

Probability & Statistics III (Term 2) - Tutorial 4

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Problem 1.

(a) For $X \sim N(0, 1)$, find:

1. $P(X < 0)$
2. $P(X \leq 0)$
3. $P(X < 1.63)$
4. $P(X > 0.57)$
5. $P(X < -8.32)$
6. $P(X > -1.96)$
7. $P(X < 1.96)$
8. $P(-1.96 < X < 1.96)$
9. $P(-2.10 < X < 0.50)$
10. u such that $P(X < u) = 0.95$
11. v such that $P(-v < X < v) = 0.90$
12. w such that $P(X > w) = 0.99$

(b) For $Y \sim N(128, 4)$, find:

1. $P(Y > 128)$
2. $P(Y > 215)$
3. $P(Y < 130)$
4. $P(Y < 124)$
5. $P(124 < Y < 132)$
6. $P(125 < Y < 134)$
7. s such that $P(Y > s) = 0.95$
8. t such that $P(128 - t < Y < 128 + t) = 0.99$

Problem 2.

A method for weighing extremely light objects gives results (in micrograms) for nine weighings of a particular specimen with sample mean of 124. Suppose the specimen's actual weight is μ micrograms, that the known accuracy of the measurement method can be described by the model $N(\mu, 10)$ for measurements of an actual weight μ , and that your prior knowledge about μ is taken into account via prior distribution $\mu \sim N(125, 5)$.

- (a) Derive the posterior distribution for μ , and the corresponding posterior predictive distribution for a future measurement X_{10} of the same specimen, using the same measurement method.
- (b) Calculate the posterior probability for the event $\mu > 125$.
- (c) Calculate the posterior probability for the event $\mu < 123$.
- (d) Find u such that the posterior probability for the event $122 < \mu < u$ is 0.90.
- (e) Find the interval of minimal length which contains μ with probability 0.90, according to the posterior distribution.
- (f) Calculate the posterior predictive probability for the event $X_{10} > 125$.
- (g) Find the interval of minimal length which contains X_{10} with probability 0.95, according to the posterior predictive distribution.
- (h) Suppose we wish to determine μ very accurately by taking further measurements of the same specimen, using the same measuring method. Assume that one wants to achieve an interval which contains μ with posterior probability 0.95, and with a length of at most 1. How many further measurements must we make?