## 17-5 day 2 The Standard Normal Distribution



## Standardizing a non-standard distribution

If x is a value of a normal random variable with mean  $\mu$ and standard deviation  $\sigma$ , the standardized value of x is:  $z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}$ 

A standard value is also called a z-score.

The z-score basically tells you how many standard deviations away from the mean a particular value is.

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2}$$

This formula basically shifts the normal distribution into the "standard position" so that it has a mean of zero and standard deviation of 1. This new distribution we created by this transformation is called the Standard Normal Distribution.



Ex1. People found to have high blood pressure are started on a course of medication and their blood pressure is checked at the end of 4 weeks. The drop in blood pressure over the period is normally distributed with a mean of 5.9 units and a standard deviation of 1.9 units.

a.) Patient A shows a 10 point drop in their blood pressure while patient B shows a 3 point drop in their blood pressure. Find the z score for each patient.



$$Z_{a} = \frac{10 - 59}{19} = 3.158$$
$$Z_{B} = \frac{3 - 59}{19} = -1.53$$





