

8.2 : Properties of the normal distribution

Question 1

Mean, μ	Standard deviation, σ	Probability
12	3	$P(X < 9) = 0.1587$
30	5	$P(X < 25) = 0.1587$
5	2.2	$P(X > 6) = 0.3247$
245	18	$P(233 < X < 242) = 0.1813$

Question 2

$$\mu = 165$$

$$\sigma = 20$$

$$P(X < 190) \quad ; \quad z = \frac{190 - 165}{20} = 1.25$$

$$P(Z < 1.25) = 0.8944$$

Question 3

$$\mu = 6.2$$

$$\sigma = 1.08$$

$$X = 5$$

$$z = \frac{5 - 6.2}{1.08}$$

$$1.08$$

$$= -1.111$$

$$P(X < 5) = P(Z < -1.11) = 0.1333$$

$$= 13.33\%$$

Question 4

$$n = 125$$

$$\mu = 68$$

$$\sigma = 8.5$$

(a) $X = 78$

$$Z = \frac{78 - 68}{8.5} = 1.1765$$

$$P(Z < 1.1765) = 0.8803$$

$$= 88\%$$

Percentile rank: 88

(b) $X = 55$

$$Z = \frac{55 - 68}{8.5} = -1.5294$$

$$P(Z < -1.5294) = 0.0631$$

$$= 6$$

(c) $X = 89$

$$Z = \frac{89 - 68}{8.5} = 2.4706$$

$$P(Z < 2.4706) = 0.9933$$

Percentile rank: 99

Question 5

Ty Cobb: 0.420 , 1911
Ted Williams: 0.406 , 1941
George Brett: 0.390 , 1980

Decade	Mean	standard deviation	Z-scores
1910s	0.266	0.0371	T.C : 4.1509
1940s	0.267	0.0326	T.W : 4.2638
1970s-1980s	0.261	0.0317	G.B : 4.0694

$$Ty's = \frac{0.420 - 0.266}{0.0371} = 4.1509$$

$$Ted's = \frac{0.406 - 0.267}{0.0326} = 4.2638$$

$$George's = \frac{0.390 - 0.261}{0.0317} = 4.0694$$

We can rank the three hitters using their z-scores. Ranking their Z-scores from the largest to the smallest; i.e. best hitter as the one with the highest positive z-score, we will have.

Rank	Hitter
1	Ted Williams
2	Ty Cobb
3	George Brett

Question 6

$$\mu = 224$$

$$\sigma = 0.03$$

$$P(223.92 < X < 224.08) = P(-2.6667 < Z < 2.6667)$$

$$Z(224.08) = \frac{224.08 - 224}{\frac{0.03}{223.92}} = 2.6667$$

$$Z(223.92) = \frac{223.92 - 224}{0.03} = -2.6667$$

$$P(223.92 < X < 224.08) = 0.9923$$

$$1 - 0.9923 = 0.0077$$

$$= 0.77\%$$

Question 7

$$\mu = 27 \text{ mg/l}$$

$$\sigma = 14$$

$$X = 50$$

$$Z = \frac{50 - 27}{14}$$

$$= 1.6429$$

$$P(X > 50) = P(Z > 1.6429) = 0.0502$$

$$= 0.0502$$

Question 8

$$\mu = 56.3$$

$$\sigma = 8.1$$

(a) $P(X < 40)$

$$Z = \frac{40 - 56.3}{8.1} = -2.0123$$

$$P(Z < -2.0123) = 0.0221$$
$$= 2.21\%$$

(b) $P(50 < X < 60)$

$$Z(50) = \frac{50 - 56.3}{8.1} = -0.7778$$

$$P(-0.7778 < Z < 0.4568) = 0.4577$$

$$Z(60) = \frac{60 - 56.3}{8.1} = 0.4568$$

$$= 45.77\%$$

(c) $P(X > 66)$

$$Z = \frac{66 - 56.3}{8.1} = 1.1975$$

$$P(Z > 1.1975) = 0.1156$$

$$= 11.56\%$$

Question 9

$$\mu = 572.50$$

$$\sigma = 26.10$$

(a) $P(X > 564)$

$$Z = \frac{564 - 572.50}{26.10} = -0.3257$$

$$P(Z > -0.3257) = 0.6277$$

$$= 62.77\%$$

(b) $P(X > 600)$

$$Z = \frac{600 - 572.5}{26.1} = 1.0536$$

$$P(Z > 1.0536) = 0.146$$

$$= 14.6\%$$

Question 10

$$\mu = 157$$

$$\sigma = 7$$

(a) $P(X > 170)$; $Z = \frac{170 - 157}{7}$

$$= 1.8571$$

$$P(Z > 1.8571) = 0.0316$$

$$b) P = 0.90$$

$$Z = \pm 1.64 \text{ ; 2-tailed}$$

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

$$X = 157 \pm 1.64 \times 7$$

$$= (145.52, 168.48)$$