GETTING MORE NORMAL



In a true normal distribution, about 68% of the data lies within one standard deviation of the mean, 95% within two standard deviations, and 99.7% within three standard deviations.



Hence, in a normal distribution almost all of the data is within three standard deviations of the mean.



Suppose that IQ is normally distributed with a mean of 100 and a standard deviation of 15.



What is the probability that someone has an *IQ* between 85 & 115?



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P(85 < *IQ* < 115) = 68%



What is the probability that someone has an *IQ* between 100 & 115?



What is the probability that someone has an *IQ* between 100 & 115?

P(100 < IQ < 115) = 34%



What is the probability that someone has an *IQ* between 100 & 130?



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P(100 < *IQ* < 130) = 47.5%



What is the probability that someone has an *IQ* higher than 130?



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P(IQ > 130) = 100% - 50% - 47.5% = 2.5%

What is the probability that someone has an *IQ* between 55 & 145?



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P(55 < IQ < 145) = 99.7%



What is the probability that someone has an *IQ* higher than 145?



What is the probability that someone has an *IQ* higher than 145?

P(IQ > 145) = 0.15%

