**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

Ans: 0.2676 (p value of z = -0.625 ie (40-45)/8)

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.

Ans. False

Reason: 15.87% employees are above age 44 (P(44)=1-cdf(z=1))

65.87% of employees are between age 38 to 44 P(44)-P(38) = 1-(cdf(z=1)-cdf(z=0))

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

Ans. 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.

Ans. As per central limit theorem, Any large sum of independent identically distribution random variables are approximately Normal then (X1 + X2) and (2X1) tends to have Normal distribution only If X1 and X2 are i.i.d and n is Large.

From this theorem:

The Difference between 2X1 and (X1 + X2) is the magnitude they hold of two different sample subsets (X1 and X2) from the same source(population). X1 and X2 can be a different subset of a sample from a similar source (population) but If X1 ~ N(μ, σ2) then, 2 X1 ~ N(2 μ, 4 σ2 ) and (X1 + X2)~N(μ+ μ, σ2 + σ2 )=(2 μ, 2 σ2) Hence, 2X1 – (X1+X2) ~(2 μ – 2 μ, 4 σ2 + 2 σ2 ) The distribution remains the same for every sample subset of similar source, it tends to fall under Normal distribution and slight deviations in parameters.

The Normal distribution has two parameters, the mean, µ, and the variance, σ2. µ and σ2 satisfy −∞ < µ < ∞, σ2> 0. We write X ∼ Normal (µ, σ2) or X ∼ N(µ, σ2 ).

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. 48.5, 151.5

1. Consider a company that has two different divisions. The annual profits fromor 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.

Ans.

Lets assume profit1, profit 2 are iid.

Hence total company profit mean =540 million rupees

total company profit standard deviation = 315 million rupees

1. Specify the 5th percentile of profit (in Rupees) for the company = 170 Million Rs.
2. Which of the two divisions has a larger probability of making a loss in a given year?

Ans.

Div 1 loss making probability=4.78%

Div 2 loss making probability = 4.01%

So division 1 has more chances of making losses in a given year.