

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 : (B) 0.2676

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In [1]: from scipy import stats
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In [3]: 1-stats.norm.cdf(x=50,loc=45,scale=8)
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Out[3]: 0.26598552904870054
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In [ ]: # 26.59% The service manager cannot meet his commitment
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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 : True

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In [3]: from scipy import stats
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In [ ]: # Mean=38 & SD=6
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In [4]: stats.norm.cdf(44,38,6) # Probability Less than 44 is 84.13%
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Out[4]: 0.8413447460685429
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In [5]: 1-stats.norm.cdf(44,38,6) # Probability greater than 44 is 15.86%
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Out[5]: 0.15865525393145707
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In [9]: stats.norm.cdf(38,38,6) # Probability Less than 38 is 50%
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Out[9]: 0.5
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In [6]: stats.norm.cdf(44,38,6) - stats.norm.cdf(38,38,6) # Probability between 38 and 44 is 34.13%
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Out[6]: 0.3413447460685429
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In [ ]: # More employees at the processing center are older than 44 than between 38 and 44. Therefore given statement is true
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- B. A training program for employees under the age of 30 at the center would be expected to attract about 36 employees.

Ans : True

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In [8]: stats.norm.cdf(30,38,6) # The probability at the age 30 is 09%
Out[8]: 0.09121121972586788

In [9]: # If the probability at the age 30 is 9% means 9% of total employee is 36 because 400*.09= 36 . Therefore given statement is true
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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

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

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

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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 is 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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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
- 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
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In [2]: # Mean profit from 2 different divisions of the company = mean1 + mean2
Mean = 5+7
print('Mean profit in Rs',Mean*45,'Million')

Mean profit in Rs 540 Million
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In [3]: # Variance profit from 2 different divisions of the company = SD^2 = SD1^2 + SD2^2
SD = np.sqrt((9)+(16))
print('SD profit in Rs',SD*45,'Million')

SD profit in Rs 225.0 Million
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In [6]: # A. Specify a Rupee range (centered on the mean) such that it contains 95% probability for the annual profit of the company.
print('Range profit is',(stats.norm.interval(.95,540,225)), 'Million')

Range profit is (99.00810347848784, 980.9918965215122) Million
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In [10]: # 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 Rs',np.round(X),'Millions')

5th percentile of profit in Rs 170.0 Millions
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In [11]: # C. Which of the two divisions has a Larger probability of making a Loss in a given year?
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In [12]: # Probability of Division 1 making a Loss  $P(X < 0)$ 
stats.norm.cdf(0,5,3)
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Out[12]: 0.0477903522728147
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In [13]: # Probability of Division 2 making a Loss  $P(X < 0)$ 
stats.norm.cdf(0,7,4)
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Out[13]: 0.040059156863817086
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In [ ]: # Division 1 with 4.77% making more Loss compare to Division2 with 04%
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