

Chapter 6. Probability

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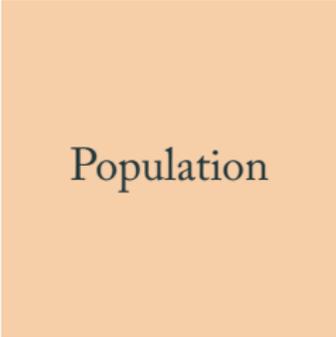
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- Note that you now are using the sample to make an inference about the population.

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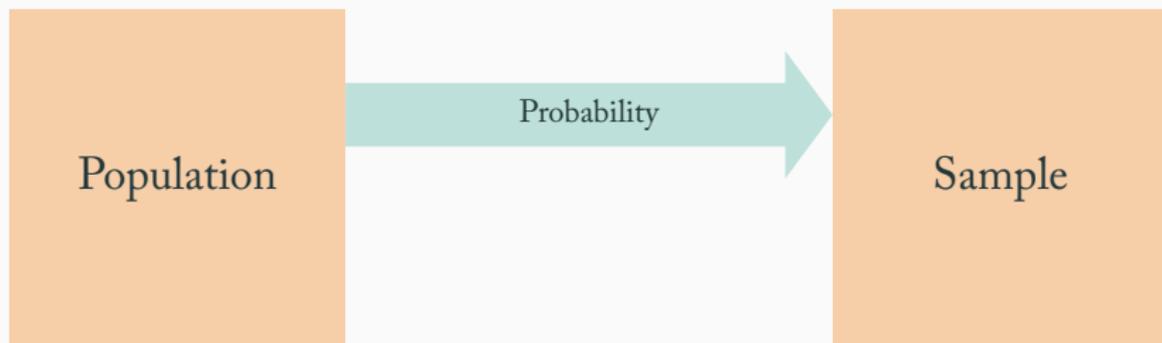


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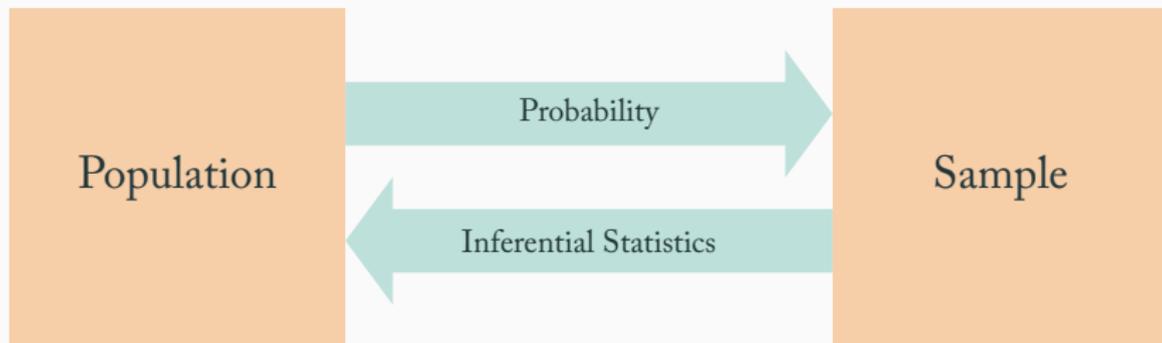


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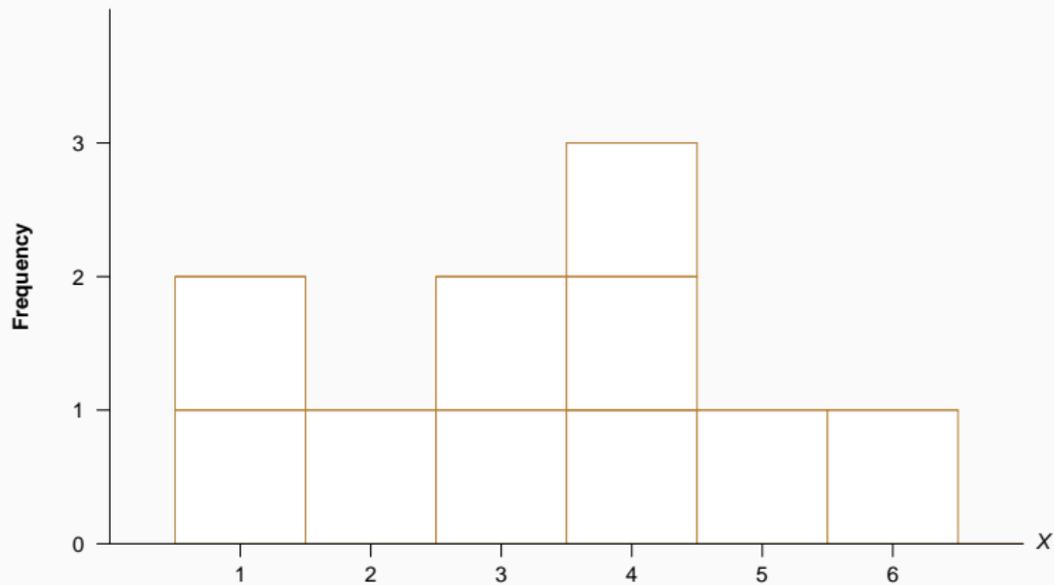
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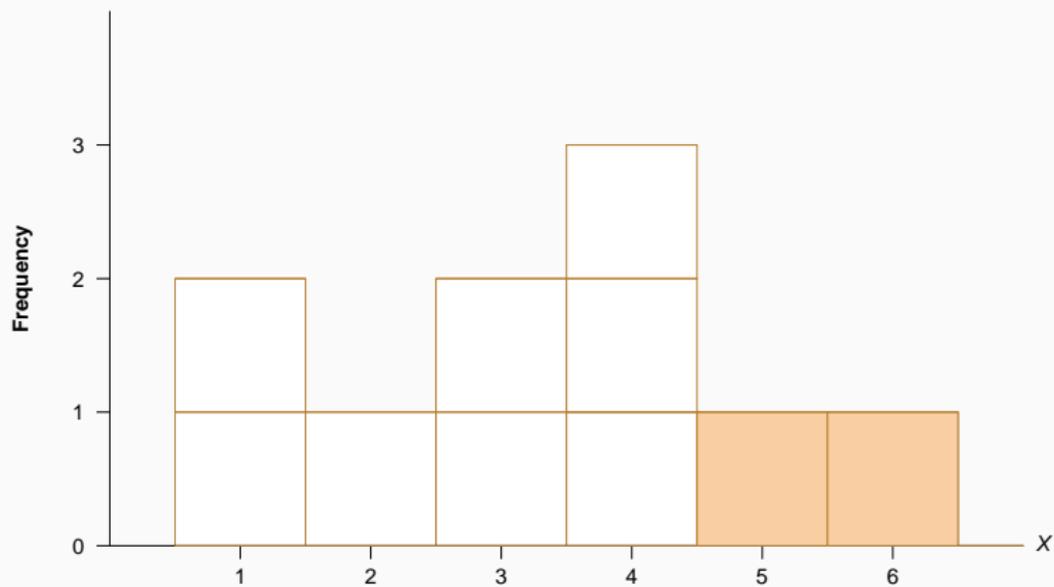


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- In simpler terms, the normal distribution is symmetrical with a single mode in the middle. The frequency tapers off as you move farther from the middle in either direction.

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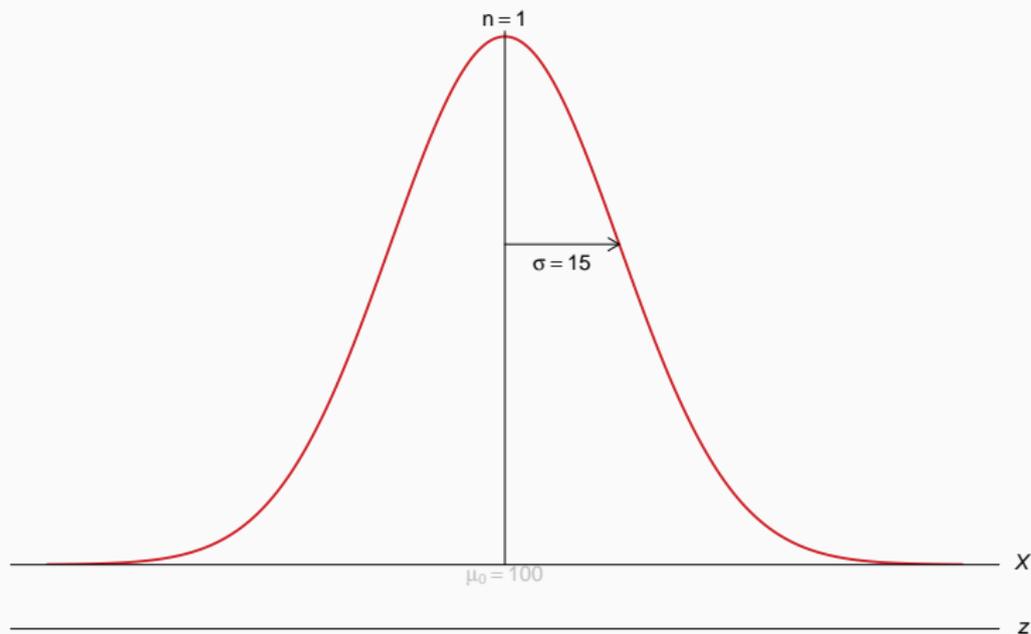
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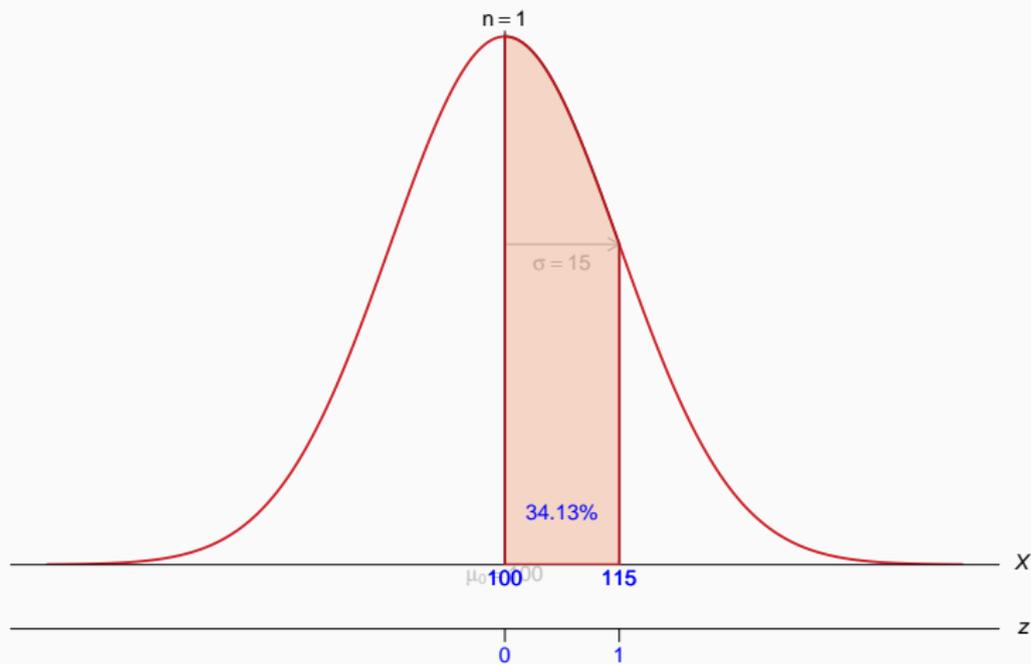
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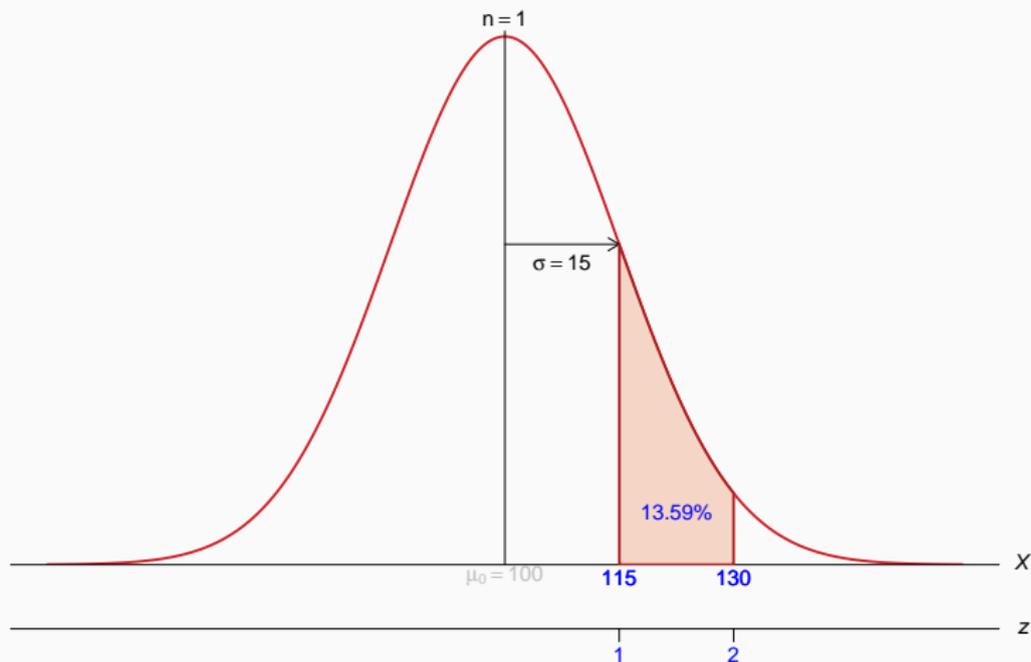
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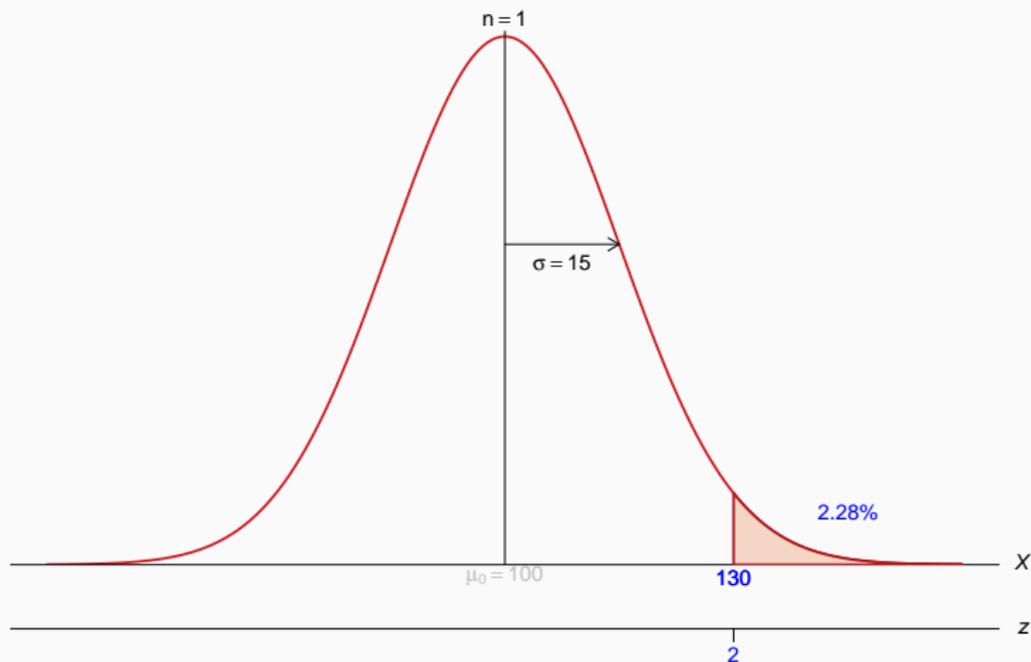
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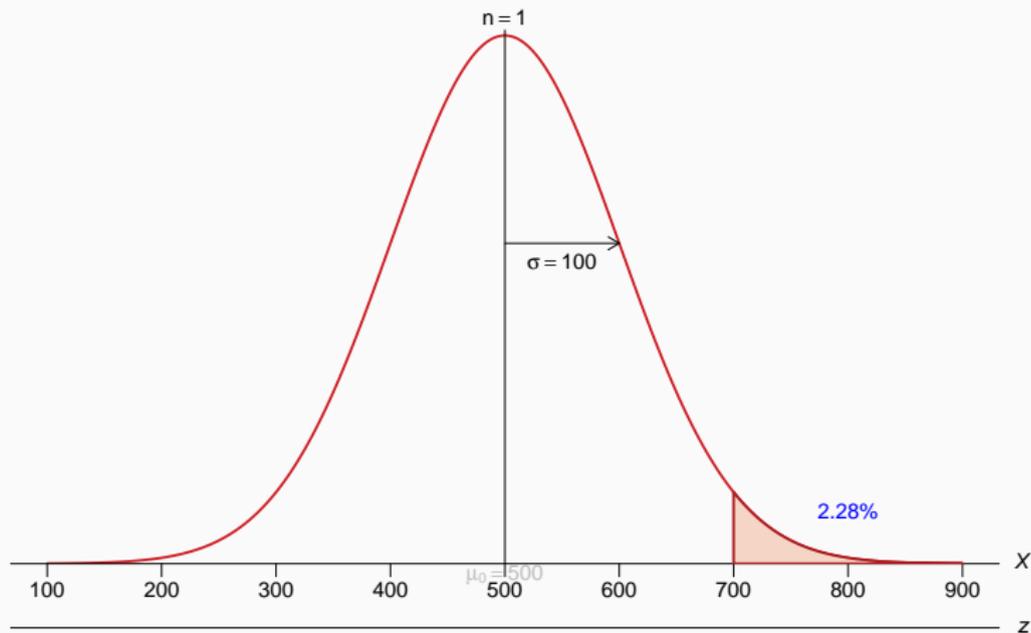
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- What is the probability of randomly selecting an individual from this population who has an SAT score greater than 700?

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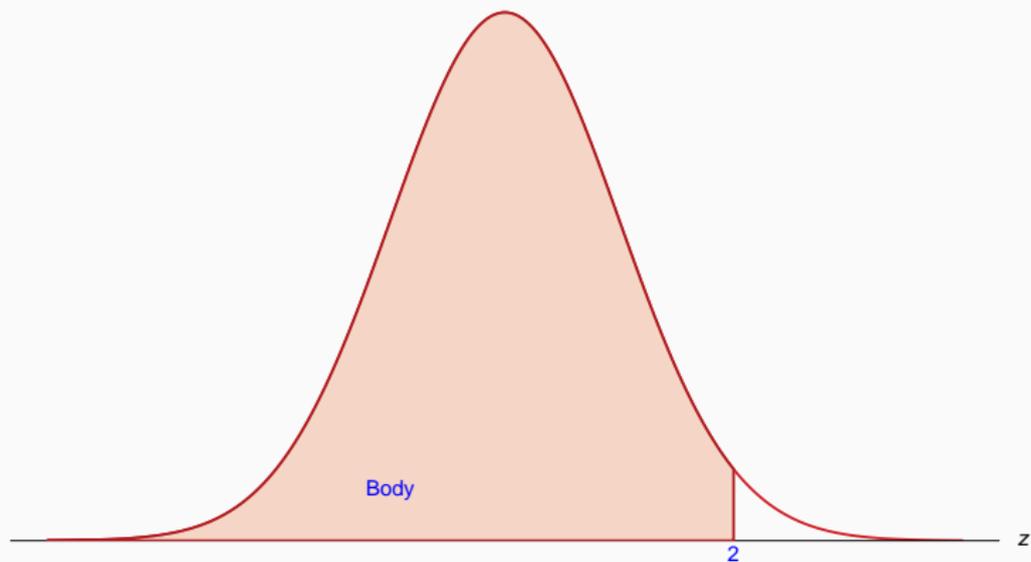


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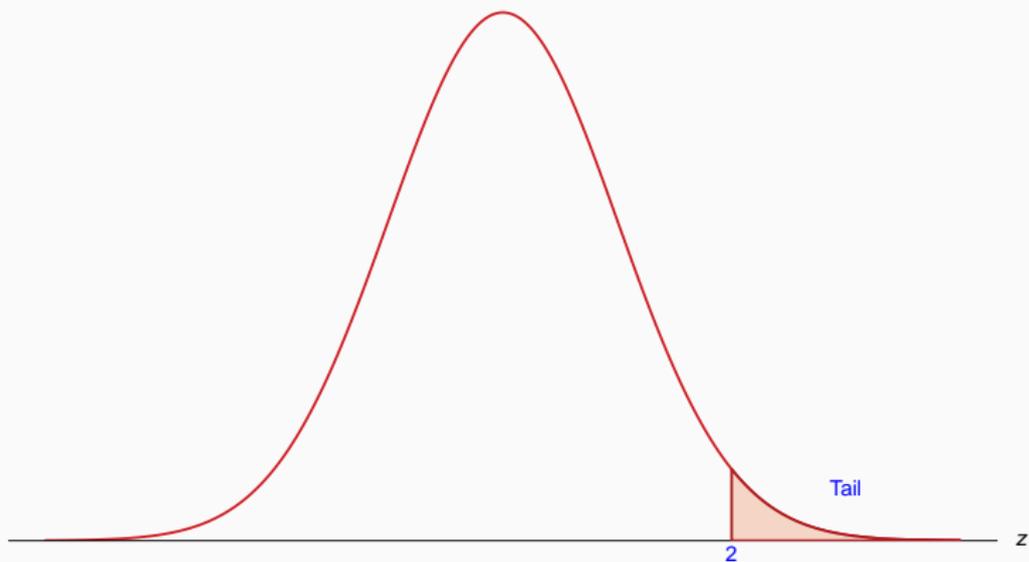
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(A) z	(B) Proportion in body	(C) Proportion in tail	(D) Proportion between mean and z
0.00	.5000	.5000	.0000
0.01	.5040	.4960	.0040
0.02	.5080	.4920	.0080
0.03	.5120	.4880	.0120
0.21	.5832	.4168	.0832
0.22	.5871	.4129	.0871
0.23	.5910	.4090	.0910
0.24	.5948	.4052	.0948
0.25	.5987	.4013	.0987
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0.27	.6064	.3936	.1064
0.28	.6103	.3897	.1103
0.29	.6141	.3859	.1141
0.30	.6179	.3821	.1179
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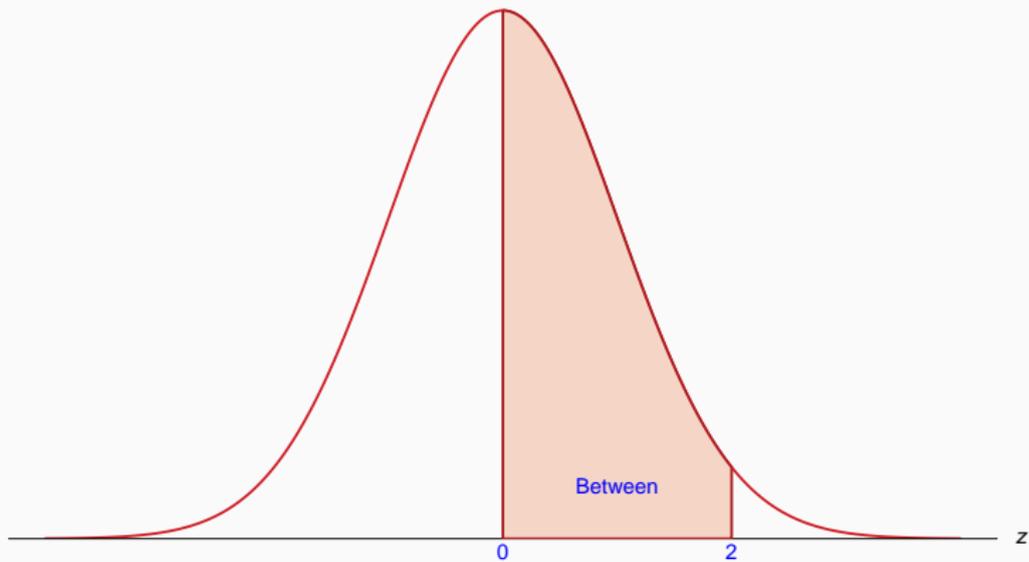
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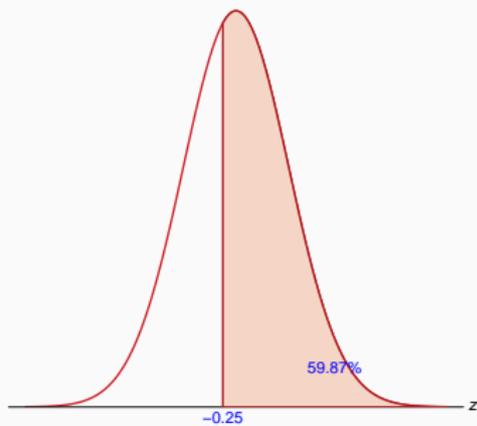
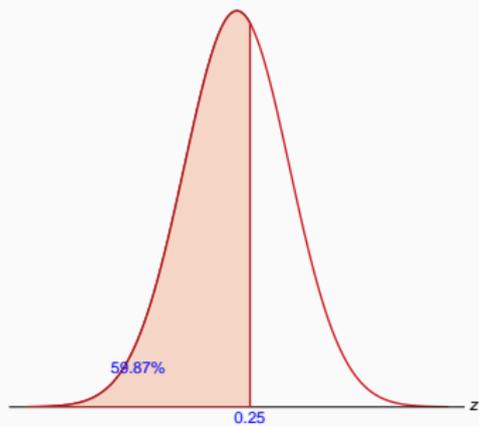
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<code>qnorm (p, mean, sd)</code>	Quantile Function - inverse of pnorm	<code>qnorm (0.975, 0, 1)</code> gives the value at which the CDF of the standard normal is .975, i.e. 1.96

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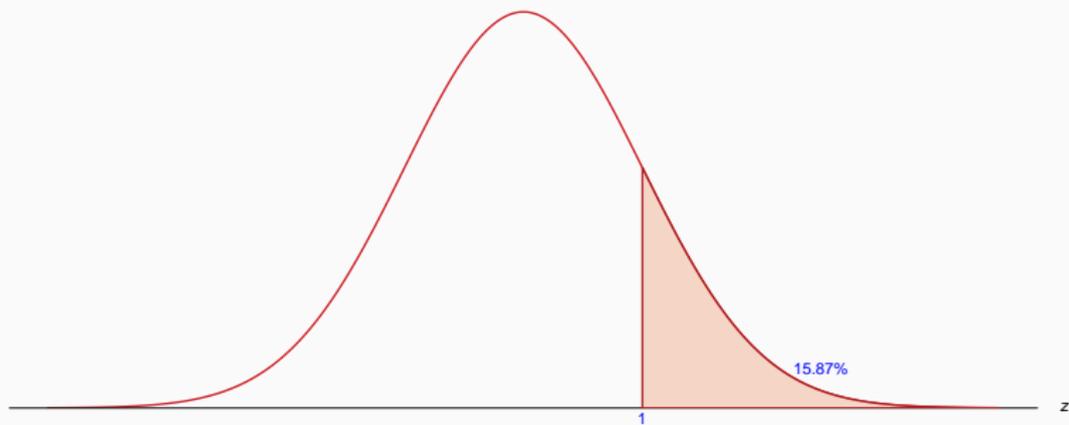
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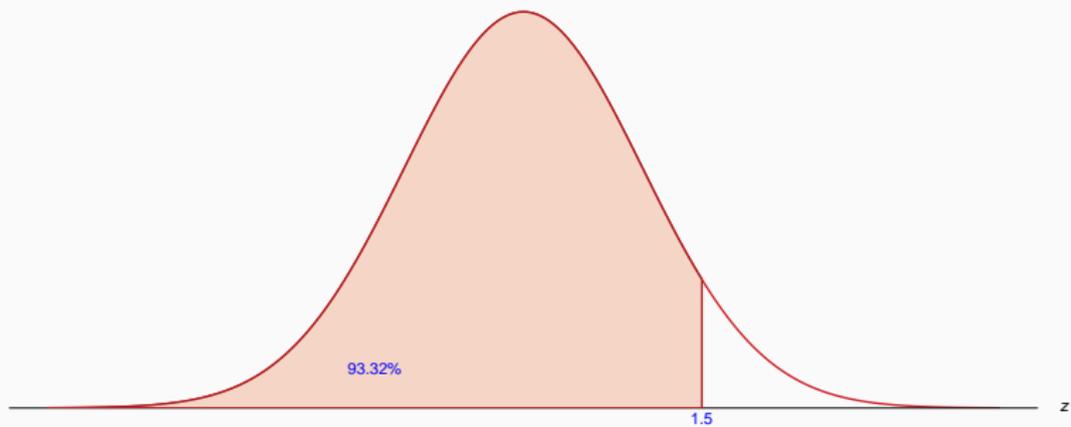
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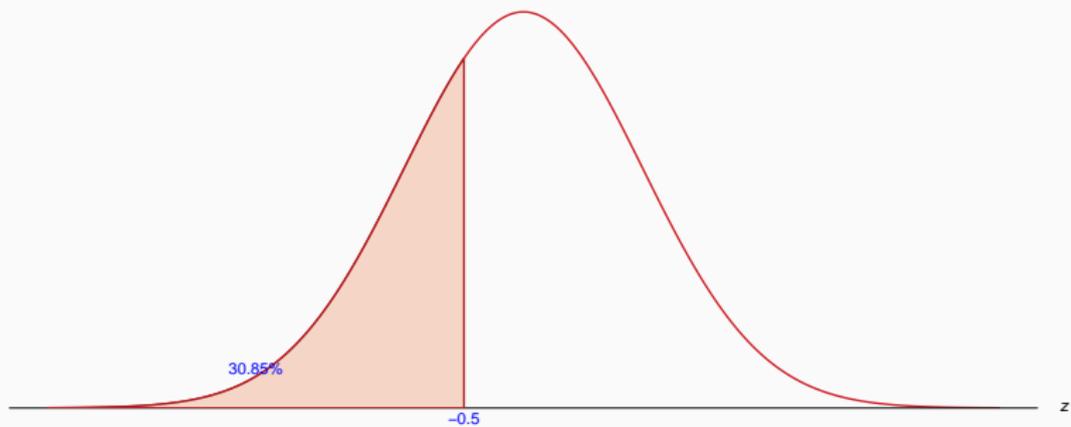
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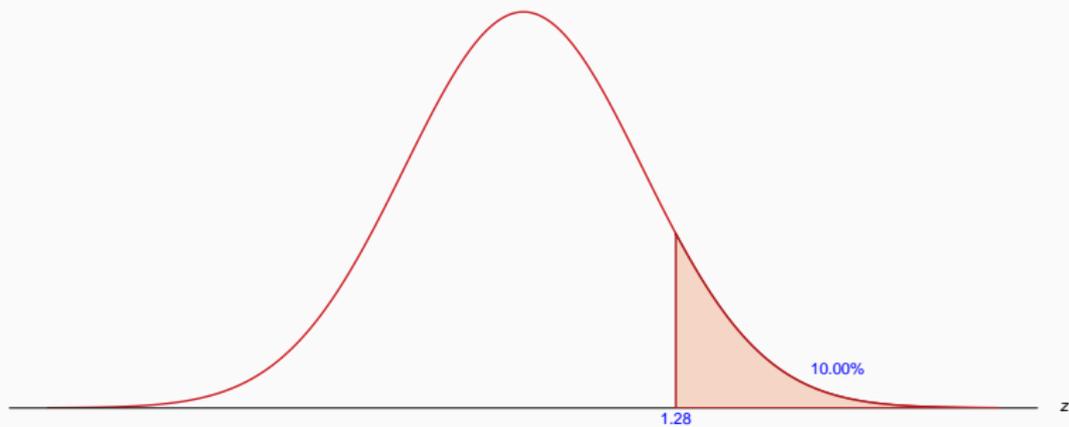
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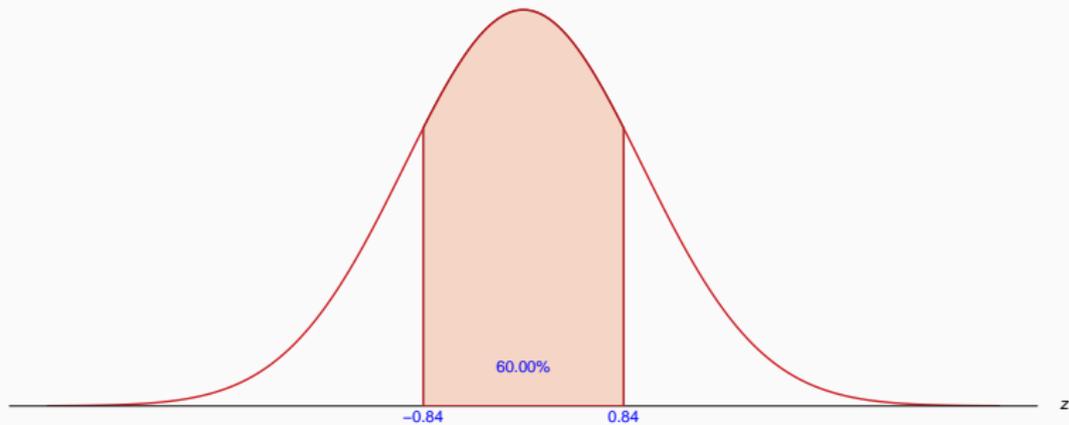
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```
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- `qnorm(0.5 + 0.6/2, lower.tail = FALSE)`

```
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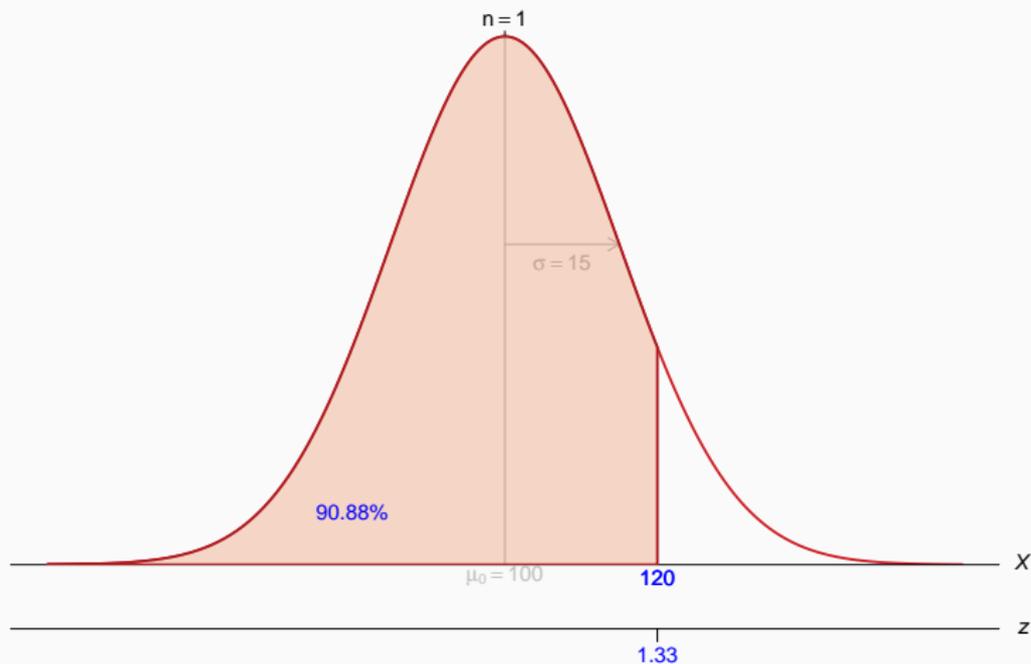
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```
z <- (120 - 100) / 15
```

- Next, look up the z-score value in the unit normal table.

```
pnorm(z, lower.tail = TRUE)
[1] 0.9087888
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```
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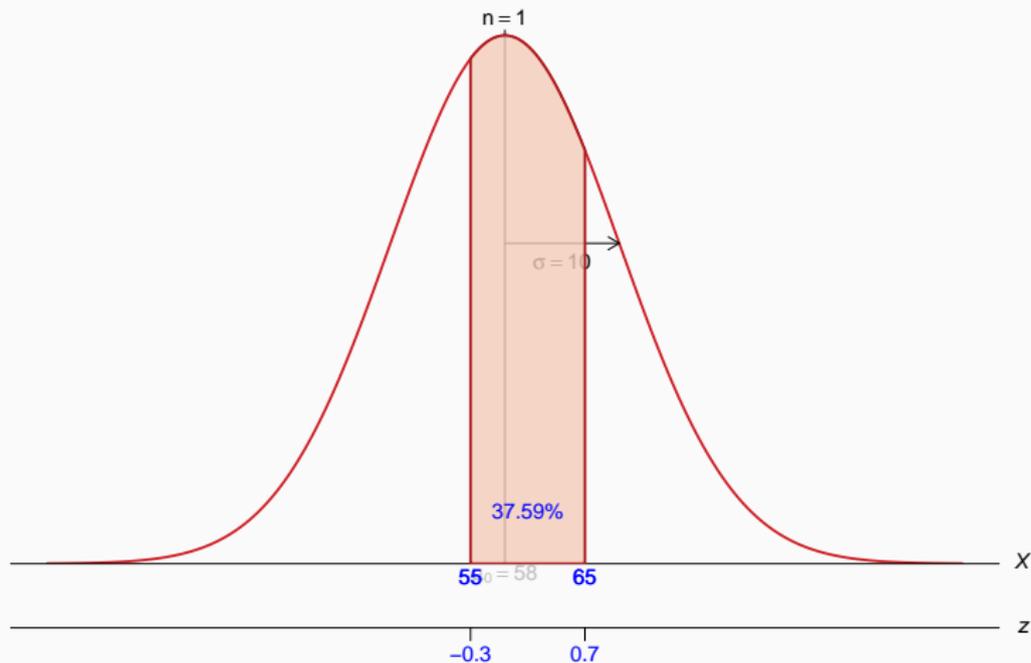
- `(p2 <- pnorm(55, mean = 58, sd = 10))`

```
## [1] 0.3820886
```

- `p1 - p2`

```
## [1] 0.3759478
```

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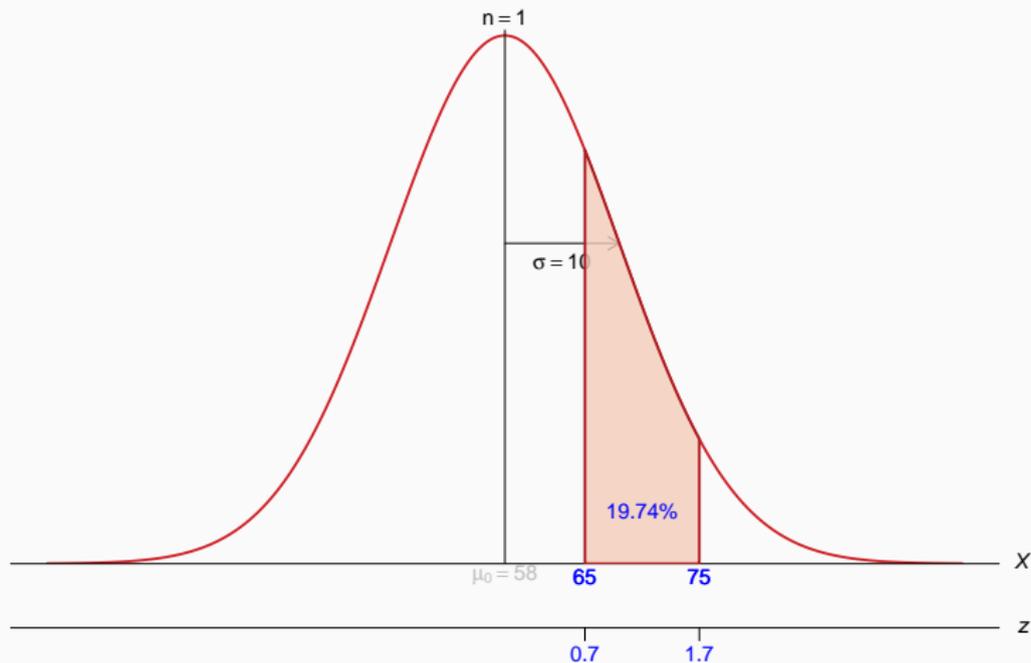
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```
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```
p1 <- pnorm(72, mean = 60, sd = 12)
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p1 - p2
## [1] 0.6826895
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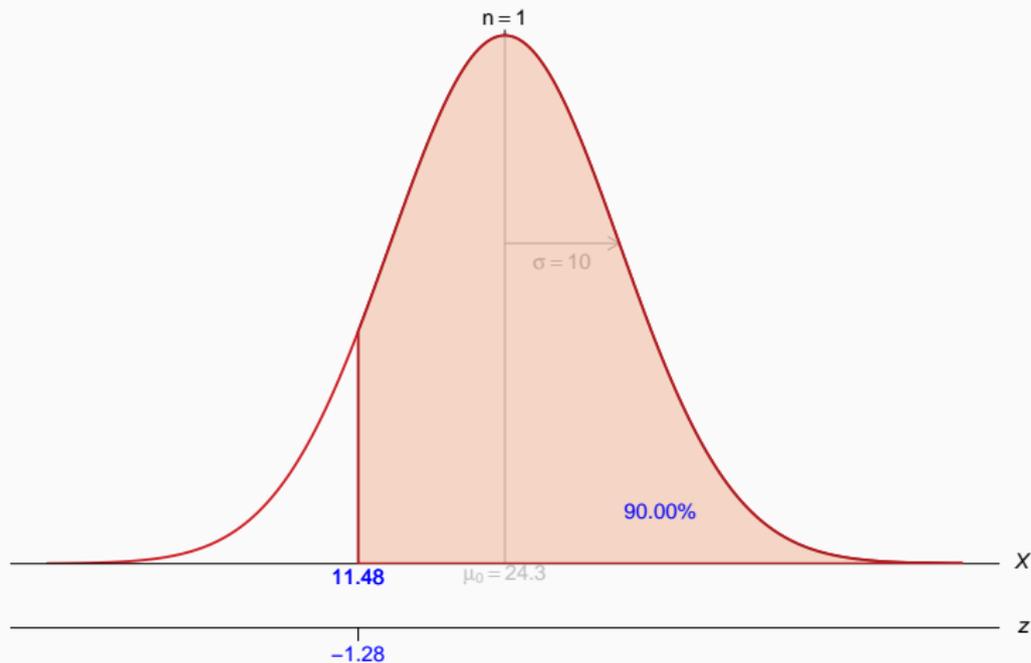
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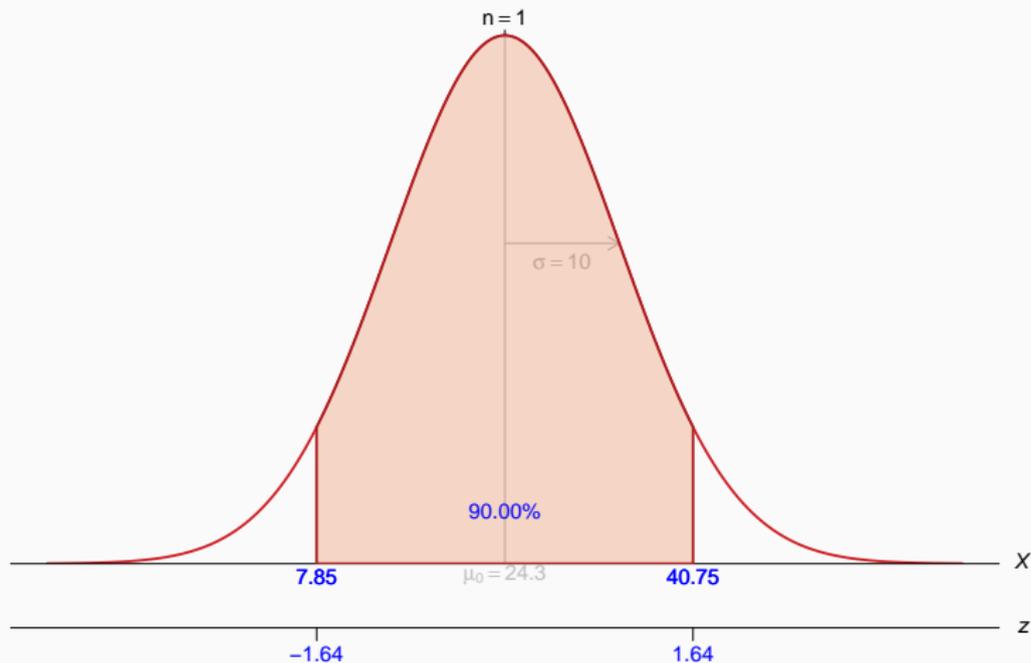
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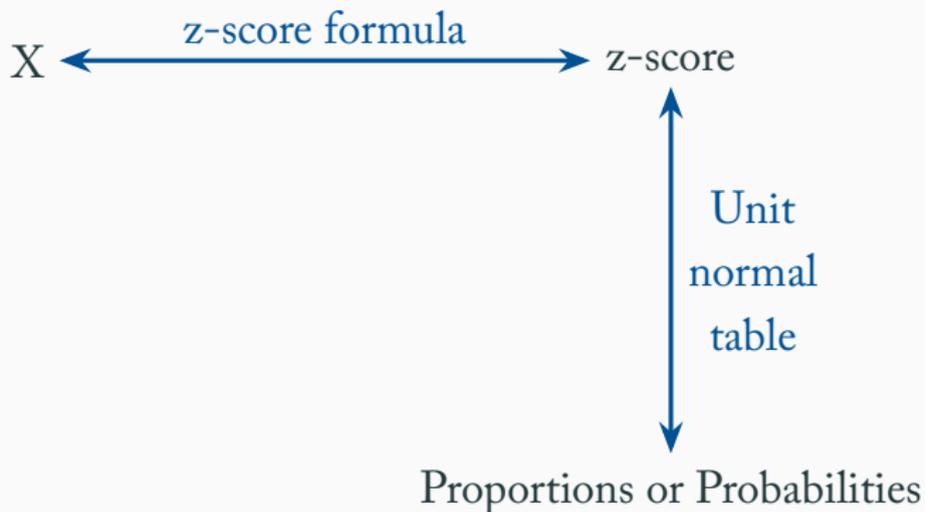
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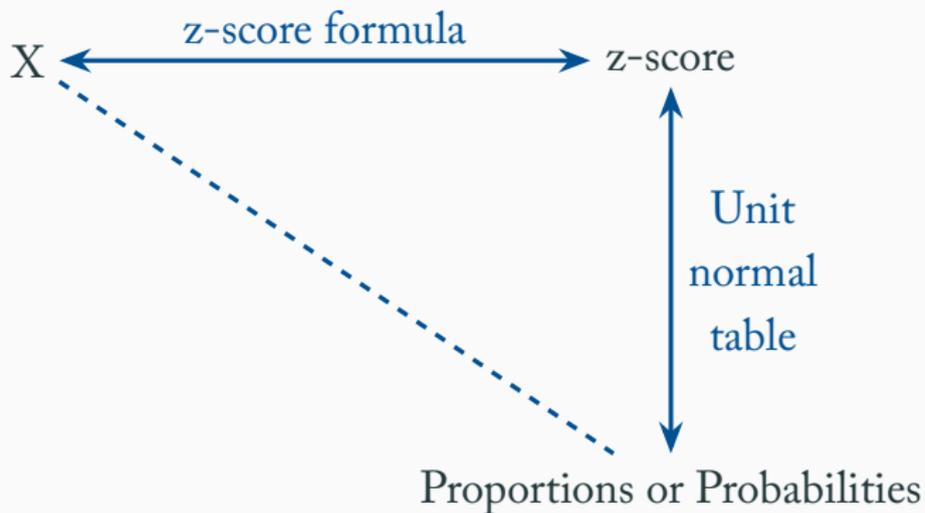


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- Using the notation presented here, the **binomial distribution** (二项式分布) shows the probability associated with each value of X from $X = 0$ to $X = n$.

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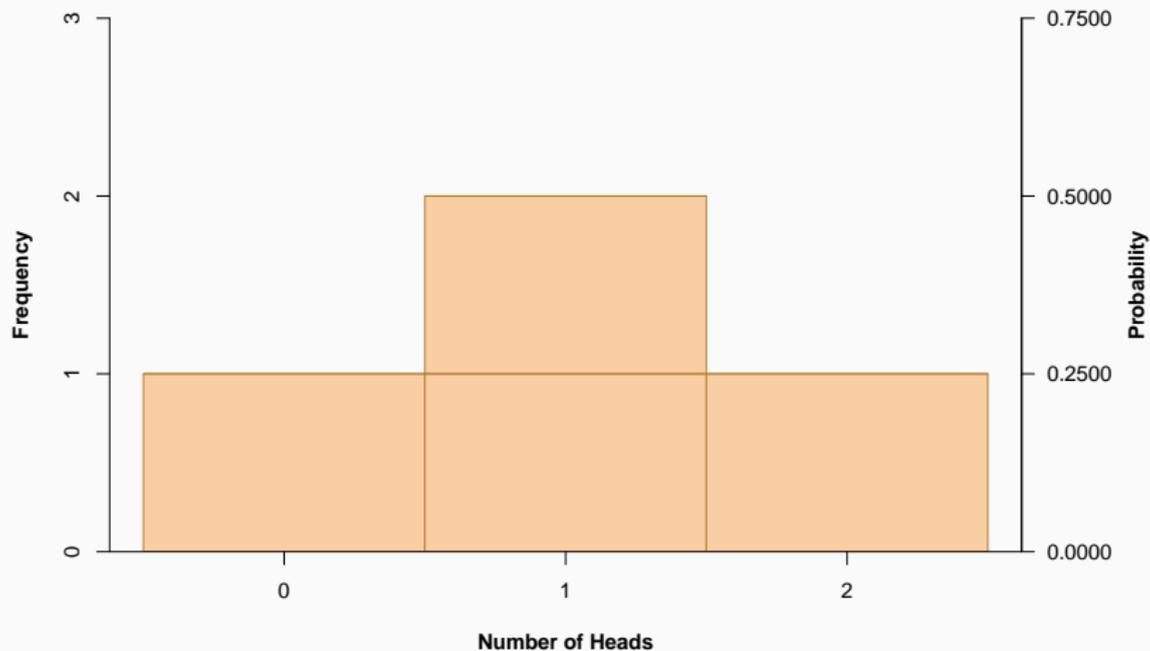
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- To construct the binomial distribution, we will look at all the possible outcomes from tossing a coin 2 times.
- The complete set of 4 outcomes is listed below.

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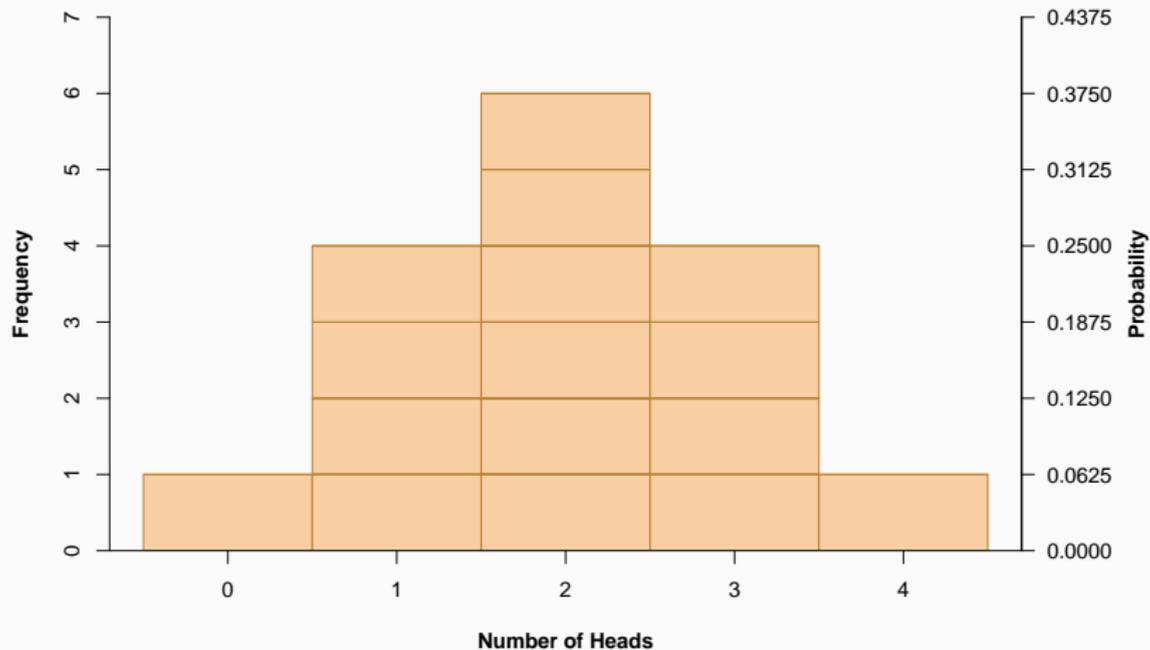
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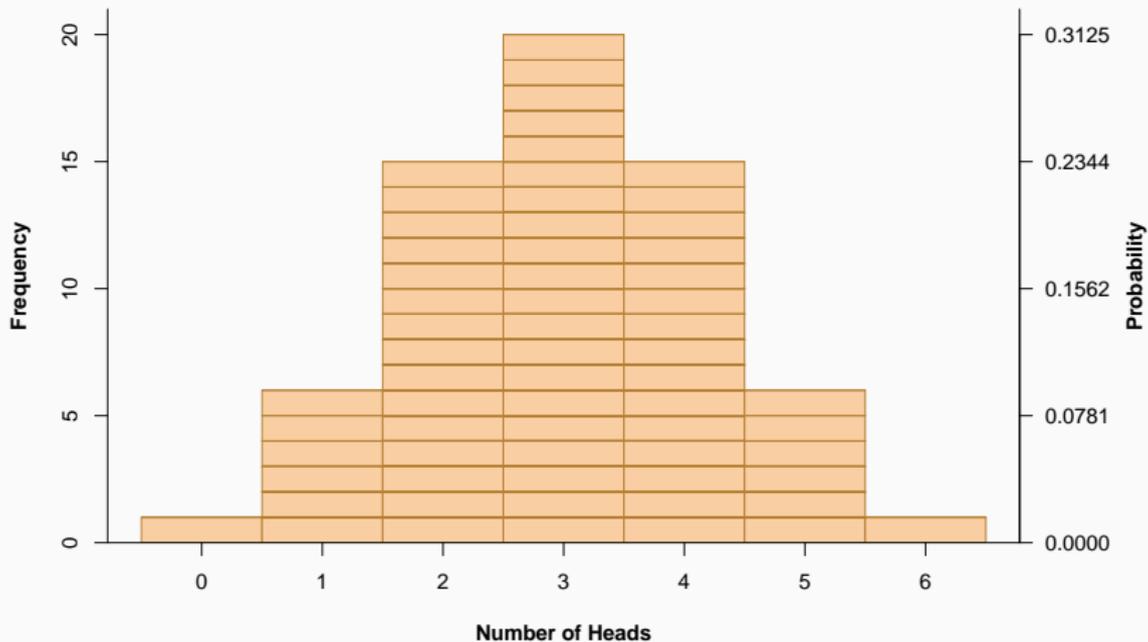
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Binomial distribution functions

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<code>pbinom(q, size, prob)</code>	Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF)	<code>pbinom(1, 2, 0.5)</code> gives the area under the binomial curve to the left of 1, i.e., 0.75.
<code>qbinom(p, size, prob)</code>	Quantile Function - inverse of <code>pbinom</code>	<code>qbinom(0.75, 2, 0.5)</code> gives the value at which the CDF of the binomial is 0.75, i.e., 1.5
<code>rbinom(n, size, prob)</code>	Generate random numbers from binomial distribution	<code>rbinom(20, 2, 0.5)</code> generate 20 numbers from a binomial with size = 2 and probability = 0.5

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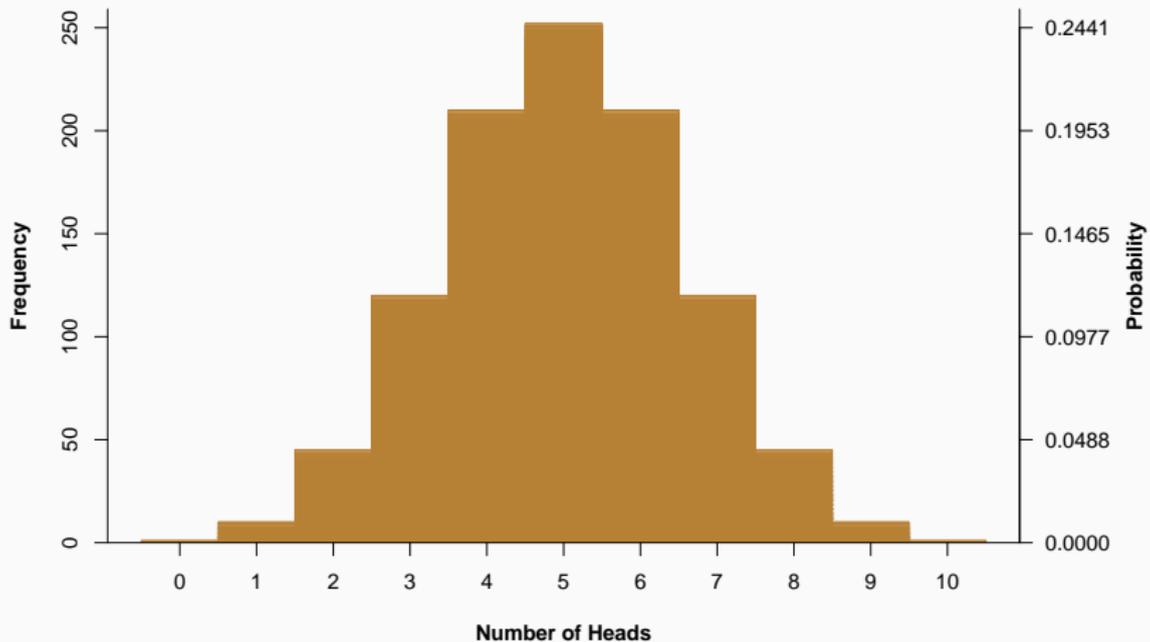
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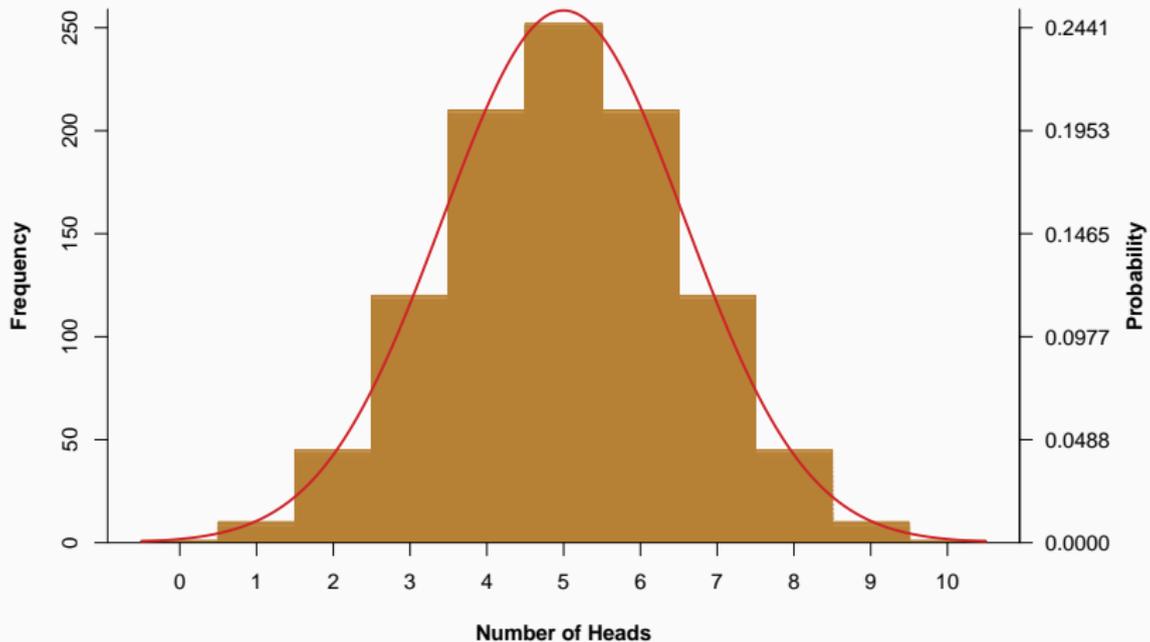
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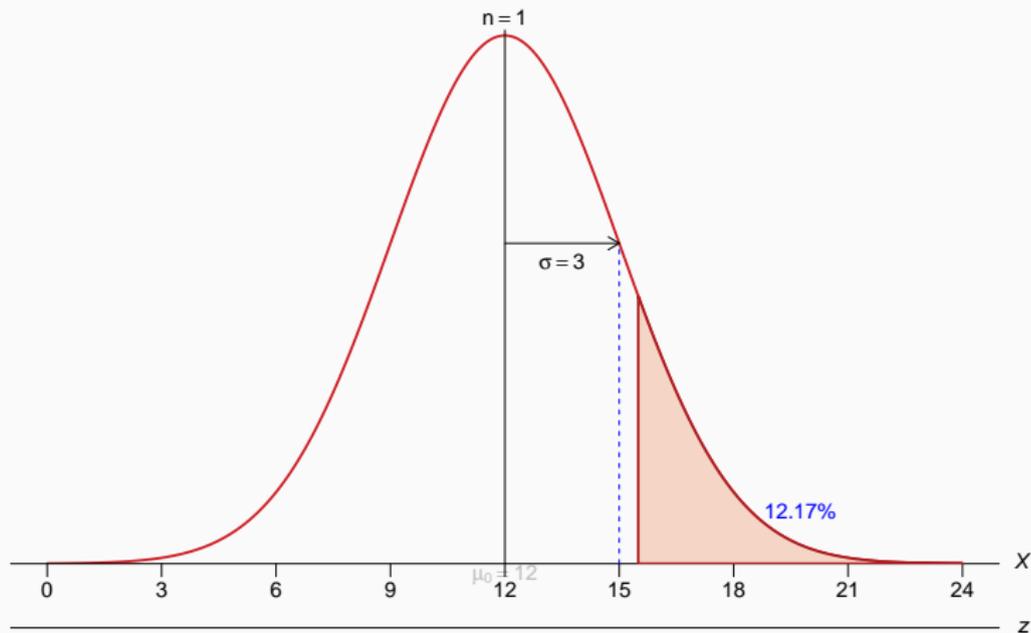
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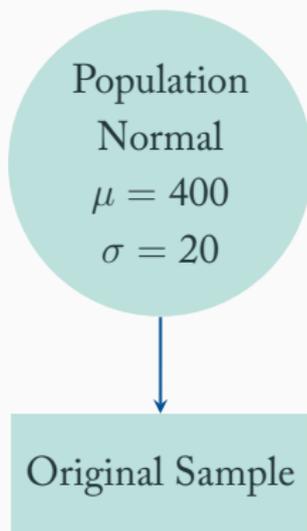
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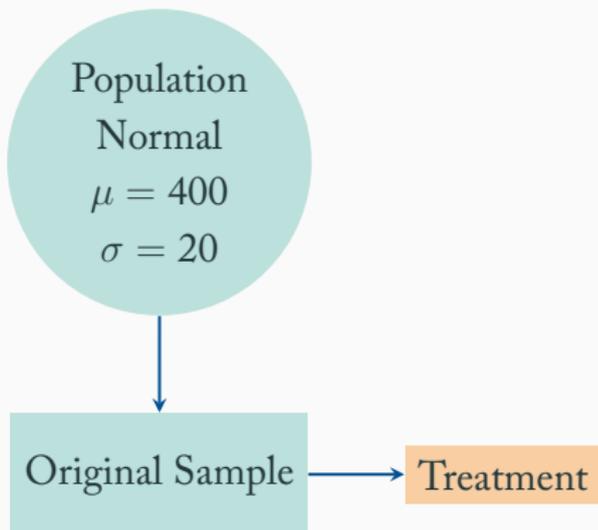
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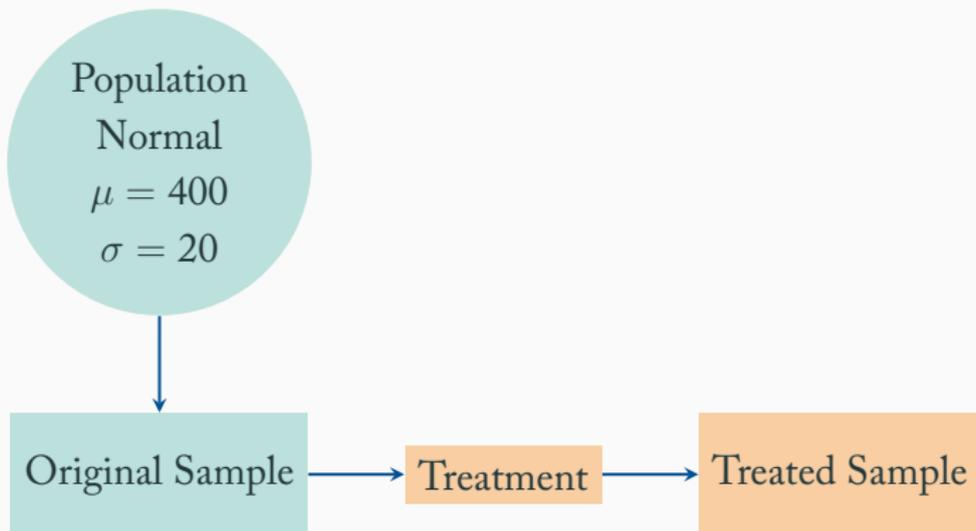
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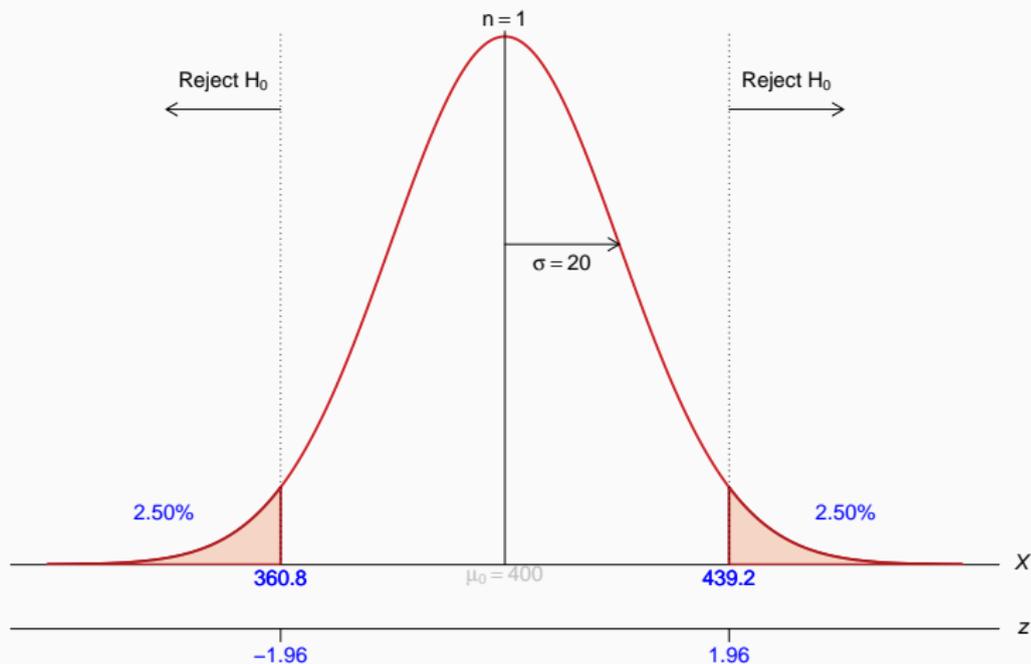
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Questions?