

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: $X = 600$

Mean = $45 + 10$

Standard Deviation = 8

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from scipy import stats
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round(1 - stats.norm.cdf(60, loc = 55, scale = 8), 5)
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0.26599
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∴ Option B

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: False.

Since mean = 38 and standard deviation = 6, most of the ages are lying between 32 and 44.

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from scipy import stats

#Z score for 44

round(1 - stats.norm.cdf(44, loc = 38, scale = 6), 5)

0.15866 = 63 people out of 400
#Z score between 38 and 44

stats.norm.cdf(44, loc = 38, scale = 6) - stats.norm.cdf(38, loc = 38,
scale = 6)

0.3413447460685429 = 137 people out of 400

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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: True.

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from scipy import stats

stats.norm.cdf(30, loc = 38, scale = 6)

0.09121121972586788

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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: As we know that if $X \sim N(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2)$ and $Y \sim N(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2)$ are two independent random variables, then $X+Y \sim N(\mu_1 + \mu_2, \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)$ and $X*Y \sim N(\mu_1 * \mu_2, \sigma_1^2 * \sigma_2^2)$.

Similarly, if $Z = aX + bY$, where X and Y are defined as above, i.e., Z is a linear combination of X and Y , then $Z \sim N(a\mu_1 + b\mu_2, a^2\sigma_1^2 + b^2\sigma_2^2)$

\therefore The equations

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

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

$$2X_1 - (X_1 + X_2) \sim N(4\mu, 6\sigma^2)$$

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
- E. 90.1, 109.9

Ans: Since it is 99%, we need to add 0.5% on either side.
i.e., $0.005 = 0.99 + 0.005 = 0.995$

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from scipy import stats

#Z value of 0.005

stats.norm.ppf(0.005)

-2.575829303548901

#Z value of 0.995

stats.norm.ppf(0.995)

2.5758293035489004
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$$Z = (x - \text{Mean}) / \text{SD}$$

$$x = \text{SD} * Z + \text{Mean}$$

$$x = 20 * Z + 100$$

$$A = (20 * (-2.57)) + 100 = 48.5$$

$$B = (20 * 2.57) + 100 = 151.5$$

Option D

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:

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import numpy as np
from scipy import stats
from scipy.stats import norm
Mean = 5+7
print('Mean Profit is Rs', Mean*45,'Million')
Mean Profit is Rs 540 Million
print('Range is Rs',(stats.norm.interval(0.95, 540, 225)), 'in Millions')
Range is Rs (99.00810347848784, 980.9918965215122) in Millions
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B. Specify the 5th percentile of profit (in Rupees) for the company

Ans: From Z table we know that 5th percentile value is -1.645

$$X = SD + \text{Mean}$$

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import numpy as np
X = 540 + (-1.645) * (225)
print('5th percentile of profit (in Million Rupees) is', np.round(X,))
5th percentile of profit (in Million Rupees) is 170.0
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C. Which of the two divisions has a larger probability of making a loss in a given year?

Ans: Making loss. i.e., $X < 0$

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from scipy import stats
# Division 1
stats.norm.cdf(0,5,3)
0.0477903522728147
# Division 2
stats.norm.cdf(0,7,4)
0.040059156863817086
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Division 2 will face more loss.