

Today in Math History...

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Abraham DeMoivre privately presented to some friends the normal distribution curve.

*The normal distribution, also called the **Gaussian distribution**, is an important family of **continuous probability distributions**, applicable in many fields. Each member of the family may be defined by two parameters, location and scale: the **mean** (“average”) and **standard deviation** (“variability”), respectively. The **standard normal distribution** is the normal distribution with a mean of zero and a **variance** of one (the green curve in the plot top right).*

