

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;

Since work being 10 mins after the car is dropped, the time left to complete work is 50 mins.

Probability that Service Manager cannot meet his commitment = $P(X > 50) = 1 - \Pr(x \leq 50)$

X = the time taken to complete work,

Standard normal variable $Z = (X - \mu) / \sigma = (x - 45) / 8$

$P(X \leq 50) = P(Z \leq (50 - 45) / 8) = \Pr(Z \leq 0.625) = 0.73237 = 73.237\%$ (Z-TABLE)

Probability that services manager will not meet his commitment is

$100 - 73.237 = 26.763\% = 0.2676$

So, the answer is **B. 0.2676**

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

ANS;

$\mu = 38$ & $\sigma = 6$

A)

FALSE; As 84% employees are having age less than 44.

B)

TRUE; As about 9% of employees comes under age 30 and also out of 400 if we consider 9% it will be 36 persons.

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.

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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,

$$2X_1 \sim N(2\mu, 4\sigma^2) \text{ \& }$$

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

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

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;

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 & b area is 0.01 (i.e., $1 - 0.99$).

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

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

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.

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

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

$$Z * \sigma + \mu = X$$

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

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

So, **option D** is correct.

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.
 - B. Specify the 5th percentile of profit (in Rupees) for the company

C. Which of the two divisions has a larger probability of making a loss in a given year?

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In [1]: import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
from scipy import stats
from scipy.stats import norm
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In [2]: # Mean profits from two different divisions of a company
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 [3]: # Variance of profits from two different divisions of a company
SD = np.sqrt((9)+(16))
print('Standard Deviation is Rs', SD*45, 'Million')
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Standard Deviation is Rs 225.0 Million

A

#95% probability for the annual profit of the company

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In [4]: print('Raange is Rs', (stats.norm.interval(0.95,540,225)), 'in Million')
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Raange is Rs (99.00810347848784, 980.9918965215122) in Million

B

#Specify the 5th percentile of profit (in Rupees) for the company

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In [5]: #Formula  $X = \mu + Z\sigma$ ; and from z-table => 5% = -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

C

#Which of the two divisions has a larger probability of making a loss in a given year?

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In [6]: # Probability of Division 1 making a loss  $P(X<0)$ 
stats.norm.cdf(0,5,3)
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Out[6]: 0.0477903522728147

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

Inference: Probability of Division 1 making a loss in a given year is more than Division 2.