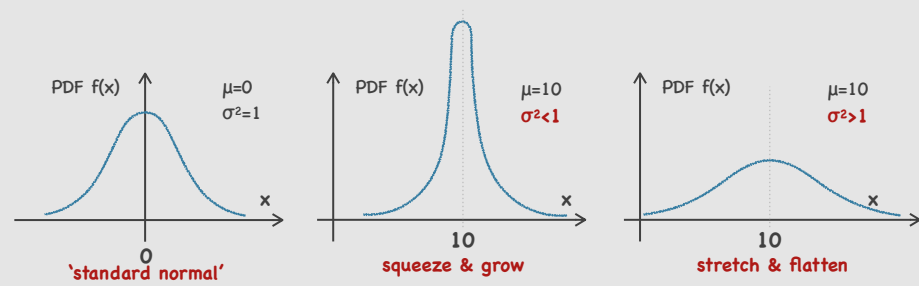


## General Normal r.v. cont...

$$X \sim \text{Normal}(\mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

by manipulating the parameters you can make any bell curve you want



Supp[X] = R  
 $\sigma^2 \in (0, \infty)$   
 $\sigma > 0$ ?  
 Not possible  
 if  $\sigma^2 < 0$ ,  $\text{Var}[X] \geq 0$  so not possible  
 infinitely skinny bell curve is NOT a bell curve but a vertical line, thus under the peak-length  $\sigma$  would have multiple values which excludes a possibility of a function

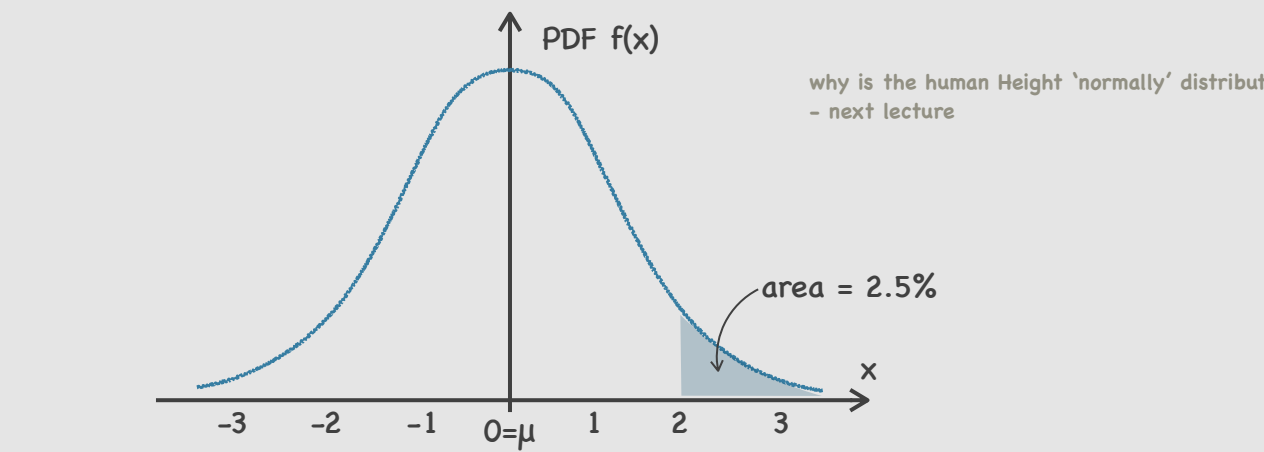
$$\text{recall: } X = \mu + \sigma Z \rightarrow Z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}$$

I can take any normal r.v. and do this linear transformation and get standard normal e.g.

X is a rand. var model for male height. X is normally distributed with mean- $\mu=70$ " and SE- $\sigma=4$ ". What is the probability a male is more than 78" tall?

$$\text{model: } X \sim \text{Normal}(70, 4^2) \quad X = 70 + 4Z \rightarrow Z = \frac{X - 70}{4} \rightarrow Z \sim \text{Normal}(0, 1)$$

$$\text{probability statement: } P(X \geq 78) = P\left(\frac{X - 70}{4} \geq \frac{78 - 70}{4}\right) = P(Z \geq 2) \approx 2.5\%$$



## MGF - Binomial

$$X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$

if  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \text{Bernoulli}(p)$   $T = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$

$$M_T(t) = M_{X_1+X_2+\dots+X_n}(t) = M_{X_1}(t) \cdot M_{X_2}(t) \cdot \dots \cdot M_{X_n}(t) = (M_X(t))^n$$

$$M_X(t) = (1-p + pe^t)^n$$

## MGF - Geometric

$$X \sim \text{Geometric}(p) := (1-p)^{x-1} p$$

$$M_X(t) = E[e^{tX}] = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} e^{tx} (1-p)^{x-1} p$$

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## MGF - Moment Generating Function

$$M_X(t) := E[e^{tX}] = \begin{cases} \sum_{x \in \text{Supp}(X)} e^{tx} p(x) & \text{if discrete r.v.} \\ \int_{\text{Supp}(X)} e^{tx} f(x) dx & \text{if continuous r.v.} \end{cases}$$

MGF - Moment Generating Function of r.v. X

which is an Expectation of  $g(X)$

if two MGFs are equal, then X & Y are 'equal in distribution' (their PMFs (if existent), CDFs and PDFs are equal)

if  $M_X(t) = M_Y(t) \rightarrow X \stackrel{d}{=} Y$  identically distributed r.v.s have the same MGF

$M_X(t)$  is 1:1 with PDF or PMF

e.g.  $X \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p) := p^x (1-p)^{1-x}$

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## MGF - usefulness

Why is  $M_X(t)$  useful?

consider  $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p) := \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$

find  $E[X^{17}] = \sum_{x=0}^n x^{17} \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$

17th moment

not possible to figure out

recall Taylor Series of  $f(x)$  near  $x=c$

$$f(x) = f(c) + f'(c)(x-c) + \frac{f''(c)}{2!}(x-c)^2 + \frac{f'''(c)}{3!}(x-c)^3 + \dots$$

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