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**MAT 103**  
**Statistics I**

**Final Exam**

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**Problem 1.** University of California, Berkeley graduate division admitted 44% of male and 35% of female applicants in the Fall of 1973.

Noticing this apparent discrepancy, Eugene A. Hammel, then the Associate Dean of the Graduate Division,<sup>1</sup> asked Peter Bickel, then a professor of statistics at Berkeley, to analyze the data. The results of that analysis<sup>2</sup> became one of the most widely cited examples of the statistical phenomenon called *Simpson's Paradox*. In this problem, we explore this phenomenon and its ramifications.

The original paper by Bickel et al. does not contain the raw data on the individual departments, but the Data Science Discovery platform<sup>3</sup> has a data set covering all the 12,763 applicants from the original study. It obscures the specific department names, but identifies the six most popular departments by the department codes A, B, C, D, E and F. In this problem, we will focus only on those six departments, and — in the interest of time — we will further group them into two groups. The departments A and B will form the “easy-to-get-into” group, and departments C, D, E and F will make up the “hard-to-get-into” group. The effect of the Simpson's paradox becomes even more pronounced when only those six departments are considered.

(1). Based on the aggregated six-department data:

|          | Male  | Female |
|----------|-------|--------|
| Accepted | 1,511 | 557    |
| Rejected | 1,493 | 1,278  |

compute and compare the conditional probabilities:

$$P(\text{Accepted}|\text{Male}) =$$

$$P(\text{Accepted}|\text{Female}) =$$

and determine if there has been a bias against women in graduate admissions.

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<sup>1</sup>see Cari Tuna (2009) “When Combined Data Reveal the Flaw of Averages”, A Wall Street Journal interview with Peter Bickel, <https://www.wsj.com/articles/SB125970744553071829>,

<sup>2</sup>Bickel, P. J., Hammel, E. A., and O'Connell, J. W. (1975) “Sex bias in graduate admissions: Data from Berkeley”, *Science*, 187, 398–403, [http://brenocon.com/science\\_1975\\_sex\\_bias\\_graduate\\_admissions\\_data\\_berkeley.pdf](http://brenocon.com/science_1975_sex_bias_graduate_admissions_data_berkeley.pdf)

<sup>3</sup>Berkeley's 1973 Graduate Admissions Dataset, Data Science Discovery, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, <https://discovery.cs.illinois.edu/dataset/berkeley/>

(2). Graduate admission decisions are made by individual departments. In the attempt to “look for the responsible parties”, Professor Bickel and his colleagues analyzed data for each of the 101 departments separately. We will use a much more coarse analysis, grouping the six most popular departments into two groups and analyzing the admissions data for those two groups.

Here is the statistics for the easy-to-get-into departments (those labelled as “A” and “B” in the Data Science Discovery dataset):

| <b>Easy</b>     | <b>Male</b> | <b>Female</b> |
|-----------------|-------------|---------------|
| <b>Accepted</b> | 1,178       | 106           |
| <b>Rejected</b> | 520         | 27            |

and for the hard-to-get-into departments (labelled “C”, “D”, “E” and “F” in the same dataset):

| <b>Hard</b>     | <b>Male</b> | <b>Female</b> |
|-----------------|-------------|---------------|
| <b>Accepted</b> | 333         | 451           |
| <b>Rejected</b> | 973         | 1,251         |

Compute and compare the conditional probabilities:

$$P(\text{Accepted}|\text{Male}) =$$

$$P(\text{Accepted}|\text{Female}) =$$

separately for the easy-to-get-into and hard-to-get-into departments.

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**(3).** What overall conclusion can you draw from this analysis of admissions data? Did Berkeley discriminate against women in their fall 1973 graduate admissions?

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**Problem 2.** A grain mill manufactures 100-pound bags of flour for sale in restaurant-supply warehouses. Historically, the weights of bags of flour manufactured at the mill were normally distributed with a mean  $\mu = 100$  pounds and a standard deviation  $\sigma = 15$  pounds.

(1). What is the probability that the weight of a randomly selected bag of flour falls between 94 and 106 pounds? Use the table of Standard Normal Distribution included at the end of this exam.

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(2). If samples of 36 bags are taken, what is the  $\sigma_{\bar{X}}$ , the standard error of the mean?

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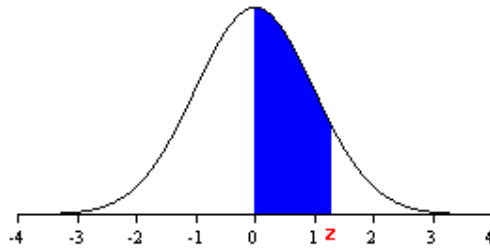
(3). What is the probability that a sample of 36 bags of flour has a mean weight between 94 and 106 pounds?

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(4). Suppose the mill wants to determine if the equipment used for automatic measurement and packing of the flour bags needs readjustment. The mill engineers take a sample of 36 bags of flour and determine that its mean is 106 pounds. If they decide to readjust the equipment, how confident can they be about their decision?

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# Standard Normal Distribution



| <b>z</b>    | <b>0.00</b> | <b>0.01</b> | <b>0.02</b> | <b>0.03</b> | <b>0.04</b> | <b>0.05</b> | <b>0.06</b> | <b>0.07</b> | <b>0.08</b> | <b>0.09</b> |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>0.00</b> | 0.0000      | 0.0040      | 0.0080      | 0.0120      | 0.0160      | 0.0199      | 0.0239      | 0.0279      | 0.0319      | 0.0359      |
| <b>0.10</b> | 0.0398      | 0.0438      | 0.0478      | 0.0517      | 0.0557      | 0.0596      | 0.0636      | 0.0675      | 0.0714      | 0.0753      |
| <b>0.20</b> | 0.0793      | 0.0832      | 0.0871      | 0.0910      | 0.0948      | 0.0987      | 0.1026      | 0.1064      | 0.1103      | 0.1141      |
| <b>0.30</b> | 0.1179      | 0.1217      | 0.1255      | 0.1293      | 0.1331      | 0.1368      | 0.1406      | 0.1443      | 0.1480      | 0.1517      |
| <b>0.40</b> | 0.1554      | 0.1591      | 0.1628      | 0.1664      | 0.1700      | 0.1736      | 0.1772      | 0.1808      | 0.1844      | 0.1879      |
| <b>0.50</b> | 0.1915      | 0.1950      | 0.1985      | 0.2019      | 0.2054      | 0.2088      | 0.2123      | 0.2157      | 0.2190      | 0.2224      |
| <b>0.60</b> | 0.2257      | 0.2291      | 0.2324      | 0.2357      | 0.2389      | 0.2422      | 0.2454      | 0.2486      | 0.2517      | 0.2549      |
| <b>0.70</b> | 0.2580      | 0.2611      | 0.2642      | 0.2673      | 0.2704      | 0.2734      | 0.2764      | 0.2794      | 0.2823      | 0.2852      |
| <b>0.80</b> | 0.2881      | 0.2910      | 0.2939      | 0.2967      | 0.2995      | 0.3023      | 0.3051      | 0.3078      | 0.3106      | 0.3133      |
| <b>0.90</b> | 0.3159      | 0.3186      | 0.3212      | 0.3238      | 0.3264      | 0.3289      | 0.3315      | 0.3340      | 0.3365      | 0.3389      |
| <b>1.00</b> | 0.3413      | 0.3438      | 0.3461      | 0.3485      | 0.3508      | 0.3531      | 0.3554      | 0.3577      | 0.3599      | 0.3621      |
| <b>1.10</b> | 0.3643      | 0.3665      | 0.3686      | 0.3708      | 0.3729      | 0.3749      | 0.3770      | 0.3790      | 0.3810      | 0.3830      |
| <b>1.20</b> | 0.3849      | 0.3869      | 0.3888      | 0.3907      | 0.3925      | 0.3944      | 0.3962      | 0.3980      | 0.3997      | 0.4015      |
| <b>1.30</b> | 0.4032      | 0.4049      | 0.4066      | 0.4082      | 0.4099      | 0.4115      | 0.4131      | 0.4147      | 0.4162      | 0.4177      |
| <b>1.40</b> | 0.4192      | 0.4207      | 0.4222      | 0.4236      | 0.4251      | 0.4265      | 0.4279      | 0.4292      | 0.4306      | 0.4319      |
| <b>1.50</b> | 0.4332      | 0.4345      | 0.4357      | 0.4370      | 0.4382      | 0.4394      | 0.4406      | 0.4418      | 0.4429      | 0.4441      |
| <b>1.60</b> | 0.4452      | 0.4463      | 0.4474      | 0.4484      | 0.4495      | 0.4505      | 0.4515      | 0.4525      | 0.4535      | 0.4545      |
| <b>1.70</b> | 0.4554      | 0.4564      | 0.4573      | 0.4582      | 0.4591      | 0.4599      | 0.4608      | 0.4616      | 0.4625      | 0.4633      |
| <b>1.80</b> | 0.4641      | 0.4649      | 0.4656      | 0.4664      | 0.4671      | 0.4678      | 0.4686      | 0.4693      | 0.4699      | 0.4706      |
| <b>1.90</b> | 0.4713      | 0.4719      | 0.4726      | 0.4732      | 0.4738      | 0.4744      | 0.4750      | 0.4756      | 0.4761      | 0.4767      |
| <b>2.00</b> | 0.4772      | 0.4778      | 0.4783      | 0.4788      | 0.4793      | 0.4798      | 0.4803      | 0.4808      | 0.4812      | 0.4817      |
| <b>2.10</b> | 0.4821      | 0.4826      | 0.4830      | 0.4834      | 0.4838      | 0.4842      | 0.4846      | 0.4850      | 0.4854      | 0.4857      |
| <b>2.20</b> | 0.4861      | 0.4864      | 0.4868      | 0.4871      | 0.4875      | 0.4878      | 0.4881      | 0.4884      | 0.4887      | 0.4890      |
| <b>2.30</b> | 0.4893      | 0.4896      | 0.4898      | 0.4901      | 0.4904      | 0.4906      | 0.4909      | 0.4911      | 0.4913      | 0.4916      |
| <b>2.40</b> | 0.4918      | 0.4920      | 0.4922      | 0.4925      | 0.4927      | 0.4929      | 0.4931      | 0.4932      | 0.4934      | 0.4936      |
| <b>2.50</b> | 0.4938      | 0.4940      | 0.4941      | 0.4943      | 0.4945      | 0.4946      | 0.4948      | 0.4949      | 0.4951      | 0.4952      |
| <b>2.60</b> | 0.4953      | 0.4955      | 0.4956      | 0.4957      | 0.4959      | 0.4960      | 0.4961      | 0.4962      | 0.4963      | 0.4964      |
| <b>2.70</b> | 0.4965      | 0.4966      | 0.4967      | 0.4968      | 0.4969      | 0.4970      | 0.4971      | 0.4972      | 0.4973      | 0.4974      |
| <b>2.80</b> | 0.4974      | 0.4975      | 0.4976      | 0.4977      | 0.4977      | 0.4978      | 0.4979      | 0.4979      | 0.4980      | 0.4981      |
| <b>2.90</b> | 0.4981      | 0.4982      | 0.4982      | 0.4983      | 0.4984      | 0.4984      | 0.4985      | 0.4985      | 0.4986      | 0.4986      |
| <b>3.00</b> | 0.4987      | 0.4987      | 0.4987      | 0.4988      | 0.4988      | 0.4989      | 0.4989      | 0.4989      | 0.4990      | 0.4990      |