

**HOMEWORK**  
**BIOSTATISTICS (STAT:3510; BOGNAR)**

- The length of time,  $X$  (in seconds), hippopotomuses can hold their breath underwater follows a normal distribution with mean  $\mu = 150$  seconds and standard deviation  $\sigma = 36$  seconds, i.e.  $X \sim N(\mu = 150, \sigma = 36)$ .
  - Find the probability that a randomly selected hippopotomus can hold its breath between 150 and 200 seconds.
  - Suppose 9 hippopotomuses are randomly selected. Find the probability that the mean breath-holding time  $\bar{X}$  is more than 183 seconds.
  - Suppose 9 hippopotomuses are randomly selected. Find the probability that the mean breath-holding time  $\bar{X}$  is between 160 and 183 seconds.
- The expenditures (in dollars) of customers at a coffee shop has a distribution that is strongly skewed to the right with mean  $\mu = 3.50$  and standard deviation  $\sigma = 2.00$ .
  - Suppose 12 customers enter the shop (assume independence). Can you find the probability that the mean expenditure,  $\bar{X}$ , is more than \$3.75? If so, find the probability. If not, explain why.
  - Suppose 100 customers are randomly selected (assume independence). Approximate the probability that the mean expenditure,  $\bar{X}$ , is more than \$3.00.
  - Suppose 100 customers are randomly selected (assume independence). Approximate the 99th percentile of the sample mean  $\bar{X}$ .
- The diastolic blood pressure,  $X$ , of smokers follows a normal distribution with mean  $\mu$  and standard deviation  $\sigma = 15$ , i.e.  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma = 15)$ . The diastolic blood pressure of 3 randomly selected smokers was:

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- Find a 95% CI for the population mean diastolic blood pressure  $\mu$ .
  - Based upon your answer in (3a), does the population mean diastolic blood pressure  $\mu$  significantly differ from 100? Why?
- In the Iowa Driving Simulator, the number of times the center line is crossed by individuals that are under the influence of alcohol has a distribution that is skewed to the right with mean  $\mu$  and standard deviation  $\sigma = 7$ . For the 49 participants that drove after drinking alcohol, the mean number of times the center line was crossed was  $\bar{x} = 10$ .
    - Find an approximate 95% confidence interval for  $\mu$ .
    - Based upon your answer in (4a), does the population mean  $\mu$  significantly differ from 5? Why?
    - Based upon your answer in (4a), does the population mean  $\mu$  significantly differ from 10? Why?
    - What is the margin of error at (95% confidence)?
    - Could we perform the above analysis if the sample size  $n < 30$ ? Explain.
  - The amount of energy storage of certain type of capacitor (a small electronic device) has a distribution that is strongly skewed to the left with mean  $\mu$  pF (pico Farad) and standard deviation  $\sigma = 150$  pF. An electrical engineer randomly selected 100 capacitors and determined the CI for  $\mu$  is (383, 437) pF. What percent confidence interval is this? *Hint: Find  $\bar{x}$ , find  $z_{\alpha/2}$ , find  $\alpha$ , then find the percent CI.*