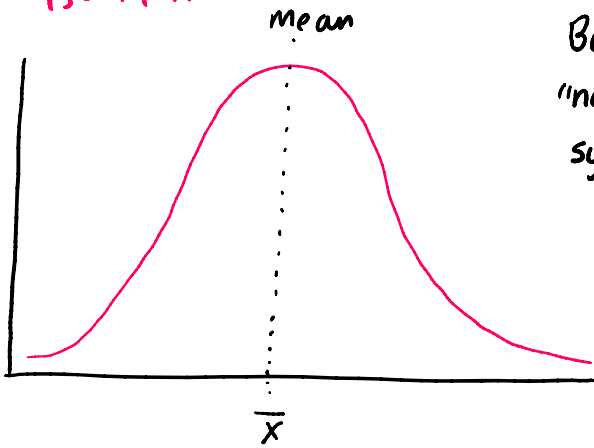


# Empirical Rule

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## 68-95-99.7% Rule.



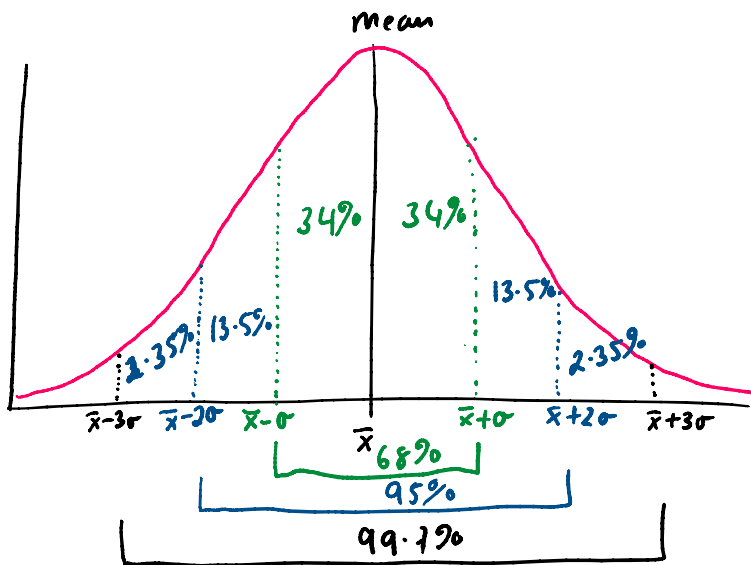
Bell curve  
"normal distribution"  
symmetrical curve.

$\sigma$  - standard deviation

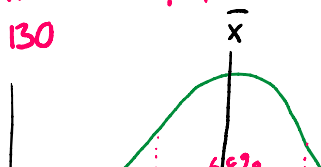
1) 68% of the population falls within  $1\sigma$  of the mean formula:  $\bar{x} \pm 1\sigma$

2) 95% of the population falls within  $2\sigma$  of the mean formula:  $\bar{x} \pm 2\sigma$

3) 99.7% of the population falls within  $3\sigma$  of mean formula:  $\bar{x} \pm 3\sigma$



(eg 1) IQ scores are normally distributed with a mean of 100 and a standard deviation of 15. Use the empirical rule to show that 95% of the IQ scores in the population are between 70 and 130



$$\bar{x} = 100$$

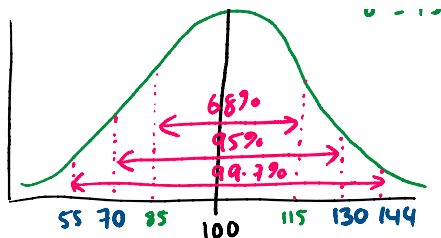
$$\sigma = 15$$

$$68\% = \bar{x} \pm 1\sigma = 115$$

$$100 \pm 15 = 85$$

$$95\% = \bar{x} \pm 2\sigma = 130$$

$$100 + 2(15) = 130$$



$$95\% = \bar{x} \pm 2\sigma = 100 + 2(15) = 130$$

$$99.7\% = \bar{x} \pm 3\sigma = 100 + 3(15) = 145$$

Q1) A bundle of stocks had a mean cost per share of €21.50 and a standard deviation of €5.25. Use the empirical rule to find the range of costs centred on the mean the stocks will cost 95% of the time.

mean  $\bar{x} = €21.50$

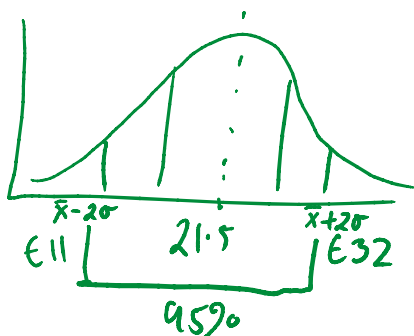
standard deviation  $\sigma = 5.25$

$$95\% = \bar{x} \pm 2\sigma \Rightarrow 21.50 + 2(5.25)$$

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$$21.50 - 2(5.25)$$

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Eg2) A set of test results with a mean of 54 and a standard deviation of 5 are normally distributed.

$\bar{x} = 54$

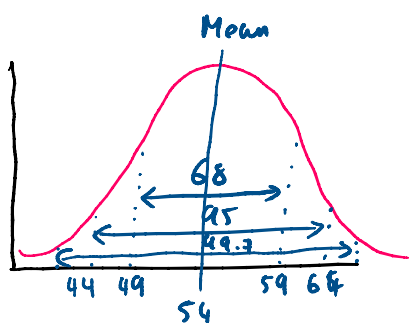
$\sigma = 5$

What % of the results are between 44 and 64?

$$68\% = \bar{x} \pm \sigma \quad 54 \pm 5 = 49$$

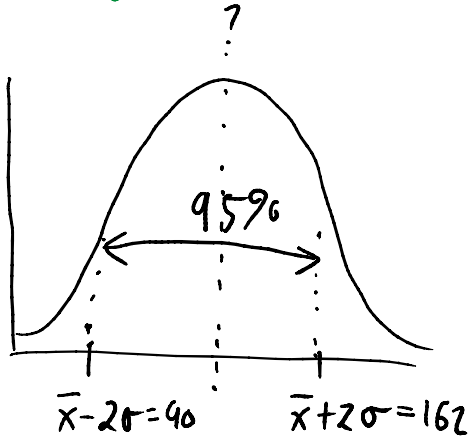
$$95\% = \bar{x} \pm 2\sigma \quad 54 \pm 2(5) = 44$$

$$99.7\% = \bar{x} \pm 3\sigma$$



... blood pressure of

Eg3) If 95% of the systolic blood pressure of adults distributed normally about the mean is between 90mmHg and 162mmHg. Find the mean systolic blood pressure and standard deviation



$\bar{x}$  = mean  
 $\sigma$  = S.D

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{x} - 2\sigma &= 90 \\ \bar{x} + 2\sigma &= 162 \\ \hline 2\bar{x} &= 252 \\ \div 2 \quad | \quad \bar{x} &= 126 \quad | \quad \div 2 \\ &\text{Mean.} \end{aligned}$$

$$(126) - 2\sigma = 90$$

$$\begin{aligned} -126 \quad | \quad -2\sigma &= -36 \quad | \quad -126 \\ \div -2 \quad | \quad \sigma &= 18 \quad | \quad \div -2 \\ &\text{S.D.} \end{aligned}$$