Math 171.02 Spring 2004
Central Limit Theorem
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Example. A large population of seeds of the princess bean Phaseolus vulgaris is to be sampled. The weights of the seeds in the population are known to have mean $\mu=500 \mathrm{mg}$ and standard deviation $\sigma=120 \mathrm{mg}$. Suppose that a random sample of 100 seeds is to be weighed. Let $\bar{X}$ be the mean weight of the 100 seeds.
(a) What is the approximate distribution of $\bar{X}$ ?
(b) What is the probability that $\bar{X}$ will be greater than 520 mg ?
(c) What is the weight $w$ such that the probability that $\bar{X}$ is greater than $w$ is only 0.01 ?

