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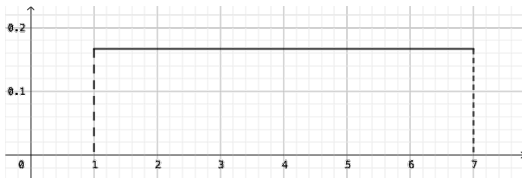
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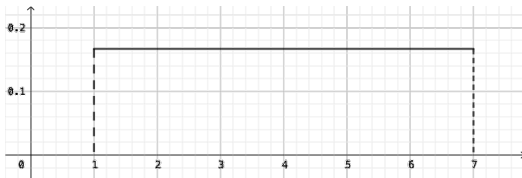
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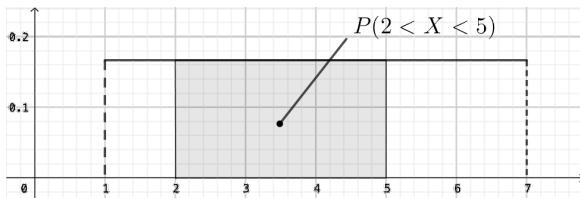
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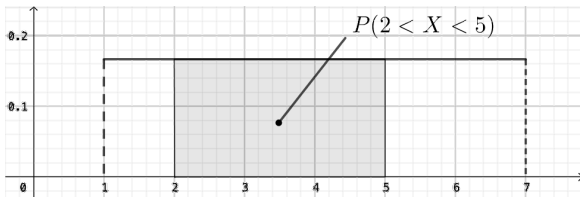
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Here we have a rectangle of height  $1/6$  and width 3. The area is  $1/2$ .

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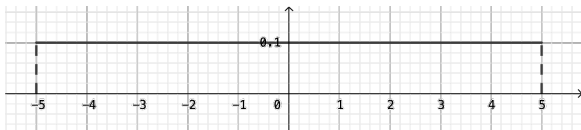




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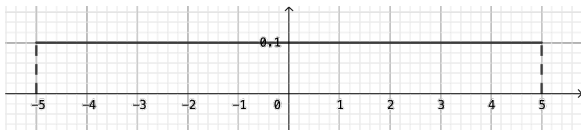
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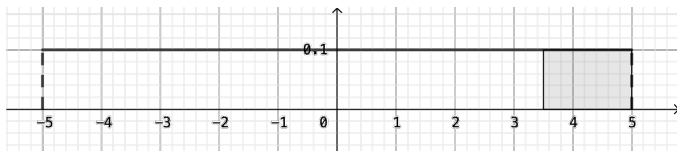
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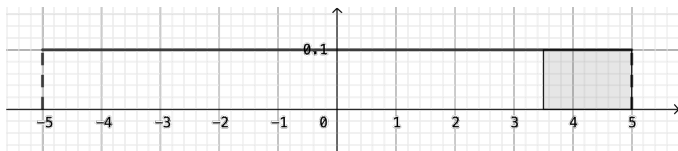


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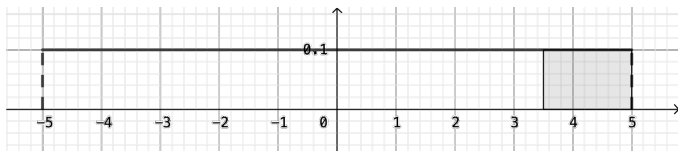
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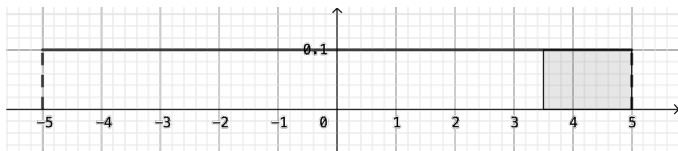
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