



## Day 5: Normal Distribution I ★

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### Normal Distribution

The probability density of normal distribution is:

$$\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

Here,

- $\mu$  is the mean (or expectation) of the distribution. It is also equal to median and mode of the distribution.
- $\sigma^2$  is the variance.
- $\sigma$  is the standard deviation.

### Standard Normal Distribution

If  $\mu = 0$  and  $\sigma = 1$ , then the normal distribution is known as standard normal distribution:

$$\phi(x) = \frac{e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$$

Every normal distribution can be represented as standard normal distribution:

$$\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sigma} \phi\left(\frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}\right)$$

### Cumulative Probability

Consider a real-valued random variable,  $\mathbf{X}$ . The cumulative distribution function of  $\mathbf{X}$  (or just the distribution function of  $\mathbf{X}$ ) evaluated at  $\mathbf{x}$  is the probability that  $\mathbf{X}$  will take a value less than or equal to  $\mathbf{x}$ :

$$F_X(x) = P(X \leq x)$$

Also,

$$P(a \leq X \leq b) = P(a < X < b) = F_X(b) - F_X(a)$$

The cumulative distribution function for a function with normal distribution is:

$$\Phi(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \operatorname{erf} \left( \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma\sqrt{2}} \right) \right)$$

Where **erf** is the error function:

$$\operatorname{erf}(z) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^z e^{-x^2} dx$$

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