

$$* z = \frac{x - \bar{x}}{\sigma}$$

## 9.07 Standard Normal Distribution Applications

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All data in the following exercises is normally distributed.

$$\bar{x} = 125 \quad \sigma = 15$$

1. Jack took a standardized achievement test with a mean of 125 and a standard deviation of 15. Jack's score was 148.  $x = 148$

a. What is the percentile rank for Jack's score on this test? Percentile rank means that Jack scored as well or better than that percentage of students taking the test.

$$z = \frac{148 - 125}{15} = 1.53 \quad 0.937 \rightarrow \boxed{93.7\%}$$

- b. If Jill scored at the 67<sup>th</sup> percentile, what was her score on the test?

$$67\% \rightarrow z = 0.44 \quad \left| \quad z = \frac{x - \bar{x}}{\sigma} \quad \left| \quad \frac{0.44 = x - 125}{15} \quad \left| \quad \begin{array}{l} x - 125 = 15(0.44) \\ x - 125 = 6.6 \\ \boxed{x = 131.6} \end{array} \right. \right.$$

2. The average number of absences for 1<sup>st</sup> graders is 15 with a standard deviation of 6.

a. What is the probability of a 1<sup>st</sup> grader having fewer than 6 absences?

$$\bar{x} = 15 \quad \left| \quad x = 6 \quad \left| \quad z = \frac{x - \bar{x}}{\sigma} \quad \left| \quad z = -1.5 \quad \left| \quad \boxed{P(x \leq 6) = 0.0668}$$

$$\sigma = 6 \quad \left| \quad z = \frac{6 - 15}{6}$$

b. What is the probability of a 1<sup>st</sup> grader having more than 20 absences?

$$\bar{x} = 15 \quad \left| \quad z = \frac{20 - 15}{6} \quad \left| \quad P(x \geq 20) = 1 - 0.7967 \quad \left| \quad \boxed{P(x \geq 20) = 0.2033}$$

$$\sigma = 6 \quad \left| \quad z = 0.83$$

c. If a student is absent more often than 30.85% of other 1<sup>st</sup> graders, how many days did she miss?

$$z = -0.5 \quad \left| \quad z = \frac{x - \bar{x}}{\sigma} \quad \left| \quad \frac{-0.5}{1} = \frac{x - 15}{6} \quad \left| \quad \begin{array}{l} x - 15 = 6(-0.5) \\ \boxed{x = 12 \text{ days}} \end{array} \right.$$

3. On the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), scores have a mean of 500 and a standard deviation of 100.

a. Mo scored 600 on the math section. What percentile did he achieve?

$$\bar{x} = 500 \quad \left| \quad x = 600 \quad \left| \quad z = \frac{x - \bar{x}}{\sigma} \quad \left| \quad z = \frac{600 - 500}{100} = 1 \quad \left| \quad 0.8413 \rightarrow \boxed{84.13\%} \text{ percentile}$$

$$\sigma = 100$$

b. Larry scored 750 on the math section. What percentile did he achieve?

$$\bar{x} = 500 \quad \left| \quad z = \frac{750 - 500}{100} = 2.5 \quad \left| \quad 0.9938 \rightarrow \boxed{99.38\%} \text{ percentile}$$

$$\sigma = 100$$

$$x = 750$$

c. Curley scored better than 97.72% of students on the math section of the SAT. What was his score?

$$0.9772 \rightarrow z = 2.0 \quad \left| \quad z = \frac{x - \bar{x}}{\sigma} \quad \left| \quad \begin{array}{l} 200 = x - 500 \\ 700 = x \\ \boxed{x = 700} \end{array} \right.$$

$$2 = \frac{x - 500}{100}$$

$$\bar{x} = 52 \quad \sigma = 5 \quad x = 45 \quad 22$$

4. A patient recently diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease took a cognitive abilities test. The mean score on this test is 52 with a standard deviation of 5.

a. If the patient scored a 45 on the test, what is his percentile rank?

$$z = \frac{x - \bar{x}}{\sigma} \rightarrow \frac{45 - 52}{5} = -1.4 \quad \left| \quad P(z \leq -1.4) = 0.0808 \rightarrow 8.08\% \text{ percentile} \right.$$

b. If a patient scored higher than 87.7% of other Alzheimer's patients, what was her score on the test?

$$0.877 \quad \left| \quad z = \frac{x - \bar{x}}{\sigma} \quad \left| \quad 1.16 = \frac{x - 52}{5} \quad \left| \quad x - 52 = 5(1.16) \quad \left| \quad x = 57.8 \right. \right. \right.$$

$$z = 1.16 \quad \left| \quad x = 5(1.16) + 52 \quad \left| \quad \right. \right.$$

5. Mrs. Durand's Algebra 2 unit test scores have a mean of 82 with a standard deviation of 5.5.

a. What is the probability that a student will score at least a 92?  $1 - P(x \leq 92)$

$$\bar{x} = 82 \quad \left| \quad z = \frac{92 - 82}{5.5} \rightarrow 1.82 \quad \left| \quad P(x \geq 92) = 1 - P(x \leq 92) \quad \left| \quad P(x \geq 92) = 0.0344 \right. \right.$$

$$\sigma = 5.5 \quad \left| \quad z = 1.82 \quad \left| \quad = 1 - 0.9656 \quad \left| \quad \right. \right.$$

$$x = 92 \quad \left| \quad z = 1.82 \quad \left| \quad \right. \right.$$

b. What is the probability a student will get a B?

$$P(79.5 \leq x \leq 89.4) \quad \left| \quad z_{79.5} = \frac{79.5 - 82}{5.5} = -0.45 \quad \left| \quad z_{89.4} = \frac{89.4 - 82}{5.5} = 1.35 \right. \right.$$

$$= 0.9115 - 0.3264 \quad \left| \quad \underline{0.5851} \quad \left| \quad \underline{0.9115} \right. \right.$$

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c. What is the probability a student will fail?

$$P(x \leq 69.4) \quad \left| \quad z = \frac{69.4 - 82}{5.5} \quad \left| \quad P(x \leq 69.4) = P(z \leq -2.29) = 0.0110 \right. \right.$$

$$z = -2.29 \quad \left| \quad \right. \right.$$

6. The diameter of maple trees in a Canadian forest have a mean of 10 inches and standard deviation of 3.2 inches. What is the percentage of trees with a diameter between 8 and 15 inches?

$$\bar{x} = 10 \quad \left| \quad P(8 \leq x \leq 15) \quad \left| \quad z_8 = \frac{8 - 10}{3.2} = -0.63 \quad \left| \quad z_{15} = \frac{15 - 10}{3.2} = 1.56 \right. \right.$$

$$\sigma = 3.2 \quad \left| \quad 0.9406 - 0.2643 \quad \left| \quad \underline{0.6763} \quad \left| \quad \underline{0.9406} \right. \right. \right.$$

$$\left| \quad \underline{0.2643} \quad \left| \quad \right. \right.$$

7. The weights of 1800 fish in a lake have a mean of 3 kilograms and standard deviation of .5 kilograms.

a. What percentage of fish weigh at least 3.75 kilograms? (3.75 kg or more)  $\bar{x} = 3 \quad \sigma = 0.5$

$$P(x \geq 3.75) = 1 - P(x \leq 3.75) \quad \left| \quad 1 - 0.9332 \right.$$

$$z = \frac{3.75 - 3}{0.5} = 1.5 \rightarrow 0.9332 \quad \left| \quad P(x \geq 3.75) = 0.0668 \rightarrow 6.68\% \right.$$

b. Approximately how many fish in the lake weigh at least 3.75 kilograms?

$$0.0668 \times 1800 = 120 \text{ fish}$$