

## Z-SCORES

- A value that shows how many Standard Deviations a data value is from the mean.
- When the **z-score is positive**, the data value is above the mean.
- When the **z-score is negative**, the data value is below the mean.
- When **z = 0**, the data value equal to the mean

## Z-Score Formula

To find the z-score for a data value in a set that is normally distributed, use:

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

$x$  = the data value

$\mu$  = the mean *average*

$\sigma$  = the standard deviation

## EXAMPLES

starter: 1-3

1. A radar detector records the speeds of a group of cars that pass by. If the mean is 46 mph and the standard deviation is 2.8 mph, find the z-scores for each data value. **Use your z-table to find the percentile.**

a)  $\frac{52-46}{2.8} = 2.14$       b)  $\frac{42-46}{2.8} = -1.43$       c)  $\frac{47-46}{2.8} = .36$   
*98.38%*      *0.764*      *64.26%*  
*7.64%*

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

3. The mean number of total miles ran last week by each member on the track team was 4 with a standard deviation of 1.2. If Clay's z-score was 2.5, how many miles did he run?

$1.2 \cdot 2.5 = \frac{x - 4}{1.2}$        $x = 7$       **7 miles**  
 $3 = x - 4$

4. A set test papers is normally distributed with a standard deviation of 5. If Riley scored an 83 with a z-score of -0.4, what was the mean?

$-0.4 = \frac{83 - \mu}{5}$       **the average was 85**  
 $+2 = 83 - \mu + 2$        $\mu = 85$

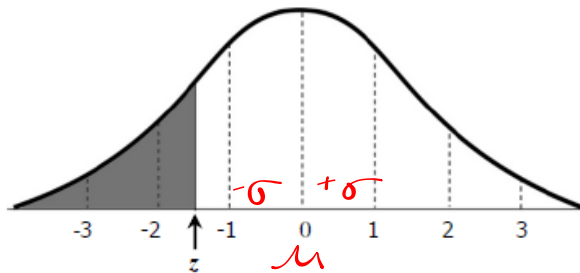
5. The heights of a group of trees is normally distributed with a mean of 14.3 feet. If the z-score for a 20 foot tall tree is 1.9, what is the standard deviation?

$1.9 = \frac{20 - 14.3}{\sigma}$

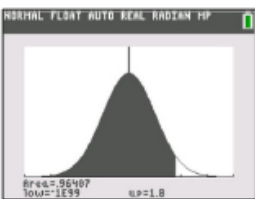
$\sigma = 3$       **stand. Dev. = 3**

# Standard Normal Distribution

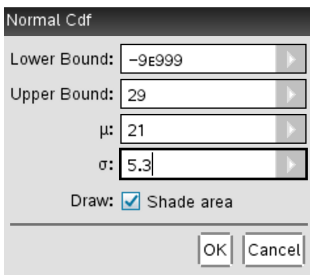
- A normal distribution in which  $\mu = 0$  and  $\sigma = 1$ .
- The distribution is "standardized" by the z-score.



## Calculator Directions



Graph it home, lists menu-4-2-2



First, change your window dimensions:  
Xmin: -4, Xmax: 4, Ymin: 0, Ymax: 0.5

To graph the curve and find the probability:

- Step 1: Find the z-score for each data value.
- Step 2: Hit 2<sup>nd</sup> -> VARS
- Step 3: Arrow over to DRAW
- Step 4: Select 1:ShadeNorm(
- Step 5: Enter the lower and upper bounds for the z-scores
- Step 6: Scroll down and hit DRAW

Calculate it *N/spike*

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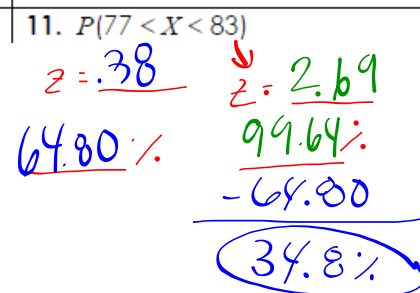
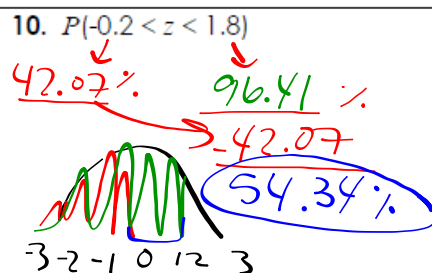
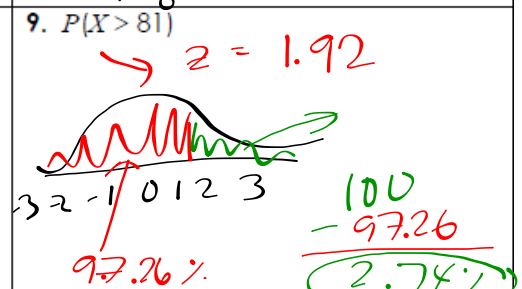
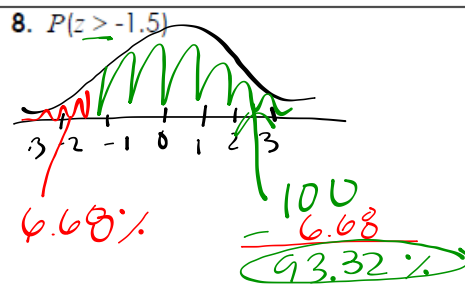
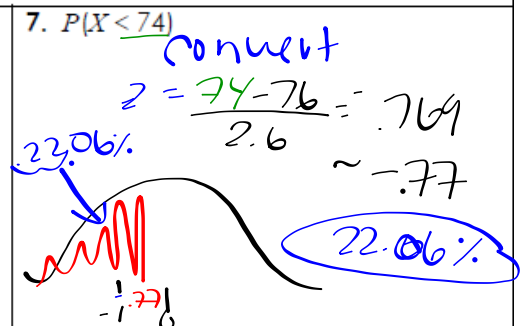
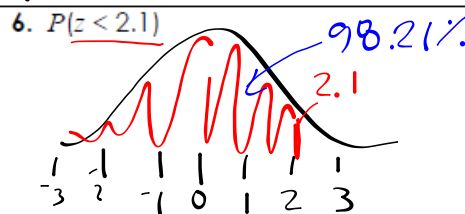
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5- Distributions

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"cumulative distribution"

Example: The golf scores in a tournament is normally distributed with a mean of 76 and a standard deviation of 2.6. Find each probability.



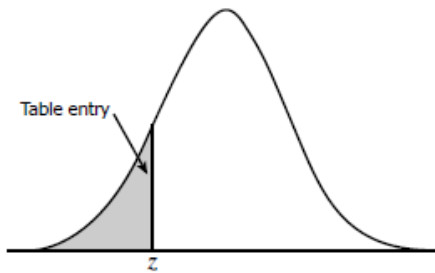


Table entry for  $z$  is the area under the standard normal curve to the left of  $z$ .

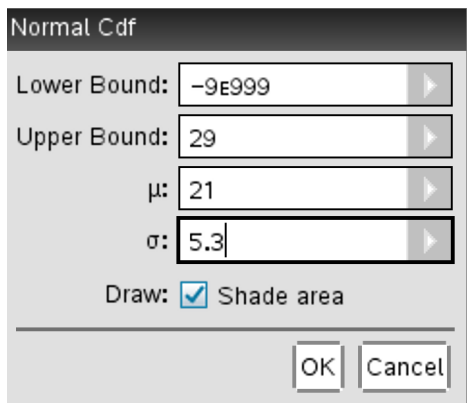
$z$	.00	.01	.02	.03	.04	.05	.06	.07	.08	.09
-3.4	.0003	.0003	.0003	.0003	.0003	.0003	.0003	.0003	.0003	.0002
-3.3	.0005	.0005	.0005	.0004	.0004	.0004	.0004	.0004	.0004	.0003
-3.2	.0007	.0007	.0006	.0006	.0006	.0006	.0006	.0005	.0005	.0005
-3.1	.0010	.0009	.0009	.0009	.0008	.0008	.0008	.0008	.0007	.0007
-3.0	.0013	.0013	.0013	.0012	.0012	.0011	.0011	.0011	.0010	.0010
-2.9	.0019	.0018	.0018	.0017	.0016	.0016	.0015	.0015	.0014	.0014
-2.8	.0026	.0025	.0024	.0023	.0023	.0022	.0021	.0021	.0020	.0019
-2.7	.0035	.0034	.0033	.0032	.0031	.0030	.0029	.0028	.0027	.0026
-2.6	.0047	.0045	.0044	.0043	.0041	.0040	.0039	.0038	.0037	.0036
-2.5	.0062	.0060	.0059	.0057	.0055	.0054	.0052	.0051	.0049	.0048
-2.4	.0082	.0080	.0078	.0075	.0073	.0071	.0069	.0068	.0066	.0064
-2.3	.0107	.0104	.0102	.0099	.0096	.0094	.0091	.0089	.0087	.0084
-2.2	.0139	.0136	.0132	.0129	.0125	.0122	.0119	.0116	.0113	.0110
-2.1	.0179	.0174	.0170	.0166	.0162	.0158	.0154	.0150	.0146	.0143
-2.0	.0228	.0222	.0217	.0212	.0207	.0202	.0197	.0192	.0188	.0183
-1.9	.0287	.0281	.0274	.0268	.0262	.0256	.0250	.0244	.0239	.0233
-1.8	.0359	.0351	.0344	.0336	.0329	.0322	.0314	.0307	.0301	.0294
-1.7	.0446	.0436	.0427	.0418	.0409	.0401	.0392	.0384	.0375	.0367
-1.6	.0548	.0537	.0526	.0516	.0505	.0495	.0485	.0475	.0465	.0455
-1.5	.0668	.0655	.0643	.0630	.0618	.0606	.0594	.0582	.0571	.0559
-1.4	.0808	.0793	.0778	.0764	.0749	.0735	.0721	.0708	.0694	.0681
-1.3	.0968	.0951	.0934	.0918	.0901	.0885	.0869	.0853	.0838	.0823
-1.2	.1151	.1131	.1112	.1093	.1075	.1056	.1038	.1020	.1003	.0985
-1.1	.1357	.1335	.1314	.1292	.1271	.1251	.1230	.1210	.1190	.1170
-1.0	.1587	.1562	.1539	.1515	.1492	.1469	.1446	.1423	.1401	.1379
-0.9	.1841	.1814	.1788	.1762	.1736	.1711	.1685	.1660	.1635	.1611
-0.8	.2119	.2090	.2061	.2033	.2005	.1977	.1949	.1922	.1894	.1867
-0.7	.2420	.2389	.2358	.2327	.2296	.2266	.2236	.2206	.2177	.2148
-0.6	.2743	.2709	.2676	.2643	.2611	.2578	.2546	.2514	.2483	.2451
-0.5	.3085	.3050	.3015	.2981	.2946	.2912	.2877	.2843	.2810	.2776
-0.4	.3446	.3409	.3372	.3336	.3300	.3264	.3228	.3192	.3156	.3121
-0.3	.3821	.3783	.3745	.3707	.3669	.3632	.3594	.3557	.3520	.3483
-0.2	.4207	.4168	.4129	.4090	.4052	.4013	.3974	.3936	.3897	.3859
-0.1	.4602	.4562	.4522	.4483	.4443	.4404	.4364	.4325	.4286	.4247
-0.0	.5000	.4960	.4920	.4880	.4840	.4801	.4761	.4721	.4681	.4641



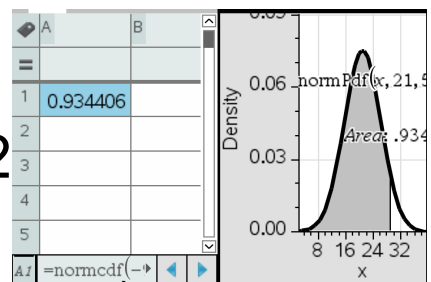
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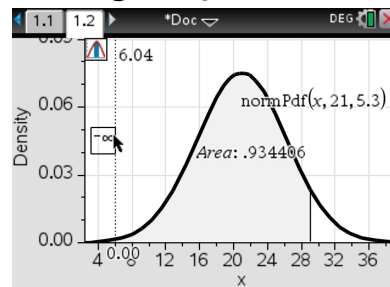
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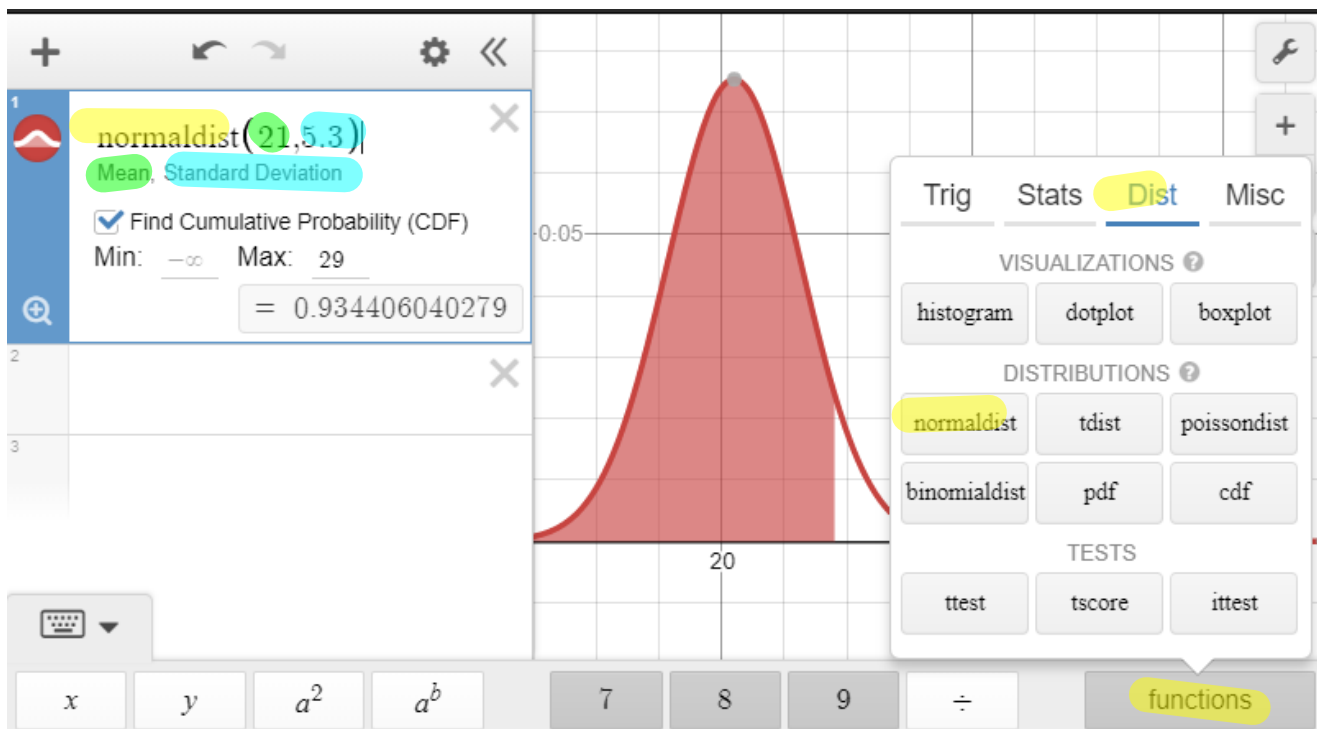


graph it  
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\*ctrl,"up"(multi-screen)  
right-click, ungroup, select graph.







**Use for questions 8-14:** The weights of dogs in a dog show is normally distributed with a mean of 58 pounds and a standard deviation of 17.2 pounds. Use a standard normal distribution curve to find each probability.

**8.**  $P(z < -0.8)$

**9.**  $P(z > 1.32)$

**10.**  $P(-2.8 < z < -1.17)$

**11.**  $P(X > 51)$

**12.**  $P(35 < X < 62)$

**13.**  $P(X < 102)$

**14.**  $P(X > 85)$



15. The high temperatures in Virginia Beach during the month of July are normally distributed with a mean of  $83^\circ$  and a standard deviation of  $6^\circ$ . Find the probability that on a given day during the month, the temperature is greater than  $92^\circ$ .

16. The mean number of hours that the average person watches television each day is 4.18 hours with a standard deviation of 1.19 hours. Find the probability that someone watches between 3 and 5 hours per day.

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

$$z = \frac{3 - 4.18}{1.19}$$

$$z = -0.99$$

$$16.11\%$$

$$z = \frac{5 - 4.18}{1.19}$$

$$z = 0.69$$

$$75.49\%$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 75.49 \\ -16.11 \\ \hline 59.38\% \end{array}$$

between

17. The mean song length on Jack's iPad is 3 minutes and 3 seconds, with a standard deviation of 24 seconds. Find the probability that the next song to play is no more than 3 minutes and 45 seconds.

