

1. In 2009, the SAT had a mean of 515 with a standard deviation of 116.

a. What is the minimum score necessary to be in the top 15% of the SAT distribution?

$$\text{InvNorm}(.85, 0, 1) = 1.036$$

$$1.036 = \frac{x - 515}{116}$$

$$x = 635$$

b. Find the range of values that defines the middle 80% of the distribution of SAT scores.

$$\text{InvNorm}(.1, 0, 1) = -1.28$$

$$\text{InvNorm}(.9, 0, 1) = 1.28$$

$$-1.28 = \frac{x - 515}{116}$$

$$x = 366$$

$$1.28 = \frac{x - 515}{116}$$

$$x = 664$$

$$366 \text{ to } 664$$

2. The average sugar in 23 kinds of cereals is 7.6 grams of sugar per serving with a standard deviation of 4.5 grams. Frosted Flakes: 11 grams of sugar per serving. Apple Jacks: 14 grams of sugar per serving. Honey Oats: 3 grams of sugar per serving.

a. What percent of the cereals fall between Honey Oats and Apple Jacks?

$$\text{Normalcdf}(-99, 3, 7.6, 4.5)$$

$$.1533$$

$$\text{Normalcdf}(-99, 14, 7.6, 4.5)$$

$$.9225$$

$$\text{Percent between} = 76.92\%$$

b. What percent of the cereals have a higher sugar content than Frosted Flakes?

$$\text{Normalcdf}(-99, 11, 7.6, 4.5)$$

$$.775$$

$$\text{Percent} = 100 - 77.5$$

$$= 22.5\%$$

$$\text{Normalcdf}(3, 14, 7.6, 4.5) = 76.92\%$$

3. A company that designs furniture for elementary schools examines the data to determine how to size the desks. Suppose the heights of kindergarteners can be described with a Normal model with a mean of 38.2 inches and standard deviation of 1.8 inches.

a. What percentage of kindergarteners should the company expect to be less than 3 feet tall?

$$\text{Normalcdf}(-99, 36, 38.2, 1.8)$$

$$11.1\%$$

b. In what height interval should the company expect to find the middle 80% of kindergarteners?

$$\text{InvNorm}(.1, 0, 1)$$

$$= -1.28$$

$$-1.28 = \frac{x - 38.2}{1.8}$$

$$\text{InvNorm}(.9, 0, 1)$$

$$= 1.28$$

$$1.28 = \frac{x - 38.2}{1.8}$$

$$\text{Between } 35.9 \text{ inches and } 40.5 \text{ inches}$$

c. At least how tall are the biggest 5% of kindergarteners?

$$\text{InvNorm}(.95, 0, 1)$$

$$= 1.64$$

$$1.64 = \frac{x - 38.2}{1.8}$$

$$\text{The tallest } 5\% \text{ of kindergarteners are } 41.2 \text{ inches or more}$$

Change *
to different
% next time

4. The Virginia Cooperative Extension reports that the mean weight of yearling Angus steers is 1152 pounds. Suppose that the standard deviation is 84 pounds.

- a. What percent of cattle weigh over 1250 pounds? Under 1200 pounds? Between 1000 and 1100 pounds?

$$\text{Normalcdf}(1250, 1E99, 1152, 84)$$

12.2% weigh over 1250 pounds

$$\text{Normalcdf}(-1E99, 1200, 1152, 84)$$

71.6% are under 1200 pounds

$$\text{Normalcdf}(1000, 1100, 1152, 84)$$

23.3% weigh between 1000 and 1100 pounds

- b. What values represent the highest 10% of weights? Lowest 20% of weights? Middle 40% of weights?

$$\text{InvNorm}(.9, 0, 1)$$

z-score of 1.28

$$1.28 = \frac{x - 1152}{84}$$

X = 1260 pounds above represents highest 10% of weights

$$\text{InvNorm}(.2, 0, 1)$$

$$-.84 = \frac{x - 1152}{84}$$

$$x = 1081$$

below 1081 pounds represents bottom 20% of weights

$$\text{InvNorm}(.3, 0, 1) \quad \text{InvNorm}(.7, 0, 1)$$

$$-.52 = \frac{x - 1152}{84} \quad .52 = \frac{x - 1152}{84}$$

$$x = 1108$$

$$x = 1196$$

The middle 40% of weights are between 1108 pounds and 1196 pounds

- c. What weight represents the 40th percentile? The 99th percentile?

$$\text{InvNorm}(.4, 0, 1)$$

$$-.25 = \frac{x - 1152}{84}$$

X = 1131 pounds is 40th percentile

$$\text{InvNorm}(.99, 0, 1)$$

$$2.33 = \frac{x - 1152}{84}$$

X = 1347 pounds is 99th percentile

5. The EPA fuel economy estimates for automobiles predicted a mean of 24.8 mpg and a standard deviation of 6.2 mpg for highway driving. Assume that a Normal model can be applied.

- a. What percent of autos should get more than 31 mpg?

$$\text{Normalcdf}(31, 10,000, 24.8, 6.2)$$

15.87% of autos should get more than 31 mpg

- b. About what percent should get between 31 and 37.2 mpg?

$$\text{Normalcdf}(31, 37.2, 24.8, 6.2)$$

13.59% should get between 31 and 37.2 mpg

- c. Describe the gas mileage of the worst 2.5% of all cars.

$$\text{InvNorm}(.025, 0, 1)$$

$$z\text{-score} = -1.96$$

$$-1.96 = \frac{x - 24.8}{6.2}$$

$$x = 12.65 \text{ mpg}$$

Below 12.65 mpg is the 2.5% worst gas mileage