

# LECTURE 4: RANDOM VARIABLES

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## EXPERIMENTS

- An **experiment** is any procedure that can (in principle) be repeated infinitely and has a well-defined set of outcomes

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Flip a coin 10 times



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- Often capital letters to denote RV's

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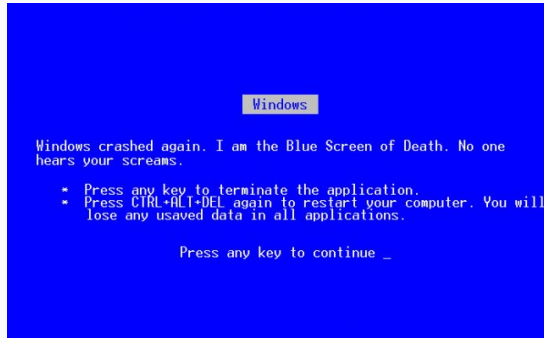
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- A **discrete random variable** takes on a finite/countable set of possible values

### Example

Let  $X$  be the number of times your computer crashes this semester,  $x_i \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$



- The **probability distribution** of a R.V. fully lists all the possible values of  $X$  and their associated probabilities

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- For any real number  $x_i$ ,  $f(x_i)$  is the probability that  $X = x_i$

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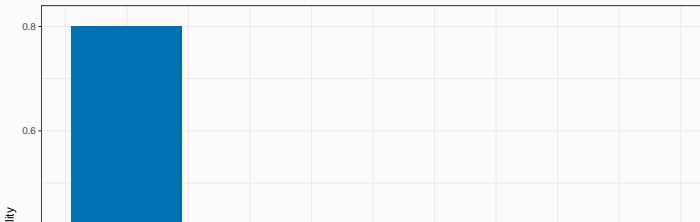


## DISCRETE RANDOM VARIABLES: PDF GRAPH

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crashes<-c(0,1,2,3,4)
prob<-c(0.8,0.1,0.06,0.03,0.01)
crashes<-data.frame(crashes, prob)

crashes.pdf<-ggplot(crashes, aes(x=crashes, y=prob))+
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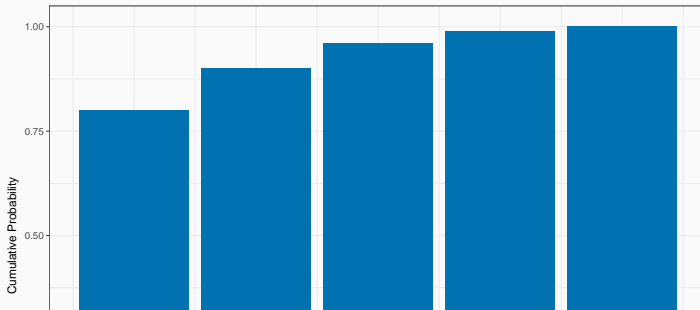
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- A probability-weighted average of  $X$ , with each  $x_i$  weighted by its associated probability  $p_i$
- Also called the **mean** or **expectation** of  $X$ , also denoted  $\mu_X$

### Example

Suppose you lend your friend \$100 at 10% interest. If the loan is repaid, you receive \$110 . Your friend is 99% likely to repay, but there is a default risk of 1% where you get nothing. What is the expected value of repayment?

### Example

Let  $X$  be a random variable that is described by the following pdf:

$x_i$	$P(X = x_i)$
1	0.50
2	0.25
3	0.10
4	0.05

- What is  $E(X)$ ?

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- This is the expected value of the squared deviations from the mean
  - i.e. the probability-weighted average of the squared deviations

- The **standard deviation** of a random variable  $X$ , denoted  $sd(X)$  or  $\sigma_X$  is:

$$\sigma_X = \sqrt{\sigma_X^2}$$



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$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= 0(0.80) + 1(0.10) + 2(0.06) + 3(0.03) + 4(0.01) \\ &= 0 + 0.1 + 0.12 + 0.09 + 0.04 \\ &= 0.35 \end{aligned}$$

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- Take the expectation of the squared deviations to get variance

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma_X^2 &= 0.1225(0.80) + 0.4225(0.10) + 2.7225(0.06) + 7.0225(0.03) + 13.3225(0.01) \\
 &= 0.098 + 0.04225 + 0.16335 + 0.210675 + 0.133225 \\
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- To get standard deviation,  $\sigma$ , take the square root:

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma &= \sqrt{\sigma^2} \\ &= \sqrt{0.6475} \\ &= 0.8047\end{aligned}$$

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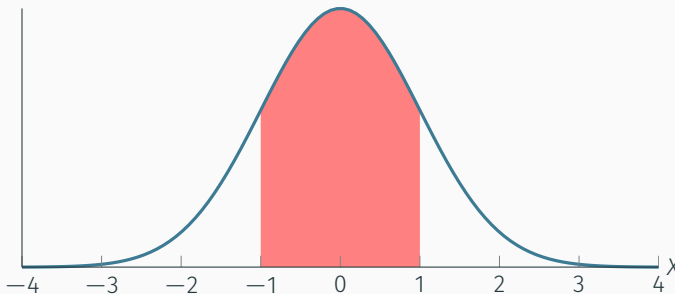


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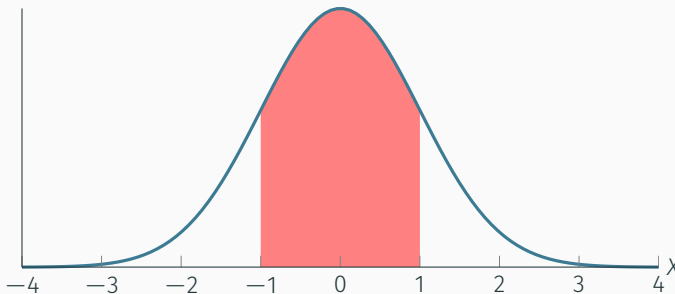
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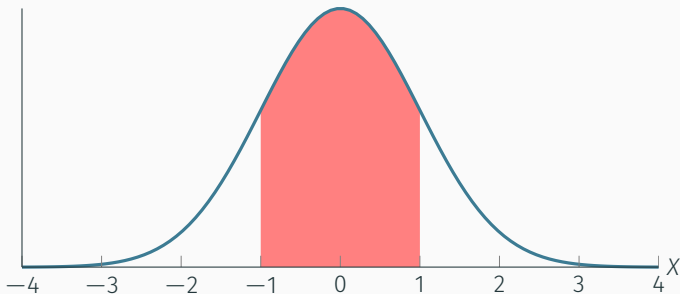
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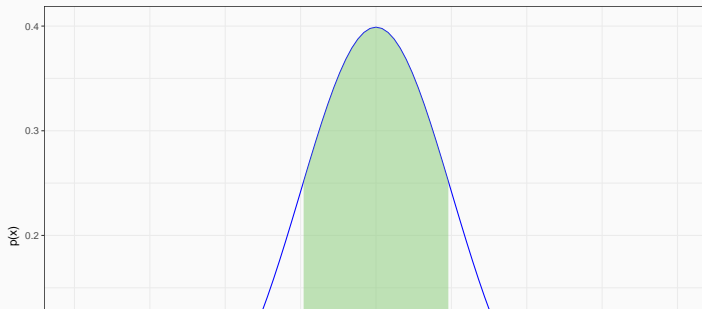
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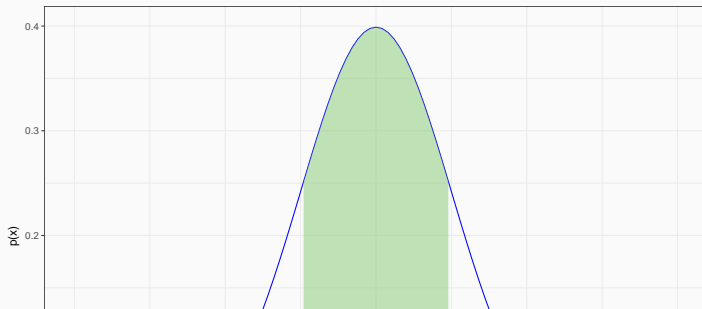
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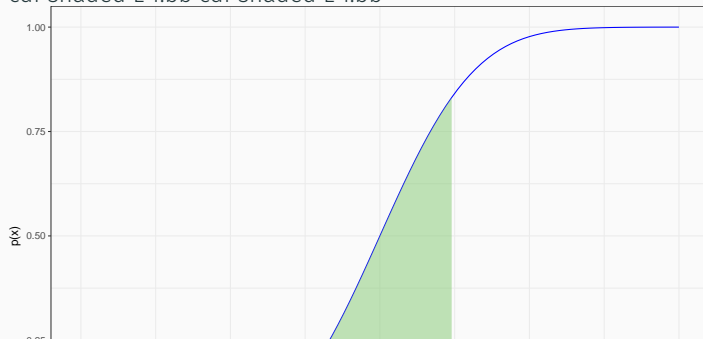


## CONTINUOUS RANDOM VARIABLE CDF

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$$P(X \leq k)$$

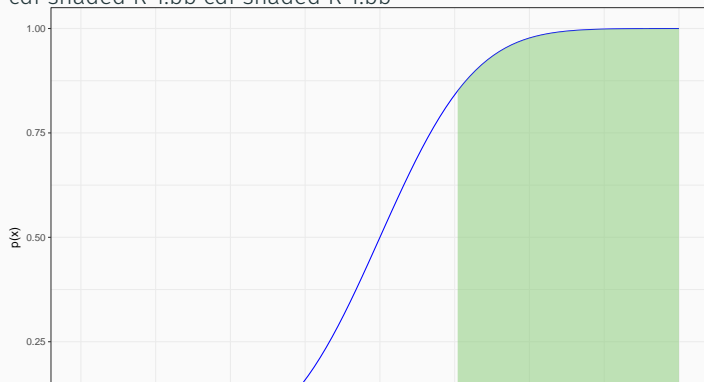
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- Note: to find the probability of values *greater* than or equal to (to the right of) a given value  $k$ :

$$P(X \geq k) = 1 - P(X \leq k)$$

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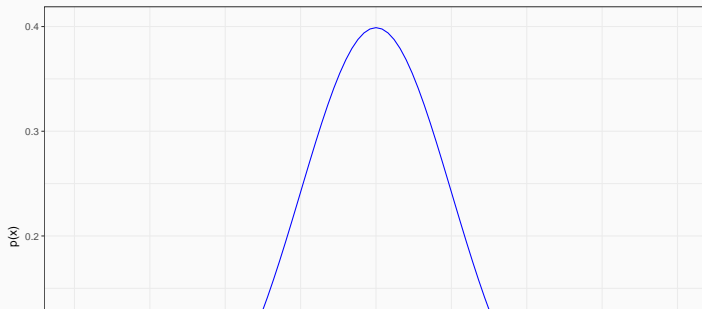




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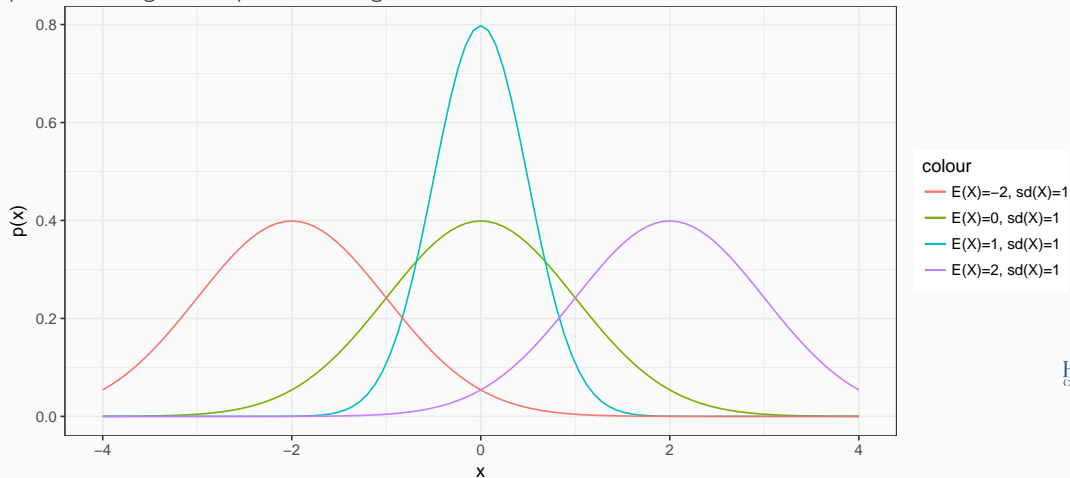
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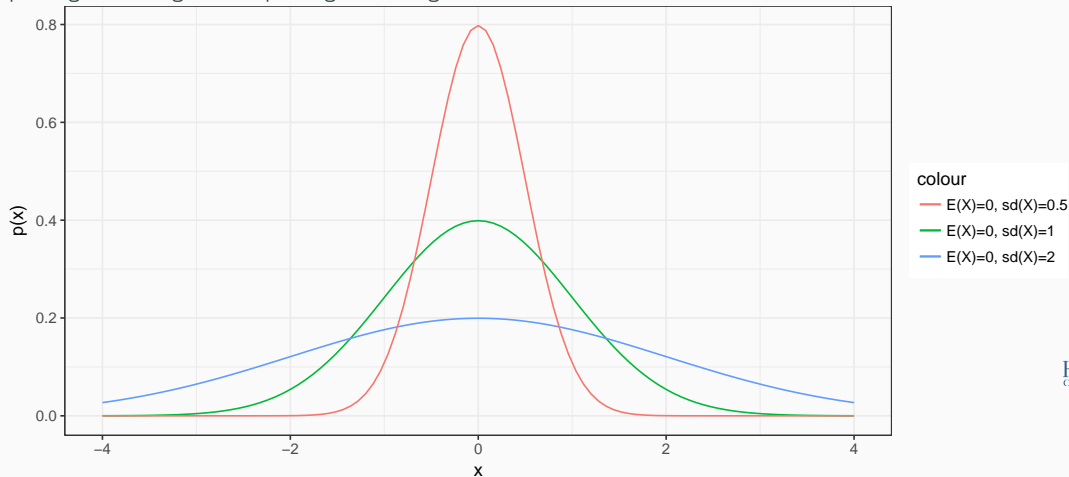
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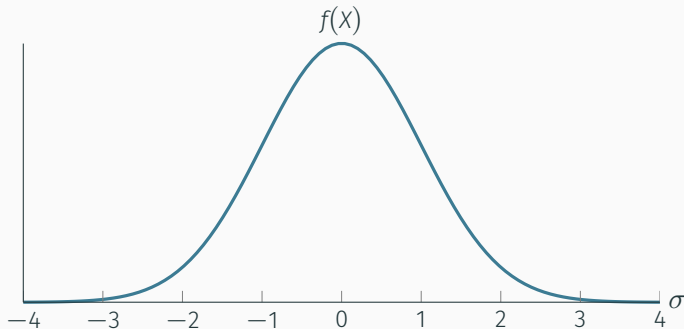
- The pdf gets fatter/skinnier based on  $\sigma$

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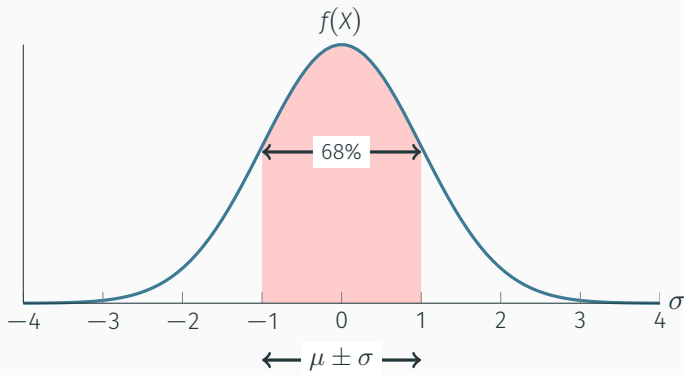
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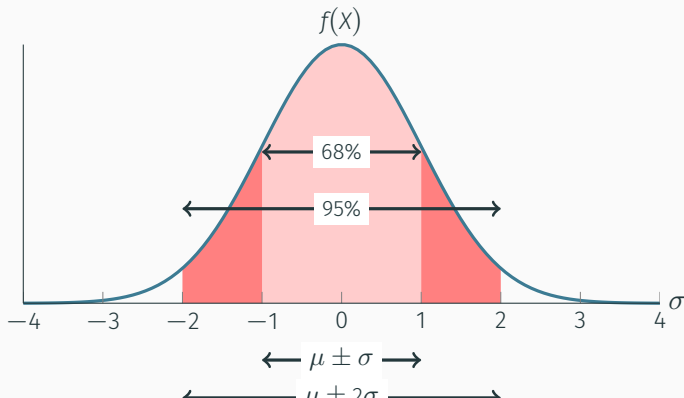
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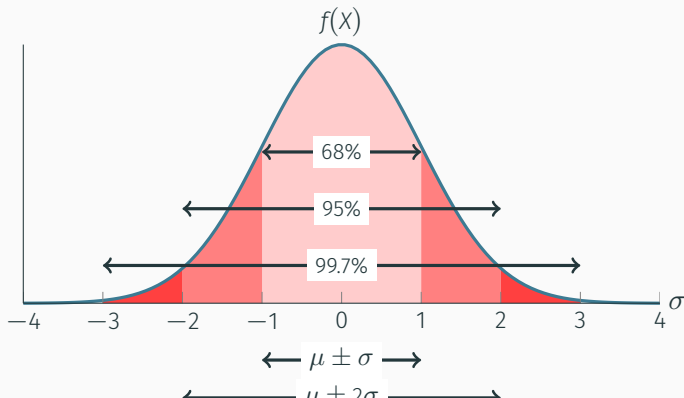
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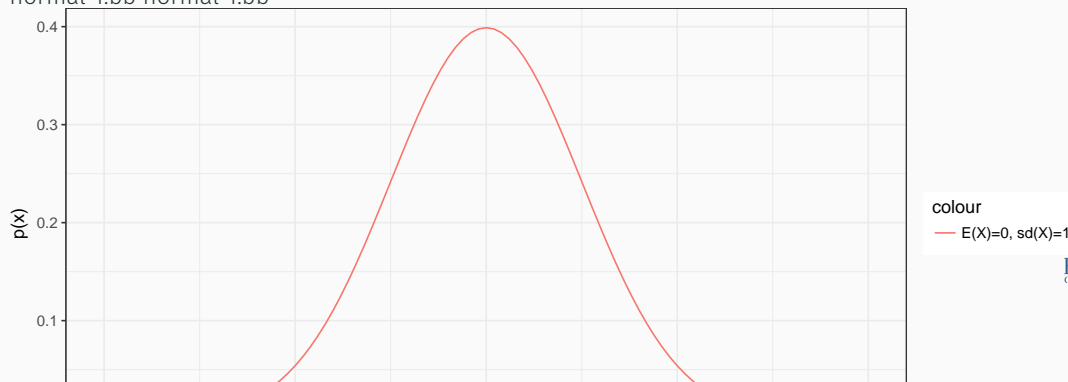
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- Can compare distributions of variables with very different units!

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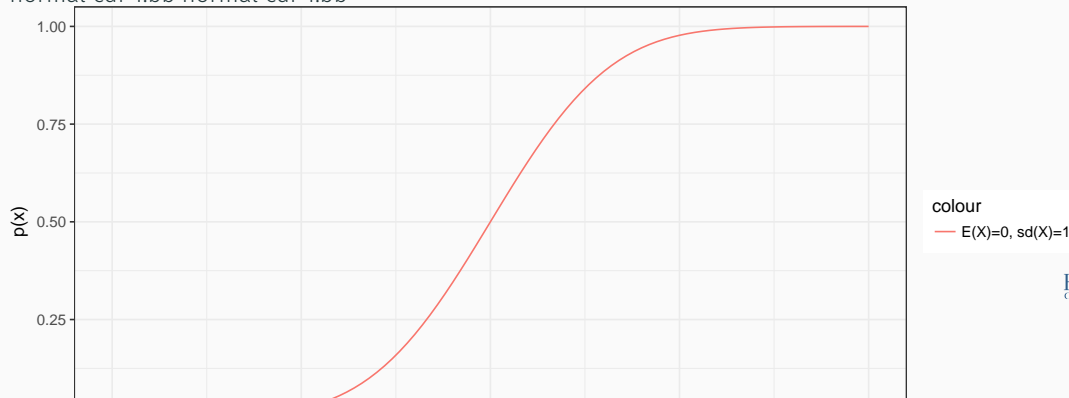
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- Standard normal cdf:

$$\Phi(k) = P(Z \leq k)$$

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- This is 4.1 standard deviations ( $\sigma$ ) beneath the mean.

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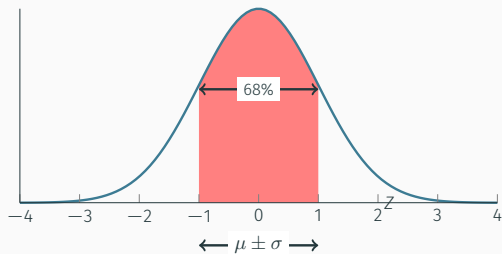
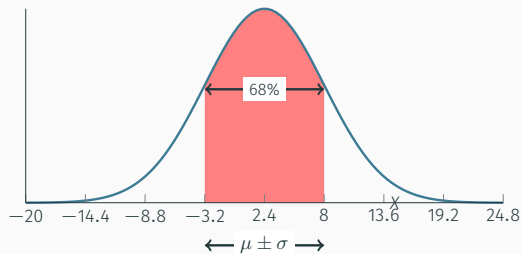
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## STANDARDIZING VARIABLES: EXAMPLE IV



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
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# FINDING Z-SCORE PROBABILITIES

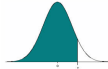
- How do we actually find the probabilities for Z-scores?

**Table of Standard Normal Probabilities for Negative Z-scores**



z	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.09
-3.4	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0002
-3.3	0.0005	0.0005	0.0005	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0003
-3.2	0.0007	0.0007	0.0006	0.0006	0.0006	0.0006	0.0006	0.0005	0.0005	0.0005
-3.1	0.0010	0.0009	0.0009	0.0008	0.0008	0.0008	0.0008	0.0007	0.0007	0.0007
-3.0	0.0013	0.0013	0.0013	0.0012	0.0012	0.0011	0.0011	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010
-2.9	0.0019	0.0018	0.0018	0.0017	0.0016	0.0016	0.0015	0.0015	0.0014	0.0014
-2.8	0.0026	0.0025	0.0024	0.0023	0.0023	0.0022	0.0021	0.0021	0.0020	0.0019
-2.7	0.0035	0.0034	0.0033	0.0032	0.0031	0.0030	0.0029	0.0028	0.0027	0.0026
-2.6	0.0047	0.0045	0.0044	0.0043	0.0041	0.0040	0.0039	0.0038	0.0037	0.0036
-2.5	0.0062	0.0060	0.0059	0.0057	0.0056	0.0054	0.0052	0.0051	0.0049	0.0048
-2.4	0.0082	0.0080	0.0078	0.0077	0.0075	0.0073	0.0071	0.0069	0.0068	0.0066
-2.3	0.0107	0.0104	0.0102	0.0100	0.0098	0.0096	0.0094	0.0091	0.0089	0.0087
-2.2	0.0139	0.0136	0.0132	0.0129	0.0125	0.0122	0.0119	0.0116	0.0113	0.0110
-2.1	0.0179	0.0174	0.0170	0.0166	0.0162	0.0158	0.0154	0.0150	0.0146	0.0143
-2.0	0.0228	0.0222	0.0217	0.0212	0.0207	0.0202	0.0197	0.0192	0.0188	0.0183
-1.9	0.0287	0.0281	0.0274	0.0268	0.0262	0.0256	0.0250	0.0244	0.0238	0.0233
-1.8	0.0359	0.0351	0.0344	0.0336	0.0329	0.0322	0.0314	0.0307	0.0301	0.0294
-1.7	0.0446	0.0436	0.0427	0.0418	0.0409	0.0400	0.0392	0.0384	0.0377	0.0369
-1.6	0.0548	0.0537	0.0526	0.0514	0.0505	0.0495	0.0485	0.0475	0.0465	0.0455
-1.5	0.0664	0.0652	0.0643	0.0630	0.0618	0.0606	0.0594	0.0582	0.0571	0.0559
-1.4	0.0808	0.0793	0.0778	0.0764	0.0749	0.0735	0.0721	0.0708	0.0694	0.0681
-1.3	0.0968	0.0951	0.0934	0.0918	0.0901	0.0885	0.0869	0.0853	0.0838	0.0823
-1.2	0.1151	0.1131	0.1112	0.1093	0.1075	0.1056	0.1038	0.1020	0.1003	0.0985
-1.1	0.1357	0.1335	0.1314	0.1292	0.1271	0.1251	0.1230	0.1210	0.1190	0.1170
-1.0	0.1587	0.1562	0.1539	0.1515	0.1492	0.1469	0.1446	0.1423	0.1401	0.1379
-0.9	0.1841	0.1814	0.1788	0.1762	0.1736	0.1711	0.1685	0.1660	0.1635	0.1611
-0.8	0.2119	0.2090	0.2063	0.2033	0.2005	0.1977	0.1949	0.1923	0.1894	0.1867
-0.7	0.2420	0.2389	0.2358	0.2327	0.2296	0.2266	0.2236	0.2206	0.2177	0.2148
-0.6	0.2743	0.2709	0.2676	0.2643	0.2611	0.2578	0.2546	0.2514	0.2483	0.2451
-0.5	0.3085	0.3050	0.3015	0.2981	0.2946	0.2912	0.2877	0.2843	0.2810	0.2776
-0.4	0.3446	0.3409	0.3372	0.3336	0.3300	0.3264	0.3228	0.3192	0.3156	0.3121
-0.3	0.3821	0.3783	0.3745	0.3707	0.3669	0.3631	0.3593	0.3555	0.3517	0.3479
-0.2	0.4207	0.4168	0.4129	0.4090	0.4052	0.4013	0.3974	0.3936	0.3897	0.3859
-0.1	0.4602	0.4562	0.4522	0.4483	0.4443	0.4404	0.4364	0.4325	0.4286	0.4247
-0.0	0.5000	0.4960	0.4920	0.4880	0.4840	0.4801	0.4761	0.4721	0.4681	0.4641

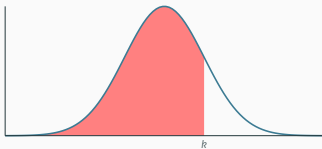
**Table of Standard Normal Probabilities for Positive Z-scores**



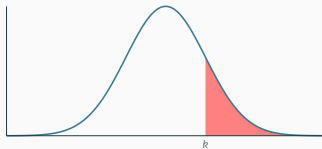
z	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.09
0.0	0.5000	0.5040	0.5080	0.5120	0.5160	0.5199	0.5239	0.5279	0.5319	0.5359
0.1	0.5398	0.5438	0.5478	0.5517	0.5557	0.5596	0.5636	0.5675	0.5714	0.5753
0.2	0.5793	0.5832	0.5871	0.5910	0.5949	0.5987	0.6026	0.6064	0.6103	0.6141
0.3	0.6179	0.6217	0.6255	0.6293	0.6331	0.6368	0.6406	0.6443	0.6480	0.6517
0.4	0.6554	0.6591	0.6629	0.6664	0.6700	0.6736	0.6772	0.6808	0.6844	0.6879
0.5	0.6915	0.6950	0.6985	0.7019	0.7054	0.7088	0.7123	0.7157	0.7190	0.7224
0.6	0.7257	0.7291	0.7324	0.7357	0.7389	0.7422	0.7454	0.7486	0.7517	0.7549
0.7	0.7580	0.7611	0.7642	0.7673	0.7704	0.7734	0.7764	0.7794	0.7823	0.7852
0.8	0.7881	0.7910	0.7939	0.7967	0.7995	0.8023	0.8051	0.8079	0.8106	0.8133
0.9	0.8159	0.8186	0.8212	0.8238	0.8264	0.8289	0.8315	0.8340	0.8365	0.8389
1.0	0.8413	0.8438	0.8461	0.8485	0.8508	0.8531	0.8554	0.8577	0.8599	0.8621
1.1	0.8645	0.8668	0.8689	0.8708	0.8727	0.8746	0.8764	0.8781	0.8798	0.8810
1.2	0.8849	0.8869	0.8888	0.8907	0.8925	0.8944	0.8962	0.8980	0.8997	0.9015
1.3	0.9032	0.9049	0.9066	0.9082	0.9099	0.9115	0.9131	0.9147	0.9162	0.9177
1.4	0.9192	0.9207	0.9222	0.9236	0.9251	0.9265	0.9279	0.9292	0.9306	0.9319
1.5	0.9332	0.9345	0.9357	0.9370	0.9382	0.9394	0.9406	0.9418	0.9429	0.9441
1.6	0.9452	0.9463	0.9474	0.9484	0.9494	0.9505	0.9515	0.9525	0.9535	0.9545
1.7	0.9554	0.9564	0.9573	0.9582	0.9591	0.9599	0.9608	0.9616	0.9625	0.9633
1.8	0.9641	0.9649	0.9656	0.9664	0.9671	0.9678	0.9686	0.9693	0.9699	0.9706
1.9	0.9713	0.9719	0.9726	0.9732	0.9738	0.9744	0.9750	0.9756	0.9761	0.9767
2.0	0.9772	0.9778	0.9783	0.9788	0.9793	0.9798	0.9803	0.9808	0.9812	0.9817
2.1	0.9821	0.9826	0.9830	0.9834	0.9838	0.9842	0.9846	0.9850	0.9854	0.9857
2.2	0.9861	0.9864	0.9868	0.9871	0.9875	0.9878	0.9881	0.9884	0.9887	0.9890
2.3	0.9895	0.9898	0.9899	0.9901	0.9904	0.9906	0.9909	0.9911	0.9913	0.9916
2.4	0.9918	0.9920	0.9923	0.9925	0.9927	0.9929	0.9931	0.9932	0.9934	0.9936
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2.8	0.9974	0.9975	0.9976	0.9977	0.9977	0.9978	0.9979	0.9979	0.9980	0.9981
2.9	0.9981	0.9982	0.9982	0.9983	0.9984	0.9984	0.9985	0.9985	0.9986	0.9986
3.0	0.9987	0.9987	0.9987	0.9988	0.9988	0.9989	0.9989	0.9989	0.9990	0.9990
3.1	0.9991	0.9991	0.9991	0.9992	0.9992	0.9992	0.9993	0.9993	0.9993	0.9994
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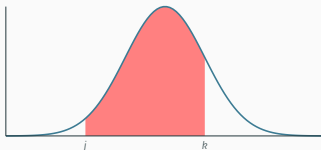
## FINDING Z-SCORE PROBABILITIES II



$$P(Z \leq k) = \Phi(k)$$



$$P(Z \geq k) = 1 - \Phi(k)$$



$$P(j \leq Z \leq k) = \Phi(k) - \Phi(j)$$

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- Probability a student gets between a 65 and 85:

```
pnorm(85, mean=75, sd=10,  
      lower.tail=TRUE)-pnorm(  
      65, mean=75, sd=10,  
      lower.tail=TRUE)
```

```
## [1] 0.6826895
```