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 - "how many successes do we expect if we do a Bernoulli trial n times?"

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- ▶ µ = 7.5
- *σ* ≈ 2.5
- Approximately, what is the probability that the student will score under 15?

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- Should incorporate these probabilities into the earlier decision theory model.



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- For any normal distribution, what is the *z*-score of μ ?

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- What percent of the population has IQ less than or equal to 120?

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▶ So \approx 90.82% of the population has *IQ* less than 120.