**Topics: Normal distribution, Functions of Random Variables**

1. The time required for servicing transmissions is normally distributed with *μ* = 45 minutes and *σ* = 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?
2. 0.3875
3. 0.2676
4. 0.5
5. 0.6987

Answer – We have a normal distribution with μ = 45 and σ = 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 ≤ 50 so the question is to find P(X > 50).

P(X > 50) = 1 - P(X ≤ 50)

Z = (X -μ)/ σ = (X - 45)/8.0

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

P(X ≤ 50) = P (Z ≤ (50 - 45)/8.0) = P (Z ≤ 0.625) =73.4%

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

1. The current age (in years) of 400 clerical employees at an insurance claims processing center is normally distributed with mean *μ* = 38 and Standard deviation *σ* =6. For each statement below, please specify True/False. If false, briefly explain why.
2. More employees at the processing center are older than 44 than between 38 and 44.
3. A training program for employees under the age of 30 at the center would be expected to attract about 36 employees.

Answer - We have a normal distribution with μ = 38 and σ = 6. Let X be the number of employees

a) Probabilty of employees greater than age of 44= P(X>44)

P(X > 44) = 1 - P(X ≤ 44).

Z = (X - μ)/ σ = (X - 38)/6

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

P(X ≤ 44) = P(Z ≤ (44 - 38)/6) = P(Z ≤ 1) = 84.1345%

Probability that the employee will be greater than age of 44 = 100-84.1345=15.86%

So the probability of number of employees between 38-44 years of age = P(X<44)-0.5=84.1345-0.5= 34.1345%

Therefore the statement that “More employees at the processing center are older than 44 than between 38 and 44” is TRUE.

b) Probability of employees less than age of 30 = P(X<30).

Z = (X - μ)/ σ = (30 - 38)/6

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

P(X ≤ 30) = P(Z ≤ (30 - 38)/6) = P(Z ≤ -1.333) = 9.12%

So the number of employees with probability 0.912 of them being under age 30 = 0.0912\*400 = 36.48 (or 36 employees).

Therefore, statement B of the question is also TRUE.

1. If *X1* ~ *N*(μ, σ2) and *X*2 ~ *N*(μ, σ2) are *iid* normal random variables, then what is the difference between 2 *X*1 and *X*1 + *X*2? Discuss both their distributions and parameters.

Answer - As we know that if X ∼ N(µ1, σ1^2 ) and Y ∼ N(µ2, σ2^2 ) are two independent random variables then X + Y ∼ N(µ1 + µ2, σ1^2 + σ2^2 ) and X − Y ∼ N(µ1 − µ2, σ1^2 + σ2^2 )

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 ∼ N(aµ1 + bµ2, a^2σ1^2 + b^2σ2^2 )

Therefore in the question

2X1~ N(2 u,4 σ^2) and X1+X2 ~ N(µ + µ, σ^2 + σ^2 ) ~ N(2 u, 2σ^2 )

∴2X1-(X1+X2) = N( 4µ,6 σ^2)

1. Let X ~ N (100, 202). 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.
2. 90.5, 105.9
3. 80.2, 119.8
4. 22, 78
5. 48.5, 151.5
6. 90.1, 109.9

Answer - Since we need to find out the values of a and b, which are symmetric about the mean, such that the probability of random variable taking a value between them is 0.99, we have to work out in reverse order.

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

So the Probability of going wrong or the Probability outside the a and b area is 0.01 (ie. 1-0.99)

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

The Probability towards right from b = +0.005 (ie. 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- μ) / σ

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

Z \* σ + μ = X

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

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

So, option D is correct.

1. Consider a company that has two different divisions. The annual profits from the two divisions are independent and have distributions Profit1 ~ N(5, 32) and Profit2 ~ N(7, 42) 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
2. Specify a Rupee range (centered on the mean) such that it contains 95% probability for the annual profit of the company.
3. Specify the 5th percentile of profit (in Rupees) for the company
4. Which of the two divisions has a larger probability of making a loss in a given year?

Answer – ipynb file attached in the mail