

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 : option B.

We have a normal distribution with $\mu = 45$ and $\sigma = 8.0$. Let X be the amount of time it takes to complete the repair on a customer's car. To finish in one hour you must have $X \leq 50$ so the question is to find $\Pr(X > 50)$.

$$\Pr(X > 50) = 1 - \Pr(X \leq 50).$$

$$Z = (X - \mu) / \sigma = (X - 45) / 8.0$$

Thus the question can be answered by using the normal table to find

$$\Pr(X \leq 50) = \Pr(Z \leq (50 - 45) / 8.0) = \Pr(Z \leq 0.625) = 73.4\%$$

Probability that the service manager will not meet his demand will be $= 100 - 73.4 = 26.6\%$ or 0.2676

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

for normal distribution :-

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

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

$$= 0.625$$

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

Around 70% of the data falls within one standard deviation of the mean

$$(\mu + s = 38 + 6 = 44)$$

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

Ans : True

$$Z = (X - \mu) / s$$

$$P(X \leq 30) = P(Z \leq (30 - 38) / 6) = P(Z \leq -1.33) = 0.0918 \text{ (using z table)}$$

$$\text{Expected count} = 0.0918 * 400 = 36.72$$

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In [41]: from scipy import stats
         from scipy.stats import norm

In [45]: #A. More employees at the processing center are older than 44 than between 38 and 44.

         # p(X > 44); Employees older than 44 yrs of age
         1 - stats.norm.cdf(44, loc=38, scale=6)

Out[45]: 0.15865525393145707

In [46]: # p(38 < X < 44); Employees between 38 to 44 yrs of age
         stats.norm.cdf(44, 38, 6) - stats.norm.cdf(38, 38, 6)

Out[46]: 0.3413447460685429

Statement A is False. As Probability of employees aged between 38 to 44 is more.

In [49]: #B. A training program for employees under the age of 30 at the center would be expected to attract about 36 employees.

         # P(X < 30); Employees under 30 yrs of age
         stats.norm.cdf(30, 38, 6)

Out[49]: 0.09121121972586788

In [52]: # No. of employees attending training program from 400 nos. is N * P(X < 30)
         400 * stats.norm.cdf(30, 38, 6)

Out[52]: 36.484487890347154

Statement B is True as no. of employees aged below 33 yrs attending training is 36
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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 as defined above, i.e Z is linear combination of X and Y , then $Z \sim N(a\mu_1 + b\mu_2, a^2\sigma_1^2 + b^2\sigma_2^2)$.

Therefore in the question

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

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

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

$2X_1$ will be greater scale version than $X_1 + X_2$. If X_1 and X_2 are normally distributed then the sum of the random sample will be exactly same.

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 : option D.

The Probability of getting value between a and b should be 0.99.

the Probability outside the a and b area is 0.01 (ie. $1 - 0.99$).

The Probability towards left from $a = -0.005$ ($0.01/2$).

The Probability towards right from $b = +0.005$ ($0.01/2$).

So since we have the probabilities of a and b , we need to calculate X , the random variable at a and b which has got these probabilities.

By finding the Standard Normal Variable Z (Z Value), we can calculate the X values.

$$Z = (X - \text{pop.mean}) / \text{sd}$$

For Probability 0.005 the Z Value is -2.57 (from Z Table).

$$Z * \text{pop.mean} + \text{sd} = X$$

$$Z(-0.005) * 20 + 100 = -(-2.57) * 20 + 100 = 151.4$$

$$Z(+0.005)*20+100 = (-2.57)*20+100 = 48.6$$

qnorm(0.995,100,20)

qnorm(0.005,100,20)

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In [53]: from scipy import stats
         from scipy.stats import norm
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In [58]: stats.norm.interval(0.99,100,20)
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Out[58]: (48.48341392902199, 151.516586070978)
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In [59]: #a = 48.48 and b = 151.52
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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
- Specify a Rupee range (centered on the mean) such that it contains 95% probability for the annual profit of the company.
 - Specify the 5th percentile of profit (in Rupees) for the company
 - Which of the two divisions has a larger probability of making a loss in a given year?

Ans :

A) qnorm(0.025,45*5,3) # 219.1201

qnorm(0.975,45*5,3) # 230.8799

qnorm(0.025,45*7,3) # 309.1201

qnorm(0.975,45*7,3) # 320.8799

The Rupee Range will be $[219.12, 230.87] + [309.12, 320.87] = [528.24, 551.74]$

B) qnorm(0.05,45*7,3) # 310.0654

qnorm(0.05,45*5,3) # 220.0654

5th percentile of profit (in Rupees) = $310.0654 + 220.0654 = 530.1308$

C) 2nd Division



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In [60]: from scipy import stats
from scipy.stats import norm
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In [61]: # Mean profits from two different divisions of a company = Mean1 + Mean2
Mean = 5+7
print('Mean Profit is Rs', Mean*45, 'Million')
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Mean Profit is Rs 540 Million

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In [62]: # Variance of profits from two different divisions of a company = SD^2 = SD1^2 + SD2^2
SD = np.sqrt((9)+(16))
print('Standard Deviation is Rs', SD*45, 'Million')
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Standard Deviation is Rs 225.0 Million

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In [63]: # A. Specify a Rupee range (centered on the mean) such that it contains 95% probability for the annual profit of the company.
print('Range is Rs',(stats.norm.interval(0.95,540,225)), 'in Millions')
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Range is Rs (99.00810347848784, 980.9918965215122) in Millions

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In [64]: # B. Specify the 5th percentile of profit (in Rupees) for the company
# To compute 5th Percentile, we use the formula  $X = \mu + Z\sigma$ ; wherein from z table, 5 percentile = -1.645
X= 540+(-1.645)*(225)
print('5th percentile of profit (in Million Rupees) is', np.round(X,))
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5th percentile of profit (in Million Rupees) is 170.0

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In [65]: # C. Which of the two divisions has a larger probability of making a Loss in a given year?
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# Probability of Division 1 making a Loss  $P(X < 0)$ 
stats.norm.cdf(0,5,3)
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Out[65]: 0.0477903522728147

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In [66]: # Probability of Division 2 making a Loss  $P(X < 0)$ 
stats.norm.cdf(0,7,4)
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Out[66]: 0.040059156863817086

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In [67]: # because probability of Division 1 making a Loss in a given year is more than Division
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