

2.2b Working Backwards with Normal Curves

(given % or area, find z-score or bound)

ex: 20% of data are above what z-score?

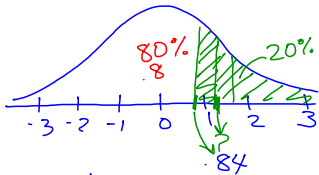


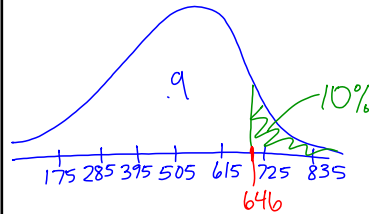
Table A → .8
 ↓
 .7995
 ↓
 z = .84

on calc:

2nd → vars → 3: invNorm (area below as a decimal, μ , σ)

ex: SAT Test Scores - N(505, 110)

What score do I need to be in the top 10%?



invNorm
 (.9, 505, 110)
 area below ↑ mean ↑ st. dev.

We need to get a score of at least 646.

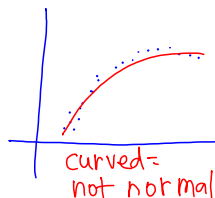
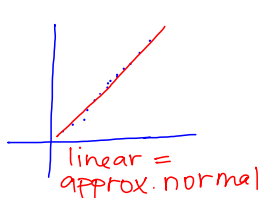
on calc: invNorm (area to the left, mean, st. dev.)
 invNorm (.9, 505, 110)

Assessing Normality

To decide if data are Normally distributed:

① graph data, look at shape, check the 68-95-99.7 rule

② Look at the Normal Probability Plot look for linear pattern



ex: Are the data Normal? No.

mean = 100
 st. dev. = 20
 min = 81
 max = 200

