

# Math 3339

## Homework 4 (Chapter 5)

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### Instructions:

- Homework will NOT be accepted through email or in person. Homework must be submitted through CourseWare BEFORE the deadline.
  - Print out this file use or software and complete the problems.
  - Write in black ink or dark pencil or type your solutions in the space provided. You must show all work for full credit.
  - Submit this assignment at <http://www.casa.uh.edu> under "Assignments" and choose **hw3**.
  - Total possible points: **15**
  - You can use RStudio for any of these problems unless otherwise indicated.
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1. Section 5.2.3
  - a. Problem 1
  - b. Problem 2
  - c. Find the cumulative distribution for the previous density function.

### Answers:

1. For  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  let  $f(x) = kx(1 - x)$ , where  $k$  is a constant. Find the value of  $k$  such that  $f$  is a density function.
2. Find the mean and variance of the distribution in the preceding exercise.

a.  $\int_0^1 kx(1 - x)dx = k \left( \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} \right) \Big|_0^1 = k \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} \right) = \frac{k}{6} = 1$ , which implies that  $k = 6$

b.  $E(X) = \int_0^1 6x^2(1 - x)dx = 6 \left( \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} \right) \Big|_0^1 = 6 \left( \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} \right) = 0.5$ , this is the mean

$E(X^2) = \int_0^1 6x^3(1 - x)dx = 6 \left( \frac{x^4}{4} - \frac{x^5}{5} \right) \Big|_0^1 = 6 \left( \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{5} \right) = 0.3$ ,  $\text{Var}(X) = 0.3 - 0.5^2 = \underline{0.05}$

c.  $F(X) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 0 \\ 3x^2 - 2x^3, & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 1, & x > 1 \end{cases}$

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2. Section 5.2.3

- a. Problem 3
- b. Problem 4
- c. Problem 5

3. For  $x \geq 0$ , let  $f(x) = 2xe^{-x^2}$ . Show that  $f$  is a density function.
4. Find the cumulative distribution for the density in the preceding exercise.
5. Find the  $p$ th quantile of this distribution.

Answers:

- a.  $\int_0^\infty 2x e^{-x^2} dx = -e^{-x^2} \Big|_0^\infty = 0 - (-1) = 1$ , Thus this is a density function.
- b.  $\int_0^x 2y e^{-y^2} dy = -e^{-y^2} \Big|_0^x = -e^{-x^2} - (-1) = 1 - e^{-x^2}$  for  $x \geq 0$

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 0 \\ 1 - e^{-x^2}, & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

- c. Set  $p = F(x)$  and solve for  $x$ ,

$$p = 1 - e^{-x^2}$$

$$1 - p = e^{-x^2}$$

$$\ln(1 - p) = -x^2$$

$$x = \sqrt{-\ln(1 - p)}$$

3. Let  $X$  denote the amount of time for which a book on 2-hour reserve at a college library is checked out by a randomly selected student and suppose that  $X$  has cumulative distribution function, CDF

$$F(X) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ \frac{x^2}{4} & 0 \leq x < 2 \\ 1 & x \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

Use this to compute the following:

- $P(X \leq 1)$
- $P(0.5 \leq X \leq 1.5)$
- $P(1.5 < X)$
- Determine the median checkout duration. That is find  $x$  such that  $F(x) = 0.5$ .
- Compute  $F'(x)$  to obtain the density function  $f(x)$ .
- Determine  $E(X)$  and  $\text{Var}(X)$ .

**Answers:**

a.  $P(X \leq 1) = F(1) = \frac{1}{4} = \underline{0.25}$

b.  $P(0.5 \leq X \leq 1.5) = F(1.5) - F(0.5) = \frac{1.5^2}{4} - \frac{0.5^2}{4} = 0.5$

c.  $P(1.5 < X) = P(X > 1.5) = 1 - P(X \leq 1.5) = 1 - F(1.5) = 1 - \frac{1.5^2}{4} = \underline{0.4375}$

d.  $F'(x) = \frac{x}{2}, f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{2}, & 0 \leq x \leq 2 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

e.  $E(X) = \int_0^2 x * \frac{x}{2} dx = \frac{x^3}{6} \Big|_0^2 = \frac{8}{6} = 1.3333$

$$E(X^2) = \int_0^2 x^2 * \frac{x}{2} dx = \frac{x^4}{8} \Big|_0^2 = \frac{16}{8} = 2$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = 2 - 1.3333^2 = \underline{0.2223}$$

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4. Section 5.3.2; problem 5

The shuttle bus from your parking lot and your office building operates on a 15 minute schedule. You arrive at the parking lot at a random time during the bus's cycle, that is, the time you have to wait for the bus is uniformly distributed over the interval from 0 to 15. What is the standard deviation of your waiting time? What is the probability that you will have to wait more than 2 standard deviations?

**Answers:**

Let  $X$  = the time you wait for the bus,  $X \sim \text{Unif}(0,15)$ ,

$$\sigma_x = \text{SD}(X) = \sqrt{\frac{(15-0)^2}{12}} = 4.330127$$

$$P(X > 2*4.330127) = 1 - P(X \leq 8.660254) = 1 - 0.5773 = 0.4227$$

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5. Section 5.5.4; problem 1

Let  $Z \sim \text{Norm}(0, 1)$ . Use the normal table and also R's "pnorm" function to find

- (a)  $P(Z \leq 1.45)$
- (b)  $P(Z > -1.28)$
- (c)  $P(-0.674 \leq Z < 1.036)$
- (d)  $P(Z > 0.836)$

**Answers:**

- a) Table:  $P(Z \leq 1.45) = 0.9265$

R-studio:

```
pnorm(1.45)  
[1] 0.9264707
```

- b) Table:  $P(Z > -1.28) = 1 - P(Z < -1.28) = 1 - 0.1003 = 0.8997$

R-studio:

```
1-pnorm(-1.28)  
[1] 0.8997274
```

- c) Table:  $P(-0.674 \leq Z \leq 1.036) \approx P(Z \leq 1.04) - P(Z \leq -0.67) = 0.8508 - 0.2514 = 0.5994$

R-studio:

```
pnorm(1.036) - pnorm(-0.674)  
[1] 0.5997433
```

- d) Table:  $P(Z > 0.836) \approx 1 - P(Z \leq 0.84) = 1 - 0.7995 = 0.2005$

R-studio:

```
1-pnorm(0.836)  
[1] 0.2015775
```

6. Section 5.5.4; problem 2

Use the normal table and also R's "pnorm" function to find

- (a)  $P(X \leq 6.13)$ ,  $X \sim \text{Norm}(1, 4)$
- (b)  $P(X > -2.35)$ ,  $X \sim \text{Norm}(-1, 2)$
- (c)  $P(-0.872 < X \leq 7.682)$ ,  $X \sim \text{Norm}(2.5, 5)$
- (d)  $P(X > 0.698)$ ,  $X \sim \text{Norm}(-2, 4)$

Answers;

a) Table:  $P(X \leq 6.13) = P\left(Z \leq \frac{6.13-1}{4}\right) = P(Z \leq 1.2825) \approx P(Z \leq 1.28) = 0.8997$

R-studio:

```
pnorm(6.13,1,4)
[1] 0.9001663
```

b) Table:  $P(X > -2.35) = 1 - P(X \leq -2.35) = 1 - P\left(Z \leq \frac{-2.35-(-1)}{2}\right) = 1 - P(Z \leq -0.675) \approx 1 - 0.2483 = 0.7517$

R-studio:

```
1-pnorm(-2.35,-1,2)
[1] 0.7501621
```

c) Table:  $P(-0.872 < X \leq 7.682) = P(X \leq 7.682) - P(X \leq -0.872) = P\left(Z \leq \frac{7.682-2.5}{5}\right) - P\left(Z \leq \frac{-0.872-2.5}{5}\right) = P(Z \leq 1.0364) - P(Z \leq -0.6744) \approx 0.8508 - 0.2154 = 0.5994$

R-studio:

```
pnorm(7.682,2.5,5) - pnorm(-0.872,2.5,5)
[1] 0.5999637
```

d) Table:  $P(X > 0.698) = 1 - P(X \leq 0.698) = 1 - P\left(Z \leq \frac{0.698-(-2)}{4}\right) = P(Z \leq 0.6745) \approx 0.2154$

R-studio:

```
1-pnorm(0.698,-2,4)
[1] 0.2499967
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7. Section 5.5.4

- a. Problem 3
- b. Problem 4

Use the normal table and also R's "qnorm" function to find

- (a) The 90th percentile of Norm(0, 5).
  - (b) The 15th percentile of Norm(1, 3).
  - (c) The interquartile range, i.e., the distance from the first to third quartiles of Norm(0, 1).
4. Use the result of 3(c) to find the interquartile range of Norm( $\mu$ ,  $\sigma$ ).

Answers:

- a) Table:  $z \approx 1.28$ ;  $X = 1.28(5) + 0 = 6.4$

R-studio:

```
qnorm(.9, 0, 5)  
[1] 6.407758
```

- b) Table:  $z \approx -1.04$ ;  $X = -1.04(3) + 1 = -2.12$

R-studio:

```
qnorm(.15, 1, 3)  
[1] -2.1093
```

- c) When the mean is zero and the standard deviation is 1, this is the standard normal (z).

Table: For Q1 (25<sup>th</sup> percentile)  $z \approx -0.67$ ; Q3 (75<sup>th</sup> percentile)  $z \approx 0.67$

$IQR = Q3 - Q1 = 0.67 - (-0.67) = 1.32$

R-studio:

```
> qnorm(.75) - qnorm(.25)  
[1] 1.34898
```

- d) For any generic X with mean  $\mu$  and standard deviation  $\sigma$ , notice that  $X = z\sigma + \mu$  so from part c of #3;

$IQR = (0.67\sigma + \mu) - (-0.67\sigma + \mu) = 1.32\sigma$

If using R-studio it would be  $IQR = 1.35\sigma$

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8. In each case, determine the value of the constant  $c$  that makes the probability statement correct.
- a.  $\Phi(c) = 0.9838$
  - b.  $P(0 \leq Z \leq c) = 0.291$
  - c.  $P(c \leq Z) = 0.121$
  - d.  $P(-c \leq Z \leq c) = 0.668$
  - e.  $P(c \leq |Z|) = 0.016$

**Answers:**

- a.  $c = \text{qnorm}(0.9838) = 2.14$
- b.  $c = \text{qnorm}(.5+.291) = 0.81$
- c.  $P(c \leq Z) = P(Z \geq c)$ ;  $c = \text{qnorm}(1-0.121) = 1.17$
- d.  $c = \text{qnorm}(1.668/2) = 0.97$
- e.  $P(c \leq |Z|) = P(|Z| \geq c) = P(Z \leq -c \text{ or } Z \geq c)$ ,  $-c = \text{qnorm}(0.016/2) = -2.41$  and  $c = 2.41$



9. Suppose the force acting on a column that helps to support a building is a normally distributed random variable  $X$  with mean value 15.0 kips and standard deviation 1.25 kips. Compute the following probabilities.
- $P(X \leq 15)$
  - $P(X \leq 17.5)$
  - $P(X \geq 10)$
  - $P(14 \leq X \leq 18)$
  - $P(|X - 15| \leq 3)$

**Answers:**

All of these answers were using the pnorm function in R-studio

- $P(X \leq 15) = 0.5$  (since the mean is 15)
- `pnorm(17.5, 15, 1.25) = 0.9772499`
- `1-pnorm(10, 15, 1.25) = 0.9999683`
- `pnorm(18, 15, 1.25) - pnorm(14, 15, 1.25) = 0.7799471`
- Notice that  $P(|X - 15| \leq 3) = P(12 \leq X \leq 18) = \text{pnorm}(18, 15, 1.25) - \text{pnorm}(12, 15, 1.25) = 0.9836$

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10. A test was done to look at the maximum speed of mopeds. They found that the maximum speed had a normal distribution with a mean of 29 mph and standard deviation of 1.4 mph. Consider randomly selecting a moped.
- What is the probability that the maximum speed is at most 31 mph?
  - What is the probability that the maximum speed is at least 29.8 mph?
  - What is the probability that maximum speed differs from the mean value by at most 1.5 standard deviations?
  - Suppose we select 49 mopeds, what is the probability that the sample mean will be at least 29.5 mph?

**Answers:**

$X$  = maximum speed of moped,  $X \sim N(29, 1.4)$

- $P(X \leq 31) = \text{pnorm}(31, 29, 1.4) = 0.9234$
- $P(X \geq 29.8) = 1 - \text{pnorm}(29.8, 29, 1.4) = 0.2839$
- $P(29 - 1.5(1.4) < X < 29 + 1.5(1.4)) = P(26.9 < X < 31.1) = \text{pnorm}(31.1, 29, 1.4) - \text{pnorm}(26.9, 29, 1.4) = 0.8664$
- $n = 49, P(\bar{X} \geq 29.5) = 1 - \text{pnorm}(29.5, 29, 1.4/\sqrt{49}) = 0.0062$

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11. Suppose only 70% of all drivers in a certain state regularly wear a seat belts. A random sample of 500 drivers is selected. What is the probability that
- Between 320 and 370 (inclusive) of the drives in the sample regularly wear a seatbelt?
  - Fewer than 325 of those in the sample regularly wear a seatbelt?
  - Fewer than 315?

*Hint:* Use the binomial approximation to determine these probabilities.

Answers:

$$p = 0.7, n = 500, E(X) = np = 500(0.7) = 350,$$

$$SD(X) = \sqrt{np(1-p)} = \sqrt{500(0.7)(1-0.7)} = 10.24695$$

Notice,  $np = 350$  and  $n(1-p) = 150$ , since both are greater than 10 we can use the Normal distribution as an approximation to find these probabilities.

- $P(320 \leq X \leq 370) = P(X \leq 370) - P(X \leq 319)$   
 $= \text{pnorm}(370.5, 350, 10.24695) - \text{pnorm}(319.5, 350, 10.24695)$   
 $= 0.9758242$
- $P(X < 325) = P(X \leq 324) = \text{pnorm}(324.5, 350, 10.24695) = 0.0064$
- $P(X < 315) = P(X \leq 314) = \text{pnorm}(314.5, 350, 10.25695) = 0.0003$

Side note: These are close to the probabilities if we were to use pbinom instead:

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> pbinom(370,500,.7) - pbinom(319,500,.7)
[1] 0.9767255
```

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> pbinom(324,500,.7)
[1] 0.006982576
```

```
> pbinom(314,500,.7)
[1] 0.0003339827
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12. Let  $X$  = the time between two successive arrivals at the drive-up window of a local bank. If  $X$  has an exponential distribution with  $\lambda = 1$ , compute the following:
- The expected time between two successive arrivals.
  - The standard deviation of the time between successive arrivals.
  - $P(X \leq 4)$
  - $P(2 \leq X \leq 5)$

Answers

- $E(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda} = 1$ , this is because we know it is an exponential distribution
- $SD(X) = 1$ , the exponential distribution the mean and variance are the same.
- $P(X \leq 4) = \text{pexp}(4,1) = 0.9817$
- $P(2 \leq X \leq 5) = \text{pexp}(5,1) - \text{pexp}(2,1) = 0.1286$

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13. Suppose that the time spent online to do homework by a randomly selected student has a gamma distribution with mean 20 minutes and variance 80 minutes<sup>2</sup>.
- What are the values of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ ?
  - What is the probability that a student spends online at most 24 minutes?
  - What is the probability that a student spends between 20 and 40 minutes online?

Answers:

- $\mu = \alpha\beta = 20, \sigma^2 = \alpha\beta^2 = 80, \alpha = \frac{20}{\beta}, 80 = \frac{20}{\beta}\beta^2 = 20\beta, \beta = 4, \alpha = 5$
- $P(X \leq 24) = \text{pgamma}(24,5,1/4) = 0.7149$
- $P(20 < X < 40) = \text{pgamm}(40,5,1/4) - \text{pgamma}(20,5,1/4) = 0.4112$

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14. The inside diameter of a randomly selected piston ring is a random variable with mean value 12 cm and standard deviation 0.04 cm.
- If  $\bar{X}$  is the sample mean diameter for a random sample of  $n = 16$  rings, where is the sampling distribution of  $\bar{X}$  centered, and what is the standard deviation of the  $\bar{X}$  distribution?
  - Answer the questions posted in part (a) for a sample size of  $n = 64$  rings.
  - For which of the two random samples, the one of part (a) or the one of part (b), is  $\bar{X}$  more likely to be within 0.01 cm of 12 cm? Explain your reasoning.

Answers:

a.  $E(\bar{X}) = 12, SD(\bar{X}) = \frac{0.04}{\sqrt{16}} = 0.01$

b.  $E(\bar{X}) = 12, SD(\bar{X}) = \frac{0.04}{\sqrt{64}} = 0.005$

c. Assuming Normal distribution

$$n = 16, \text{pnorm}(12.01, 12, 0.01) - \text{pnorm}(11.99, 12, 0.01) = 0.6827$$

$$n = 64, \text{pnorm}(12.01, 12, 0.005) - \text{pnorm}(11.99, 12, 0.005) = 0.9544$$

It is more likely to be within 0.01 with  $n=64$ .