PSY 221A - Homework 4

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Some Useful Functions

The function **znorm** takes in either a raw score or a z score, along with the mean and standard deviation, and returns the z score or the raw score (specify type = "z" for z score and type = "x" for raw score) using the following equation:

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

```
znorm = function(s, m, sd, type) {
  if (type == "z") {
    x = s
    return ((x-m)/sd)
  }
  if (type == "x") {
    z = s
    return (m-z*sd)
  }
}
```

The function **zshade** shades in the area under the curve between 2 z scores, or to either side of a z score.

```
zshade = function(z, shade = "left") {
  # If more than 2 z scores are given
  if (length(z) > 2) {
    stop("Error: Too many z scores given!")
  }
  # If two z scores are given
  if (length(z) > 1) {
   z1 = min(z)
   z2 = max(z)
   cord.x = c(z1, seq(z1, z2, 0.01), z2)
   cord.y = c(0, dnorm(seq(z1, z2, 0.01)), 0)
   area = paste("Area Between z =", as.character(z1), "and z =", as.character(z2), ": ",
                 as.character(round(pnorm(z2)-pnorm(z1), digits=3)))
    curve(dnorm(x, 0, 1), xlim = c(-4, 4), main = area,
          ylab = "", xlab = "")
   polygon(cord.x, cord.y, col = "skyblue")
  if (length(z)==1) {
    # If a single z score is given
   if (shade == "left") {
     z1 = -4
     z2 = z
      cord.x = c(z1, seq(z1, z2, 0.01), z2)
      cord.y = c(0, dnorm(seq(z1, z2, 0.01)), 0)
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area = paste("Area to the left of z =", as.character(z2), ": ",
                   as.character(round(pnorm(z2), digits=3)))
      curve(dnorm(x, 0, 1), xlim = c(-4, 4), main = area,
            vlab = "", xlab = "")
      polygon(cord.x, cord.y, col = "skyblue")
    if (shade == "right") {
      z1 = z
      z2 = 4
      cord.x = c(z1, seq(z1, z2, 0.01), z2)
      cord.y = c(0, dnorm(seq(z1, z2, 0.01)), 0)
      area = paste("Area to the right of z =", as.character(z1), ": ",
                   as.character(round(1-pnorm(z1), digits=3)))
      curve(dnorm(x, 0, 1), xlim = c(-4, 4), main = area,
            ylab = "", xlab = "")
      polygon(cord.x, cord.y, col = "skyblue")
   }
 }
}
```

Chapter 4

When conducting your z score problems, please sketch a normal curve.

$\mathbf{A1}$

If you convert each score in a set of scores to a z score, which of the following will be true about the resulting set of z scores?

The variance will equal 1.

$\mathbf{A2}$

The distribution of body weights for adults is somewhat positively skewed—there is much more room for people to be above average than below. If you take the mean weights for random groups of 10 adults each and form a new distribution, how will this new distribution compare to the distribution of individuals?

The new distribution will more closely resemble the normal distribution.

$\mathbf{A3}$

Assume that the mean height for a dult women (μ) is 65 inches, and that the standard deviation (σ) is 3 inches.

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m = 65; sd = 3
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a. What is the z score for a woman who is exactly 5 feet tall? Who is 5 feet 5 inches tall?

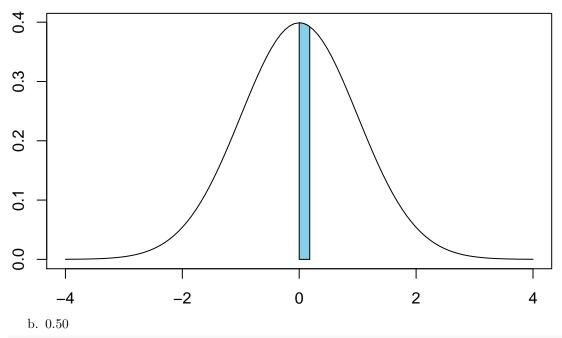
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cat("Z score for woman that is 5 feet tall : ", znorm(5*12, m, sd, "z"))
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Z score for woman that is 5 feet tall : -1.666667

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cat("Z score for woman that is 5 feet 5 inches tall: ", znorm(5*12+5, m, sd, "z"))
## Z score for woman that is 5 feet 5 inches tall: 0
  b. What is the z score for a woman who is 70 inches tall? Who is 75 inches tall? Who is 64 inches tall?
cat("Z score for woman that is 70 inches tall: ", znorm(70, m, sd, "z"))
## Z score for woman that is 70 inches tall: 1.666667
cat("Z score for woman that is 75 inches tall: ", znorm(75, m, sd, "z"))
## Z score for woman that is 75 inches tall: 3.333333
cat("Z score for woman that is 64 inches tall: ", znorm(64, m, sd, "z"))
## Z score for woman that is 64 inches tall: -0.3333333
  c. How tall is a woman whose z score for height is -3? -1.33? -0.3? -2.1?
cat("Height for woman with z score of -3.00: ", znorm(-3, m, sd, "x"))
## Height for woman with z score of -3.00: 74
cat("Height for woman with z score of -1.33: ", znorm(-1.33, m, sd, "x"))
## Height for woman with z score of -1.33: 68.99
cat("Height for woman with z score of -0.33: ", znorm(-0.3, m, sd, "x"))
## Height for woman with z score of -0.33: 65.9
cat("Height for woman with z score of -2.10: ", znorm(-2.1, m, sd, "x"))
## Height for woman with z score of -2.10: 71.3
  d. How tall is a woman whose z score for height is +3? +2.33? +1.7? +.9?
cat("Height for woman with z score of 3.00: ", znorm(3.0, m, sd, "x"))
## Height for woman with z score of 3.00: 56
cat("Height for woman with z score of 2.33: ", znorm(2.33, m, sd, "x"))
## Height for woman with z score of 2.33: 58.01
cat("Height for woman with z score of 1.70: ", znorm(1.7, m, sd, "x"))
## Height for woman with z score of 1.70: 59.9
cat("Height for woman with z score of 0.90: ", znorm(0.9, m, sd, "x"))
## Height for woman with z score of 0.90: 62.3
A9
Use Table A.1 to find the area of the normal distribution between the mean and z, when z equals
  a. 0.18
cat("Area under the curve between mean and z = 0.18: ", pnorm(0.18)-0.5)
## Area under the curve between mean and z = 0.18: 0.07142372
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zshade(c(0.18, 0))

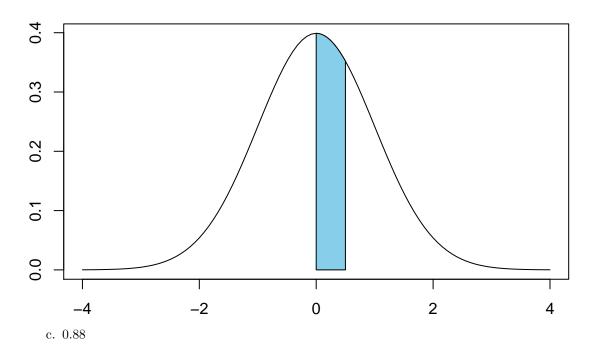
Area Between z = 0 and z = 0.18 : 0.071



cat("Area under the curve between mean and z = 0.50: ", pnorm(0.50)-0.5)

Area under the curve between mean and z = 0.50: 0.1914625 zshade(c(.5, 0))

Area Between z = 0 and z = 0.5: 0.191

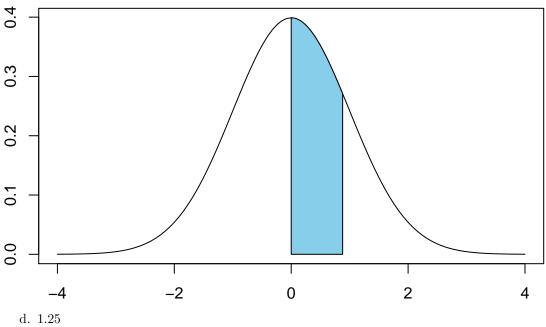


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cat("Area under the curve between mean and z = 0.88: ", pnorm(0.88)-0.5)

## Area under the curve between mean and z = 0.88: 0.3105703

zshade(c(.88, 0))
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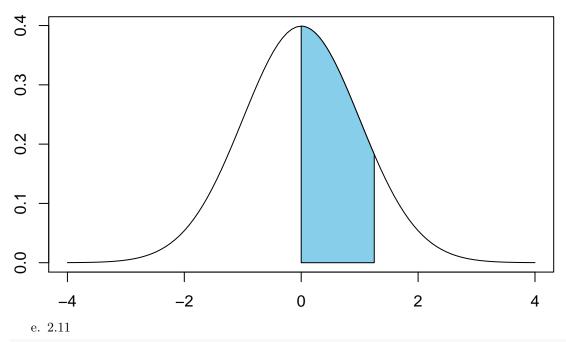
Area Between z = 0 and z = 0.88: 0.311



cat("Area under the curve between mean and z = 1.25: ", pnorm(1.25)-0.5)

Area under the curve between mean and z = 1.25: 0.3943502 zshade(c(1.25, 0))

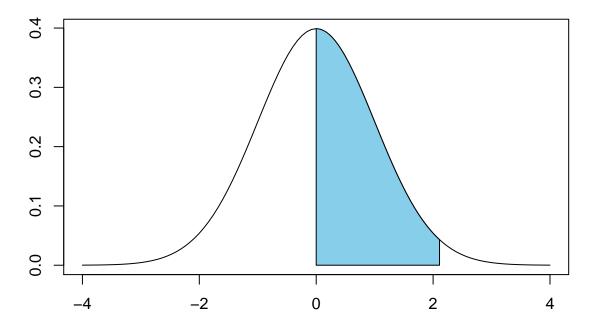
Area Between z = 0 and z = 1.25: 0.394



cat("Area under the curve between mean and z = 2.11: ", pnorm(2.11)-0.5)

Area under the curve between mean and z = 2.11: 0.4825708 zshade(c(2.11, 0))

Area Between z = 0 and z = 2.11 : 0.483



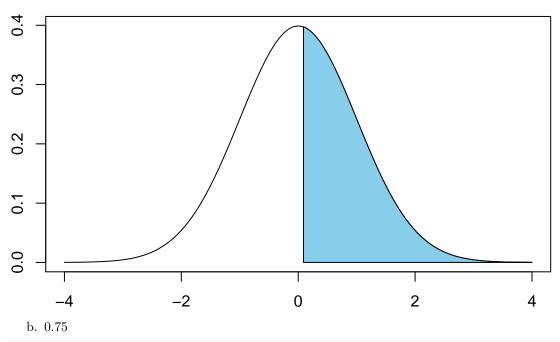
A10

Use Table A.1 to find the area of the normal distribution beyond z, when z equals

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a. 0.09
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cat("Area under the curve beyond z = 0.09: ", 1-pnorm(0.09))
## Area under the curve beyond z = 0.09: 0.4641436
zshade(0.09, "right")
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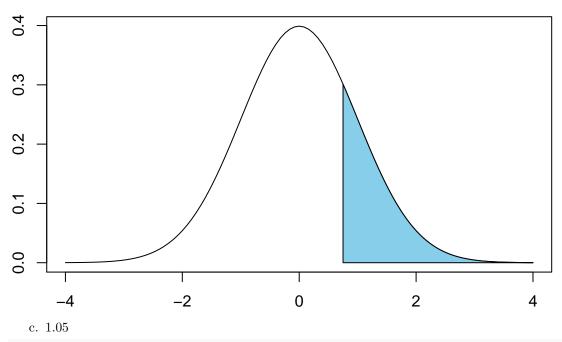
Area to the right of z = 0.09: 0.464



cat("Area under the curve beyond z = 0.75: ", 1-pnorm(0.75))

Area under the curve beyond z = 0.75: 0.2266274
zshade(.75, "right")

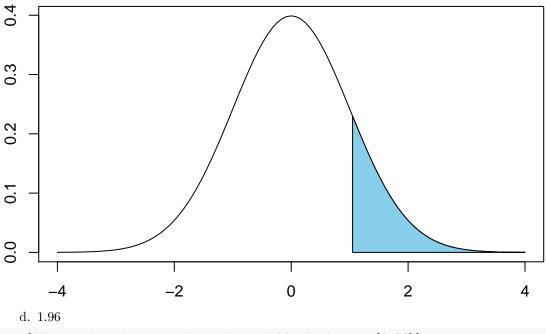
Area to the right of z = 0.75: 0.227



cat("Area under the curve beyond z = 1.05: ", 1-pnorm(1.05))

Area under the curve beyond z = 1.05: 0.1468591 zshade(1.05, "right")

Area to the right of z = 1.05: 0.147

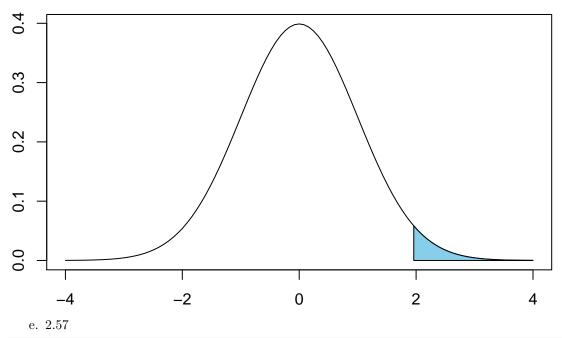


cat("Area under the curve beyond z = 1.96: ", 1-pnorm(1.96))

Area under the curve beyond z = 1.96: 0.0249979

zshade(1.96, "right")

Area to the right of z = 1.96: 0.025

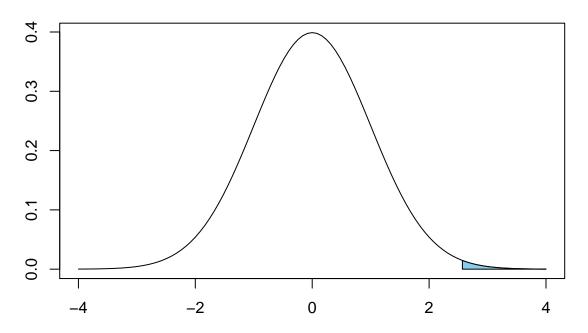


cat("Area under the curve beyond z = 2.57: ", 1-pnorm(2.57))

Area under the curve beyond z = 2.57: 0.005084926

zshade(2.57, "right")

Area to the right of z = 2.57: 0.005

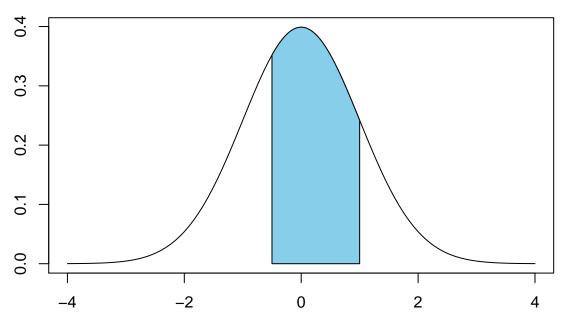


B1

Suppose that a large Introduction to Psychology class has taken a midterm exam, and the scores are normally distributed (approximately) with $\mu = 75$ and $\sigma = 9$. What is the percentile rank (PR) for a student

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m = 75; sd = 9
  a. Who scores 90?
cat("Percentile Rank for score 90: ", 100*pnorm(znorm(90, m, sd, "z")), "%")
## Percentile Rank for score 90: 95.22096 %
  b. Who scores 70?
cat("Percentile Rank for score 70: ", 100*pnorm(znorm(70, m, sd, "z")), "%")
## Percentile Rank for score 70: 28.92574 %
  c. Who scores 60?
cat("Percentile Rank for score 60: ", 100*pnorm(znorm(60, m, sd, "z")), "%")
## Percentile Rank for score 60: 4.779035 %
  d. Who scores 94?
cat("Percentile Rank for score 94: ", 100*pnorm(znorm(94, m, sd, "z")), "%")
## Percentile Rank for score 94: 98.26186 %
B2
Find the area between
  a. z = -0.5 and z = +1.0
cat("Area between two given z scores: ", pnorm(1)-pnorm(0.5))
## Area between two given z scores: 0.1498823
zshade(c(-.5, 1))
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Area Between z = -0.5 and z = 1: 0.533



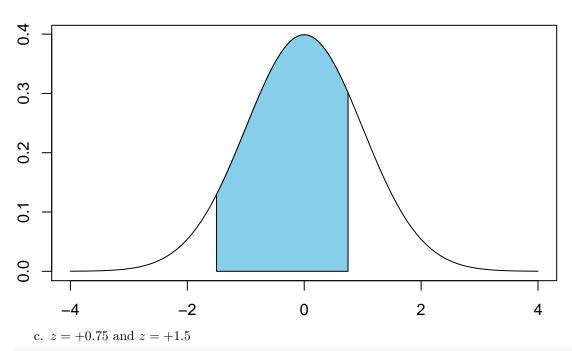
b. z = -1.5 and z = +0.75

cat("Area between two given z scores: ", pnorm(0.75)-pnorm(-1.5))

Area between two given z scores: 0.7065654

zshade(c(-1.5, .75))

Area Between z = -1.5 and z = 0.75: 0.707

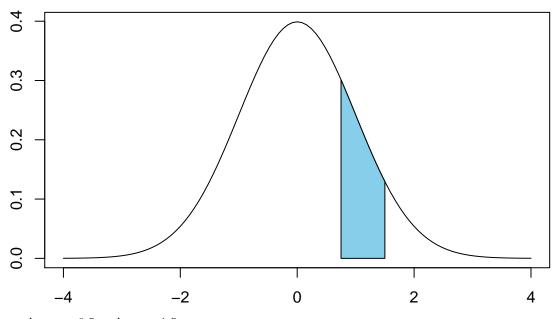


cat("Area between two given z scores: ", pnorm(1.5)-pnorm(0.75))

Area between two given z scores: 0.1598202

zshade(c(0.75, 1.5))

Area Between z = 0.75 and z = 1.5: 0.16



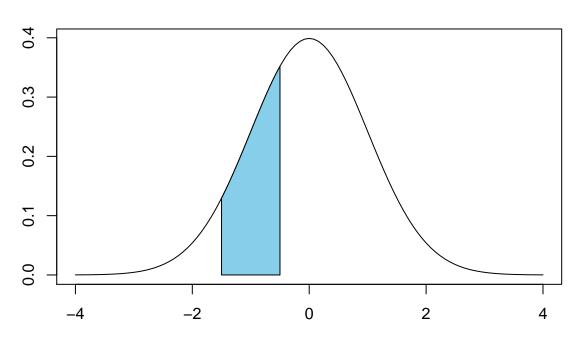
d. z = -0.5 and z = -1.5

cat("Area between two given z scores: ", pnorm(-.5)-pnorm(-1.5))

Area between two given z scores: 0.2417303

zshade(c(-.5, -1.5))

Area Between z = -1.5 and z = -0.5: 0.242



B6

A teacher thinks her class has an unusually high IQ, because her 36 students have an average IQ (X) of 108. If the population mean is 100 and $\sigma = 15$,

- a. What is the z score for this class?
- b. What percentage of classes (n = 36, randomly selected) would be even higher on IQ?

B9

Suppose that the average person sleeps 8 hours each night and that $\sigma = 0.7$ hour(s).

- a. If a group of 50 joggers is found to sleep an average of 7.6 hours per night, what is the z score for this group?
- b. If a group of 200 joggers also has a mean of 7.6, what is the z score for this larger group?
- c. Comparing your answers to parts a and b, can you determine the mathematical relation between sample size and z (when X remains constant)?

C1