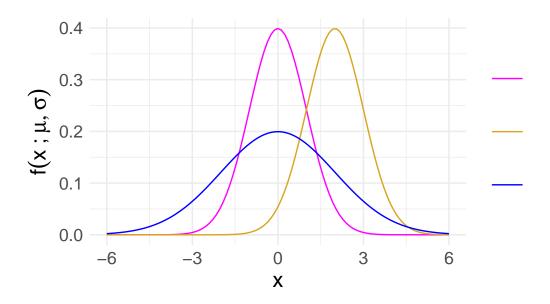
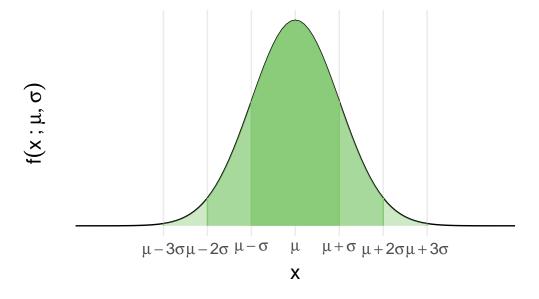
# Normal distribution



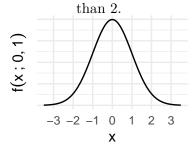
# 68-95-99.7 rules



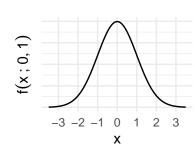
## Finding areas

Suppose  $X \sim N(0,1)$ 

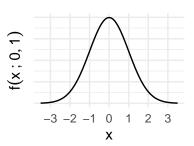
Area less than -2 and greater



Area between 0 and 1.

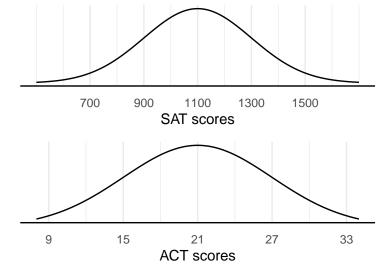


Area to the right of 1.

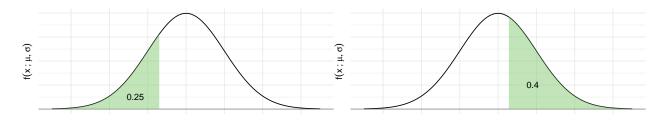


## **Z**-score problem

The distribution of SAT and ACT scores are both nearly Normal. The SAT has a mean of 1100 and standard deviation of 200, while the ACT has a mean of 21 and standard deviation of 6. Suppose Ann scored 1300 on her SAT and Tom scored 24 on his ACT. Who performed better?



### **Percentiles**



## Percentile problems

Suppose SAT scores are Normally distributed with mean 1100 and standard deviation 200.

- 1. Edward earned a 1030 on his SAT. We will find his percentile using code in two ways.
  - a. First, draw a picture representing what we want to find. Then write code to find the percentile.
  - b. Find Edward's z-score. Write another line of code to find the percentile.
- 2. What is the 97.5th percentile for SAT scores?
  - a. Write code to answer this question.
  - b. Write a different line of code to answer this question that involves a z-score.
- 3. Unrelated to SAT scores: consider the standard normal N(0,1) distribution. The 25th percentile of this distribution is -0.67. Without doing any work beyond drawing a picture, what is the 75th percentile of the distribution?

#### Some practice problems

- 1. In a law school class, the entering students averaged 160 on the LSAT. The variance was 64. The histogram of LSAT scores followed the normal curve reasonable well.
  - a. About what percentage of the class scores below 152?
  - b. One student was 0.5 standard deviations above average on the LSAT. About what percentage of the students had lower scores than he did?
- 2. Weights of 10-year-old girls are known to be Normally distributed with mean of 70 pounds and standard deviation of 13 pounds. Find the probability that a 10-year-old girl weighs between 60 and 85 pounds two ways:
  - a. Optional, but helpful: draw a sketch of the curve and shade in the region of interest.
  - b. Write the probability of interest in P() form. Then write the R code necessary to find this probability, and actually execute the code to obtain the probability.
  - c. Confirm your solution in (b) by transforming to z-scores first, then using code again to obtain the probability.
- 3. Consider the same scenario as in 2. Without using any code than what is provided below, find the 60th percentile for the weight of 10-year-old girls.

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qnorm(0.6, mean = 0, sd = 1)
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- [1] 0.2533471
- 4. (\*) Suppose body temperatures are Normally distributed with mean 98.6° F and standard deviation of 0.7° F. Assuming this is true, answer the following:
  - a. Fevers 103° F or higher are considered dangerous. What fraction of people would be expected to have such high a fever?
  - b. According to quick Google search, a range for low-grade fever is between 99.5° F and 100.3° F. What is the probability of having a low-grade fever?
  - c. What body temperatures would you consider as unusually low? Briefly explain why.
  - d. Provide two intervals that each capture/contain 80% of body temperatures.