

**1.** At *Initech*, the salaries of the employees are normally distributed with mean  $\mu = \$36,000$  and standard deviation  $\sigma = \$5,000$ .

a) Mr. Smith is paid \$42,000. What proportion of the employees of *Initech* are paid less than Mr. Smith?

$$P(X < 42,000) = P\left(Z < \frac{42,000 - 36,000}{5,000}\right) = P(Z < 1.20) = \mathbf{0.8849}.$$

b) What proportion of the employees have their salaries over \$40,000?

$$P(X > 40,000) = P\left(Z > \frac{40,000 - 36,000}{5,000}\right) = P(Z > 0.80) = 1 - 0.7881 = \mathbf{0.2119}.$$

c) Suppose 10 *Initech* employees are randomly and independently selected. What is the probability that 3 of them have their salaries over \$40,000?

Let  $Y$  = number of employees (out of 10) who have salaries over \$40,000.

Then  $Y$  has Binomial distribution,  $n = 10$ ,  $p = \mathbf{0.2119}$  (see (b)).

$$P(Y = 3) = {}_{10}C_3 \cdot (0.2119)^3 \cdot (0.7881)^7 = \mathbf{0.2156}.$$

d) What proportion of the employees have their salaries between \$30,000 and \$40,000?

$$\begin{aligned} P(30,000 < X < 40,000) &= P\left(\frac{30,000 - 36,000}{5,000} < Z < \frac{40,000 - 36,000}{5,000}\right) \\ &= P(-1.2 < Z < 0.80) = 0.7881 - 0.1151 = \mathbf{0.6730}. \end{aligned}$$

- e) Mrs. Jones claims that her salary is high enough to just put her among the highest paid 15% of all employees working at *Initech*. Find her salary.

Need  $x = ?$  such that  $P(X > x) = 0.15$ . (area to the right is 0.15)

First, need  $z = ?$  such that  $P(Z > z) = 0.15$ .

$$z = 1.04.$$

$$X = \mu + \sigma Z. \quad x = 36,000 + 5,000 \times 1.04 = \mathbf{\$41,200}.$$

- f) Ms. Green claims that her salary is so low that 90% of the employees make more than she does. Find her salary.

Need  $x = ?$  such that  $P(X > x) = 0.90$ . (area to the right is 0.90)

First, need  $z = ?$  such that  $P(Z > z) = 0.90$ .

$$z = -1.28.$$

$$X = \mu + \sigma Z. \quad x = 36,000 + 5,000 \times (-1.28) = \mathbf{\$29,600}.$$

2. Suppose that the lifetime of *Outlast* batteries is normally distributed with mean  $\mu = 240$  hours and unknown standard deviation. Suppose also that 20% of the batteries last less than 219 hours. Find the standard deviation of the distribution of the lifetimes.

Need  $\sigma = ?$  Know  $P(X < 219) = 0.20$ .

First, need  $z = ?$  such that  $P(Z < z) = 0.20$ .

$$z = -0.84.$$

$$X = \mu + \sigma Z. \quad 219 = 240 + \sigma \times (-0.84).$$

$$-21 = \sigma \times (-0.84).$$

$$\sigma = \mathbf{25} \text{ hours.}$$

Let  $X$  be normally distributed with mean  $\mu$  and standard deviation  $\sigma$ .

Then the moment-generating function of  $X$  is

$$M_X(t) = e^{\mu t + \sigma^2 t^2 / 2}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} M_X(t) &= E(e^{tX}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-(x-\mu)^2/2\sigma^2} dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{t(\mu + \sigma z)} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-z^2/2} dz = e^{\mu t + \sigma^2 t^2 / 2} \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-(z-\sigma t)^2/2} dz \\ &= e^{\mu t + \sigma^2 t^2 / 2}, \end{aligned}$$

since  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-(z-\sigma t)^2/2}$  is the probability density function  
of a  $N(\sigma t, 1)$  random variable.

Let  $Y = aX + b$ . Then  $M_Y(t) = e^{bt} M_X(at)$ .

Therefore,  $Y$  is normally distributed with mean  $a\mu + b$  and variance  $a^2\sigma^2$   
(standard deviation  $|a|\sigma$ ).

**1.** (continued)

g) All *Initech* employees receive a memo instructing them to put away 4% of their salaries plus \$100 per month (\$1,200 per year) in a special savings account to supplement Social Security. What proportion of the employees would put away more than \$3,000 per year?

$$Y = 0.04X + 1,200. \quad P(Y > 3,000) = ?$$

$$Y > 3,000 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad X > 45,000.$$

$$P(X > 45,000) = P\left(Z > \frac{45,000 - 36,000}{5,000}\right) = P(Z > 1.80) = 1 - 0.9641 = \mathbf{0.0359}.$$

OR

$$\mu_Y = 0.04 \times 36,000 + 1,200 = \$2,640, \quad \sigma_Y = 0.04 \times 5,000 = \$200.$$

$$P(Y > 3,000) = P\left(Z > \frac{3,000 - 2,640}{200}\right) = P(Z > 1.80) = 1 - 0.9641 = \mathbf{0.0359}.$$

3. Suppose the average daily temperature [in degrees Fahrenheit] in June in Anytown is a random variable  $T$  with mean  $\mu_T = 85$  and standard deviation  $\sigma_T = 7$ . The daily air conditioning cost  $Q$ , in dollars, for Anytown State University, is related to  $T$  by

$$Q = 120 T + 750.$$

Suppose that  $T$  is a normal random variable. Compute the probability that the daily air conditioning cost on a typical June day for the university will exceed \$12,210.

$Q$  has Normal distribution.

$$\mu_Q = 120 \mu_T + 750 = 120 \cdot 85 + 750 = \$10,950.$$

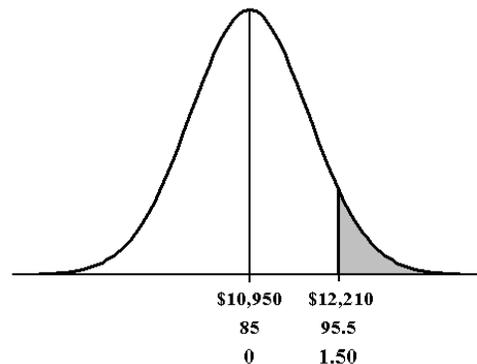
$$\sigma_Q^2 = (120)^2 \cdot \sigma_T^2 = (120)^2 \cdot 7^2 = 840^2. \quad \sigma_Q = \$840.$$

$$P(Q > 12,210) = P\left(Z > \frac{12,210 - 10,950}{840}\right) = P(Z > 1.50) = 1 - \Phi(1.50) = 1 - 0.9332 = \mathbf{0.0668}.$$

OR

$$12,210 = 120 T + 750. \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad T = 95.5.$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(Q > 12,210) &= P(T > 95.5) \\ &= P\left(Z > \frac{95.5 - 85}{7}\right) \\ &= P(Z > 1.50) \\ &= 1 - \Phi(1.50) \\ &= 1 - 0.9332 \\ &= \mathbf{0.0668}. \end{aligned}$$



4. Consider a random variable  $X$  with the moment-generating function

$$M_X(t) = e^{3t + 8t^2} = \exp(3t + 8t^2).$$

a) Find  $P(X > 0)$ .

Normal distribution:  $M_X(t) = e^{\mu t + \sigma^2 t^2 / 2}$ .

$\Rightarrow$   $X$  has a Normal distribution with  $\mu = 3$  and  $\sigma^2 / 2 = 8$ .

$\Rightarrow$   $E(X) = \mu = 3$ ,  $\text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2 = 16$ .  $\sigma = 4$ .

$$P(X > 0) = P\left(Z > \frac{0-3}{4}\right) = P(Z > -0.75) = 1 - \Phi(-0.75) = 1 - 0.2266 = \mathbf{0.7734}.$$

a) Find  $P(-1 < X < 9)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} P(-1 < X < 9) &= P\left(\frac{-1-3}{4} < Z < \frac{9-3}{4}\right) = P(-1.00 < Z < 1.50) \\ &= \Phi(1.50) - \Phi(-1.00) = 0.9332 - 0.1587 = \mathbf{0.7745}. \end{aligned}$$

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EXCEL:

= NORMSDIST( $z$ )	gives	$P(Z \leq z) = \Phi(z)$
= NORMSINV( $p$ )	gives	$z$ such that $P(Z \leq z) = p$
= NORMDIST( $x, \mu, \sigma, 1$ )	gives	$P(X \leq x)$ , where $X$ is $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$
= NORMDIST( $x, \mu, \sigma, 0$ )	gives	$f(x)$ , p.d.f. of $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$
= NORMINV( $p, \mu, \sigma$ )	gives	$x$ such that $P(X \leq x) = p$ , where $X$ is $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

5.\* Show that the odd moments of  $N(0, \sigma^2)$  are zero and the even moments are

$$\mu_{2n} = \frac{(2n)! \sigma^{2n}}{2^n (n)!}$$

Taylor Formula:

$$M_X(t) = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^r}{r!} M^{(r)}(0) = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^r}{r!} E(X^r) = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^r}{r!} \mu_r.$$

Since  $X$  is  $N(0, \sigma^2)$ ,

$$M_X(t) = \exp\left\{\frac{\sigma^2 t^2}{2}\right\} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\sigma^{2n} t^{2n}}{2^n n!}$$

Therefore,

if  $r$  is odd,

$$\mu_r = 0,$$

if  $r = 2n$  is even,

$$\frac{\sigma^{2n}}{2^n n!} = \frac{1}{r!} \mu_r \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mu_{2n} = \frac{(2n)! \sigma^{2n}}{2^n (n)!}.$$

OR

Def  $\Gamma(x) = \int_0^{\infty} u^{x-1} e^{-u} du, \quad x > 0$

$$\Gamma(x) = (x-1) \Gamma(x-1)$$

$$\Gamma(n) = (n-1)! \quad \text{if } n \text{ is an integer}$$

$$\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \sqrt{\pi}$$

$$\mu_{2n} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^{2n} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-x^2/2\sigma^2} dx = \int_0^{\infty} x^{2n} \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-x^2/2\sigma^2} dx = \dots$$

$$u = \frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2} \quad du = \frac{x dx}{\sigma^2} \quad dx = \frac{du \sigma}{\sqrt{2u}}$$

$$\dots = \int_0^{\infty} 2^n \sigma^{2n} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} u^{n-1/2} e^{-u} du = 2^n \sigma^{2n} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \Gamma\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right).$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) &= \left(n - \frac{1}{2}\right) \cdot \left(n - \frac{3}{2}\right) \cdot \left(n - \frac{5}{2}\right) \cdot \dots \cdot \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sqrt{\pi} \\ &= \frac{1}{2^n} \cdot (2n-1) \cdot (2n-3) \cdot (2n-5) \cdot \dots \cdot 3 \cdot 1 \cdot \sqrt{\pi} \\ &= \frac{1}{2^n} \cdot \frac{(2n)!}{(2n) \cdot (2n-2) \cdot (2n-4) \cdot \dots \cdot 4 \cdot 2} \cdot \sqrt{\pi} \\ &= \frac{1}{2^n} \cdot \frac{(2n)!}{2^n \cdot (n)!} \cdot \sqrt{\pi} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu_{2n} = \frac{(2n)! \sigma^{2n}}{2^n (n)!}.$$