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**STAT 2509 C**  
**Assignment#1**  
**SOLUTION**

1. Choose a right answer:

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a) The set of all objects or measurements of interest to the sample collector is  
(i) a statistic (ii) a population (iii) a sample (iv) a parameter

(ii) a population (1)

b) A numerical measure for a sample is referred to as  
(i) a population (ii) a parameter (iii) a statistic (iv) a sample

(iii) a statistic (1)

2. Which one of the following summary measures is affected most by outliers (or extreme values)?

[1]

(i) the first quartile (ii) the median (iii) the mean (iv) the interquartile range IQR.

(iii) the mean (1)

3. Identify the following variables as : *purely categorical (or qualitative)*, *categorical and ranked*, *quantitative and discrete* or *quantitative and continuous*.

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- a) the number of students who get a final grade greater than 80%: **quantitative & discrete** (1/2)
- b) marital status of people: **purely categorical (or qualitative)** (1)
- c) weight of a newborn in kg: **quantitative & continuous** (1/2)
- d) rating of a professor as: excellent, good, fair, poor: **categorical & ranked** (1/2)
- e) average daily temperature during the month of January: **quantitative & continuous** (1/2)
- f) letter grade obtained on a statistics test: **purely categorical (or also can be quantitative & ranked)** (1)
- g) number of chairs with green upholstery in a conference room; **quantitative & discrete** (1/2)

4. Classify each of the following quantities as either a *parameter* or a *statistic*:

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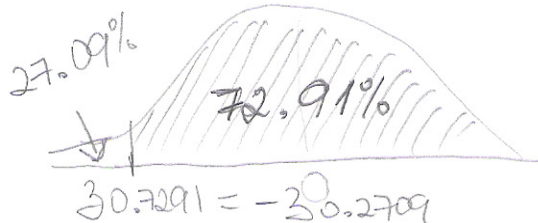
- (i)  $\bar{x}$  - **statistics** (1)
- (ii)  $\sigma^2$  - **parameter** (1)
- (iii)  $\mu$  - **parameter** (1)
- (iv)  $s^2$  - **statistics** (1)
- (v)  $\beta_1$  - **parameter** (1)
- (vi)  $\hat{\beta}_0$  - **statistics** (1)

5. Find the following values from the tables:

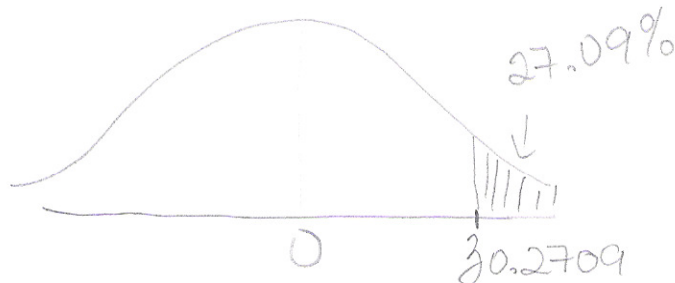
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a)  $z_{0.2709} = \underline{0.61}$  (1)

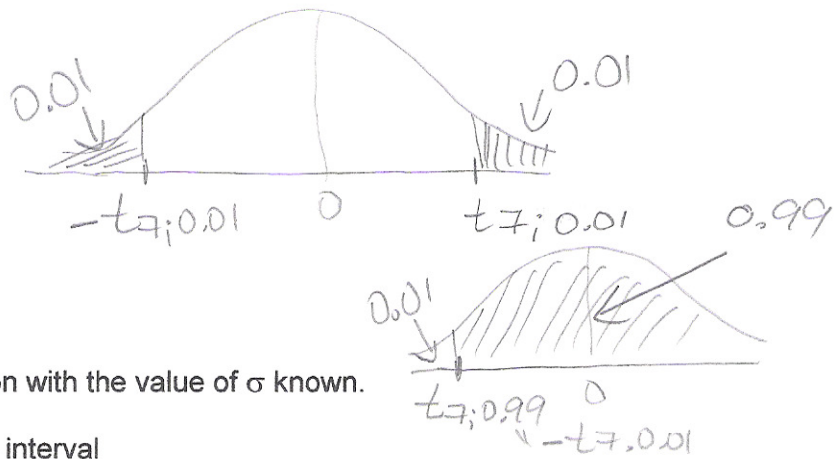
b)  $z_{0.7291} = -z_{0.2709} = \underline{-0.61}$  (1)



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- c)  $z_{0.002} = \underline{2.88}$  (1)  
 d)  $t_{7;0.01} = \underline{2.998}$  (1)  
 e)  $-t_{7;0.01} = \underline{-2.998}$  (1)  
 f)  $t_{7;0.99} = -t_{7;0.01} = \underline{-2.998}$  (1)



6. Consider a normal population distribution with the value of  $\sigma$  known.

a) What is the confidence level for the interval

(i)  $\bar{x} \pm 1.96 \sigma / \sqrt{n} \Rightarrow z_{\alpha/2} = 1.96 \Rightarrow \alpha/2 = 0.025 \Rightarrow \alpha = 0.05 \Rightarrow 1 - \alpha = 0.95$   
 $\therefore$  95% C.I. for  $\mu$  (1)

(ii)  $\bar{x} \pm 2.24 \sigma / \sqrt{n} \Rightarrow z_{\alpha/2} = 2.24 \Rightarrow \alpha/2 = 0.0125 \Rightarrow \alpha = 0.025 \Rightarrow 1 - \alpha = 0.975$   
 $\therefore$  97.5% C.I. for  $\mu$  (1)

(iii)  $\bar{x} \pm 1.15 \sigma / \sqrt{n} \Rightarrow z_{\alpha/2} = 1.15 \Rightarrow \alpha/2 = 0.125 \Rightarrow \alpha = 0.25 \Rightarrow 1 - \alpha = 0.75$   
 $\therefore$  75% C.I. for  $\mu$  (1)

b) What value of  $z$  in the confidence interval formula

$$\left( \bar{x} - z_{\alpha/2} \sigma / \sqrt{n}, \bar{x} + z_{\alpha/2} \sigma / \sqrt{n} \right)$$

results in a confidence level of

- (i) 89.68%  $\Rightarrow 1 - \alpha = 0.8968 \Rightarrow \alpha = 0.1032 \Rightarrow \alpha/2 = 0.0516 \Rightarrow z_{\alpha/2} = \underline{1.63}$  (1)  
 (ii) 99.20%  $\Rightarrow 1 - \alpha = 0.9920 \Rightarrow \alpha = 0.0080 \Rightarrow \alpha/2 = 0.0040 \Rightarrow z_{\alpha/2} = \underline{2.65}$  (1)  
 (iii) 75.40%  $\Rightarrow 1 - \alpha = 0.7540 \Rightarrow \alpha = 0.2460 \Rightarrow \alpha/2 = 0.1230 \Rightarrow z_{\alpha/2} = \underline{1.16}$  (1)

c) Would a 90% C.I. be narrower or wider than the 99.20% C.I. in b)?

90% C.I. would be narrower than 99.20% C.I. since 90% would have shorter span (i.e. it covers smaller interval of values)

7. For any hypothesis test:

a) Explain what the null and alternative hypotheses are.

$H_a$  (alternative hypothesis) - is the one we want to show; i.e. we are trying to find sufficient evidence for (1)

$H_0$  (null hypothesis) - is negating the statement in  $H_a$ . It is a "fall-back" hypothesis. It tests against  $H_a$ . (1)

b) Write down the appropriate alternative hypotheses and give the formula for the each test statistic, if any, for the following null hypothesis testing situations.

(i)  $H_0: \mu = \mu_0$   $n = 20, s = 45$  population normally distributed

$H_a: \mu \neq \mu_0$  test-statistics:  $t = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}}$

(ii)  $H_0: \mu \leq \mu_0$   $n = 80, s = 29$  population not normal

$H_a: \mu > \mu_0$  test-statistics:  $t \cong z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}}$  since Central Limit Theorem

applies here (i.e.  $n = 80$  is large  $\Rightarrow \bar{X}$  is approx. distributed with  $N\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right)$  and we replace  $\sigma^2$  with  $s^2$ )

(iii)  $H_0: \mu = \mu_0$   $n = 15, \sigma = 25$  population not normal

$H_a: \mu \neq \mu_0$  no test-statistics can be used here, since population is not normal and  $n$  is small (i.e.  $n < 30$ ), so C.L.T. does not apply, either

(iv)  $H_0: \mu = \mu_0$   $n = 15, s = 36$  population not normal

$H_a: \mu \neq \mu_0$  no test-statistics can be used here, since population is not normal and  $n$  is small (i.e.  $n < 30$ ), so C.L.T. does not apply, either

(v)  $H_0: \mu \geq \mu_0$   $n = 10, \sigma = 16$  population normal

$H_a: \mu < \mu_0$  test-statistics:  $z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}$

(vi)  $H_0: \mu \leq \mu_0$   $n = 60, \sigma = 81$  population normal

$H_a: \mu > \mu_0$  test-statistics:  $z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}$

(vii)  $H_0: \mu = \mu_0$   $n = 200, s = 25$  population not normal

$H_a: \mu \neq \mu_0$  test-statistics:  $t \cong z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}}$  since Central Limit Theorem

applies here (i.e.  $n = 200$  is large  $\Rightarrow \bar{X}$  is approx. distributed with  $N\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right)$  and we replace  $\sigma^2$  with  $s^2$ )

8. If  $k$  is a constant and  $X$  and  $Y$  are random variables, then

a) (i)  $E(k) = k$ , (ii)  $E(kX) = kE(X)$ , (iii)  $E(X \pm Y) = E(X) \pm E(Y)$

b) (i)  $V(k) = 0$ , (ii)  $V(kX) = k^2V(X)$ , (iii)  $V(X \pm Y) = V(X) + V(Y) \pm 2Cov(X, Y)$

Also show what happens when  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent of each other?

When  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent, then they are not related and so  $Cov(X, Y) = 0$ , i.e.  $V(X \pm Y) = V(X) + V(Y)$

9. ANOVA method for a linear regression gives following:

$$TSS = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2,$$

where TSS is the total variation in the data. Show that

$$TSS = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 - \frac{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i\right)^2}{n}$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i^2 + \bar{y}^2 - 2\bar{y}y_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{y}^2 - 2\bar{y} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i = \\ \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 + n\bar{y}^2 - 2\bar{y} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i &= \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 + n \frac{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i\right)^2}{n^2} - 2 \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i = \\ \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 + \frac{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i\right)^2}{n} - 2 \frac{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i\right)^2}{n} &= \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 - \frac{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i\right)^2}{n} \end{aligned}$$

i.e.  $TSS = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 - \frac{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i\right)^2}{n}$

Q.E.D.