

Chapter 14 / **Example 13**

Calculating with the inverse normal function

Given that $Z \sim N(0,1)$, use your GDC to find a when:

a $P(Z < a) = 0.877$

b $P(Z > a) = 0.2$

c $P(Z > a) = 0.55$

d $P(-a < Z < a) = 0.42$

Open a new document and add a Calculator page.

Press **menu** 5:Probability | 5:Distributions | 3:Inverse Normal...

Enter the Area 0.877

Press **enter**.

$a = 1.16$

invNorm(0.877,0,1) 1.16012

If $P(Z > a) = 0.2$ then $P(Z < a) = 1 - 0.2 = 0.8$

Press **menu** 5:Probability | 5:Distributions | 3:Inverse Normal...

Enter the Area 0.8

Press **enter**.

$a = 0.842$

invNorm(0.8,0,1) 0.841621

If $P(Z > a) = 0.55$ then $P(Z < a) = 1 - 0.55 = 0.45$

Press **menu** 5:Probability | 5:Distributions | 3:Inverse Normal...

Enter the Area 0.45

Press **enter**.

$a = -0.126$

invNorm(0.45,0,1) -0.125661

If $P(-a < Z < a) = 0.42$ then $P(Z < a) = 1 - \frac{1}{2}(1 - 0.42) = 0.71$

Press **menu** 5:Probability | 5:Distributions | 3:Inverse Normal...

Enter the Area 0.71

Press **enter**.

$a = 0.553$

invNorm(0.71,0,1) 0.553385