



## M4-07: Normal Approximation

Part of the "Simulation and Distributions" Learning Badge

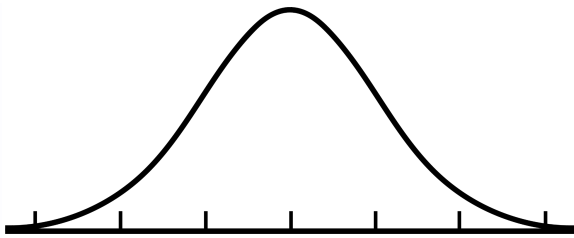
Video Walkthrough: <https://discovery.cs.illinois.edu/m4-07/>

**STANDARD NORMAL APPROXIMATION** — estimating the percentage of values in a given interval by converting the endpoints of the interval to standard units (z-scores) and then using the table to find the area under the normal curve. ***This may be used only when the data is close to following the normal curve.***

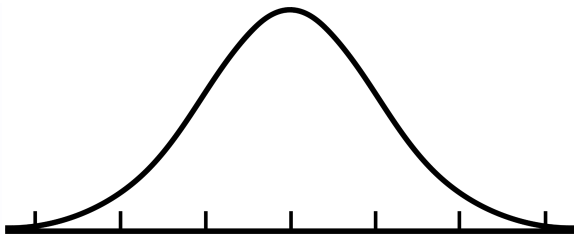
1. Convert the endpoints of the interval to standard units.
2. Draw a picture of the area you want.
3. Relate your picture to the area in the table.

**Puzzle #1:** A list of weights follows the normal curve and has avg= 150 lbs and SD= 20 lbs.

- a) About what percentage of people weigh less than 115 pounds?



- b) About what percentage of people weigh between 115 pounds and 160 pounds?



- c) What percentage of people weigh above 160 pounds?

