
Stats Yr2 Chapter 3: Distribution-N

The Inverse Normal

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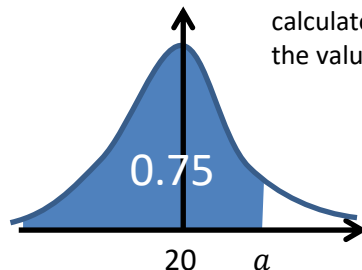
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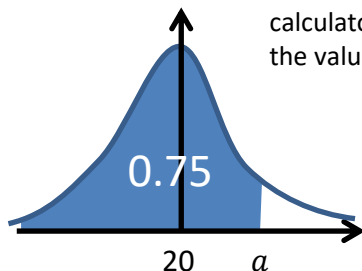
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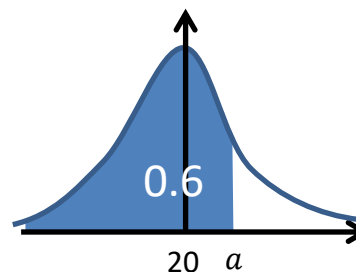
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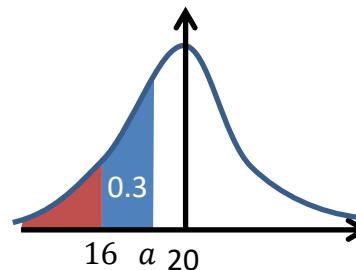
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$P(X > a) = 0.4$
 $\therefore P(X < a) = 0.6$
(i.e. if 40% is above a , then 60% must be below)

$$a = 20.76$$

c



We need to find the area up to a . From the sketch we can therefore see we first find the area up to 16 and add on the 0.3:
 $P(X < 16) = 0.09121$
 $\therefore P(X < a) = 0.3 + 0.09121 = 0.39121$
 $\therefore a = 19.17$

REALLY, DRAW A SKETCH!

Further Example

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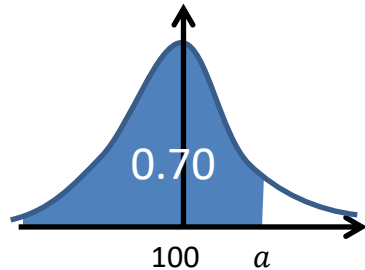
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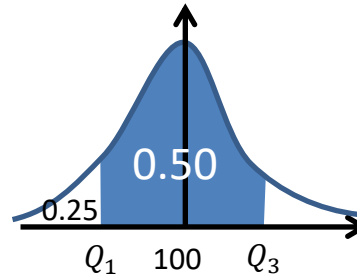
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$$\begin{aligned}P(X > k) &= 0.3 \\ \therefore P(X < k) &= 0.7 \\ k &= 107.87 \text{ (2dp)}\end{aligned}$$

b



$$\begin{aligned}P(X < Q_1) &= 0.25 \\ \therefore Q_1 &= 89.88\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}P(X < Q_3) &= 0.75 \\ \therefore Q_3 &= 110.12\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}IQR &= 110.12 - 89.88 \\ &= 20.24\end{aligned}$$

In general the quartiles of a normal distribution are approximately $\mu \pm \frac{2}{3}\sigma$

Test Your Understanding

$X \sim N(80, 7^2)$. Using your calculator,

- determine the a such that $P(X > a) = 0.65$
- determine the b such that $P(75 < X < b) = 0.4$
- determine the c such that $P(c < X < 76) = 0.2$
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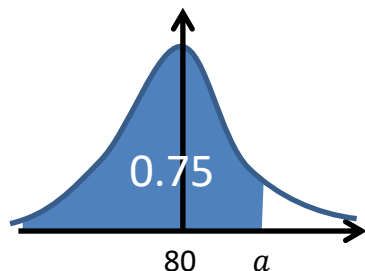
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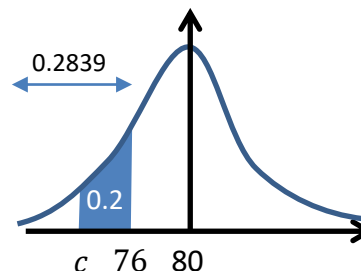
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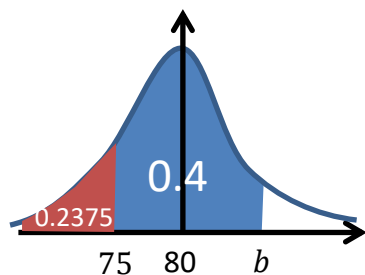
$$\begin{aligned} P(X > a) &= 0.65 \\ \therefore P(X < a) &= 0.35 \\ a &= 77.303 \text{ (3dp)} \end{aligned}$$

c



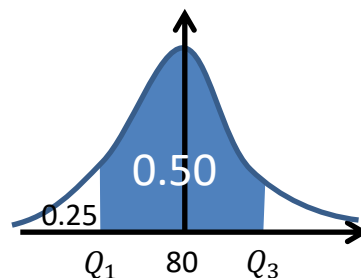
$$\begin{aligned} P(X < 76) &= 0.2839 \\ P(X < c) &= 0.2839 - 0.2 = 0.0839 \\ c &= 70.34 \text{ (2dp)} \end{aligned}$$

b



$$\begin{aligned} P(X < 75) &= 0.2375 \\ \therefore P(X < b) &= 0.2375 + 0.4 \\ &= 0.6375 \\ b &= 82.463 \end{aligned}$$

d



$$\begin{aligned} P(X < Q_1) &= 0.25 \quad \therefore Q_1 = 75.28 \\ P(X < Q_3) &= 0.75 \quad \therefore Q_3 = 84.72 \\ IQR &= 84.72 - 75.28 = 9.44 \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 3.3

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Homework Exercise

- 1 The random variable $X \sim N(30, 5^2)$. Find the value of a , to 2 decimal places, such that:
a $P(X < a) = 0.3$ **b** $P(X < a) = 0.75$ **c** $P(X > a) = 0.4$ **d** $P(32 < X < a) = 0.2$
- 2 The random variable $X \sim N(12, 3^2)$. Find the value of a , to 2 decimal places, such that:
a $P(X < a) = 0.1$ **b** $P(X > a) = 0.65$
c $P(10 \leq X \leq a) = 0.25$ **d** $P(a < X < 14) = 0.32$
- 3 The random variable $X \sim N(20, 12)$.
a Find the value of a and the value of b such that:
i $P(X < a) = 0.40$ **ii** $P(X > b) = 0.6915$
b Find $P(b < X < a)$.
- 4 The random variable $Y \sim N(100, 15^2)$.
a Find the value of a and the value of b such that:
i $P(Y > a) = 0.975$ **ii** $P(Y < b) = 0.10$
b Find $P(a < Y < b)$.
- 5 The random variable $X \sim N(80, 16)$.
a Find the value of a and the value of b such that:
i $P(X > a) = 0.40$ **ii** $P(X < b) = 0.5636$
b Find $P(b < X < a)$.
- 6 The masses, M kg, of a population of badgers are modelled as $M \sim N(4.5, 0.6^2)$.
For this population, find:
a the lower quartile
b the 80th percentile
c Explain without calculation why $Q_2 = 4.5$ kg.

Homework Exercise

- 7 The percentage scores, X , of a group of learner drivers in a theory test is modelled as a normal distribution with $X \sim N(72, 6^2)$.
- a Find the value of a such that $P(X < a) = 0.6$. (1 mark)
 - b Find the interquartile range of the scores. (2 marks)
- 8 The masses, Y grams, of a brand of chocolate bar are modelled as $Y \sim N(60, 2^2)$.
- a Find the value of y such that $P(Y > y) = 0.2$. (1 mark)
 - b Find the 10% to 90% interpercentile range of masses. (2 marks)
 - c Tom says that the median is equal to the mean. State, with a reason, whether Tom is correct. (1 mark)
- 9 The distribution of heights, H cm, of a large group of men is modelled using $H \sim N(170, 10^2)$. A frock coat is a coat that goes from the neck of a person to near the floor. A clothing manufacturer uses the information to make three different lengths of frock coats. The table below shows the proportion of each size they will make.

Short	Regular	Long
30%	50%	20%

- a The company wants to advertise a range of heights for which the regular frock coat is suitable. Use the model to suggest suitable heights for the advertisement. (4 marks)
- b State one assumption you have made in deciding these values. (1 mark)

Homework Answers

For Chapter 3, student answers may differ slightly from those shown here when calculators are used rather than table values.

- 1 **a** 27.38 **b** 33.37 **c** 31.27 **d** 35.30
- 2 **a** 8.16 **b** 10.85 **c** 12.02 **d** 11.45
- 3 **a** **i** 19.1 **ii** 18.3
 b 0.0915
- 4 **a** **i** 70.6 **ii** 80.8 **b** 0.075
- 5 **a** **i** 81.0 **ii** 80.6 **b** 0.0364
- 6 **a** 4.095 (3 d.p.) **b** 5.005 (3 d.p.)
 c 4.5 is the mean, so 50% of badgers will have a mass less than 4.5.
- 7 **a** 73.52 (2 d.p.) **b** 8.09 (2 d.p.)
- 8 **a** 61.68 (2 d.p.) **b** 5.13 (2 d.p.)
 c Tom is correct in this case; the normal distribution is symmetric about the mean, so 50% of bars will have mass less than the mean.
- 9 **a** Short: Up to 165 cm,
 Regular: Between 165 cm and 178 cm
 Long: Over 178 cm
 b That the population follows the normal distribution over the whole range of values i.e. that there are no extreme outliers.