

## Discrete Random Variables

- The no. of free throws an NBA player makes in his next 20 attempts.
- e.g - Possible values : 0, 1, 2, ..., 20
- The no. of rolls of a die needed to roll a 3 for the first time.

e.g - Possible values : 1, 2, 3, ...  
 e.g - The profit on a \$1.00 bet on Black in roulette  
 e.g - Possible values : -1.00, 1.00

Approximately 60% of the full time newborn babies develop jaundice. Suppose we randomly sample 2 full-time newborn babies and let  $X$  represent the no. that develop jaundice. What is the probability distribution of  $X$ ?

Value of $X$	JJ	JN	NJ	NN
2	1	1	0	

$$\text{Probability} = 0.6 \times 0.6 \quad 0.6 \times 0.4 \quad 0.4 \times 0.6 \quad 0.4 \times 0.4$$

Probability distribution of  $X$

$X$	0	1	2
Prob.	0.16	0.48	0.36

$$P(X=x) = 0.16$$

Random Variable  $\nearrow P(X=x) \equiv P(x)$   
 Value of Random Variable

All discrete prob. distributions must satisfy

$$\textcircled{1} \quad 0 \leq p(x) \leq 1 \quad \text{for all } x$$
$$\textcircled{2} \quad \sum_{x=0}^n p(x) = 1$$

x	0	1	2
p(x)	0.16	0.48	0.36

$$p = 0.6$$

$$p(x) = {}^2C_x (0.6)^x (1-0.6)^{2-x}$$

Prob. Mass function  
for  $x = 0, 1, 2$

## ② Expectation and Variance of Discrete Random Variable

Probability distribution of D.R.V. X

x	0	1	2
p(x)	0.16	0.48	0.36

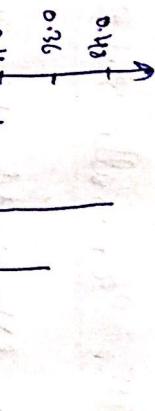
$$E(X) = \mu = \sum_{x=0}^n x \cdot p(x) \quad \text{expected Value (expectation)}$$

$$E[g(x)] = \sum_{x=0}^n g(x) \cdot p(x) \quad \text{expectation of a function } g(x)$$

$$\sigma^2 = E[(X-\mu)^2] = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2$$

Suppose you bought a novelty coin that has a prob. of 0.6 of coming up heads when flipped. Let X represent the no. of heads when this coin is tossed twice

$x$	0	1	2
$p(x)$	0.16	0.48	0.36



What is  $E(x)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(x) &= \sum x \cdot p(x) \\
 &= 0 \times 0.16 + 1 \times 0.48 + 2 \times 0.36 \\
 &= 1.2
 \end{aligned}$$

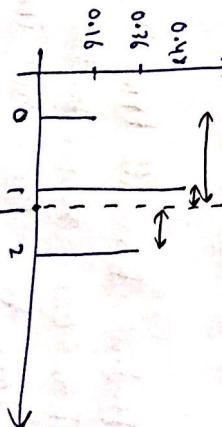
$$\boxed{\mu = E(x) = 1.2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(x^2) &= \sum x^2 \cdot p(x) \\
 &= 0^2 \times 0.16 + 1^2 \times 0.48 + 2^2 \times 0.36 \\
 &= 1.92
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\sigma^2 = E[(x-\mu)^2] = E(x^2) - [E(x)]^2$$

The expectation of the distance from the Mean

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma^2 &= E[(x-\mu)^2] \\
 \sigma^2 &= \sum (x-\mu)^2 \cdot p(x)
 \end{aligned}$$



$$\sigma^2 = (0-1.2)^2 \times 0.16 + (1-1.2)^2 \times 0.48 + (2-1.2)^2 \times 0.36$$

$$\boxed{\sigma^2 = 0.48}$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{0.48} \text{ (S.D.)}$$

Ques Approximately 1 in 200 American adult are lawyer.  
 One American adult is randomly selected. What is the distribution of the no. of lawyers?

Sol" Bernoulli with  $p = \frac{1}{200}$

$$P(X=x) = p^x (1-p)^{1-x}$$

$$P(X=1) = \frac{1}{200} \quad P(X=0) = \frac{199}{200}$$

### Binomial Distribution

The no. of success in n independent Bernoulli trials has a binomial distribution.

⊗ Independent Bernoulli trial means

- There are n independent trials.
- Each trial can result in one of the two possible outcomes, labelled success and failure.

$$P(\text{success}) = p \quad P(\text{failure}) = 1-p$$

— success and failure are mutually exclusive and exhaustive.

⊗ X represent the no. of success in n trials.

X has a binomial distribution

$$P(X=x) = {}^n C_x p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$$

$$x = 0, 1, \dots, n$$

$$\mu = E(X) = n \cdot p$$

$$\sigma^2 = n \cdot p \cdot (1-p)$$

Ques A balanced, six-sided die is rolled 3 times. What is the prob. a 5 comes up exactly twice?

P Success = 5 Rolling.

Failure = Rolling anything but a 5

X represent the no. of fives in 3 rolls

X is a binomial distribution with  $n = 3$  and  $p = \frac{1}{6}$

$$P(X=x) = {}^n C_x p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X=2) &= {}^3 C_2 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{6}\right)^{3-2} \\ &= 0.0694 \end{aligned}$$

Ques According to statistics Canada life tables, the prob. a randomly selected 90 year-old Canadian male survives for at least another year is approximately 0.92.

If twenty 90-year old Canadian males are randomly selected, what is the prob. exactly 18 survive for at least another year?

Success = The man survive for at least one year

Failure = The man dies within one year.

Let X represent the no. of men that survive for at least one year.

$$n = 20 \quad p = 0.92$$

$$P(X=18) = {}^{20} C_{18} (0.92)^{18} (1-0.92)^{20-18} = 0.173$$

$$\mu = np = 20 \times (0.82) = 16.4$$

$$\sigma^2 = n \cdot p \cdot (1-p) = 20 \times (0.82) (1-0.82)$$

$$\sigma = 2.952$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{9.952}$$

What is the probability that at least 18 survive for a year?

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(X \geq 18) &= P(X=18) + P(X=19) + P(X=20) \\
 &= {}^{20}C_{18} (0.86)^{18} (1-0.86)^2 + {}^{20}C_{19} (0.86)^{19} (1-0.86)^1 \\
 &\quad + {}^{20}C_{20} (0.86)^{20} (1-0.86)^0 \\
 &= 0.173 + 0.083 + 0.019 \\
 &= 0.275
 \end{aligned}$$

### Geometric Distribution

The geometric distribution is the distribution of the no. of trials needed to get the first success in repeated Bernoulli trials.

For the first success to occur on the  $x^{\text{th}}$  trial:

- 1) The first  $x-1$  trials must be failures  $(1-p)^{x-1}$
- 2) The  $x^{\text{th}}$  trial must be a success  $p$

$$P(X=x) = (1-p)^{x-1} p$$

$$\mu = \frac{1-p}{p}$$

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{1-p}{p^2}$$

Ques In a large population of adults, 30% have received CPR training. If adults from this population are randomly selected, what is the probability that the 6th person sampled is the first that has received CPR training?

$$P(X=x) = (1-p)^{x-1} p$$

$$P(X=6) = (1-0.3)^5 0.3$$

$$P(X=6) = 0.0504$$

$$\mu = \frac{1-p}{p} = \frac{1-0.3}{0.3} = 3.3$$

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{1-p}{p^2} = \frac{1-0.3}{0.3^2} = 7.7$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{7.7}$$

Ques What is the probability that the first person trained in CPR occurs on or before the 3rd person sample

$$P(X \leq 3) = P(X=1) + P(X=2) + P(X=3)$$

$$= (1-0.3)^0 0.3 + (1-0.3)^1 0.3 + (1-0.3)^2 0.3$$

$$= 0.3 + 0.7 \times 0.3 + (0.7)^2 \times 0.3$$

$$= 0.657$$

$$P(X > 3) = 0.7^3$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X \leq 3) &= 1 - 0.7^3 \\ &= 0.657 \end{aligned}$$

\* CDF for geometric distribution

$$F(x) = P(X \leq x) = 1 - (1-p)^x \quad \text{for } x = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

### Poisson Distribution

Counting the no. of occurrences of an event in a given unit of time, distance, area or volume.

for e.g. ① The no. of car accidents in a day

② The no. of dandelions in a square meter plot of land.

- Event can occur independently
- The prob. that an event occurs in a given length of time does not change through time.  
(Event can occur randomly and independently)
- The no. of events in a fixed unit of time, has a Poisson distribution.

$$P(X=x) = \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!} \quad e \approx 2.71828$$

$$\text{for } x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\sigma^2 = \lambda$$

$$\mu = \lambda$$



## The Relation b/w the Binomial and Poisson Distribution

The binomial distribution tends toward the Poisson distribution as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $p \rightarrow 0$  and  $np$  stays constant.

The Poisson distribution with  $\lambda = np$  closely approximates the binomial distribution if  $n$  is large and  $p$  is small.

### Negative Binomial Distribution

Negative Binomial distribution is the distribution of the number of trials needed to get the  $r^{\text{th}}$  success.

#### Diff b/w Binomial and Negative Binomial

~~x~~ The binomial distribution is the distribution of the no. of successes in a fixed no. of independent Bernoulli trials.

The negative binomial distribution is the distribution of the no. of trials needed to get a fixed no. of successes.

~~x~~

for the  $r^{\text{th}}$  success to occur on the  $n^{\text{th}}$  trial

The first  $n-1$  trials must result in  $r-1$  success.

$${}_{n-1}^{r-1} p^{r-1} (1-p)^{(n-1)-(r-1)}$$

- The  $n^{\text{th}}$  trial must be a success which has a prob. of  $p$ .

The prob. the  $r$ <sup>th</sup> success occurs on the  $x$ <sup>th</sup> trial is

$$P(X=x) = P^x \binom{x-1}{r-1} p^{r-1} (1-p)^{(x-1)-(r-1)}$$

$$P(X=x) = \binom{x-1}{r-1} p^r (1-p)^{x-r}$$

for  $x = r, r+1, \dots, \infty$

$$\mu = \frac{rp}{1-p}$$

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{r(1-p)}{p^2}$$

Ques A person conducting telephone surveys must get 3 more completed surveys before their job is finished. One each randomly dialed no., there is a 9% chance of ~~not~~ reaching an adult who will complete the survey. What is the prob. the 3rd completed survey occurs on the 10th call?

$$P(X=10)$$

$$p = 0.09$$

$$r = 3$$

$$P(X=x) = \binom{x-1}{r-1} p^r (1-p)^{x-r}$$

$$P(X=10) = \binom{10-1}{3-1} (0.09)^3 (1-0.09)^{10-3}$$

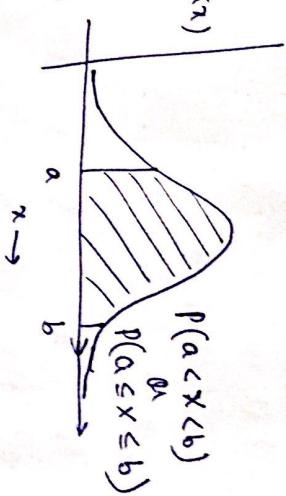
$$= 0.01356$$

$$\mu = \frac{rp}{1-p} = \frac{3}{0.09} =$$

• Continuous Random Variables

Area under the entire

$$\text{Curve} = 1$$



Now suppose for a random variable  $X$ :

$$f(x) = Cx^3 \quad \text{for } 2 \leq x \leq 4$$

$$= 0 \quad \text{otherwise}$$

What value of  $C$  makes this a legitimate probability distribution?

$$\text{So, } f(x) = Cx^3 \quad \text{if } x \in [2, 4]$$

Two condition must satisfy for legitimate distribution

- ① Never take on negative value
- ② Area under the entire Curve must equal 1.

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1 \quad (\leftarrow)$$

So,

$$\int_2^4 Cx^3 dx = 1$$

$$\int_{-a}^2 f(x) dx + \int_2^4 f(x) dx + \int_4^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$$

$$0 + \int_2^4 Cx^3 dx + 0 = 1 \quad \text{--- } \textcircled{1}$$

$$C \int_2^4 x^3 dx = C \left[ \frac{x^4}{4} \right]_2^4 = C \left[ \frac{4^4}{4} - \frac{2^4}{4} \right]$$

$$= 60C$$

Put it in ①

$$\Rightarrow \frac{60C}{C} = 1$$

this is the constant which make above probability distribution a legitimate probability distribution.

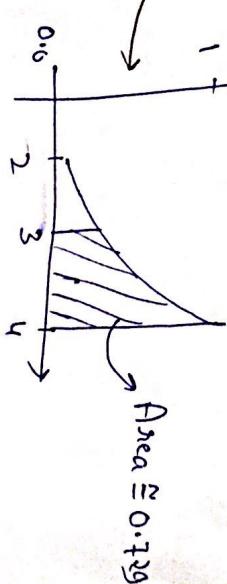
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{60}x^3 & \text{for } 2 \leq x \leq 4 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Hence, the curve is



⊗ What is  $P(X > 3)$ ?

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{60}x^3 \quad \text{for } 2 \leq x \leq 4$$



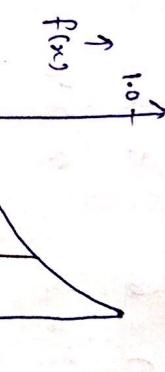
$$\begin{aligned} &= \int_{2}^{u} \frac{1}{60}x^3 dx \\ &= \frac{1}{60} \left[ \frac{x^4}{4} \right]_2^u \\ &= \frac{1}{60} \left[ \frac{u^4}{4} - \frac{3^4}{4} \right] = \frac{175}{240} \approx 0.729 \end{aligned}$$

④

What is the median of this distribution?  
= Value of the variable that splits the area into halves

Area to the left of  $m$  is half

$$\int_0^m f(x) dx = \frac{1}{2}$$



$$0 + \int_2^m \frac{1}{60} x^3 dx = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{60} \left[ \frac{x^4}{4} \right]_2^m = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{60} \left[ \frac{m^4}{4} - \frac{2^4}{4} \right] = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{m^4 - 2^4}{240} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow m^4 = 136$$

$$\boxed{m = \sqrt[4]{136}} \approx 3.415$$

④ What is the cumulative distribution function

$$F(x) = P(X \leq x)$$

$$F(x) =$$

$$= 0 + \int_{-a}^x \frac{1}{60} t^3 dt *$$

$$= \frac{1}{60} \left[ \frac{t^4}{4} \right]_2^x$$

$$= \frac{1}{60} \left[ \frac{x^4}{4} - \frac{2^4}{4} \right]$$

$$F(x) = \frac{x^4 - 2^4}{240} \quad \text{for } 2 \leq x \leq 4$$

∴  $F(x) = 0 \quad x < 2$

$$F(x) = 1 \quad x > 4$$

④ What is  $P(X \leq 2.7)$ ?

$$f(x) = P(X \leq x) = \frac{x^4 - 2^4}{240}$$

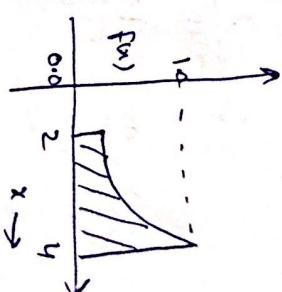
$$F(2.7) = \frac{(2.7)^4 - 16}{240}$$

$$\boxed{F(2.7) \approx 0.155}$$

### Drawing Mean and Variance

Suppose for a R.V  $X$ :

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{60}x^3 & \text{for } 2 \leq x \leq 4 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



④ Finding the Mean and Variance of this distribution

$$\text{Mean } \mu = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int_0^4 x f(x) dx + \int_4^{\infty} x f(x) dx + \int_{-\infty}^0 x f(x) dx \\ &= \end{aligned}$$

$$E(X^2) = \int_0^6 x^2 f(x) dx$$

$$\frac{1}{60} \int_0^6 x^6 dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{60} \left[ \frac{x^7}{7} \right]_0^6 = \frac{1}{60} \left[ \frac{6^7}{7} - \frac{0^7}{7} \right]$$

$$E(X) = \frac{992}{360} \approx 2.7$$

$$\frac{360}{36}$$

$$\text{Variance } V(X) = \sigma^2 = E[(X-\mu)^2] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x-\mu)^2 f(x) dx$$

$$E[(X-\mu)^2] = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2$$

$$E(X^2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 f(x) dx$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{60} x^6 dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{60} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^8 dx$$

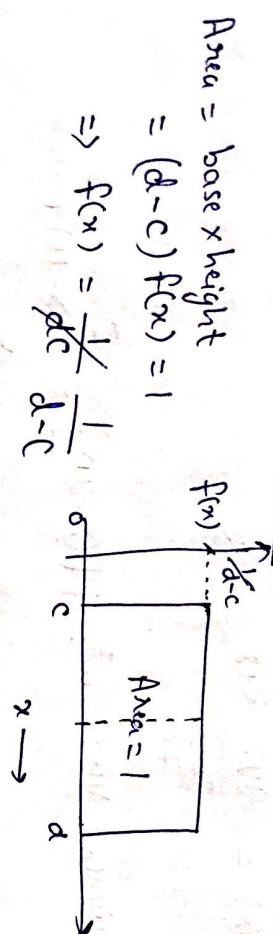
$$= 0 + \frac{1}{60} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^6 dx + 0$$

$$= \frac{1}{60} \left[ \frac{x^7}{7} \right]_0^6 = \frac{1}{60} \left[ \frac{6^7}{7} - \frac{0^7}{7} \right]$$

$$E(X^2) = \frac{992}{360} \approx 2.7$$

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma^2 &= E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 \\ &= \frac{56}{5} - \left(\frac{248}{75}\right)^2 \\ &= \frac{1496}{5625} \approx 0.266\end{aligned}$$

### Continuous Uniform Distribution



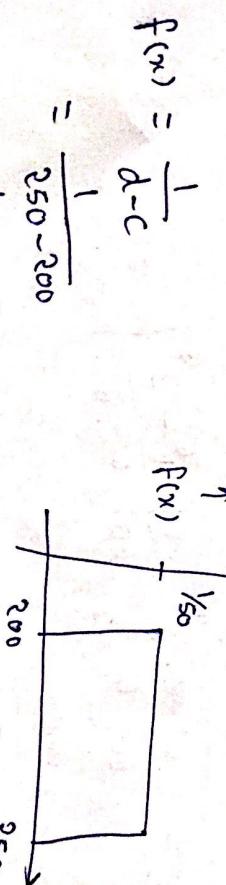
The PDF of the uniform distribution

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{d-c} & \text{for } c \leq x \leq d \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Median} = \frac{c+d}{2} \quad \sigma^2 = \frac{1}{12} (d-c)^2$$

$$\mu = \frac{c+d}{2}$$

Ques Suppose  $X$  is a R.V that has a uniform distribution with  $c=200$  and  $d=250$



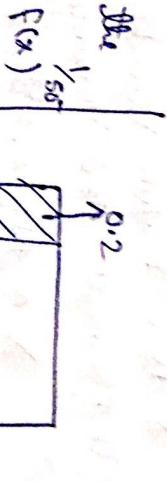
= 0 otherwise

Q) What is  $P(X > 230)$   $P(X > 230)$

$$P(X > 230) = (250 - 230) \frac{1}{50}$$

$$\boxed{P(X > 230) = 0.4}$$

- Q) What is the 20<sup>th</sup> percentile of this distribution  
find Variable that have area to the left is 0.2



$$b \times h = 0.2$$

$$(a - 200) \times \frac{1}{50} = 0.2$$

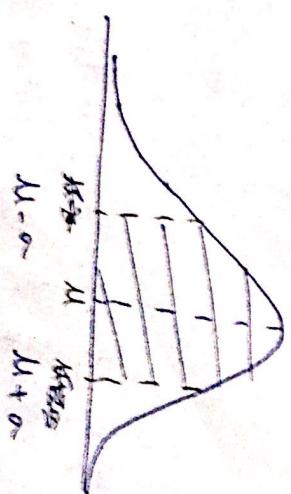
$$\boxed{a = 210}$$

### Normal Distribution

The probability density function (pdf) is:

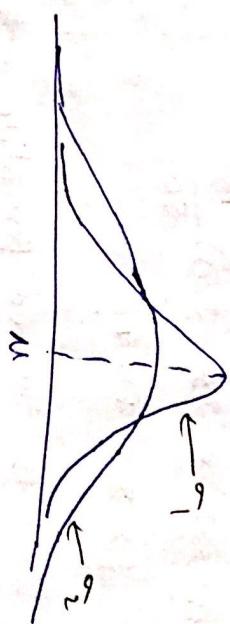
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x-\mu)^2} \text{ for } -\infty < x < \infty$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow -\infty &< \mu < \infty \\ \Rightarrow \sigma &> 0 \\ \Rightarrow \sigma^2 &> 0 \end{aligned}$$



② Two normal distribution

$$\sigma_2 = 2\sigma_1$$



③ If  $X$  is a random variable that has a normal distribution with Mean  $\mu$  and Variance  $\sigma^2$ , we write this as

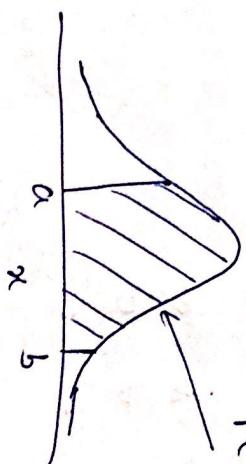
$$X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

④ The standard Normal distribution is a normal distribution with Mean 0 and Variance 1

$$Z \sim N(0, 1)$$

⑤ Area under the standard normal curve

$$P(a < Z < b)$$



⑥ Finding Prob. and Percentile requires integrating the probability density function (pdf)

## Standardizing Normally distributed R.V.

Suppose  $X$  is a normally distributed R.V with mean ( $\mu$ ) and standard deviation ( $\sigma$ )

$$X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

$$Z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}$$

$$Z \sim N(0, 1)$$

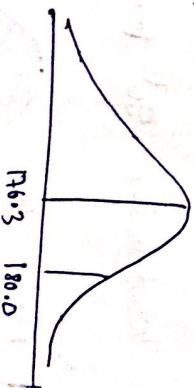
Suppose the height of adult American Male is approximately normally distributed with a mean of 176.3 cm and a standard deviation of 7.1 cm.



Ques What is the probability a randomly selected adult American male is taller than 180.0 cm.

$$P(X > 180.0)$$

Subtract  $\mu$  and divide by  $\sigma$

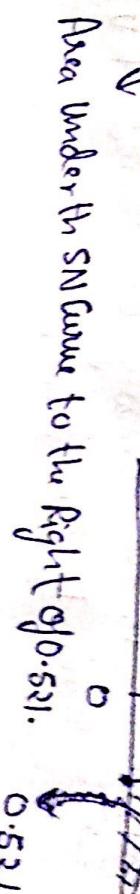


$\sigma$  is (+)ive } so, value of  $\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}$  is (+)ive  
 $\mu$  is (+)ive }

$$P\left(\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} > \frac{180.0 - \mu}{\sigma}\right)$$

$$Z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} \Rightarrow P\left(Z > \frac{180.0 - 176.3}{7.1}\right)$$

$$P(Z > 0.521)$$



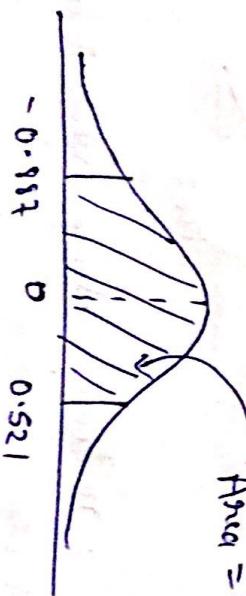
- ④ What is the prob. a randomly selected adult American male has a height between 170.0 and 180.0 cm?

$$P(170.0 < X < 180.0)$$

$$P\left(\frac{170.0 - 176.3}{7.1} < Z < \frac{180.0 - 176.3}{7.1}\right) = P(-0.917 < Z < 0.521)$$



$$\text{Area} = 0.511$$

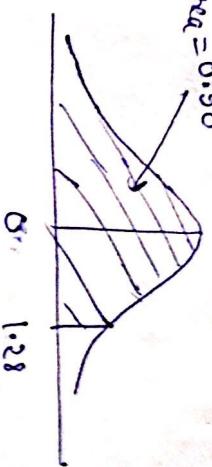


$$\text{Area} = 0.90$$

- ⑤ What is the 90th percentile of the height of American Males?

### Using Standard Normal Table

Area = 0.90



$$Z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}$$

$$\rightarrow X = \mu + \sigma Z$$

90th percentile of the distribution = 185.4

$$X = 176.3 + (7.1 \times 1.28)$$

Answer

= 185.4 cm (height of American male at the 90th percentile)