

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 (ANS)
C. 0.5
D. 0.6987

ANS:

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In [10]: 1-stats.norm.cdf(x=50,loc=45,scale=8)
Out[10]: 0.26598552904870054
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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.

ANS:

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Out[10]: 0.26598552904870054
In [11]: 1-stats.norm.cdf(x=44,loc=38,scale=6)>stats.norm.cdf(x=44,loc=38,scale=6)-stats.norm.cdf(x=38,loc=38,scale=6)
Out[11]: False
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- B. A training program for employees under the age of 30 at the center would be expected to attract about 36 employees.

ANS:

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In [13]: stats.norm.cdf(x=30,loc=38,scale=6)*400
Out[13]: 36.484487890347154
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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:

Both X_1, X_2 follows normal distribution and $X_1, X_2 \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ and are identical

$$2X_1 = 2N(\mu, \sigma^2) = N(2\mu, 2\sigma^2)$$

$$X_1 + X_2 = N(\mu, \sigma^2) + N(\mu, \sigma^2) = N(2\mu, 2\sigma^2)$$

Hence, there is no significance between $2X_1$ and $X_1 + X_2$

4. 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 (ANS)
 - E. 90.1, 109.9

ANS:

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In [14]: stats.norm.ppf(0.995)
Out[14]: 2.5758293035489004
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Z score for 99% confidence

$$X = 20Z + 100$$

$$A = -(20 \times 2.576) + 100 = 48.5$$

$$B = (20 \times 2.576) + 100 = 151.5$$

5. 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.

ANS:

$$\$13.41 = \text{Rs } 603.68$$

- B. Specify the 5th percentile of profit (in Rupees) for the company

ANS:

$$p = \$10.59 \approx \text{Rs } 476.33$$

- C. Which of the two divisions has a larger probability of making a loss in a given year?

ANS:

The larger probability of making a loss in a given year is the first division.