

## 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

The work begin after 10 min, so the average time increase from 45min to 55min.

for normal distribution :-

$$z = (X - \mu) / \sigma$$

$$= (60 - 55) / 8$$

$$= 0.625$$

$$1 - \text{pnorm}(0.625) = 0.2675$$

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.

$$\text{Zscore age 44} = (X - \text{mean}) / \text{SD} = (44 - 38) / 6 = 1 = 0.8413 = 84.13\%$$

$$\text{Zscore People above age 44} = 100 - 84.13 = 15.87\% = 63 \text{ ppl}$$

$$\text{Zscore for 38} = 0 = 50\% = 200$$

$$\text{People between 38 and 44} = 84.13 - 50 = 34.13 = 137 (\text{approx.})$$

Hence, More employees at the processing center are older than 44 than between 38 and 44. Is **FALSE**

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

$$\text{People age 30} = (30 - 38) / 6 = -1.33 = 9.15\% = 36$$

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.

Normal Distribution can be defined by two parameters such as mean( $\mu$ ), Variance( $\sigma$ )  
written as  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

So,  $X_1 \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$  and  $X_2 \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$  are two independent Normal distributions

Addition of those will be,

$$X+Y \sim N(\mu_1 + \mu_2, \sigma^2_1 + \sigma^2_2)$$

Subtraction of those will be,

$$X-Y \sim N(\mu_1 - \mu_2, \sigma^2_1 + \sigma^2_2)$$

When  $Z = \alpha X$ , the product of  $X$ ,  $Z \sim N(\alpha \mu_1, \alpha^2 \sigma^2_1)$

Thus, Following the property of product

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

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

So the mean of  $2X_1$ ,  $X_1 + X_2$  is same, but Variance of  $2X$  is 2 times higher than the  $X_1 + X_2$

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**
- E. 90.1, 109.9

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

$$P_1 \sim N(5, 3^2), P_2 \sim N(7, 4^2)$$

$$P \sim N(12, 7^2)$$

- A. Specify a Rupee range (centered on the mean) such that it contains 95% probability for the annual profit of the company.  
 $= 12 - 1.96 \times 7, 12 + 1.96 \times 7 = (\$1.72M, \$25.72M) = (\text{Rs. } 77.4M, \text{Rs. } 1157.4M)$
- B. Specify the 5<sup>th</sup> percentile of profit (in Rupees) for the company  
 $(p - 12) / 7 = -1.644$   
 $P = 12 - 8.22 = \$3.78M = \text{Rs. } 170.1M$
- C. Which of the two divisions has a larger probability of making a loss in a given year?  
 First Division, Loss is when  $p < 0$