

Arts/ Sci 2R06 Assignment 6 Solution

6.14: We are given $P(Z > 7.5) = 0.8023$ and standard deviation is equal to 2, so we know $P(Z < 7.5) = 0.1977$

By checking the Table 3, we can find $Z = -0.85$, since $Z = (X - \mu) / \sigma$, then $\mu = 7.5 + 0.85(2) = 9.2$

6.17 Since $P(X > 4) = 0.9772$, so $P(X \leq 4) = 1 - 0.9772 = 0.0228$

$$P(X > 5) = 0.9332, \text{ so } P(X \leq 5) = 1 - 0.9332 = 0.0668$$

By checking Table 3, we know $P(Z = -2) = 0.0228$ and $P(Z = -1.5) = 0.0668$

So, we can solve these two equations with two unknowns,

$$-2 = (4 - \mu) / \sigma \quad \text{and} \quad -1.5 = (5 - \mu) / \sigma$$

Therefore, $\sigma = 2$, $\mu = 8$.

6.18 It is given that the random variable X (the weights of these “1-pound” package) are normally distributed with $\mu = 1$, $\sigma = 0.15$.

- a) The proportion of the packages will weigh more than 1 lb is 0.5.
- b) The proportion of the packages will weigh between 0.95 and 1.05 lbs is 0.2586.
- c) The probability that a randomly selected package will weigh less than 0.8 lbs is 0.0918.
- d) $Z = 3$, yes, this would be unusual to find a package of that size.

6.21 We are given Cerebral blood flow in the brains of healthy people is normally distributed with a mean of 74 and a standard deviation of 16.

- a) The probability that a healthy person will have CBF reading between 60 and 80 is 0.4586.
- b) The probability that a healthy person will have a CBF of above 100 is 0.0526.
- c) The probability that a healthy person will be mistakenly diagnosed as at risk is 0.0170.

6.38 a) Since $np = 15 * 0.5 = 7.5$ and $nq = 15 * 0.5 = 7.5$, both $np > 5$ and $nq > 5$, so the normal approximation is appropriate.

b) $\mu = np = 7.5$, $\sigma = \sqrt{npq} = 1.9365$, so $P(X \geq 6) = 1 - P(X \leq 5) \approx 1 - P(Z \leq \frac{5.5 - \mu}{\sigma})$
 $= 1 - P(Z \leq -1.03) = 1 - 0.1515 = 0.8485$.

c) $P(X > 6) = 1 - P(X \leq 6) = 1 - P(Z \leq -0.52) = 1 - 0.3015 = 0.6985$.

d) The approximations from b) and c) are very close to the exact probabilities.

6.46 Since $p = 0.001$, $q = 0.999$ and $n = 50000$, and both $np > 5$ and $nq > 5$, so it is appropriate to use the normal approximation to the binomial probability, then $\mu = 50$ and $\sigma = \sqrt{npq} = 7.068$,

$$P(X \geq 60) \approx P(Z \geq \frac{59.5 - 50}{7.068}) = P(Z \geq 1.34) = 1 - 0.9099 = 0.0901, \text{ therefore, the probability of}$$

there being 60 children with genetic defects is low, but now so low as to be considered a rare event.

6.52 a) $P(X > 20) = 1 - P(X \leq 20) = 1 - 0.991 = 0.009$

b) Using the normal approximation to the binomial distribution:

$$P(X > 20) = 1 - P(X \leq 20) \approx 1 - P\left(Z \leq \frac{20.5 - 15}{2.449}\right) = 1 - 0.9878 = 0.0122, \text{ compar to part a), they}$$

are quite close.

c) $n=25$ and $p=0.8$, by using Table 1 in Appendix I,

$$\text{so } P(15 \leq X \leq 20) = P(X \leq 20) - P(X \leq 14) = 0.579 - 0.006 = 0.573$$

d) Using the normal approximation to the binomial distribution to approximate the

$$\text{probability, so } P(15 \leq X \leq 20) \approx P\left(\frac{14.5 - 20}{2} \leq Z \leq \frac{20.5 - 20}{2}\right) = 0.5987 - 0.0030 = 0.5957,$$

therefore, the approximation is relatively close to the actual value from part c).