Standardized RV

If X is a RV with mean= μ and Var= σ^2 then $Z = (X - \mu)/\sigma$ has E(Z) = 0 & Var(Z)=1

Normal Distribution

- DeMoivre's Theorem $(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n = \cos(n\theta) + i \sin(n\theta)$
- Stirling's Formula: $n! \approx \sqrt{2\pi n} \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n$
- 1730's Abraham DeMoivre
 - Consultant to insurance agents & gamblers

○ lots of Binomial models with large
$$n \rightarrow \binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$$
 → Stirling's Formula

 $\circ~$ most Binomial distributions were roughly symmetric & bell shaped

• worked with "standardized binomials"
$$\frac{X - np}{\sqrt{np(1-p)}}$$

• worked with $f(t) = e^{-t^2/2}$ which is symmetric & bell shaped

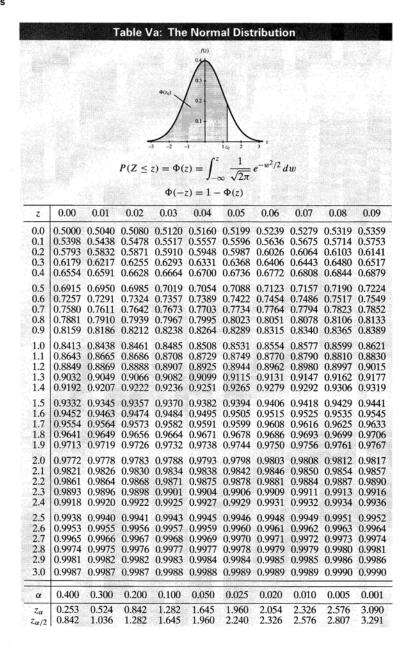
• discovered that
$$P\left(a < \frac{X - np}{\sqrt{np(1-p)}} < b\right) \rightarrow \int_{a}^{b} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-t^{2}/2} dt$$

<u>DeMoivre - Laplace Theorem</u> gives a continuous approximation to the Binomial

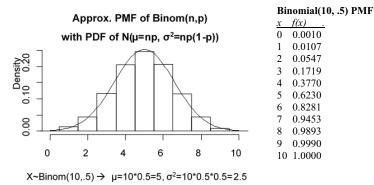
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$$f(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-z^2/2} \quad -\infty < z < \infty$$

- \circ not just an approximation, but a PDF
- o Standard Normal RV

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Normal Approximation to the Binomial with a Continuity Correction



• <u>Rule of thumb</u>: the Normal approximation to the Binomial is appropriate if: $np \ge 5$ & $n(1-p) \ge 5$

 $X \sim Binom(10, 0.5)$ Answer each below (a) using the Binomial PMF (b) using the Normal Approximation

2) Find $P(7 \le X \le 9)$

3) Find $P(2 \le X \le 4)$

¹⁾ Find P(X=5)