

SOA and CAS: Exam P, Probability¹

Chapter 22: Normal Distribution (Continuous)

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(1) *Definition:* $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$, where μ and σ^2 stand for the mean and variance.

	Probability Distribution Function	Mean	Variance	2 nd Raw Moment
Normal Distribution	$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \quad (-\infty < x < \infty)$	μ	σ	-
Standard Normal Distribution	$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} \quad (-\infty < x < \infty)$	0	1	-
Lognormal Distribution $\ln X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$	$\ln X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$	$e^{\mu + \frac{\sigma^2}{2}}$	-	$e^{2\mu + 2\sigma^2}$

(1.1) If $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$, then $aX + b \sim \text{Normal}(a\mu + b, a^2\sigma^2)$

Proof: $E(aX + b) = aE(X) + b = a\mu + b$

$$\text{Var}(aX + b) = a^2\text{Var}(X) = a^2\sigma^2$$

(1.2) If X_1 and X_2 are independent, then $aX_1 + bX_2 + c \sim N(a\mu_1 + b\mu_2 + c, a^2\sigma_1^2 + b^2\sigma_2^2)$

Proof: $E(aX_1 + bX_2 + c) = aE(X_1) + bE(X_2) + c = a\mu_1 + b\mu_2 + c$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(aX_1 + bX_2 + c) &= \text{Var}(aX_1 + bX_2) \stackrel{\text{independent}}{=} a^2\text{Var}(X_1) + b^2\text{Var}(X_2) \\ &= a^2\sigma_1^2 + b^2\sigma_2^2 \end{aligned}$$

(2) *Two Types of Exam Questions: Cumulative Probability and Quantile*

(2.a) *Cumulative Probability*

For example: $X \sim N(\mu = 5, \sigma^2 = 4^2)$

Question: What is $Q(X > 7)$?

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solve: } Q(X > 7) &= 1 - Q(X \leq 7) = 1 - Q\left(\underbrace{\frac{X - 5}{4}}_Z \leq \underbrace{\frac{7 - 5}{4}}_{\text{check table}}\right) \\ &= 1 - Q_Z(0.5) \end{aligned}$$

(2.b) *Quantile*

For example: $X \sim N(\mu = 10, \sigma^2 = 5^2)$

Question: What is the 67th percentile of X ?

Solve: 67th percentile of $X = 67^{\text{th}}$ percentile of Z . After checking the table, we have $Z_P^{67^{\text{th}}} = 0.44$

Then, use $Z_P^{67^{\text{th}}} = \frac{X_P^{67^{\text{th}} - 10}{5}$ to get $X_P^{67^{\text{th}}} = 12.2$

Recall, $X_p = \mu + \sigma Z_p$, X and Z have the same quantile

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(3) *Independent*

If (i) $X_1 \sim N(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2)$, $X_2 \sim N(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2)$

(ii) X_1 and X_2 are independent

Then: $X_1 + X_2 \sim N(\mu_1 + \mu_2, \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)$, $aX_1 + bX_2 + c \sim N(a\mu_1 + b\mu_2 + c, a^2\sigma_1^2 + b^2\sigma_2^2)$

For example: $X_1 \sim N(80, (\sqrt{30})^2)$, $X_2 \sim N(20, (\sqrt{10})^2)$, X_1 and X_2 are independent

Question: $P(X_1 + X_2 \leq 90) = ?$

Solve: $X_1 + X_2 \sim N(\underbrace{80 + 20}_{\mu}, \underbrace{30 + 10}_{\sigma^2})$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus, } P(X_1 + X_2 \leq 90) &= P\left(\underbrace{\frac{(X_1 + X_2) - (80 + 20)}{\sqrt{30 + 10}}}_Z \leq \frac{90 - (80 + 20)}{\sqrt{30 + 10}}\right) \\ &= P\left(Z \leq \underbrace{-1.581}_{\substack{\text{negative cannot check table} \\ \text{symmetric}}}\right) \\ &= P(Z > 1.581) \\ &= 1 - P(Z \leq 1.581) \\ &= 1 - 0.9430 = 0.0570 \\ &= 0.0570 \end{aligned}$$

(4) *Log-Normal*: X is log-normal $\iff \ln X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

For example: Loss follows a log-normal, $\ln X \sim N(\mu = 8, \sigma^2 = 2^2)$

Question: $P(\text{loss} \leq 10000) = ?$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solve: } P(\text{loss} \leq 10000) &= P(\ln(\text{loss}) \leq \ln(10000)) = P\left(\underbrace{\frac{\ln(\text{loss}) - \mu}{\sigma}}_Z \leq \underbrace{\frac{\ln(10000) - \mu}{\sigma}}_{0.605}\right) \\ &= \underbrace{P(Z \leq 0.605)}_{\Phi(0.605)} \end{aligned}$$