

# Answers to homework

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## Section 4-3

30.

- a.  $\Phi(c) = .9100 \Rightarrow c \approx 1.34$ , since .9099 is the entry in the 1.3 row, .04 column.
- b. Since the standard normal distribution is symmetric about  $z = 0$ , the 9<sup>th</sup> percentile =  $-\text{[the 91<sup>st</sup> percentile]} = -1.34$ .
- c.  $\Phi(c) = .7500 \Rightarrow c \approx .675$ , since .7486 and .7517 are in the .67 and .68 entries, respectively.
- d. Since the standard normal distribution is symmetric about  $z = 0$ , the 25<sup>th</sup> percentile =  $-\text{[the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile]} = -.675$ .
- e.  $\Phi(c) = .06 \Rightarrow c \approx -1.555$ , since .0594 and .0606 appear as the  $-1.56$  and  $-1.55$  entries, respectively.

44.

- a.  $P(\mu - 1.5\sigma \leq X \leq \mu + 1.5\sigma) = P(-1.5 \leq Z \leq 1.5) = \Phi(1.50) - \Phi(-1.50) = .8664$ .
- b.  $P(X < \mu - 2.5\sigma \text{ or } X > \mu + 2.5\sigma) = 1 - P(\mu - 2.5\sigma \leq X \leq \mu + 2.5\sigma)$   
 $= 1 - P(-2.5 \leq Z \leq 2.5) = 1 - .9876 = .0124$ .
- c.  $P(\mu - 2\sigma \leq X \leq \mu - \sigma \text{ or } \mu + \sigma \leq X \leq \mu + 2\sigma) = P(\text{within 2 sd's}) - P(\text{within 1 sd}) =$   
 $P(\mu - 2\sigma \leq X \leq \mu + 2\sigma) - P(\mu - \sigma \leq X \leq \mu + \sigma) = .9544 - .6826 = .2718$ .

48.

- a. By symmetry,  $P(-1.72 \leq Z \leq -.55) = P(.55 \leq Z \leq 1.72) = \Phi(1.72) - \Phi(.55)$ .
- b.  $P(-1.72 \leq Z \leq .55) = \Phi(.55) - \Phi(-1.72) = \Phi(.55) - [1 - \Phi(1.72)]$ .

No, thanks to the symmetry of the  $z$  curve about 0.

53.  $p = .5 \Rightarrow \mu = 12.5$  &  $\sigma^2 = 6.25$ ;  $p = .6 \Rightarrow \mu = 15$  &  $\sigma^2 = 6$ ;  $p = .8 \Rightarrow \mu = 20$  and  $\sigma^2 = 4$ . These mean and standard deviation values are used for the normal calculations below.

- a. For the binomial calculation,  $P(15 \leq X \leq 20) = B(20; 25, p) - B(14; 25, p)$ .

$p$	$P(15 \leq X \leq 20)$	$P(14.5 \leq \text{Normal} \leq 20.5)$
.5	= .212	= $P(.80 \leq Z \leq 3.20) = .2112$
.6	= .577	= $P(-.20 \leq Z \leq 2.24) = .5668$
.8	= .573	= $P(-2.75 \leq Z \leq .25) = .5957$

- b. For the binomial calculation,  $P(X \leq 15) = B(15; 25, p)$ .

$p$	$P(X \leq 15)$	$P(\text{Normal} \leq 15.5)$
.5	= .885	= $P(Z \leq 1.20) = .8849$
.6	= .575	= $P(Z \leq .20) = .5793$
.8	= .017	= $P(Z \leq -2.25) = .0122$

- c. For the binomial calculation,  $P(X \geq 20) = 1 - B(19; 25, p)$ .

$p$	$P(X \geq 20)$	$P(\text{Normal} \geq 19.5)$
.5	= .002	= $P(Z \geq 2.80) = .0026$
.6	= .029	= $P(Z \geq 1.84) = .0329$
.8	= .617	= $P(Z \geq -0.25) = .5987$

56. Let  $z_{1-p}$  denote the  $(100p)$ th percentile of a standard normal distribution. The claim is the  $(100p)$ th percentile of a  $N(\mu, \sigma)$  distribution is  $\mu + z_{1-p}\sigma$ . To verify this,

$$P(X \leq \mu + z_{1-p}\sigma) = P\left(\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} \leq z_{1-p}\right) = P(Z \leq z_{1-p}) = p \text{ by definition of } z_{1-p}. \text{ That establishes } \mu + z_{1-p}\sigma \text{ as the } (100p)\text{th percentile.}$$