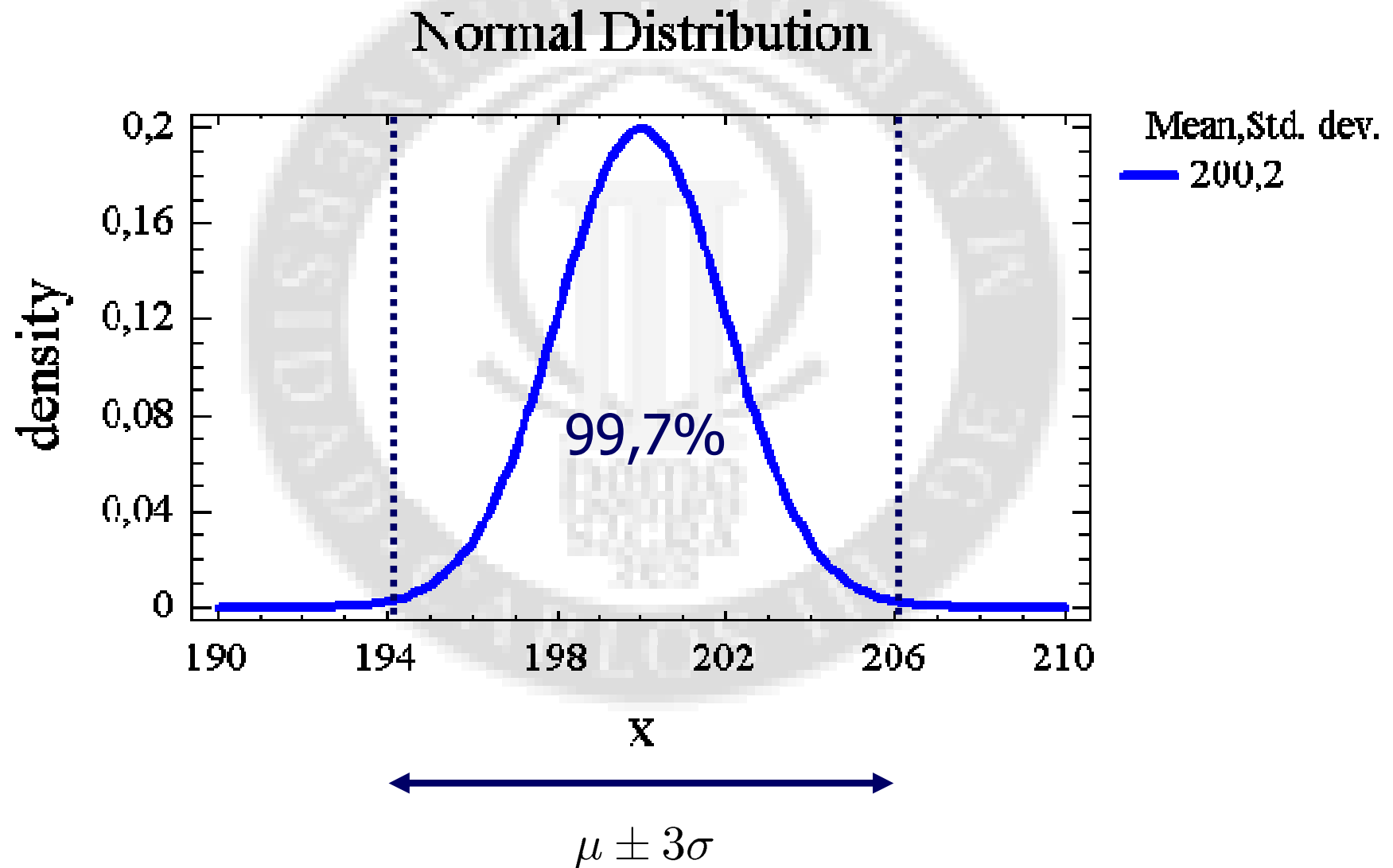
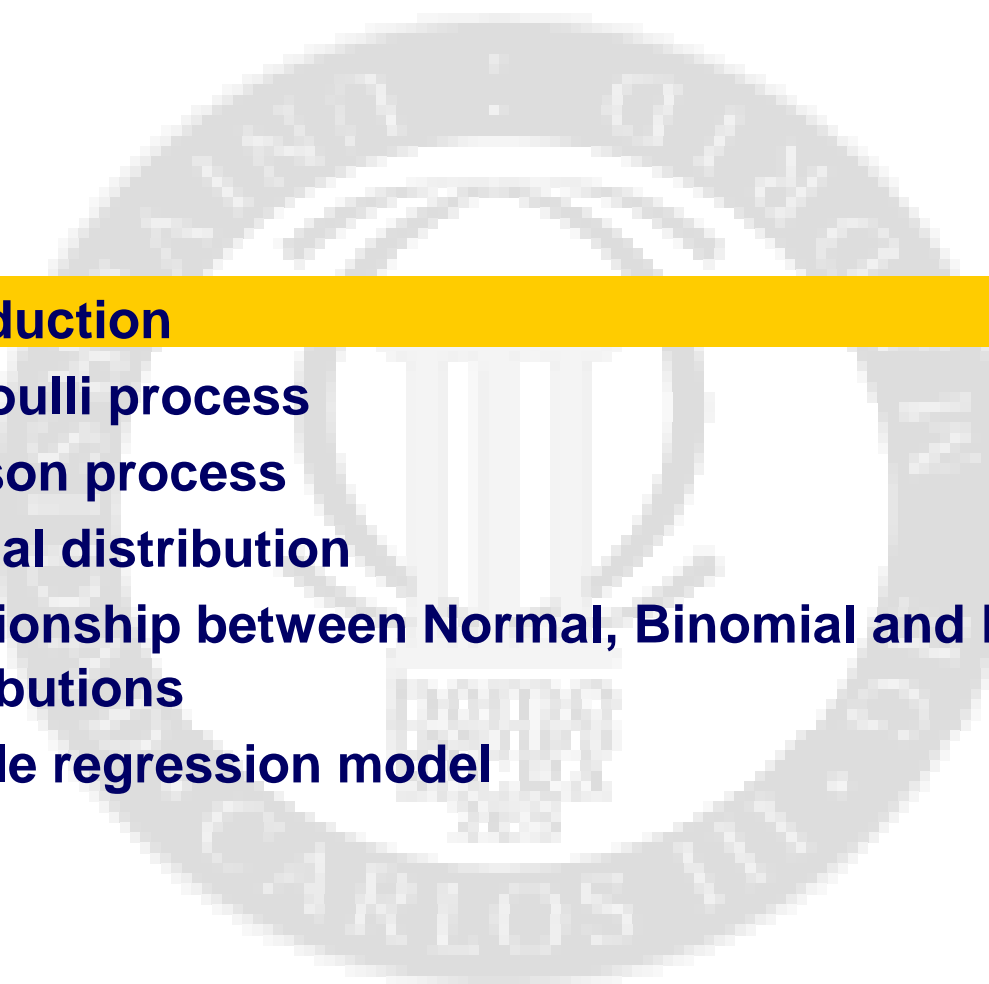


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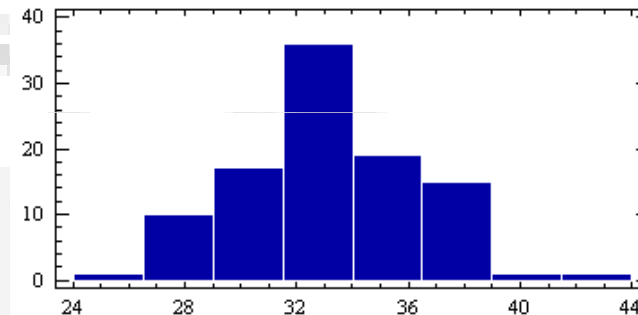
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# 1. Introduction

**Aim:** To list a small set of probability models that are useful to describe the random variables that is common to find in real engineering problems

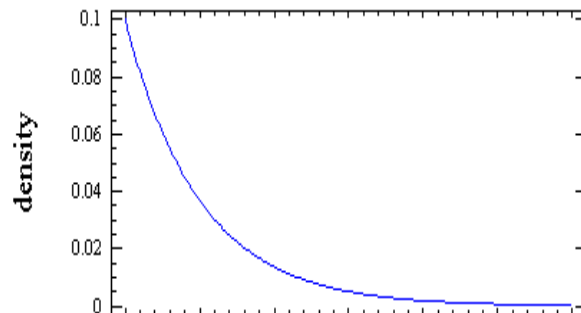
We have real data...



...we choose the model that looks like the data

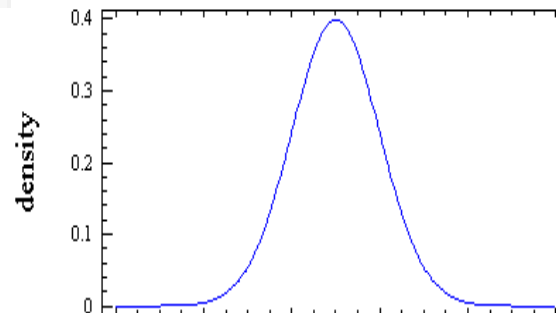
¿f(x)?

Exponential Distribution



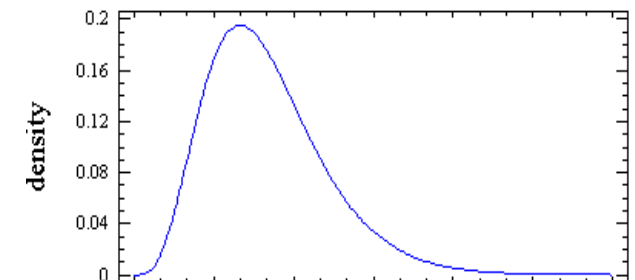
¿f(x)?

Normal Distribution



¿f(x)?

Erlang Distribution



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## 2. Bernoulli process

We assume that our experiment only may give two possible results:

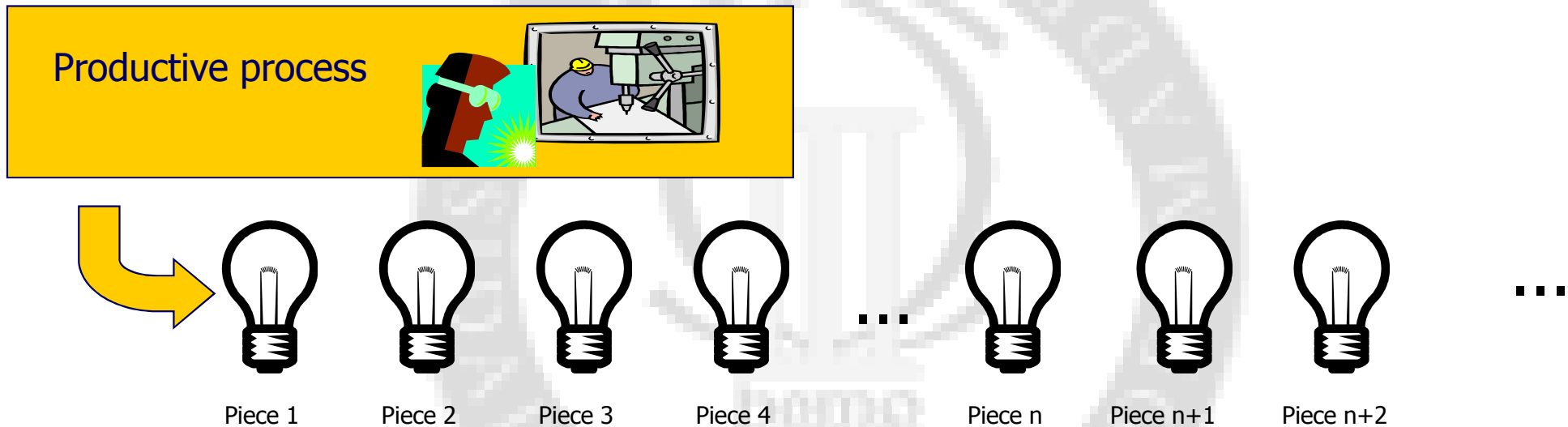
- Success/Failure
- Observe/ Not observe an given attribute

Examples:

- A piece is acceptable/defective
- Satisfied/Unsatisfied customers
- Connection: right or wrong
- Head/Tail
- Vote/Not vote
- Buy/Not buy

## 2. Bernoulli process

As example we assume to have a productive process which is producing pieces (acceptable or defective)



Each piece can be **defective** or **acceptable**

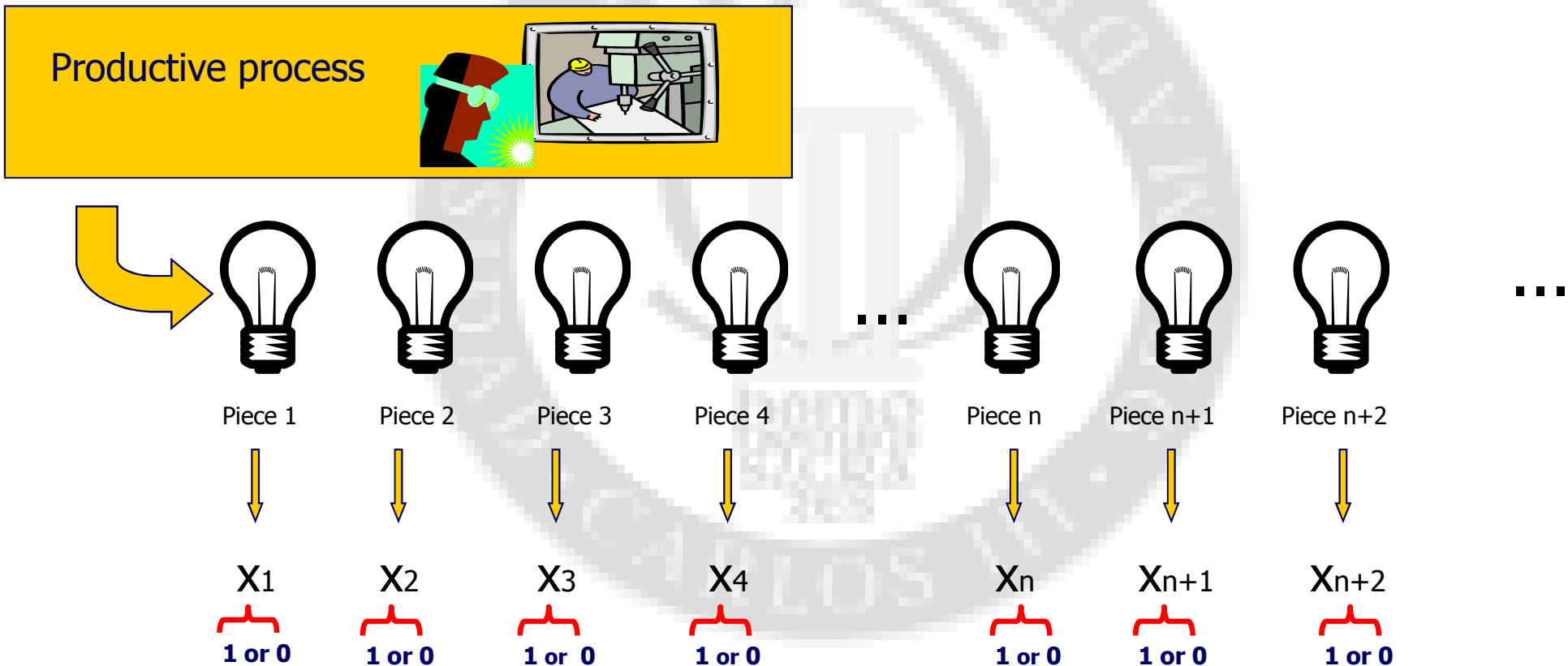
We assign a random variable  $X_i$  to each piece...

$$X_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if the piece } i \text{ is defective} \\ 0 & \text{if the piece } i \text{ is not defective} \end{cases}$$

➡ **Bernoulli**  
random variable

## 2. Bernoulli process

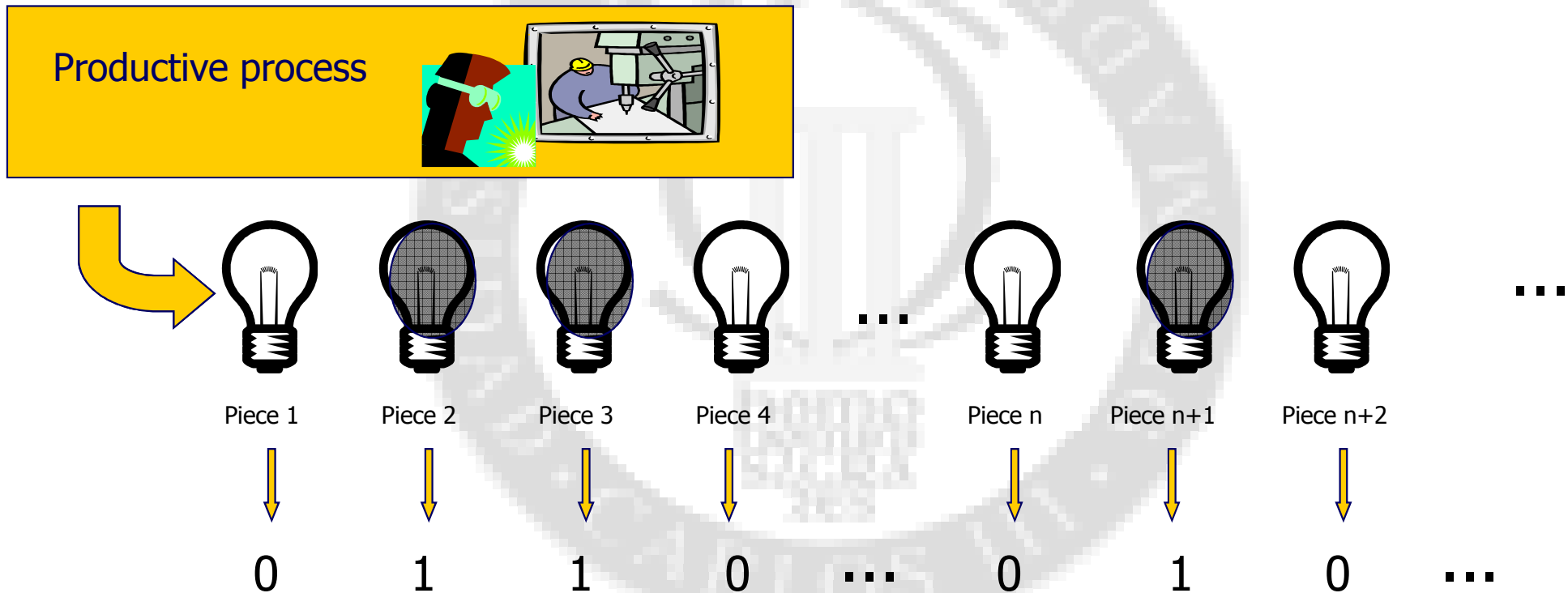
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The sequence of these random variables constitutes a:  $\longrightarrow$  BERNULLI PROCESS  
 $X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots$

## 2. Bernoulli process

As example we assume to have a productive process which is producing pieces (acceptable or defective)



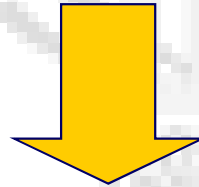


## 2. Bernoulli process

Hypothesis:

**Stability:** the probability that a piece is defective is always the same, i.e. the system neither get worse nor get better along the time.

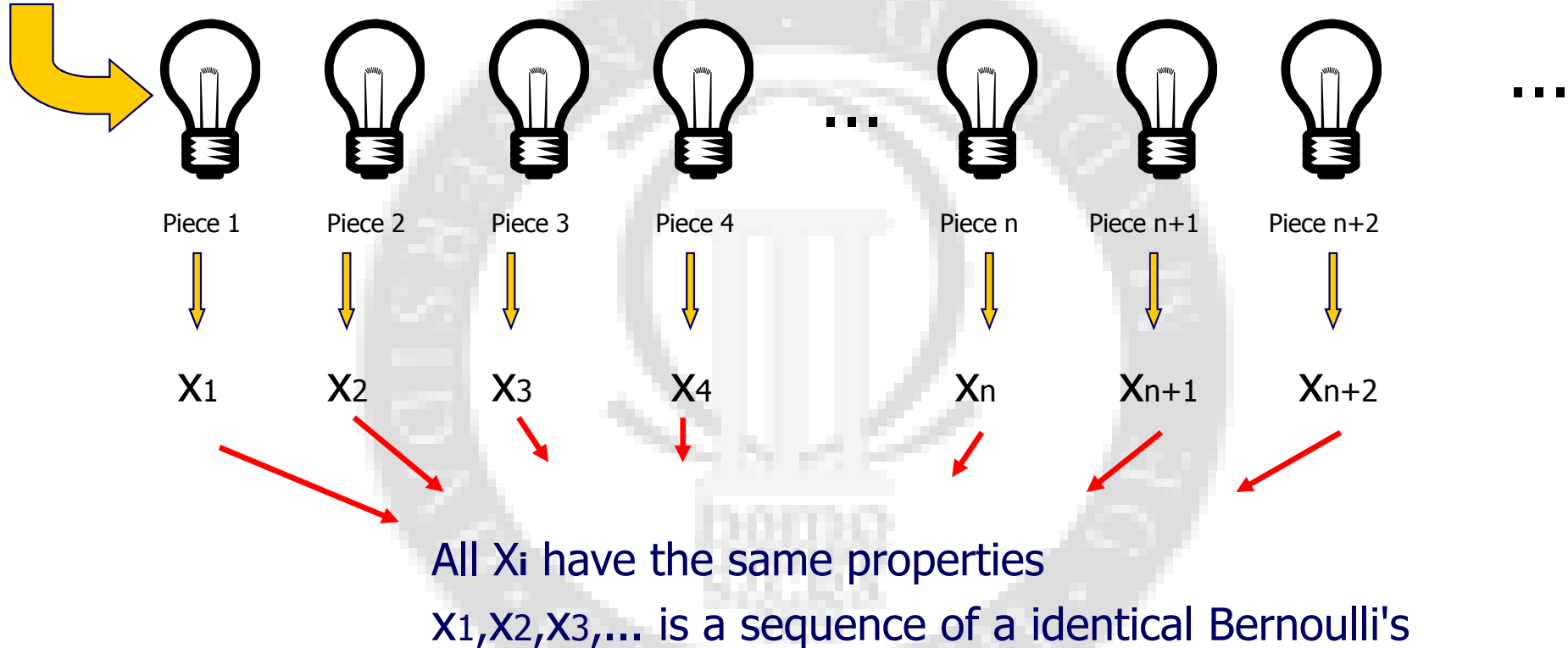
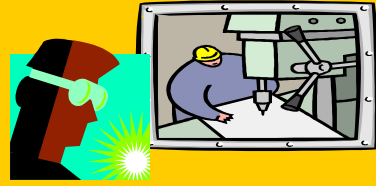
**Independence:** the probability that a piece is defective does not depend on the on the fact that the previous piece was defective or acceptable. A piece turns to be defective because of fortuitous causes, and so independently by the state of the other pieces. THERE IS NO MEMORY.



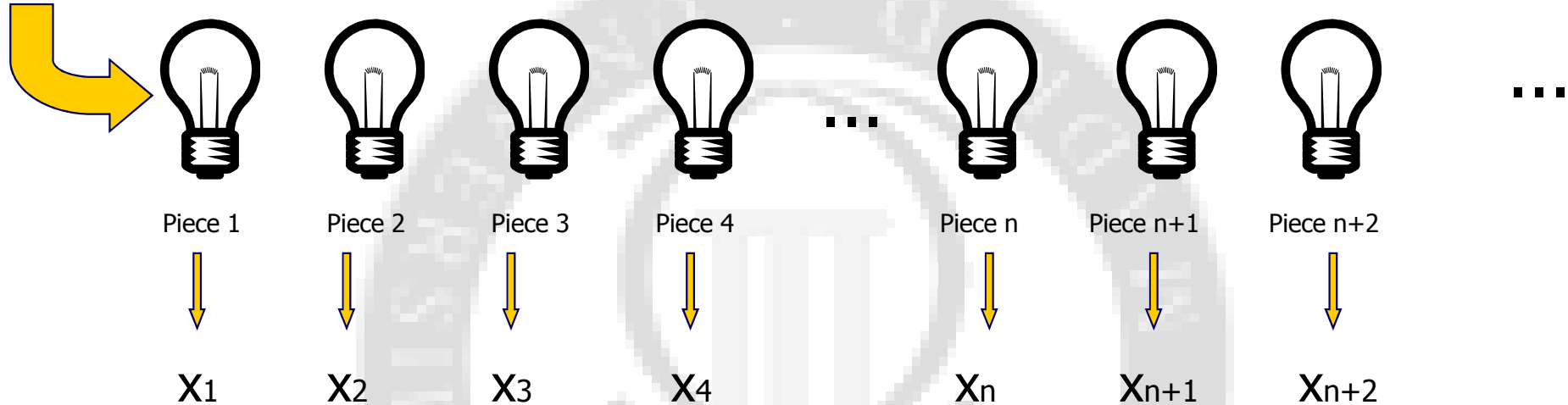
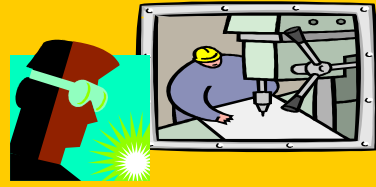
**The probability that a piece is defective  
is always the same =  $p$**

$$P(X_i=1)=p; \quad i=1,2,\dots$$

Productive process



Productive process



$$X_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if the piece } i \text{ is defective} \dots\dots\dots P(X_i = 1) = p \\ 0 & \text{if the piece } i \text{ is not defective} \dots\dots\dots P(X_i = 0) = 1 - p \end{cases}$$

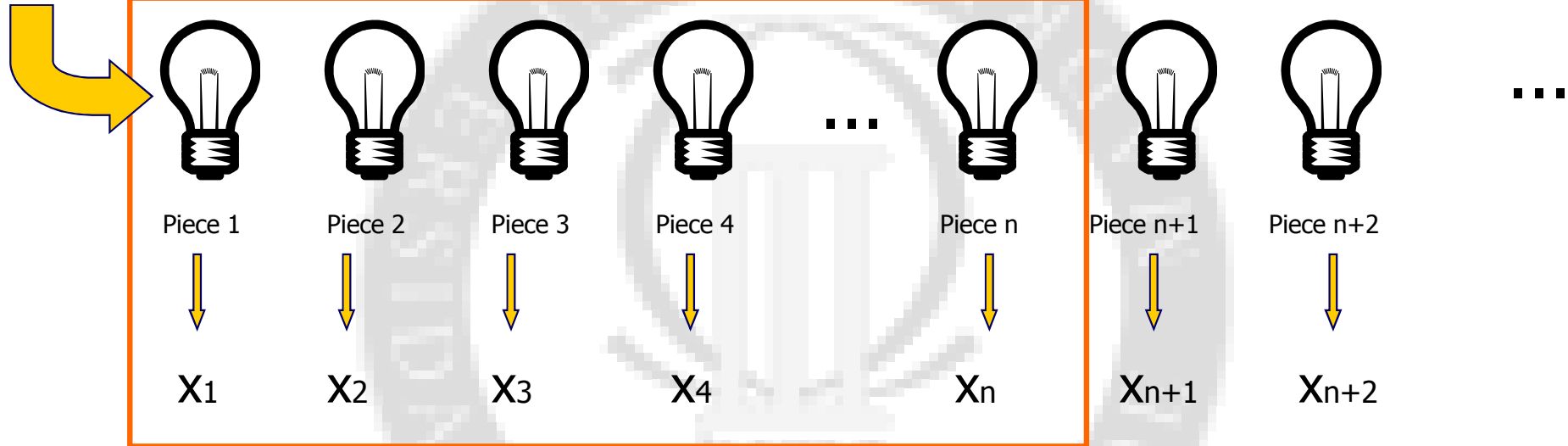
$$E(X_i) = p; \quad \text{Var}(X_i) = p(1 - p)$$

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## 2.1 Binomial distribution

Productive process



We take a random sample of  $n$  pieces

$X$  = number of defective pieces in a set of  $n$  pieces

$$X = ? \quad X \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, n\}$$

$X$  = BINOMIAL random variable

$$X \sim B(n, p)$$

## 2.1 Binomial distribution

$X = \text{BINOMIAL random variable}$

$$\mathbf{X \sim B(n,p)}$$

- Sample space:  $x = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n\}$
- Probability function

$$p(r) = P(X = r) = \binom{n}{r} p^r (1 - p)^{n-r}; r = 0, 1, \dots, n;$$

$$\binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$

### Example:

We have 4 pieces. The probability of each piece is defective is  $p$

Let  $X$ =number of defective pieces:

**¿P(X=3)?**

Option 1:

DDDA

First piece:  
Defective (D)

Fourth piece:  
Acceptable (A)

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{Option 1}) &= P(\text{DDDA}) = P(D)P(D)P(D)P(A) \\ &= p^3(1-p)^1 \end{aligned}$$

Option 2:

DDAD

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{Option 2}) &= P(\text{DDAD}) = P(D)P(D)P(A)P(D) \\ &= p^3(1-p)^1 \end{aligned}$$

Other options: DADD, ADDD each of them with probability  $p^3(1-p)^1$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X=3) &= P[(\text{Option 1}) \cup (\text{Option 2}) \cup \dots \cup (\text{Option 4})] \\ &= P(\text{Option 1}) + P(\text{Option 2}) + \dots + P(\text{Option 4}) = 4 p^3(1-p)^1 \end{aligned}$$

in general...

r with attribute  
(probability p)

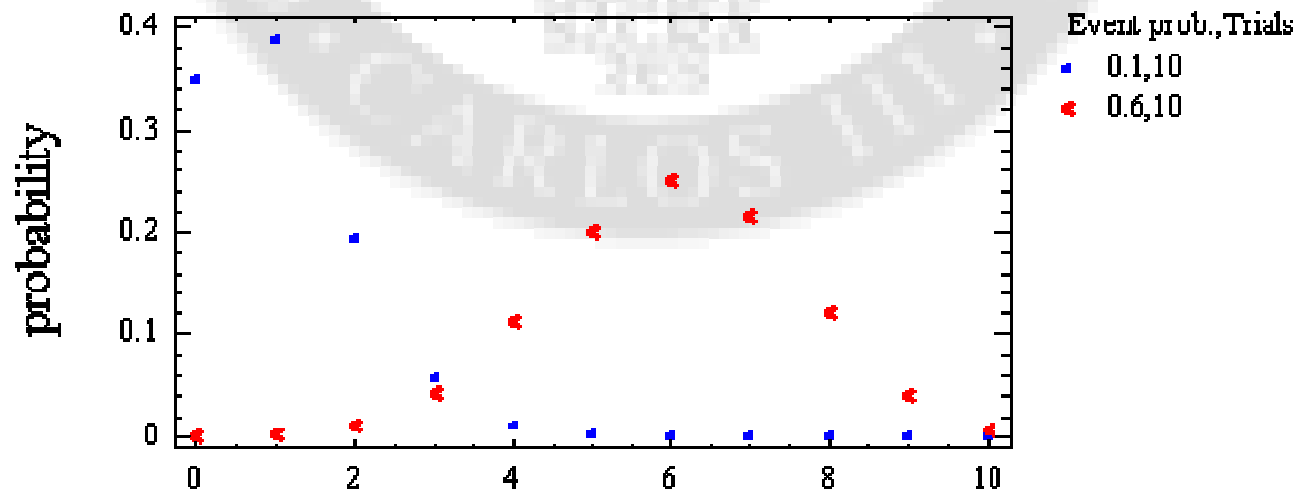
n-r without attribute  
(probability 1-p)

$$p(r) = P(X = r) = \binom{n}{r} p^r (1-p)^{n-r}; r = 0, 1, \dots, n;$$

Number of options:  
combinations with r  
defectives and (n-r)  
acceptable

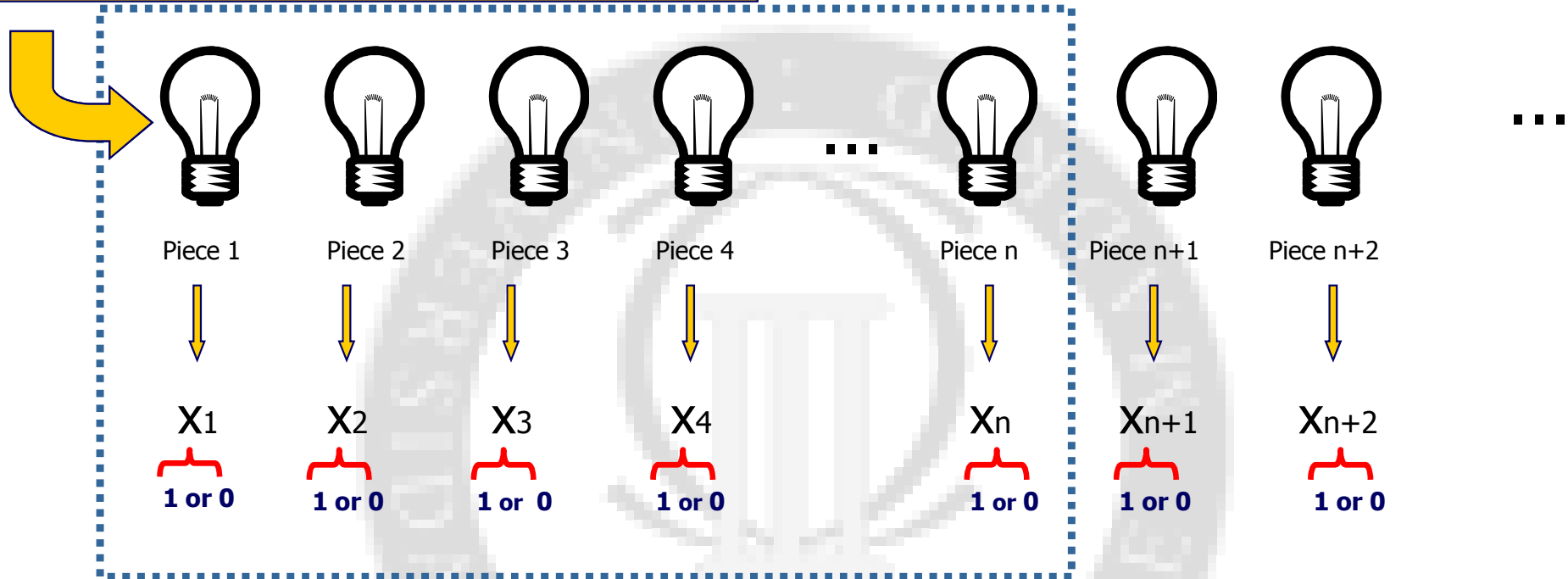
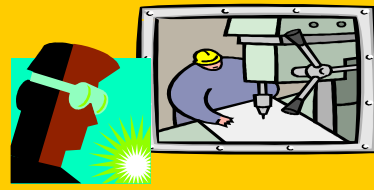
Probability of each of  
the options

### Binomial Distribution





Productive process



$X$  = number of defective pieces in  $n$

Bernoulli's (1 ó 0)

$$X = X_1 + X_2 + \cdots + X_n$$

$X$  = sum of  $n$  Bernoulli's

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### 3. Poisson process

**Bernoulli process:** sequence of elements where we (DO/DO NOT) observe an event



The events are **fortuity** over discrete support



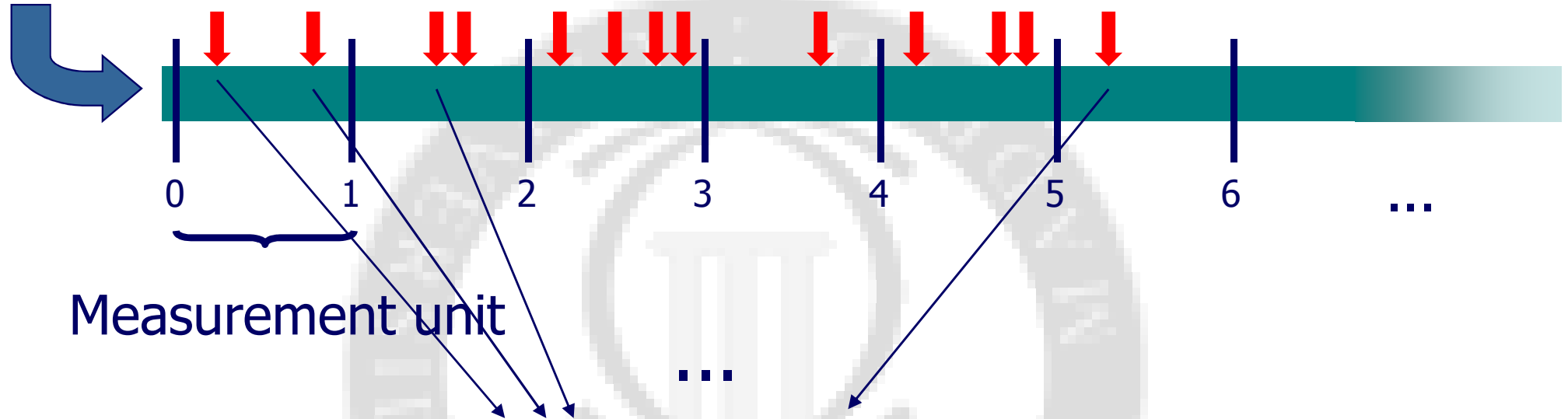
Some elements have the required attribute and others not

**Poisson process:** the events are **fortuity**...  
over continuous support (length, time, surface, etc)

Productive process



The support over which we observe the events: time, length, surface ...



$X$ =observed events (i.e. defects) in each measurement unit

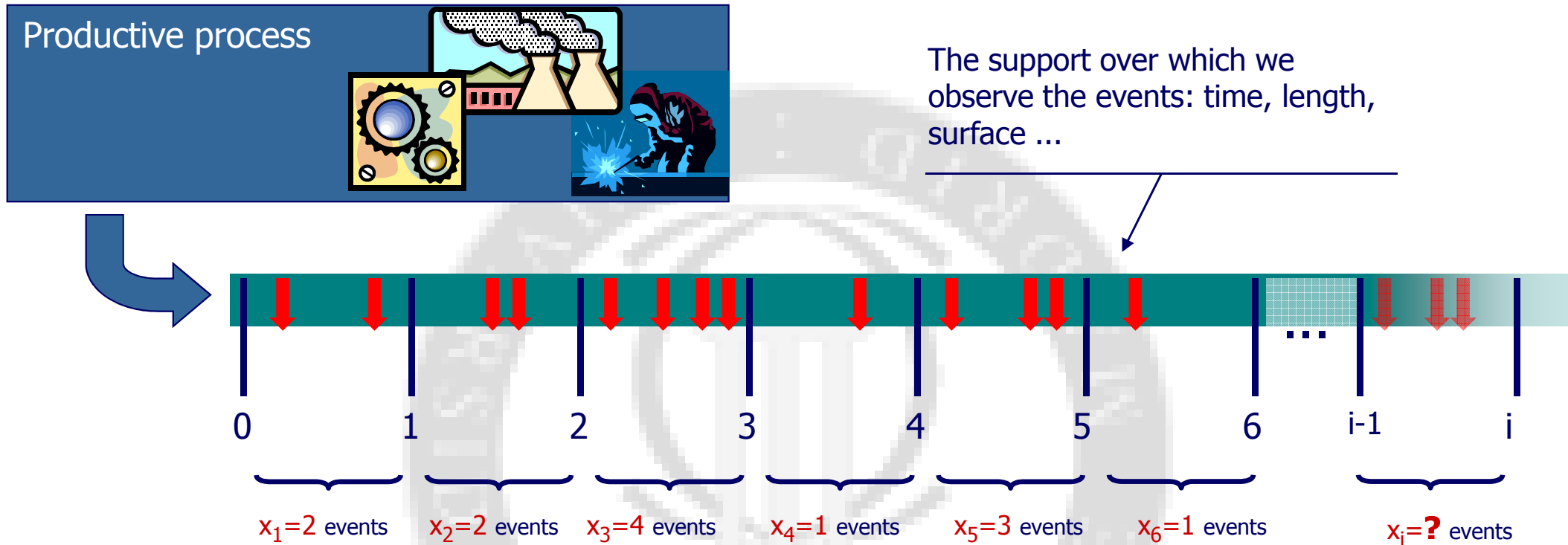
Poisson process: the events appear independently and with constant frequency over continuous support:

**there is no memory**

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### 3.1 Poisson distribution



$X$  = observed events in each measurement unit  
 $x = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

$X$  is a **Poisson** random variable

$$X \sim P(\lambda)$$

$$X \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda)$$

## 3.1 Poisson distribution

$X$  is a **Poisson** random variable

$$X \sim P(\lambda) \quad X \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda)$$

Average number of  
events per  
measurement unit

•Probability function:

$$P(X = r) = \frac{\lambda^r}{r!} e^{-\lambda}; r = 0, 1, \dots$$

•Characteristics moments:

$$E(X) = \lambda,$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \lambda.$$

•Additivity:

Let  $X_1$  y  $X_2$  be independent Poisson random variables:

$$X_1 \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda_1) ; X_2 \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda_2)$$

Then,  $Y = X_1 + X_2$  is Poisson too

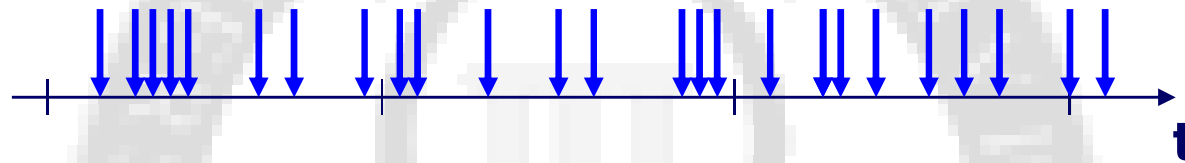
$$Y \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)$$

**Example:**

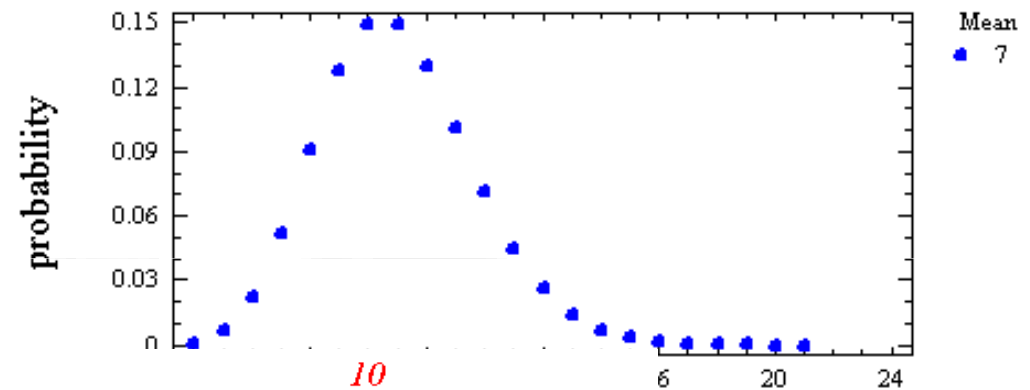
A network server receives on average **7** accesses per minute. We assuming that the accesses show up independently and at constant rate.

We want to calculate the probability that the server receives **more than 10 access in a minute**, that is the number of accesses at which the server starts to show a low performance.

$X$  = number of access in a minute;  $X \sim \text{Poi}(7)$



Poisson Distribution



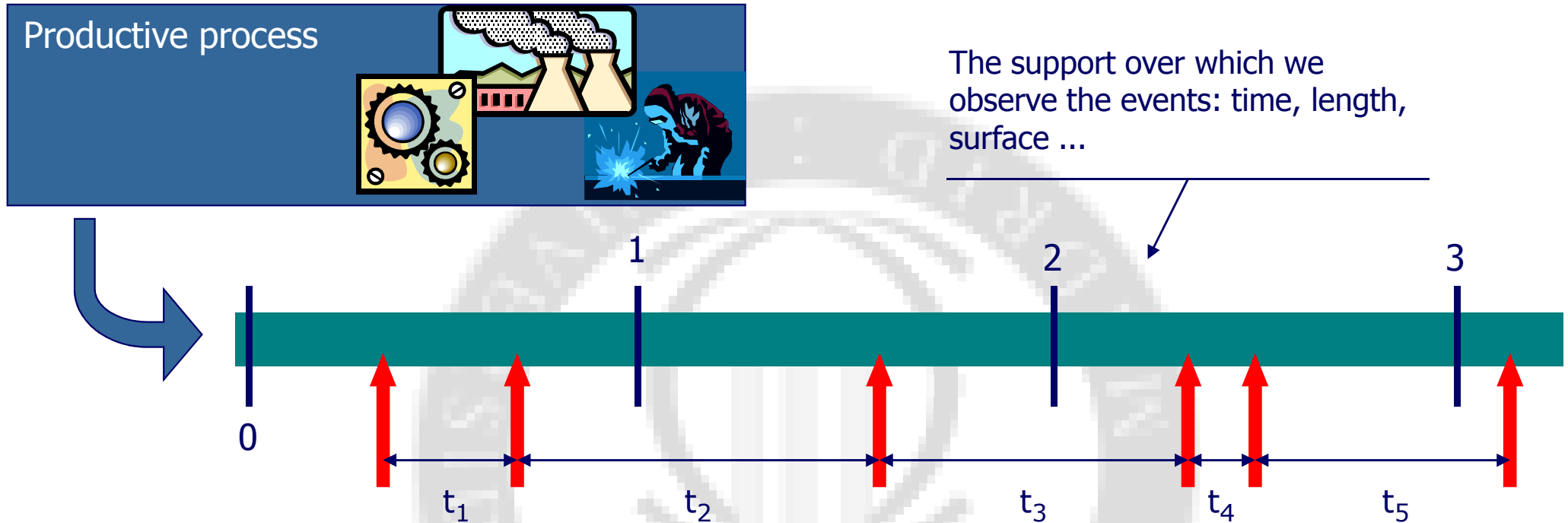
$$P(X = r) = \frac{\lambda^r}{r!} e^{-\lambda}; r = 0, 1, \dots$$

$$P(X > 10) = 1 - P(X \leq 10) = 1 - \sum_{r=0}^{10} P(X = r)$$

$$= 1 - \sum_{r=0}^{10} \frac{7^r}{r!} e^{-7} = 0.099,$$



## 3.2 Exponential distribution



- $T$  = interval between two consecutive events of a Poisson process
- Intervals: time units, length, etc
- Continuous random variable. Its values are positive:  $t_i > 0$

$T$  is named exponential random variable

$$T \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$$

The mean of the Poisson process.  
Average number of events per  
measurement unit

## 3.2 Exponential distribution

$T$ =interval between two consecutive events of a Poisson process

$$T \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$$

- Density function:

$$f(t) = \lambda e^{-\lambda t}; \lambda, t > 0;$$

- Probability function

$$F(t) = P(T \leq t) = 1 - e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$P(T > t) = e^{-\lambda t}$$

- Characteristics moments

$$E(T) = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

$$\text{Var}(T) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$$

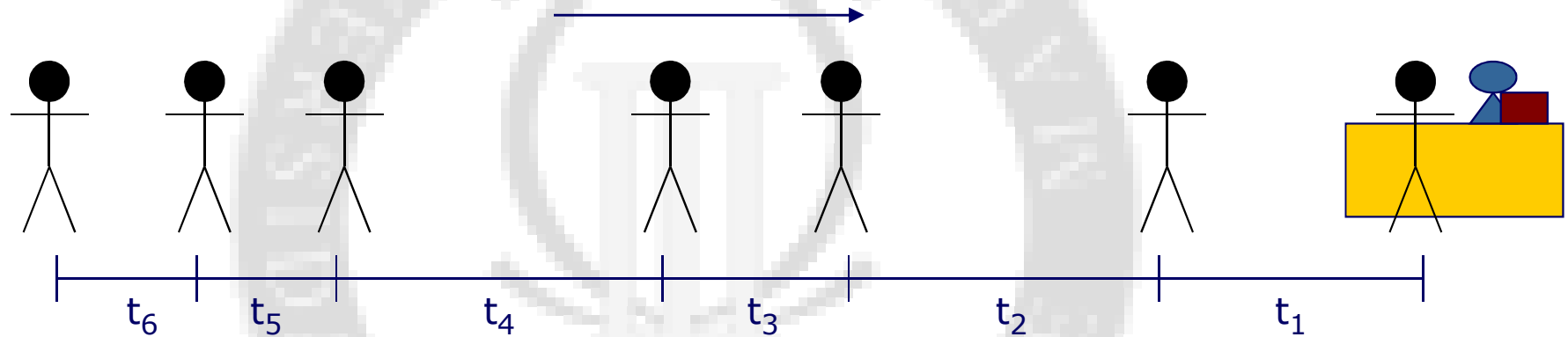
## Example:

The arrivals of clients at a service point are stable and independent, being the **time between the arrival of two consecutive clients an exponential random variable**.

On average there is only one arrival per minute.

(a) What is the probability that no client arrives for 3 minutes?

(b) What is the probability that the interval of time between two consecutive arrivals is less than a minute?



$T$  = interval (minutes) between two consecutive clients

$T \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$ ;  $\lambda = 1$  client/minute

(a)  $P(T > t) = e^{-\lambda t} \longrightarrow P(T > 3) = e^{-1 \times 3} = 0.05$

(b)  $P(T \leq 1) = \int_0^1 \lambda e^{-\lambda t} dt = 1 - e^{-\lambda} = 1 - e^{-1} = 0.63$

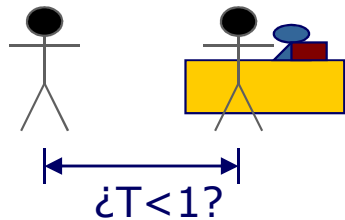
## Lack of memory

Poisson process has no memory.

It means that the process does not remember how much time has elapsed from the last observed event

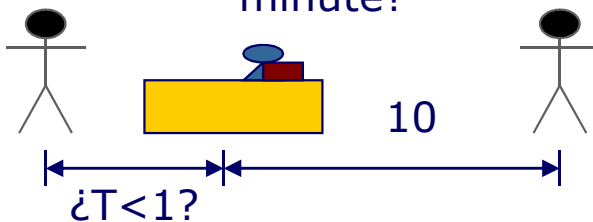
Probability that the next client arrive during the next minute?

$$P(T < 1) = \int_0^1 f(t) dt = \int_0^1 \lambda e^{-\lambda t} dt = 1 - e^{-\lambda \times 1}$$



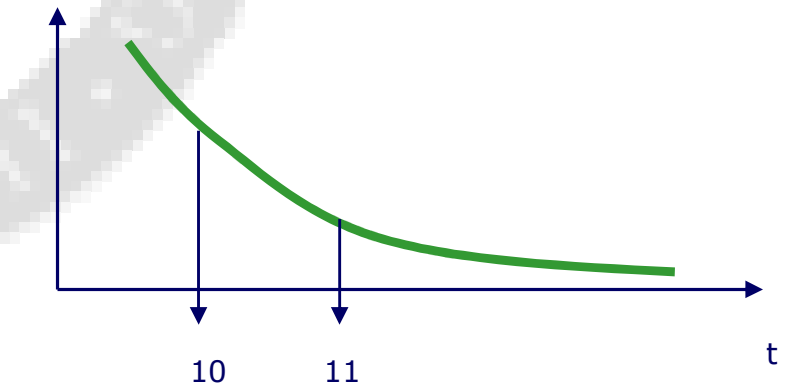
After waiting 10 minutes without receiving clients...

what is the probability that the next client arrives in the next minute?



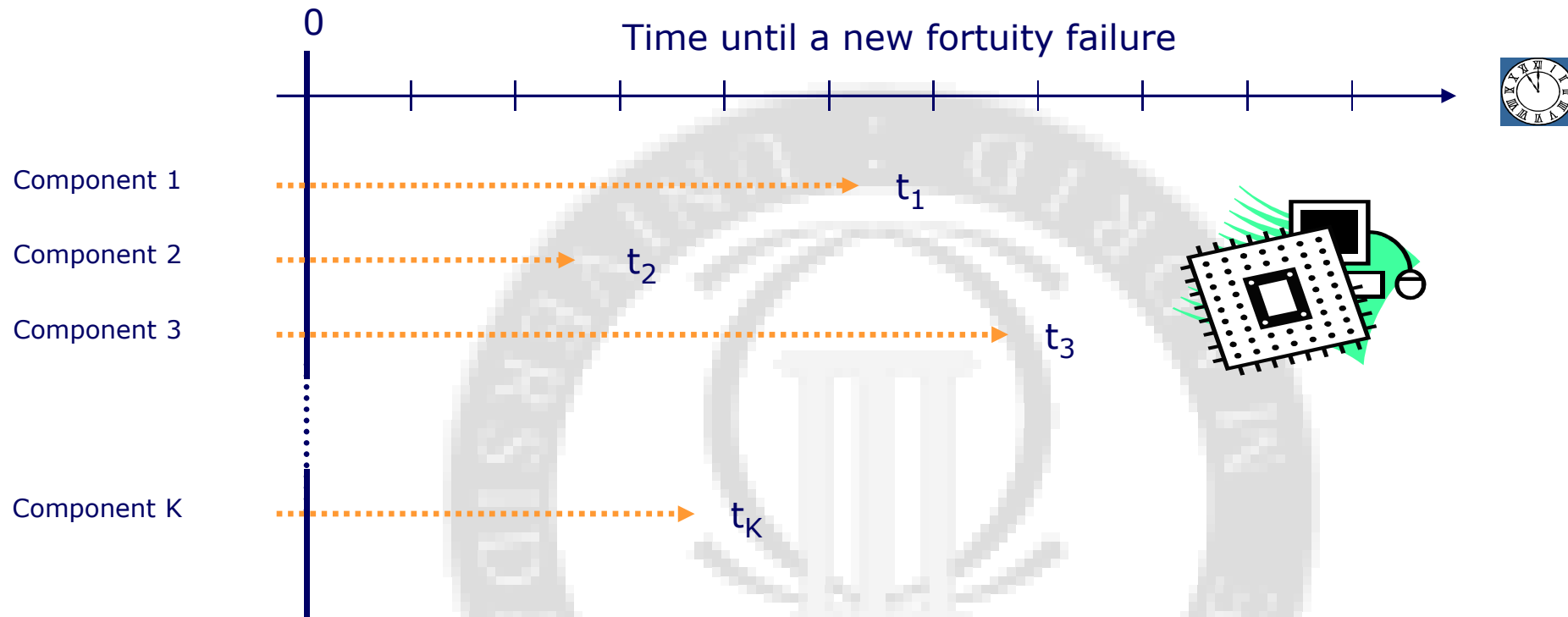
$$P(T < 11 | T > 10) = \frac{P[(T < 11) \cap (T > 10)]}{P(T > 10)} = \frac{P(10 < T < 11)}{P(T > 10)}$$

$$= \frac{P(T < 11) - P(T < 10)}{P(T > 10)}$$



$$= \frac{(1 - e^{-\lambda \times 11}) - (1 - e^{-\lambda \times 10})}{e^{-\lambda \times 10}} = 1 - e^{-\lambda \times 1} = P(T < 1)$$

The exponential distribution is useful to model the **time elapsed from a given instant until the moment a fortuity failure occurs**



$T$ =time until a component (a communication channel, a machine, etc) fortuitously fails

$$T \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$$

Why fortuitously? Because THERE IS NO MEMORY

There is neither ageing nor improvement,

$$E(T) = 1/\lambda \text{ is constant}$$

**Example:**

The duration of a component is an exponential random variable of mean equal to 5000 h.

- (a) What is the probability that the component lasts (more than) 6000 hours?
- (b) What is the probability that the component lasts (more than) 6000 hours knowing that it was working during 1000 hours?

$T$  = duration: time until FAILURE  $T \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$

$$E(T) = 1/\lambda = 5000 \text{ hours} \longrightarrow \lambda = (1/5000) \text{ failure/hour}$$

$$(a) \quad P(T > 6000) = \int_{6000}^{\infty} \lambda e^{-\lambda t} dt = e^{-\lambda \times 6000} = e^{-\frac{6000}{5000}} = 0.30$$

$$(b) \quad P(T > 7000 | T > 1000) = \frac{P[(T > 7000) \cap (T > 1000)]}{P(T > 1000)}$$
$$= \frac{P(T > 7000)}{P(T > 1000)} = \frac{e^{-\lambda \times 7000}}{e^{-\lambda \times 1000}} = e^{-\lambda \times 6000} = e^{-\frac{6000}{5000}} = 0.30$$

There is no ageing. Neither 'infantile' failures (by manufacturing defects)

Is this always a hypothesis reasonable?

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## 4. Normal random variable

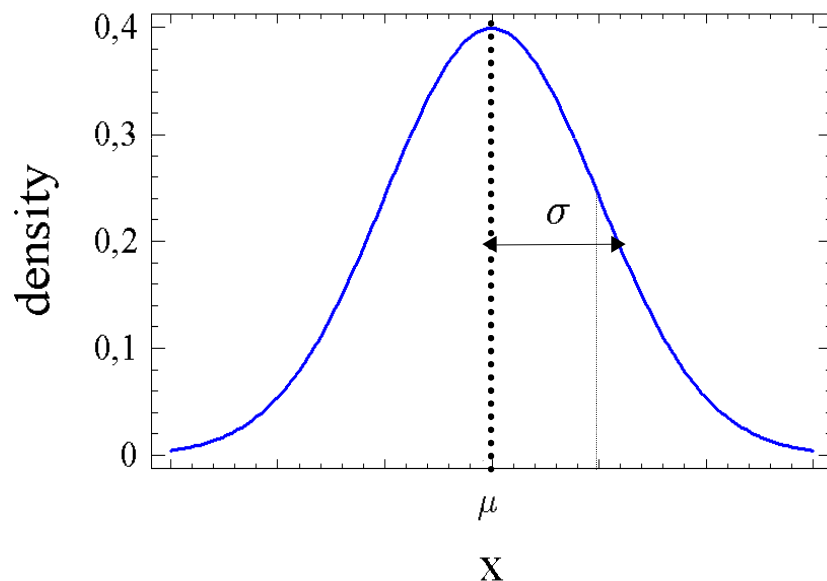
Let  $X$  be a continuous random variable with con  $E(X)=\mu$  and  $\text{var}(X)=\sigma^2$

$X$  is a Normal or Gaussian distribution if it has the density function:

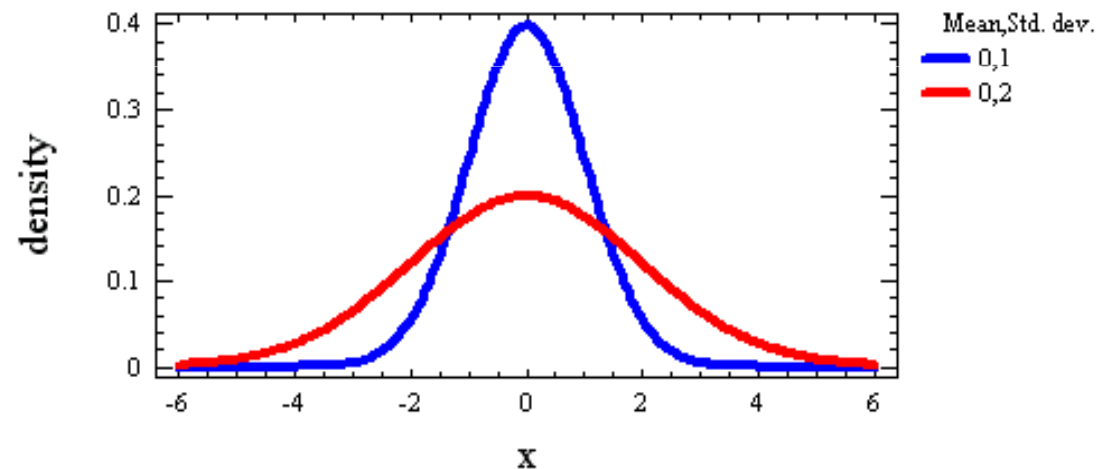
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right), -\infty < x < \infty.$$

$$X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

Normal Distribution



Normal Distribution

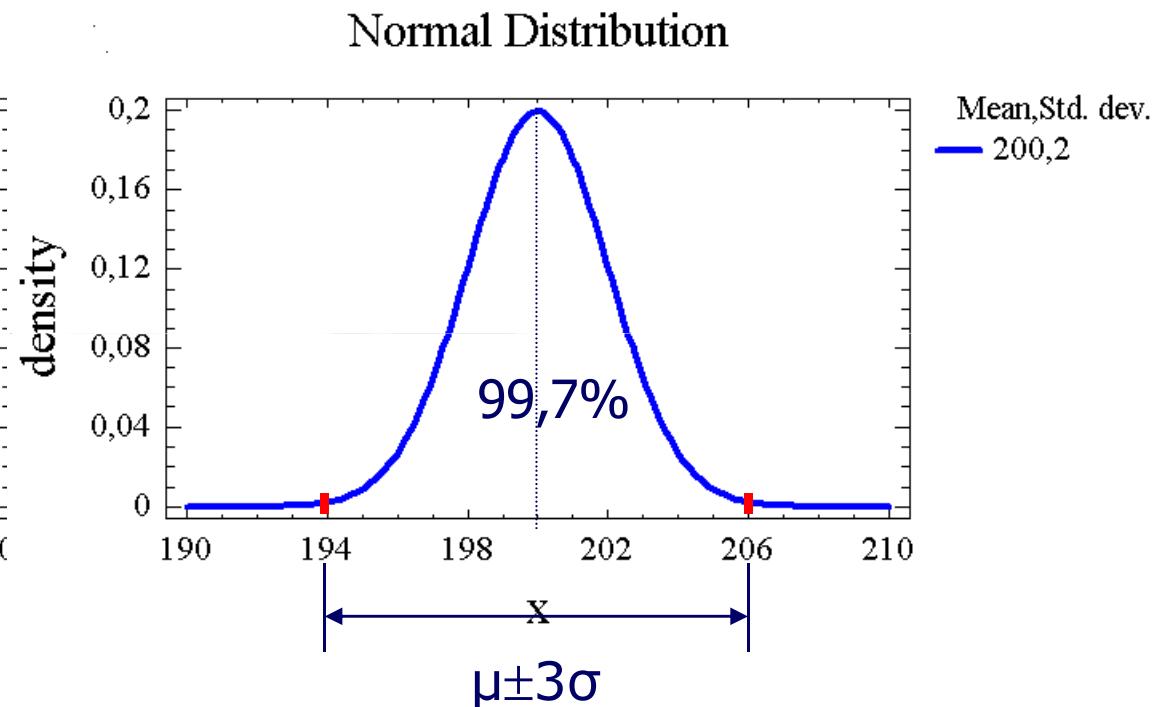
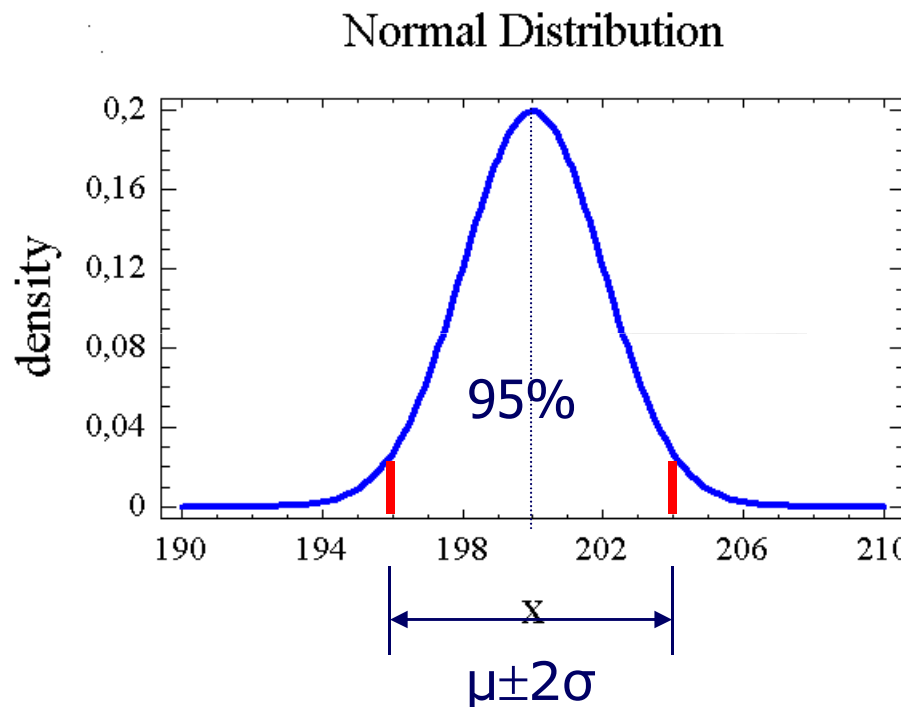




## 4. Normal random variable

Important properties:

- Symmetric and bell-shaped ('Gauss' Bell')
- Mean and variance are independent characteristics
- It is concentrated around the mean (mode=mean)



## 4. Normal random variable

Other important properties:

- If we make a linear transformation of a Normal random variable, we obtain a new Normal random variable.
- A linear combinations of Normal random variables is a Normal random variable.

### Example:

Let  $X_1 \sim N(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2)$  and  $X_2 \sim N(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2)$ , two independent Normal random variables.

Then  $Y = aX_1 + bX_2$  is a Normal random variable too.

Moreover we know that

$$E(Y) = E(aX_1 + bX_2) = a\mu_1 + b\mu_2$$

And that

$$\text{Var}(Y) = \text{Var}(aX_1 + bX_2) = a^2\sigma_1^2 + b^2\sigma_2^2,$$

because the initial random variables are independents.

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right), -\infty < x < \infty.$$

It is difficult to integrate

- We can integrate using a computer
- We can integrate using Tables
  - There are only tables for the  $N(0,1)$ , which is the so-called Standard Normal or Z
  - We can transform a problem in  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$  into one in  $Z \sim N(0,1)$ . This transformation is called standardization.

$$X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2) \longrightarrow Z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} \sim N(0, 1)$$

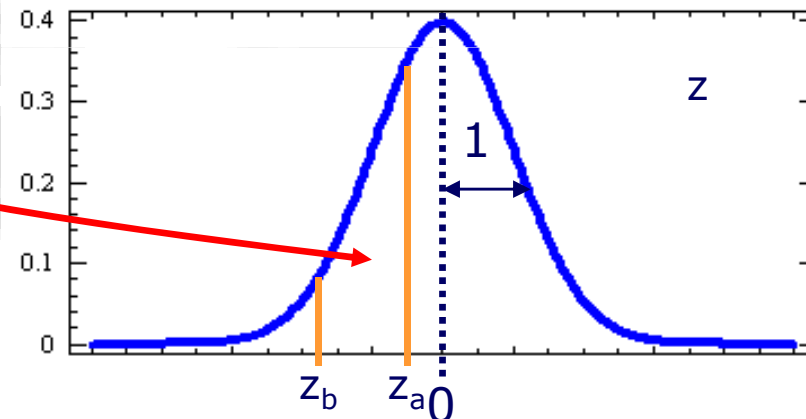
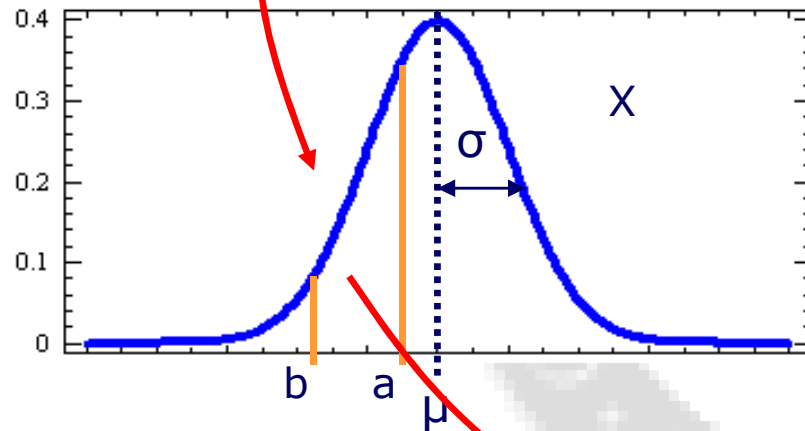
$$E(Z) = E\left(\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}\right) = \frac{1}{\sigma} E(X - \mu) = \frac{1}{\sigma} [E(X) - \mu] = 0$$

$$\text{Var}(Z) = \text{Var}\left(\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}\right) = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \text{Var}(X - \mu) = 1.$$

Then:

$$\begin{aligned} P(a < X < b) &= P\left(\frac{a-\mu}{\sigma} < \frac{X-\mu}{\sigma} < \frac{b-\mu}{\sigma}\right) = P\left(\frac{a-\mu}{\sigma} < Z < \frac{b-\mu}{\sigma}\right) \\ &= P\left(Z < \frac{b-\mu}{\sigma}\right) - P\left(Z < \frac{a-\mu}{\sigma}\right) \\ &= P(Z < z_b) - P(Z < z_a) \\ &= \Phi(z_b) - \Phi(z_a), \end{aligned}$$

↑ ↑  
Distribution function of a Standard Normal:  $P(Z < z_0)$



**The area is the same**

**Example:**

The length  $L$  (in millimetres) of the pieces produced in a process is distributed as a Normal random variable  $N(32, 0.3^2)$ . If we consider acceptable those pieces whose length is between  $(31.1, 32.6)$ , what is the probability that a randomly chosen piece is acceptable?



$$P(31.1 < L < 32.6)$$

$$P\left(\frac{31.1 - 32}{0.3} < Z < \frac{32.6 - 32}{0.3}\right) = 0.976$$

**Example:**

Some intelligence tests revealed scores whose distribution can be approximated as Normal random variable with mean 100 and standard deviation 15.

- (a) Calculate the percentage of population that obtains a score between 95 and 100.
- (b) What interval centred in 100 contains up to 50% of the population?

$$(a) \quad P(95 \leq X \leq 100) = P\left(\frac{95 - 100}{15} \leq \frac{X - 100}{15} \leq \frac{100 - 100}{15}\right) = P\left(\frac{-1}{3} \leq Z \leq 0\right) = 0.13$$

$$(b) \quad P(0 \leq Z \leq z) = 0.25 \Rightarrow z = 0.675$$

$$\longrightarrow \frac{X - 100}{15} = 0.675 \Leftrightarrow X \simeq 110 \longrightarrow [90, 110]$$

## 4. Normal random variable

### Central Limit Theorem (CLT)

- Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be a collection of **any** random variables such as

$$E(X_i) = \mu_i < \infty$$

$$\text{Var}(X_i) = \sigma_i^2 < \infty$$

- Let  $Y = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$

Then, if  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$Y \sim N[E(Y), \text{Var}(Y)]$$

If we sum a lot of random variables, the result is a Normal random variable, although the original random variables are not Normal.

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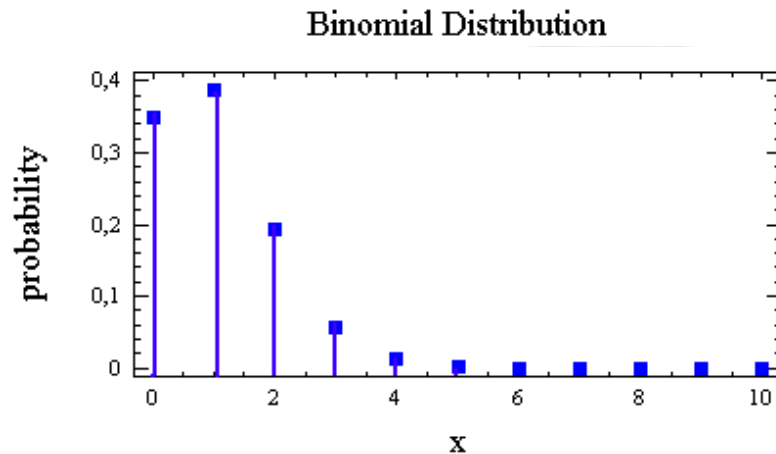
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## CLT application to Binomial

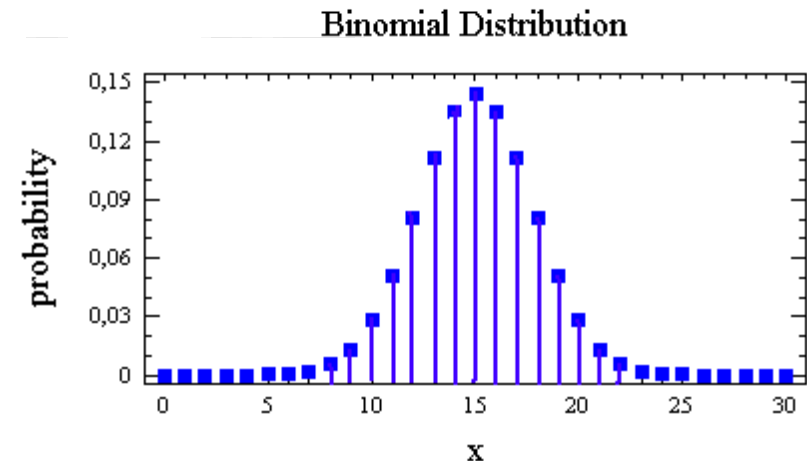
Let  $X \sim B(n, p)$ . Then  $X = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$ ,  
where  $X_i$  are Bernoulli random variables

If  $n$  is sufficiently large such as  $np(1-p) > 5$

$$X \sim N(np, np(1-p))$$



$B(10, 0.1)$



$B(30, 0.5)$

### Example:

We have a batch of 5000 pieces produced by the same machine M. We know that in normal conditions the machine produces 1% of defective pieces. What is the probability that in that batch there are more than 50 defective pieces?

$X \sim B(5000, 0.01)$ . As  $np(1-p) = 5000 \times 0.01 \times 0.99 = 49.5$  we have  $X \sim N(50, 49.5)$ ,  $P(X > 50) = 0.5$

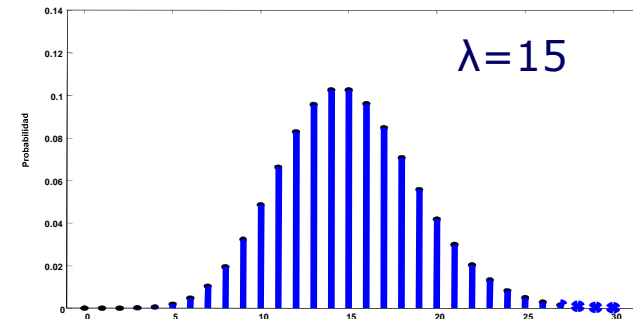
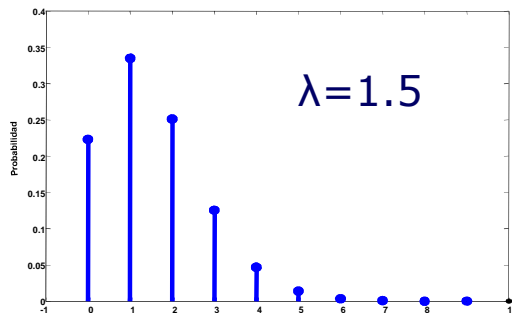


## CLT application to Poisson

Let  $Y_i \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda_i)$   $\longrightarrow$  Then  $Y = Y_1 + Y_2 + \dots + Y_n \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda)$  with  $\lambda = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots + \lambda_n$

If  $n$  is sufficiently large such as  $\lambda > 5$ , then

$$Y \sim N(\lambda, \lambda)$$



### Example:

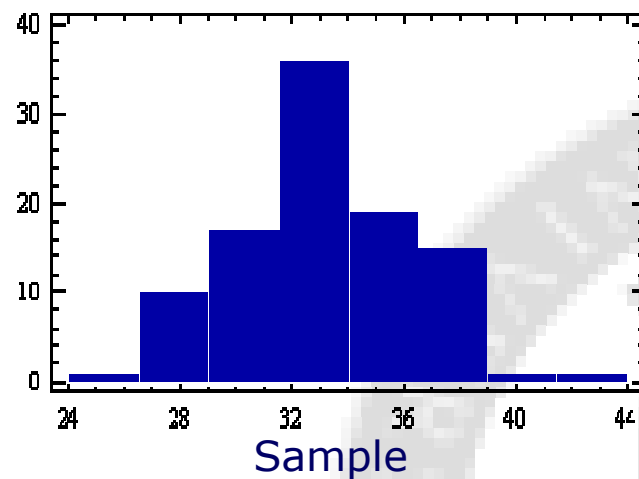
A wire of optical fiber has on average 2 defects per 10 meters. What measurement unit should be used to approximate the number of defects per unit of measure by a Normal distribution?

We need  $\lambda > 5$  defects per measurement unit. Then we must use 25 meters as minimum measurement unit.

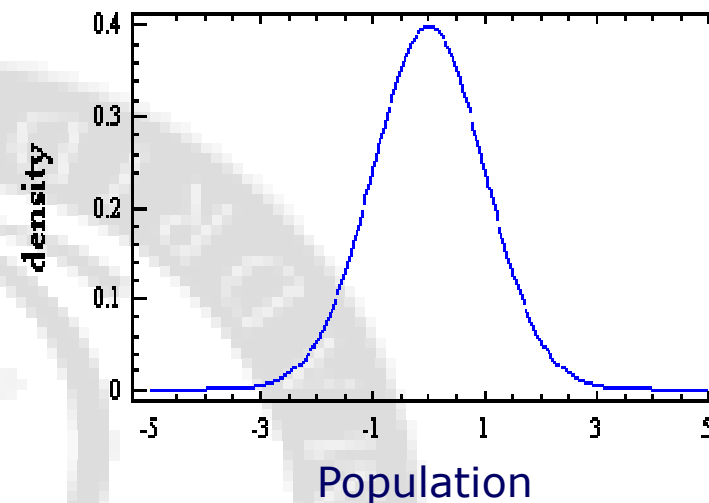
# Chapter 5: Probability models

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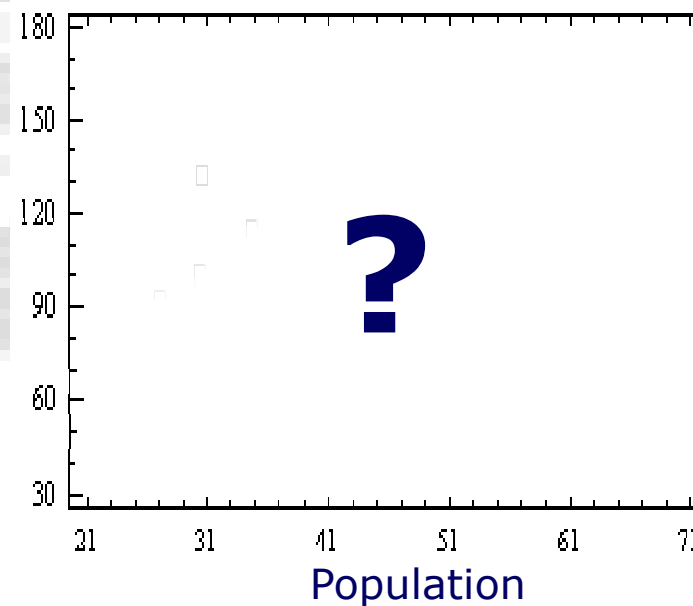
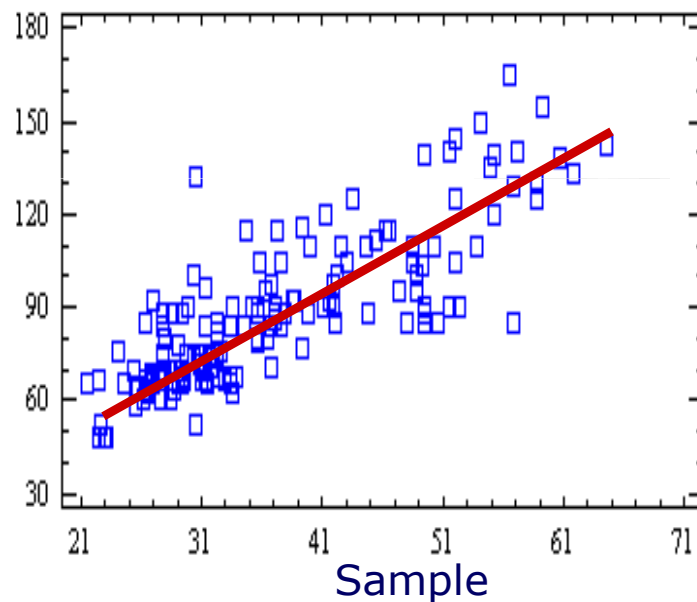
With univariate information:



Normal Distribution



What about two linearly related variables?



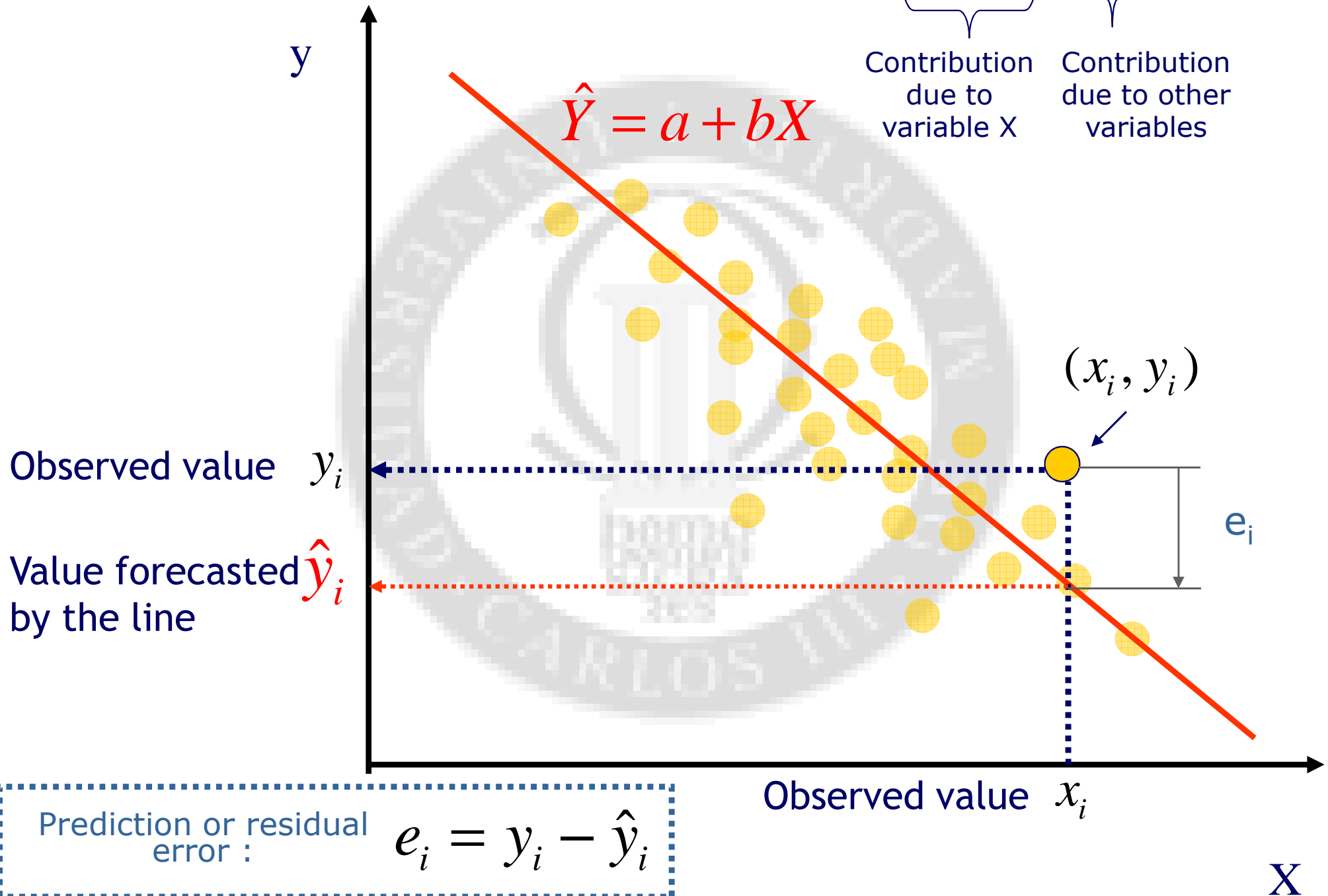
## Regression line

$$Y = a + bX + e$$

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$$\hat{Y} = a + bX$$



## The “General Linear Model” of simple regression

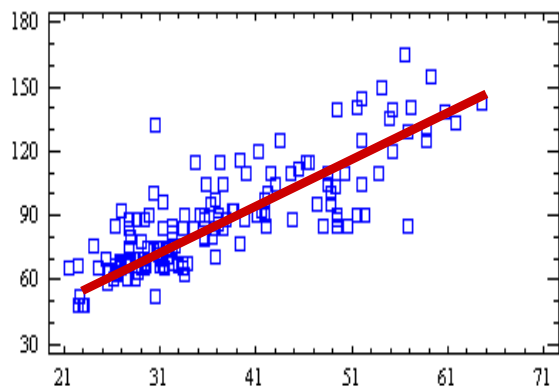
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$$Y = a + bX + c_1Z_1 + c_2Z_2 + c_3Z_3 + \dots$$

We assume that all the variables affect Y in an additive  
(or linear) form



If we fix the value  $X=x_i$ , the value of  $Y$  varies  
depending on the values of the variables  
 $Z_1, Z_2, \dots$  that we cannot control



$e$  is a random variable

$Y$  is a random variable

$$Y = \underbrace{a + bX}_{\text{constant}} + \underbrace{e}_{\text{random}}$$

constant

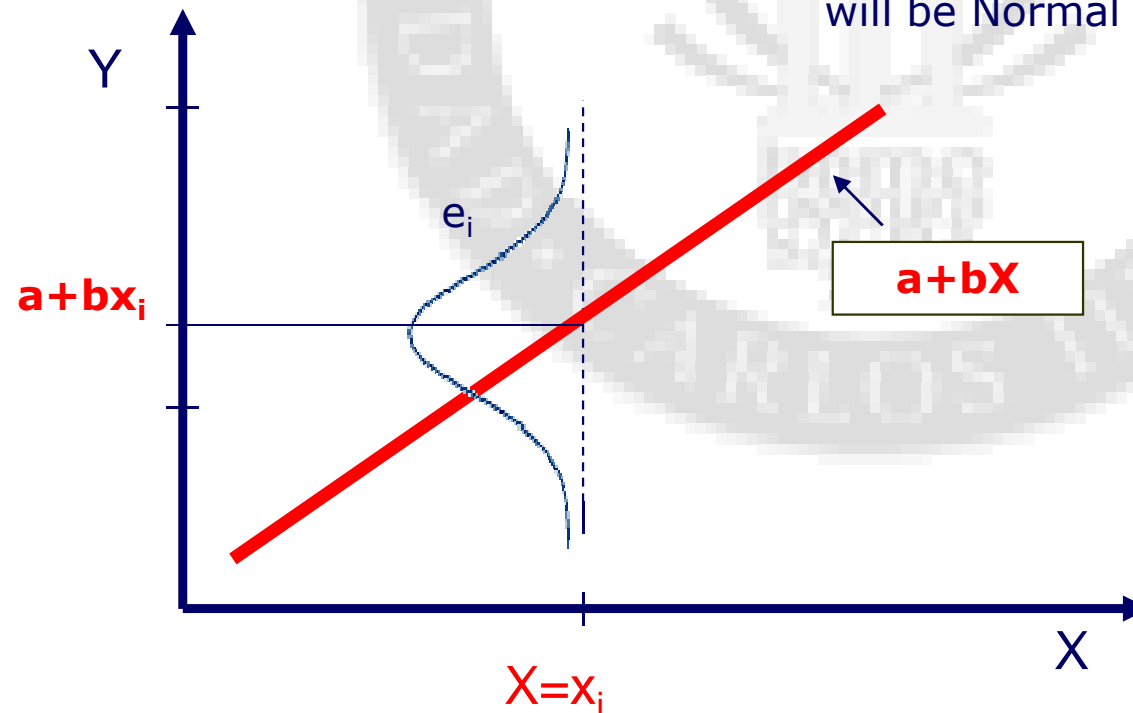
random

Contribution due to  
variable X that assumes  
value  $x_i$

Contribution due to other variables that  
makes the linear prediction not exact:  
 $E(e) = 0$

$$Y = a + bX + \underbrace{c_1Z_1 + c_2Z_2 + c_3Z_3 + \dots}_{\text{By the Central Limit Theorem this sum will be Normal distributed}}$$

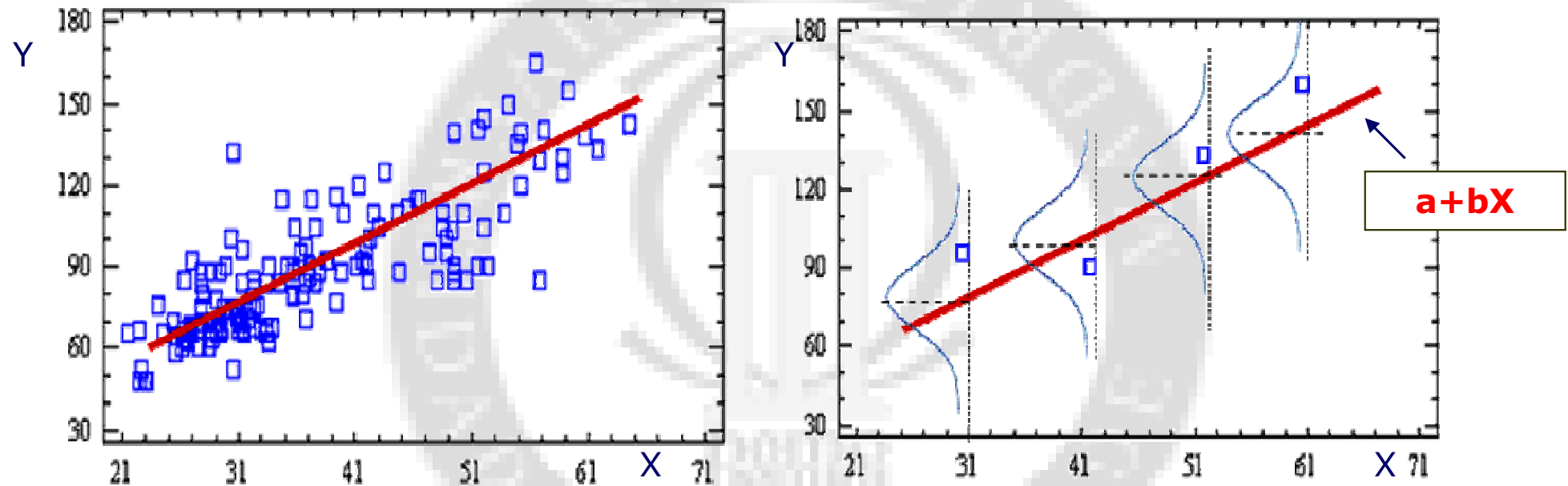
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$$e_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$$

$$Y_i \sim N(a + bx_i, \sigma^2)$$

$$Y = \underbrace{a + bX}_{\text{constant}} + \underbrace{e}_{\text{random}}$$



Each observed point  $y_i$  can be interpreted as a random value normal distributed around the line, i.e.

$$Y_i \sim N(a + bx_i, \sigma^2)$$

We assume that the 'noise' is homogeneous along all the liner:  
i.e. the variance is constant (homoelasticity assumption)

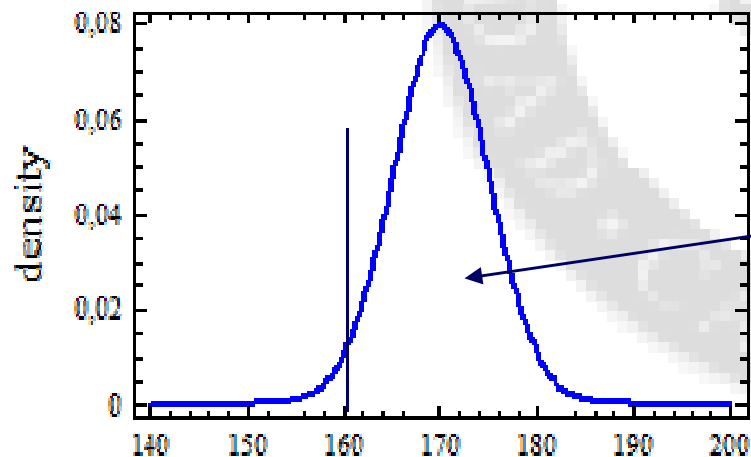
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Let  $Y=50+2X+e$  be a simple regression model with  $e$  distributed as an  $N(0, \sigma^2=25)$ . Compute the probability that  $Y$  is greater than 160 in the following cases:

- a)  $X=60$ ,
- b)  $X=40$ .

Case(a)  $Y = 50 + 2 \times 60 + e = 170 + e; e \sim N(0, \sigma^2 = 25)$

Normal distribution



$$Y \sim N(170, 25)$$

$$P(Y > 160 | Y \sim N(170, 25)) = 0,977$$



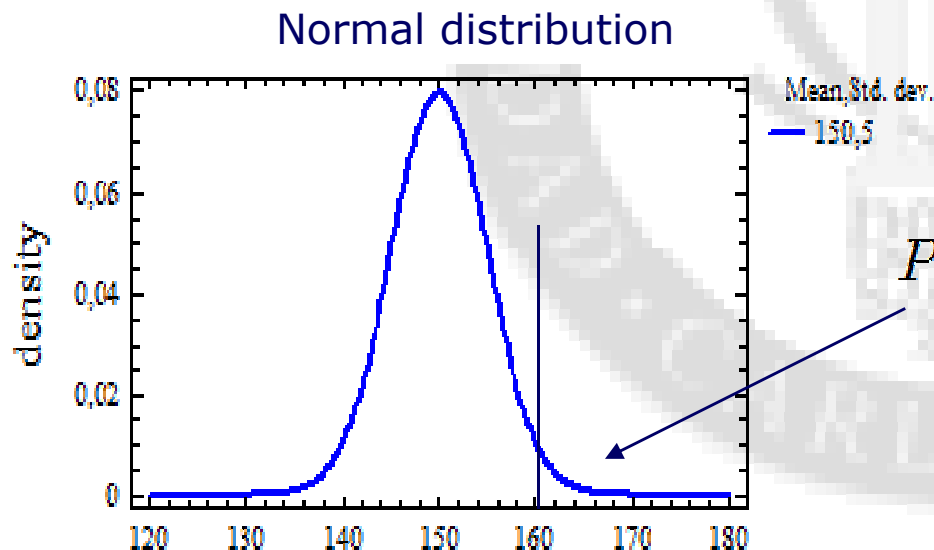
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Case (b)  $Y = 50 + 2 \times 50 + e = 150 + e; e \sim N(0, \sigma^2 = 25)$

$$Y \sim N(150, 25)$$



$$P(Y > 160 | Y \sim N(150, 25)) = 0,023$$

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