Based on service records from previous years, the time that a technician spends servicing a unit averages one hour with a standard deviation of one hour. In the coming week, your company will service a simple random sample of 70 units in the city. You plan to budget an average of 1.1 hours per technician to complete the work. Will this be enough time?

## Q 7.4.22

Use `normalcdf`

$$(E-99, 1.1, 1, \frac{1}{\sqrt{70}}) = 0.7986. \quad (7.7.1)$$

This means that there is an 80% chance that the service time will be less than 1.1 hours. It could be wise to schedule more time since there is an associated 20% chance that the maintenance time will be greater than 1.1 hours.

## Q 7.4.23

A typical adult has an average IQ score of 105 with a standard deviation of 20. If 20 randomly selected adults are given an IQ test, what is the probability that the sample mean scores will be between 85 and 125 points?

## Q 7.4.24

Certain coins have an average weight of 5.201 grams with a standard deviation of 0.065 g. If a vending machine is designed to accept coins whose weights range from 5.111 g to 5.291 g, what is the expected number of rejected coins when 280 randomly selected coins are inserted into the machine?

## S 7.4.25

Since we have `normalcdf`  $(5.111, 5.291, 5.201, \frac{0.065}{\sqrt{280}}) \approx 1$  we can conclude that practically all the coins are within the limits, therefore, there should be no rejected coins out of a well selected sample of size 280.

## Chapter Review

The central limit theorem can be used to illustrate the law of large numbers. The law of large numbers states that the larger the sample size you take from a population, the closer the sample mean  $\bar{x}$  gets to  $\mu$ .

*Use the following information to answer the next ten exercises:* A manufacturer produces 25-pound lifting weights. The lowest actual weight is 24 pounds, and the highest is 26 pounds. Each weight is equally likely so the distribution of weights is uniform. A sample of 100 weights is taken.

## Exercise 7.4.7

- What is the distribution for the weights of one 25-pound lifting weight? What is the mean and standard deviation?
- What is the distribution for the mean weight of 100 25-pound lifting weights?
- Find the probability that the mean actual weight for the 100 weights is less than 24.9.

**Answer**

- $U(24, 26)$ , 25, 0.5774
- $N(25, 0.0577)$
- 0.0416

## Exercise 7.4.8

Draw the graph from [Exercise](#)

## Exercise 7.4.9

Find the probability that the mean actual weight for the 100 weights is greater than 25.2.

**Answer**

0.0003

**Exercise 7.4.10**

Draw the graph from [Exercise](#)

**Exercise 7.4.11**

Find the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile for the mean weight for the 100 weights.

**Answer**

25.07

**Exercise 7.4.12**

Draw the graph from [Exercise](#)

**Exercise 7.4.13**

- a. What is the distribution for the sum of the weights of 100 25-pound lifting weights?
- b. Find  $P(\sum x < 2,450)$ .

**Answer**

- a.  $N(2,500, 5.7735)$
- b. 0

**Exercise 7.4.14**

Draw the graph from [Exercise](#)

**Exercise 7.4.15**

Find the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile for the total weight of the 100 weights.

**Answer**

2,507.40

**Exercise 7.4.16**

Draw the graph from [Exercise](#)

Use the following information to answer the next five exercises: The length of time a particular smartphone's battery lasts follows an exponential distribution with a mean of ten months. A sample of 64 of these smartphones is taken.

**Exercise 7.4.17**

- a. What is the standard deviation?
- b. What is the parameter  $m$ ?

**Answer**

- a. 10
- b.  $\frac{1}{10}$

**Exercise 7.4.18**

What is the distribution for the length of time one battery lasts?

**Exercise 7.4.19**

What is the distribution for the mean length of time 64 batteries last?

**Answer**

$$N\left(10, \frac{10}{8}\right)$$

**Exercise 7.4.20**

What is the distribution for the total length of time 64 batteries last?

**Exercise 7.4.21**

Find the probability that the sample mean is between seven and 11.

**Answer**

0.7799

**Exercise 7.4.22**

Find the 80<sup>th</sup> percentile for the total length of time 64 batteries last.

**Exercise 7.4.23**

Find the *IQR* for the mean amount of time 64 batteries last.

**Answer**

1.69

**Exercise 7.4.24**

Find the middle 80% for the total amount of time 64 batteries last.

Use the following information to answer the next eight exercises: A uniform distribution has a minimum of six and a maximum of ten. A sample of 50 is taken.

**Exercise 7.4.25**

Find  $P(\sum x > 420)$

**Answer**

0.0072

**Exercise 7.4.26**

Find the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile for the sums.

**Exercise 7.4.27**

Find the 15<sup>th</sup> percentile for the sums.

**Answer**

391.54



**Exercise 7.4.28**

Find the first quartile for the sums.

**Exercise 7.4.29**

Find the third quartile for the sums.

**Answer**

405.51

**Exercise 7.4.30**

Find the 80<sup>th</sup> percentile for the sums.

---

This page titled [7.7: The Central Limit Theorem \(Exercises\)](#) is shared under a [CC BY 4.0](#) license and was authored, remixed, and/or curated by [OpenStax](#) via [source content](#) that was edited to the style and standards of the LibreTexts platform.

- [7.E: The Central Limit Theorem \(Exercises\)](#) by [OpenStax](#) is licensed [CC BY 4.0](#). Original source: <https://openstax.org/details/books/introductory-statistics>.