

Review for Exam 2

1. Ground level ozone is a health hazard because it may cause asthma and heart attacks, etc. The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends ozone levels of more than 51 ppb (parts per billion)¹. In 2008, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommended no more than 75 ppb; this is now under review until 2013.²

In Dallas, Texas, the ozone level is reported daily.³ Assume the values are normally distributed with mean 49 ppb and standard deviation 14 ppb.

- (a) What is the probability that the daily reading is above the WHO limit? The EPA limit? Before calculating, decide which probability will be larger.

- (b) How often is the weekly average above the WHO limit? Above the EPA limit? (Think of the seven weekly readings as random sample.)

¹In fact, 100 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ 8-hour mean http://whqlibdoc.who.int/hq/2006/WHO_SDE_PHE_OEH_06.02_eng.pdf, which converted to ppb gives about 51. <http://ww2.unhabitat.org/wuf/2006/aqm/tool28.htm>

² 2008 standard at <http://www.epa.gov/glo/pdfs/fs20100106std.pdf>. Now suspended till 2013 <http://www.economist.com/blogs/democracyinamerica/2011/09/sorry-air>

³ Texas Commission on the Environment http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/nav/data/ozone_data.html. Estimates of mean, SD from data.

- (c) How often is the monthly average above the WHO limit? Above the EPA limit? (Take a 31-day month.)
- (d) Estimate the mean and standard deviation of a single year-long sample of daily readings.
- (e) Consider the means of all year-long samples of daily readings. (Take a 365 day year.)
- What is the distribution of these means? Give the name of the distribution and its mean and standard deviation.
 - Using the “Rule of Thumb” for the normal distribution, find the range of values where the sample mean is likely to lie. (That is, 95% of the time).
2. The weights of figure skaters are normally distributed. For male skaters, the mean is 170 lbs with a standard deviation of 10 lbs. For female skaters, the mean is 110 lbs with a standard deviation of 5 lbs. Let X be the weight of a randomly selected male skater and Y be the weight of a randomly selected female skater.
- What is $P(X < 150)$?
 - Approximately 90% of the male figure skaters weigh more than how many pounds?
 - The weight of a pair of figure skaters (a male and a female) can be thought of as a new random variable. Let the random variable $W = X + Y$. What is the mean of W ?
 - Suppose we consider the weights of the male partner and the female partner to be independent. What is the standard deviation of the random variable W ?
 - It does not seem likely that the weights of the male partner and the female partner would be independent. If the correlation r between X and Y equals 0.77, what is the standard deviation of the random variable W ?

3. A politician is urging tighter restrictions on drivers' licenses issued to teens. He claims that "in one of every five auto accidents a teenager is behind the wheel."
- If the politician is correct, what is the probability that you would find no teen drivers in a random sample of 5 accidents? One or more? All five?
 - You decide to do a little research and find 67 records of car accidents over the past few months. Only nine of the accidents had a teenager behind the wheel. Assume that we can consider these 67 accidents as a random sample of all accidents. If the politician is correct, what is the chance that you would observe 9 or fewer accidents with a teenager behind the wheel?
 - How would your answer change if you had observed a larger number of accidents with teen drivers out of the 67?
 - How would your answer change if you had observed 9 accidents with teen drivers out of a random sample of more than 67 accidents?
4. A New Zealand study on women's body image and ethnicity surveyed a group of women who were all slightly lighter than average. A question about what they thought about their own weight gave the following results.

	Body Image		
	Underweight	Right weight	Overweight
Asian	3	16	31
European	3	14	83

Let A be the event that a randomly selected woman in the study is Asian, E that she is European, U that she thinks she is underweight, R that she thinks she is the right weight, and O that she thinks she is overweight. Using these letters, express the following probabilities and find the values:

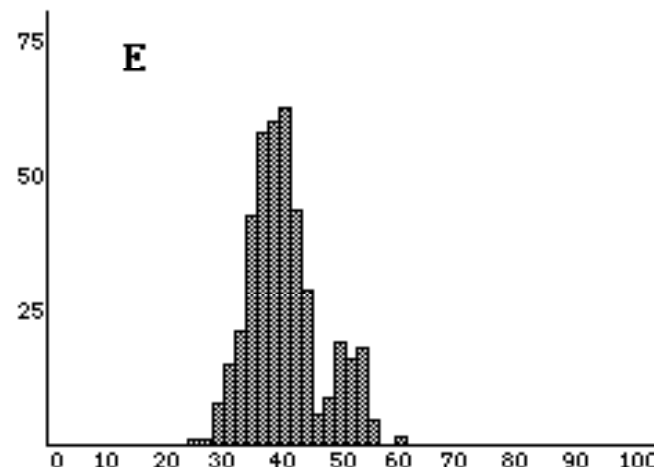
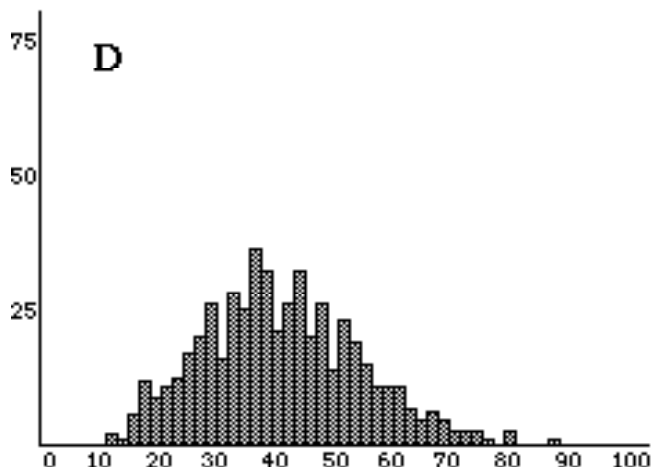
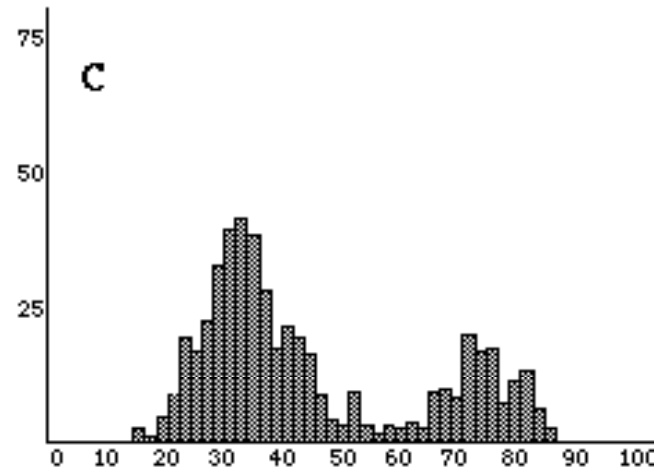
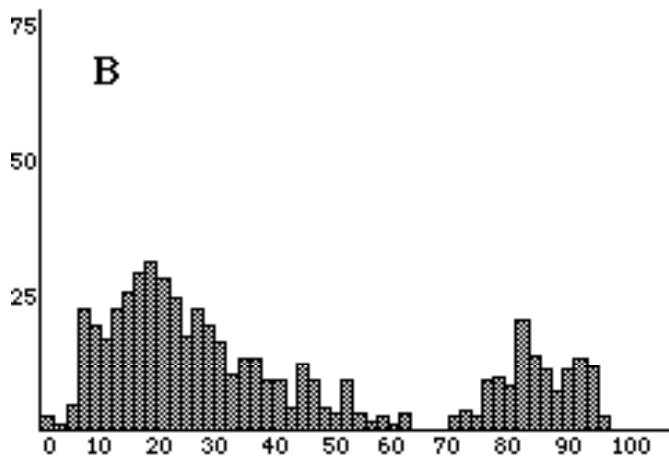
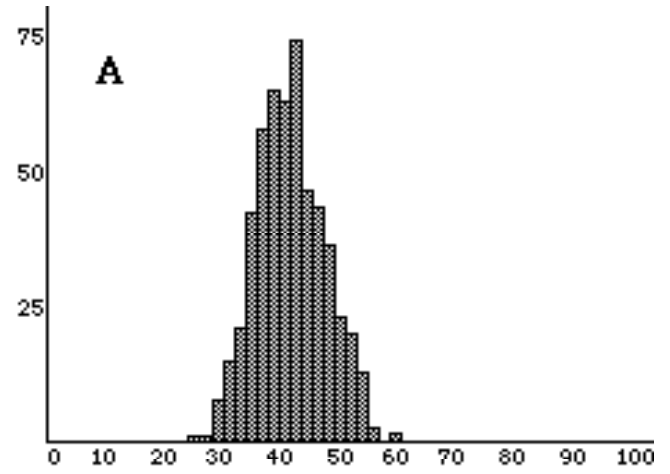
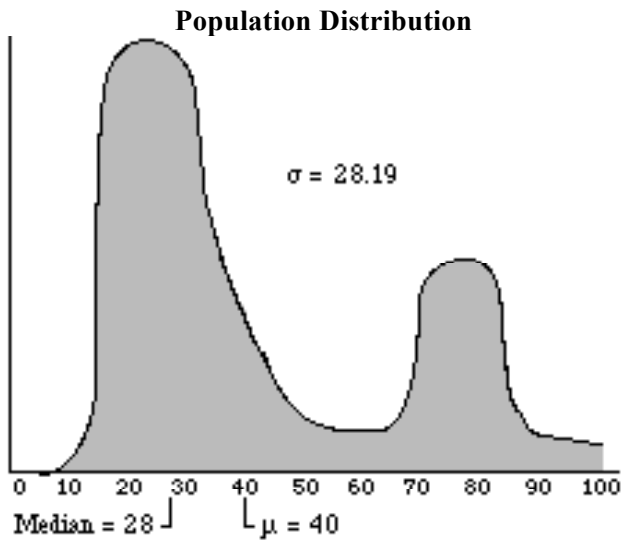
- The probability that a woman is Asian.
- The probability that a woman thinks she is the right weight.
- The probability of an Asian woman who thinks she is the right weight.
- The probability that an Asian woman thinks she is overweight.
- The probability that a European woman thinks she is overweight
- The probability that a woman who thinks she is overweight is Asian.
- Are ethnicity and body image independent?

5. The Department of Animal Regulations released information on pet ownership for the population consisting of all households in a particular county. Let the random variable X be the number of licensed dogs per household. The distribution for the random variable X is given below:

Value of X	0	1	2	3	4	5
Probability	0.52	0.22	0.13		0.03	0.01

- The probability for $X = 3$ is missing. What is it?
 - What is the probability that a randomly selected household from this community owns at least one licensed dog?
 - Find the cdf.
 - What is the average number of licensed dogs per household in this county?
6. You take samples from a population containing 62% students. Find the means and standard errors for the proportion of students in samples of $n = 100$ and of $n = 400$. What do you observe?
Mean is 62% for each sample.

7. The distribution for a population of test scores is displayed at the *top left*. The other five graphs, A to E, represent possible distributions of sample means for random samples drawn from the population.



Which graph approximates the distribution of sample means for 500 samples of size **4**? (circle one)

A B C D E

The standard deviation of the sampling distribution you chose is (check one):

Smaller _____ the same _____ Larger _____

than the standard deviation of the population?

Which graph represents a distribution of sample means for 500 samples of size **25**? (circle one)

A B C D E

What do you expect for the shape of the sampling distribution you chose in?

Shaped more like a normal distribution.

Shaped more like the population.

The standard deviation of the sampling distribution for $n = 4$ is

Smaller _____ the same _____ Larger _____

than the standard deviation of the sampling distribution you chose for $n = 25$?