Exam #3 Review

Chapter 6
Normal Probability Distributions

6-2
The Standard Normal Distribution

Because the total area under the density curve is equal to 1, there is a correspondence between area and probability.
Definition

Standard Normal Distribution
a normal probability distribution that has a
mean of 0 and a standard deviation of 1, and the
total area under its density curve is equal to 1.

Example: If we are using the same thermometers,
and if one thermometer is randomly selected, find the
probability that it reads (at the freezing point of water)
above −1.23 degrees. \( P (z > -1.23) = ? \)

Table A-2

- Formulas and Tables card
- Appendix
**Table A-2**

- Designed only for *standard* normal distribution
- Is on two pages: *negative z-scores* and *positive z-scores*
- Body of table is a cumulative area from the left up to a vertical boundary
- Avoid confusion between z-scores and areas
- Z-score hundredths is across the top row

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**Table A-2**

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*Negative z-scores: cumulative from left*
### Table A-2
**Standard Normal Distribution**

Positive z-scores: cumulative from left

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### Diagram

- Normal distribution curve
- Z-score formula: $z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}$
- Area under curve

### Equation

- $z = x - 0$
- $\mu = 0$
- $\sigma = 1$
Example: If thermometers have an average (mean) reading of 0 degrees and a standard deviation of 1 degree for freezing water and if one thermometer is randomly selected, find the probability that it reads freezing water is less than 1.58 degrees.

\[ P(z < 1.58) = ? \]

The probability that the chosen thermometer will measure freezing water less than 1.58 degrees is 0.9429.
Example: If thermometers have an average (mean) reading of 0 degrees and a standard deviation of 1 degree for freezing water and if one thermometer is randomly selected, find the probability that it reads freezing water is less than 1.58 degrees.

\[ \mu = 0 \]
\[ \sigma = 1 \]

\[ P(z < 1.58) = 0.9429 \]

(from Table A-2)

94.29% of the thermometers will read freezing water less than 1.58 degrees.

Example: If we are using the same thermometers, and if one thermometer is randomly selected, find the probability that it reads (at the freezing point of water) above –1.23 degrees.

\[ P(z > -1.23) = ? \]

\[ P(z > -1.23) = 0.8907 \]
Example: If we are using the same thermometers, and if one thermometer is randomly selected, find the probability that it reads (at the freezing point of water) above $-1.23$ degrees. 

$$P(z > -1.23) = 0.8907$$

The percentage of thermometers with a reading above $-1.23$ degrees is 89.07%.

Example: A thermometer is randomly selected. Find the probability that it reads (at the freezing point of water) between $-2.00$ and $1.50$ degrees.

$$P(z < -2.00) = 0.0228$$

$$P(z < 1.50) = 0.9332$$
Example: A thermometer is randomly selected. Find the probability that it reads (at the freezing point of water) between –2.00 and 1.50 degrees.

\[ P(z < -2.00) = 0.0228 \]
\[ P(z < 1.50) = 0.9332 \]

\[ P(-2.00 < z < 1.50) = 0.9332 - 0.0228 = 0.9104 \]

The probability that the chosen thermometer has a reading between -2.00 and 1.50 degrees is 0.9104.

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The Empirical Rule

Standard Normal Distribution: \( \mu = 0 \) and \( \sigma = 1 \)

- 68% of data are within 1 standard deviation of the mean.
- 95% of data are within 2 standard deviations of the mean.
- 99.7% of data are within 3 standard deviations of the mean.
Notation

\[ P(a < z < b) \]
denotes the probability that the \( z \) score is between \( a \) and \( b \)

\[ P(z > a) \]
denotes the probability that the \( z \) score is greater than \( a \)

\[ P(z < a) \]
denotes the probability that the \( z \) score is less than \( a \)

Notation

\[ P(a < z < b) \]
\text{between} \ a \ \text{and} \ b

\[ P(z > a) \]
greater than, at least, more than, not less than

\[ P(z < a) \]
less than, at most, no more than, not greater than

 Applications of Normal Distributions
Converting to Standard Normal Distribution

\[ z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma} \]

Figure 6-12

Probability of Sitting Heights Less Than 38.8 Inches

\[ \mu = 36.0 \quad \sigma = 1.4 \]

\[ z = \frac{38.8 - 36.0}{1.4} = 2.00 \]

Area = 0.9772

\[ P(x < 38.8 \text{ in.}) = P(z < 2) = 0.9772 \]
6.2 – 6.3

Finding Values of Normal Distributions

Cautions to keep in mind
1. Don’t confuse \( z \) scores and areas.
   \( Z \) scores are distances along the horizontal scale, but areas are regions under the normal curve. Table A2 lists \( Z \) scores in the left column and across the top row, but areas are found in the body of the table.
2. Choose the correct (right/left) side of the graph.
3. A \( Z \) score must be negative whenever it is located to the left half of the normal distribution.
4. Areas (or probabilities) are positive or zero values, but they are never negative.

Procedure for Finding Values Using Table A-2 and Formula 6-2
1. Sketch a normal distribution curve, enter the given probability or percentage in the appropriate region of the graph, and identify the \( x \) value(s) being sought.
2. Use Table A-2 to find the \( z \) score corresponding to the cumulative left area bounded by \( x \). Refer to the BODY of Table A-2 to find the closest area, then identify the corresponding \( z \) score.
3. Using Formula 6-2, enter the values for \( \mu, \sigma \), and the \( z \) score found in step 2, then solve for \( x \).
   \[ x = \mu + (z \cdot \sigma) \] (another form of Formula 6-2)
   (If \( z \) is located to the left of the mean, be sure that it is a negative number.)
4. Refer to the sketch of the curve to verify that the solution makes sense in the context of the graph and the context of the problem.
Find $P_{98}$ for Hip Breadths of Men

Area = 0.98

Find $P_{98}$ for Hip Breadths of Men

Area = 0.9800

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Find $P_{98}$ for Hip Breadths of Men

\[ x = \mu + z \sigma \]
\[ x = 14.4 + (2.05) \]
\[ x = 16.45 \]

The hip breadth of 16.5 in. separates the lowest 98% from the highest 2%
Definition
Sampling Distribution of the Mean
the probability distribution of sample means, with all samples having the same sample size \( n \).
(In general, the sampling distribution of any statistic is the probability distribution of that statistic.)

Central Limit Theorem
Given:
1. The random variable \( x \) has a distribution (which may or may not be normal) with mean \( \mu \) and standard deviation \( \sigma \).
2. Simple random samples all of the same size \( n \) are selected from the population. (The samples are selected so that all possible samples of size \( n \) have the same chance of being selected.)

Central Limit Theorem
Conclusions:
1. The distribution of sample means \( \bar{x} \) will, as the sample size increases, approach a normal distribution.
2. The mean of the sample means will be the population mean \( \mu \).
3. The standard deviation of the sample means will approach \( \sigma / \sqrt{n} \).
Practical Rules Commonly Used:

1. For samples of size $n$ larger than 30, the distribution of the sample means can be approximated reasonably well by a normal distribution. The approximation gets better as the sample size $n$ becomes larger.

2. If the original population is itself normally distributed, then the sample means will be normally distributed for any sample size $n$ (not just the values of $n$ larger than 30).

Notation

the mean of the sample means

\[ \mu_x = \mu \]

the standard deviation of sample means

\[ \sigma_{\bar{x}} = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \]

(often called standard error of the mean)

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z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} = \frac{167 - 172}{29/\sqrt{12}} = -0.60
\]

\[x = 167, \quad \mu_x = 172, \quad \sigma_{\bar{x}} = \frac{29}{\sqrt{12}} = 8.37158\]

The probability that the mean weight of 12 randomly selected men is greater than 167 lb. is 0.7257.