

HW 7-2 (Due Oct. 25, 2016)

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Print then work on it directly. Staple HW 7-1 and 7-2 together.

Problem 1 Prove that:

- 4.43** A circle of radius r has area $A = \pi r^2$. If a random circle has a radius that is uniformly distributed on the interval $(0, 1)$, what are the mean and variance of the area of the circle?

Problem 2

4.47 The failure of a circuit board interrupts work that utilizes a computing system until a new board is delivered. The delivery time, Y , is uniformly distributed on the interval one to five days. The cost of a board failure and interruption includes the fixed cost c_0 of a new board and a cost that increases proportionally to Y^2 . If C is the cost incurred, $C = c_0 + c_1 Y^2$.

- a** Find the probability that the delivery time exceeds two days.
- b** In terms of c_0 and c_1 , find the expected cost associated with a single failed circuit board.

Problem 3

- 4.58** Use Table 4, Appendix 3, to find the following probabilities for a standard normal random variable Z :
- a** $P(0 \leq Z \leq 1.2)$
 - b** $P(-.9 \leq Z \leq 0)$
 - c** $P(.3 \leq Z \leq 1.56)$

Ignore the words “Use Table 4, Appendix 3.” Just find the above probabilities.

- 4.59** If Z is a standard normal random variable, find the value z_0 such that
- a** $P(Z > z_0) = .5$.
 - b** $P(Z < z_0) = .8643$.
 - c** $P(-z_0 < Z < z_0) = .90$.
 - d** $P(-z_0 < Z < z_0) = .99$.

- 4.62** If Z is a standard normal random variable, what is
- a** $P(Z^2 < 1)$?
 - b** $P(Z^2 < 3.84146)$?

Problem 4

- 4.72** One method of arriving at economic forecasts is to use a consensus approach. A forecast is obtained from each of a large number of analysts; the average of these individual forecasts is the consensus forecast. Suppose that the individual 1996 January prime interest–rate forecasts of all economic analysts are approximately normally distributed with mean 7% and standard deviation 2.6%. If a single analyst is randomly selected from among this group, what is the probability that the analyst’s forecast of the prime interest rate will
- a** exceed 11%?
 - b** be less than 9%?

Problem 5

- 4.74** Scores on an examination are assumed to be normally distributed with mean 78 and variance 36.
- a** What is the probability that a person taking the examination scores higher than 72?
 - b** Suppose that students scoring in the top 10% of this distribution are to receive an A grade. What is the minimum score a student must achieve to earn an A grade?
 - c** What must be the cutoff point for passing the examination if the examiner wants only the top 28.1% of all scores to be passing?
 - d** Approximately what proportion of students have scores 5 or more points above the score that cuts off the lowest 25%?
 - e** **Applet Exercise** Answer parts (a)–(d), using the applet *Normal Tail Areas and Quantiles*.
 - f** If it is known that a student's score exceeds 72, what is the probability that his or her score exceeds 84?

Ignore part e.

Problem 6

- 4.80** Assume that Y is normally distributed with mean μ and standard deviation σ . After observing a value of Y , a mathematician constructs a rectangle with length $L = |Y|$ and width $W = 3|Y|$. Let A denote the area of the resulting rectangle. What is $E(A)$?