

The normal distribution



Gold

The weight, in grams, of the contents of tins of sardines is normally distributed with mean μ and standard deviation 1.5. The value of μ can change as required.

- a** Find the proportion of tins with contents weighing between 120.0 grams and 125.0 grams when $\mu = 122$.
- b**
 - (i)** State the value of μ that would maximise the proportion of tins with contents weighing between 120.0 grams and 125.0 grams.
 - (ii)** Find the proportion of tins with contents weighing between 120 grams and 125 grams where μ is equal to the value you specified in part **b(i)**.
- c** Find the value of μ such that 99% of the tins have contents weighing more than 120.0 grams. Give your answer to one decimal place.

Silver

A machine cuts wood with width, X cm, modelled as a normal distribution such that $X \sim N(60, \sigma^2)$.

- a** Given that $P(X < 57) = 0.2266$, find the value of σ .
- b** Find the 90th percentile of the widths.

Bronze

The random variable $X \sim N(40, 3^2)$. Write the following probabilities in terms of $\Phi(z)$ for some value z :

- a** $P(X < 45)$
- b** $P(X \geq 36)$