



“FRAPPY” {Free Response AP Problem...Yay!}

The following problem is taken from an actual Advanced Placement Statistics Examination. Your task is to generate a complete, concise statistical response in 15 minutes. You will be graded based on the AP rubric and will earn a score of 0-4. After grading, keep this problem in your binder for your AP Exam preparation.

The depth from the surface of Earth to a refracting layer beneath the surface can be estimated using methods developed by seismologists. One method is based on the time required for vibrations to travel from a distant explosion to a receiving point. The depth measurement (M) is the sum of the true depth (D) and the random measurement error (E). That is $M = D + E$. The measurement error (E) is assumed to be normally distributed with mean 0 feet and standard deviation 1.5 feet.

Scoring:

(a) If the true depth at a certain point is 2 feet, what is the probability that the depth measurement will be negative?

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(b) Suppose three independent depth measurements are taken at the point where the true depth is 2 feet. What is the probability that at least one of these measurements will be negative?

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(c) What is the probability that the mean of the three independent depth measurements taken at the point where the true depth is 2 feet will be negative?

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