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$$P(X=1) = p$$

$$P(X=0) = 1-p$$





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1 Trial

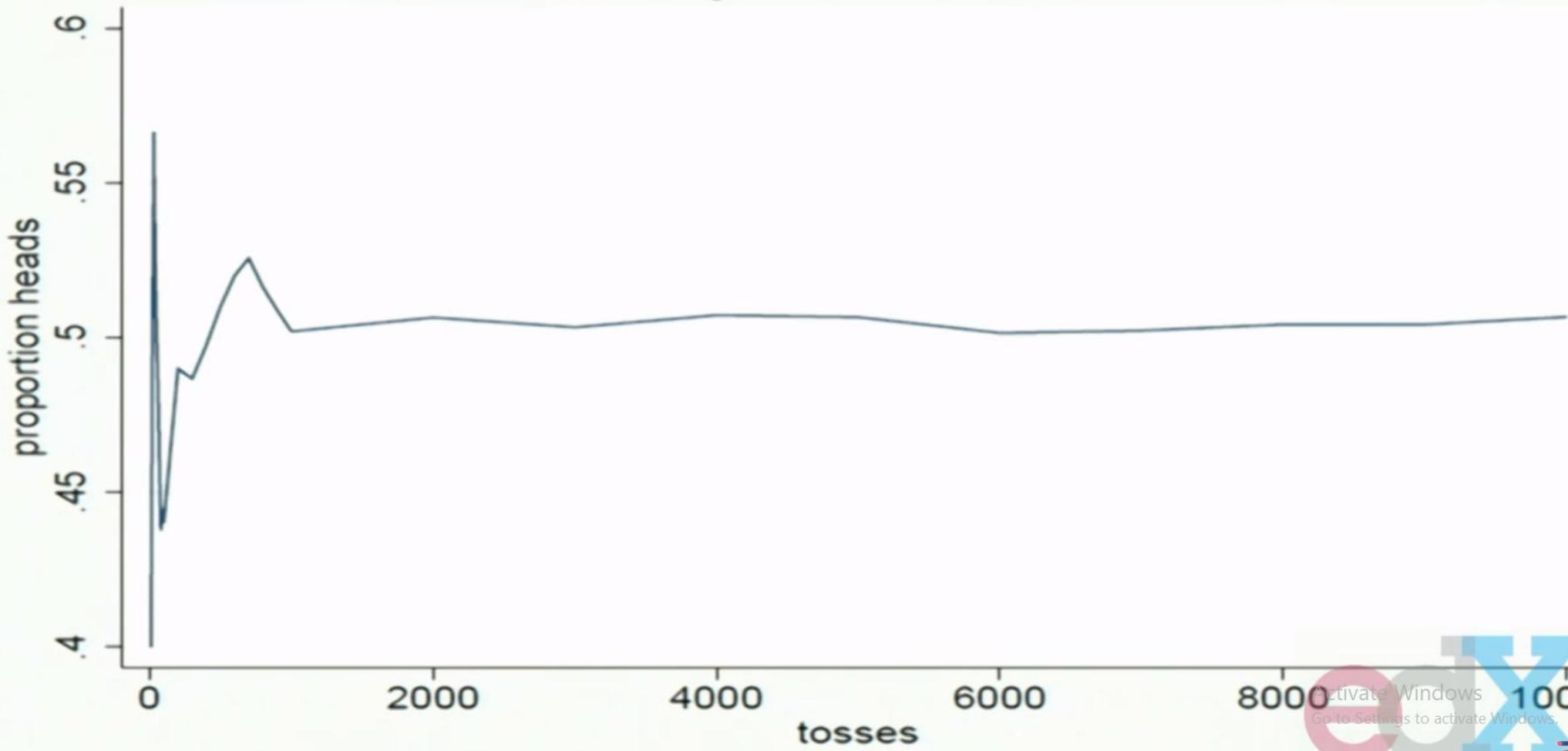
$$P(0) = 1-p = 0.2$$

$$P(1) = p = 0.8$$



Kerrich's Experiment

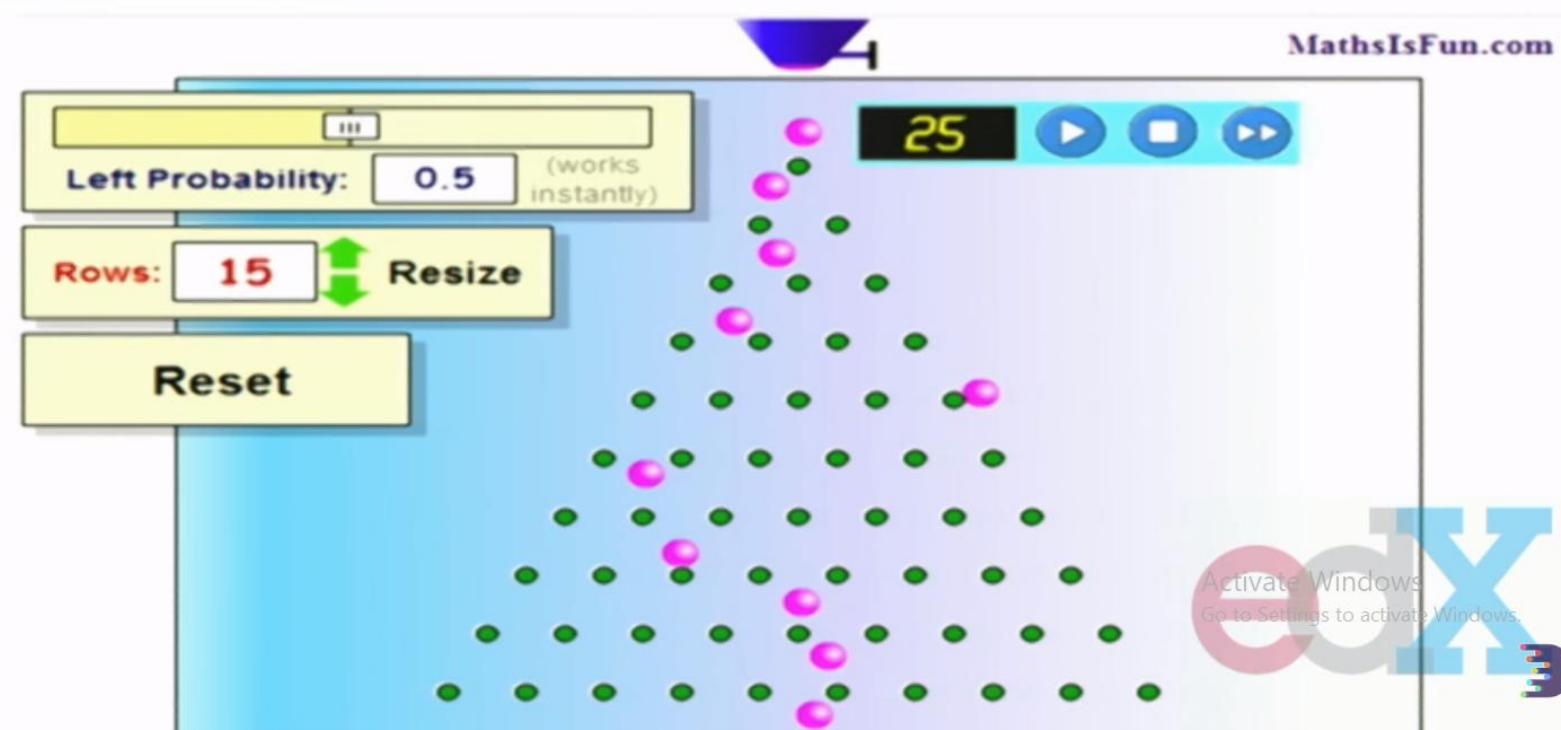
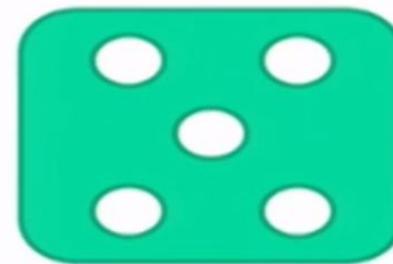
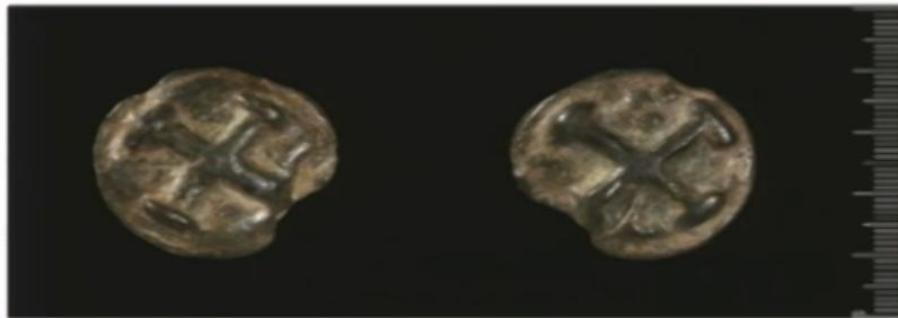
Tossing a coin 10,000 times





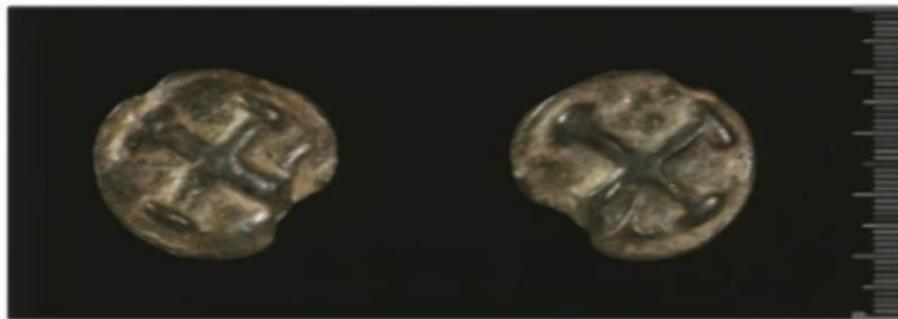
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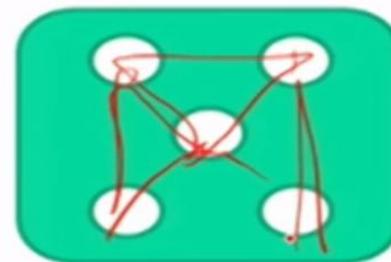




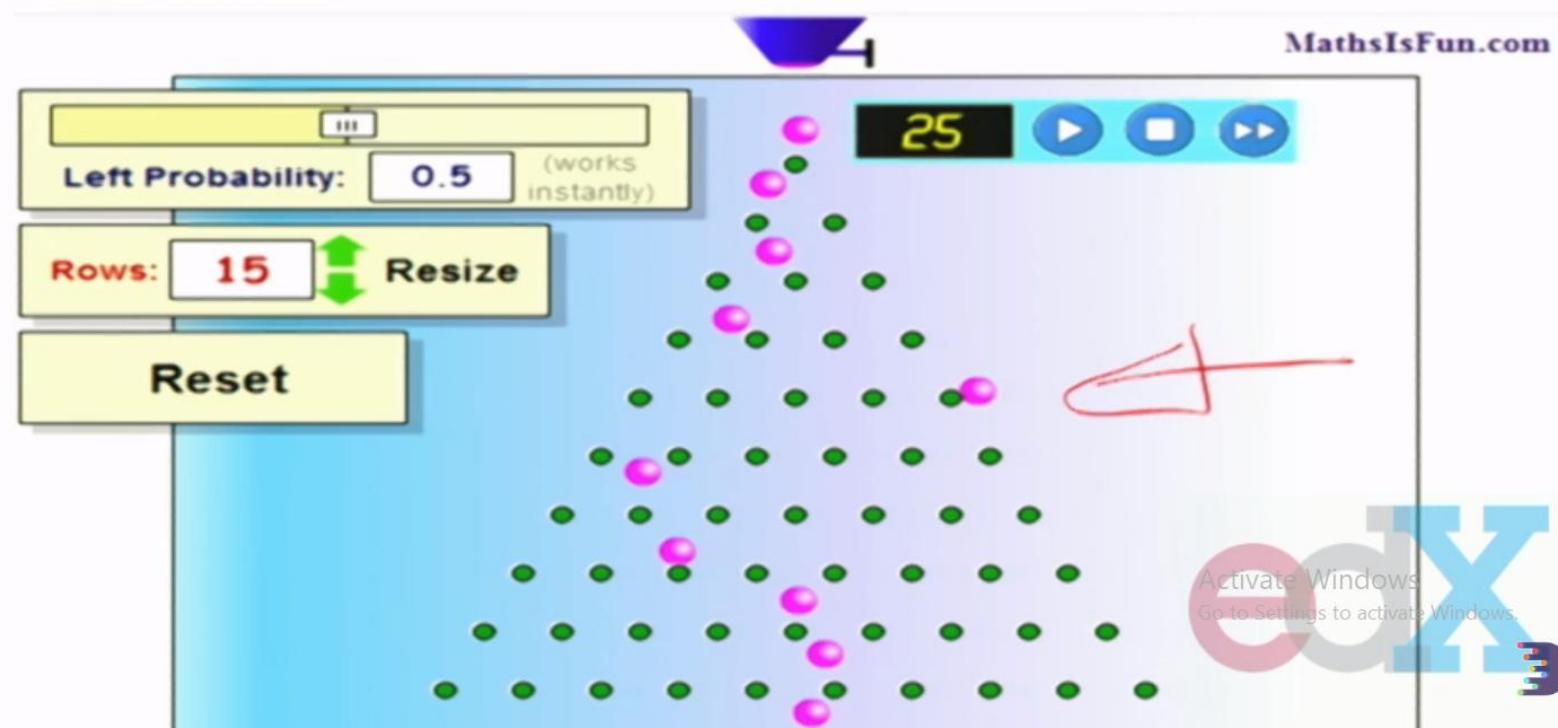
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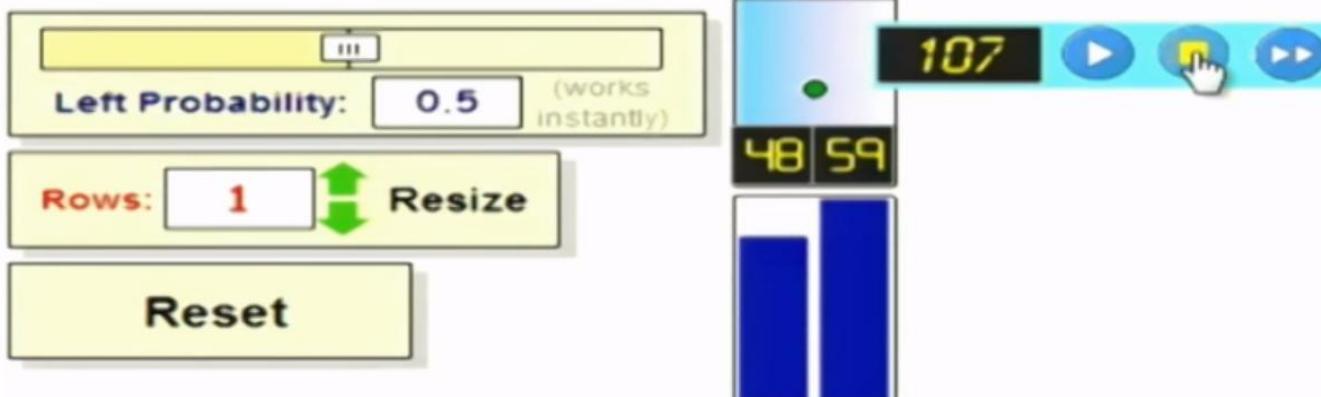




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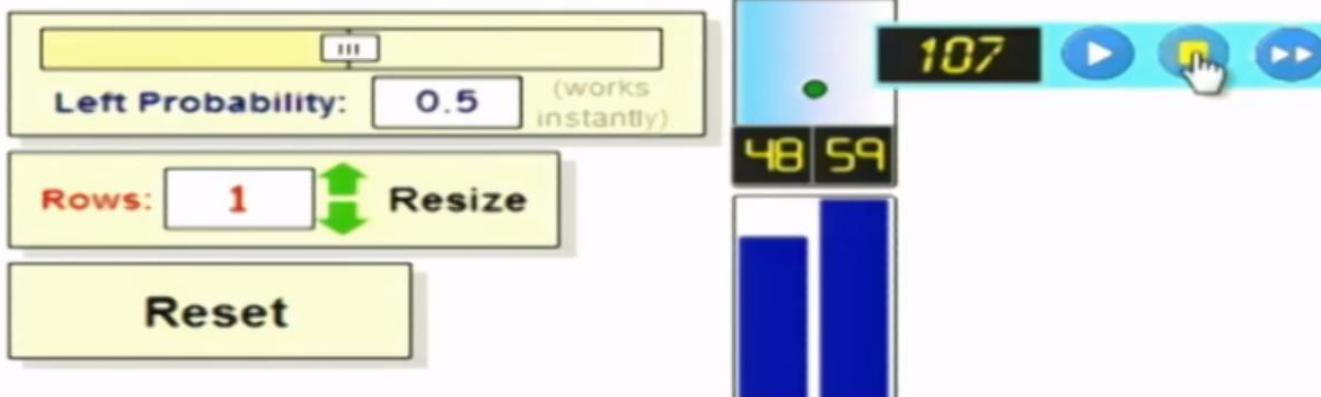




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Mendelian Segregation



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Sperm

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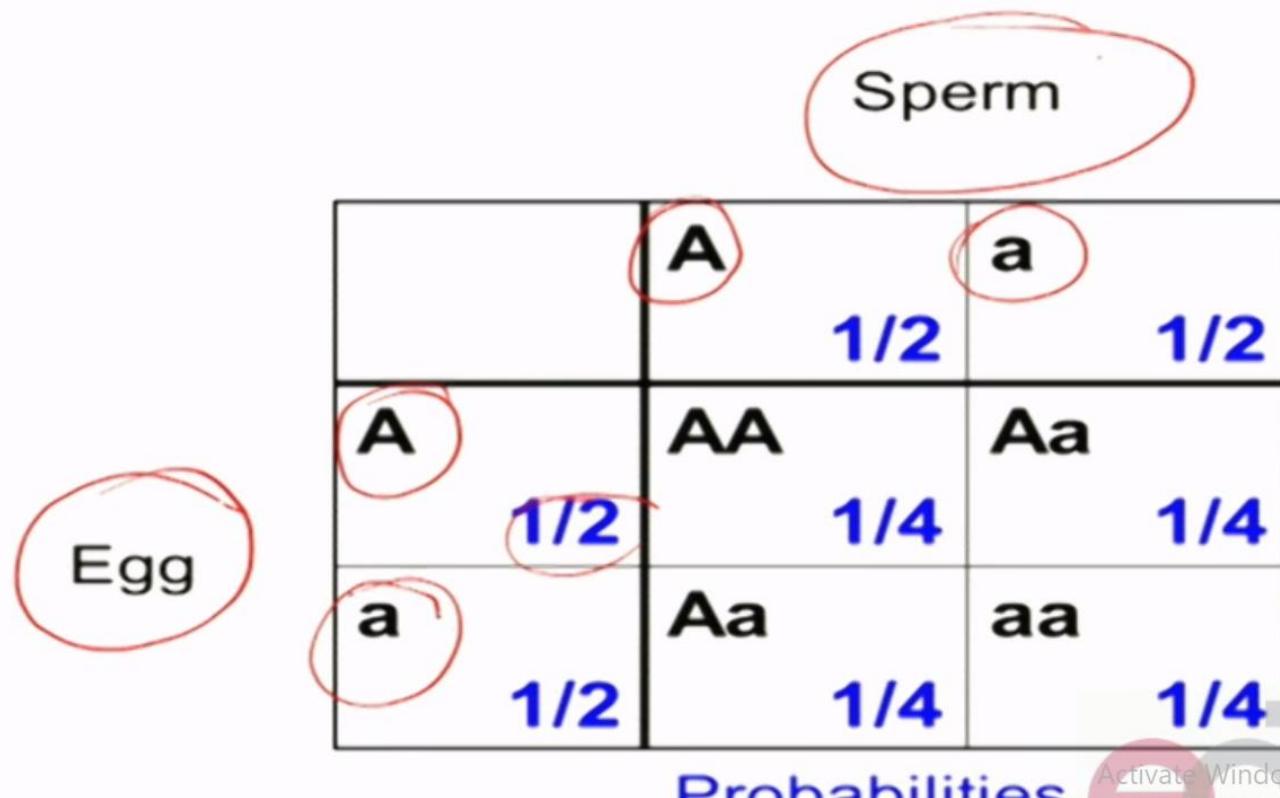
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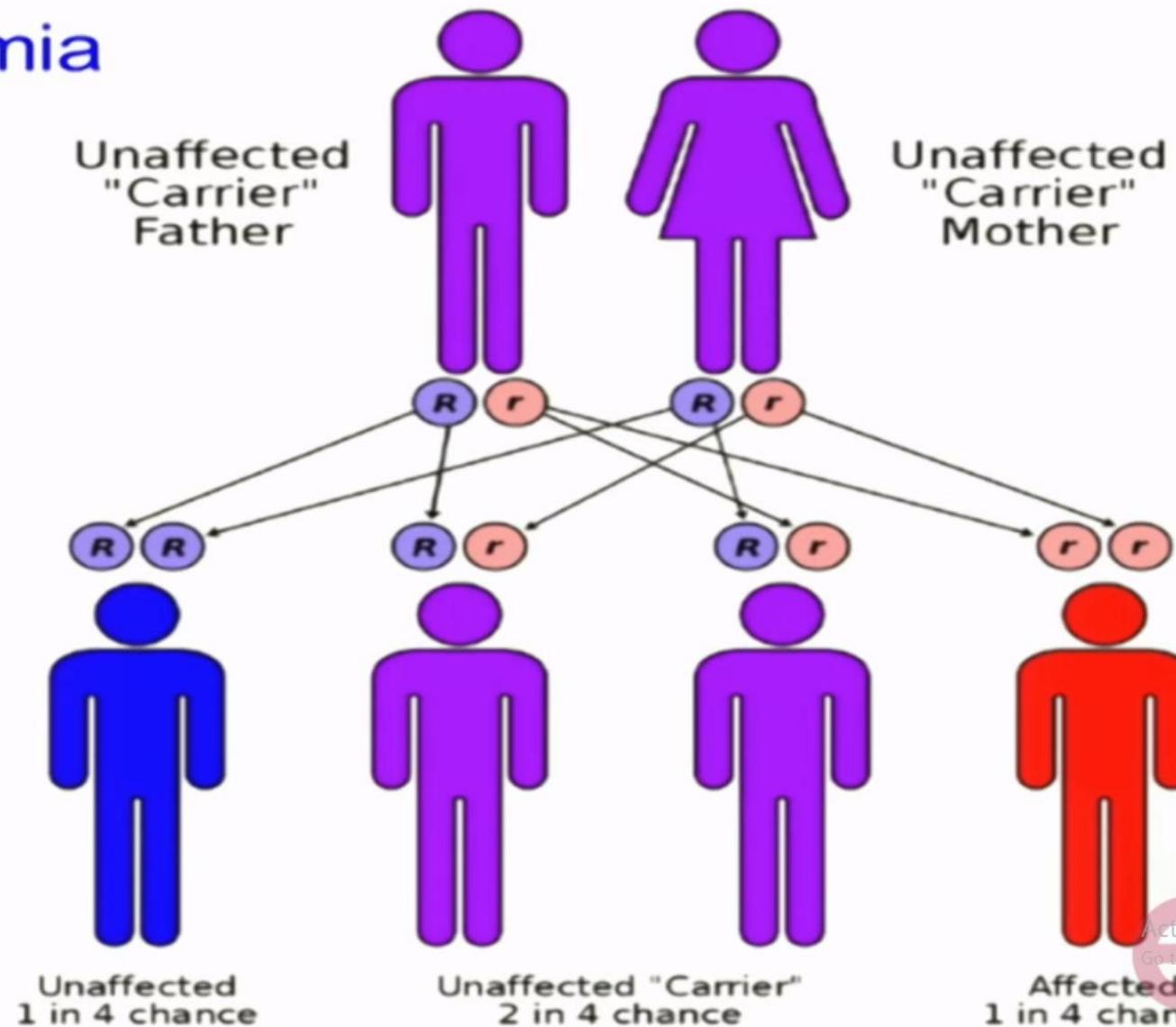
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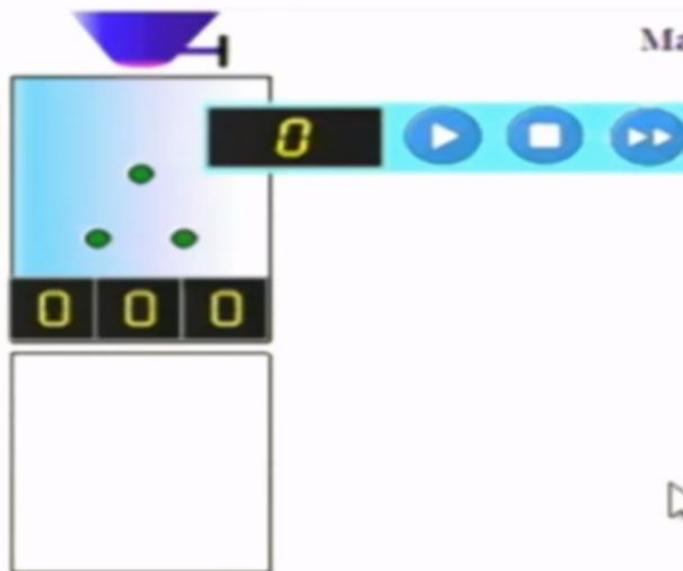
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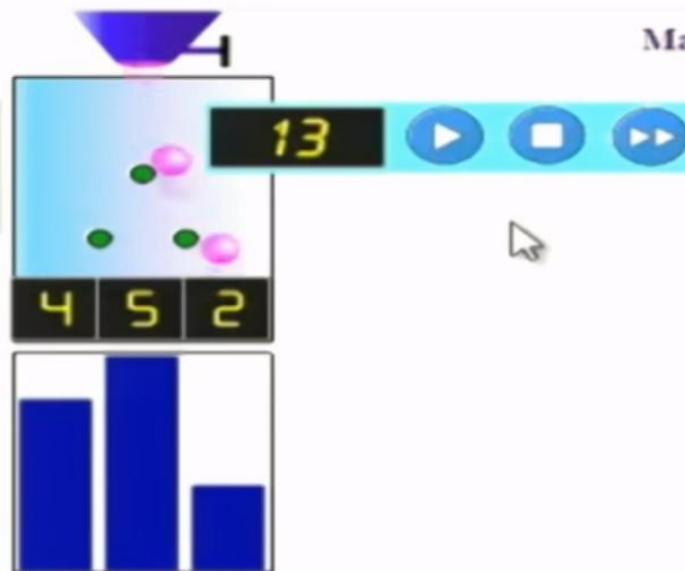
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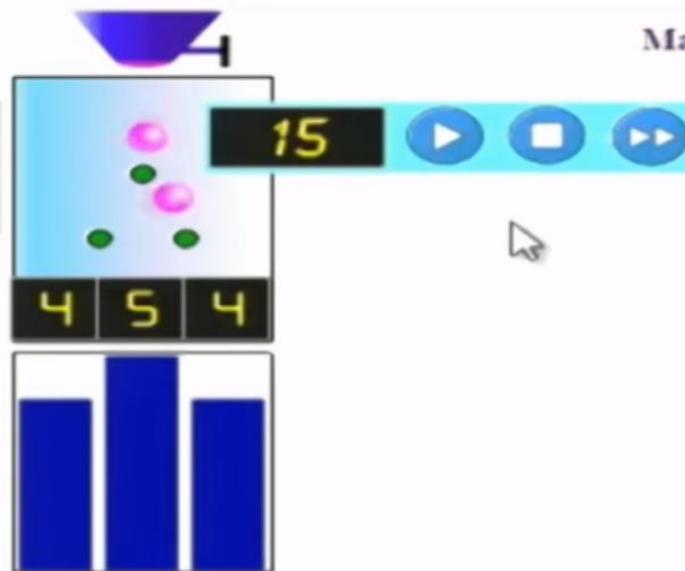
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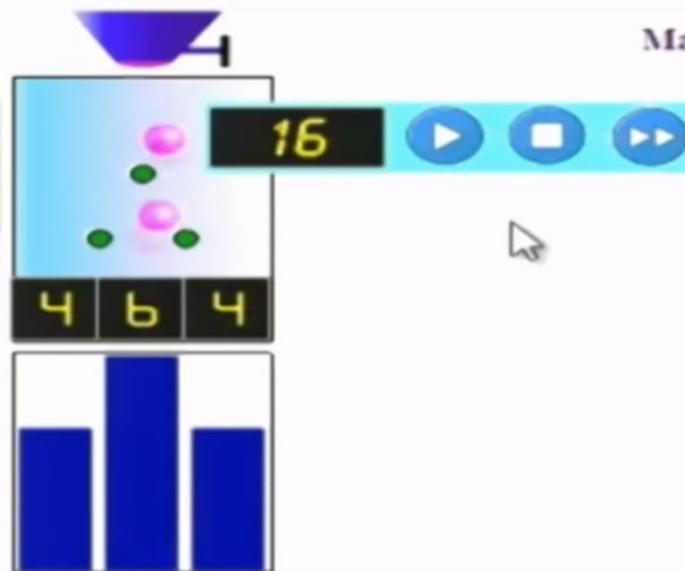
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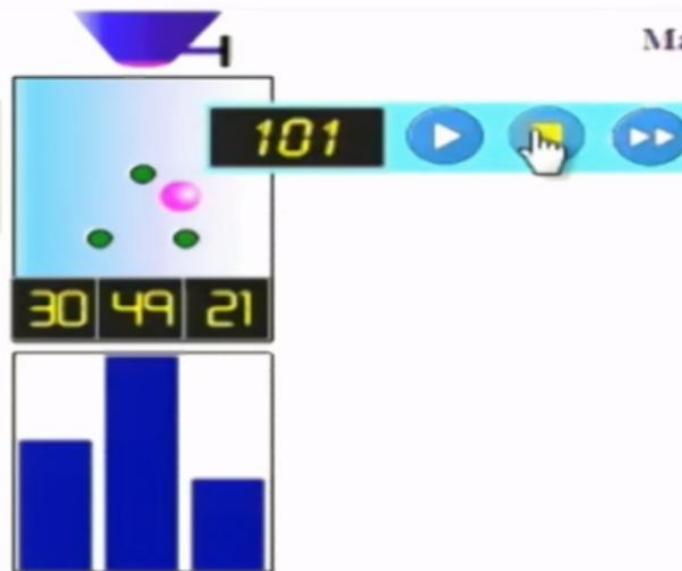
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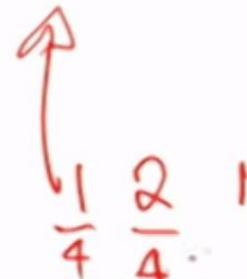
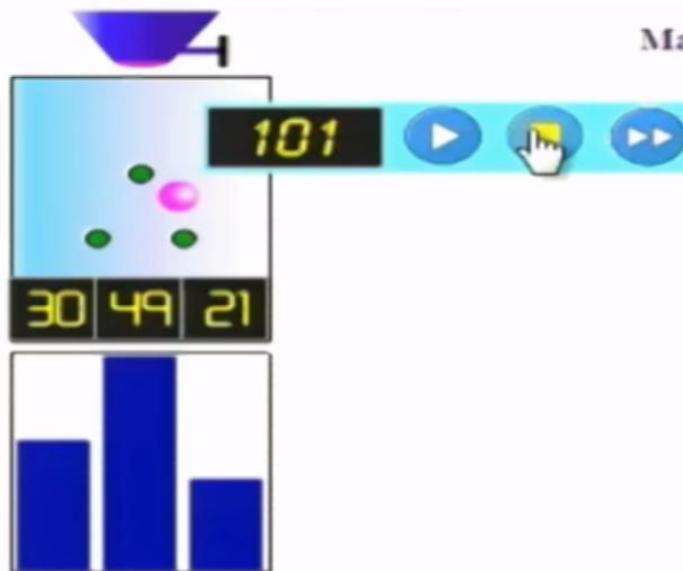
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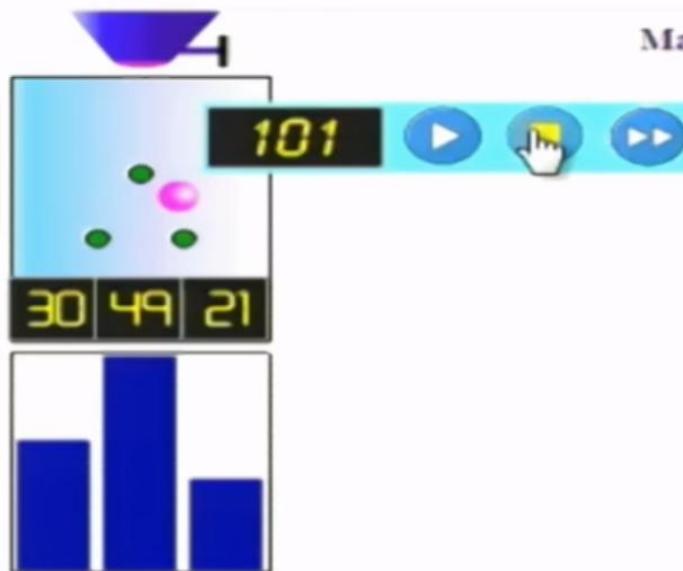
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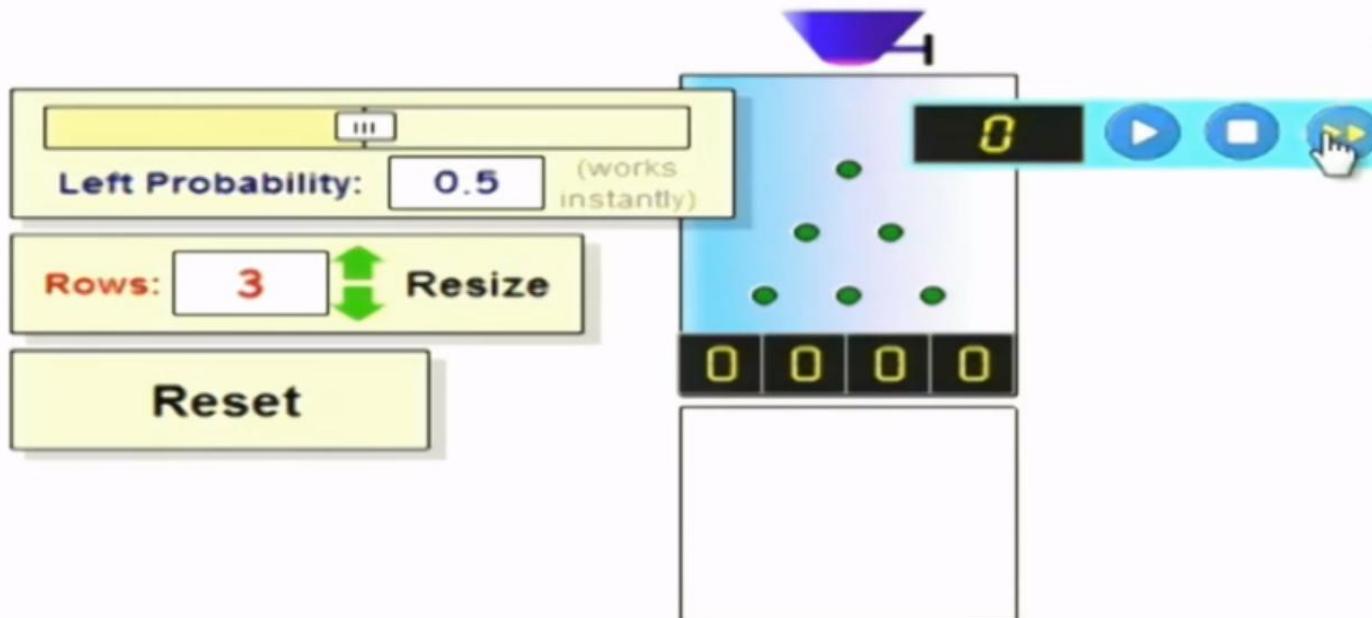


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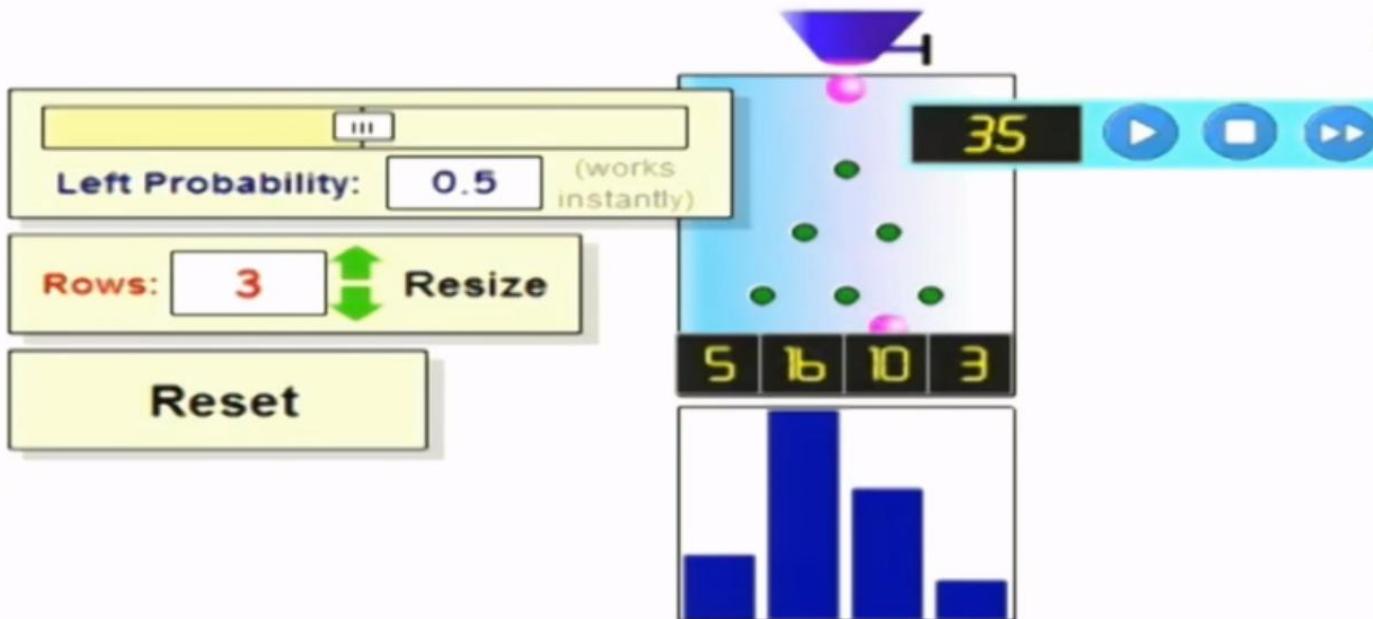
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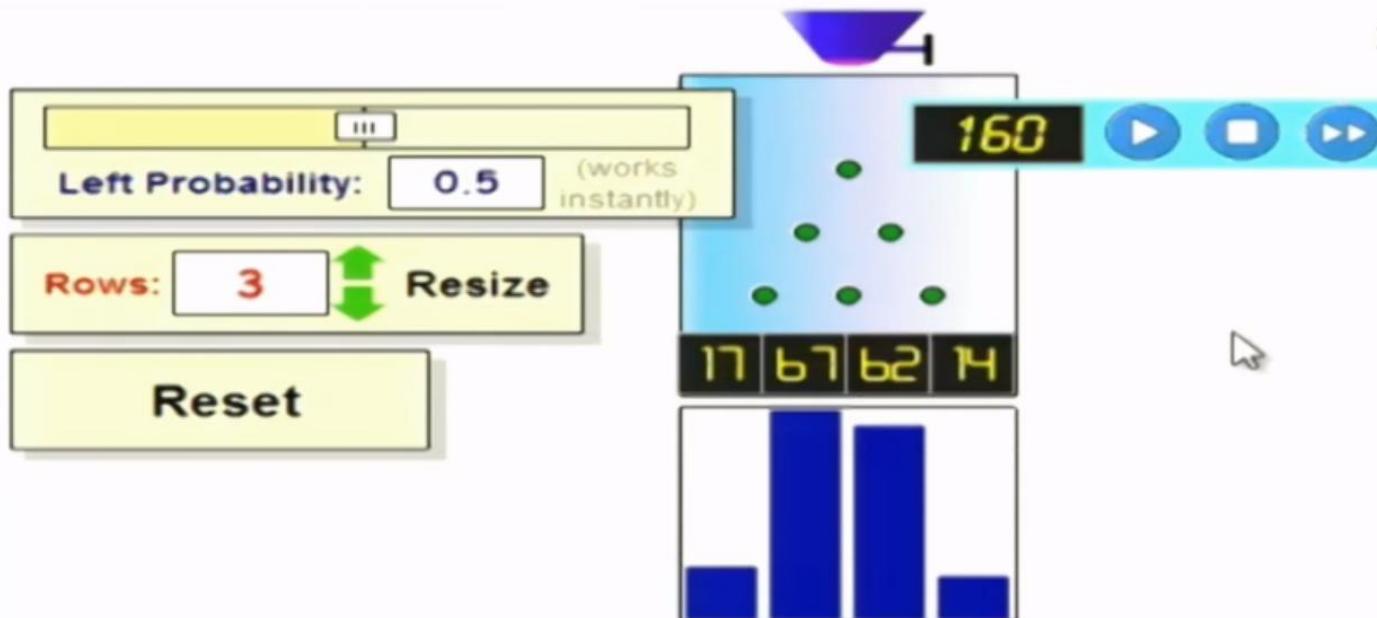


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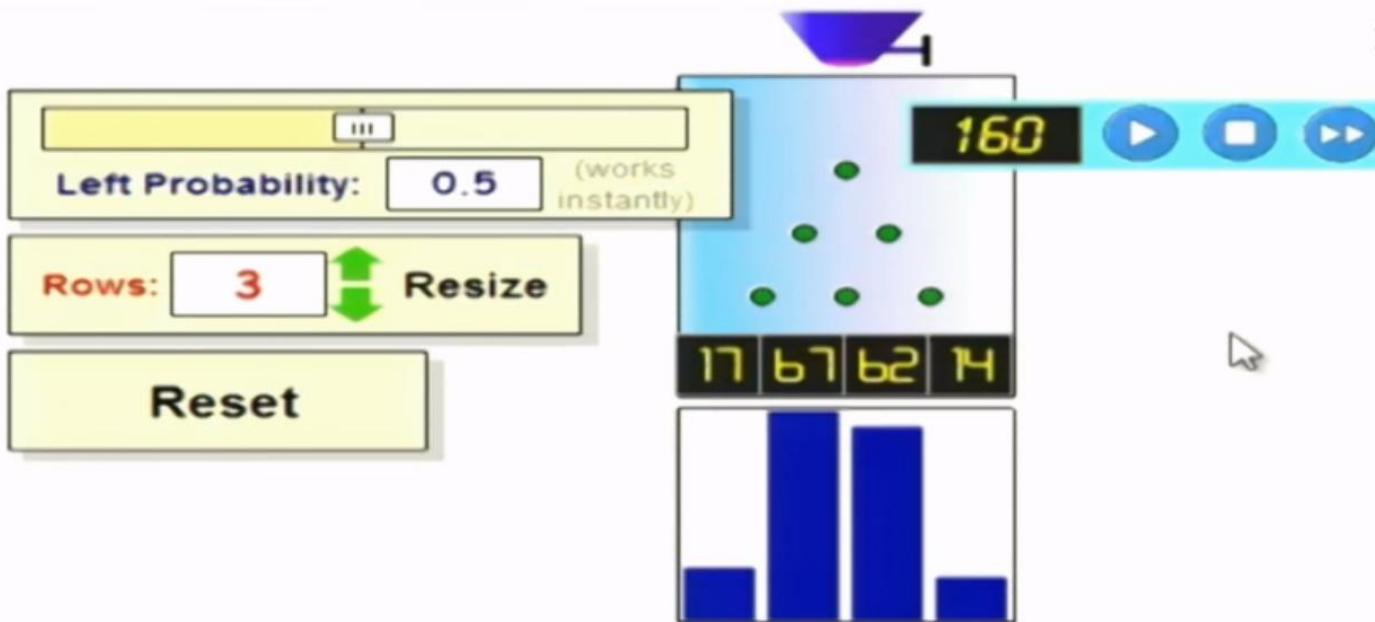
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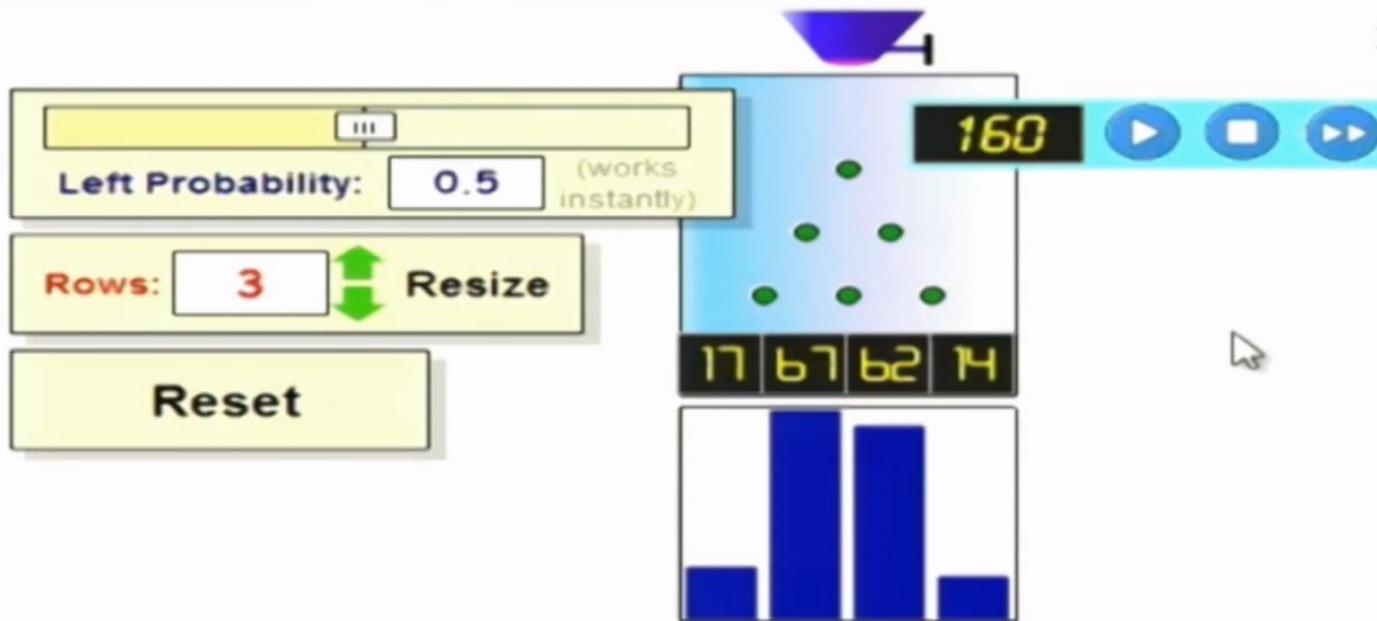


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$$1 \underbrace{+ 1}_{= 2} \leftarrow (a+b)^1$$

$$1 \underbrace{+ 2}_{= 3} \underbrace{+ 1}_{= 2} \leftarrow (a+b)^2$$

$$1 \underbrace{+ 3}_{= 4} \underbrace{+ 3}_{= 6} \underbrace{- 1}_{= 4} \leftarrow$$

$$1 \quad 4 \quad 6 \quad 4 \quad \leftarrow$$

$$1 \quad 5 \quad 10 \quad 10 \quad 5 \quad \leftarrow$$



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$$1 \underbrace{+} \underbrace{1}_{a+b} \quad (a+b)^1$$

$$1 \underbrace{+} \underbrace{2}_{a+b} \underbrace{+} \underbrace{1}_{b} \quad (a+b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$$

$$1 \underbrace{+} \underbrace{3}_{a+b} \underbrace{+} \underbrace{3}_{a+b} \underbrace{+} \underbrace{1}_{b} \quad (a+b)^3$$

$$1 \quad 4 \quad 6 \quad 4 \quad 1 \quad a+b$$

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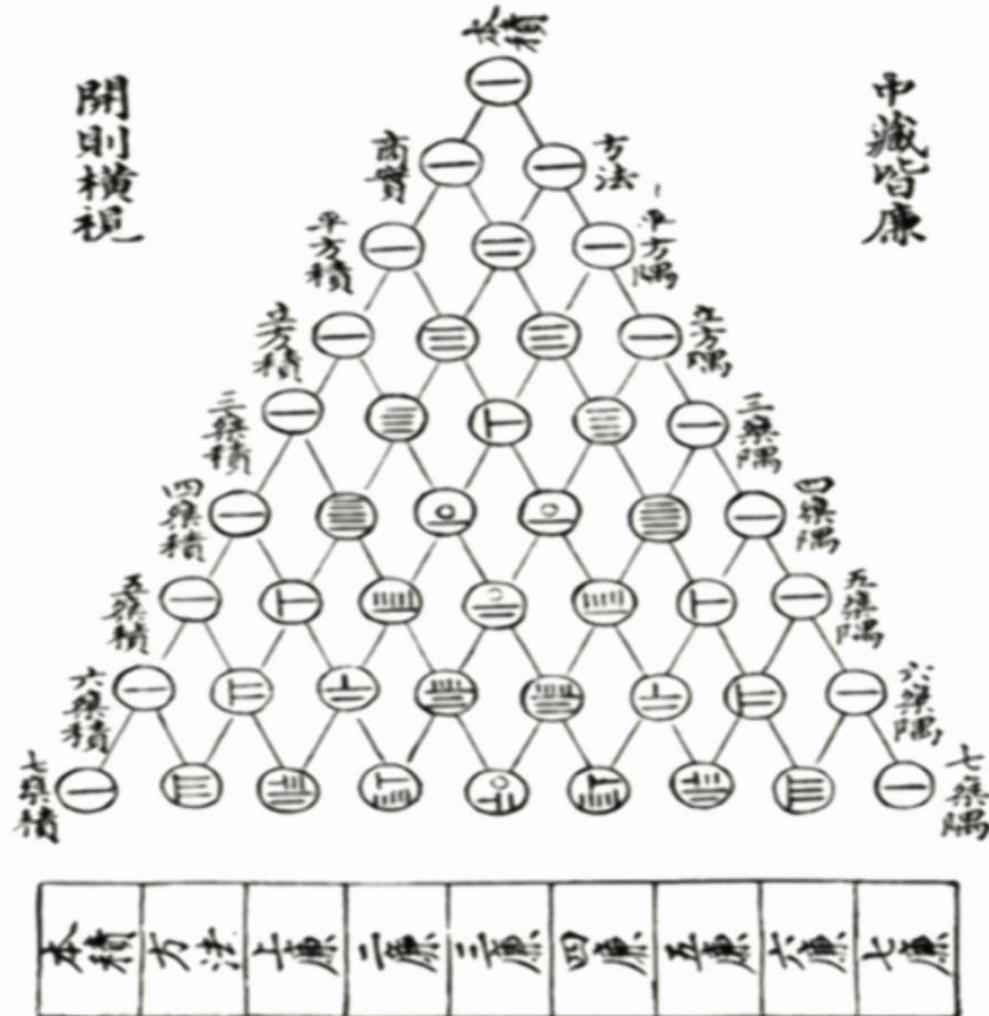


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Factorial notation:



$$1 \times 2 = 2!$$

$$1 \times 2 \times 3 = 3!$$

$$1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 4 = 4!$$

⋮

$$1 \times 2 \times 3 \times \dots \times (n-1) \times n = n!$$

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$\binom{3}{2} = 3$

$\begin{array}{ccc} a & b & c \\ a & b \\ a & c \\ b & c \end{array}$

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How many are infected?

Possible model: binomial with $p \approx 0.25$





Binomial Distribution

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$$P(X) = \binom{n}{X} p^X (1-p)^{n-X} \quad X = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$$
$$n = 1, 2, \dots$$

Parameters:

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$X = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$

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Annotations: A red bracket groups the term $\binom{n}{X} p^X$. A red bracket groups the term $(1-p)^{n-X}$. A red bracket groups the terms $X = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$ and $n = 1, 2, \dots$. A red arrow points from the term $(1-p)^{n-X}$ to the value "0.25". A red arrow points from the term $\binom{n}{X} p^X$ to the value "60".

Parameters:

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. list x p
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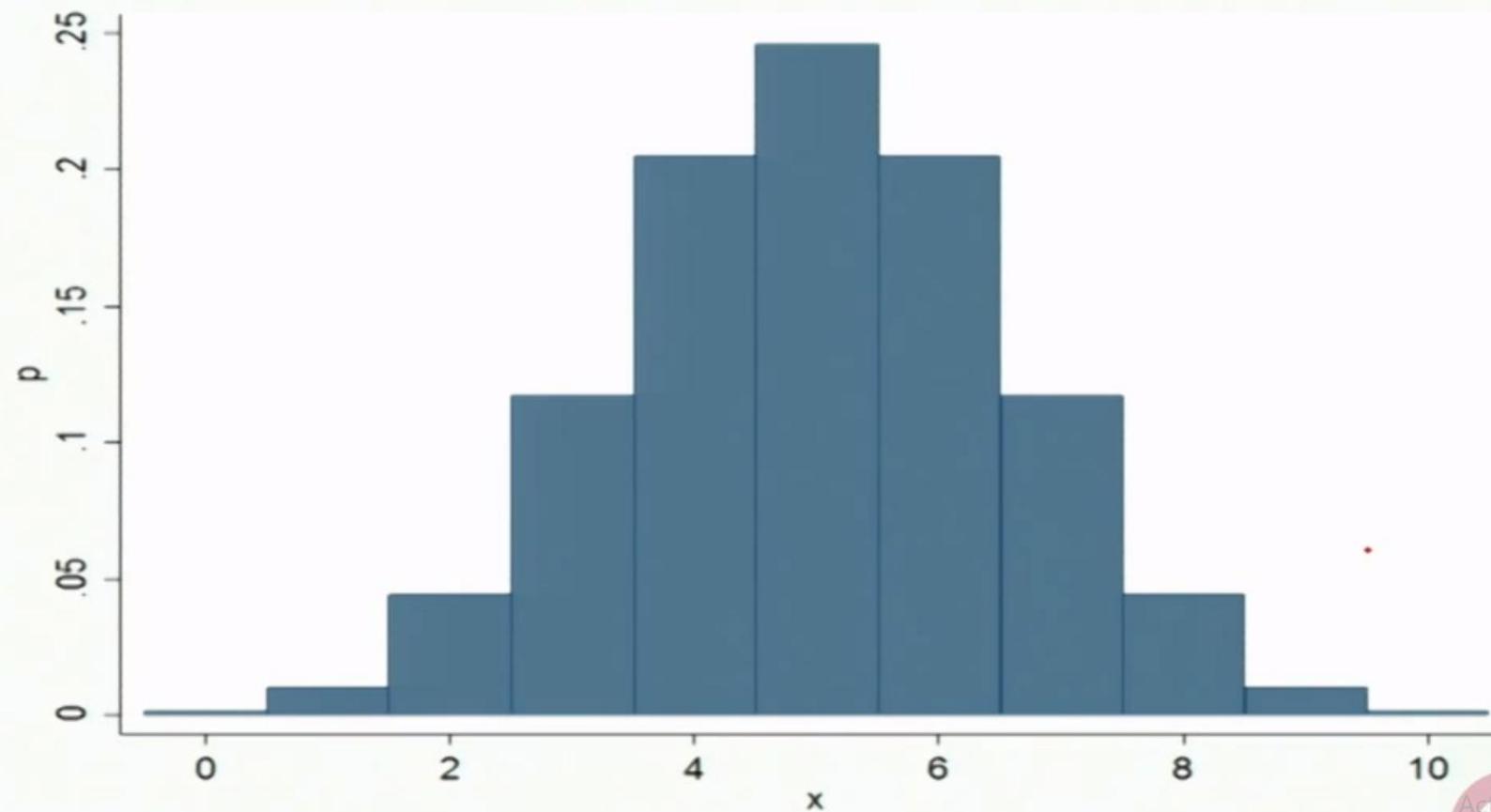
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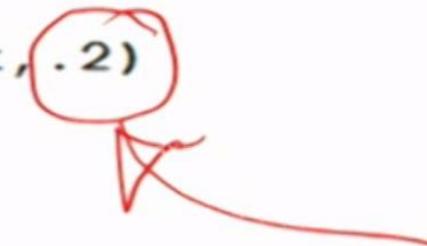
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Binomial with $n=10$ and $p=0.5$



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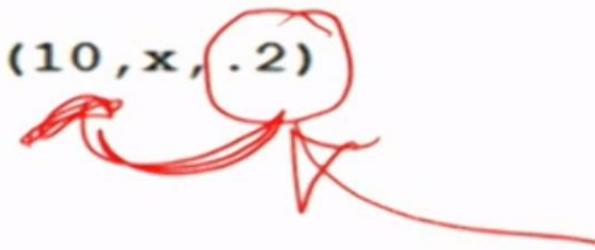
	x	p
1.	0	.1073742
2.	1	.2684354
3.	2	.3019899
4.	3	.2013266
5.	4	.0880804
6.	5	.0264241
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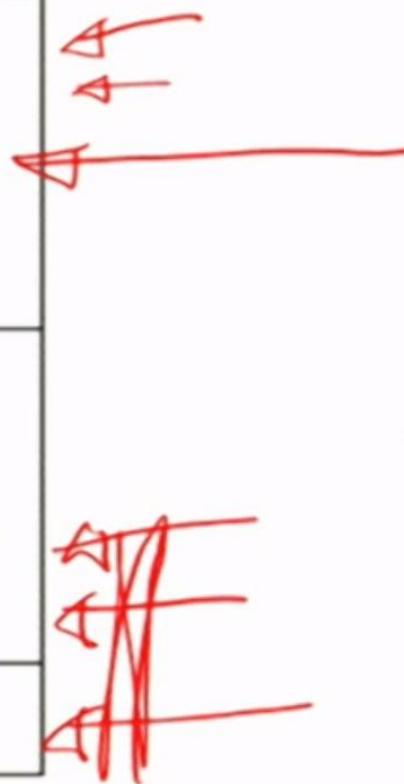
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$$10 \times .2 = ^{?}$$

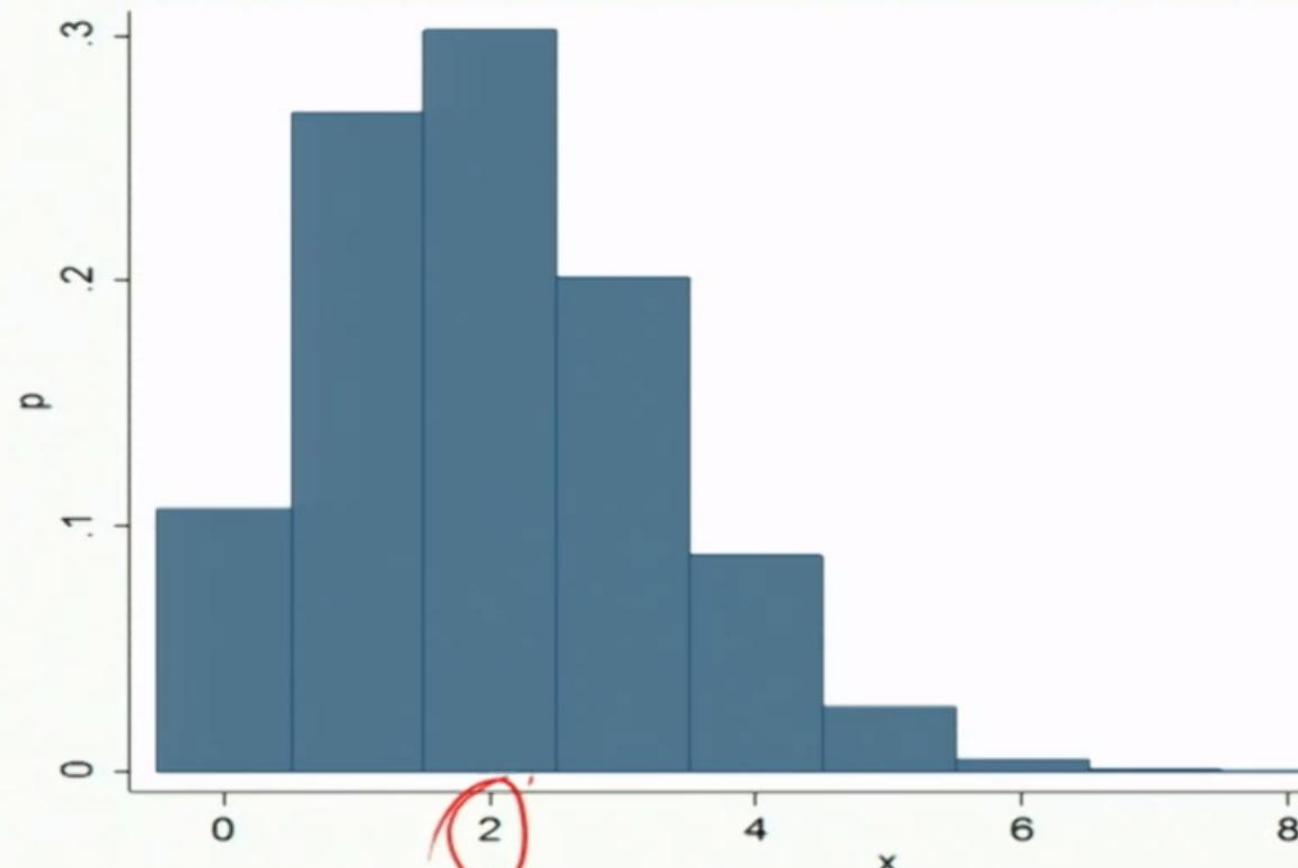


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Binomial with $n=10$ and $p=0.2$



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. gen p = binomialp(10,x,.8)  
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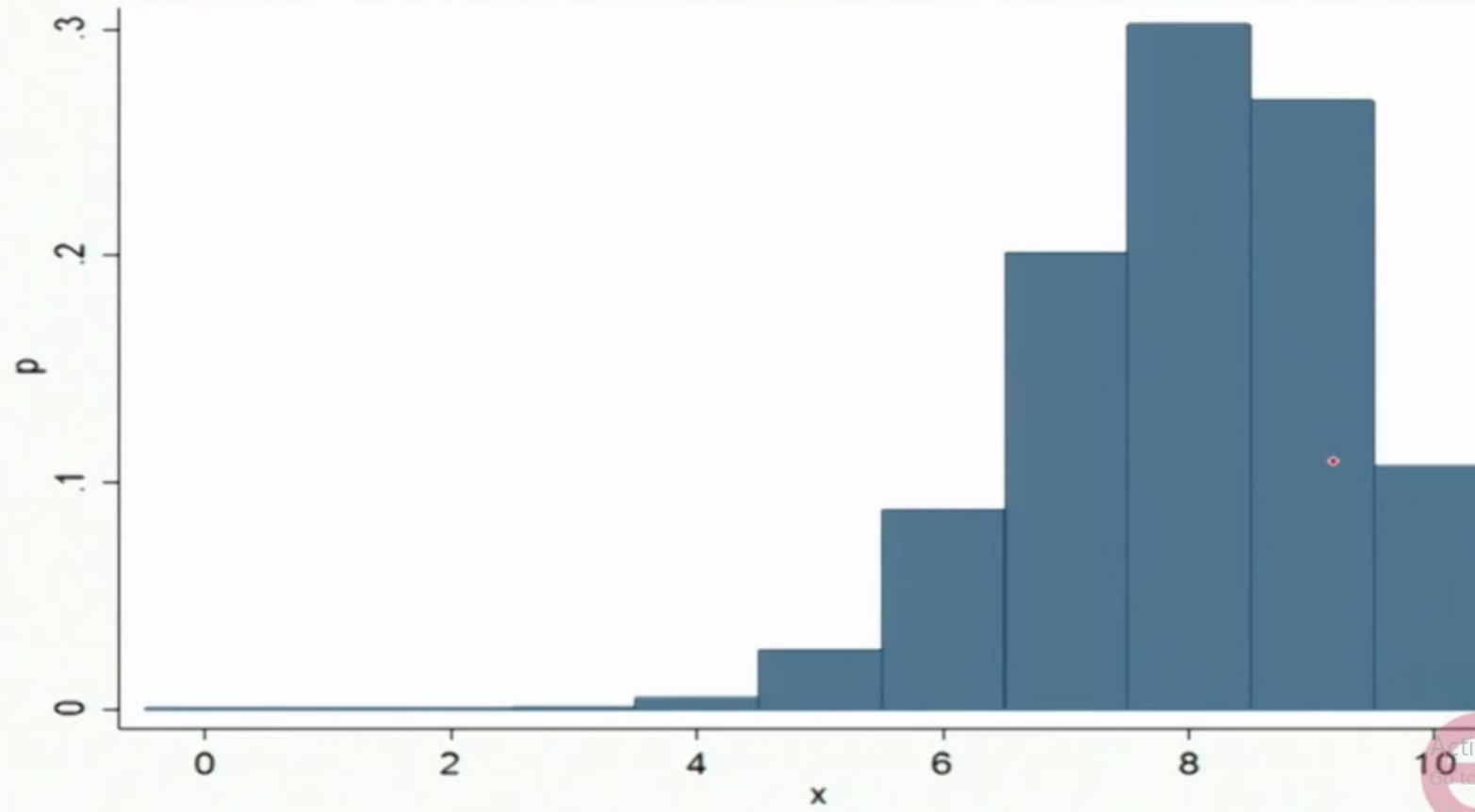
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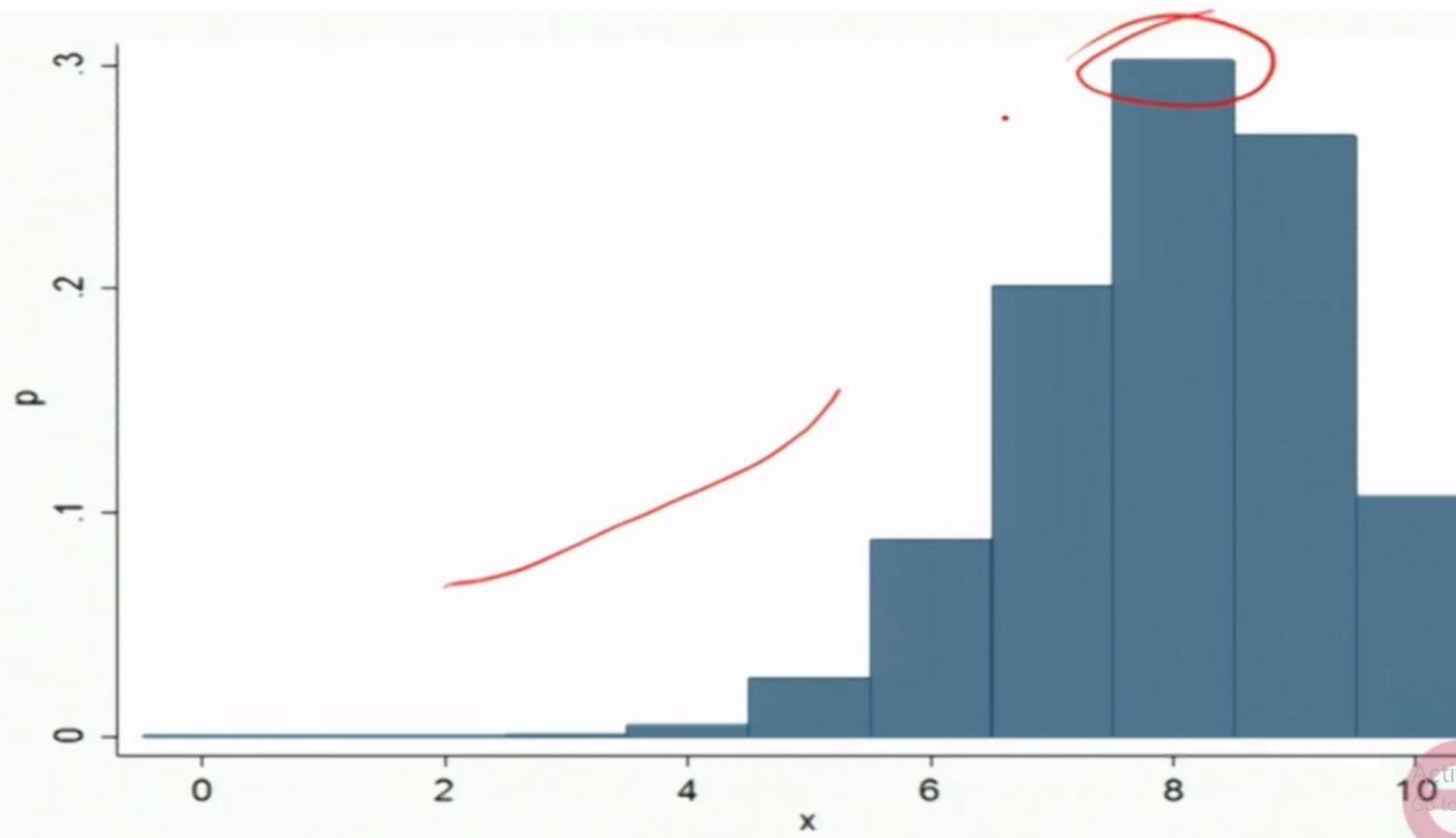


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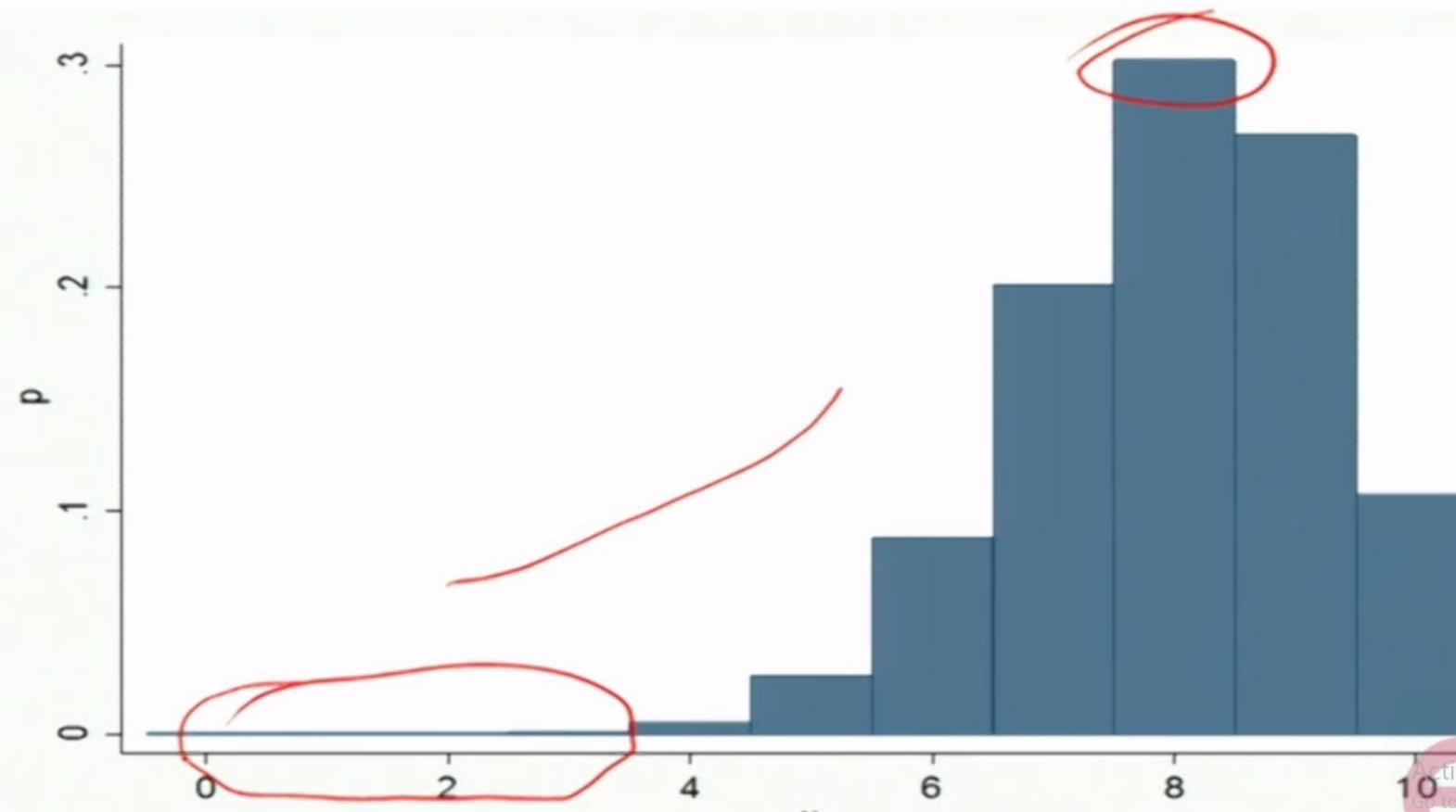
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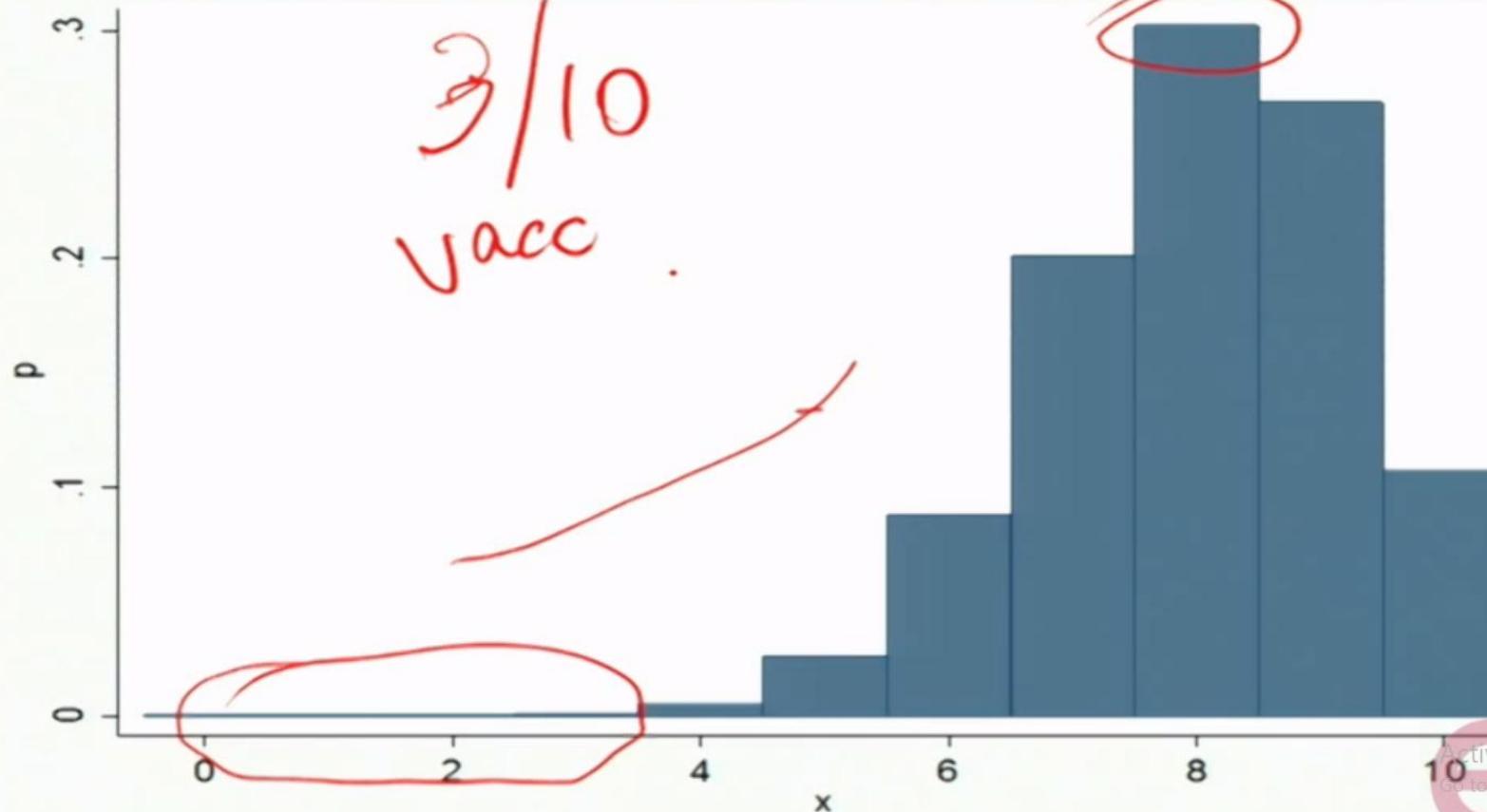


Binomial with $n=10$ and $p=0.8$





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For Binomial with n & p

Then

Mean = np

Stand. Dev. = $\sqrt{np(1-p)}$





e.g. **p=0.5 n=10**

$$\text{Mean} = np = 10 \times 0.5 = 5$$

$$\text{Stand. Dev.} = \sqrt{10 \times 0.5 \times 0.5} = 1.6$$

$$5 \pm 1.6 = (3.4, 6.6)$$

$$5 \pm 3.2 = (1.8, 8.2)$$





e.g. $p=0.5 \ n=10$

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$$\text{Mean} = np$$

$$\text{Stand. Dev.} = \sqrt{np(1-p)}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{n}}{2}$$





e.g. $p=0.25 \quad n=60$

$$\text{Mean} = np = 60 \times 0.25 = 15$$

$$\text{Stand. Dev.} = \sqrt{60 \times 0.25 \times 0.75} = 3.4$$

$$15 \pm 3.4 = (11.6, 18.4)$$

$$15 \pm 6.8 = (8.2, 21.8)$$





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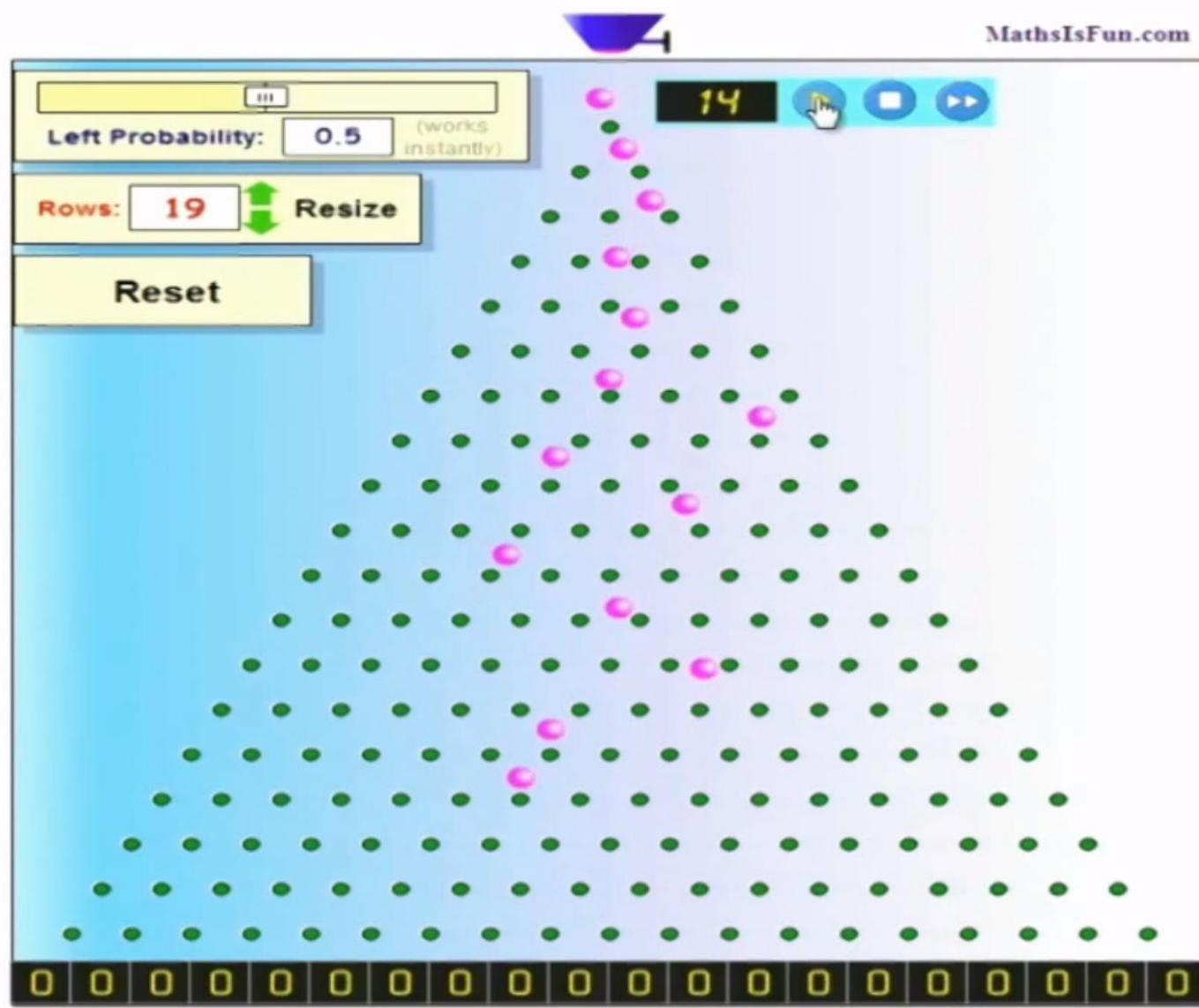
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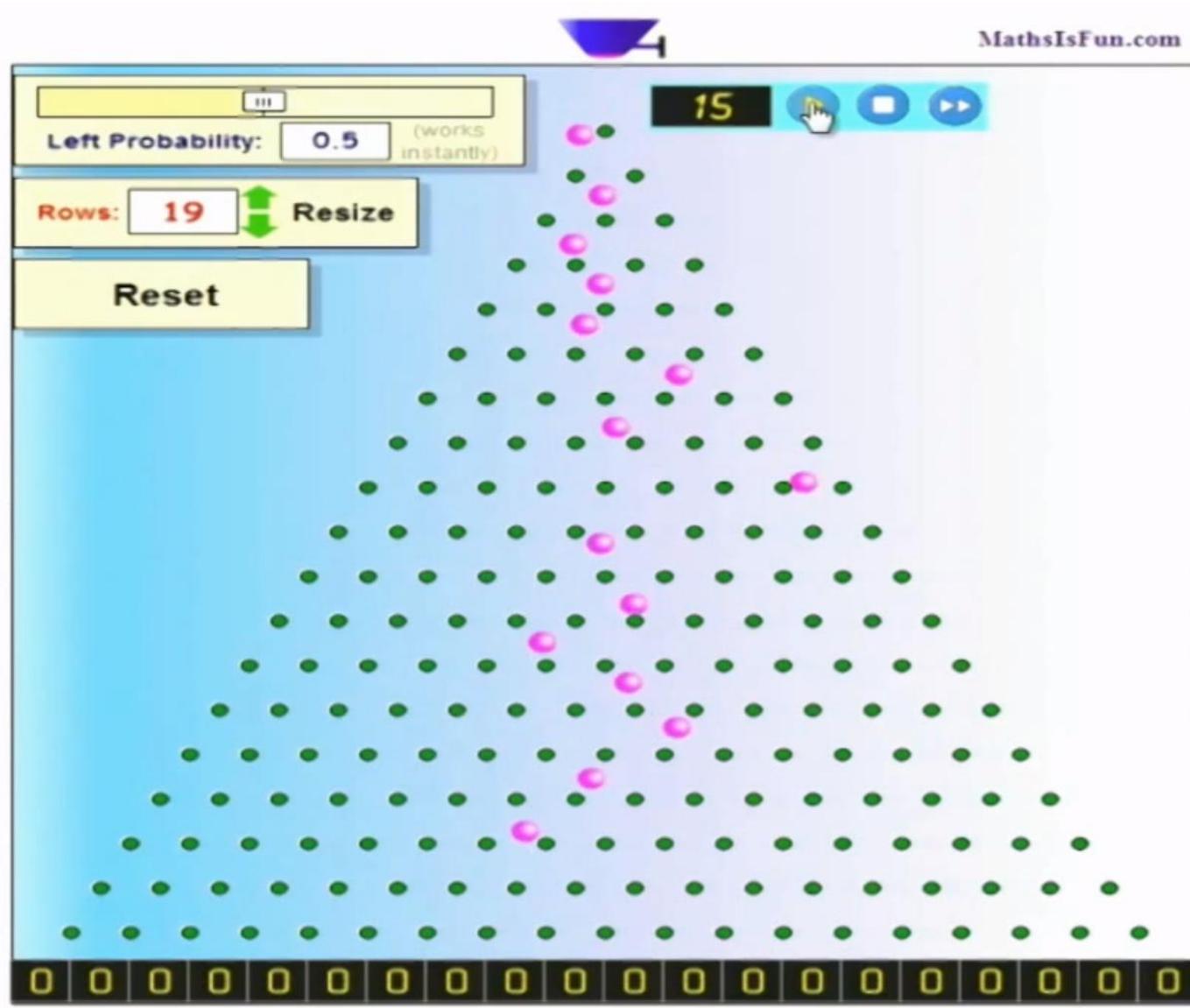
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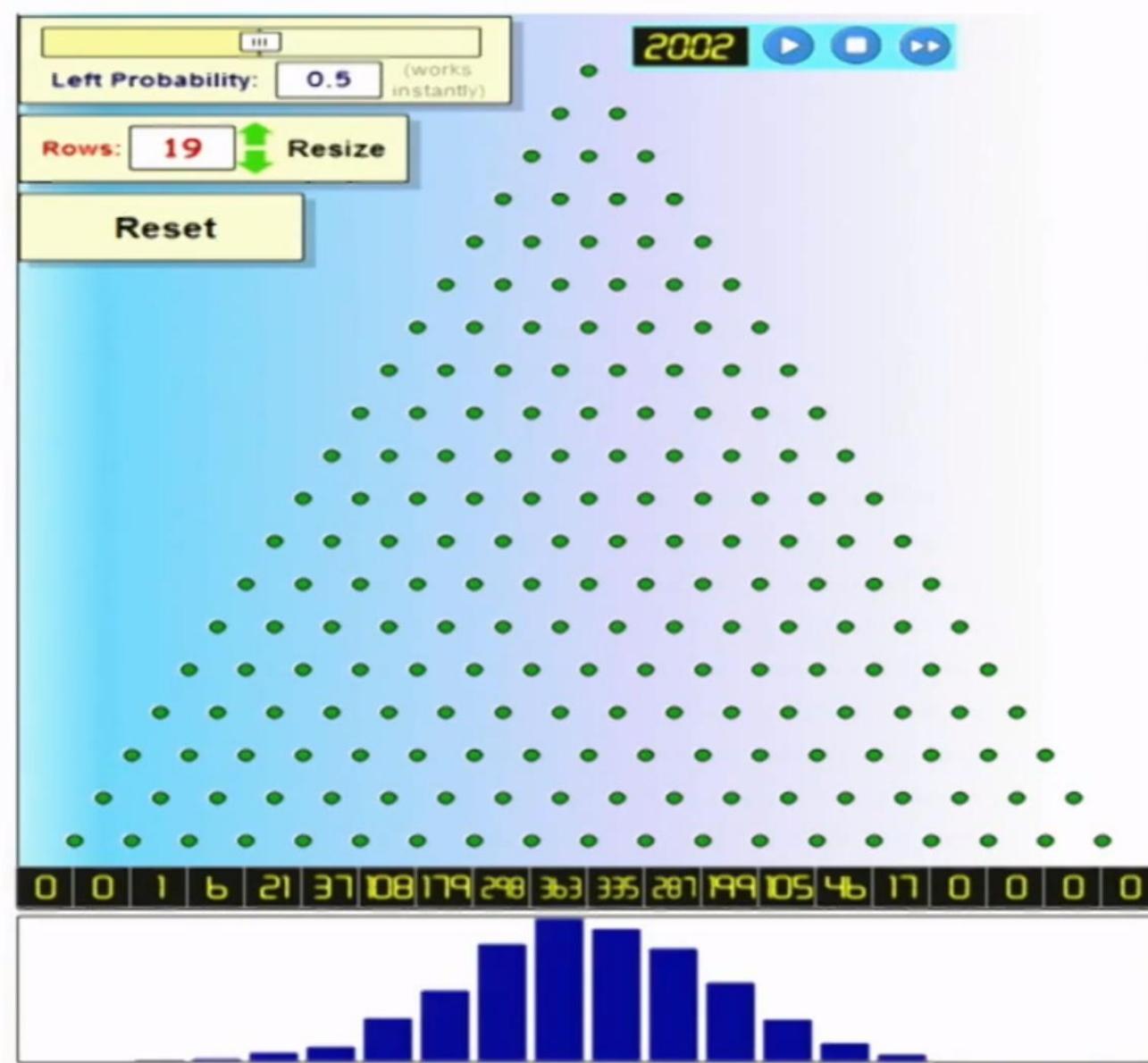
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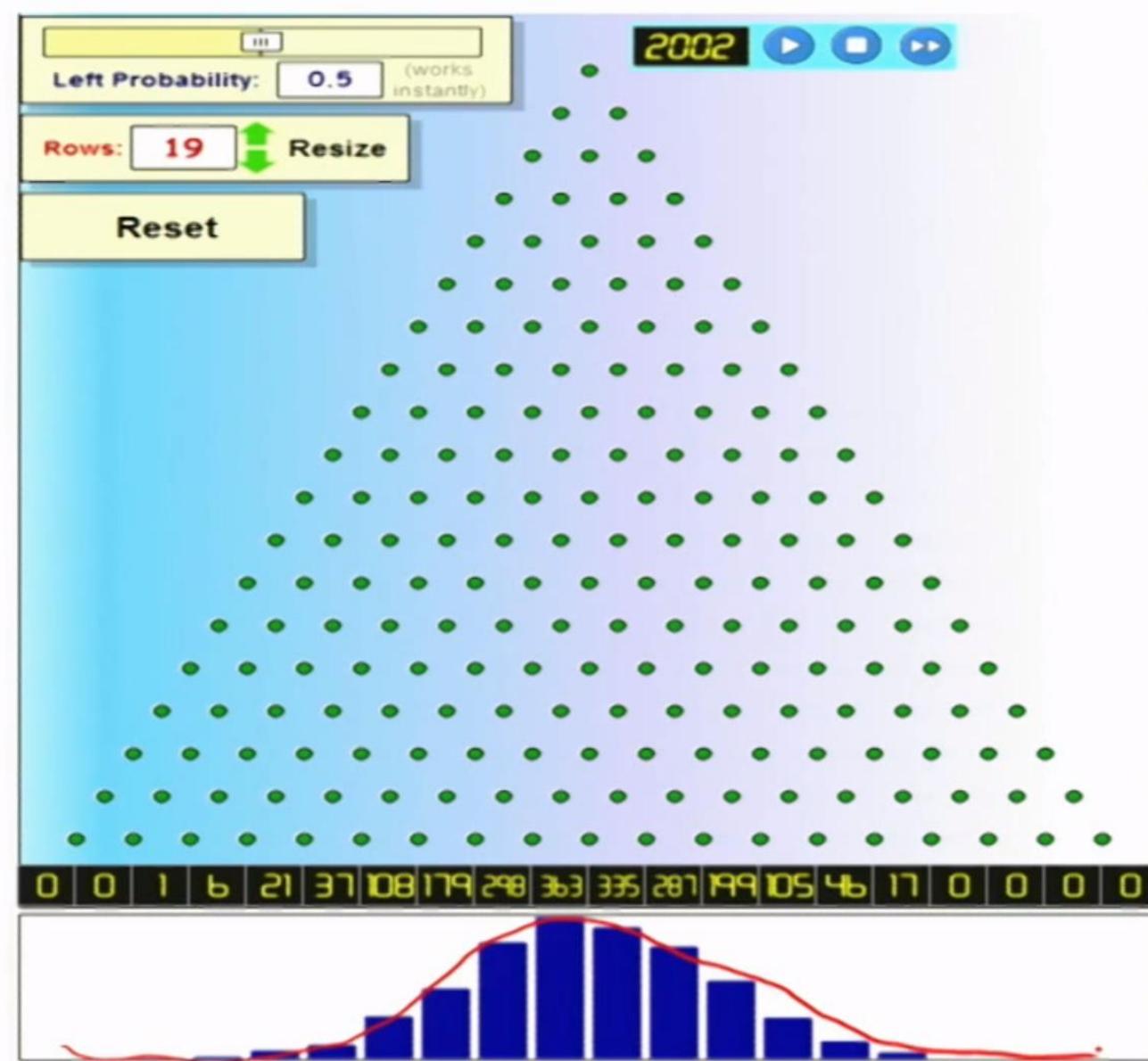
n = number of trials













Binomial Distribution

X = number of successes

$$P(X) = \binom{n}{X} p^X (1-p)^{n-X}$$

$$X = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$$

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$$\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} = \frac{X - np}{\sqrt{np(1-p)}} \text{ approx. Normal}$$



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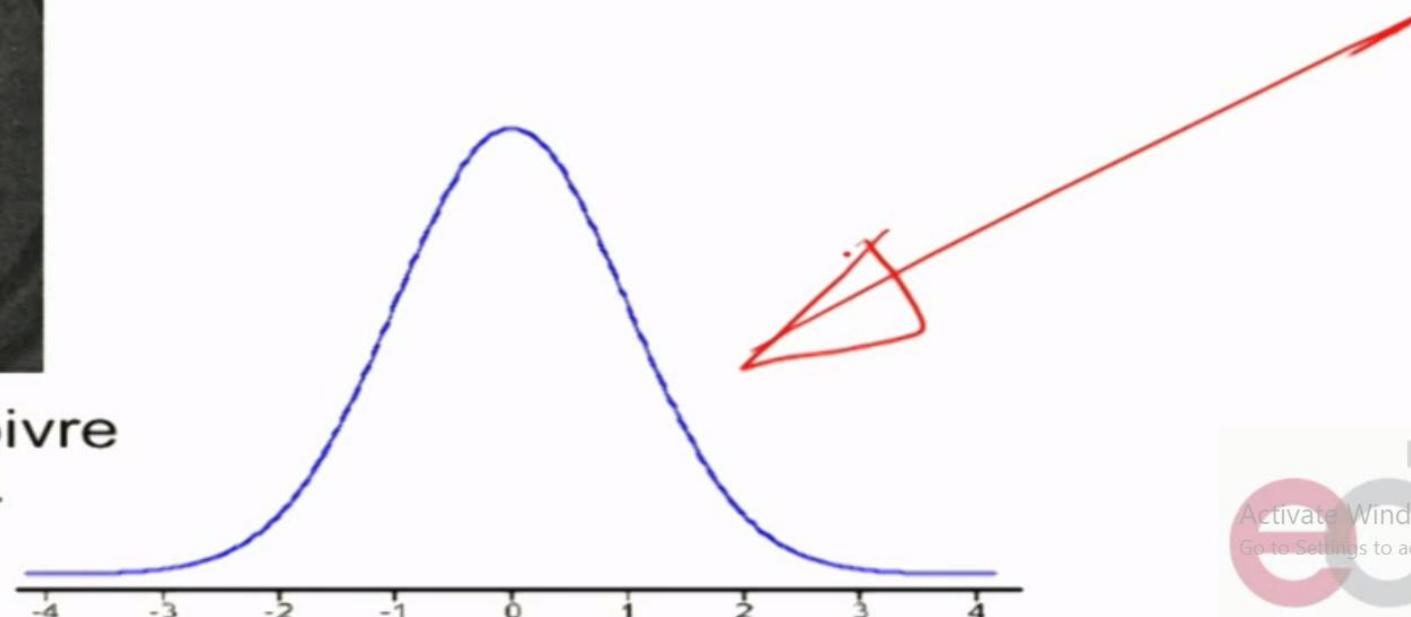


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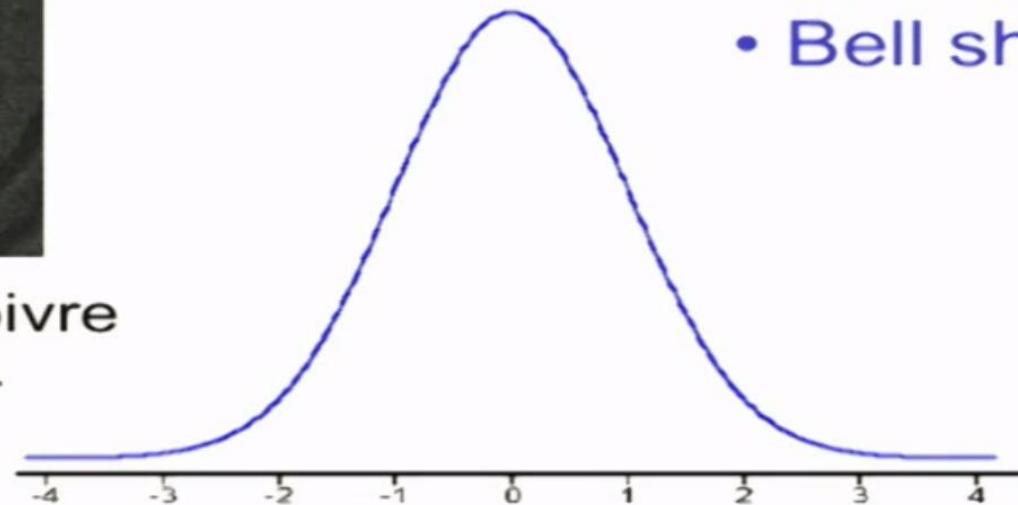


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- Normal Distribution
- Gaussian (De Moivre)
- Law of errors
- Bell shaped



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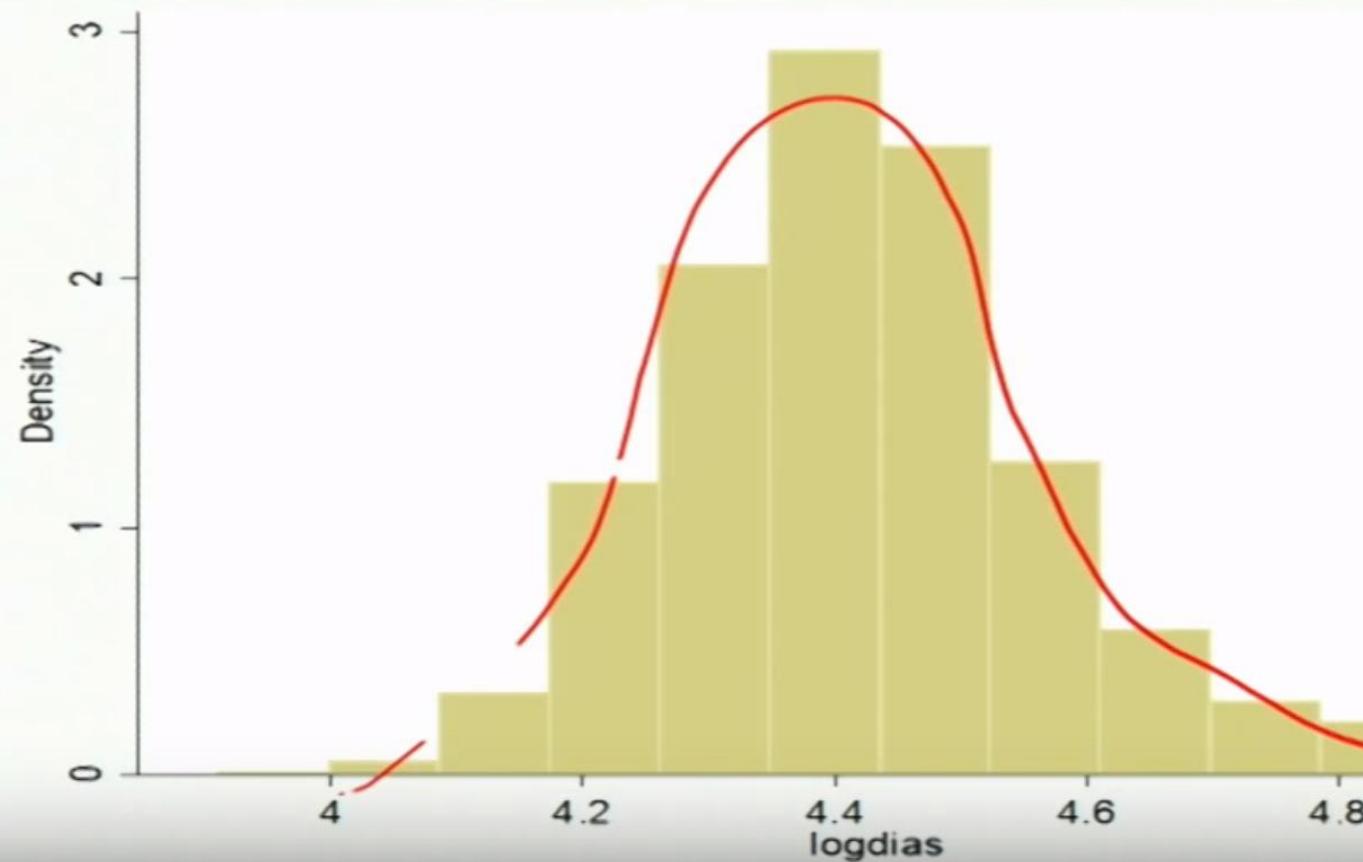
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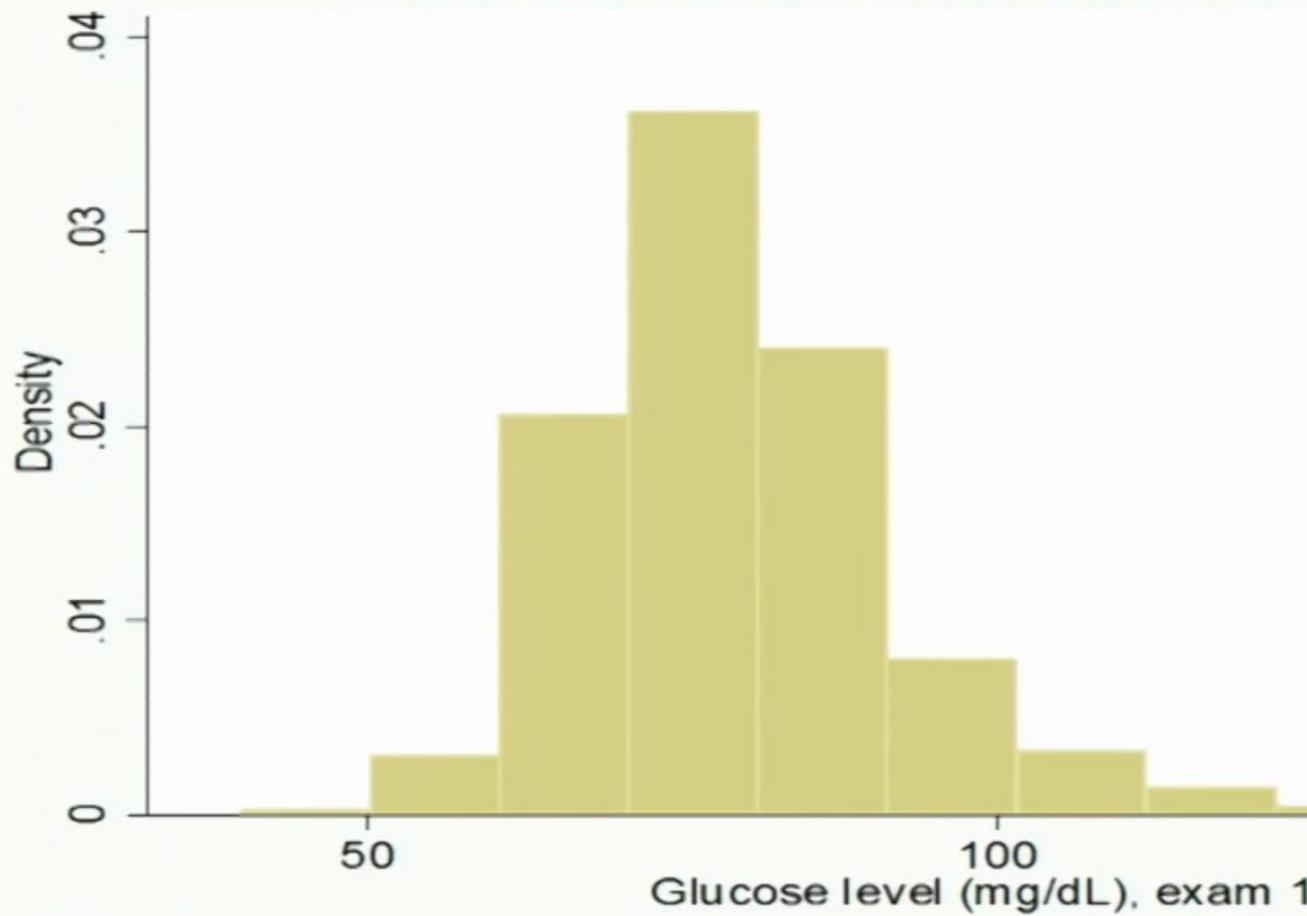


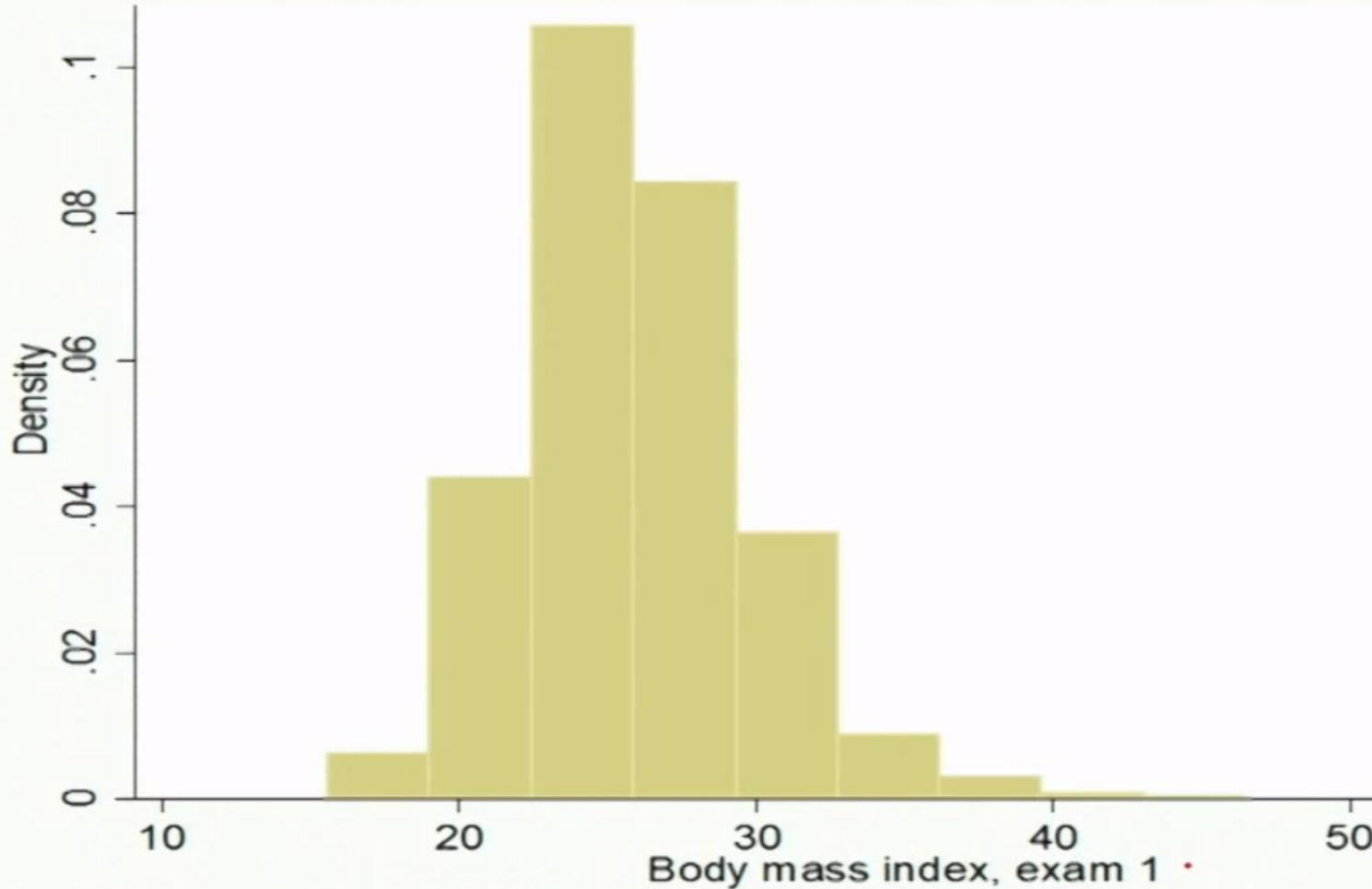
Histogram of logarithm of diastolic blood pressure at visit one (fhs) (bins = 12)





Glucose level at visit 1 for non-diabetics



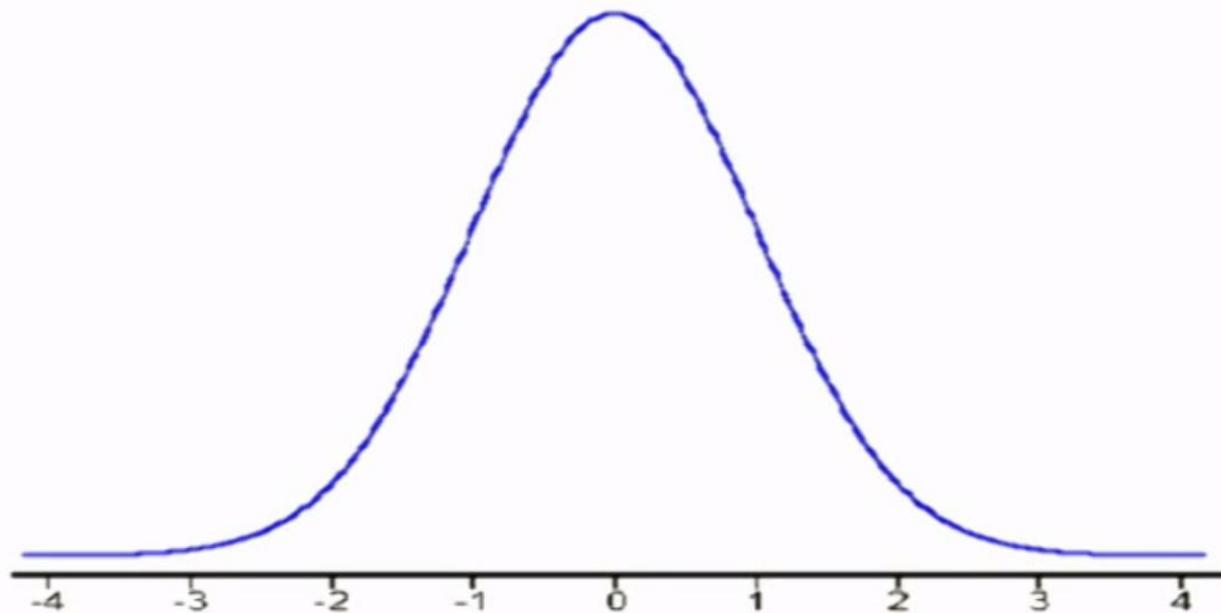




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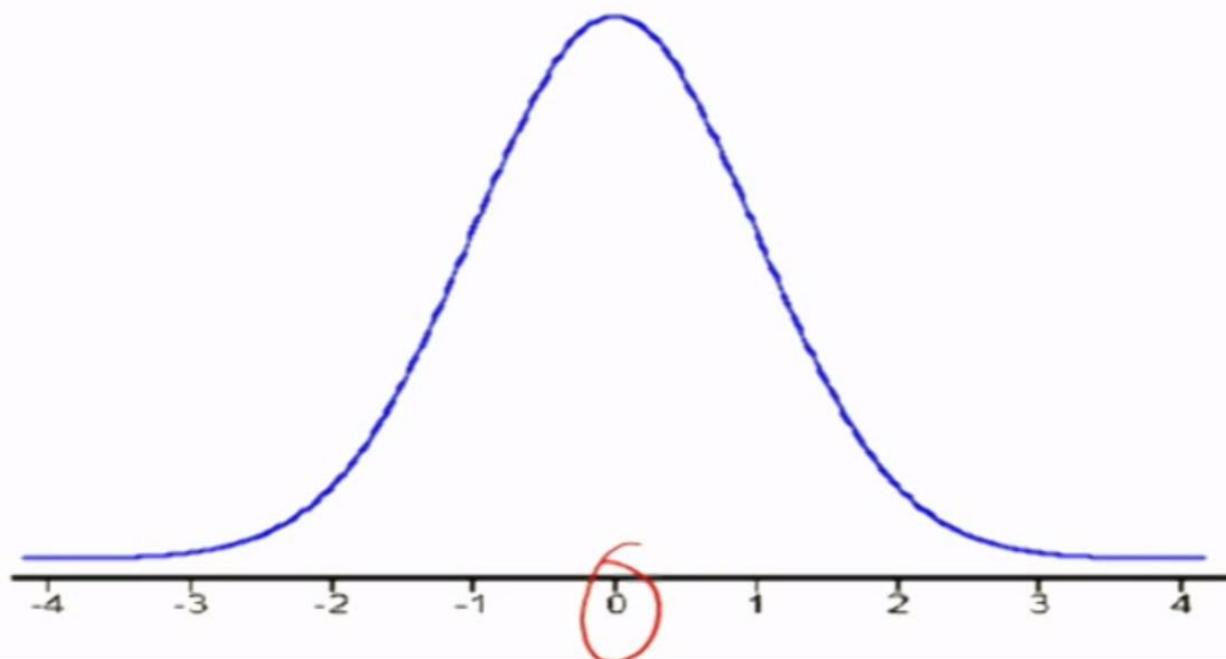
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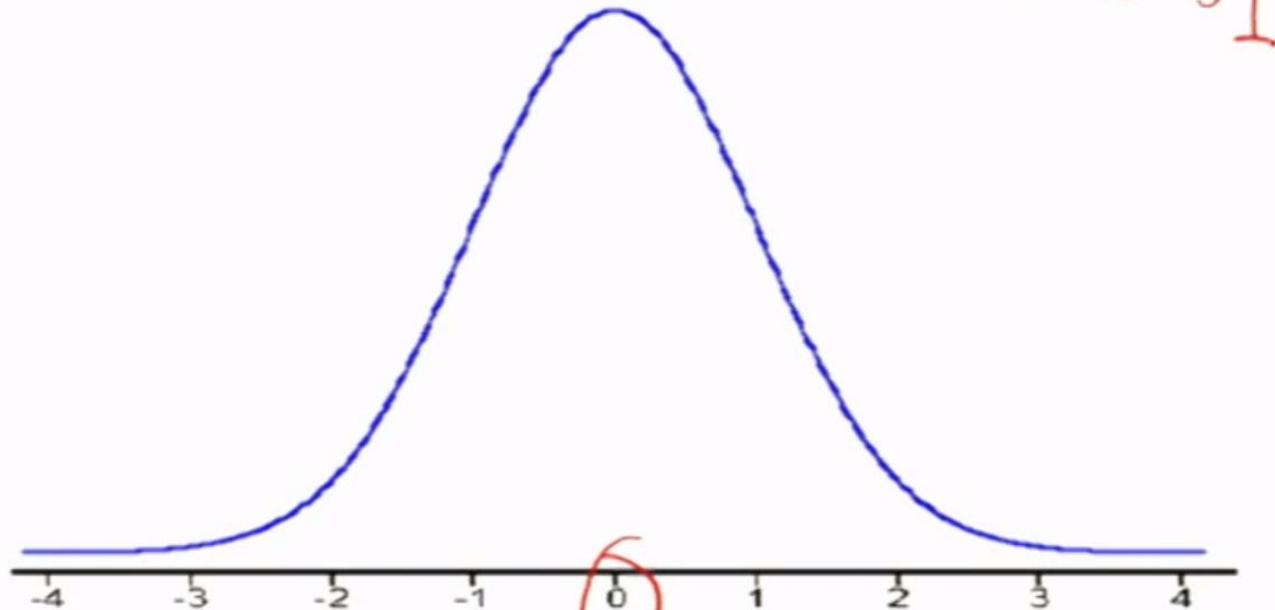


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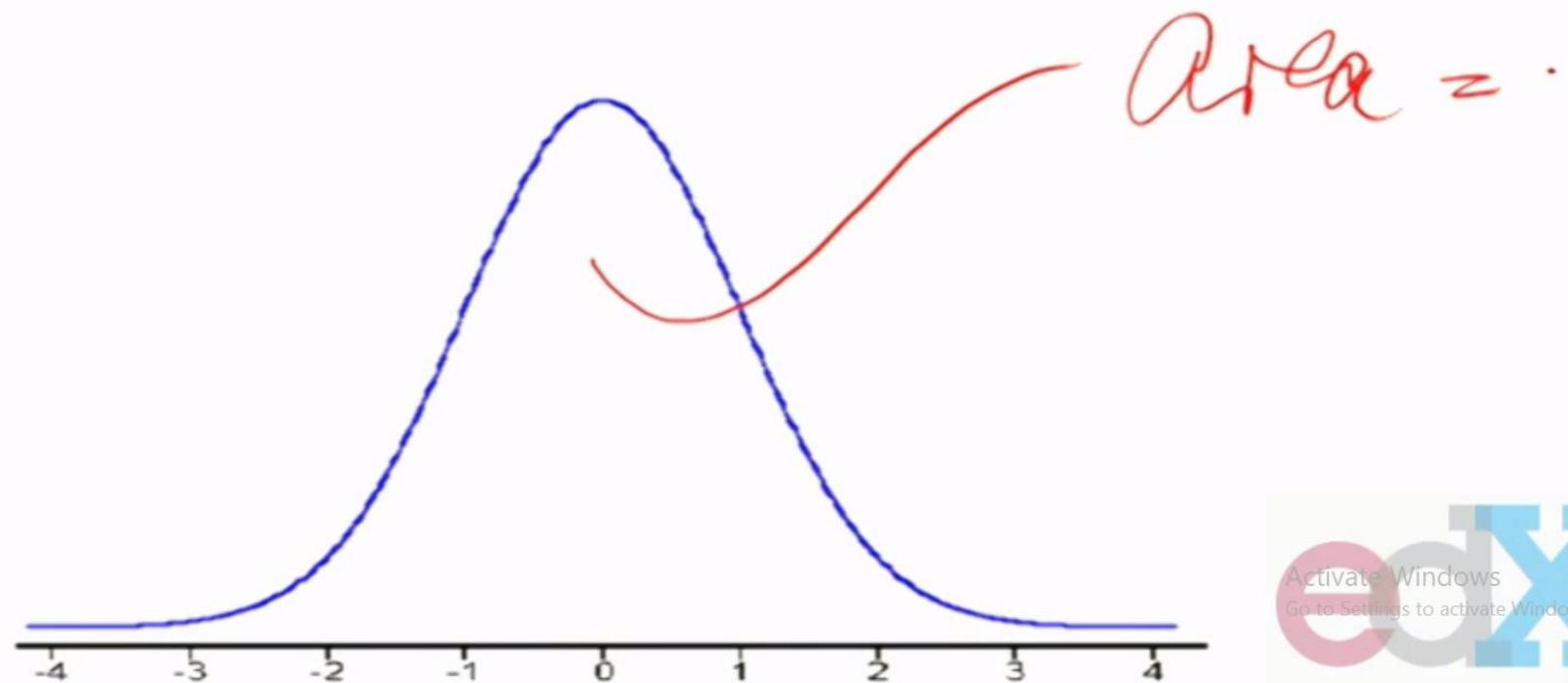
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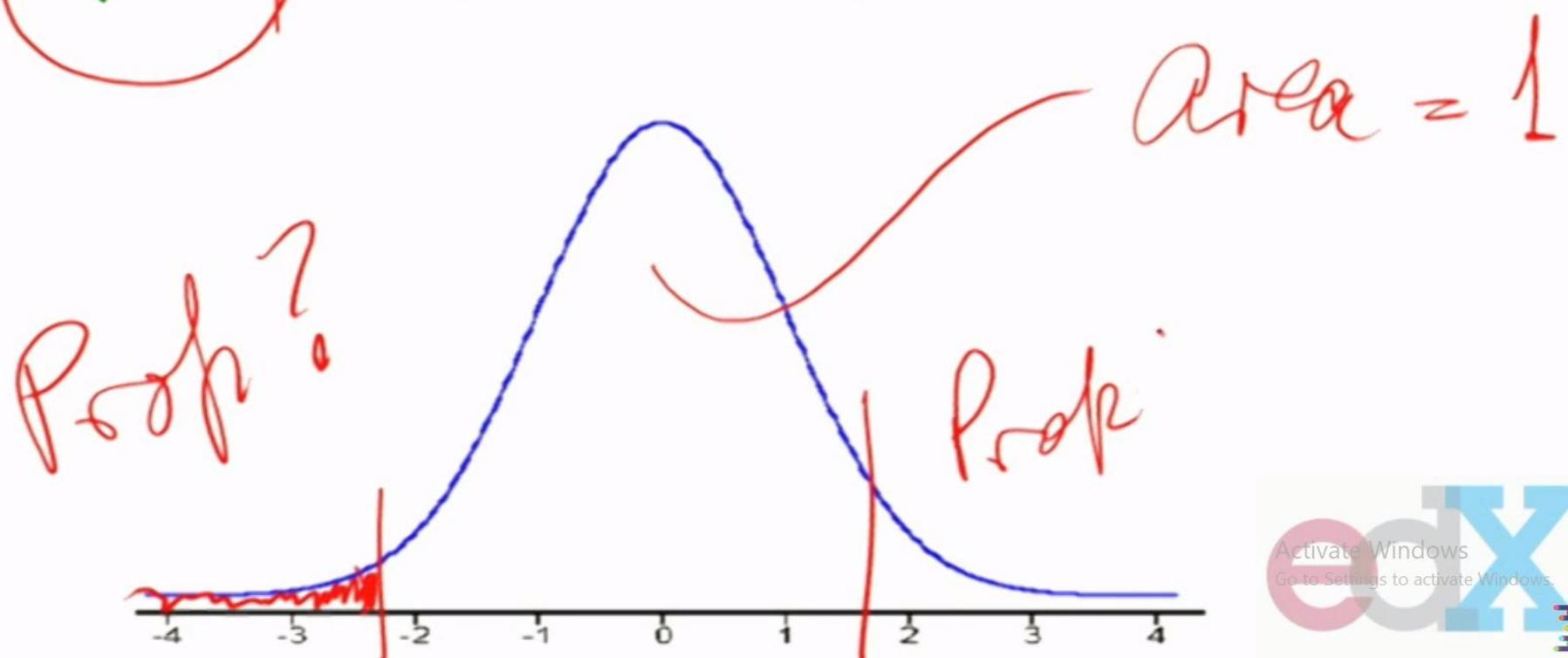
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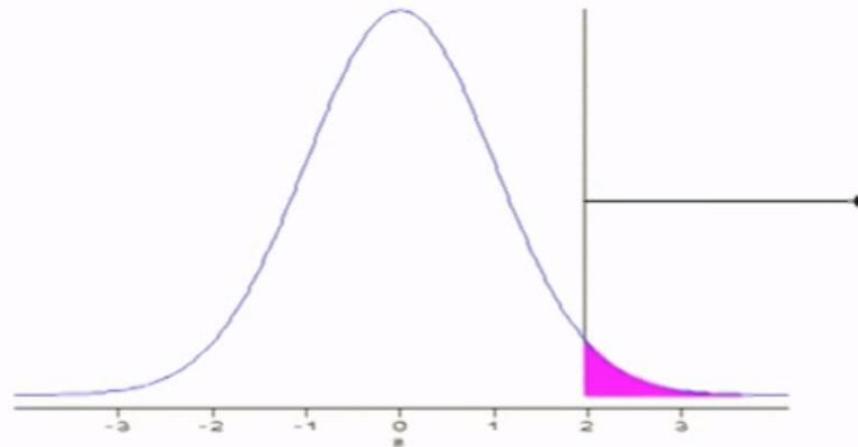
62.5%



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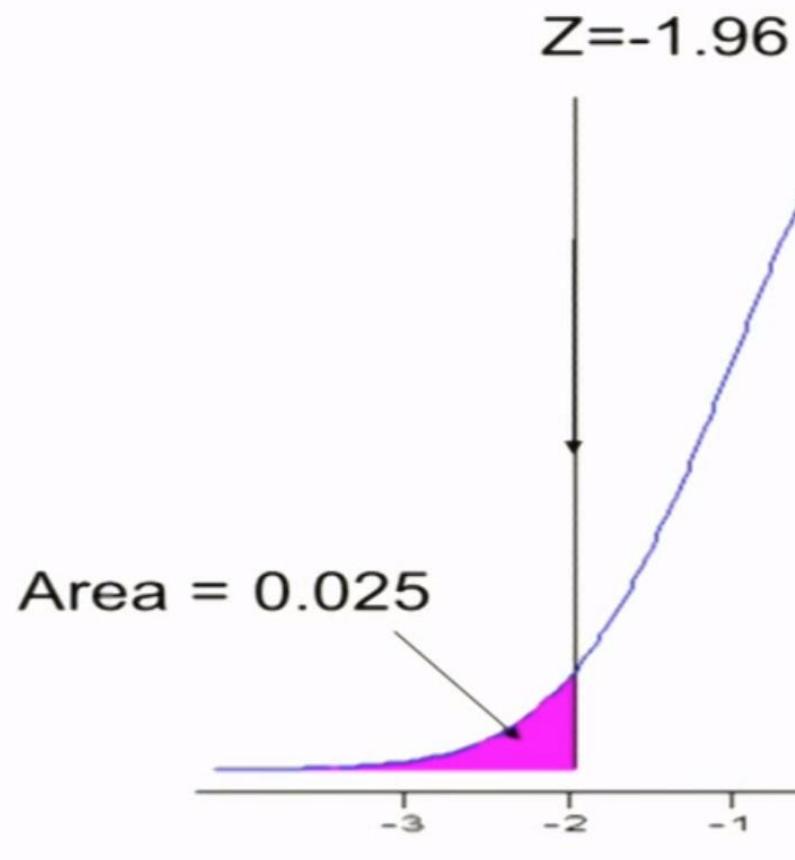


z	area
0	0.5
1.65	0.049
1.96	0.025
2.58	0.005
3	0.001



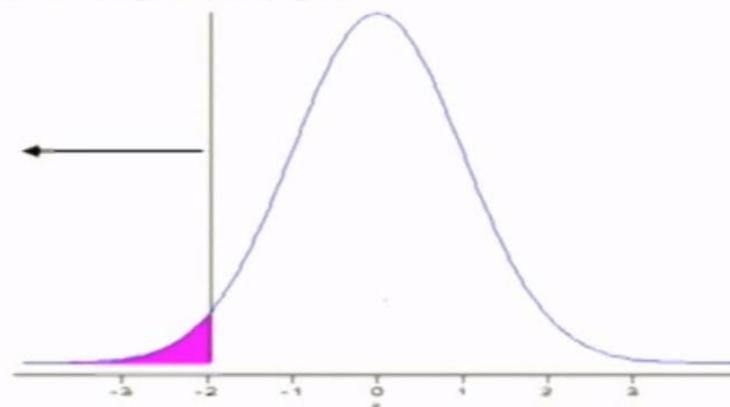


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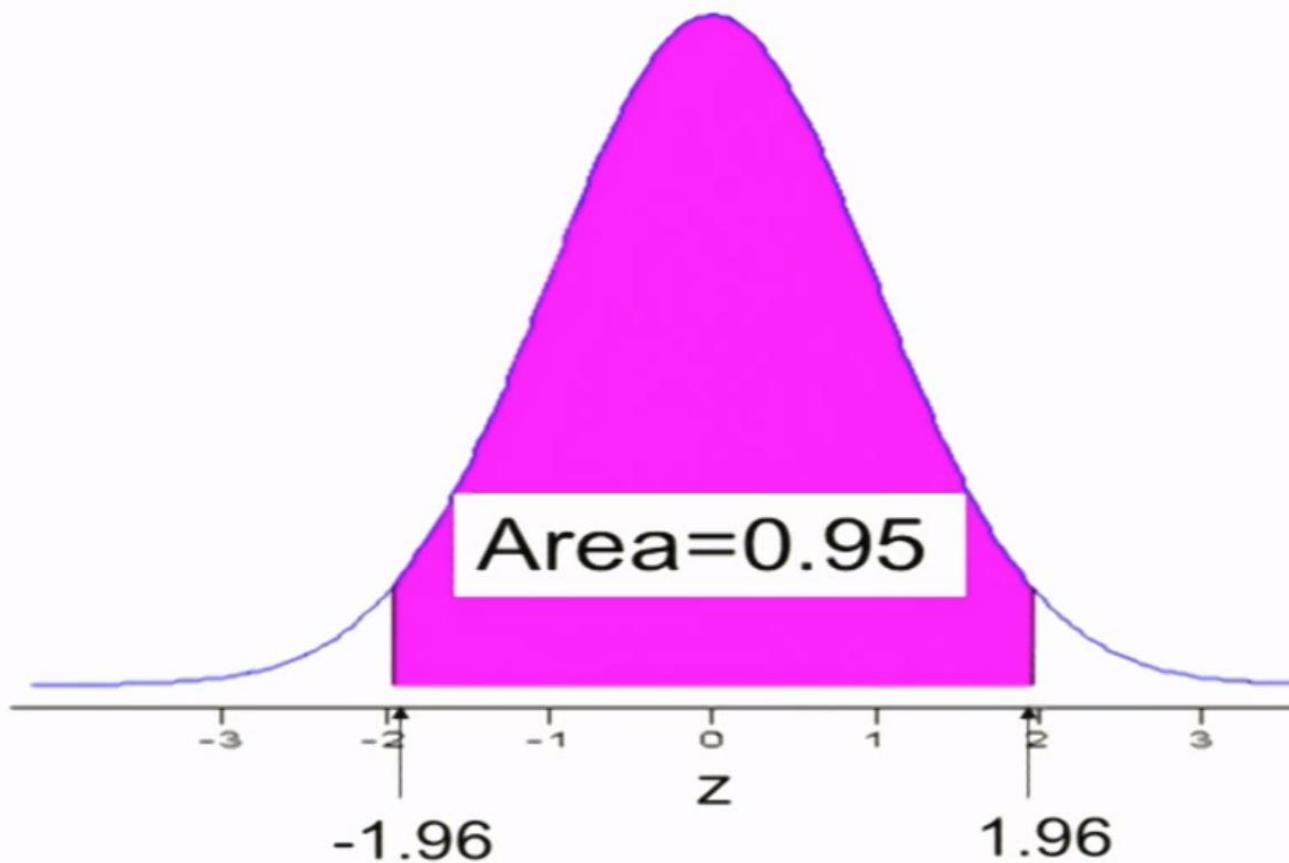
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-1.96	0.025	0.0249979
-2.58	0.005	0.00494002
-3	0.001	0.0013499



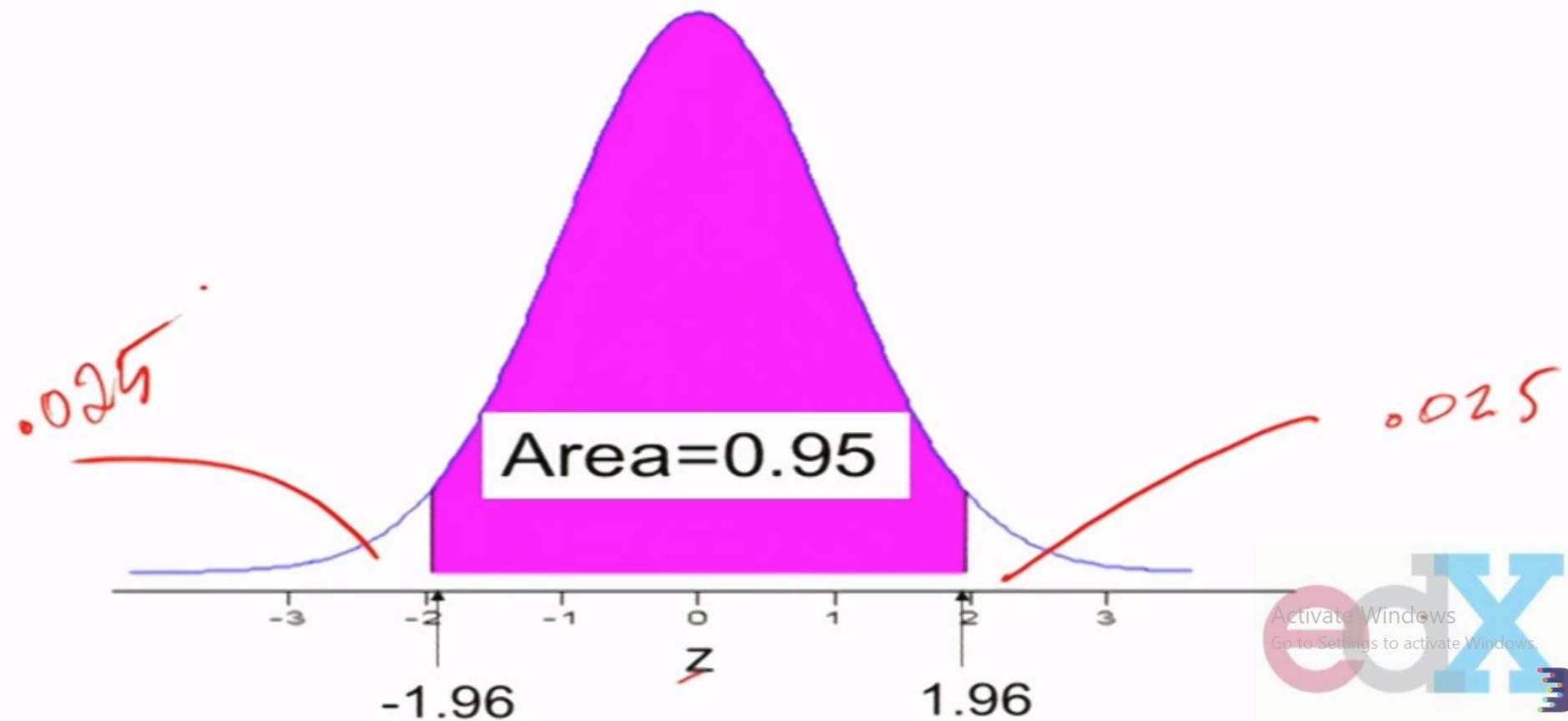
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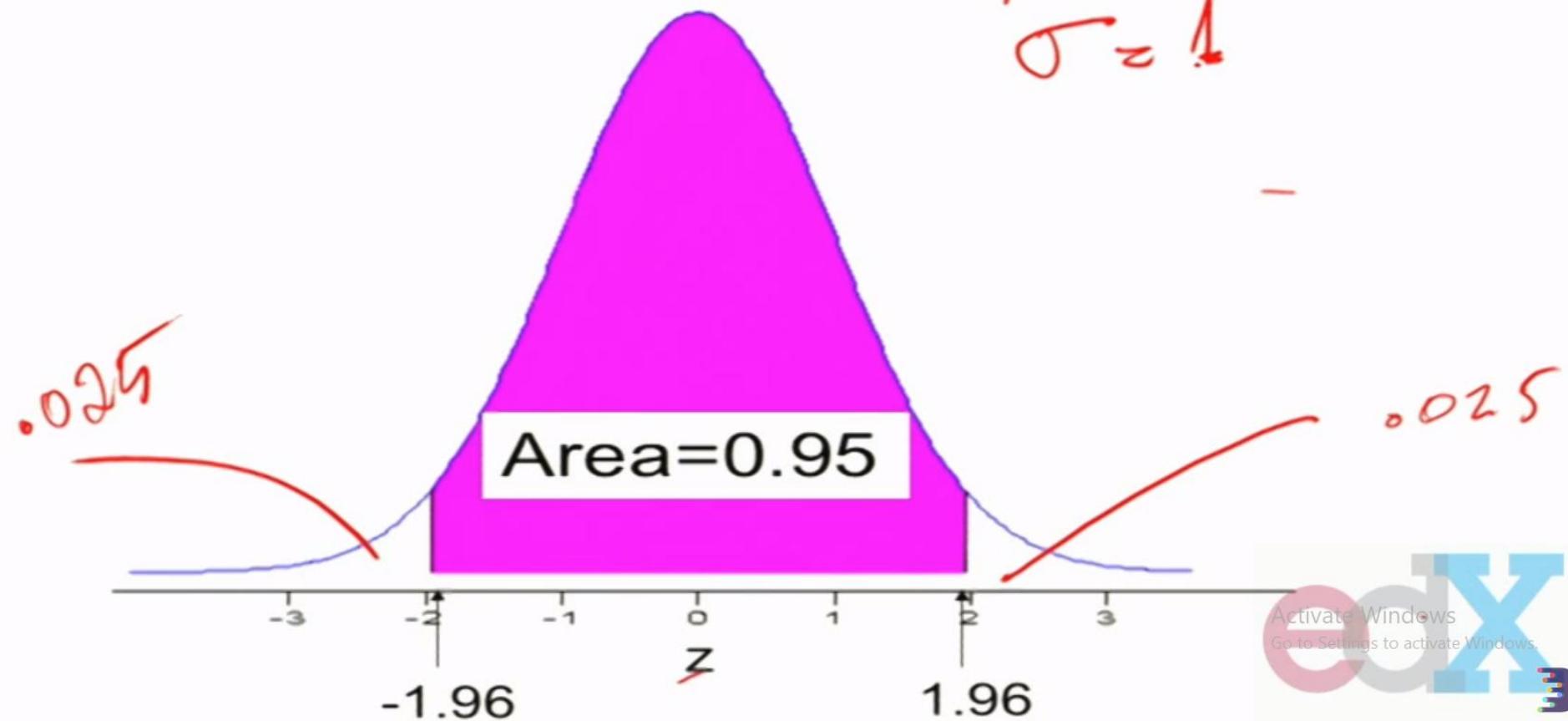
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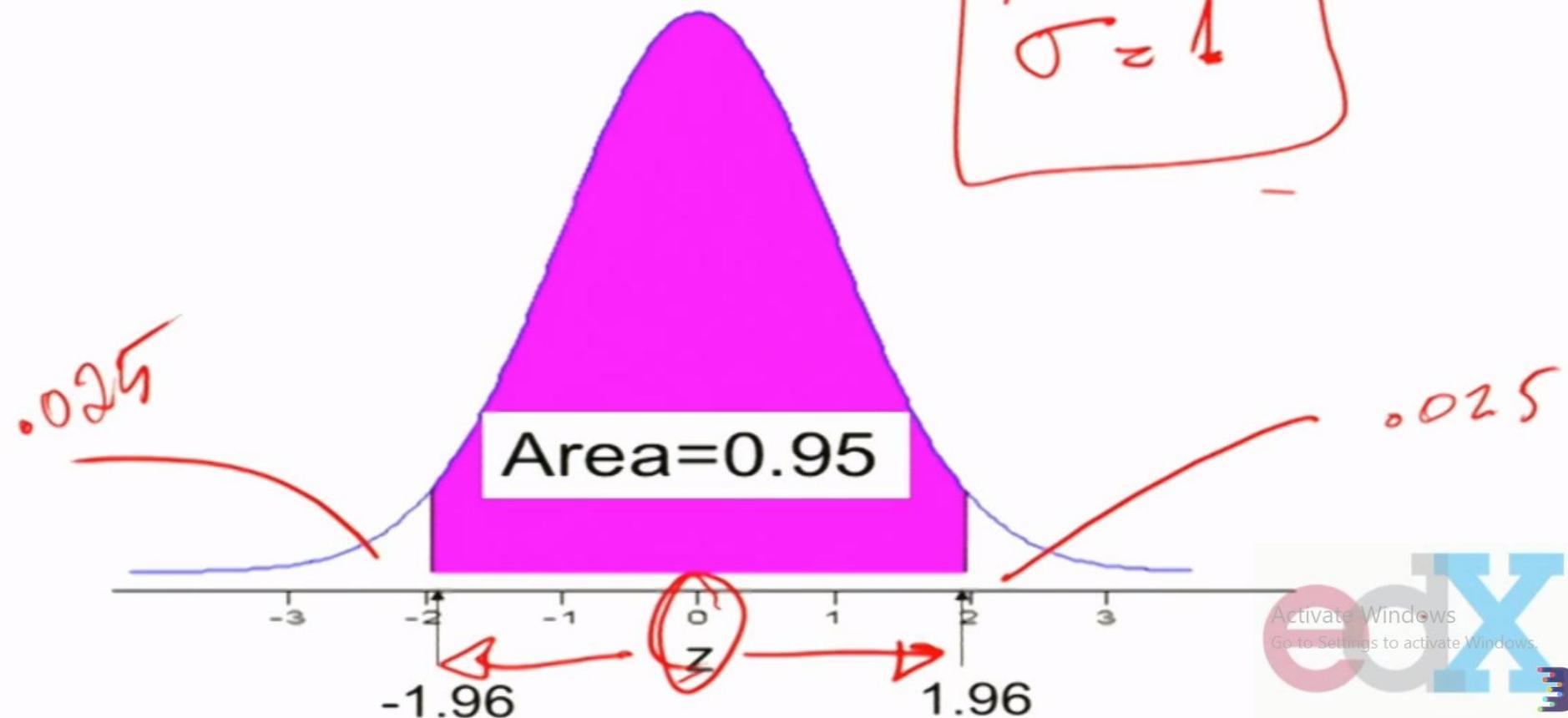
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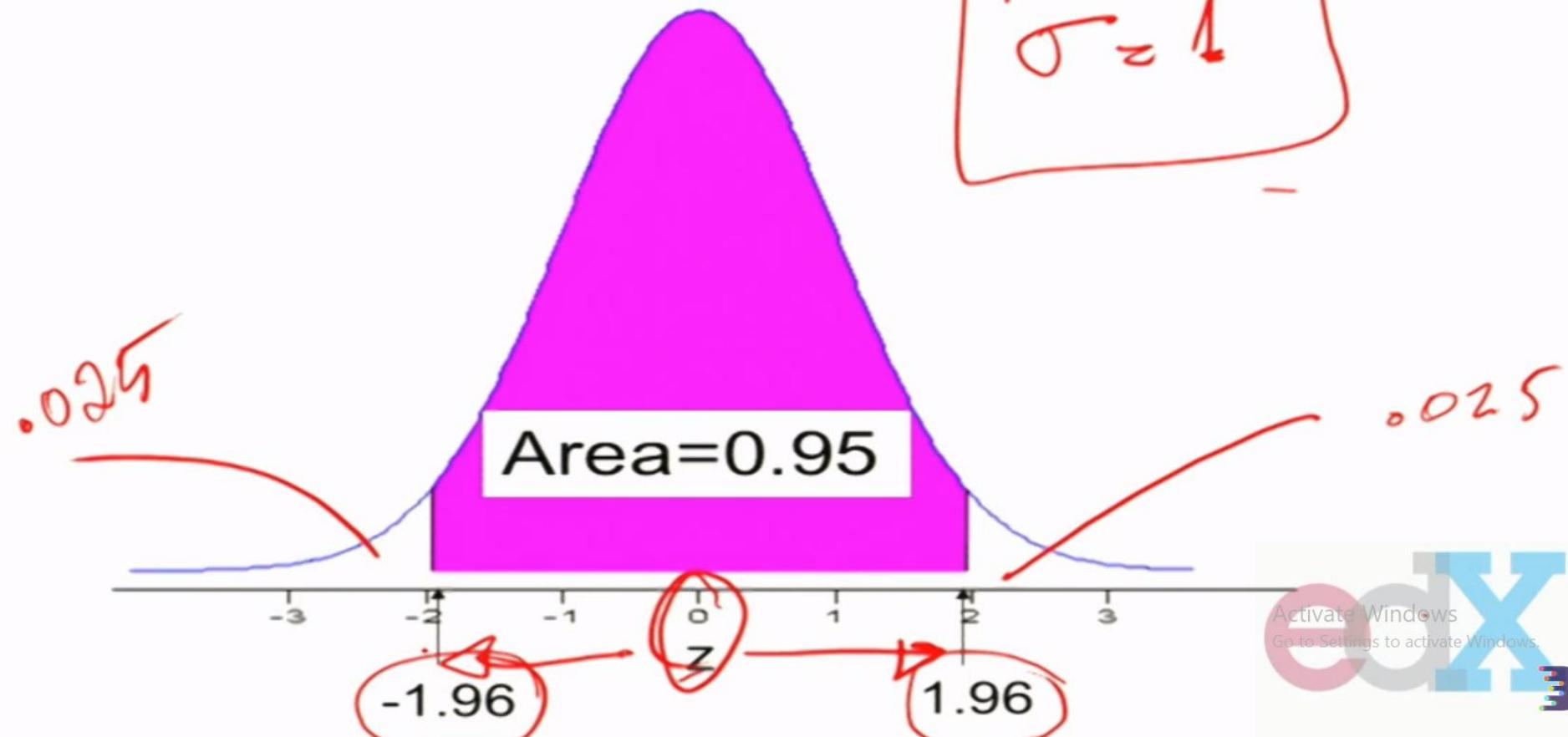


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General Normal

Suppose X is a normal random variable with mean μ and standard deviation σ , then

$$Z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}$$

is a standard normal (mean zero, standard deviation one).



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$$\mu - 1.96\sigma \leq X \leq \mu + 1.96\sigma$$



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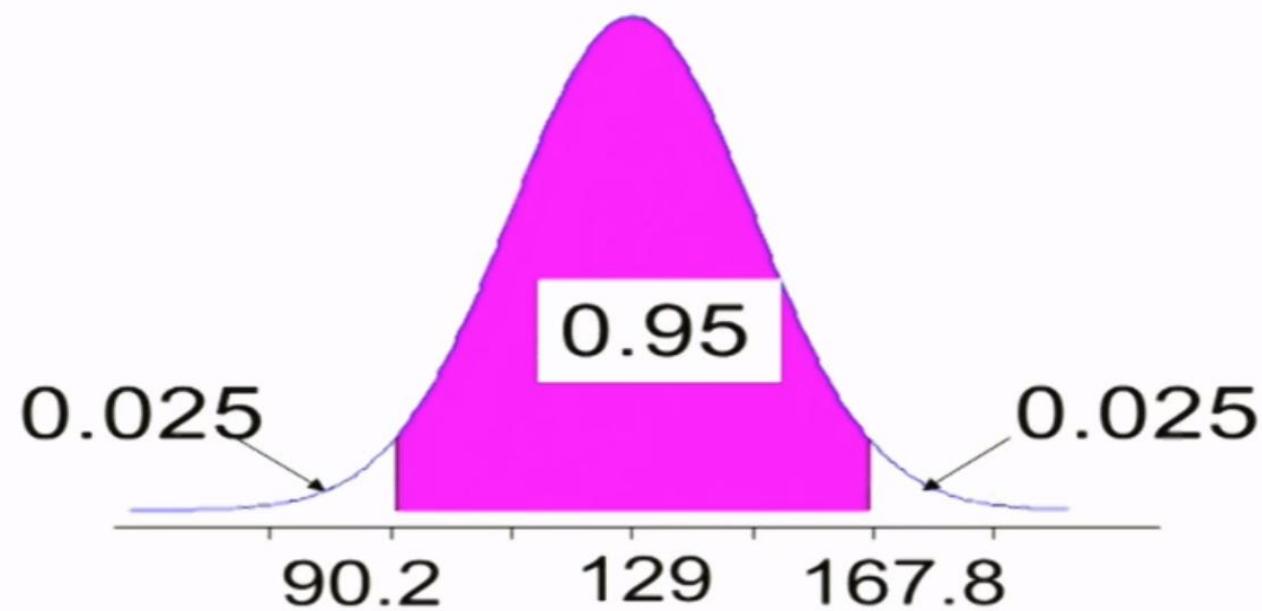
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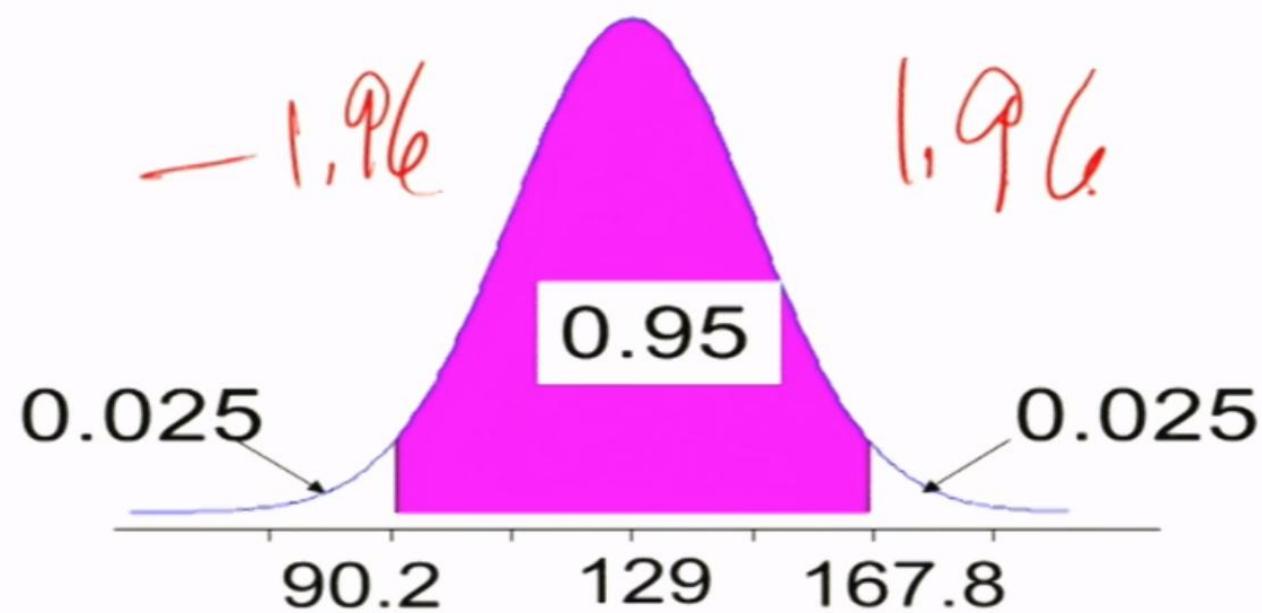
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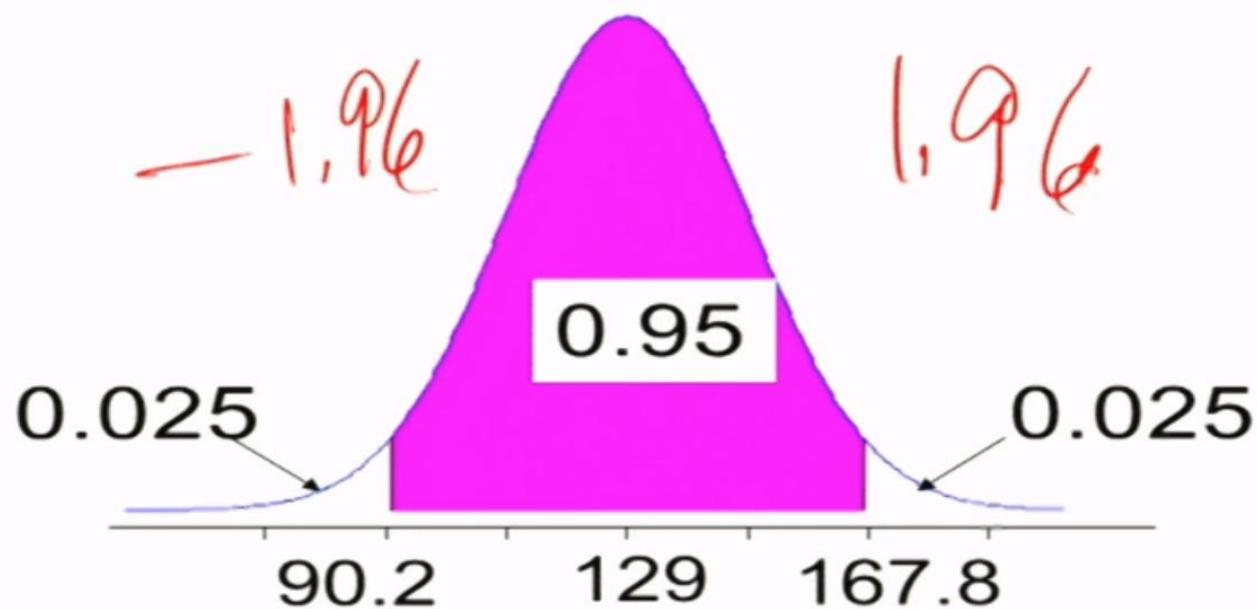
$$1.96 = \frac{x - 129}{19.8}$$

then $x = 167.8$









If we choose a person at random from this population, the probability is 0.975 that the person has systolic blood pressure less than 167.8.



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$x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

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For the Poisson one parameter: λ

Mean = λ = np

Variance = λ = $np(1-p)$

$\approx np$





e.g. Probability of an accident in a year is 0.00024. So in a town of 10,000, the rate

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda &= np \\ &= 10,000 \times 0.00024 = 2.4\end{aligned}$$

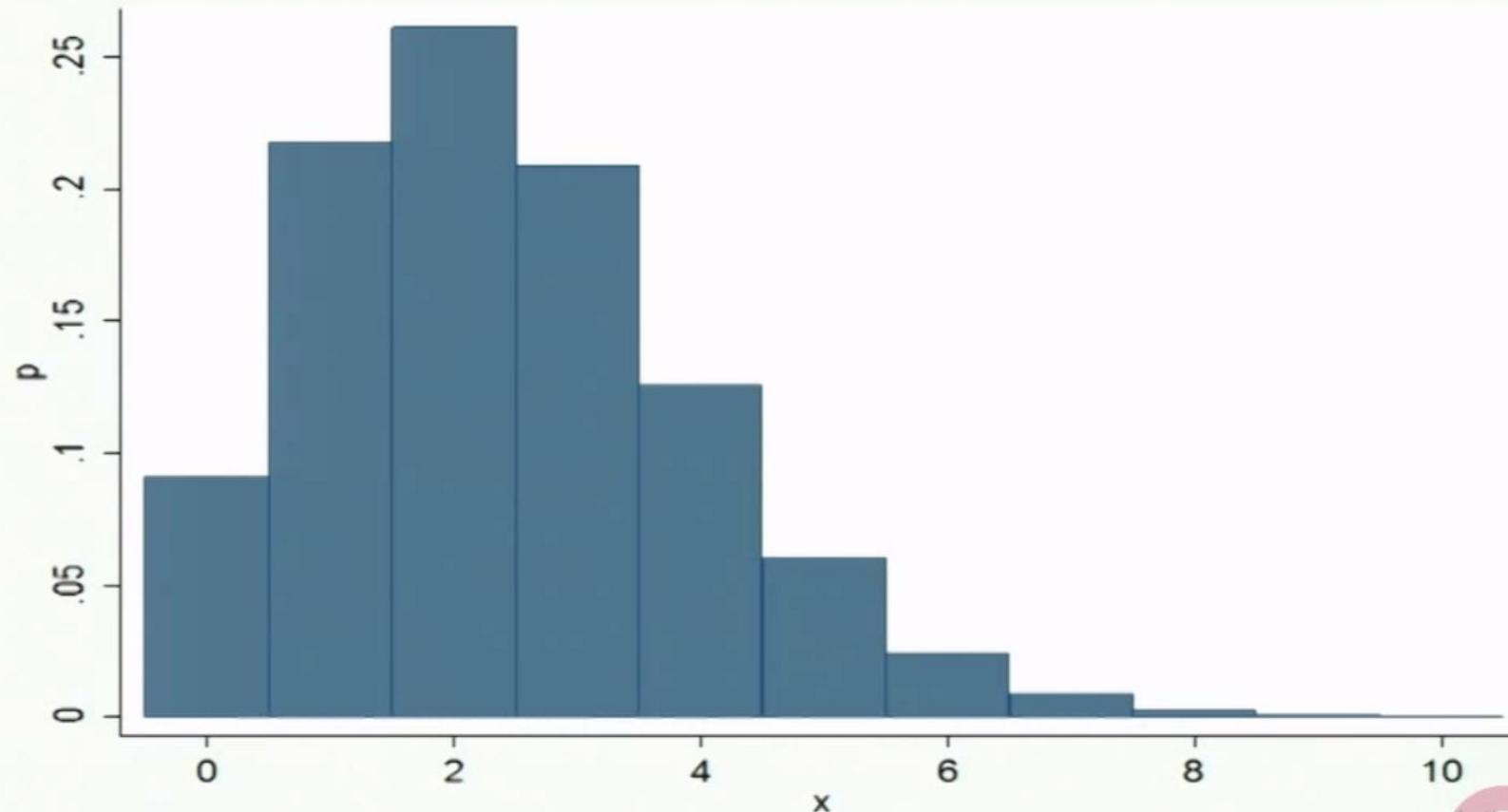
$$P(X=0) = \frac{e^{-2.4} (2.4)^0}{0!} = 0.0907$$

$$P(X=1) = \frac{e^{-2.4} (2.4)^1}{1!} = 0.2177$$





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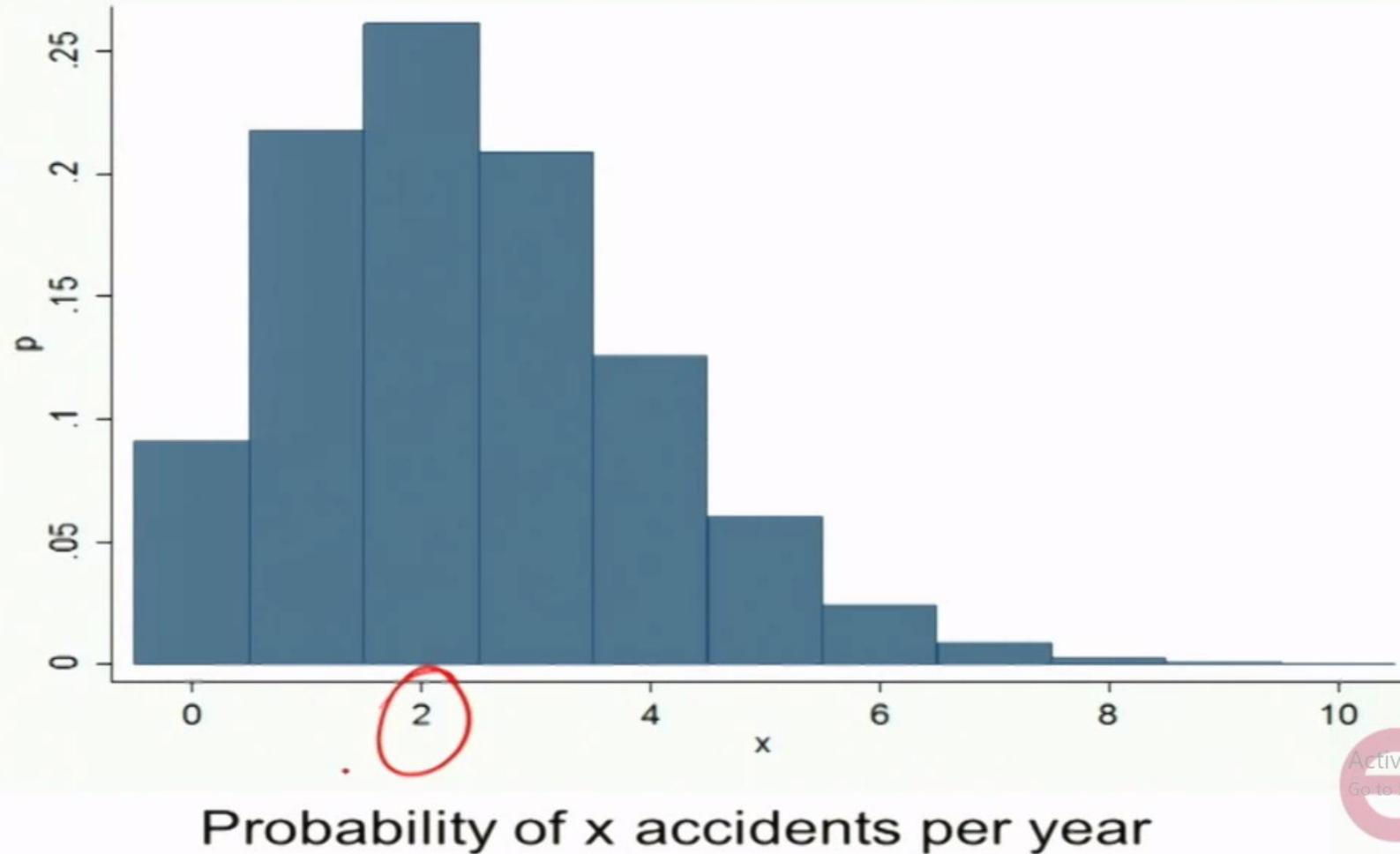
Probability of x accidents per year



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- . gen p = poissonp(2.4,x)
- . list x p

	x	p
1.	0	.090718
2.	1	.2177231
3.	2	.2612677
4.	3	.2090142
5.	4	.1254085
6.	5	.0601961
7.	6	.0240784
8.	7	.0082555
9.	8	.0024766
10.	9	.0006604
11.	10	.0001585



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