Test 2 covers the following topics:

The binomial distribution This describes the number of successes in *n* independent trials

The normal distribution The bell shaped curve

- The Central Limit Theorem This theorem describes the distribution of the sample mean \bar{x} as n, the sample size, gets large.
- **Sampling distributions** In general, a statistic summarizes a random sample an consequently is a random variable. A statistics distribution is known as a sampling distribution. We only spoke about \hat{p} and \bar{x} , but the topic is more general.
- Confidence intervals for p given \hat{p} Recall the $(1 \alpha) \cdot 100\%$ confidence interval for p given \hat{p} is

$$\hat{p} - a\mathsf{SE}(\hat{p}) \le p \le \hat{p} + a\mathsf{SE}(\hat{p}),$$

where a is related to α by the normal distribution: $P(-a \le Z \le a) = 1 - \alpha$, or $P(Z \ge a) = \alpha/2$.

Some sample problems I might ask would be:

1. If X is binomial with n = 5 and p = 1/4 find all of the following:

$$E(X)$$
, $SD(X)$, $P(X=3)$, $P(X \le 1)$

- 2. Suppose X is binomial with n = 4 and p = 1/2 and Y is binomial with n = 6 and p = 1/3. Which is more likely P(X = 2) or P(Y = 2)?
- 3. To see how effective text-messaging is for contacted students, 100 text messages were sent to 100 randomly chosen students. If the probability of being read is p = .75 compute the expected number read. Find the z score for 80 being read.
- 4. Let Z be a standard normal Find the following:

$$P(Z < 1), P(Z \le 2.3), P(Z \ge 1.23), P(-1 \le Z \le 1/2)$$

5. Again, let Z be a standard normal. Find z for each

$$P(Z \le z) = .32, \quad P(Z \ge z) = 0.10$$

6. Let Y be a normal random variable with mean 10 and standard deviation 20. Find

P(Y > 10), P(Y > 20), P(Y > 31), P(15 < Y < 25)

7. Let X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_{16} is random sample for a normal population with mean 10 and standard deviation 20. Find the following

 $P(\bar{x} > 10), P(\bar{x} > 20), P(\bar{x} > 31), P(15 < \bar{x} < 25)$

- 8. Suppose waist sizes are normally distributed with a mean of 92 cm and standard deviation of 11cm. Let Y denote a randomly chosen waist, find
 - (a) $P(Y \ge 100)$.
 - (b) $P(Y \ge y) = 0.80$
- 9. Suppose X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n is a random sample from a population with mean μ and standard deviation σ . Which of these statements actually makes sense?
 - (a) The sample mean is the population mean.
 - (b) The mean of the sample mean is the population mean.
 - (c) the standard deviation of the sample mean is the population standard deviation.
 - (d) The distribution of the sample mean (for large n) is not the population distribution but the normal distribution.
- 10. A survey of 365 Connecticut residents found a 60% supported current Senator Joe Lieberman. Find a 90% confidence interval for the population proportion.
- 11. A random sample of 50 people finds 46% agree with some proposition.

What is the margin of error?

Is .5 in the 95% CI based for π based on this sample?

How large would *n* need to be so that if $\hat{p} = .46$ you would be sure that p = .5 is not in the 95% CI for *p* given by \hat{p} . (Set the margin of error to 0.04)

- 12. The confidence interval for p based on \hat{p} requires a random sample from the population. Explain why this isn't the case in the following scenarios:
 - (a) The population is all US teens. The sample contains 1200 myspace users.
 - (b) The population is all people with colds. The sample contained only people who used homeopathic remedies.
 - (c) The population is all US teens. The sample is made up of the 120 friends listed by a myspace user.