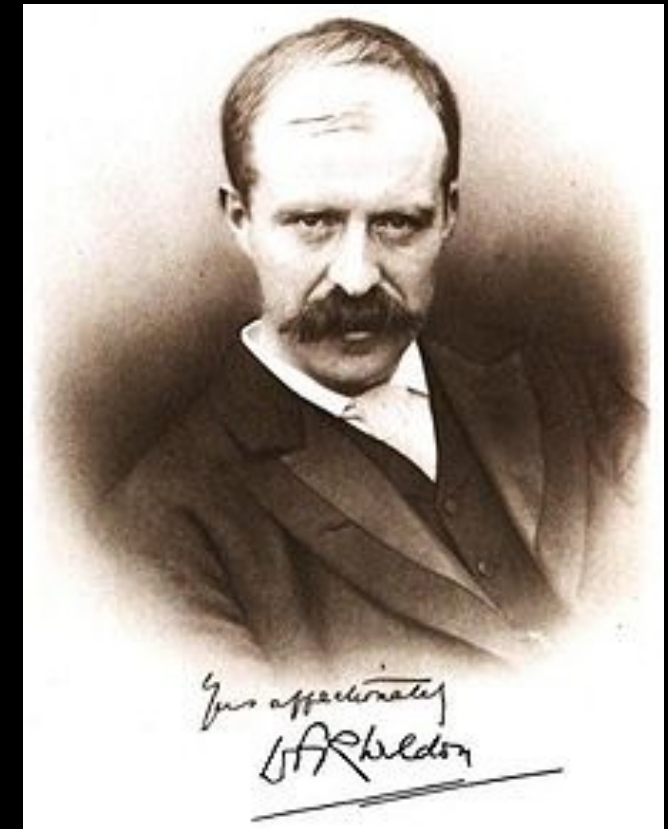


χ^2 & ANOVA - For more complex datasets

χ^2 - When and Why: Dice Example

Walter Frank Raphael Weldon (1860 - 1906), was an English evolutionary biologist and a founder of biometry (application of stats to bio data).

In 1894, he rolled 12 dice 26,306 times, and recorded the number of 5s or 6s (which he considered to be a success).



It was observed that 5s or 6s occurred more often than expected, and Pearson hypothesized that this was probably due to the construction of the dice. Most inexpensive dice have hollowed-out pips, and since opposite sides add to 7, the face with 6 pips is lighter than its opposing face, which has only 1 pip.

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In 2009, Zacariah Labby (U of Chicago), repeated Weldon's experiment using a homemade dice-throwing, pip counting machine.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=95EErdouO2w

The rolling-imaging process took about 20 seconds per roll.

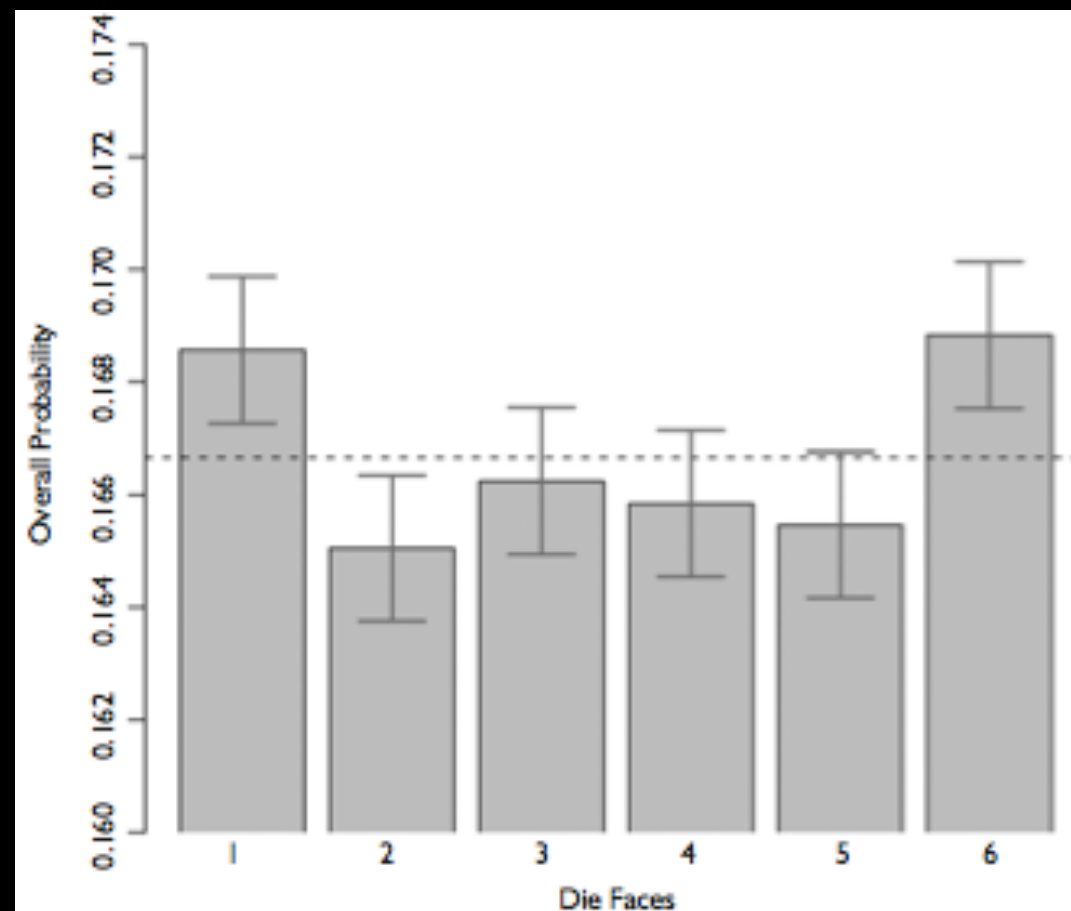
Recommended reading:

galton.uchicago.edu/about/docs/labby09dice.pdf

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Labby did not actually observe the same phenomenon that Weldon observed (higher frequency of 5s and 6s).

Automation allowed Labby to collect more data than Weldon did in 1894, instead of recording "successes" and "failures", Labby recorded the individual number of pips on each die.



χ^2 - When and Why: Dice Example

The table below shows the observed and expected counts from Labby's experiment.

(number of dice X number of rolls)/(number of sides)

Outcome	Observed	Expected
1	53,222	52,612
2	52,118	52,612
3	52,465	52,612
4	52,338	52,612
5	52,244	52,612
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Total	315,672	315,672

$$= 12 \times 26,306 / 6 = 52,612$$

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This is called a goodness of fit test since we're evaluating how well the observed data fit the expected distribution.

Chi-square statistic

When dealing with counts and investigating how far the observed counts are from the expected counts, we use a new test statistic called the **chi-square (χ^2) statistic**.

$$\frac{\text{point estimate} - \text{null value}}{\text{SE of point estimate}}$$

χ^2 statistic

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{(O - E)^2}{E} \quad \text{where } k = \text{total number of cells}$$

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Why Squared?

Squaring the difference between the observed and the expected outcome does two things:

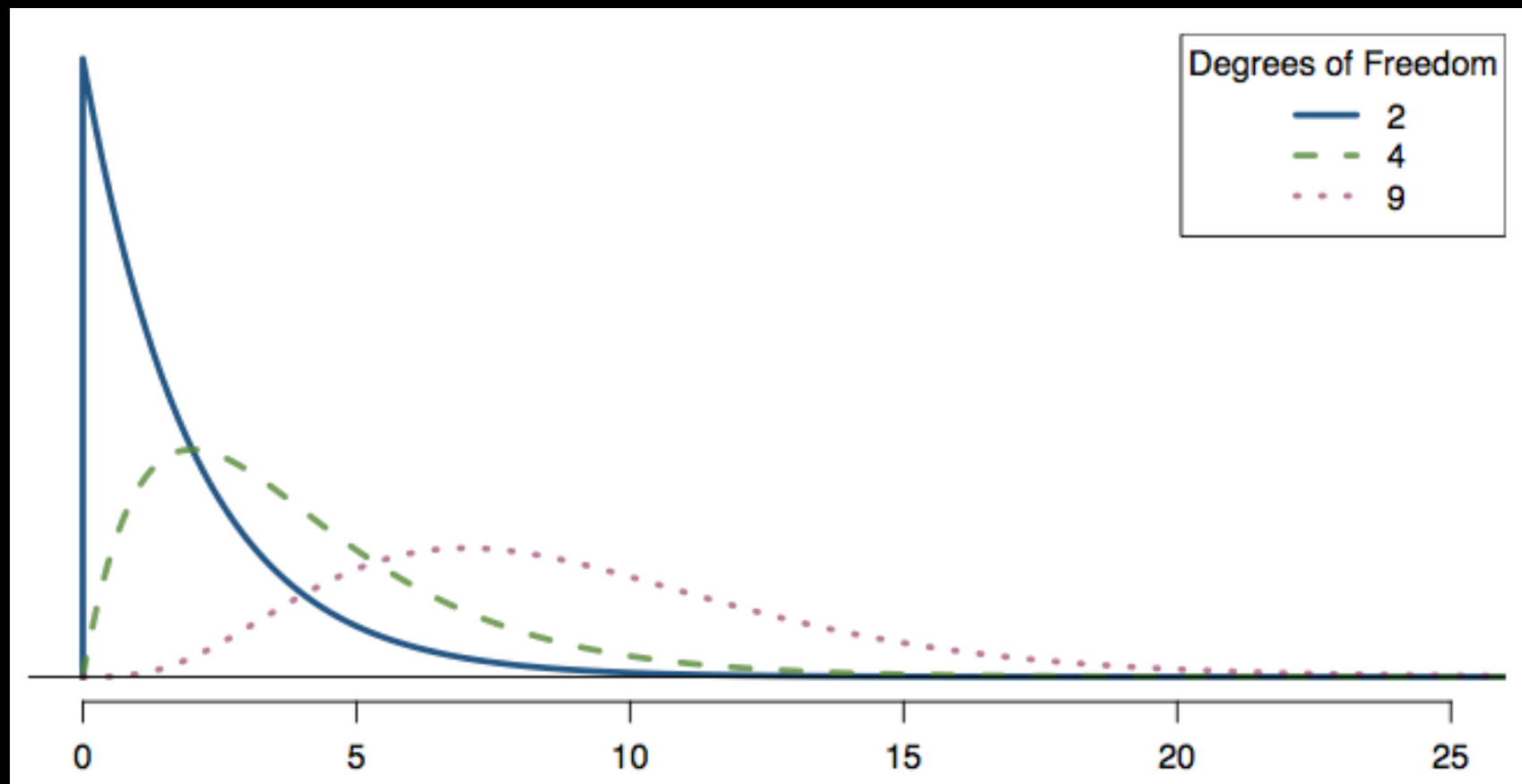
- Any standardized difference that is squared will now be positive.
- Differences that already looked unusual will become much larger after being squared.

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The chi-square distribution

In order to determine if the χ^2 statistic we calculated (24.73) is considered unusually high or not we need to first describe its distribution.

The chi-square distribution has just one parameter called **degrees of freedom (df)**, which influences the shape, center, and spread of the distribution.



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We had calculated a test statistic of $\chi^2 = 24.67$.

All we need is the df and we can calculate the tail area (the p-value) and make a decision on the hypotheses.

Degrees of freedom for a goodness of fit test

When conducting a goodness of fit test to evaluate how well the observed data follow an expected distribution, the degrees of freedom are calculated as the number of cells (k) minus 1.

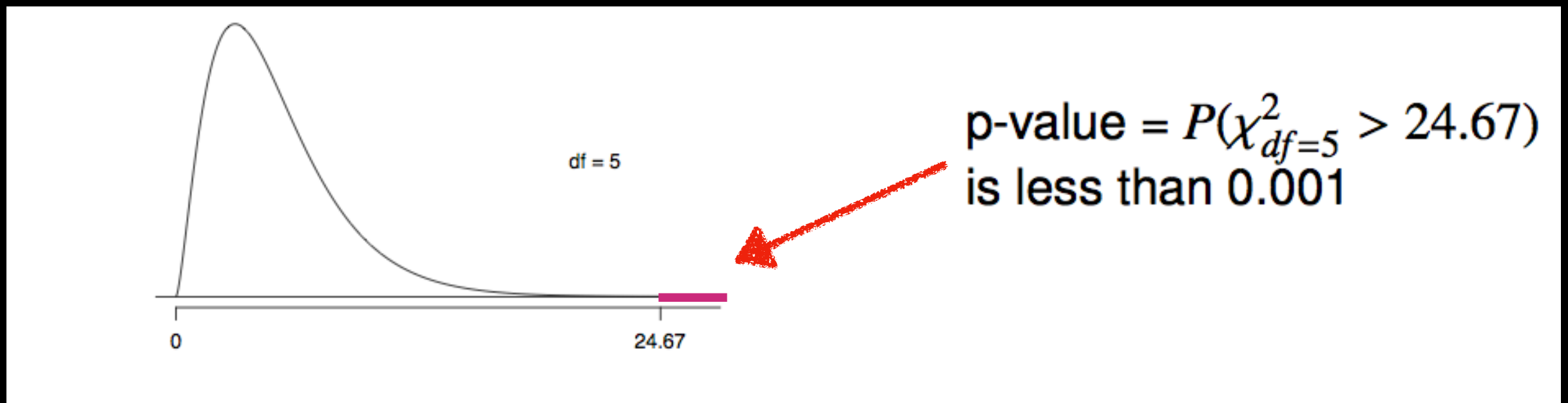
$$df = k - 1$$

For dice outcomes, $k = 6$, therefore

$$df = 6 - 1 = 5$$

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p-value < 0.05 (our typical level of significance)

Reject H_0 , the data provide convincing evidence that the dice are biased.

Turns out...

The 1-6 axis is consistently shorter than the other two (2-5 and 3-4), thereby supporting the hypothesis that the faces with one and six pips are larger than the other faces.

Pearson's claim that 5s and 6s appear more often due to the carved-out pips is not supported by these data.

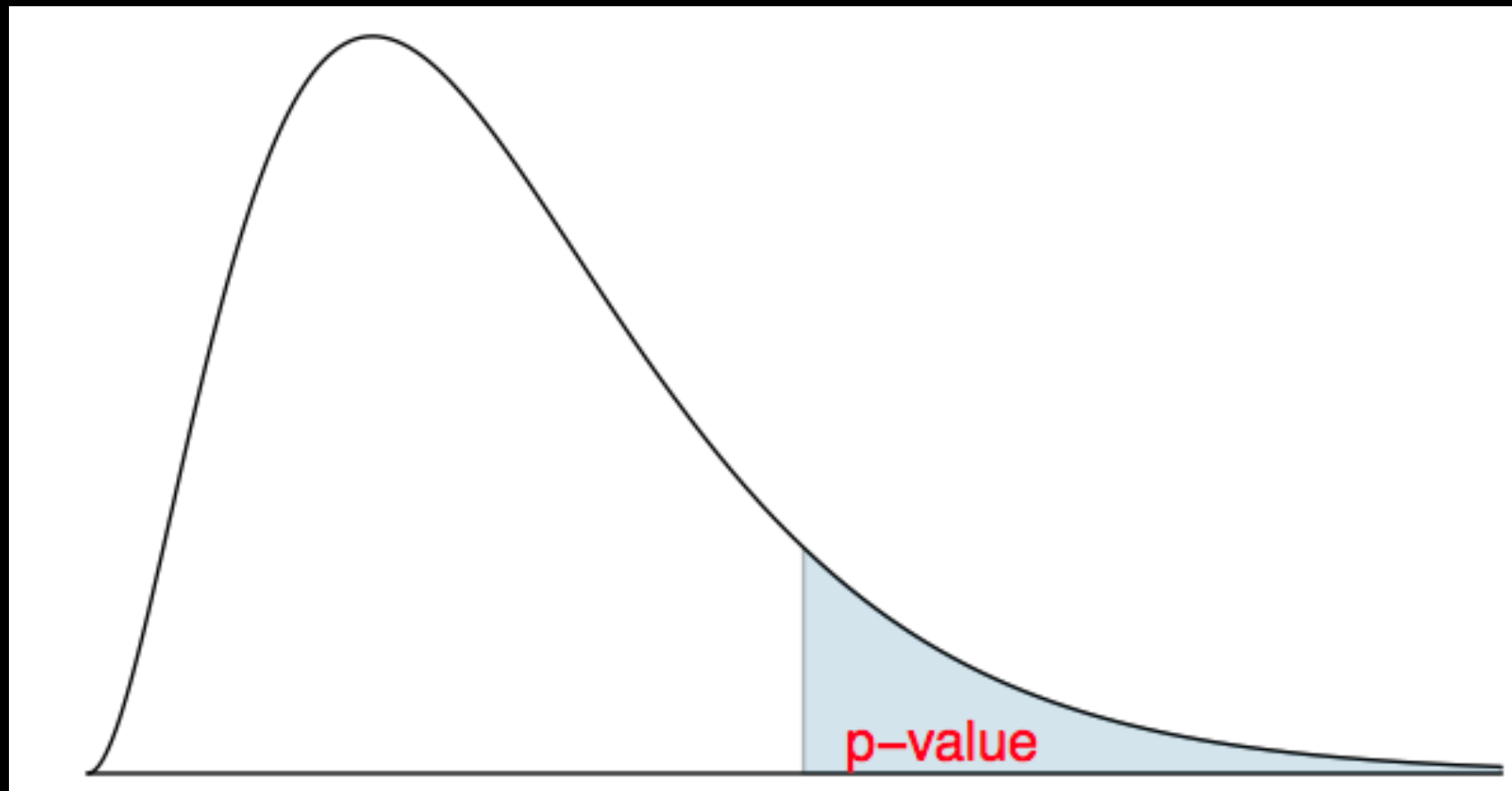
Dice used in casinos have flush faces, where the pips are filled in with a plastic of the same density as the surrounding material and are precisely balanced.



Recap: p-value for a chi-square test

The p-value for a chi-square test is defined as the tail area **above** the calculated test statistic.

This is because the test statistic is always positive, and a higher test statistic means a stronger deviation from the null hypothesis.



Conditions for the chi-square test

Independence: Each case that contributes a count to the table must be independent of all the other cases in the table.

Sample size: Each particular scenario (i.e. cell) must have at least 5 expected cases.

$df > 1$: Degrees of freedom must be greater than 1.

Failing to check conditions may unintentionally affect the test's error rates.

R-Practice!