

**Homework 09**  
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1. Suppose  $Y$  is a normal random variable with a mean of 37 and a standard deviation of 4.25. Apply **Empirical rule**, calculate the following probability.
  - (a) Approximately what proportion of the distribution is less than 32.75.
  - (b) Approximately what proportion of the distribution is greater than 49.75.
  - (c) Approximately what proportion of the distribution lies between 32.75 and 49.75.
2. The weight of a ream of paper follows a normal distribution with a mean of 2.8 pounds and a standard deviation of 0.8 pounds. Use R to calculate the following questions.
  - (a) Approximately what proportion of the reams weigh less than 2.2 pounds?
  - (b) What is the probability that a randomly chosen ream will weigh less than 1.234 pounds?
  - (c) What is the probability that a randomly chosen ream will weigh between 1.5 and 3.5 pounds?
  - (d) If the specification calls for the reams to weigh  $2.8 \pm 1.6$  pounds, use Empirical rule to decide about what proportion of the reams are out-of-specification?
3. Suppose  $X$  follows normal distribution with a mean of 10 and a standard deviation of 2. Use standardizing method and standard normal table to answer (a), (b), and (c).
  - (a) Calculate  $P(X < 8.88)$ .
  - (b) Calculate  $P(X < 8.88 | X < 12.42)$ .
  - (c) Find out the value such that 33% of the realizations of  $X$  is more than this value.
  - (d) Use R to calculate the value in (c).
4. One of the motivation to study normal distribution is the Central Limit Theorem. In this problem, we are going to use R to visualize this important phenomenon.
  - (a) Suppose  $X$  is a Weibull random variable with shape parameter  $\beta = 1.5$  and scale parameter  $\delta = 0.5$ . We want to have a look of of the shape of the pdf of  $X$ . In R, we first use `rweibull(n,  $\beta$ ,  $\delta$ )` function to simulate  $n$  realizations of  $X$ , then use `hist()` function to plot histogram. Let  $n = 5000$ . Run the following R code and show the plot. What's the shape of the pdf of  $X$ ? Is it bell-shaped?

```
x5000 <- rweibull(5000, 1.5, 0.5)
hist(x5000, freq=F, main="Simulated pdf for x")
```
  - (b) he Central Limit Theorem says the average value of realizations of  $X$  follows normal distribution when the number of realizations is large. In R, we use `mean()` function to calculate the average value of a sequence of numbers. For example,

```
k <- c(1,2,6)
mean(k)
[1] 3
```

Now, let's generate 1000 realizations of  $X$  and find its average:

```
x1000 <- rweibull(1000, 1.5, 0.5)
mean(x1000)
[1] 0.4607919
```

I claim 0.46 is one observation of the random variable “average value of 1000 realizations of  $X$ ”. Because the values of 1000  $X$ 's are random, so the average of them is also random! Define random variable

$$Y = \text{average value of 1000 realizations of } X.$$

Let's see what is the shape of the pdf of  $Y$  by simulation. Run the following R code and show the plot. What is the shape of the pdf of  $Y$ ? It is bell-shaped? Can you see why the Central Limit Theorem is True?

```
y <- rep(0, 5000)
for(i in 1:5000){
  x <- rweibull(1000, 1.5, 0.5)
  y[i] <- mean(x)
}
hist(y, freq=F, main="Simulated pdf for y")
```

- (c) Repeat (a) and (b) again by assuming  $X \sim \text{Poisson}(1)$ . You need to print out two histograms and illustrate the shape of these two histograms. (Hint: the R command to generate 5000 Poisson random variables with parameter 1 is `rpois(5000, 1)`).