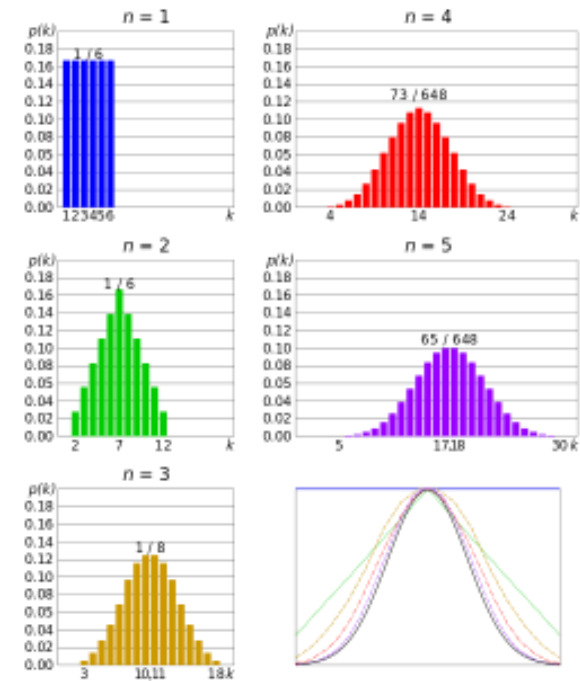


# CSE 312

## Section 7: Continuous RVs and CLT



Central Limit Theorem

# Administrivia

- Midterm grades are out
- HW5 was due on Wednesday (5/8)
- HW6 released and due next Wednesday (5/15)
  
- Check how many late days you have used (8 late days in total) and reach out if you have any concerns

$$\text{If } Z \sim N(0,1) \text{ --- } P(Z \leq 0.42) = \Phi(0.42) = 0.66276$$

$z$	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	0.92072	0.9222	0.92364	0.92507	0.92647	0.92785	0.92922	0.93056	0.93189

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Recall that normal distributions are symmetric around the mean, where  $P(Y \leq \mu) = 0.5$ . Since

$$|P(Y \leq \mu) - P(Y \leq y)| = |0.5 - 0.85| = 0.35 = |P(Y \leq \mu) - P(Y \leq b)|,$$

$$b = \mu - |b - \mu| = 15 - |17.08 - 15| = 12.92,$$

so  $b \approx 12.92$ .

# Problem 7

- A prolific Twitter user tweets approximately 350 tweets per week. Let's assume for simplicity that the tweets are independent and each consists of a uniformly random number of characters between 10 and 140. Thus, the CLT implies that the number of characters tweeted by this user is approximately normal. Assuming this normal approximation is correct, estimate the probability that this user tweets between 26,000 and 27,000 characters in a particular week.
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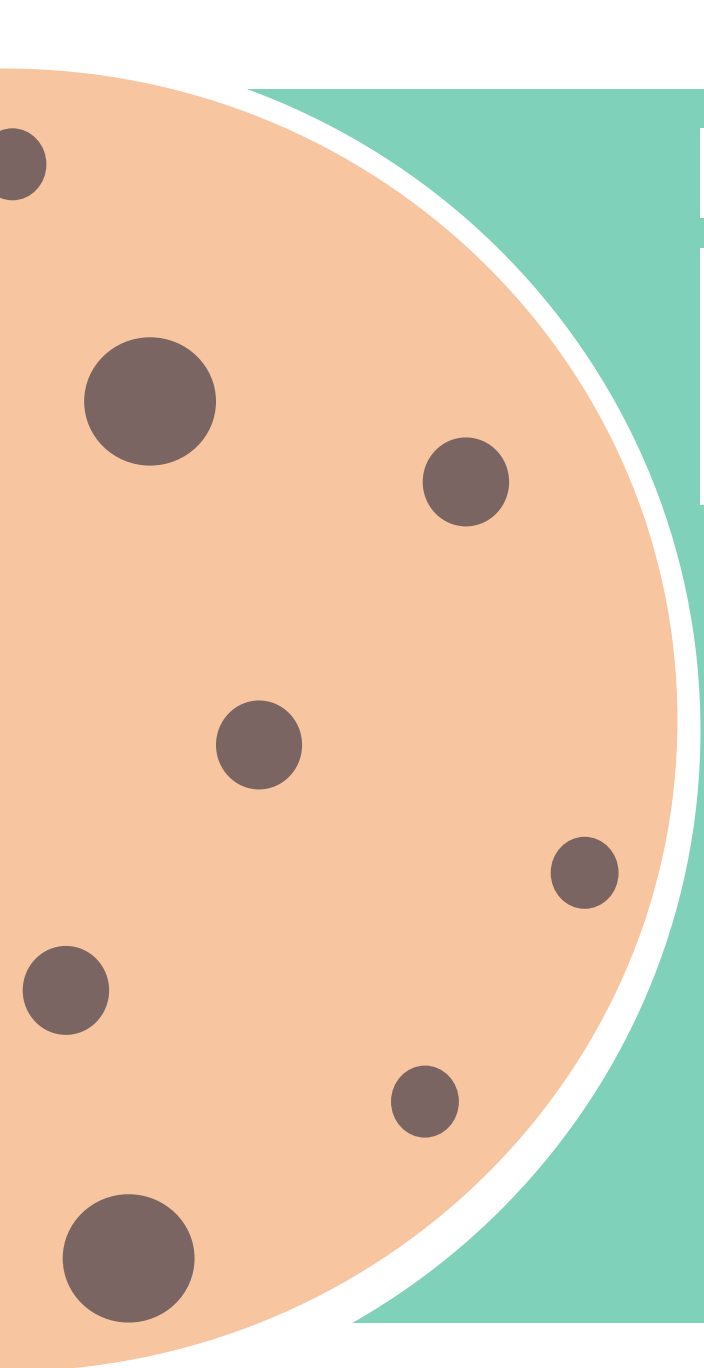
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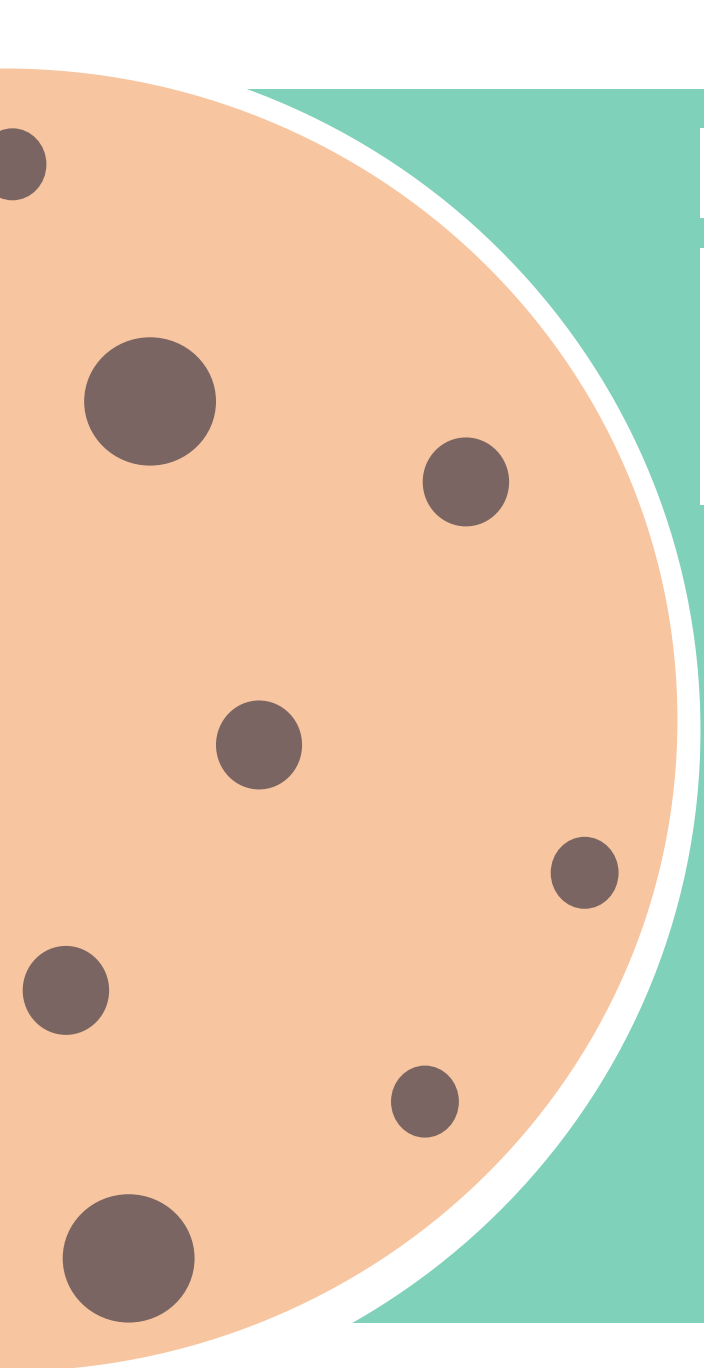
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- In this case, that would be the set of pairs:  
$$\Omega_{X,Y} = \{(0, 2), (0,3), (1,1), (1,3)\}$$
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- If we want to prove that  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent, we would need to show both of the conditions to be true:

$$\forall x, y, p_{X,Y}(x, y) = p_X(x)p_Y(y)$$
$$\Omega_{X,Y} = \Omega_X \times \Omega_Y$$

- However, note that the second condition is not true in this case! (take a look at the ranges we found in part a). So,  $X$  and  $Y$  are not independent.

# Problem 5

Let  $X$  be the sum of 100 real numbers, and let  $Y$  be the same sum, but with each number rounded to the nearest integer before summing. If the roundoff errors are independent and uniformly distributed between -0.5 and 0.5, what is the approximate probability that  $|X - Y| > 3$ ?

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- We then use the CLT:  $X - Y \approx W \sim N\left(0, \frac{100}{12}\right)$
- Standardize:  
$$P(|X - Y| > 3) \approx P(|W| > 3) = 2P(W > 3) \approx 2P(Z > 1.039) \approx 0.29834$$

# Problem 11

- Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be IID RVs with CDF  $F_X(x)$  and PDF  $f_X(x)$ . Let  $Y = \min(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  and let  $Z = \max(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ . Show how to write the CDF and PDF of  $Y$  and  $Z$  in terms of the functions  $F_X(\cdot)$  and  $f_X(\cdot)$ .

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By similar logic,  $f_Y(y) = \frac{d}{dy} F_Y(y) = n \cdot (1 - F_X(y))^{n-1} \cdot f_X(y)$

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- We then use the CDF of continuous uniform distributions:

$$\begin{aligned} P\left(X \leq \frac{L}{5}\right) + P\left(X > \frac{4L}{5}\right) &= F_X\left(\frac{L}{5}\right) + \left(1 - F_X\left(\frac{4L}{5}\right)\right) \\ &= \frac{\frac{L}{5} - 0}{L - 0} + \left(1 - \frac{\frac{4L}{5} - 0}{L - 0}\right) = \frac{1}{5} + \left(1 - \frac{4}{5}\right) = \frac{2}{5} \end{aligned}$$