

A theorem of de Moivre and Laplace

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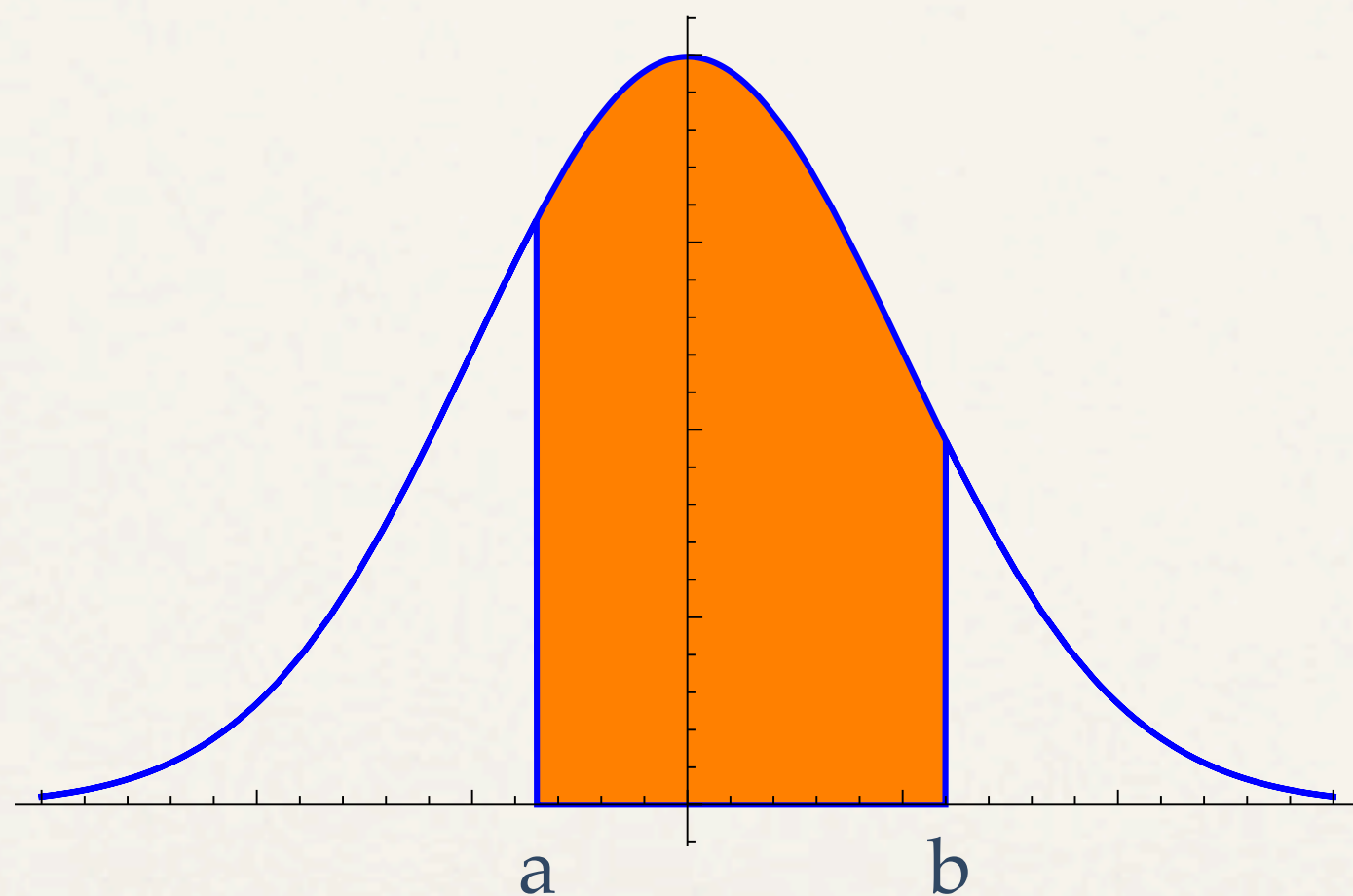
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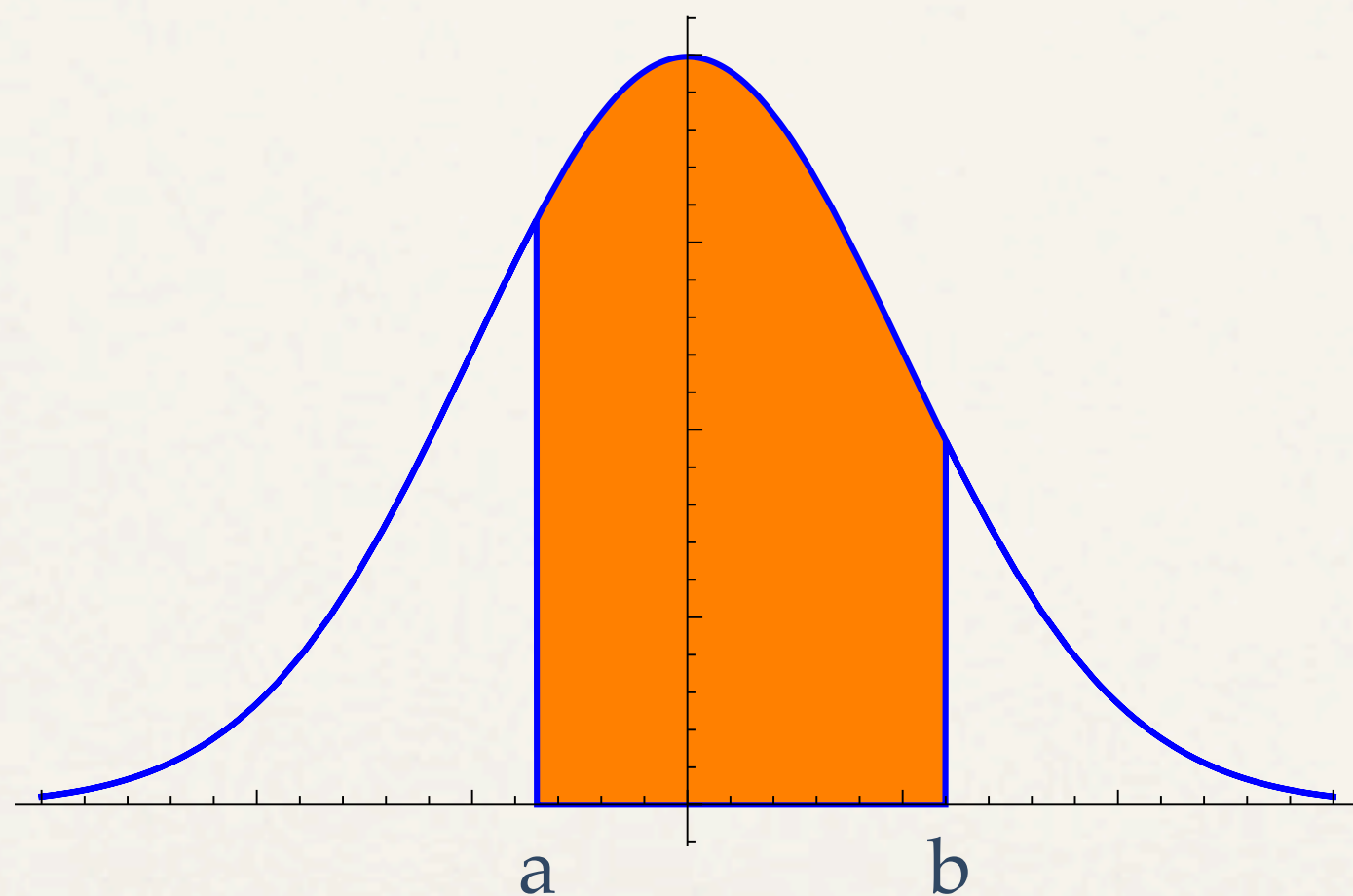
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Slogan

Binomial probabilities (viewed in the proper scale)
are governed approximately by the area under the bell curve.