

Statistics 31, Section 1, Final Examination
Tuesday, May 10, 2005

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Pledge: I have neither given nor received aid on this examination.

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Instructions: Do not do any actual numerical calculations. Answers in a form that you would type into an Excel field, such as “=28*SQRT(82)^2”, with a *working* answer, are expected).

1. State whether each boldface number is a parameter or a statistic:
 - a. A carload of ball bearings has a mean diameter of **2.496** cm. This is within specifications for acceptance of the lot by the purchaser. The inspector happens to inspect **100** bearings from the lot with a mean diameter of **2.483 cm**. This is outside the specification limits, so the lot is mistakenly rejected.

 - b. The Carolina Abecedarian Project investigated the effect of high quality preschool programs on children from poor families. Children were randomly assigned to two groups. One group participated in a year round preschool program from age three months. The control group received social services, but no preschool. At age 21, **35%** of the treatment group, and **14%** of the control group were attending a 4 year college, or had already graduated from college.

3. Some measurements of oxygen uptake (VO₂) as a function of Heart Rate (HR), for a single individual, resulted in the following EXCEL Regression analysis:

	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
16		<i>Coefficients</i>	<i>Standard Err</i>	<i>t Stat</i>	<i>P-value</i>	<i>Lower 95%</i>	<i>Upper 95%</i>	<i>Lower 99.0%</i>	<i>Upper 99.0%</i>
17	Intercept	-8.07	2.526866	-3.19368	0.085637	-18.9422	2.802233	-33.1491	17.00911
18	X Variable	0.09	0.026458	3.40168	0.076619	-0.02384	0.203838	-0.17259	0.352591

- a. What are the least squares estimates of the slope and intercept?
- b. Give a 99% confidence interval for the slope of the regression line.
- c. Test the null hypothesis that the slope of the regression line is 0. Interpret the result from the gray level point of view.
- d. Write an EXCEL command to predict the oxygen uptake for this individual, when the Heart Rate is 98.
- e. Suppose that there were 10 measurements made, that the answer to part d is in the cell B33, that the EXCEL standard error is in the cell C15, and that... $\rightarrow \frac{(98 - \bar{x})^2}{\sum_i (x_i - \bar{x})^2} = 1.7$
Write an EXCEL command to calculate a 95% Prediction Interval for a new measurement of VO₂, when the Heart Rate is 92.
- f. Under the assumption of part e, write an EXCEL command for a 90% Confidence Interval for the mean value of VO₂, when the Heart Rate is 98.

4. Researchers planning a study of 3rd grade children are studying the mean performance on a reading test. A small pilot study finds a sample standard deviation of $s = 10$ points, so in preliminary studies they take the population s. d. to be 10.

a. Available funding allows 25 students. Calculate the margin of error of the 95% confidence interval for the population mean based on a sample size of 25.

b. There are many other demands on the research budget, some of which require a downward revision of the budget. What is the margin of error if only 9 students can participate because of this budgetary limitation?

c. Find the smallest value of the sample size that would satisfy the goal of a 95% margin of error of 3 or less.

5. The lengths of horse pregnancies are approximately normally distributed with mean 200 days, and standard deviation 10 days. Use the 68-95-99.7 rule (and *not* EXCEL), to:

a. Give values between which the middle 99.7% of pregnancies fall.

b. How long do the longest 2.5 % of pregnancies last?

6. A basketball player made only 30% of free throws last season. After practicing free throw shooting all summer, in the first 8 games this season, she made 20 free throws in 40 attempts.

a. Formulate H_0 and H_A (in terms of population parameters and numbers) for testing that her free throw rate is indeed different from what it was last season.

b. Calculate a P-value for the hypotheses in part a.

c. If the numerical value of the answer to part b had been 0.053, interpret the result from the gray-level viewpoint.

d. Give a 90% best guess Confidence Interval for her free throw percentage for the new season.

e. Give a 90% conservative Confidence Interval for her free throw percentage for the new season.

f. What assumptions are needed for these calculations to be correct?

7. A study of the survey response rates between letters and phone calls gave the following results (together with some preliminary calculations):

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
1	Reponse	Letter	Call			Prop'ns				E prop'ns				E counts		
2	Yes	30	50	80		0.167	0.28	0.44		0.22	0.22	0.44		40	40	80
3	No	60	40	100		0.333	0.22	0.56		0.28	0.28	0.56		50	50	100
4		90	90	180		0.5	0.5	1		0.5	0.5	1		90	90	180

- a. Formulate hypotheses for whether or not the survey type has an effect on response rate.

- b. Write an EXCEL command for computing the value in the cell F2, based upon the values in cells to the left of that.

- c. Write an EXCEL command for computing the value in the cell J2, based upon the values in cells to the left of that.

- d. Write an EXCEL command for computing the value in the cell N2, based upon values in cells to the left of that.

- e. Write an EXCEL command to compute the P-value, based on the chi-square test of the hypotheses in part a.

- f. If the P-value in part f is 0.006, interpret the result from the yes-no viewpoint.

- g. What are the degrees of freedom for the Chi Square distribution used in part f?

8. An investigator had 5 right handed students turn a knob (with their right hands). Once clockwise, and again counter clockwise. The table below gives the times required (in seconds) to move an indicator a fixed distance.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Subject	1	2	3	4	5
2	Right Thread	112	116	108	110	113
3	Left Thread	121	128	118	121	124
4	Difference	9	12	10	11	11

- a. How should randomization have been used in this experiment?

- b. Formulate (in terms of numbers) appropriate null and alternative hypotheses to test that there is a significant difference between the times required for the left and right threaded knobs.

- c. Write an EXCEL command for the t-statistic to assess the strength of the data for the hypotheses in part b.

- d. If the answer to part c is in the cell B6, write an EXCEL command to calculate the P-value for testing the hypotheses in part b.

- e. If the answer to part d is 0.49, what do you conclude from the gray level point of view?