

# Normal Distribution

## A Detailed Step-by-Step Explanation

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- In this section, we focus on the **Continuous Random Variable** and the most important one: the **Normal Distribution**.

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- This is the most commonly used form for normal probability tables.

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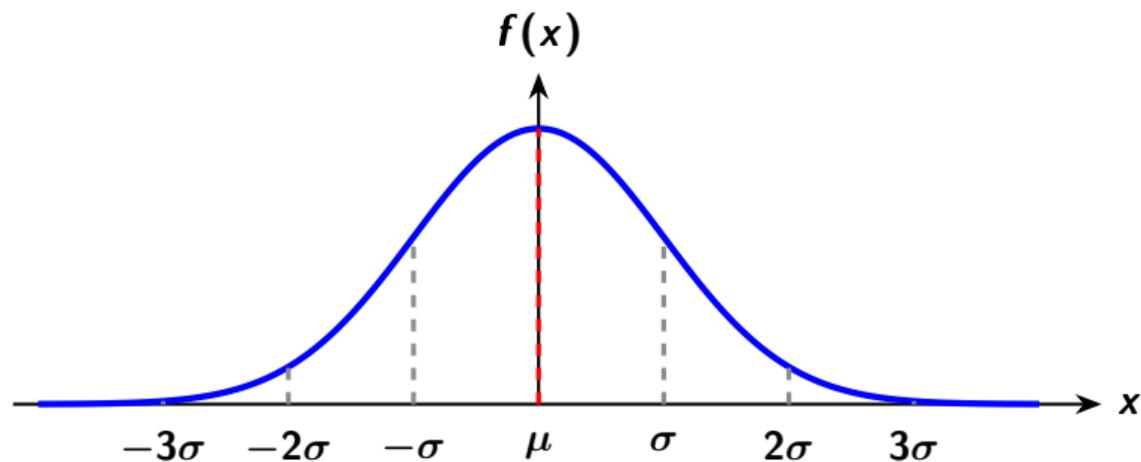
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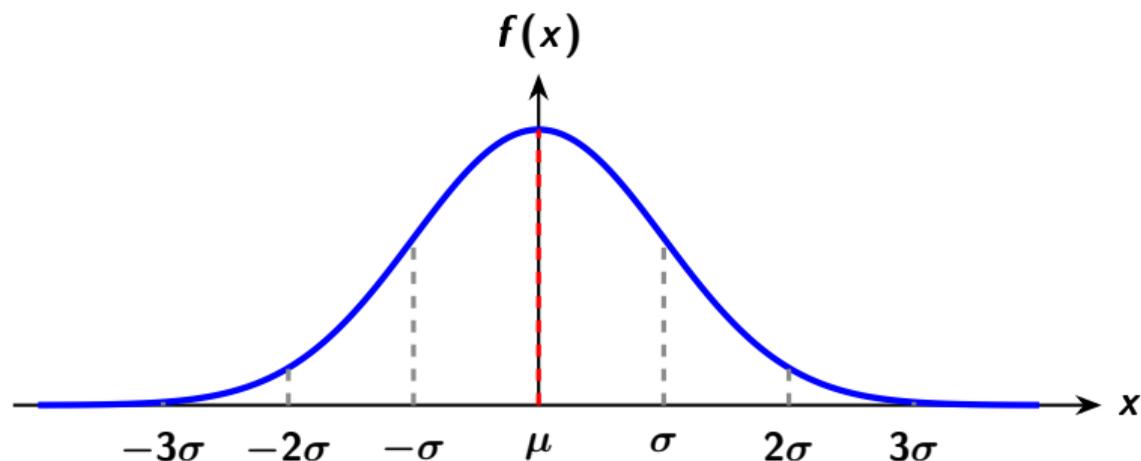
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- The Central Limit Theorem states that the sum of many independent random variables tends to a normal distribution.

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