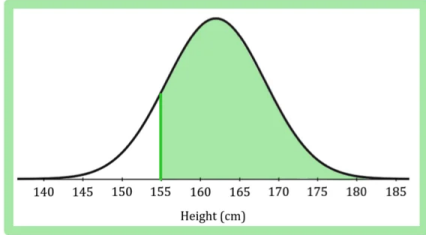


Normal Distribution

Mark Schemes

Question 1

The random variable, X , is seen on the following diagram which shows the distribution of heights, in cm, of adult women in the UK:



The distribution of heights follows a normal distribution, with a mean of 162 cm and a standard deviation of 6.3 cm.

$$X \sim N(162, 6.3^2)$$

(a) On the diagram above, shade in the region representing $P(X > 155)$.

[2]

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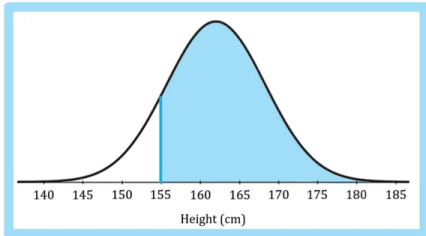
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- (ii) 95%
- (iii) 99.7%

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$$\mu = 162$$

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(b)(i) Using the normal distribution on your calculator.

Lower = 155

Upper = 999...

$$P(X > 155) = 0.866739...$$

$$P(X > 155) = 0.8667 \text{ (4dp)}$$

(ii) The normal distribution is symmetrical about its mean.

$$P(X > \mu + k) = P(\mu < \mu - k)$$



$$P(X > 169) = P(X < 155)$$

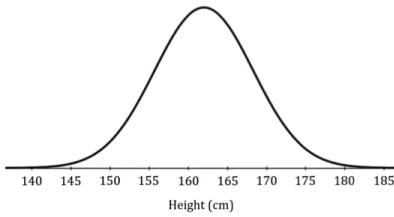
$$= 1 - P(X > 155)$$

$$= 1 - 0.866739...$$

$$= 0.133260...$$

$$P(X > 169) = 0.1333 \text{ (4dp)}$$

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(c)(i) 68% of data lies between $\mu \pm \sigma$
 $\mu + \sigma = 162 + 6.3 = 168.3$
 $\mu - \sigma = 162 - 6.3 = 155.7$

68% of heights lie in range 155.7cm to 168.3cm

95% of data lies between $\mu \pm 2\sigma$
 $\mu + 2\sigma = 162 + 2(6.3) = 174.6$
 $\mu - 2\sigma = 162 - 2(6.3) = 149.4$

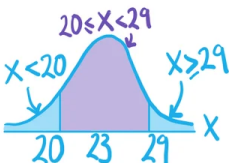
95% of heights lie in range 149.4cm to 174.6cm

99.7% of data lies between $\mu \pm 3\sigma$
 $\mu + 3\sigma = 162 + 3(6.3) = 180.9$
 $\mu - 3\sigma = 162 - 3(6.3) = 143.1$

99.7% of heights lie in range 143.1 cm to 180.9cm

Question 2

- (a) For the random variable $X \sim N(23, 4^2)$ find the following probabilities:
- (i) $P(X < 20)$
 - (ii) $P(X \geq 29)$
 - (iii) $P(20 \leq X < 29)$
- (b) For the random variable $Y \sim N(100, 225)$ find the following probabilities:
- (i) $P(Y \leq 90)$
 - (ii) $P(Y > 140)$
 - (iii) $P(85 \leq Y \leq 115)$



$X \sim N(23, 4^2)$
 $\mu = 23$
 $\sigma^2 = 4^2$
 $\sigma = 4$

(a) For a normal distribution $P(X < k) = P(X \leq k)$
 For probabilities use 4dp or 3sf (whichever is more accurate)

(i) Lower = -999...
 Upper = 20 $P(X < 20) = 0.226627...$

$P(X < 20) = 0.2266$ (4dp)

(ii) Lower = 29
 Upper = 999... $P(X \geq 29) = 0.066807...$

$P(X \geq 29) = 0.0668$ (4dp)

(iii) Lower = 20
 Upper = 29 $P(20 \leq X < 29) = 0.706565...$

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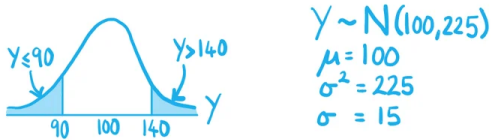
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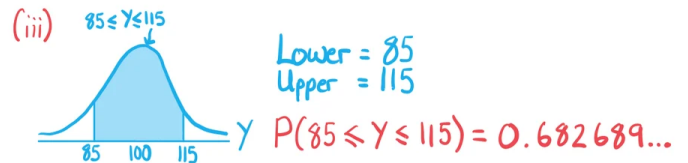


(b) (i) Lower = -999...
Upper = 90 $P(Y \leq 90) = 0.252492...$

$P(Y \leq 90) = 0.2525$ (4dp)

(ii) Lower = 140
Upper = 999... $P(Y > 140) = 0.003830...$

$P(Y > 140) = 0.00383$ (3sf)



$P(85 \leq Y \leq 115) = 0.6827$ (4dp)

Question 3

The weight, W g, of a chocolate bar produced by a certain manufacturer is modelled as $W \sim N(200, 1.75^2)$.

(a) Find:

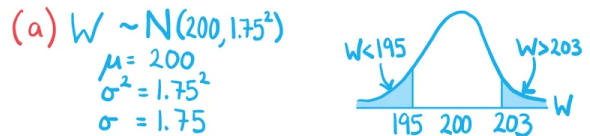
- (i) $P(W < 195)$
- (ii) $P(W > 203)$

[2]

Heledd buys a pack containing 12 of the chocolate bars. It may be assumed that the 12 bars in the pack represent a random sample.

(b) Find the probability that all of the bars in the pack have a weight of at least 195 g.

[2]



(i) Lower = -999...
Upper = 195 $P(W < 195) = 0.002137...$

$P(W < 195) = 0.00214$ (3sf)

(ii) Lower = 203
Upper = 999... $P(W > 203) = 0.043238...$

$P(W > 203) = 0.0432$ (4dp)

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[2]

(b) Let X be the number of chocolate bars in the sample that have a weight of at least 195g then $X \sim B(12, p)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 p &= P(W \geq 195) \\
 &= 1 - P(W < 195) \\
 &= 1 - 0.002137\dots \\
 &= 0.997863\dots
 \end{aligned}$$

Use full answer to avoid rounding errors.

$$\therefore X \sim B(12, 0.997863)$$

If all of the sample exceed 195g then $X = 12$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(X=12) &= (0.997863)^{12} \\
 &= 0.974655\dots
 \end{aligned}$$

$$P(X=12) = 0.9747 \text{ (4dp)}$$

Question 4

The random variable $X \sim N(330, 10^2)$.

- (a) Find the value of a , to 2 decimal places, such that:

- (i) $P(X < a) = 0.25$
- (ii) $P(X > a) = 0.25$
- (iii) $P(315 \leq X \leq a) = 0.5$

[4]

The random variable $Y \sim N(10, 10)$.

- (b) Find the value of b and the value of c , each to 2 decimal places, such that:

- (i) $P(Y < b) = 0.4$
- (ii) $P(Y > c) = 0.25$

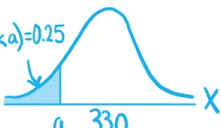
[2]

- (c) Use a sketch of the distribution of Y to explain why $P(b \leq Y \leq c) = 0.35$.

[2]

(a) $X \sim N(330, 10^2)$ $\mu = 330$ $\sigma^2 = 10^2$ $\sigma = 10$

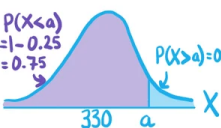
(i) $P(X < a) = 0.25$



Inverse Normal
Area = 0.25
 $a = 323.255\dots$

$$a = 323.26 \text{ (2dp)}$$

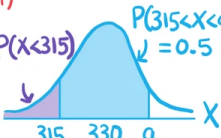
(ii)



Inverse Normal
Area = 0.75 ← Area uses $P(X < a)$
 $a = 336.744\dots$

$$a = 336.74 \text{ (2dp)}$$

(iii)



$P(X < 315) = 0.066807\dots$
 $P(315 < X < a) = 0.5$

$$P(X < 315) = 0.066807\dots$$

$$P(X < a) = P(X < 315) + P(315 < X < a)$$

$$P(X < a) = 0.066807\dots + 0.5 = 0.566807\dots$$

Inverse Normal
Area = 0.566807

$$a = 331.682\dots$$

$$a = 331.68 \text{ (2dp)}$$

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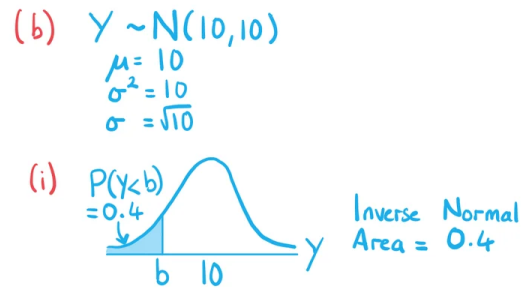
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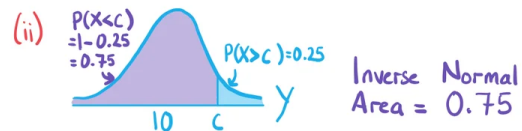
[4]



$b = 9.19884\dots$

$b = 9.20$ (2dp)

[2]



$c = 12.1329\dots$

$c = 12.13$ (2dp)

[2]

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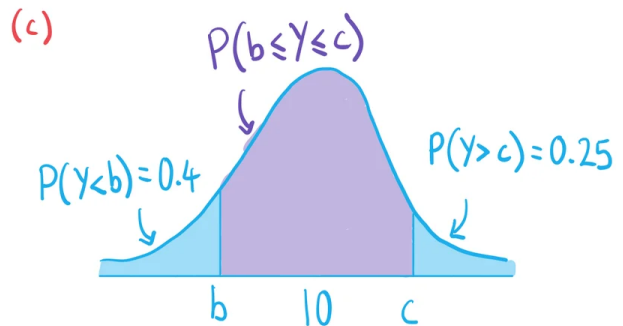
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[4]



The total area is 1

$$P(Y < b) + P(b \leq Y \leq c) + P(Y > c) = 1$$

$$P(b \leq Y \leq c) = 1 - P(Y < b) - P(Y > c)$$

$$= 1 - 0.4 - 0.25$$

$$= 0.35$$

[2]

[2]

Question 5

The test scores, X , of a group of RAF recruits in an aptitude test are modelled as a normal distribution with $X \sim N(210, 27.8^2)$.

- (a) (i) Find the values of a and b such that $P(X < a) = 0.25$ and $P(X > b) = 0.25$.
 (ii) Hence find the interquartile range of the scores.

[3]

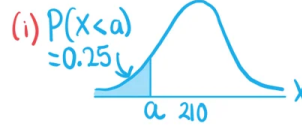
Those who score in the top 30% on the test move on to the next stage of training.

- (b) One of the recruits, Amelia, achieves a score of 231. Determine whether Amelia will move on to the next stage of training.

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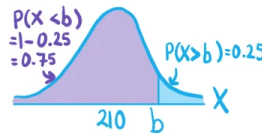
(a) $X \sim N(210, 27.8^2)$

$\mu = 210$
 $\sigma^2 = 27.8^2$
 $\sigma = 27.8$



Inverse Normal
 Area = 0.25
 $a = 191.249\dots$

$a = 191$ (3sf)



Inverse Normal
 Area = 0.75
 $a = 228.750\dots$

$a = 229$ (3sf)

(ii) $P(X < LQ) = 0.25$ and $P(X > UQ) = 0.25$

$IQR = 228.750\dots - 191.249\dots$
 $= 37.501\dots$

$IQR = 37.5$ (3sf)

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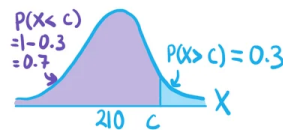
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[2]

(b) In the top 30% means $X \geq c$ where $P(X \geq c) = 0.3$



Inverse Normal
 Area = 0.7

$c = 224.578\dots$

$231 > 224.578\dots$

Amelia is in the top 30% and will move on to the next stage of training.

Question 6

A machine is used to fill cans of a particular brand of soft drink. The volume, V ml, of soft drink in the cans is normally distributed with mean 330 ml and standard deviation σ ml.

It is known that approximately 16% of the cans contain more than 333.28 ml of soft drink.

(a) Using the properties of the normal distribution, explain why 3.28 ml would provide a good approximation for the value of σ .

[2]

(b) Using $\sigma = 3.28$ ml, find $P(320 \leq V \leq 340)$.

[1]

Six cans of the soft drink are chosen at random.

(c) Again using $\sigma = 3.28$ ml, find the probability that all of the cans contain less than 329 ml of soft drink.

[3]

(a) $V \sim N(330, \sigma^2)$

By symmetry
 $P(V < 326.72) = 0.16$
 $P(V > 333.28) = 0.16$



$P(326.72 < V < 333.28) = 0.68$

68% of data lies between $\mu \pm \sigma$

$\mu + \sigma = 333.28$

$330 + \sigma = 333.28$

$\sigma = 3.28$ as $\mu + \sigma = 333.28$

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$\mu = 330$

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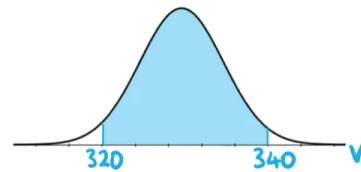
(c) Again using $\sigma = 3.28$ ml, find the probability that all of the cans contain less than 329 ml of soft drink.

[3]

(b) Using the normal distribution on your calculator.

Lower = 320

Upper = 340



$P(320 \leq V \leq 340) = 0.99770227...$

$P(320 \leq V \leq 340) = 0.9977$ (4dp)

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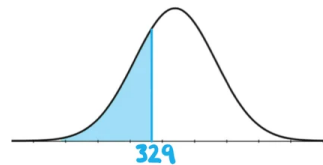
(c) Let X be the number of the 6 cans that contain less than 329ml.

$$X \sim B(6, p)$$

$$p = P(V < 329)$$

$$\text{Lower} = -999\dots$$

$$\text{Upper} = 329$$



$$p = 0.38022951\dots$$

$$P(X=6) = p^6$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(X=6) &= (0.38022951\dots)^6 \\
 &= 0.00302186\dots
 \end{aligned}$$

$$P(X=6) = 0.00302 \text{ (3sf)}$$