

# Bellwork!

Which is the better bet to take?

You bet \$5 and...

- win \$20 if a 1 or 3 are rolled
- lose \$10 if any other number is rolled

| $x$       | $P(x)$       |
|-----------|--------------|
| $\$20$    | $\times .33$ |
| $-\$10$   | $\times .67$ |
| $\$6.60$  |              |
| $-\$6.70$ |              |
| $-.10$    |              |

You bet \$5 and...

- win \$15 if a 1 or 3 or 5 are rolled
- lose \$10 if any other number is rolled

| $x$   | $P(x)$ |
|-------|--------|
| $15$  | $.5$   |
| $-10$ | $.5$   |

$\$7.50$   
 $-\$5.00$   
 $\$2.50$

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## WELCOME!

### You'll Need Out:

- Notes
- Calculator

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# TRY IT!

• Grade Distribution Worksheet!!

• 5 minutes for a - g!

a.

| x | P(x) |
|---|------|
| 4 |      |
| 3 |      |
| 2 |      |
| 1 |      |
| 0 |      |

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a.

| x | P(x) |
|---|------|
| 4 | .15  |
| 3 | .35  |
| 2 | .30  |
| 1 | .16  |
| 0 | .04  |

b. yes

$0 \leq p(x) \leq 1$  ✓  
 $.15 + .35 + .30 + .16 + .04 = 1$  ✓

c. .5 ←  
 $.3 + .16 + .04$

d. .85

e.  $15 = A$     $B = 35$   
 $C = 30$     $P = 16$   
 $F = 4$

f. Value of X

g.  $2.41$   
 $4(.15) + (3)(.35)$   
 $+ 2(.3) + 1(.16)$   
 $+ 0(.04) =$

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a)  $P(4) = .15$

$P(3) = .35$

$P(2) = .3$

$P(1) = .16$

$P(0) = .04$

b)  $0 \leq P(x) \leq 1$   
 $\sum P(x) = 1$

c)  $.3 + .16 + .04 = .5$

d)  $.5 + .35 = .85$

e) A - 15

B - 35

C - 30

D - 16

F - 4

f)  $.15(4) + .35(3) +$   
 $.3(2) + .16(1) +$   
 $.04(0) = 2.41$

g) value

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## TRY IT!

A wheat farmer in Canada finds that his annual profit is \$80,000 if the summer weather is typical, \$50,000 if the weather is unusually dry, and \$20,000 if there is a severe storm that destroys much of his crop. Weather bureau records indicate that the probability is 0.7 of typical weather, 0.2 of unusually dry weather, and 0.10 of a severe storm. In the next year, let X be the farmer's profit.

a) Construct the probability distribution of X.

b) What is the probability that the profit is \$50,000 or less?

c) Find the mean of the probability distribution of X.

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## 6.2

### Probabilities for Bell-Shaped Distributions



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## Learning Objectives

- Normal Distribution
- 68–95–99.7 Rule for normal distributions
- Z–Scores and the Standard Normal Distribution
- The Standard Normal Table: Finding Probabilities
- Using the TI–calculator: find probabilities
- Using the Standard Normal Table in Reverse
- Using the TI–calculator: find z–scores
- Probabilities for Normally Distributed Random Variables
- Percentiles for Normally Distributed Random Variables
- Using Z–scores to Compare Distributions



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## Normal Distribution

The normal distribution is symmetric, bell-shaped and characterized by its mean  $\mu$  and standard deviation  $\sigma$ .

$\bar{x}$

$S_x$



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## Normal Distribution

The normal distribution is the most important distribution in statistics:

Many distributions have an approximately normal distribution (like height and weight, often test grades)



It approximates many discrete distributions well when there are a large number of possible outcomes



Many statistical methods use "statistical techniques" for normal distributions even when the data are not perfectly bell shaped



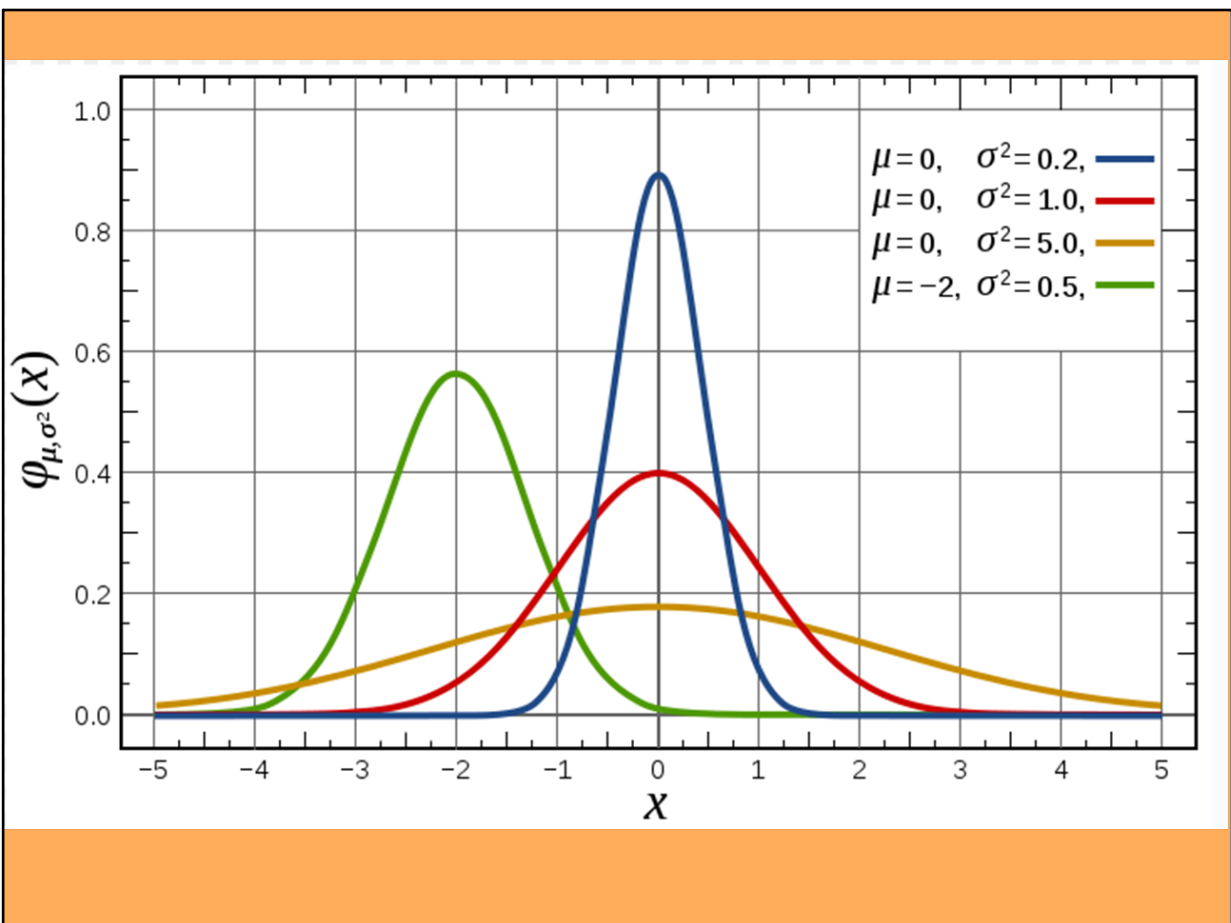
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# Normal Distribution

- Normal distributions are:
  - Bell shaped
  - Symmetric around the mean
- The mean  $\mu$  and the standard deviation  $\sigma$  completely describe the density curve
  - Increasing/decreasing  $\mu$  moves the curve along the horizontal axis
  - Increasing/decreasing  $\sigma$  controls the spread of the curve



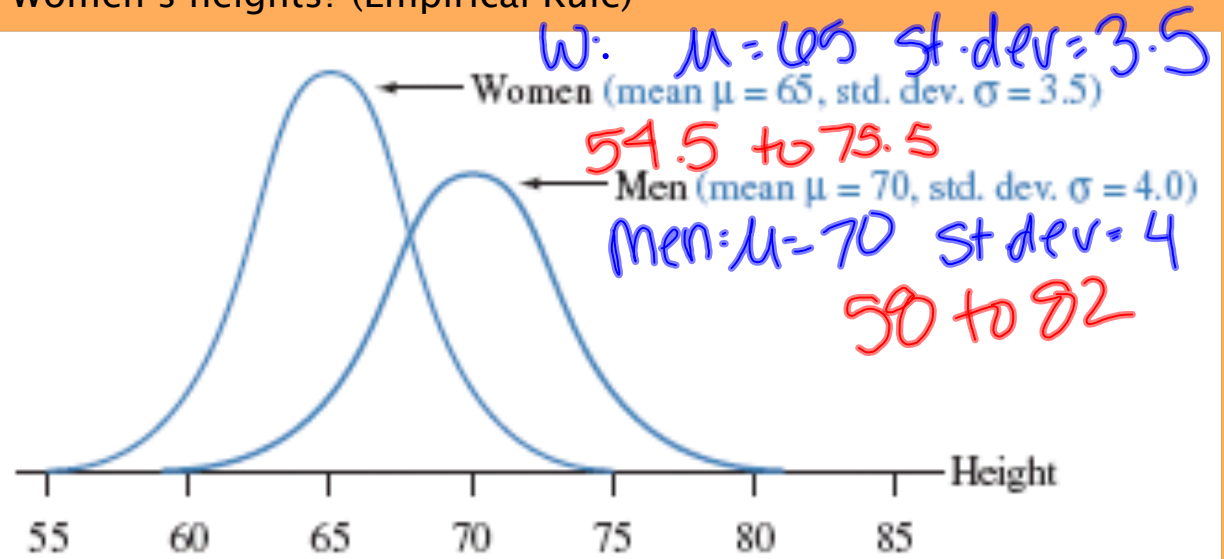
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## Try It!

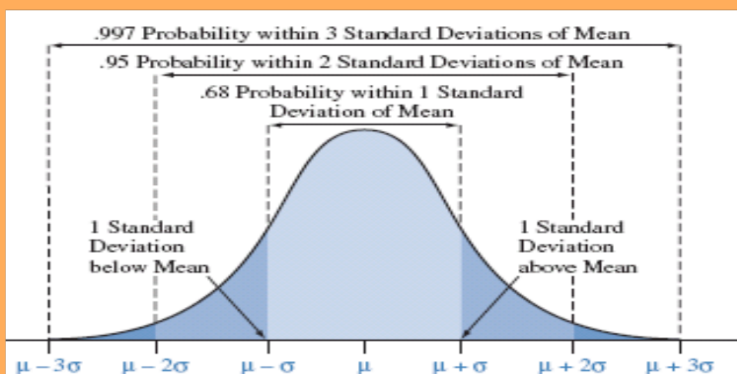
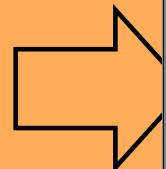
Within what interval do almost all of the men's heights fall?  
 Women's heights? (Empirical Rule)



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## Empirical Rule

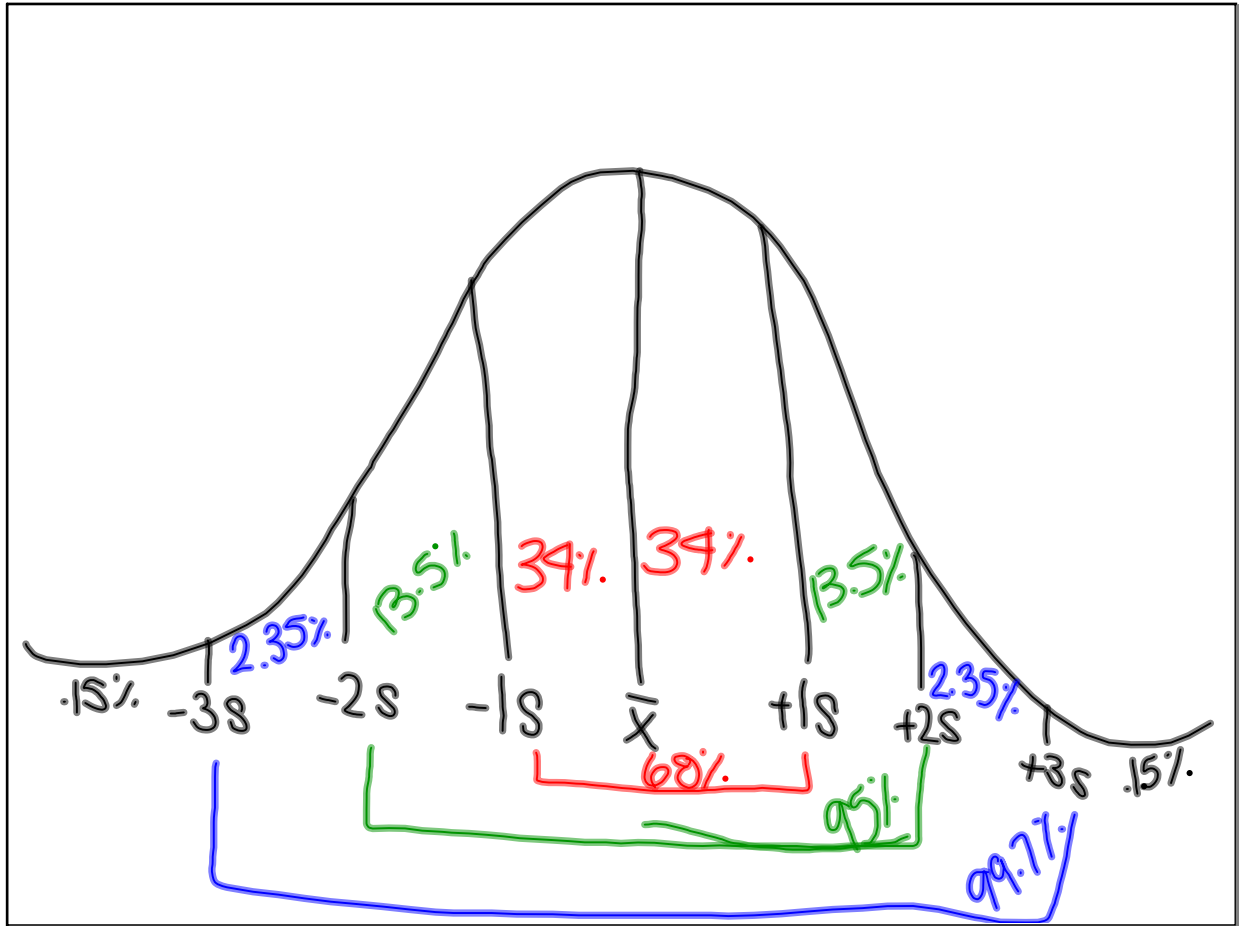
- 68% of the observations fall within one standard deviation of the mean
- 95% of the observations fall within two standard deviations of the mean
- 99.7% of the observations fall within three standard deviations of the mean



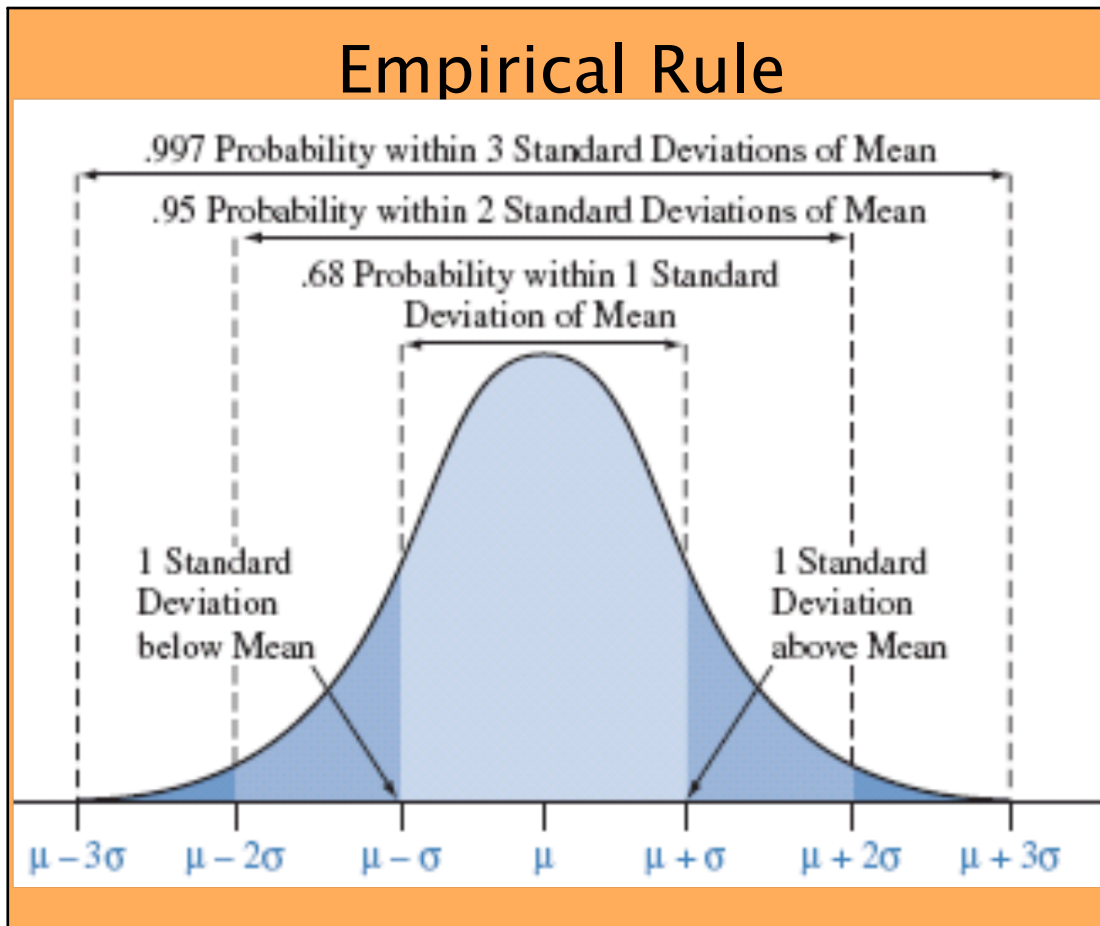
68%  
 95%  
 99.7%



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## We Do

### Heights of adult women

- can be approximated by a normal distribution  
 $\mu = 65$  inches;  $\sigma = 3.5$  inches
- use the Empirical Rule to approximate the distribution

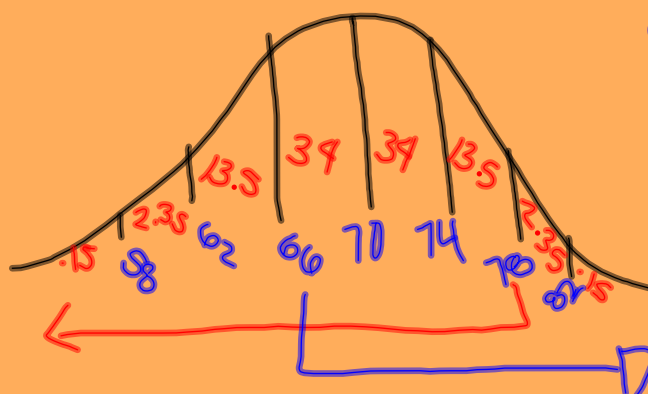


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## You Do

### Men? $\mu = 70$ $\sigma = 4.0$

- Within what interval do almost all of men's heights fall?
- Within what interval do 68% of men's heights fall?
- What proportion of men are shorter than 78 inches?
- What proportion of men are taller than 66 inches?



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# Z-Scores

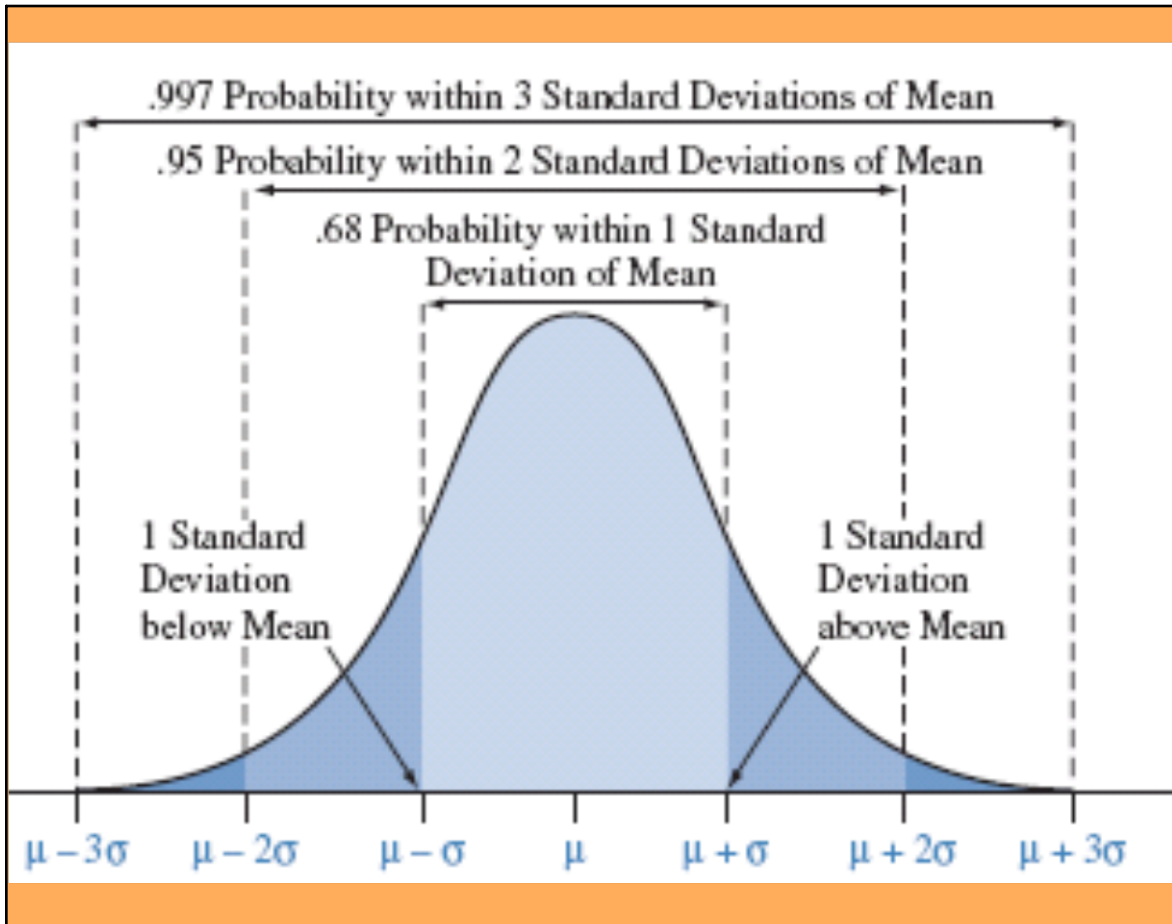
The z-score for a value  $x$  of a random variable is the number of standard deviations that  $x$  falls from the mean

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

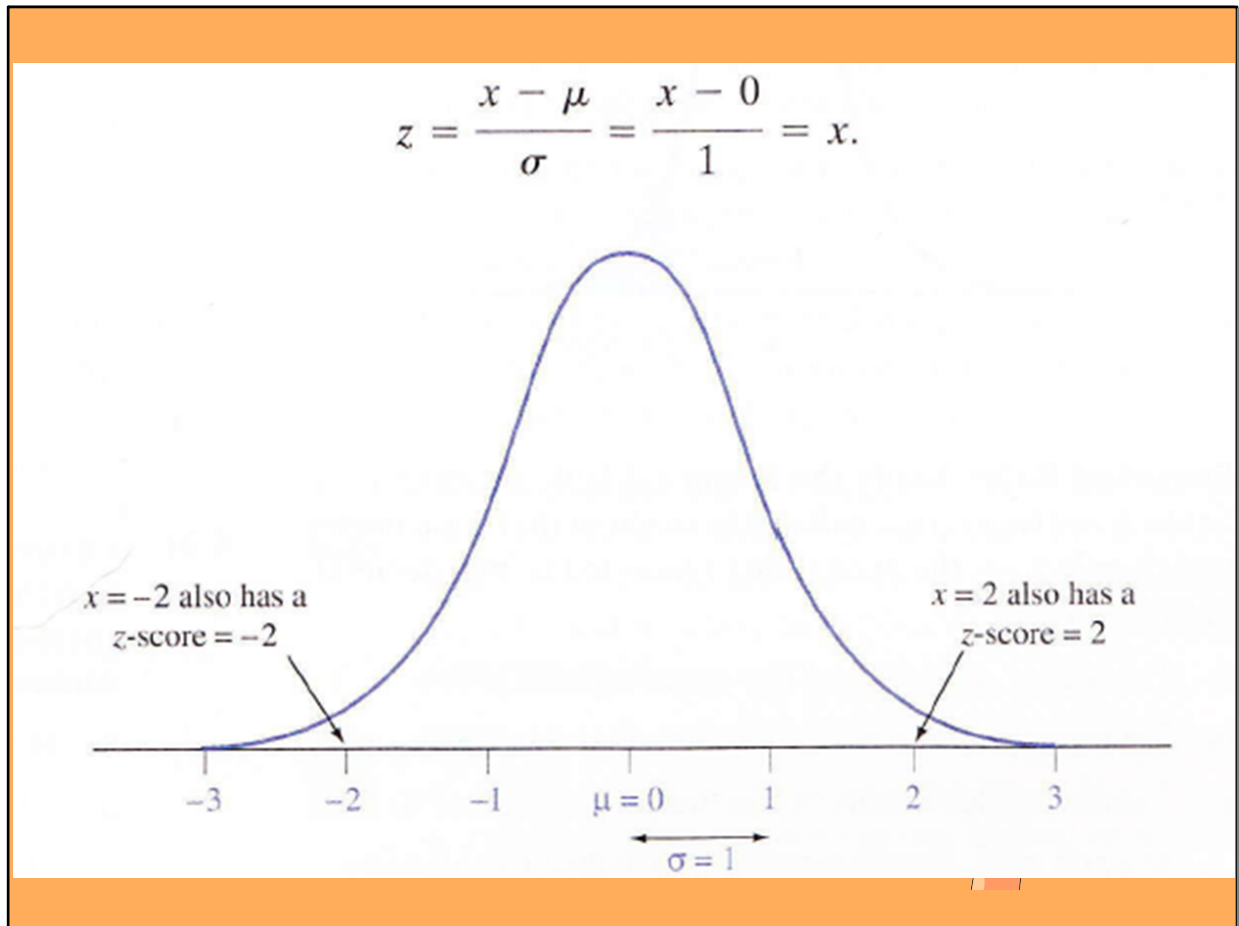
obs. →  $x$      mean →  $\mu$   
St-dev. →  $\sigma$

A negative (positive) z-score indicates that the value is below (above) the mean

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## Standard Normal Distribution

A standard normal distribution has mean  $\mu=0$  and standard deviation  $\sigma=1$



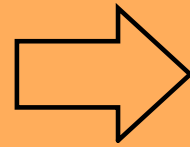
When a random variable has a normal distribution and its values are converted to  $z$ -scores by subtracting the mean and dividing by the standard deviation, the  $z$ -scores have the standard normal distribution.



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# Using Z-scores to Compare Distributions

Z-scores can be used to compare observations from different normal distributions  
(You CAN compare apples to oranges!! haha)



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## YOU DO

You score 650 on the SAT which has  $\mu=500$  and  $\sigma=100$  and 30 on the ACT which has  $\mu=21.0$  and  $\sigma=4.7$ .

On which test did you perform better?  
Compare the z-scores!

SAT:

$$\frac{650 - 500}{100} \quad z = 1.5$$

ACT:

$$\frac{30 - 21}{4.7} \quad z = 1.91$$



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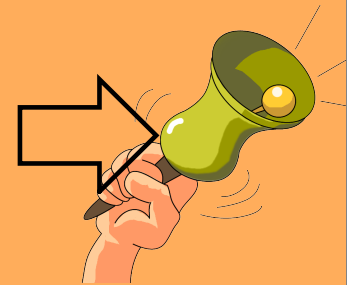
## Using Z-scores to Compare Distributions

### EXAMPLE

$$z = \frac{650 - 500}{100} = 1.5 \quad : \text{ SAT} \quad \begin{array}{l} \mu = 500 \\ \sigma = 100 \end{array}$$

$$z = \frac{30 - 21}{4.7} = 1.91 \quad : \text{ ACT} \quad \begin{array}{l} \mu = 21.0 \\ \sigma = 4.7 \end{array}$$

Since your z-score is greater for the ACT, you performed better on this exam



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## Ticket Out

On your History test you score a 80%. The mean of the test was 75 with a standard deviation of 10.

On your English test you score a 75%. The mean is a 70% with a standard deviation of 5.

Which test did you do better on?



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# HOMework

## get a head start!

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**Probabilities in tails:** for a normal distribution, use TABLE A, software, or a calculator to find the probability that an observation is

- At least one standard deviation above the mean
- At least one standard deviation below the mean
- In each case, sketch a curve and show the tail probability



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