

**Ch. 1: Exploring Data**  
**AP STATS Learning Targets**

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- A. I can interpret and construct distribution displays for categorical data.**
- a. I can identify individuals and variables in a data set.
  - b. I can classify variables as categorical or quantitative.
  - c. I can interpret a pie chart.
  - d. I can construct and interpret a bar graph.
  - e. I can interpret and construct two-way tables.
  - f. I can identify what makes some graphs deceptive.
  - g. I can determine the most appropriate display for a given data set.
- B. I can describe the relationship between two categorical variables.**
- a. I can calculate marginal and conditional distributions.
  - b. I can organize a statistical problem.
  - c. I can construct side-by-side bar graphs to display the relationship between two variables.
- C. I can construct and interpret distribution displays for quantitative data.**
- a. I can identify individuals and variables in a data set.
  - b. I can classify variables as categorical or quantitative.
  - c. I can identify units of measurement for a quantitative variable.
  - d. I can identify what makes some graphs deceptive.
  - e. I can construct and interpret dotplots, stemplots, and histograms.
  - f. I can determine the most appropriate display for a given data set.
- D. I can compare distributions for quantitative variables.**
- a. I can describe the overall pattern of a distribution (shape, center, spread) and identify major departures from the pattern (outliers).
  - b. I can identify the shape of a distribution as roughly symmetric or skewed.
  - c. I can identify the number of modes and identify and gaps or clusters of data.
  - d. I can construct a boxplot using a 5-number summary.
  - e. I can determine which graphs and numerical summaries are appropriate to compare distributions of quantitative variables.
- E. I can calculate and interpret numerical summaries for quantitative data.**
- a. I can calculate and interpret the mean and median of a data set.
  - b. I can calculate and interpret standard deviation and IQR.
  - c. I can identify outliers.
  - d. I can determine and justify which measure of center and which measure of spread is appropriate for a given distribution.

## Ch. 2: Modeling Distributions of Data

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- A. I can measure position, using percentiles.**
- I can use percentiles to locate individual values within distributions of data.
  - I can calculate the percentile for a value in a distribution.
- B. I can transform data.**
- I can describe the effect adding, subtracting, multiplying by, or by a constant on the shape, center, and spread of a distribution of data.
- C. I can measure position, using z-scores.**
- I can find the standardized value (z-score) of an observation.
  - I can interpret z-scores in context.
- D. I can construct and interpret ogives.**
- I can interpret a cumulative relative frequency graph.
  - I can calculate relative frequency and relative cumulative frequency.
- E. I can define and describe density curves.**
- I can approximately locate the median (equal-areas point) and mean (balance point) on a density curve.
  - I can explain why a curve is or is not a “density curve.”
- F. I can describe location in a normal distribution.**
- I can explain the 68-95-99.7 rule (a.k.a. the Empirical Rule) and use it to solve problems.
  - I can use the standard Normal distribution to calculate the proportion of values in a specified interval.
  - I can make an appropriate graph to determine whether a distribution is bell-shaped.
  - I can assess Normality of a data set.
  - I can interpret a Normal probability plot.
  - I can describe shape, center, and spread of the “Standard Normal Distribution.”

### Ch. 3: Describing Relationships

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#### **A. I can interpret scatterplots.**

- a. I can identify explanatory and response variables.
- b. I can construct scatterplots to display relationships.
- c. I can examine a scatterplot for direction, form, strength, type of relationship, context, and outliers.

#### **B. I can interpret correlation.**

- a. I can measure linear association using correlation.
- b. I can calculate correlation to determine strength and direction of a linear association.
- c. I can interpret the properties of a calculated correlation.

#### **C. I can interpret a regression line.**

- a. I can calculate the equation for the least-squares regression line (LSRL) using a calculator AND using formulas.
- b. I can interpret the slope and y-intercept of a least-squares regression line in the context of the problem.
- c. I can determine how well a line fits observed data.
- d. I can interpret the coefficient of determination  $r^2$  and describe its properties.
- e. I can make predictions based on the model.
- f. I can make statements about the accuracy of my predictions.
- g. I can explain the difference between an outlier and “influential observation” in the context of a paired data set.
- h. I can find  $r^2$  and the LSRL slope and y-intercept in computer output.

#### **D. I can construct and interpret residual plots.**

- a. I can calculate residuals.
- b. I can explain what a residual is.
- c. I can determine how well a line fits observed data based on a residual plot.

**Ch. 4: Designing Studies**  
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- A. I can describe sampling methods and determine which type is most appropriate for a given situation. simple random samples, stratified random samples and cluster samples.**
- a. I can identify the population and sample in a sample survey.
  - b. I can identify voluntary response samples and convenience samples.
  - c. I can explain how bad sampling methods can lead to bias.
  - d. I can identify simple random samples, stratified random samples, and cluster samples.
  - e. I can give advantages and disadvantages of each sampling method.
  - f. I can describe how to use a table of random digits to select a simple random sample (SRS).
  - g. I can identify situations that involve a “lurking variable” and explain how it may impact the results.
- B. I can distinguish observational studies from experiments.**
- a. I can explain how under-coverage, nonresponse, and question wording can lead to bias in a sample survey.
  - b. I can explain how a lurking variable in an observational study can lead to confounding.
  - c. I can determine whether an association between two variables is caused by causation, common response, or confounding.
  - d. I can describe a completely randomized design for an experiment.
  - e. I can describe how to avoid the placebo effect in an experiment.
  - f. I can explain the meaning and the purpose of blinding in an experiment.
  - g. I can apply the three principles of experimental design.
- C. I can design comparative experiments utilizing completely randomized designs and randomized block designs, including matched pairs design.**
- a. I can distinguish between a completely randomized design and a randomized block design.
  - b. I can explain why random assignment is an important experimental design principle.
  - c. I can explain in context what “statistically significant” means.
  - d. I know when a matched pairs experimental design is appropriate and how to implement such a design.
- D. I can use studies wisely.**
- a. I can describe the challenges of establishing causation.
  - b. I can define the scope of inference.
  - c. I can evaluate whether a statistical study has been carried out in an ethical manner.

**Ch. 5: Probability**  
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**A. I can describe the idea of probability.**

- a. I can describe myths about randomness.
- b. I can interpret probability as a long-run relative frequency.

**B. I can design and perform simulations.**

- a. I can assign digits to appropriately model given probabilities.
- b. I can describe the process for using a random digit table or other device to run trial of a simulation.
- c. I can calculate the probability estimate after running the simulation.

**C. I can describe and calculate chance behavior with a probability model.**

- a. I can define and apply basic rules of probability.
- b. I can determine probability from two-way tables and tree diagrams.
- c. I can construct Venn Diagrams and determine probabilities.
- d. I can use basic probability rules, including the complement rule and the addition rule for mutually exclusive events.
- e. I can use the general additional rule to calculate to union of events.

**D. I can interpret and calculate conditional probabilities.**

- a. I can define and compute conditional probabilities.
- b. I can find the probability that events occur using a two-way table and/or tree diagram.
- c. I can construct a two-way table and display the data in an appropriate graph.

**E. I can describe independence.**

- a. I can describe chance behavior with a tree diagram.
- b. I can define independent events.
- c. I can determine whether two events are independent using three different methods.
- d. I can apply the general multiplication rule to solve probability questions.

**Ch. 6: Random Variables**  
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- A. I can apply the concept of discrete random variables to a variety of settings.**
- a. I can define a random variable.
  - b. I can define a probability distribution.
  - c. I can use a probability distribution to answer questions about possible values of a random variable.
  - d. I can calculate and interpret the mean (expected variable) of a discrete random variable and explain what it measures.
  - e. I can calculate and interpret the standard deviation (and variance) of a discrete random variable and explain what it measures.
  - f. I can apply the law of large numbers to interpret the expected value and standard deviation of a random variable.
- B. I can describe continuous random variables.**
- a. I can explain the difference between discrete and continuous random variables.
  - b. I can find probabilities in a continuous probability distribution.
  - c. I can determine the probability distribution of an individual outcome in a continuous probability distribution.
- C. I can describe the effect of performing a linear transformation on a discrete random variable.**
- a. I can describe the effects of transforming a random variable by adding or subtracting a constant and multiply or dividing by a constant.
  - b. I can calculate the mean, variance, and standard deviation of a random variable after a linear transformation has been applied.
- D. I can combine random variables and calculate the resulting mean and standard deviation.**
- a. I can determine if two random variables are independent.
  - b. I can find the mean and standard deviation of the sum or difference of independent random variables.
  - c. I can calculate and interpret probabilities involving combinations of Normal random variables.
- E. I can compute and interpret probabilities involving binomial and geometric random variables.**
- a. I can determine whether the conditions for a binomial/geometric setting have been met.
  - b. I can calculate the mean and standard deviation of a binomial/geometric random variable and interpret these values in context.
  - c. I can calculate probabilities involving geometric/binomial random variables.

## **Ch. 7: Sampling Distributions**

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#### **A. I can define a sampling distribution.**

- a. I can distinguish between a parameter and a statistic.
- b. I can determine whether a number in a problem is a parameter or a statistic.
- c. I can recognize and use symbols to differentiate between the sample and population mean, standard deviation, and proportion.
- d. I can distinguish between population distribution, sampling distribution, and the distribution of sample data.
- e. I can determine whether a statistic is an unbiased estimator of a population parameter.
- f. I can understand the relationship between sample size and the variability of an estimator.

#### **B. I can evaluate a claim about a population proportion using the sampling distribution of the sample proportion.**

- a. I can find the mean and standard deviation of the sampling distribution of a sample proportion and describe what these measure.
- b. I can differentiate between means and proportions in problems.
- c. I can determine whether or not it is appropriate to use a Normal approximation to calculate probabilities involving sample proportions.
- d. I can calculate probabilities involving the sample proportion.

#### **C. I can evaluate a claim about a population mean using the sampling distribution of the sample mean.**

- a. I can find the mean and standard deviation of the sampling distribution of a sample mean and describe what they measure.
- b. I can calculate probabilities involving a sample mean when the population distribution is Normal.
- c. I can explain how the shape of the sampling distribution of sample means is related to the shape of the population distribution.
- d. I can apply the central limit theorem to help find probabilities involving a sample mean.

## Ch. 8: Estimating with Confidence

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#### **A. I can interpret confidence intervals.**

- a. I can interpret a confidence level.
- b. I can interpret a confidence interval in context.
- c. I can describe how a confidence interval gives a range of plausible values for the parameter.
- d. I can explain what “95% confidence” (or any other confidence level) means.
- e. I can describe the inference conditions necessary to construct confidence intervals.
- f. I can explain practical issues that can affect the interpretation of a confidence interval.
- g. I can identify the estimate and margin of error in a confidence interval.

#### **B. I can construct and interpret a confidence interval for a population proportion.**

- a. I can determine the sample size required to obtain a level C confidence interval for a population proportion with a specified margin of error.
- b. I can describe how the margin of error of a confidence interval changes with the sample size and level of confidence C.
- c. I can do the write-up for a one-sample z interval using the Inference Toolbox, including:
  - i. Stating what we are interested in.
  - ii. Explaining whether the conditions have been met.
  - iii. Showing how to calculate the interval.
  - iv. Interpreting the interval.

#### **C. I can construct and interpret a confidence interval for a population mean.**

- a. I can determine the sample size required to obtain a level C confidence interval for a population mean with a specified margin of error.
- b. I can describe how the margin of error of a confidence interval changes with the sample size and level of confidence C.
- c. I can do the write-up for a one-sample z interval using the Inference Toolbox.
- d. I can do the write-up for a one-sample t interval using the Inference Toolbox.
- e. I can determine when to use a t procedure vs. a z procedure.
- f. I can describe how confidence intervals are affected by changes to the confidence level, population standard deviation, and sample size.
- g. I can determine when and which inference conditions are robust.

**Ch. 9: Testing a Claim**  
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**A. I can describe the logic of statistical tests.**

- a. I can state correct hypotheses for a significance test about a population proportion or mean.
- b. I can interpret P-values in context.
- c. I can interpret a Type I error and a Type II error in context, and give the consequences of each.
- d. I can understand the relationship between the significance level of a test, P(Type II error) , and power.

**B. I can perform tests about population proportions.**

- a. I can check conditions for carrying out a test about a population proportion.
- b. I can conduct a significance test about a population proportion.
- c. I can use a confidence interval to draw a conclusion for a two-sided test about a population proportion.

**C. I can perform tests about population means.**

- a. I can check conditions for carrying out a test about a population mean.
- b. I can conduct a one-sample t test about a population mean.
- c. I can determine sample statistics from a confidence interval.
- d. I can use a confidence interval to draw a conclusion for a two-sided test about a population mean.
- e. I can perform significance tests for paired data.

## Ch. 10: Comparing Two Populations

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- A. I can perform an inference procedure to compare two population proportions.**
- I can describe the characteristics of the sampling distribution of  $\widehat{p}_1 - \widehat{p}_2$ .
  - I can determine whether the conditions of performing inference are met.
  - I can construct and interpret a confidence interval to compare two proportions.
  - I can perform a significance test to compare two proportions.
  - I can interpret the results of inference procedures in a randomized experiment.
- B. I can perform an inference procedure to compare two population means.**
- I can describe the characteristics of the sampling distribution of  $\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2$ .
  - I can determine whether the conditions of performing inference are met.
  - I can use two-sample t procedures to compare two means based on summary statistics or raw data.
  - I can interpret standard computer output for two-sample t procedures.
  - I can perform a significance test to compare two means.
  - I can check conditions for using two-sample t procedures in a randomized experiment.
  - I can interpret the results of inference procedures in a randomized experiment.
- C. I can determine the proper inference procedure to use in a given setting.**

**Ch. 11: Inference for Categorical Data**  
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- A. I can perform a chi-square goodness of fit test.**
- a. I can compute expected counts, conditional distribution, and contributions to the chi-square statistic.
  - b. I can determine whether the conditions of performing a chi-square test are met.
  - c. I can examine individual components of a chi-square statistic as part of follow-up analysis.
- B. I can perform an inference procedure for distributions of categorical data.**
- a. I can perform a chi-square test for homogeneity to determine whether the distribution of categorical variables differ for several populations or treatments.
  - b. I can perform a chi-square test for association/independence to determine whether there is convincing evidence of an association between to categorical variables.
  - c. I can interpret computer output for a chi-square test based on a two-way table.

**Ch. 12: Regression**  
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- A. I can perform an inference procedure for a linear regression.**
- a. I can check conditions for performing inference about the slope  $\beta$  of a population regression line.
  - b. I can construct and interpret a confidence interval for the slope  $\beta$  of a population regression line.
  - c. I can perform a significance test about the slope  $\beta$  of a population regression line.
  - d. I can interpret computer output of a least-squares regression analysis.
- B. I can use transformations to achieve linearity for a relationship between two variables.**
- a. I can use transformations involving powers and roots to achieve linearity for a relationship between two variables.
  - b. I can make predictions from a least-squares regression line involving transformed data.
  - c. I can use transformations involving logarithms to achieve linearity for a relationship between two variables.
  - d. I can determine which of several transformations does a better job of producing linearity.