

Topics: Normal distribution, Functions of Random Variables

1. The time required for servicing transmissions is normally distributed with $\mu = 45$ minutes and $\sigma = 8$ minutes. The service manager plans to have work begin on the transmission of a customer's car 10 minutes after the car is dropped off and the customer is told that the car will be ready within 1 hour from drop-off. What is the probability that the service manager cannot meet his commitment?
- A. 0.3875
B. 0.2676
C. 0.5
D. 0.6987

Ans.

Given that, $\mu = 45$, $\sigma = 8$ and the probability that service manager cannot meet his commitment is $P(X > 50) = 1 - P(X \leq 50)$ Where X is time taken to complete work.

We know that the formula for standard normal distribution is, $Z = (X - \mu) / \sigma$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Now, } P(X \leq 50) &= P(Z \leq (50 - 45) / 8) \\ &= P(Z \leq 5/8) \\ &= P(Z \leq 0.625) = 0.73237\end{aligned}$$

Let us convert this probability in percentage : $P(X \leq 50) = 0.73237 = 73.237\%$

Now minus the obtained percentage from 100% : $100\% - 73.237\% = 26.763\%$

Now again convert this percentage in probability then we get the probability is 0.26763.

Hence, the probability that the service manager cannot meet his commitment is 0.26763.

OR

$$1 - \text{stats.norm.cdf}(50, 45, 8) = 0.26598552904870054$$

Hence the option B is true.

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2. The current age (in years) of 400 clerical employees at an insurance claims processing center is normally distributed with mean $\mu = 38$ and Standard deviation $\sigma = 6$. For each statement below, please specify True/False. If false, briefly explain why.

- A. More employees at the processing center are older than 44 than between 38 and 44.
- B. A training program for employees under the age of 30 at the center would be expected to attract about 36 employees.

Ans.

Given that, $\mu = 38$, $\sigma = 6$

A)

Here $\mu = 38$ and $\sigma = 6$

If we calculate the first standard deviation then, $\mu + \sigma = 38 + 6 = 44$

This implies that 68% of data will fall in one standard deviation.

Hence, this is FALSE.

B)

Here $X = 30$, $\mu = 38$, $\sigma = 6$

Let us find Z score.

$$Z = (X - \mu) / \sigma = 30 - 38 / 6 = -8 / 6 = -1.33 = 0.09176 = 9.176\%$$

If we take 9.176% of 400 then it will approximately 36.

There-fore a training program for employee under the age of 30 at the center would be expected to attract about 36 employee is TRUE.

3. If $X_1 \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ and $X_2 \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ are *iid* normal random variables, then what is the difference between $2X_1$ and $X_1 + X_2$? Discuss both their distributions and parameters.

Ans.

If we calculate the Moment Generating Function of X_1 and X_2 then we obtain that,
 $X_1 + X_2 \sim N(\mu_1 + \mu_2, (\sigma_1)^2 + (\sigma_2)^2)$ that is addition of two random variables is normally distributed.

If X_1 is normally distributed then $2X_1$ is also normally distributed.

That is $2X_1 \sim N(2\mu, 4(\sigma)^2)$.

3) Let $X \sim N(100, 20^2)$. Find two values, a and b , symmetric about the mean, such that the probability of the random variable taking a value between them is 0.99.

- A. 90.5, 105.9
- B. 80.2, 119.8

- C. 22, 78
- D. 48.5, 151.5
- E. 90.1, 109.9

Ans.

Given that, $X \sim N(100, 20^2)$ and probability of the random variable taking a value between them is 0.99.

We have to find out the values of a and b. So the probability of getting value between a & b should be 0.99.

If we convert the given probability in percentage then we get 99%.

This implies that 99% of data will fall within the third standard deviation.

We know that the Empirical rule is $(\mu \pm 3\sigma)$ And here $\mu = 100$ & $\sigma = 20$ put this value in above formula

Hence, $(100 \pm 3 \times 20) = (100 \pm 60) = (100 - 60, 100 + 60) = (40, 160)$

Therefore the option D is correct.

- 4) Consider a company that has two different divisions. The annual profits from the two divisions are independent and have distributions $\text{Profit}_1 \sim N(5, 3^2)$ and $\text{Profit}_2 \sim N(7, 4^2)$ respectively. Both the profits are in \$ Million. Answer the following questions about the total profit of the company in Rupees. Assume that \$1 = Rs. 45
- A. Specify a Rupee range (centered on the mean) such that it contains 95% probability for the annual profit of the company.
 - B. Specify the 5th percentile of profit (in Rupees) for the company
 - C. Which of the two divisions has a larger probability of making a loss in a given year?

Ans.

Given that, the distribution of annual profit from two divisions are $\text{Profit}_1 \sim N(5, 3^2)$ & $\text{Profit}_2 \sim N(7, 4^2)$.

Let us find out the mean profit from profit1 and profit2. Mean = $5 + 7 = 12$

We have to given that \$1 = 45 rupee then $12 \times 45 = 540$

This implies that 540 million is the mean profit.

We have also given that the variance and let add these variances then we get SD.

$SD = \sqrt{3^2 + 4^2} = 5$ and $5 \times 45 = 225$ that is 225 million is standard deviation.

A) Stats. norm. interval (0.95, 540, 225)

Then the rupee range in million is Rs **(99.00810347848784, 980.9918965215122).**

B) Here we have to use the Z score formula that is $Z = (X - \mu) / \sigma$

This implies that $X = Z * \sigma + \mu = 540 + (-1.645) * 225 = 540 - 370.125 = 169.875$

Note that -1.645 is the 5th percentile in Z table.

If we round off the value of X then it will 170.

This implies that $X = 170$.

C) The probability of division 1 making a loss $P(X < 0)$ is

Stats. norm .cdf (0,5,3) = 0.04779035227281147

The probability of division 2 making a loss $P(X < 0)$ is

Stats. norm. cdf(0,7,4) = 0.040059156863817086

This implies that division 1 has a probability of making a large loss in a given year.
