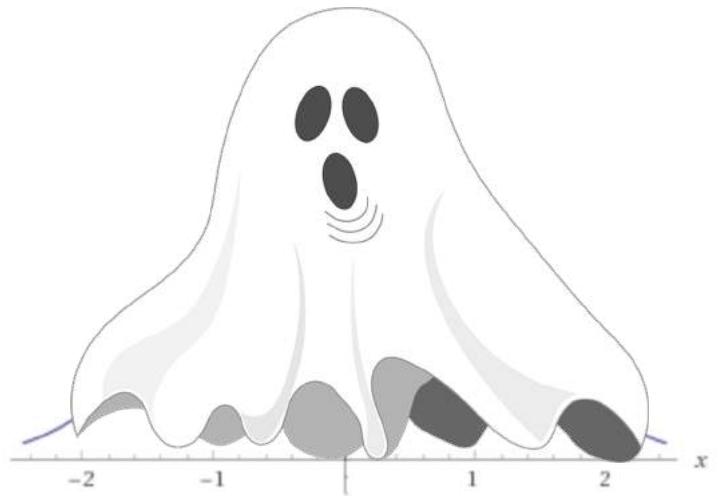


NORMAL DISTRIBUTION



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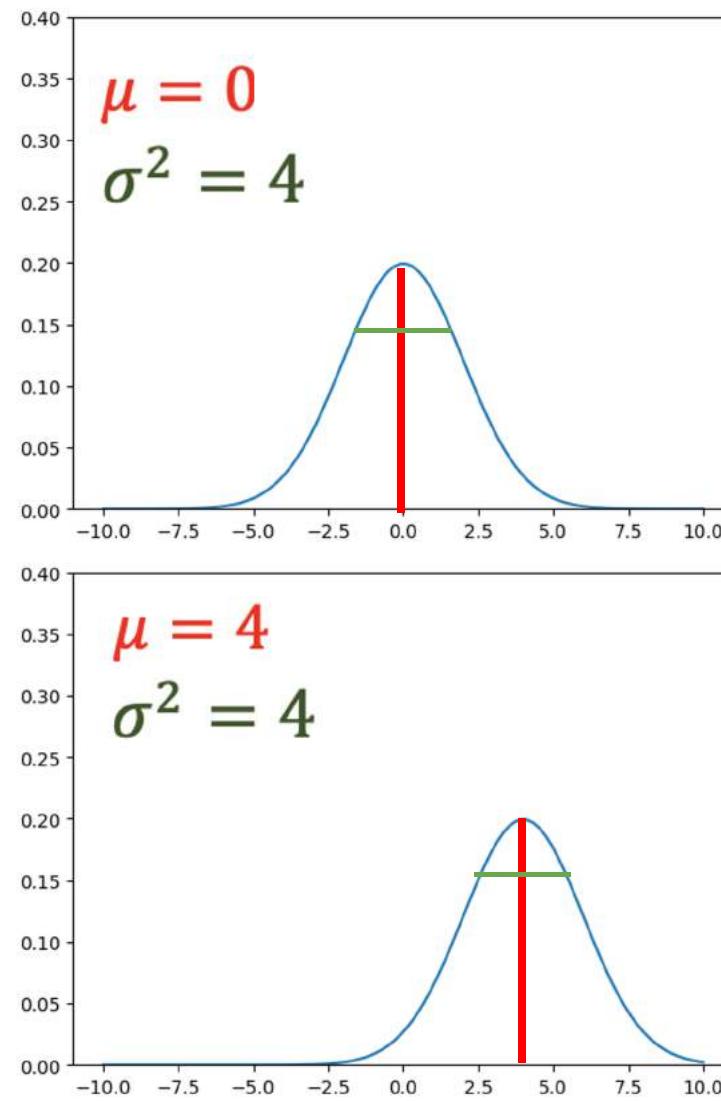
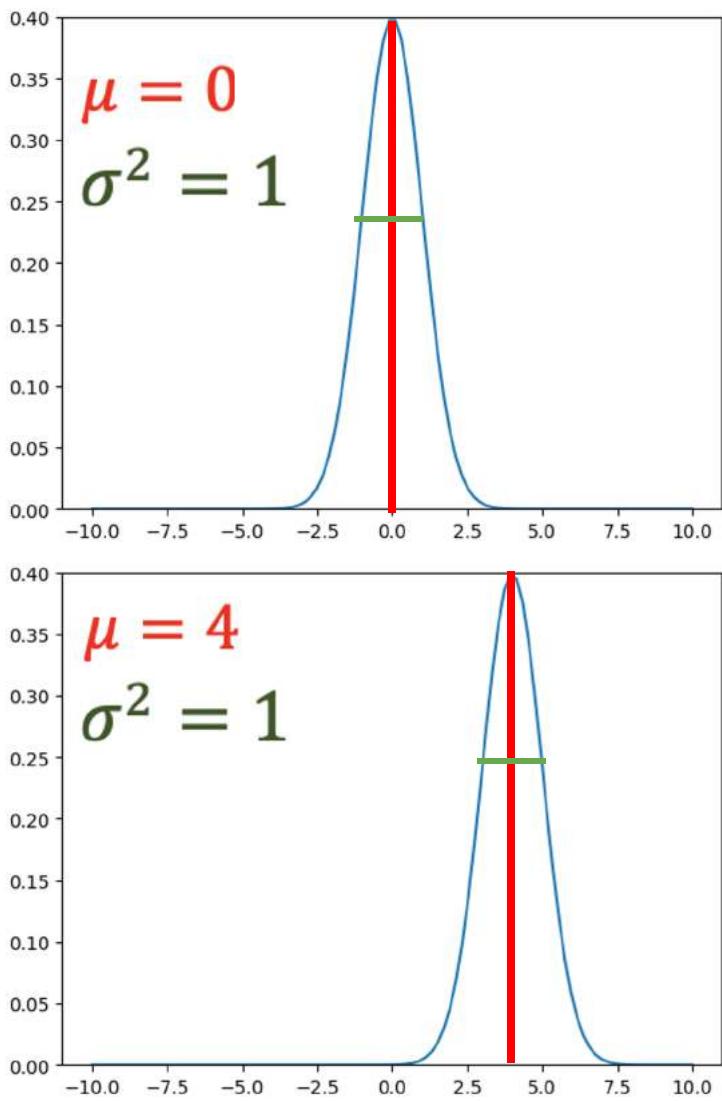
THE NORMAL/GAUSSIAN RV

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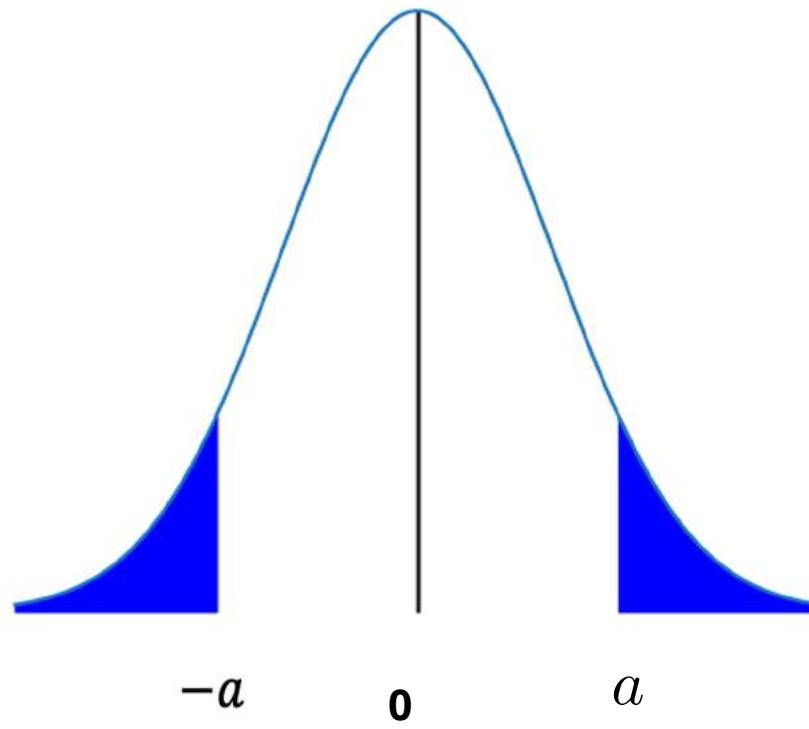
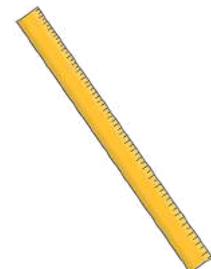
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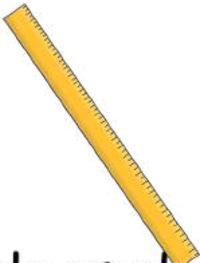
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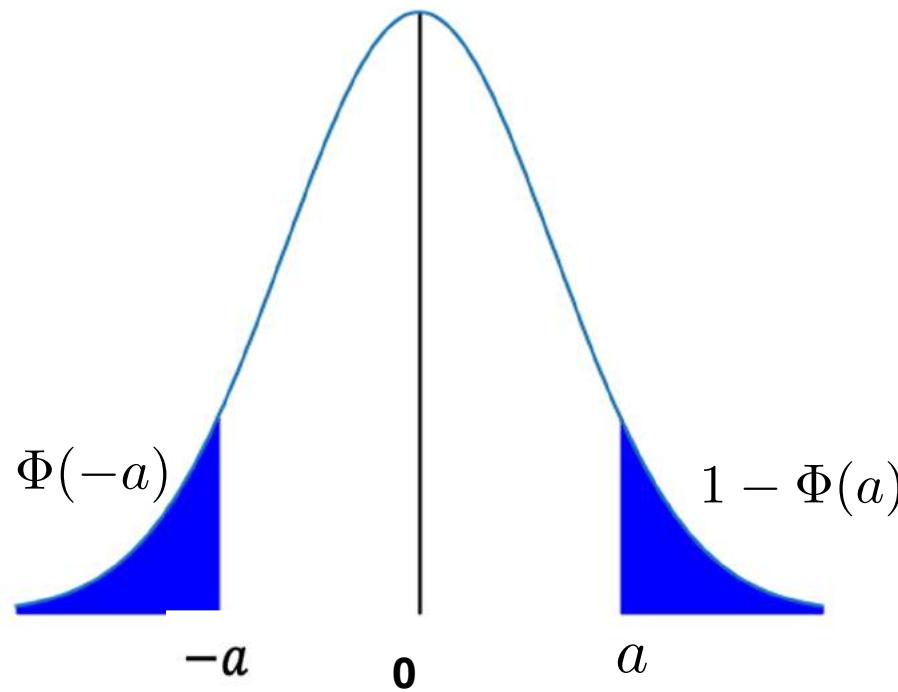




THE STANDARD NORMAL CDF

If $Z \sim N(0,1)$, we denote the CDF $\Phi(a) = F_Z(a) = P(Z \leq a)$, since it's so commonly used. There is no closed-form formula, so this CDF is stored in a Φ table.

$$\Phi(-a) = 1 - \Phi(a)$$



Φ Table: $\mathbb{P}(Z \leq z)$ when $Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1)$

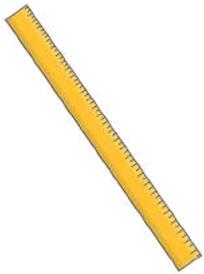
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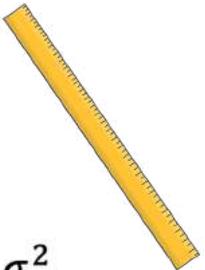
THE STANDARD NORMAL CDF

$$P(Z \leq 1.09) = \Phi(1.09) \approx 0.8621$$

WHAT ABOUT NON-STANDARD NORMALS?

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WE CAN STANDARDIZE ANY RV

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In particular, we call $\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}$ a **standardized version of X** , as it measures how many standard deviations above the mean a point is.

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NORMALS STAY NORMAL! (UNDER SCALE + SHIFT)



CLOSURE OF THE NORMAL (UNDER SCALE+SHIFT)



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But if $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ (a Normal rv), then

$$aX + b \sim \mathcal{N}(a\mu + b, a^2\sigma^2)$$

In particular,

$$\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

Note the “special” thing here is that the transformed RV remains a Normal rv - the mean and variance are no surprise.

X is normal with mean 3 and variance 9.
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FROM $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ TO STANDARD NORMAL



For a $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$, we have

$$F_X(y) = P(X \leq y) = P\left(\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} \leq \frac{y - \mu}{\sigma}\right) = P\left(Z \leq \frac{y - \mu}{\sigma}\right) = \Phi\left(\frac{y - \mu}{\sigma}\right)$$

$$P(a \leq X \leq b) = F_X(b) - F_X(a) = \Phi\left(\frac{b - \mu}{\sigma}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{a - \mu}{\sigma}\right)$$

SUMMARY: THE NORMAL/GAUSSIAN RV

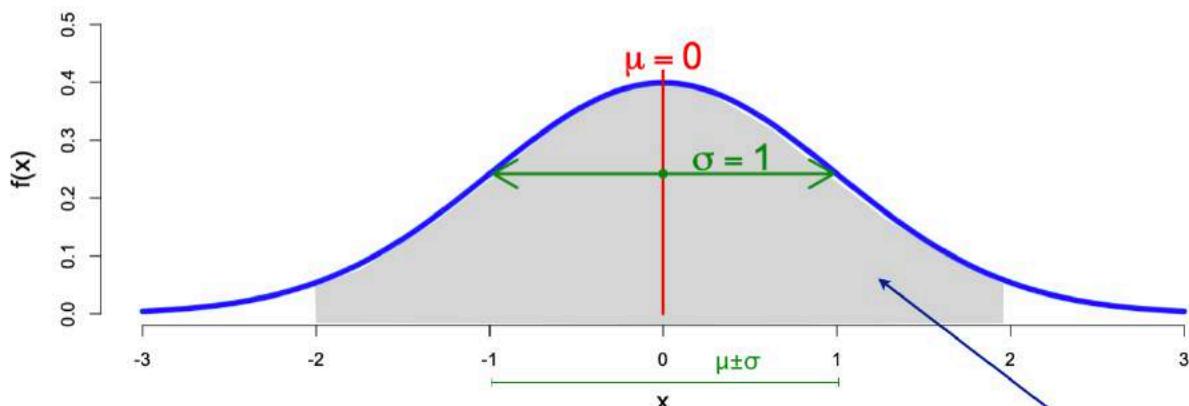
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$$E[X] = \mu \quad \text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2$$

The "standard normal" random variable is typically denoted Z and has mean 0 and variance 1. By the closure property of normals, if $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$, then $Z = \frac{X-\mu}{\sigma} \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1)$. The CDF has no closed form, but we denote the CDF of the standard normal by $\Phi(a) = F_Z(a) = P(Z \leq a)$. Note that by symmetry of the density about 0, $\Phi(-a) = 1 - \Phi(a)$.

NORMAL RANDOM VARIABLES



If $Z \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ what is $P(\mu - \sigma < Z < \mu + \sigma)$?

$$P(\mu - \sigma < Z < \mu + \sigma) = \Phi(1) - \Phi(-1) \approx 68\%$$

$$P(\mu - 2\sigma < Z < \mu + 2\sigma) = \Phi(2) - \Phi(-2) \approx 95\%$$

$$P(\mu - 3\sigma < Z < \mu + 3\sigma) = \Phi(3) - \Phi(-3) \approx 99\%$$

Why?

$$\mu - k\sigma < Z < \mu + k\sigma \Leftrightarrow -k < (Z - \mu)/\sigma < +k$$

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

$N(0, 1)$

CLOSURE OF THE NORMAL (UNDER ADDITION)



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Let X, Y be **ANY independent** random variables (discrete or continuous) with $E[X] = \mu_X$, $E[Y] = \mu_Y$, $Var(X) = \sigma_X^2$, $Var(Y) = \sigma_Y^2$, and $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$. Recall,

$$E[aX + bY + c] = aE[X] + bE[Y] + c = a\mu_X + b\mu_Y + c$$

$$Var(aX + bY + c) = a^2Var(X) + b^2Var(Y) = a^2\sigma_X^2 + b^2\sigma_Y^2$$

But if $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_X, \sigma_X^2)$ and $Y \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_Y, \sigma_Y^2)$ (both independent Normal rvs), then

$$aX + bY + c \sim \mathcal{N}(a\mu_X + b\mu_Y + c, a^2\sigma_X^2 + b^2\sigma_Y^2)$$

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5.7 THE CENTRAL LIMIT THEOREM

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$$Var(\bar{X}_n) = Var\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n Var(X_i) = \frac{1}{n^2} n\sigma^2 = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$$

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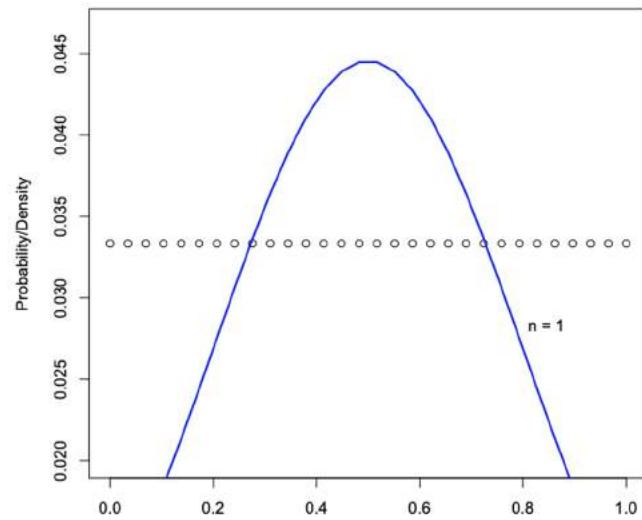
As $n \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n - n\mu}{\sigma\sqrt{n}} \longrightarrow N(0, 1)$$

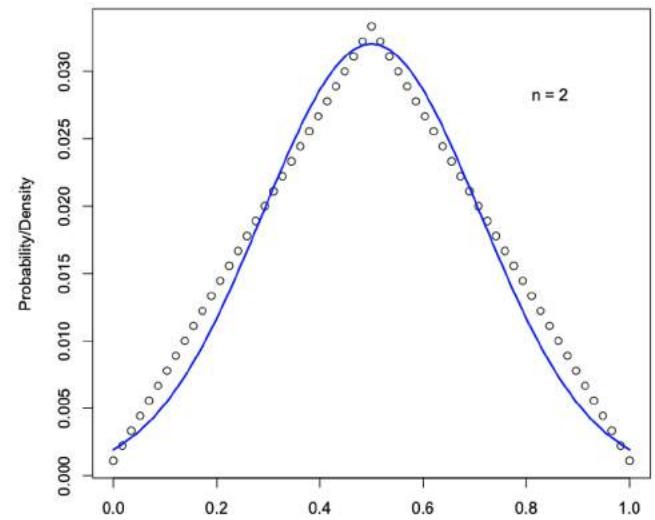
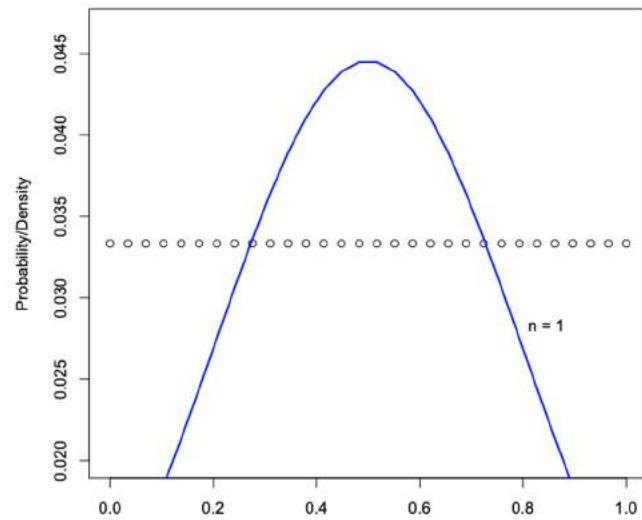
Restated: As $n \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \rightarrow N\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right)$$

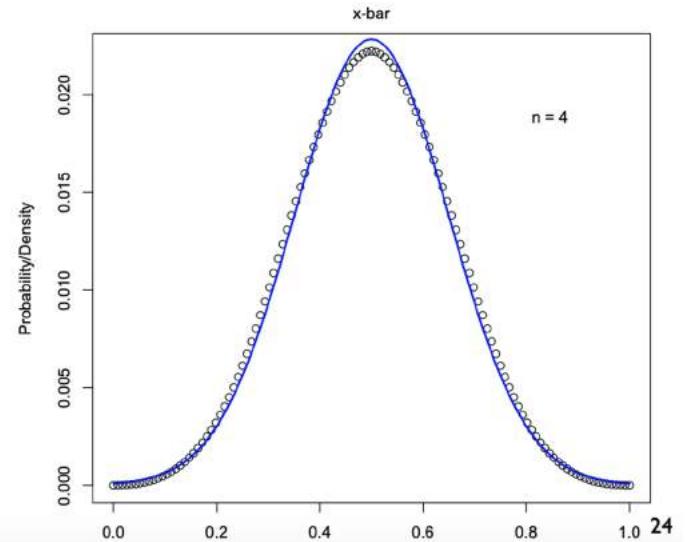
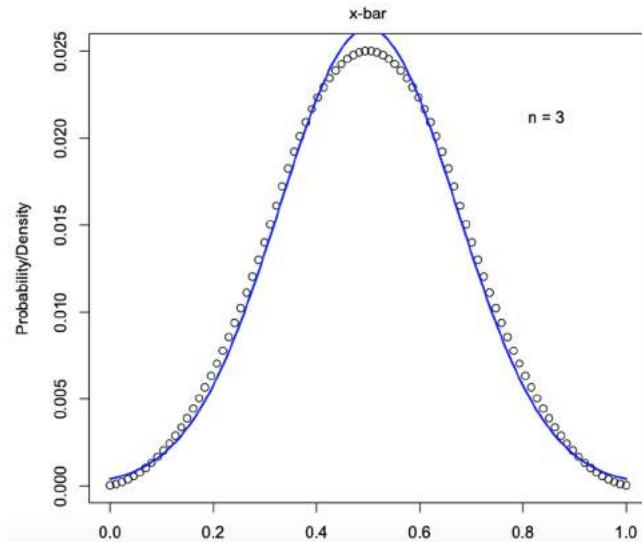
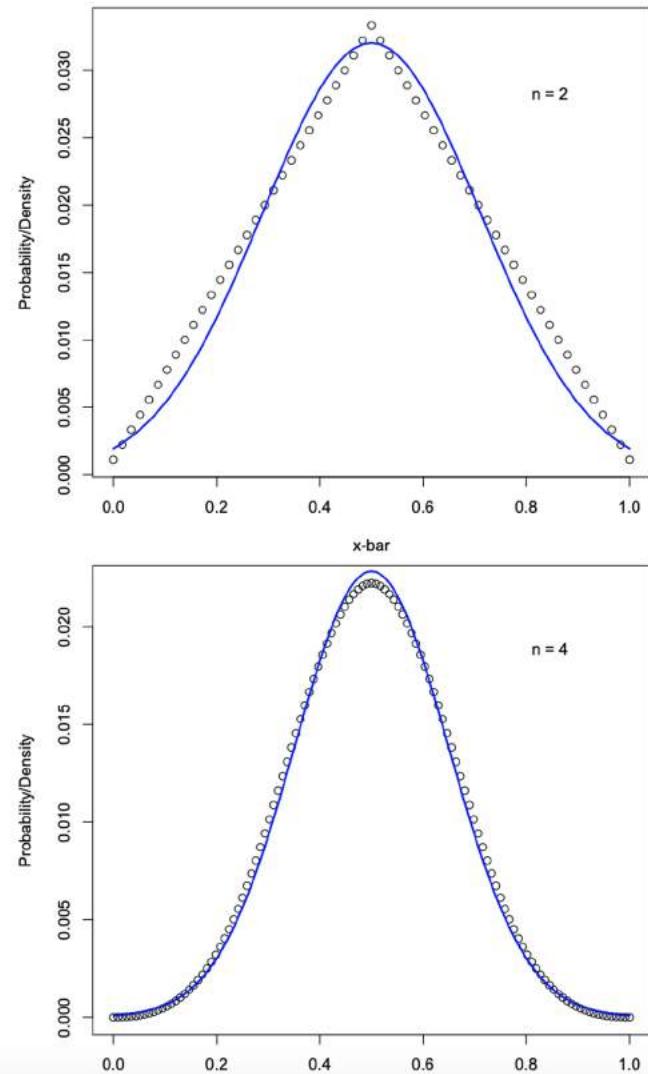
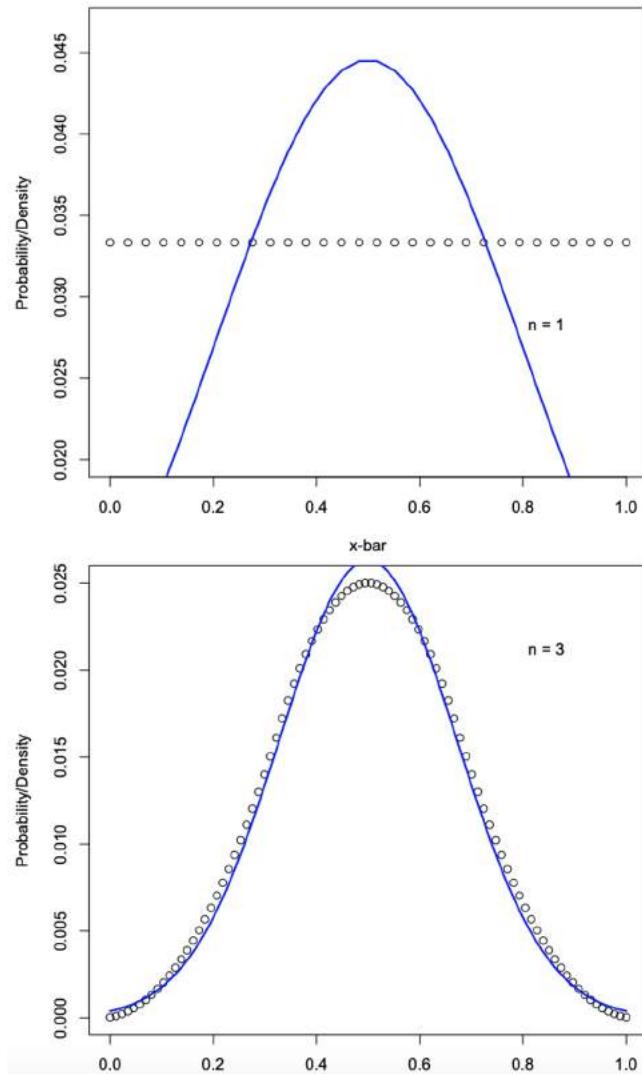
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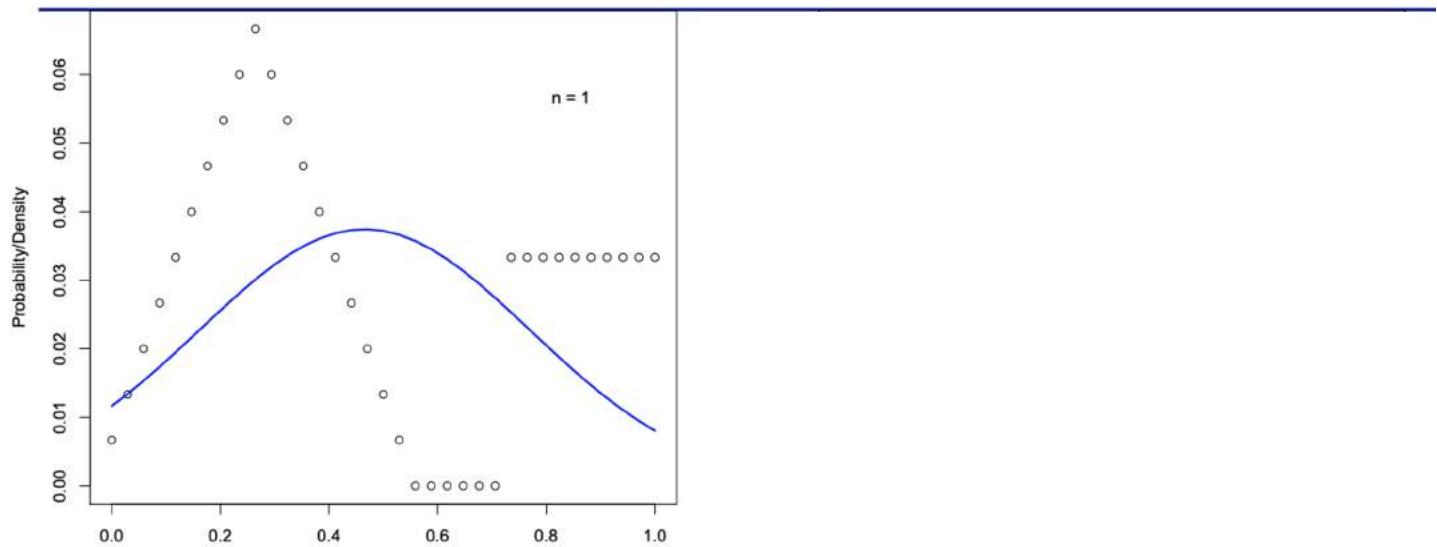


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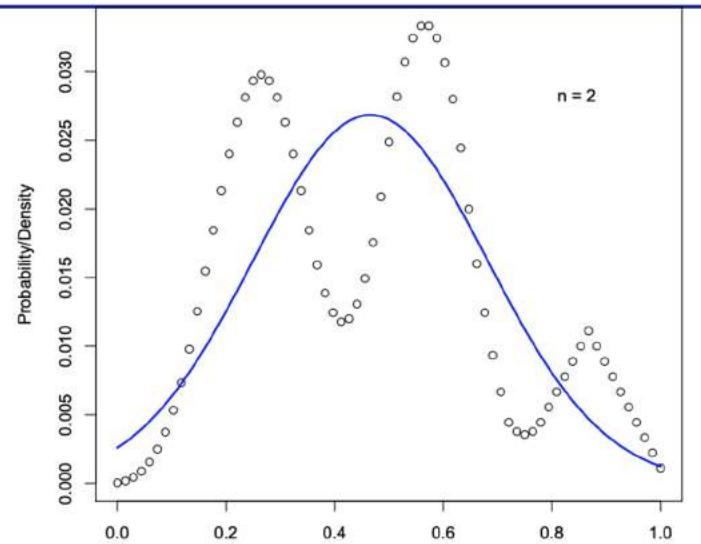
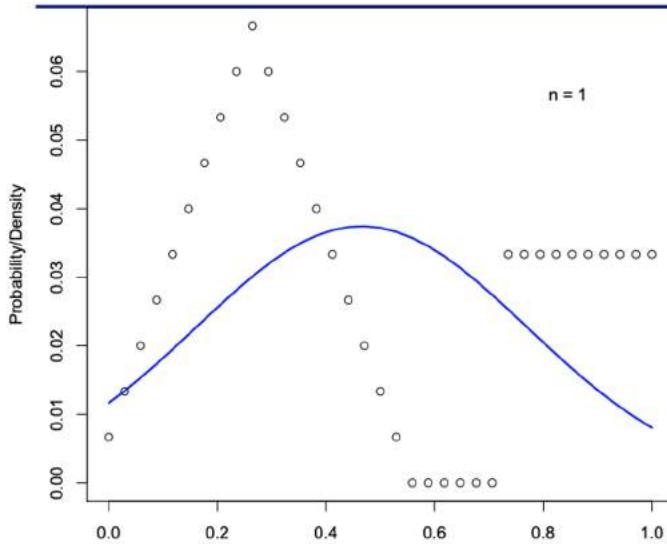


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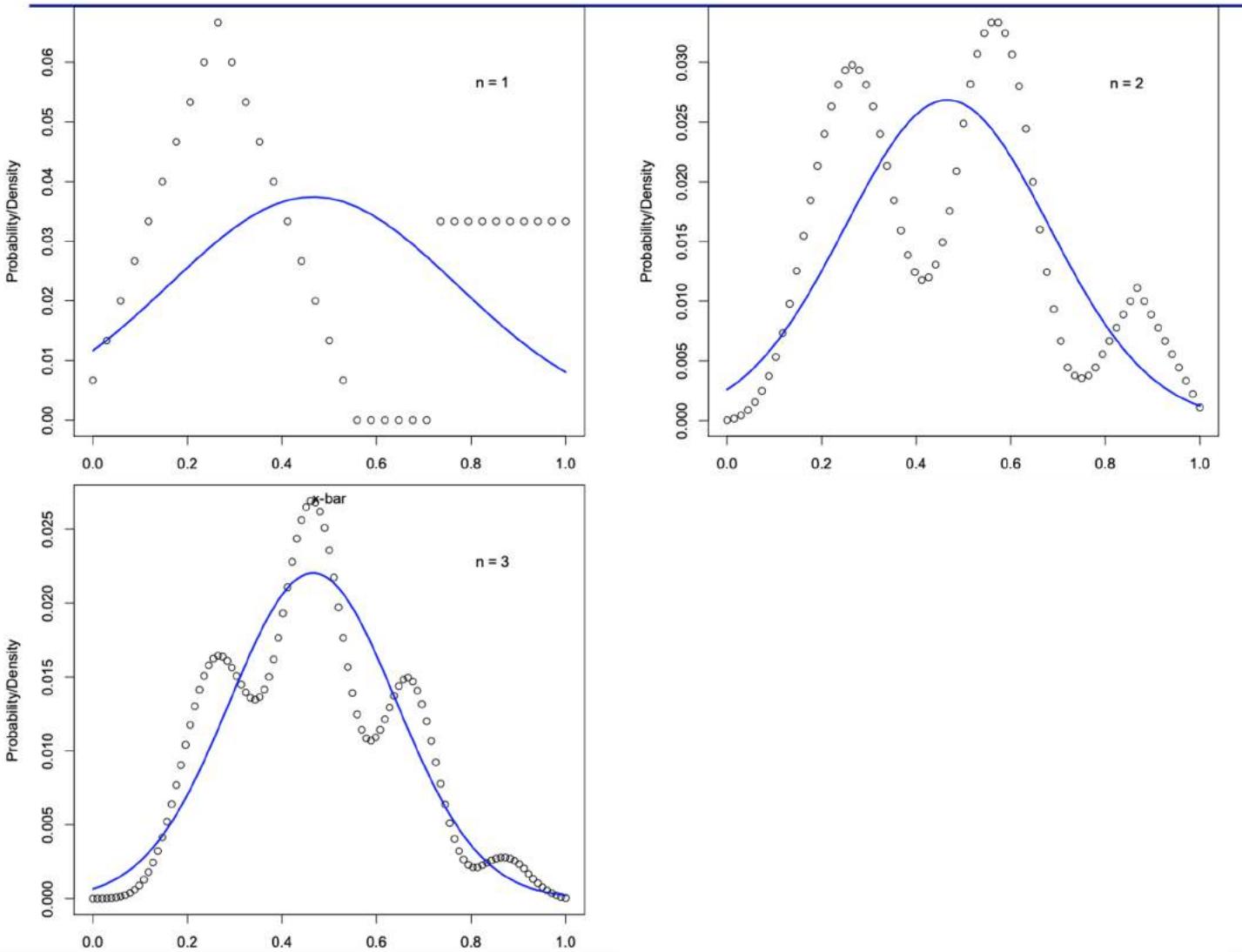
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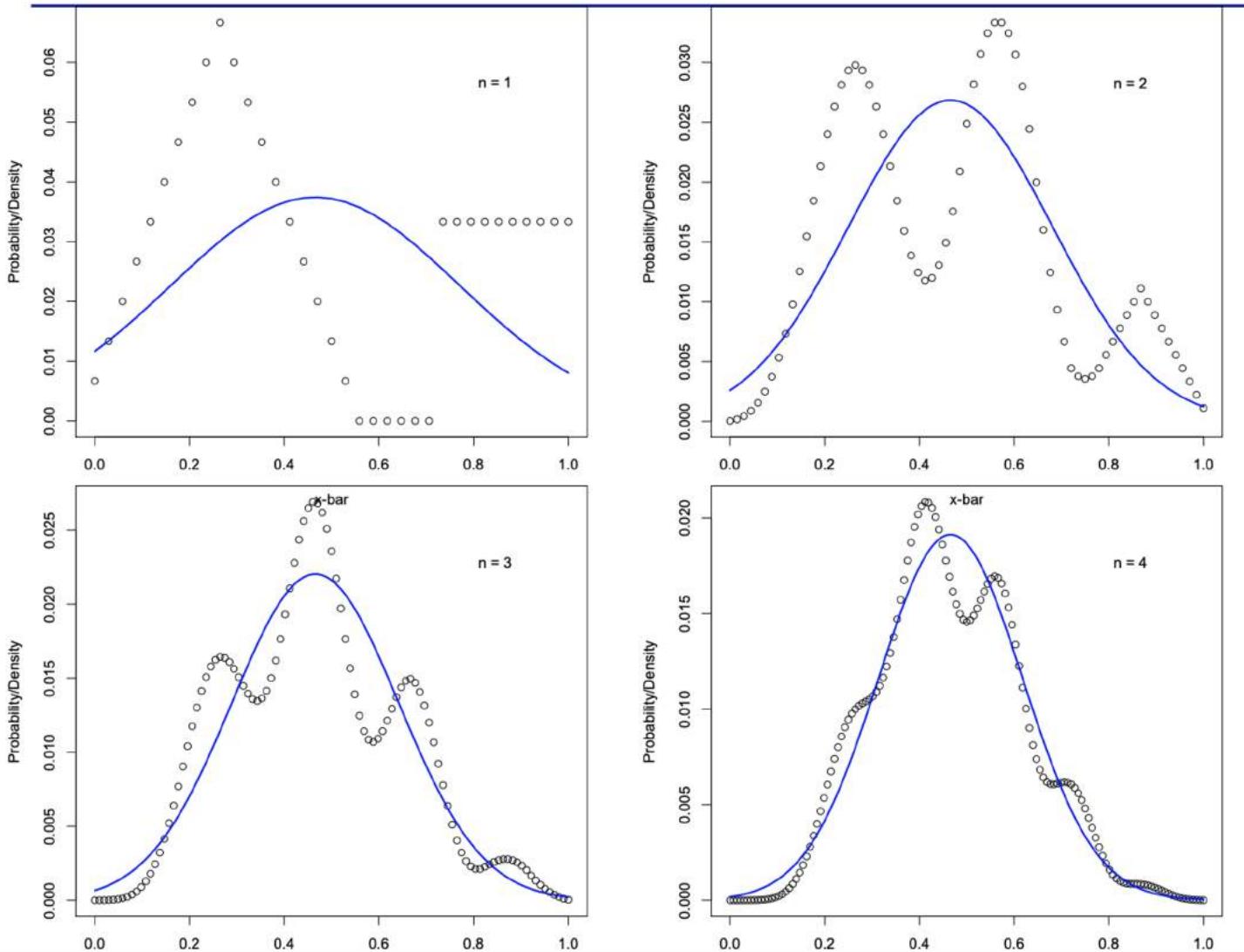


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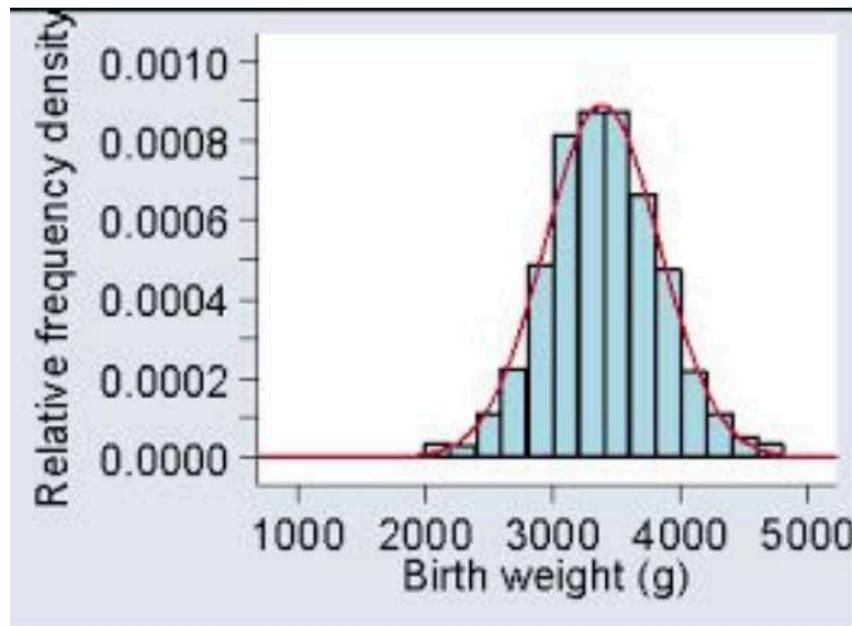
CLT is the reason many things appear normally distributed
Many quantities = sums of (roughly) independent random vars

Exam scores: sums of individual problems

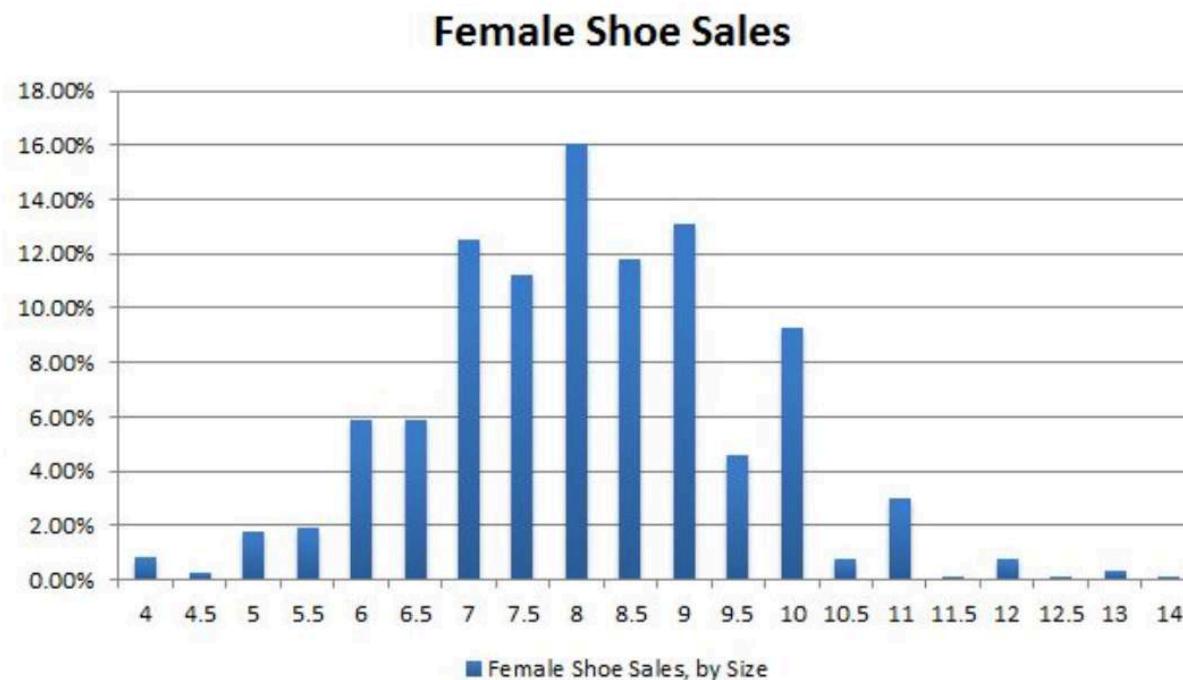
People's heights: sum of many genetic & environmental factors

Measurements: sums of various small instrument errors

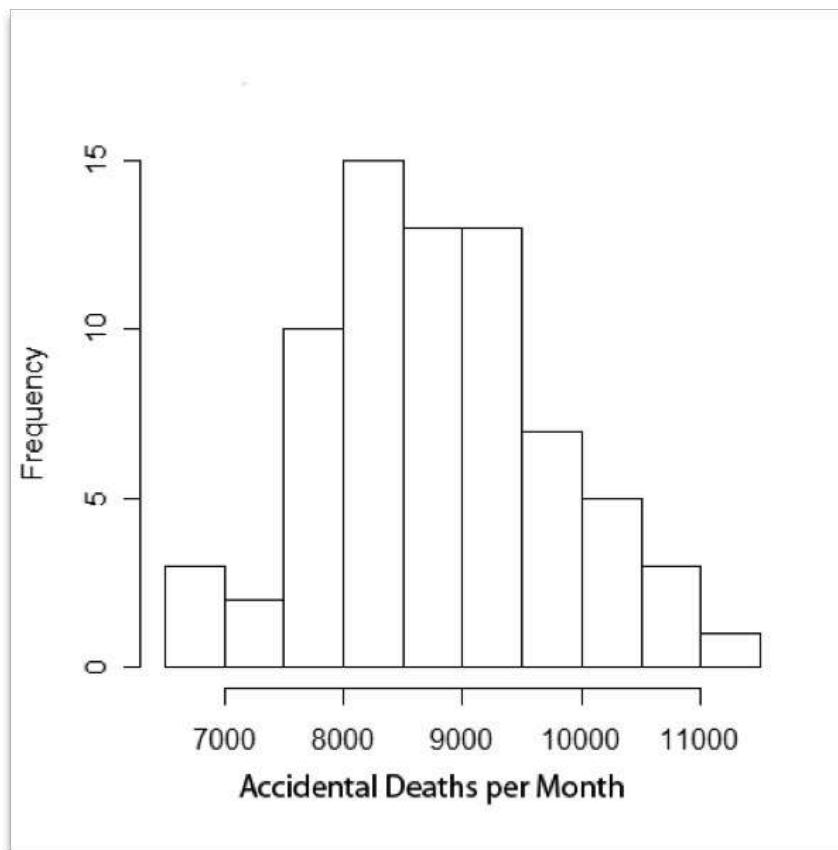
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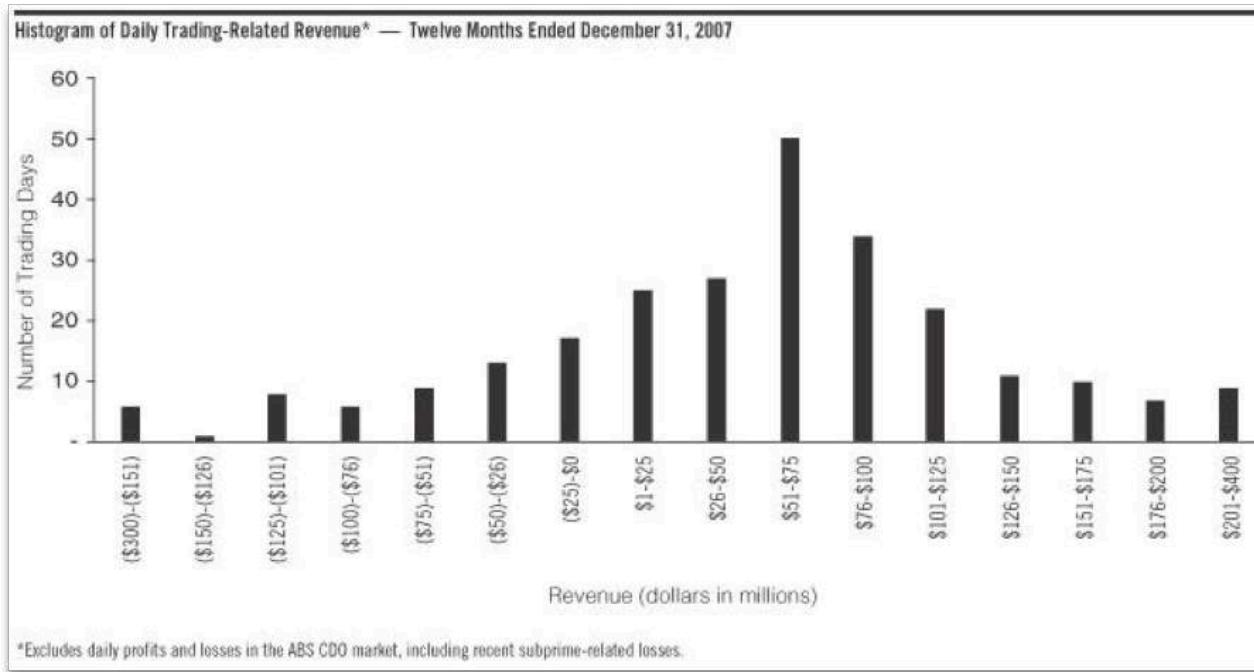
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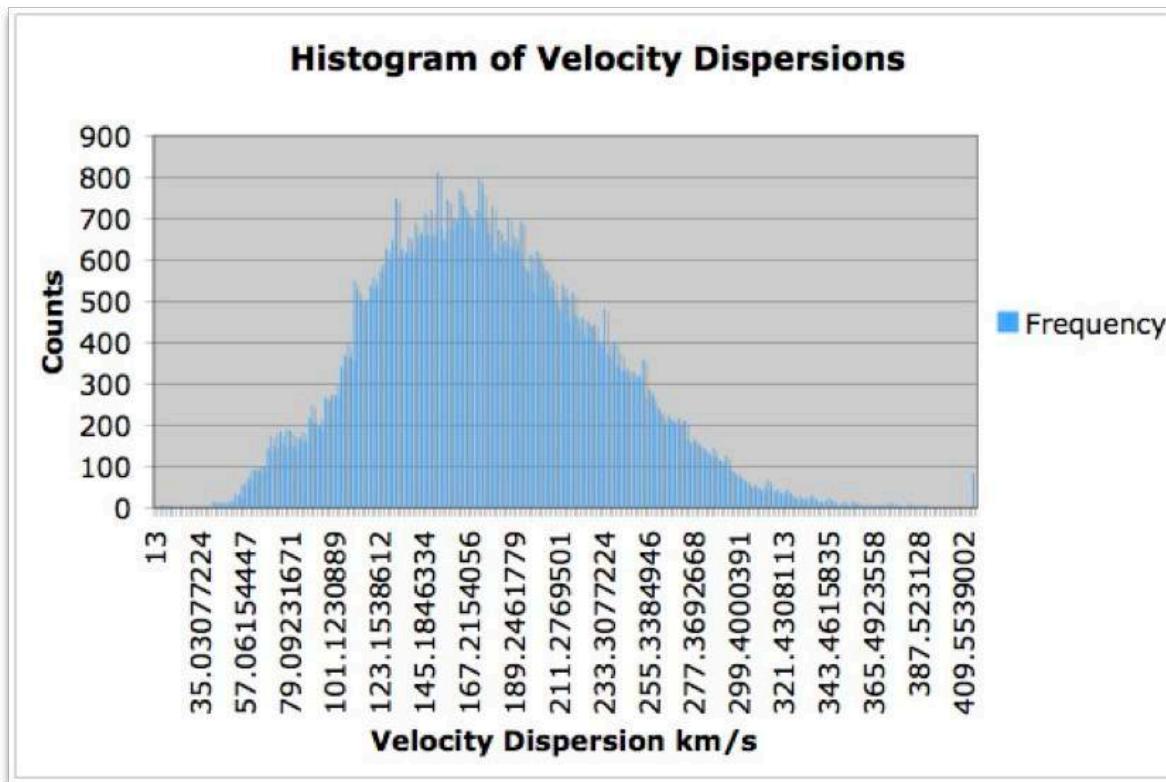
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$$\begin{aligned} P(15 \leq X \leq 25) &\approx P(15 \leq \mathcal{N}(20, 10) \leq 25) = P\left(\frac{15 - 20}{\sqrt{10}} \leq Z \leq \frac{25 - 20}{\sqrt{10}}\right) \\ &\approx P(-1.58 \leq Z \leq 1.58) = \Phi(1.58) - \Phi(-1.58) \approx 0.8862 \end{aligned}$$

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- Suppose I asked you to estimate $\Pr(X = 20)$ using the normal approximation.
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The continuity correction says we should add 0.5 in each direction:

$$\begin{aligned} P(15 \leq X \leq 25) &\approx P(14.5 \leq \mathcal{N}(20,10) \leq 25.5) = P\left(\frac{14.5 - 20}{\sqrt{10}} \leq Z \leq \frac{25.5 - 20}{\sqrt{10}}\right) \\ &\approx P(-1.74 \leq Z \leq 1.74) = \Phi(1.74) - \Phi(-1.74) \approx 0.9182 \end{aligned}$$

(The exact answer from the previous slide was 0.9193)

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Note: If you were applying the CLT to sums of continuous RVs instead, you would *not* apply it.

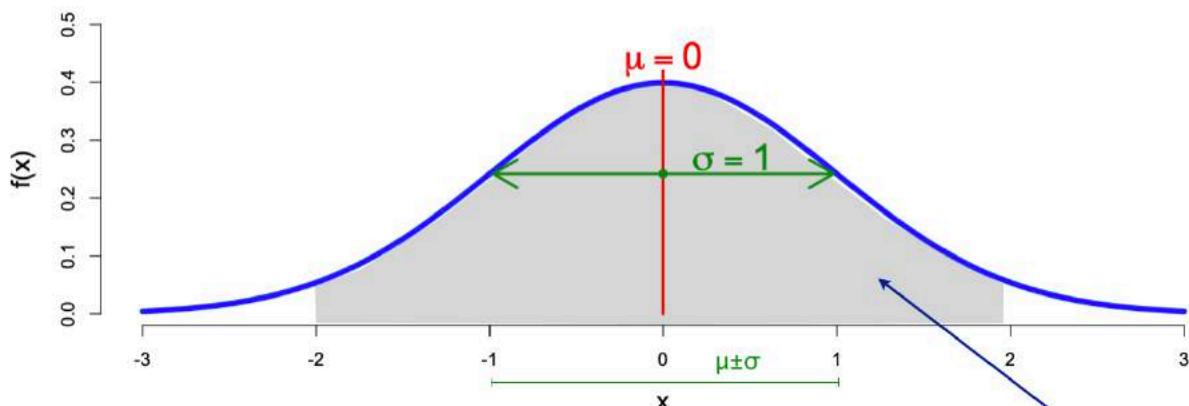
THE CENTRAL LIMIT THEOREM

Central Limit Theorem (CLT): Let X_1, \dots, X_n be a sequence of iid random variables with mean μ and (finite) variance σ^2 . We've seen that the sample mean \bar{X}_n has mean μ and variance σ^2/n . Then, as $n \rightarrow \infty$, the following equivalent statements hold:

1. $\bar{X}_n \rightarrow \mathcal{N}\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right)$.
2. $\frac{\bar{X}_n - \mu}{\sqrt{\sigma^2/n}} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$.
3. $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i \sim \mathcal{N}(n\mu, n\sigma^2)$. (Not "technically" correct, but useful for applications).
4. $\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i - n\mu}{\sqrt{n\sigma^2}} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$.

The mean or variance are no surprise; the importance of the CLT is, regardless of the distribution of the X_i 's, the sample mean approaches a Normal distribution as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

NORMAL RANDOM VARIABLES



If $Z \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ what is $P(\mu - \sigma < Z < \mu + \sigma)$?

$$P(\mu - \sigma < Z < \mu + \sigma) = \Phi(1) - \Phi(-1) \approx 68\%$$

$$P(\mu - 2\sigma < Z < \mu + 2\sigma) = \Phi(2) - \Phi(-2) \approx 95\%$$

$$P(\mu - 3\sigma < Z < \mu + 3\sigma) = \Phi(3) - \Phi(-3) \approx 99\%$$

Why?

$$\mu - k\sigma < Z < \mu + k\sigma \Leftrightarrow -k < (Z - \mu)/\sigma < +k$$

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

$N(0, 1)$

THE STANDARD NORMAL CDF

Φ Table: $\mathbb{P}(Z \leq z)$ when $Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1)$

z	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.09
0.0	0.5	0.50399	0.50798	0.51197	0.51595	0.51994	0.52392	0.5279	0.53188	0.53586
0.1	0.53983	0.5438	0.54776	0.55172	0.55567	0.55962	0.56356	0.56749	0.57142	0.57535
0.2	0.57926	0.58317	0.58706	0.59095	0.59483	0.59871	0.60257	0.60642	0.61026	0.61409
0.3	0.61791	0.62172	0.62552	0.6293	0.63307	0.63683	0.64058	0.64431	0.64803	0.65173
0.4	0.65542	0.6591	0.66276	0.6664	0.67003	0.67364	0.67724	0.68082	0.68439	0.68793
0.5	0.69146	0.69497	0.69847	0.70194	0.7054	0.70884	0.71226	0.71566	0.71904	0.7224
0.6	0.72575	0.72907	0.73237	0.73565	0.73891	0.74215	0.74537	0.74857	0.75175	0.7549
0.7	0.75804	0.76115	0.76424	0.7673	0.77035	0.77337	0.77637	0.77935	0.7823	0.78524
0.8	0.78814	0.79103	0.79389	0.79673	0.79955	0.80234	0.80511	0.80785	0.81057	0.81327
0.9	0.81594	0.81859	0.82121	0.82381	0.82639	0.82894	0.83147	0.83398	0.83646	0.83891
1.0	0.84134	0.84375	0.84614	0.84849	0.85083	0.85314	0.85543	0.85769	0.85993	0.86214
1.1	0.86433	0.8665	0.86864	0.87076	0.87286	0.87493	0.87698	0.879	0.881	0.88298
1.2	0.88493	0.88686	0.88877	0.89065	0.89251	0.89435	0.89617	0.89796	0.89973	0.90147
1.3	0.9032	0.9049	0.90658	0.90824	0.90988	0.91149	0.91309	0.91466	0.91621	0.91774
1.4	0.91924	0.92073	0.9222	0.92364	0.92507	0.92647	0.92785	0.92922	0.93056	0.93189
1.5	0.93319	0.93448	0.93574	0.93699	0.93822	0.93943	0.94062	0.94179	0.94295	0.94408
1.6	0.9452	0.9463	0.94738	0.94845	0.9495	0.95053	0.95154	0.95254	0.95352	0.95449
1.7	0.95543	0.95637	0.95728	0.95818	0.95907	0.95994	0.9608	0.96164	0.96246	0.96327
1.8	0.96407	0.96485	0.96562	0.96638	0.96712	0.96784	0.96856	0.96926	0.96995	0.97062
1.9	0.97128	0.97193	0.97257	0.9732	0.97381	0.97441	0.975	0.97558	0.97615	0.9767
2.0	0.97725	0.97778	0.97831	0.97882	0.97932	0.97982	0.9803	0.98077	0.98124	0.98169
2.1	0.98214	0.98257	0.983	0.98341	0.98382	0.98422	0.98461	0.985	0.98537	0.98574
2.2	0.9861	0.98645	0.98679	0.98713	0.98745	0.98778	0.98809	0.9884	0.9887	0.98899
2.3	0.98928	0.98956	0.98983	0.9901	0.99036	0.99061	0.99086	0.99111	0.99134	0.99158
2.4	0.9918	0.99202	0.99224	0.99245	0.99266	0.99286	0.99305	0.99324	0.99343	0.99361
2.5	0.99379	0.99396	0.99413	0.9943	0.99446	0.99461	0.99477	0.99492	0.99506	0.9952
2.6	0.99534	0.99547	0.9956	0.99573	0.99585	0.99598	0.99609	0.99621	0.99632	0.99643
2.7	0.99653	0.99664	0.99674	0.99683	0.99693	0.99702	0.99711	0.9972	0.99728	0.99736
2.8	0.99744	0.99752	0.9976	0.99767	0.99774	0.99781	0.99788	0.99795	0.99801	0.99807
2.9	0.99813	0.99819	0.99825	0.99831	0.99836	0.99841	0.99846	0.99851	0.99856	0.99861
3.0	0.99865	0.99869	0.99874	0.99878	0.99882	0.99886	0.99889	0.99893	0.99896	0.999