

Topic: Worked Solutions & Mark Scheme
Probability Distributions (Binomial & Normal)
Featuring Casio fx-CG50 Calculator Instructions

Marks are awarded for Method (M), Accuracy (A), and Reasoning (R). (M1) or (A1) indicates an implied mark.

Note on GDC usage: Solutions below explicitly use Casio fx-CG50 syntax found via Menu 2 (Statistics) -> F5 (DIST).

1. [Paper 1 Style, Short Answer, Easy, 4 marks]

- (a) Let $W \sim N(20, 3.5^2)$. (M1)
Use NormCD [DIST -> NORM -> Ncd].
Set Lower: -1E99, Upper: 15, σ : 3.5, μ : 20.
 $P(W < 15) = 0.0765637 \dots \approx 0.0766$. (A1)
- (b) Use NormCD with bounds 18 and 22. (M1)
Set Lower: 18, Upper: 22.
 $P(18 < W < 22) = 0.431411 \dots \approx 0.431$. (A1)

2. [Paper 1 Style, Short Answer, Easy, 5 marks]

- (a) Let X be the number of successful shots. $X \sim B(12, 0.7)$. (M1)
Use BinomialPD [DIST -> BINOMIAL -> Bpd].
Set x: 9, Numtrial: 12, p: 0.7. (M1)
 $P(X = 9) = 0.239700 \dots \approx 0.240$. (A1)
- (b) "At least 10" means $X \geq 10$. (M1)
Use BinomialCD [DIST -> BINOMIAL -> Bcd].
On the CG50, you can input the bounds directly:
Set Lower: 10, Upper: 12, Numtrial: 12, p: 0.7.
 $P(X \geq 10) = 0.276326 \dots \approx 0.276$. (A1)

3. [Paper 1 Style, Short Answer, Easy, 4 marks]

- (a) The normal distribution is perfectly symmetrical about the mean (3.22). (R1)
 $P(\text{Price} > 3.22) = 0.5.$ A1
- (b) Price = $\mu + 2\sigma.$ (M1)
 $= 3.22 + 2(0.84) = 3.22 + 1.68.$
 Price = 4.90 euros. A1

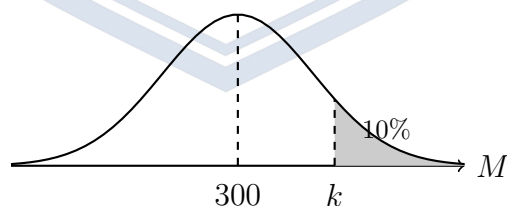
4. [Paper 1 Style, Short Answer, Medium, 4 marks]

- (a) $X \sim B(40, 0.75).$
 $E(X) = n \times p = 40 \times 0.75.$ (M1)
 $E(X) = 30.$ A1
- (b) $\text{Var}(X) = n \times p \times (1 - p) = 40 \times 0.75 \times 0.25 = 7.5.$ (M1)
 Standard Deviation $\sigma = \sqrt{7.5} = 2.73861 \dots$
 $\sigma \approx 2.74.$ A1

5. [Paper 1 Style, Short Answer, Medium, 6 marks]

- (a) Let $M \sim N(300, 100^2).$ We need $P(M \geq 450).$ (M1)
 Use NormCD. Set Lower: 450, Upper: 1E99, $\sigma:$ 100, $\mu:$ 300.
 $P(M \geq 450) = 0.066807 \dots \approx 0.0668.$ A1A1
- (b) $P(M > k) = 0.10.$ (M1)
 Use InvNorm [DIST \rightarrow NORM \rightarrow InvN].
 Set Tail: Right, Area: 0.10, $\sigma:$ 100, $\mu:$ 300. (M1)
 $k = 428.155 \dots \implies k \approx 428.$ A1

Visual Answer Key:



6. [Paper 2 Style, Longer Question, Medium, 6 marks]

- (a) Let $W \sim N(500, 3^2).$ We need $P(W < 495).$ (M1)
 Use NormCD. Set Lower: -1E99, Upper: 495, $\sigma:$ 3, $\mu:$ 500.
 $P(W < 495) = 0.0477903 \dots \approx 0.0478.$ A1
- (b) This is a binomial experiment: $Y \sim B(10, p)$ where $p = 0.0477903 \dots$ (M1)
 We need $P(Y = 1).$ (M1)
 Use BinomialPD. Set x: 1, Numtrial: 10, p: 0.0477903.
 $P(Y = 1) = 0.314640 \dots \approx 0.315.$ A1A1

7. [Paper 2 Style, Longer Question, Medium, 5 marks]

- (a) Let $T \sim N(52, 5^2)$. We need $P(T \geq 60)$. (M1)
Use NormCD. Set Lower: 60, Upper: 1E99, σ : 5, μ : 52.
 $P(T \geq 60) = 0.054799 \dots \approx 0.0548$. A1A1
- (b) We need $P(45 \leq T \leq 55)$. (M1)
Use NormCD. Set Lower: 45, Upper: 55.
 $P(45 \leq T \leq 55) = 0.644990 \dots \approx 0.645$. A1

8. [Paper 2 Style, Longer Question, Medium, 6 marks]

- (a) Let X be the number of passengers who arrive. $X \sim B(75, 0.9)$. (M1)
We need $P(X = 72)$. (M1)
Use BinomialPD. Set x: 72, Numtrial: 75, p: 0.9.
 $P(X = 72) = 0.038446 \dots \approx 0.0384$. A1
- (b) The airline pays compensation if strictly more than 72 passengers arrive.
We need $P(X > 72) \implies P(X \geq 73)$. (M1)
Use BinomialCD. Set Lower: 73, Upper: 75, Numtrial: 75, p: 0.9.
(M1)
 $P(X \geq 73) = 0.026437 \dots \approx 0.0264$. A1

9. [Paper 1 Style, Short Answer, Hard, 5 marks]

- (a) The normal curve is symmetric. The only point where the area strictly greater than x equals the area strictly less than x (50% each) is the mean. (R1)
 $x = \mu = 51$. A1
- (b) One standard deviation below the mean is $51 - 2 = 49$ cm. (M1)
We need $P(L > 49)$.
Use NormCD. Set Lower: 49, Upper: 1E99, σ : 2, μ : 51.
 $P(L > 49) = 0.841344 \dots \approx 0.841$. A1A1

10. [Paper 2 Style, Longer Question, Hard, 6 marks]

- (a) $P(H < 28) = 0.9$. Using InvNorm for the standard normal $Z \sim N(0, 1)$,
Set Tail: Left, Area: 0.9, σ : 1, μ : 0.
 $z = 1.28155 \dots$ (M1)(A1)
Standardizing formula: $z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma} \implies 1.28155 = \frac{28 - 25}{\sigma}$. (M1)
 $1.28155\sigma = 3 \implies \sigma = 2.34091 \dots \approx 2.34$. A1
- (b) First find $P(H > 30)$ for one pilot. (M1)
Use NormCD with σ : 2.3409, μ : 25.
 $P(H > 30) = 0.01634 \dots$
Both pilots: $(0.01634 \dots) \times (0.01634 \dots) = 0.000267 \dots$ A1

11. [Paper 1 Style, Short Answer, Hard, 5 marks]

- (a) Let $M \sim N(400, 50^2)$. 25% premium $\implies P(M > a) = 0.25$. (M1)
 Use InvNorm. Set Tail: Right, Area: 0.25, σ : 50, μ : 400. (M1)
 $a = 433.724\dots$ (A1)
 $a \approx 434$ g. (A1)
- (b) IQR = $Q_3 - Q_1$. Q_3 is the 75th percentile (433.724 g from part a).
 Use InvNorm. Set Tail: Left, Area: 0.25, σ : 50, μ : 400. (M1)
 $Q_1 = 366.275\dots$ g. (M1)
 IQR = $433.724 - 366.275 = 67.449\dots \approx 67.4$ g. (A1)

12. [Paper 2 Style, Longer Question, Hard, 7 marks]

- (a) Let $W \sim N(502, 2^2)$. We need $P(497.5 < W < 505)$. (M1)
 Use NormCD. Set Lower: 497.5, Upper: 505, σ : 2, μ : 502.
 $P(\text{Approved}) = 0.920968\dots \approx 0.921$. (A1A1)
- (b) This is conditional probability: $P(W > 502 \mid \text{Approved})$. (M1)
 $P(W > 502 \cap \text{Approved}) = P(502 < W < 505)$. (M1)
 Use NormCD. Set Lower: 502, Upper: 505.
 $P(502 < W < 505) = 0.433192\dots$ (A1)
 Conditional $P = \frac{0.433192}{0.920968} = 0.470366\dots \approx 0.470$. (A1)

13. [Paper 2 Style, Longer Question, Very Hard, 6 marks]

- (a) Expected value: $np = 8.4$. (M1)
 Variance: $np(1 - p) = 2.52$. (M1)
 Substitute $np = 8.4$ into the variance equation: $8.4(1 - p) = 2.52$.
 $1 - p = \frac{2.52}{8.4} = 0.3 \implies p = 0.7$. (A1)
 Substitute $p = 0.7$ back into the mean equation: $n(0.7) = 8.4 \implies n = 12$.
 A1
- (b) We need $P(X \leq 8)$ for $X \sim B(12, 0.7)$. (M1)
 Use BinomialCD. Set Lower: 0, Upper: 8, Numtrial: 12, p: 0.7.
 $P(X \leq 8) = 0.474626\dots \approx 0.475$. (A1)

14. [Paper 2 Style, Longer Question, Very Hard, 7 marks]

(a) $P(T < 20) = 0.10$. Use InvNorm with Tail: Left, Area: 0.10, σ : 1, μ : 0.

$$z_1 = -1.28155 \dots \quad (\text{M1})$$

$P(T > 29) = 0.15$. Use InvNorm with Tail: Right, Area: 0.15, σ : 1, μ : 0.

$$z_2 = 1.03643 \dots \quad (\text{M1})$$

Standardizing Equations:

$$\frac{20 - \mu}{\sigma} = -1.28155 \implies 20 - \mu = -1.28155\sigma. \quad \text{A1}$$

$$\frac{29 - \mu}{\sigma} = 1.03643 \implies 29 - \mu = 1.03643\sigma. \quad \text{A1}$$

(b) Subtract equation 1 from equation 2:

$$9 = 2.31798\sigma \implies \sigma = 3.88269 \dots \approx 3.88. \quad (\text{M1})\text{A1}$$

$$\text{Substitute } \sigma \text{ back: } \mu = 20 + 1.28155(3.88269) = 24.9758 \dots \approx 25.0. \quad \text{A1}$$

15. [Paper 1 Style, Short Answer, Very Hard, 6 marks]

(a) Let $D \sim N(10, 3^2)$. We need $P(D < 13)$. (M1)

Use NormCD. Set Lower: -1E99, Upper: 13, σ : 3, μ : 10.

$$P(D < 13) = 0.841344 \dots \approx 0.841. \quad \text{A1}$$

(b) All 3 darts must land within 13 cm.

Since throws are independent: $P(\text{Point}) = (0.841344 \dots)^3$. (M1)

$$P(\text{Point}) = 0.595543 \dots \approx 0.596. \quad \text{A1}$$

(c) Let Y be the number of points scored. $Y \sim B(10, 0.595543)$. (M1)

We need $P(Y \geq 5)$.

Use BinomialCD. Set Lower: 5, Upper: 10, Numtrial: 10, p: 0.595543.

$$P(Y \geq 5) = 0.843043 \dots \approx 0.843. \quad \text{A1}$$