

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 : 0.2676

from scipy import stats

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

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 : True

$P(\text{age} \geq 44) = P_1 = 0.15865525393145707$

$P(38 \leq \text{age} \leq 44) = P_2 = 0.3413447460685429$

$P_1 * 400 > P_2 * 400$

- B. A training program for employees under the age of 30 at the center would be expected to attract about 36 employees.

Ans : True

$P(\text{age} \leq 30) = 0.09121121972586788$

$P * 400 = 36$ (Approx.)

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

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 : 48.5,151.5

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 : Range is Rs. 99.0081034, 980.991896
 - B. Specify the 5th percentile of profit (in Rupees) for the company
Ans : 169.875
 - C. Which of the two divisions has a larger probability of making a loss in a given year?
Ans : $\text{stats.norm.cdf}(0.5, 3)$
0.0477903
 $\text{Stats.norm.cdf}(0, 7, 4)$
0.0400591