

# Lecture. probability.

1. Prob is one way to measure uncertainty and perform prediction.

2. Random variable, prob, and distribution

$X$   $\rightarrow$  event, data, ...  
takes values randomly from a set.

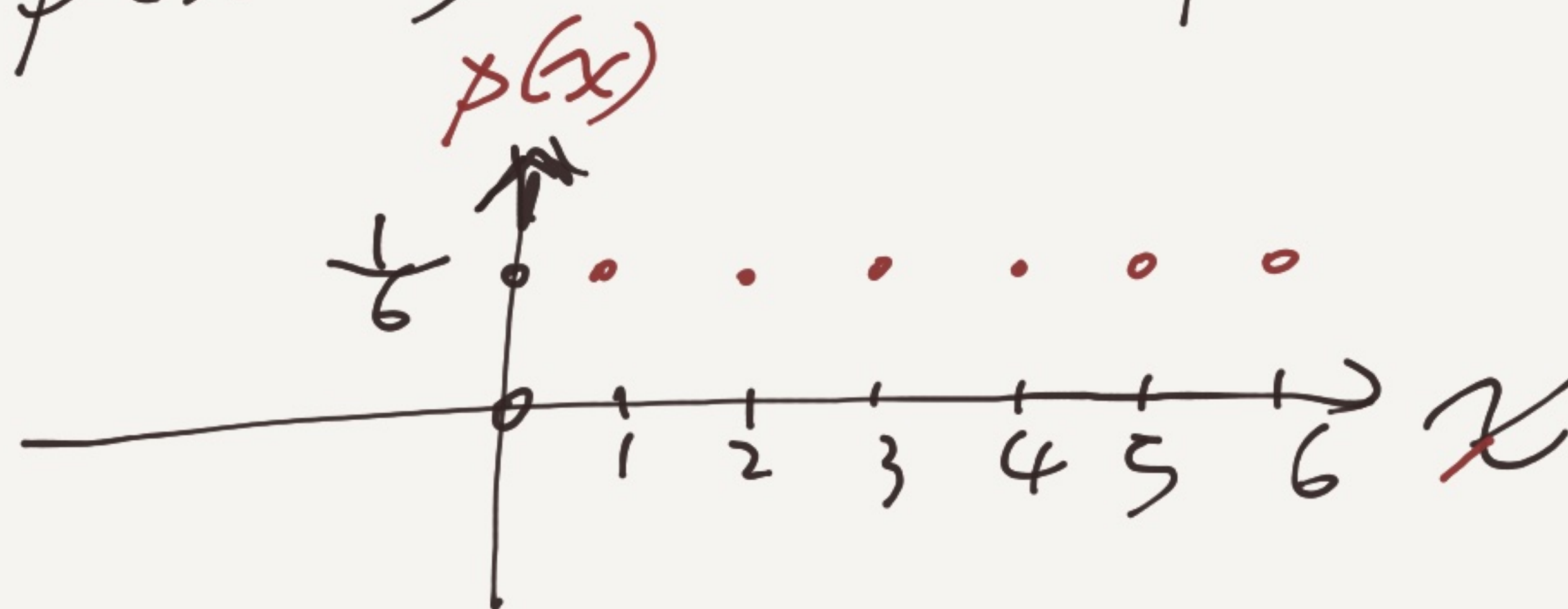
event: dice game.  $x$ : results of dice game.

$$x \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

prob:  $p(x)$  :  $p(x=1) = p(x=2) \dots = p(x=6) = \frac{1}{6}$

$p(x) \geq 0$   $\int_0^{\infty} p(x) = 1$

Distribution:

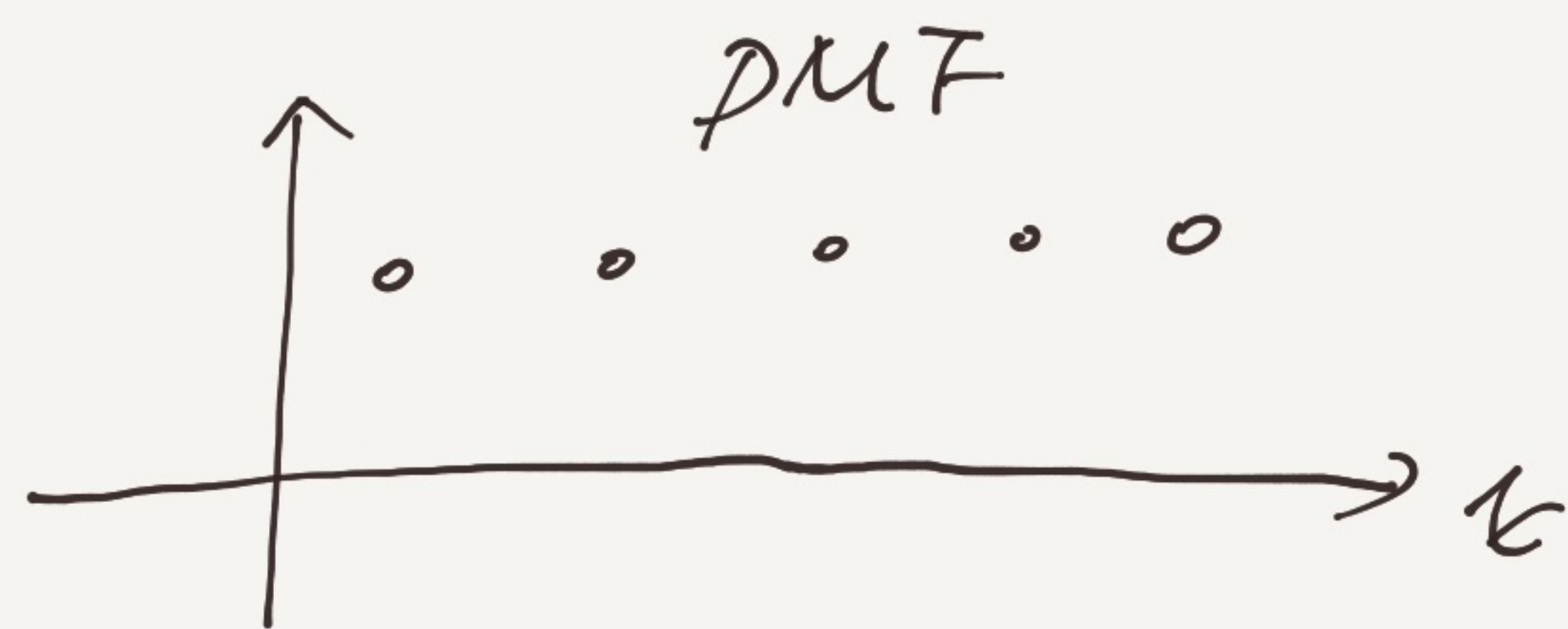




Two types of distributions:

$x \in$  a discrete set, e.g.,  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ ,  $p(x)$  is called prob. mass function (PMF)

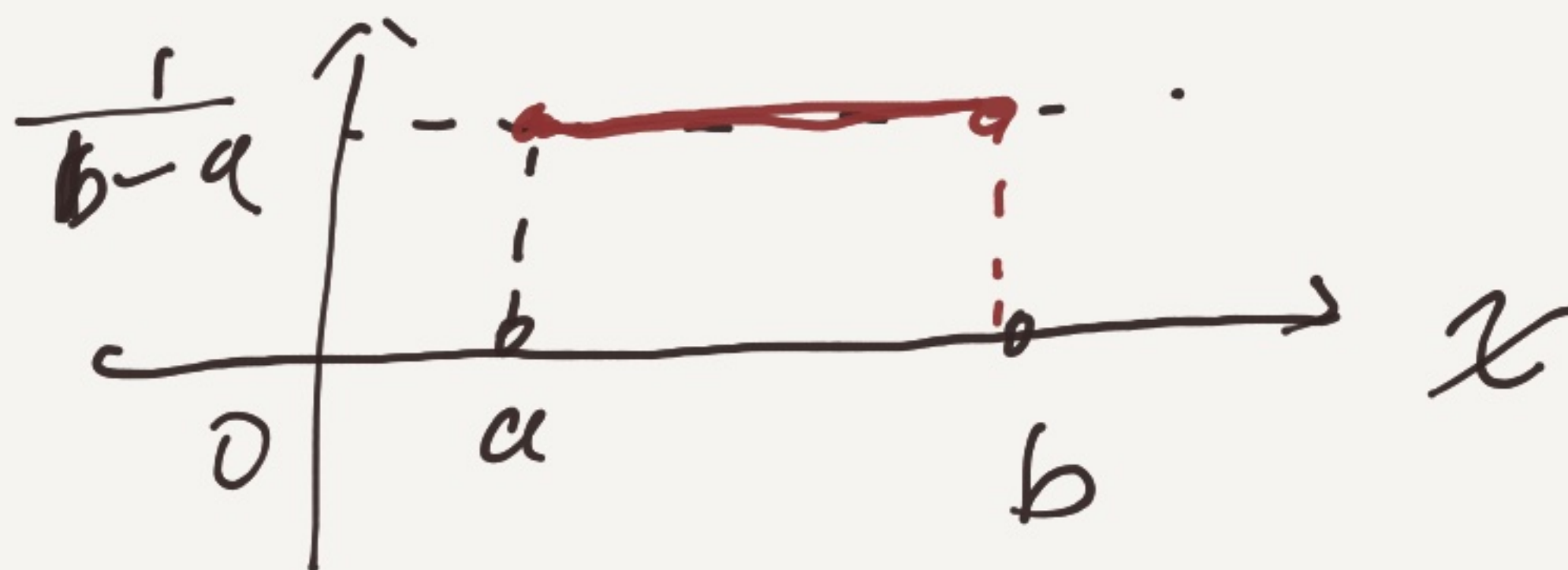
$x \in$  a continuous set,  $p(x)$  is called prob. density function



### 3. Uniform Distribution

$$x \in [a, b] \quad , \quad p(x) = \frac{1}{b-a} \geq 0 \quad \int_a^b p(x) = 1$$

$b > a$



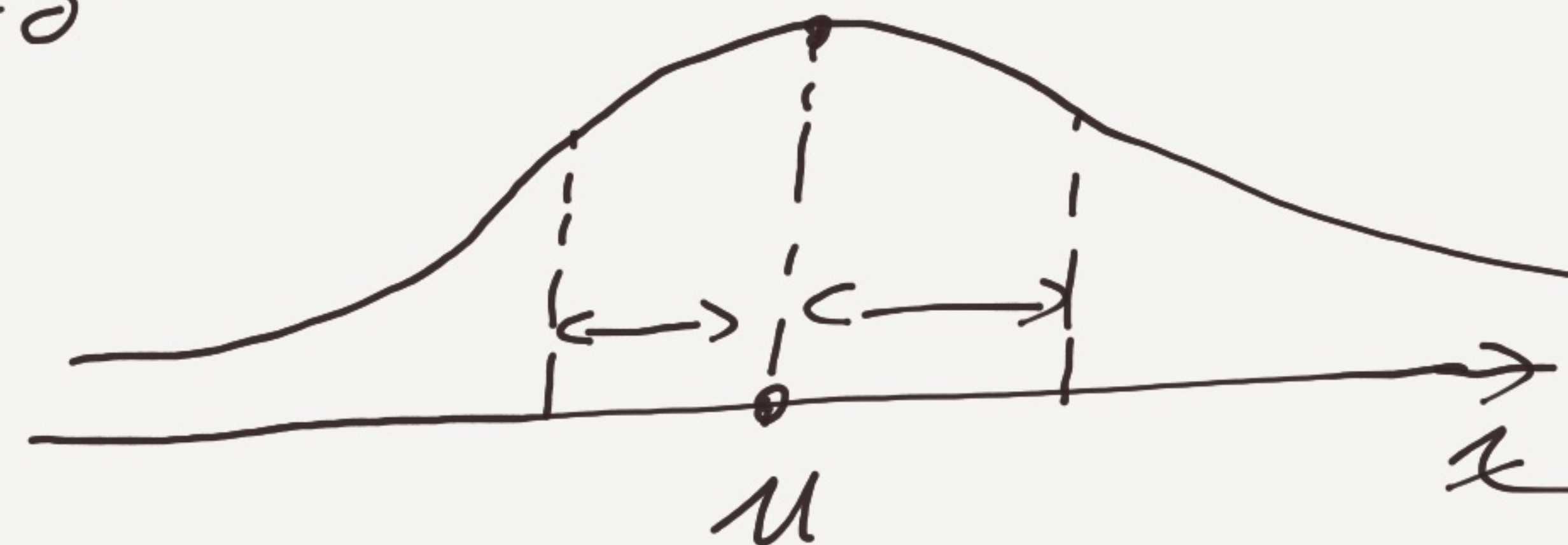


#### 4. Gaussian Distribution / normal distribution

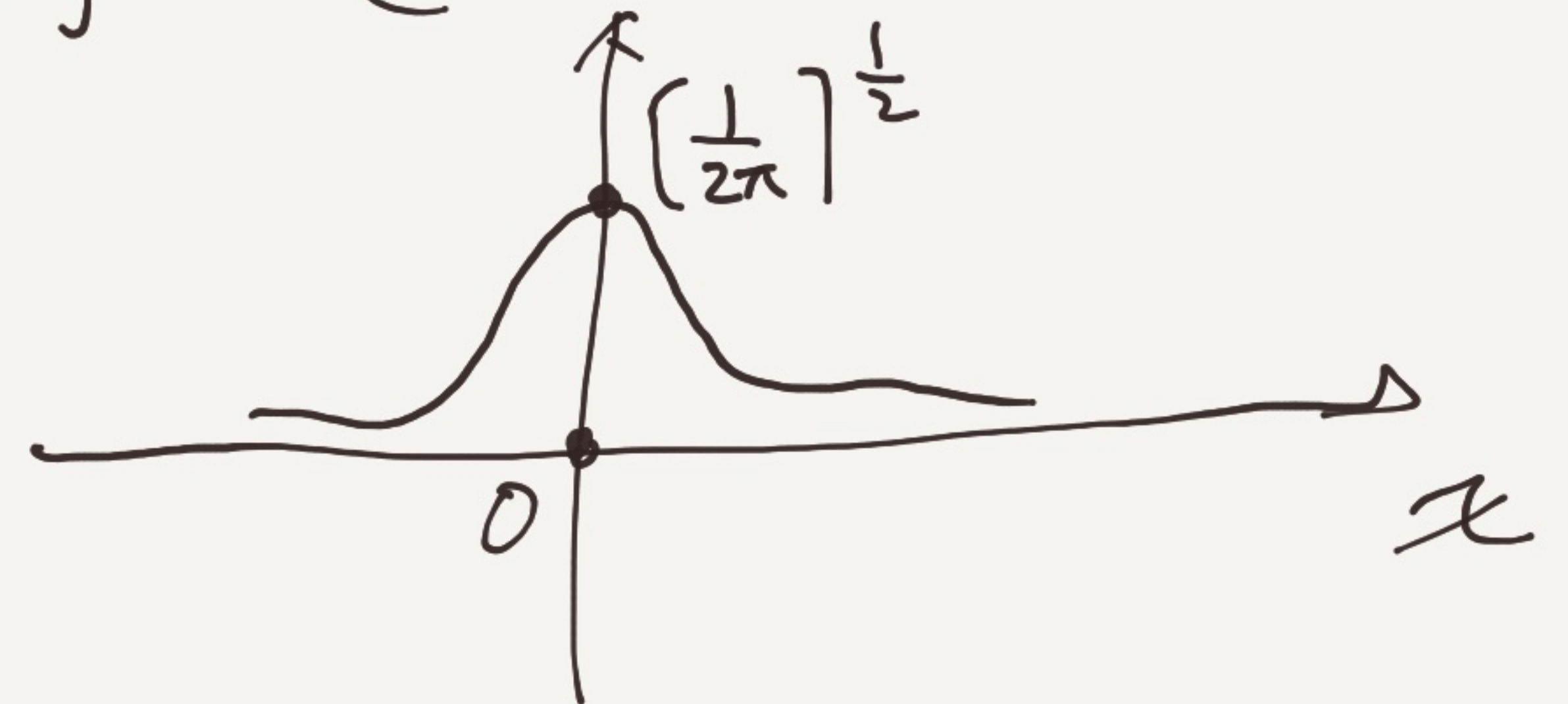
$$N(x; \mu, \sigma^2) = \left[ \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

$\mu$ : mean.

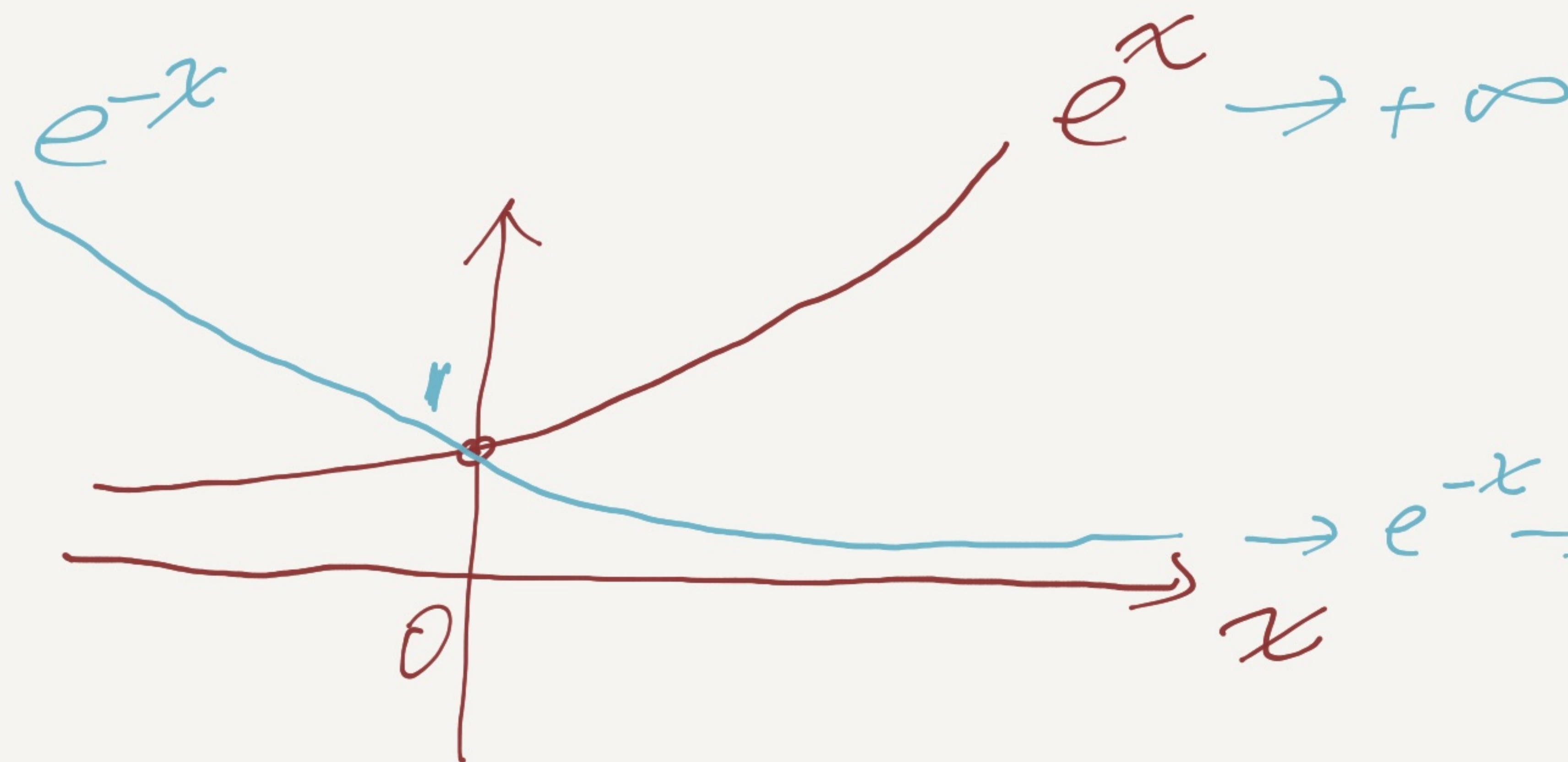
$\sigma$ : std



if,  $\mu=0, \sigma^2=1$ ,  $N(x; 0, 1) = \left[ \frac{1}{2\pi} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$



2D Gaussian distribution ??



$$f(x) = e^{-x}$$

$$Df(x) = -e^{-x}$$



## 5. Bayes' Formula.

$x$ ,  $p(x)$ ,

Joint prob.  $p(x, y)$ ,  $p(x=1, y=2) = ?$  (dice game)

$$\begin{aligned} p(x, y) &= p(x) \cdot \underline{p(y|x)} \\ &= p(y) \cdot \underline{p(x|y)} \end{aligned}$$

conditional prob.

$$\underline{p(y|x)}, \quad p(x|y)$$

↳ prob of  $x = ?$  given the condition of  $y = ?$ .

If.  $x$  and  $y$  are independent;

$$p(y|x) = p(y); \quad p(x|y) = p(x).$$



Bayes' formula:

$$p(y|x) = \frac{p(x|y) \cdot p(y)}{p(x)}$$

Annotations:

- $p(x|y)$  is labeled "likelihood".
- $p(y)$  is labeled "prior prob.".
- $p(x)$  is labeled "evidence".

Bayes' Decision Rule ??

'Dog vs. cat' task.