

# Log-Normal distribution

Consider an example of number of days of hospitalisation

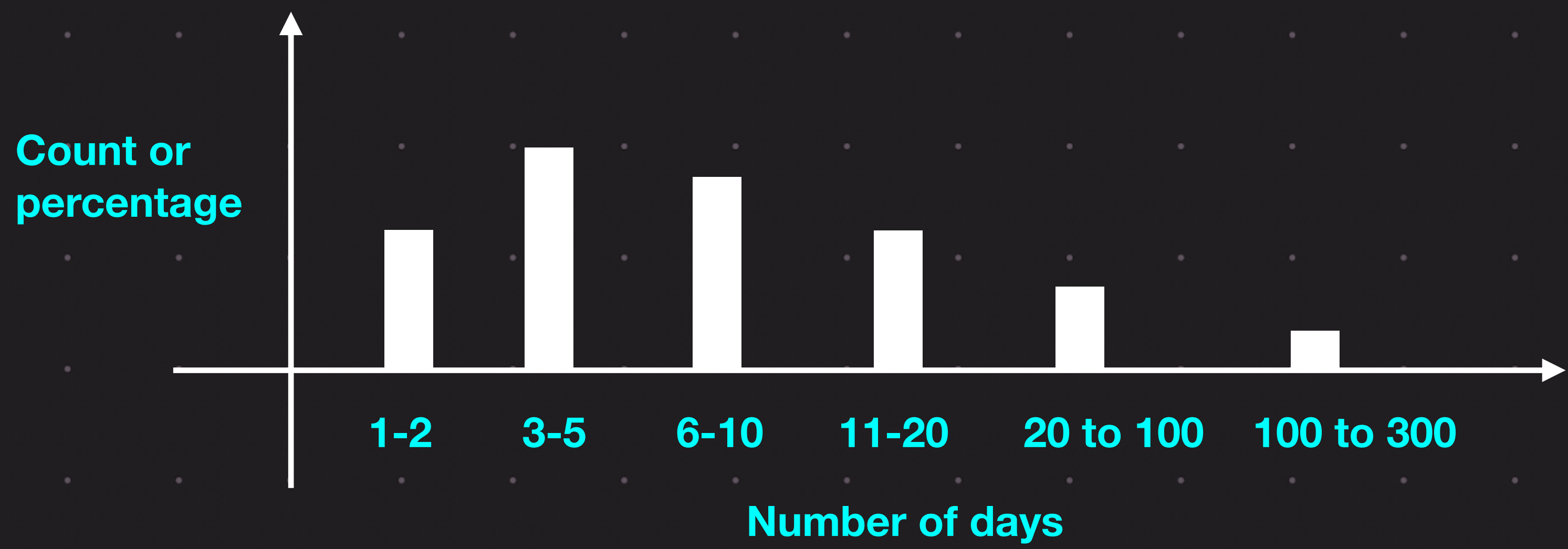
Most people may be hospitalised for 3 to 5 days

Quite often, just 1 or 2 days

But, there can be a few extreme cases in 20 to 30 days

Extremely rare cases of 300 days (coma etc.)

# Log-Normal distribution



Number of days is discrete

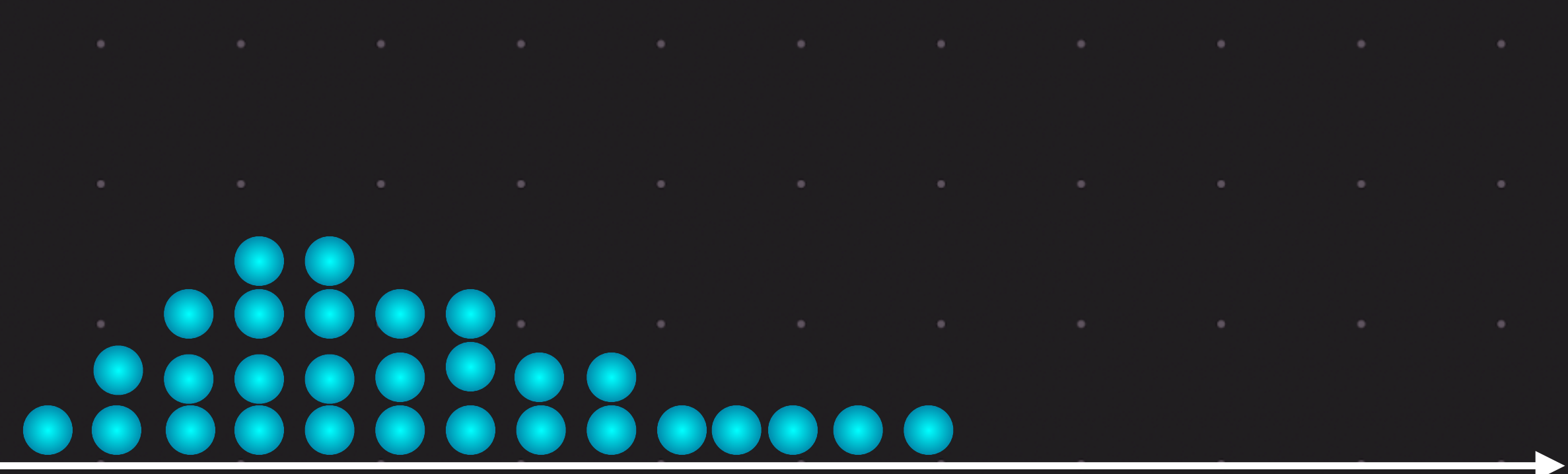
What if we had exact number of hours?

This would be continuous

Log-Normal distribution

Count or  
percentage

Hours

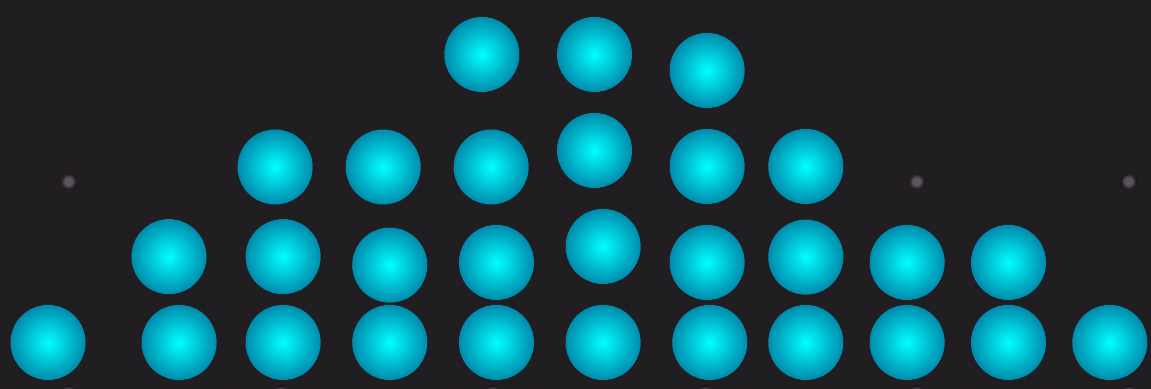




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**Count or  
percentage**

**Logarithm of hours**



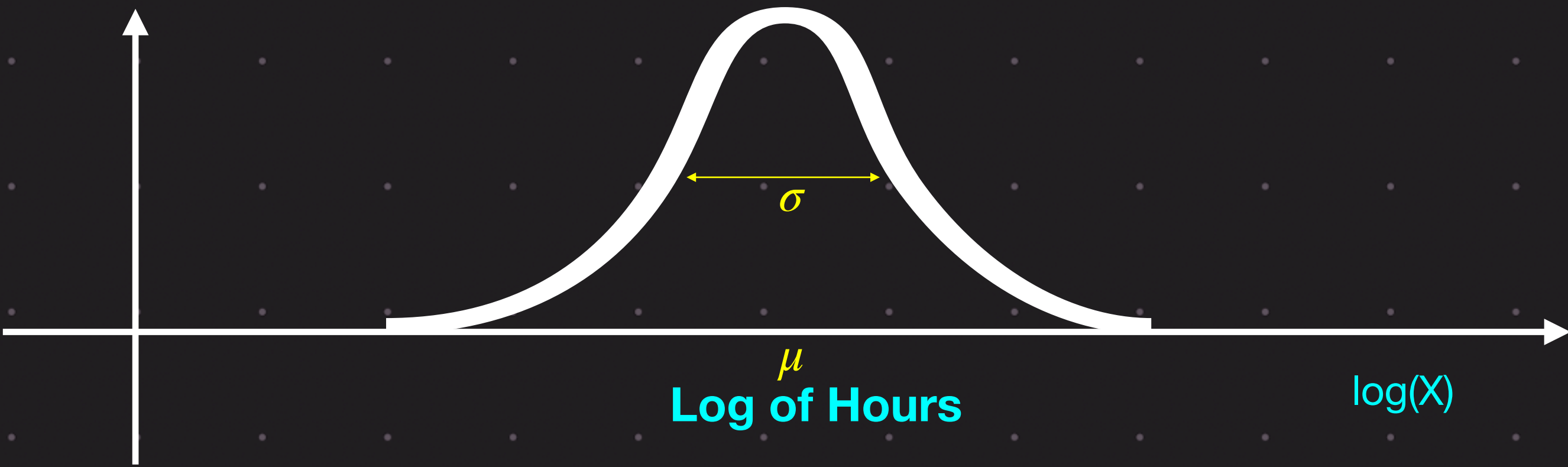
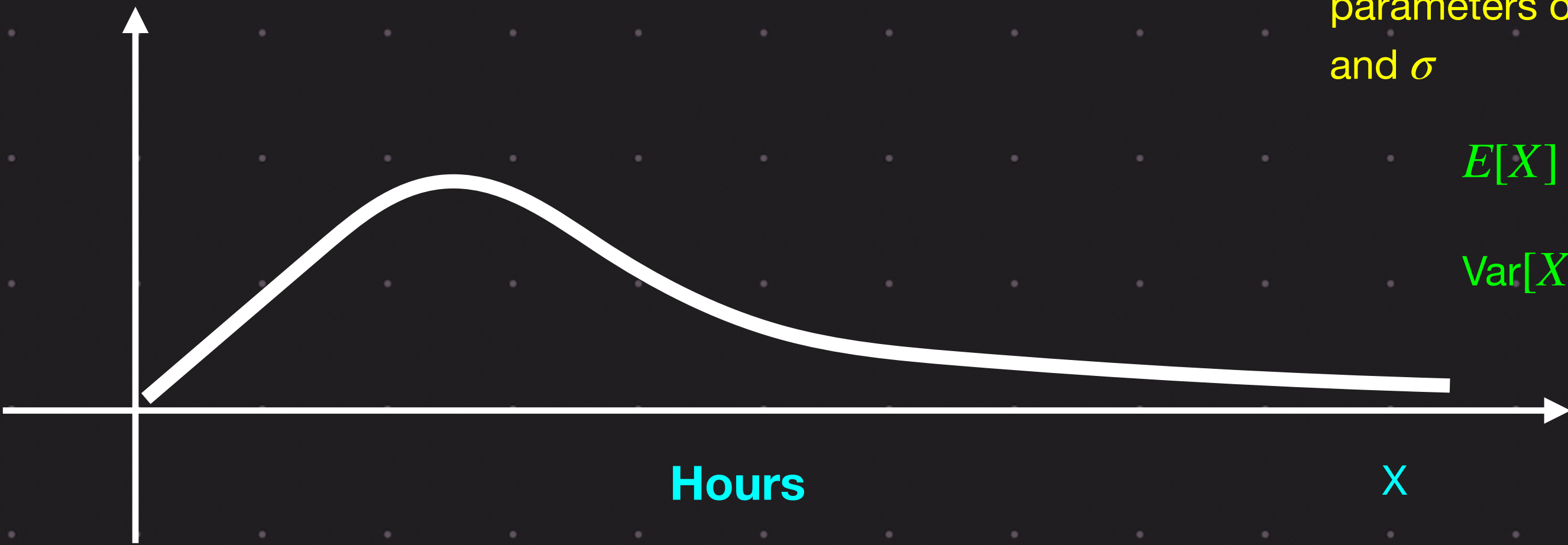
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For the log normal, we use the parameters of the Gaussian:  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$

$$E[X] = e^{\mu + \sigma^2/2}$$

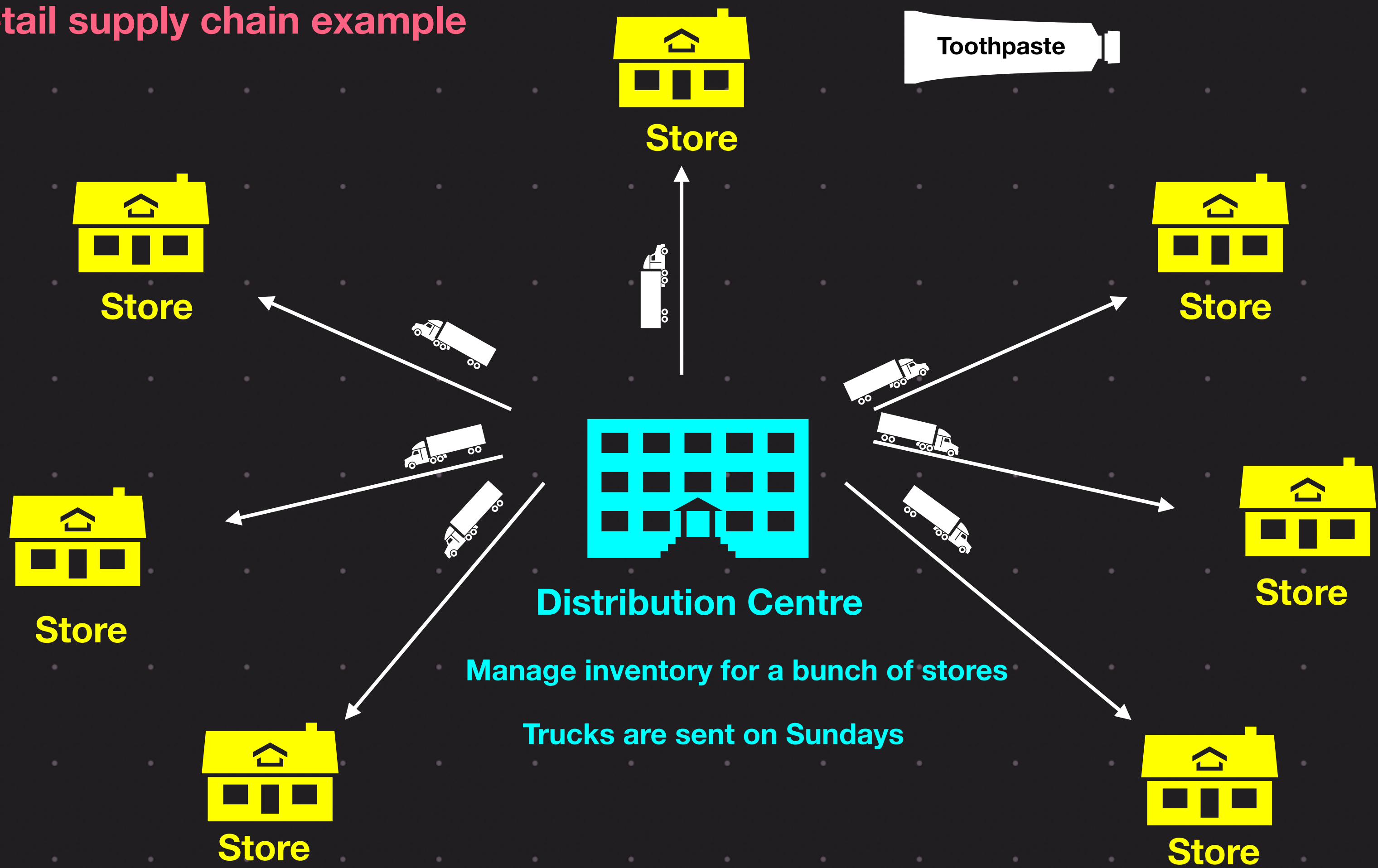
$$\text{Var}[X] = (e^{\sigma^2} - 1) \left( e^{2\mu + \sigma^2} \right)$$

Always confirm these equations from some source (eg: wiki)



$\log(X)$

Retail supply chain example





## Airline Overbooking

- Five percent of the people making reservations on a flight will not show up.
- Suppose the airline sells 52 tickets for a flight that can hold only 50 passengers.
- What is the probability that there will be a seat available for every passenger who shows up?

Probability of showing up:  $p = 0.95$

Let  $X$  denote the number of people who show up

What are we asked to find?  $P[X \leq 50]$

Can we convert this to asking this question:

A coin is tossed 52 times, the probability of heads is 0.95.

What is the probability of 50 or lesser heads?

$$P[X \leq 50] = \text{binom.cdf}(k=50, n=52, p=0.95) = 0.74$$

## Pooled Blood test

A blood bank tests pooled samples of 4 people at a time.

If clean, the bank stores all four.

If unacceptable, then all 4 samples are tested individually.

The probability of any sample being unacceptable is 0.1.

Find the expected number of tests needed

Probability of individual begin unacceptable:  $p = 0.1$

Let  $X$  denote the number of tests needed

What is the question asking?  $E[X]$

What are the values that  $X$  can take? 1 or 5

$$P[X = 1] = \text{binom.pmf}(k=0, n=4, p=0.1) = 0.6561$$

$$P[X = 1] = {}^4C_0(0.1)^0(0.9)^4 = (0.9)^4 = 0.6561$$

$$P[X = 5] = 1 - 0.6561 = 0.3439$$

$$E[X] = 1 * P[X = 1] + 5 * P[X = 5]$$

$$= 1 * 0.6561 + 5 * 0.3439$$

$$= 2.37$$





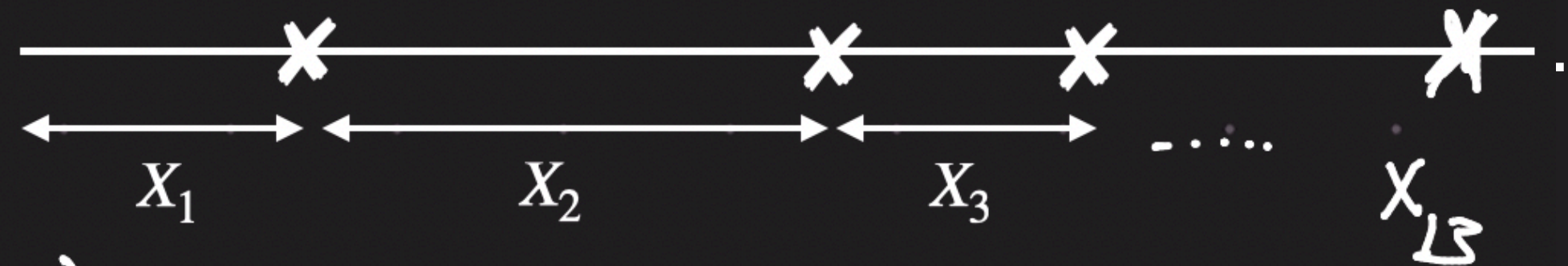
## Machine Learning production failure

An ML algorithm fails in production with an average of 5 weeks and std dev 1.5 weeks

Assume these failures are immediately fixed by the on-call support team

Find the probability of 13 or more failures in a year

$$Y = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_{13} \quad (1)$$



$$\begin{aligned} P(Y < 52) &= P\left[\frac{Y - (13)(5)}{\sqrt{13}(1.5)} < \frac{52 - (13)(5)}{\sqrt{13}(1.5)}\right] \\ &= P\left[Z < \left(\right)\right] \end{aligned}$$



$$\mu = 5, \sigma = 1.5$$

$$\bar{X} = \underbrace{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_{13}}_{13} \text{ (1)} \rightarrow \text{"sample mean"}$$

$$E(\bar{X}) = 5 \text{ (2)}$$

$$\text{Std dev}_{\bar{X}} = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{13}} = \frac{1.5}{\sqrt{13}} \text{ (3)}$$

$$Y = 13 \bar{X} \text{ (4)}$$

$$\sigma_Y = 13 \sigma_{\bar{X}} \text{ (5)}$$

$$Y = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_{13} \text{ (4)}$$

$$E(Y) = (13) \mu = \underline{\underline{13(5)}} \text{ (6)}$$

$$\sigma_Y = 13 \left( \frac{1.5}{\sqrt{13}} \right) \text{ (7)}$$



# Simulate a fair coin from a biased coin

There is a coin that lands heads 70% of the times

How can we use this coin so that it lands heads 50% of the times?

Let us toss the biased coin twice

Sample space  $S = \{HH, HT, TH, TT\}$

$$P[HH] = 0.7 * 0.7$$

$$P[HT] = 0.7 * 0.3$$

$$P[TH] = 0.3 * 0.7$$

$$P[TT] = 0.3 * 0.3$$

These two have same probability

Biased

Fair

$HH \rightarrow$  Ignore

$TT \rightarrow$  Ignore

$HT \rightarrow H$

$TH \rightarrow T$