

Chapter 6: Normal Distribution

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Normal Distribution

If the continuous random variable has a symmetric, bell shape curve, it is considered to have a Normal Distribution.

Properties of the Normal Distribution

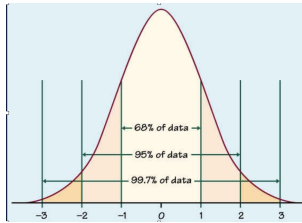
- Bell shaped
- Mean - Median - Mode in Center (all the same)
- Symmetric
- No gaps in data (continuous curve)
- Never crosses x-axis
- Area under the curve is equal to 1.
- Satisfies Empirical rule.

All values have the same probability of occurring.

- Area must be equal to 1.
- Height for each value is greater or equal to 0 and less than or equal to 1.

Normal Distribution (Concept)

Empirical Rule



Normal Distribution Questions

- Find area under the curve (Find Probabilities)
- Find the z-score
- Find the X-values on X-axis or Data points.

Standard Normal Distribution

Normal curve with

- $\mu = 0$
- $\sigma = 1$

Note: Transform any normal distribution to a standard normal distribution. by mapping mean to 0 and Standard deviation to 1.

Example: Testing Thermometers

Mean: $\mu = 0$

S.D.: $\sigma = 1$

Readings were normally distributed. Find the probability that a thermometer will have a reading of less than 1.58 degree.

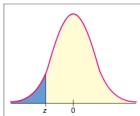
Step 1: Find Z-score.

Step 2: Draw a picture.

Step 3: Find the area

- Using a Table
- Using a Calculator

Empirical Rule



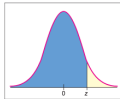
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TABLE 5 Areas of a Standard Normal Distribution

(a) Table of Areas to the Left of z										
z	.00	.01	.02	.03	.04	.05	.06	.07	.08	.09
-3.4	.0003	.0003	.0003	.0003	.0003	.0003	.0003	.0003	.0003	.0002
-3.3	.0005	.0005	.0005	.0004	.0004	.0004	.0004	.0004	.0004	.0003
-3.2	.0007	.0007	.0006	.0006	.0006	.0006	.0006	.0005	.0005	.0005
-3.1	.0010	.0009	.0009	.0009	.0008	.0008	.0008	.0008	.0007	.0007
-3.0	.0013	.0013	.0013	.0012	.0012	.0011	.0011	.0011	.0010	.0010
-2.9	.0019	.0018	.0018	.0017	.0016	.0016	.0015	.0015	.0014	.0014
-2.8	.0026	.0025	.0024	.0023	.0023	.0022	.0021	.0021	.0020	.0019
-2.7	.0035	.0034	.0033	.0032	.0031	.0030	.0029	.0028	.0027	.0026
-2.6	.0047	.0045	.0044	.0043	.0041	.0040	.0039	.0038	.0037	.0036
-2.5	.0062	.0060	.0059	.0057	.0055	.0054	.0052	.0051	.0049	.0048
-2.4	.0082	.0080	.0078	.0075	.0073	.0071	.0069	.0068	.0066	.0064
-2.3	.0107	.0104	.0102	.0099	.0096	.0094	.0091	.0089	.0087	.0084
-2.2	.0139	.0136	.0132	.0129	.0125	.0122	.0119	.0116	.0113	.0110
-2.1	.0179	.0174	.0170	.0166	.0162	.0158	.0154	.0150	.0146	.0143
-2.0	.0228	.0222	.0217	.0212	.0207	.0202	.0197	.0192	.0188	.0183
-1.9	.0287	.0281	.0274	.0268	.0262	.0256	.0250	.0244	.0239	.0233
-1.8	.0359	.0351	.0344	.0336	.0329	.0322	.0314	.0307	.0301	.0294
-1.7	.0446	.0436	.0427	.0418	.0409	.0401	.0392	.0384	.0375	.0367
-1.6	.0548	.0537	.0526	.0516	.0505	.0495	.0485	.0475	.0465	.0455
-1.5	.0668	.0655	.0643	.0630	.0618	.0606	.0594	.0582	.0571	.0559
-1.4	.0808	.0793	.0778	.0764	.0749	.0735	.0721	.0708	.0694	.0681
-1.3	.0968	.0951	.0934	.0918	.0901	.0885	.0869	.0853	.0838	.0823
-1.2	.1151	.1131	.1112	.1093	.1075	.1056	.1038	.1020	.1003	.0985
-1.1	.1357	.1335	.1314	.1292	.1271	.1251	.1230	.1210	.1190	.1170
-1.0	.1587	.1562	.1539	.1515	.1492	.1469	.1446	.1423	.1401	.1379
-0.9	.1841	.1814	.1788	.1762	.1736	.1711	.1685	.1660	.1635	.1611
-0.8	.2119	.2090	.2061	.2033	.2005	.1977	.1949	.1922	.1894	.1867
-0.7	.2420	.2389	.2358	.2327	.2296	.2266	.2236	.2206	.2177	.2148
-0.6	.2743	.2709	.2676	.2643	.2611	.2578	.2546	.2514	.2483	.2451
-0.5	.3085	.3050	.3015	.2981	.2946	.2912	.2877	.2843	.2810	.2776
-0.4	.3446	.3409	.3372	.3336	.3300	.3264	.3228	.3192	.3156	.3121
-0.3	.3821	.3783	.3745	.3707	.3669	.3632	.3594	.3557	.3520	.3483
-0.2	.4207	.4168	.4129	.4090	.4052	.4013	.3974	.3936	.3897	.3859
-0.1	.4602	.4562	.4522	.4483	.4443	.4404	.4364	.4325	.4286	.4247
-0.0	.5000	.4960	.4920	.4880	.4840	.4801	.4761	.4721	.4681	.4641

For values of z less than -3.49 , use 0.000 to approximate the area.

Empirical Rule



The table entry for z is the area to the left of z .

TABLE 5 continued

(b) Confidence Interval Critical Values z_c	
Level of Confidence c	Critical Value z_c
0.70, or 70%	1.04
0.75, or 75%	1.15
0.80, or 80%	1.28
0.85, or 85%	1.44
0.90, or 90%	1.645
0.95, or 95%	1.96
0.98, or 98%	2.33
0.99, or 99%	2.58

TABLE 5(a) continued

z	.00	.01	.02	.03	.04	.05	.06	.07	.08	.09
0.0	.5000	.5040	.5080	.5120	.5160	.5199	.5239	.5279	.5319	.5359
0.1	.5398	.5438	.5478	.5517	.5557	.5596	.5636	.5675	.5714	.5753
0.2	.5793	.5832	.5871	.5910	.5948	.5987	.6026	.6064	.6103	.6141
0.3	.6179	.6217	.6255	.6293	.6331	.6368	.6406	.6443	.6480	.6517
0.4	.6554	.6591	.6628	.6664	.6700	.6736	.6772	.6808	.6844	.6879
0.5	.6915	.6950	.6985	.7019	.7054	.7088	.7123	.7157	.7190	.7224
0.6	.7257	.7291	.7324	.7357	.7389	.7422	.7454	.7486	.7517	.7549
0.7	.7580	.7611	.7642	.7673	.7704	.7734	.7764	.7794	.7823	.7852
0.8	.7881	.7910	.7939	.7967	.7995	.8023	.8051	.8078	.8106	.8133
0.9	.8159	.8186	.8212	.8238	.8264	.8289	.8315	.8340	.8365	.8389
1.0	.8413	.8438	.8461	.8485	.8508	.8531	.8554	.8577	.8599	.8621
1.1	.8643	.8665	.8686	.8708	.8729	.8749	.8770	.8790	.8810	.8830
1.2	.8849	.8869	.8888	.8907	.8925	.8944	.8962	.8980	.8997	.9015
1.3	.9032	.9049	.9066	.9082	.9099	.9115	.9131	.9147	.9162	.9177
1.4	.9192	.9207	.9222	.9236	.9251	.9265	.9279	.9292	.9306	.9319
1.5	.9332	.9345	.9357	.9370	.9382	.9394	.9406	.9418	.9429	.9441
1.6	.9452	.9463	.9474	.9484	.9495	.9505	.9515	.9525	.9535	.9545
1.7	.9554	.9564	.9573	.9582	.9591	.9599	.9608	.9616	.9625	.9633
1.8	.9641	.9649	.9656	.9664	.9671	.9678	.9686	.9693	.9699	.9706
1.9	.9713	.9719	.9726	.9732	.9738	.9744	.9750	.9756	.9761	.9767
2.0	.9772	.9778	.9783	.9788	.9793	.9798	.9803	.9808	.9812	.9817
2.1	.9821	.9826	.9830	.9834	.9838	.9842	.9846	.9850	.9854	.9857
2.2	.9861	.9864	.9868	.9871	.9875	.9878	.9881	.9884	.9887	.9890
2.3	.9893	.9896	.9898	.9901	.9904	.9906	.9909	.9911	.9913	.9916
2.4	.9918	.9920	.9922	.9925	.9927	.9929	.9931	.9932	.9934	.9936
2.5	.9938	.9940	.9941	.9943	.9945	.9946	.9948	.9949	.9951	.9952
2.6	.9953	.9955	.9956	.9957	.9959	.9960	.9961	.9962	.9963	.9964
2.7	.9965	.9966	.9967	.9968	.9969	.9970	.9971	.9972	.9973	.9974
2.8	.9974	.9975	.9976	.9977	.9977	.9978	.9979	.9979	.9980	.9981
2.9	.9981	.9982	.9982	.9983	.9984	.9984	.9985	.9985	.9986	.9986
3.0	.9987	.9987	.9987	.9988	.9988	.9989	.9989	.9989	.9990	.9990
3.1	.9990	.9991	.9991	.9991	.9992	.9992	.9992	.9992	.9993	.9993
3.2	.9993	.9993	.9994	.9994	.9994	.9994	.9994	.9994	.9995	.9995
3.3	.9995	.9995	.9995	.9996	.9996	.9996	.9996	.9996	.9996	.9997
3.4	.9997	.9997	.9997	.9997	.9997	.9997	.9997	.9997	.9997	.9998

For z values greater than 3.49, use 1.000 to approximate the area.

TABLE 5 continued

(c) Hypothesis Testing, Critical Values z_0		
Level of Significance	$\alpha = 0.05$	$\alpha = 0.01$
Critical value z_0 for a left-tailed test	-1.645	-2.33
Critical value z_0 for a right-tailed test	1.645	2.33
Critical values $\pm z_0$ for a two-tailed test	± 1.96	± 2.58

Normalcdf(left value, right value, μ , σ)

Example: Testing Thermometers

Mean: $\mu = 0$

S.D.: $\sigma = 1$

Readings were normally distributed. Find the probability that a thermometer will have a reading greater than 1.23 degree.

Example: Testing Thermometers

Mean: $\mu = 0$

S.D.: $\sigma = 1$

Readings were normally distributed. Find the probability that a thermometer will have a reading between -2 and 1.5 degrees

Questions: Find the area under the curve

For Standard Normal Distribution, find the following:

- $P(-1 \leq z \leq 1)$
- $P(-1.5 \leq z < 1.5)$
- $P(-3.2 < z \leq 3.2)$
- $P(z < 1)$
- $P(z \leq 0.65)$
- $P(z > -3.4)$
- $P(0 < z \leq 0.65)$

Finding Z scores From Areas

Work backward by using an area (probability) to find the distance from the mean (Z-score).

Step 1: Draw a picture.

Step 2: Use Table (In reverses) OR Calculate (INVNORM)

Using $\text{invNorm}(\text{Area}, \mu, \sigma)$

Example: Finding Z scores From Areas

For thermometer, find the z-score that presents the bottom 95% of the data.

Example: Finding Z scores From Areas

For thermometer, find the z-score that presents the top 30% of the data.

Example: Finding Z scores From Areas

For thermometer, find the z-score that presents the bottom 10% of the data.

Example: Finding Z scores From Areas

For thermometer, find the z-score that presents the top 80% of the data.

Example: Finding Z scores From Areas

Find the z-score that give the area between the top 2.5% and the bottom 2.5%.

Example:

A population of man has a mean weight of 172lbs and a standard deviation of 29 lbs. Find probability that a randomly selected man will have a weight of less than 174 lbs.

Example:

IQ is normally distributed with a mean of 100 and standard deviation of 15. What percentage of people have an IQ between 85 and 125?

Key points

- Z- score is a distance
- Area is a Probability
- Z- score can be negative
- Area can not be negative

Finding a value from the z-score

$$z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}$$

$$\sigma \cdot z = X - \mu$$

$$X = \sigma z + \mu$$

Example: Finding a value from the z-score

A population of man has a mean weight of 172lbs and a standard deviation of 29 lbs. What weight separates the lightest 99.5% from the heaviest 0.5%

Example: Finding a value from the z-score

Grip-Reach for women is normally distributed. The mean is 27.0 inch with a standard deviation of 1.3 inch. Find the Grip-Reach that represents the longest 95% of women.

Exercise

According to an article in cnbc.com, the average student debt for new college graduates was \$37,172 in 2016. Assume the debt is normally distributed with a standard deviation of \$14,600. Find the probability that a new college graduate owes between \$20,000 and \$60,000.