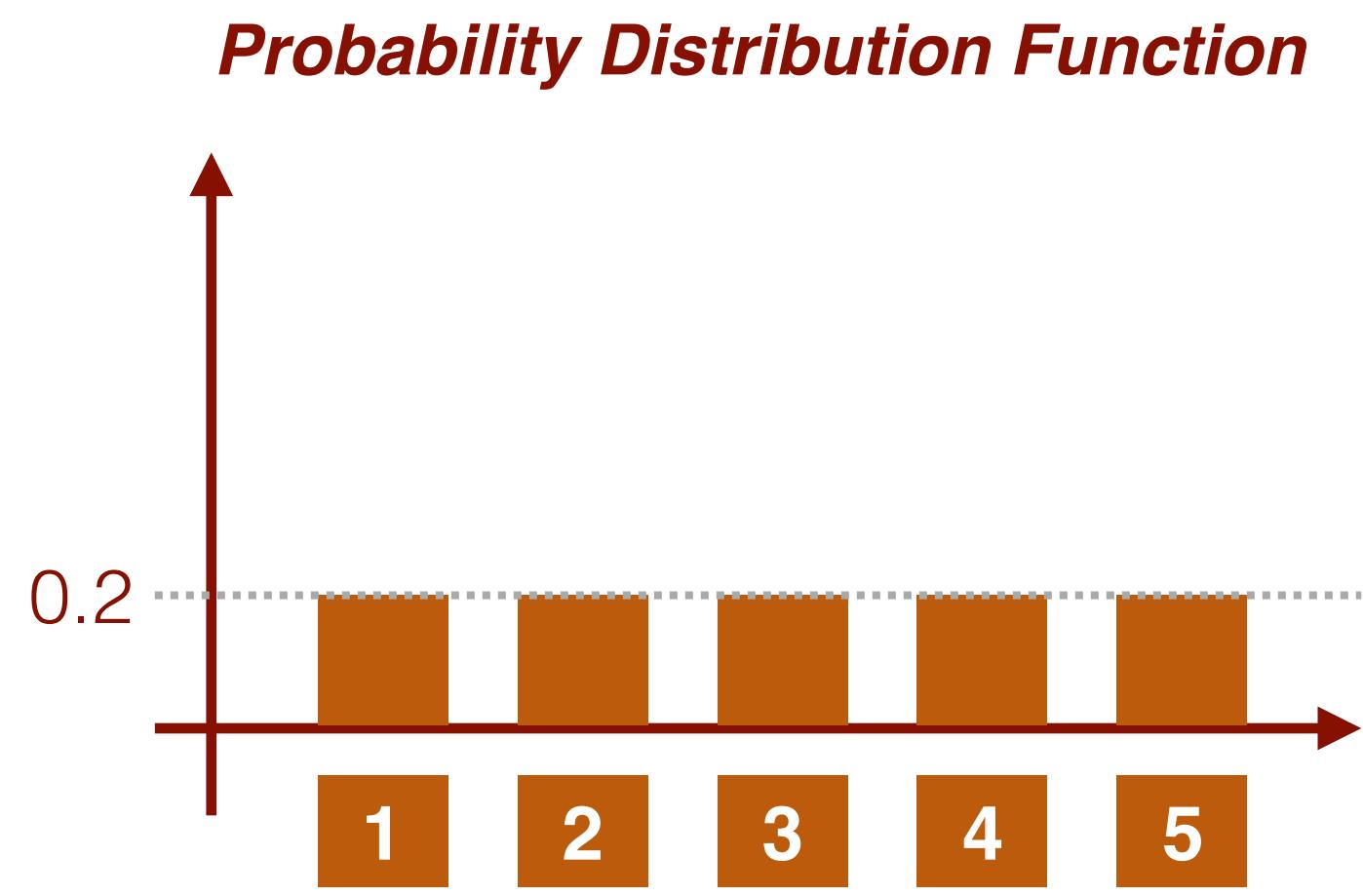


Common Probability Distributions

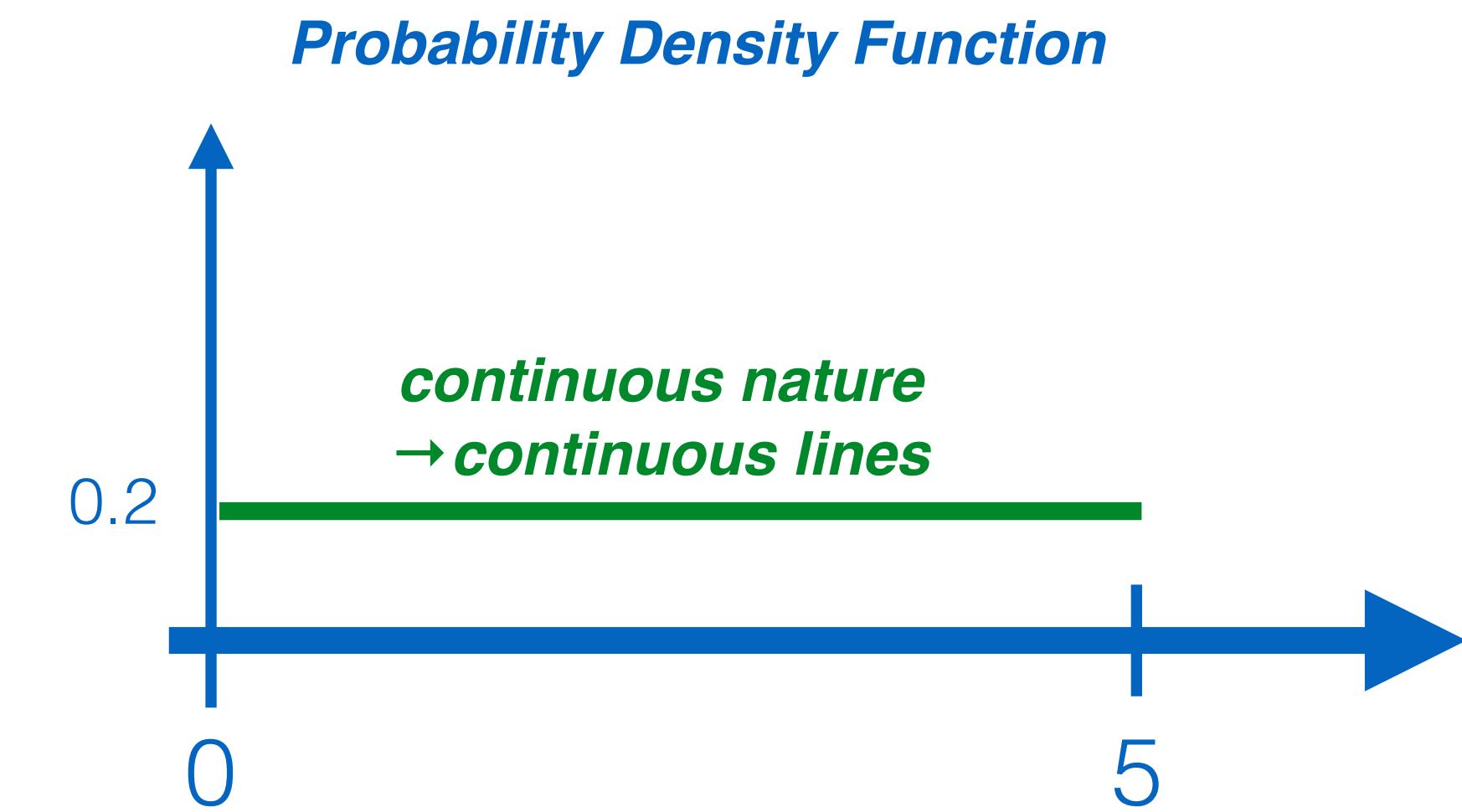
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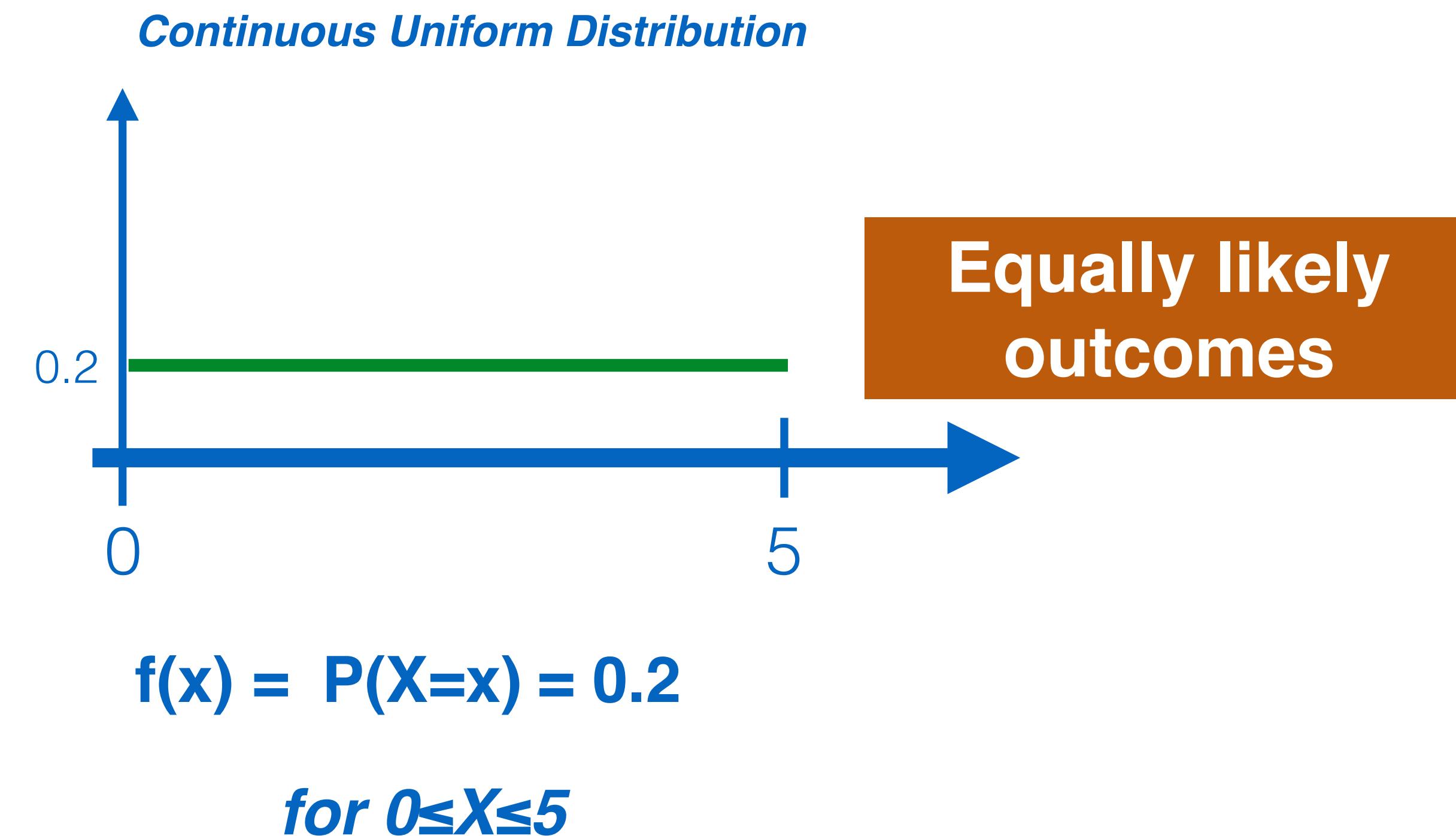
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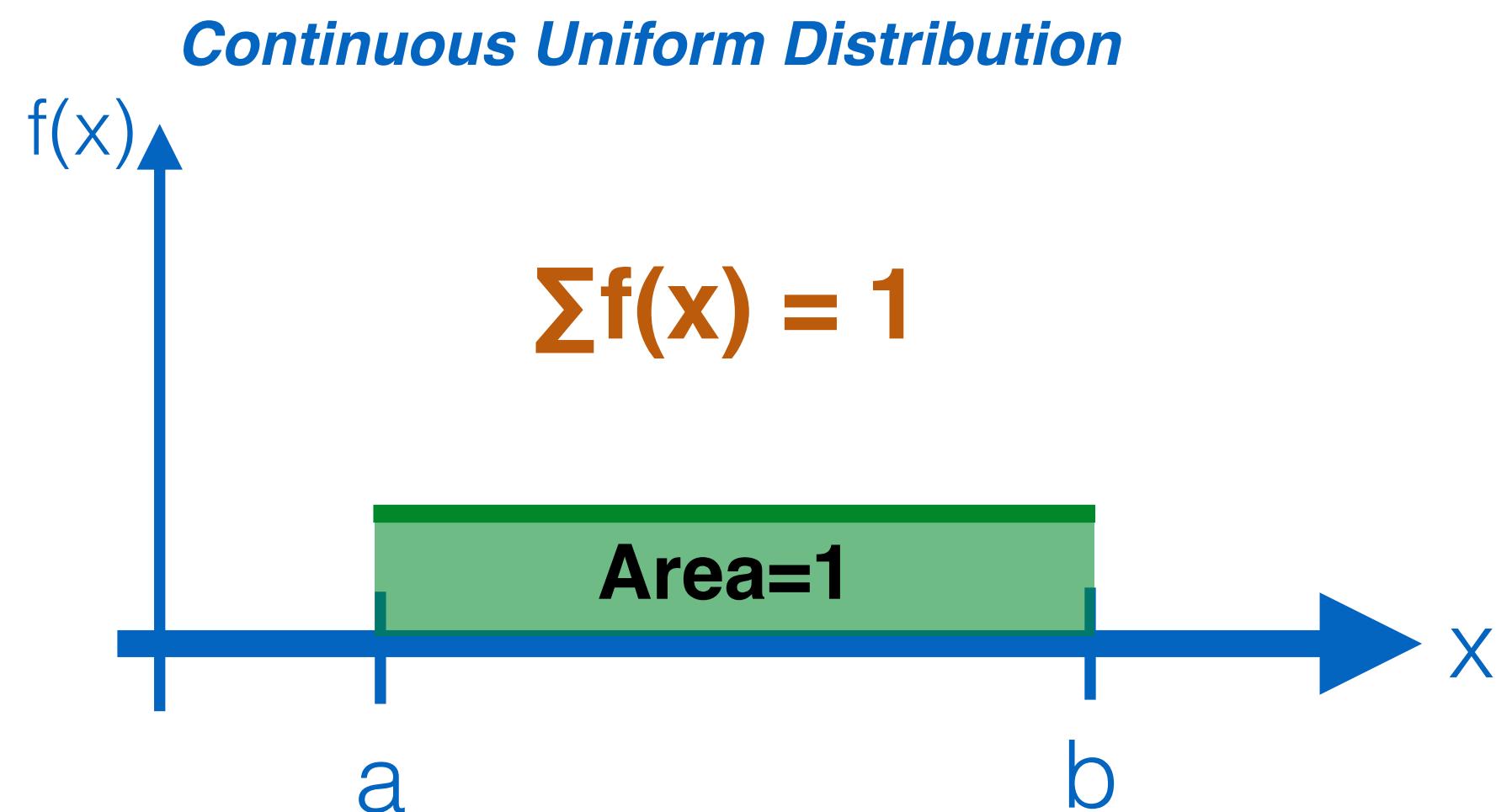
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Continuous Uniform Random Variable

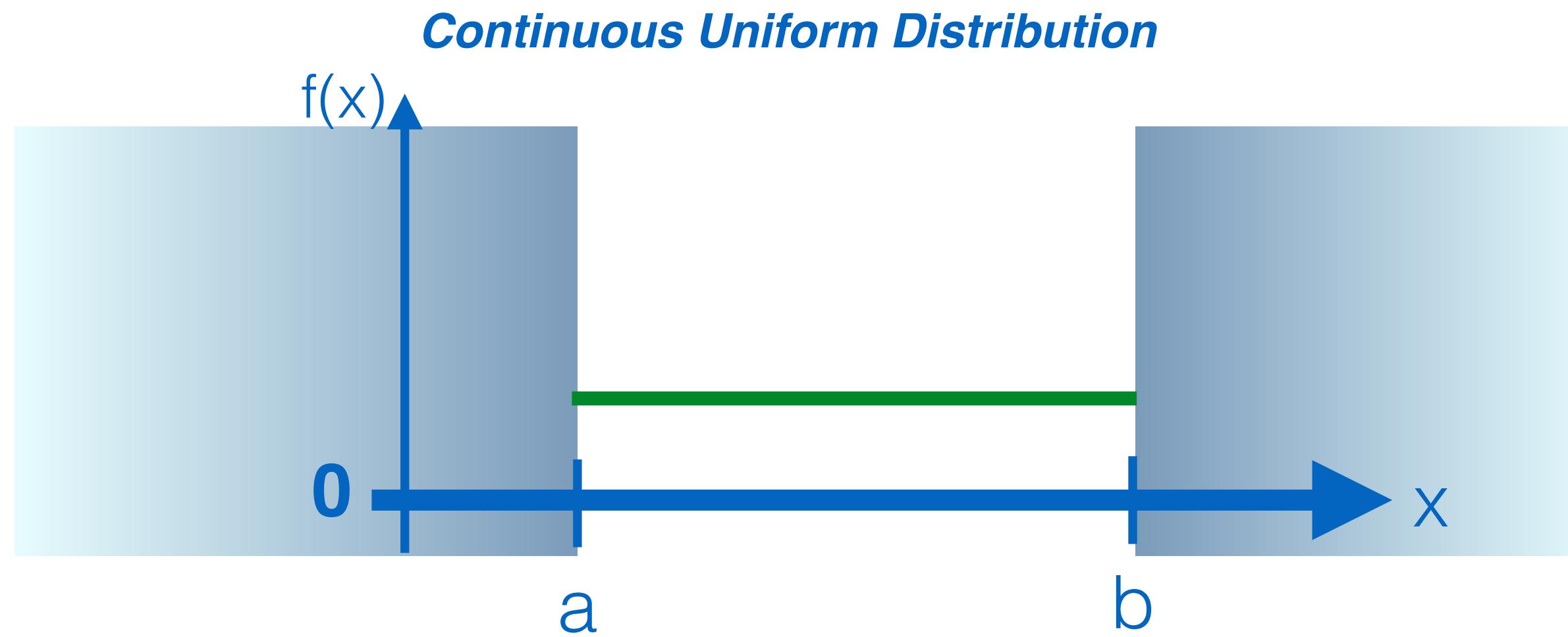


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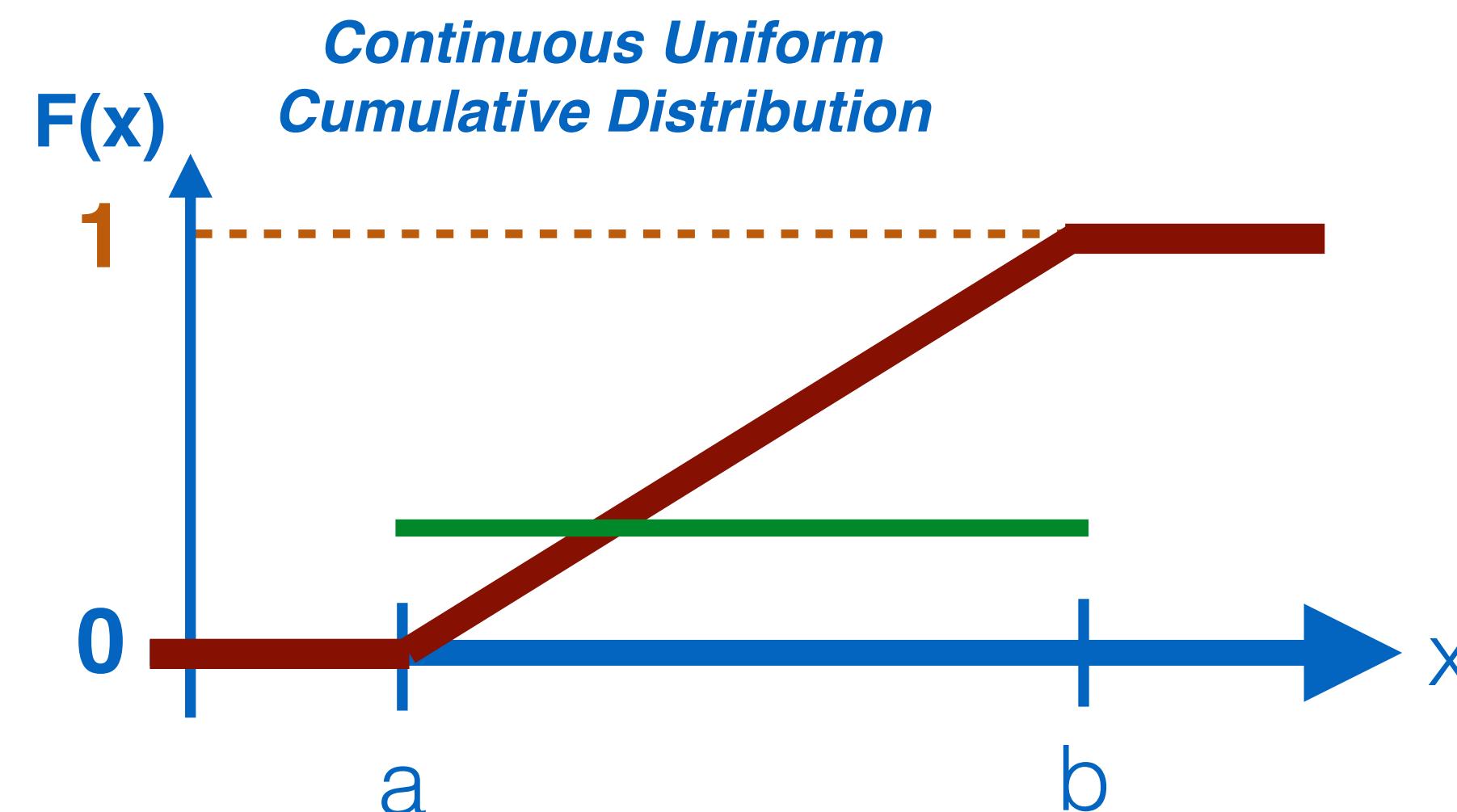
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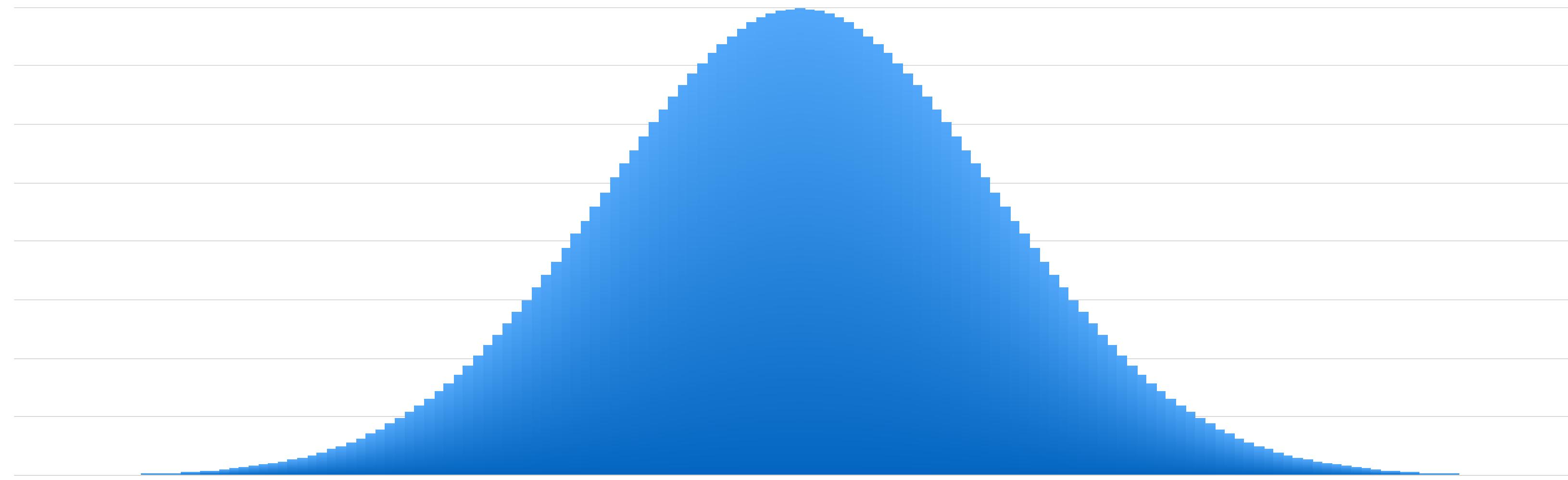
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$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x < a \\ \frac{(x-a)}{(b-a)} & \text{for } a < x < b \\ 1 & \text{for } x > b \end{cases}$$

What makes a distribution “normal”?

Normal Distribution



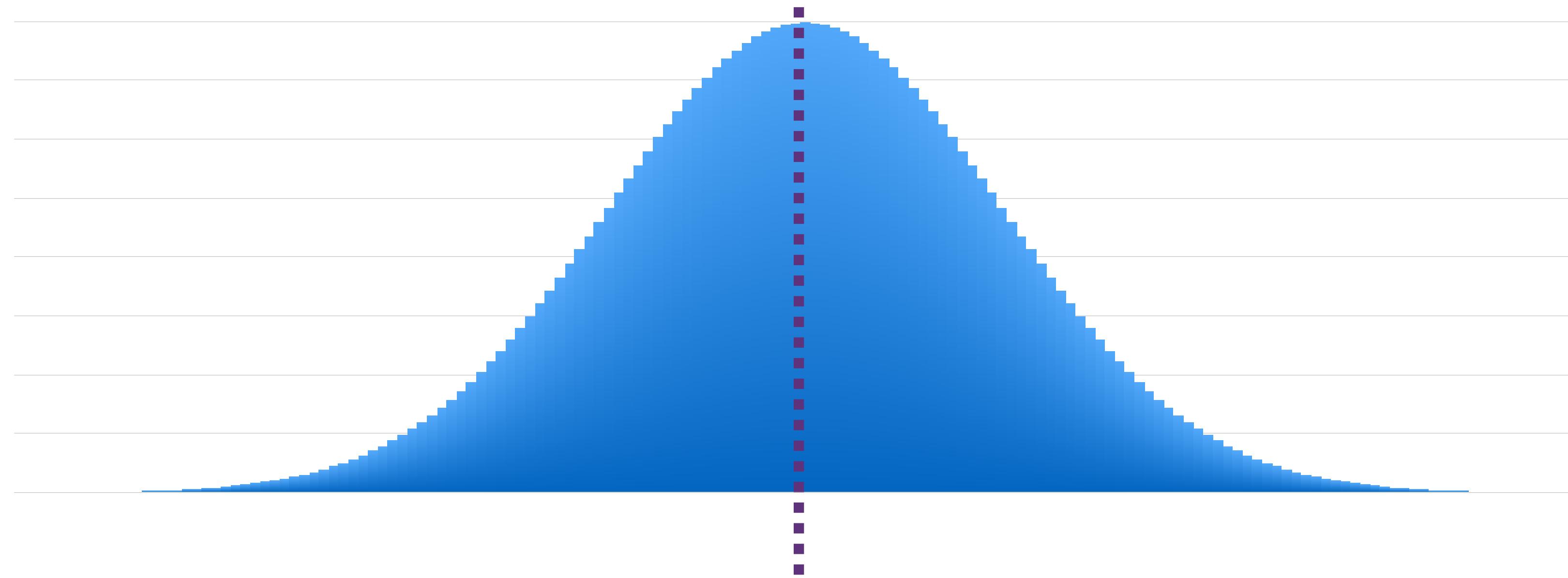
$$X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

Mean

Variance

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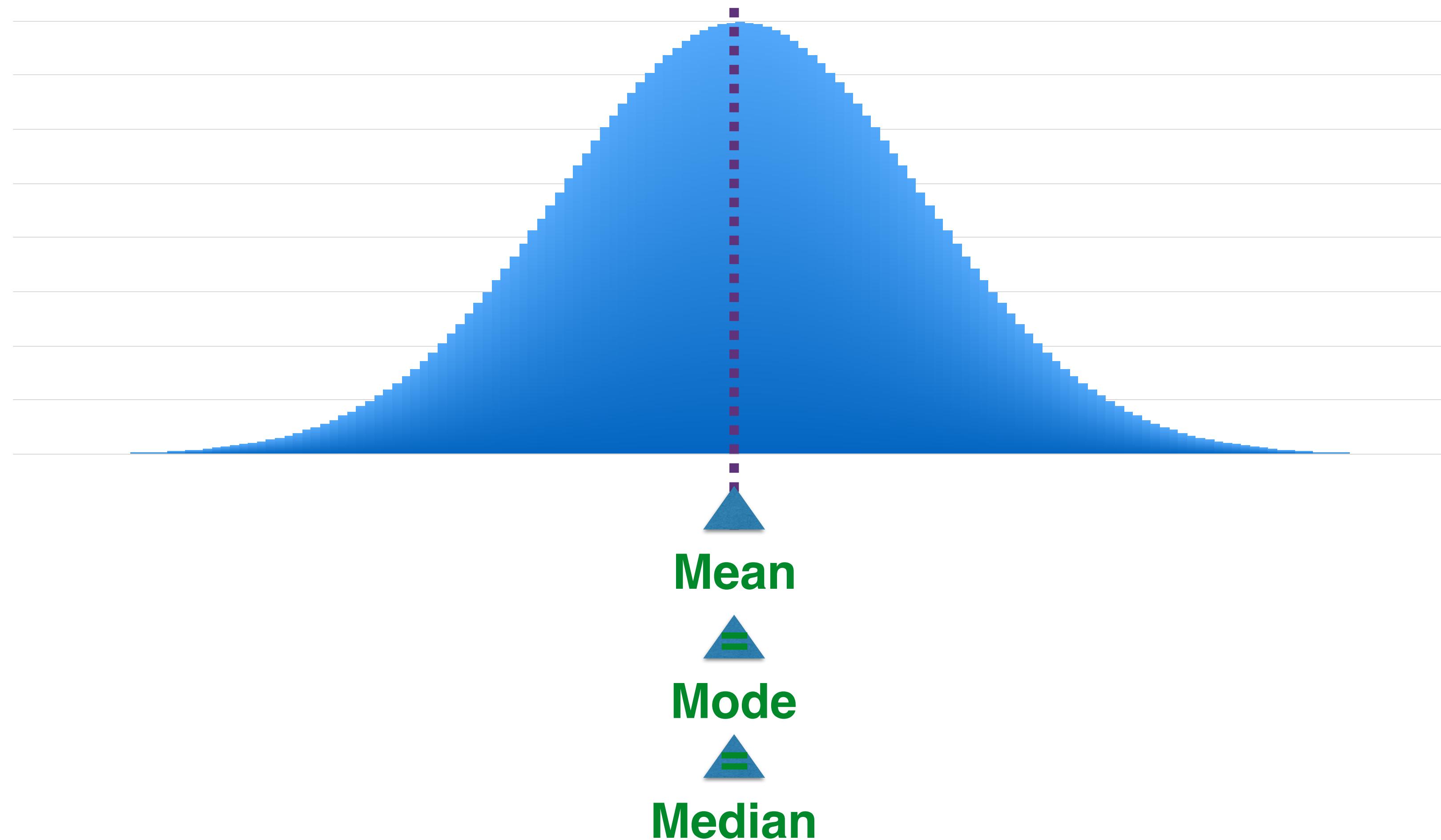
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Symmetrical
Skewness = 0

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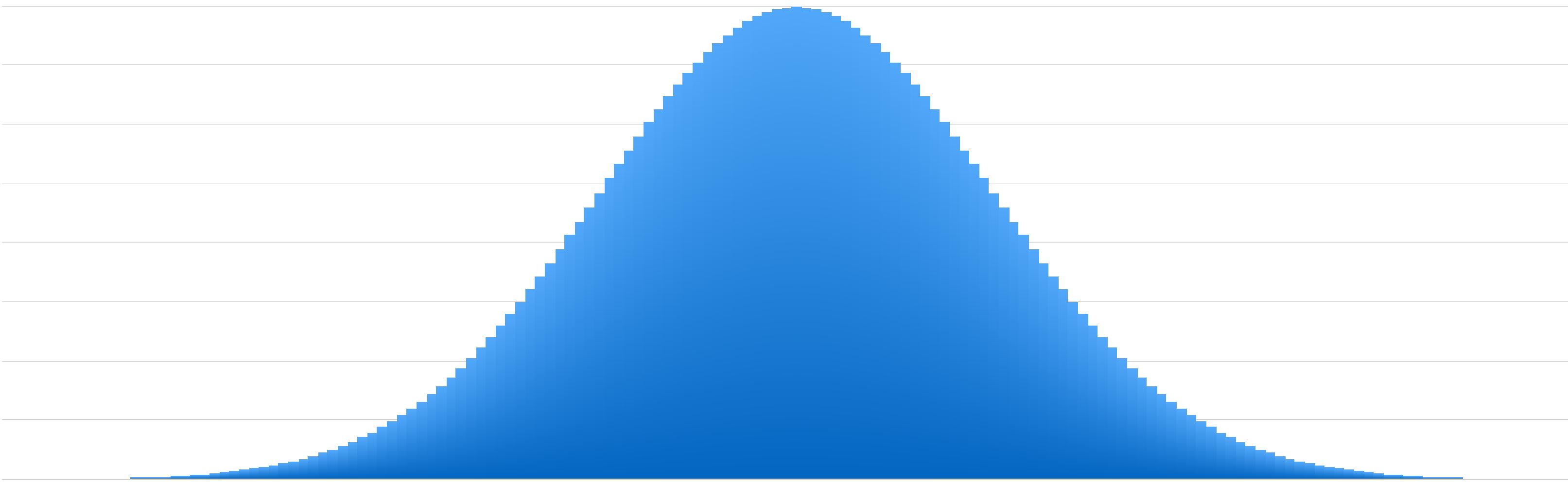
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Kurtosis = 3

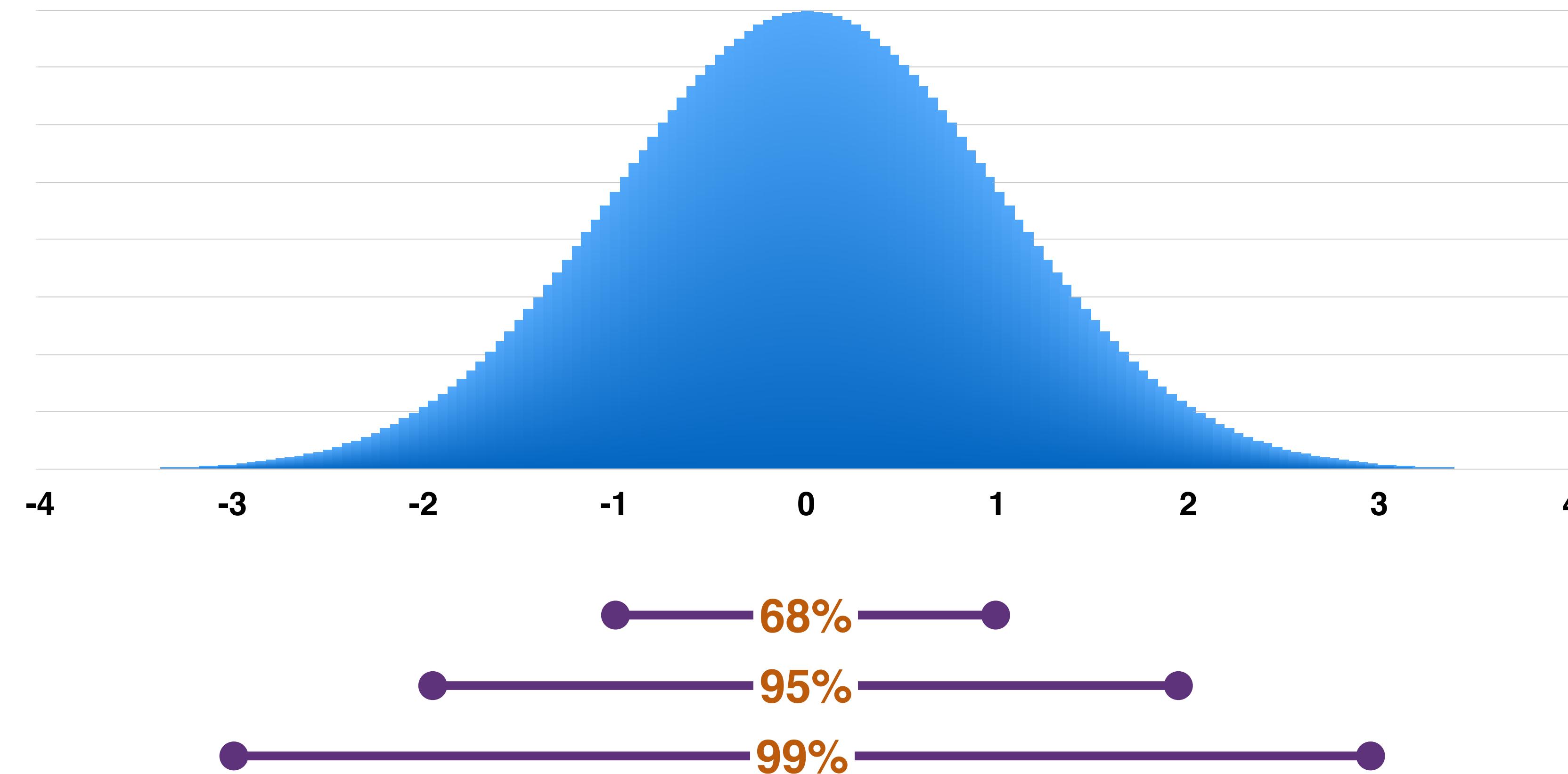


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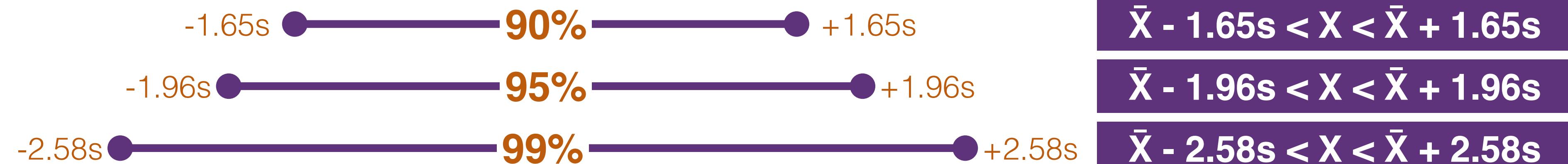
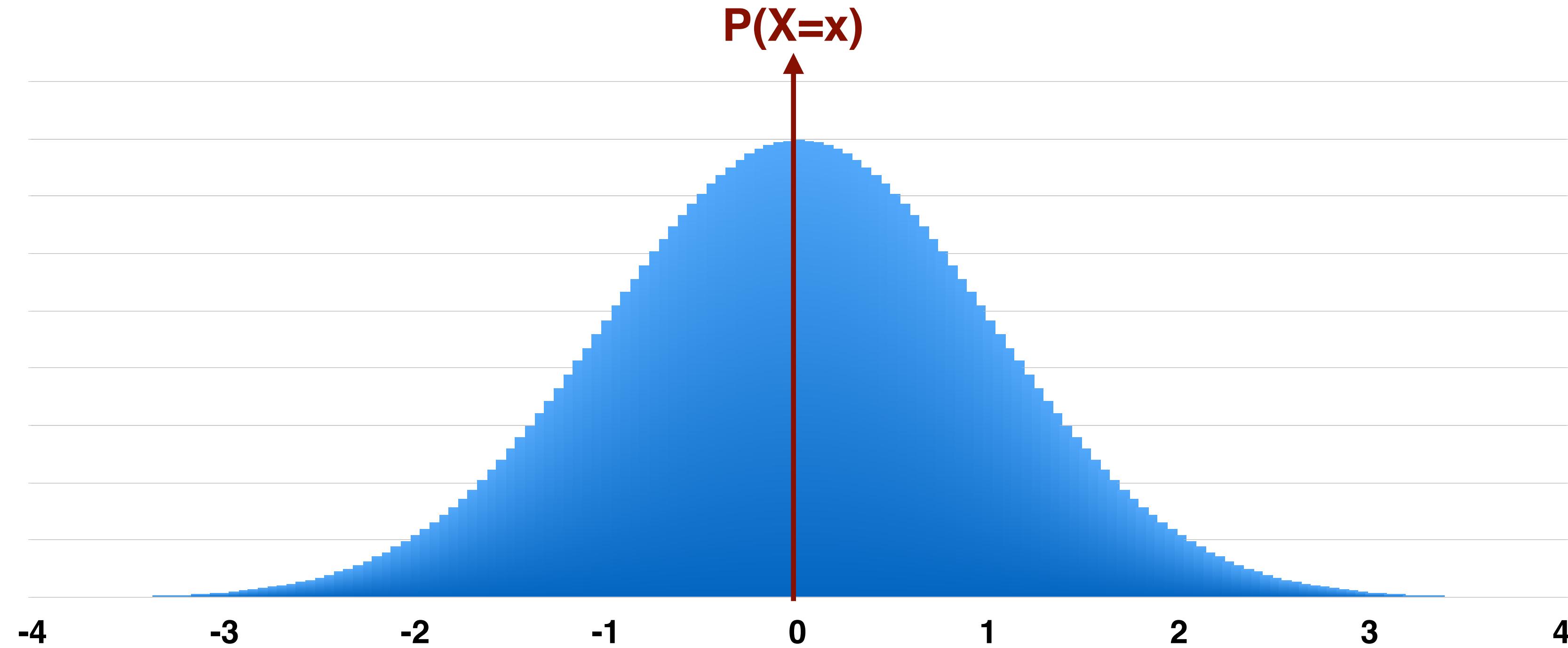
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Continuous Random Variables

Probability Distribution



Confidence Intervals

The average return of a stock index is 8.9% per year and the variance of returns is 256. If the returns are approximately normal, what is the 90% confidence interval for the index return next year?

standard deviation, $s = (256)^{1/2} = 16\%$

90% Confidence Interval

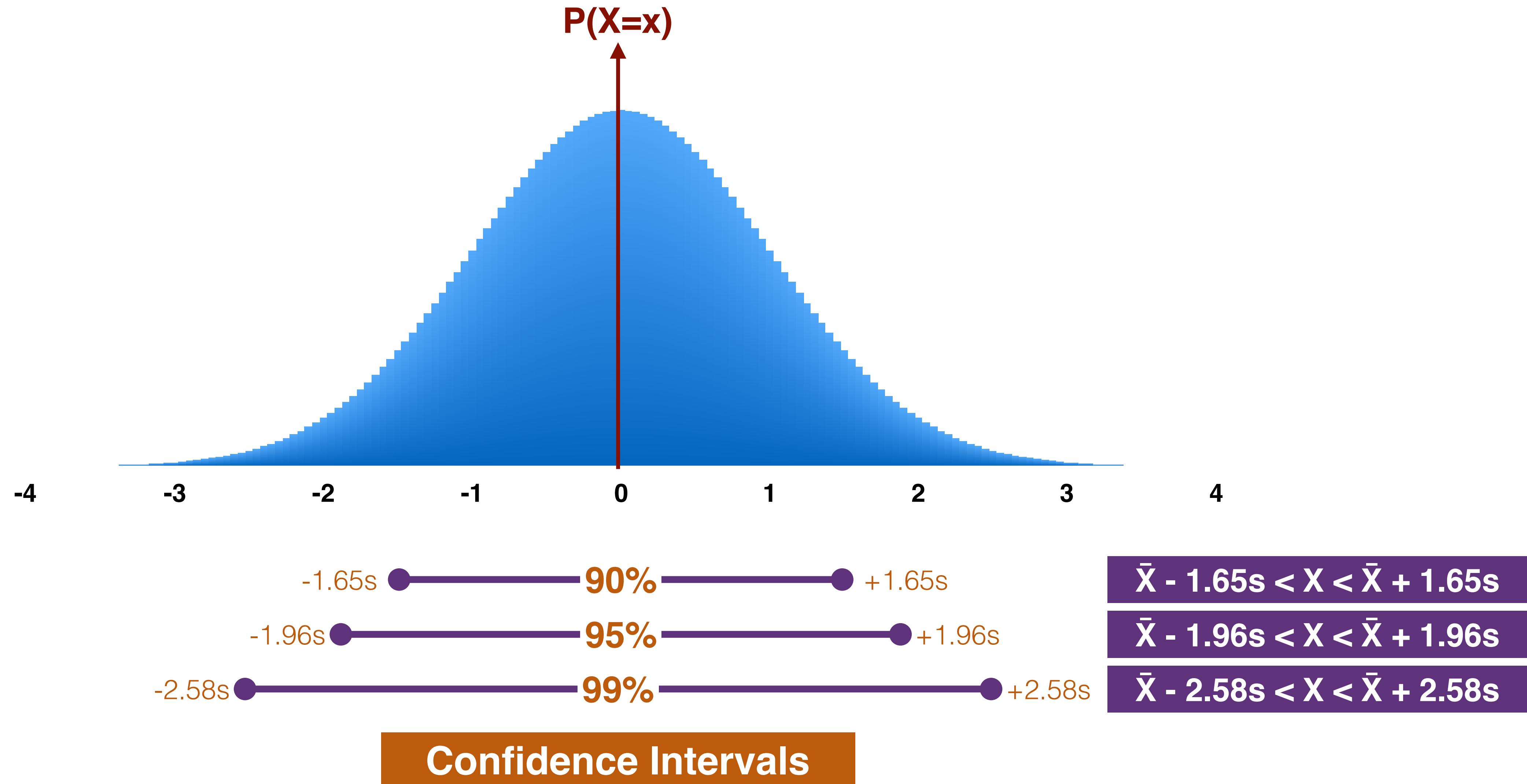
$$\bar{X} - 1.65s < X < \bar{X} + 1.65s$$

$$8.9 - 1.65 \times 16 < X < 8.9 + 1.65 \times 16$$

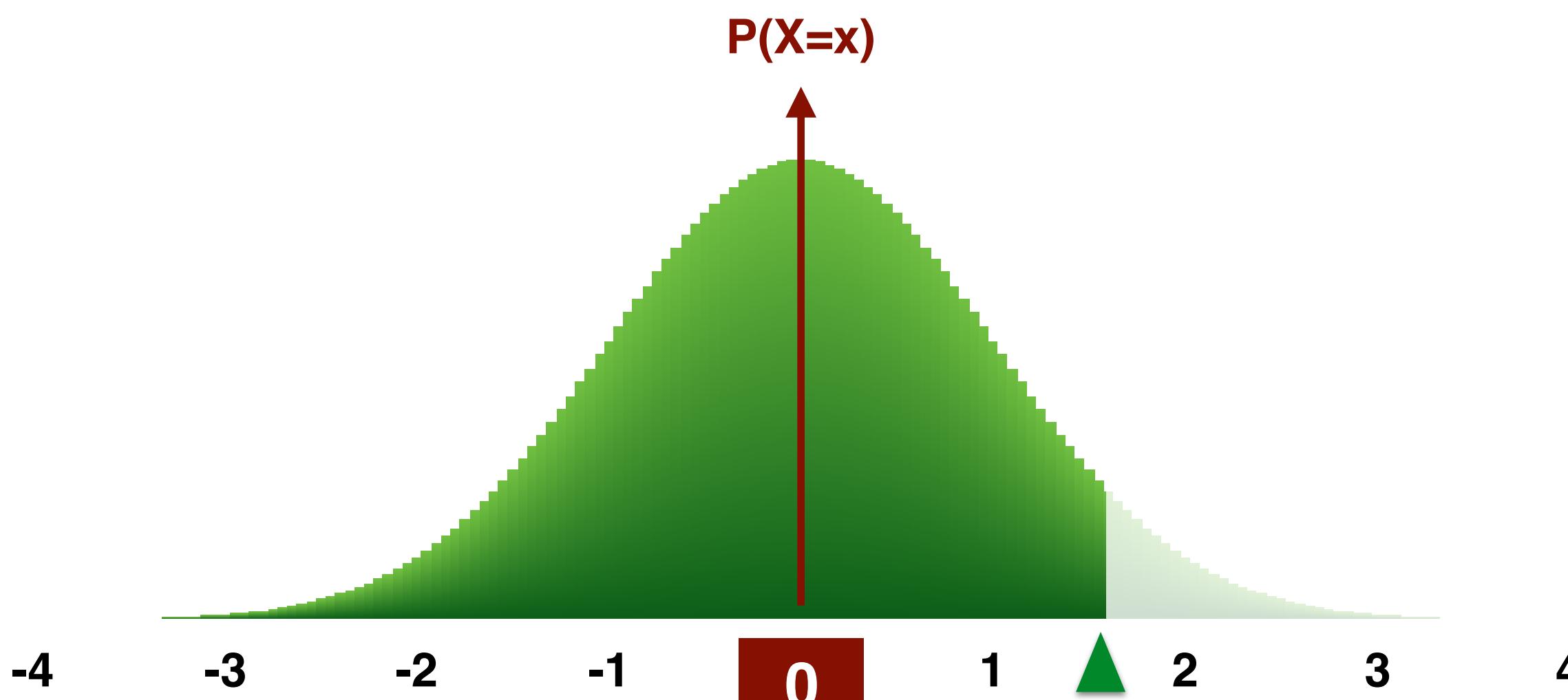
$$-17.5 < X < 35.3\%$$

We are 90% sure that the returns of the stock index
next year will fall within this interval

Probability Distribution



Standard Normal Distribution



Standard Normal Probabilities

Table entry

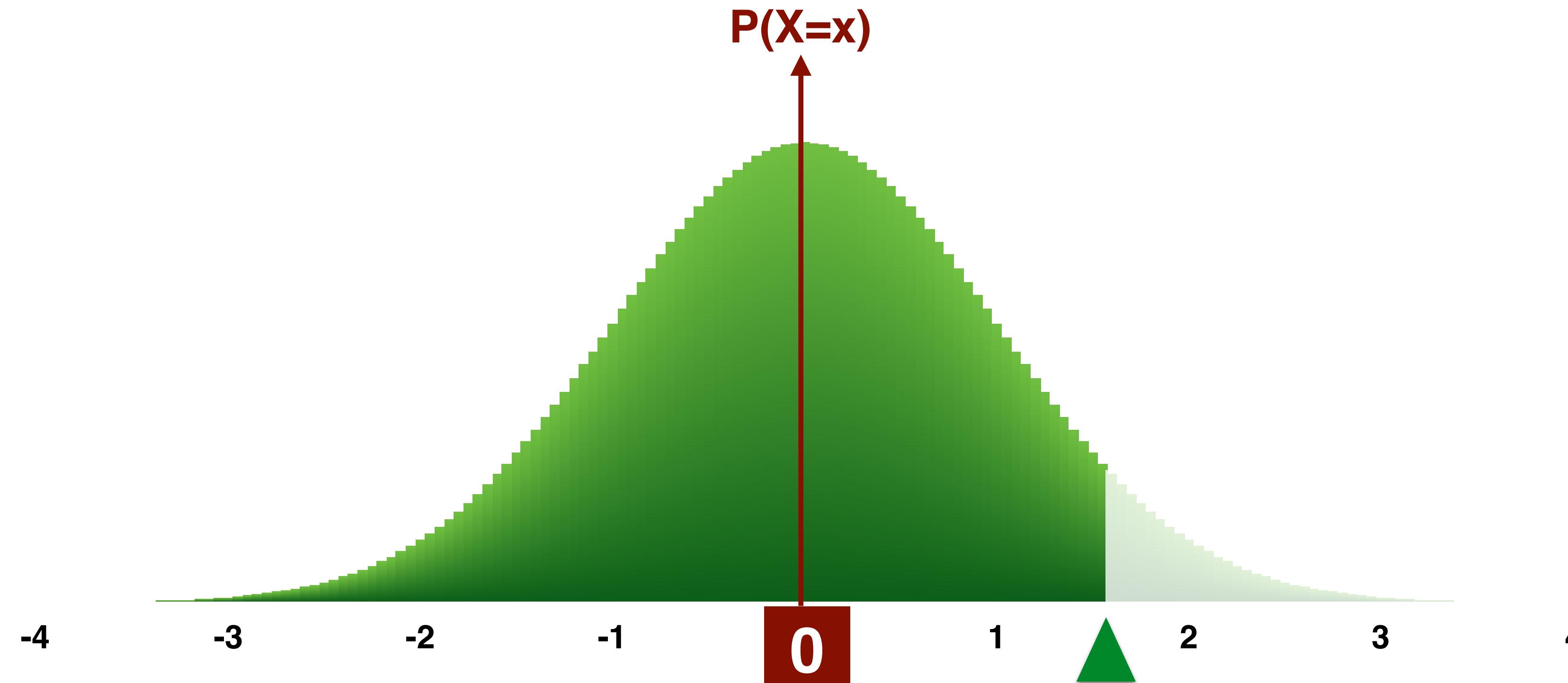
The diagram shows a standard normal distribution curve. A vertical line is drawn at z , and the area under the curve to the left of z is shaded gray. An arrow points from the text "Table entry" to this shaded area.

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Continuous Random Variables

Standard Normal Distribution

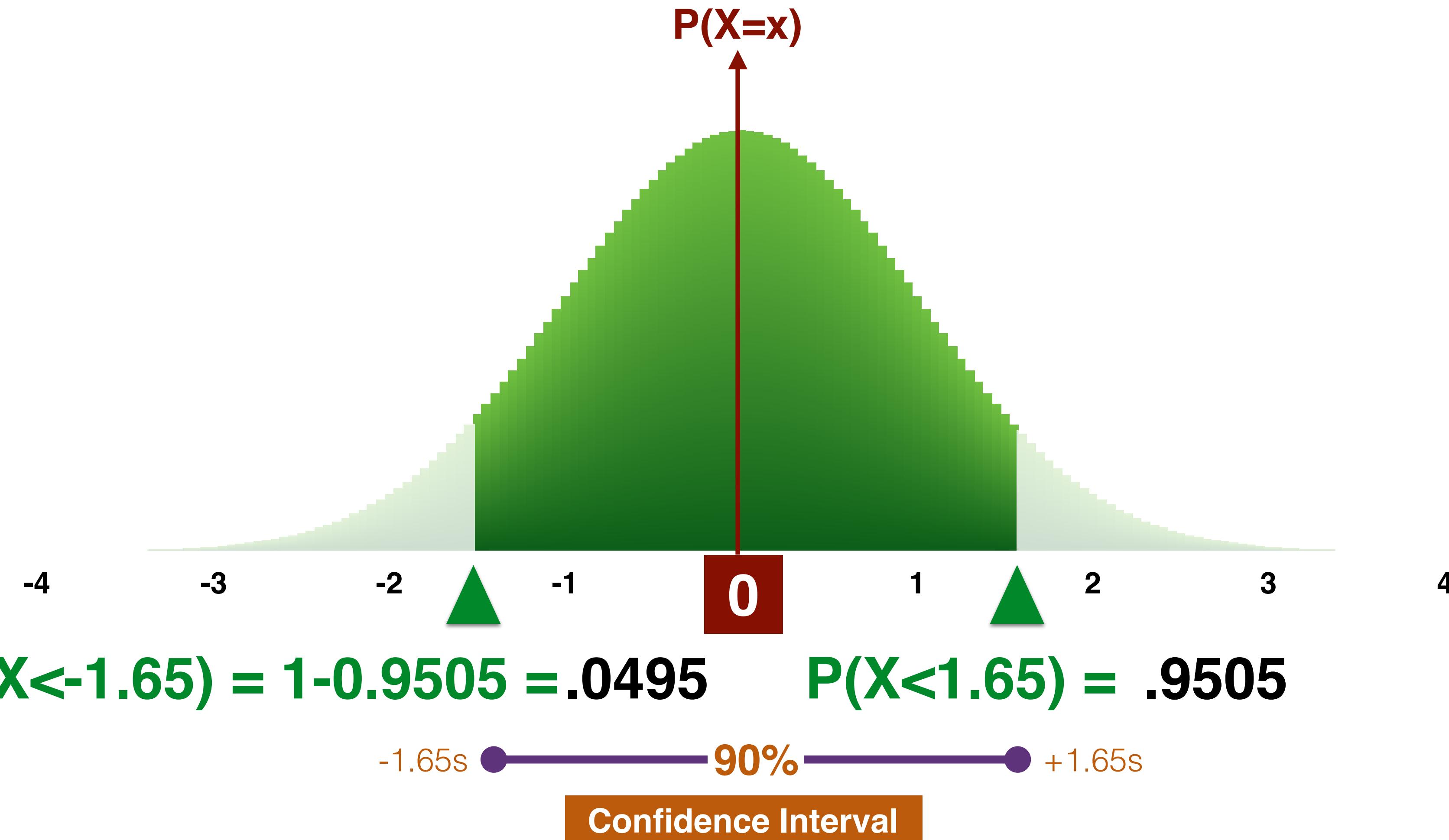


$$P(X < 1.65) = .9505$$

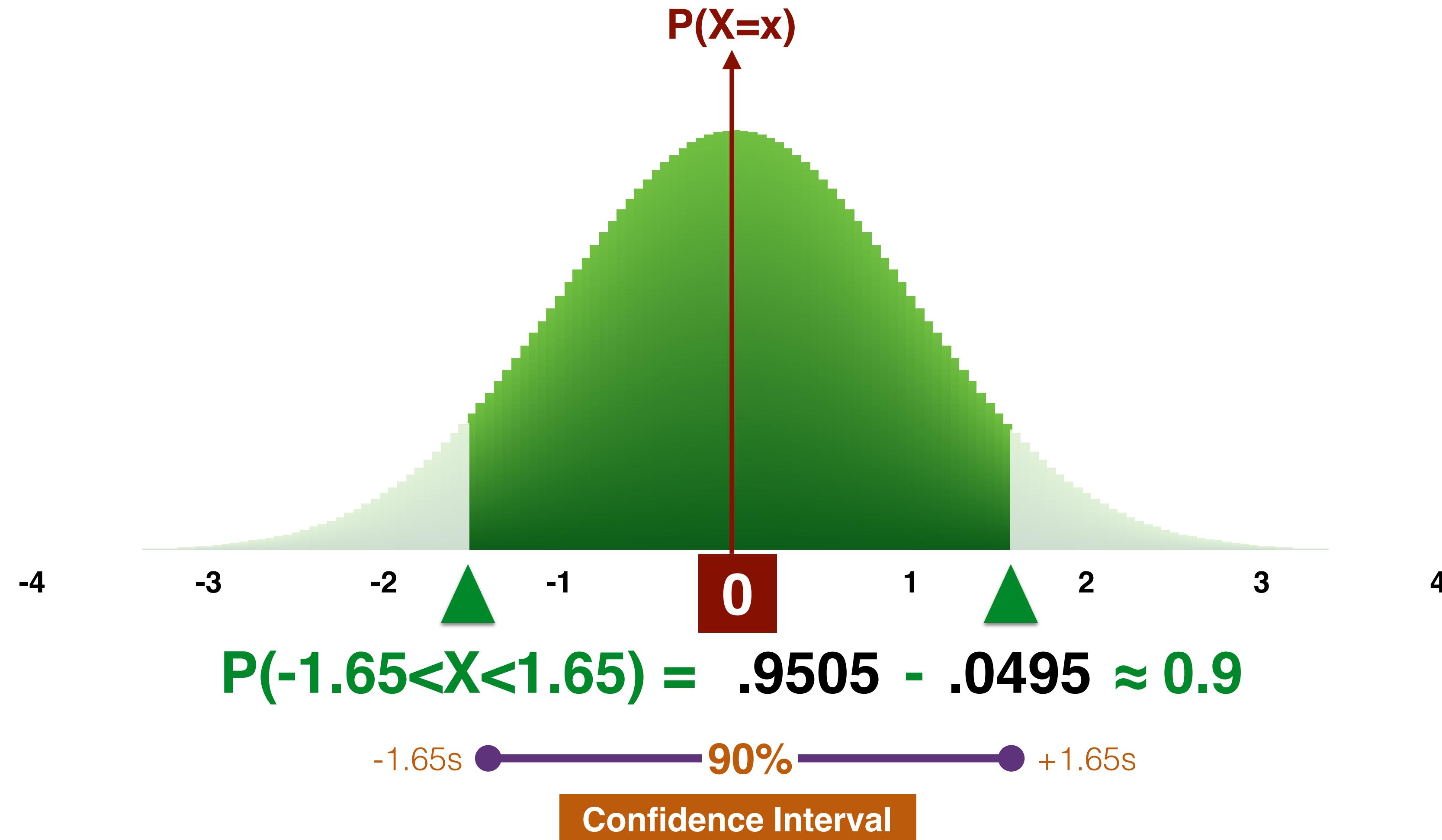
~95% of the observations lie below 1.65

Expect X to be < 1.65 with 95% confidence

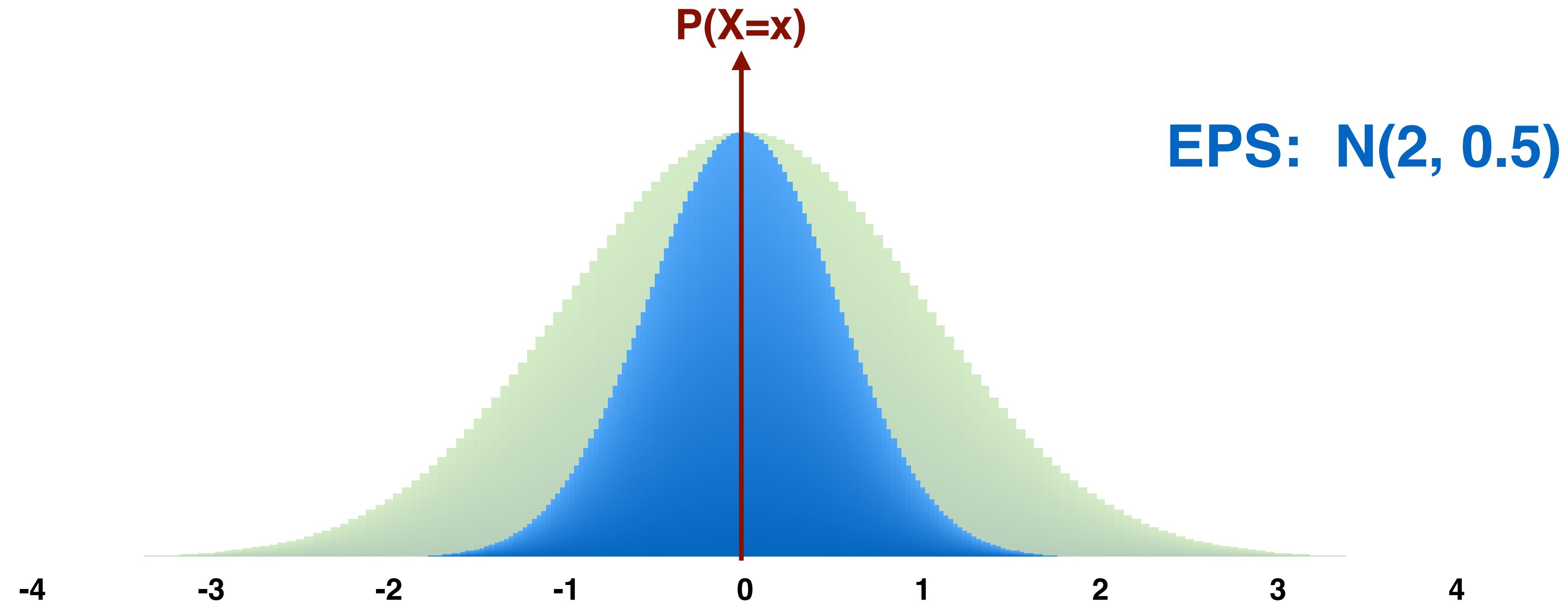
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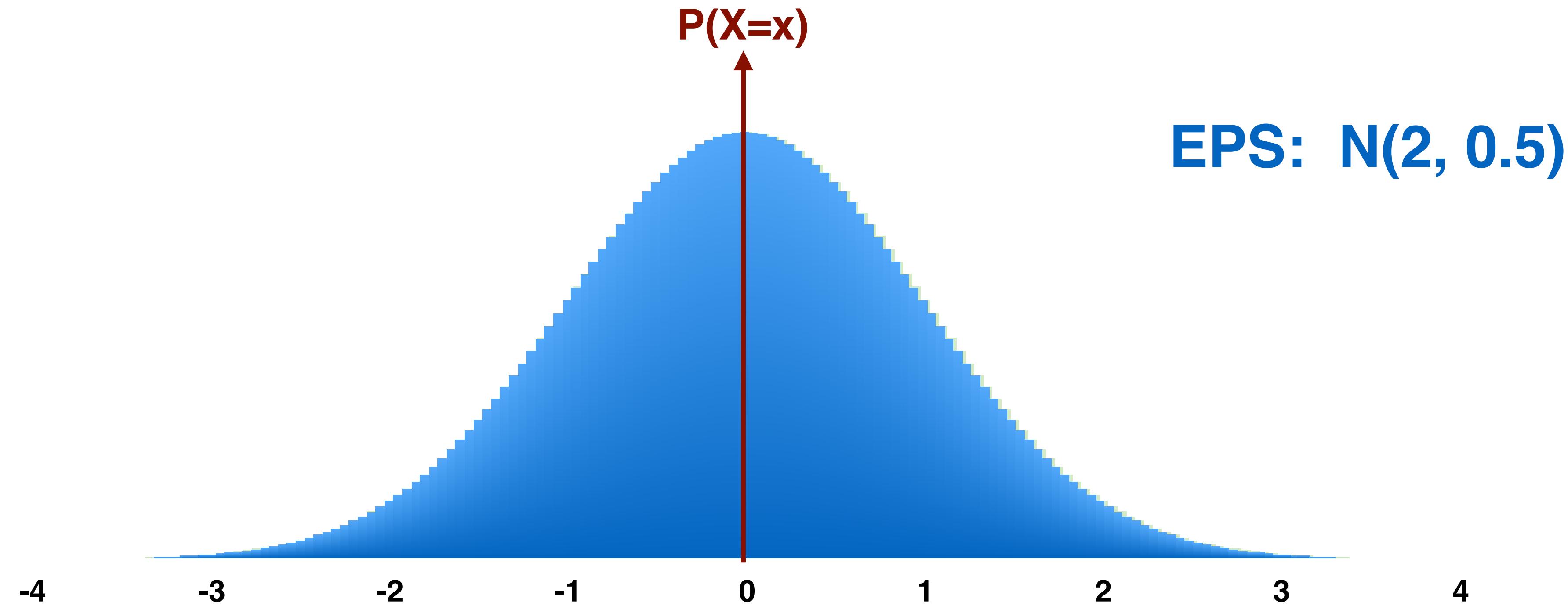
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align the mean to zero

$$z = x - 2$$

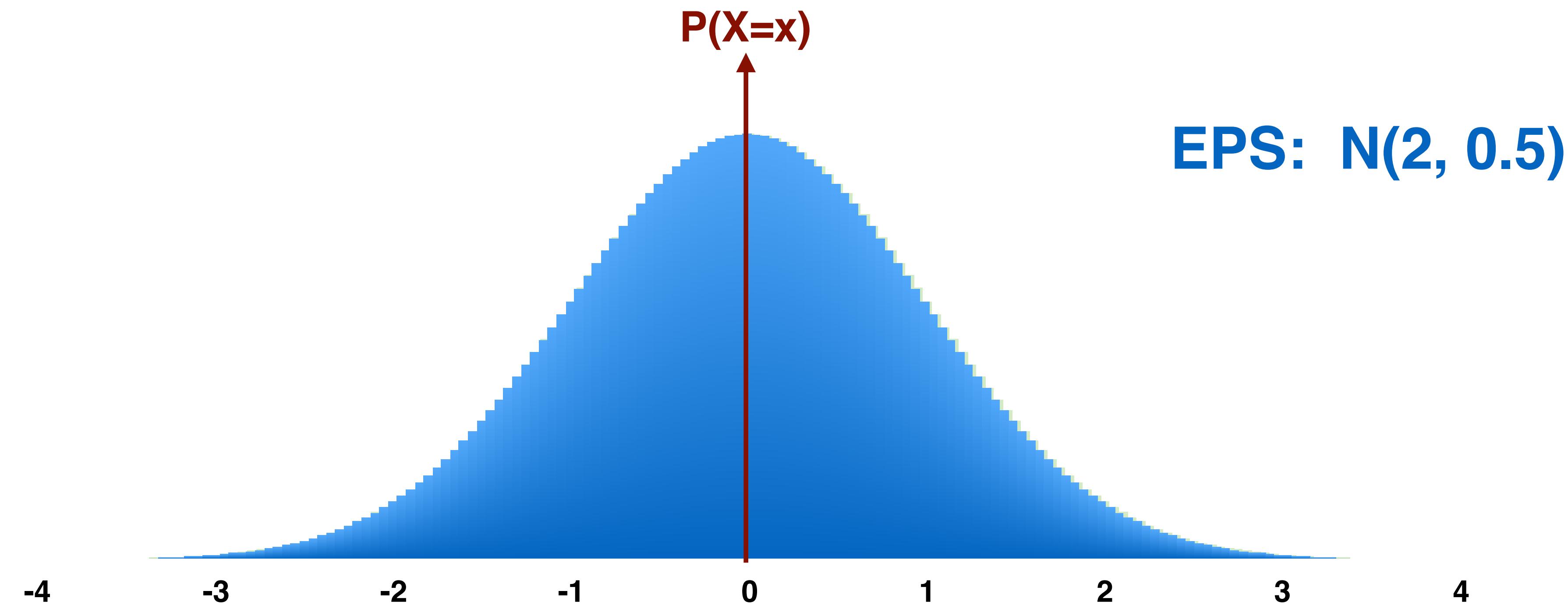
Standard Normal Distribution



scale the standard deviation to 1

$$z = \frac{x - 2}{0.5}$$

Standard Normal Distribution



$$z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}$$

The random variable X denotes the annual earnings per share of stocks in MegaLand. It was found the the mean of X is \$2 and the standard deviation is \$0.50.

What percentage of the stocks are likely to have an EPS of less than \$1?

$$z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}$$

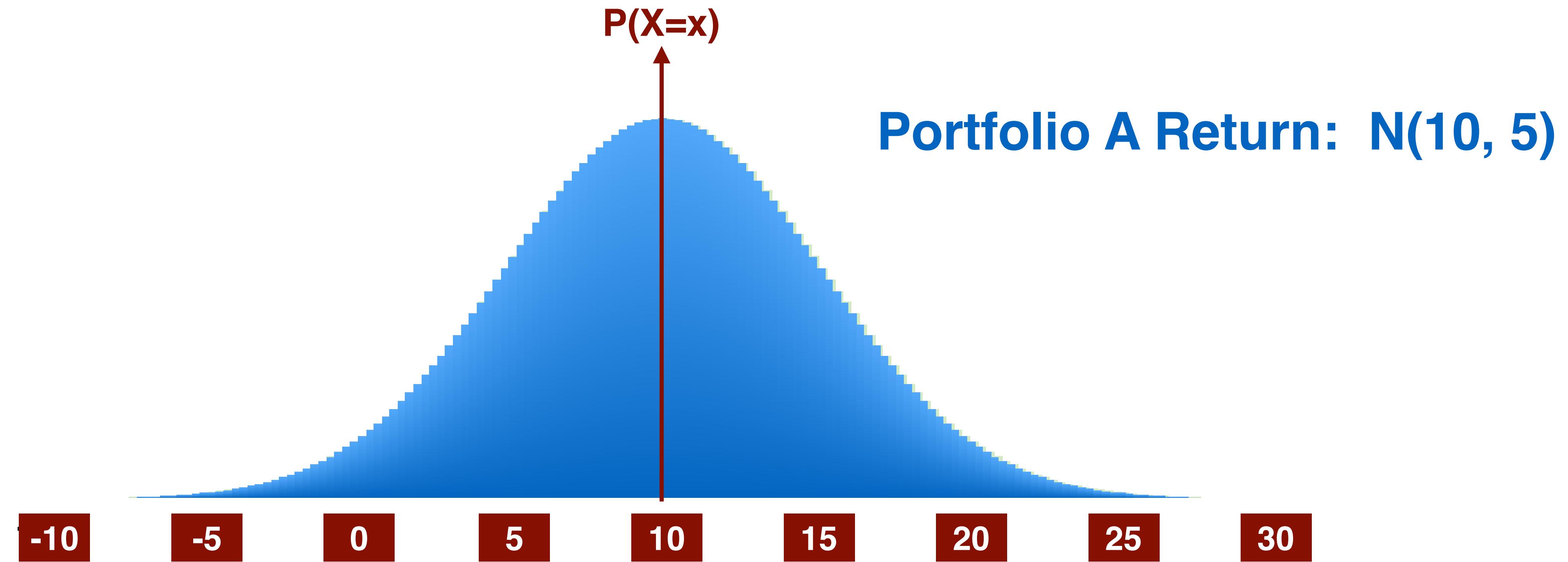
$$z = (1-2)/0.5 = -2.0$$

$$F(-2.0) = 1 - F(2.0)$$

$$= 1 - 0.9772$$

$$= 0.0228$$

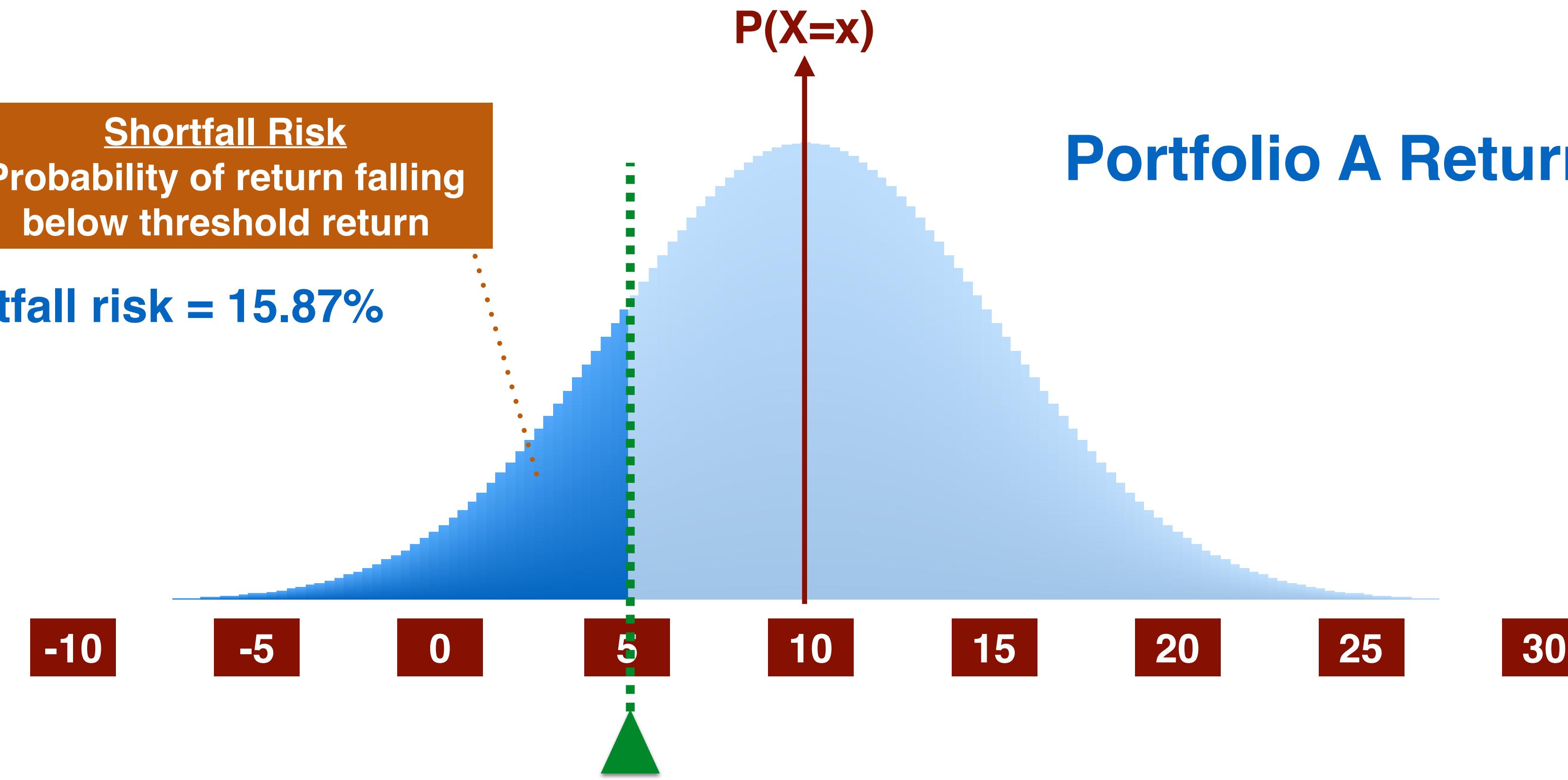
2.28% of the stocks are likely to have an EPS of less than \$1



$$z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}$$

Shortfall Risk
Probability of return falling
below threshold return

Portfolio A shortfall risk = 15.87%



$$z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}$$
$$z_A = (5-10)/5 = -1.0$$

Shortfall Risk
Probability of return falling below threshold return

Portfolio A shortfall risk = 15.87%

Portfolio B shortfall risk = 9.18%



Hmm... but the shortfall risk is lower!

$P(X=x)$



Threshold

Return, $R_L=5\%$

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$$z_B = (5-15)/7.5 = -1.33$$

Portfolio A Return: $N(10, 5)$

Portfolio B Return: $N(15, 7.5)$

Higher standard deviation means higher risk right?



LOWER Z Value
→ Lower Shortfall Risk

Continuous Random Variables

Shortfall Risk
Probability of return falling below threshold return

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30

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$$SFR = \frac{E(R_p) - R_l}{\sigma_p}$$

Roy's Safety-First Ratio

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HIGHER SFR Value
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According to the safety-first criterion, which portfolio is more suitable for your client?

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Portfolio	A	B	C
Expected Return (%)	14	5	8
Standard Deviation (%)	10	2	4
Safety-First Ratio	1.1	1	1.25

$$R_L = 3000/100000 = 3\%$$

According to the safety-first criterion, portfolio C is the most suitable for the client.

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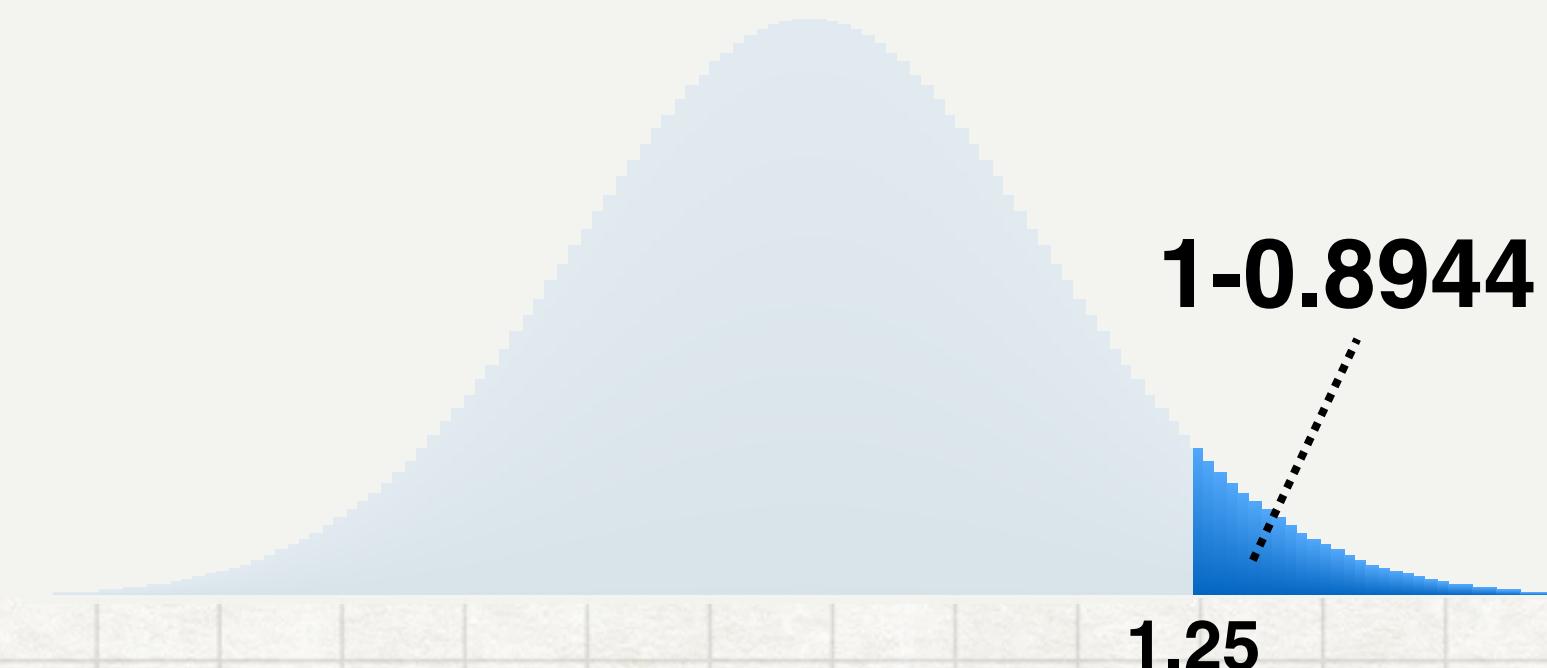


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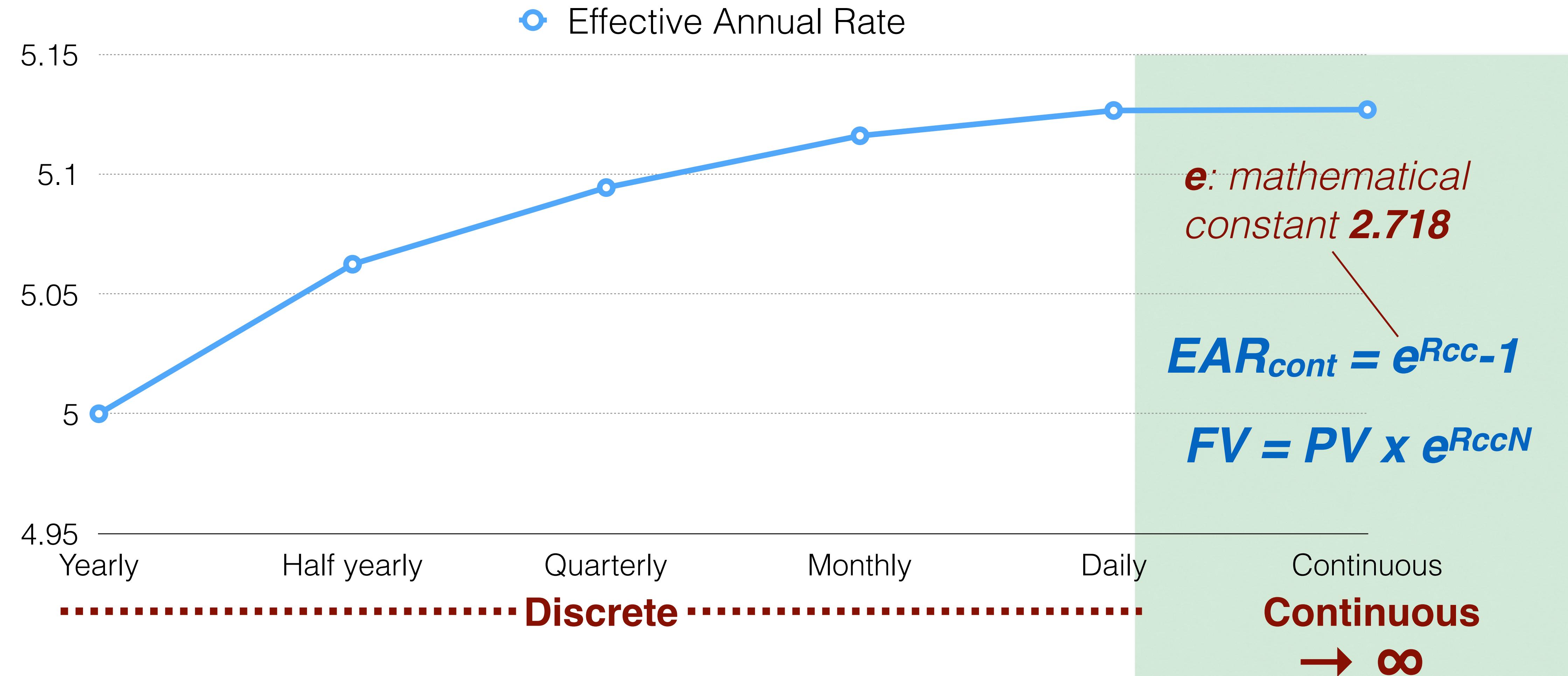
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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Shortfall risk} &= 1 - 0.8944 \\ &= 10.56\% \end{aligned}$$

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Effective Annual Rate of quoted 5% interest at varying payout frequencies



Price relative or
1+HPR

$$\frac{FV}{PV} = e^{R_{cc}N}$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{FV}{PV}\right) = R_{cc} \times N$$

An asset has appreciated by 50% in 3 years. What is the annual rate of return on a continuously compounded basis?

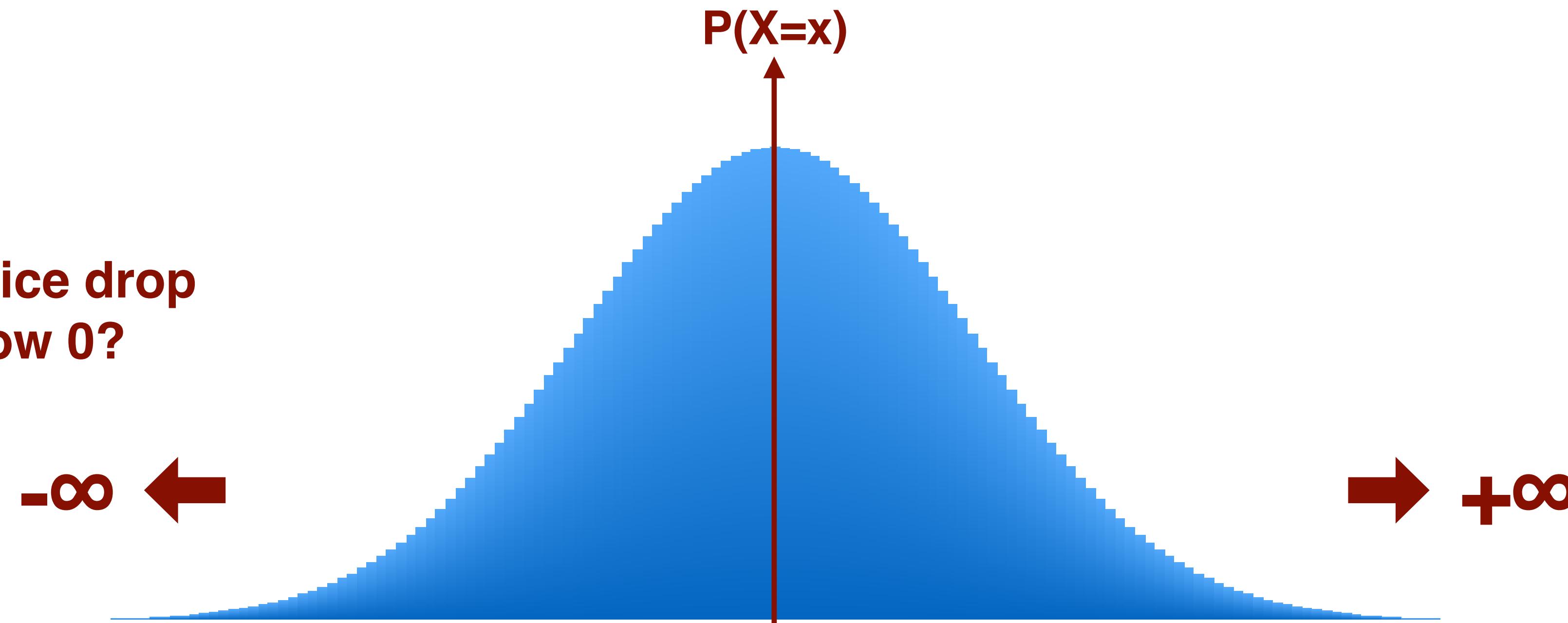
$$R_{cc} \times 3 = \ln(1.5)$$

$$R_{cc} = 13.5\%$$

Price relative or
1+HPR

$$\frac{FV}{PV} = e^{RccN}$$

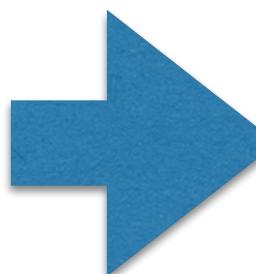
Can price drop
below 0?



Price relative or
1+HPR

$$\frac{FV}{PV} = e^{R_{cc}N}$$

Random Variable
Constant



$$\ln \frac{FV}{PV} = \ln e^{R_{cc}N}$$
$$= R_{cc} \times N$$

Random Variable

If natural log of Y
is normal, Y is a
lognormal
distribution

Can never take on
values below 0

$P(X=x)$

0

Lognormal Distribution

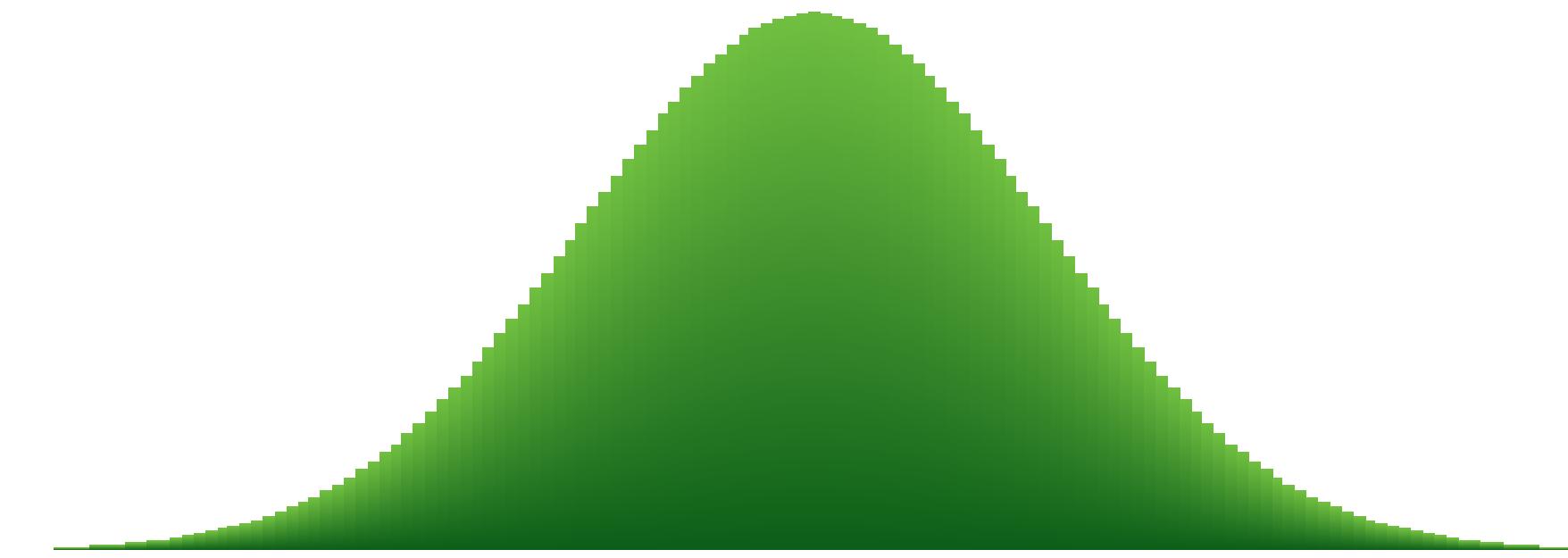
→ +∞

Skewed towards
the right



Lognormal Distribution

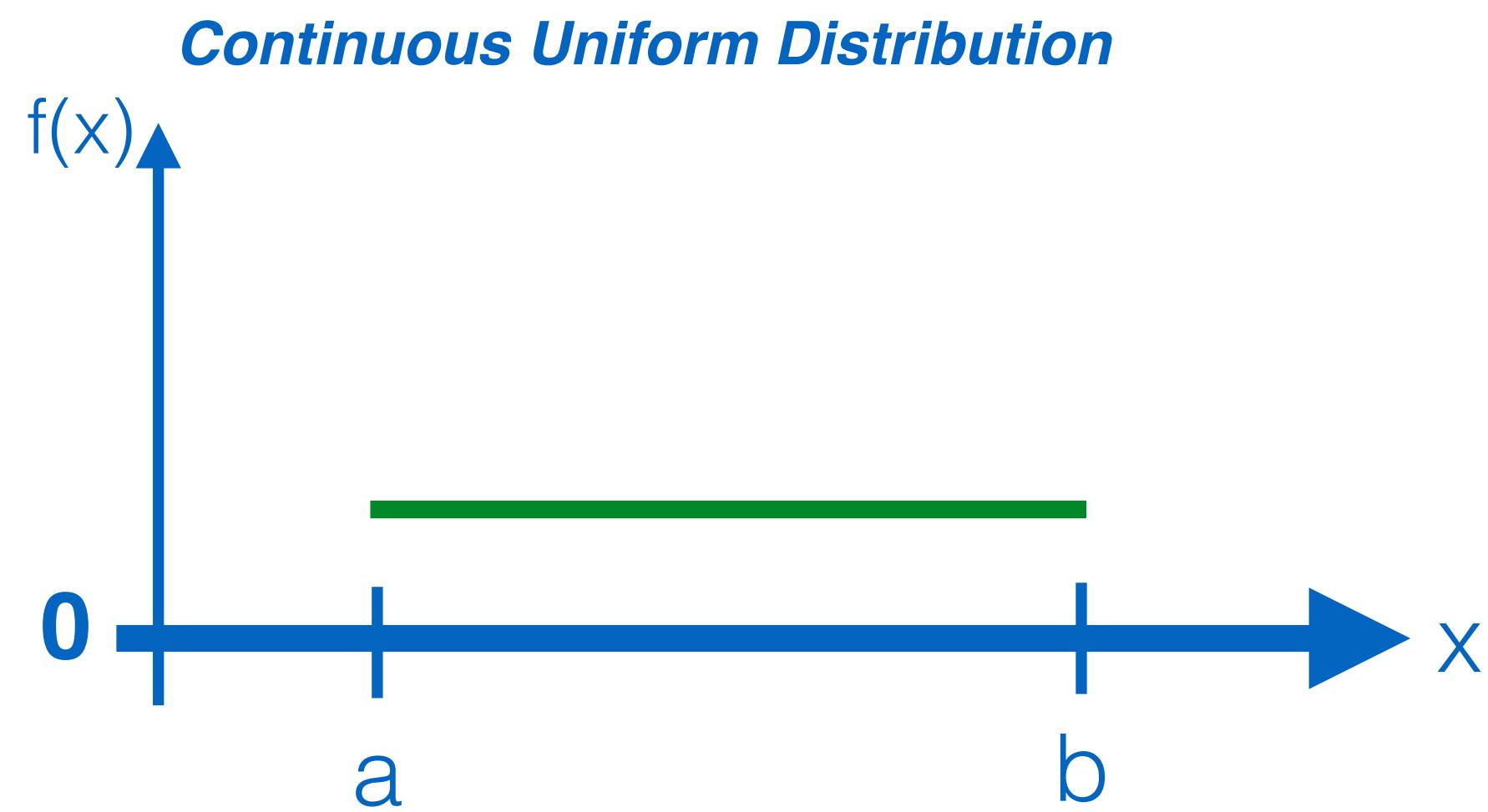
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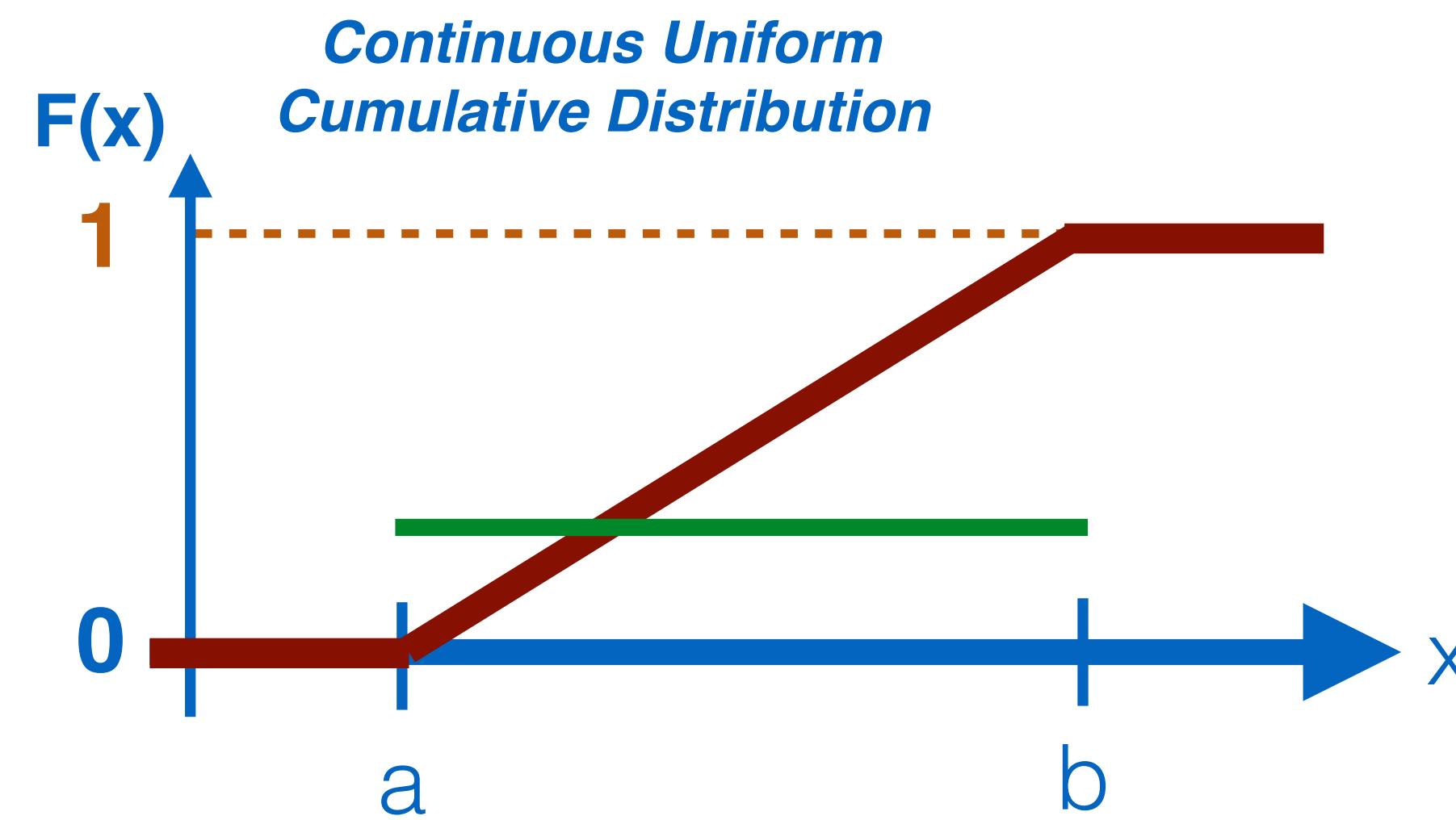
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Continuous Uniform Random Variable



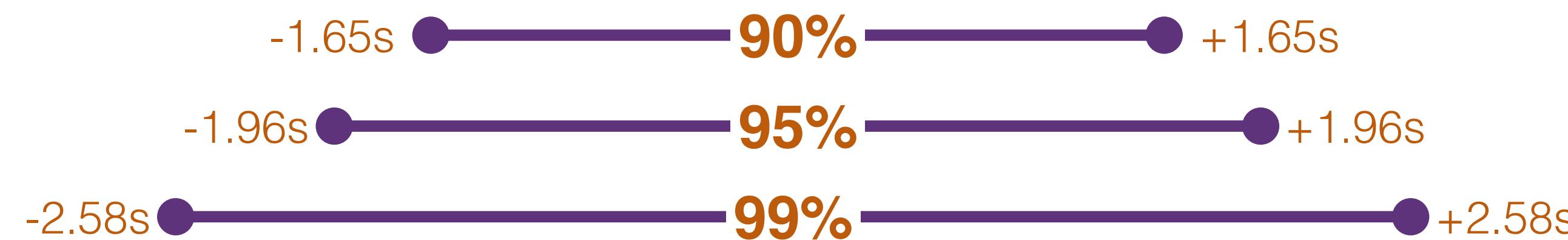
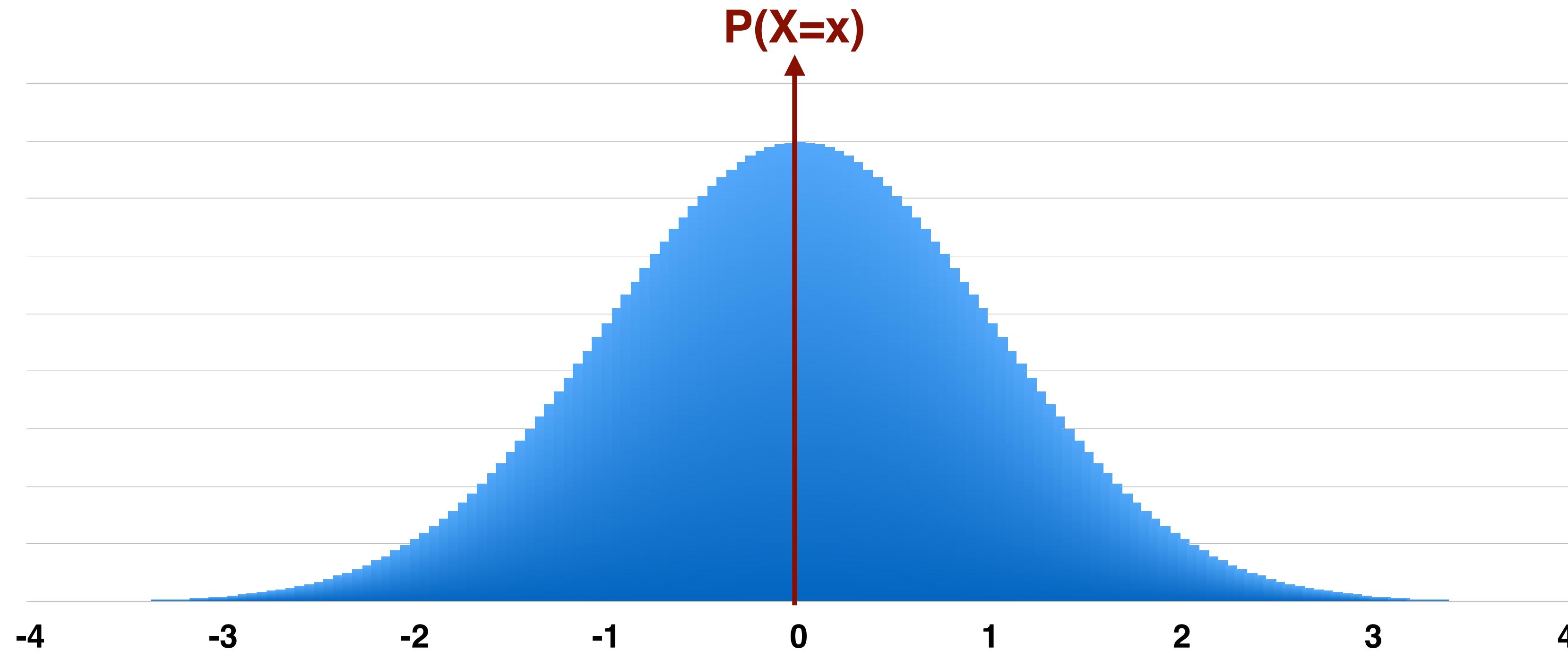
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1/(b-a) & \text{for } a < x < b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Continuous Uniform Random Variable



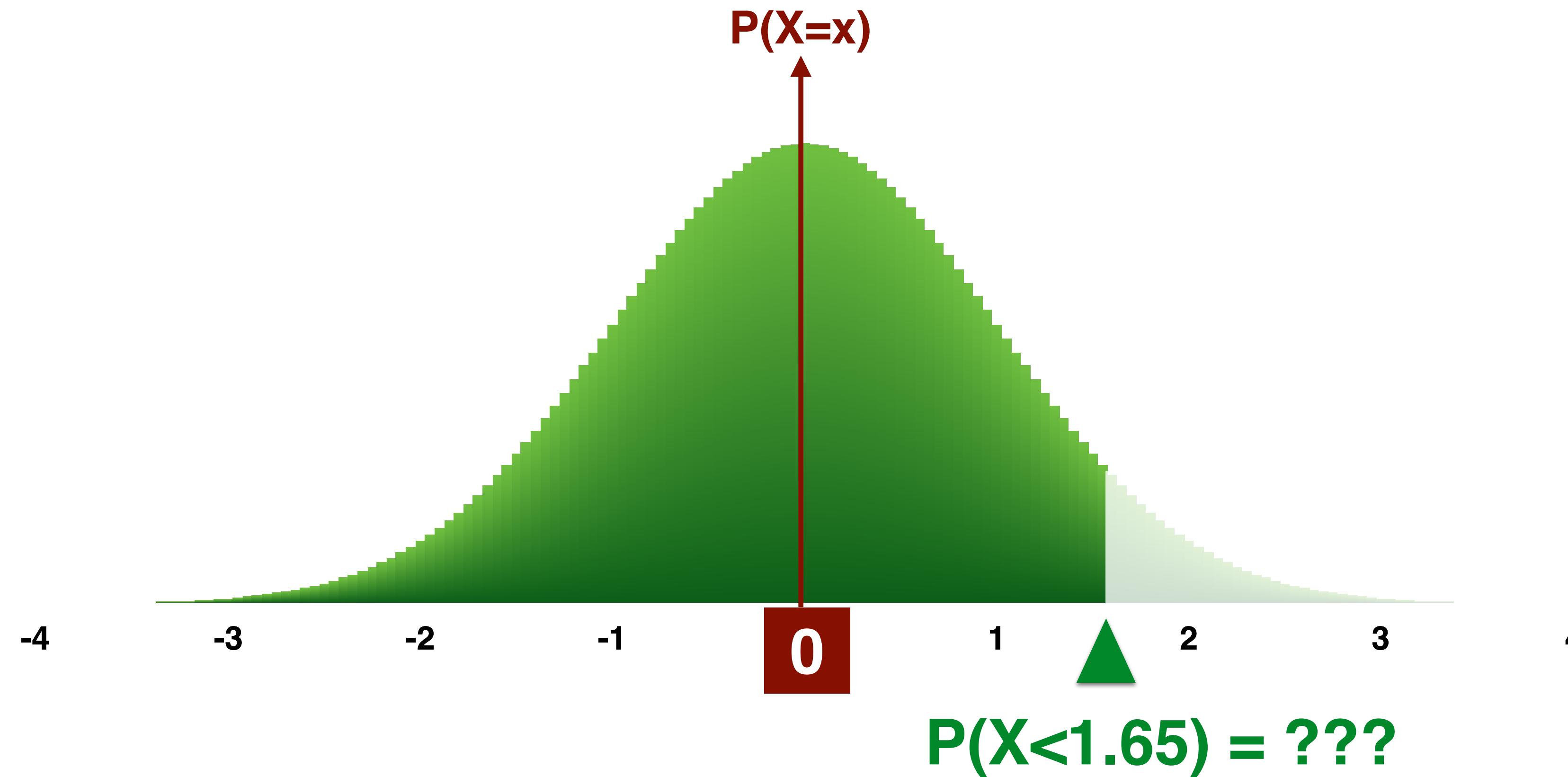
$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x < a \\ (x-a)/(b-a) & \text{for } a < x < b \\ 1 & \text{for } x > b \end{cases}$$

Probability Distribution

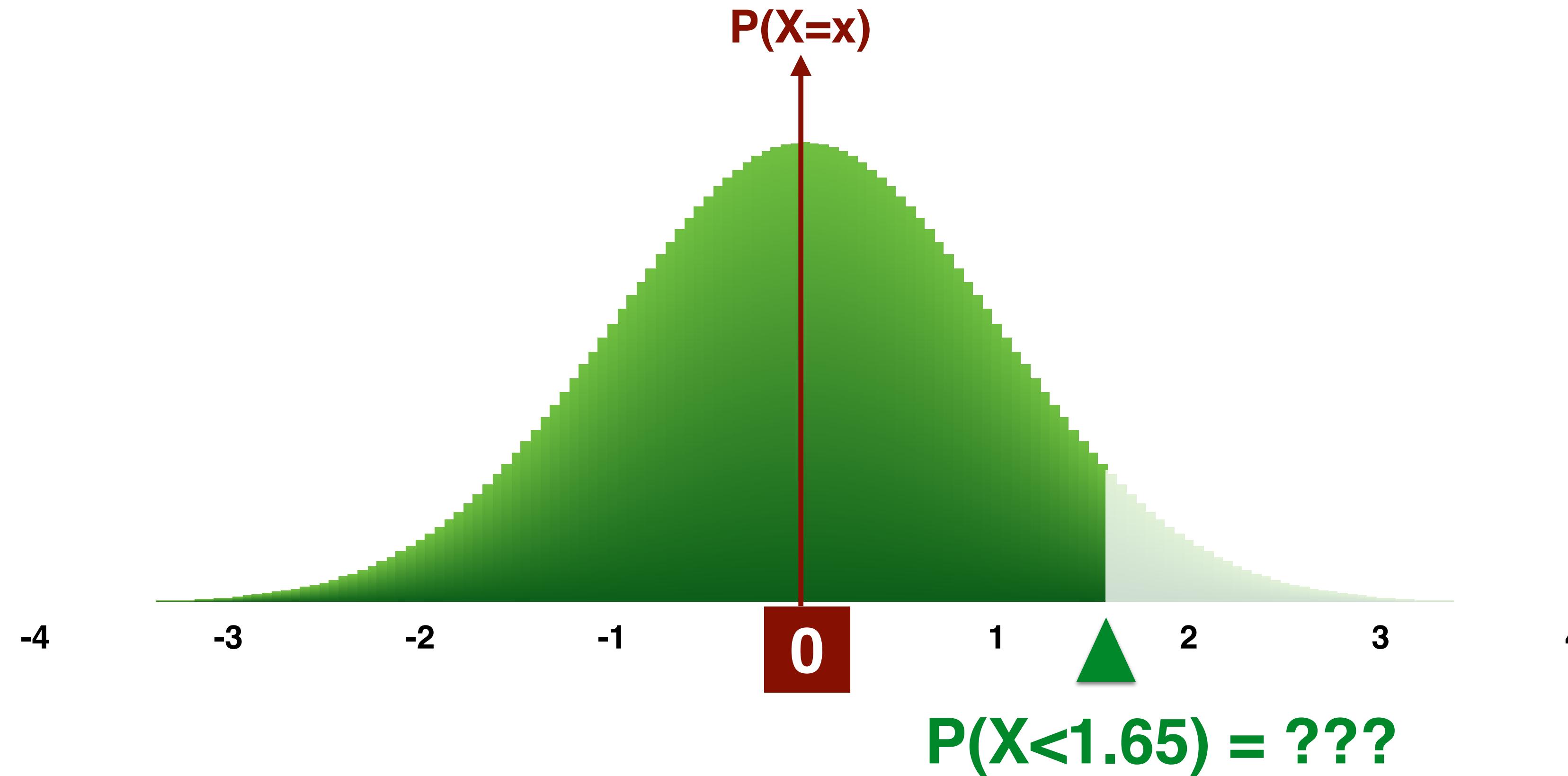


Confidence Intervals

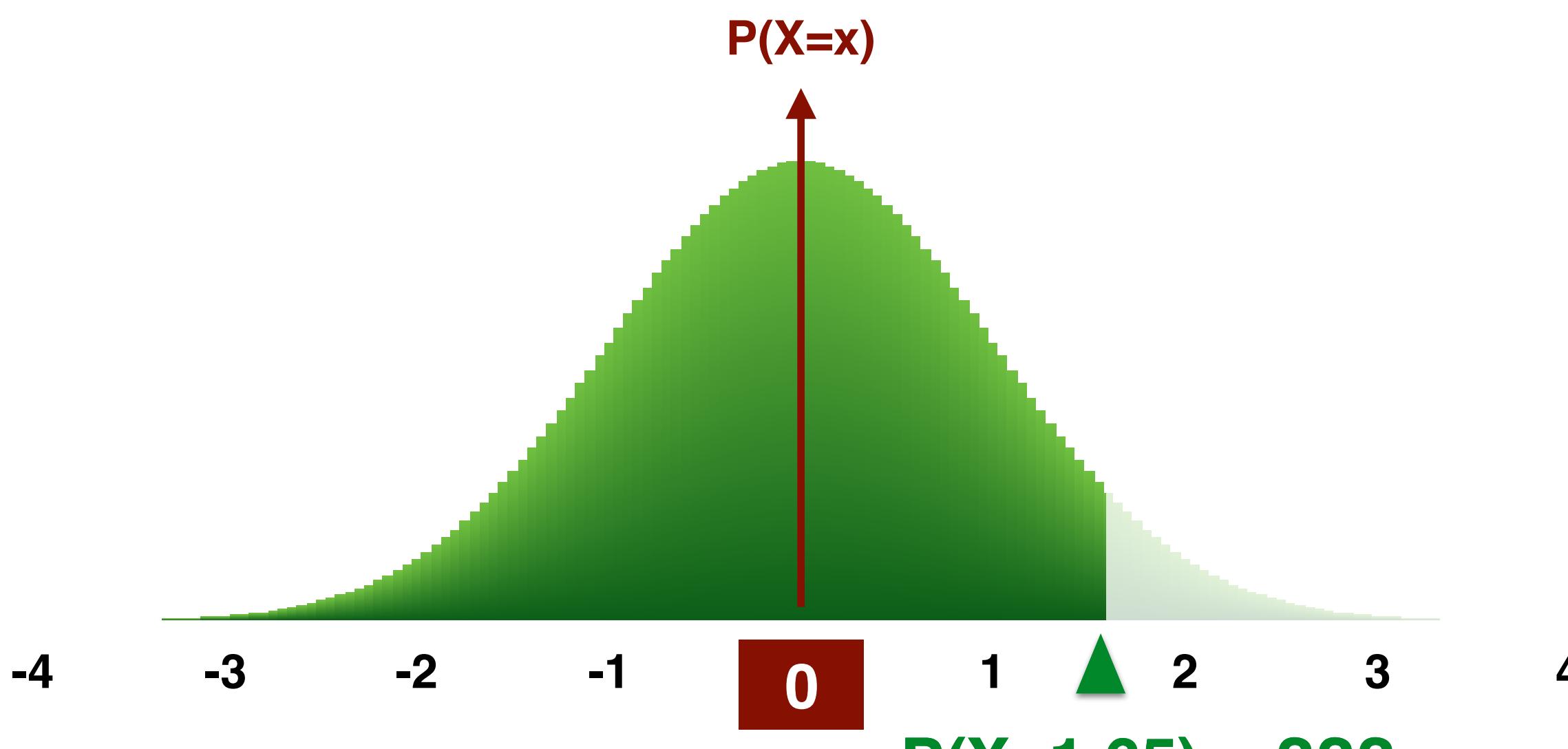
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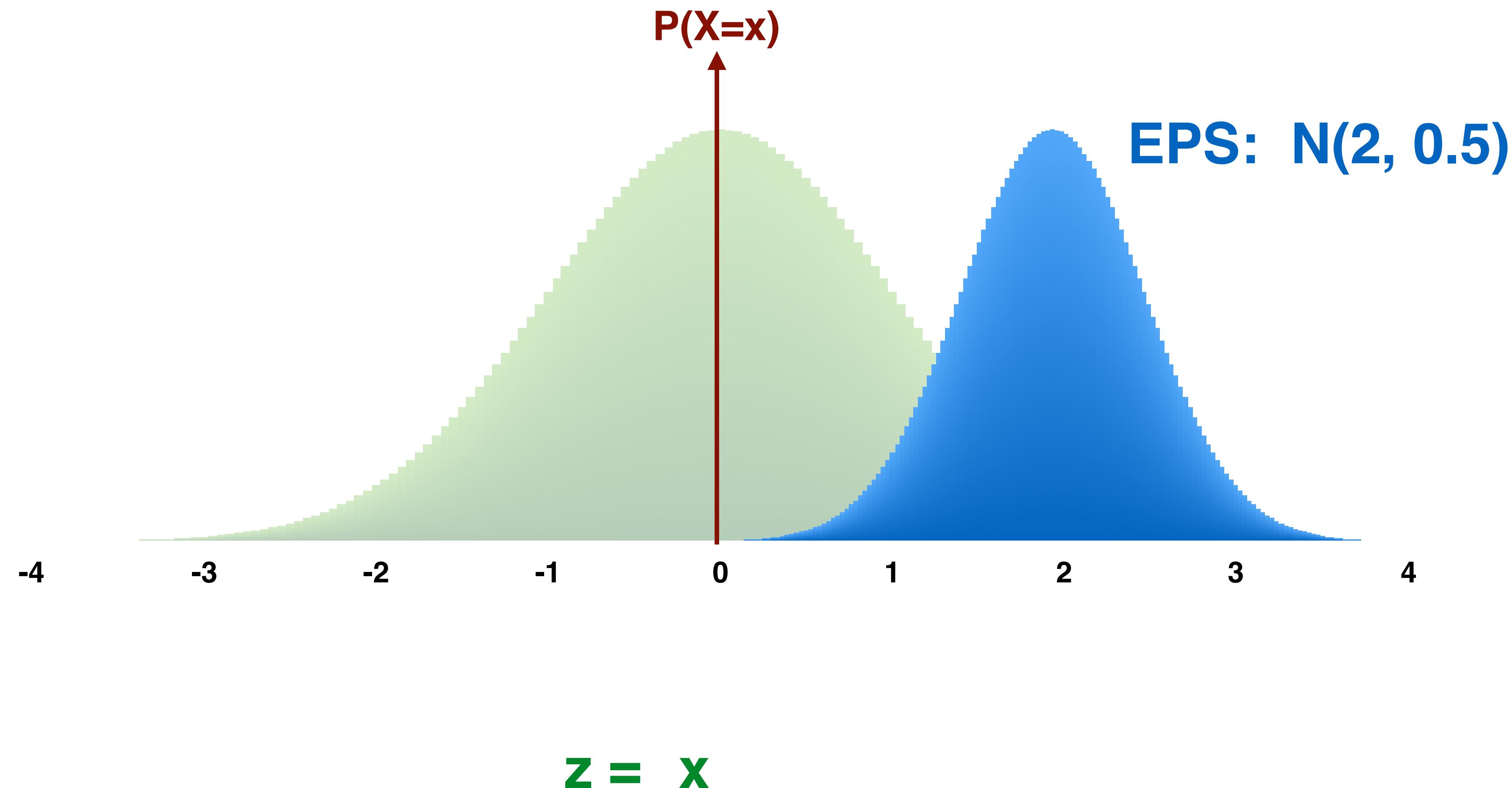


Standard Normal Probabilities

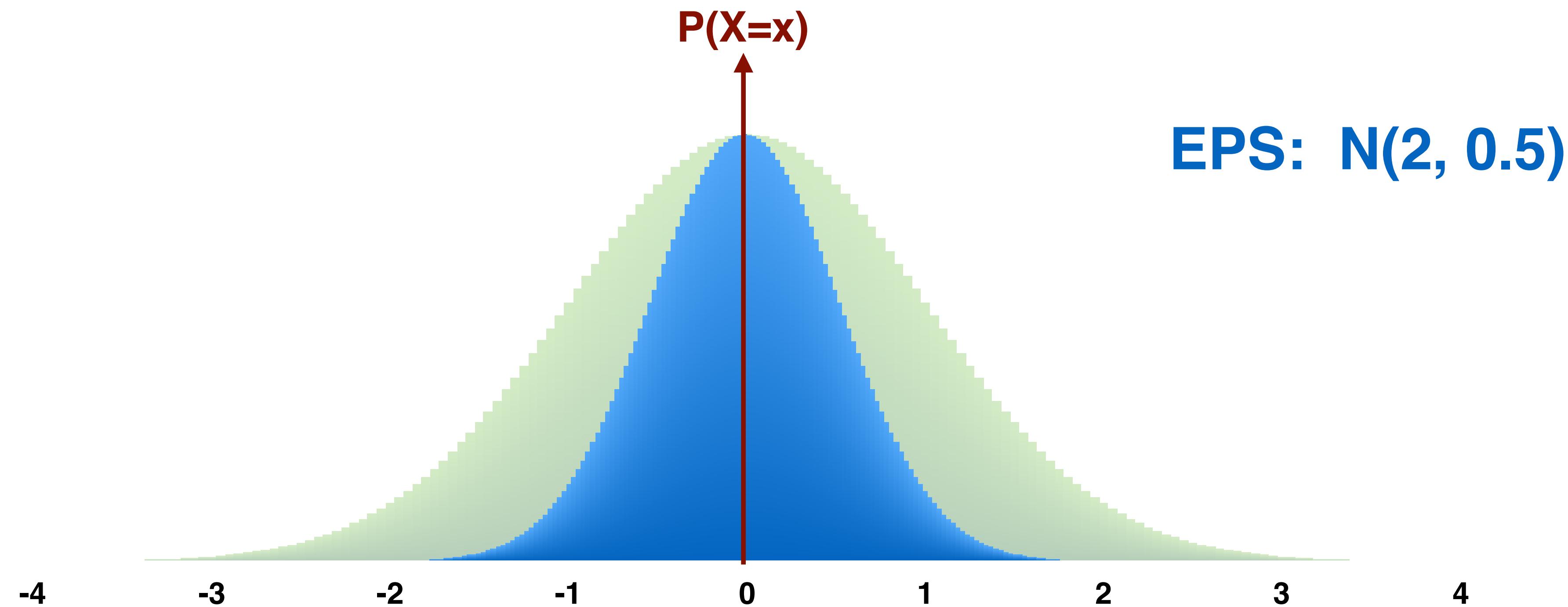
Table entry for z is the area under the standard normal curve to the left of z .

z	.00	.01	.02	.03	.04	.05	.06	.07	.08	.09
0.0	.5000	.5040	.5080	.5120	.5160	.5199	.5239	.5279	.5319	.5359
0.1	.5398	.5438	.5478	.5517	.5557	.5596	.5636	.5675	.5714	.5753
0.2	.5793	.5832	.5871	.5910	.5948	.5987	.6026	.6064	.6103	.6141
0.3	.6179	.6217	.6255	.6293	.6331	.6368	.6406	.6443	.6480	.6517
0.4	.6554	.6591	.6628	.6664	.6700	.6736	.6772	.6808	.6844	.6879
0.5	.6915	.6950	.6985	.7019	.7054	.7088	.7123	.7157	.7190	.7224
0.6	.7257	.7291	.7324	.7357	.7389	.7422	.7454	.7486	.7517	.7549
0.7	.7580	.7611	.7642	.7673	.7704	.7734	.7764	.7794	.7823	.7852
0.8	.7881	.7910	.7939	.7967	.7995	.8023	.8051	.8078	.8106	.8133
0.9	.8159	.8186	.8212	.8238	.8264	.8289	.8315	.8340	.8365	.8389
1.0	.8413	.8438	.8461	.8485	.8508	.8531	.8554	.8577	.8599	.8621
1.1	.8643	.8665	.8686	.8708	.8729	.8749	.8770	.8790	.8810	.8830
1.2	.8849	.8869	.8888	.8907	.8925	.8944	.8962	.8980	.8997	.9015
1.3	.9032	.9049	.9066	.9082	.9099	.9115	.9131	.9147	.9162	.9177
1.4	.9192	.9207	.9222	.9236	.9251	.9265	.9279	.9292	.9306	.9319
1.5	.9332	.9345	.9357	.9370	.9382	.9394	.9406	.9418	.9429	.9441
1.6	.9452	.9463	.9474	.9484	.9495	.9505	.9515	.9525	.9535	.9545
1.7	.9554	.9564	.9573	.9582	.9591	.9599	.9608	.9616	.9625	.9633
1.8	.9641	.9649	.9656	.9664	.9671	.9678	.9686	.9693	.9699	.9706
1.9	.9713	.9719	.9726	.9732	.9738	.9744	.9750	.9756	.9761	.9767
2.0	.9772	.9778	.9783	.9788	.9793	.9798	.9803	.9808	.9812	.9817
2.1	.9821	.9826	.9830	.9834	.9838	.9842	.9846	.9850	.9854	.9857

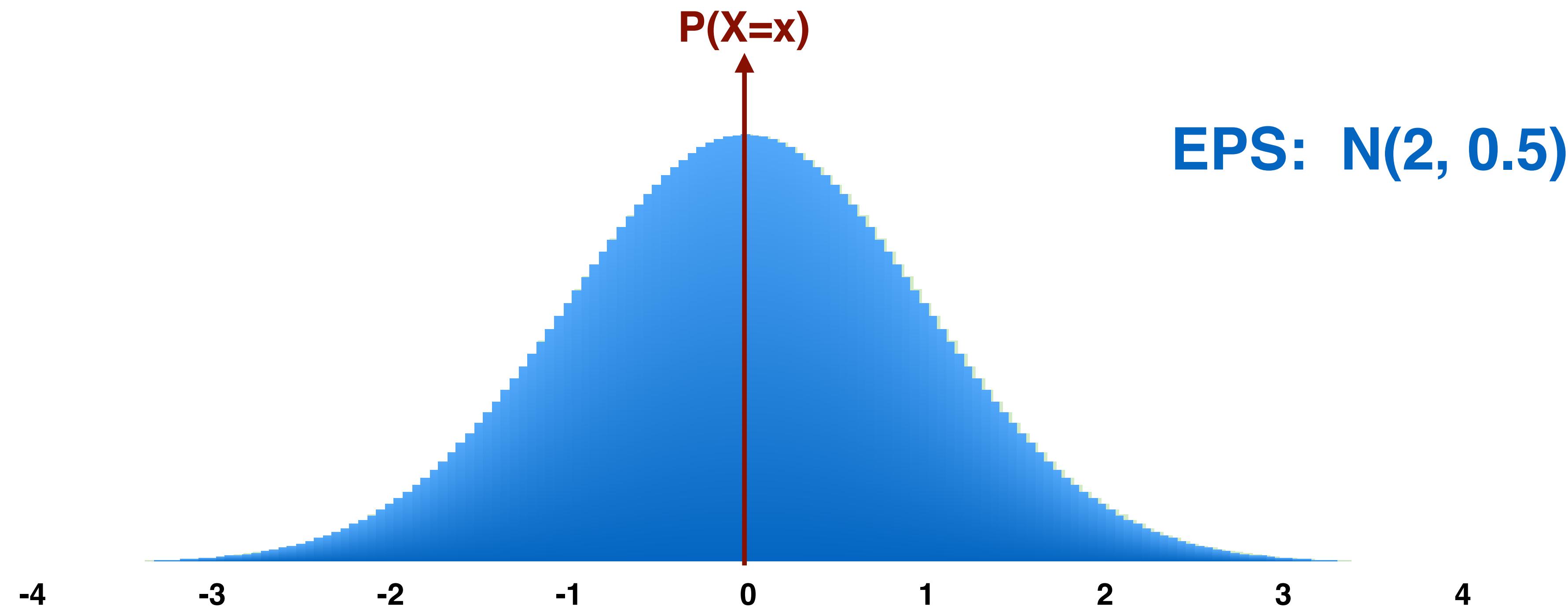
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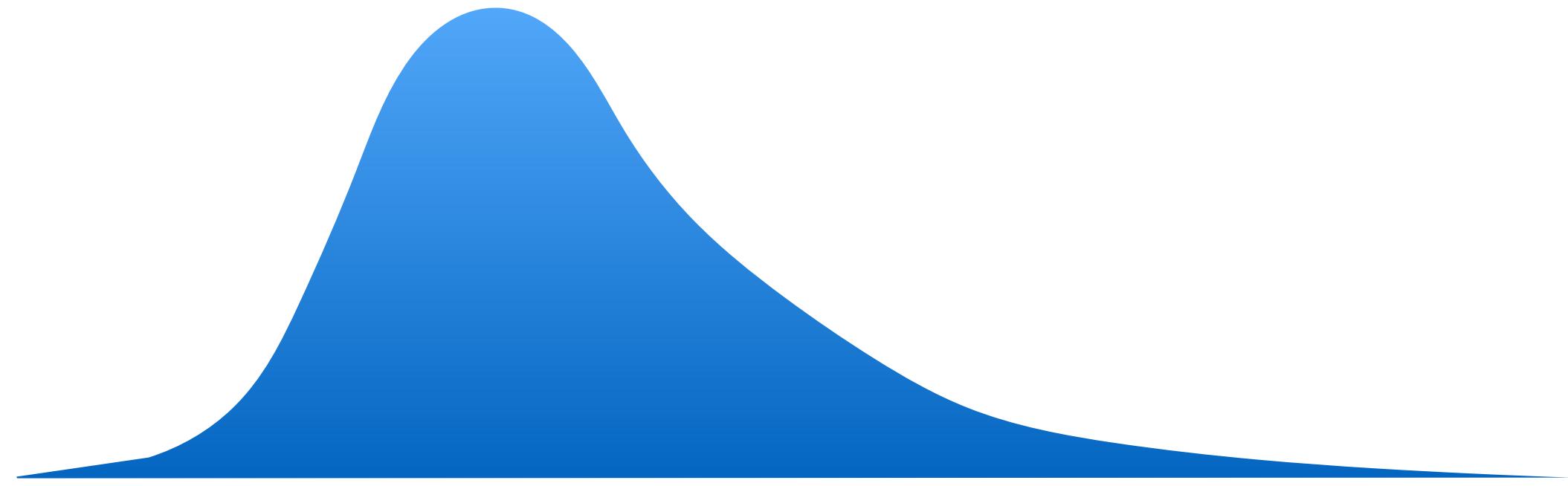


$$z = \frac{x - 2}{0.5}$$

Roy's Safety First Ratio

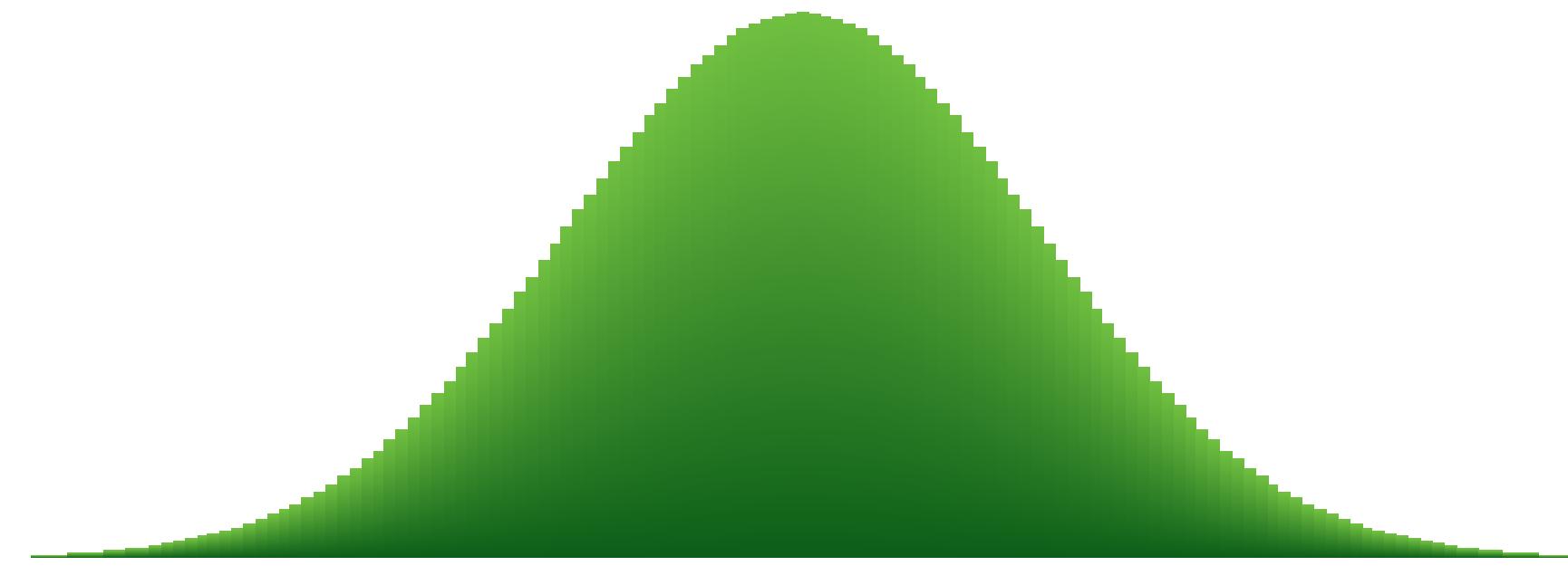
$$SFR = \frac{E(R_p) - R_L}{\sigma_p}$$

	A	B	C
Expected Return (%)	14	5	8
Standard Deviation (%)	10	2	4
Safety-First Ratio	1.1	1	1.25



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