

Standard Dev. of Discrete R.V.  
(and Variance)

$$\sigma_x = \sqrt{\sum p_i (x_i - \mu_x)^2}$$

Variance =  $\sigma_x^2$

Continuous Random Variables:

when there is an infinite amount of possible values.

(over an entire interval of #'s)

ex: height of waves at a beach

ex: #'s between 0 and 1

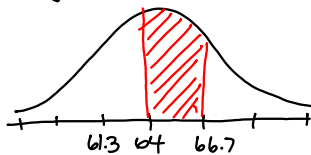
probability distribution is a density curve (ch. 2)  
(area underneath = 1)

THINK BACK TO CH. 2!!

Normal Probability Models

Data can be Normally distributed, and so can probability.

ex: height of women  $N(64, 2.7)$



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

\*think of area under curve - same as always, but now it is a probability.

Q: what is the probability that a chosen woman is between 64 and 66.7 inches tall?

$$\frac{68\%}{2} = \boxed{34\%} = \boxed{.34}$$

If I add/subtract 2 normal rand. variables then I'll get a Normal distribution

6.2a Transforming a Random Variable

	Center	Shape	Spread
add/subtract $a = \text{constant}$	add/subtract $a$	no change	no change
mult/divide by $a$	mult/divide by $a$	no change	Mult. by $ a $

ex: Furnace Repair - repair person  
charges \$50 + \$30/hr.

Let  $X = \#$  of hours

$X$	1	2	3	4
$P(x)$	.4	.3	.2	.1

Q: Find the expected cost of the repair.

$$\mu_x = 1(.4) + 2(.3) + 3(.2) + 4(.1) = 2$$

$$\text{Cost} = 50 + 30x$$

$$\mu_{\text{cost}} = 50 + 30\mu_x$$

$$\mu_{\text{cost}} = 50 + 30(2)$$

$$= 50 + 60$$

$$= \$110$$

↑  
expected #  
of hrs