Question 1

The normal distribution has the form

$$P(x) = Be^{-(x-x_0)^2/2a^2}$$

where x_0, a and B are constants.

Which of the following is true about the distribution?

- 1. Max at x = 0 and is symmetric to the left and right of this.
- 2. Max at x = 0 and is skewed to the left of this.
- 3. Max at x = 0 and is skewed to the right of this.
- 4. Max at $x = x_0$ and is symmetric to the left and right of this.
- 5. Max at $x = x_0$ and is skewed to the left of this.
- 6. Max at $x = x_0$ and is skewed to the right of this.

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Question 2

The normal distribution has the form

$$P(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} a} e^{-(x-\overline{x})^2/2a^2}$$

where a is a constant.

Which of the following is true about the width of the distribution?

- 1. Does not depend on \overline{x} or a.
- 2. Does not depend on \overline{x} ; increases as a increases.
- 3. Does not depend on \overline{x} ; decreases as a increases.
- 4. Depends on \overline{x} but not a.
- 5. Depends on \overline{x} ; increases as a increases.
- 6. Depends on \overline{x} ; decreases as a increases.

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