

## PROBABILITY DENSITIES

## Why

What if the set of outcomes is the real line,  $\mathbf{R}$ ?

## **Definition**

The principal difficulty is assigning nonzero numbers to infinitely many elements of a set. The solution is instead to assign probabilities to the *events* of outcomes, not to the individual outcomes (elementary events, real numbers), themselves.

A probability density (or probability density function (pdf)) is a function  $f: \mathbf{R} \to \mathbf{R}$  satisfying  $f \geq 0$  and  $\int f = 1$ .

