**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 = 45 and = 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 Pr (X > 50). Pr (X > 50) = 1 - Pr (X ≤ 50). Z = (X -)/ = (X - 45)/8.0 Thus the question can be answered by using the normal table to find Pr (X ≤ 50) = Pr (Z ≤ (50 - 45)/8.0) = Pr (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.

**Answer -** More employees at the processing center are older than 44 than between 38 and 44. A training program for employees under the age of 30 at the center would be expected to attract about 36 employees.

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**Answer -** 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

Ans. 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 = XZ(-0.005)\*20+100 = -(-2.57)\*20+100 = 151.4Z(+0.005)\*20+100 = (-2.57)\*20+100 = 48.6So, 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 – Jupyter Notebook**