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Statistics 1 Hints and Brief Pointers

Graphs

- When drawing a histogram, if the widths are unequal, find the frequency density and draw this on the vertical axis.
- When drawing a cumulative frequency graph, plot the value at the END of the group.
- Don't forget the three types of skewness; Positive – more data at the start, Symmetrical – more data in the middle and negative skew – more data at the end.



Data and Calculations

- Standard Deviation formula is $s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum x^2 - n\bar{x}^2}{n-1}}$.
- When identifying outliers from the mean and standard deviation, it is an outlier if it is more than 2 standard deviations away from the mean on either side.
- When finding outliers from the inter-quartile range, A value is an outlier if its distance from the nearer quartile is greater than 1.5 times the inter-quartile range.



Permutations and Combinations

- Permutations order is important e.g. finishing a race.
- Combinations – the order is not important e.g selecting people, national lottery.
- When you have more than one combination e.g. choosing 4 men and 2 women **MULTIPLY** the combinations.



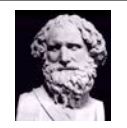
Probability

- We need to know and use the following three formula:
Independent Events: $P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A) \times P(B)$
Mutually Exclusive: $P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B)$
Not Mutually Exclusive (can happen at same time):
 $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$
- $P(A')$ is the notation for not happening.
- We need to know the following visual representations: Tree Diagram, Venn Diagram, Table sample space diagram.
- REMEMBER conditional probability – the word GIVEN. The denominator then changes to what has definitely happened i.e. the given condition.



Expectation and Variance from Tables

- EXPECTATION $E(X) = \text{Number} \times \text{Associated Probability}$ then ADD together.
- VARIANCE $\text{Var}(X) = \text{Number squared} \times \text{Associated Probability}$ then ADD together then SUBTRACT the expectation squared.



Binomial Distribution and Hypothesis Testing

- When using the tables, remember which number to read off from the table
 $P(X \leq \quad)$ Read off the number in the tables
 $P(X < \quad)$ Read off the number before in the tables
 $P(X = \quad)$ Number in table – number before it
 $P(X > \quad)$ 1 – Number in table
 $P(X \geq \quad)$ 1 – Number before in tables
- The binomial formula for values not in the tables is
 $P(X = r) = {}^n C_r \times p^r \times (1 - p)^{n-r}$ where r is what we want, n is the number of trials and p is the probability of success.
- For hypothesis testing there are 3 H1: $P <$ (read off the start of the table), $P >$ (read of the end of the table) and $P \neq$ (read off the start **and** end of the table – REMEMBER to HALVE the significance level).

