

BUS 240
Formulas

Symbols of parameters and statistics

General

$$n! = 1 \times 2 \times 3 \times \dots \times n$$

$$\sum x_i = x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + \dots + x_i$$

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| μ = population mean | σ = population standard deviation |
| N = size of population | σ^2 = population variance |
| \bar{X} = sample mean | s = sample standard deviation |
| n = size of sample | s^2 = sample variance |

Chapter 3

Means:

$$\bar{X} = \frac{\sum x}{n} \quad \text{for raw sample data} \qquad \mu = \frac{\sum x}{N} \quad \text{for a population}$$

$$\bar{X} = \frac{\sum fx}{\sum f} \quad \text{for sample data sorted into a frequency table}$$

$$\bar{X} = \frac{\sum wx}{\sum w} \quad \text{for weighted sample data}$$

Measures of Dispersion:

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (x - \mu)^2}{N}} \quad \text{for a population}$$

$$s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (x - \bar{x})^2}{(n-1)}} \quad \text{for sample data}$$

$$s = \frac{\sqrt{n \sum x^2 - (\sum x)^2}}{\sqrt{n(n-1)}} \quad \text{shortcut formula for raw data}$$

$$s = \frac{\sqrt{n \sum fx^2 - (\sum fx)^2}}{\sqrt{n(n-1)}} \quad \text{shortcut formula for data sorted into a frequency table, and}$$
$$n = \sum f$$

$$MD = \frac{\sum |x - \bar{X}|}{n} \quad \text{for the mean deviation of a sample}$$

Chapter 5

$0 \leq P(x) \leq 1$ for any particular value of x

$\sum P(x) = 1.0$ for all possible values of x

$P(A) = 1 - P(\sim A)$ and $P(\sim A) = 1 - P(A)$ and $P(A) + P(\sim A) = 1$

Compound (joint) Probabilities

$P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B)$ if A, B are mutually exclusive

$P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \text{ and } B)$ if A, B are not mutually exclusive

$P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$ if A and B are independent

$P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A) \cdot P(B|A)$ if A and B are dependent

Counting Rules

$m \cdot n$ = total number of ways two events can occur together if the first event can occur m ways and the second n ways.

$n!$ = the number of ways n different items can be arranged (orders, sequences)

${}_n P_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$ the number of permutations (arrangements, orders, sequences) when r items are selected from n available items (order of selection important)

${}_n C_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)! r!}$ the number of combinations when r items are selected from n available items (order of selection not important)

Chapter 6

$\mu = \sum x \cdot P(x)$ mean for any discrete probability distribution

$\sigma = \sqrt{\sum [(x - \mu)^2 P(x)]}$ standard deviation for any discrete probability distribution

$\sigma = \sqrt{[\sum x^2 \cdot P(x)] - \mu^2}$ shortcut formula for standard deviation of a discrete probability distribution.

$$\mu = n \cdot \pi$$

mean for the special case of a **binomial** probability distribution, where n = sample size and π = probability of success on any one trial.

$$\sigma = \sqrt{n \cdot \pi \cdot (1 - \pi)}$$

standard deviation for the special case of a **binomial** probability distribution where n = sample size, π = probability of success on any one trial, and $1 - \pi$ = probability of failure on any one trial

$$P(x) = \frac{n!}{(n-x)! x!} \pi^x \cdot (1 - \pi)^{n-x}$$

binomial probability for any specific “ x ”, where n = sample size, π = probability of success on any one trial, and $1 - \pi$ = probability of failure on any one trial.

Chapter 7

For **continuous normal distributions**, the number of standard deviations “ z ” that a number “ x ” is from the mean “ μ ” is given by the formula

$$z = \frac{(x - \mu)}{\sigma} \quad \text{where } \sigma \text{ is the standard deviation of the normal distribution.}$$

If a normal distribution has the characteristics that $\mu = 0$ and $\sigma = 1$, then the distribution is **standard normal** and $x = z$

Chapter 8

Central Limit Theorem – distributions of the means of samples

$$z = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{(\sigma/\sqrt{n})} \quad \text{number of standard deviations of mean } \bar{X} \text{ of a sample of size “} n \text{” from the population mean.}$$

Chapter 9

Margin of Error (E):

$$E = (z_{\alpha/2} \cdot \sigma) / \sqrt{n} \quad \text{if } \sigma \text{ is known OR if } n \geq 30. \text{ For unknown } \sigma, \text{ use } s.$$

$$E = (t_{\alpha/2} \cdot s) / \sqrt{n} \quad \text{if } \sigma \text{ is unknown AND } n < 30 \text{ and the distribution is normal}$$

$$E = z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{p \cdot (1-p)}{n}} \quad \text{if the distribution is a binomial and } p = x/n \text{ is an estimate of the true population percentage } \pi$$

Confidence Interval:

$$\bar{X} - E \leq \mu \leq \bar{X} + E \quad \text{for a distribution of sample means}$$

$$p - E \leq \pi \leq p + E \quad \text{for a binomial distribution}$$

Sample Size Required for a Pre-determined Margin of Error:

$$n = \left(\frac{z_{\alpha/2} \cdot \sigma}{E} \right)^2 \quad \text{for a distribution of sample means}$$

$$n = \frac{p(1-p)(z_{\alpha/2})^2}{E^2} \quad \text{for a binomial distribution}$$

Chapter 10

Hypothesis Testing:

Null hypothesis H_0 : $\mu \leq$, $=$, or \geq claimed value

Alternate hypothesis H_1 : $\mu <$, \neq , or $>$ claimed value

Critical value: z-score or t-value related to the significance level α

Test statistic based on sample of size n:

If $n \geq 30$ or σ is known (for unknown σ use s) :

$$z = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{(\sigma/\sqrt{n})}$$

If $n < 30$ AND σ is unknown:

$$t = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{(s/\sqrt{n})}$$

If the distribution is binomial with $np \geq 5$ and $nq \geq 5$:

$$z = \frac{p - \pi}{\sqrt{[\pi(1-\pi)]/n}}$$

P-value:

P-value = $P(z > \text{test statistic})$ for positive test statistics

P-value = $P(z < \text{test statistic})$ for negative test statistics