

Introduction to Probability, Statistics and Data Handling	Gaussian and Binomial distributions
Tutorial 6 (e-learning)	with answers

1. A student takes a ten-question true/false exam.
 - a. Find the probability that the student gets exactly six of the questions right simply by guessing the answer on every question. (*Answer: 0.205*)
 - b. Find the probability that the student will obtain a passing grade of 60% or greater simply by guessing. (*Answer: 0.377*)
2. The lifetimes of the tread of a certain automobile tire are normally distributed with mean 37,500 km and standard deviation 4,500 km. Find the probability that the tread life of a randomly selected tire will be between 30,000 and 40,000 km.
Hint: you can do this using binomial, but it gets hard to calculate on calculator therefore, you can apply normal distribution: $P(X \leq (X - \mu)/\sigma) = P(X \leq (490 - 500)/15.811)$ (Ans: 0.2643)
3. Scores on a standardized college entrance examination (*CEE*) are normally distributed with mean 510 and standard deviation 60. A selective university considers for admission only applicants with *CEE* scores over 650. Find percentage of all individuals who took the *CEE* who meet the university's *CEE* requirement for consideration for admission. (*Answer: 1%*)
4. Find $z_{0.1}$ and $-z_{0.1}$, the values of Z that cut off right and left tails of area 0.01 in the standard normal distribution. (*Answer: $z_{0.1} \approx -2.33$*)
5. Find x^* such that $P(X < x^*) = 0.9332$, where X is a normal random variable with mean $\mu = 10$ and standard deviation $\sigma = 2.5$. (*Answer: 13.75*)
6. All boys at a military school must run a fixed course as fast as they can as part of a physical examination. Finishing times are normally distributed with mean 29 minutes and standard deviation 2 minutes. The middle 75% of all finishing times are classified as "average." Find the range of times that are average finishing times by this definition. (*Answer: (26.7; 31.3) min.*)
7. The final exam scores in a statistics class were normally distributed with a mean of 63 and a standard deviation of five.
 - a) Find the probability that a randomly selected student scored more than 65 on the exam. (*Answer: 0.31*)
 - b) Find the probability that a randomly selected student scored less than 85. (*Answer: $< 10^{-5}$*)
 - c) Find the 90th percentile (that is, find the score k that has 90% of the scores below k and 10% of the scores above k). (*Answer: 69.45*)
 - d) Find the 70th percentile (that is, find the score k such that 70% of scores are below k and 30% of the scores are above k). (*Answer: 65.65*)