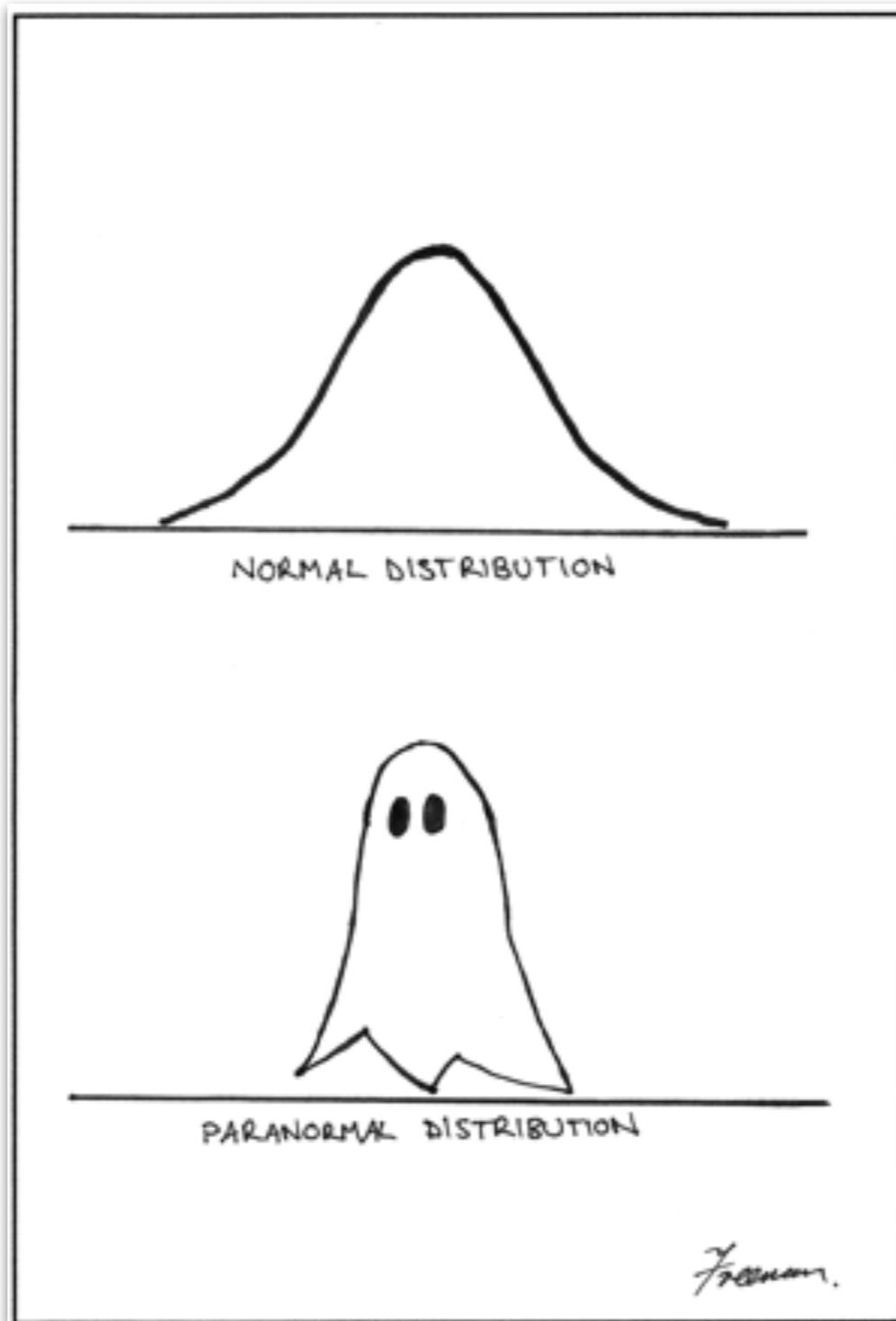


# Simulation 1



01/22/2020

# **Logistics**

# **Final presentation day**

Wednesday, March 18th, 3:30pm - 6:30pm

# **Application section**

# Probability and Simulation Thursday 4:30-5:20pm in 160-322

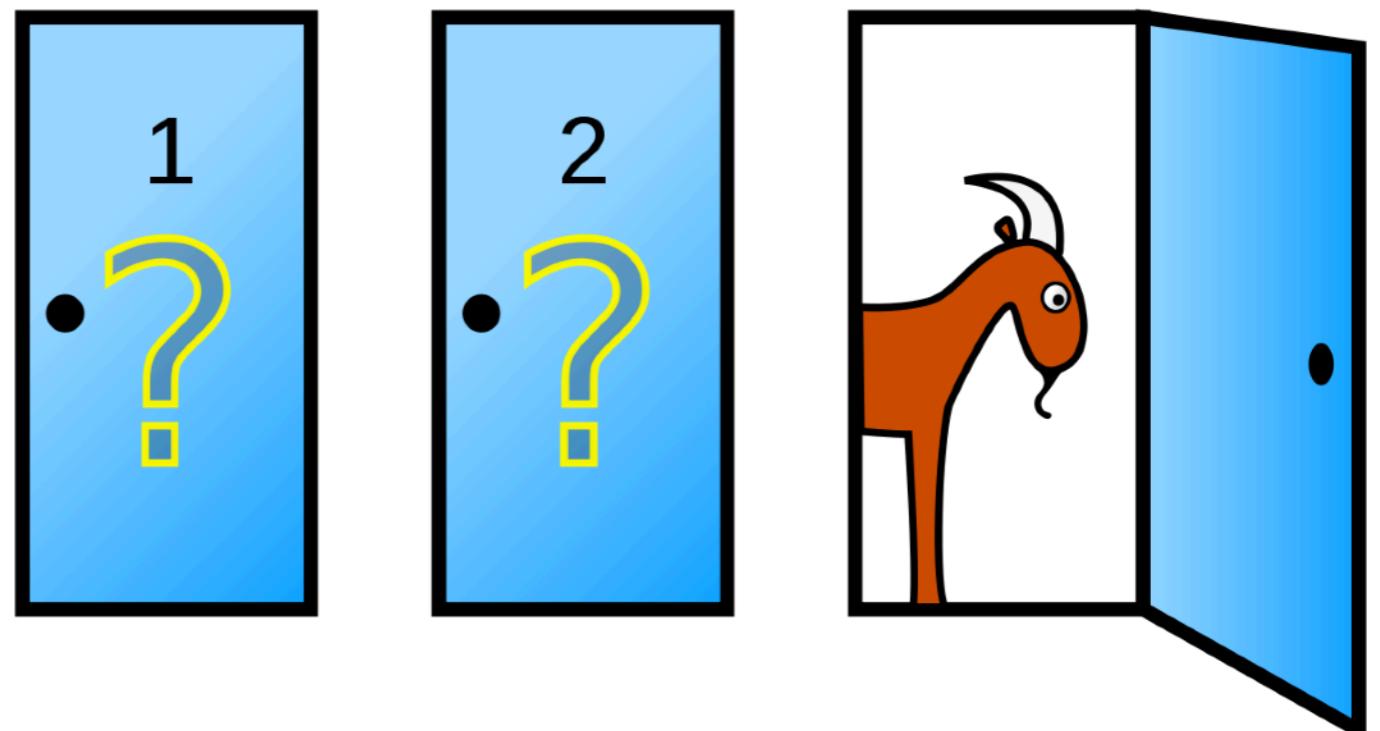
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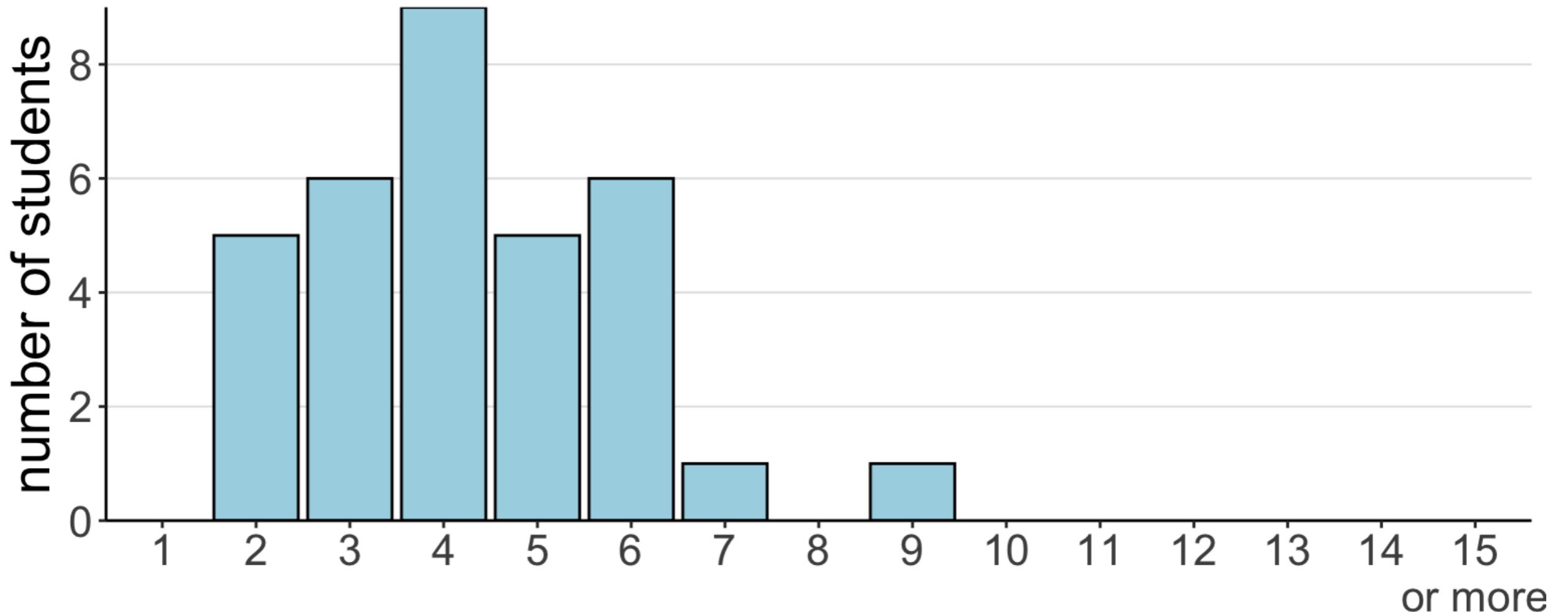
## The Monty Hall Problem

Suppose you're on a game show, and you're given the choice of three doors: Behind one door is a car; behind the others, goats. You pick a door, say No. 1, and the host, who knows what's behind the doors, opens another door, say No. 3, which has a goat. He then says to you, "Do you want to pick door No. 2?" Is it to your advantage to switch your choice?



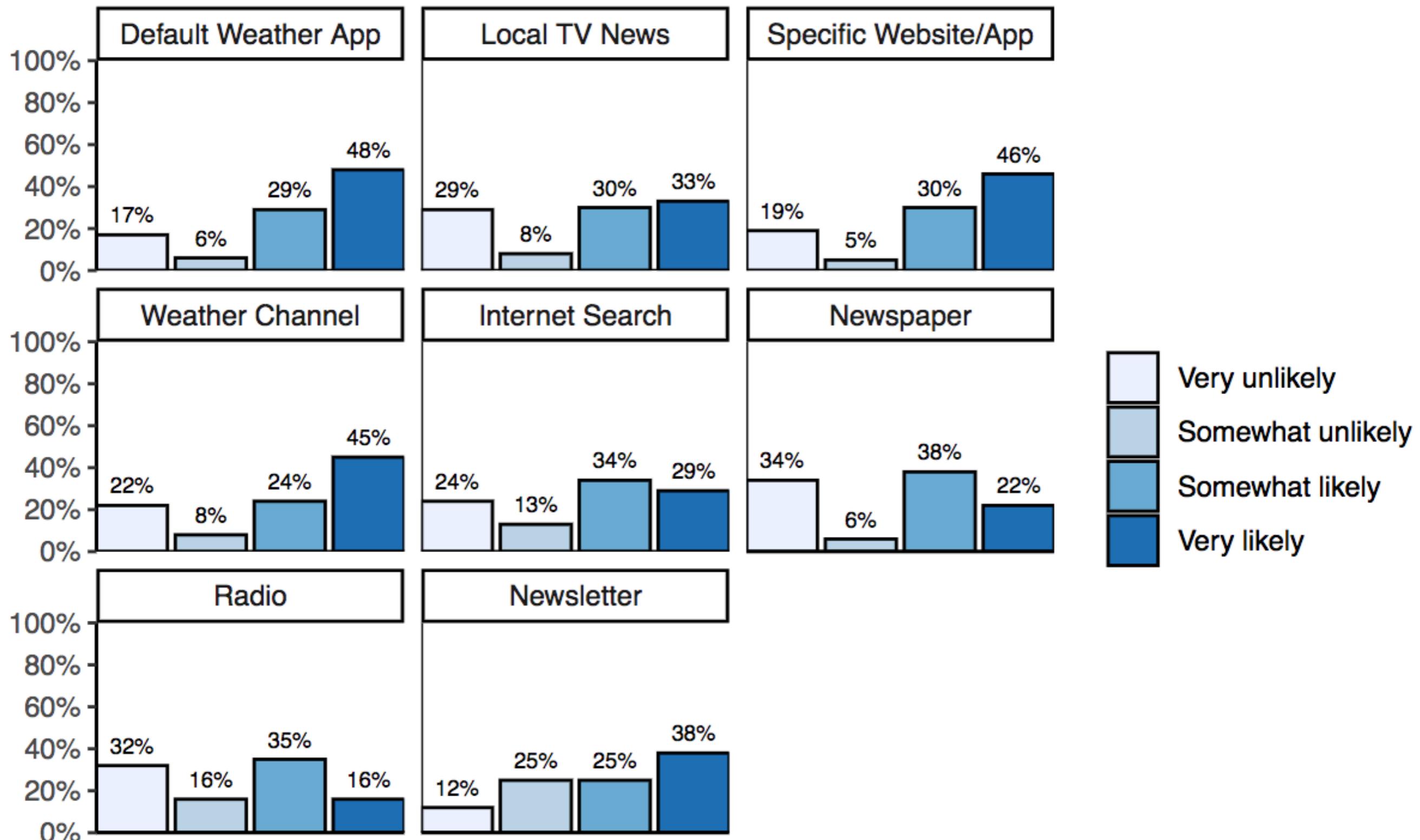
# **Homework**

# How many hours did you spend on homework 1?



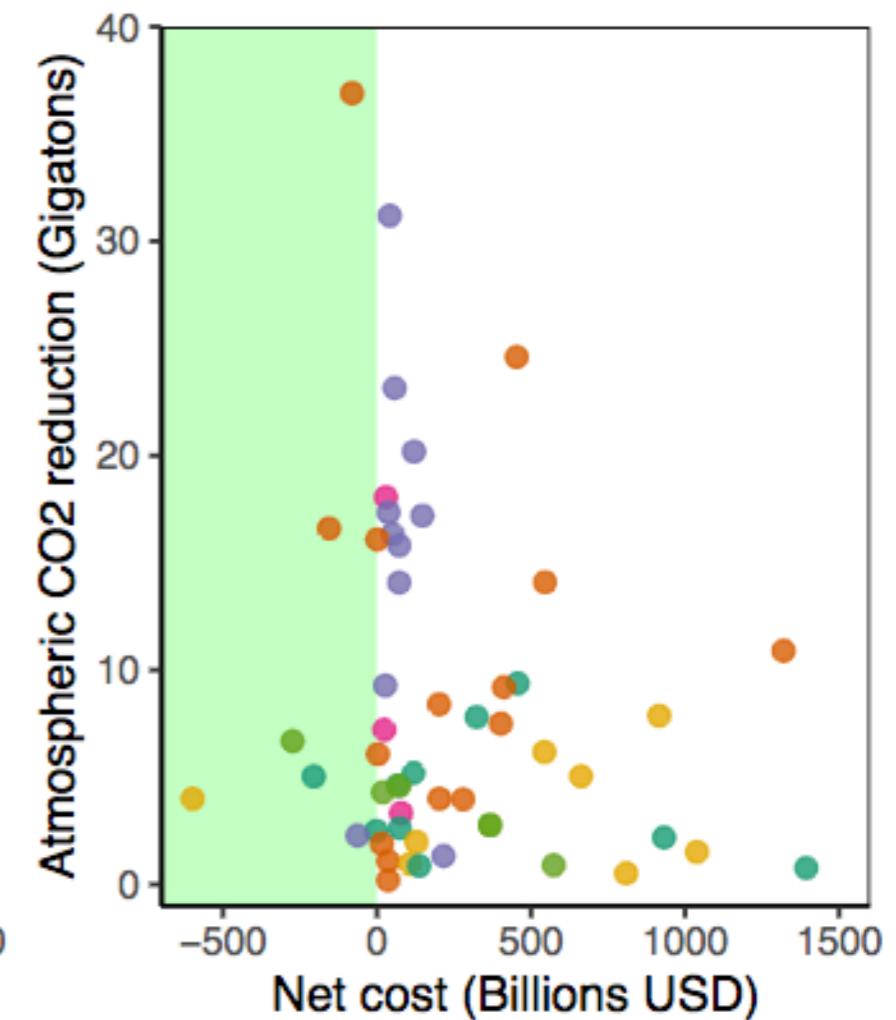
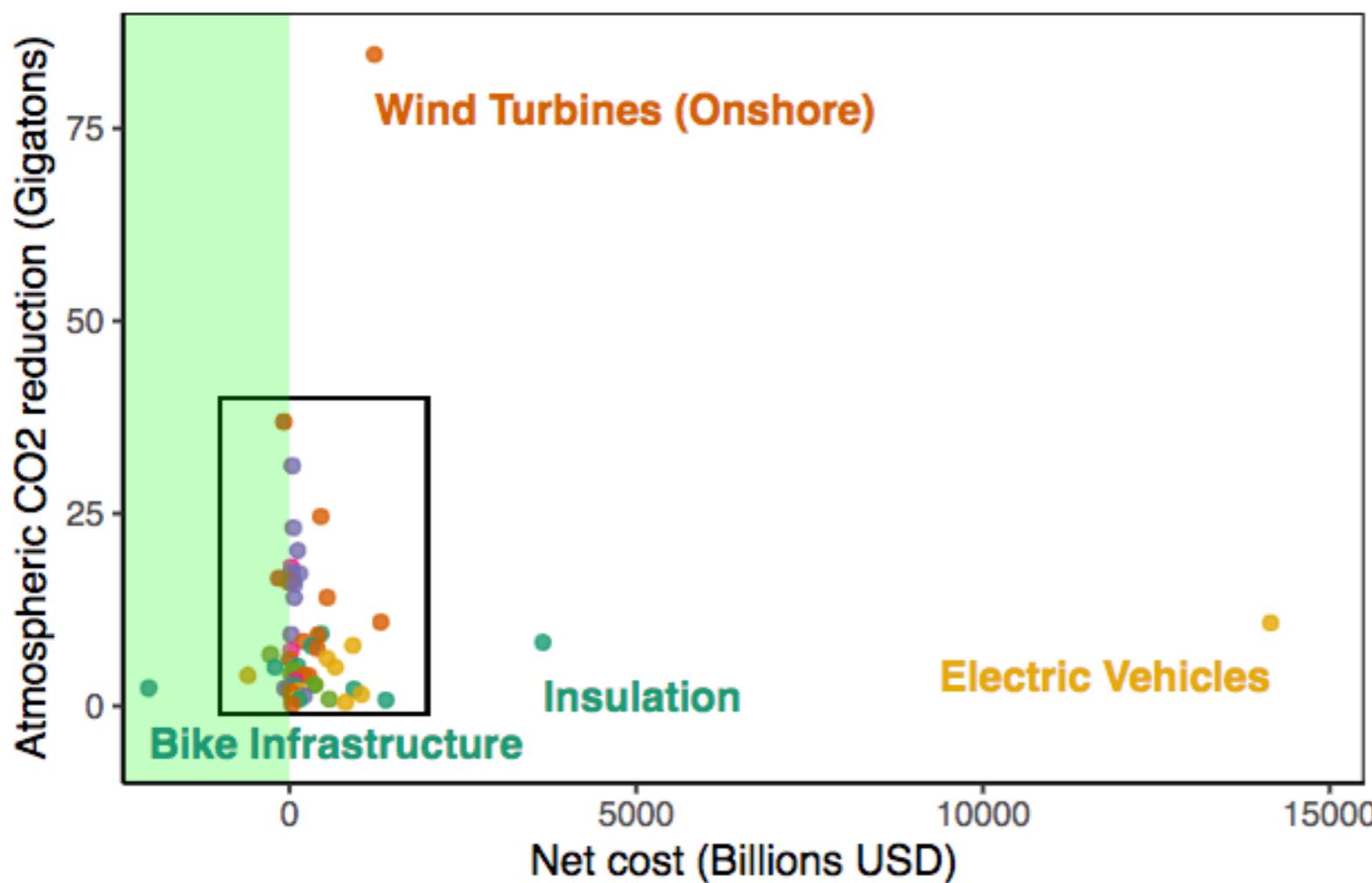
# Is Technology Changing How We Check The Weather?

Adults report high likelihood of using a smartwatch to check weather



Data source: FiveThirtyEight, 2015

## Cost and effectiveness of climate change solutions

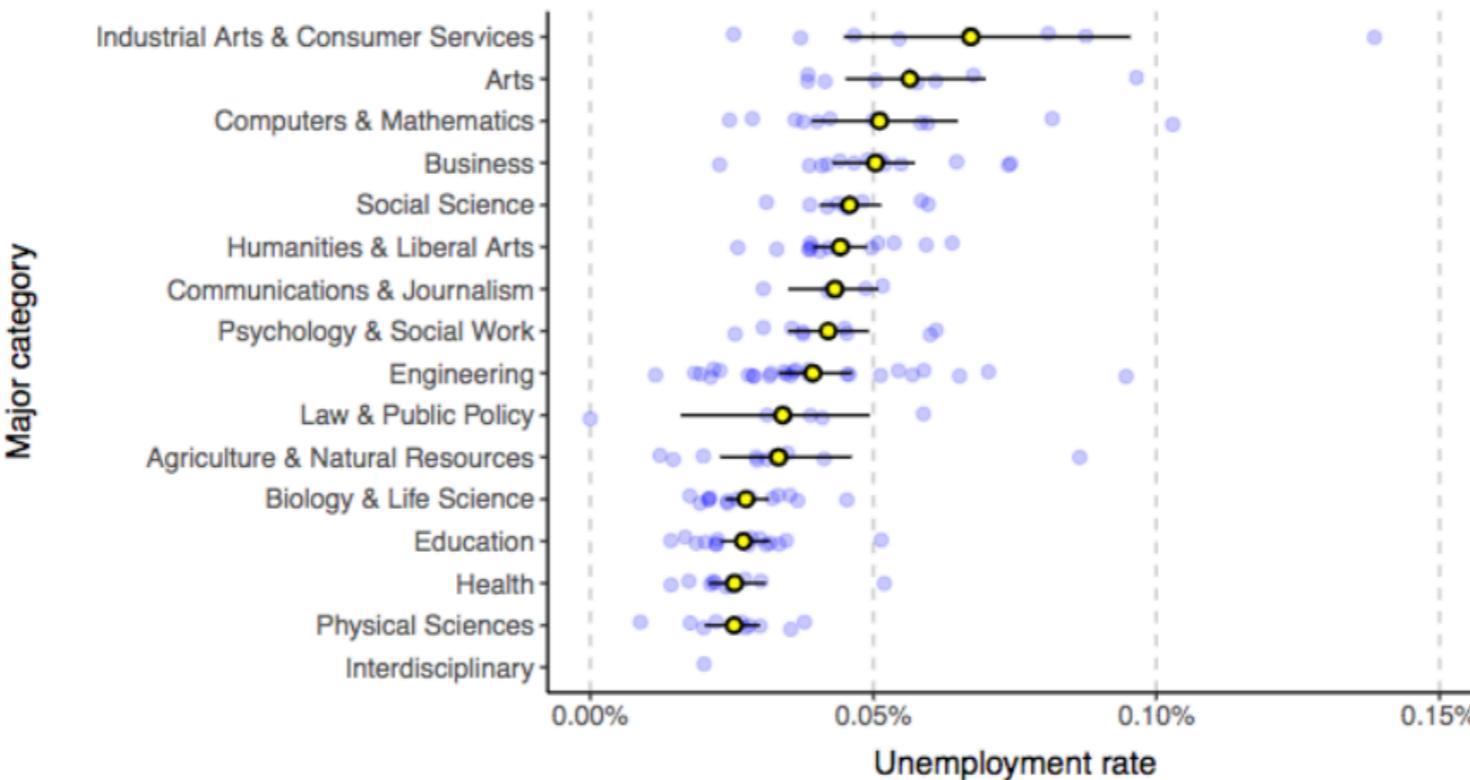


The chart illustrates the relative contribution of various economic sectors to greenhouse gas emissions. The sectors and their approximate contributions are:

- Buildings and Cities: ~25%
- Food: ~15%
- Materials: ~10%
- Electricity Generation: ~10%
- Land Use: ~10%
- Transport: ~10%

**A**

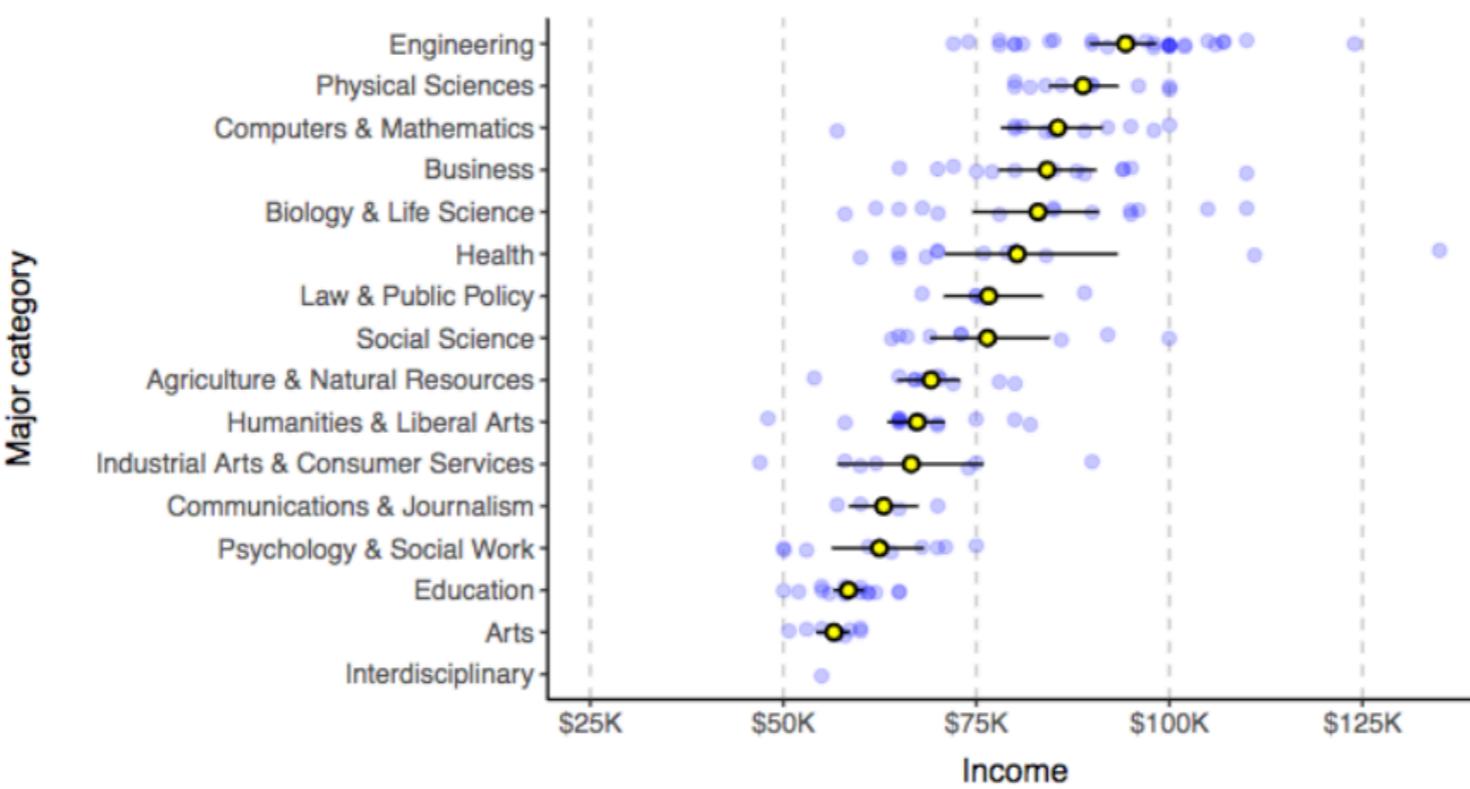
## Mean unemployment rate of college graduates by major category



Source: American Community Survey 2010–2012

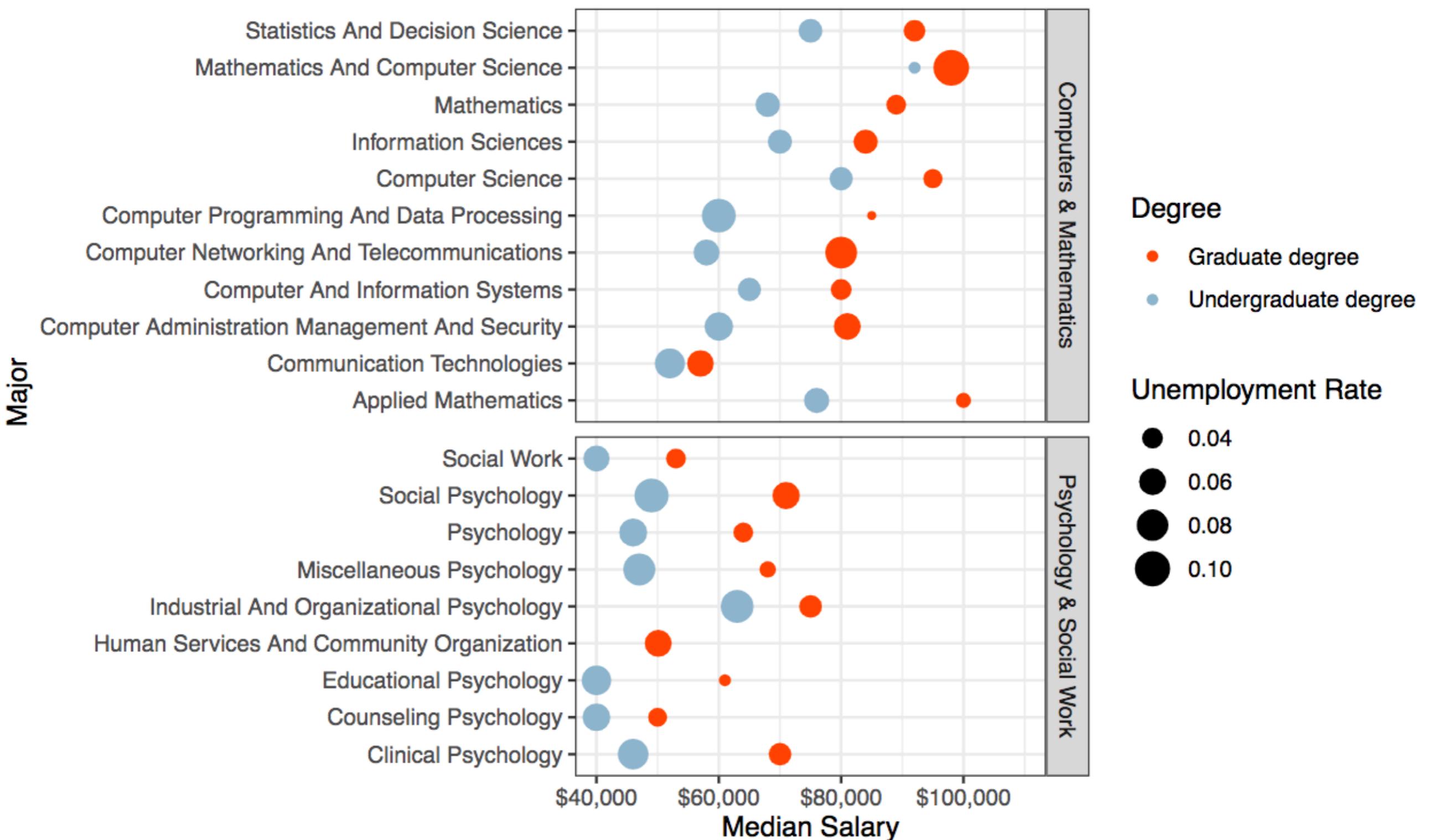
**B**

## Mean median income of college graduates by major category

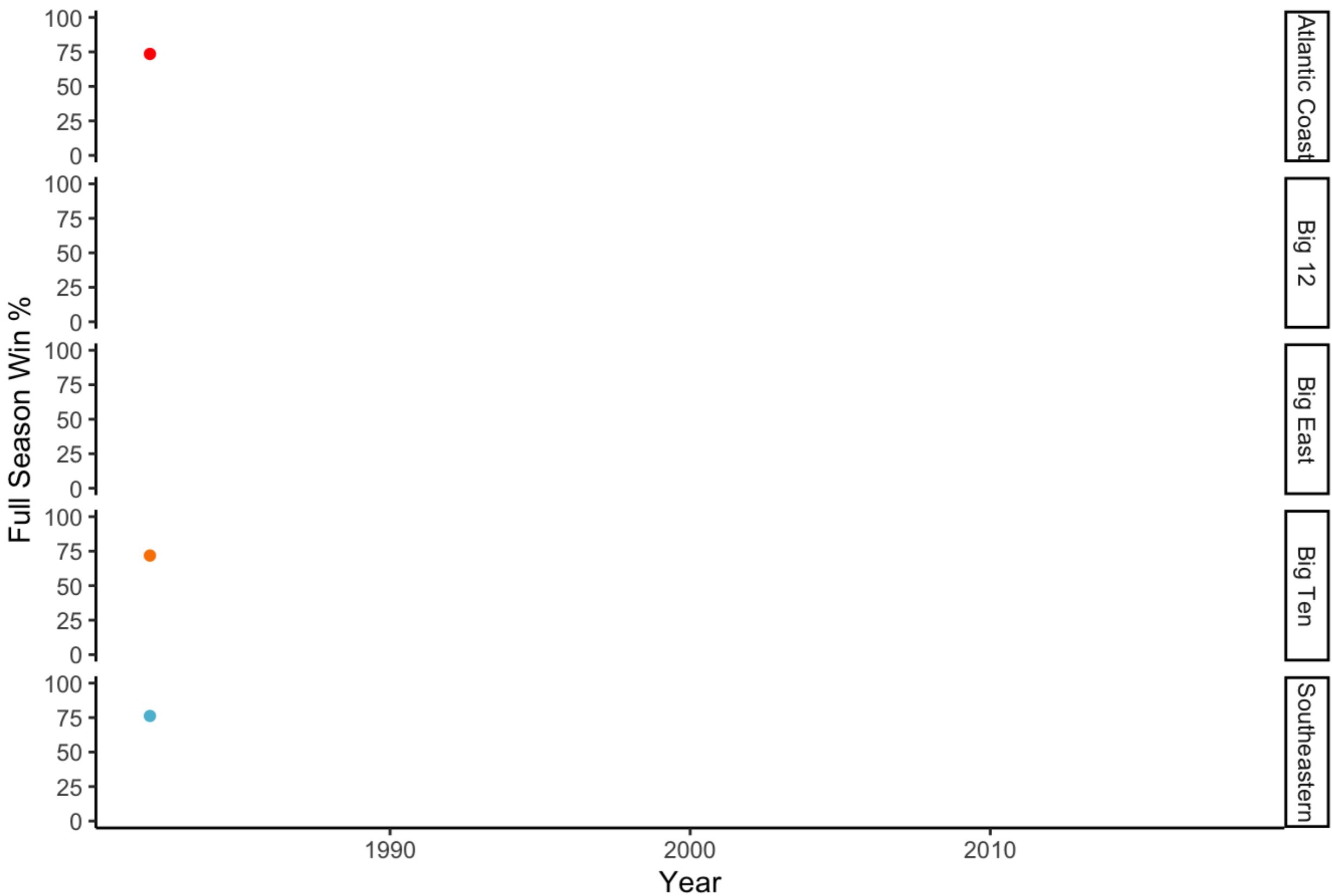


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## Psychology: It's not about the money

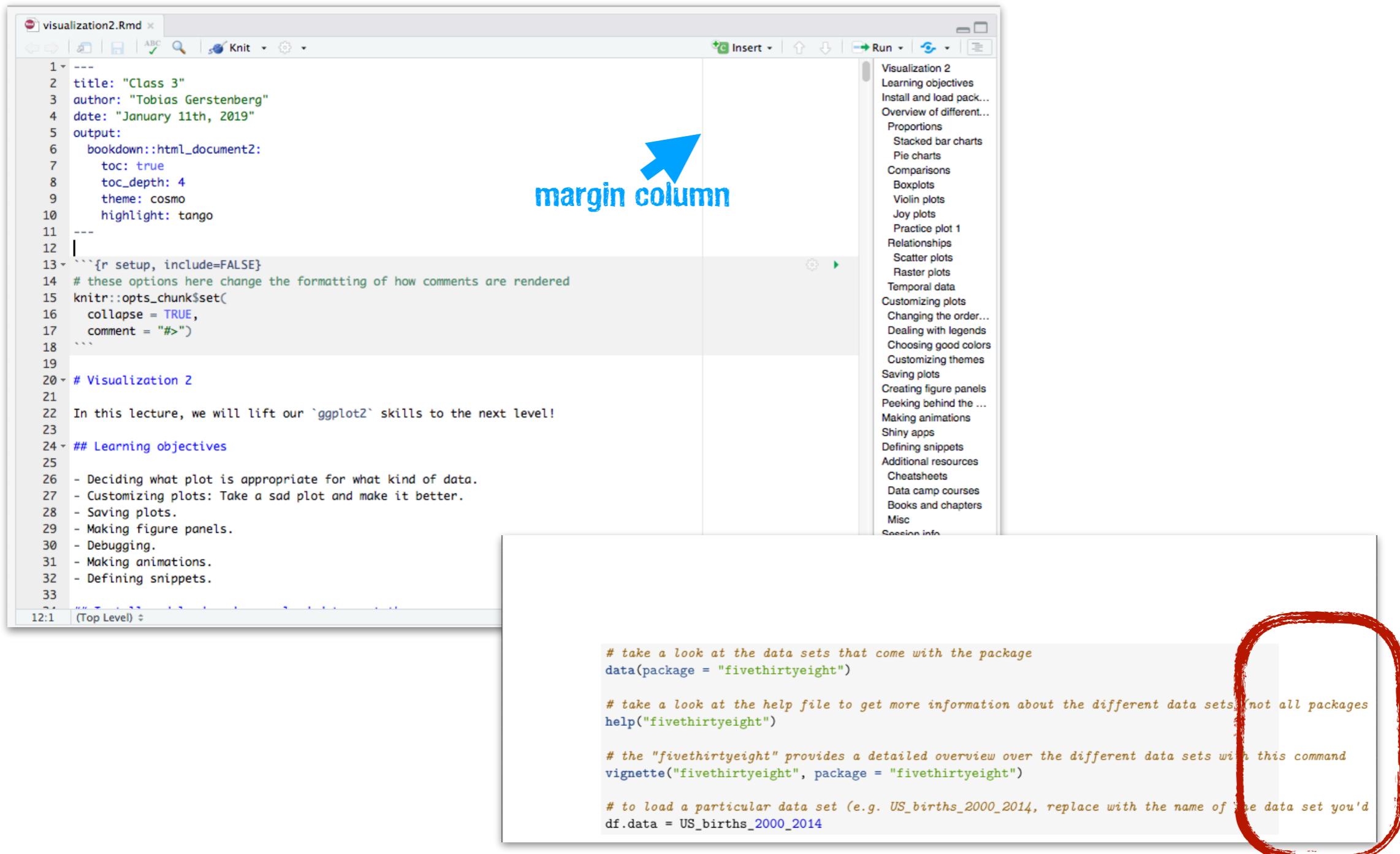


Year: 1982



# some things to look out for

make sure to make your code visible!  
(we can only grade what we see)



A screenshot of the RStudio interface. On the left, the code editor shows an R Markdown file named "visualization2.Rmd". The code includes a YAML front matter section, a chunk setup, and a "# Visualization 2" header. Below the header, there's a block of text about learning objectives and a list of items. A blue arrow points from the text "margin column" to the vertical space between the code editor and the preview pane. On the right, the file browser sidebar is open, showing a tree view of files and packages. At the bottom, a preview pane displays some R code related to the "fivethirtyeight" package.

margin column

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1 ---  
2 title: "Class 3"  
3 author: "Tobias Gerstenberg"  
4 date: "January 11th, 2019"  
5 output:  
6   bookdown::html_document2:  
7     toc: true  
8     toc_depth: 4  
9     theme: cosmo  
10    highlight: tango  
11 ---  
12 [REDACTED]  
13 ```{r setup, include=FALSE}  
14 # these options here change the formatting of how comments are rendered  
15 knitr::opts_chunk$set(  
16   collapse = TRUE,  
17   comment = "#>")  
18 ``  
19  
20 # Visualization 2  
21  
22 In this lecture, we will lift our `ggplot2` skills to the next level!  
23  
24 ## Learning objectives  
25  
26 - Deciding what plot is appropriate for what kind of data.  
27 - Customizing plots: Take a sad plot and make it better.  
28 - Saving plots.  
29 - Making figure panels.  
30 - Debugging.  
31 - Making animations.  
32 - Defining snippets.  
33
```

```
# take a look at the data sets that come with the package  
data(package = "fivethirtyeight")  
  
# take a look at the help file to get more information about the different data sets (not all packages  
help("fivethirtyeight")  
  
# the "fivethirtyeight" provides a detailed overview over the different data sets with this command  
vignette("fivethirtyeight", package = "fivethirtyeight")  
  
# to load a particular data set (e.g. US_births_2000_2014, replace with the name of the data set you'd  
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```

not good

# Plan for today

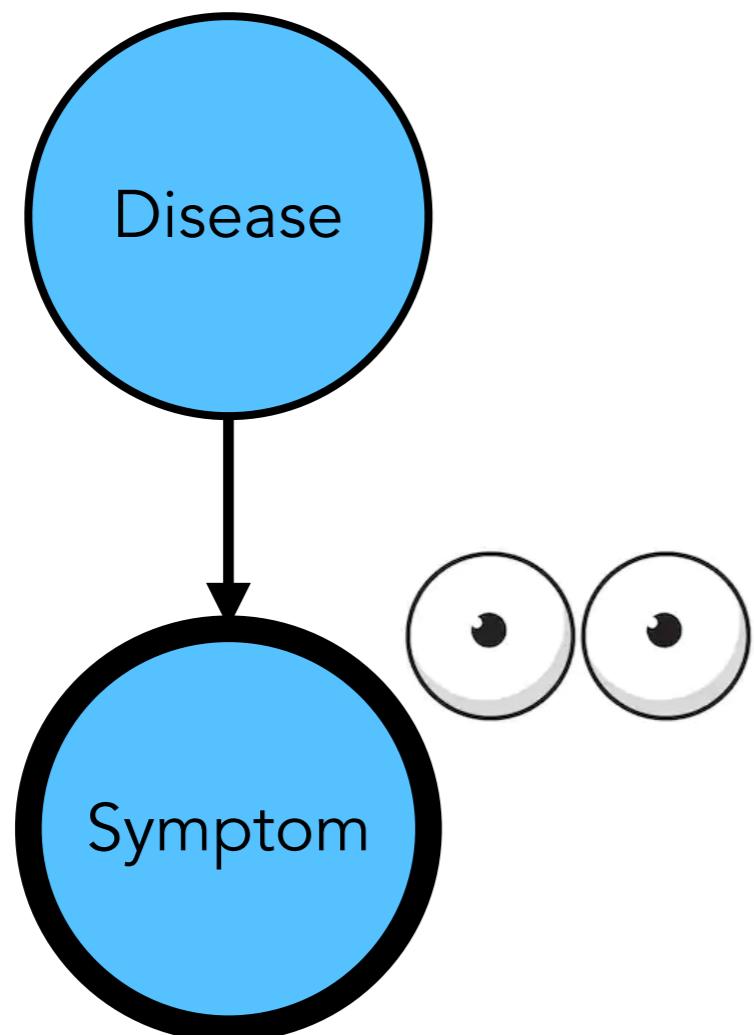
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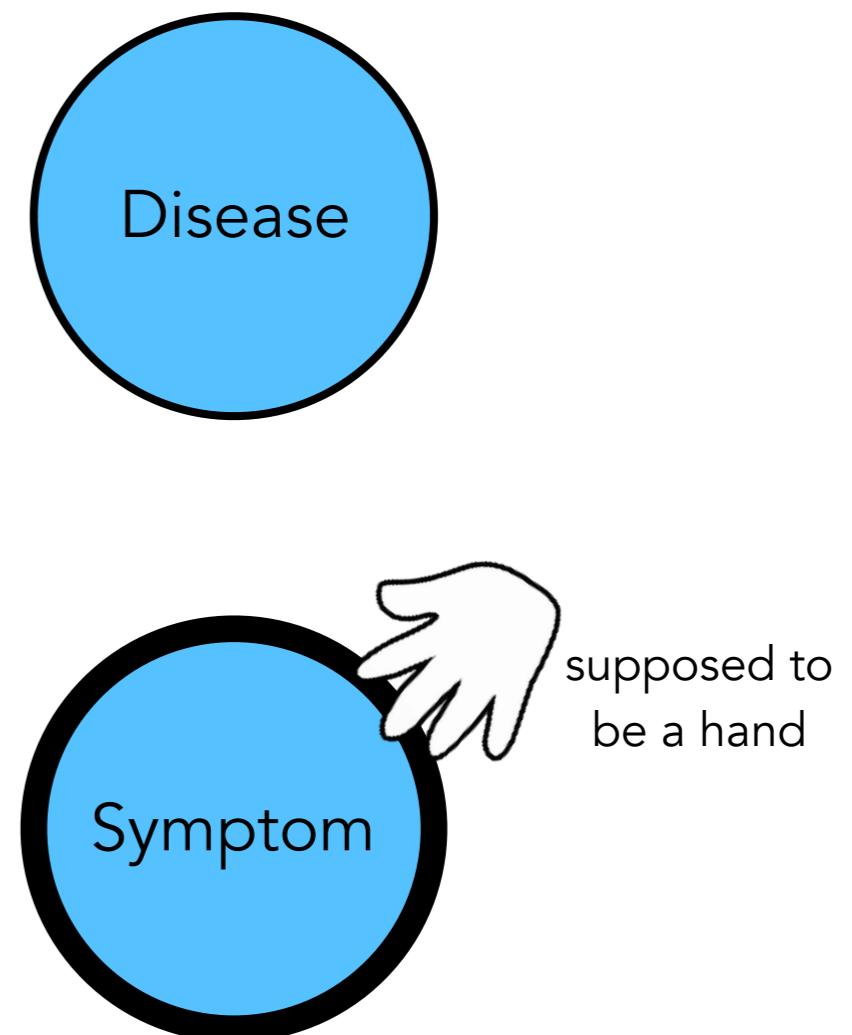
# Observation vs. Intervention

seeing



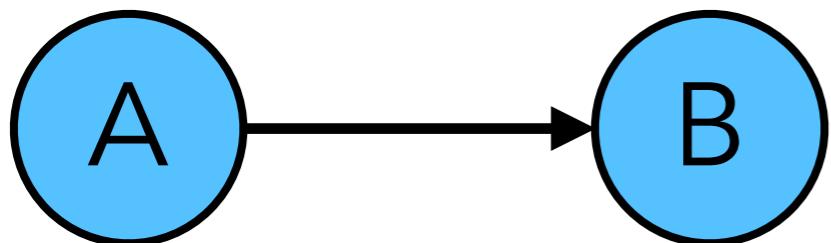
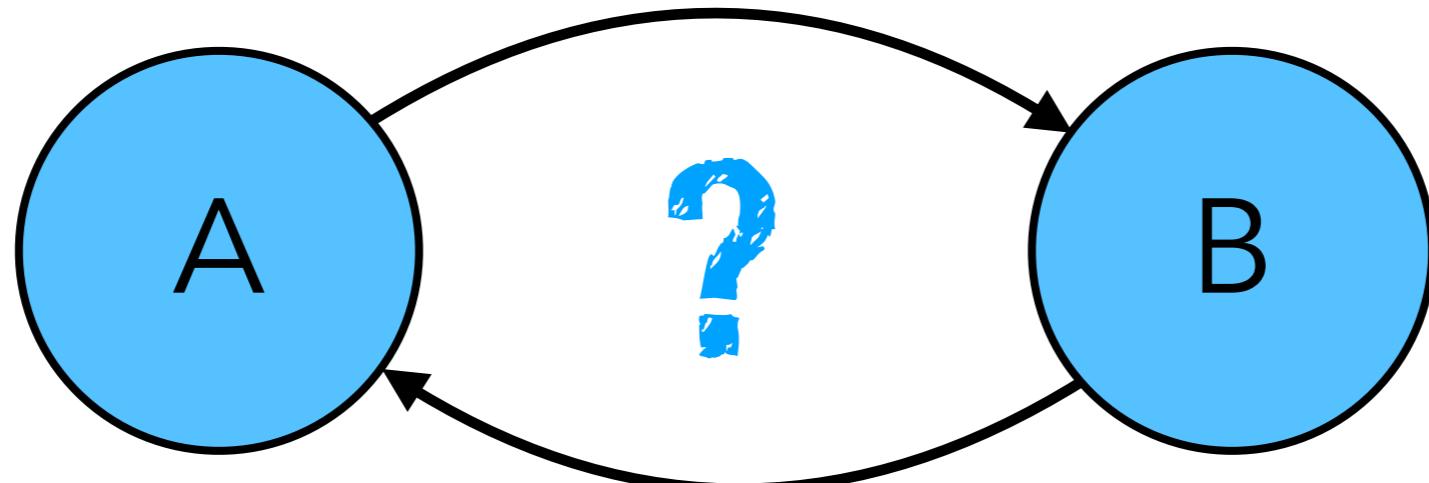
$$p(D | S) > p(D)$$

doing

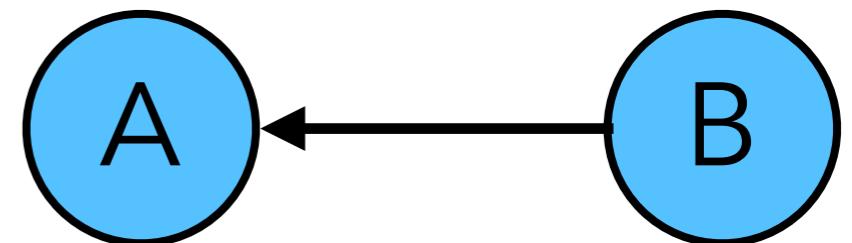


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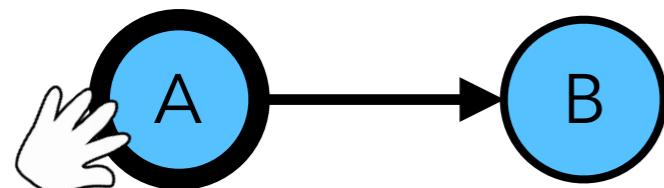
# Inferring causal structure through intervention



$$p(B | \text{do}(A)) = p(B | A)$$



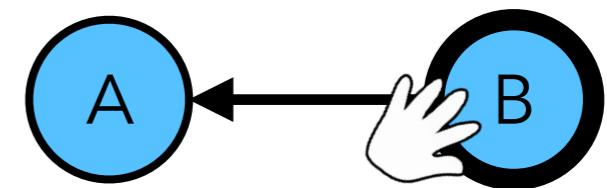
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$$p(A | \text{do}(B)) = p(A)$$

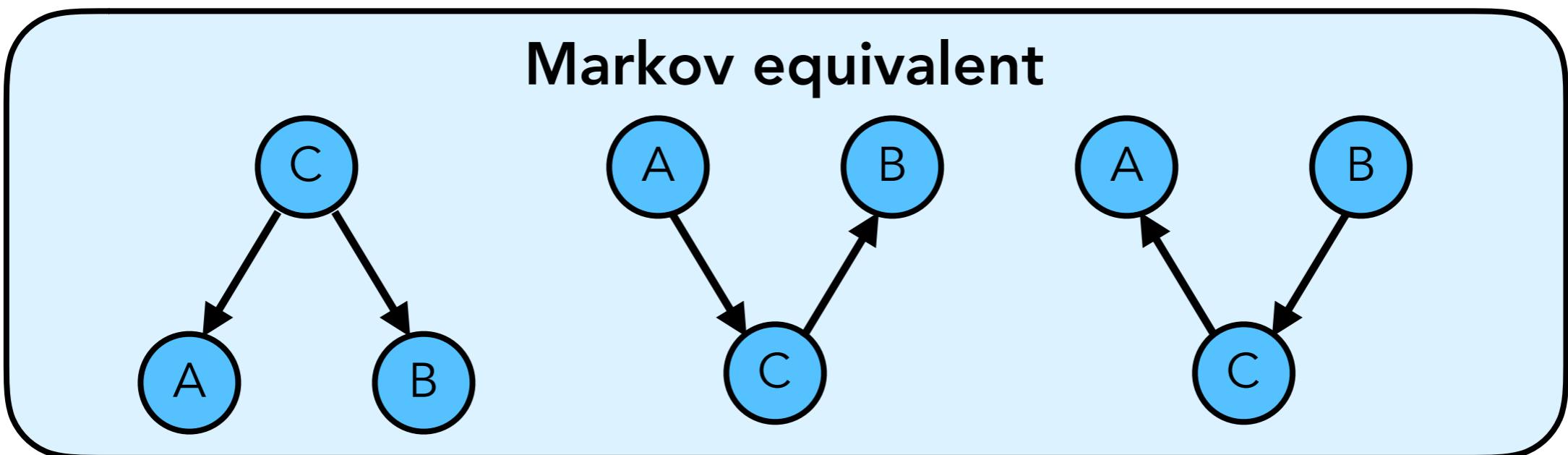


$$p(A | \text{do}(B)) = p(A | B)$$



# Important take home message

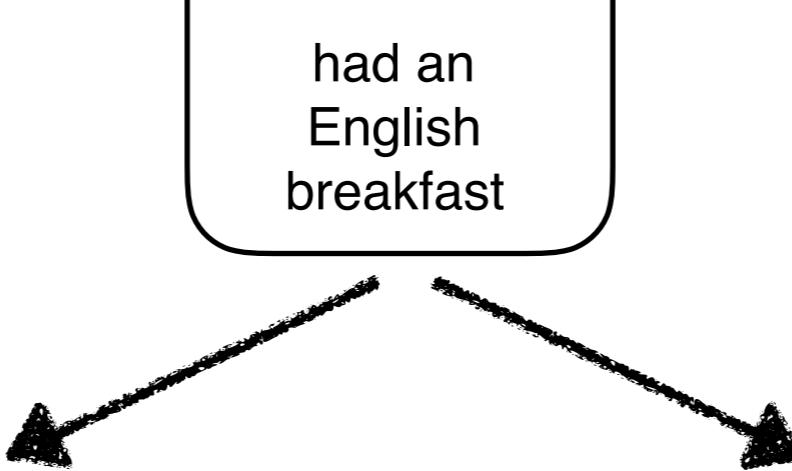
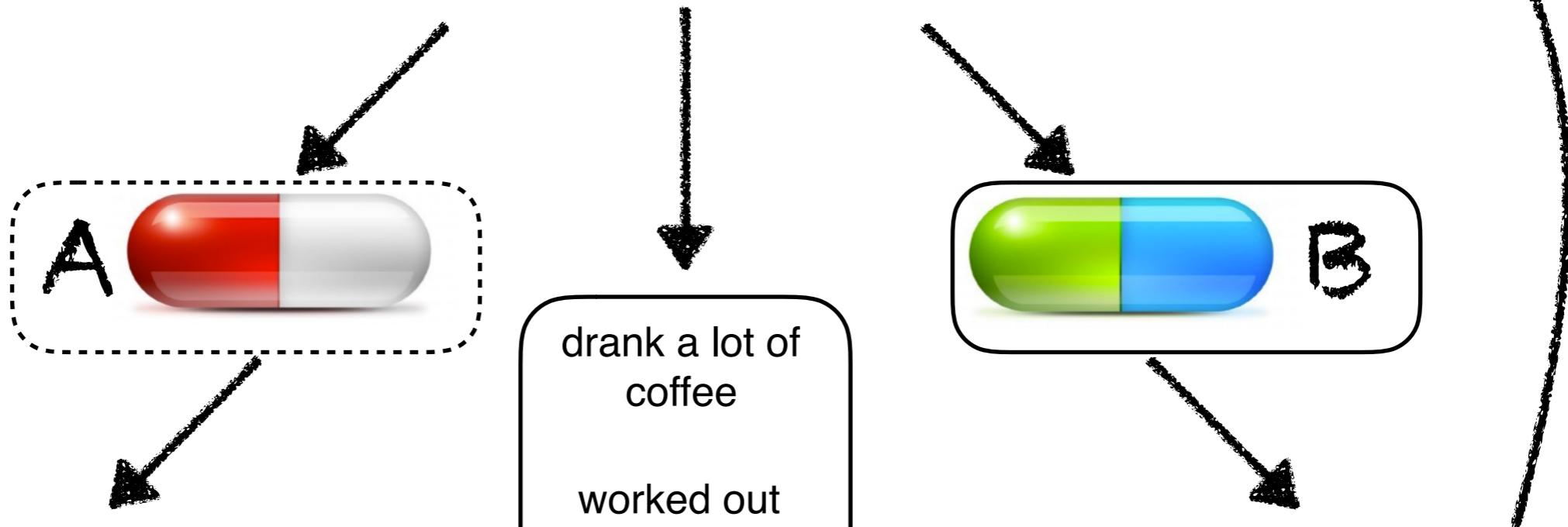
- correlation is not causation
- correlation (= probabilistic dependence) suggests that there is some causal relationship
- but we don't know which one it is



- **causal interventions** / experiments can reveal the underlying causal structure

# The three layer causal hierarchy

Level (Symbol)	Typical Activity	Typical Questions	Examples
1. Association $P(y x)$	Seeing	What is? How would seeing $X$ change my belief in $Y$ ?	What does a symptom tell me about a disease? What does a survey tell us about the election results?
2. Intervention $P(y do(x), z)$	Doing Intervening	What if? What if I do $X$ ?	What if I take aspirin, will my headache be cured? What if we ban cigarettes?
3. Counterfactuals $P(y_x x', y')$	Imagining, Retrospection	Why? Was it $X$ that caused $Y$ ? What if I had acted differently?	Was it the aspirin that stopped my headache? Would Kennedy be alive had Oswald not shot him? What if I had not been smoking the past 2 years?





randomized control trial

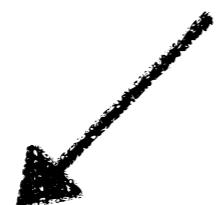
had a long  
afternoon nap



drank a lot of  
coffee



drank a lot of  
tea



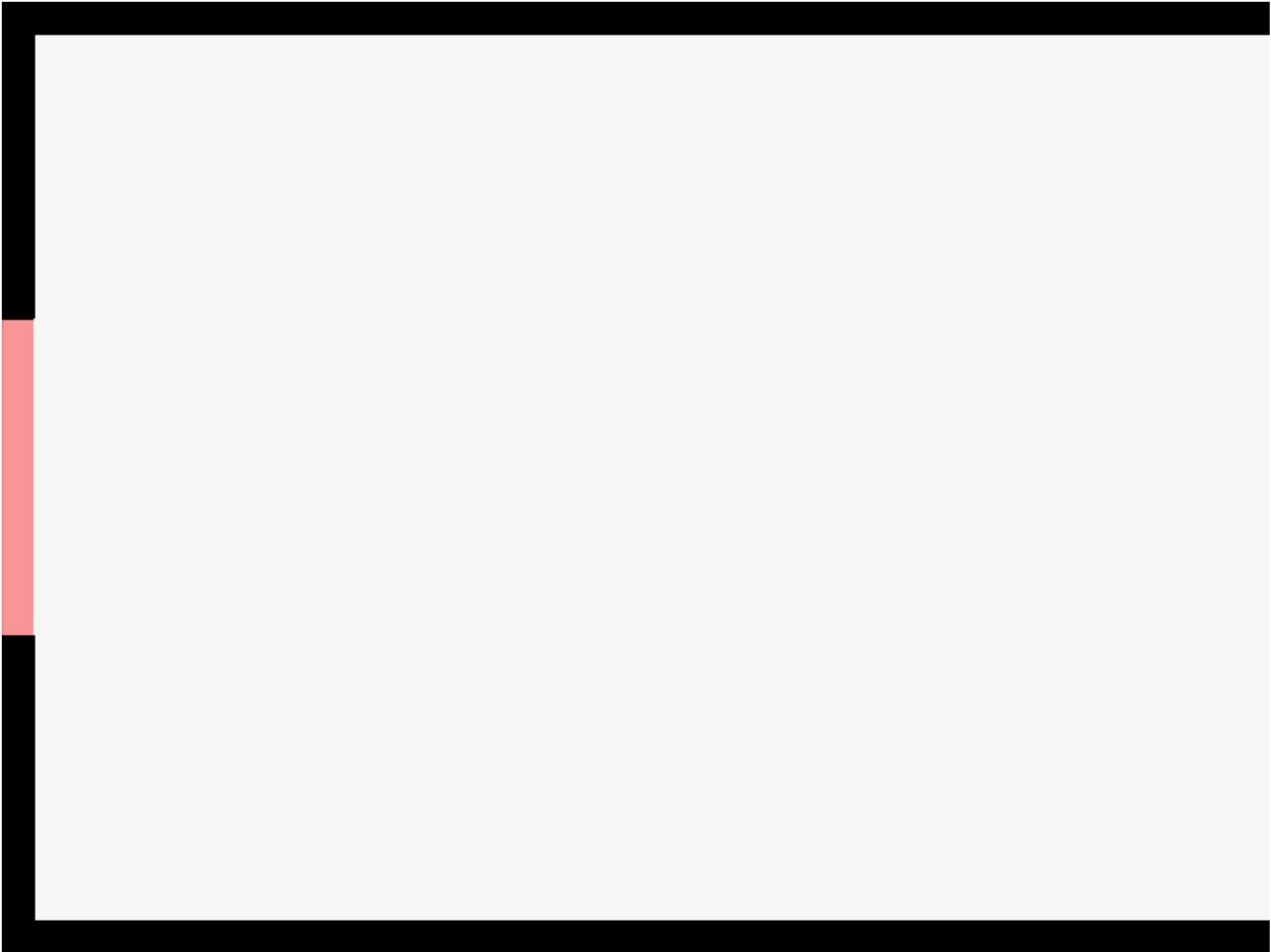
had an  
English  
breakfast

worked out



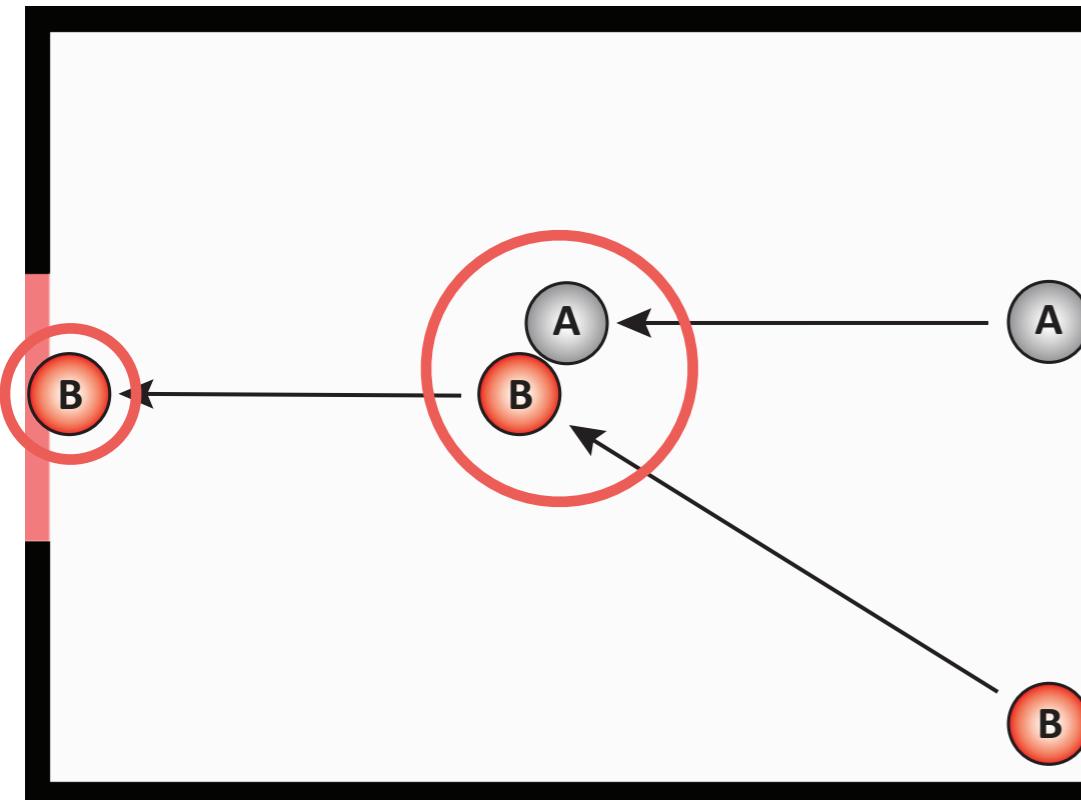
Did A cause B to go through the gate?

gate



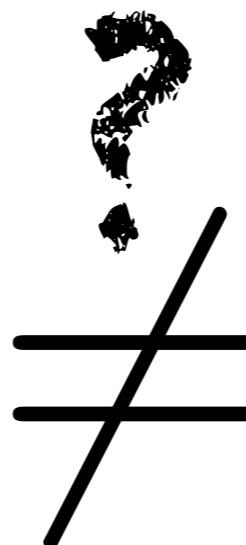
# Counterfactual Simulation Model

What happened?

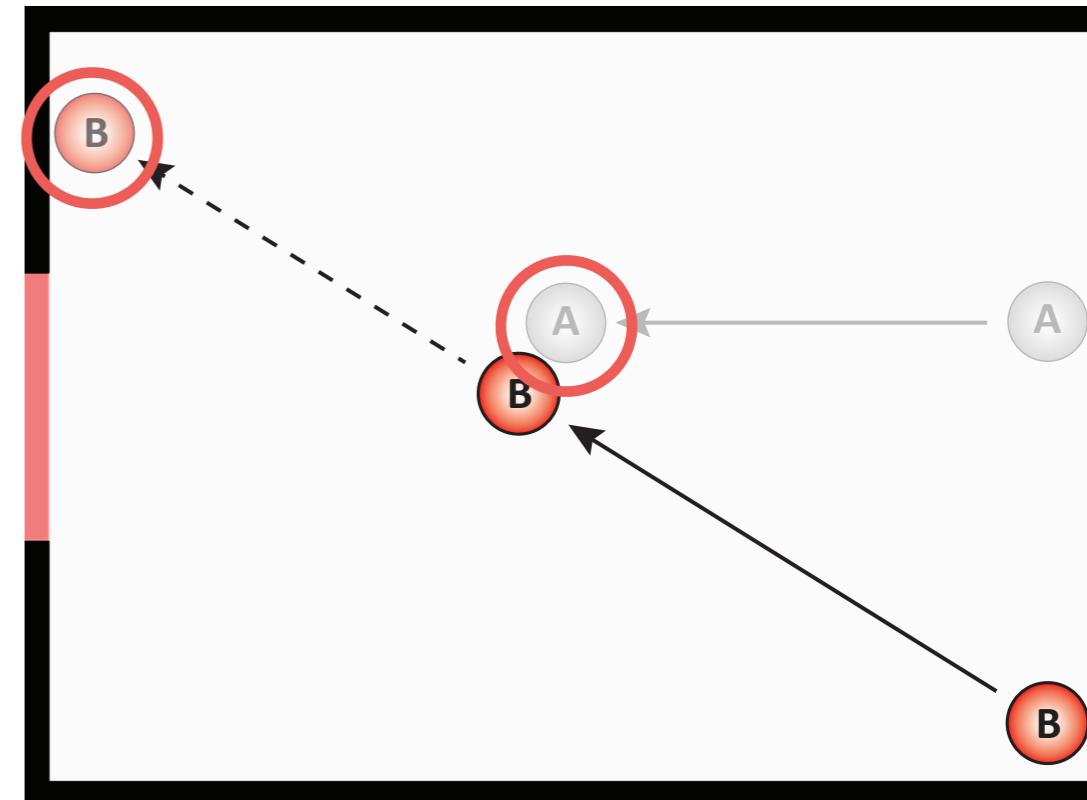


**Actual situation**

went through the gate



What would have happened?



**Counterfactual situation**

would have missed the gate

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# Spontaneous counterfactual simulation

Did **B** completely miss the gate?

1/2 speed

# Spontaneous counterfactual simulation

Did A prevent B from go through the gate?

1/2 speed

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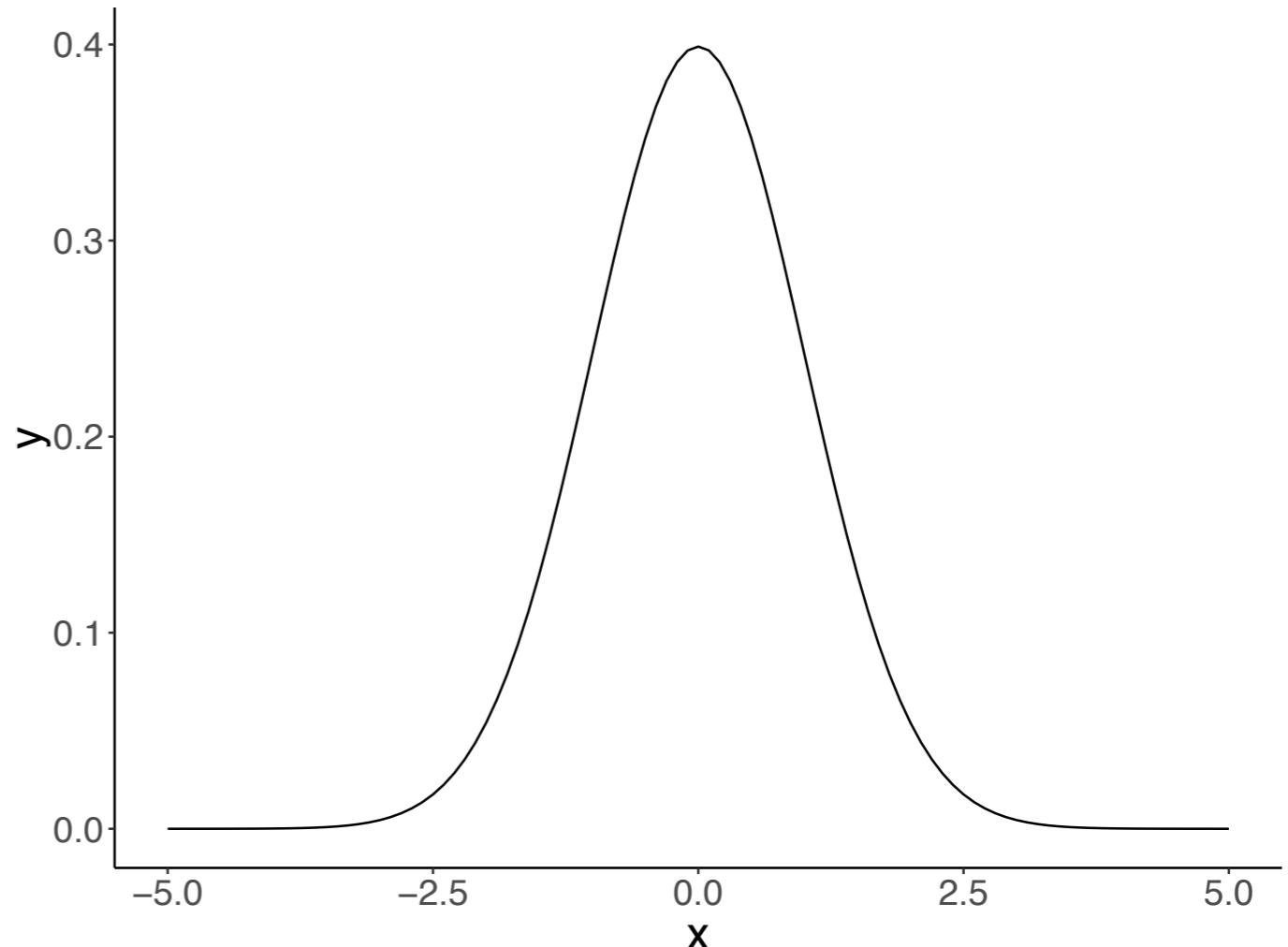
# Working with probability distributions

letter	description	example
d	for “density”, the density function (probability mass function (for <i>discrete</i> variables) or probability density function (for <i>continuous</i> variables))	<code>dnorm( )</code>
p	for “probability”, the cumulative distribution function	<code>pnorm( )</code>
q	for “quantile”, the inverse cumulative distribution function	<code>qnorm( )</code>
r	for “random”, a random variable having the specified distribution	<code>rnorm( )</code>

# Normal distribution

$X \sim \text{Normal}(\mu, \sigma)$

mu sigma

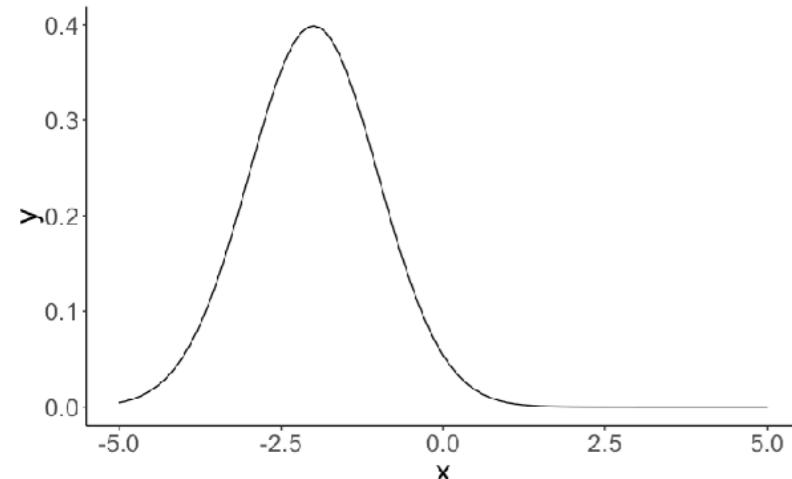


**d** = density      **dnorm** (x, mean = 0, sd = 1)      **norm** = normal distribution

we use **Greek** letters to refer to parameters of the population (or the theoretical distributions)

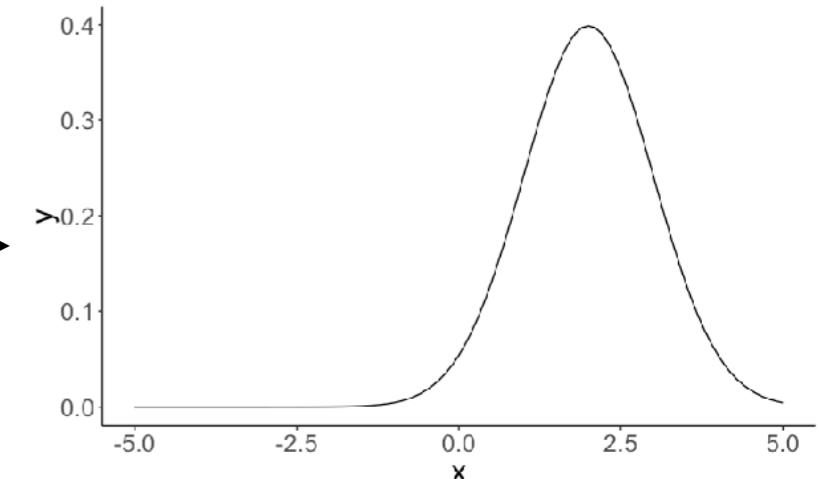
and **Roman** letters to refer to parameters in our sample from the population

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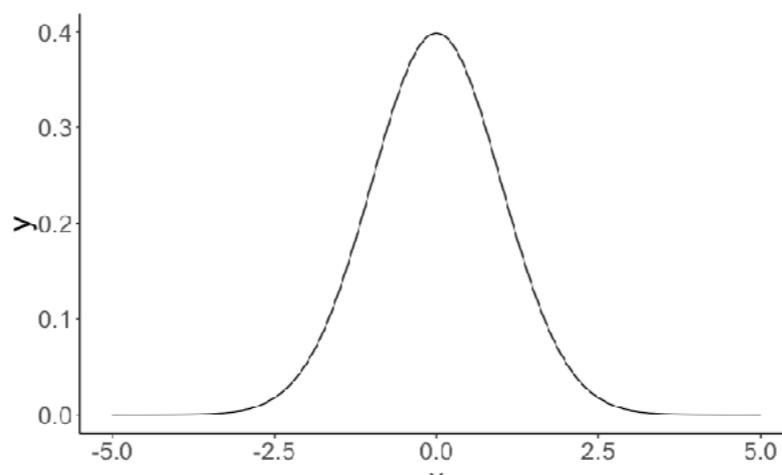


`dnorm(x, mean = -2, sd = 1)`

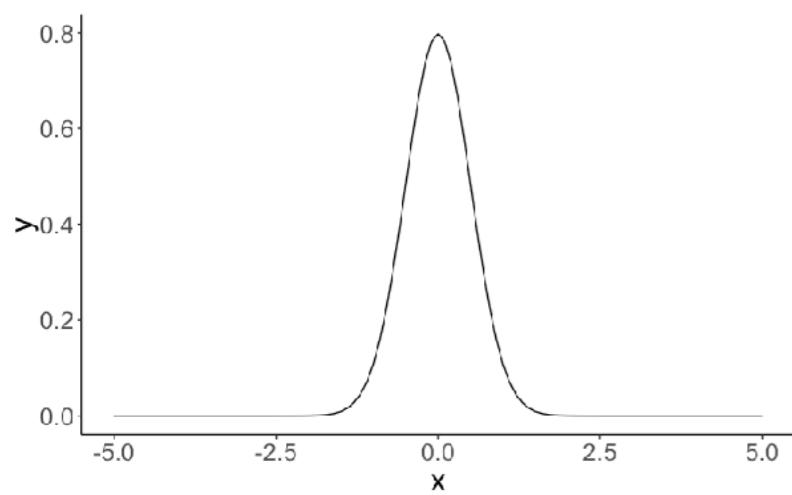
manipulating mean



`dnorm(x, mean = 2, sd = 1)`

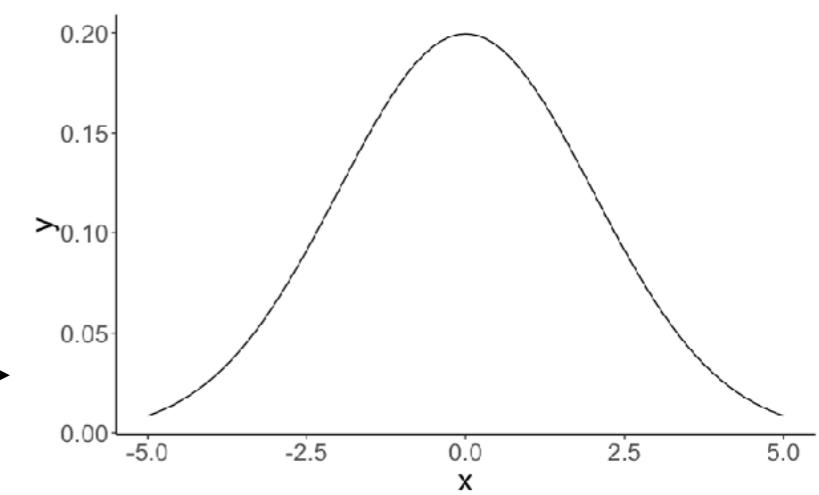


`dnorm(x, mean = 0, sd = 1)`



`dnorm(x, mean = 0, sd = 0.5)`

manipulating sd



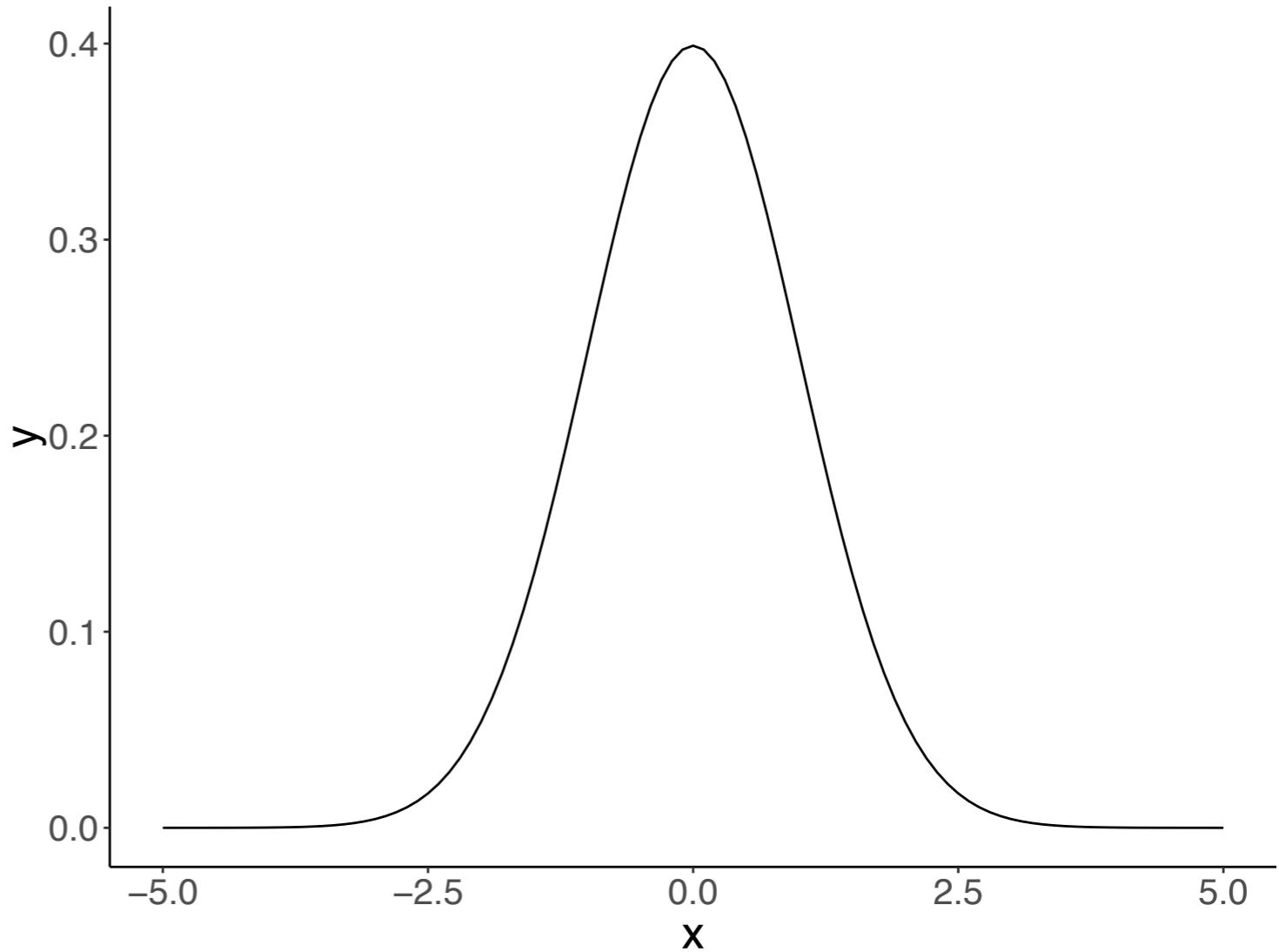
`dnorm(x, mean = 0, sd = 2)`

# Plotting distributions

```
1 ggplot(data = tibble(x = c(-5, 5)), ← make data frame with minimum  
2           mapping = aes(x = x)) +  
3   stat_function(fun = ~ dnorm(x = ., ← and maximum x-value  
4                               mean = 0, ← any parameters for  
5                               sd = 1)) ← the function?
```

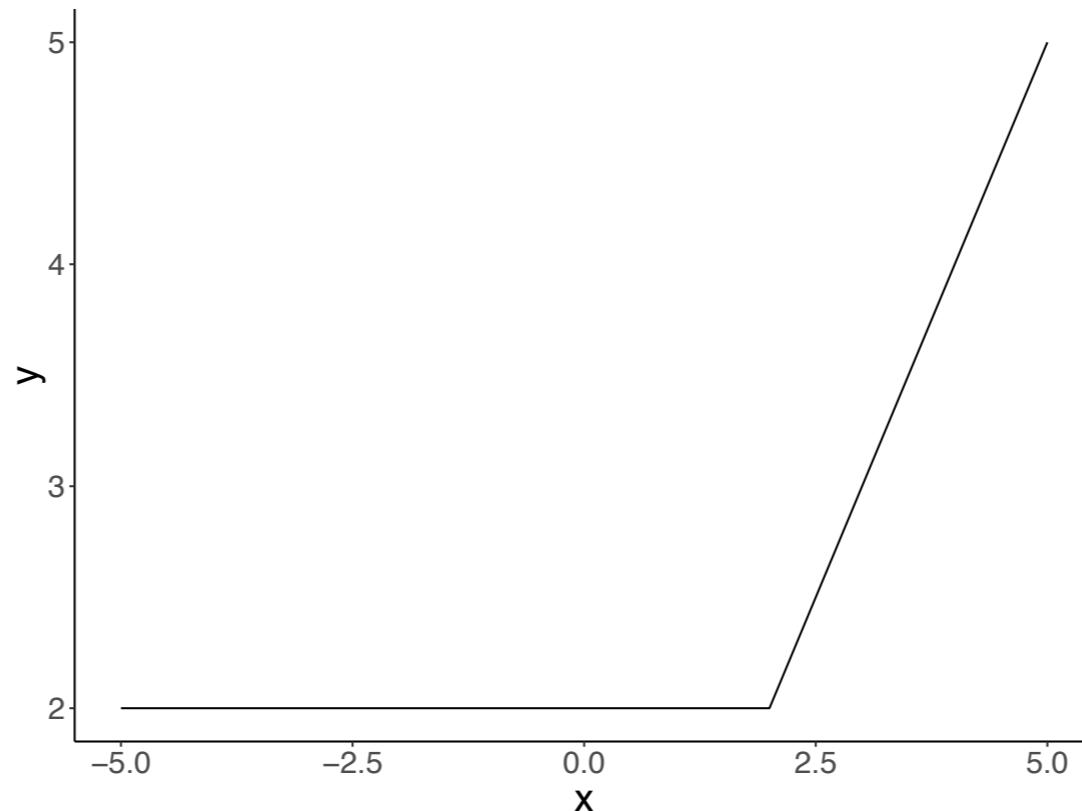
function for plotting  
functions

what function  
should be plotted?



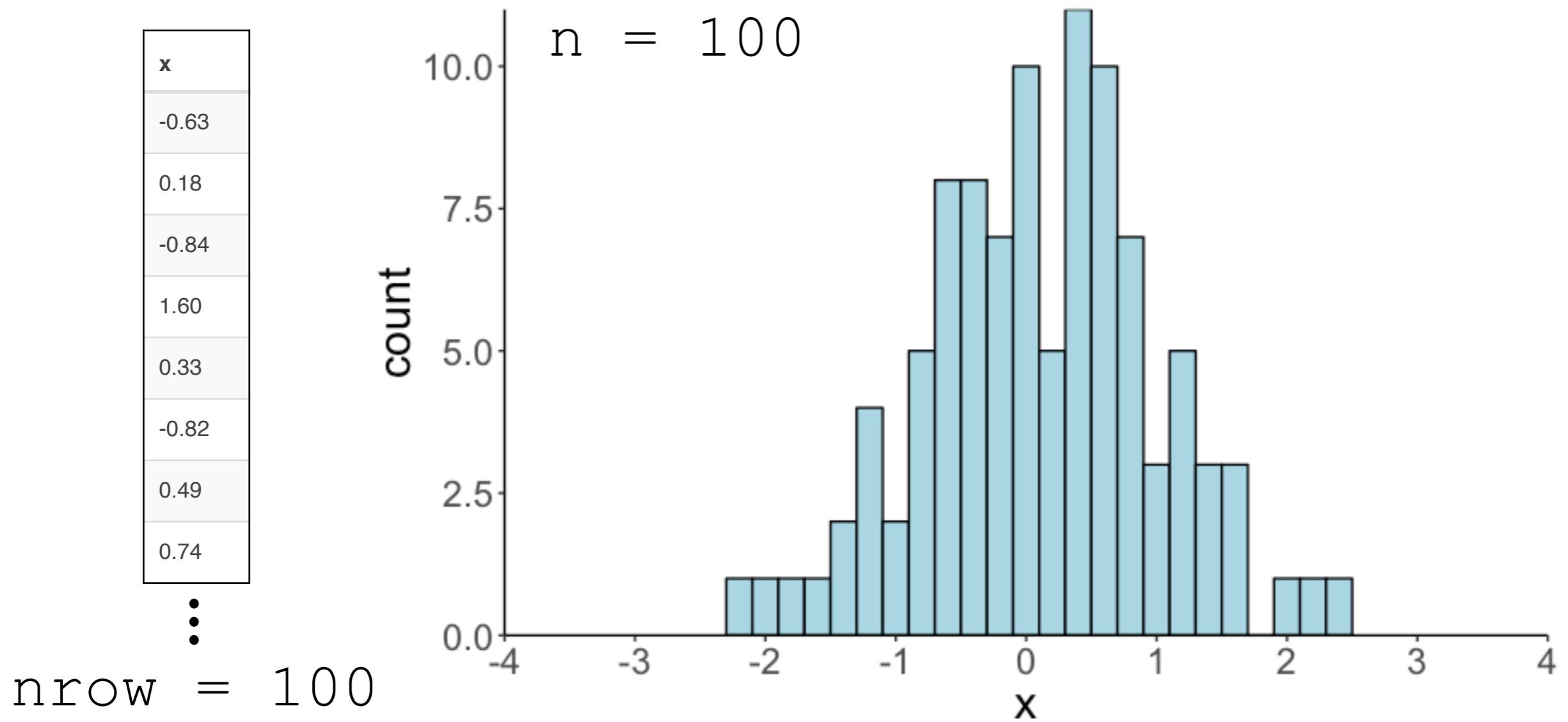
# Plotting functions

```
1 # define the breakpoint function
2 fun.breakpoint = function(x, breakpoint) {
3   x[x < breakpoint] = breakpoint
4   return(x)
5 }
6
7 # plot the function
8 ggplot(data = tibble(x = c(-5, 5)) ,
9   mapping = aes(x = x)) +
10 stat_function(fun = ~ fun.breakpoint(., breakpoint = 2))
```



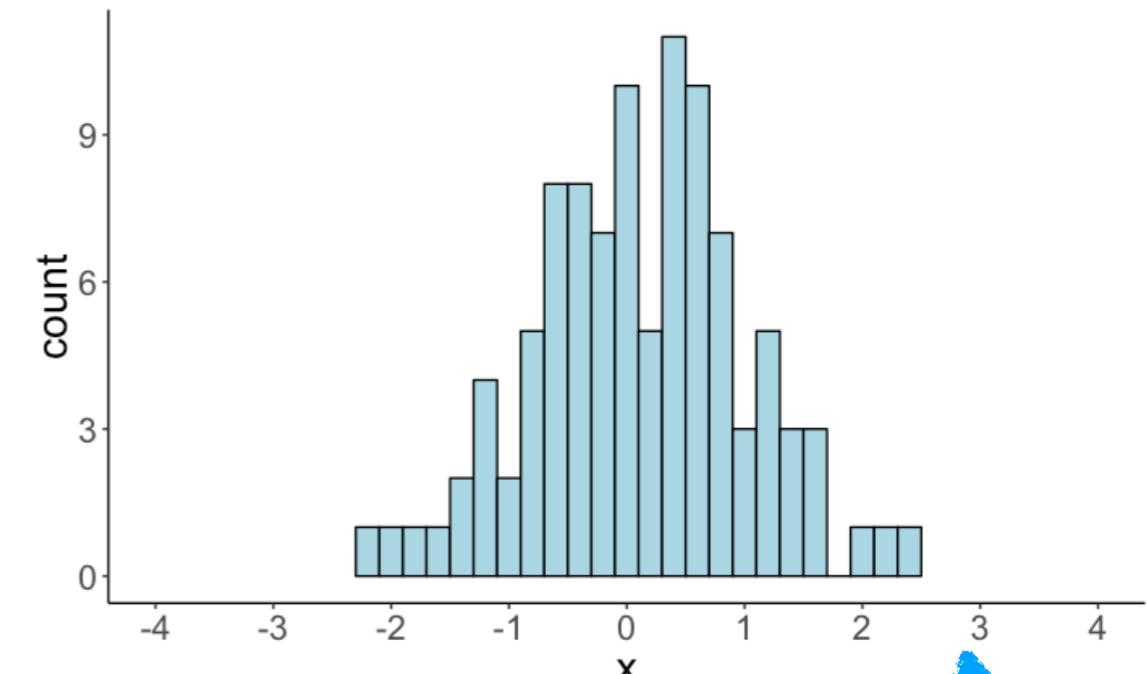
# Sampling from distributions

**rnorm**(n, mean = 0, sd = 1)  
n = number of samples  
**r** = random samples      **norm** = normal distribution

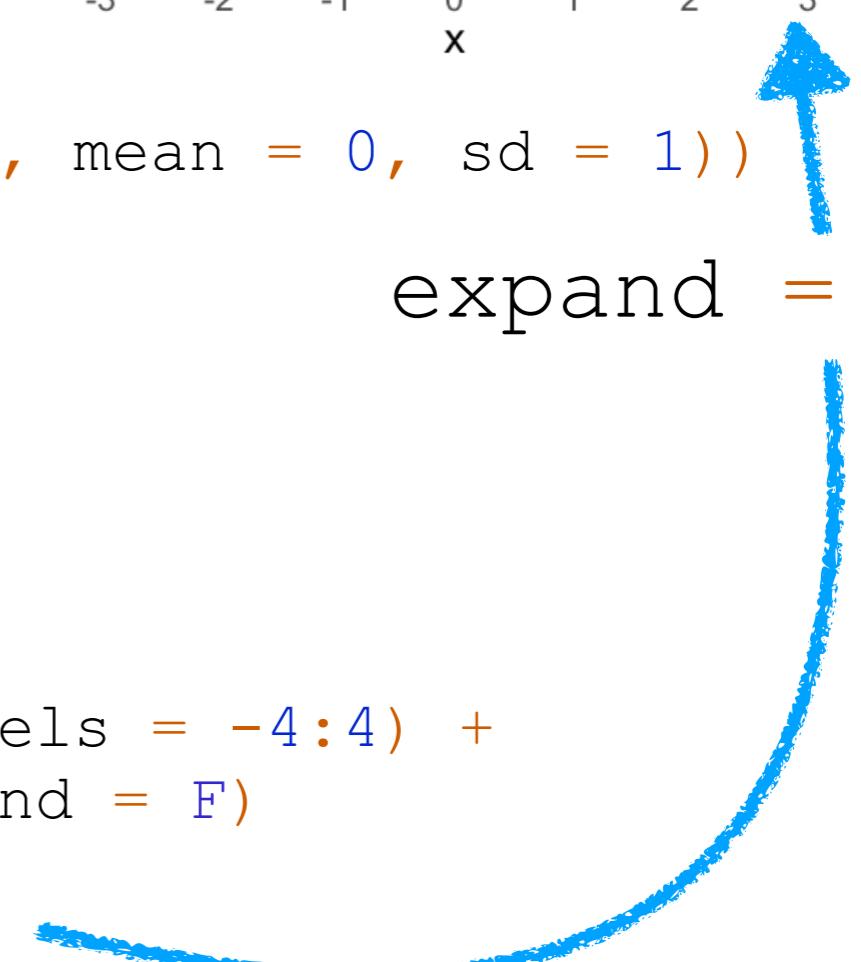


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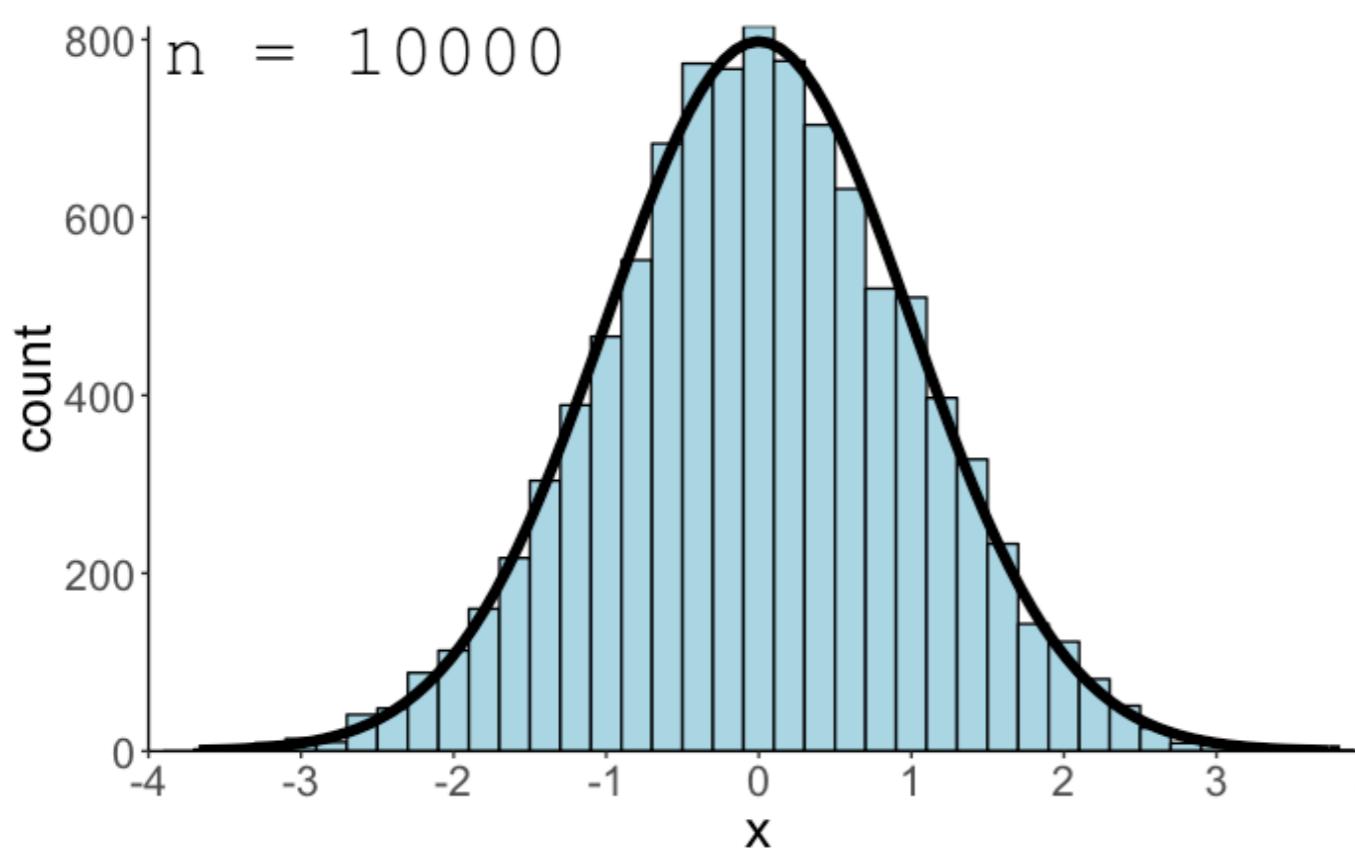
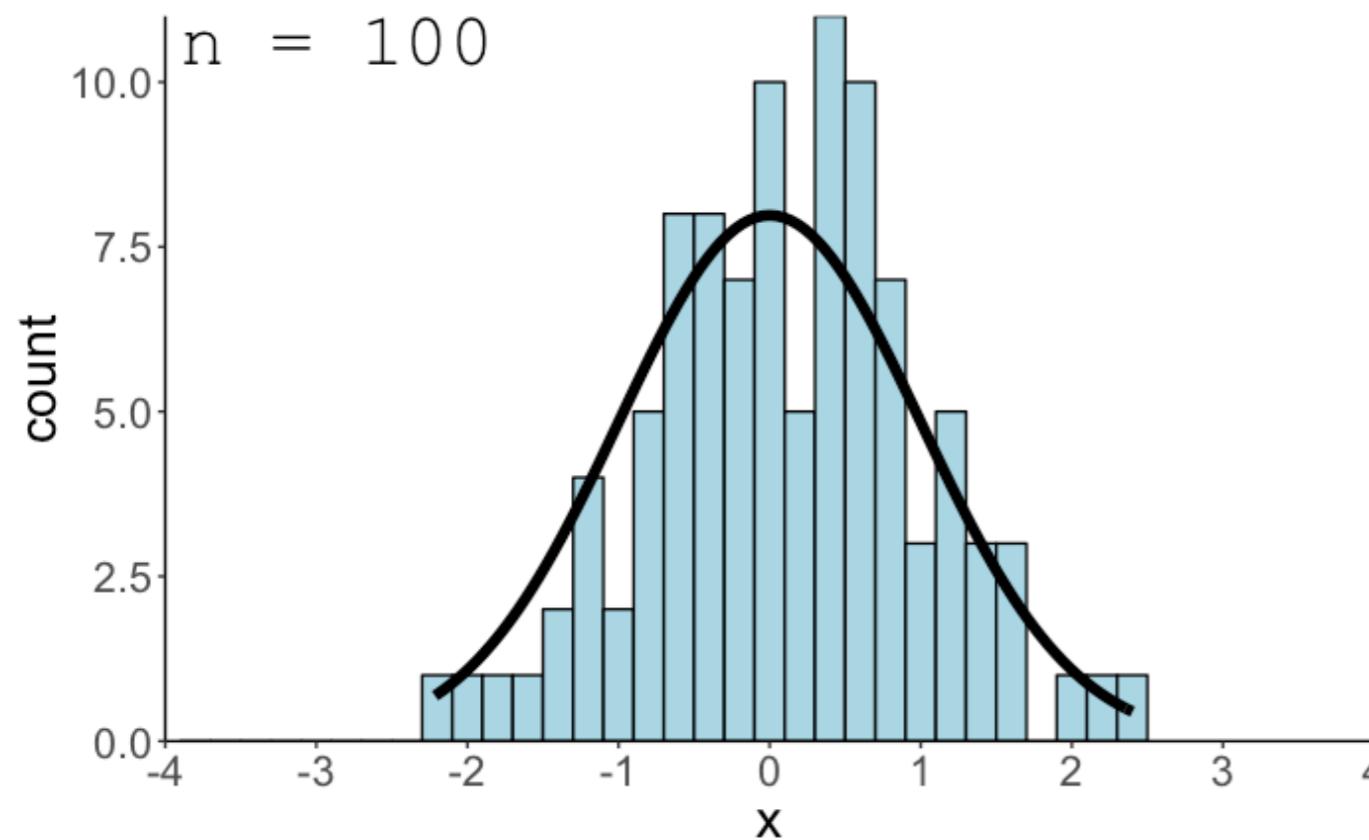
```
1 # make this example reproducible
2 set.seed(1)
3
4 # define how many samples to draw
5 nsamples = 100
6
7 # make a data frame with the samples
8 df.plot = tibble(x = rnorm(n = nsamples, mean = 0, sd = 1))
9
10 # plot the samples using a histogram
11 ggplot(data = df.plot,
12         mapping = aes(x = x)) +
13         geom_histogram(binwidth = 0.2,
14                         color = "black",
15                         fill = "lightblue") +
16         scale_x_continuous(breaks = -4:4, labels = -4:4) +
17         coord_cartesian(xlim = c(-4, 4), expand = F)
```



expand = T



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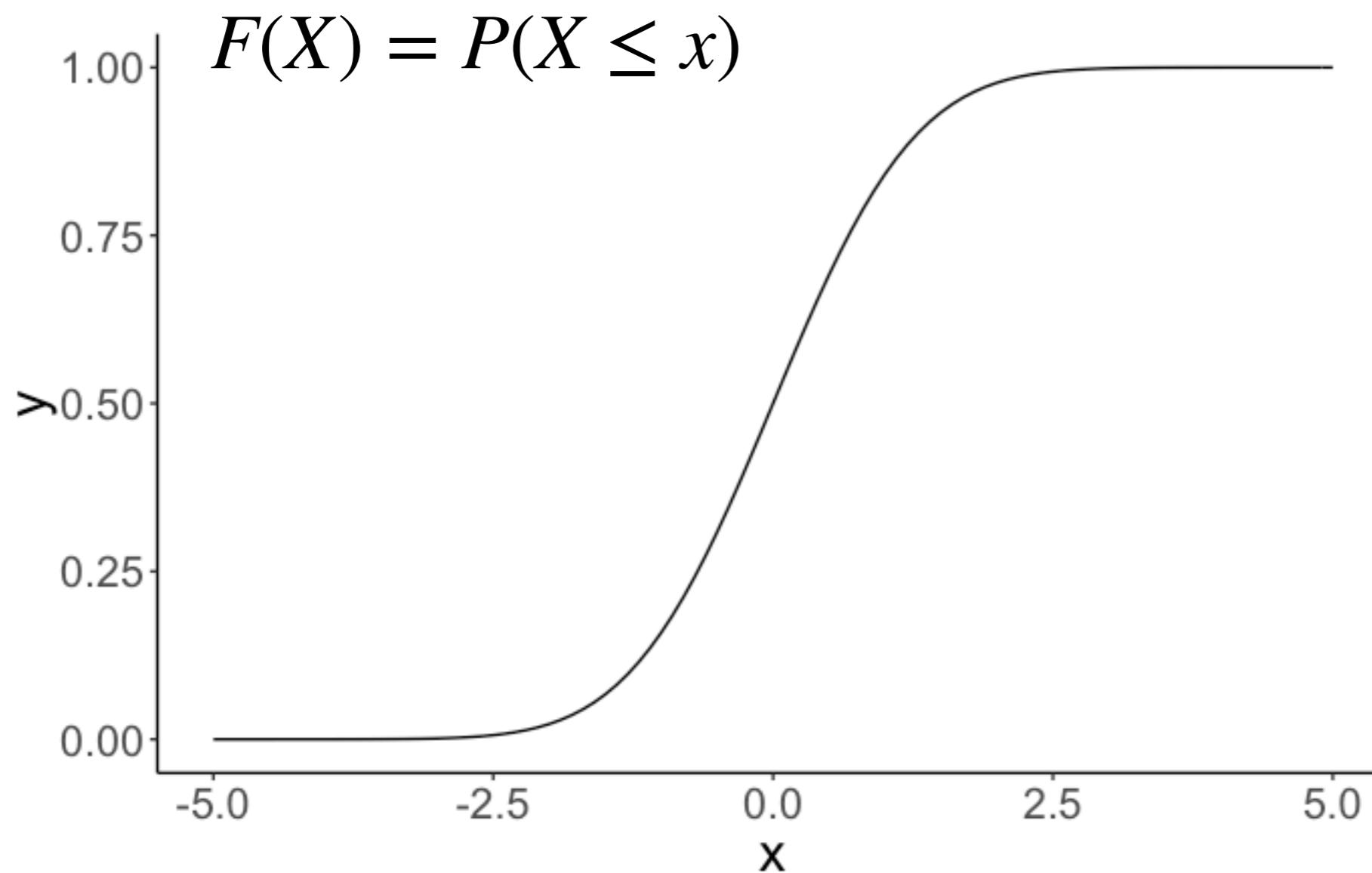
**law of large numbers**

approximation to true  
underlying distribution  
improves with increased  
sample size

# Cumulative probability distribution

```
1 ggplot(data = tibble(x = c(-5, 5)),  
2         mapping = aes(x = x)) +  
3   stat_function(fun = ~ pnorm(q = .,  
4                               mean = 0,  
5                               sd = 1))
```

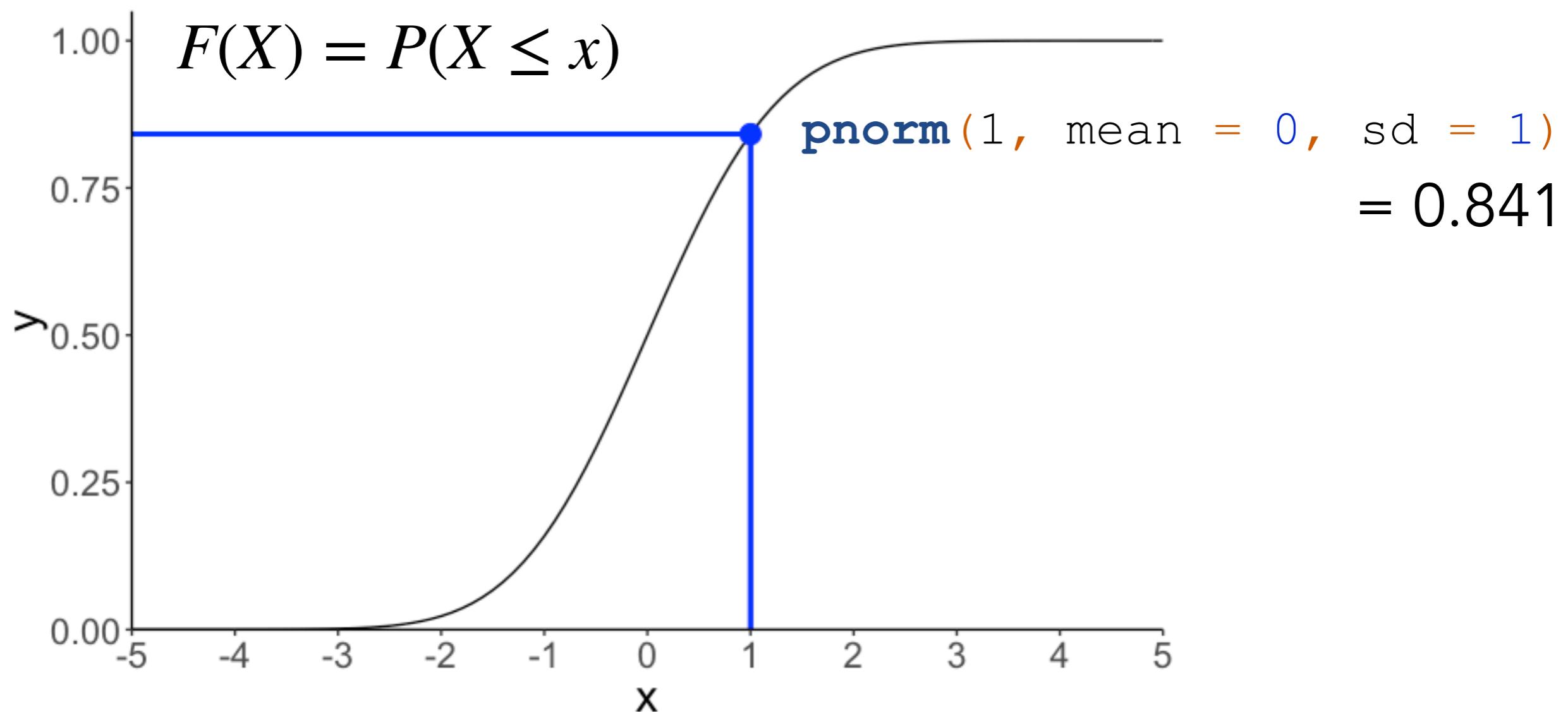
$p = \text{probability}$   
cumulative distribution  
function



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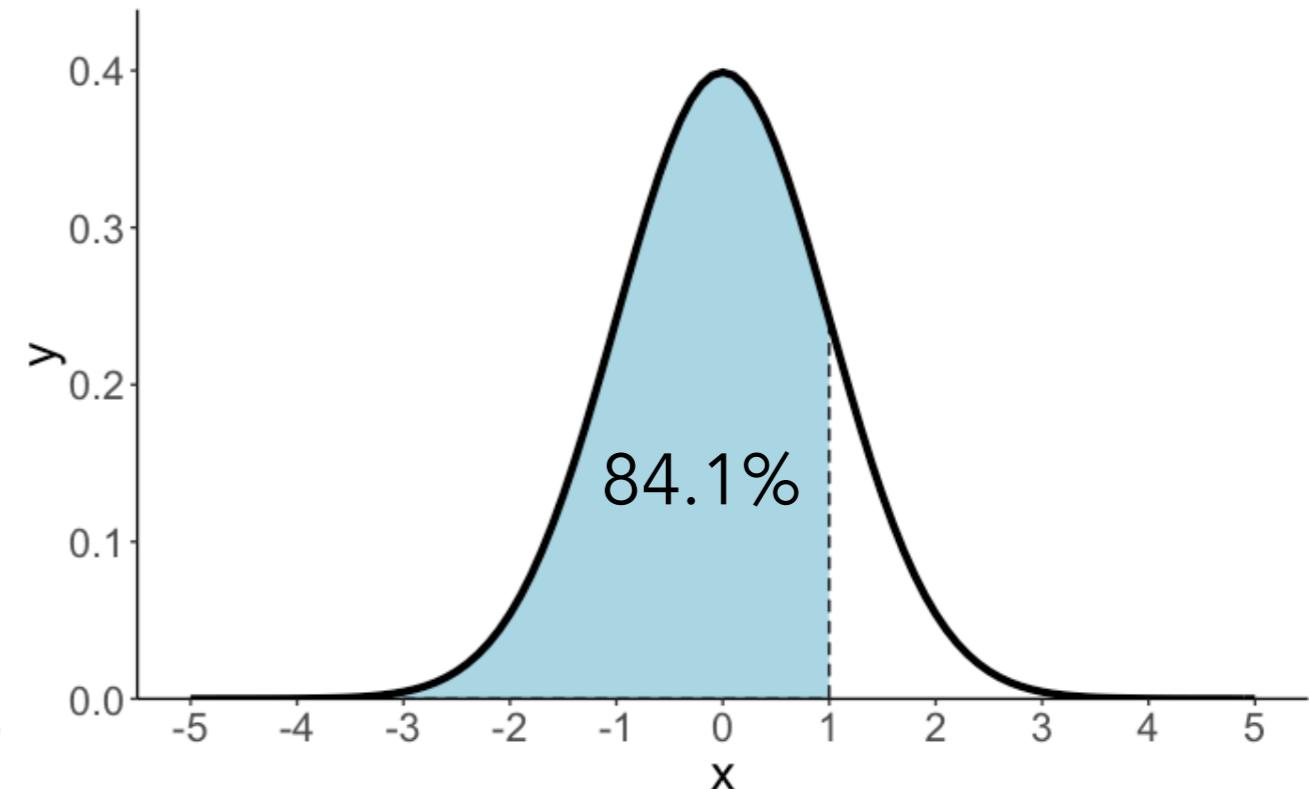
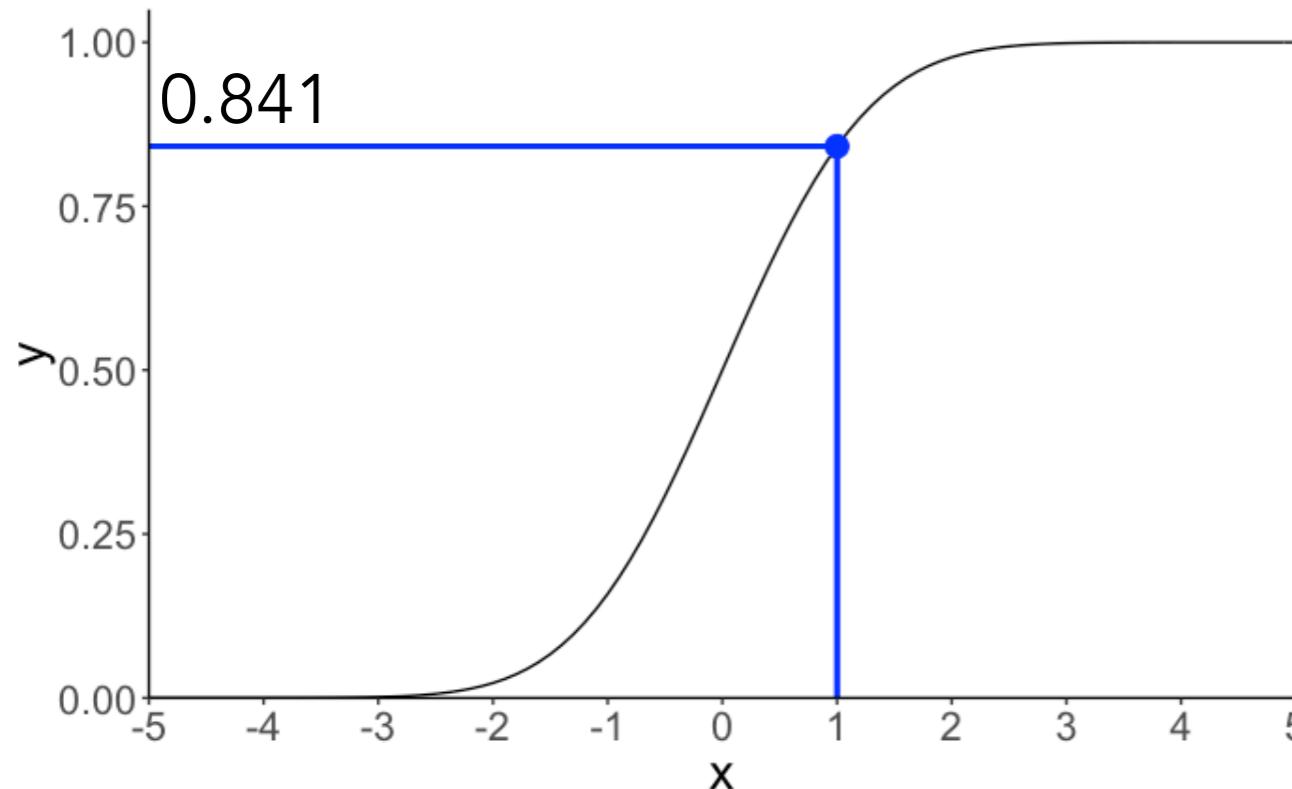
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```

**p** = probability  
cumulative distribution function



# Computing probabilities

`pnorm(1, mean = 0, sd = 1)`

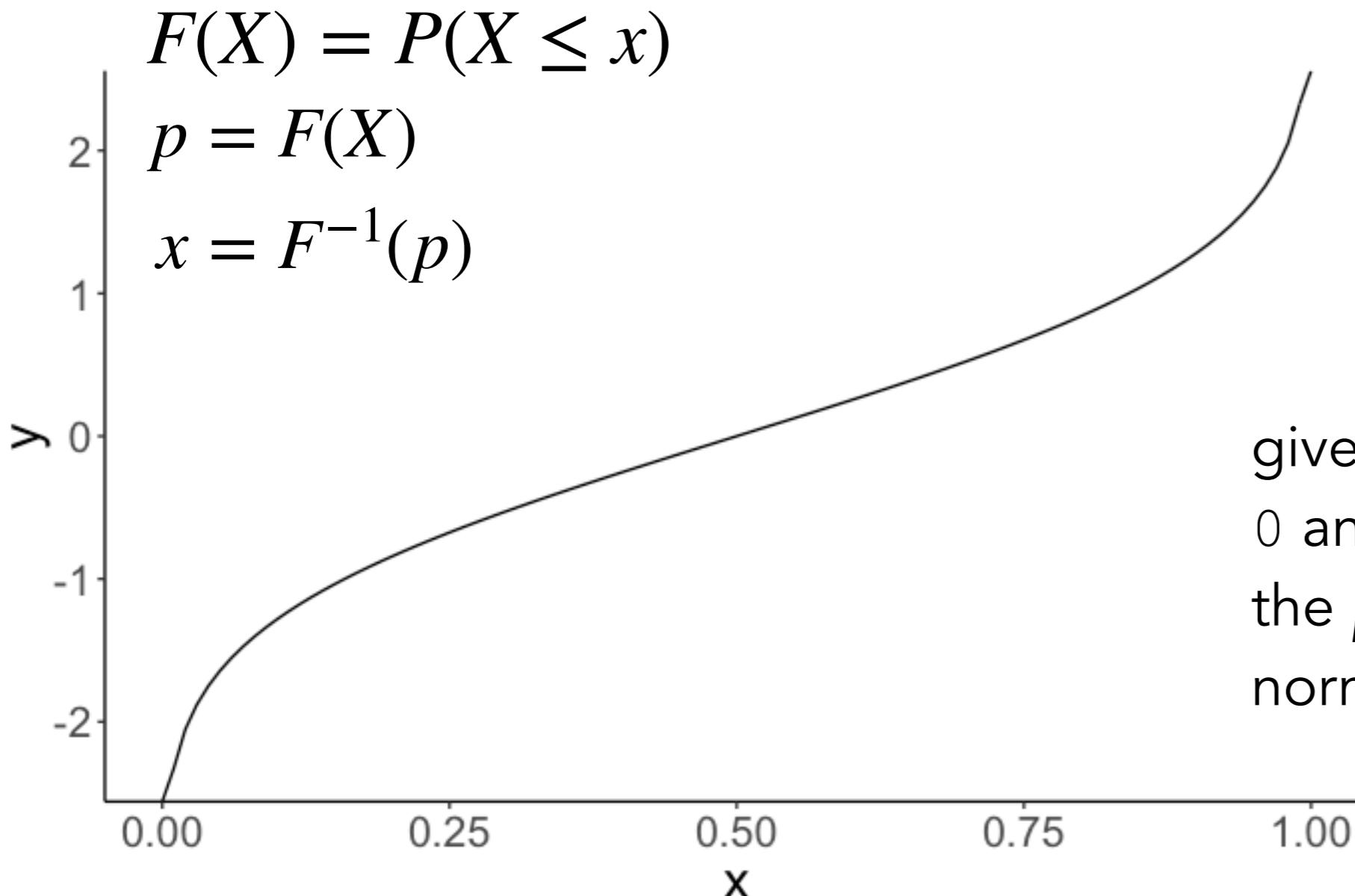


`pnorm(x)` returns the integral from  $-\infty$  to  $x$  of the probability density function

# Inverse cumulative distribution function

```
1 ggplot(data = tibble(x = c(0, 1)),  
2         mapping = aes(x = x)) +  
3   stat_function(fun = ~ qnorm(p = .,  
4                               mean = 0,  
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```

→  $q = \text{quantile}$   
inverse cumulative  
distribution function

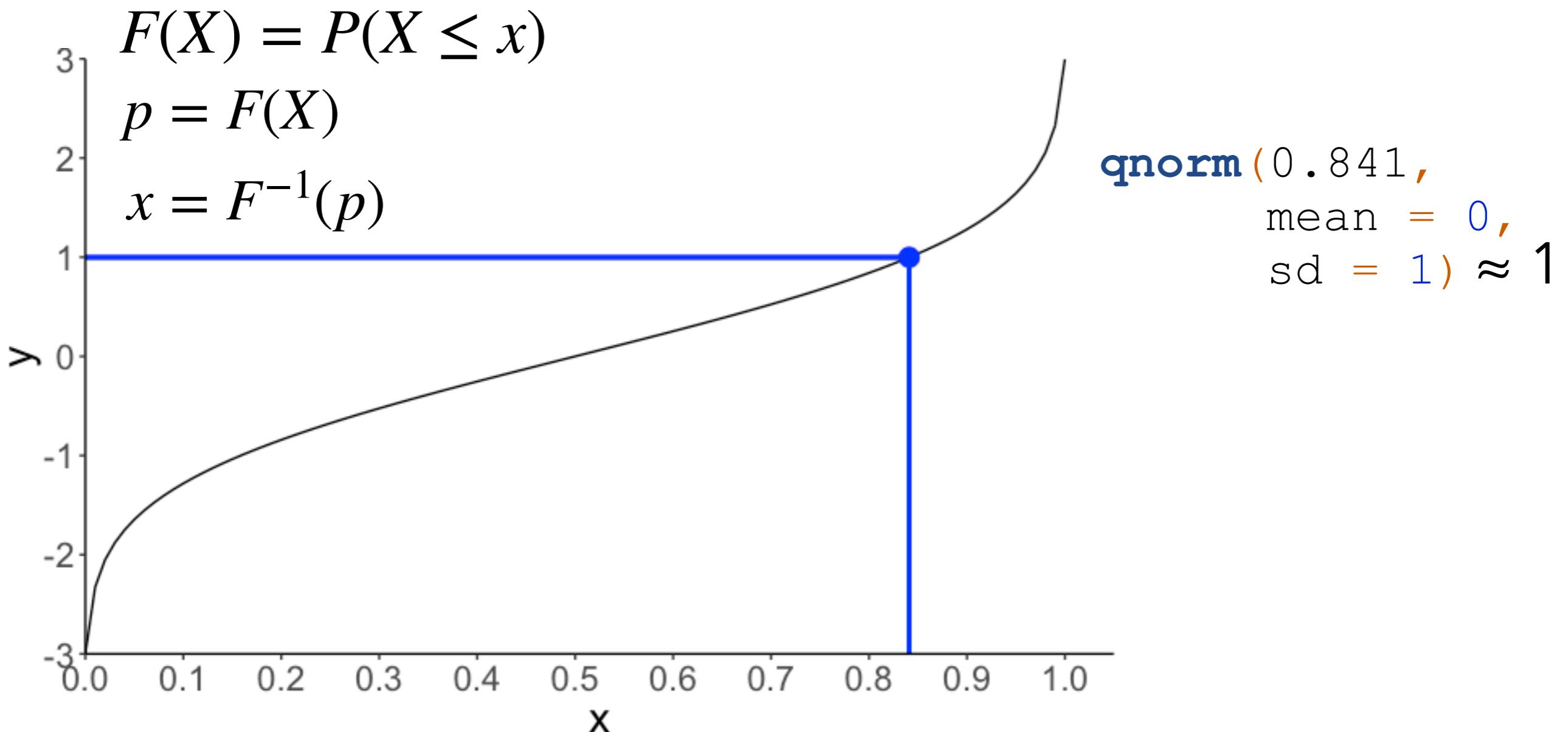


given a number  $p$  between 0 and 1, `qnorm` looks up the  $p$ -th quantile of the normal distribution

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```
1 ggplot(data = tibble(x = c(0, 1)),  
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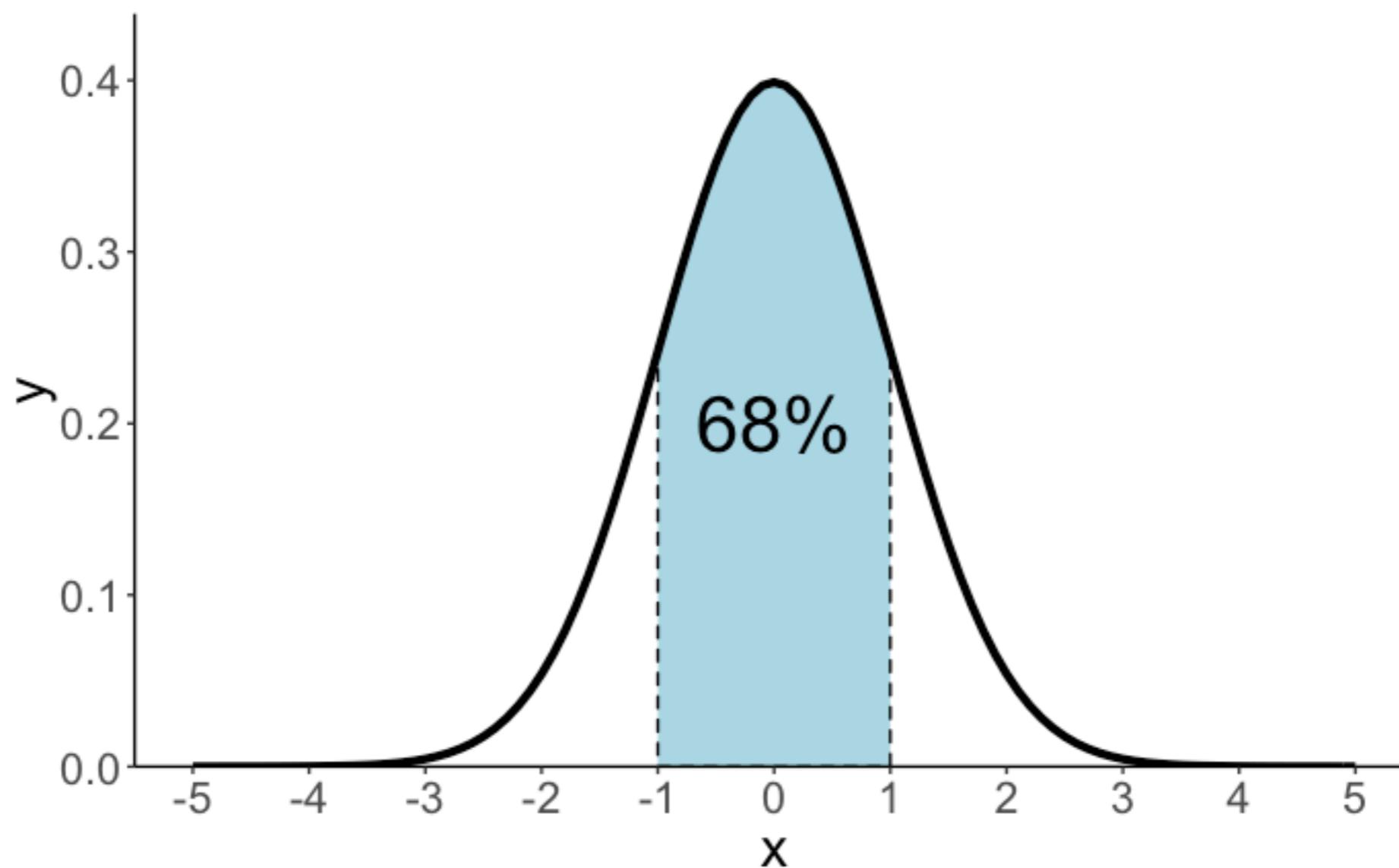
q = quantile  
inverse cumulative distribution function



# Computing probabilities

Find the probability between two values of interest:

$$\text{pnorm}(1) - \text{pnorm}(-1) = \\ 0.84 - 0.16 = 0.68$$

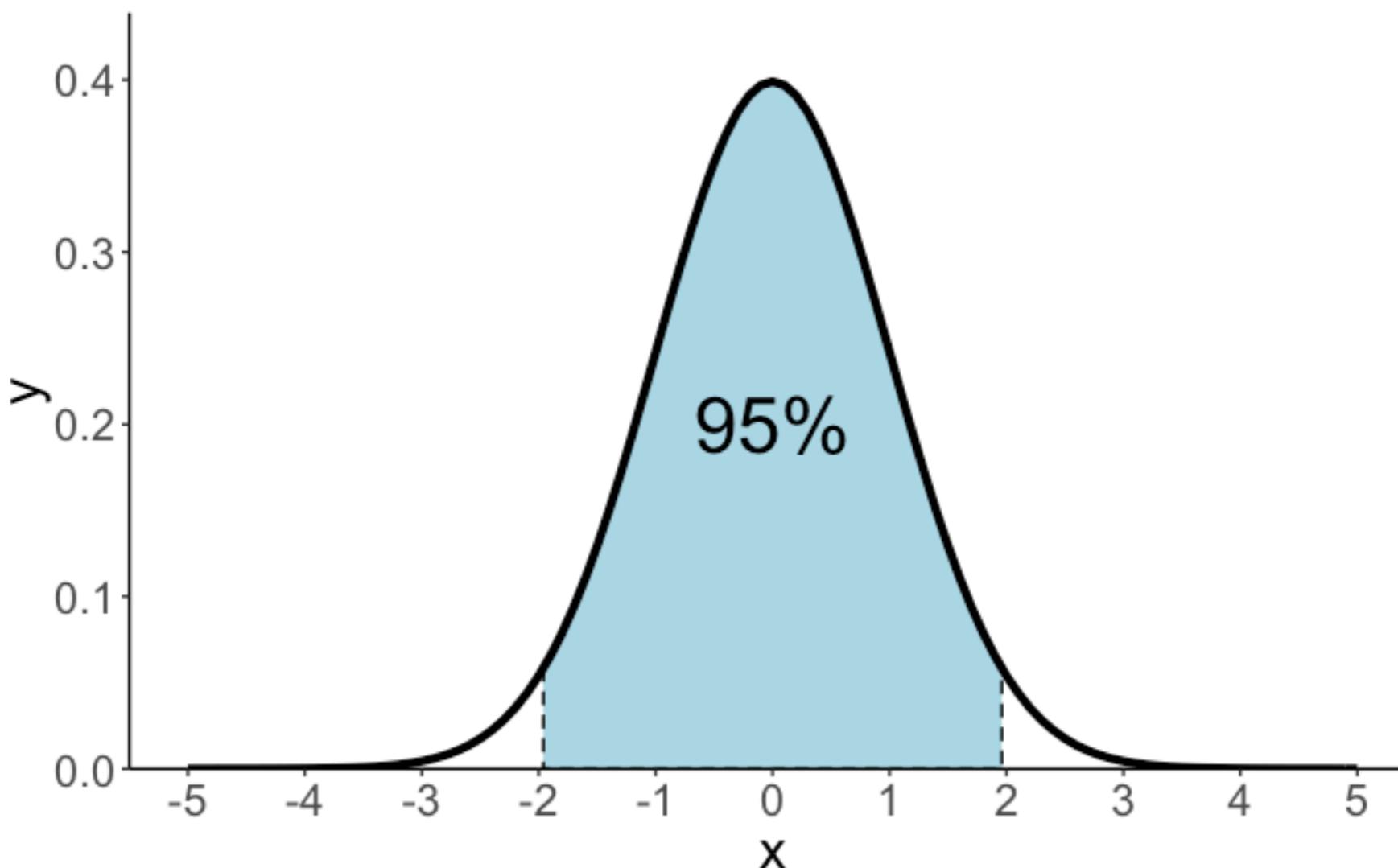


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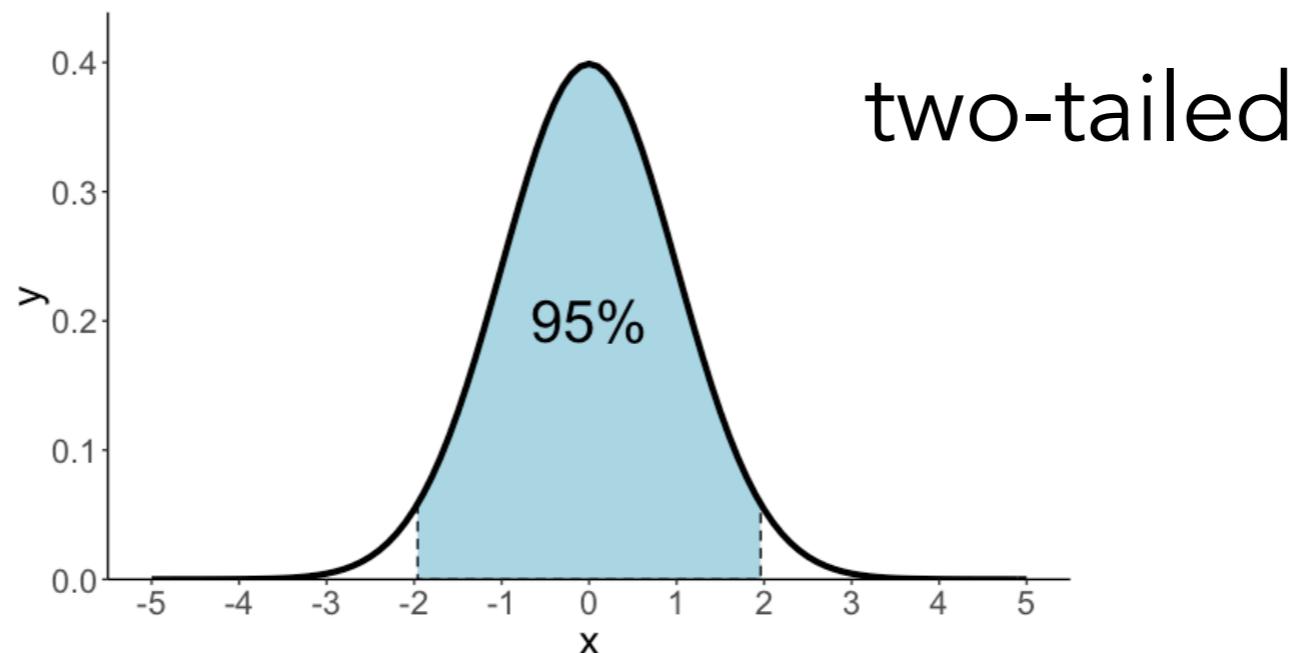
Find the lower and upper value so that 95% of the probability are contained between these values.

$$\text{qnorm}(0.025) = -1.96$$

$$\text{qnorm}(0.975) = 1.96$$



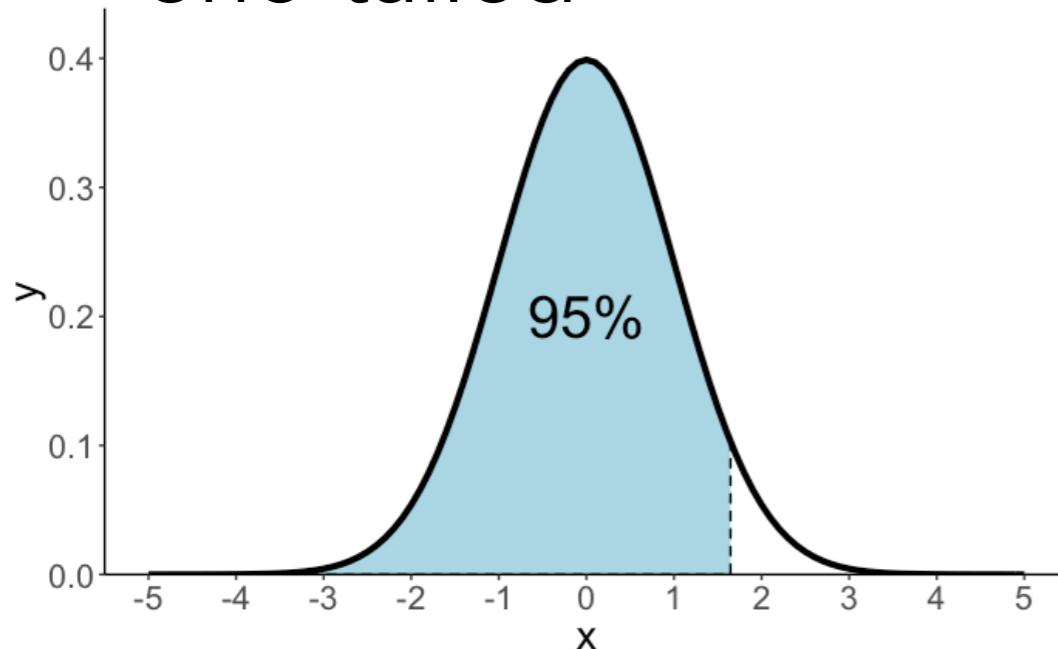
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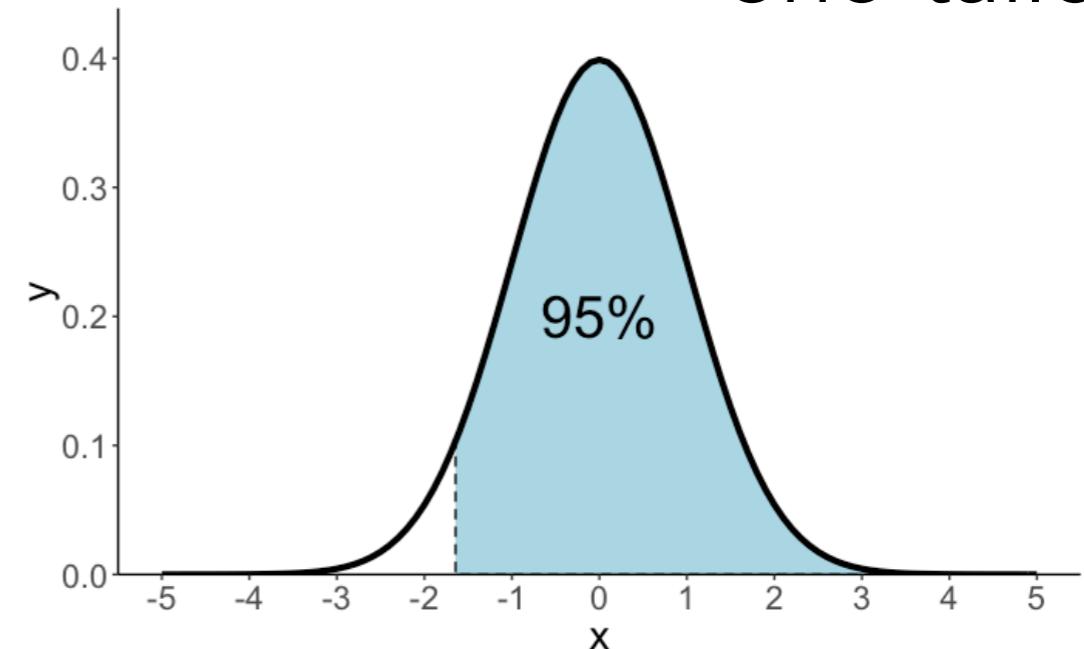
one-tailed



$$\text{qnorm}(0) = -\text{Inf}$$

$$\text{qnorm}(0.95) = 1.64$$

one-tailed



$$\text{qnorm}(0.05) = -1.64$$

$$\text{qnorm}(1) = \text{Inf}$$

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# Summer camp

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twice as many kids go to the basketball camp

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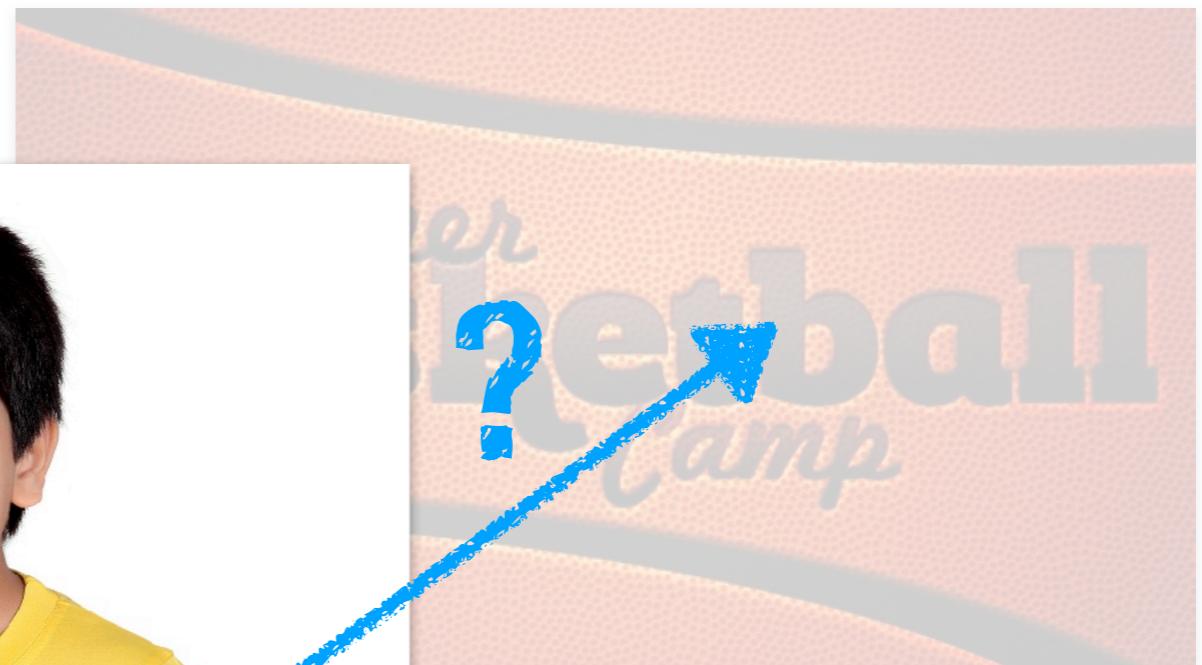
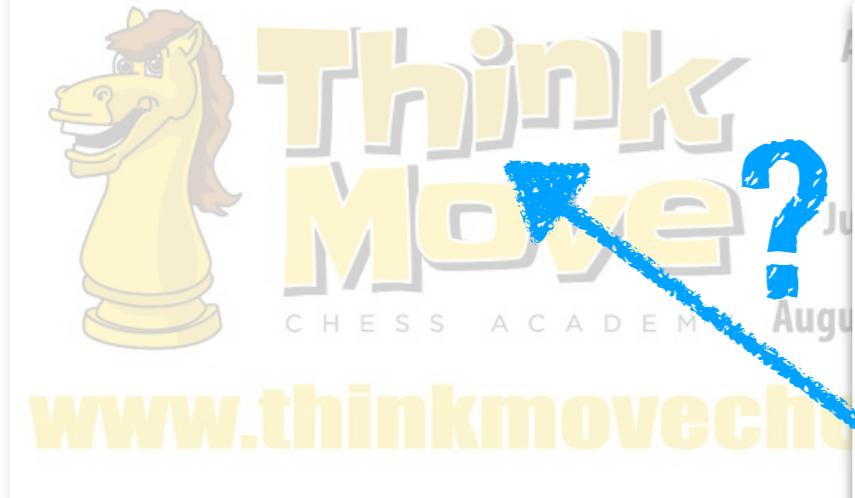


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# **Analytic solution**

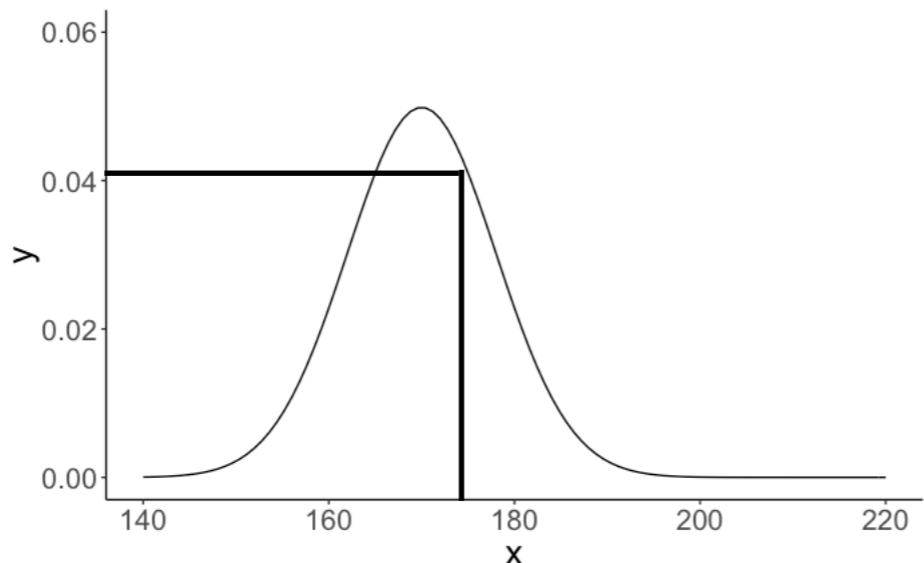
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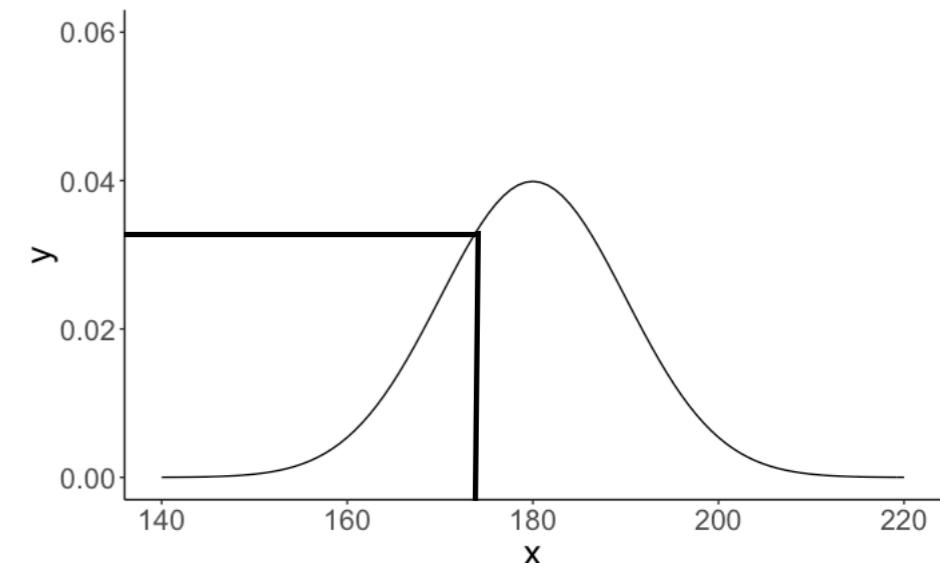
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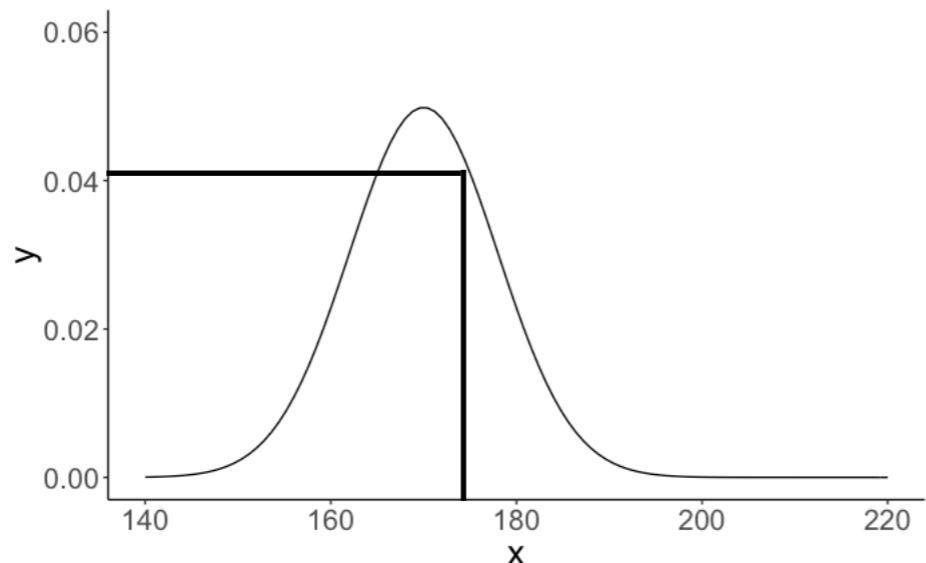
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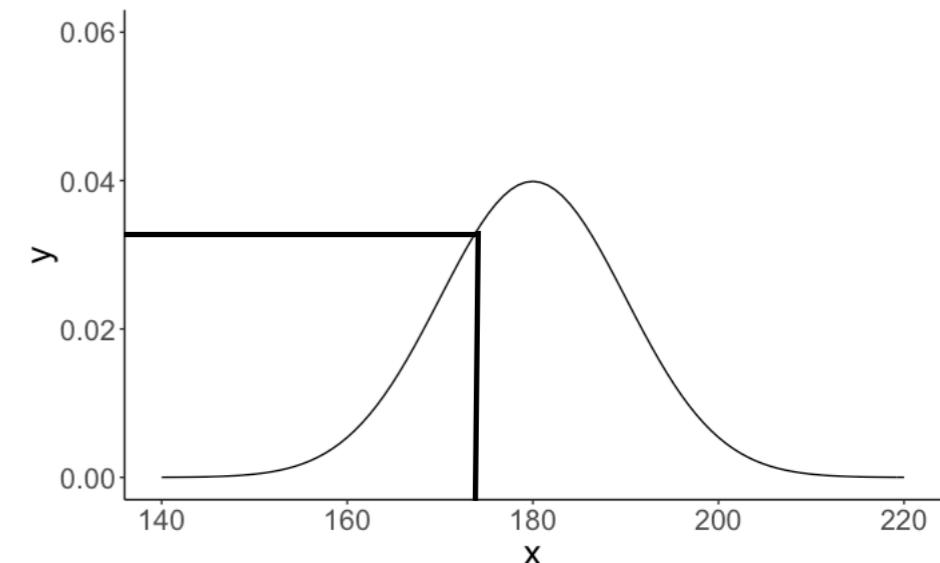
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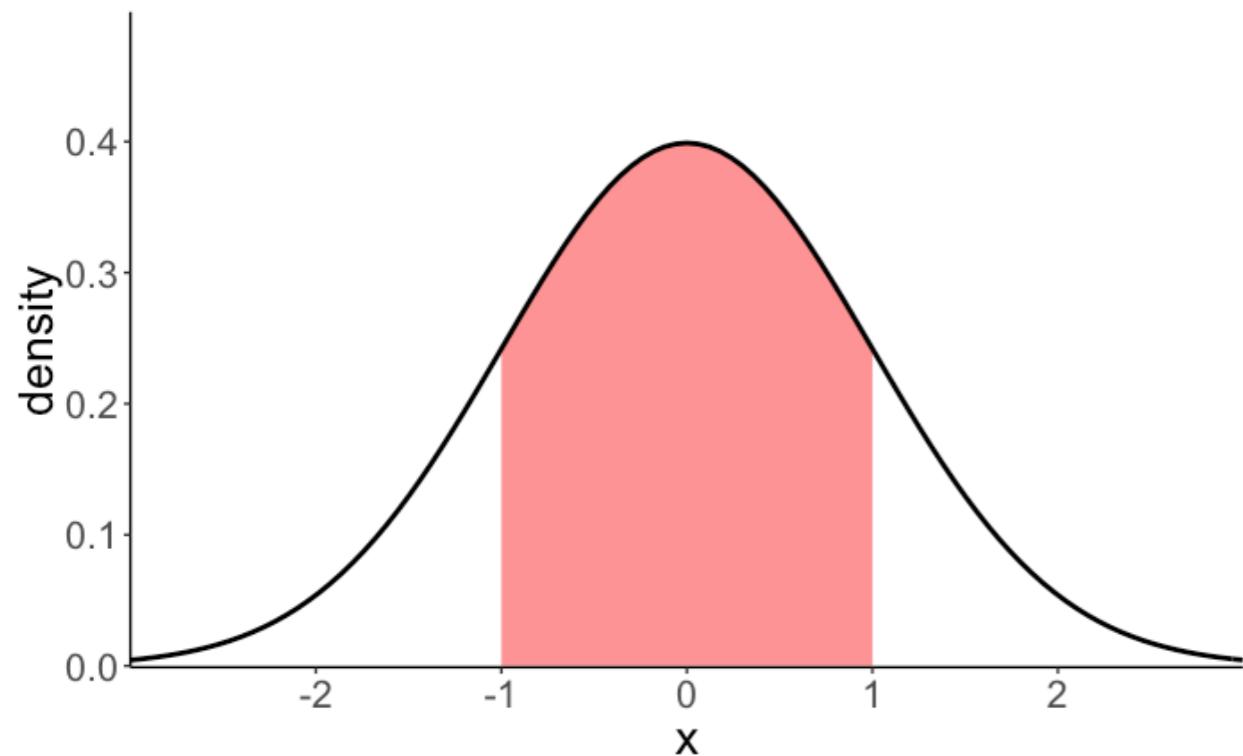
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$$p(\text{basketball} | 175) = \frac{0.035 \cdot 2/3}{0.035 \cdot 2/3 + 0.041 \cdot 1/3} \approx 0.63$$

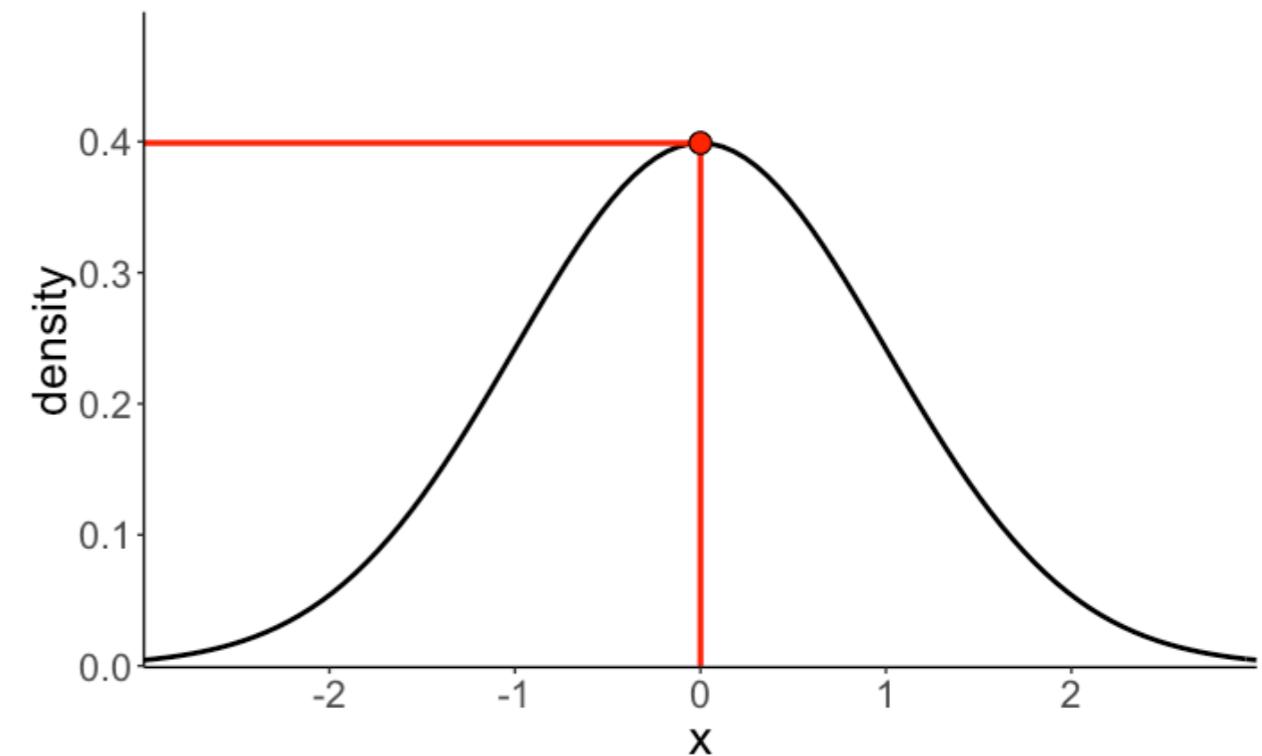
send the kid to  
the basketball  
gym!

# Probability vs. likelihood

**Probability**

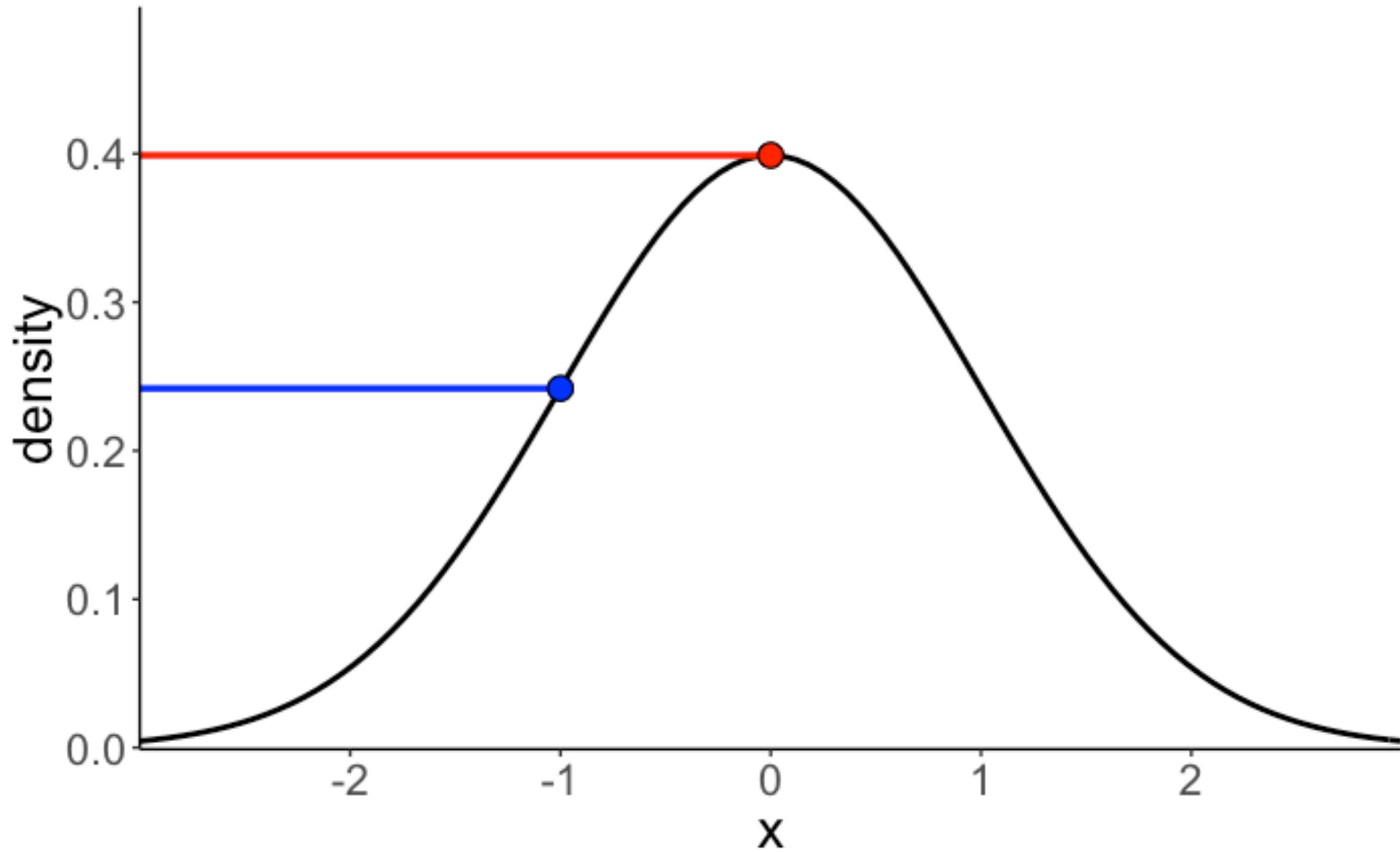


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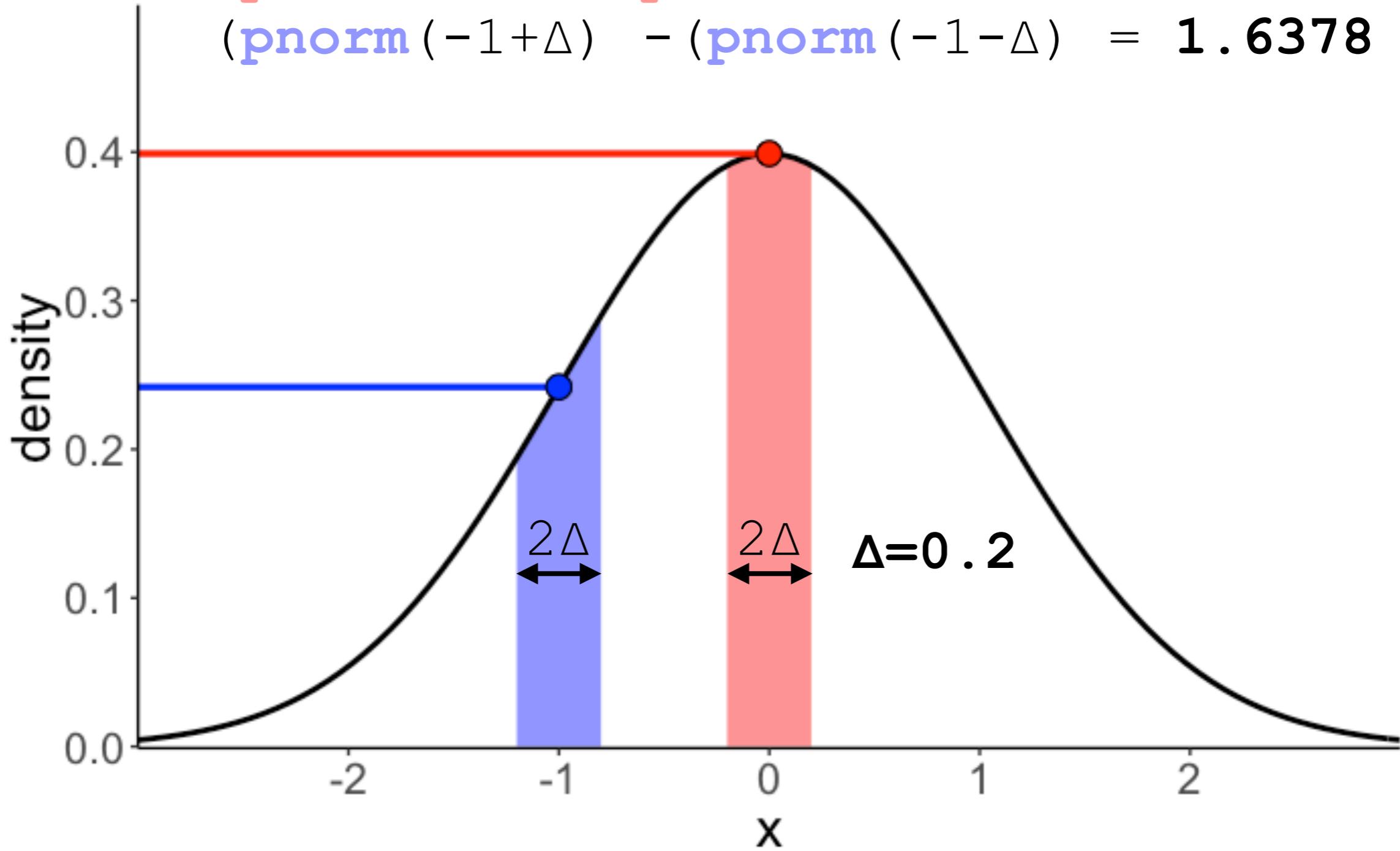


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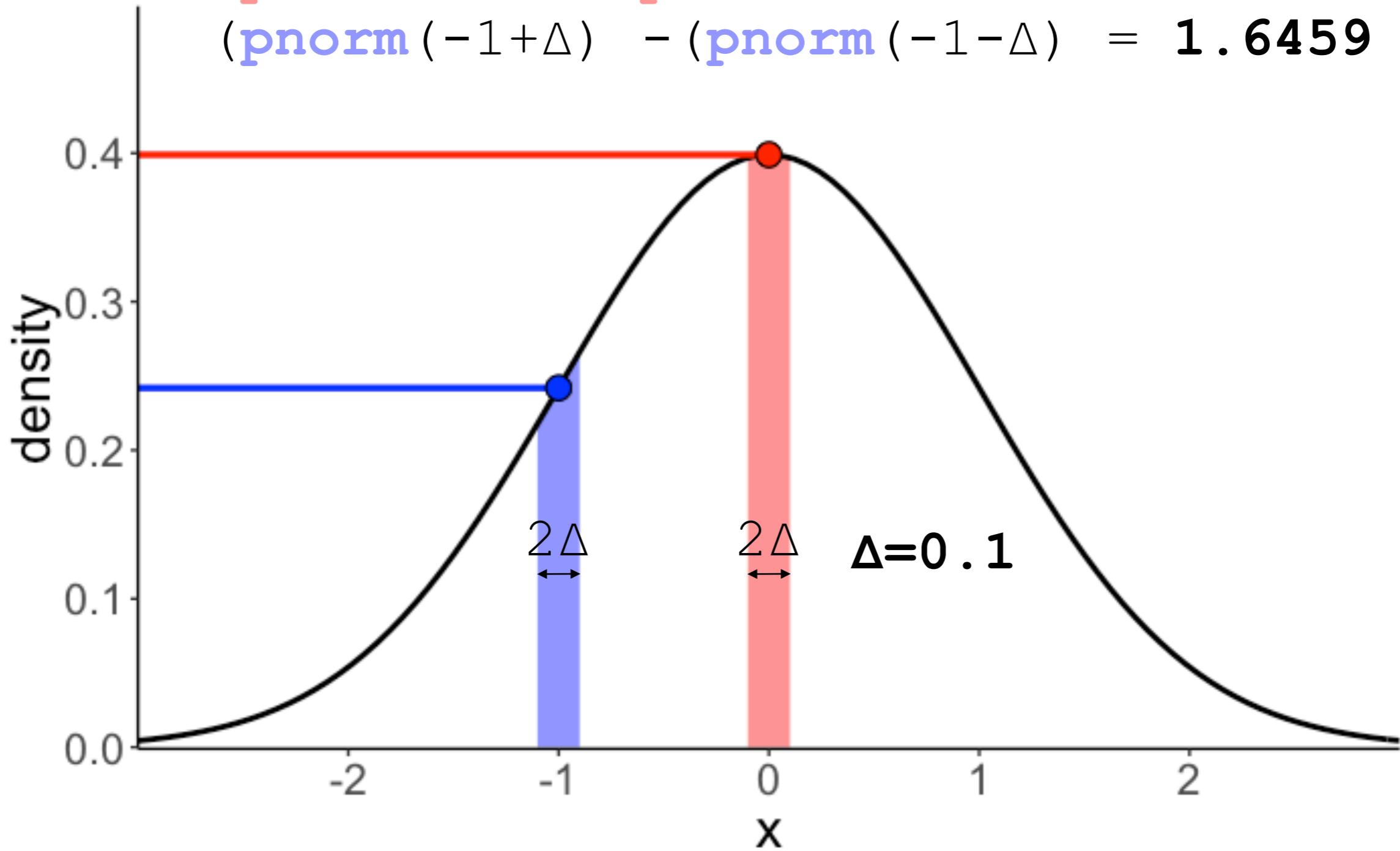


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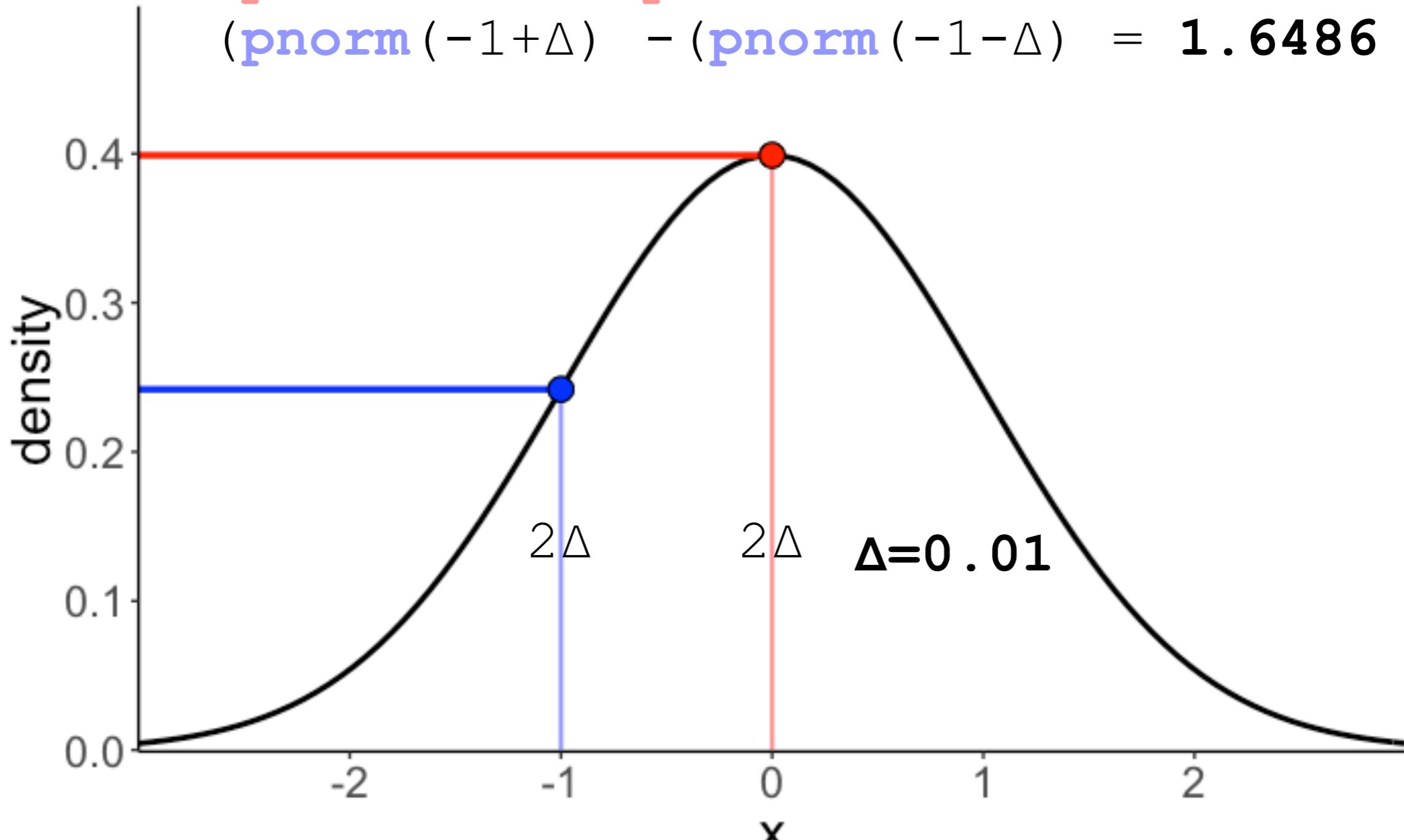


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# **Sampling solution**

# Summer camp: Via sampling

```
1 df.camp = tibble(  
2   kid = 1:1000,  
3   sport = sample(c("chess", "basketball"),  
4     size = 1000,  
5     replace = T,  
6     prob = c(1/3, 2/3))) %>%  
7   rowwise() %>%  
8   mutate(height = ifelse(test = sport == "chess",  
9     yes = rnorm(., mean = 170, sd = 8),  
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11  ungroup())
```

kid	sport	height
1	basketball	164.84
2	basketball	163.22
3	basketball	191.18
4	chess	160.16
5	basketball	182.99
6	chess	163.54
7	chess	168.56
8	basketball	192.99
9	basketball	171.91
10	basketball	177.12

```
1 df.camp %>%  
2   filter(height == 175) %>%  
3   count(sport) %>%  
4   pivot_wider(names_from = sport,  
5     values_from = n) %>%  
6   summarize(prob_basketball =  
7     basketball / (basketball  
8       + chess))
```

doesn't work!

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1 df.camp %>%  
2   filter(between(height,  
3     left = 174,  
4     right = 176)) %>%  
5   count(sport) %>%  
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7     values_from = n) %>%  
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this works!

$\approx 0.63$

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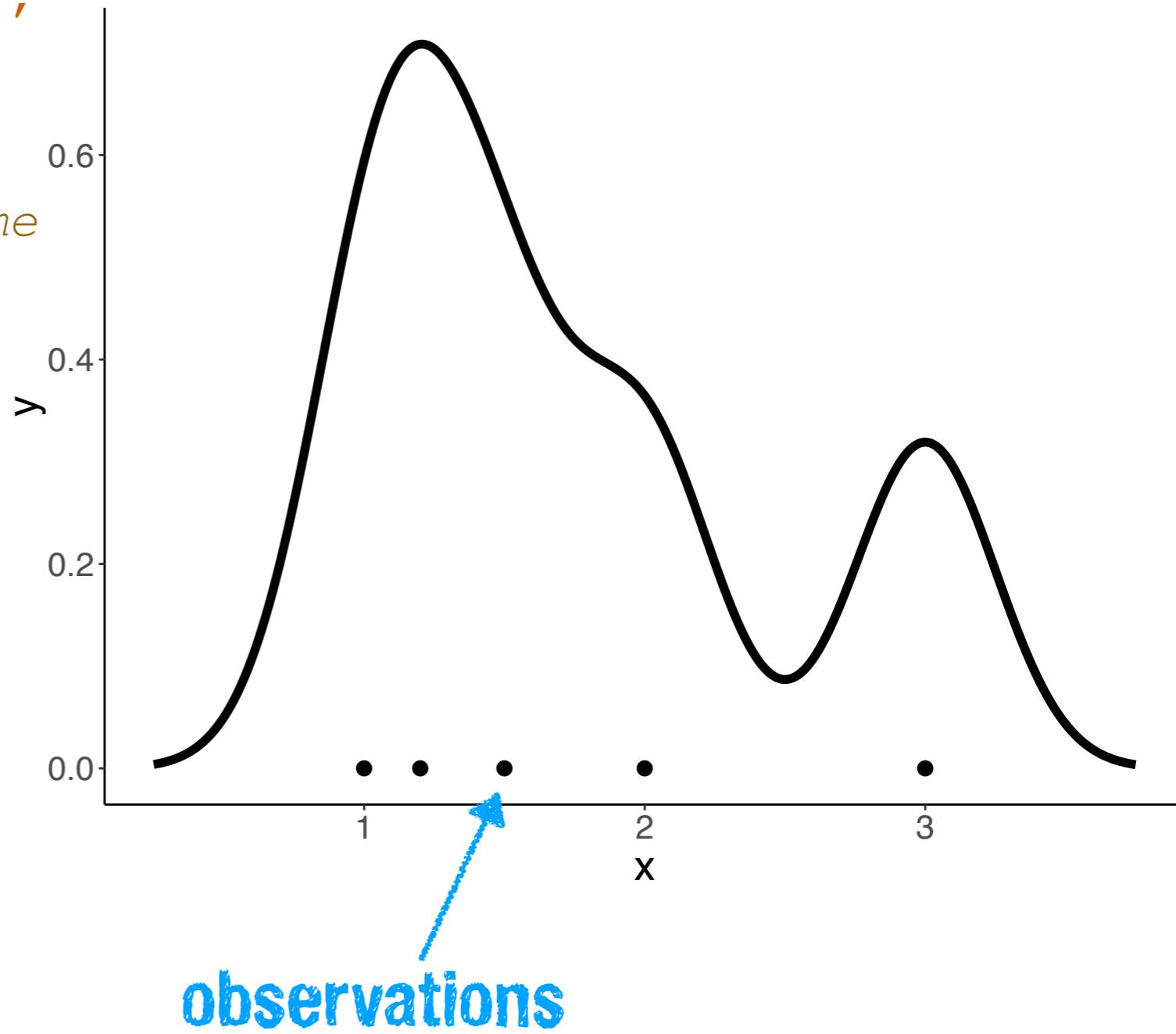
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```
1 # calculate density  
2 observations = c(1, 1.2, 1.5, 2, 3)  
3 bandwidth = 0.25  
4 density = density(observations,  
5   kernel = "gaussian",  
6   bw = bandwidth,  
7   n = 512)  
8  
9 # save density as data frame  
10 df.density = tibble(  
11   x = density$x,  
12   y = density$y  
13 )
```

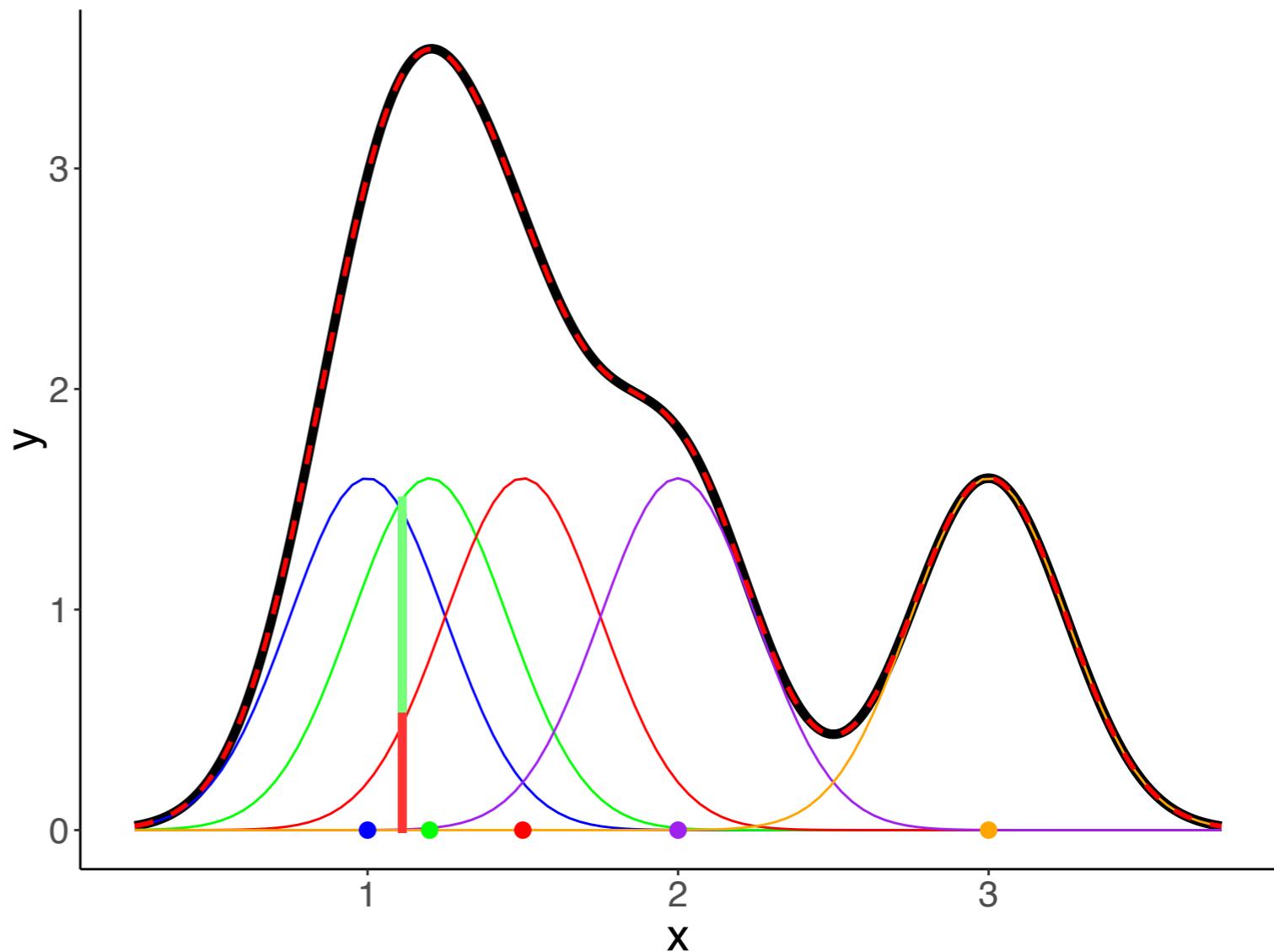
x	y
0.250	0.004
0.257	0.004
0.264	0.005
0.271	0.005
0.277	0.005
0.284	0.006

nrow = 512



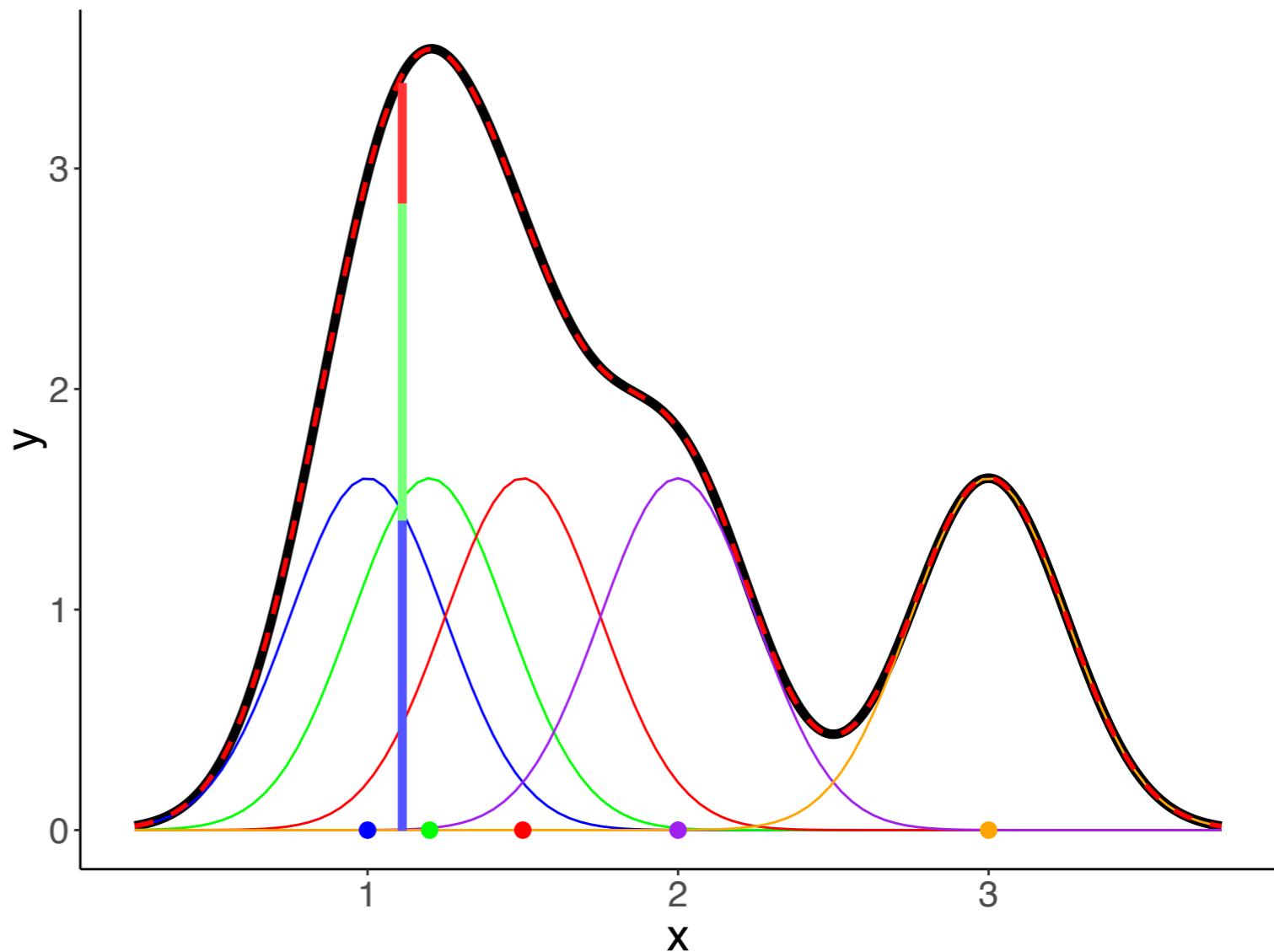
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0.257	0.021	0.019	0.001	0	0	0	0.021
0.264	0.023	0.021	0.001	0	0	0	0.022
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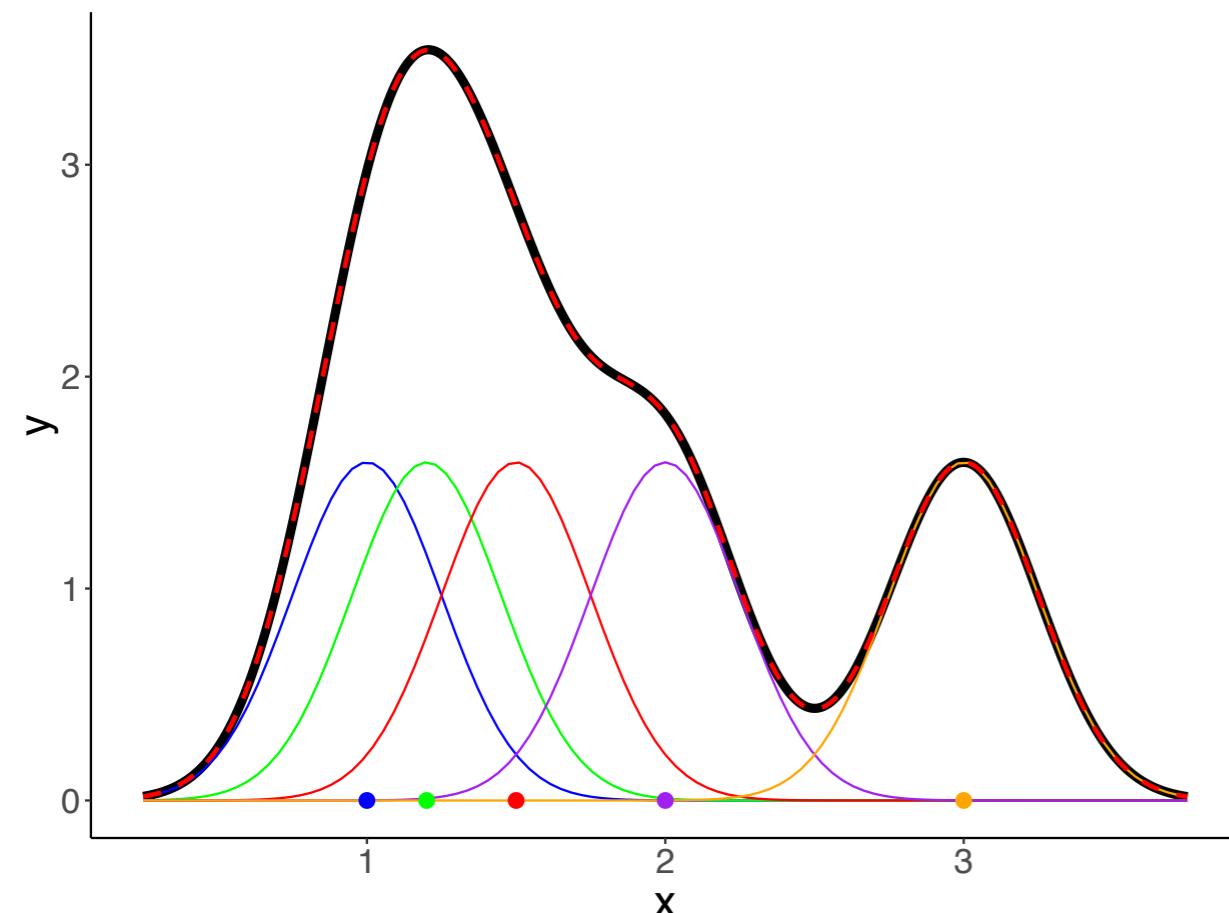


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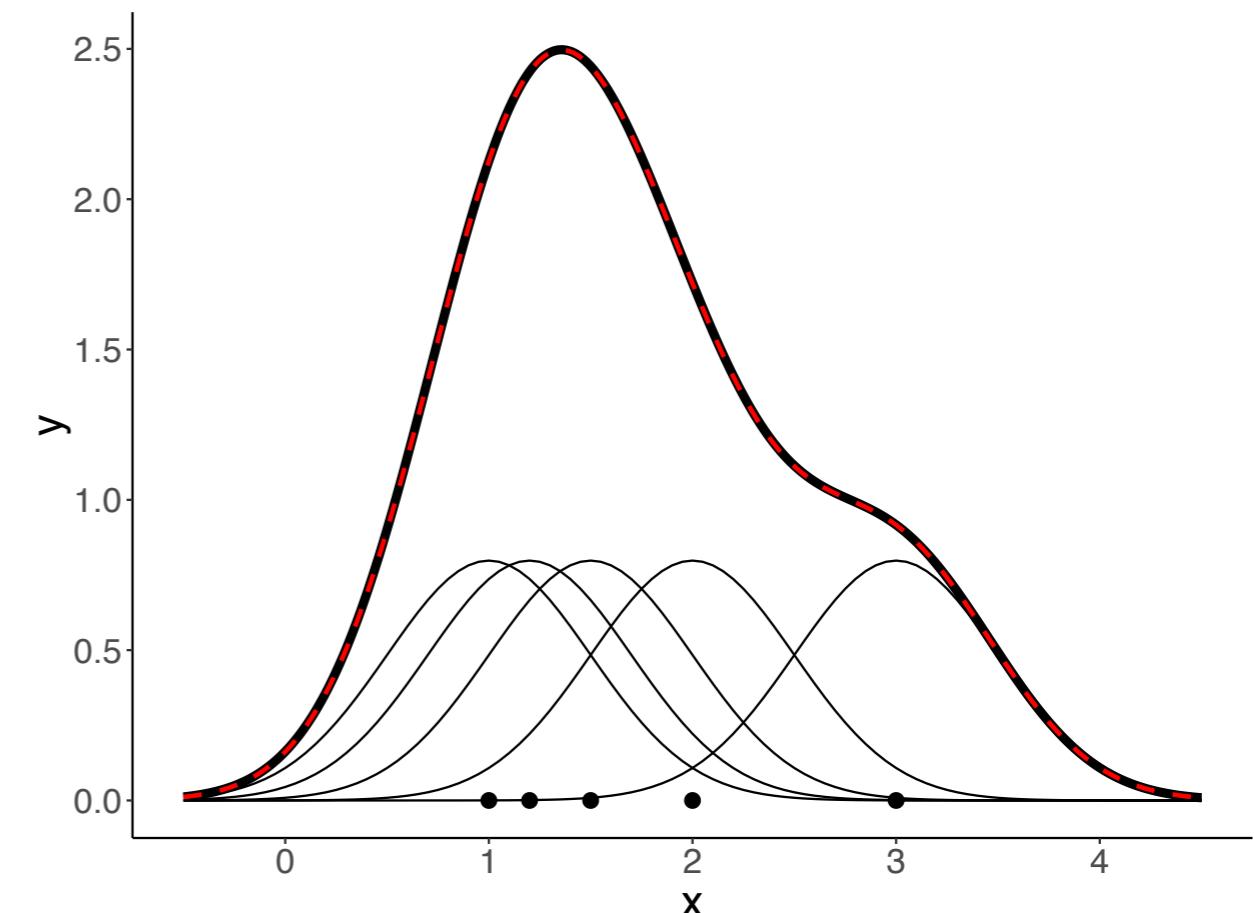
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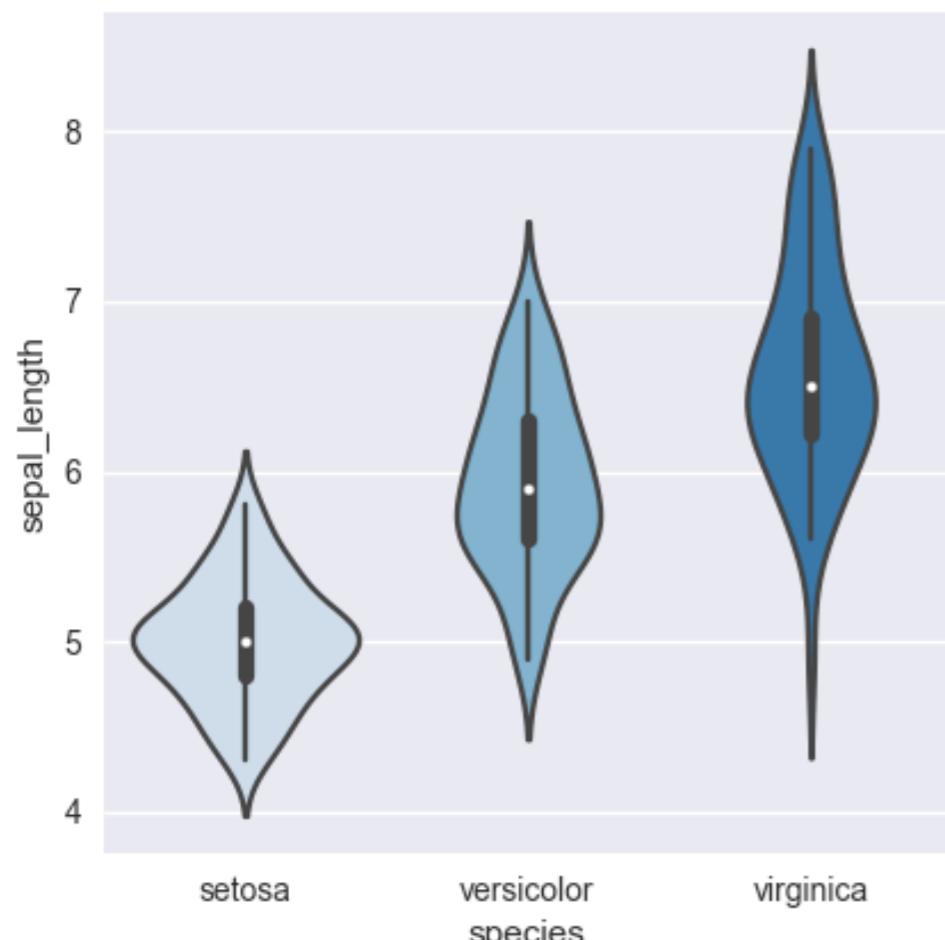
**density** (bw = 0.25)



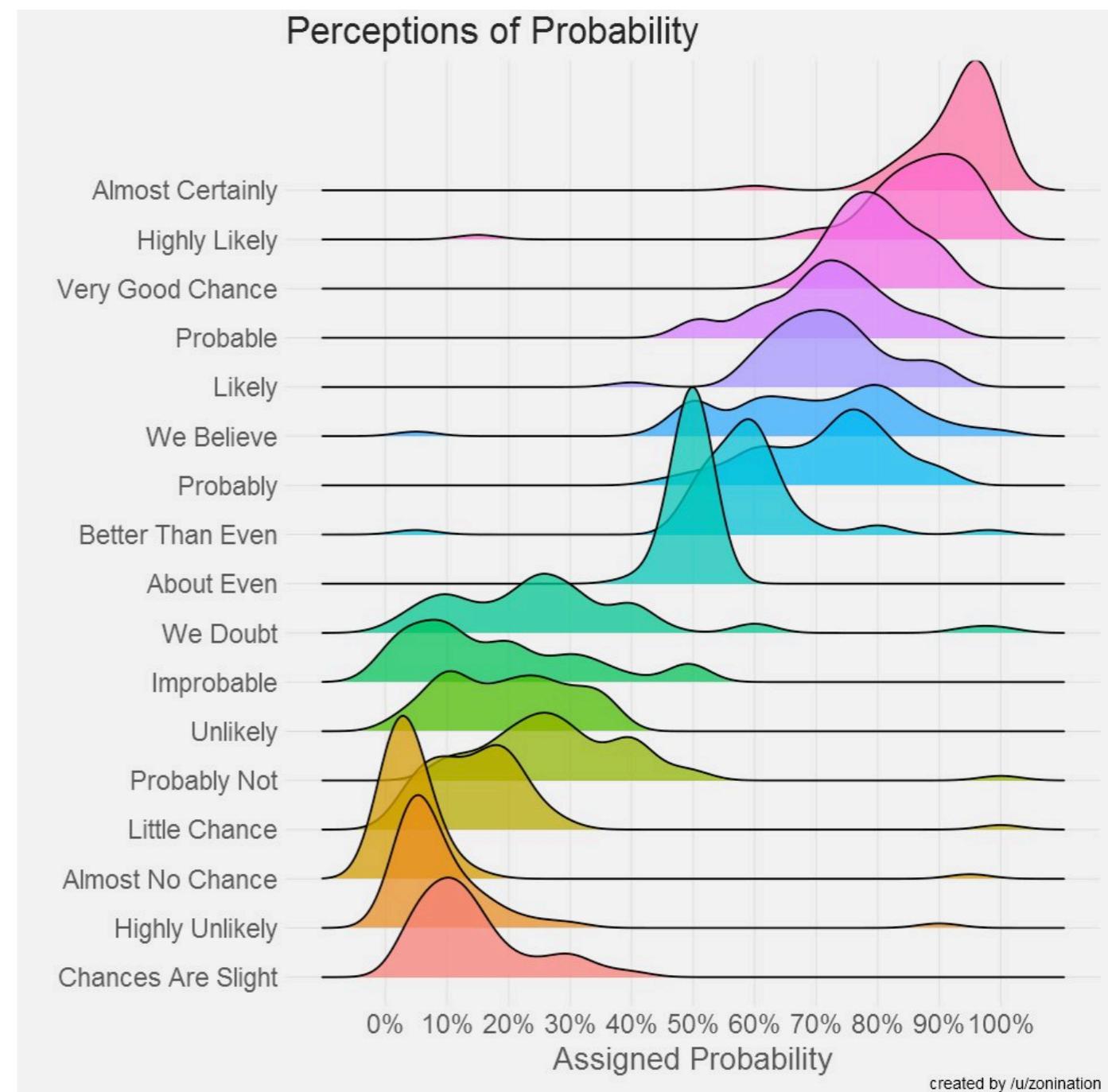
**density** (bw = 0.5)

# Understanding density()

violinplot



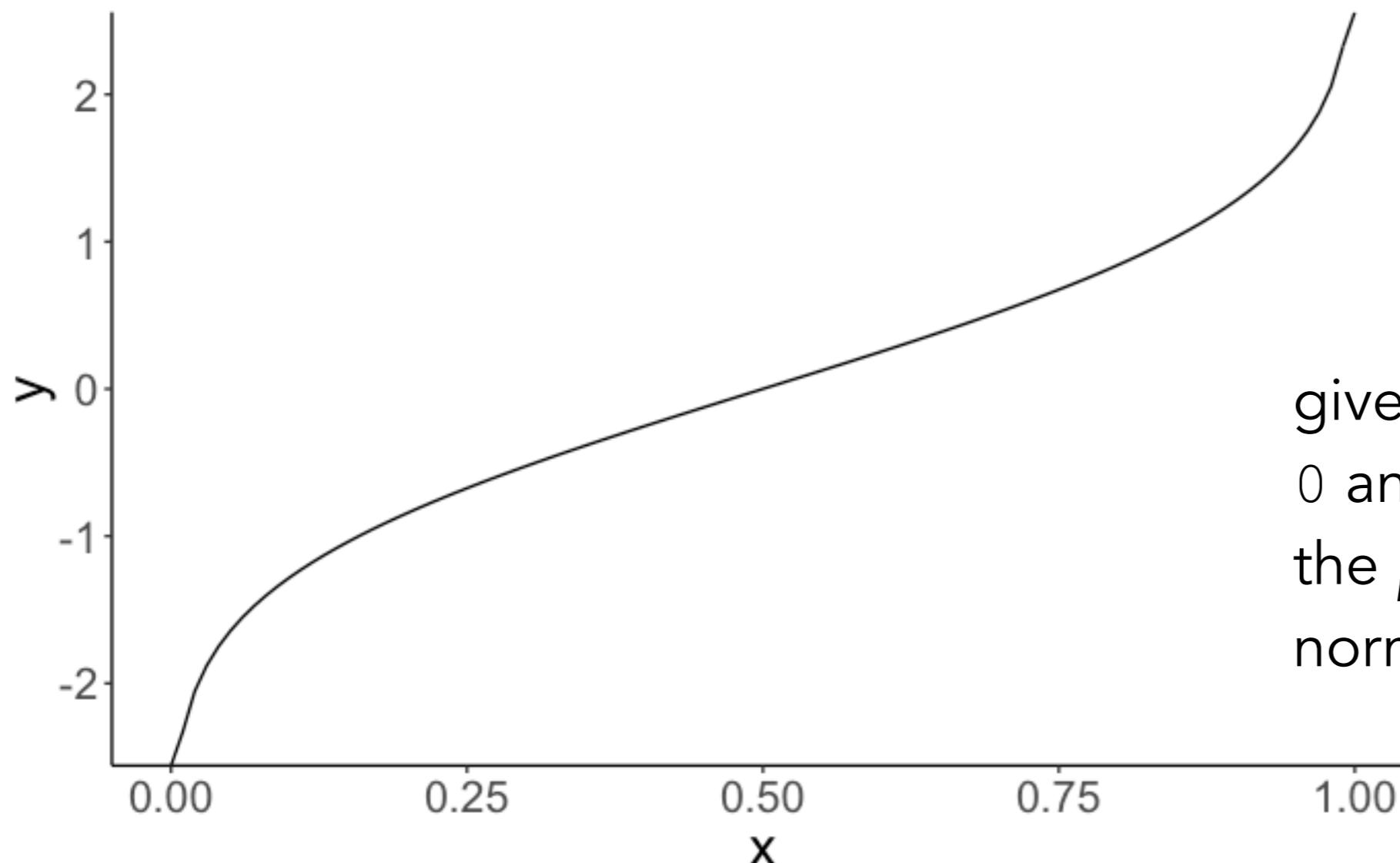
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# Using `quantile()`

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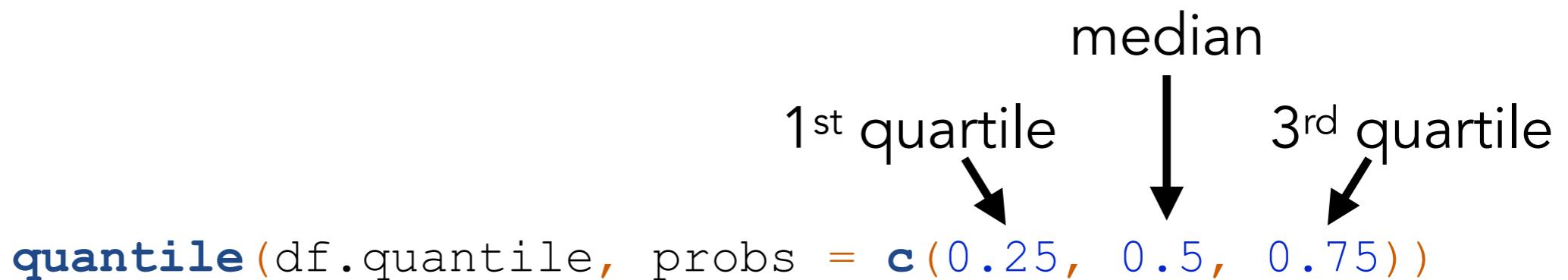
given a number  $p$  between 0 and 1, `qnorm` looks up the  $p$ -th quantile of the normal distribution

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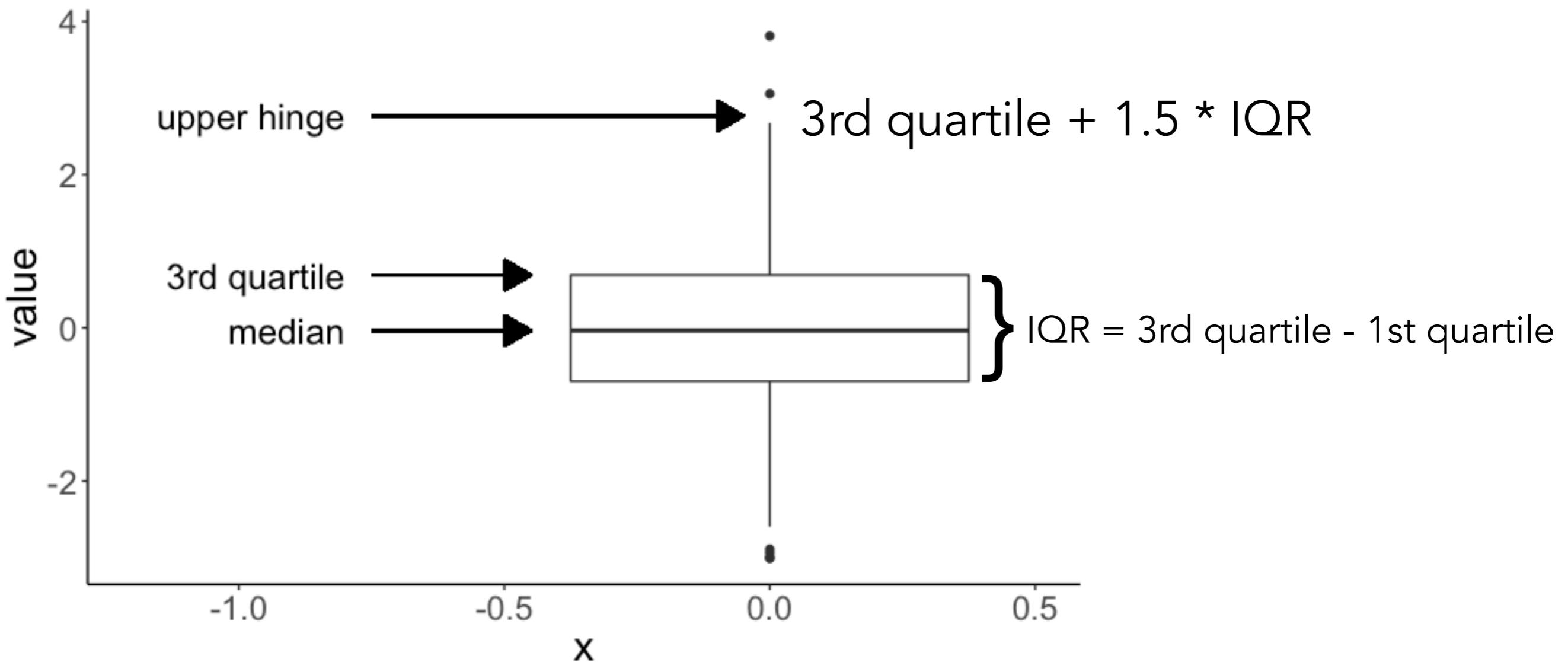
```
1 # a sample from the normal distribution
2 df.quantile = tibble(
3   sample = 1:nsamples,
4   value = rnorm(n = nsamples))
```

sample	value
1	-0.63
2	0.18
3	-0.84
4	1.60
5	0.33
6	-0.82
7	0.49
8	0.74
9	0.58
10	-0.3



# Using `quantile()`

median  
1<sup>st</sup> quartile  
3<sup>rd</sup> quartile  
`quantile(df.quantile, probs = c(0.25, 0.5, 0.75))`

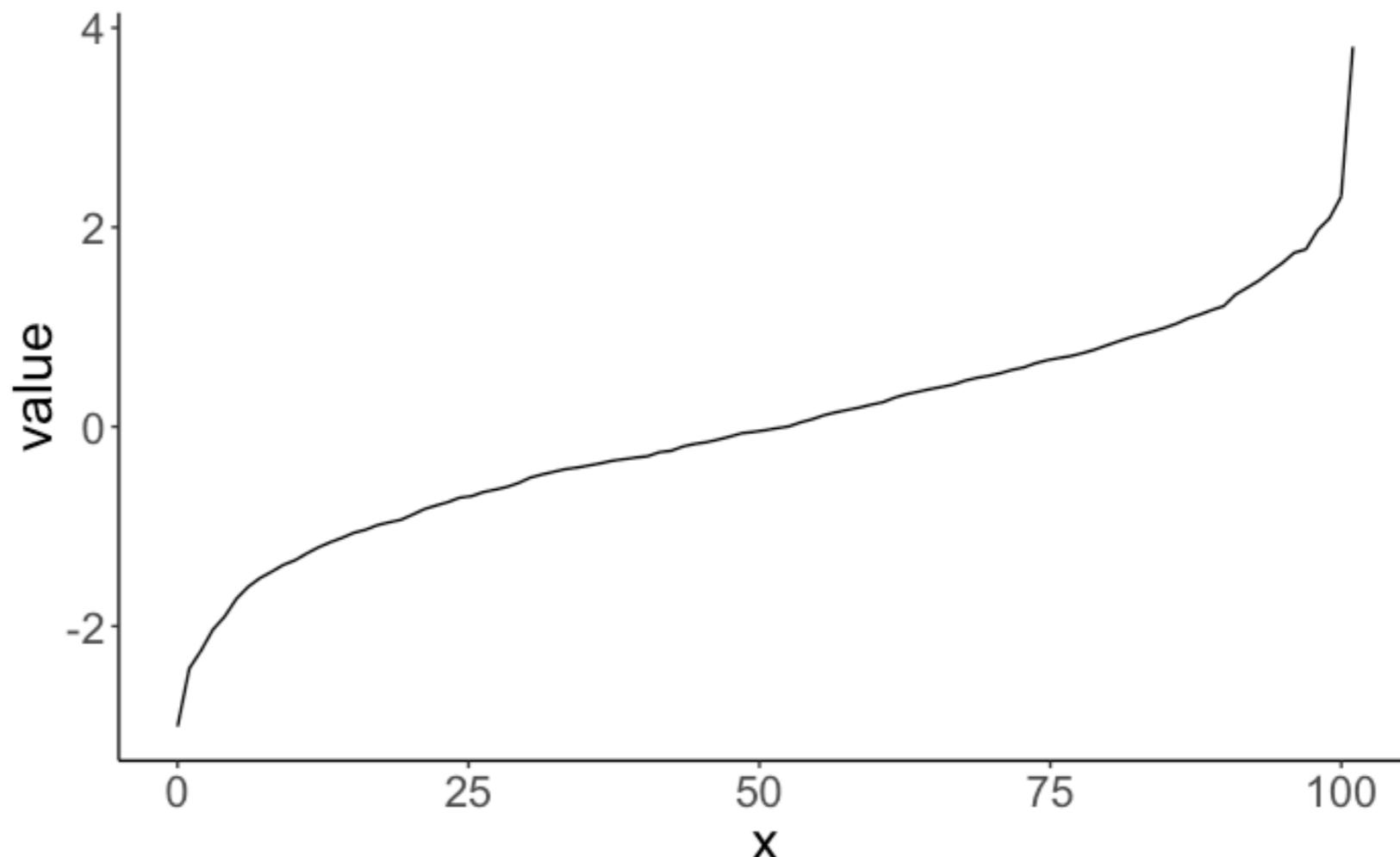


# Using `quantile()`

```
1 df.plot = df.quantile$value %>%
2   quantile(probs = seq(0, 1, 0.01)) %>%
3   as_tibble() %>%
4   mutate(x = seq(0, n(), length.out = n()))
```

value	x
-3.008	0.00
-2.424	1.01
-2.246	2.02
-2.036	3.03
-1.905	4.04
1.744	95.95
1.779	96.96
1.971	97.97
2.089	98.98
2.308	99.99
3.810	101.00

```
1 ggplot(data = df.plot,
2         mapping = aes(x = x, y = value)) +
3   geom_line()
```



# Working with samples

theoretical distribution

**dnorm ()**



empirical sample

**density ()**

**qnorm ()**

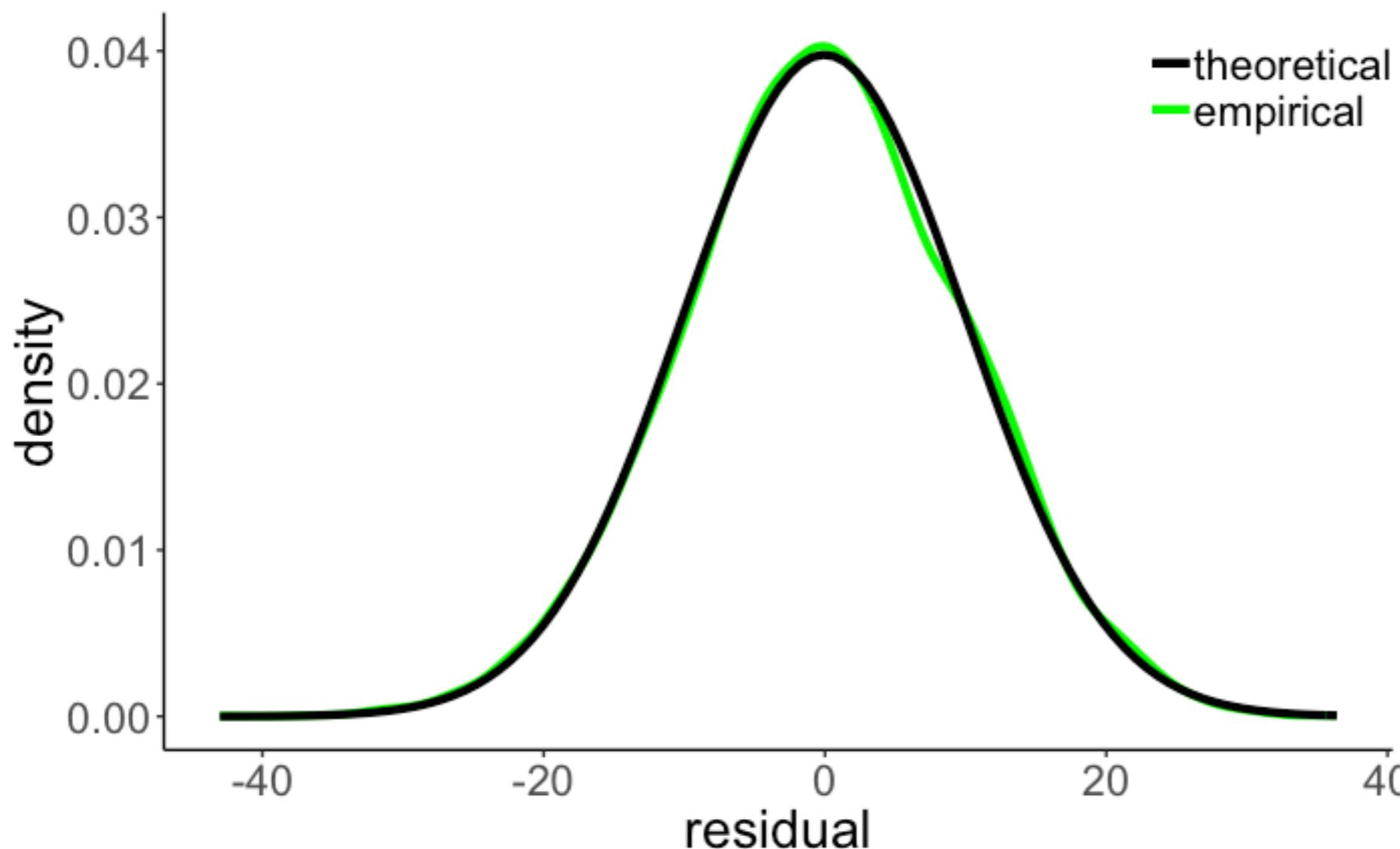


**quantile ()**

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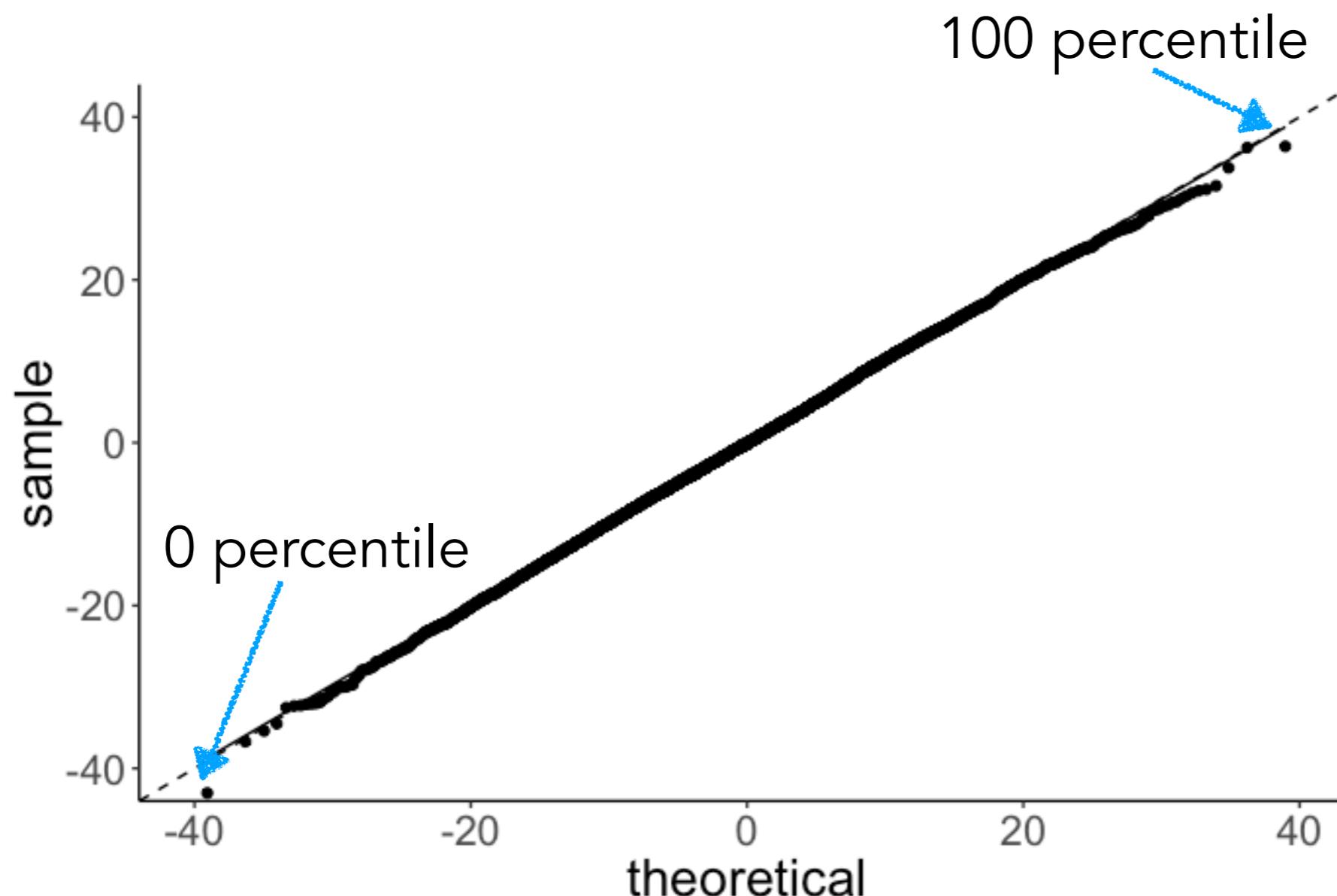
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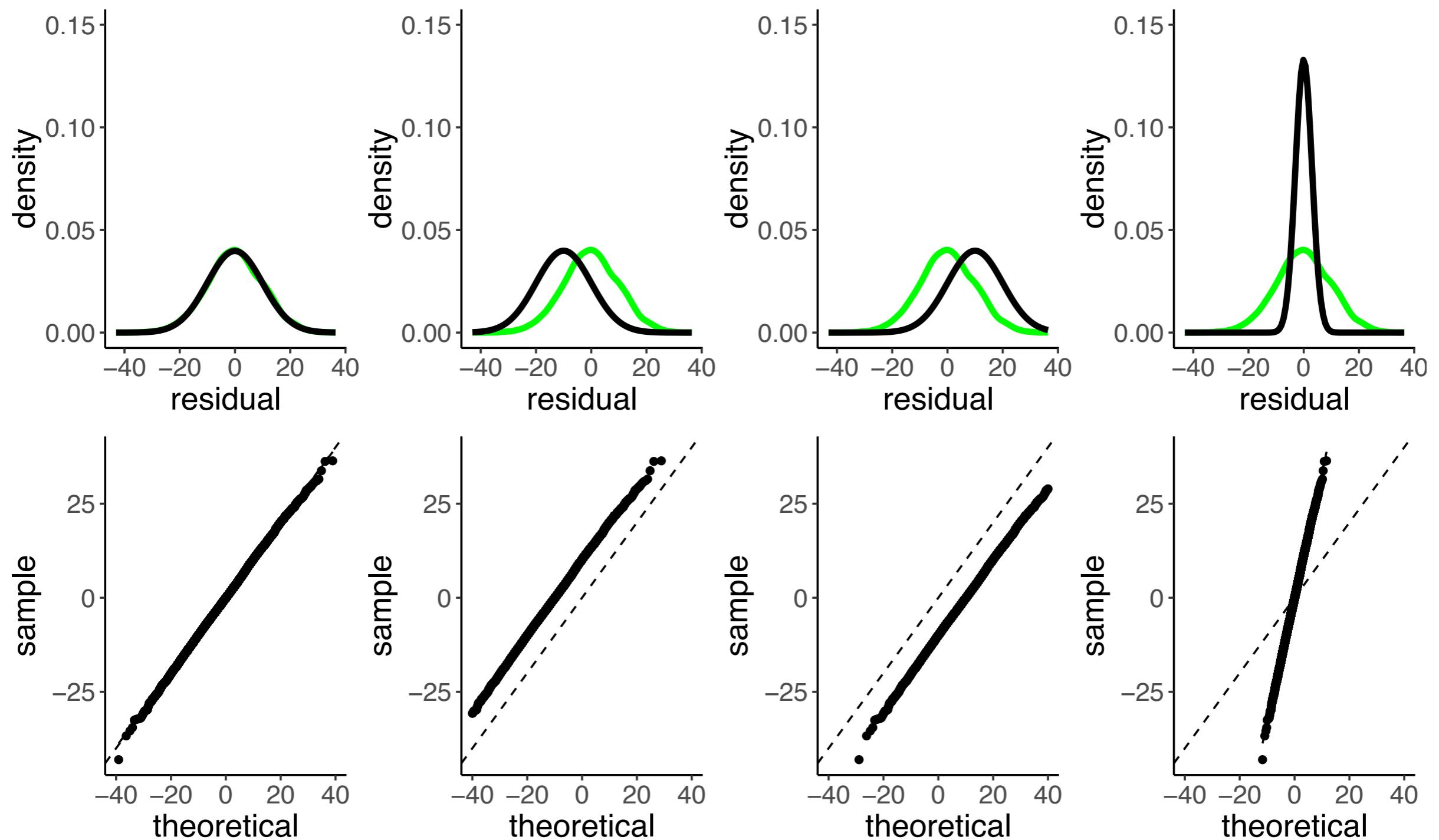


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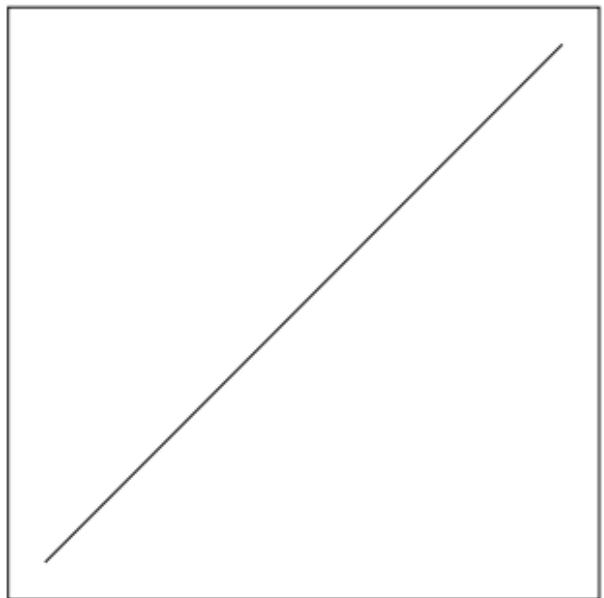


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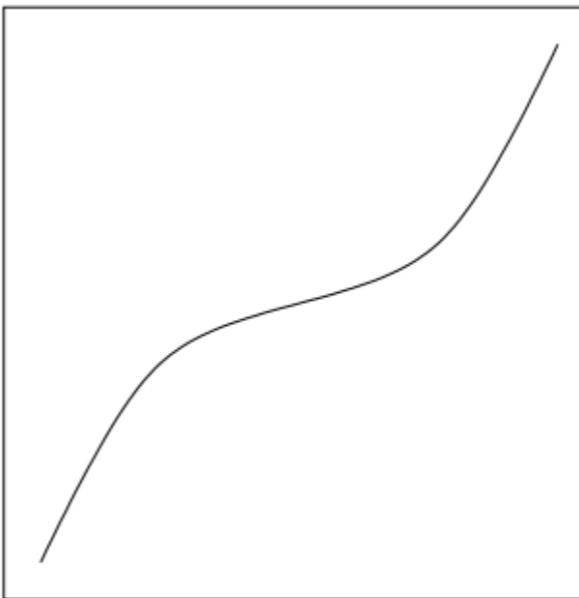


**data is normally distributed if QQ plot is a line**

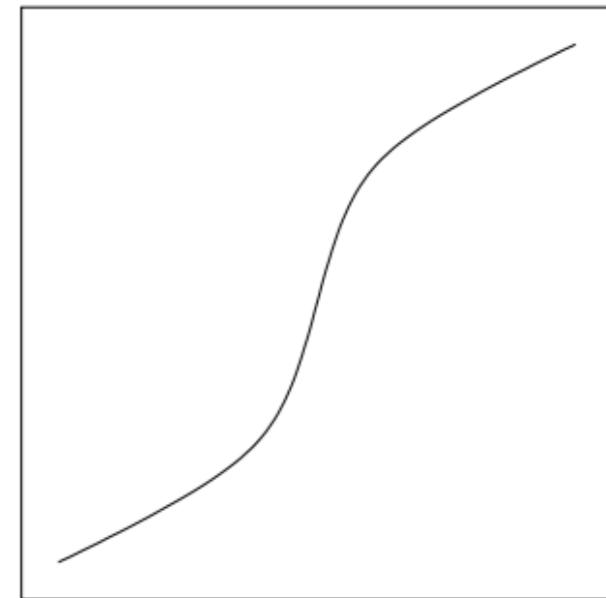
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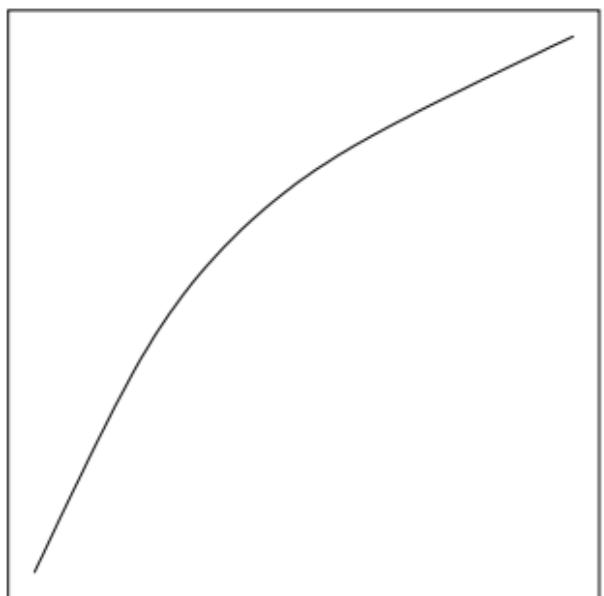
(a) Normally Distributed



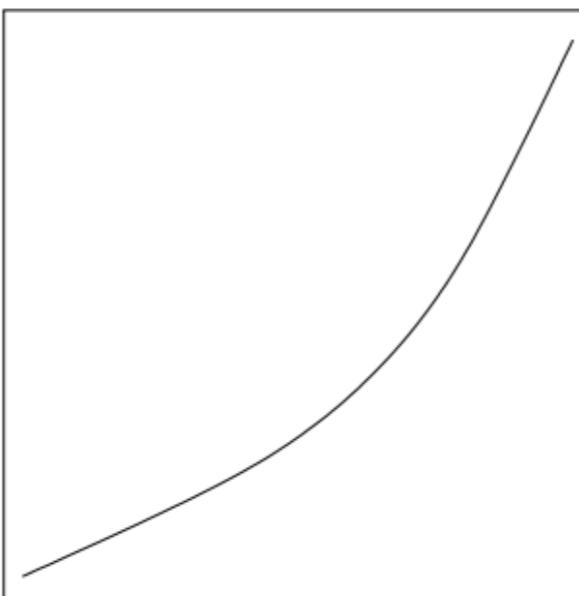
(b) Heavy Tails



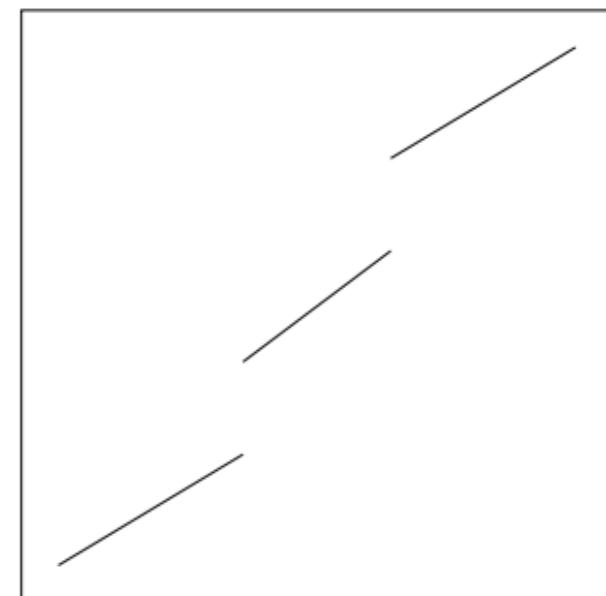
(c) Light Tails



(d) Skewed to the Left



(e) Skewed to the Right



(f) Separate Clusters

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# **Feedback**

# How was the pace of today's class?

much      a little      just      a little      much  
too      too      right      too      too  
slow      slow

# How happy were you with today's class overall?



**What did you like about today's class? What could be improved next time?**

**Thank you!**