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Recall:   
 - Normal distribution   
 - Z-score

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

gives you  
percentile that  
x is at

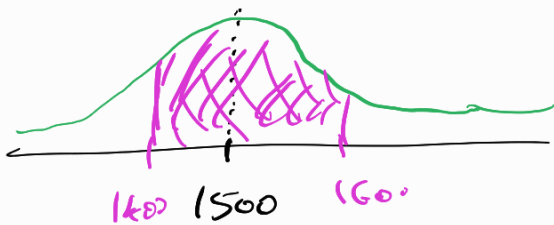
only need to  
know  
 $\mu$  and  $\sigma$

if  $X$  is normal distribution

Z-score also gives probabilities

Example. We produce lightbulbs  $\nwarrow$  lifespan is normal distribution  
• avg lifespan = 1500 hours  
• standard dev = 75 hours

Q: Probability of a lightbulb having lifespan between 1400 and 1600 hours?



$$Z_{1400} = \frac{1400 - 1500}{75}$$

$$= -1.33 \rightarrow 9.176\%$$

$$Z_{1600} = 1.33 \rightarrow 90.824\%$$

Answer: 90.824 - 9.176

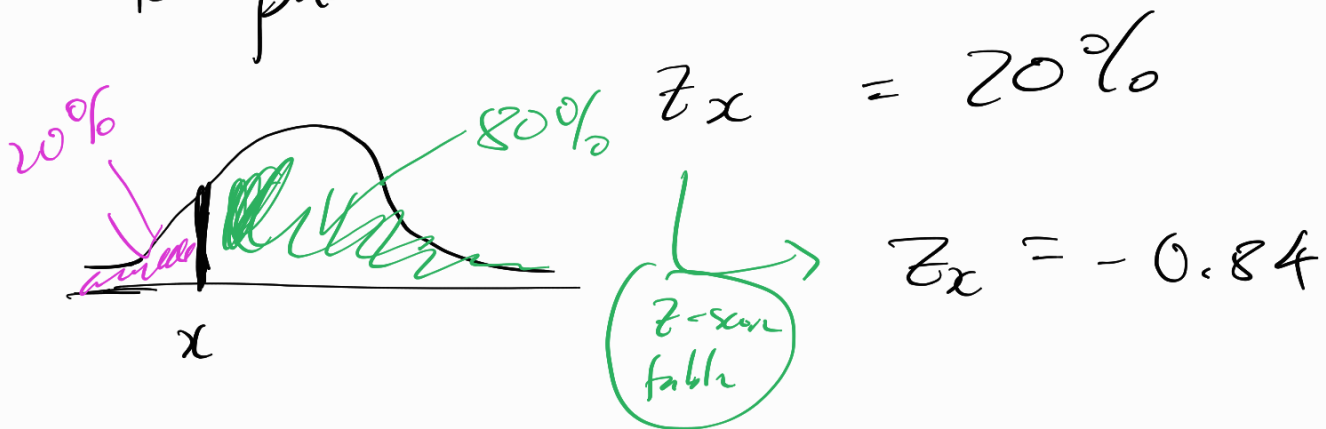
$$\rightarrow 81.648\%$$

Example: A prof fails 20% of students taking a final.

Average score = 62 pts  
Std dev = 13 pts

assume normal dist.

What is the necessary # of pts to pass??



$$\frac{x - 62}{13} = -0.84$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 51.08$$

Practice:

$V$  is normal dist. w/  $\mu = 25$

$\sigma$  is  $k \leftarrow$  unknown

' 18% of values of  $X$  live  
above 29

What is  $k$ ?



$$Z = 0.915 \text{ or } 0.92$$

$$\frac{29 - 25}{k} = 0.92$$

$$\frac{4}{k} = 0.92 \Rightarrow k = \frac{4}{0.92} = 4.347$$

Binomial dist  
(discrete) can be approximated  
by a normal dist.

if  $\bullet np \geq 10$  and

$\bullet n(1-p) \geq 10$

$n = \# \text{ of trials}$

$p = \text{prob. of success}$