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(72 POINTS TOTAL)

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Math 17300-CD Introduction to Probability and Statistics

Quiz 3

1. Most African elephants grow tusks as adults. However, each elephant has a 20% chance of having a genetic trait that causes them to never grow tusks – they are tuskless. Suppose a random sample of 15 adult African elephants is collected.

(a) (8 points) What is the probability that exactly 4 of the elephants are tuskless?

BINOMIAL : $n = 15$, $p = .2$, $x = \# \text{ TUSKLESS}$

$$P(x=4) = \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ 1365}}{C_{4}^{15}} (.2)^4 (.8)^{11} = \boxed{.1876}$$

$$\left(P(x=k) = C_k^n p^k q^{n-k} \right)$$

(b) (8 points) What is the probability that more than 1 of the elephants are tuskless?

$$\begin{aligned} P(x > 1) &= 1 - P(x \leq 1) \\ &= 1 - [P(x=0) + P(x=1)] \\ &= 1 - \left[C_0^{15} (.2)^0 (.8)^{15} + C_1^{15} (.2)^1 (.8)^{14} \right] \\ &= 1 - \left[(.8)^{15} + 15 (.2) (.8)^{14} \right] = 1 - [.0352 + .1319] \\ &= \boxed{.8329} \end{aligned}$$

2. Seeds are often treated with a fungicide for protection in poor-draining, wet environments. In a small-scale experiment to determine what dilution of the fungicide to apply, 6 treated seeds and 8 untreated seeds were planted in clay soil and the number of plants emerging from the treated and untreated seeds were recorded. Suppose the dilution made no difference and a total of five plants emerged. Let x represent the number of plants that emerged from treated seeds.

(a) (8 points) Find $P(x = 4)$.

6 TREATED , 8 UNTREATED \rightarrow 14 TOTAL
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 CHOOSE 4 CHOOSE 1 \rightarrow CHOOSE 5 TOTAL

$$P(x=4) = \frac{C_4^6 C_1^8}{C_5^{14}} = \frac{(15)(8)}{2002} = \boxed{.0599}$$

(b) (8 points) Find $P(2 \leq x < 4)$.

$$P(2 \leq x < 4) = P(x=2) + P(x=3)$$

$$= \frac{C_2^6 C_3^8}{C_5^{14}} + \frac{C_3^6 C_2^8}{C_5^{14}} = \frac{840}{2002} + \frac{560}{2002} = .4196 + .2797$$

$$= \frac{(15)(56) + (20)(28)}{2002} = \boxed{.6993}$$

3. Let z be the *standard* normal random variable (with mean $\mu = 0$ and standard deviation $\sigma = 1$).

(a) (8 points) Find z_0 such that $P(z \leq z_0) = .2578$.

FIND .2578 IN TABLE 3 :

$$z_0 = -.65$$

(b) (8 points) Find z_0 such that $P(z \geq z_0) = .0207$.

$$P(z \leq z_0) = 1 - .0207 = .9793$$

FIND .9793 IN TABLE 3 :

$$z_0 = 2.04$$

4. Suppose x is a random variable with a normal probability distribution with mean $\mu = 42$ and standard deviation $\sigma = 3.5$.

(a) (8 points) Find $P(x \leq 40)$.

$$P(x \leq 40) = P\left(z \leq \frac{40 - 42}{3.5}\right)$$

$$z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}$$

$$= P(z \leq -.57)$$

$$= .2843$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{ON CALC:} \\ P\left(z \leq -\frac{4}{7}\right) \approx .2839 \\ \uparrow \\ \text{NOT ROUNDED} \\ \text{TO NEAREST HUNDREDTH} \end{array} \right)$$

(b) (8 points) Find $P(40 < x < 46)$.

$$P(40 < x < 46) = P(x < 46) - P(x < 40)$$

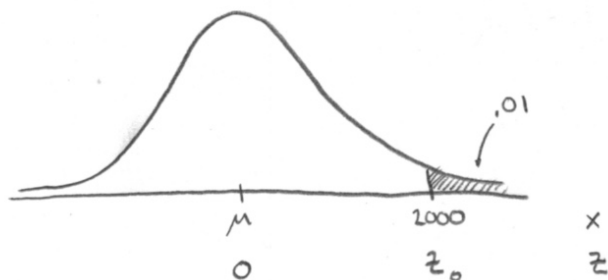
$$= P\left(z < \frac{46 - 42}{3.5}\right) - P\left(z < \frac{40 - 42}{3.5}\right)$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{ON CALC} \\ = .5896 \end{array} \right)$$

$$= P(z < 1.14) - P(z < -.57)$$

$$= .8729 - .2843 = .5886$$

5. (8 points) A grain loader can be set to discharge grain in amounts x that are normally distributed, with mean μ bushels and standard deviation $\sigma = 25.7$ bushels. If a company wishes to use the loader to fill containers that hold 2000 bushels of grain and wants to overfill only one container in 100, at what value of μ should the company set the loader? In other words, find μ such that $P(x > 2000) = .01$.



$$z_0 = \frac{2000 - \mu}{\sigma} = \frac{2000 - \mu}{25.7}$$

$$P(x > 2000) = .01$$

$$\rightarrow P(z > z_0) = .01 \rightarrow P(z \leq z_0) = .99$$

$$\text{TABLE 3: } z_0 = 2.33$$

$$\therefore 2.33 = \frac{2000 - \mu}{25.7}$$

$$2.33(25.7) = 2000 - \mu$$

$$\mu = 2000 - 2.33(25.7)$$

$$\mu = 1940.119$$