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PROBABILITY
YOUR EQUIPMENT =
WILL WORK

$$\frac{1}{\text{YOUR MOTIVATION TO WORK}}$$

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Lecture 02

9.23.21

Refresher Quiz

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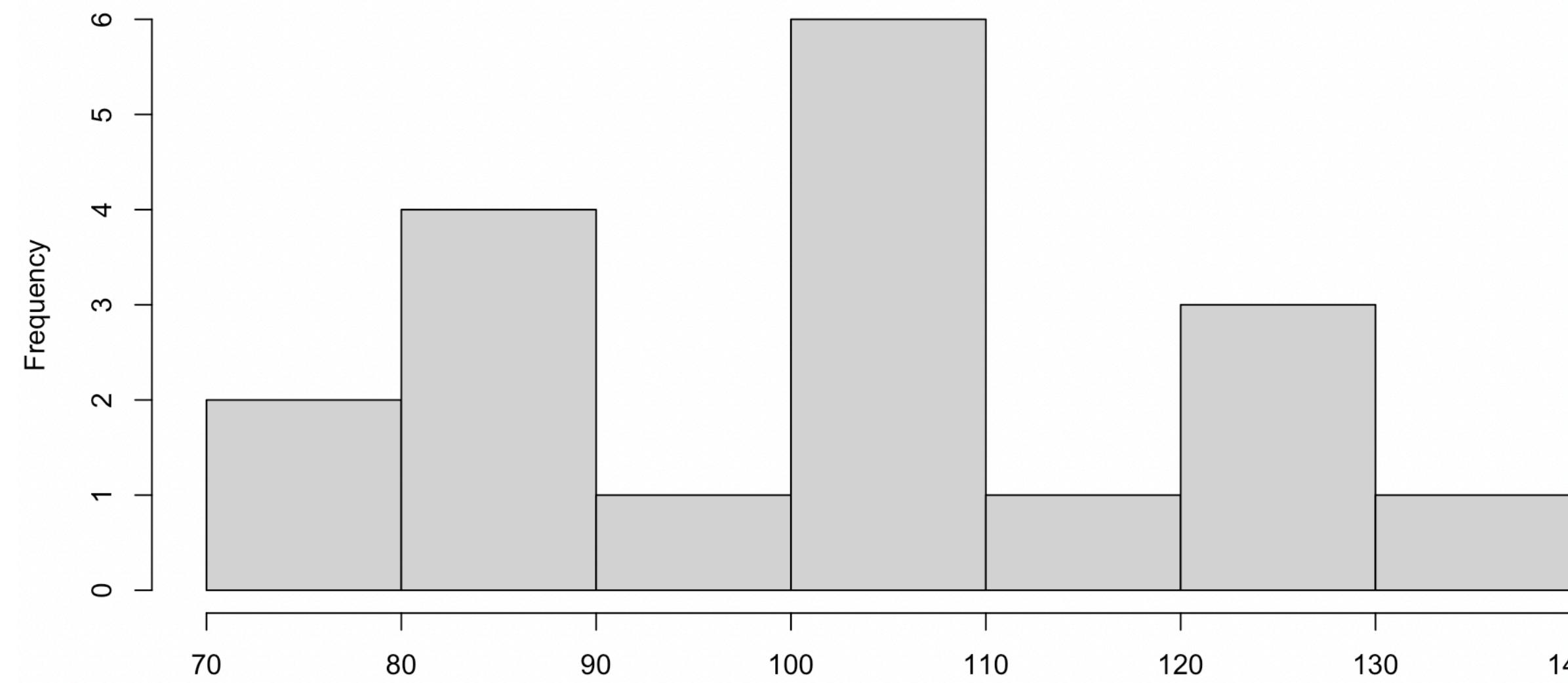
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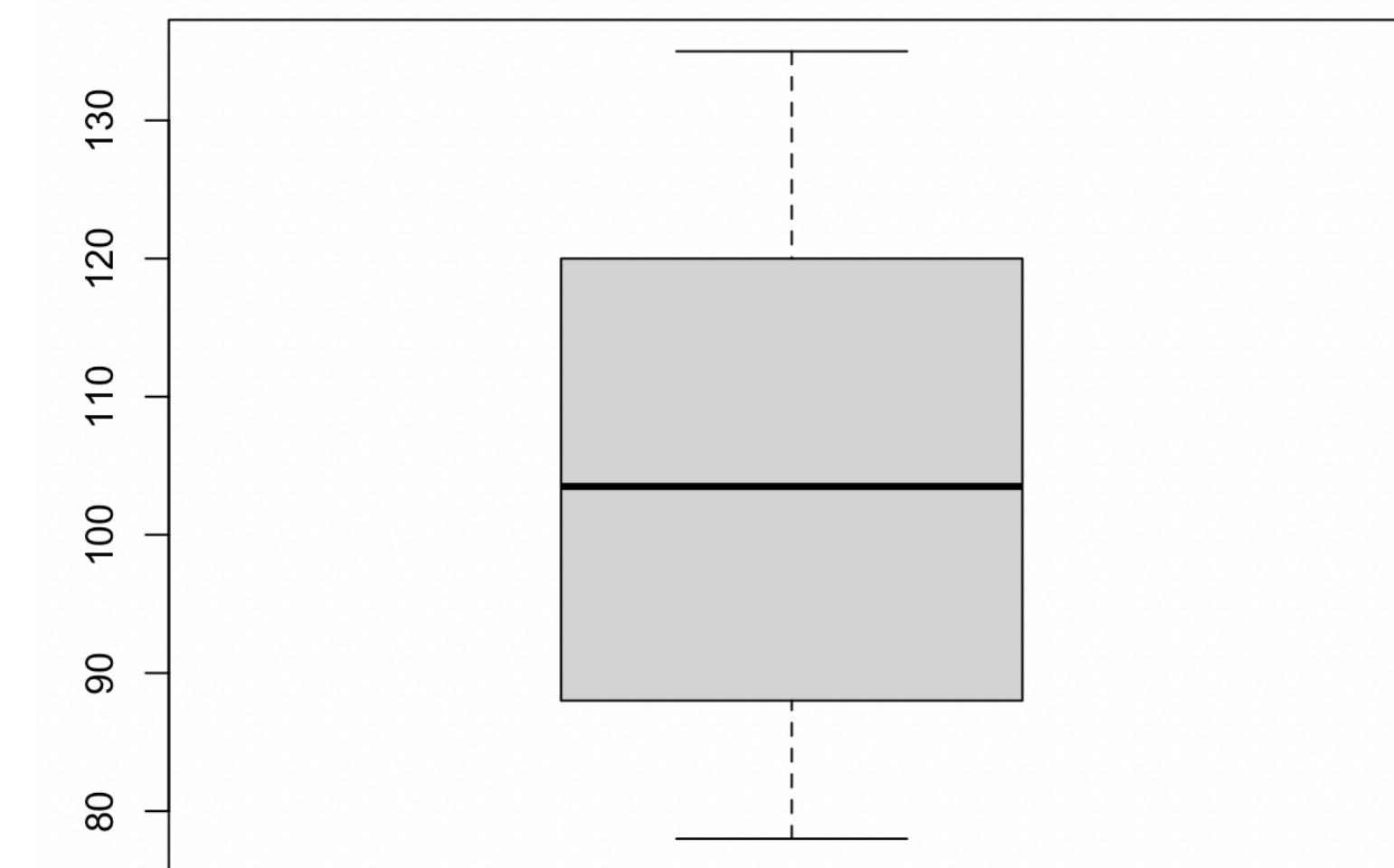
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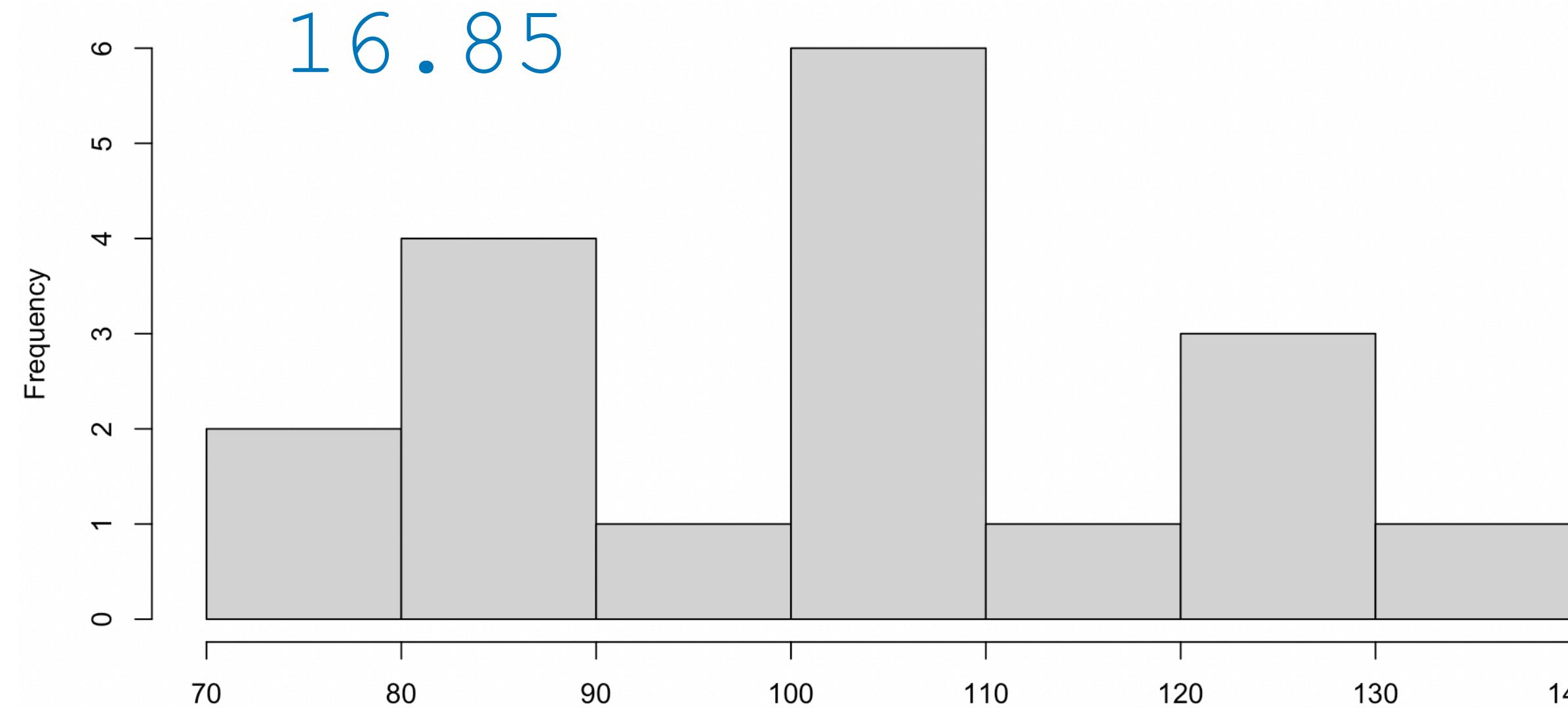
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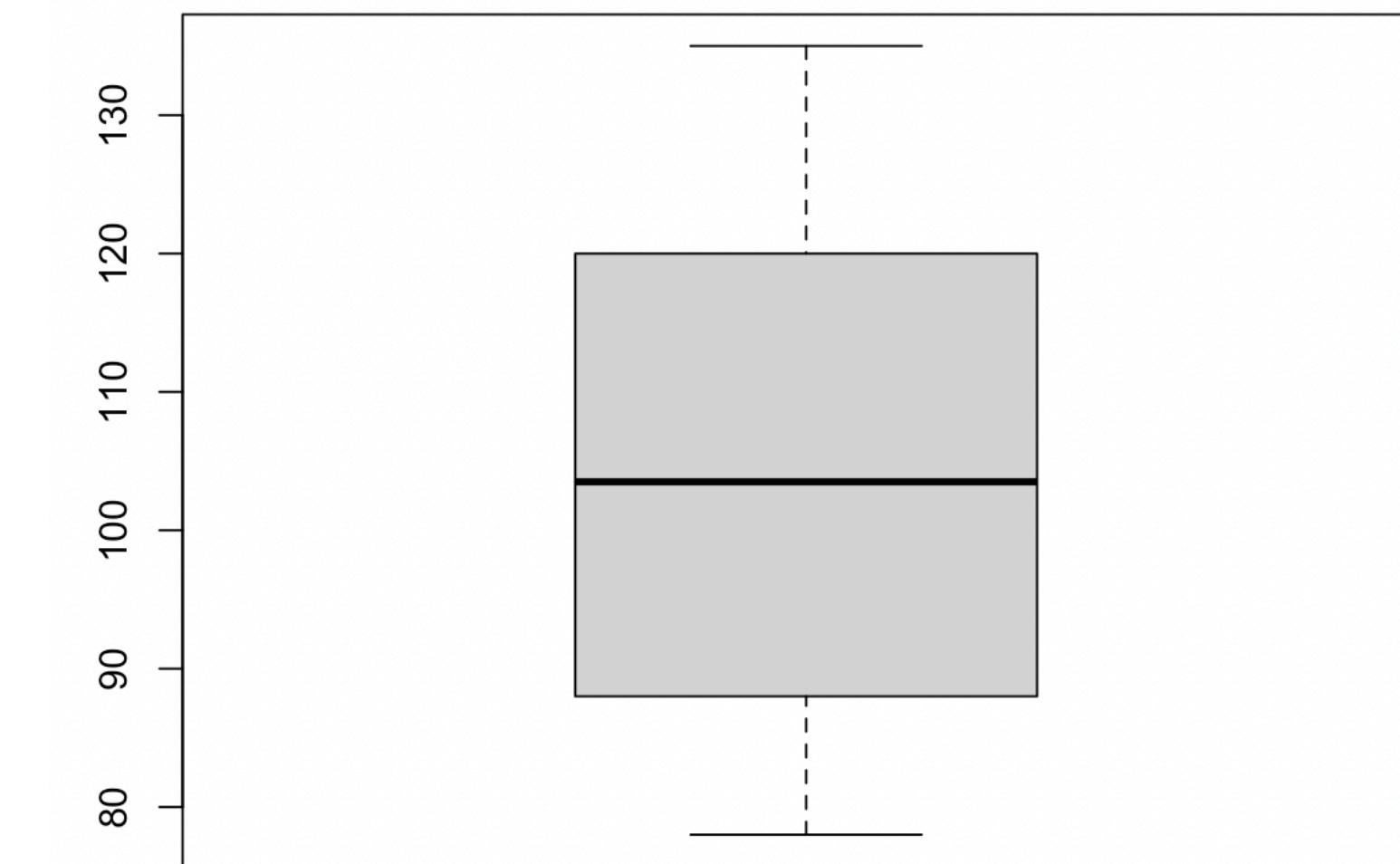
| Min. | 1st Qu. | Qu. | Median | Mean | 3rd Qu. | Max. |
|------|---------|-----|--------|-------|---------|-------|
| 78.0 | 88.5 | | 103.5 | 103.6 | 116.8 | 135.0 |

> **sd**(data)

IQR? Range? Var?

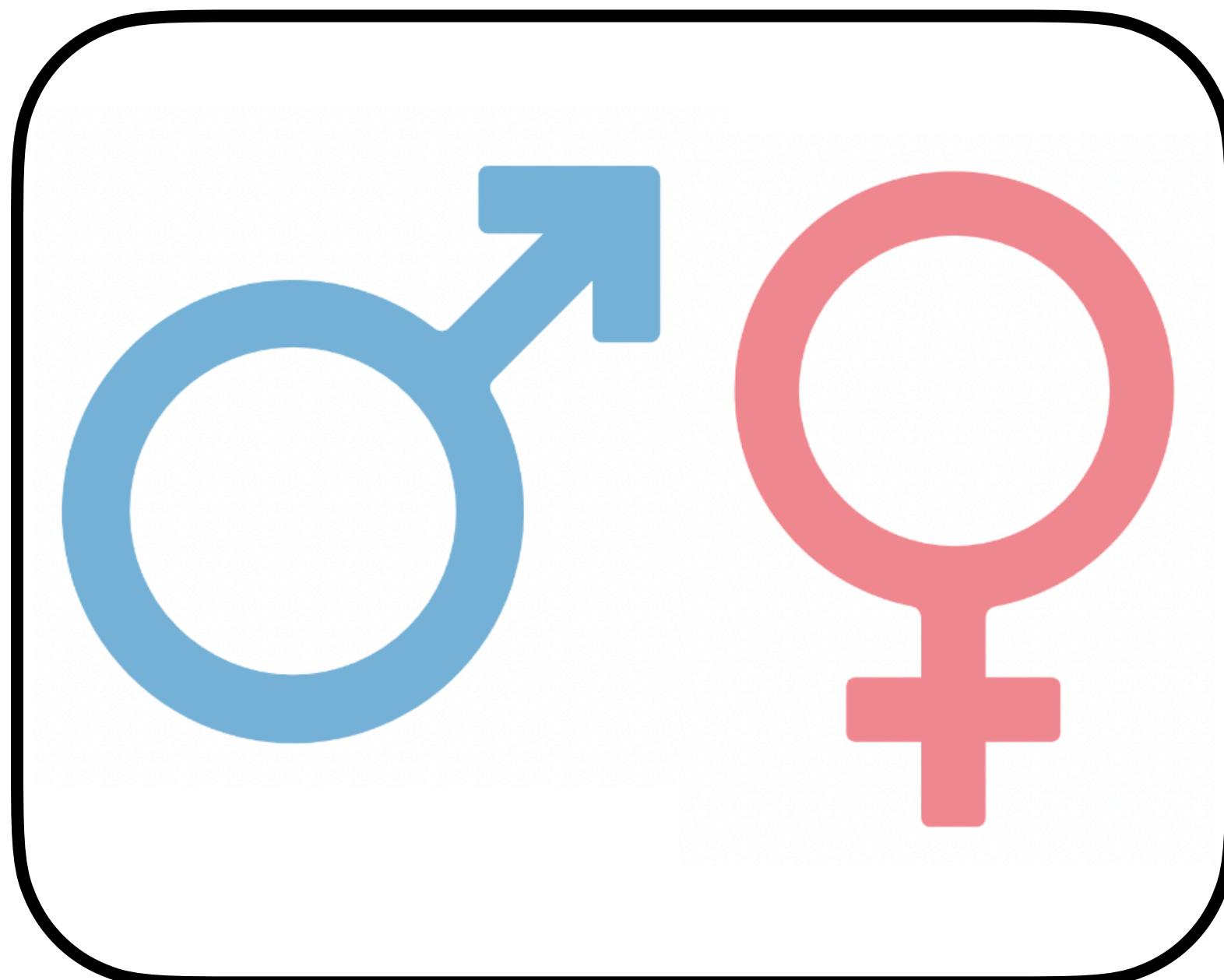


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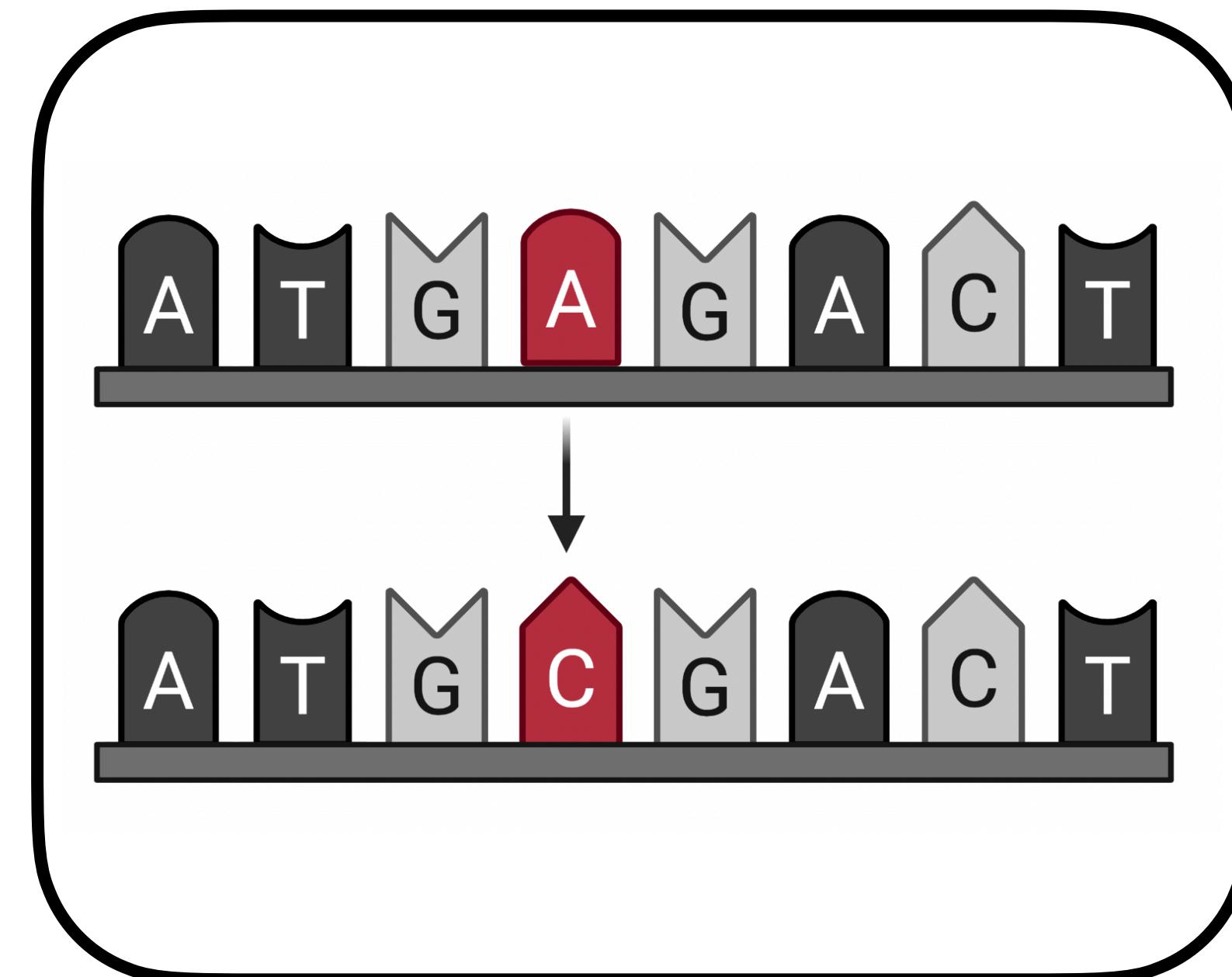


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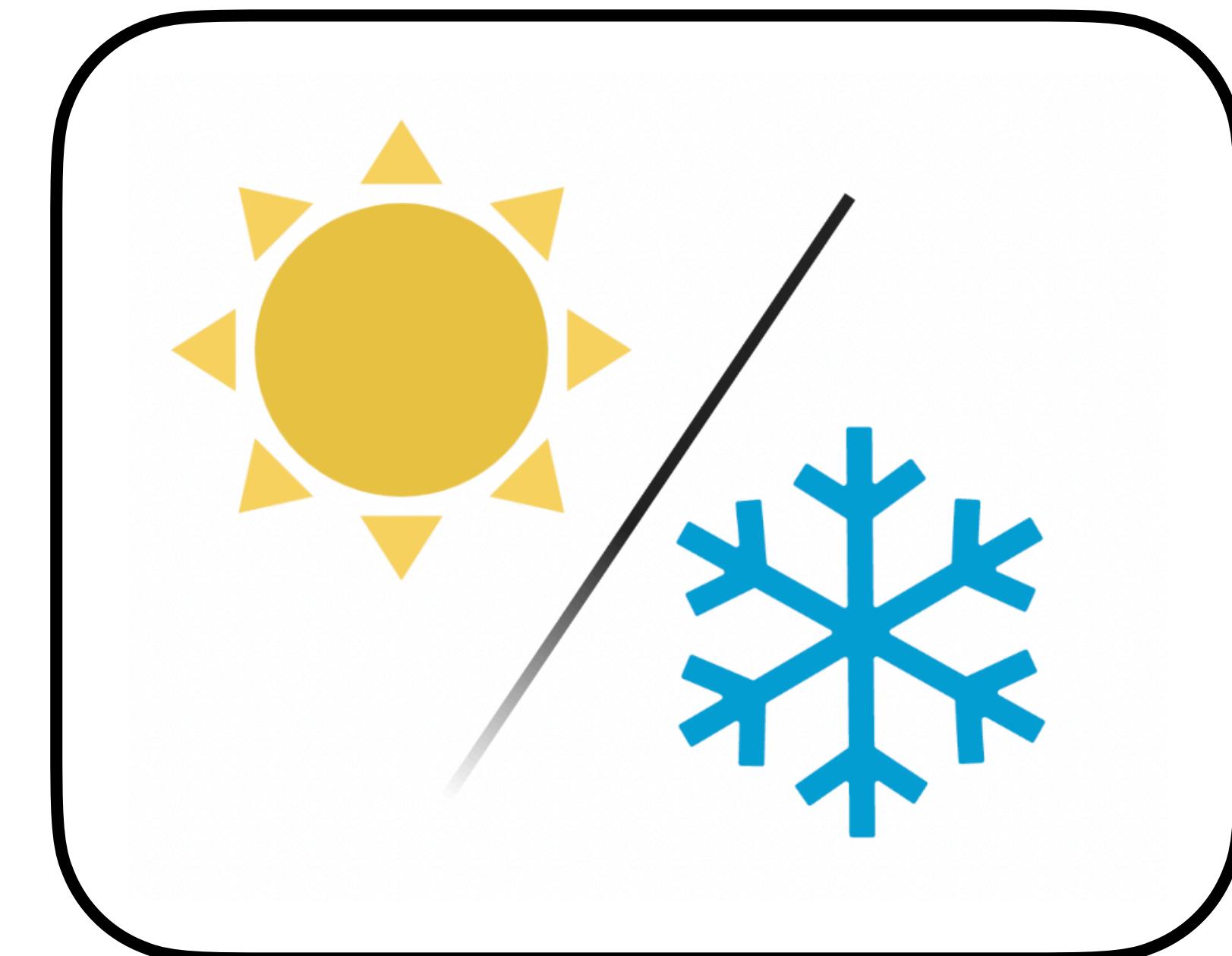
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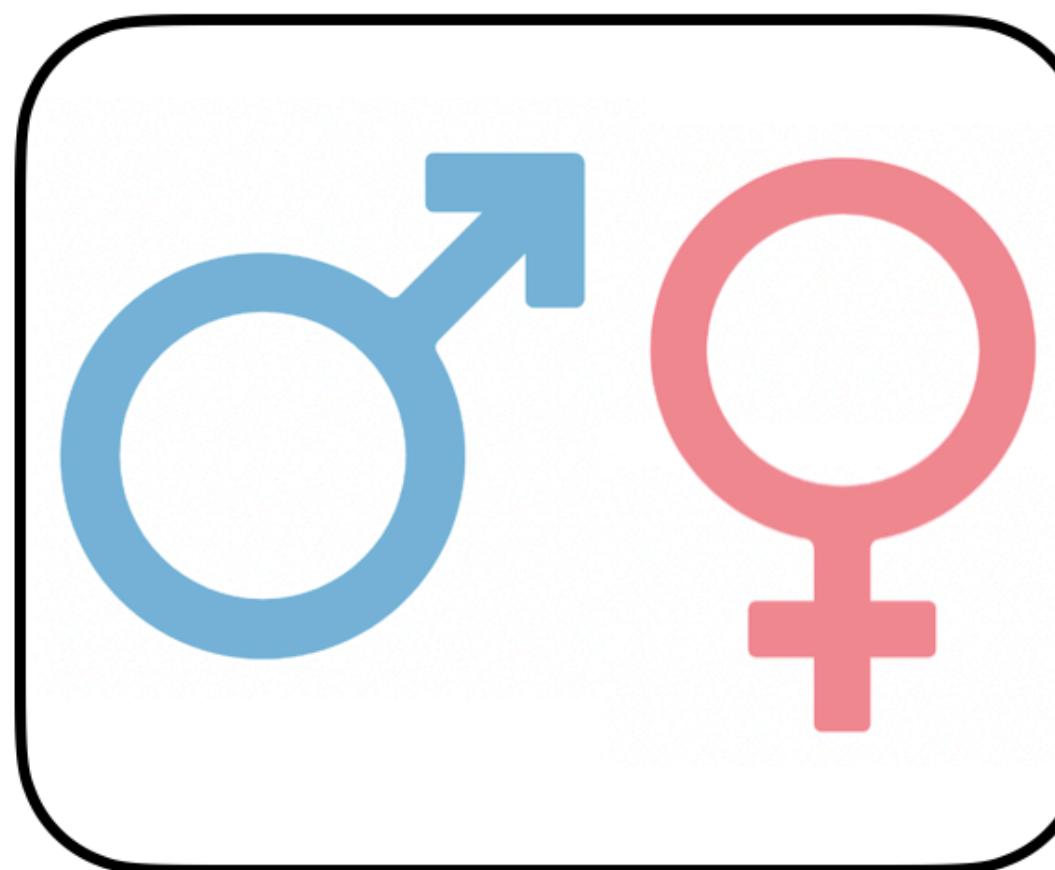


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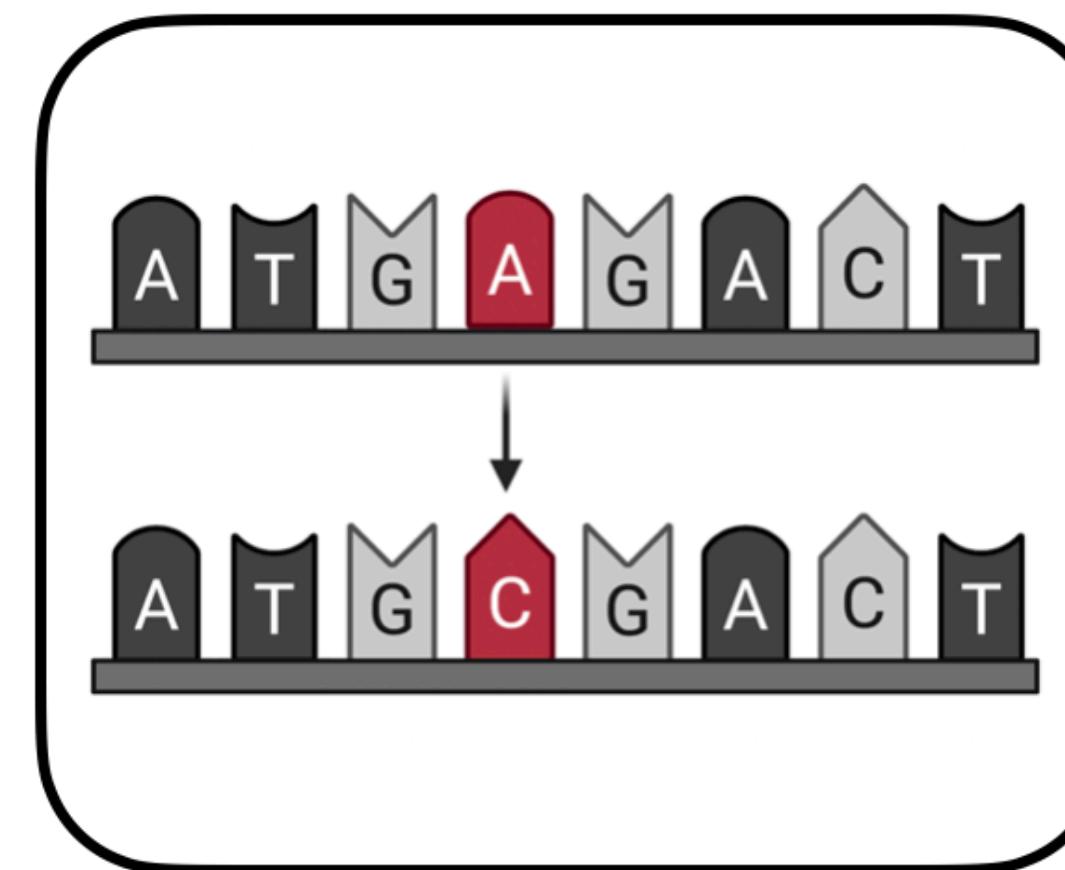


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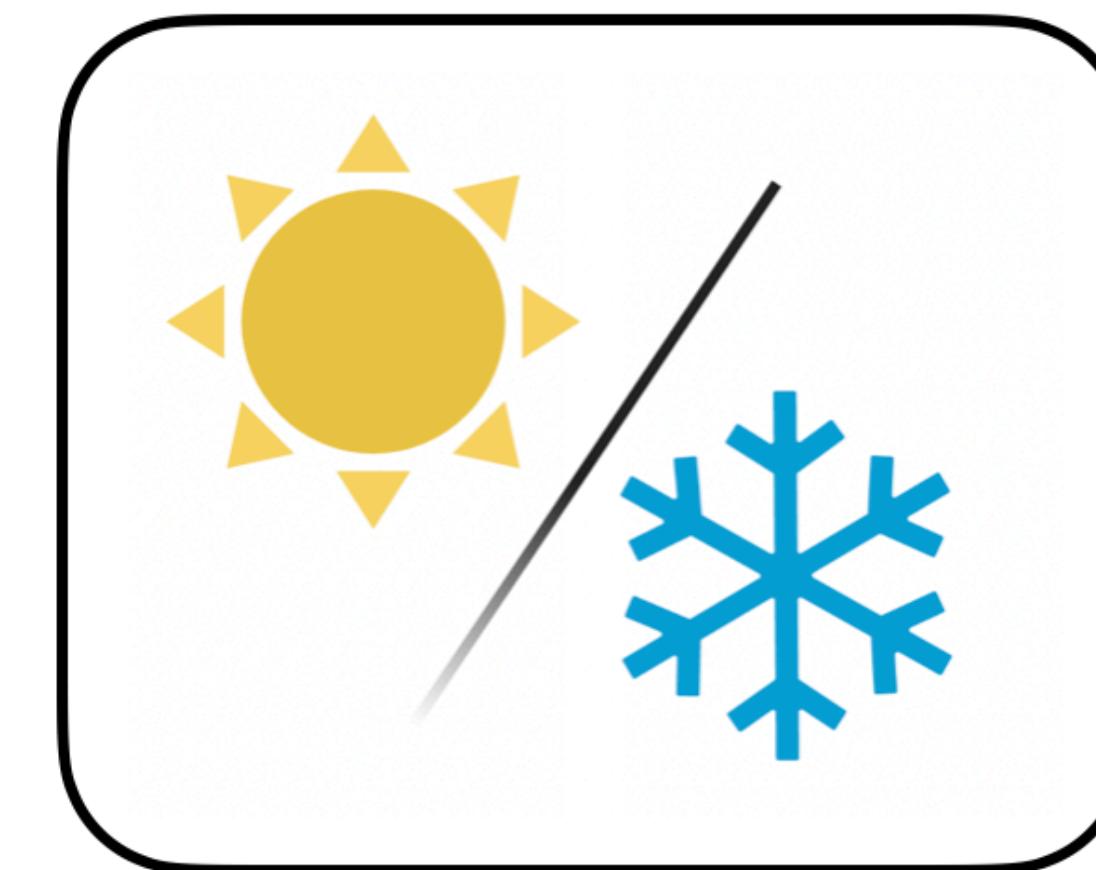
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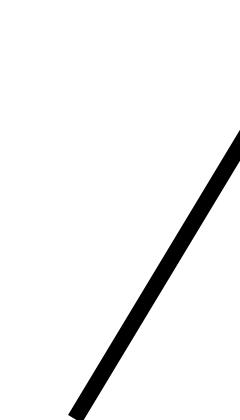
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Probability

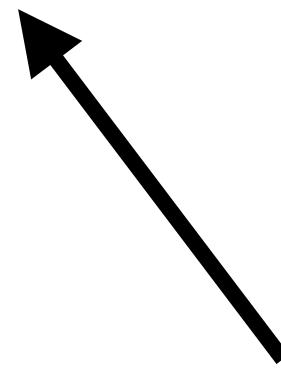
Allows us to quantify how likely (or unlikely) a result is

Probability shows the likelihood of an event

$\Pr\{E\}$ = probability of event E



Number between 0 and 1



E = chance event,
either occurs or doesn't
occur

Example: Probability of tossing a coin



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$$= \frac{1}{2}$$



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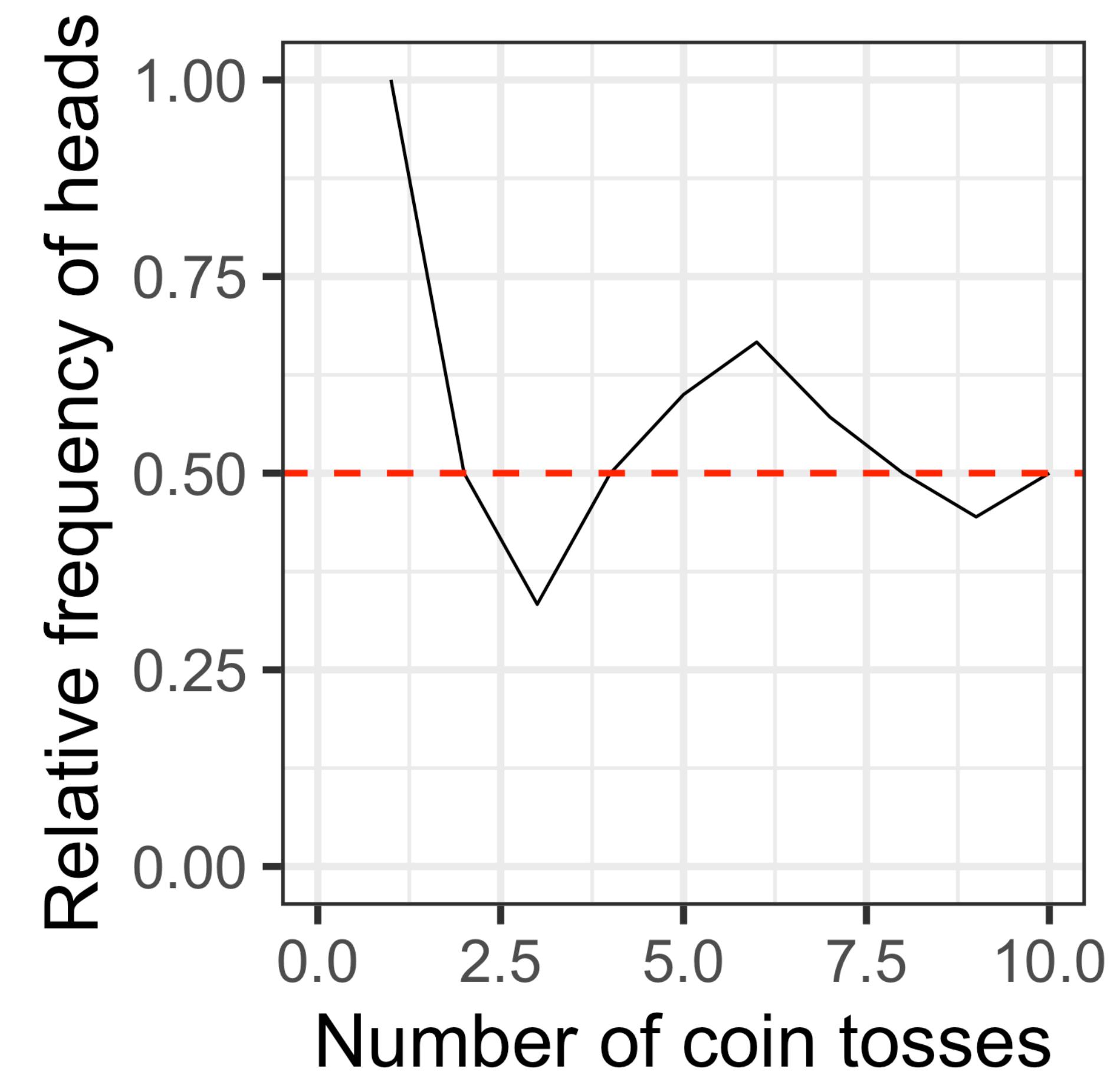


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$$\Pr\{\text{HEADS}\} = 0.5$$



...



1/1

1/2

1/3

501/
1000

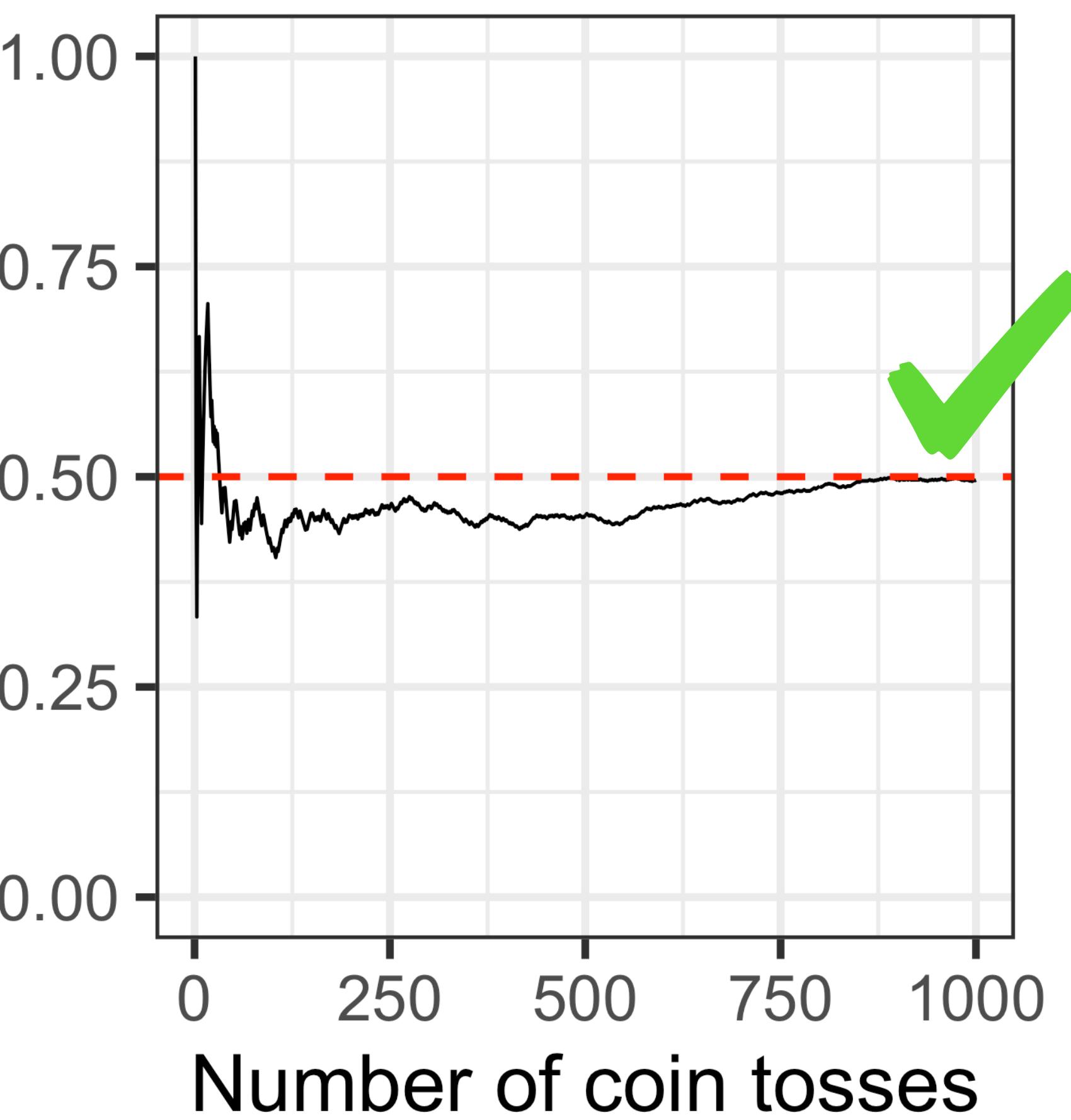
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0.33

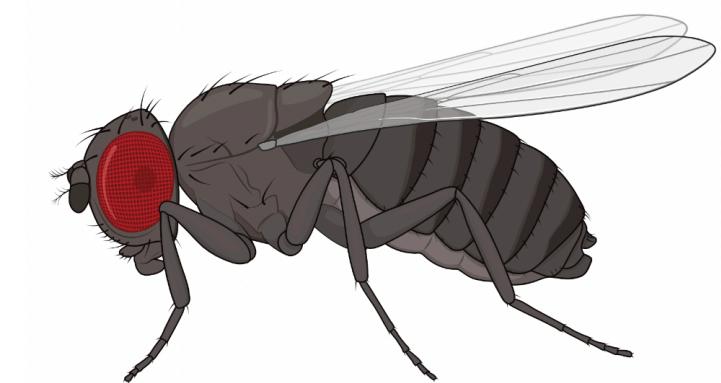
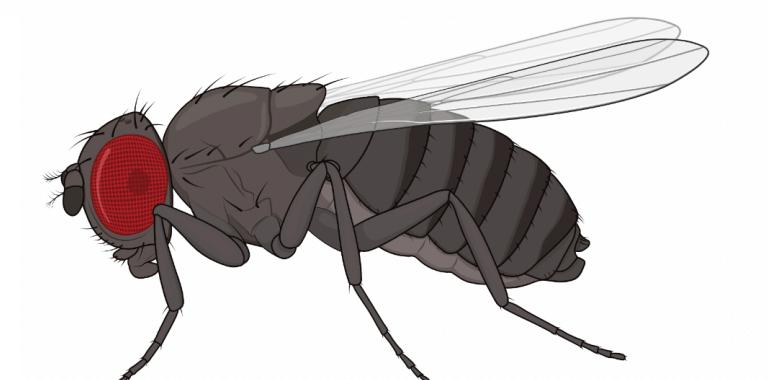
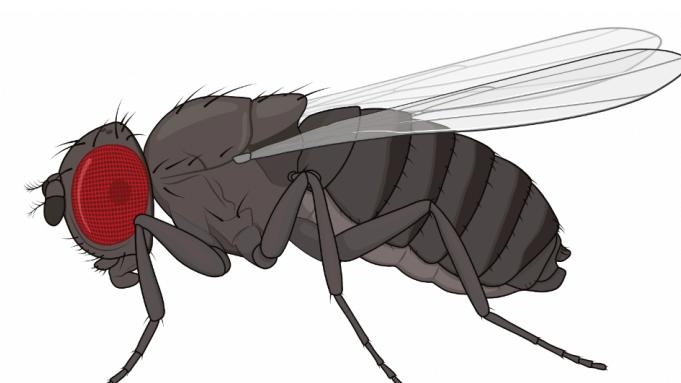
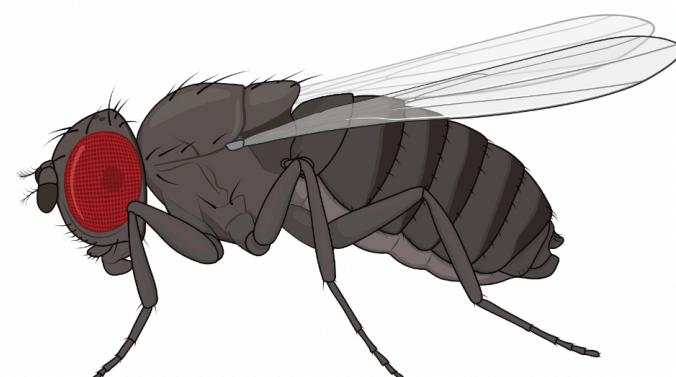
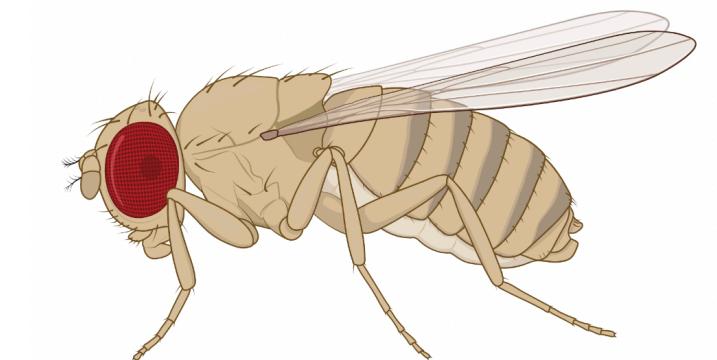
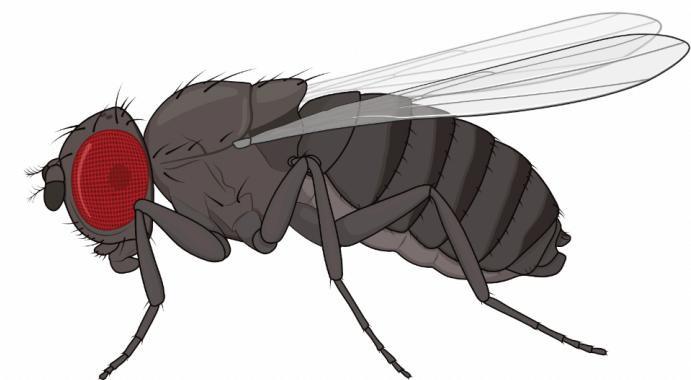
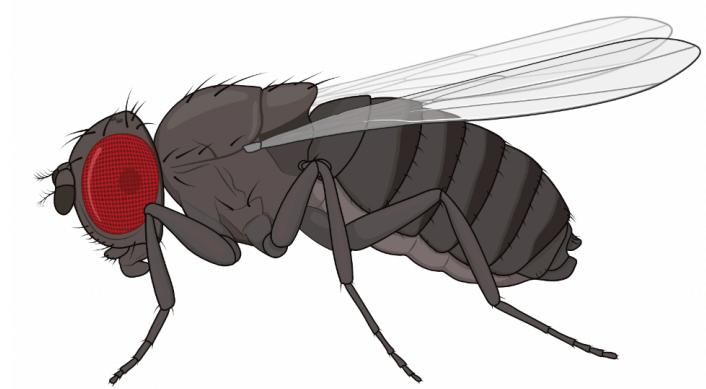
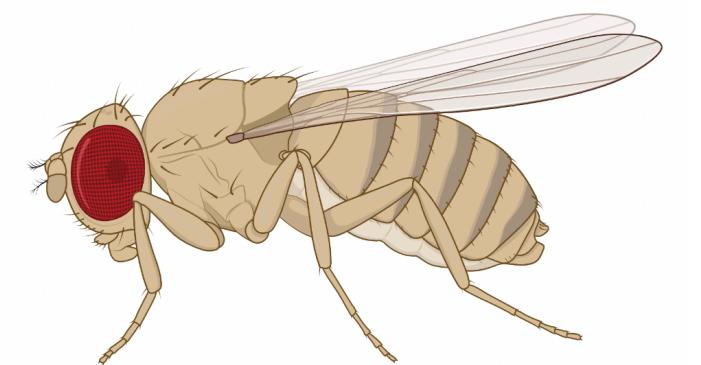
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Relative frequency of heads



Probability and random sampling

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7 black flies

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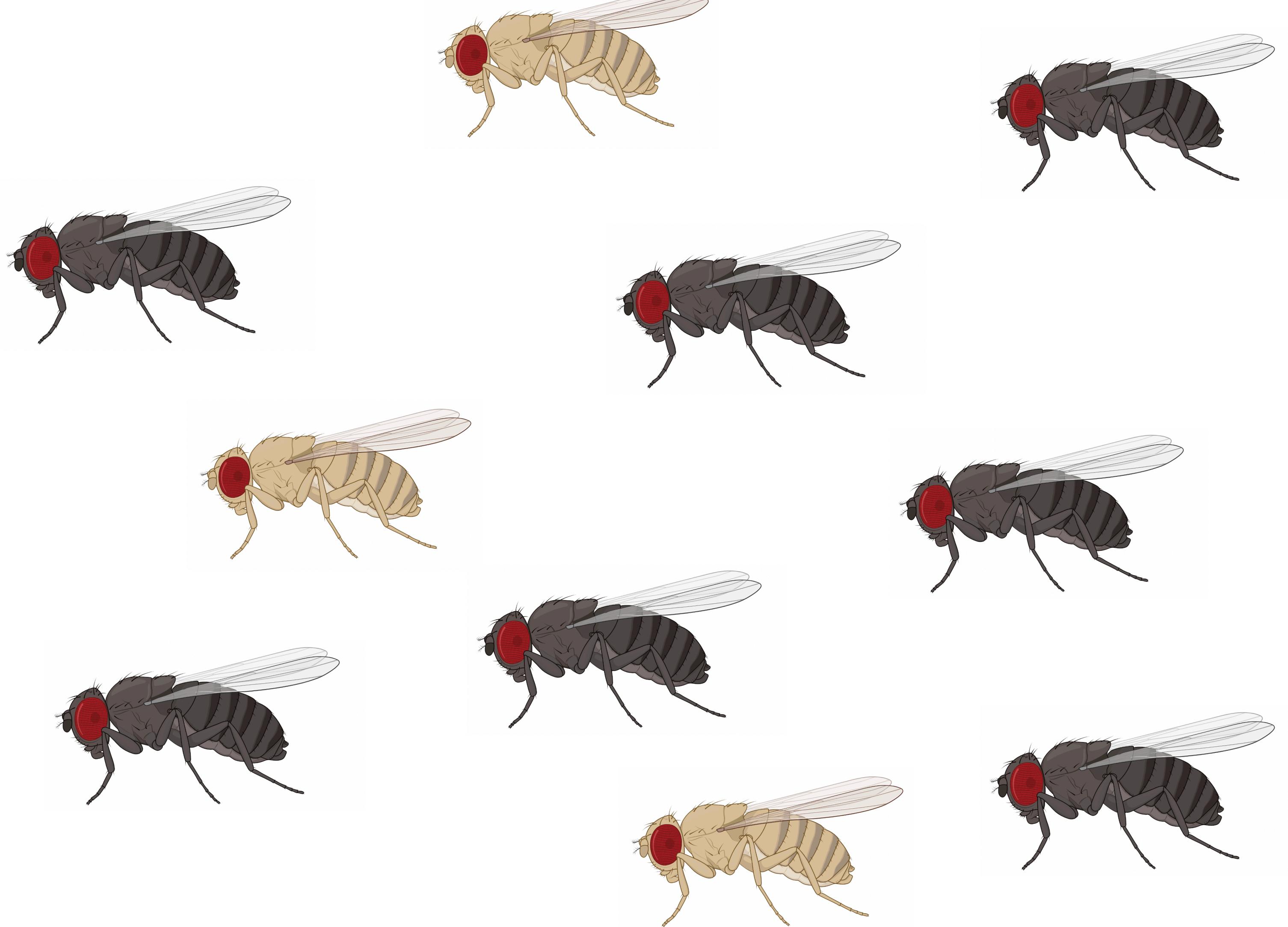
*assuming random selection

$= \# \text{ black flies}$

$\frac{\# \text{ Total flies}}$

$$= \frac{7}{10}$$

3 white flies; 7 black flies



Rules of probability

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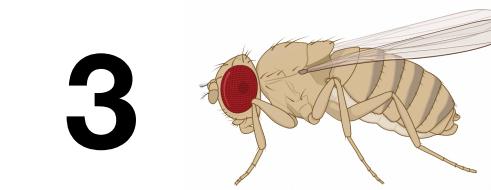


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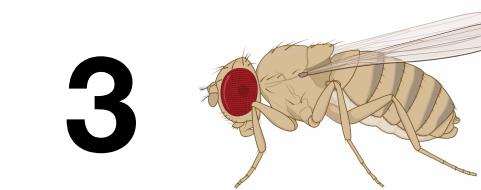
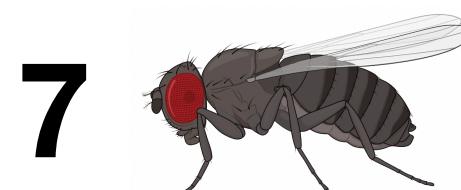


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$$0.27 + 0.14 + 0.13 + 0.14 + 0.19 + 0.13 = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr\{20-49\} &= \Pr\{20s\} + \Pr\{30s\} + \Pr\{40s\} \\ &= 0.14 + 0.13 + 0.14 \\ &= 0.41 \quad \checkmark\end{aligned}$$

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$$\Pr\{<65\} = \Pr\{<20\} + \Pr\{20s\} + \Pr\{30s\} \\ + \Pr\{40s\} + \Pr\{50s\}$$

$$\Pr\{<65\} = 1 - \Pr\{65+\} \\ = 1 - 0.13 \\ = 0.87 \quad \checkmark$$

Probability for continuous variables?

Discrete

Categorical

Blood type (A, B, AB, O)

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Numeric

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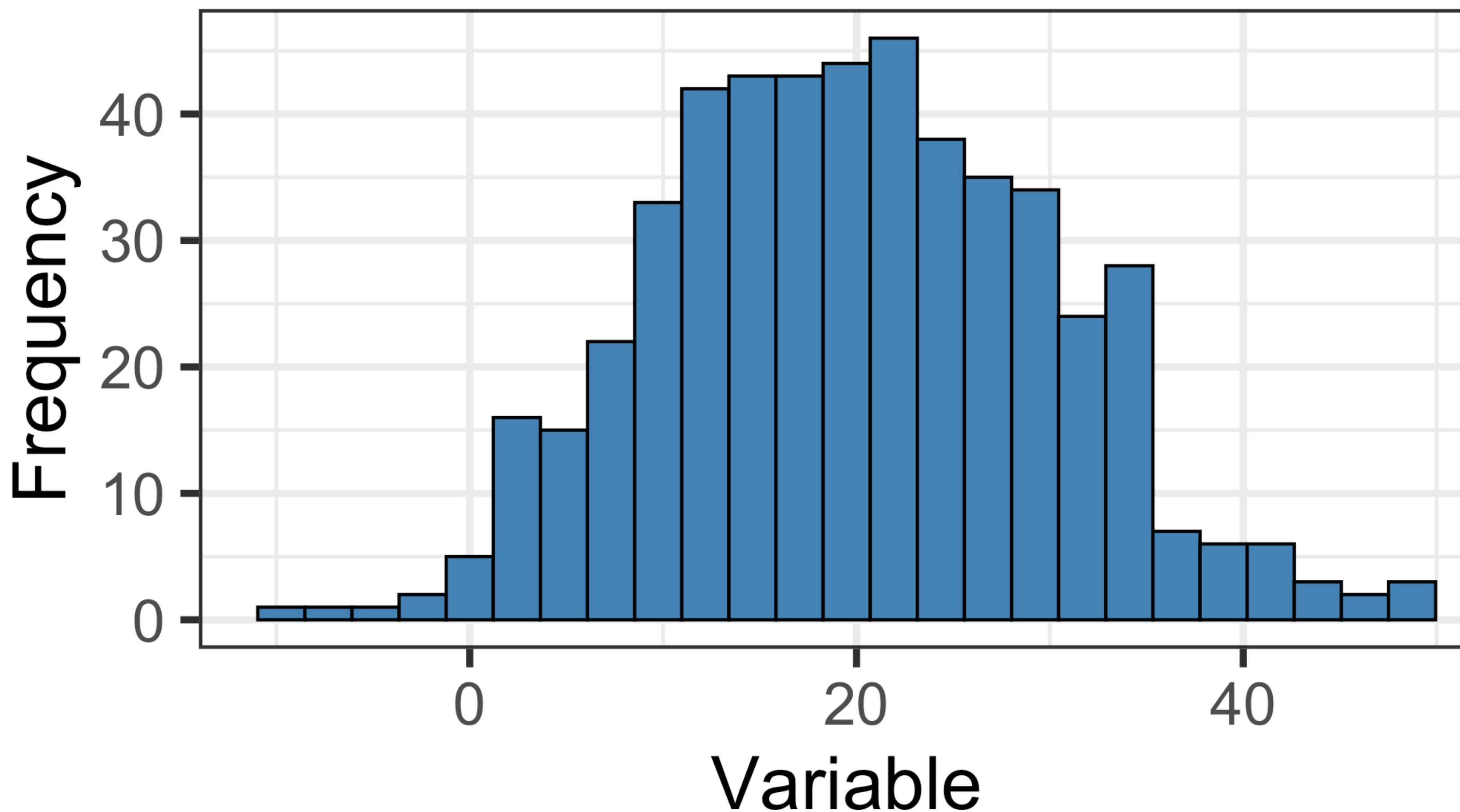
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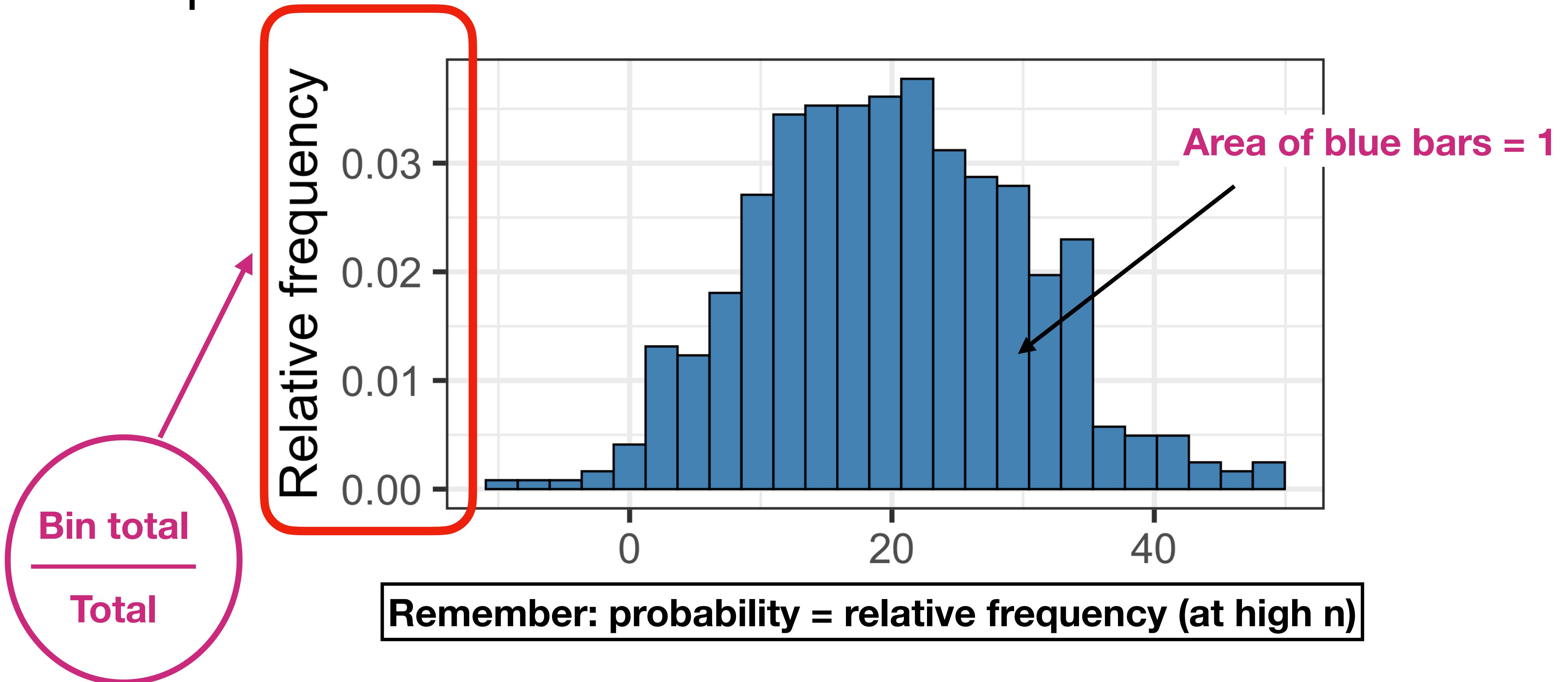
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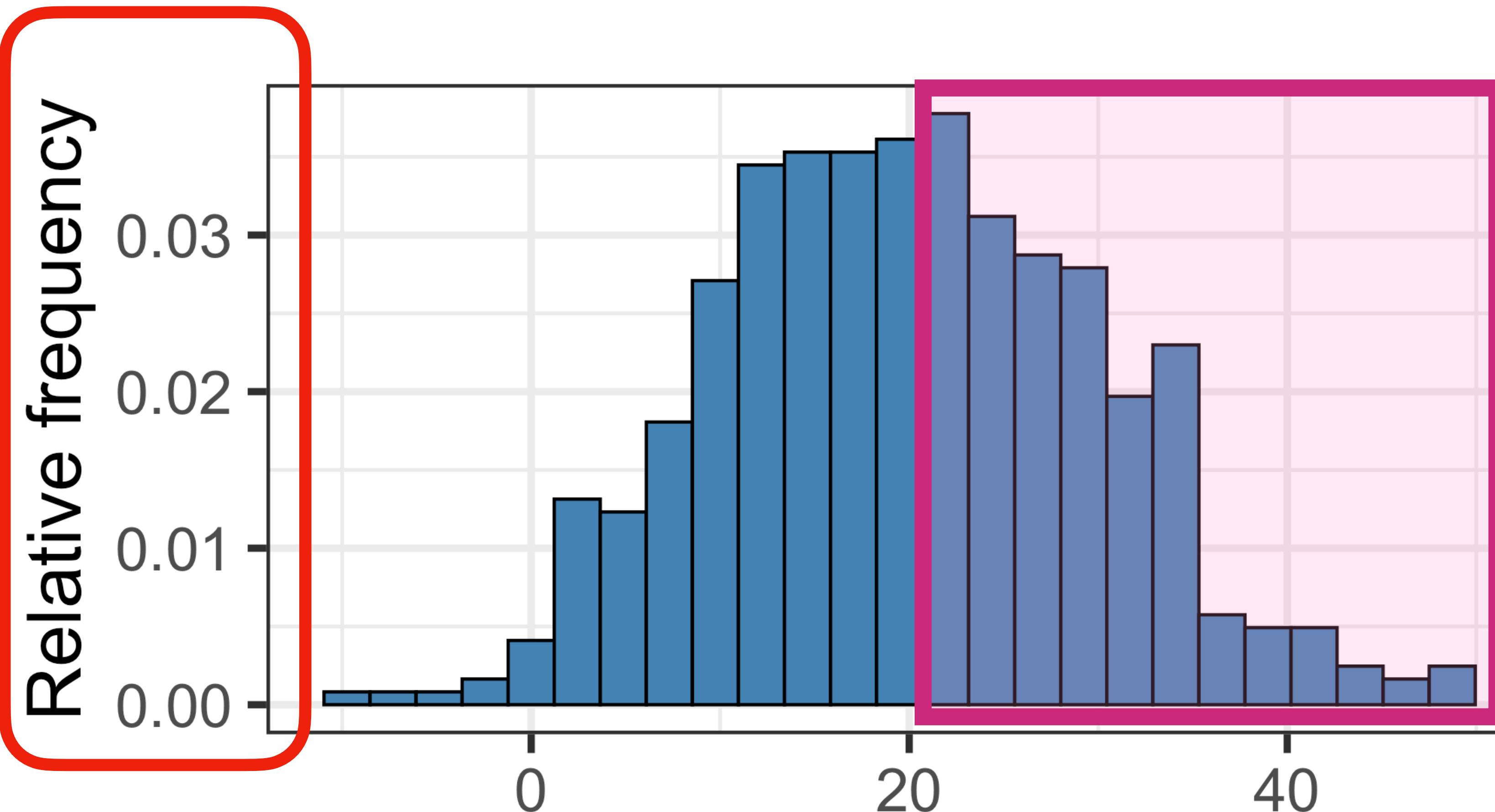
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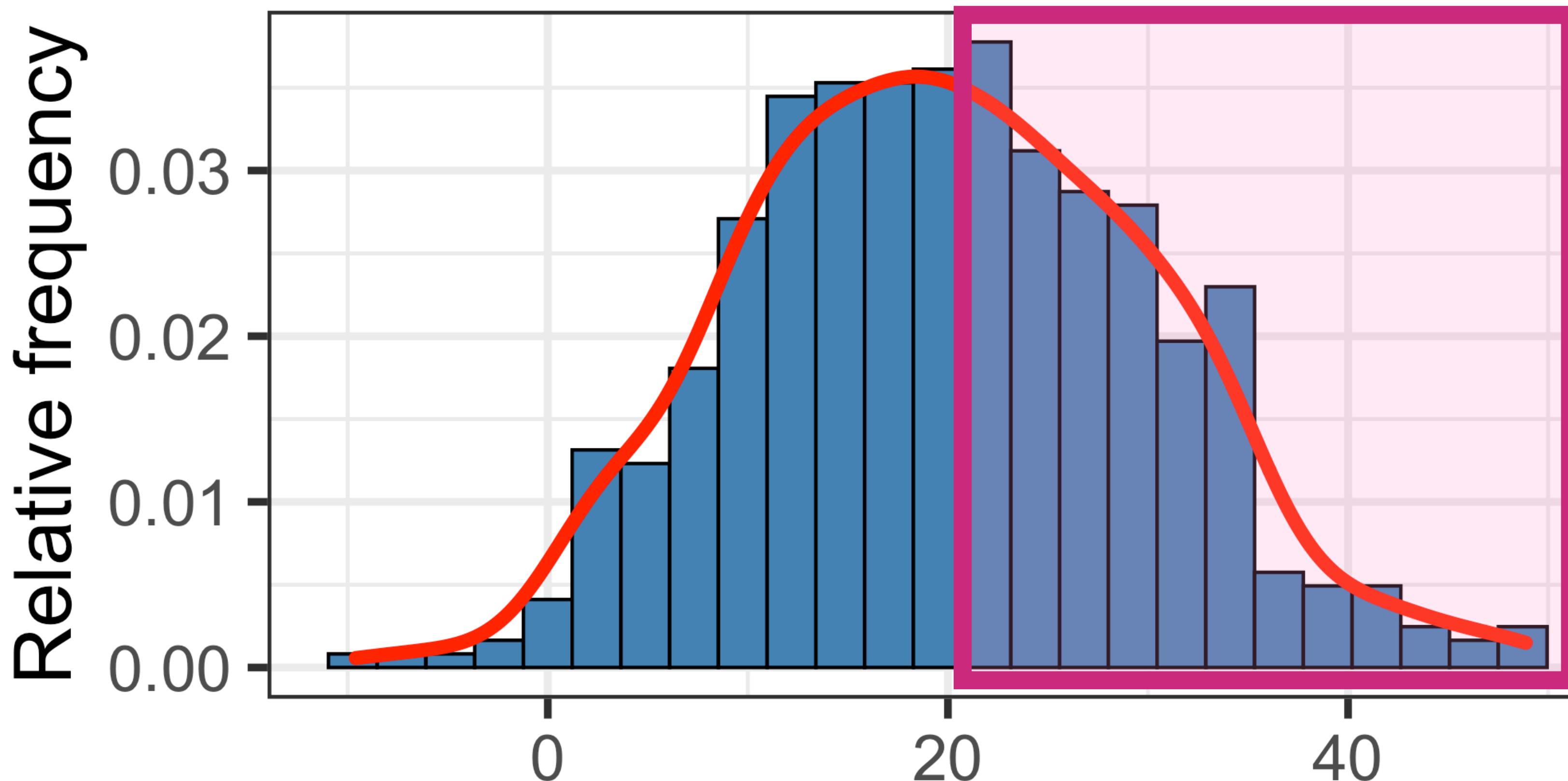
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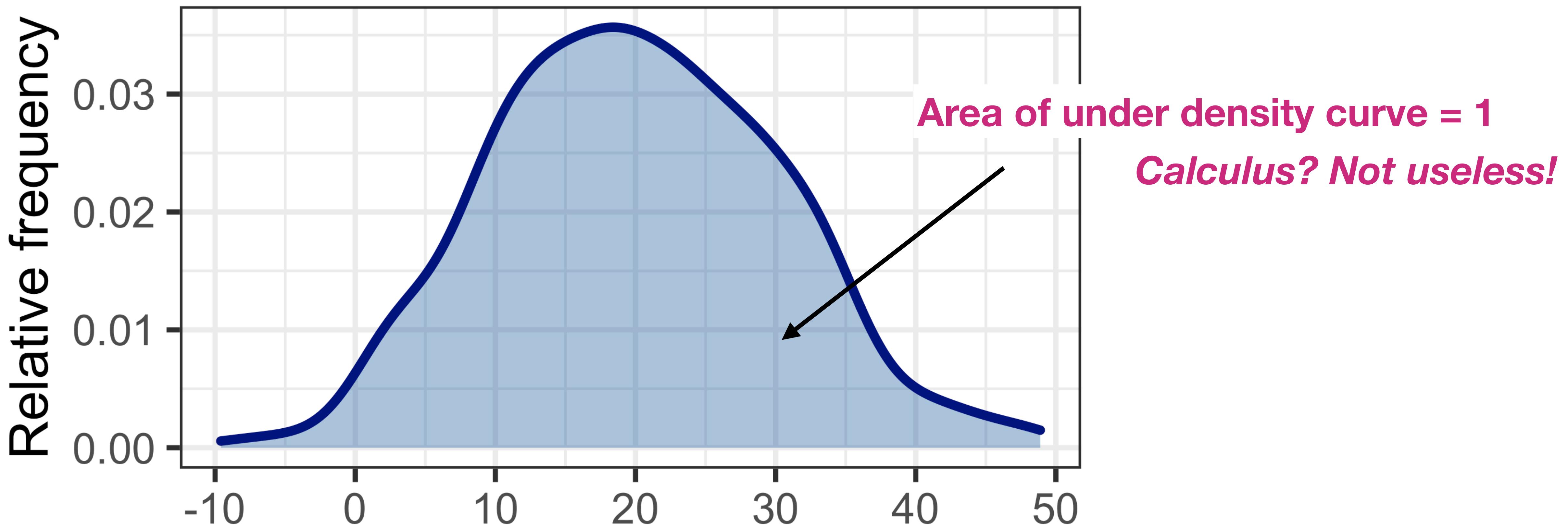
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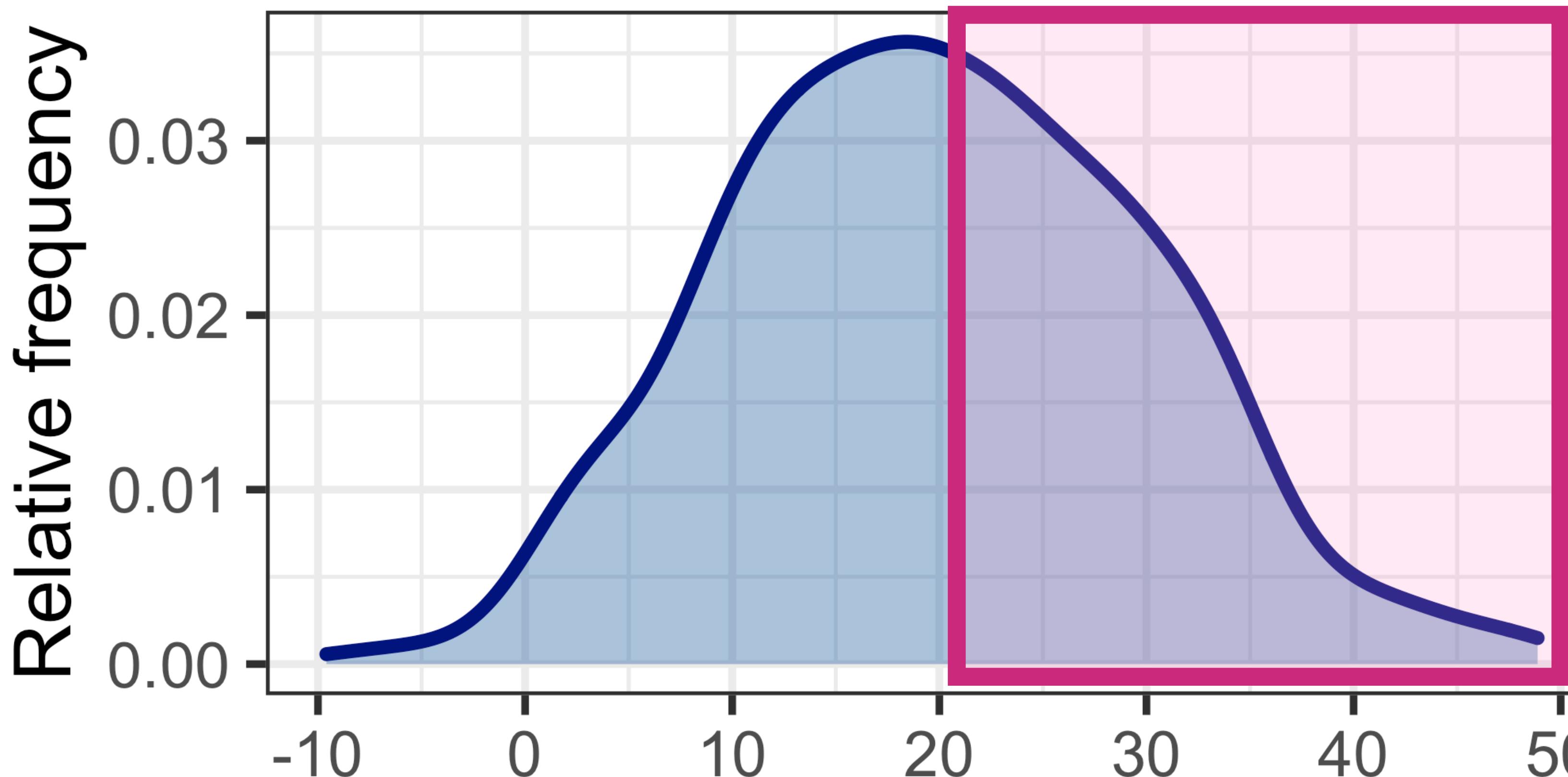
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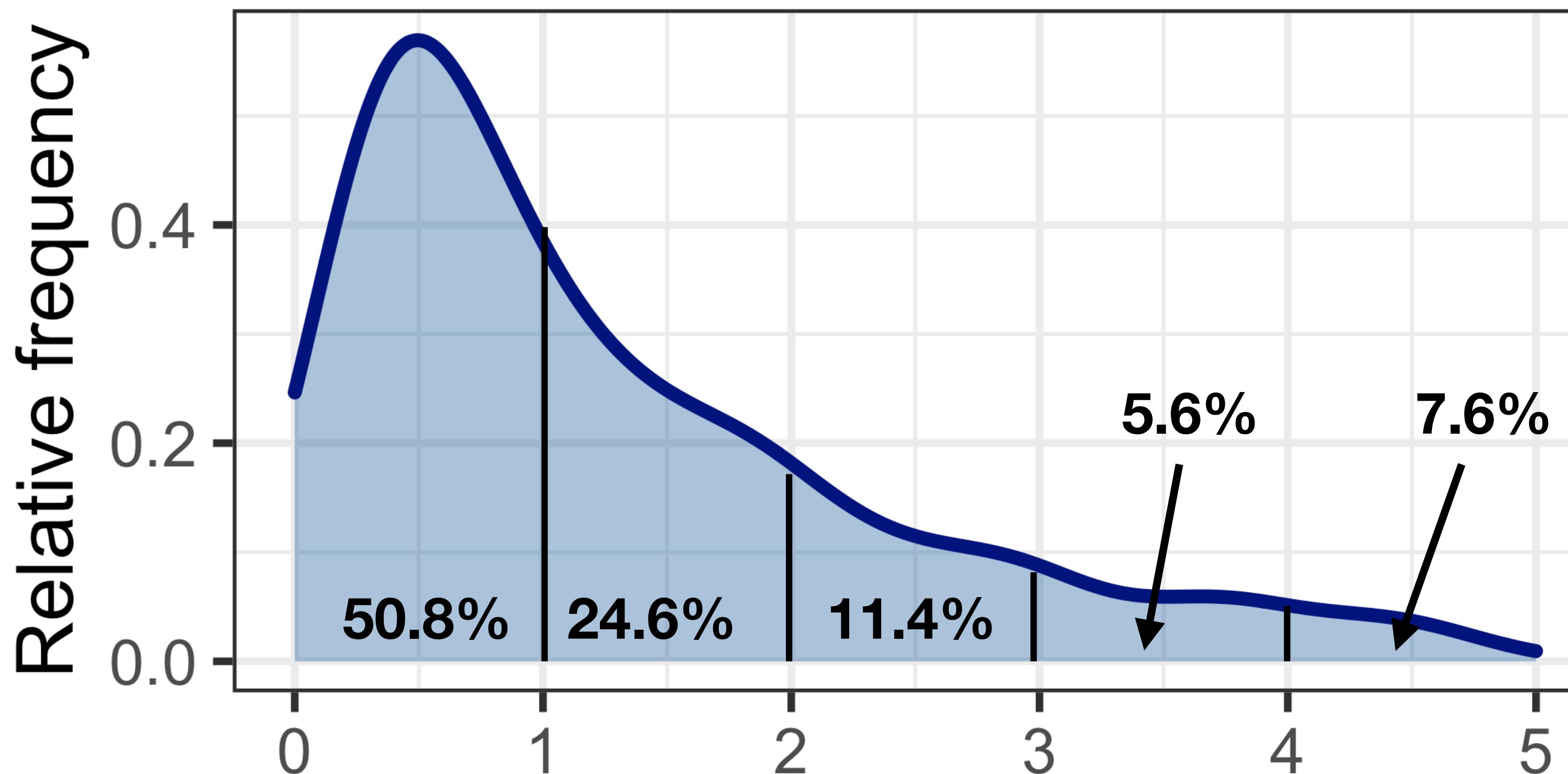
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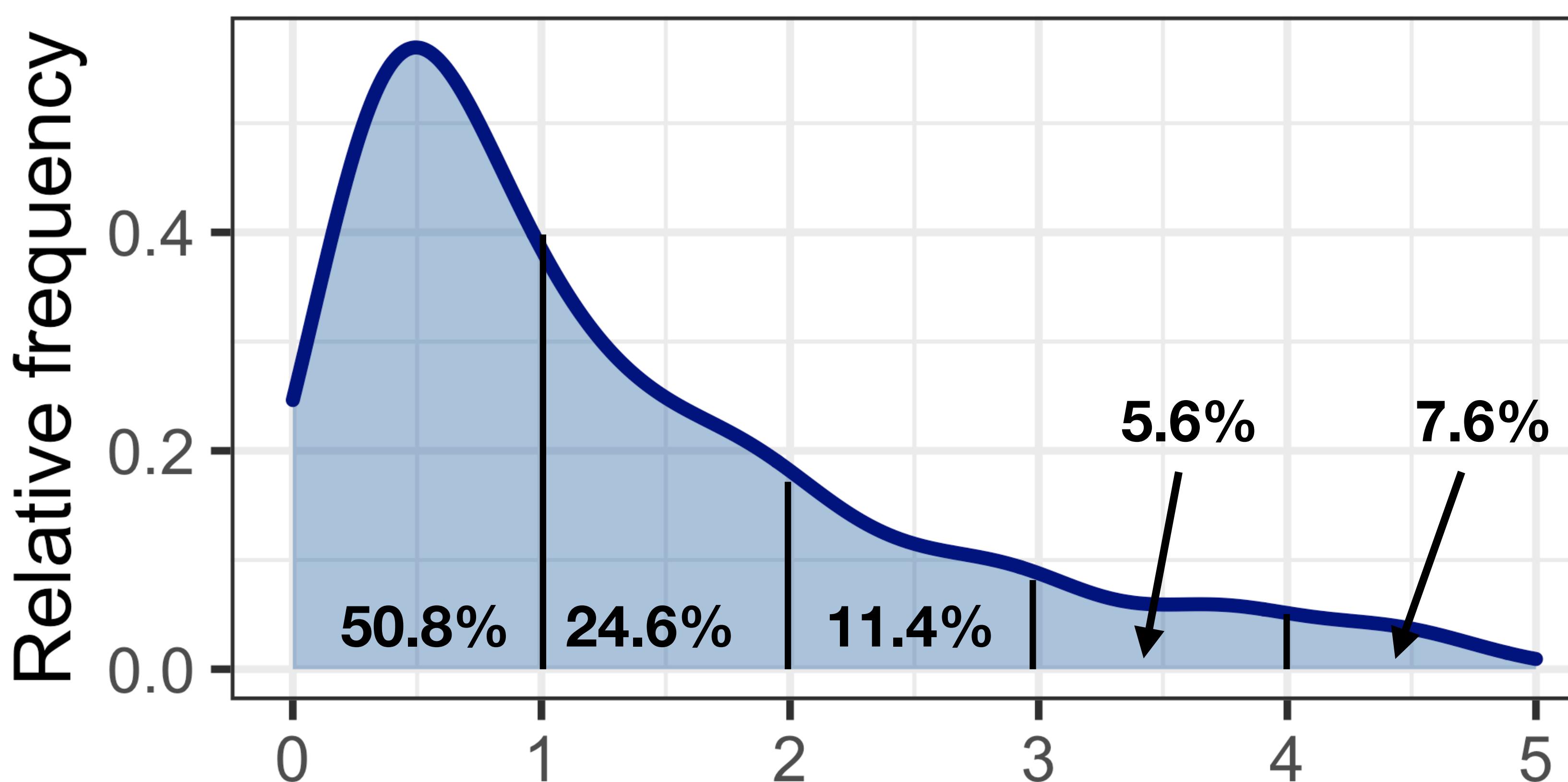
What is the probability that a given value falls between 1 and 3?

Add up the proportion of values between 1 and 3

$$24.6 + 11.4 = 37.8\%$$

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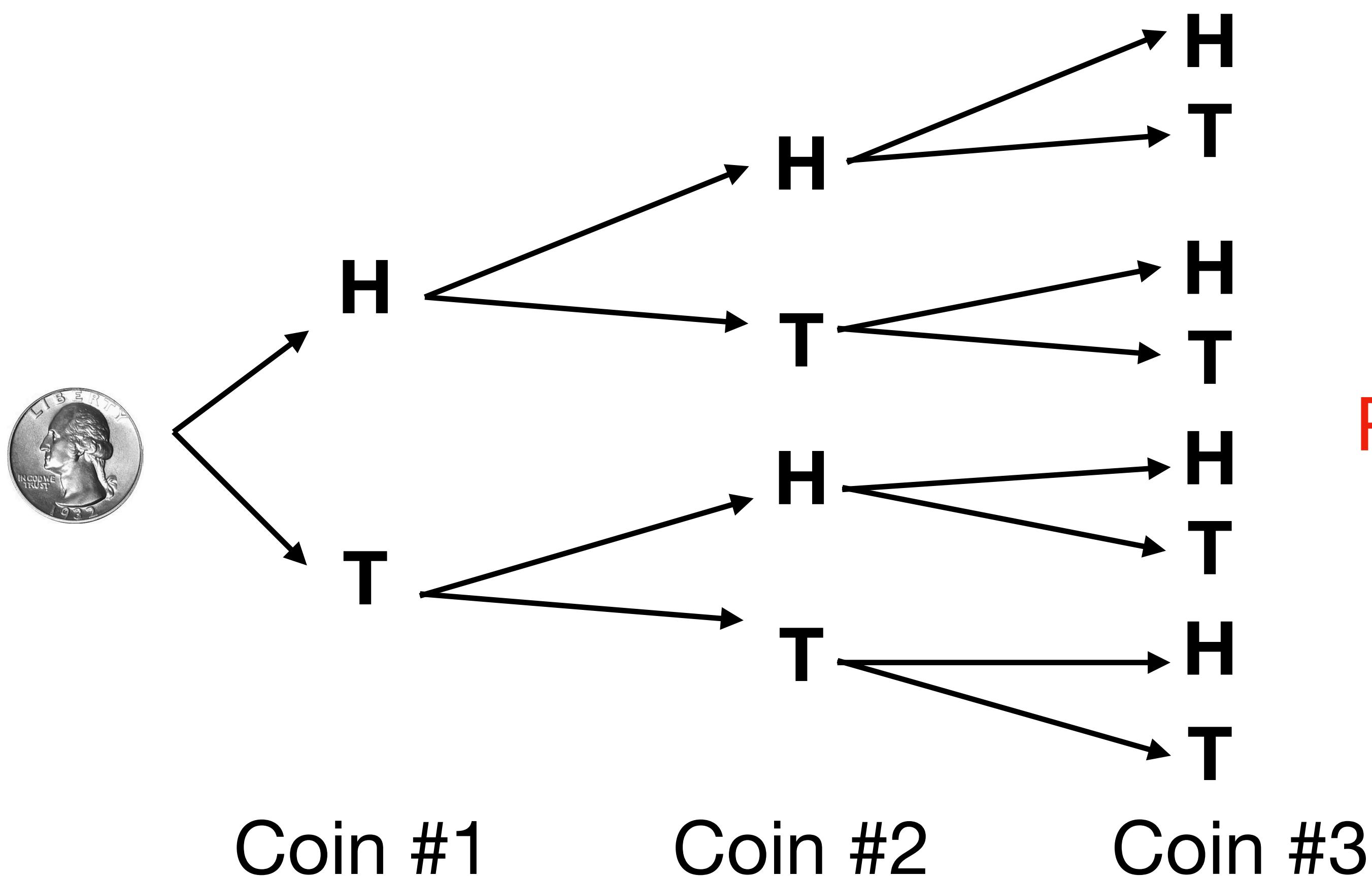
Suppose you take a sample of two individuals, what is the probability that both values will be > 1 ?

TBD...

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Visualizing probabilities with trees

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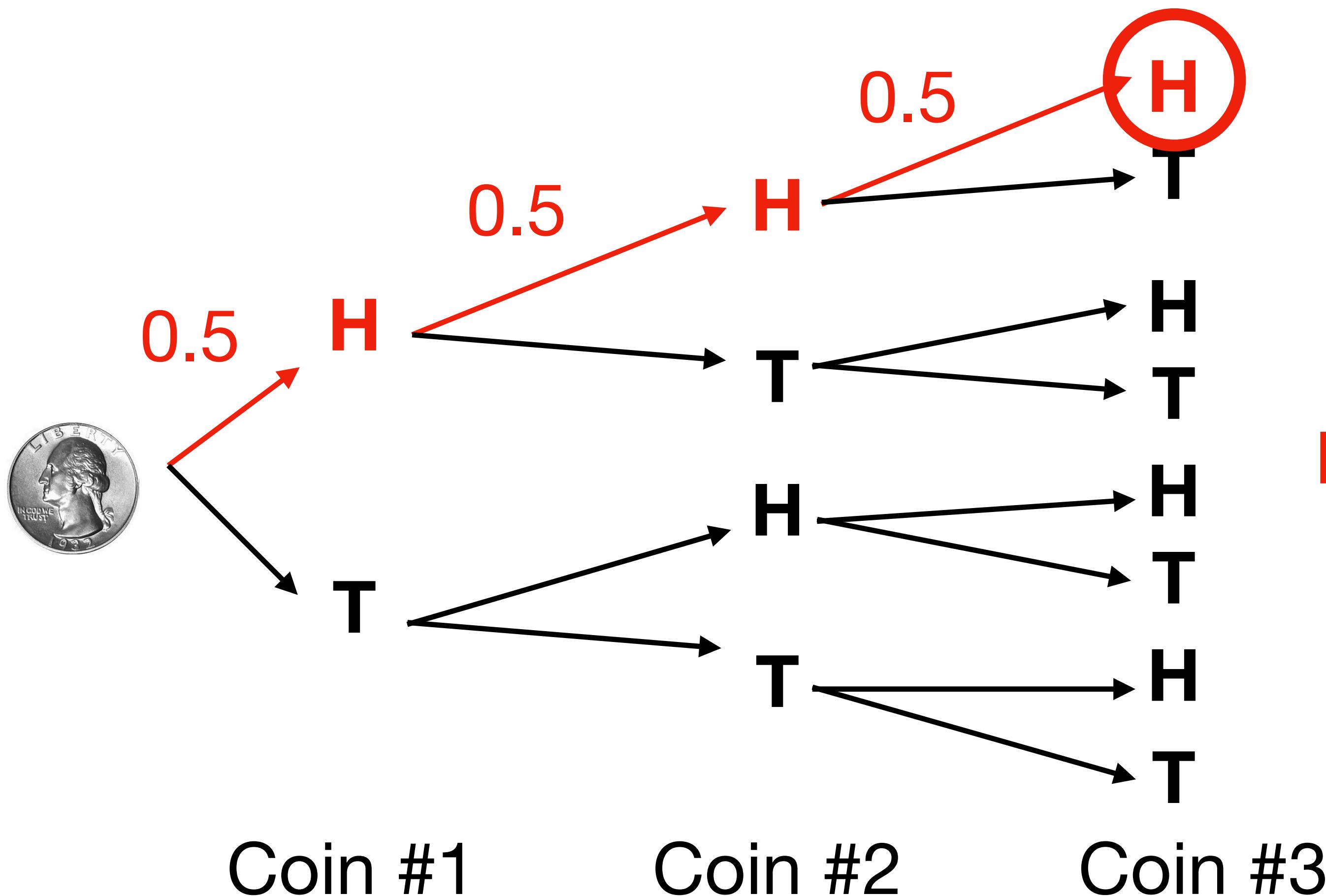


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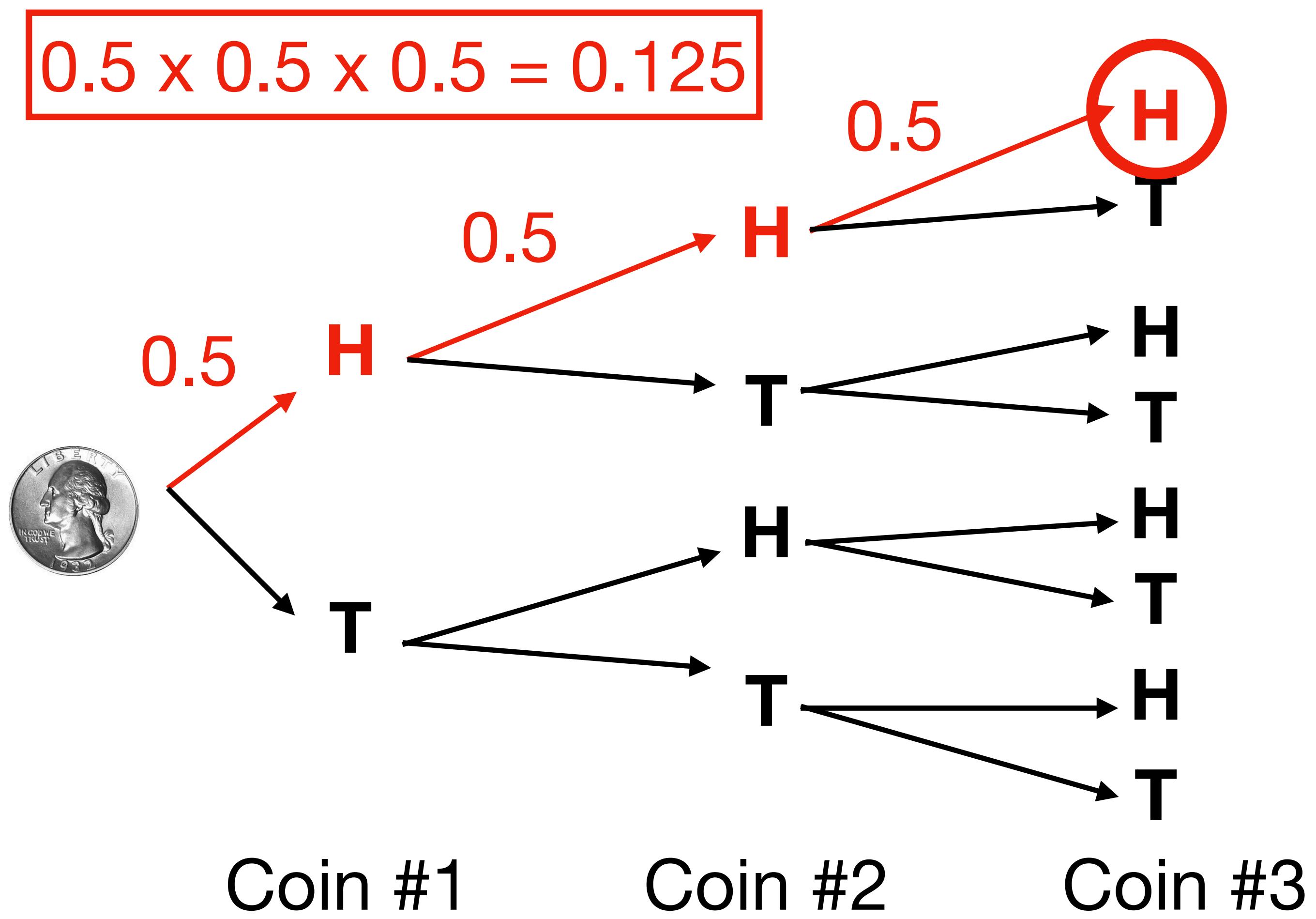


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$$\Pr = \frac{\# \text{ Fav. outcomes}}{\# \text{ Total outcomes}} = \frac{1}{8} \quad \checkmark$$

$$0.5 \times 0.5 \times 0.5 = 0.125 \text{ (or } 1/8\text{)}$$

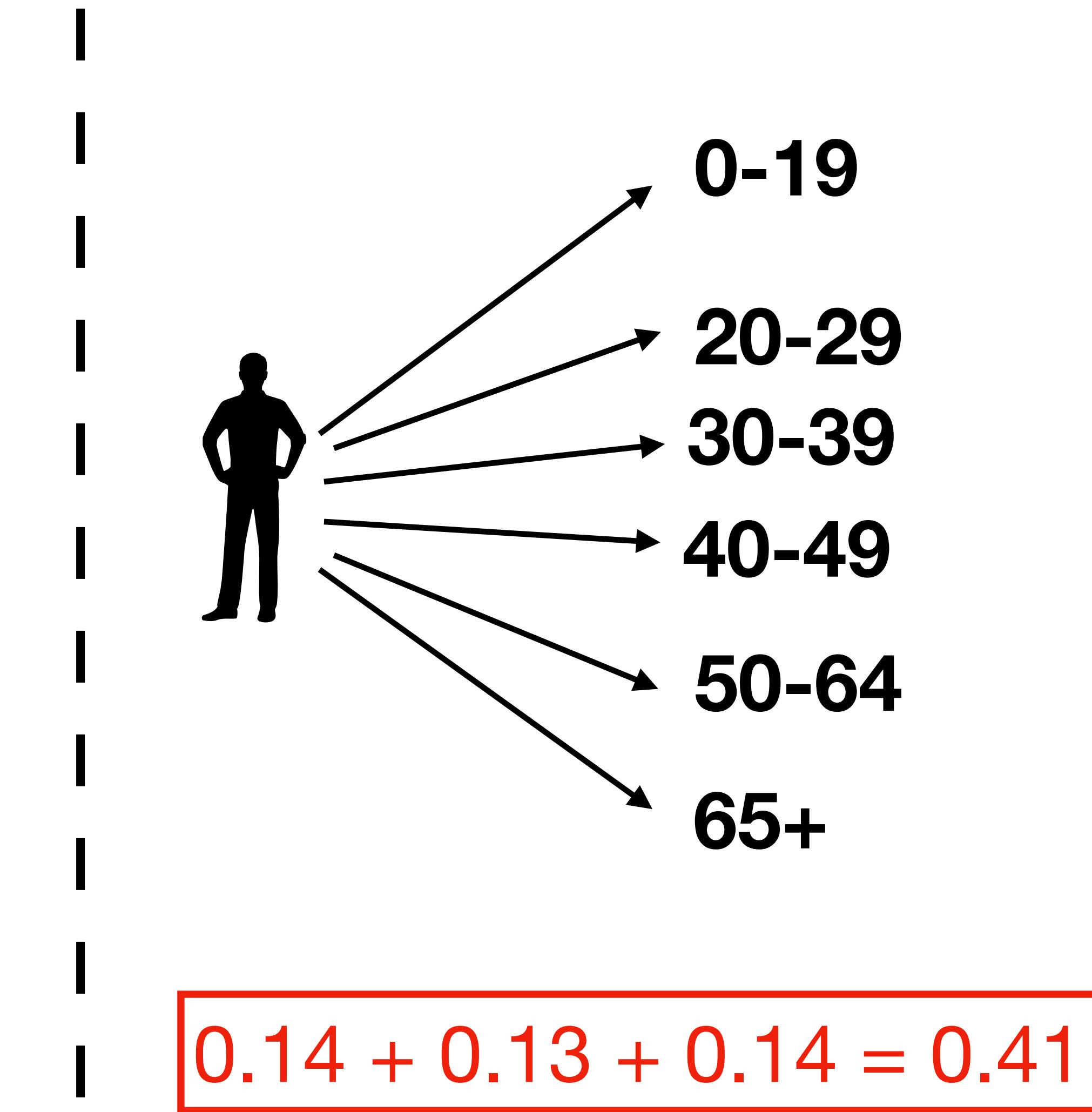
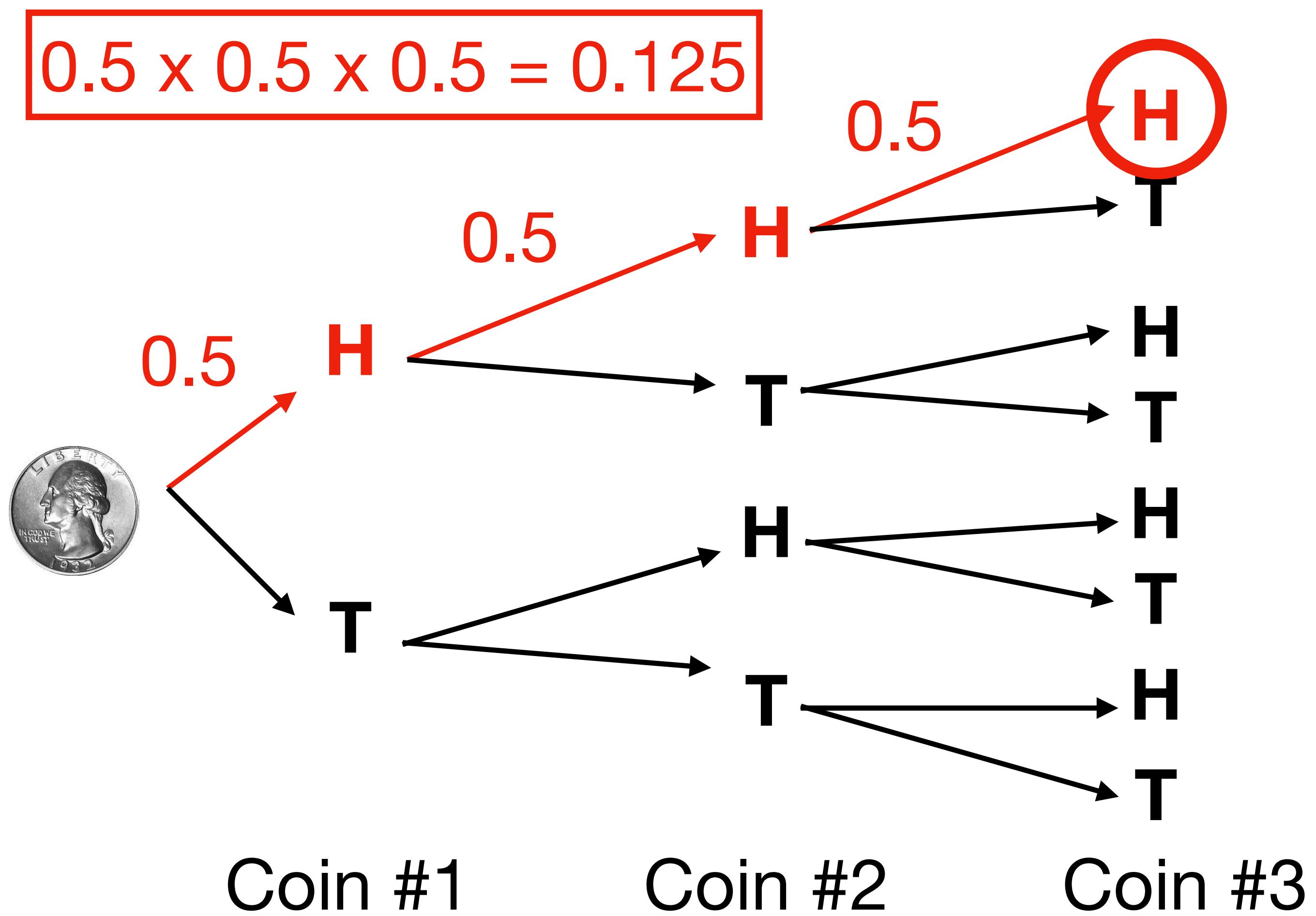
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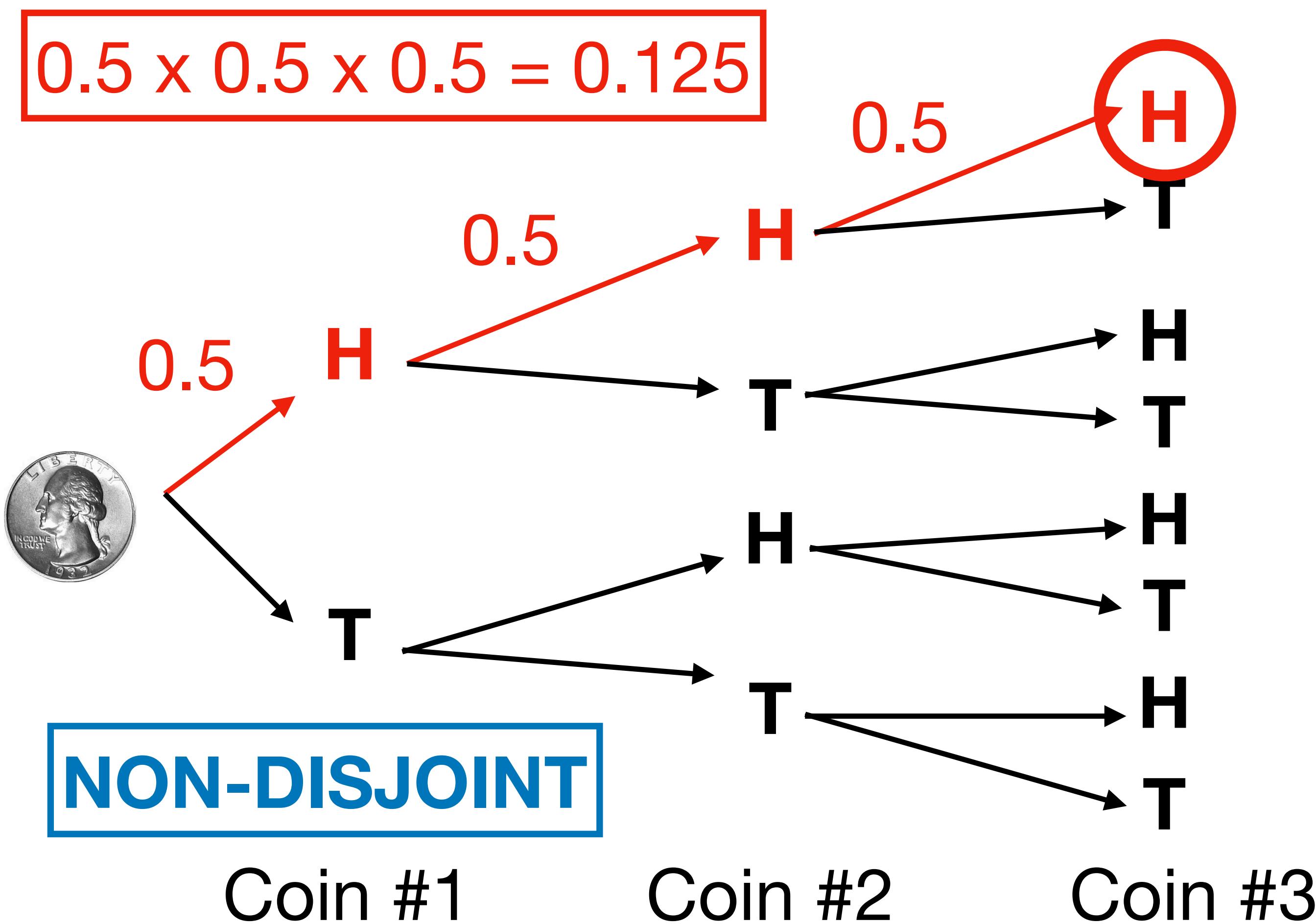
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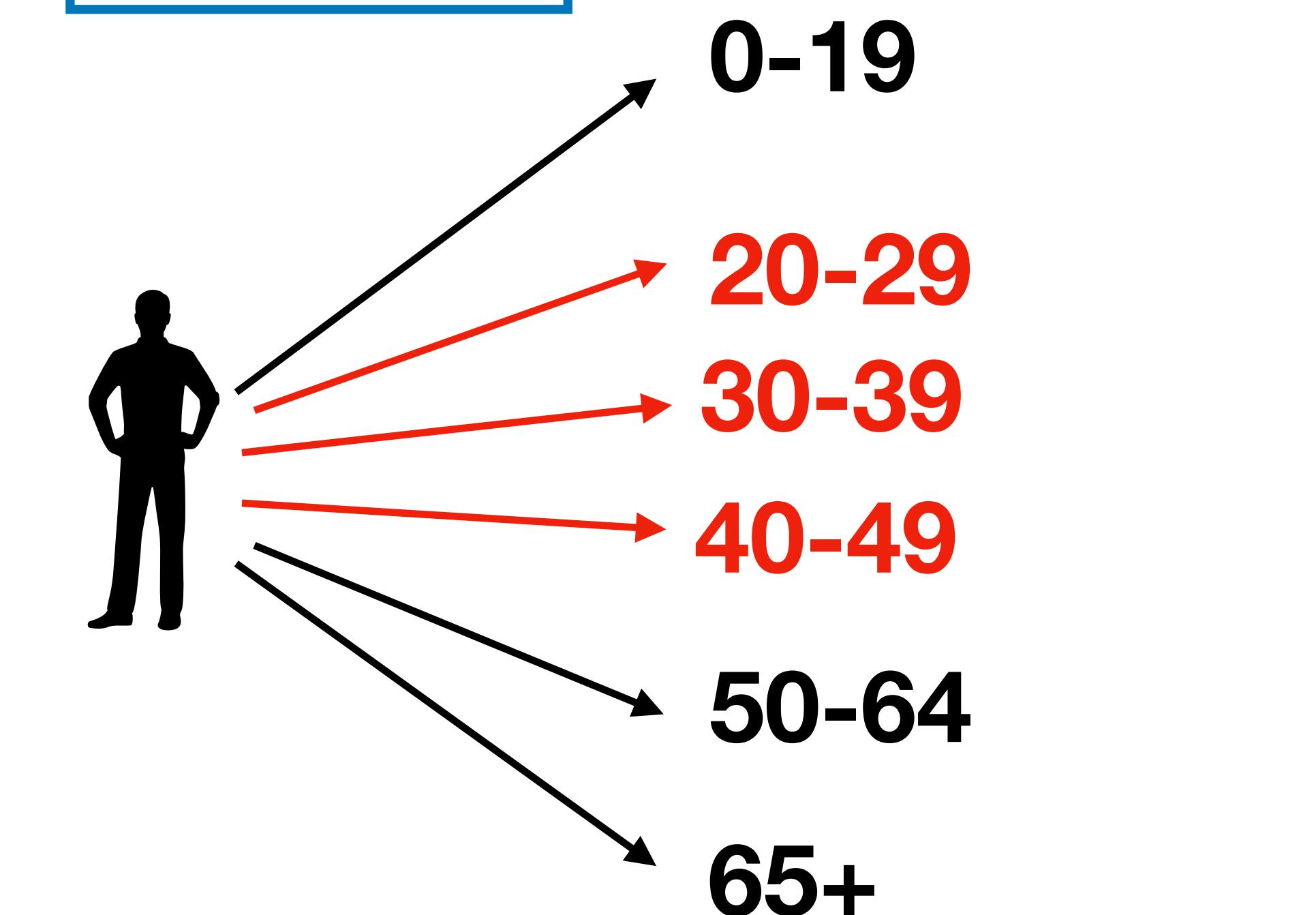
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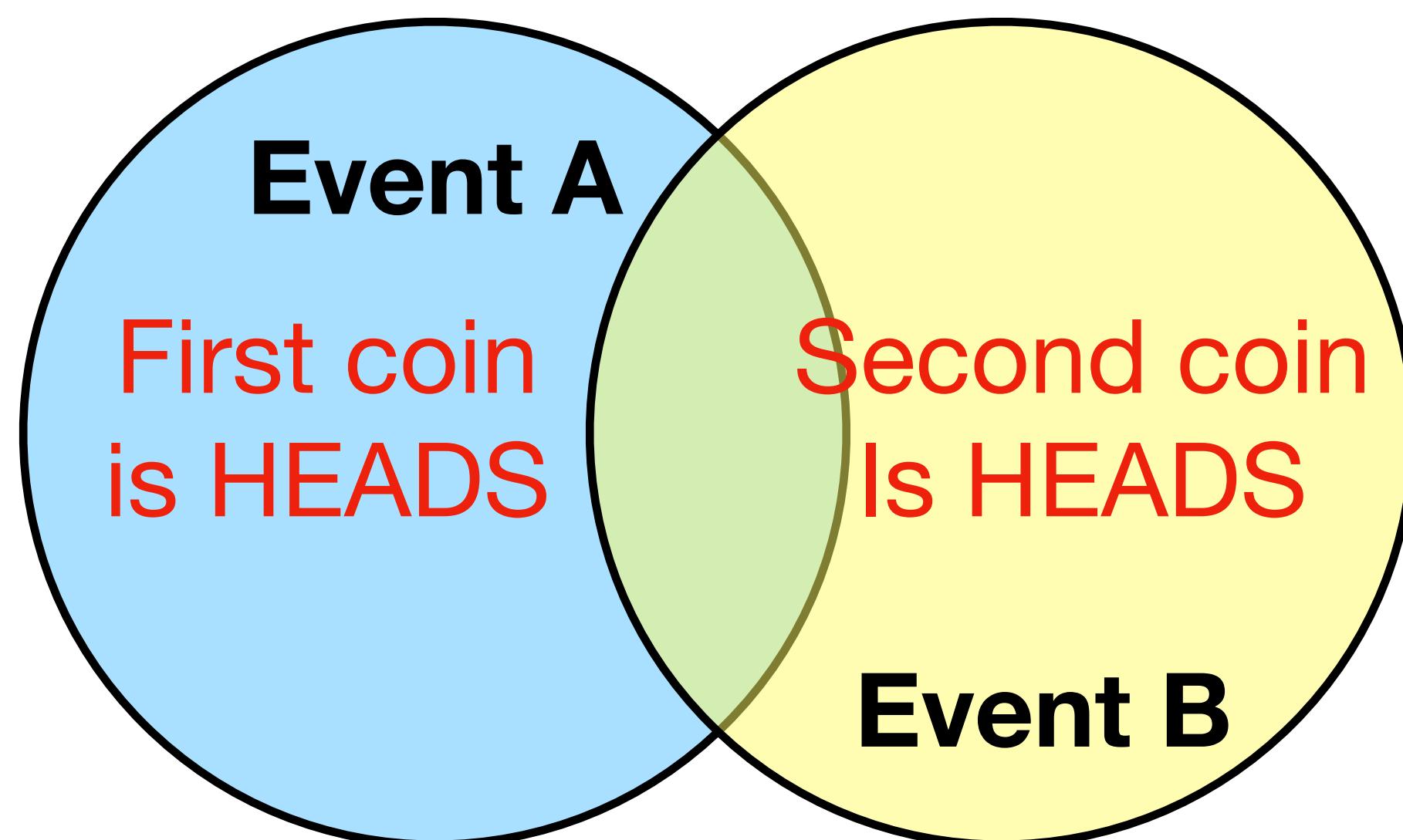


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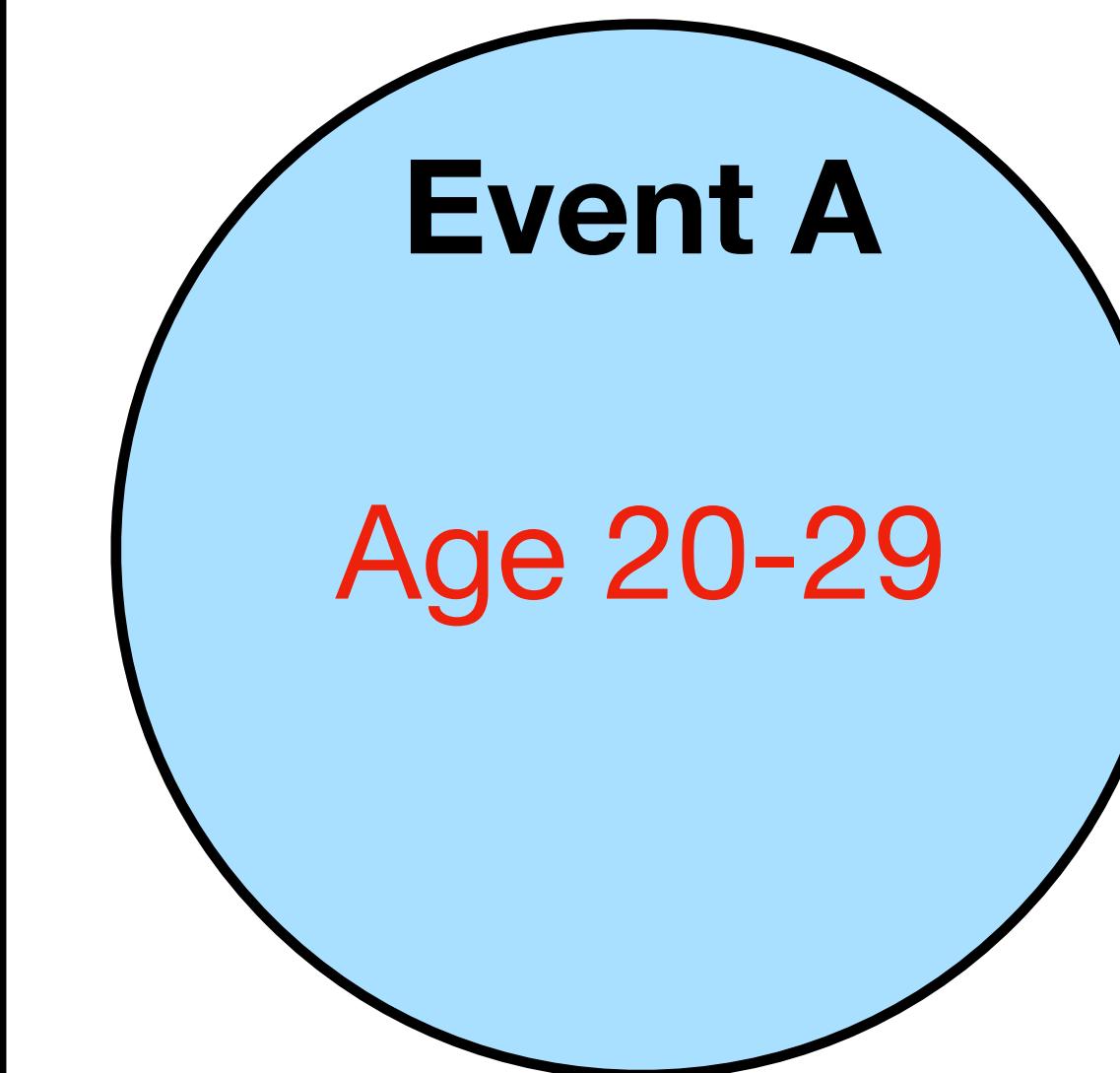


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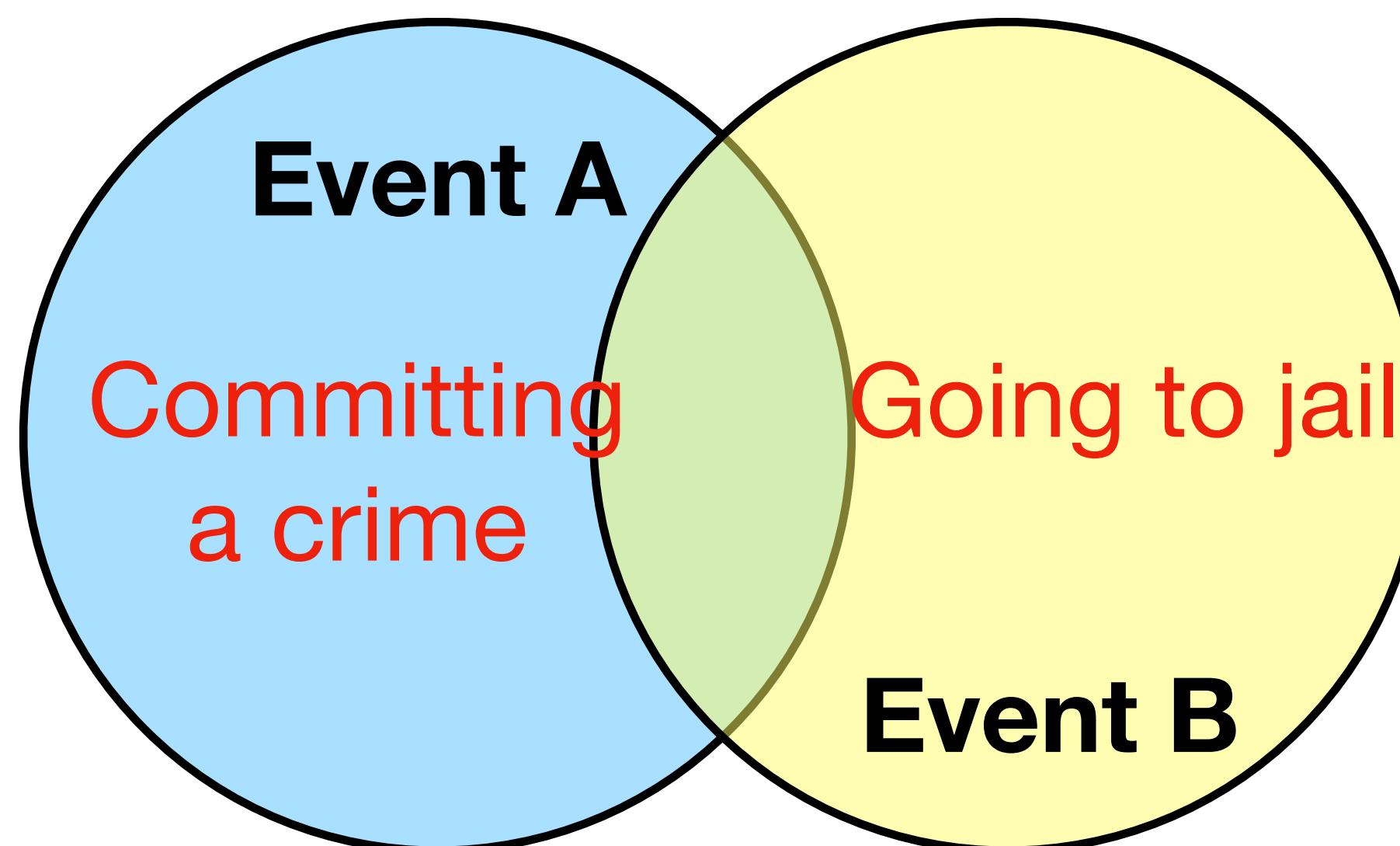


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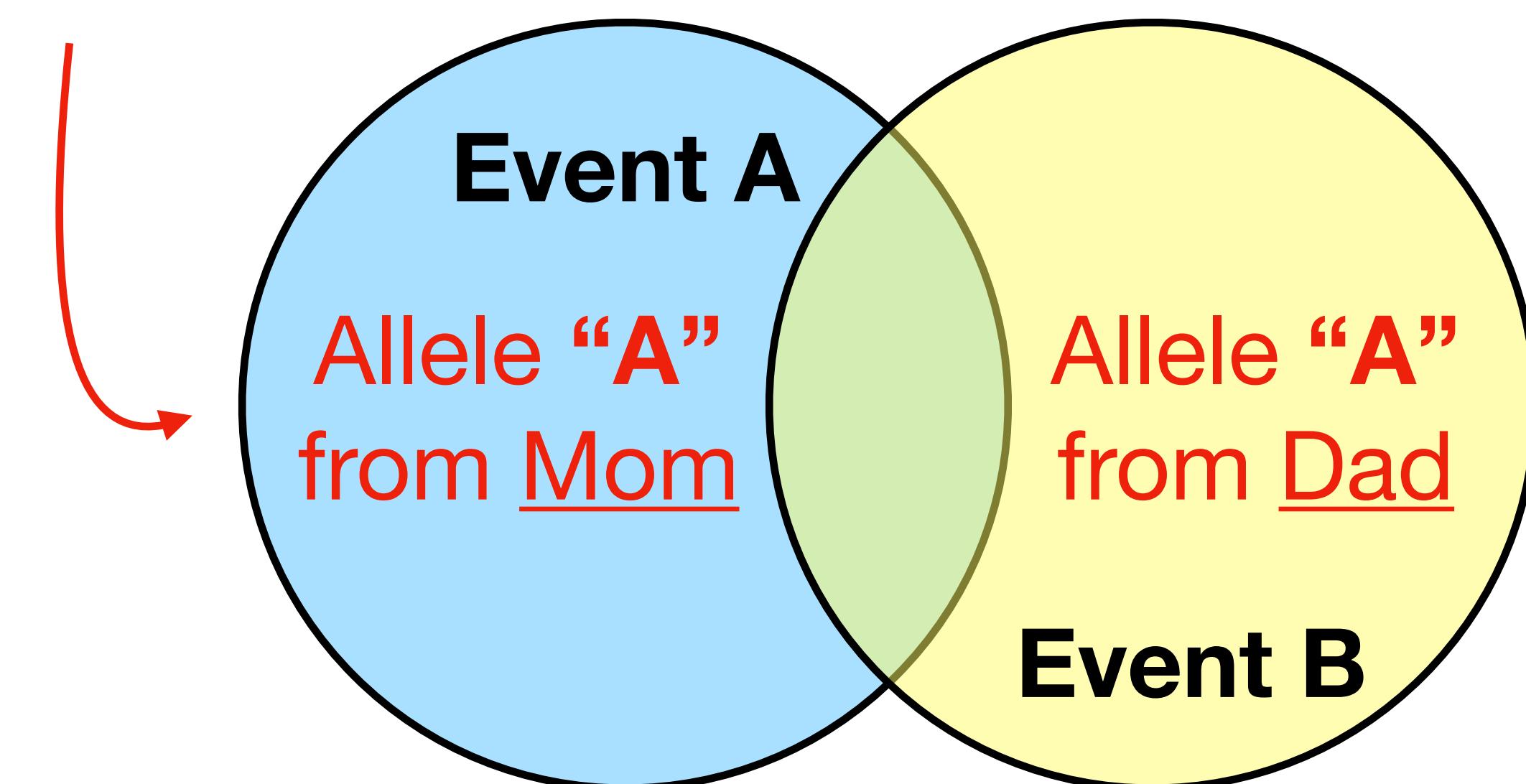
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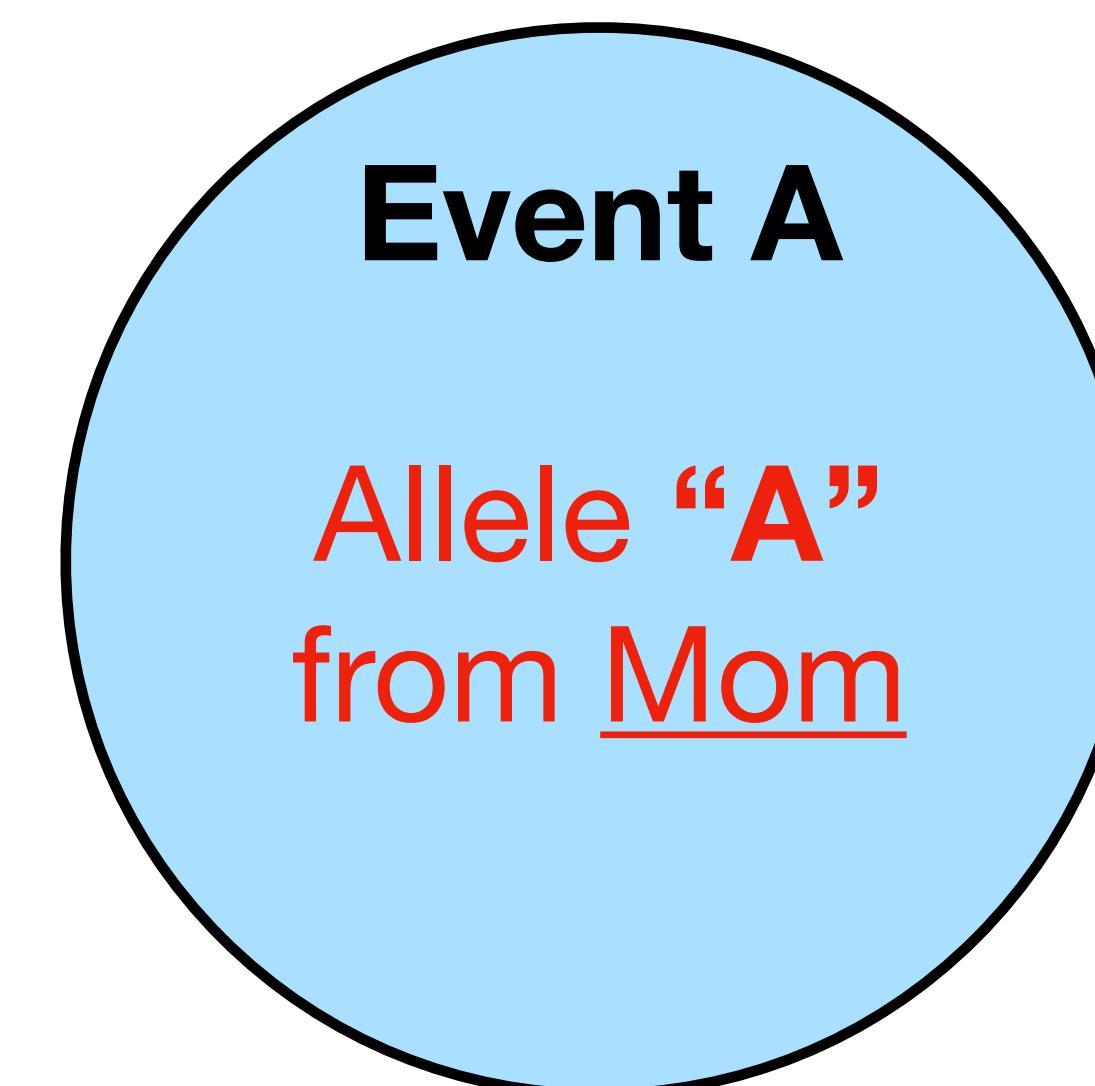
Defining disjoint events (mutually exclusive)

$Aa \times Aa = ?$



and/or

NON-DISJOINT

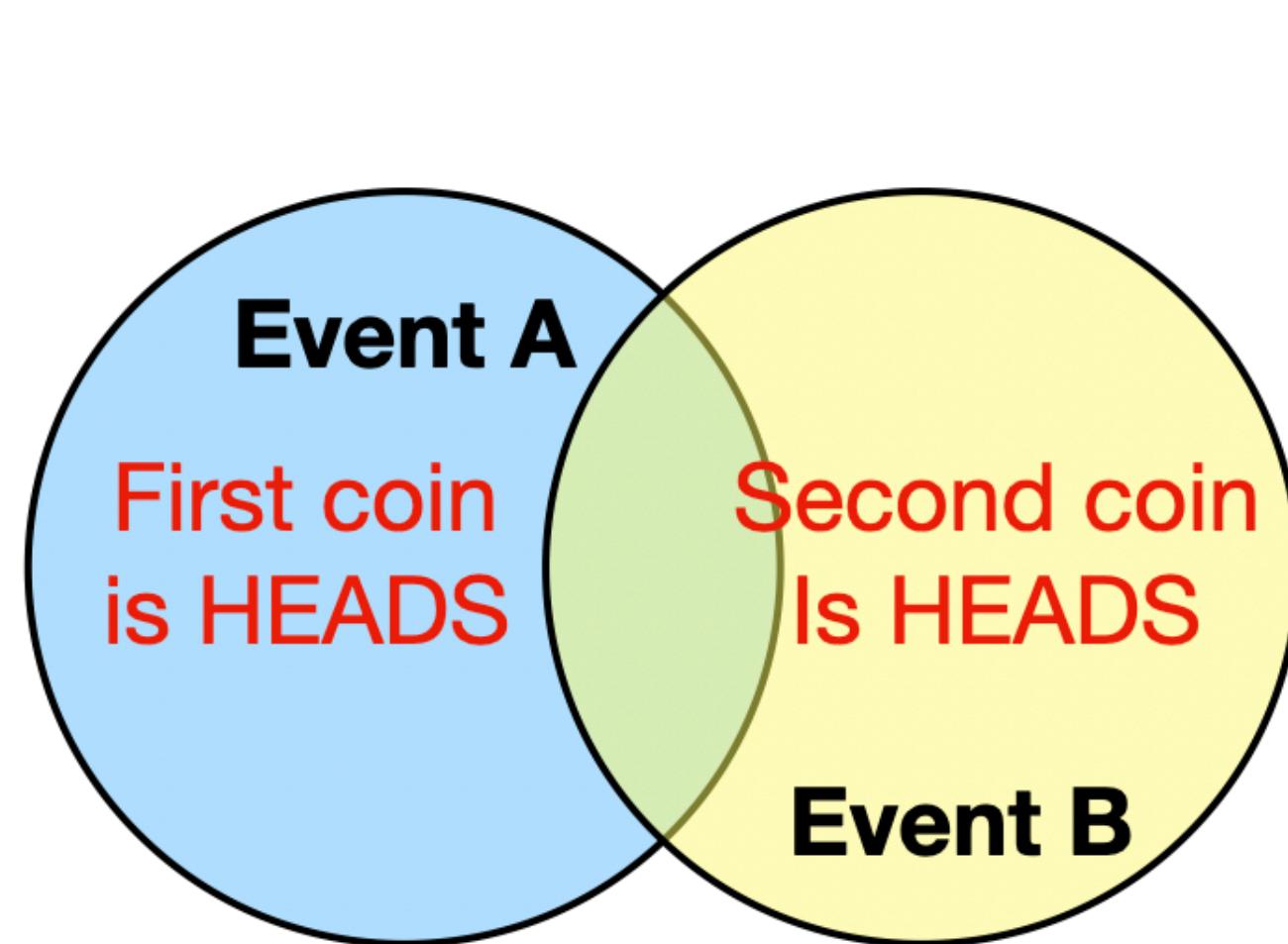


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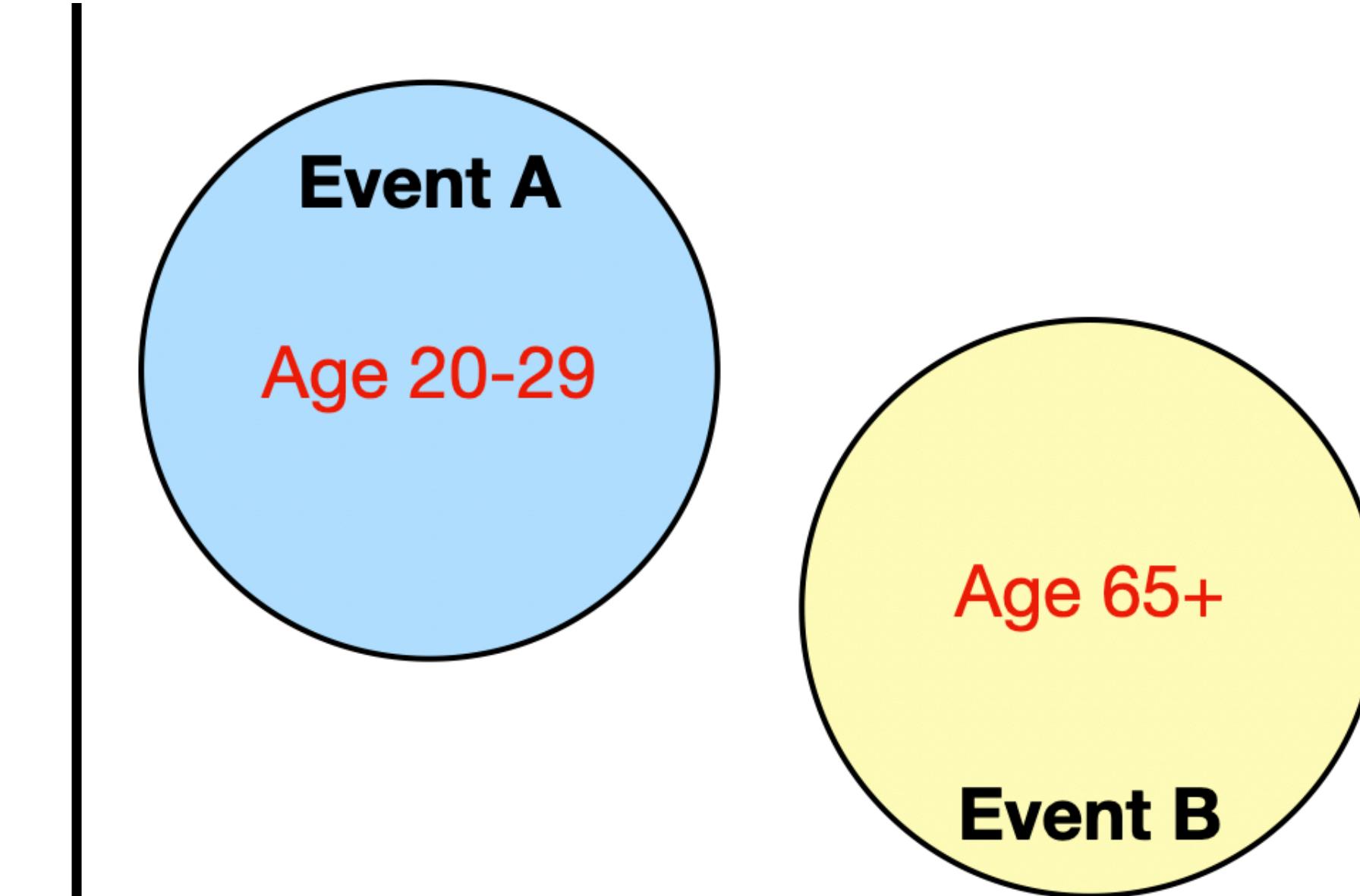
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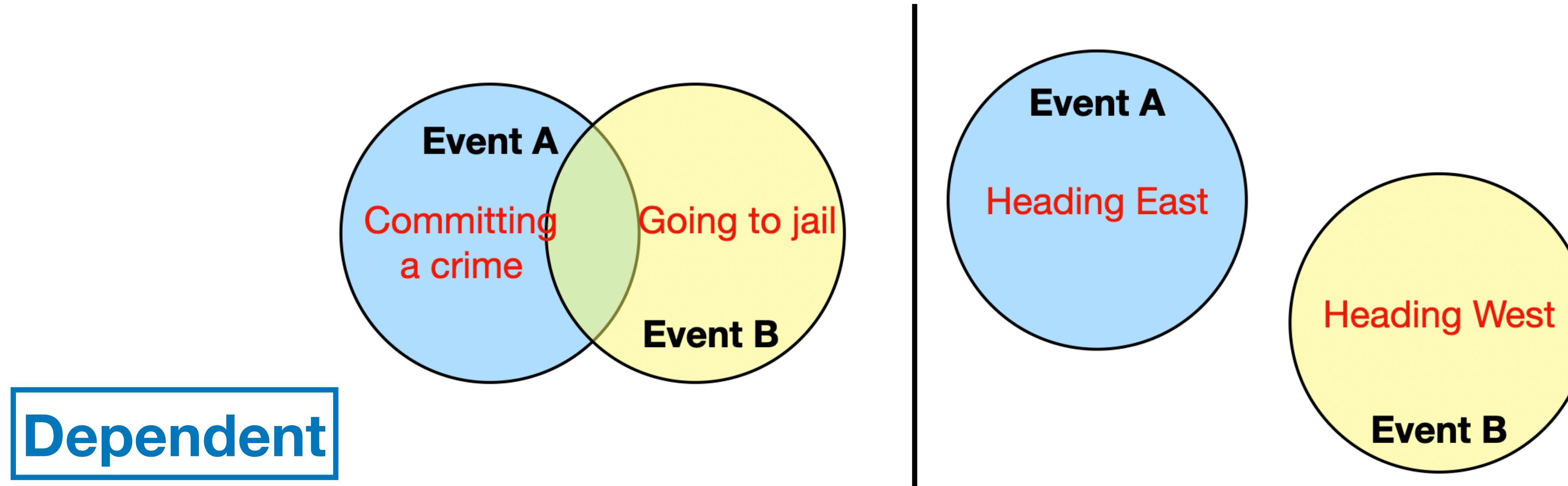
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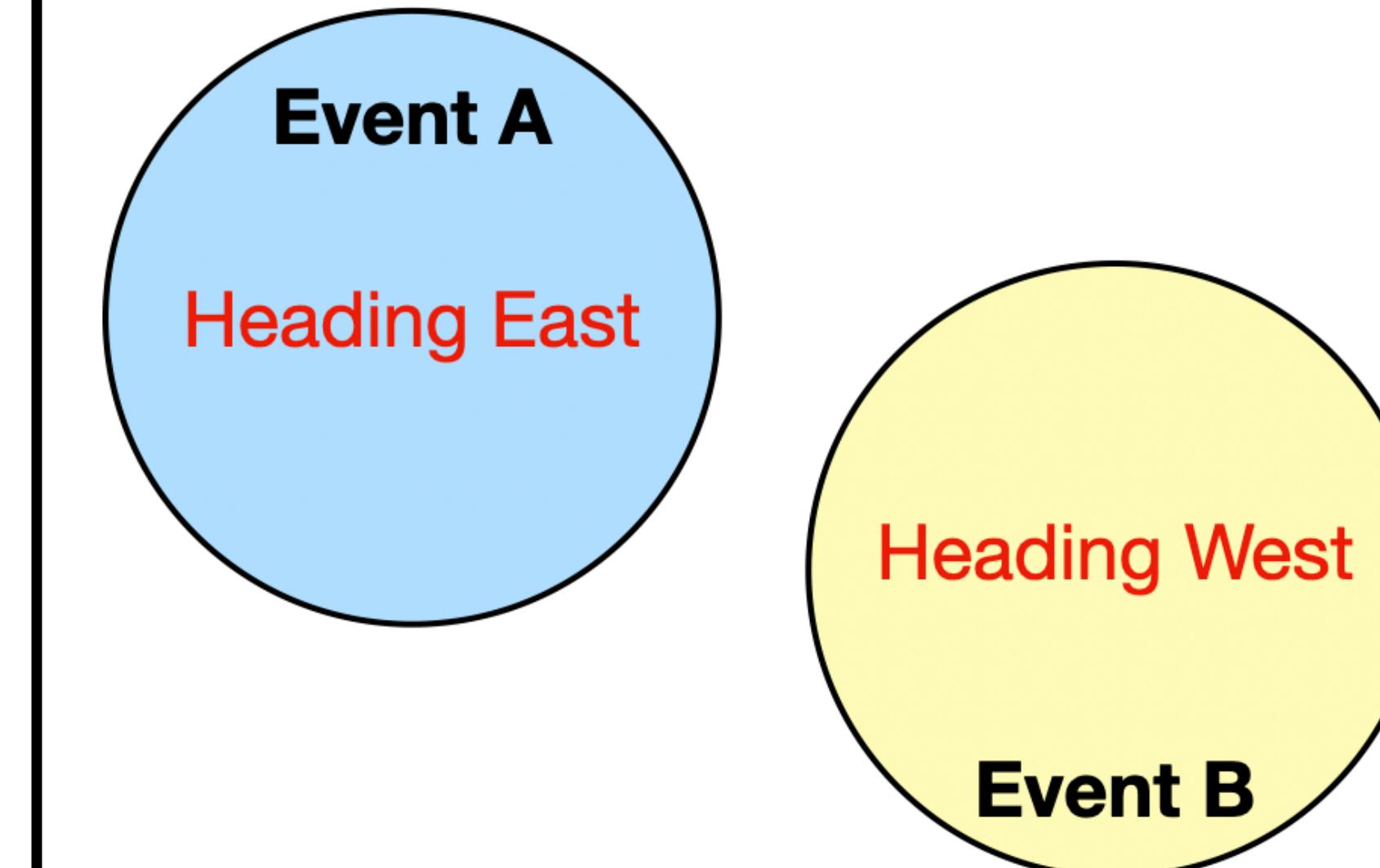


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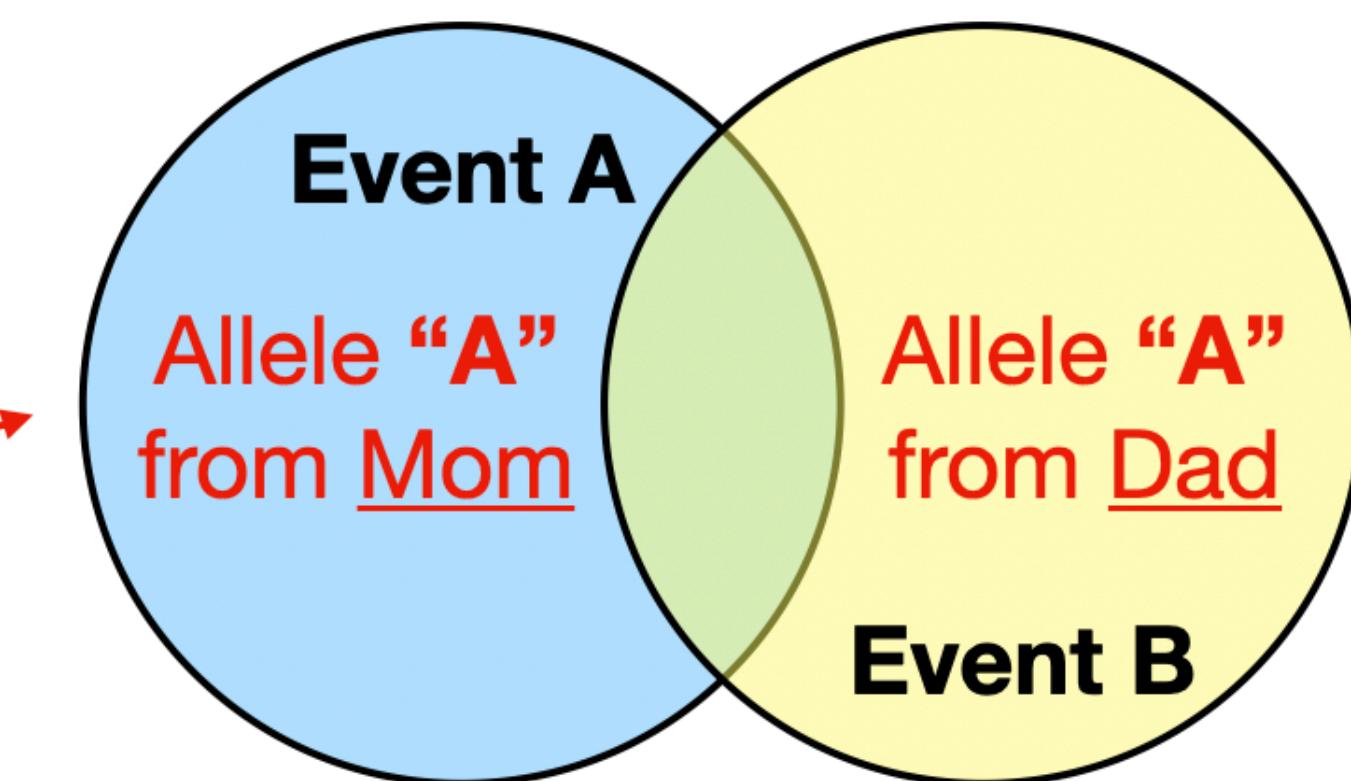


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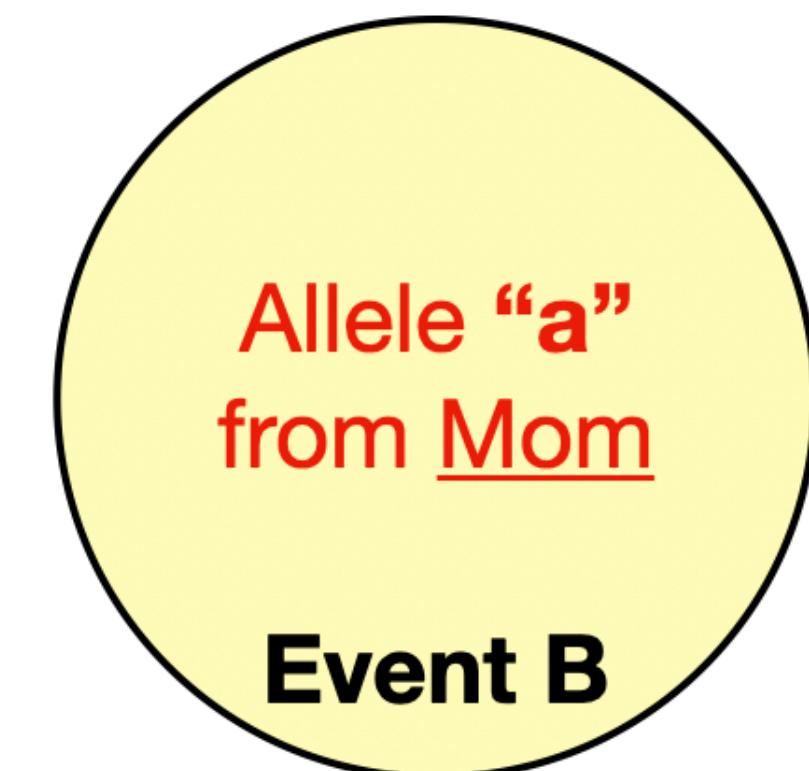
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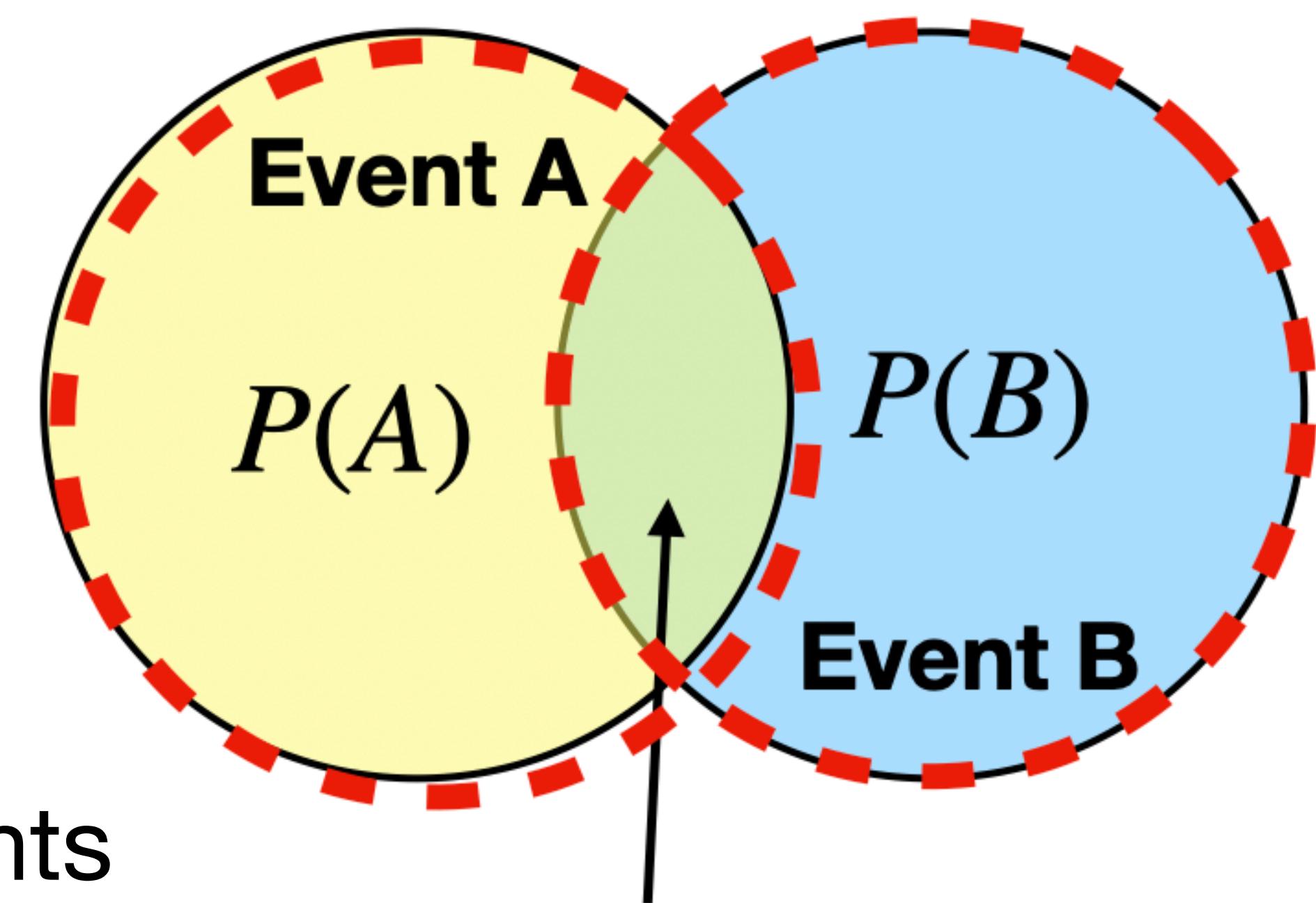
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| | Independent | Dependent |
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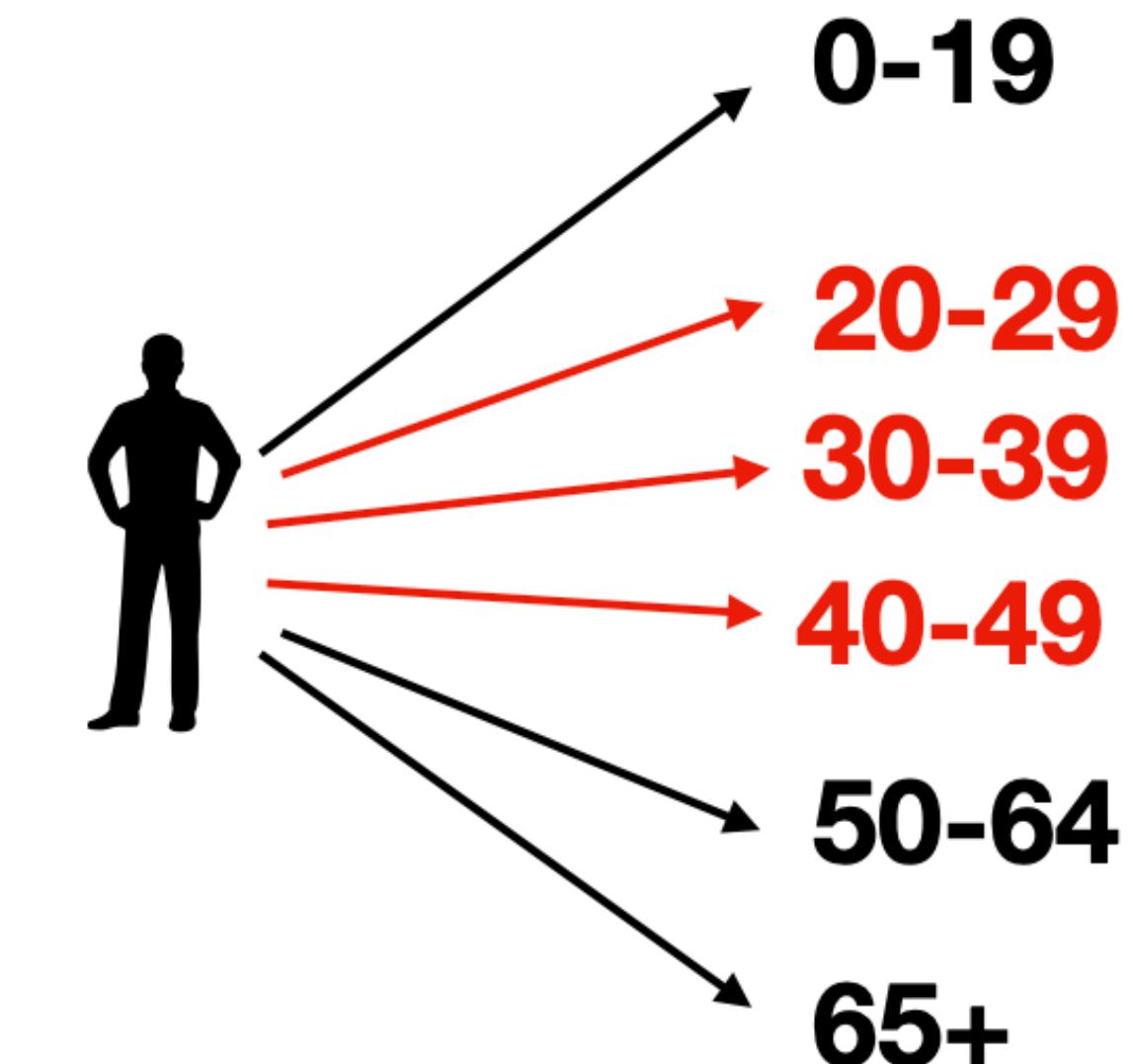
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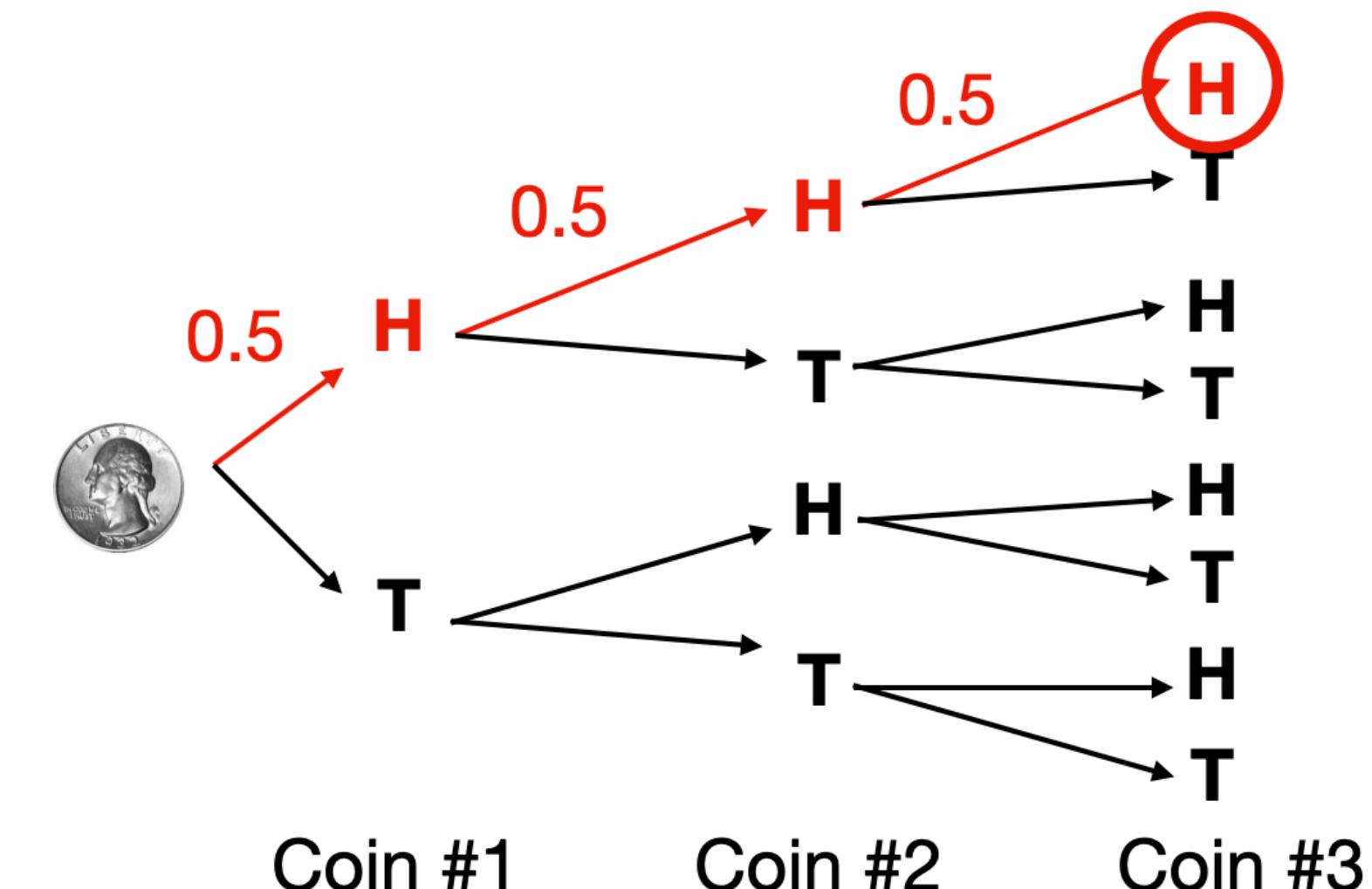
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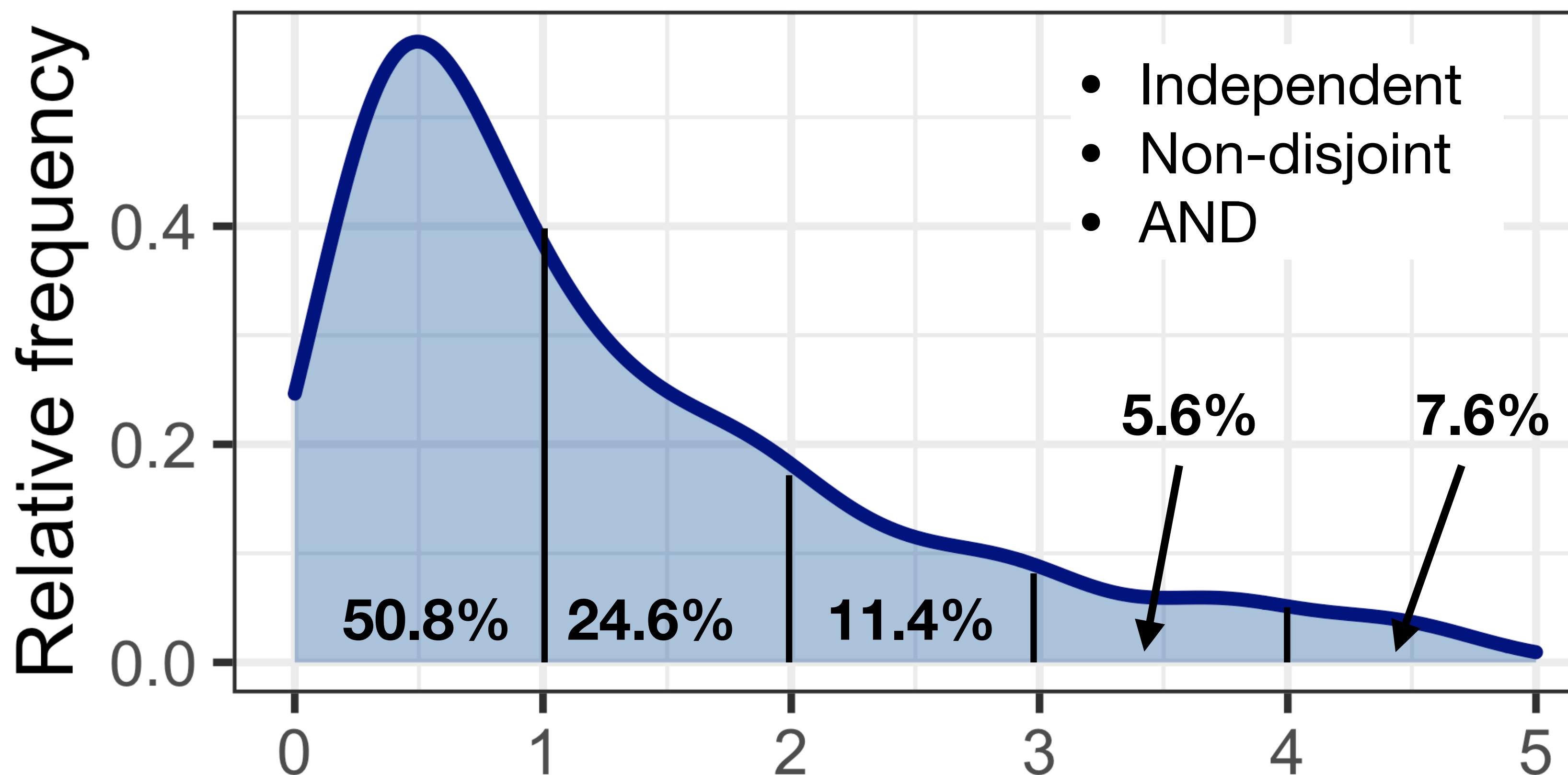
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$$= 13/52 + 13/52 - 0$$

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Density curves are used to estimate probabilities for continuous variables



Suppose you take a sample of two individuals, what is the probability that both values will be > 1 ?

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$$\Pr\{\text{value} > 1\} = 1 - 0.508$$

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Remember: probability = relative frequency (at high n)

$\Pr\{\text{Both} > 1\} = 24.2\%$

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*of course we would like to have a statistical test to show the confidence of this result...