

CHAPTER VII

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION II AND OTHER DISTRIBUTION

EXERCISES VII

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PROBLEM 1

Floods in a stream have the mean $600 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ and the standard deviation $400 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$. Answer the following questions assuming *lognormal* distribution.

- a) What is the probability that the flood flow any year exceeds $700 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$?
- b) What is the 100-year flood discharge ?

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a)

The values of the standard normal variable corresponding to 700, respectively, are computed as:

$$\mu_Y = \ln\left[600 / \left(400^2/600^2 + 1\right)^{0,5}\right] = 6,21 \quad \sigma_Y = \left\{\ln\left[(400^2/600^2) + 1\right]\right\}^{0,5} = 0,61$$

$$Y = \ln 700 = 6,55$$

$$Z = (6,55 - 6,21)/0,61 = 0,56$$

From the table the following probability is taken;

$$F(Z) = F_1(Z)$$

$$F(0,56) = F_1(0,560) = \mathbf{0,2877}$$

b)

$1 / 100 = 0,01$ (the probability that the 100-year flood discharge)

$$F_1(Z) = 0,01$$

$$Z \cong 2,325$$

$$Z = (Y - \mu_Y) / \sigma_Y$$

$$Z = (Y - 6,21) / 0,61 = 2,325$$

$$Y = \mathbf{7,63 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}}$$

$$X = \mathbf{2059 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}}$$