

6.18 The weights of 1000 students are normally distributed with a mean of 62.5 kilograms and a standard deviation of 2.7 kilograms. Assuming that the weights are recorded to the nearest half-kilograms, how many of these students would you expect to have weights

- (a) less than 55 kilograms?
- (b) between 60 and 65 kilograms, both inclusive?
- (c) equal to 63 kilograms?
- (d) greater than 61 kilograms?

$$(1) P(X \leq 55) = P\left(\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} \leq \frac{55 - 62.5}{2.7}\right) = P\left(Z \leq \frac{-7.5}{2.7}\right) = P(Z \leq -2.777...) = 0.0028$$

$$E(X) = nP = 1000 \times 0.0028 = 2.8 \approx \mathbf{3}$$

$$(2) P(X \leq 65) = P\left(\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} \leq \frac{65 - 62.5}{2.7}\right) = P\left(Z \leq \frac{2.5}{2.7}\right) = P(Z \leq 0.9259) = 0.8283$$

$$P(X \leq 60) = P\left(\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} \leq \frac{60 - 62.5}{2.7}\right) = P\left(Z \leq \frac{-2.5}{2.7}\right) = P(Z \leq -0.9259) = 0.1762$$

$$P(60 \leq X \leq 65) = P(X \leq 65) - P(X \leq 60) = 0.8283 - 0.1762 = 0.6521$$

$$E(X) = nP = 1000 \times 0.6521 = 652.1 \approx \mathbf{652}$$

$$(3) P(X \leq 63.5) = P\left(\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} \leq \frac{63.5 - 62.5}{2.7}\right) = P(Z \leq 0.3703) = 0.6443$$

$$P(X \leq 62.5) = P\left(\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} \leq \frac{62.5 - 62.5}{2.7}\right) = P(Z \leq 0) = 0.5$$

$$P(63 - 0.5 \leq X \leq 63 + 0.5) = P(62.5 \leq X \leq 63.5) = P(X \leq 63.5) - P(X \leq 62.5) = 0.6443 - 0.5 = 0.1443$$

$$E(X) = nP = 1000 \times 0.1443 = 144.3 \approx \mathbf{144}$$

$$(4) P(X \geq 61) = 1 - P(X \leq 61) = 1 - P\left(\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} \leq \frac{61 - 62.5}{2.7}\right) = 1 - P(Z \leq -0.5556) = 1 - 0.2891 = 0.7123$$

$$E(X) = nP = 1000 \times 0.7123 = 712.3 \approx \mathbf{712}$$

6.24 The probability of success of 600 students appearing in a test independently is 0.40. Using normal approximation, find the probability that

- (a) between 215 and 250 students pass, both inclusive;
- (b) exactly 270 students pass;
- (c) fewer than 205 and more than 260 students pass.

$$\mu = np = 600 \times 0.4 = 240$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{np(1-p)} = \sqrt{240(1-0.4)} = 12$$

$$a) z_1 = \frac{x_1 - \mu}{\sigma} = \frac{215 - 240}{12} = -2.0833$$

$$z_2 = \frac{x_2 - \mu}{\sigma} = \frac{250 - 240}{12} = 0.8333$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(215 \leq X \leq 250) &= \sum_{x=215}^{250} b(x, 600, 0.4) \\ &= P(215 \leq X \leq 250) \\ &= P(-2.0833 \leq Z \leq 0.8333) \\ &= 0.7967 - 0.0188 \\ &= 0.7779 \end{aligned}$$

$$b) z_1 = \frac{x_1 - \mu}{\sigma} = \frac{269.5 - 240}{12} = 2.45833$$

$$z_2 = \frac{x_2 - \mu}{\sigma} = \frac{270.5 - 240}{12} = 2.54166$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X = 270) &= b(270, 600, 0.4) = P(2.45833 \leq Z \leq 2.54166) \\ &= P(Z \leq 2.54166) - P(Z \leq 2.45833) \\ &= 0.9445 - 0.9929 \\ &= 1.6 \times 10^{-3} \end{aligned}$$

$$c) z_1 = \frac{x_1 - \mu}{\sigma} = \frac{205 - 240}{12} = -2.91666$$

$$z_2 = \frac{x_2 - \mu}{\sigma} = \frac{260 - 240}{12} = 1.666$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(205 \leq X \leq 260) &= \sum_{x=205}^{260} b(x, 600, 0.4) = P(-2.916 \leq Z \leq 1.666) \\ &= P(Z \leq 1.666) - P(Z \leq -2.916) = 0.9515 - 0.0018 \\ &= 0.9497 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X < 205) + P(X > 260) &= 1 - P(205 \leq X \leq 260) \\ &= 1 - 0.9497 \\ &= 0.0503 \end{aligned}$$

6.40 In a certain city, the daily consumption of water (in millions of liters) follows approximately a gamma distribution with $\alpha = 2$ and $\beta = 3$. If the daily capacity of that city is 9 million liters of water, what is the probability that on any given day the water supply is inadequate?

$$f(x; 2, 3) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{(3)^2 \Gamma(2)} x^{2-1} e^{-x/3} & x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X > 9) &= 1 - P(X \leq 9) \\ &= 1 - \int_0^9 f(x; 2, 3) dx = 1 - \int_0^9 \frac{1}{9} x e^{-x/3} \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{9} \left[x(-3) e^{-x/3} - \int (-3) e^{-x/3} dx \right]_0^9 \\ &= 1 - \left(-\frac{1}{3} x e^{-x/3} - e^{-x/3} \right)_0^9 \\ &= 1 - \left(\left(-\frac{1}{3}(9) e^{-9/3} - e^{-9/3} \right) - \left(-\frac{1}{3}(0) e^{-0/3} - e^{-0/3} \right) \right) \\ &= 1 - \left((-3 e^{-9/3} - e^{9/3}) - (0 - 1) \right) \\ &= 1 - (1 - 4 e^{-3}) \\ &= 1 - (1 - 0.1991) \\ &= 1 - 0.8009 \\ &= 0.1991 \end{aligned}$$