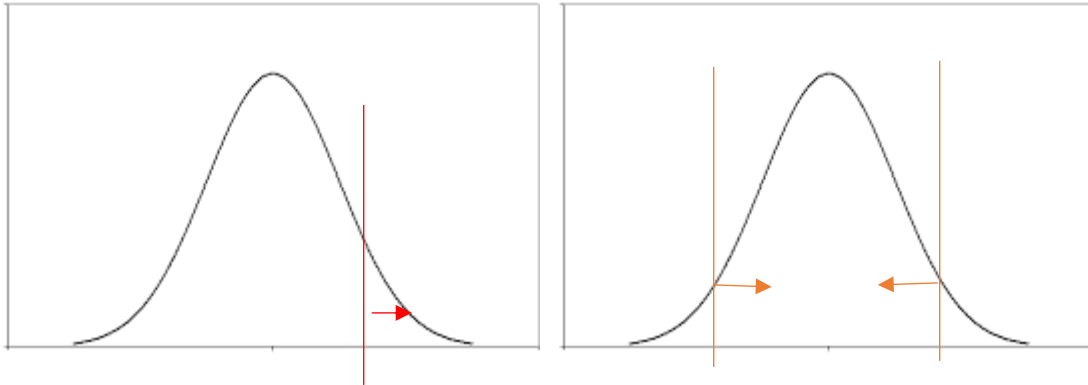


## MSIS 5503 – Statistics for Data Science – Fall 2021 - Assignment 4



When asked to show probabilities on the normal distribution, draw vertical line(s) using the “Insert, Shapes” and then draw horizontal arrow(s) to show covered area(s). Example above shows  $P(X > x)$ . The second example below shows probabilities for values between  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ .

1. Births are approximately uniformly distributed between the 52 weeks of the year. They can be said to follow a uniform distribution from week 1 to week 53 (spread of 52 weeks).

- a.  $X \sim U(1, 53)$
- b.  $f(X=x) = 1/(b-a) = 1/52$  for  $1 \leq X \leq 53$ ;  $x=0$  for  $X \leq 1$  and  $X \geq 53$   
 $F(X=x) = (x-a)/(b-a) = (x-1)/52$  for  $1 \leq X \leq 53$ ;  $x=0$  for  $X \leq 1$  and  $X \geq 53$

**(Note: Either function acceptable as answer)**

- c.  $\mu = (53 + 1)/2 = 27$
- d.  $\sigma = 52/\text{SQRT}(12) = 15.011$
- e. What is the probability that a person is born at the exact moment week 19 starts?  
That is, find  $P(x = 19) = 0$

**(Here the answer MUST be 0; There is NO probability for an exact value of X in a continuous distribution)**

**Do in R (Practice and check with calculator)**

- f.  $P(2 < x < 31) = (31-2)/(53-1) = 29/52 = 0.5577$

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> print(punif(31, 1, 53) - punif(2, 1, 53))
[1] 0.5576923
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- g. Find the probability that a person is born after week 40 =  $P(X > 40) = (53-40)/(53-1) = 13/52 = .25$

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> print(1 - punif(40, 1, 53))
[1] 0.25
```

- h.  $P(12 < x | x < 28) = (28-12)/(28-1) = 16/27 = .592$

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> print((punif(28, 1, 53) - punif(12, 1, 53))/punif(28, 1, 53))
[1] 0.5925926
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or

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> print(1 - punif(12, 1, 28))
[1] 0.5925926
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- i. Find the 70th percentile.  $(x-1) = .7*52$  so  $x = 37.4$

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> print(qunif(0.70, 1, 53))
[1] 37.4
```

- j. Find the minimum for the upper quarter. Upper quarter is 75th percentile  $(x-1) = .75*52 = 39$ , so  $x = \text{week } 40$ .

```
> print(qunif(0.75, 1, 53))
[1] 40
```

2. During the years 1998–2012, a total of 29 earthquakes of magnitude greater than 6.5 have occurred in Papua New Guinea. Assume that the time spent waiting between earthquakes is exponential.

**Do in R (Practice and check with calculator)**

- a. What is the probability that the next earthquake occurs within the next three months?

$X$  is the time interval (in months) between earthquakes in Papua New Guinea. There were 29 earthquakes (magnitude  $> 6.5$ ) in  $1998 - 2012 = 12 * 15 \text{ months} = 180 \text{ months}$ . (I am also accepting 168 months or 14 years since the question was not clear. Answers in red below also acceptable.)

So, expected number of earthquakes per month  $= \lambda = 29/180$ .

$\lambda = 29/(12*(2012-1998)) = 0.1726 \text{ per month}$

So  $X \sim \text{Exponential } (\lambda = 29/180)$ .

$X \sim \text{Exponential } (\lambda = 29/168)$ .

The expected time interval between earthquakes (i.e., expected duration without earthquakes)  $= 180/29 \text{ months}$ .

$P(X \leq 3) = F(3) = 1 - e^{-\lambda x} = 1 - e^{-29*3/180}$

By calculator  $= 0.3833$

By R:

```
> print(pexp(3, 29/180))
[1] 0.3832758
(0.4042)
```

- b. Given that six months has passed without an earthquake in Papua New Guinea, what is the probability that the next three months will be *free* of earthquakes?

Due to the memoryless property  $P(X > 6 \text{ months} + 3 \text{ months} | X > 6 \text{ months}) = P(X > 3) = 1 - 0.3833 = 0.6167$ .

(0.5958)

By R:

```
> print(1 - pexp(3, 29/180 ))  
[1] 0.6167242
```

- c. What is the probability of zero earthquakes occurring in 2014?

We are looking for the probability of *number of earthquakes* in 12 months, which is Poisson. Now,  $\lambda = 29/180$  per month, so for 12 months,  $\lambda = 12*29/180$ .

By calculator:  $P(X=0) = \lambda^x * e^{-\lambda} / x! = \lambda^0 * e^{-\lambda} / 0! = e^{-\lambda} = e^{-12*29/180} = 0.1447$

By R:

```
> print(ppois(0, 12*29/180))  
[1] 0.1446652
```

(This must be done using Poisson)

(0.126)

- d. What is the probability that *at least* two earthquakes will occur in 2014?

By calculator:  $1 - P(X=0) - P(X=1) = 1 - 0.1447 - (12*29/180)^1 * e^{-12*29/180} / 1! = 0.5756$

By R:

```
> print(1 - ppois(1, 12*29/180))  
[1] 0.5756488
```

(This must be done using Poisson)

(0.613)

3. IQ is normally distributed with a mean of 100 and a standard deviation of 15. Suppose one individual is randomly chosen. Let  $X$  = IQ of an individual.

- a.  $X \sim N(100, 15)$

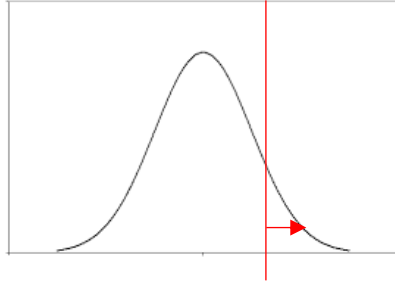
**Do in R (Practice and Check with Standard Normal Tables)**

- b. Write the probability statement in terms of both  $X$  and  $Z$ , show the area (for  $X$ ) and find the probability that the person has an IQ greater than 120.

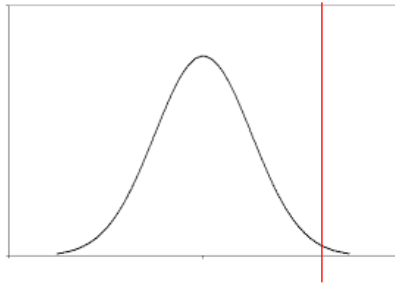
$P(X > 120) = P(Z > (120-100)/15) = P(Z > 1.33) = 0.0908$  (from tables)

From R:

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> print(1 - pnorm(120, 100, 15))  
[1] 0.09121122
```



- c. MENSA is an organization whose members have the top 2% of all IQs. Find the minimum IQ needed to qualify for the MENSA organization. Sketch the graph by hand, and write the probability statement (in terms of both  $X$  and  $Z$ ).



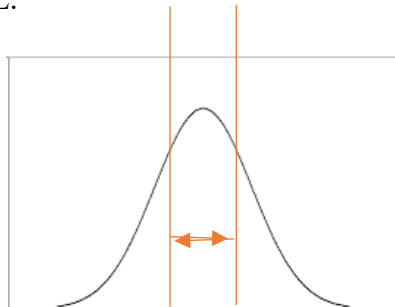
We need  $P(X > x) = P(Z > z) = 0.02$ .  
That is:  $P(Z \leq z) = 0.98$ .

From tables:  $P(Z \leq 2.06) = 0.98$ .  
So,  $x = 100 + 2.06 \cdot 15 = 130.9$

From R:

```
> print(qnorm(0.98, 100, 15))  
[1] 130.8062
```

- d. The middle 50% of IQs fall between what two values? Sketch the graph by and write the probability statement. Give the probability statement in terms of  $X$  and  $Z$ .



We need:

That is:  $P(X \leq x_2) - P(X \leq x_1) = 0.50 = P(Z \leq z_2) - P(Z \leq z_1)$

Since this is symmetric, we first find  $z_2$  such that  $P(Z \leq z_2) = 0.75$ .

From tables:  $z_2 = 0.675$ .

Then we find  $z_1$  such that  $P(Z \leq z_1) = 0.25$ .

From tables:  $z_1 = -0.675$ .

So the two values are:

$x_1 = 100 - 0.675 \cdot 15 = 89.8765$

$x_2 = 100 + 0.675 \cdot 15 = 110.125$

From R:

```
> print(paste("Lower value ", qnorm(0.25, 100, 15), "Upper value ", qnorm(0.75, 100, 15)))  
[1] "Lower value  89.8826537470588 Upper value  110.117346252941"
```

In terms of  $Z$  they fall between  $(89.883-100)/15 = -0.6745$  and  $(110.117-100)/15 = 0.6745$  for  $Z \sim N(0,1)$ .

```
> print(paste("25th percentile is ", round(qnorm(0.25, 0, 1, lower.tail = TRUE, log = FALSE), 4)))  
[1] "25th percentile is  -0.6745"  
>  
> print(paste("75th percentile is ", round(qnorm(0.75, 0, 1, lower.tail = TRUE, log = FALSE), 4)))  
[1] "75th percentile is  0.6745"
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4. Suppose that the distance of fly balls hit to the outfield (in baseball) is normally distributed with a mean of 250 feet and a standard deviation of 50 feet.

a. If  $X$  = distance in feet for a fly ball, then  $X \sim N(250, 50)$

**Do in R (Practice and Check with Standard Normal Tables)**

- b. If one fly ball is randomly chosen from this distribution, what is the probability that this ball traveled fewer than 220 feet? Write the probability statement in terms of both  $X$  and  $Z$ , show the area (for  $X$ ).



We need:

$$P(X \leq 220) = P(Z \leq ((220 - 250)/50)) = P(Z \leq -0.6)$$

i.e.,  $Z \leq -0.6$ .

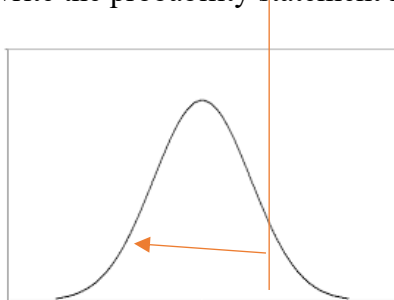
From Tables:

$$P(X \leq 220) = 0.27425$$

From R:

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> print(pnorm(220, 250, 50))  
[1] 0.2742531
```

- c. Find the 80th percentile of the distribution of fly balls. Show the area (for  $X$ ), and write the probability statement in terms of  $X$  and  $Z$ .



$$P(X \leq x) = P(Z \leq z) = 0.8$$

From tables:  $z = 0.845$

```
> print(paste("80th percentile is ",round(qnorm(0.80,0,1,lower.tail = TRUE,log
= FALSE),4)))
[1] "80th percentile is 0.8416"
```

$$x = 250 + 0.8416 \cdot 50 = 292.08$$

From R:

```
> print(qnorm(0.8, 250, 50))
[1] 292.0811
```

5. A \$1 scratch off lotto ticket will be a winner one out of 10 times. Out of a shipment of  $n = 200$  lotto tickets, *using the Binomial, Poisson and Normal distributions* in each case, find the probability for the lotto tickets that there are:

We can treat the underlying random variable as:

Binomial( $n=200$ ,  $p=0.1$ )

Poisson( $\mu = 20$ )

Normal( $\mu = 20$ ,  $\sigma = \sqrt{18}$ )

### Do in R

- a. somewhere between 75 and 95 prizes.

```
> print(pbinom(95, 200, 0.1) - pbinom(75, 200, 0.1))
[1] 0
> print(ppois(95, 20) - ppois(75, 20))
[1] 0
> print(pnorm(95, 20, sqrt(18)) - pnorm(75, 20, sqrt(18)))
[1] 0
```

- b. somewhere between 15 and 25 prizes.

```
> print(pbinom(25, 200, 0.1) - pbinom(15, 200, 0.1))
[1] 0.7564673
> print(ppois(25, 20) - ppois(15, 20))
[1] 0.7313019
> print(pnorm(25, 20, sqrt(18)) - pnorm(15, 20, sqrt(18)))
[1] 0.7614072
```

- c. more than 50 prizes.

```
> print(1 - pbinom(50, 200, 0.1))
[1] 2.96305e-10
> print(1 - ppois(50, 20))
[1] 4.828738e-09
> print(1 - pnorm(50, 20, sqrt(18)))
[1] 7.687184e-13
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- d. If a customer keeps buying tickets till she finds a winner, find the probability that her 10<sup>th</sup> ticket will be a winner.

This would be a Geometric distribution, with  $p$  = probability of “success” = 0.1.

```
> print(dnbinom(9, 1, 0.1))
[1] 0.03874205
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