

# Normal Distribution

R Handout

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## Wood-Burning Example

Suppose that the amount of wood that I burn per day is approximately normally distributed with a mean of 16 ft<sup>3</sup> and a standard deviation of 4 ft<sup>3</sup>. Use this information to answer the questions below.

- What is an individual?
  - What is the variable and what type of variable is it?
  - On what proportion of days do I burn less than 22 ft<sup>3</sup> of wood?
  - On what proportion of days do I burn more than 15 ft<sup>3</sup> of wood?
  - On what proportion of days do I burn between 11 and 26 ft<sup>3</sup> of wood?
  - What is the amount of wood burned per day such that I burn less than that amount on 10% of the days?
  - What is the amount of wood burned per day such that I burn more than that amount on 20% of the days?
  - What are the most common 50% of amounts of wood burned per day?
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## Load NCStats Package

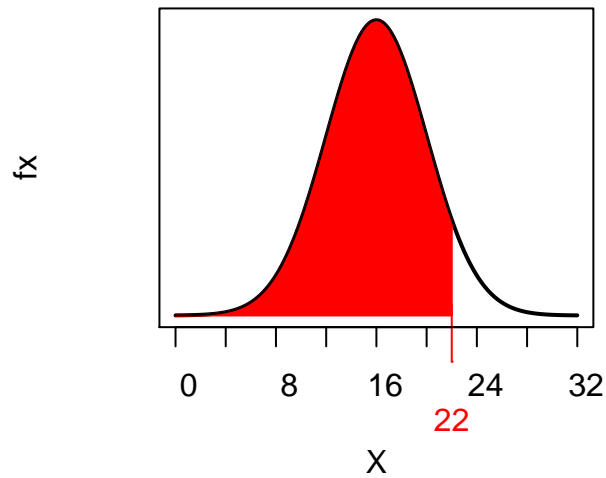
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> library(NCStats)
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## Forward, Less-Than

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> ( distrib(22,mean=16,sd=4) )
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$N(\mu = 16, \sigma = 4)$  Distribution

Value = 22 ; Area = 0.9332



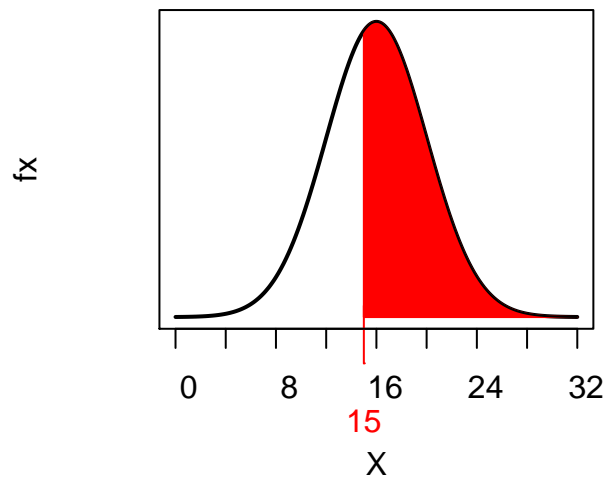
```
[1] 0.9331928
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Forward, Greater-Than

```
> ( distrib(15,mean=16,sd=4,lower.tail=FALSE) )
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$N(\mu = 16, \sigma = 4)$  Distribution

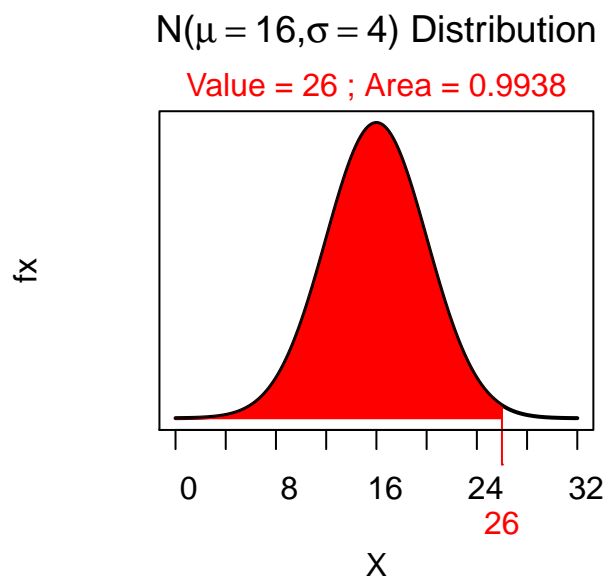
Value = 15 ; Area = 0.5987



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[1] 0.5987063
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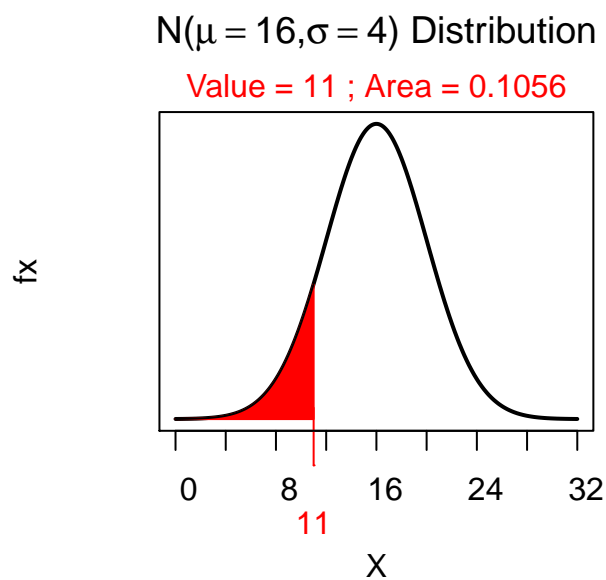
Forward, Between

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> ( ab <- distrib(26,mean=16,sd=4) )
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[1] 0.9937903
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> ( a <- distrib(11,mean=16,sd=4) )
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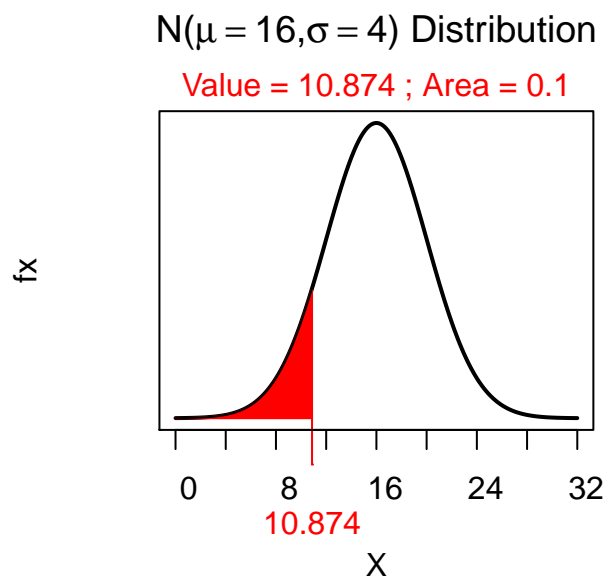
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[1] 0.1056498
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> ab-a
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[1] 0.8881406
```

Reverse, Less-Than}

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> ( distrib(0.1,mean=16,sd=4,type="q") )
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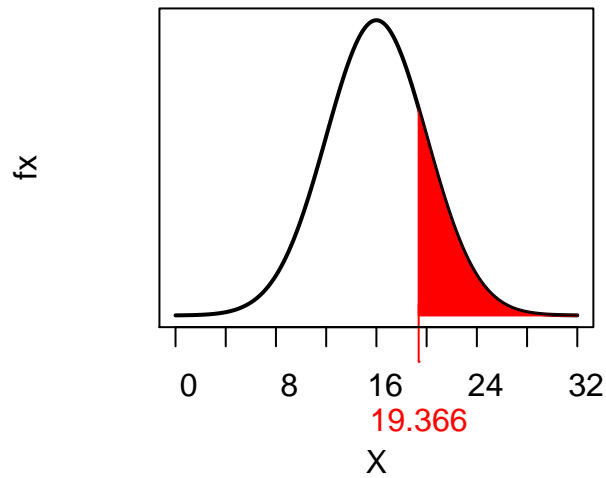
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[1] 10.87379
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Reverse, Greater Than

```
> ( distrib(0.20,mean=16,sd=4,type="q",lower.tail=FALSE) )
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$N(\mu = 16, \sigma = 4)$  Distribution

Value = 19.366 ; Area = 0.2



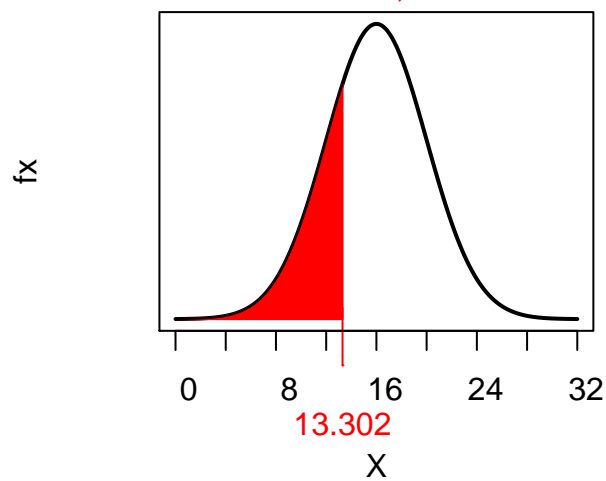
[1] 19.36648

Reverse, Between

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> ( distrib(0.25,mean=16,sd=4,type="q") )
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$N(\mu = 16, \sigma = 4)$  Distribution

Value = 13.302 ; Area = 0.25

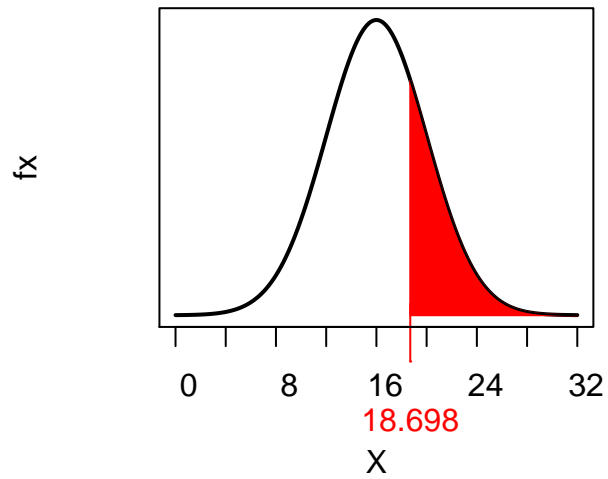


[1] 13.30204

```
> ( distrib(0.25,mean=16,sd=4,type="q",lower.tail=FALSE) )
```

$N(\mu = 16, \sigma = 4)$  Distribution

Value = 18.698 ; Area = 0.25



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[1] 18.69796
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