

**Homework 8; Due 11.30 a.m. Wed Dec 2.**

6.2.3  $X \sim N(86, 25)$ ,  $Z = (X - 86)/5 \sim N(0, 1)$ .

(a) 10% of 86 is 8.6, and  $8.6/5=1.72$  SD.  $P(Z \leq 1.72) = 0.9573$  (from table)

So  $P(Z > 1.72) = 1 - 0.9573 = 0.0427$ , and  $P(X < 86 - 8.6) + P(X > 86 + 8.6) = 2 \times 0.0427 = 0.0854$ .

(b) 75th percentile of  $Z$  is 0.675 (from table), so of  $X$  is  $86 + 5 \times 0.675 = 89.37$ .

(c) The 80 th percentile of  $Z$  is 0.84 (from table), so 20th percentile is -0.84.

Hence for  $X$  the 20th percentile is  $86 - 5 \times 0.84 = 81.8$ .

(d) The 95th. percentile of  $Z$  is 1.645, so  $Z$  lies between  $\pm 1.645$  with probability 90%.

Hence for  $X$ , there is prob 90% that it lies within  $86 \pm 5 \times 1.645 = 86 \pm 8.225$ .

6.2.5 Bags have weight  $X \sim N(5.13, 0.08^2)$ . Let  $Z \sim N(0, 1)$ .

(a)  $X = 5$  is  $Z = (5 - 5.13)/.08 = -1.625$ .

$P(Z < -1.625) = P(Z > 1.625) = 1 - \Phi(1.625) = 1 - 0.948 = 0.052$ .

(b) 5.0 is to be the 1 percentile. The 99th percentile of  $Z$  is 2.33, so the 1 percentile is -2.33.

Thus we need the mean of  $X$  to be  $5 + 2.33 \times 0.08 = 5.186$ .

6.4.9 Let “success” be favor candidate B. We want  $P(\text{Bin}(1500, 0.47) < 750)$ , since then the poll will correctly predict B will lose. This Binomial has mean  $1500 \times 0.47 = 705$  and variance 373.65, or  $Z = (750 - 705)/\sqrt{373.65} = 2.33$ , so the probability is 99%.

6.4.13 We compute the probability of the complement, that no one succeeds.

The probability of not succeeding is  $1023/1024$ , so the probability noone succeeds is  $(1023/1024)^{2000} = 0.1417$ , and the probability at least 1 succeeds is 0.8583.

Using the Poisson approximation we have mean  $2000/1024 = 1.953$ , and the probability a Poisson with this mean is 0 is  $\exp(-1.953) = 0.1418$ , so this would give 0.8582.

6.4.14 First we need the probability that a  $\text{Bin}(600, 1/6)$  is at least 125. For this we use the Normal approximation, and we will use a continuity correction, so we need the probability a  $N(100, 83.33)$  is at least 124.5, corresponding to  $Z = (124.5 - 100)/\sqrt{83.33} = 2.68$ , so the probability of success is 0.0037.

Now we need to approximate the number of successes in 300 Bernoulli trials. So here we use the Poisson approximation  $Y \sim \mathcal{P}o(\mu)$  with  $\mu = 300 \times 0.0037 = 1.11$ . The probability of at least 2 winners is  $1 - P(Y = 0) - P(Y = 1) = 1 - (1 + 1.11) \times \exp(-1.11) = 0.3046$ .

6.Supp.8

(a)  $n = 90$  trials,  $p = 1/36$ : Binomial probability is  $\binom{90}{3} 35^{87}/36^{90} = 0.2171$ .

(b) Poisson approximation: mean  $90/36 = 2.5$ . Probability of exactly 3 is  $\exp(-2.5)(2.5)^3/3! = 0.2138$ .

(c) Normal approximation: mean 2.5, variance 2.43, and we will find the probability it is between 2.5 and 3.5 (continuity correction), corresponding to  $Z \sim N(0, 1)$  being between 0 and  $(3.5 - 2.5)/\sqrt{2.43} = 0.6415$ . So the required probability is  $\Phi(0.6451) - \Phi(0) = 0.74 - 0.5 = 0.24$ .

(d) Well the Poisson is surprisingly good (I think), as  $n$  is not that large, and  $p$  not that small. However, clearly the Normal will not do well –the count is down near 0, and the Binomial distribution quite skewed, and we are approximating the probability of a single discrete outcome, by a range that is a substantial chunk of the standardized Normal.