AP Statistics Unit 04 – Probability Day 07 – Homework #7

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- A pet food manufacturer is promoting a new brand with a rebate offer on its 10-pound bag. Each package is supposed to contain a coupon for \$4.00 mail-in rebate. The company has found that the machine dispensing these coupons fails to place a coupon in 10% of the bags. If a dog owner buys 5 bags, find the probability that
 - a. 1 of the bags will not contain a coupon
 - b. at least 1 bag will fail to have a coupon
- 2. A survey found that "Business" was the most popular college major for college students who played basketball or football, with 37% selecting this major. Find the probability that a random sample of 500 male college athletes in these 2 sports would contain more than 200 business majors.
- 3. Safety-tipped wooden matches are more difficult to light than regular matches. A manufacturer has found that 25% of its safety-tipped matches fail to ignite on the first strike. Find the probability that in a box of 20 matches,
 - a. 18 will light on the first strike
 - b. more than 18 will ignite on the first strike
- 4. A 1996 report on physical activity claimed that only 50% of America's youth participate in regular, vigorous physical activity. For a sample of 20 randomly selected youth, find the probability that exactly 10 participate in regular, rigorous physical activity.

- 5. The lumberyard sells 2 x 4's in different types of wood. It has found that 35% of its orders are for pine. Find the probability that 2 of its next 6 orders of 2 x 4's are for pine.
- 6. A restaurant has found that about 1 customer in 5 will order a dessert with a meal. If the restaurant serves 580 meals on a certain day, find the probability that more than 125 will be accompanied by dessert.
- A NASA official estimated that there is a probability of 1/78 that any single space shuttle light will result in a catastrophic failure. Find the probability that for the next 10 flights there will be a. no shuttle disaster
 - b. 1 shuttle disaster
 - c. at least 1 shuttle disaster
- A 1996 study found that about 1 in 5 Americans suffered from some form of mental illness during the course of a year. If 20 adults are selected at random, find the probability that a. exactly 4 will experience some type of mental illness
 - b. at least 4 will have some type of mental illness
- 9. Statistics from the Federal Highway Administration show that 45% of the time there will be occupant injuries when a vehicle accident is caused by running a red light. In an investigation of 75 accidents triggered by running a red light, what is the probability that occupant injuries occurred in more than 36 cases.

- 10. Assume that 23% of people have attached ear lobes. If we select 50 people at random, find the probability of each outcome described below:
 - a. There are some people with attached ear lobes among the people chosen.
 - b. There are exactly 3 people with attached ear lobes in the group.
 - c. There are at least 3 people with attached ear lobes in the group
 - d. There are no more than 3 people with attached ear lobes in the group
 - e. Less than half of the group has attached ear lobes.
 - f. How many people who have attached ear lobes do you expect to find? With what standard deviation?
- 11. An Olympic archer is able to hit the bull's eye 80% of the time. Assume each shot is independent of each other. If she shoots 55 arrows, what is the probability of each of the following?
 - a. She never misses
 - b. There are no more than 4 bull's eyes
 - c. She hits the bull's-eye more often than she misses
 - d. She hits at least one bull's eye
 - e. How many bull's eyes do you expect her to hit? With what standard deviation?

- 12. A binomial distribution will be approximately correct as a model for one of these two settings and not for the other. Explain why by briefly discussing both settings.
 - a. When an opinion poll calls residential telephone numbers at random, only 20% of the calls reach a person. You watch the random digit-dialing machine make 15 calls. X is the number that reach a person.
 - b. When an opinion poll calls residential telephone numbers at random, only 20% of the calls reach a live person. You watch the random digit dialing machine make calls. Y is the number of calls needed to reach a live person.
- 13. As a special promotion for its 20-ounce bottles of soda, a soft drink company printed a message on the inside of each cap. Some of the caps said, "Please try again," while others said, "You're a winner!" The company advertised the promotion with the slogan "1 in 6 wins a prize." Suppose the company is telling the truth that every 20-ounce bottle of soda it fills has a 1-in-6 chance of being a winner. Seven friends each buy one 20-ounce bottle of soda at the local convenience store. Let X = the number who win a prize.
 - a. Explain why X is a binomial random variable.
 - b. Find the mean and standard deviation of X. Interpret each value in context.
 - c. The store clerk is surprised when three of the friends win a prize. Is this group of friends just lucky, or is the company's 1-in-6 claim inaccurate? Compute P(x > 3) and use the result to justify your answer.
 - d. A different strategy is used. You keep buying one 20-ounce bottle of soda at a time until you get a winner. Find the probability that you buy exactly 5 bottles. Show your work.
 - e. Using the same strategy as above, find the probability that you buy no more than 8 bottles. Show your work.