Section 6.3 — Probability Using a Normal Distribution

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Outline

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Recently, birth weights of Norweigans were reported to have a mean of 3668g and a standard deviation of 511g. Suppose that these birth weights follow a normal distribution and that a baby was chosen at random.

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- What percentage of baby's birth weights are greater than 2000g?

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