

# Unit 3

# Probability

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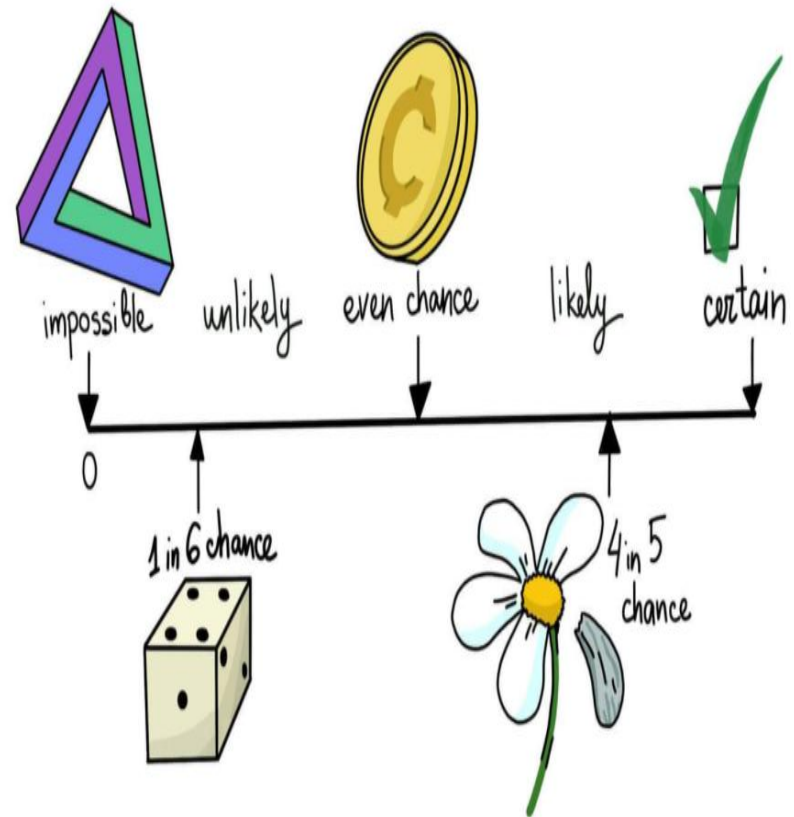


# Probability

## Probability theory

developed from the study of games of chance like dice and cards. A process like flipping a coin, rolling a die or drawing a card from a deck is called a probability experiment.

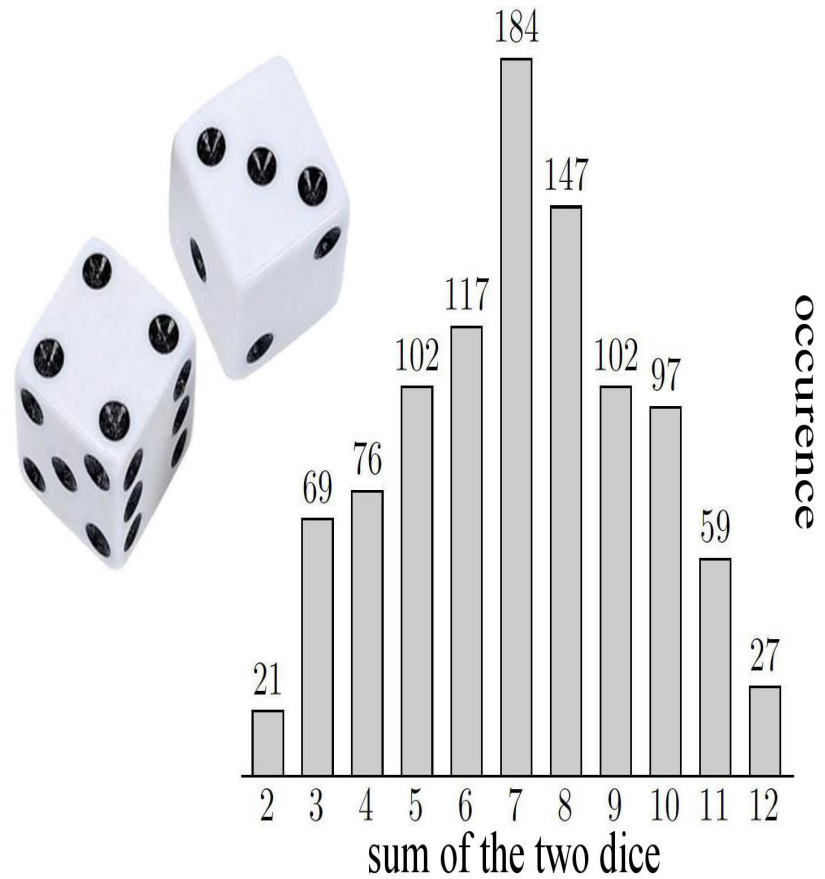
An outcome is a specific result of a single trial of a probability experiment.



# Probability distributions

Probability theory is the foundation for statistical inference.

A probability distribution is a device for indicating the values that a random variable may have.



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There are two categories of random variables. These are:

- *discrete random variables,*

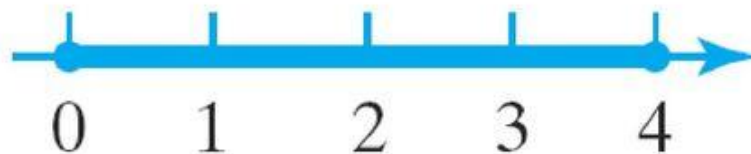
And

- *continuous random variables.*

A **discrete random variable** has either a finite or countable number of values. The values of a discrete random variable can be plotted on a number line with space between each point.



A **continuous random variable** has infinitely many values. The values of a continuous random variable can be plotted on a line in an uninterrupted fashion.



### Discrete Random Variables

Number of girls in a classroom

Number of blue marbles in a bag

Number of heads when flipping a coin

Number of typos on a page

### Continuous Random Variables

Height of boys in a class

Weight of students in a class

Amount of lemonade in a jug

Time it takes to run a race

# Discrete Probability Distributions

Binomial distribution – the random variable can only assume 1 of 2 possible outcomes. There are a fixed number of trials and the results of the trials are independent.

- i.e. flipping a coin and counting the number of heads in 10 trials.

Flip a Coin



Poisson Distribution – random variable can assume a value between 0 and infinity.

- Counts usually follow a Poisson distribution (i.e. number of ambulances needed in a city in a given night)



# Discrete Random Variable

A discrete random variable  $X$  has a finite number of possible values. The probability distribution of  $X$  lists the values and their probabilities.

|              |       |       |       |     |       |
|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|
| Value of $X$ | $x_1$ | $x_2$ | $x_3$ | ... | $x_k$ |
| Probability  | $p_1$ | $p_2$ | $p_3$ | ... | $p_k$ |

1. Every probability  $p_i$  is a number between 0 and 1.
2. The sum of the probabilities must be 1.

Find the probabilities of any event by adding the probabilities of the particular values that make up the event.



# Example

The instructor in a large class gives 15% each of A's and D's, 30% each of B's and C's and 10% F's. The student's grade on a 4-point scale is a random variable  $X$  (A=4).

| Grade       | F=0  | D=1 | C=2 | B=3 | A=4 |
|-------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Probability | 0.10 | .15 | .30 | .30 | .15 |

What is the probability that a student selected at random will have a B or better?

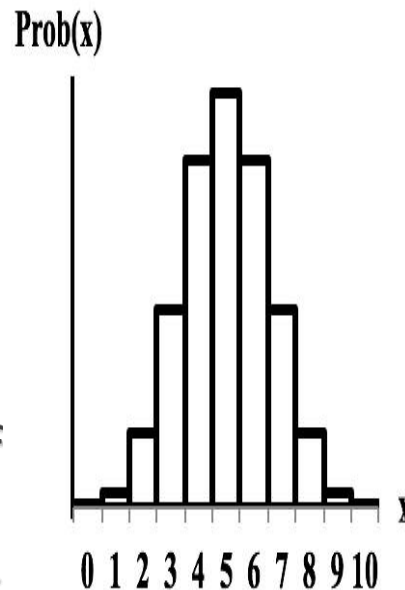
ANSWER:  $P(\text{grade of 3 or 4}) = P(X=3) + P(X=4)$

$$= 0.3 + 0.15 = 0.45$$

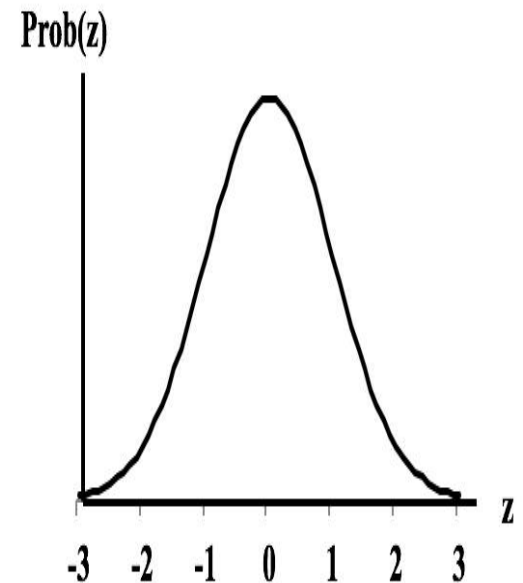
# Continuous Probability Distributions

When it follows a Binomial or a Poisson distribution the variable is restricted to taking on integer values only.

Between two values of a continuous random variable we can always find a third.



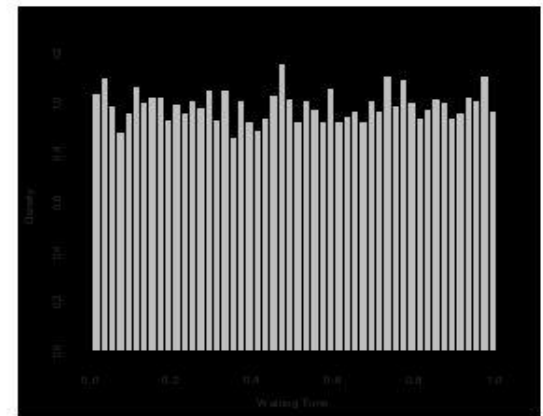
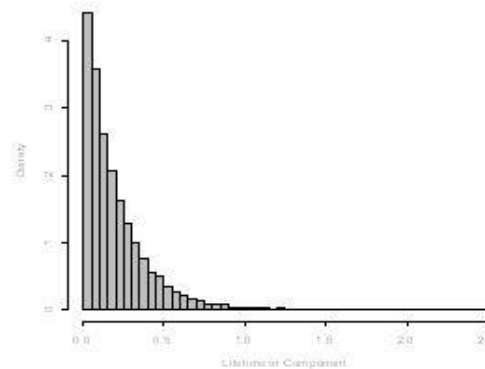
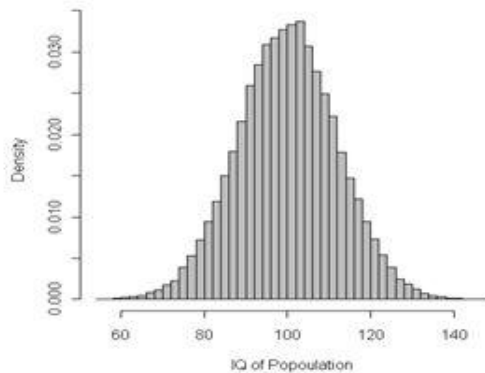
Binomial Distribution  
Discrete Data & Discrete  
Probability Curve



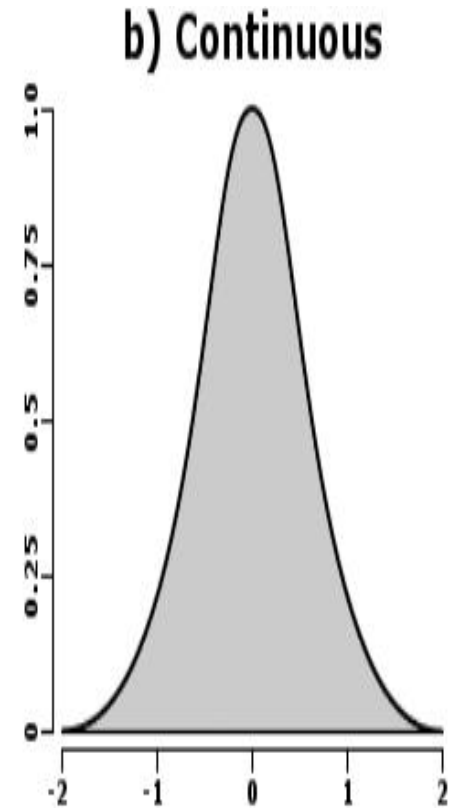
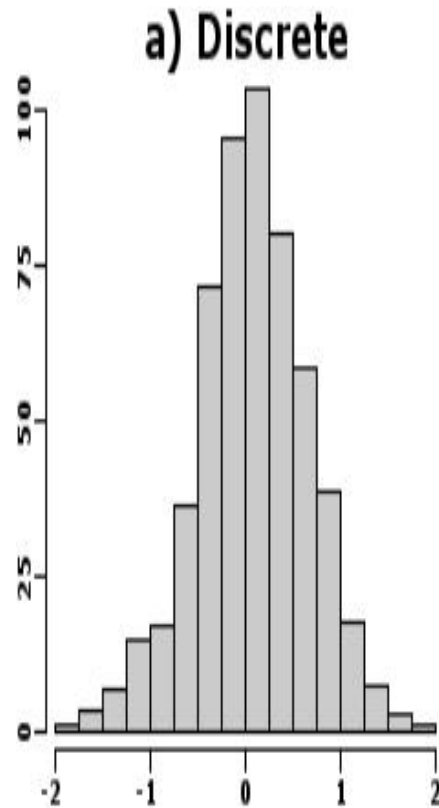
Standard Normal Distribution  
Continuous Data and Continuous  
Probability Curve

# Continuous Probability Distributions

- ▶ Experiments can lead to continuous responses i.e. values that do not have to be whole numbers. For example: height could be 1.54 meters etc.
- ▶ In such cases the sample space is best viewed as a histogram of responses.
- ▶ The Shape of the histogram of such responses tells us what continuous distribution is appropriate – there are many.



A histogram is used to represent a discrete probability distribution and a smooth curve called the *probability density* is used to represent a continuous probability distribution.



# Continuous Variable

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A *continuous probability distribution* is a *probability density function*.

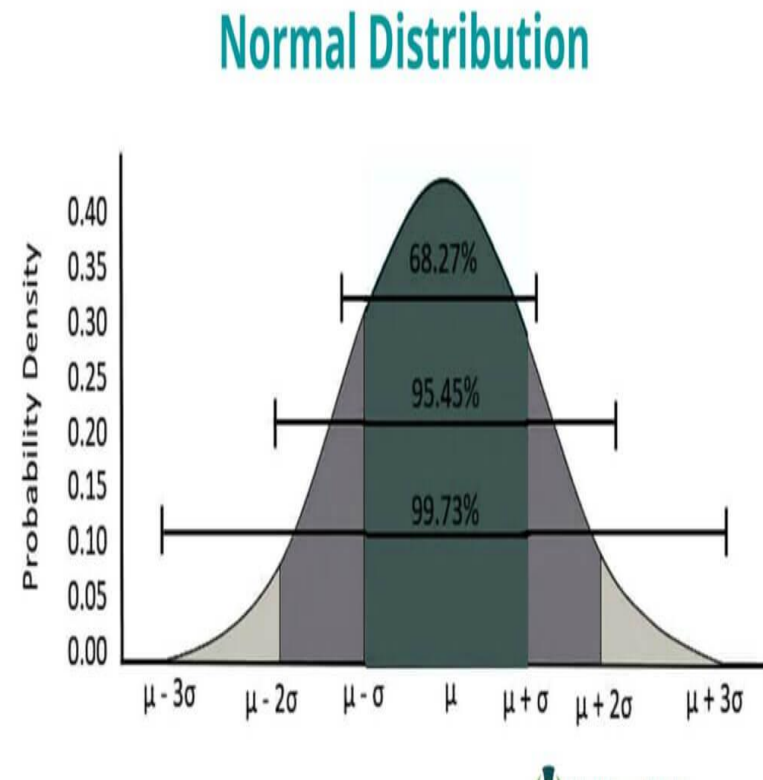
The area under the smooth curve is equal to 1 and the frequency of occurrence of values between any two points equals the total area under the curve between the two points and the x-axis.

# Normal Distribution

Also called bell shaped curve, normal curve, or Gaussian distribution.

A normal distribution is one that is unimodal, symmetric, and not too peaked or flat.

Given its name by the French mathematician Quetelet who, in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century noted that many human attributes, e.g. height, weight, intelligence appeared to be distributed normally.



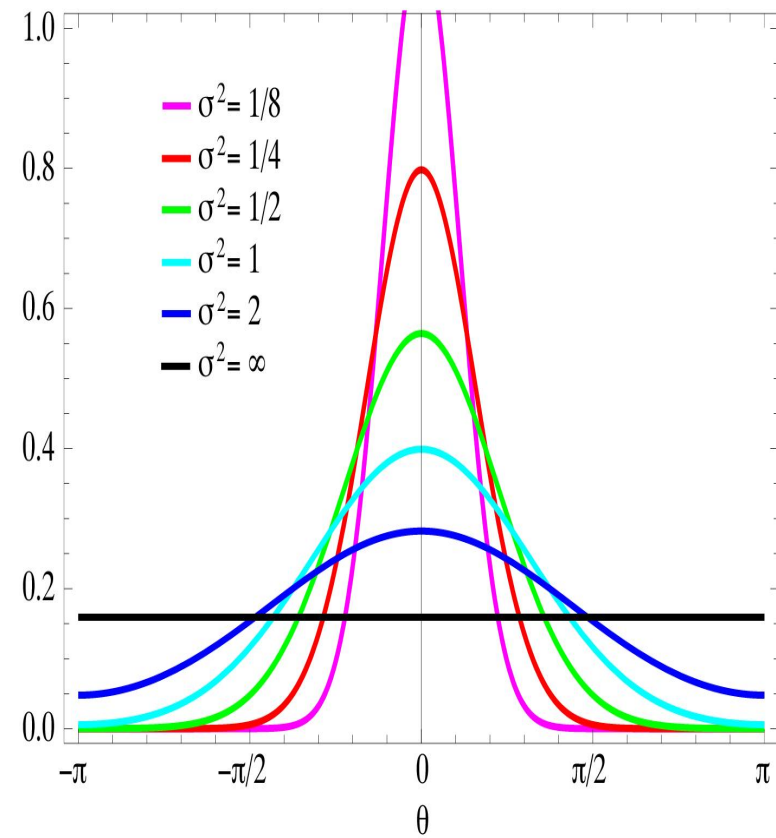
# Normal Distribution

The normal curve is unimodal and symmetric about its mean ( $\mu$ ).

In this distribution the mean, median and mode are all identical.

The standard deviation ( $\sigma$ ) specifies the amount of dispersion around the mean.

The two parameters  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$  completely define a normal curve.



# Normal Distribution

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Also called a Probability density function. The probability is interpreted as "area under the curve."

The random variable takes on an infinite # of values within a given interval

The probability that  $X$  = any particular value is 0. Consequently, we talk about intervals. The probability is = to the area under the curve.

The area under the whole curve = 1.



# Properties of a Normal Distribution

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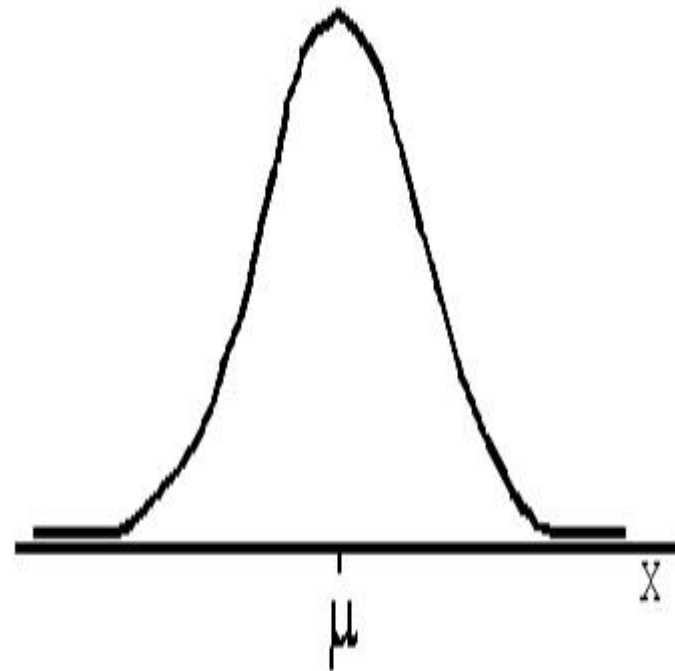
1. It is symmetrical about  $m$ .
2. The mean, median and mode are all equal.
3. The total area under the curve above the x-axis is 1 square unit. Therefore 50% is to the right of  $m$  and 50% is to the left of  $m$ .
4. Perpendiculars of:
  - $\pm 1$  s contain about 68%;
  - $\pm 2$  s contain about 95%;
  - $\pm 3$  s contain about 99.7%of the area under the curve.

# The Standard Normal Distribution

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A normal distribution is determined by  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$ . This creates a family of distributions depending on whatever the values of  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$  are.

The standard normal distribution has  
 $\mu=0$  and  $\sigma=1$ .



# Standard Z Score

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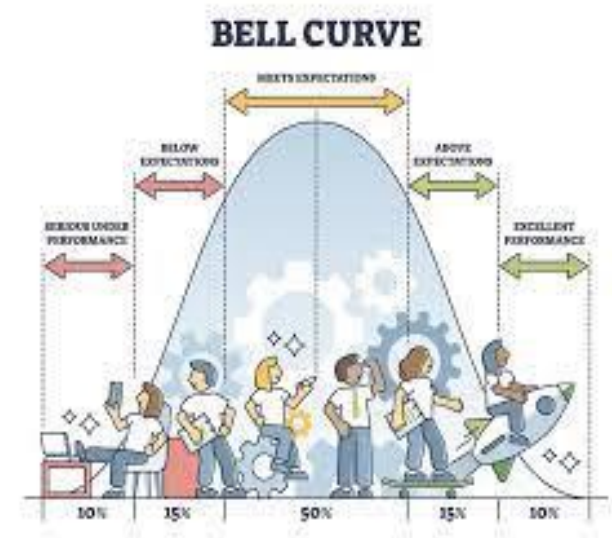
The *standard z score* is obtained by creating a variable  $z$  whose value is

$$z = \frac{(x - \mu)}{\sigma}$$

Given the values of  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$  we can convert a value of  $x$  to a value of  $z$  and find its probability using the table of normal curve areas.

# Importance of Normal Distribution to Statistics

- Although most distributions are not exactly normal, most variables tend to have approximately normal distribution.
- Many inferential statistics assume that the populations are distributed normally.
- The normal curve is a probability distribution and is used to answer questions about the likelihood of getting various particular outcomes when sampling from a population.



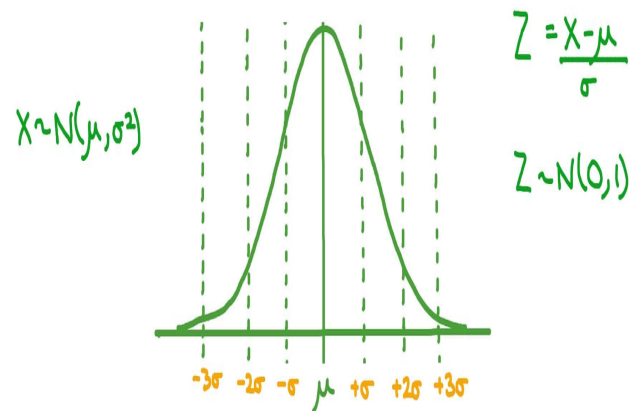
# Why Do We Like The Normal Distribution So Much?

There is nothing “special” about standard normal scores

- These can be computed for observations from any sample/population of continuous data values
- The score measures how far an observation is from its mean in standard units of statistical distance

But, if distribution is not normal, we may not be able to use Z-score approach.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION



# Normal Distribution

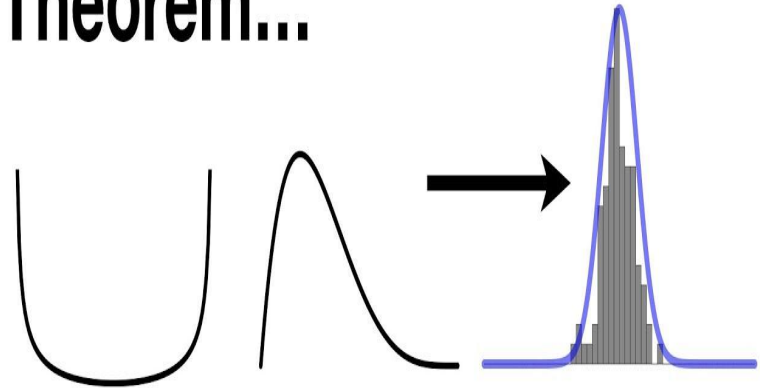
**Q** Is every variable normally distributed?

A Absolutely not

**Q** Then why do we spend so much time studying the normal distribution?

A Some variables are normally distributed; a bigger reason is the “Central Limit Theorem”!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!????? ??????

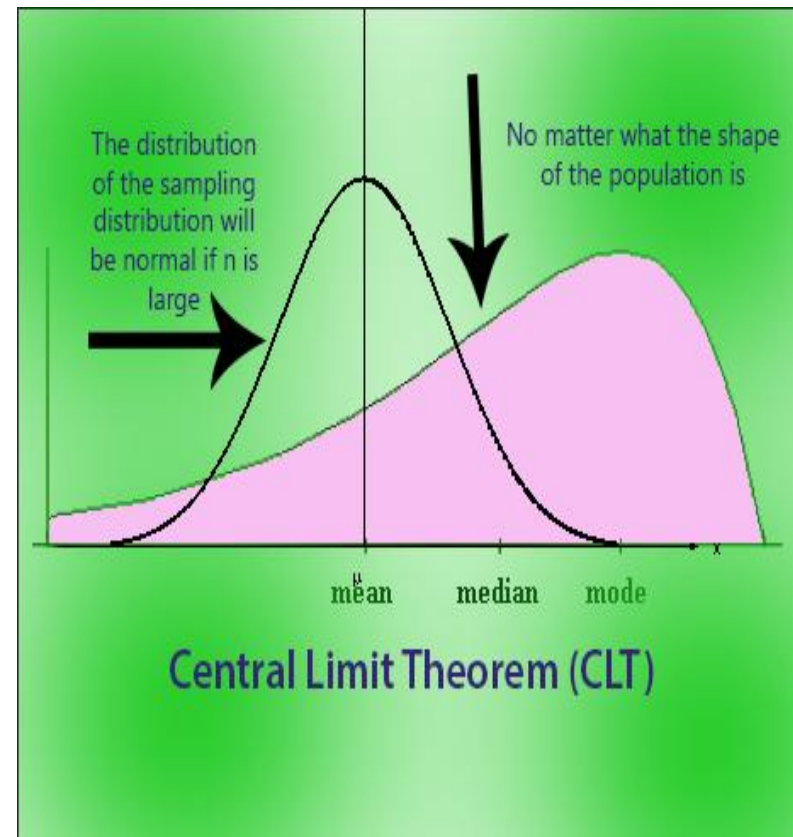
# The Central Limit Theorem...



## ...Clearly Explained!!!

# Central Limit Theorem

describes the characteristics of the "**population of the means**" which has been created from the means of an infinite number of random population samples of size (N), all of them drawn from a given "**parent population**".



# Central Limit Theorem

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It predicts that regardless of the distribution of the parent population:

- The **mean** of the population of means is always equal to the mean of the parent population from which the population samples were drawn.
- The **standard deviation** of the population of means is always equal to the standard deviation of the parent population divided by the square root of the sample size (N).
- The distribution of means will increasingly approximate a **normal distribution** as the size N of samples increases.

## Central Limit Theorem (CLT)

*['sen-trəl 'li-mət 'thē-ə-rəm]*

The principle that the distribution of sample means approximates a normal distribution as the sample size gets larger, regardless of the population's distribution.



# Central Limit Theorem

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A consequence of Central Limit Theorem is that if we average measurements of a particular quantity, the distribution of our average tends toward a normal one.

In addition, if a measured variable is actually a combination of several other uncorrelated variables, all of them "contaminated" with a random error of any distribution, our measurements tend to be contaminated with a random error that is normally distributed as the number of these variables increases. Thus, the Central Limit Theorem explains the ubiquity of the famous bell-shaped "Normal distribution" (or "Gaussian distribution") in the measurements domain.

## Central Limit Theorem

$$\mu_{\bar{x}} = \mu$$

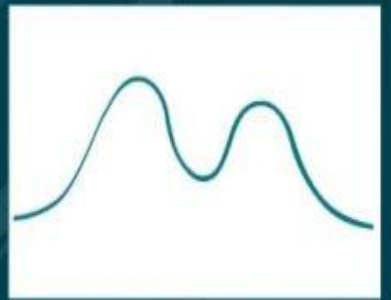
$$\sigma_{\bar{x}} = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_x}{\sigma_{\bar{x}}}$$

# CENTRAL LIMIT THEOREM

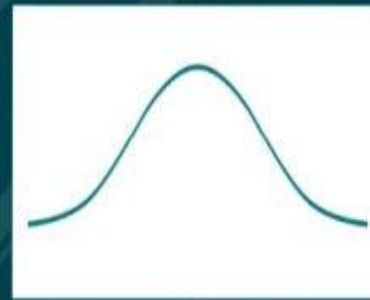
original distribution

$\mu \quad \sigma^2$



sampling distribution

$N\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right)$



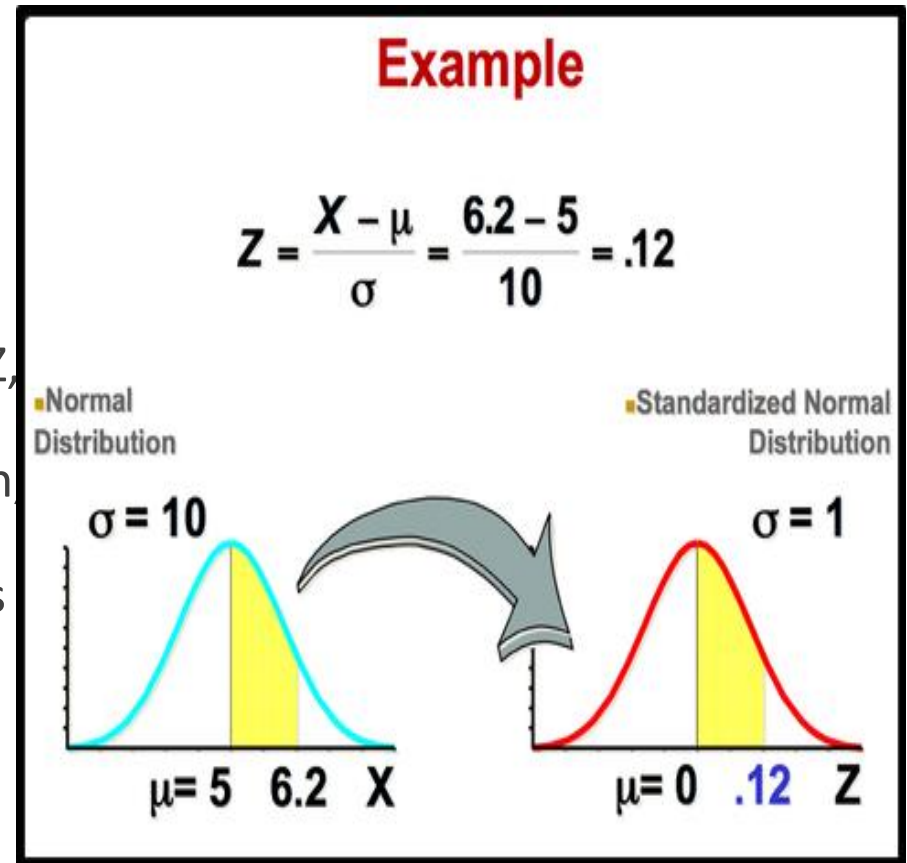
No matter the underlying distribution,  
the sampling distribution approximates a Normal

sampling distribution  $\sim N\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right)$

# Normal Distribution

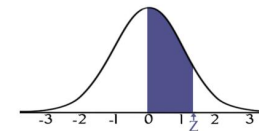
Note that the normal distribution is defined by two parameters,  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$ . You can draw a normal distribution for any  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$  combination.

There is one normal distribution,  $Z$ , that is special. It has a  $\mu = 0$  and a  $\sigma = 1$ . This is the  $Z$  distribution also called the *standard normal* distribution. It is one of trillions of normal distributions we could have selected.



# Standard Normal Variable

It is customary to call a standard normal random variable  $Z$ .



**STANDARD NORMAL TABLE (Z)**

Entries in the table give the area under the curve between the mean and  $z$  standard deviations above the mean. For example, for  $z = 1.25$  the area under the curve between the mean (0) and  $z$  is 0.3944.

The outcomes of the random variable  $Z$  are denoted by  $z$ .

The table in the coming slide give the area under the curve (probabilities) between the mean and  $z$ .

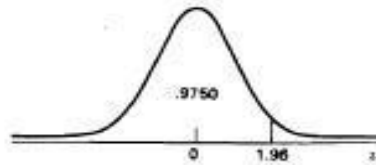
The probabilities in the table refer to the likelihood that a randomly selected value  $Z$  is equal to or less than a given value of  $z$  and greater than 0 (the mean of the standard normal).

| <b>z</b>   | <b>0.00</b> | <b>0.01</b> | <b>0.02</b> | <b>0.03</b> | <b>0.04</b> | <b>0.05</b> | <b>0.06</b> | <b>0.07</b> | <b>0.08</b> | <b>0.09</b> |
|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>0.0</b> | 0.0000      | 0.0040      | 0.0080      | 0.0120      | 0.0160      | 0.0190      | 0.0239      | 0.0279      | 0.0319      | 0.0359      |
| <b>0.1</b> | 0.0398      | 0.0438      | 0.0478      | 0.0517      | 0.0557      | 0.0596      | 0.0636      | 0.0675      | 0.0714      | 0.0753      |
| <b>0.2</b> | 0.0793      | 0.0832      | 0.0871      | 0.0910      | 0.0948      | 0.0987      | 0.1026      | 0.1064      | 0.1103      | 0.1141      |
| <b>0.3</b> | 0.1179      | 0.1217      | 0.1255      | 0.1293      | 0.1331      | 0.1368      | 0.1406      | 0.1443      | 0.1480      | 0.1517      |
| <b>0.4</b> | 0.1554      | 0.1591      | 0.1628      | 0.1664      | 0.1700      | 0.1736      | 0.1772      | 0.1808      | 0.1844      | 0.1879      |
| <b>0.5</b> | 0.1915      | 0.1950      | 0.1985      | 0.2019      | 0.2054      | 0.2088      | 0.2123      | 0.2157      | 0.2190      | 0.2224      |
| <b>0.6</b> | 0.2257      | 0.2291      | 0.2324      | 0.2357      | 0.2389      | 0.2422      | 0.2454      | 0.2486      | 0.2517      | 0.2549      |
| <b>0.7</b> | 0.2580      | 0.2611      | 0.2642      | 0.2673      | 0.2704      | 0.2734      | 0.2764      | 0.2794      | 0.2823      | 0.2852      |
| <b>0.8</b> | 0.2881      | 0.2910      | 0.2939      | 0.2969      | 0.2995      | 0.3023      | 0.3051      | 0.3078      | 0.3106      | 0.3133      |
| <b>0.9</b> | 0.3159      | 0.3186      | 0.3212      | 0.3238      | 0.3264      | 0.3289      | 0.3315      | 0.3340      | 0.3365      | 0.3389      |
| <b>1.0</b> | 0.3413      | 0.3438      | 0.3461      | 0.3485      | 0.3508      | 0.3531      | 0.3554      | 0.3577      | 0.3599      | 0.3621      |
| <b>1.1</b> | 0.3643      | 0.3665      | 0.3686      | 0.3708      | 0.3729      | 0.3749      | 0.3770      | 0.3790      | 0.3810      | 0.3830      |
| <b>1.2</b> | 0.3849      | 0.3869      | 0.3888      | 0.3907      | 0.3925      | 0.3944      | 0.3962      | 0.3980      | 0.3997      | 0.4015      |
| <b>1.3</b> | 0.4032      | 0.4049      | 0.4066      | 0.4082      | 0.4099      | 0.4115      | 0.4131      | 0.4147      | 0.4162      | 0.4177      |
| <b>1.4</b> | 0.4192      | 0.4207      | 0.4222      | 0.4236      | 0.4251      | 0.4265      | 0.4279      | 0.4292      | 0.4306      | 0.4319      |
| <b>1.5</b> | 0.4332      | 0.4345      | 0.4357      | 0.4370      | 0.4382      | 0.4394      | 0.4406      | 0.4418      | 0.4429      | 0.4441      |
| <b>1.6</b> | 0.4452      | 0.4463      | 0.4474      | 0.4484      | 0.4495      | 0.4505      | 0.4515      | 0.4525      | 0.4535      | 0.4545      |
| <b>1.7</b> | 0.4554      | 0.4564      | 0.4573      | 0.4582      | 0.4591      | 0.4599      | 0.4608      | 0.4616      | 0.4625      | 0.4633      |
| <b>1.8</b> | 0.4641      | 0.4649      | 0.4656      | 0.4664      | 0.4671      | 0.4678      | 0.4686      | 0.4693      | 0.4699      | 0.4706      |
| <b>1.9</b> | 0.4713      | 0.4719      | 0.4726      | 0.4732      | 0.4738      | 0.4744      | 0.4750      | 0.4756      | 0.4761      | 0.4767      |
| <b>2.0</b> | 0.4772      | 0.4778      | 0.4783      | 0.4788      | 0.4793      | 0.4798      | 0.4803      | 0.4808      | 0.4812      | 0.4817      |
| <b>2.1</b> | 0.4821      | 0.4826      | 0.4830      | 0.4834      | 0.4838      | 0.4842      | 0.4846      | 0.4850      | 0.4854      | 0.4857      |
| <b>2.2</b> | 0.4861      | 0.4864      | 0.4868      | 0.4871      | 0.4875      | 0.4878      | 0.4881      | 0.4884      | 0.4887      | 0.4890      |
| <b>2.3</b> | 0.4893      | 0.4896      | 0.4898      | 0.4901      | 0.4904      | 0.4906      | 0.4909      | 0.4911      | 0.4913      | 0.4916      |
| <b>2.4</b> | 0.4918      | 0.4920      | 0.4922      | 0.4925      | 0.4927      | 0.4929      | 0.4931      | 0.4932      | 0.4934      | 0.4936      |
| <b>2.5</b> | 0.4938      | 0.4940      | 0.4941      | 0.4943      | 0.4945      | 0.4946      | 0.4948      | 0.4949      | 0.4951      | 0.4952      |
| <b>2.6</b> | 0.4953      | 0.4955      | 0.4956      | 0.4957      | 0.4959      | 0.4960      | 0.4961      | 0.4962      | 0.4963      | 0.4964      |
| <b>2.7</b> | 0.4965      | 0.4966      | 0.4967      | 0.4968      | 0.4969      | 0.4970      | 0.4971      | 0.4972      | 0.4973      | 0.4974      |
| <b>2.8</b> | 0.4974      | 0.4975      | 0.4976      | 0.4977      | 0.4977      | 0.4978      | 0.4979      | 0.4979      | 0.4980      | 0.4981      |
| <b>2.9</b> | 0.4981      | 0.4982      | 0.4982      | 0.4983      | 0.4984      | 0.4984      | 0.4985      | 0.4985      | 0.4986      | 0.4986      |
| <b>3.0</b> | 0.4987      | 0.4987      | 0.4987      | 0.4988      | 0.4988      | 0.4989      | 0.4989      | 0.4989      | 0.4990      | 0.4990      |
| <b>3.1</b> | 0.4990      | 0.4991      | 0.4991      | 0.4991      | 0.4992      | 0.4992      | 0.4992      | 0.4992      | 0.4993      | 0.4993      |
| <b>3.2</b> | 0.4993      | 0.4993      | 0.4994      | 0.4994      | 0.4994      | 0.4994      | 0.4994      | 0.4995      | 0.4995      | 0.4995      |
| <b>3.3</b> | 0.4995      | 0.4995      | 0.4995      | 0.4996      | 0.4996      | 0.4996      | 0.4996      | 0.4996      | 0.4996      | 0.4997      |
| <b>3.4</b> | 0.4997      | 0.4997      | 0.4997      | 0.4997      | 0.4997      | 0.4997      | 0.4997      | 0.4997      | 0.4997      | 0.4998      |



# Table of Normal Curve Areas

**TABLE D** Normal Curve Areas  $P(z \leq z_0)$ . Entries in the Body of the Table Are Areas Between  $-\infty$  and  $z$

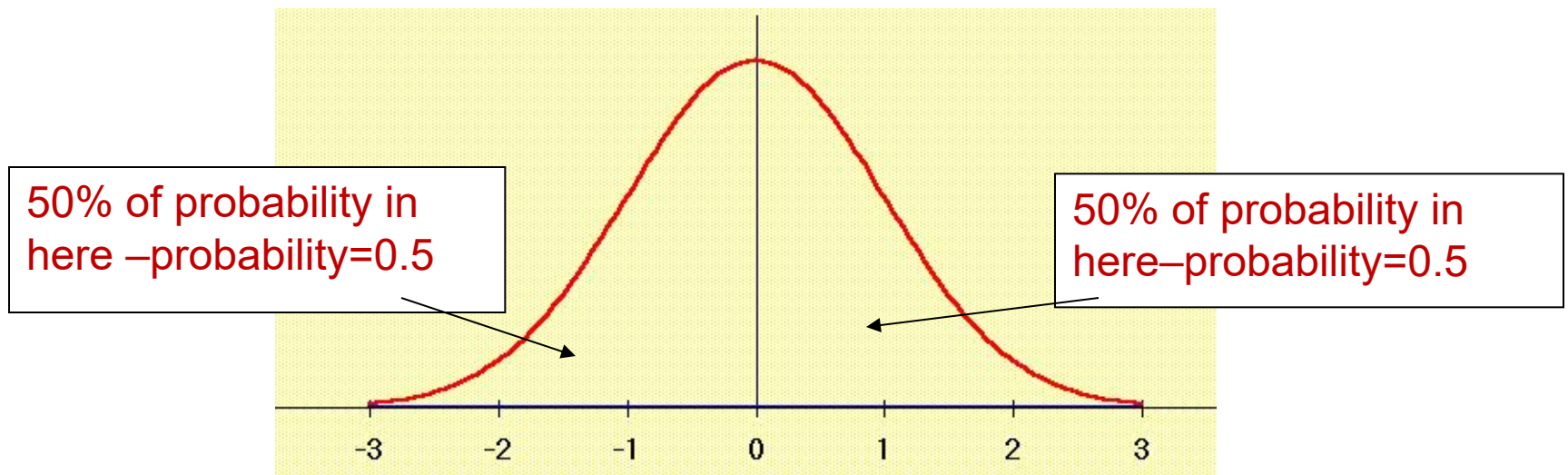


| $z$   | -0.09 | -0.08 | -0.07 | -0.06 | -0.05 | -0.04 | -0.03 | -0.02 | -0.01 | 0.00  | $z$   |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| -3.80 | .0001 | .0001 | .0001 | .0001 | .0001 | .0001 | .0001 | .0001 | .0001 | .0001 | -3.80 |
| -3.70 | .0001 | .0001 | .0001 | .0001 | .0001 | .0001 | .0001 | .0001 | .0001 | .0001 | -3.70 |
| -3.60 | .0001 | .0001 | .0001 | .0001 | .0001 | .0001 | .0001 | .0001 | .0002 | .0002 | -3.60 |
| -3.50 | .0002 | .0002 | .0002 | .0002 | .0002 | .0002 | .0002 | .0002 | .0002 | .0002 | -3.50 |
| -3.40 | .0002 | .0003 | .0003 | .0003 | .0003 | .0003 | .0003 | .0003 | .0003 | .0003 | -3.40 |
| -3.30 | .0003 | .0004 | .0004 | .0004 | .0004 | .0004 | .0005 | .0005 | .0005 | .0005 | -3.30 |
| -3.20 | .0005 | .0005 | .0005 | .0006 | .0006 | .0006 | .0006 | .0007 | .0007 | .0007 | -3.20 |
| -3.10 | .0007 | .0007 | .0008 | .0008 | .0008 | .0008 | .0009 | .0009 | .0010 | .0010 | -3.10 |
| -3.00 | .0010 | .0010 | .0011 | .0011 | .0011 | .0012 | .0012 | .0013 | .0013 | .0013 | -3.00 |
| -2.90 | .0014 | .0014 | .0015 | .0015 | .0016 | .0016 | .0017 | .0018 | .0018 | .0019 | -2.90 |
| -2.80 | .0019 | .0020 | .0021 | .0021 | .0022 | .0023 | .0023 | .0024 | .0025 | .0026 | -2.80 |
| -2.70 | .0026 | .0027 | .0028 | .0029 | .0030 | .0031 | .0032 | .0033 | .0034 | .0035 | -2.70 |
| -2.60 | .0036 | .0037 | .0038 | .0039 | .0040 | .0041 | .0043 | .0044 | .0045 | .0047 | -2.60 |
| -2.50 | .0048 | .0049 | .0051 | .0052 | .0054 | .0055 | .0057 | .0059 | .0060 | .0062 | -2.50 |
| -2.40 | .0064 | .0066 | .0068 | .0069 | .0071 | .0073 | .0075 | .0078 | .0080 | .0082 | -2.40 |
| -2.30 | .0084 | .0087 | .0089 | .0091 | .0094 | .0096 | .0099 | .0102 | .0104 | .0107 | -2.30 |
| -2.20 | .0110 | .0113 | .0116 | .0119 | .0122 | .0125 | .0129 | .0132 | .0136 | .0139 | -2.20 |
| -2.10 | .0143 | .0146 | .0150 | .0154 | .0158 | .0162 | .0166 | .0170 | .0174 | .0179 | -2.10 |
| -2.00 | .0183 | .0188 | .0192 | .0197 | .0202 | .0207 | .0212 | .0217 | .0222 | .0228 | -2.00 |
| -1.90 | .0233 | .0239 | .0244 | .0250 | .0256 | .0262 | .0268 | .0274 | .0281 | .0287 | -1.90 |
| -1.80 | .0294 | .0301 | .0307 | .0314 | .0322 | .0329 | .0336 | .0344 | .0351 | .0359 | -1.80 |
| -1.70 | .0367 | .0375 | .0384 | .0392 | .0401 | .0409 | .0418 | .0427 | .0436 | .0446 | -1.70 |
| -1.60 | .0455 | .0465 | .0475 | .0485 | .0495 | .0505 | .0516 | .0526 | .0537 | .0548 | -1.60 |
| -1.50 | .0559 | .0571 | .0582 | .0594 | .0606 | .0618 | .0630 | .0643 | .0655 | .0668 | -1.50 |
| -1.40 | .0681 | .0694 | .0708 | .0721 | .0735 | .0749 | .0764 | .0778 | .0793 | .0808 | -1.40 |
| -1.30 | .0823 | .0838 | .0853 | .0869 | .0885 | .0901 | .0918 | .0934 | .0951 | .0968 | -1.30 |
| -1.20 | .0983 | .1003 | .1020 | .1038 | .1056 | .1075 | .1093 | .1112 | .1131 | .1151 | -1.20 |
| -1.10 | .1170 | .1190 | .1210 | .1230 | .1251 | .1271 | .1292 | .1314 | .1335 | .1357 | -1.10 |
| -1.00 | .1379 | .1401 | .1423 | .1445 | .1469 | .1492 | .1515 | .1539 | .1562 | .1587 | -1.00 |
| -0.90 | .1611 | .1635 | .1660 | .1685 | .1711 | .1736 | .1762 | .1788 | .1814 | .1841 | -0.90 |
| -0.80 | .1867 | .1894 | .1922 | .1949 | .1977 | .2005 | .2033 | .2061 | .2090 | .2119 | -0.80 |
| -0.70 | .2148 | .2177 | .2206 | .2236 | .2266 | .2296 | .2327 | .2358 | .2389 | .2420 | -0.70 |
| -0.60 | .2451 | .2483 | .2514 | .2546 | .2578 | .2611 | .2643 | .2676 | .2709 | .2743 | -0.60 |
| -0.50 | .2776 | .2810 | .2843 | .2877 | .2912 | .2946 | .2981 | .3015 | .3050 | .3085 | -0.50 |
| -0.40 | .3121 | .3156 | .3192 | .3228 | .3264 | .3300 | .3336 | .3372 | .3409 | .3446 | -0.40 |
| -0.30 | .3483 | .3520 | .3557 | .3594 | .3632 | .3669 | .3707 | .3745 | .3783 | .3821 | -0.30 |
| -0.20 | .3859 | .3897 | .3936 | .3974 | .4013 | .4052 | .4090 | .4129 | .4168 | .4207 | -0.20 |
| -0.10 | .4247 | .4286 | .4325 | .4364 | .4404 | .4443 | .4483 | .4522 | .4562 | .4602 | -0.10 |
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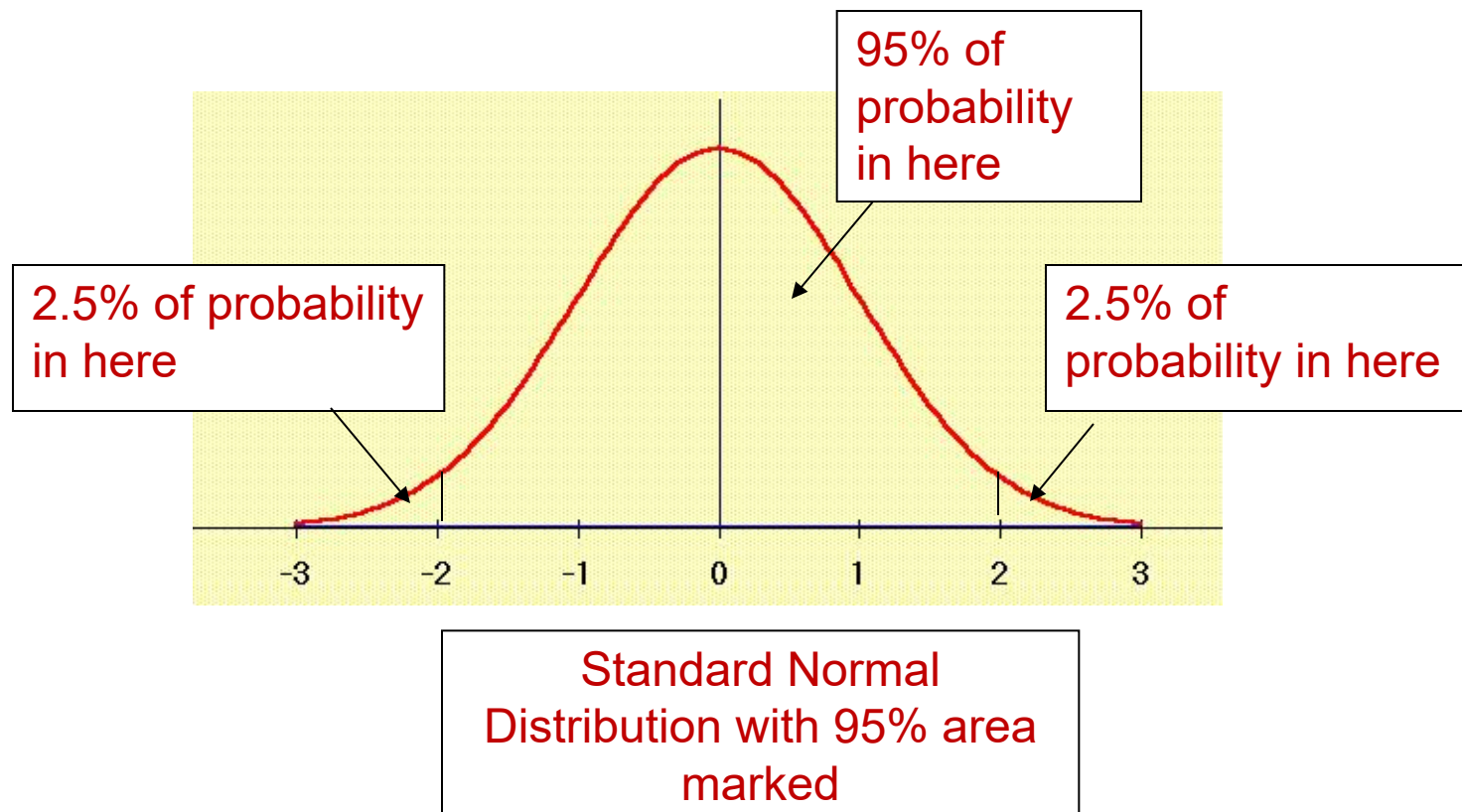
**TABLE D** (continued)

| $z$  | 0.00  | 0.01  | 0.02  | 0.03  | 0.04  | 0.05  | 0.06  | 0.07  | 0.08  | 0.09  | $z$  |
|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| 0.00 | .5000 | .5040 | .5080 | .5120 | .5160 | .5199 | .5239 | .5279 | .5319 | .5359 | 0.00 |
| 0.10 | .5398 | .5438 | .5478 | .5517 | .5557 | .5596 | .5636 | .5675 | .5714 | .5753 | 0.10 |
| 0.20 | .5793 | .5832 | .5871 | .5910 | .5948 | .5987 | .6026 | .6064 | .6103 | .6141 | 0.20 |
| 0.30 | .6179 | .6217 | .6255 | .6293 | .6331 | .6368 | .6406 | .6443 | .6480 | .6517 | 0.30 |
| 0.40 | .6554 | .6591 | .6628 | .6664 | .6700 | .6736 | .6772 | .6808 | .6844 | .6879 | 0.40 |
| 0.50 | .6915 | .6950 | .6985 | .7019 | .7054 | .7088 | .7123 | .7157 | .7190 | .7224 | 0.50 |
| 0.60 | .7257 | .7291 | .7324 | .7357 | .7389 | .7422 | .7454 | .7486 | .7517 | .7549 | 0.60 |
| 0.70 | .7580 | .7611 | .7642 | .7673 | .7704 | .7734 | .7764 | .7794 | .7823 | .7852 | 0.70 |
| 0.80 | .7881 | .7910 | .7939 | .7967 | .7995 | .8023 | .8051 | .8078 | .8106 | .8133 | 0.80 |
| 0.90 | .8159 | .8186 | .8212 | .8238 | .8264 | .8289 | .8315 | .8340 | .8365 | .8389 | 0.90 |
| 1.00 | .8413 | .8438 | .8461 | .8485 | .8508 | .8531 | .8554 | .8577 | .8599 | .8621 | 1.00 |
| 1.10 | .8643 | .8665 | .8686 | .8708 | .8729 | .8749 | .8770 | .8790 | .8810 | .8830 | 1.10 |
| 1.20 | .8849 | .8869 | .8888 | .8907 | .8925 | .8944 | .8962 | .8980 | .8997 | .9015 | 1.20 |
| 1.30 | .9032 | .9049 | .9066 | .9082 | .9099 | .9115 | .9131 | .9147 | .9162 | .9177 | 1.30 |
| 1.40 | .9192 | .9207 | .9222 | .9236 | .9251 | .9265 | .9279 | .9292 | .9306 | .9319 | 1.40 |
| 1.50 | .9332 | .9345 | .9357 | .9370 | .9382 | .9394 | .9406 | .9418 | .9429 | .9441 | 1.50 |
| 1.60 | .9452 | .9463 | .9474 | .9484 | .9495 | .9505 | .9515 | .9525 | .9535 | .9545 | 1.60 |
| 1.70 | .9554 | .9564 | .9573 | .9582 | .9591 | .9599 | .9608 | .9616 | .9625 | .9633 | 1.70 |
| 1.80 | .9641 | .9649 | .9656 | .9664 | .9671 | .9678 | .9686 | .9693 | .9699 | .9706 | 1.80 |
| 1.90 | .9713 | .9719 | .9726 | .9732 | .9738 | .9744 | .9750 | .9756 | .9761 | .9767 | 1.90 |
| 2.00 | .9772 | .9778 | .9783 | .9788 | .9793 | .9798 | .9803 | .9808 | .9812 | .9817 | 2.00 |
| 2.10 | .9821 | .9826 | .9830 | .9834 | .9838 | .9842 | .9846 | .9850 | .9854 | .9857 | 2.10 |
| 2.20 | .9861 | .9864 | .9868 | .9871 | .9875 | .9878 | .9881 | .9884 | .9887 | .9890 | 2.20 |
| 2.30 | .9893 | .9896 | .9898 | .9901 | .9904 | .9906 | .9909 | .9911 | .9913 | .9916 | 2.30 |
| 2.40 | .9918 | .9920 | .9922 | .9925 | .9927 | .9929 | .9931 | .9932 | .9934 | .9936 | 2.40 |
| 2.50 | .9938 | .9940 | .9941 | .9943 | .9945 | .9946 | .9948 | .9949 | .9951 | .9952 | 2.50 |
| 2.60 | .9953 | .9955 | .9956 | .9957 | .9959 | .9960 | .9961 | .9962 | .9963 | .9964 | 2.60 |
| 2.70 | .9965 | .9966 | .9967 | .9968 | .9969 | .9970 | .9971 | .9972 | .9973 | .9974 | 2.70 |
| 2.80 | .9974 | .9975 | .9976 | .9977 | .9977 | .9978 | .9979 | .9979 | .9980 | .9981 | 2.80 |
| 2.90 | .9981 | .9982 | .9982 | .9983 | .9984 | .9984 | .9985 | .9985 | .9986 | .9986 | 2.90 |
| 3.00 | .9987 | .9987 | .9987 | .9988 | .9988 | .9989 | .9989 | .9989 | .9990 | .9990 | 3.00 |
| 3.10 | .9990 | .9991 | .9991 | .9991 | .9992 | .9992 | .9992 | .9992 | .9993 | .9993 | 3.10 |
| 3.20 | .9993 | .9993 | .9994 | .9994 | .9994 | .9994 | .9994 | .9995 | .9995 | .9995 | 3.20 |
| 3.30 | .9995 | .9995 | .9995 | .9996 | .9996 | .9996 | .9996 | .9996 | .9996 | .9997 | 3.30 |
| 3.40 | .9997 | .9997 | .9997 | .9997 | .9997 | .9997 | .9997 | .9997 | .9997 | .9998 | 3.40 |
| 3.50 | .9998 | .9998 | .9998 | .9998 | .9998 | .9998 | .9998 | .9998 | .9998 | .9998 | 3.50 |
| 3.60 | .9998 | .9998 | .9999 | .9999 | .9999 | .9999 | .9999 | .9999 | .9999 | .9999 | 3.60 |
| 3.70 | .9999 | .9999 | .9999 | .9999 | .9999 | .9999 | .9999 | .9999 | .9999 | .9999 | 3.70 |
| 3.80 | .9999 | .9999 | .9999 | .9999 | .9999 | .9999 | .9999 | .9999 | .9999 | .9999 | 3.80 |

# Standard Normal Distribution



# Standard Normal Distribution



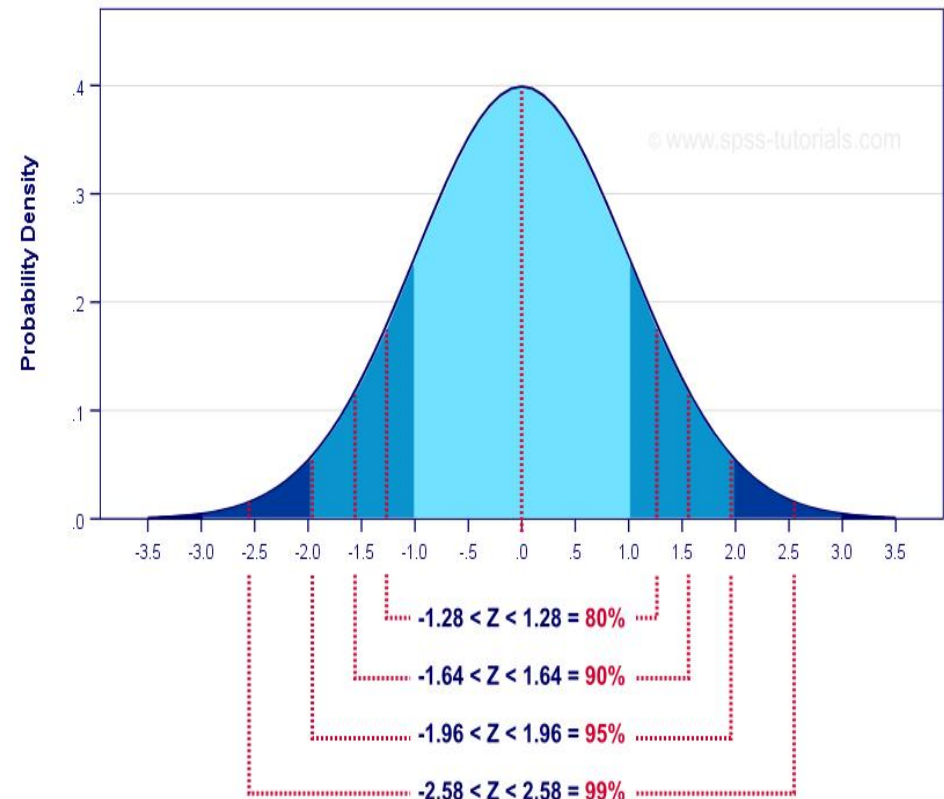
# Calculating Probabilities

Probability calculations are always concerned with finding the probability that the variable assumes any value in an interval between two specific points  $a$  and  $b$ .

The probability that a continuous variable assumes the a value between  $a$  and  $b$  is the area under the graph of the density between  $a$  and  $b$ .

Standard Normal Distribution

$\mu = 0 \mid \sigma = 1$

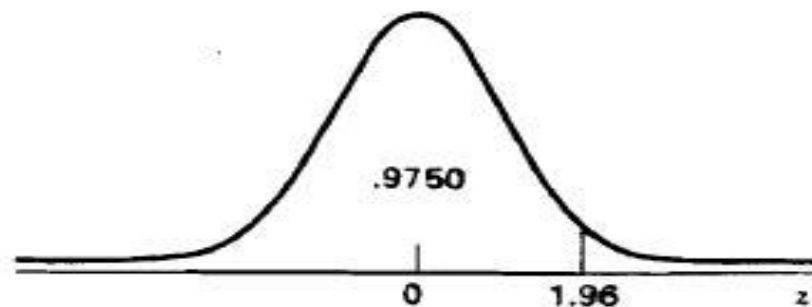




# Finding Probabilities

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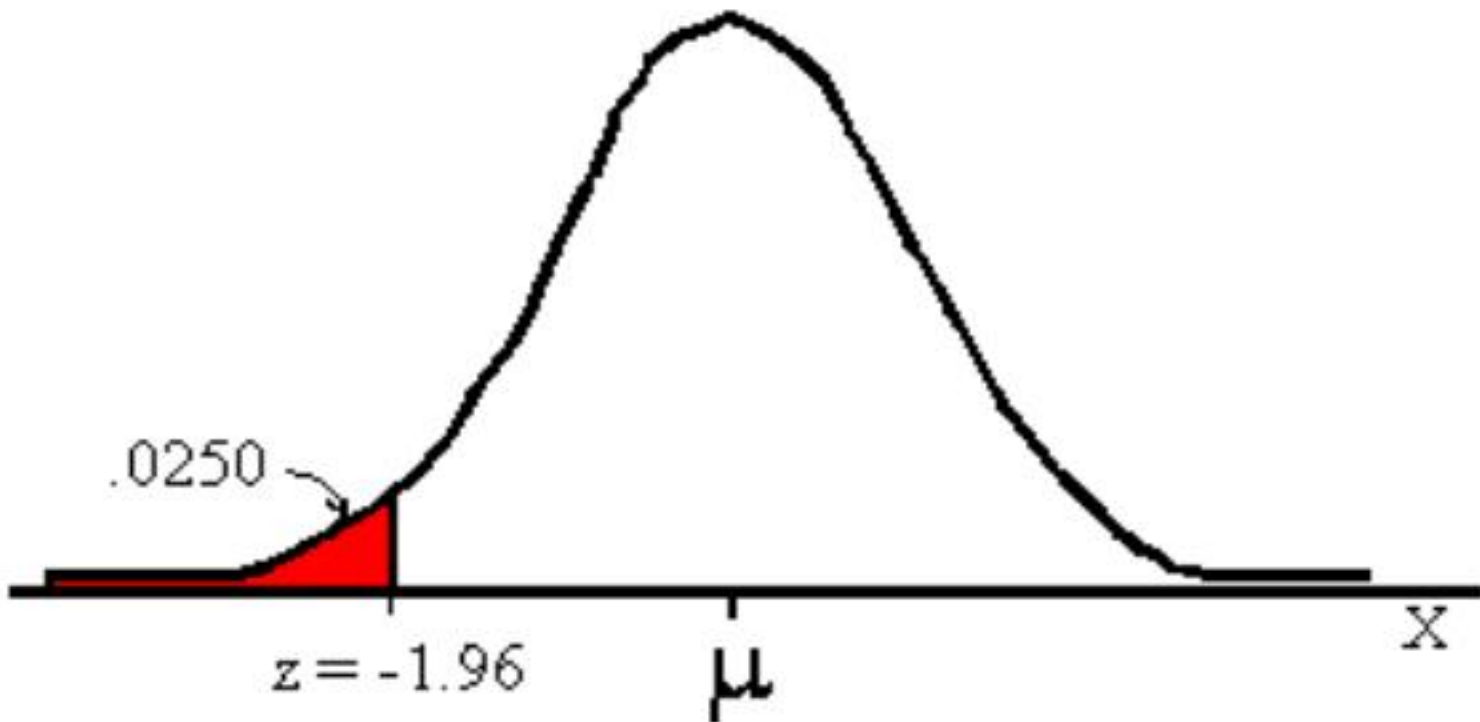
- (a) What is the probability that  $z < -1.96$ ?
- (1) Sketch a normal curve
  - (2) Draw a line for  $z = -1.96$
  - (3) Find the area in the table
  - (4) The answer is the area to the left of the line  $P(z < -1.96) = .0250$



| $z$   | -0.09 | -0.08 | -0.07 | -0.06 | -0.05 | -0.04 | -0.03 | -0.02 | -0.01 | 0.00  | $z$   |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| -3.80 | .0001 | .0001 | .0001 | .0001 | .0001 | .0001 | .0001 | .0001 | .0001 | .0001 | -3.80 |
| -3.70 | .0001 | .0001 | .0001 | .0001 | .0001 | .0001 | .0001 | .0001 | .0001 | .0001 | -3.70 |
| -3.60 | .0001 | .0001 | .0001 | .0001 | .0001 | .0001 | .0001 | .0001 | .0002 | .0002 | -3.60 |
| -3.50 | .0002 | .0002 | .0002 | .0002 | .0002 | .0002 | .0002 | .0002 | .0002 | .0002 | -3.50 |
| -3.40 | .0002 | .0003 | .0003 | .0003 | .0003 | .0003 | .0003 | .0003 | .0003 | .0003 | -3.40 |
| -3.30 | .0003 | .0004 | .0004 | .0004 | .0004 | .0004 | .0004 | .0005 | .0005 | .0005 | -3.30 |
| -3.20 | .0005 | .0005 | .0005 | .0006 | .0006 | .0006 | .0006 | .0006 | .0007 | .0007 | -3.20 |
| -3.10 | .0007 | .0007 | .0008 | .0008 | .0008 | .0008 | .0009 | .0009 | .0009 | .0010 | -3.10 |
| -3.00 | .0010 | .0010 | .0011 | .0011 | .0011 | .0012 | .0012 | .0013 | .0013 | .0013 | -3.00 |
| -2.90 | .0014 | .0014 | .0015 | .0015 | .0016 | .0016 | .0017 | .0018 | .0018 | .0019 | -2.90 |
| -2.80 | .0019 | .0020 | .0021 | .0021 | .0022 | .0023 | .0023 | .0024 | .0025 | .0026 | -2.80 |
| -2.70 | .0026 | .0027 | .0028 | .0029 | .0030 | .0031 | .0032 | .0033 | .0034 | .0035 | -2.70 |
| -2.60 | .0036 | .0037 | .0038 | .0039 | .0040 | .0041 | .0043 | .0044 | .0045 | .0047 | -2.60 |
| -2.50 | .0048 | .0049 | .0051 | .0052 | .0054 | .0055 | .0057 | .0059 | .0060 | .0062 | -2.50 |
| -2.40 | .0064 | .0066 | .0068 | .0069 | .0071 | .0073 | .0075 | .0078 | .0080 | .0082 | -2.40 |
| -2.30 | .0084 | .0087 | .0089 | .0091 | .0094 | .0096 | .0099 | .0102 | .0104 | .0107 | -2.30 |
| -2.20 | .0110 | .0113 | .0116 | .0119 | .0122 | .0125 | .0129 | .0132 | .0136 | .0139 | -2.20 |
| -2.10 | .0143 | .0146 | .0150 | .0154 | .0158 | .0162 | .0166 | .0170 | .0174 | .0179 | -2.10 |
| -2.00 | .0183 | .0188 | .0192 | .0197 | .0202 | .0207 | .0212 | .0217 | .0222 | .0228 | -2.00 |
| -1.90 | .0233 | .0239 | .0244 | .0250 | .0256 | .0262 | .0268 | .0274 | .0281 | .0287 | -1.90 |
| -1.80 | .0294 | .0301 | .0307 | .0314 | .0322 | .0329 | .0336 | .0344 | .0351 | .0359 | -1.80 |
| -1.70 | .0367 | .0375 | .0384 | .0392 | .0401 | .0409 | .0418 | .0427 | .0436 | .0446 | -1.70 |
| -1.60 | .0455 | .0465 | .0475 | .0485 | .0495 | .0505 | .0516 | .0526 | .0537 | .0548 | -1.60 |

# Finding Probabilities

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# Finding Probabilities

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(b) What is the probability that  $-1.96 < z < 1.96$ ?

(1) Sketch a normal curve

(2) Draw lines for lower  $z = -1.96$ , and

upper  $z = 1.96$

(3) Find the area in the table corresponding to each value

(4) The answer is the area between the values.

Subtract lower from upper:

$$P(-1.96 < z < 1.96) = .9750 - .0250 = .9500$$

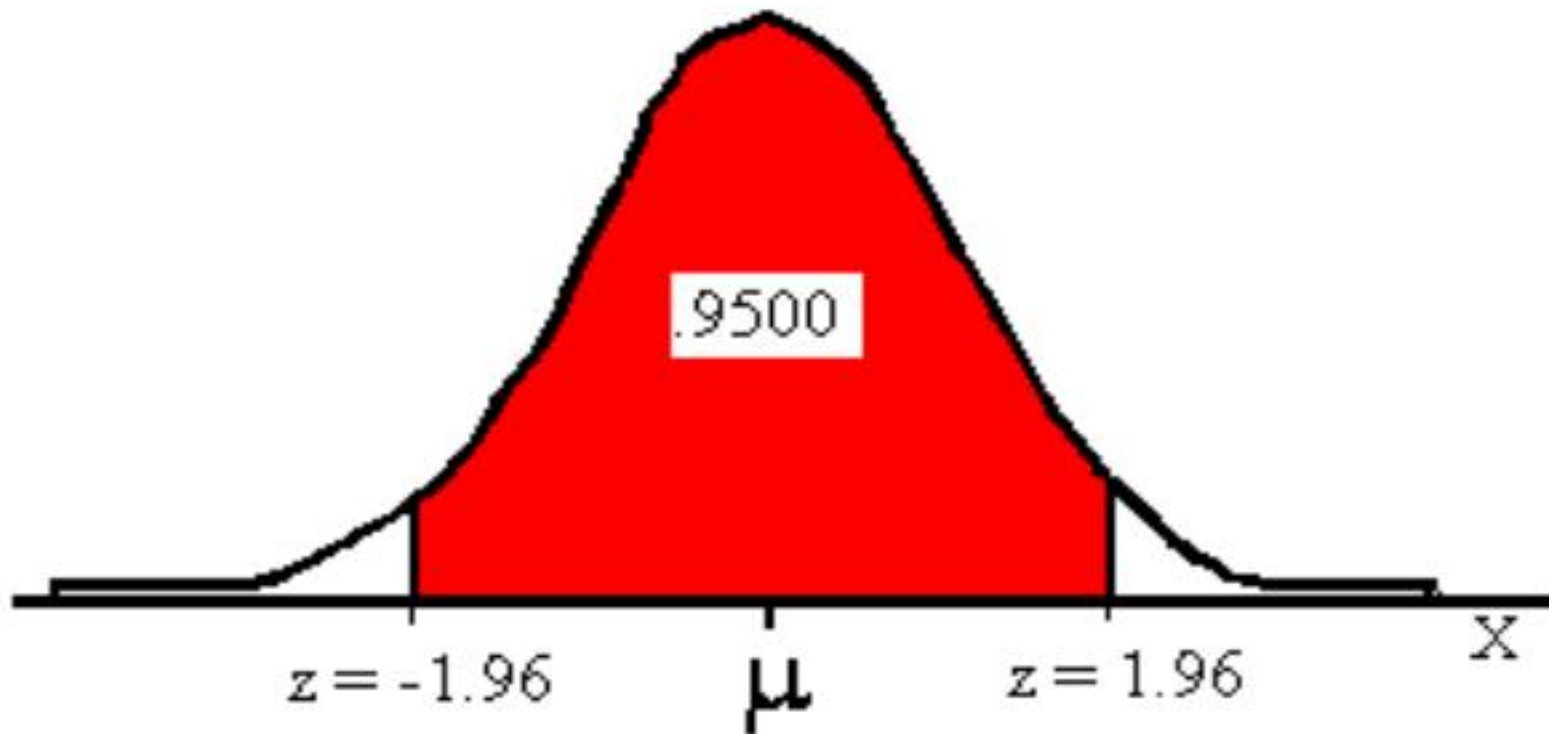


**TABLE D** (continued)

| <i>z</i> | 0.00  | 0.01  | 0.02  | 0.03  | 0.04  | 0.05  | 0.06  | 0.07  | 0.08  | 0.09  | <i>z</i> |
|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|
| 0.00     | .5000 | .5040 | .5080 | .5120 | .5160 | .5199 | .5239 | .5279 | .5319 | .5359 | 0.00     |
| 0.10     | .5398 | .5438 | .5478 | .5517 | .5557 | .5596 | .5636 | .5675 | .5714 | .5753 | 0.10     |
| 0.20     | .5793 | .5832 | .5871 | .5910 | .5948 | .5987 | .6026 | .6064 | .6103 | .6141 | 0.20     |
| 0.30     | .6179 | .6217 | .6255 | .6293 | .6331 | .6368 | .6406 | .6443 | .6480 | .6517 | 0.30     |
| 0.40     | .6554 | .6591 | .6628 | .6664 | .6700 | .6736 | .6772 | .6808 | .6844 | .6879 | 0.40     |
| 0.50     | .6915 | .6950 | .6985 | .7019 | .7054 | .7088 | .7123 | .7157 | .7190 | .7224 | 0.50     |
| 0.60     | .7257 | .7291 | .7324 | .7357 | .7389 | .7422 | .7454 | .7486 | .7517 | .7549 | 0.60     |
| 0.70     | .7580 | .7611 | .7642 | .7673 | .7704 | .7734 | .7764 | .7794 | .7823 | .7852 | 0.70     |
| 0.80     | .7881 | .7910 | .7939 | .7967 | .7995 | .8023 | .8051 | .8078 | .8106 | .8133 | 0.80     |
| 0.90     | .8159 | .8186 | .8212 | .8238 | .8264 | .8289 | .8315 | .8340 | .8365 | .8389 | 0.90     |
| 1.00     | .8413 | .8438 | .8461 | .8485 | .8508 | .8531 | .8554 | .8577 | .8599 | .8621 | 1.00     |
| 1.10     | .8643 | .8665 | .8686 | .8708 | .8729 | .8749 | .8770 | .8790 | .8810 | .8830 | 1.10     |
| 1.20     | .8849 | .8869 | .8888 | .8907 | .8925 | .8944 | .8962 | .8980 | .8997 | .9015 | 1.20     |
| 1.30     | .9032 | .9049 | .9066 | .9082 | .9099 | .9115 | .9131 | .9147 | .9162 | .9177 | 1.30     |
| 1.40     | .9192 | .9207 | .9222 | .9236 | .9251 | .9265 | .9279 | .9292 | .9306 | .9319 | 1.40     |
| 1.50     | .9332 | .9345 | .9357 | .9370 | .9382 | .9394 | .9406 | .9418 | .9429 | .9441 | 1.50     |
| 1.60     | .9452 | .9463 | .9474 | .9484 | .9495 | .9505 | .9515 | .9525 | .9535 | .9545 | 1.60     |
| 1.70     | .9554 | .9564 | .9573 | .9582 | .9591 | .9599 | .9608 | .9616 | .9625 | .9633 | 1.70     |
| 1.80     | .9641 | .9649 | .9656 | .9664 | .9671 | .9678 | .9686 | .9693 | .9699 | .9706 | 1.80     |
| 1.90     | .9713 | .9719 | .9726 | .9732 | .9738 | .9744 | .9750 | .9756 | .9761 | .9767 | 1.90     |
| 2.00     | .9772 | .9778 | .9783 | .9788 | .9793 | .9798 | .9803 | .9808 | .9812 | .9817 | 2.00     |
| 2.10     | .9821 | .9826 | .9830 | .9834 | .9838 | .9842 | .9846 | .9850 | .9854 | .9857 | 2.10     |
| 2.20     | .9861 | .9864 | .9868 | .9871 | .9875 | .9878 | .9881 | .9884 | .9887 | .9890 | 2.20     |
| 2.30     | .9893 | .9896 | .9898 | .9901 | .9904 | .9906 | .9909 | .9911 | .9913 | .9916 | 2.30     |
| 2.40     | .9918 | .9920 | .9922 | .9925 | .9927 | .9929 | .9931 | .9932 | .9934 | .9936 | 2.40     |

# Finding Probabilities

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# Finding Probabilities

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(c) What is the probability that  $z > 1.96$ ?

(1) Sketch a normal curve

(2) Draw a line for  $z = 1.96$

(3) Find the area in the table

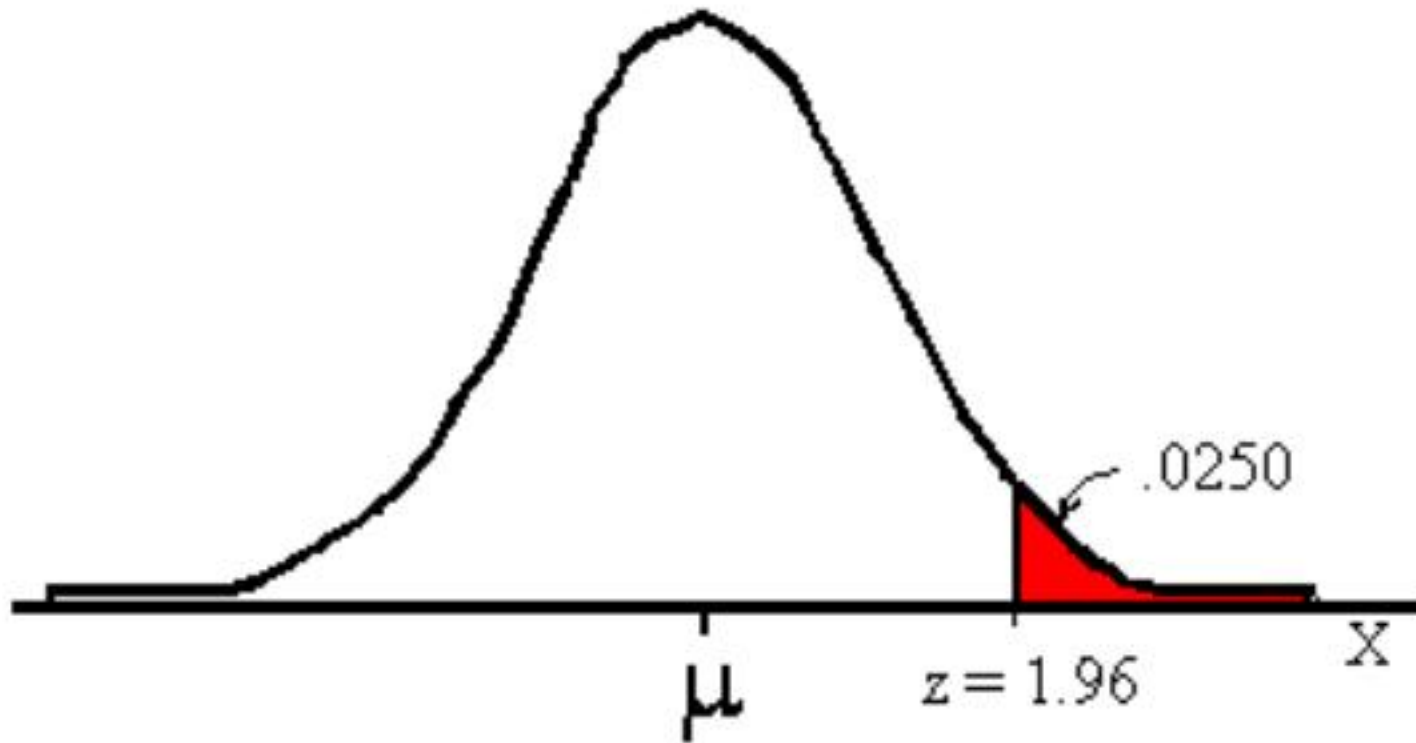
(4) The answer is the area to the right of the line. It is found by subtracting the table value from 1.0000:

$$P(z > 1.96) = 1.0000 - .9750 = .0250$$



# Finding Probabilities

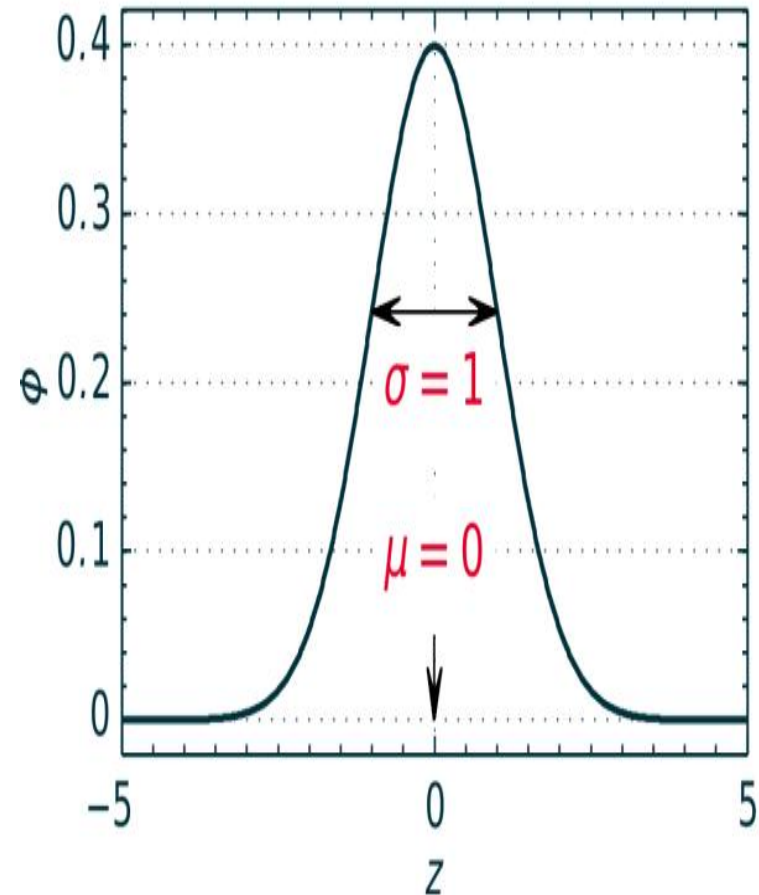
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# Example: Weight

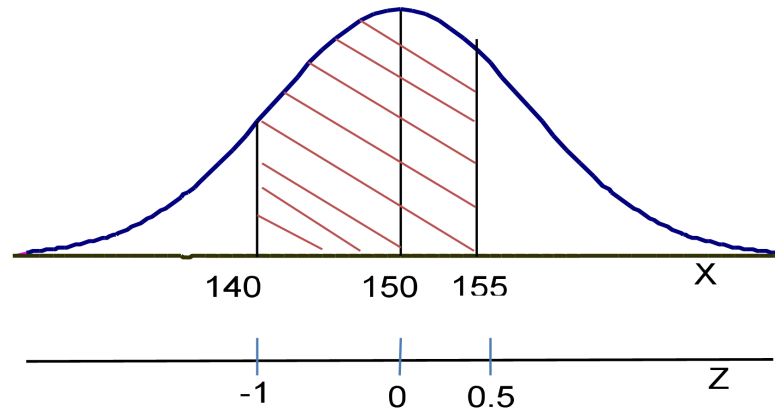
If the weight of males is N.D. with  $\mu=150$  and  $\sigma=10$ , what is the probability that a randomly selected male will weigh between 140 lbs and 155 lbs?

[Important Note: Always remember that the probability that  $X$  is equal to any one particular value is zero,  $P(X=\text{value})=0$ , since the normal distribution is continuous.]



# Example: Weight

Solution:



$$Z = (140 - 150) / 10 = -1.00 \text{ s.d. from mean}$$

Area under the curve = .3413 (from Z table)

$$Z = (155 - 150) / 10 = +.50 \text{ s.d. from mean}$$

Area under the curve = .1915 (from Z table)

$$\text{Answer: } .3413 + .1915 = .5328$$

# Example: IQ

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If IQ is ND with a mean of 100 and a S.D. of 10, what percentage of the population will have

(a) IQs ranging from 90 to 110?

(b) IQs ranging from 80 to 120?

Solution:

$$Z = (90 - 100)/10 = -1.00$$

$$Z = (110 - 100)/10 = +1.00$$

Area between 0 and 1.00 in the Z-table is .3413; Area between 0 and -1.00 is also .3413 (Z-distribution is symmetric).

Answer to part (a) is  $.3413 + .3413 = .6826$ .

# Example: IQ

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(b) IQs ranging from 80 to 120?

Solution:

$$Z = (80 - 100)/10 = -2.00$$

$$Z = (120 - 100)/10 = +2.00$$

Area between  $z=0$  and 2.00 in the Z-table is .4772; Area between 0 and -2.00 is also .4772 (Z-distribution is symmetric).

Answer is  $.4772 + .4772 = .9544$ .