

Exercise 7D

1 $X \sim N(20, 4^2)$

a $P(X \leq 26)$

$$\begin{aligned} z &= \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} \\ &= \frac{26 - 20}{4} \\ &= 1.5 \end{aligned}$$

$$P(X \leq 26) = P(Z \leq 1.5)$$

$$\Phi(1.5) = 0.9332$$

$$P(X \leq 26) = 0.9332$$

b $P(X > 30) = 1 - P(X \leq 30)$

$$\begin{aligned} z &= \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} \\ &= \frac{30 - 20}{4} \\ &= 2.5 \end{aligned}$$

$$P(X > 30) = 1 - P(Z \leq 2.5)$$

$$\Phi(2.5) = 0.9938$$

$$P(X > 30) = 1 - 0.9938$$

$$= 0.0062$$

c $P(X \geq 17) = P(X \leq 23)$

$$\begin{aligned} z &= \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} \\ &= \frac{23 - 20}{4} \\ &= 0.75 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Phi(0.75) = 0.7734$$

$$P(X \geq 17) = 0.7734$$

2 $X \sim N(18, 10)$

a $P(X > 20) = 1 - P(X \leq 20)$

$$\begin{aligned} z &= \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} \\ &= \frac{20 - 18}{\sqrt{10}} \\ &= 0.6325 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Phi(0.6325) = 0.7365$$

$$P(X > 20) = 1 - 0.7365$$

$$= 0.2635$$

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2 b $P(X < 15) = 1 - P(X < 21)$

$$z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}$$

$$= \frac{21 - 18}{\sqrt{10}}$$

$$= 0.9487$$

$$\Phi(0.9487) = 0.8286$$

$$P(X < 15) = 1 - 0.8286 \\ = 0.1714$$

3 a $X \sim N(24, 3^2)$

$$P(X \leq 29)$$

$$z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}$$

$$= \frac{29 - 24}{3}$$

$$= 1.667$$

$$\Phi(1.667) = 0.9522$$

$$P(X \leq 29) = 0.9522$$

b $P(X \geq 22) = P(X \leq 26)$

$$z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}$$

$$= \frac{26 - 24}{3}$$

$$= 0.6667$$

$$\Phi(0.6667) = 0.7475$$

$$P(X \geq 22) = 0.7475$$

c $P(X < 16) = P(X > 32) = 1 - P(X \leq 32)$

$$z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}$$

$$= \frac{32 - 24}{3}$$

$$= 2.667$$

$$\Phi(2.667) = 0.9962$$

$$P(X < 16) = 1 - 0.9962 \\ = 0.0038$$

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4 $Y \sim N(30, 5^2)$

$$P\left(Z > \frac{a-30}{5}\right) = 0.30 \Rightarrow P\left(Z < \frac{a-30}{5}\right) = 0.70$$

$$\frac{a-30}{5} = 0.5244$$

$$a = 32.622$$

5 $Y \sim N(15, 3^2)$

$$P\left(z > \frac{a-15}{3}\right) = 0.15 \Rightarrow P\left(z < \frac{a-15}{3}\right) = 0.85$$

$$\frac{a-15}{3} = 1.036$$

$$a = 18.108$$

$$= 18.1 \text{ (to 3 s.f.)}$$

6 $Y \sim N(100, 15^2)$

a $P(Y > s) = 0.975$

$$P\left(z > \frac{s-100}{15}\right) = 0.975 \Rightarrow P\left(z < \frac{m-100}{15}\right) = 0.975$$

where m lies the same distance to the right of the mean as s does to the left

$$\frac{m-100}{15} = 1.960$$

$$m = 129.4$$

Therefore,

$$s = 100 - 29.4 \\ = 70.6$$

b $P(Y < t) = 0.10$

$$P\left(z < \frac{t-100}{15}\right) = 0.10 \Rightarrow P\left(z > \frac{n-100}{15}\right) = 0.1 \Rightarrow P\left(z < \frac{n-100}{15}\right) = 0.9$$

where n lies the same distance to the right of the mean as t does to the left

$$\frac{n-100}{15} = 1.282$$

$$n = 119.23$$

Therefore,

$$t = 100 - 19.23 \\ = 80.77 \\ = 80.8 \text{ (to 3 s.f.)}$$

c $P(s < Y < t) = 0.975 - 0.9 \\ = 0.075$

7 $X \sim N(80, 4^2)$

a i $P(X > a) = 0.40$

$$P\left(z > \frac{a-80}{4}\right) = 0.4 \Rightarrow P\left(z < \frac{a-80}{4}\right) = 0.6$$

$$\frac{a-80}{4} = 0.2534$$

$$\begin{aligned} a &= 81.0136 \\ &= 81.0 \text{ (to 3 s.f.)} \end{aligned}$$

ii $P(X < b) = 0.5636$

$$P\left(z < \frac{b-80}{4}\right) = 0.5636$$

$$\frac{b-80}{4} = 0.1601$$

$$\begin{aligned} b &= 80.6404 \\ &= 80.6 \text{ (to 3 s.f.)} \end{aligned}$$

b $P(b < X < a) = 0.6 - 0.5636$
 $= 0.0364$

8 a $x = 0.8 \Rightarrow z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma} = \frac{0.8 - 0.8}{0.05} = 0$

b $x = 0.792 \Rightarrow z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma} = \frac{0.792 - 0.8}{0.05} = -0.16$

c $x = 0.81 \Rightarrow z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma} = \frac{0.81 - 0.8}{0.05} = 0.2$

d $x = 0.837 \Rightarrow z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma} = \frac{0.837 - 0.8}{0.05} = 0.74$

9 a $x = 154 \Rightarrow z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma} = \frac{154 - 154}{12} = 0 \Rightarrow P(X < 154) = \Phi(0)$

b $x = 160 \Rightarrow z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma} = \frac{160 - 154}{12} = 0.5 \Rightarrow P(X < 160) = \Phi(0.5)$

c $x = 151 \Rightarrow z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma} = \frac{151 - 154}{12} = -0.25 \Rightarrow P(X > 151) = 1 - P(X < 151) = 1 - \Phi(-0.25)$

d $x = 140 \Rightarrow z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma} = \frac{140 - 154}{12} = -\frac{7}{6}$

$$x = 155 \Rightarrow z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma} = \frac{155 - 154}{12} = \frac{1}{12}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(140 < X < 155) = P(X < 155) - P(X < 140) = \Phi\left(\frac{1}{12}\right) - \Phi\left(-\frac{7}{6}\right)$$

10 a $P(Z > z) = 0.025 \Rightarrow p = 0.025$

Using the percentage points table, $p = 0.025 \Rightarrow z = 1.96$

b Using the formula $z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}$:

$$1.96 = \frac{x - 80}{4}$$

$$x - 80 = 4 \times 1.96$$

$$x = 80 + 7.84$$

$$= 87.84$$

A score of 87.8 (3 s.f.) is needed to get on the programme.

11 a From the percentage points table, $p = 0.15 \Rightarrow z = 1.0364$

Therefore $P(Z > 1.0364) = 0.15$, hence $P(Z < -1.0364) = 0.15$, so $z = -1.0364$

b Using the formula $z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}$:

$$-1.0364 = \frac{x - 57}{2}$$

$$x - 57 = 2 \times (-1.0364)$$

$$x = 57 - 2.0728$$

$$= 54.9272$$

The size of a ‘little’ hat is 54.9 cm (3 s.f.).

12 a The 90th percentile corresponds to $p = 0.1$.

From the percentage points table, $p = 0.10 \Rightarrow z = 1.2816$

By the symmetry of the normal distribution, the 10th percentile is at $z = -1.2816$

So the 10% to 90% interpercentile range corresponds to $-1.2816 < z < 1.2816$

b A ‘standard’ light bulb should have a range of life within the above range, but for $N(1175, 56)$.

Using the formula $z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}$ with $z = -1.2816$:

$$-1.2816 = \frac{x - 1175}{56}$$

$$x - 1175 = 56 \times (-1.2816)$$

$$x = 1175 - 71.7696$$

$$= 1103.2304$$

Similarly, for $z = 1.2816$, $x = 1175 + 71.7696 = 1246.7696$.

So the range of life for a ‘standard’ bulb is 1103 to 1247 hours.