

# Stat 401

Normal distribution  
(Gaussian distribution)

defining parameter

$\mu \in \mathbb{R}^1$  location parameter  
 $\sigma > 0$  dispersion parameter

Gauss was person  
who first presented the  
Normal distribution

Family of normal distributions

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

location-scale transformation

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

$$\begin{aligned} E[X] &= E[\mu + \sigma Z] \\ &= E[\mu] + E[\sigma Z] \end{aligned}$$

$$= \mu + \sigma E[Z]$$

$$= 0 \quad V[X] = V[\mu + \sigma Z]$$

$$= \mu$$

$$V[\mu + \sigma Z]$$

$$= V(\sigma Z)$$

$$= V(\sigma Z) = \sigma^2 V[Z] = \sigma^2$$

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

$$f_{\mu, \sigma}(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right\}$$

Change of variables

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

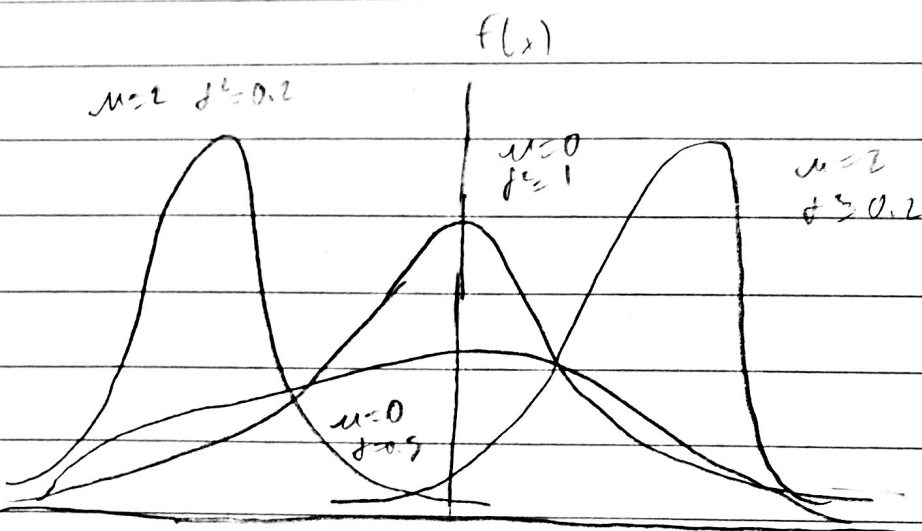
$$\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} = Z$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} x^2\right\}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right\} \frac{dx}{\sigma}$$

$$\frac{dx}{dz} = \sigma \quad dx = \sigma dz$$

$$dz = \frac{dx}{\sigma}$$



if  $x \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$   
true

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

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

$$E[Z] = E\left[\frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}\right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sigma} E[x - \mu] = \frac{1}{\sigma} [E[x] - \mu]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sigma} [\mu - \mu] = 0$$

$$V[Z] = V\left[\frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}\right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sigma^2} V[x - \mu]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sigma^2} V[x] = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sigma^2 = 1$$

$$X_\alpha = \mu + \sigma Z_\alpha$$

$$P(X \leq X_\alpha) = \alpha$$

$$P(Z \leq Z_\alpha) = \alpha$$

$X_\alpha + Z_\alpha$  denote 100<sup>th</sup> percentile  
of  $X$  and  $Z$

$$P(X \leq \mu + \sigma Z_\alpha)$$

$$P\left(\frac{x - \mu}{\sigma} \leq Z_\alpha\right)$$

$$= P(Z \leq Z_\alpha) = \alpha$$

checked ✓

for any  $a \in \mathbb{R}'$   
and  $b \in \mathbb{R}'$   
 $a + bX \sim N(a + b\mu)$   
 $E[a + bX] = E[a] + bE[X]$   
 $= a + b\mu$

$$V[a + bX] = V[bX] = b^2 V[X] = b^2 \sigma^2$$

$$sd[bX] = b \cdot sd[X]$$

Variance is square  
of sd

$$Z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} \quad \text{standardization}$$

it implies that you only  
need the percentiles for  
the standard normal

$a + bX$  becomes normal  
again if  $X$  is normal

The Normal family is  
closed under linear  
transformation

$$X \sim N(1.25, 0.46^2)$$

$$X_{0.75}$$

$$P(X < X_{0.75})$$

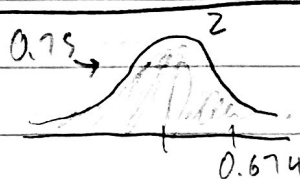
$$P\left(\frac{X - 1.25}{0.46} \leq \frac{X_{0.75} - 1.25}{0.46}\right) = 0.75$$

$$P\left(Z \leq \frac{X_{0.75} - 1.25}{0.46}\right) = 0.75$$

$$P(Z < Z_\alpha) = 0.75$$

$$\frac{X_{0.75} - 1.25}{0.46} = Z_\alpha$$

$$Z_{\frac{1}{4}} = 0.674$$



$$X_{0.75} = 0.674 \cdot 0.46 + 1.25 = 1.56$$

$$P(1 \leq X \leq 1.75)$$

$$= P(X \leq 1.75)$$

$$- P(X \leq 1)$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 5 \end{array} \right) X \leq 1.75$$

$$P\left(\frac{X-1.25}{0.46} \leq \frac{1.75-1.25}{0.46}\right)$$

$$= P\left(\frac{X-1.25}{0.46} \leq \frac{1-1.25}{0.46}\right)$$

↓  
Z

$$= P\left(Z \leq \frac{0.5}{0.46}\right) - P\left(Z \leq \frac{-0.25}{0.46}\right)$$

$$P(Z \leq 1.086)$$

$$= P(Z \leq -0.543)$$

$$= 0.861 - 0.293$$

$$= 0.568$$

$$P(X > 2)$$

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

$$P(X > 2) = 1 - P(X \leq 2)$$

$$P(X > 2) = P\left(\frac{X-1.25}{0.46} \leq \frac{2-1.25}{0.46}\right)$$

$$= P\left(Z \leq \frac{0.75}{0.46}\right)$$

$$= 0.948$$

$$1 - 0.948 = 0.052 = P(X > 2)$$