

# Subject: Leaving Certificate Maths

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## Lesson 13: Statistics II

### 13.1 Learning Intentions

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### 13.2 Specification

Students learn about	Students working at OL should be able to	In addition, students working at HL should be able to
<b>1.7 Analysing, interpreting and drawing inferences from data</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– recognise how sampling variability influences the use of sample information to make statements about the population</li><li>– use appropriate tools to describe variability drawing inferences about the population from the sample</li><li>– interpret the analysis and relate the interpretation to the original question</li><li>– interpret a histogram in terms of distribution of data</li><li>– make decisions based on the empirical rule</li><li>– recognise the concept of a hypothesis test</li><li>– calculate the margin of error (<math>\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}</math>) for a population proportion*</li><li>– conduct a hypothesis test on a population proportion using the margin of error</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– build on the concept of margin of error and understand that increased confidence level implies wider intervals</li><li>– construct 95% confidence intervals for the population mean from a large sample and for the population proportion, in both cases using z tables</li><li>– use sampling distributions as the basis for informal inference</li><li>– perform univariate large sample tests of the population mean (two-tailed z-test only)</li><li>– use and interpret p-values</li></ul>
	<b>Numerical</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– recognise standard deviation and interquartile range as measures of variability</li><li>– use a calculator to calculate standard deviation</li><li>– find quartiles and the interquartile range</li><li>– use the interquartile range appropriately when analysing data</li><li>– recognise the existence of outliers</li></ul>	<b>Numerical</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– recognise the effect of outliers</li><li>– use percentiles to assign relative standing</li></ul>

### 13.3 Chief Examiner's Report

Section	Q	Mean Mark	Mean Mark (%)	Mark Ranking (Paper)	Main Topic
A	1	21.6	84	1	Probability
A	2	14.8	59	6	Inferential statistics

### 13.4 Central Tendency

These measures are commonly known as AVERAGES

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Measures of central values only give us an one description of the data. They don't give any information on the spread of the data.

#### Range

Range = Max - Min

*Interquartile Range*

I.Q.R. =  $Q_3 - Q_1$

*3 Quartiles:*

Lower  
Median  
Upper

#### Standard Deviation

Average spread from the mean

Caters for all values in set unlike range or I.Q.R.

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (x - \bar{x})^2}{n}}$$

$\bar{x}$  = mean

## Standard Deviation

The below data set is the cost of a packet of multivitamin tablets:

Roots = €28.99

VitaBita= €27.99

Nurture's Hay = €29.99

X= €30.50

The health shore= €31.29

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\sum \frac{(x - \bar{x})^2}{n}}$$

$x$	$\bar{x}$	Difference ( $d = x - \bar{x}$ )	Difference Squared ( $d^2 = (x - \bar{x})^2$ )
28.99	29.75	-0.76	0.58
27.99	29.75	-1.76	3.1
29.99	29.75	0.24	0.06
30.50	29.75	0.75	0.56
31.29	29.75	1.54	2.37
			6.67

### 13.6 Percentile

Another analysis tool we have is to compare the data points to the other points in the set.

This method divides the data into 100 equal parts

$P_1, P_2, \dots, P_{99}$

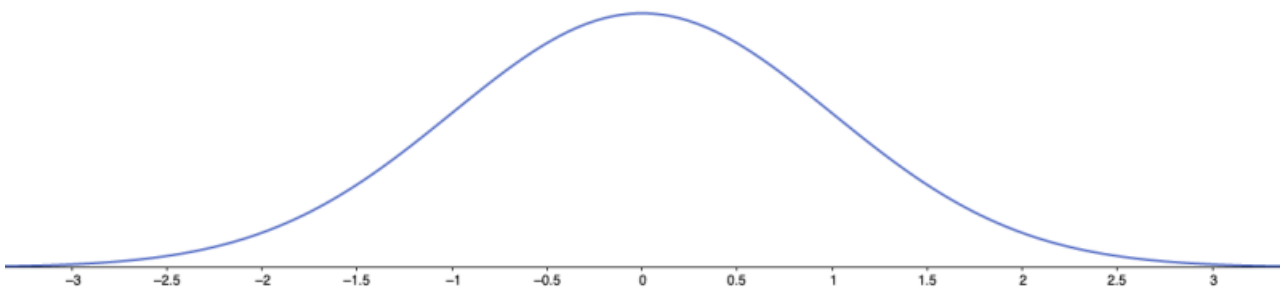
Each percentile represents the percentage data points below that score.

Calculate a value for  $P_k$

$$c = \frac{n \times k}{100}$$

- 1) If  $c$  is a whole number, choose that data point and the next one, divide their sum by 2.
- 2) If  $c$  is not whole, then round value to nearest whole number.
- 3) The value obtained from either step **1** or **2** is the Percentile

### 13.7 Normal Distribution & Empirical Rule



In order to work with a normal distribution our data set **must** be normal. Once that is the case, we can take a data point we are interested in and turn it into something called a z-score. This allows us to analyse the data in terms of probability.

To get a z-score we can use the following:

$$z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{\sigma}$$

Once we have a z-score we can then find the probability of a particular event. For example. Take a sample of people's heights. These are normally distributed. If I want to know what is the probability that a person chosen at random will have a height between two values, less than a particular value etc. I can do this using z-scores. To do this we use our Tables book (pages 36 and 37).

A random variable  $X$  follows a normal distribution with a mean of 60 and standard deviation of 5.

i) Find  $P(X \leq 68)$

ii) Find  $P(52 \leq X \leq 68)$

## 13.8 Confidence Intervals & Margin of Error (Proportion)

In 13.7 we were dealing with proportions or fractions of a sample. For example, 40% of this sample have brown hair. Sometimes, we can be asked to deal with the means of samples. In questions of this type we will be given information of the mean and not the proportion. This changes our interval make up ever so slightly.

The main change is in the error and the fact we are now dealing with a mean. So we do not know the population mean ( $\mu$ ) we only know the sample mean ( $\bar{x}$ ) so if we are trying to make an interval around the population mean it would look something like this:

$$\bar{x} - 2\sigma \leq \mu \leq \bar{x} + 2\sigma$$

We also have the change to our error, which in this case is:

$$\sigma_{\bar{x}} = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$$

So now factoring in the more accurate 1.96 we have an interval for the population mean that looks like this:

$$\bar{x} - 1.96 \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \leq \mu \leq \bar{x} + 1.96 \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$$

### Question:

In a random sample of 500 eye-phones, a group of scientists were testing how many times could they drop the phone from a set height until the screen cracked. The mean number of times was 258 and there was a standard deviation of 13.

- i) Construct a 95% confidence interval for the mean number of drops for any eye-phone before the screen cracked

## 13.9 Recap of the Learning Intentions

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## 13.10 Homework Task

### Question:

**60 marks**

Acme Confectionery makes cakes and chocolate bars.

- a. (i) Acme Confectionery has launched a new bar called Chocolate Crunch. The weight of these new bars are normally distributed with a mean of 4.65 g and a standard deviation of 0.12 g. A sample of 10 bars is selected at random and the mean weight of the sample is found.

Find the probability that the mean weight of the sample is between 4.6 g and 4.7 g.

(ii) A company surveyed 400 people, chosen from the population of people who had bought at least one Chocolate Crunch bar.

Of those surveyed, 324 of them said they liked the new bar.

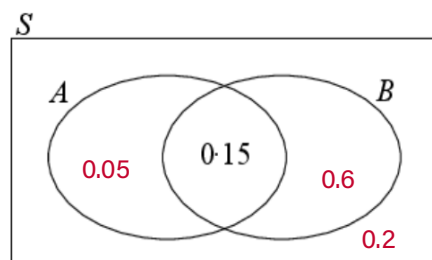
Create the 95% confidence interval for the population proportion who liked the new bar.

Give your answer correct to 2 decimal places.

**13.11 Solutions to 12.15**

Two events **A** and **B** are such that  $P(A)=0.2$ ,  $P(A \cap B)=0.15$  and  $P(\bar{A} \cap B)=0.6$ .

- a. Complete this Venn diagram



- b. Find the probability that neither A nor B happens. **0.2**

- c. Find the conditional probability  $P(A|B)$ .

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

$$P(A|B) = \frac{0.15}{0.75} = 0.2$$

- d. State whether A and B are independent events and justify your answer.

**Yes they are independent as,  $P(A|B) = P(A) = 0.2$**