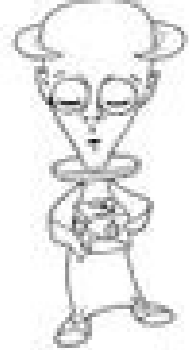


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Experimental Probability

Read the cartoon. Answer the question at the end of the cartoon.



"I wonder . . . what is the probability of this number cube landing on 3 when it is tossed?"



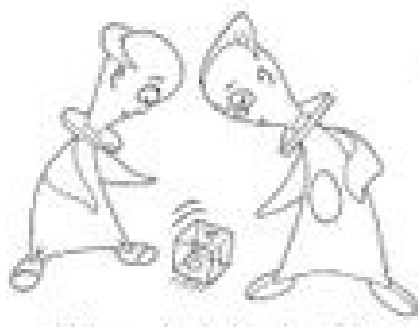
"Do you want to find the theoretical probability or the experimental probability?"



"What's the difference?"
"The theoretical probability is $\frac{1}{6}$ because 1 of the 6 sides is numbered 3."



"To find the experimental probability, you must do an experiment."



"How do I do that?"
"Toss the cube a certain number of times."



"The number of times you toss the cube is the number of trials."



"The number of times the cube lands on 3 is the number of favorable outcomes."

"Compare the number of favorable outcomes with the number of trials."

$$\text{experimental probability} = \frac{\text{favorable outcomes}}{\text{trials}}$$

Later that day . . .



"I tossed the cube 120 times, and the cube landed on 3 only 30 times. What is my experimental probability?"

Write the experimental probability in its simplest form.

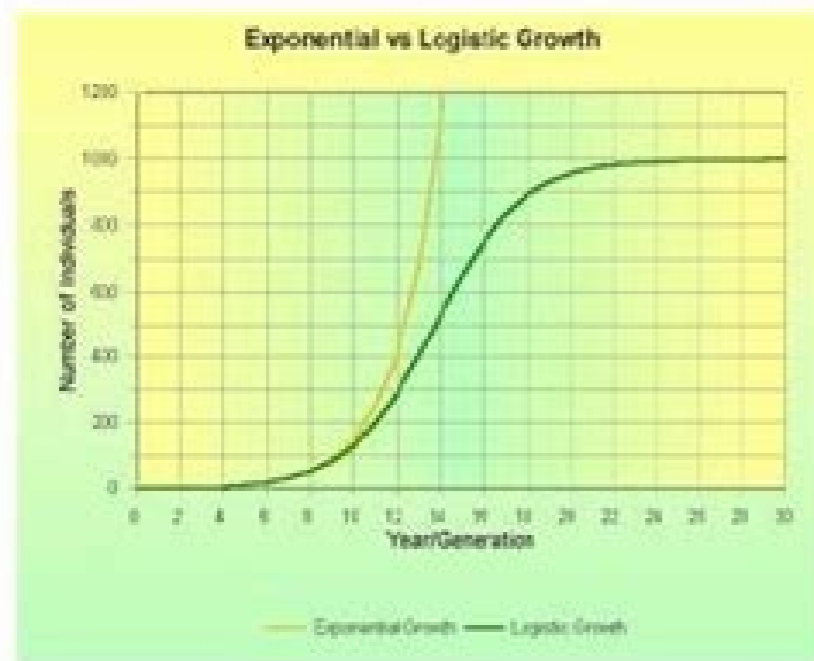
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Population Ecology Graph Worksheet

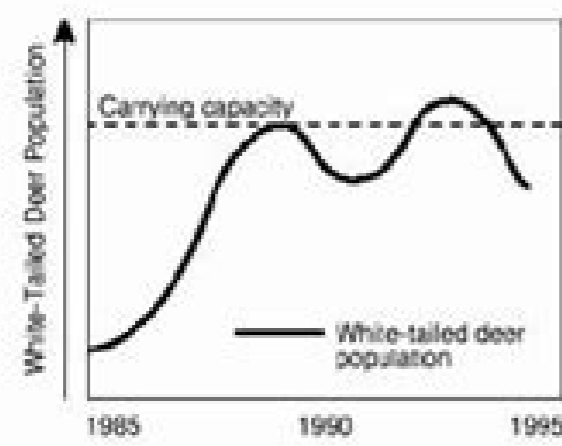
Directions: Look at the graphs below and answer the following questions.

Graphs 1 - Exponential Growth and Carrying Capacity



- Which of the two curves exhibits exponential growth? The yellow "J" shaped curve.
- Which of the two curves exhibits a carrying capacity? The green "S" shaped curve.
- What is the carrying capacity of this graph? 1000 individuals
- In what generation does this population reach its carrying capacity? It reaches carrying capacity at 24 to 26 year/generation.

Graph 2



- For what type of organism is the carrying capacity shown? The carrying capacity shown is for the White-tailed deer.

| Hypothesis and Predictions | Experimental Design | Interpreting Data |
|---|--|---|
| <p>Hypothesis (Alternative) Explanatory - testable, falsifiable statement that explains observed phenomenon Generalizing - statement that describes an observed pattern in nature Example: <i>Plants require nutrients for growth.</i></p> <p>Null Hypothesis (H₀) - Hypothesis that there is no significant effect, difference, or trend. The opposite of the alternative hypothesis. <i>Plants do not require nutrients for growth.</i> Rejecting the null hypothesis means that the alternative hypothesis is correct.</p> <p>Prediction - measurable event that will happen as a result of an experiment if the hypothesis is valid (if...then) <i>If plants are given fertilizer, which contains the nutrient, nitrogen, then they will grow taller and faster than plants grown without fertilizer.</i></p> | <p>Independent Variable - The actual thing that you are testing and changing across your experimental groups, also called the "manipulated variable." <i>Fertilizer (nitrogen) is the independent variable.</i></p> <p>Dependent Variable - The response to your independent variable, this is sometimes called the "responding variable." <i>Growth of plants (height) is the dependent variable.</i></p> <p>Control Group - The group that does not receive an experimental change or treatment. This is to determine if the independent variable actually causes a difference compare. Not all experiments have a control group. <i>The control group consists of plants not given fertilizer.</i></p> | <p>1. Describe trends or relationships 2. Summarize data. 3. Make sure that what you state is actually what the data shows. 4. Statistical analysis may be needed (standard deviation, T test, chi square) to disprove the null hypothesis.</p> |
| | <p>Graphs and Tables</p> <p>Graphs should have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Descriptive title Labels on X and Y axis, include units Consistent scales (5, 10, 15, 20) Large enough scales to clearly see trends <p>Data tables should have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Labeled columns/rows Units shown <p><small>*Labs can be messy, most scientists keep a lab notebook for sketches, notes, and data collection. Final lab reports and publications have a formal version of these notes and data.</small></p> | <p>Conclusions</p> <p>This is where you make inferences about what the data means, or tie the experiment to broad scientific principles. Refer back to your original hypothesis and state whether you accept or reject the hypothesis based on your data. Avoid using the word "prove" in your analysis.</p> <p>Your conclusion can also include suggestions for future research or experiments, and reflections about the design or your experiment and how it could be improved.</p> |

