

PSY 221A - Homework 4

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Some Useful Functions

The function **znorm** takes in either a raw score or a z score, along with the mean and standard deviation, and returns the z score or the raw score (specify type = "z" for z score and type = "x" for raw score) using the following equation:

$$z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}$$

```
znorm = function(s, m, sd, type) {  
  if (type == "z") {  
    x = s  
    return ((x-m)/sd)  
  }  
  if (type == "x") {  
    z = s  
    return (m-z*sd)  
  }  
}
```

The function **zshade** shades in the area under the curve between 2 z scores, or to either side of a z score.

```
zshade = function(z, shade = "left") {  
  # If more than 2 z scores are given  
  if (length(z) > 2) {  
    stop("Error: Too many z scores given!")  
  }  
  
  # If two z scores are given  
  if (length(z) > 1) {  
    z1 = min(z)  
    z2 = max(z)  
    cord.x = c(z1, seq(z1, z2, 0.01), z2)  
    cord.y = c(0, dnorm(seq(z1, z2, 0.01)), 0)  
    curve(dnorm(x, 0, 1), xlim = c(-4, 4), main = "Standard Normal Curve",  
          ylab = "", xlab = "")  
    polygon(cord.x, cord.y, col = "skyblue")  
  }  
  
  # If a single z score is given  
  if (shade == "left") {  
    z1 = -4  
    z2 = z  
    cord.x = c(z1, seq(z1, z2, 0.01), z2)  
    cord.y = c(0, dnorm(seq(z1, z2, 0.01)), 0)  
    curve(dnorm(x, 0, 1), xlim = c(-4, 4), main = "Standard Normal Curve",  
          ylab = "", xlab = "")  
    polygon(cord.x, cord.y, col = "skyblue")  
  }  
}
```

```

}
if (shade == "right") {
  z1 = z
  z2 = 4
  cord.x = c(z1, seq(z1, z2, 0.01), z2)
  cord.y = c(0, dnorm(seq(z1, z2, 0.01)), 0)
  curve(dnorm(x, 0, 1), xlim = c(-4, 4), main = "Standard Normal Curve",
        ylab = "", xlab = "")
  polygon(cord.x, cord.y, col = "skyblue")
}
}

```

Chapter 4

When conducting your z score problems, please sketch a normal curve.

A1

If you convert each score in a set of scores to a z score, which of the following will be true about the resulting set of z scores?

The variance will equal 1.

A2

The distribution of body weights for adults is somewhat positively skewed—there is much more room for people to be above average than below. If you take the mean weights for random groups of 10 adults each and form a new distribution, how will this new distribution compare to the distribution of individuals?

The new distribution will more closely resemble the normal distribution.

A3

Assume that the mean height for adult women (μ) is 65 inches, and that the standard deviation (σ) is 3 inches.

```
m = 65; sd = 3
```

a. What is the z score for a woman who is exactly 5 feet tall? Who is 5 feet 5 inches tall?

```
cat("Z score for woman that is 5 feet tall      : ", znorm(5*12, m, sd, "z"))
```

```
## Z score for woman that is 5 feet tall      :  -1.666667
```

```
cat("Z score for woman that is 5 feet 5 inches tall: ", znorm(5*12+5, m, sd, "z"))
```

```
## Z score for woman that is 5 feet 5 inches tall:  0
```

b. What is the z score for a woman who is 70 inches tall? Who is 75 inches tall? Who is 64 inches tall?

```
cat("Z score for woman that is 70 inches tall: ", znorm(70, m, sd, "z"))
```

```
## Z score for woman that is 70 inches tall:  1.666667
```

```
cat("Z score for woman that is 75 inches tall: ", znorm(75, m, sd, "z"))
```

```
## Z score for woman that is 75 inches tall: 3.333333
```

```
cat("Z score for woman that is 64 inches tall: ", znorm(64, m, sd, "z"))
```

```
## Z score for woman that is 64 inches tall: -0.3333333
```

c. How tall is a woman whose z score for height is -3? -1.33? -0.3? -2.1?

```
cat("Height for woman with z score of -3.00: ", znorm(-3, m, sd, "x"))
```

```
## Height for woman with z score of -3.00: 74
```

```
cat("Height for woman with z score of -1.33: ", znorm(-1.33, m, sd, "x"))
```

```
## Height for woman with z score of -1.33: 68.99
```

```
cat("Height for woman with z score of -0.3: ", znorm(-0.3, m, sd, "x"))
```

```
## Height for woman with z score of -0.33: 65.9
```

```
cat("Height for woman with z score of -2.10: ", znorm(-2.1, m, sd, "x"))
```

```
## Height for woman with z score of -2.10: 71.3
```

d. How tall is a woman whose z score for height is +3? +2.33? +1.7? +.9?

```
cat("Height for woman with z score of 3.00: ", znorm(3.0, m, sd, "x"))
```

```
## Height for woman with z score of 3.00: 56
```

```
cat("Height for woman with z score of 2.33: ", znorm(2.33, m, sd, "x"))
```

```
## Height for woman with z score of 2.33: 58.01
```

```
cat("Height for woman with z score of 1.70: ", znorm(1.7, m, sd, "x"))
```

```
## Height for woman with z score of 1.70: 59.9
```

```
cat("Height for woman with z score of 0.90: ", znorm(0.9, m, sd, "x"))
```

```
## Height for woman with z score of 0.90: 62.3
```

A9

Use Table A.1 to find the area of the normal distribution between the mean and z, when z equals

a. 0.18

```
cat("Area under the curve between mean and z = 0.18: ", pnorm(0.18)-0.5)
```

```
## Area under the curve between mean and z = 0.18: 0.07142372
```

b. 0.50

```
cat("Area under the curve between mean and z = 0.50: ", pnorm(0.50)-0.5)
```

```
## Area under the curve between mean and z = 0.50: 0.1914625
```

c. 0.88

```
cat("Area under the curve between mean and z = 0.88: ", pnorm(0.88)-0.5)
```

```
## Area under the curve between mean and z = 0.88: 0.3105703
```

d. 1.25

```
cat("Area under the curve between mean and z = 1.25: ", pnorm(1.25)-0.5)
```

```
## Area under the curve between mean and z = 1.25: 0.3943502
```

e. 2.11

```
cat("Area under the curve between mean and z = 2.11: ", pnorm(2.11)-0.5)
```

```
## Area under the curve between mean and z = 2.11: 0.4825708
```

A10

Use Table A.1 to find the area of the normal distribution beyond z, when z equals

a. 0.09

```
cat("Area under the curve beyond z = 0.09: ", 1-pnorm(0.09))
```

```
## Area under the curve beyond z = 0.09: 0.4641436
```

b. 0.75

```
cat("Area under the curve beyond z = 0.75: ", 1-pnorm(0.75))
```

```
## Area under the curve beyond z = 0.75: 0.2266274
```

c. 1.05

```
cat("Area under the curve beyond z = 1.05: ", 1-pnorm(1.05))
```

```
## Area under the curve beyond z = 1.05: 0.1468591
```

d. 1.96

```
cat("Area under the curve beyond z = 1.96: ", 1-pnorm(1.96))
```

```
## Area under the curve beyond z = 1.96: 0.0249979
```

e. 2.57

```
cat("Area under the curve beyond z = 2.57: ", 1-pnorm(2.57))
```

```
## Area under the curve beyond z = 2.57: 0.005084926
```

B1

Suppose that a large Introduction to Psychology class has taken a midterm exam, and the scores are normally distributed (approximately) with $\mu = 75$ and $\sigma = 9$. What is the percentile rank (PR) for a student

```
m = 75; sd = 9
```

a. Who scores 90?

```
cat("Percentile Rank for score 90: ", 100*pnorm(znorm(90, m, sd, "z")), "%")
```

```
## Percentile Rank for score 90: 95.22096 %
```

b. Who scores 70?

```
cat("Percentile Rank for score 70: ", 100*pnorm(znorm(70, m, sd, "z")), "%")
```

```
## Percentile Rank for score 70: 28.92574 %
```

c. Who scores 60?

```
cat("Percentile Rank for score 60: ", 100*pnorm(znorm(60, m, sd, "z")), "%")
```

```
## Percentile Rank for score 60: 4.779035 %
```

d. Who scores 94?

```
cat("Percentile Rank for score 94: ", 100*pnorm(znorm(94, m, sd, "z")), "%")
```

```
## Percentile Rank for score 94: 98.26186 %
```

B2

Find the area between

a. $z = -0.5$ and $z = +1.0$

```
cat("Area between two given z scores: ", pnorm(1)-pnorm(0.5))
```

```
## Area between two given z scores: 0.1498823
```

b. $z = -1.5$ and $z = +0.75$

```
cat("Area between two given z scores: ", pnorm(0.75)-pnorm(-1.5))
```

```
## Area between two given z scores: 0.7065654
```

c. $z = +0.75$ and $z = +1.5$

```
cat("Area between two given z scores: ", pnorm(1.5)-pnorm(0.75))
```

```
## Area between two given z scores: 0.1598202
```

d. $z = -0.5$ and $z = -1.5$

```
cat("Area between two given z scores: ", pnorm(-.5)-pnorm(-1.5))
```

```
## Area between two given z scores: 0.2417303
```

B6

A teacher thinks her class has an unusually high IQ, because her 36 students have an average IQ (X) of 108. If the population mean is 100 and $\sigma = 15$,

a. What is the z score for this class?

b. What percentage of classes ($n = 36$, randomly selected) would be even higher on IQ?

B9

Suppose that the average person sleeps 8 hours each night and that $\sigma = 0.7$ hour(s).

a. If a group of 50 joggers is found to sleep an average of 7.6 hours per night, what is the z score for this group?

- b. If a group of 200 joggers also has a mean of 7.6, what is the z score for this larger group?
- c. Comparing your answers to parts a and b, can you determine the mathematical relation between sample size and z (when X remains constant)?

C1