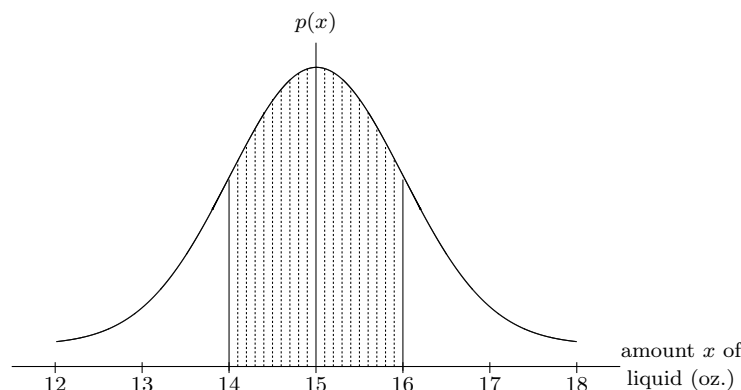


2. (10 points) A firm that manufactures and bottles apple juice has a machine that automatically fills bottles with 15 ounces (oz) of apple juice. There is some variation, however, in the amount of liquid dispensed in each bottle. Over a long period of time, the average amount dispensed into the bottles was 15 ounces, but the underlying measurements showed the distribution of the ounces, x , of juice in the bottles was given by $p(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x-15)^2}$.



(a) What fraction of the bottles contained between 14 and 16 oz of juice? *Explain.*

The fraction of the bottles which contained between 14 and 16 oz of juice is given by:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{14}^{16} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x-15)^2} dx \approx \mathbf{0.683},$$

using the calculator.

*Thus roughly **68%** of the bottles contained between 14 and 16 oz of juice.*

(b) Give a graphical interpretation of your answer to part (a) on the figure.

The integral evaluated in part (a) is simply an expression for the value of the area located between the x -axis, the curve of $p(x)$, and the lines $x = 14$ and $x = 16$. See the figure above.

(c) Find, as accurately as you can, the fraction of the bottles that contained at least 17 oz of juice inside them. *Explain.*

Similarly to what was done in part (a), the fraction of bottles which contained at least 17 oz of juice is given by the improper integral:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{17}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x-15)^2} dx.$$

We have learned in class this integral converges.

Because $p(x)$ is a distribution function, the total area under its graph between $-\infty$ and $+\infty$ must be equal to 1. By symmetry, we conclude the area under the graph of $p(x)$ between $x = 15$ and $+\infty$ is $1/2$. Therefore

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{17}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x-15)^2} dx = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{15}^{17} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x-15)^2} dx \approx \frac{1}{2} - 0.47725 \approx 0.0227.$$

*Thus, the fraction of bottles containing at least 17 oz of juice is approximately **0.0227**, i.e. roughly **2.3%**.*