

In-class Assignment #6 – Normal Distributions  
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**Question 1**

Given a standard normal distribution, find the area under the curve that lies

- (a) to the left of  $z = -1.39$ ;
- (b) to the right of  $z = 1.96$ ;
- (c) between  $z = -2.16$  and  $z = -0.65$ ;
- (d) to the left of  $z = 1.43$ ;
- (e) to the right of  $z = -0.89$ ;
- (f) between  $z = -0.48$  and  $z = 1.74$ .

**Question 2**

Given a normal distribution with  $\mu = 30$  and  $\sigma = 6$ , find

- (a) the normal curve area to the right of  $x = 17$ ;
- (b) the normal curve area to the left of  $x = 22$ ;
- (c) the normal curve area between  $x = 32$  and  $x = 41$ ;
- (d) the value of  $x$  that has 80% of the normal curve area to the left;
- (e) the two values of  $x$  that contain the middle 75% of the normal curve area.

**Question 3**

Given the normally distributed variable  $X$  with mean 18 and standard deviation 2.5, find

- (a)  $P(X < 15)$ ;
- (b) the value of  $k$  such that  $P(X < k) = 0.2236$ ;
- (c) the value of  $k$  such that  $P(X > k) = 0.1814$ ;
- (d)  $P(17 < X < 21)$ .

Solutions (Q1)

We use the standard normal table directly

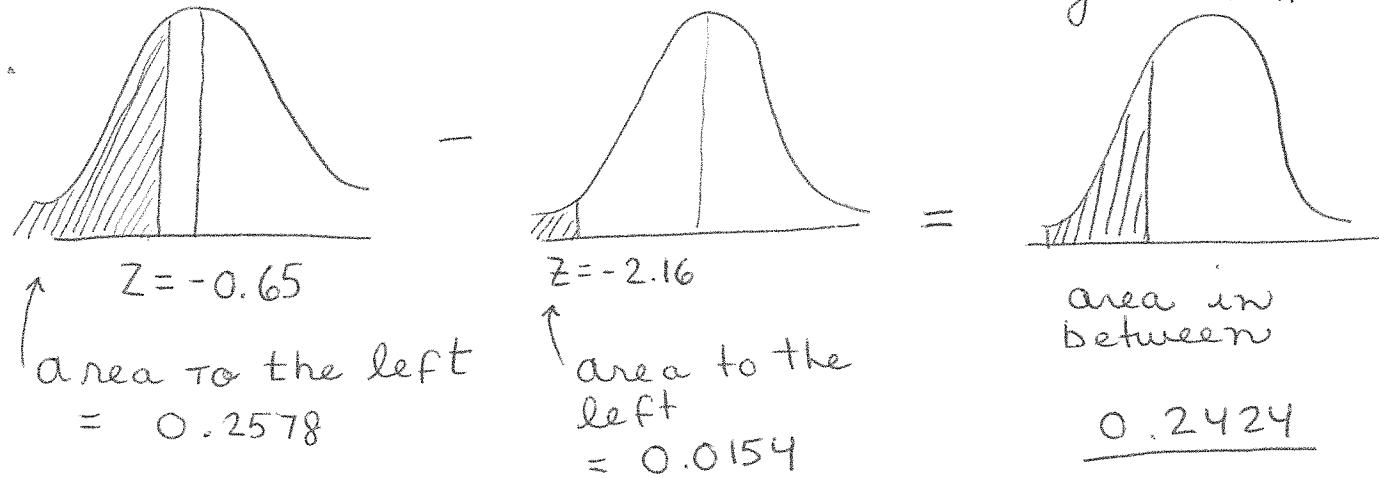
⚠ Values in the z-table give areas to the left of  $z$ .

a. 0.0823

b. TO THE LEFT OF  $Z = 1.96$   
is 0.9750

THEREFORE area TO THE right is 0.0250

c.



d. 0.9236

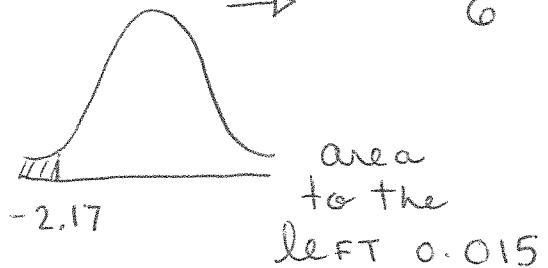
e. 0.8133

f.  $0.9591 - 0.3156 = \underline{0.6435}$

### Question 2

$$\mu = 30 \text{ & } \sigma = 6$$

a.  $X = 17 \rightarrow Z = \frac{17-30}{6} = -2.17$



so area to the right =  $1 - 0.015 = \underline{0.985}$

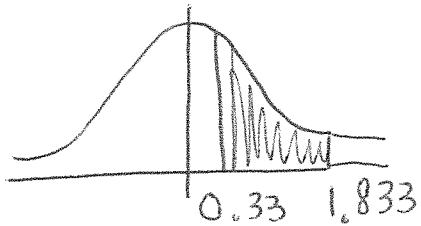
b.  $X = 22 \rightarrow Z = \frac{22-30}{6} = -1.33$

area to the left = 0.0918

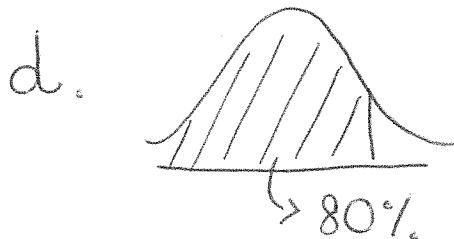
c. Between  $X = 32$  &  $X = 41$

$$Z = \frac{32-30}{6} = 0.33$$

$$Z = \frac{41-30}{6} = 1.833$$

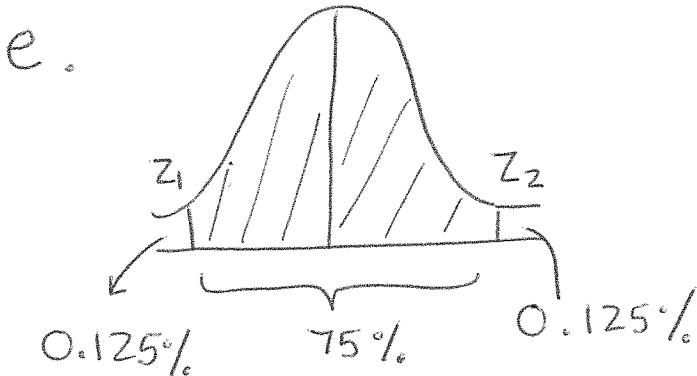


$$= 0.9664 - 0.6293 \\ = \underline{0.3371}$$



$$Z = 0.84$$

$$0.84 = \frac{x - 30}{6} \quad x = \underline{35.04}$$



$Z_1 \rightarrow 0.125$  to the left

$Z_2 \rightarrow 0.875$  to the left

$$\begin{aligned} Z_1 &= -1.15 \\ Z_2 &= +1.15 \end{aligned}$$

$$-1.15 = \frac{x_1 - 30}{6}$$

$$x_1 = \underline{23.1}$$

$$1.15 = \frac{x_2 - 30}{6}$$

$$x_2 = \underline{36.9}$$

### Question 3

$$\mu = 18 \quad \sigma = 2.5$$

a.  $P(X < 15) = P(Z < -1.2) = \underline{0.1151}$

$$Z = \frac{15 - 18}{2.5} = -1.2$$

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b.  $P(X < K) = 0.2236$

$$P(Z < -0.76) = 0.2236$$

$$-0.76 = \frac{X - 18}{2.5} \quad X = 16.1$$

$$P(X < 16.1) = 0.2236$$

c.  $P(X > K) = 0.1814$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X < K) &= 1 - 0.1814 \\ &= 0.8186 \end{aligned}$$

$$P(Z < 0.91) = 0.8186$$

$$0.91 = \frac{X - 18}{2.5} \quad X = 20.275$$

$$P(X > 20.275) = 0.1814$$

d.  $P(17 < X < 21)$

$$Z_1 = \frac{17 - 18}{2.5} = -0.4 \quad Z_2 = \frac{21 - 18}{2.5} = 1.2$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(-0.4 < Z < 1.2) &= 0.8849 - 0.3446 \\ &= \underline{\underline{0.5403}} \end{aligned}$$