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## Answers to Tutorial 7

### Qn 1

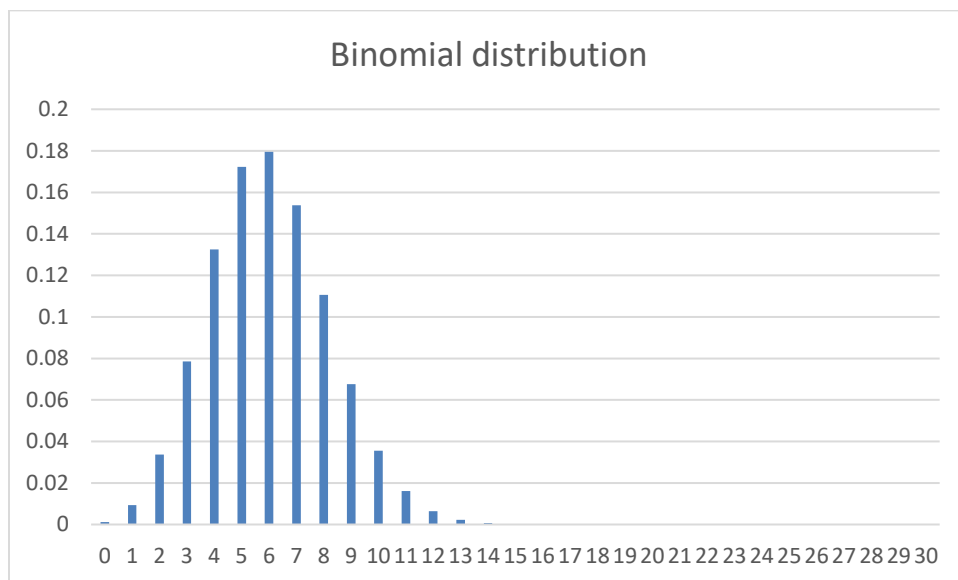
$\varepsilon = 10, m = 100, a = 0, b = 120$ , the probability that the true mean lies between 30 and 50 is larger than

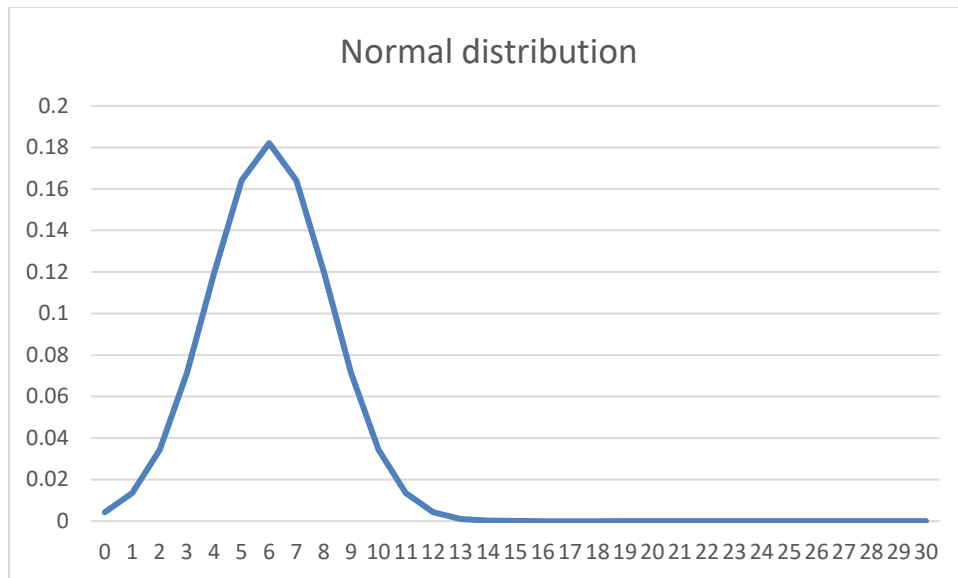
$$2\exp(-2m\varepsilon^2/(b-a)^2) = 0.498704417$$

### Qn 2

For the normal distribution, the mean is  $np$  and the variance is  $np(1-p)$

Any  $p$  is acceptable. For example, if  $p = 0.2$ ,





### Qn 3

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n | \theta) = e^{-(x_1 - \theta)} \dots e^{-(x_n - \theta)} = e^{-\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} e^{n\theta}$$

We wish to find  $\theta$  which maximizes  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n | \theta)$ . Thus  $\theta$  should be as large as possible.

Alternatively,

Take log

$$\log(f(x_1, \dots, x_n | \theta)) = -\sum_{i=1}^n x_i + n\theta$$

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} \log(f(x_1, \dots, x_n | \theta)) = n > 0 \Rightarrow \theta \text{ should be as large as possible}$$

Since all  $x_i > \theta$ , the largest possible  $\theta$  is  $\min_i x_i$

Thus, the maximum likelihood estimator of  $\theta$  is  $\min_i x_i$

Qn 4

a)

$$\bar{x} = 3.1502 \quad \sigma = 0.1 \quad n = 5$$

For 95% confidence interval,  $\alpha = 0.05$

$$z_{\alpha/2} = z_{0.025} = 1.96 \quad (\text{Look for } 1 - 0.025 = 0.975 \text{ in the Z distribution table})$$

The 95% confidence interval is

$$\mu \in \left( \bar{x} - 1.96 \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{x} + 1.96 \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \right)$$

which is

$$3.1502 \pm 1.96 \frac{0.1}{\sqrt{5}} = 3.1502 \pm 0.0877$$

b)

For 99% confidence interval,  $\alpha = 0.01$

$$Z_{\alpha/2} = z_{0.005} \approx 2.58$$

(Look for  $1 - 0.005 = 0.995$  in the Z distribution table. If there is no exact value, choose the smallest value which is larger)

The 99% confidence interval is

$$3.1502 \pm 2.58 \frac{0.1}{\sqrt{5}} = 3.1502 \pm 0.1154$$

## Tables of the Normal Distribution



### Probability Content from $-\infty$ to Z

Z	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.09
0.0	0.5000	0.5040	0.5080	0.5120	0.5160	0.5199	0.5239	0.5279	0.5319	0.5359
0.1	0.5398	0.5438	0.5478	0.5517	0.5557	0.5596	0.5636	0.5675	0.5714	0.5753
0.2	0.5793	0.5832	0.5871	0.5910	0.5948	0.5987	0.6026	0.6064	0.6103	0.6141
0.3	0.6179	0.6217	0.6255	0.6293	0.6331	0.6368	0.6406	0.6443	0.6480	0.6517
0.4	0.6554	0.6591	0.6628	0.6664	0.6700	0.6736	0.6772	0.6808	0.6844	0.6879
0.5	0.6915	0.6950	0.6985	0.7019	0.7054	0.7088	0.7123	0.7157	0.7190	0.7224
0.6	0.7257	0.7291	0.7324	0.7357	0.7389	0.7422	0.7454	0.7486	0.7517	0.7549
0.7	0.7580	0.7611	0.7642	0.7673	0.7704	0.7734	0.7764	0.7794	0.7823	0.7852
0.8	0.7881	0.7910	0.7939	0.7967	0.7995	0.8023	0.8051	0.8078	0.8106	0.8133
0.9	0.8159	0.8186	0.8212	0.8238	0.8264	0.8289	0.8315	0.8340	0.8365	0.8389
1.0	0.8413	0.8438	0.8461	0.8485	0.8508	0.8531	0.8554	0.8577	0.8599	0.8621
1.1	0.8643	0.8665	0.8686	0.8708	0.8729	0.8749	0.8770	0.8790	0.8810	0.8830
1.2	0.8849	0.8869	0.8888	0.8907	0.8925	0.8944	0.8962	0.8980	0.8997	0.9015
1.3	0.9032	0.9049	0.9066	0.9082	0.9099	0.9115	0.9131	0.9147	0.9162	0.9177
1.4	0.9192	0.9207	0.9222	0.9236	0.9251	0.9265	0.9279	0.9292	0.9306	0.9319
1.5	0.9332	0.9345	0.9357	0.9370	0.9382	0.9394	0.9406	0.9418	0.9429	0.9441
1.6	0.9452	0.9463	0.9474	0.9484	0.9495	0.9505	0.9515	0.9525	0.9535	0.9545
1.7	0.9554	0.9564	0.9573	0.9582	0.9591	0.9599	0.9608	0.9616	0.9625	0.9633
1.8	0.9641	0.9649	0.9656	0.9664	0.9671	0.9678	0.9686	0.9693	0.9699	0.9706
1.9	0.9713	0.9719	0.9726	0.9732	0.9738	0.9744	0.9750	0.9756	0.9761	0.9767
2.0	0.9772	0.9778	0.9783	0.9788	0.9793	0.9798	0.9803	0.9808	0.9812	0.9817
2.1	0.9821	0.9826	0.9830	0.9834	0.9838	0.9842	0.9846	0.9850	0.9854	0.9857
2.2	0.9861	0.9864	0.9868	0.9871	0.9875	0.9878	0.9881	0.9884	0.9887	0.9890
2.3	0.9893	0.9896	0.9898	0.9901	0.9904	0.9906	0.9909	0.9911	0.9913	0.9916
2.4	0.9918	0.9920	0.9922	0.9925	0.9927	0.9929	0.9931	0.9932	0.9934	0.9936
2.5	0.9938	0.9940	0.9941	0.9943	0.9945	0.9946	0.9948	0.9949	0.9951	0.9952
2.6	0.9953	0.9955	0.9956	0.9957	0.9959	0.9960	0.9961	0.9962	0.9963	0.9964
2.7	0.9965	0.9966	0.9967	0.9968	0.9969	0.9970	0.9971	0.9972	0.9973	0.9974
2.8	0.9974	0.9975	0.9976	0.9977	0.9977	0.9978	0.9979	0.9979	0.9980	0.9981
2.9	0.9981	0.9982	0.9982	0.9983	0.9984	0.9984	0.9985	0.9985	0.9986	0.9986
3.0	0.9987	0.9987	0.9987	0.9988	0.9988	0.9989	0.9989	0.9989	0.9990	0.9990

Qn 5

$$\bar{x} = 11.4800 \quad \sigma = 0.08 \quad n = 10$$

$$\alpha = 0.05$$

$$z_{\alpha/2} = z_{0.025} = 1.96$$

The confidence interval is

$$\left( \bar{x} - z_{0.025} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{x} + z_{0.025} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \right) = 11.4800 \pm 1.96 \frac{0.08}{\sqrt{10}} = 11.4800 \pm 0.0496$$

### Qn 6

**[Note: You need to pre-set your calculator to be able to compute  $\bar{x}$  and  $s$ ]**

$$\bar{x} = 133.2222 \quad s = 10.21277$$

Since the variance is unknown and the sample size is small, the t- distribution is used.

$$\alpha = 0.05 \quad n = 18 \quad \text{d.f.} = 17$$

$$t_{\frac{\alpha}{2}, n-1} = t_{0.025, 17} = 2.110$$

Note that it is larger than 1.96. Thus when the sample size is small, we have more uncertainty. Another way to look at it is that the t-distribution has a longer tail than the normal distribution.

The confidence interval is

$$\begin{aligned} \mu &\in \left( \bar{x} - t_{\frac{\alpha}{2}, n-1} \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{x} + t_{\frac{\alpha}{2}, n-1} \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \\ &= 133.2222 \pm (2.110) \frac{10.21277}{\sqrt{18}} = 133.2222 \pm 5.0791 \end{aligned}$$

### Qn 7

**[Note: You need to pre-set your calculator to be able to compute  $\bar{x}$  and  $s$ ]**

$$\bar{x} = 0.55 \quad s = 0.029439$$

Since the variance is unknown and the sample size is small, the t- distribution is used.

$$\alpha = 0.05 \quad n = 10 \quad \text{d.f.} = 9$$

$$t_{\frac{\alpha}{2}, n-1} = t_{0.025, 9} = 2.262$$

$$\left( \bar{x} - t_{\frac{\alpha}{2}, n-1} \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{x} + t_{\frac{\alpha}{2}, n-1} \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} \right) = 0.55 \pm (2.262) \frac{0.029439}{\sqrt{10}} = 0.55 \pm 0.021058$$



$\nu$	Tail probability									
	0.4	0.25	0.1	0.05	0.025	0.01	0.005	0.0025	0.001	0.0005
1	0.325	1.000	3.078	6.314	12.706	31.821	63.657	127.32	318.31	636.62
2	0.289	0.816	1.886	2.920	4.303	6.965	9.925	14.089	22.327	31.599
3	0.277	0.765	1.638	2.353	3.182	4.541	5.841	7.453	10.215	12.924
4	0.271	0.741	1.533	2.132	2.776	3.747	4.604	5.598	7.173	8.610
5	0.267	0.727	1.476	2.015	2.571	3.365	4.032	4.773	5.893	6.869
6	0.265	0.718	1.440	1.943	2.447	3.143	3.707	4.317	5.208	5.959
7	0.263	0.711	1.415	1.895	2.365	2.998	3.499	4.029	4.785	5.408
8	0.262	0.706	1.397	1.860	2.306	2.896	3.355	3.833	4.501	5.041
9	0.261	0.703	1.383	1.833	2.262	2.821	3.250	3.690	4.297	4.781
10	0.260	0.700	1.372	1.812	2.228	2.764	3.169	3.581	4.144	4.587
11	0.260	0.697	1.363	1.796	2.201	2.718	3.106	3.497	4.025	4.437
12	0.259	0.695	1.356	1.782	2.179	2.681	3.055	3.428	3.930	4.318
13	0.259	0.694	1.350	1.771	2.160	2.650	3.012	3.372	3.852	4.221
14	0.258	0.692	1.345	1.761	2.145	2.624	2.977	3.326	3.787	4.140
15	0.258	0.691	1.341	1.753	2.131	2.602	2.947	3.286	3.733	4.073
16	0.258	0.690	1.337	1.746	2.120	2.583	2.921	3.252	3.686	4.015
17	0.257	0.689	1.333	1.740	2.110	2.567	2.898	3.222	3.646	3.965
18	0.257	0.688	1.330	1.734	2.101	2.552	2.878	3.197	3.610	3.922
19	0.257	0.688	1.328	1.729	2.093	2.539	2.861	3.174	3.579	3.883
20	0.257	0.687	1.325	1.725	2.086	2.528	2.845	3.153	3.552	3.850
21	0.257	0.686	1.323	1.721	2.080	2.518	2.831	3.135	3.527	3.819
22	0.256	0.686	1.321	1.717	2.074	2.508	2.819	3.119	3.505	3.792
23	0.256	0.685	1.319	1.714	2.069	2.500	2.807	3.104	3.485	3.768
24	0.256	0.685	1.318	1.711	2.064	2.492	2.797	3.091	3.467	3.745
25	0.256	0.684	1.316	1.708	2.060	2.485	2.787	3.078	3.450	3.725
26	0.256	0.684	1.315	1.706	2.056	2.479	2.779	3.067	3.435	3.707
27	0.256	0.684	1.314	1.703	2.052	2.473	2.771	3.057	3.421	3.690
28	0.256	0.683	1.313	1.701	2.048	2.467	2.763	3.047	3.408	3.674
29	0.256	0.683	1.311	1.699	2.045	2.462	2.756	3.038	3.396	3.659
30	0.256	0.683	1.310	1.697	2.042	2.457	2.750	3.030	3.385	3.646
40	0.255	0.681	1.303	1.684	2.021	2.423	2.704	2.971	3.307	3.551
70	0.254	0.678	1.294	1.667	1.994	2.381	2.648	2.899	3.211	3.435
130	0.254	0.676	1.288	1.657	1.978	2.355	2.614	2.856	3.154	3.367
$\infty$	0.253	0.674	1.282	1.645	1.960	2.326	2.576	2.807	3.090	3.291