

*“The worst thing you can do about a situation is nothing.”* O’Shea Jackson Sr.

## 5.4 The Poisson Distribution.

Description of the Poisson Distribution

- Discrete probability distribution.
- The random variable is the number of occurrences (counts) of an event in an interval
- The interval can be: time, distance, area, volume, or some similar unit.

EXAMPLES:

- Number of earthquakes (at least 6.0 on the Richter scale) in the last 100 years
- Number of patients arriving at the Emergency Room on Fridays between 10:00 pm and 11:00 pm
- Number of buses that pass a bus stop within an hour

**Poisson Distribution:** Requirements

- Random variable  $X$  is the number of occurrences of an event over some interval
- The occurrences must be random
- The occurrences must be independent

To find probabilities we must use the Poisson probability distribution, which can be seen as

$$P(X = x) = \frac{\mu^x \exp^{-\mu}}{x!} \quad (25)$$

where  $x = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$  and  $e \approx 2.71828$  (Euler's number) The Poisson distribution only depends on  $\mu$  (the mean of the process).

You can find the mean, variance, standard deviation, maximum usual value and minimum usual value for the Poisson distribution with special formulas

### Mean, Expected Value

$$E = \mu = \sum XP(X) = \mu(\# \text{ occurrences within interval})$$

### Variance

$$\sigma^2 = \sum [(X^2P(X))] - \mu^2 = \mu (\text{Variance is equal to the Mean})$$

### Standard Deviation

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\sum [(X^2P(X))] - \mu^2} = \sqrt{\mu} (\text{Standard deviation is the square root of the mean})$$

**Example 8:** In a recent year, there were 4500 births at NYU Langone Medical Center. Assume that the the number of births each day is about the same, and assume that the Poisson Distribution is a suitable model.

1. Find  $\mu$ , the mean number of births per day.

$$\mu = \frac{\text{Number of births}}{\text{Number of days}} = \frac{4500}{365} = 12.3288$$

On average, 12 babies per day

2. Find the probability that on a randomly selected day, there are exactly 8 births,  $P(X = 8)$ . **Use unrounded value for mean.**

$$P(X = 8) = \frac{\mu^x e^{-\mu}}{x!} = \frac{12.3288^8 (e^{-12.3288})}{8!} = 0.0585$$

The probability of obtaining 8 babies in 1 day us 0.0585.

## 6 Lecture 7: Normal Distribution

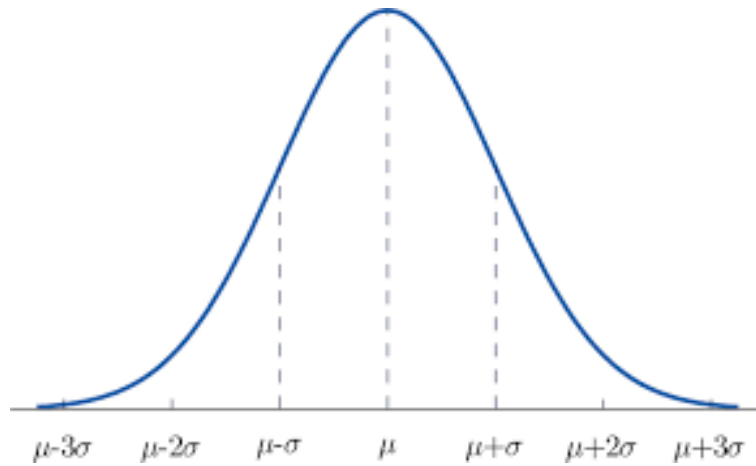
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- Random Variable  $X$  is continuous
- Most experiments use this to model events
- **An assumption about the sample mean uses this model (BIG)**
- Bell-shaped: Curve is symmetric around the mean  $\mu$
- Distribution is determined by two parameters: the mean  $\mu$  and standard deviation  $\sigma$

$$P(X = x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi\sigma^2)}} \exp^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

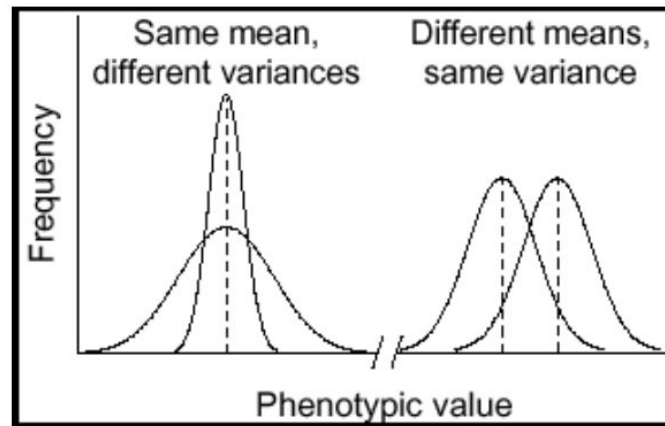
Properties for a continuous probability distribution:

1. The total area under the curve must be equal to 1
2.  $0 \leq P(X) \leq 1$
3. Graphs is called a density curve



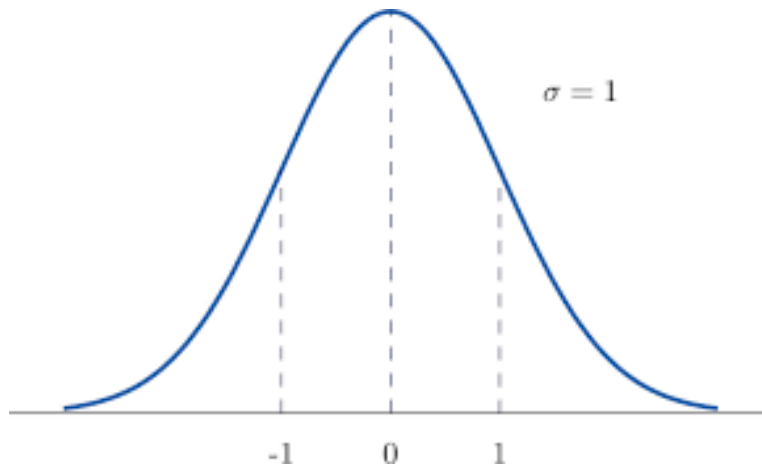
### Understanding Mean and Variance

- Same mean, different variances
- Different means, same variances



When  $\mu = 0$  and  $\sigma = 1$ , the Normal Distribution becomes a Standard Normal Distribution

$$P(X = x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$$



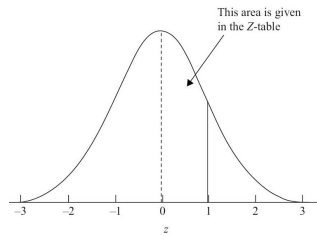
This distribution is used to calculate the probability of a random event given that the data follows a normal distribution. In order to use this distribution, we must be given the following:

1.  $x$ : Observed Variable(s)

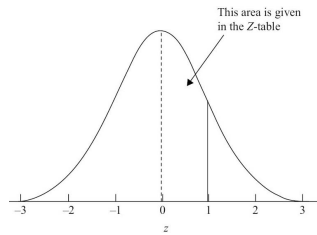
2.  $\mu$  or  $\bar{x}$ : Population or Sample Mean
3.  $\sigma$  or  $s$ : Population or Sample Standard Deviation

Calculate Z-Score and Probability

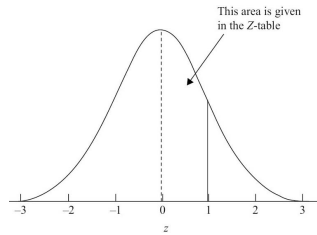
**Example 1:** It is assumed that the weight of the 49s football team follows a normal distribution. The population mean is  $\mu = 259.62$  and  $\sigma = 15.25$ , find the following:  $P(X \leq 243.2)$



$$P(X \geq 265.33) = 1 - P(X \leq 265.33)$$



$$P(253.66 \leq X \leq 264.2) = P(X \leq 264.2) - P(X \leq 253.66)$$



**Example 2:** If the mean quiz score was 15.5 and standard deviation was 1.1, you were the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile, what was your score? Reverse engineer the Z-score equation and use table.

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

Question how do you find  $Z$ ?

## 7 Lecture 8: Sampling Distribution, CLT, Binomial Approximation from Normal Distribution

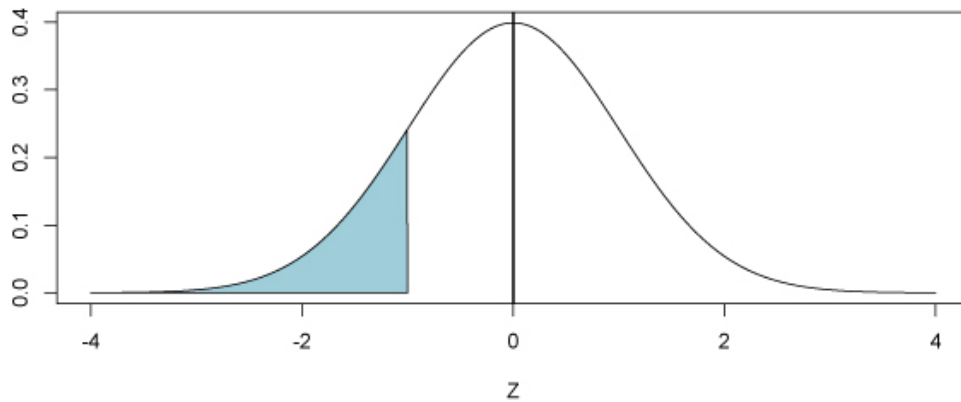
*Reality is wrong. Dreams are for real.* – Tupac Shakur

**Example 1** It is known that the GPA **mean** at UCSC is  $\mu = 3.62$  and **standard deviation**  $\sigma = 0.15$ . Imagine I ask 10 people their GPA and I record the mean and standard deviation from these 10 individuals. Imagine I do this a lot of times:

Groups	$\bar{x}$	$s$
Group 1	3.22	0.22
Group 2	3.89	0.15
Group 3	2.22	0.45
...		
Group 100,000	3.6	0.25

The means from each sample will be random variables.

Which implies that the sample means can be modeled as a distribution. Which distribution is that?

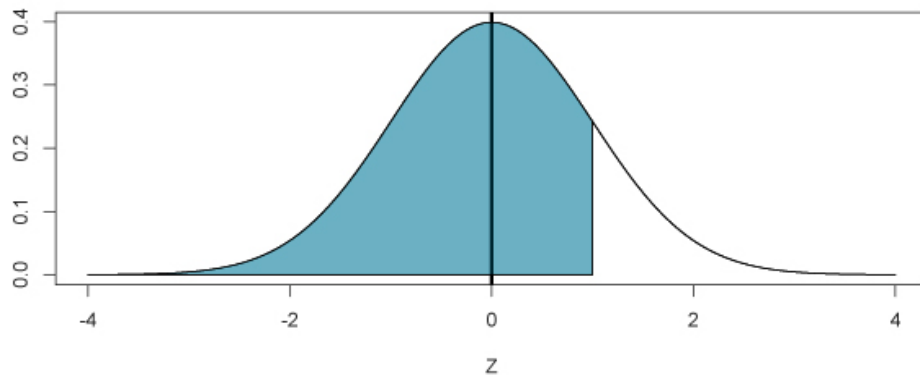


Cumulative standard normal distribution

z	Area									
	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.09
-3.5	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002
-3.4	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0002
-3.3	0.0005	0.0005	0.0005	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0003
-3.2	0.0007	0.0007	0.0006	0.0006	0.0006	0.0006	0.0006	0.0005	0.0005	0.0005
-3.1	0.0010	0.0009	0.0009	0.0009	0.0008	0.0008	0.0008	0.0008	0.0007	0.0007
-3	0.0013	0.0013	0.0013	0.0012	0.0012	0.0011	0.0011	0.0011	0.0010	0.0010
-2.9	0.0019	0.0018	0.0018	0.0017	0.0016	0.0016	0.0015	0.0015	0.0014	0.0014
-2.8	0.0026	0.0025	0.0024	0.0023	0.0023	0.0022	0.0021	0.0021	0.0020	0.0019
-2.7	0.0035	0.0034	0.0033	0.0032	0.0031	0.0030	0.0029	0.0028	0.0027	0.0026
-2.6	0.0047	0.0045	0.0044	0.0043	0.0041	0.0040	0.0039	0.0038	0.0037	0.0036
-2.5	0.0062	0.0060	0.0059	0.0057	0.0055	0.0054	0.0052	0.0051	0.0049	0.0048
-2.4	0.0082	0.0080	0.0078	0.0075	0.0073	0.0071	0.0069	0.0068	0.0066	0.0064
-2.3	0.0107	0.0104	0.0102	0.0099	0.0096	0.0094	0.0091	0.0089	0.0087	0.0084
-2.2	0.0139	0.0136	0.0132	0.0129	0.0125	0.0122	0.0119	0.0116	0.0113	0.0110
-2.1	0.0179	0.0174	0.0170	0.0166	0.0162	0.0158	0.0154	0.0150	0.0146	0.0143
-2	0.0228	0.0222	0.0217	0.0212	0.0207	0.0202	0.0197	0.0192	0.0188	0.0183
-1.9	0.0287	0.0281	0.0274	0.0268	0.0262	0.0256	0.0250	0.0244	0.0239	0.0233
-1.8	0.0359	0.0351	0.0344	0.0336	0.0329	0.0322	0.0314	0.0307	0.0301	0.0294
-1.7	0.0446	0.0436	0.0427	0.0418	0.0409	0.0401	0.0392	0.0384	0.0375	0.0367
-1.6	0.0548	0.0537	0.0526	0.0516	0.0505	0.0495	0.0485	0.0475	0.0465	0.0455
-1.5	0.0668	0.0655	0.0643	0.0630	0.0618	0.0606	0.0594	0.0582	0.0571	0.0559
-1.4	0.0808	0.0793	0.0778	0.0764	0.0749	0.0735	0.0721	0.0708	0.0694	0.0681
-1.3	0.0968	0.0951	0.0934	0.0918	0.0901	0.0885	0.0869	0.0853	0.0838	0.0823
-1.2	0.1151	0.1131	0.1112	0.1093	0.1075	0.1056	0.1038	0.1020	0.1003	0.0985
-1.1	0.1357	0.1335	0.1314	0.1292	0.1271	0.1251	0.1230	0.1210	0.1190	0.1170
-1	0.1587	0.1562	0.1539	0.1515	0.1492	0.1469	0.1446	0.1423	0.1401	0.1379
-0.9	0.1841	0.1814	0.1788	0.1762	0.1736	0.1711	0.1685	0.1660	0.1635	0.1611
-0.8	0.2119	0.2090	0.2061	0.2033	0.2005	0.1977	0.1949	0.1922	0.1894	0.1867
-0.7	0.2420	0.2389	0.2358	0.2327	0.2296	0.2266	0.2236	0.2206	0.2177	0.2148
-0.6	0.2743	0.2709	0.2676	0.2643	0.2611	0.2578	0.2546	0.2514	0.2483	0.2451
-0.5	0.3085	0.3050	0.3015	0.2981	0.2946	0.2912	0.2877	0.2843	0.2810	0.2776
-0.4	0.3446	0.3409	0.3372	0.3336	0.3300	0.3264	0.3228	0.3192	0.3156	0.3121
-0.3	0.3821	0.3783	0.3745	0.3707	0.3669	0.3632	0.3594	0.3557	0.3520	0.3483
-0.2	0.4207	0.4168	0.4129	0.4090	0.4052	0.4013	0.3974	0.3936	0.3897	0.3859
-0.1	0.4602	0.4562	0.4522	0.4483	0.4443	0.4404	0.4364	0.4325	0.4286	0.4247
0	0.5000	0.4960	0.4920	0.4880	0.4840	0.4801	0.4761	0.4721	0.4681	0.4641

Note: any z-score below -3.5 has a P < 0.0001





Cumulative standard normal distribution

z	Area									
	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.09
0	0.5000	0.5040	0.5080	0.5120	0.5160	0.5199	0.5239	0.5279	0.5319	0.5359
0.1	0.5398	0.5438	0.5478	0.5517	0.5557	0.5596	0.5636	0.5675	0.5714	0.5753
0.2	0.5793	0.5832	0.5871	0.5910	0.5948	0.5987	0.6026	0.6064	0.6103	0.6141
0.3	0.6179	0.6217	0.6255	0.6293	0.6331	0.6368	0.6406	0.6443	0.6480	0.6517
0.4	0.6554	0.6591	0.6628	0.6664	0.6700	0.6736	0.6772	0.6808	0.6844	0.6879
0.5	0.6915	0.6950	0.6985	0.7019	0.7054	0.7088	0.7123	0.7157	0.7190	0.7224
0.6	0.7257	0.7291	0.7324	0.7357	0.7389	0.7422	0.7454	0.7486	0.7517	0.7549
0.7	0.7580	0.7611	0.7642	0.7673	0.7704	0.7734	0.7764	0.7794	0.7823	0.7852
0.8	0.7881	0.7910	0.7939	0.7967	0.7995	0.8023	0.8051	0.8078	0.8106	0.8133
0.9	0.8159	0.8186	0.8212	0.8238	0.8264	0.8289	0.8315	0.8340	0.8365	0.8389
1	0.8413	0.8438	0.8461	0.8485	0.8508	0.8531	0.8554	0.8577	0.8599	0.8621
1.1	0.8643	0.8665	0.8686	0.8708	0.8729	0.8749	0.8770	0.8790	0.8810	0.8830
1.2	0.8849	0.8869	0.8888	0.8907	0.8925	0.8944	0.8962	0.8980	0.8997	0.9015
1.3	0.9032	0.9049	0.9066	0.9082	0.9099	0.9115	0.9131	0.9147	0.9162	0.9177
1.4	0.9192	0.9207	0.9222	0.9236	0.9251	0.9265	0.9279	0.9292	0.9306	0.9319
1.5	0.9332	0.9345	0.9357	0.9370	0.9382	0.9394	0.9406	0.9418	0.9429	0.9441
1.6	0.9452	0.9463	0.9474	0.9484	0.9495	0.9505	0.9515	0.9525	0.9535	0.9545
1.7	0.9554	0.9564	0.9573	0.9582	0.9591	0.9599	0.9608	0.9616	0.9625	0.9633
1.8	0.9641	0.9649	0.9656	0.9664	0.9671	0.9678	0.9686	0.9693	0.9699	0.9706
1.9	0.9713	0.9719	0.9726	0.9732	0.9738	0.9744	0.9750	0.9756	0.9761	0.9767
2	0.9772	0.9778	0.9783	0.9788	0.9793	0.9798	0.9803	0.9808	0.9812	0.9817
2.1	0.9821	0.9826	0.9830	0.9834	0.9838	0.9842	0.9846	0.9850	0.9854	0.9857
2.2	0.9861	0.9864	0.9868	0.9871	0.9875	0.9878	0.9881	0.9884	0.9887	0.9890
2.3	0.9893	0.9896	0.9898	0.9901	0.9904	0.9906	0.9909	0.9911	0.9913	0.9916
2.4	0.9918	0.9920	0.9922	0.9925	0.9927	0.9929	0.9931	0.9932	0.9934	0.9936
2.5	0.9938	0.9940	0.9941	0.9943	0.9945	0.9946	0.9948	0.9949	0.9951	0.9952
2.6	0.9953	0.9955	0.9956	0.9957	0.9959	0.9960	0.9961	0.9962	0.9963	0.9964
2.7	0.9965	0.9966	0.9967	0.9968	0.9969	0.9970	0.9971	0.9972	0.9973	0.9974
2.8	0.9974	0.9975	0.9976	0.9977	0.9977	0.9978	0.9979	0.9979	0.9980	0.9981
2.9	0.9981	0.9982	0.9982	0.9983	0.9984	0.9984	0.9985	0.9985	0.9986	0.9986
3	0.9987	0.9987	0.9987	0.9988	0.9988	0.9989	0.9989	0.9989	0.9990	0.9990
3.1	0.9990	0.9991	0.9991	0.9991	0.9992	0.9992	0.9992	0.9992	0.9993	0.9993
3.2	0.9993	0.9993	0.9994	0.9994	0.9994	0.9994	0.9994	0.9995	0.9995	0.9995
3.3	0.9995	0.9995	0.9995	0.9996	0.9996	0.9996	0.9996	0.9996	0.9996	0.9997
3.4	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9998
3.5	0.9998	0.9998	0.9998	0.9998	0.9998	0.9998	0.9998	0.9998	0.9998	0.9998

Note: any z-score above 3.5 has a  $P > 0.9999$