

What are the chances?

INTRODUCTION TO STATISTICS IN R



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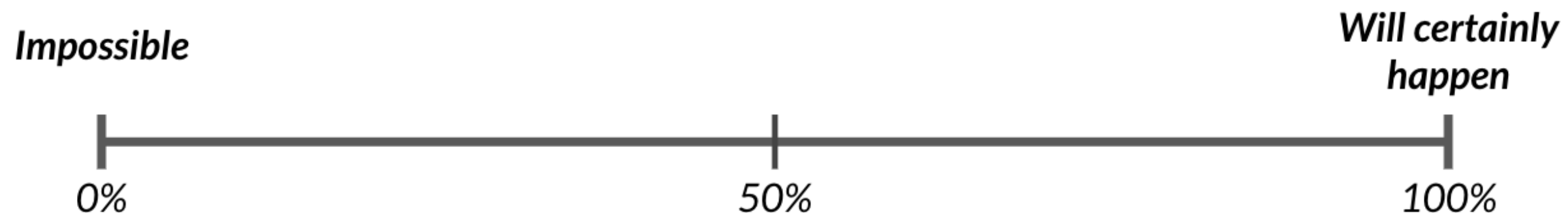
Measuring chance

What's the probability of an event?

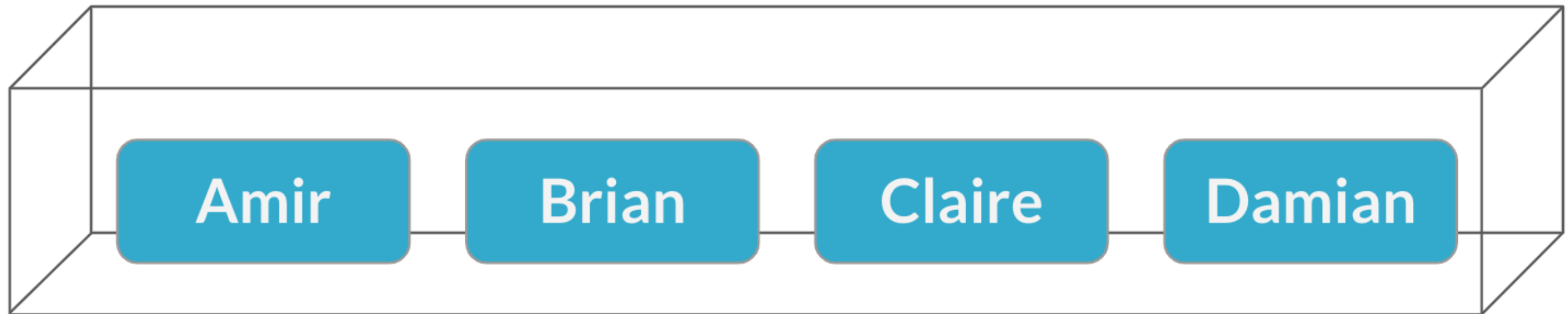
$$P(\text{event}) = \frac{\# \text{ ways event can happen}}{\text{total } \# \text{ of possible outcomes}}$$

Example: a coin flip

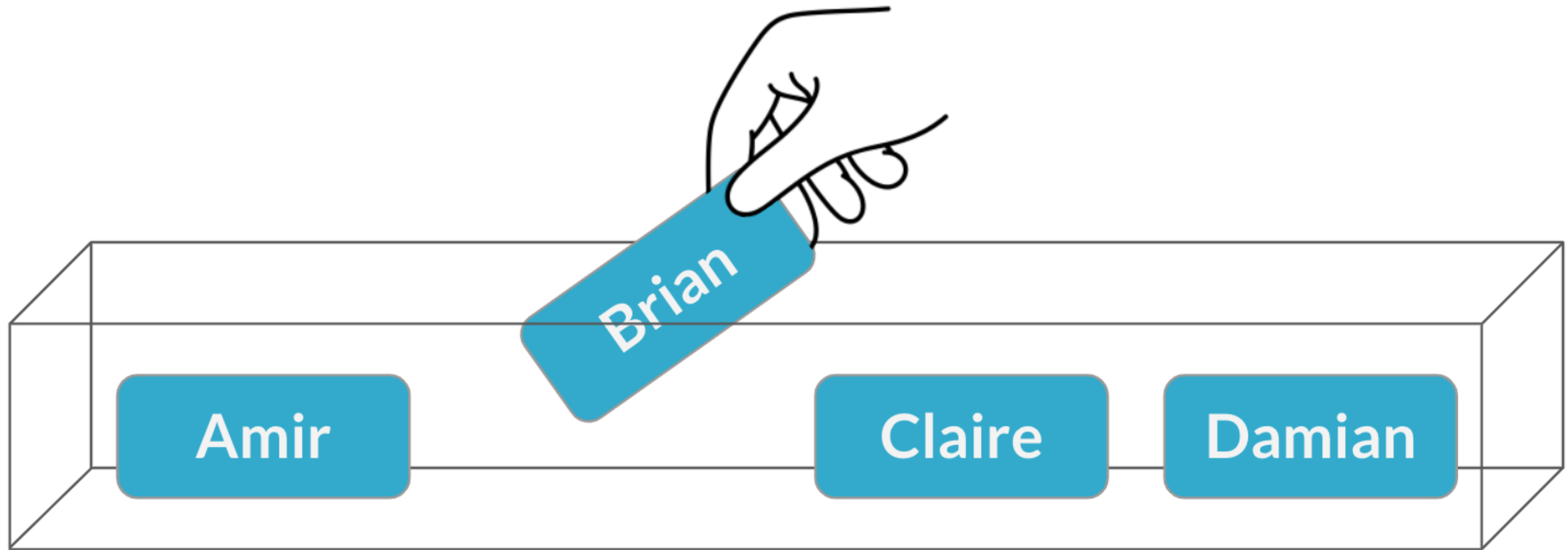
$$P(\text{heads}) = \frac{1 \text{ way to get heads}}{2 \text{ possible outcomes}} = \frac{1}{2} = 50\%$$



Assigning salespeople



Assigning salespeople



$$P(\text{Brian}) = \frac{1}{4} = 25\%$$

Sampling from a data frame

```
sales_counts
```

```
  name  n_sales  
1 Amir     178  
2 Brian    126  
3 Claire     75  
4 Damian     69
```

```
sales_counts %>%  
  sample_n(1)
```

```
  name  n_sales  
1 Brian     126
```

```
sales_counts %>%  
  sample_n(1)
```

```
  name  n_sales  
1 Claire     75
```

Setting a random seed

```
set.seed(5)  
sales_counts %>%  
  sample_n(1)
```

```
  name  n_sales  
1 Brian     126
```

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set.seed(5)  
sales_counts %>%  
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  name  n_sales  
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A second meeting

Sampling without replacement



A second meeting



$$P(\text{Claire}) = \frac{1}{3} = 33\%$$

Sampling twice in R

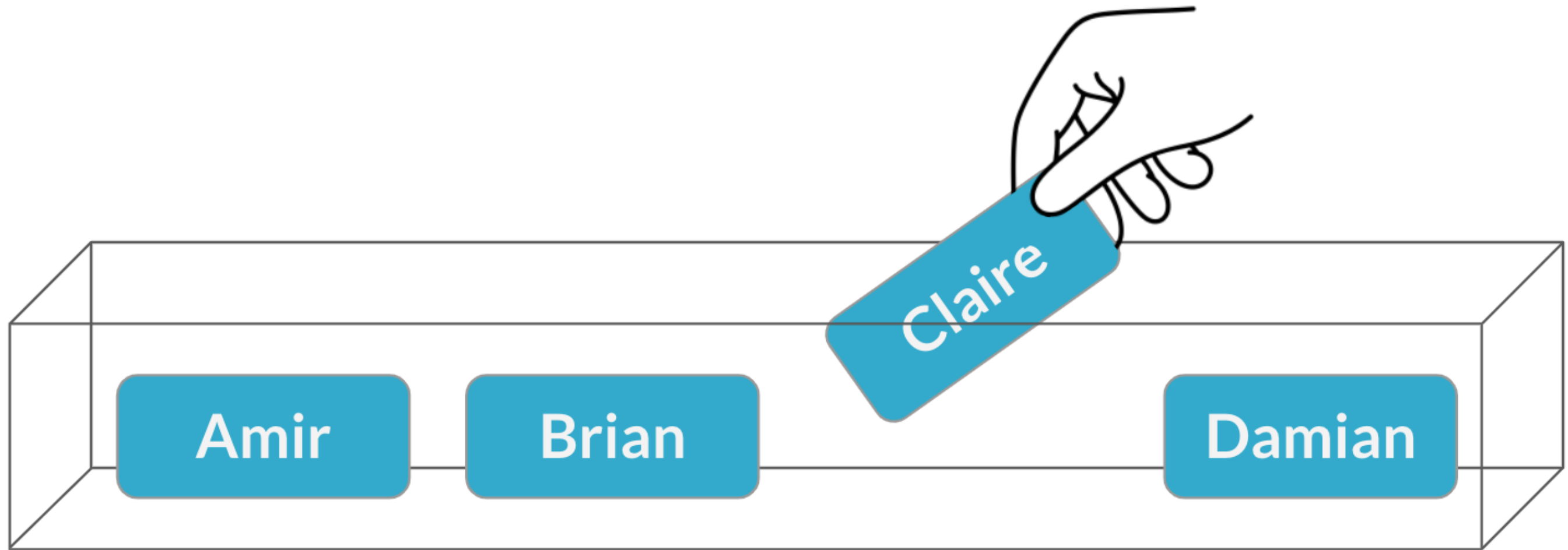
```
sales_counts %>%  
  sample_n(2)
```

```
  name  n_sales  
1 Brian    126  
2 Claire    75
```

Sampling with replacement



Sampling with replacement



$$P(\text{Claire}) = \frac{1}{4} = 25\%$$

Sampling with replacement in R

```
sales_counts %>%  
  sample_n(2, replace = TRUE)
```

	name	n_sales
1	Brian	126
2	Claire	75

5 meetings:

```
sample(sales_team, 5, replace = TRUE)
```

	name	n_sales
1	Brian	126
2	Claire	75
3	Brian	126
4	Brian	126
5	Amir	178

Independent events

Two events are *independent* if the probability of the second event *isn't* affected by the outcome of the first event.

Sampling with Replacement

First pick

Second pick

Amir

Brian

Claire

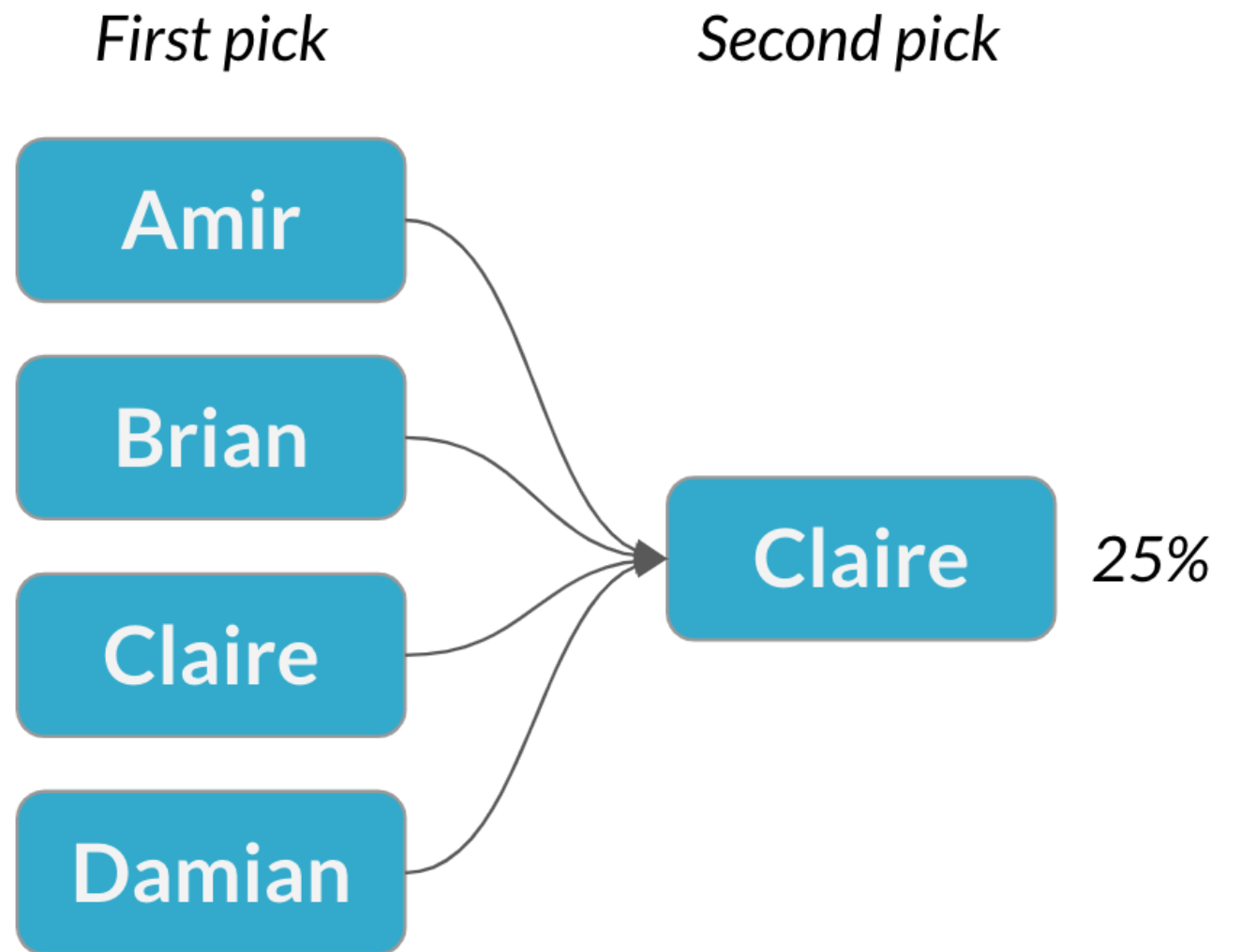
Damian

Independent events

Two events are *independent* if the probability of the second event *isn't* affected by the outcome of the first event.

Sampling with replacement = each pick is independent

Sampling with Replacement



Dependent events

Two events are *dependent* if the probability of the second event *is* affected by the outcome of the first event.

Sampling without Replacement

First pick

Second pick

Amir

Brian

Damian

Claire

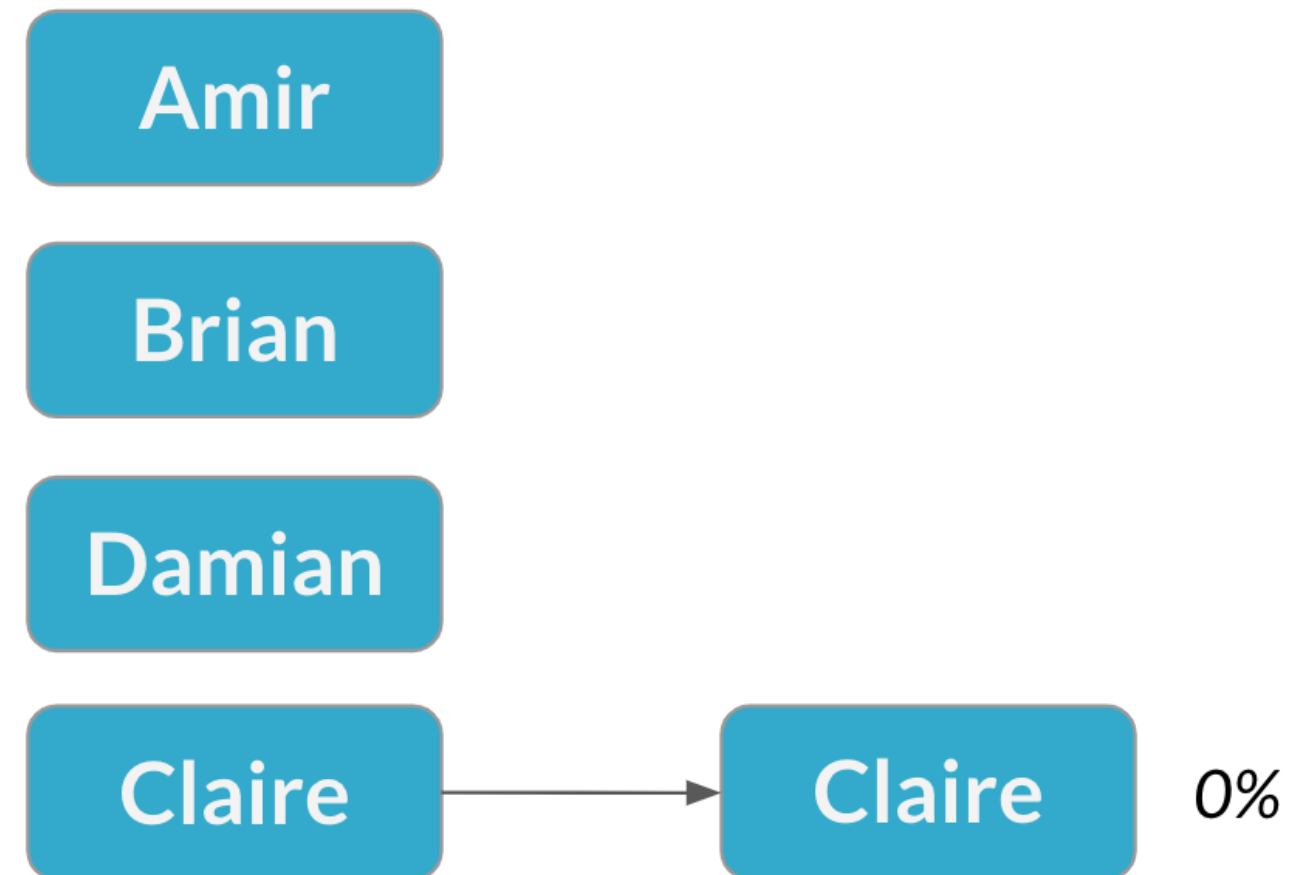
Dependent events

Two events are *dependent* if the probability of the second event *is* affected by the outcome of the first event.

Sampling without Replacement

First pick

Second pick

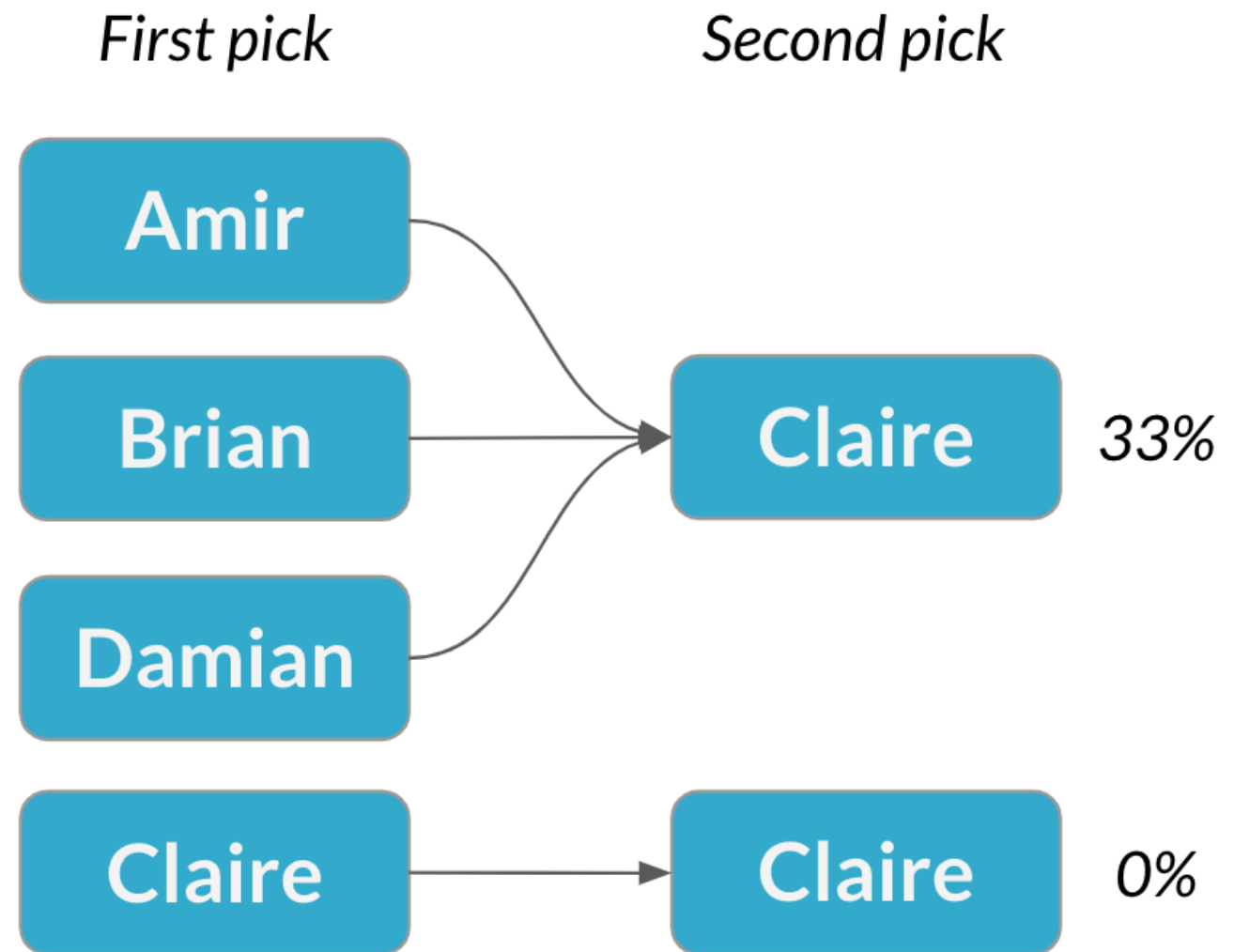


Dependent events

Two events are *dependent* if the probability of the second event *is* affected by the outcome of the first event.

Sampling without replacement = each pick is dependent

Sampling without Replacement



Let's practice!

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Discrete distributions

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Rolling the dice



Rolling the dice



$\frac{1}{6}$



$\frac{1}{6}$



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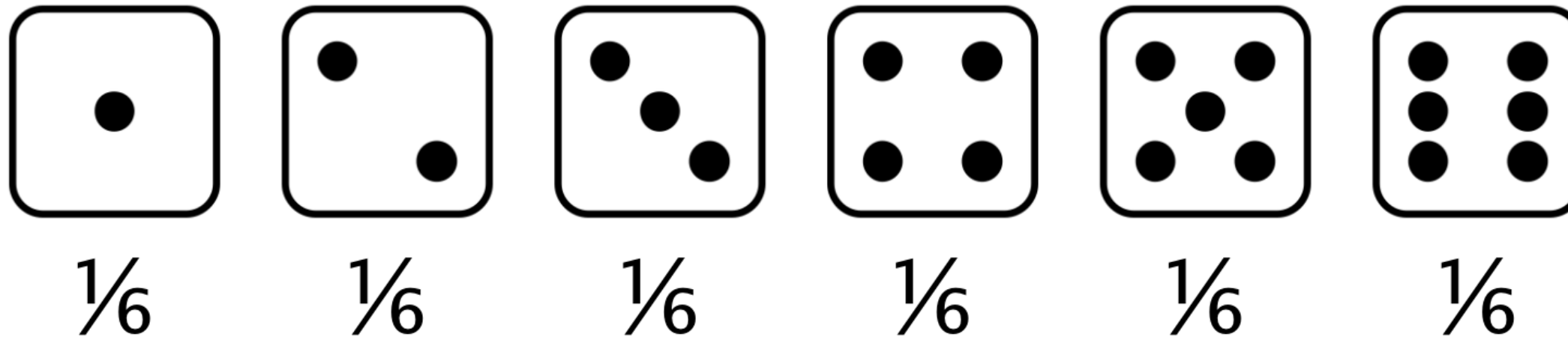
$\frac{1}{6}$

Choosing salespeople



Probability distribution

Describes the probability of each possible outcome in a scenario



Expected value: mean of a probability distribution

Expected value of a fair die roll =

$$(1 \times \frac{1}{6}) + (2 \times \frac{1}{6}) + (3 \times \frac{1}{6}) + (4 \times \frac{1}{6}) + (5 \times \frac{1}{6}) + (6 \times \frac{1}{6}) = 3.5$$

Visualizing a probability distribution



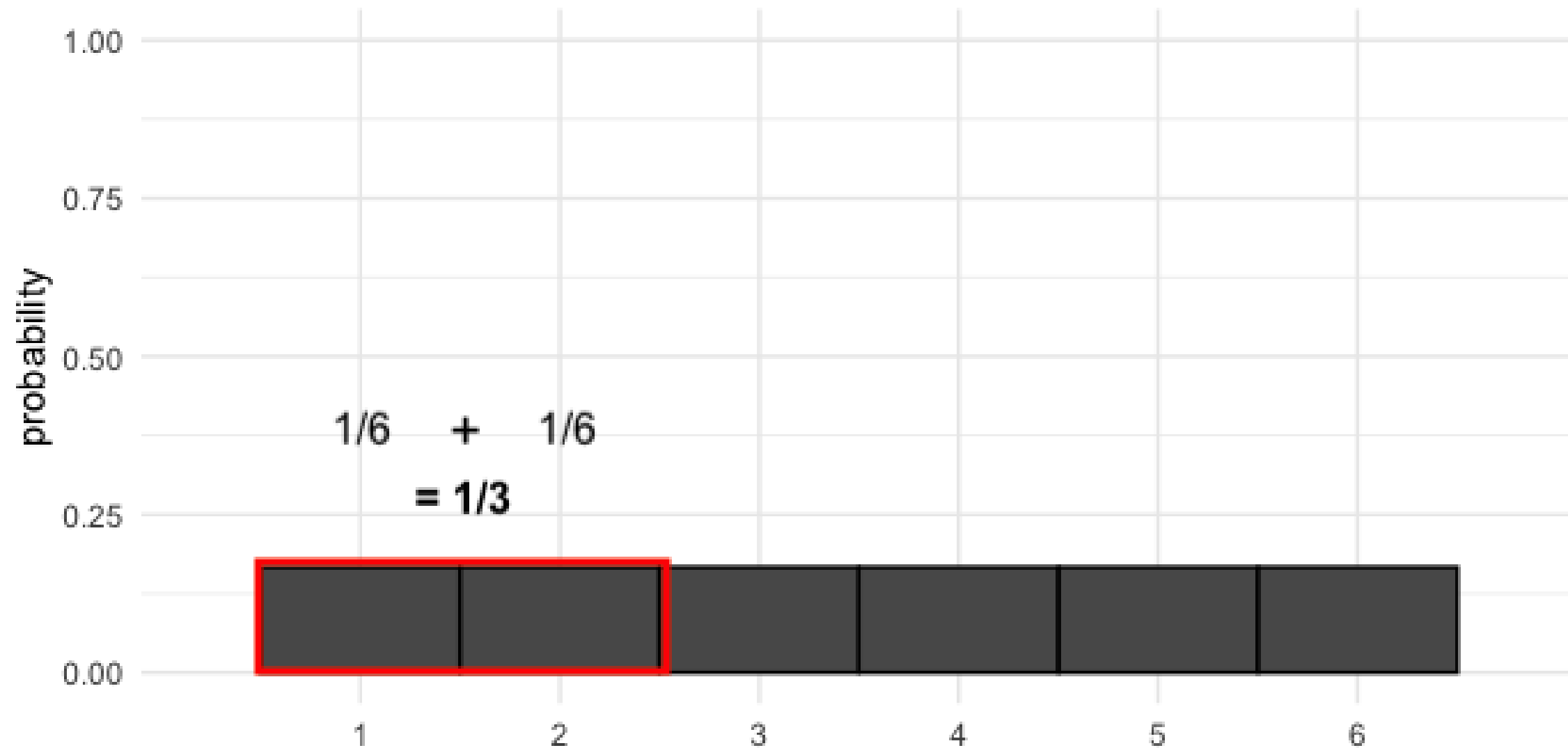
Probability = area

$$P(\text{die roll}) \leq 2 = ?$$

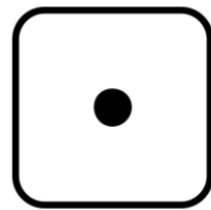


Probability = area

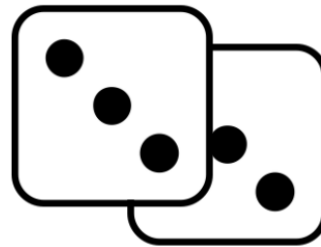
$$P(\text{die roll}) \leq 2 = 1/3$$



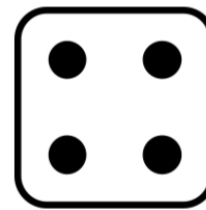
Uneven die



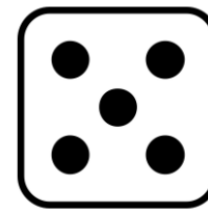
$\frac{1}{6}$



$\frac{1}{3}$



$\frac{1}{6}$



$\frac{1}{6}$

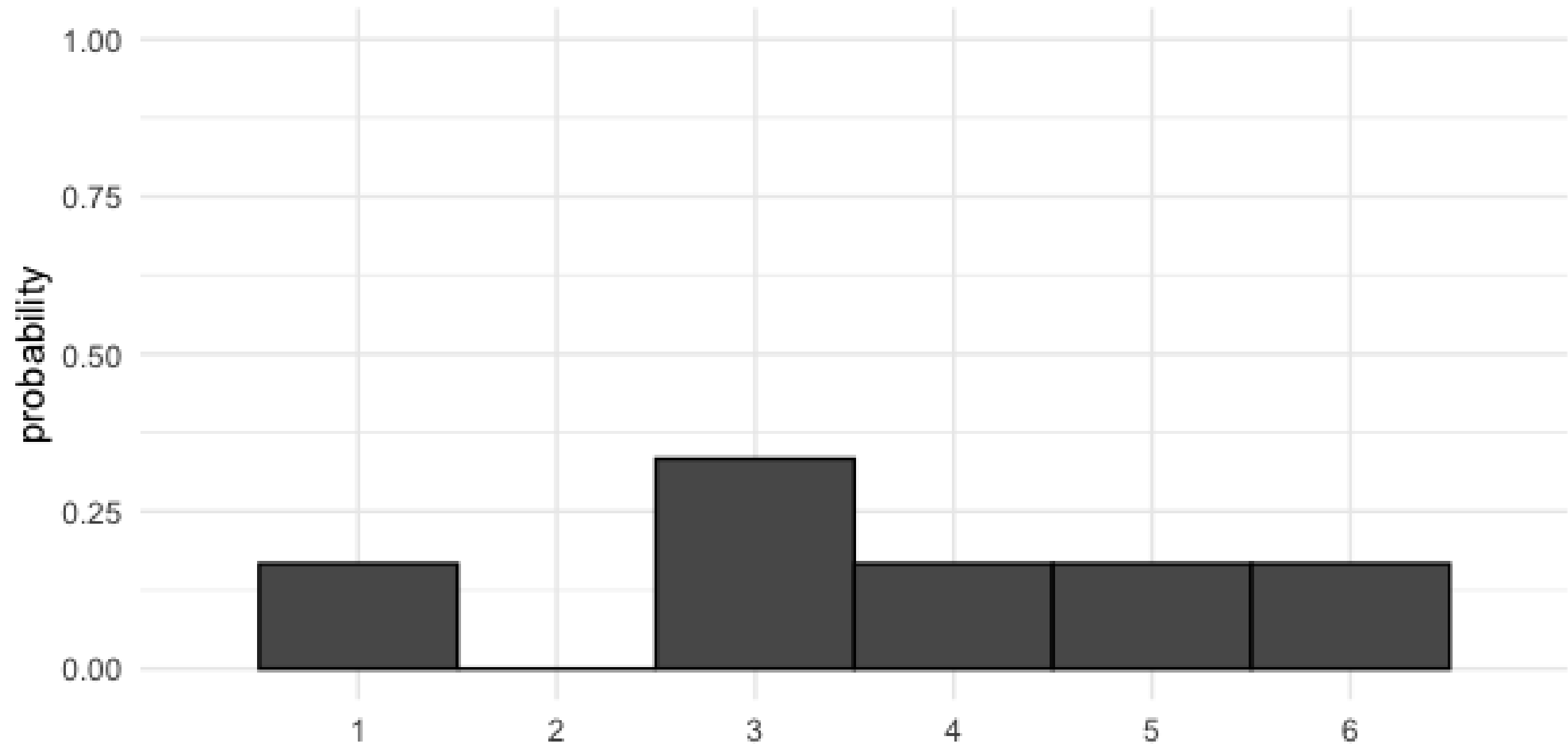


$\frac{1}{6}$

Expected value of uneven die roll =

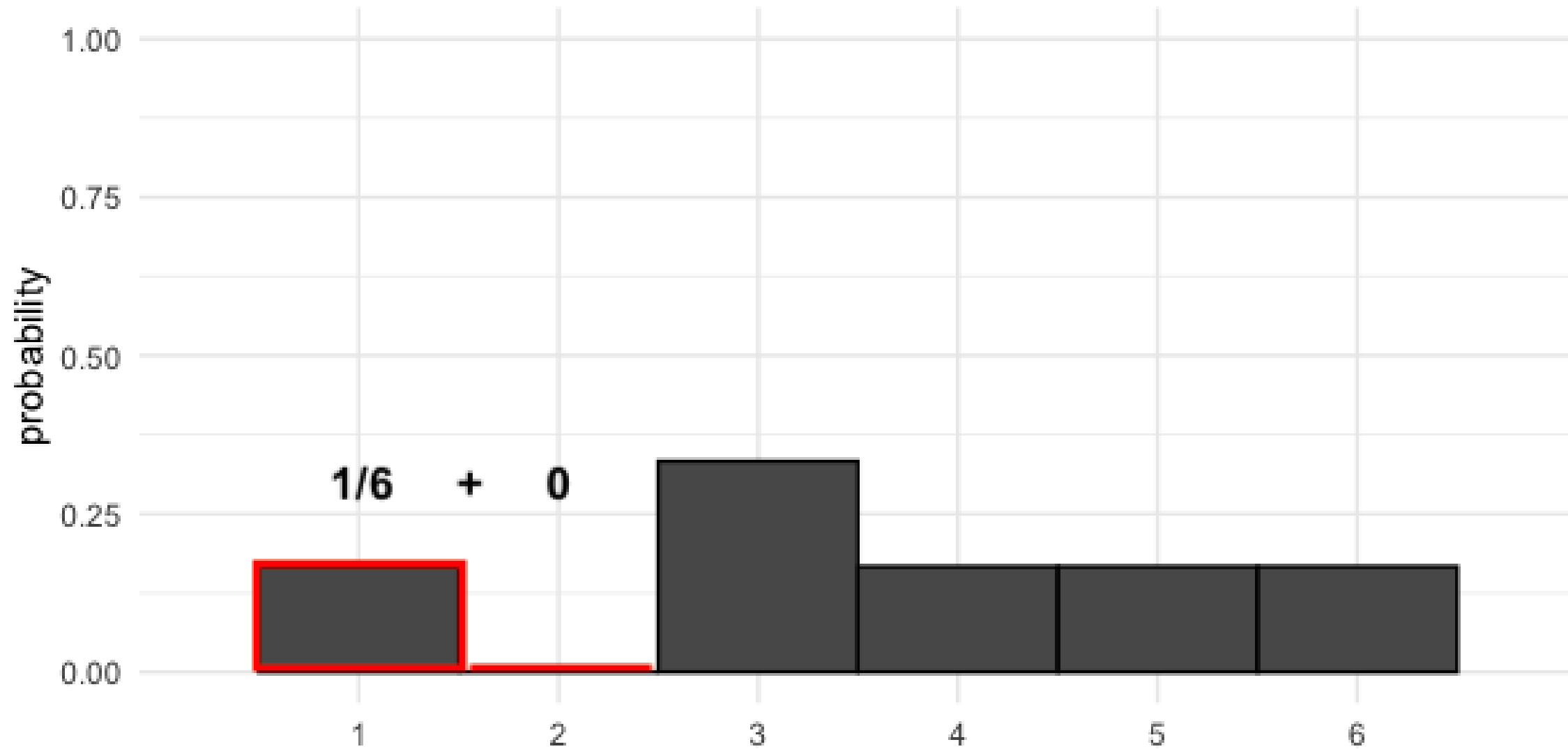
$$(1 \times \frac{1}{6}) + (2 \times 0) + (3 \times \frac{1}{3}) + (4 \times \frac{1}{6}) + (5 \times \frac{1}{6}) + (6 \times \frac{1}{6}) = 3.67$$

Visualizing uneven probabilities



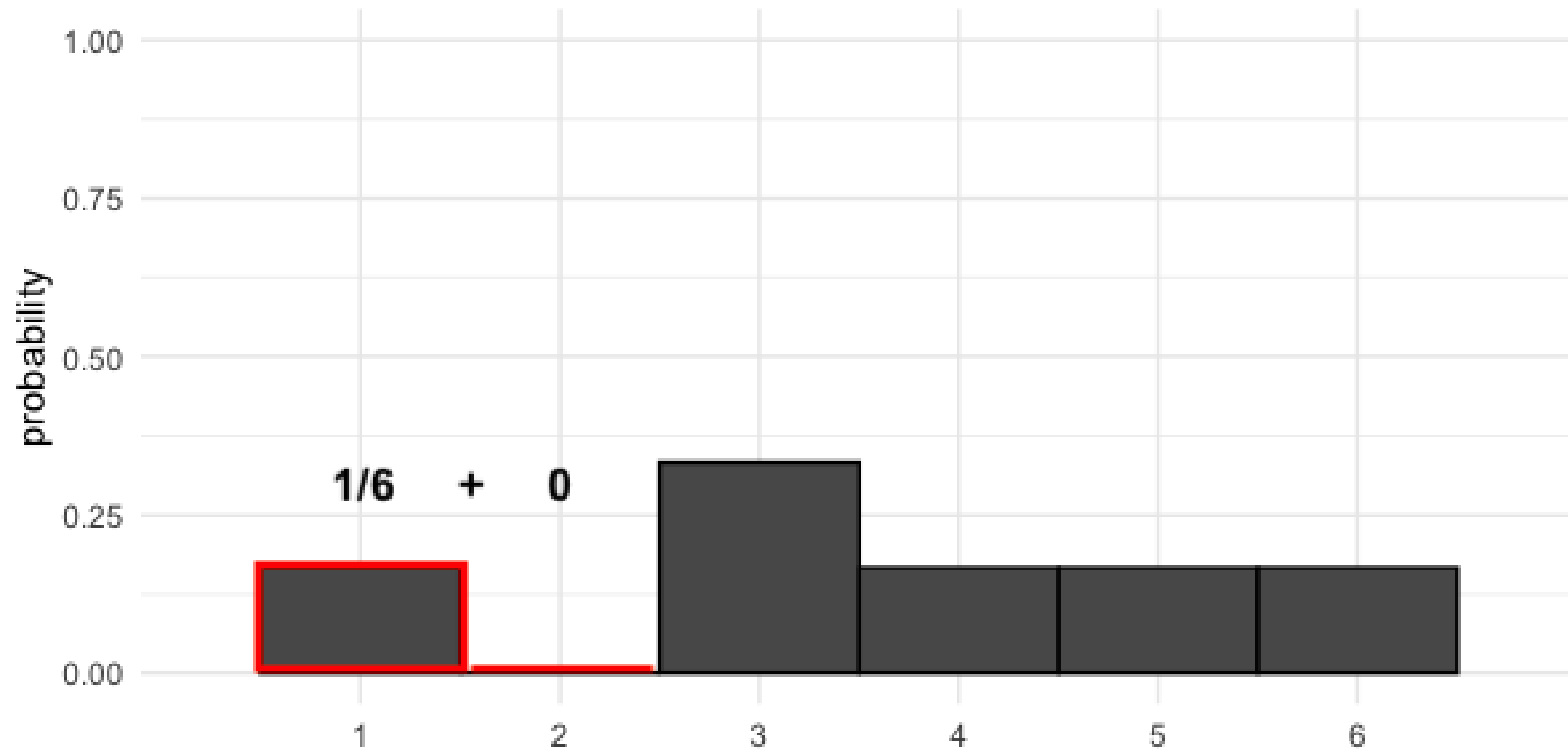
Adding areas

$$P(\text{uneven die roll}) \leq 2 = ?$$



Adding areas

$$P(\text{uneven die roll}) \leq 2 = 1/6$$



Discrete probability distributions

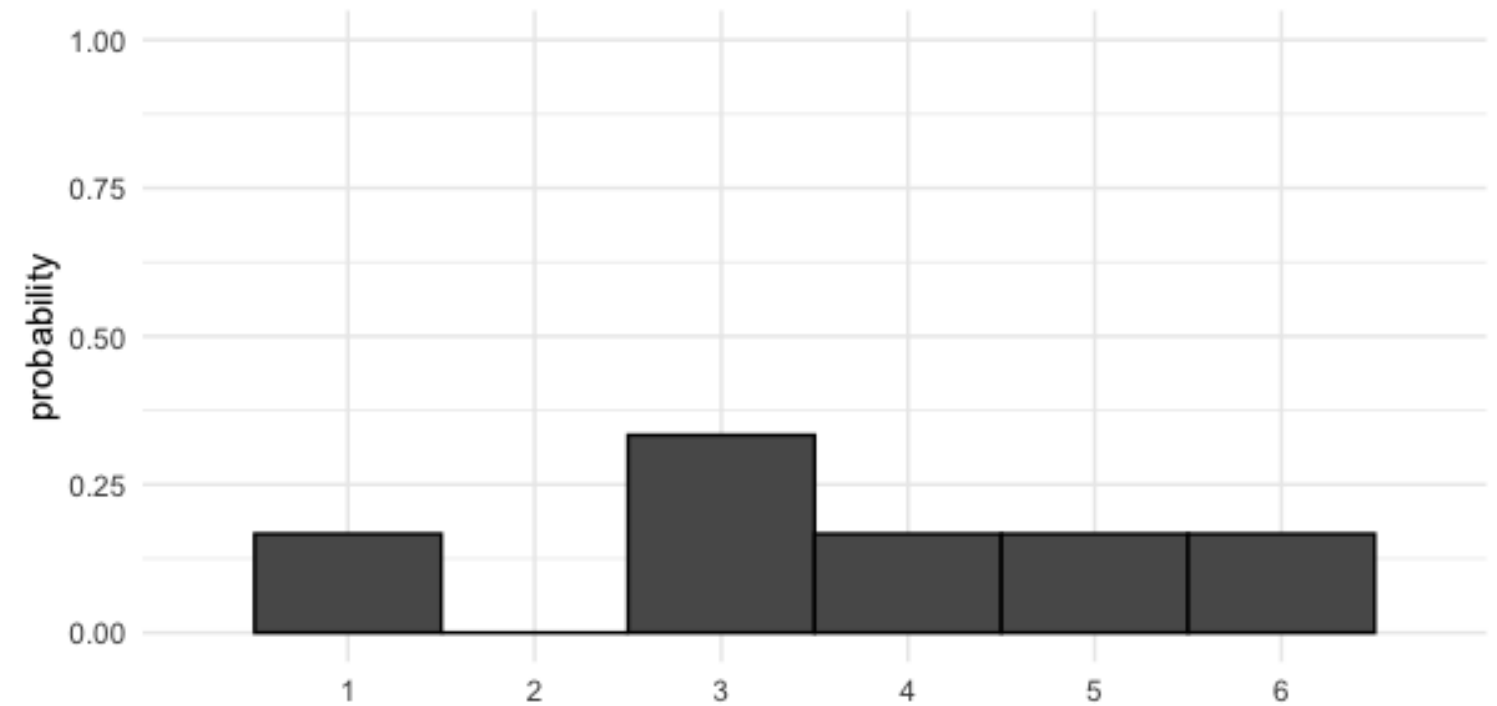
Describe probabilities for discrete outcomes

Fair die



Discrete uniform distribution

Uneven die



Sampling from discrete distributions

```
die
```

```
  n  
1 1  
2 2  
3 3  
4 4  
5 5  
6 6
```

```
mean(die$n)
```

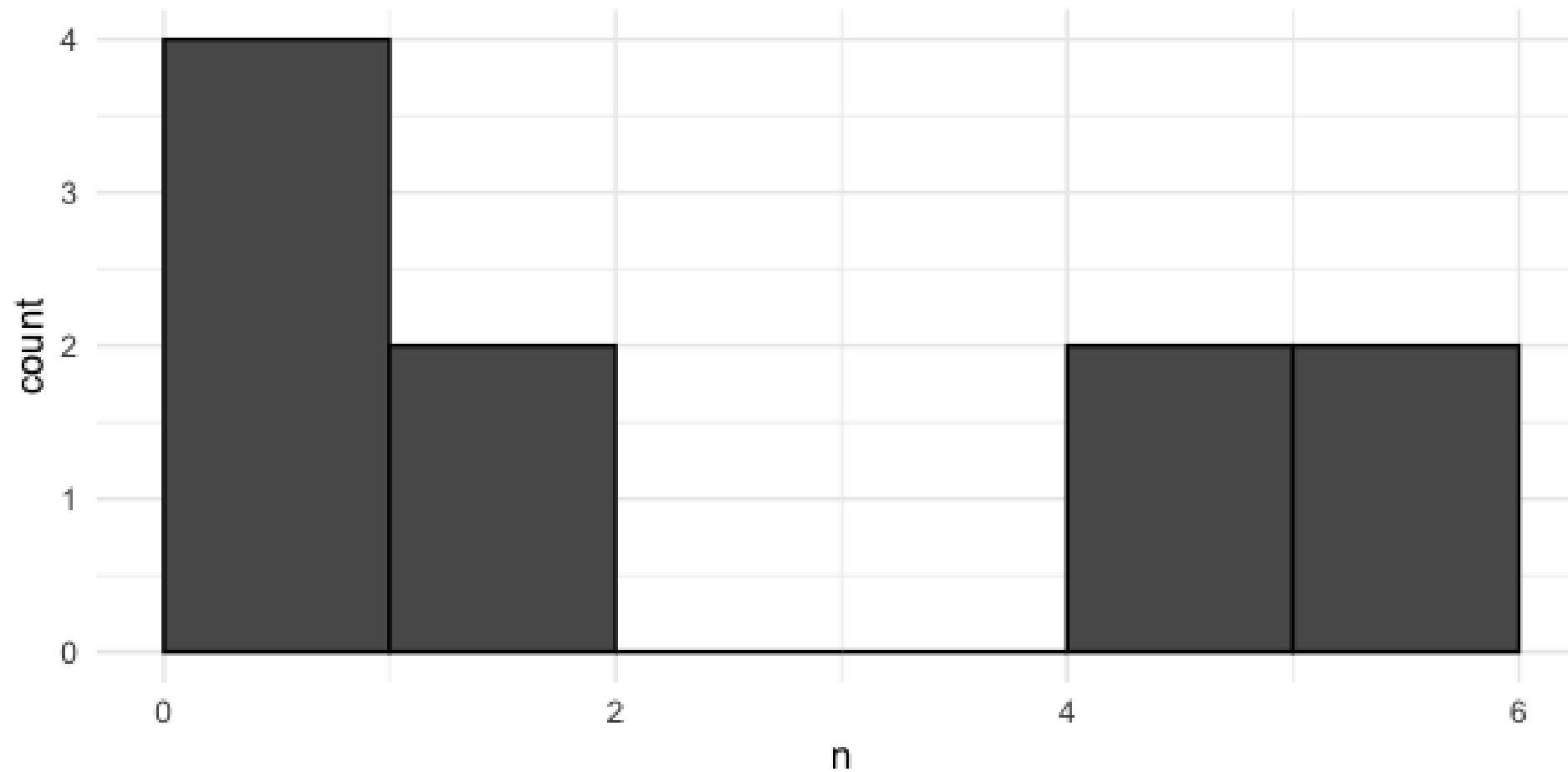
```
3.5
```

```
rolls_10 <- die %>%  
  sample_n(10, replace = TRUE)  
rolls_10
```

```
  n  
1 1  
2 1  
3 5  
4 2  
5 1  
6 1  
7 6  
8 6  
...
```

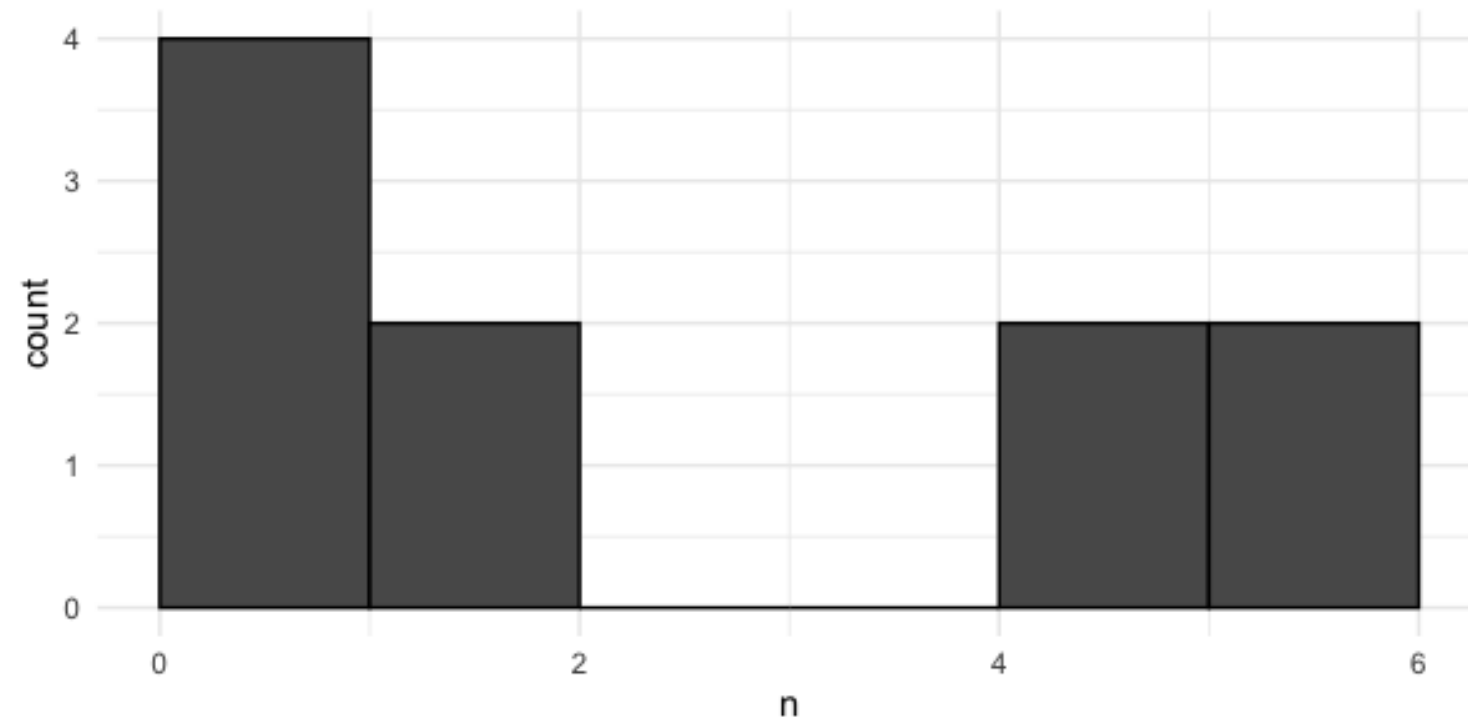

Visualizing a sample

```
ggplot(rolls_10, aes(n)) +  
  geom_histogram(bins = 6)
```



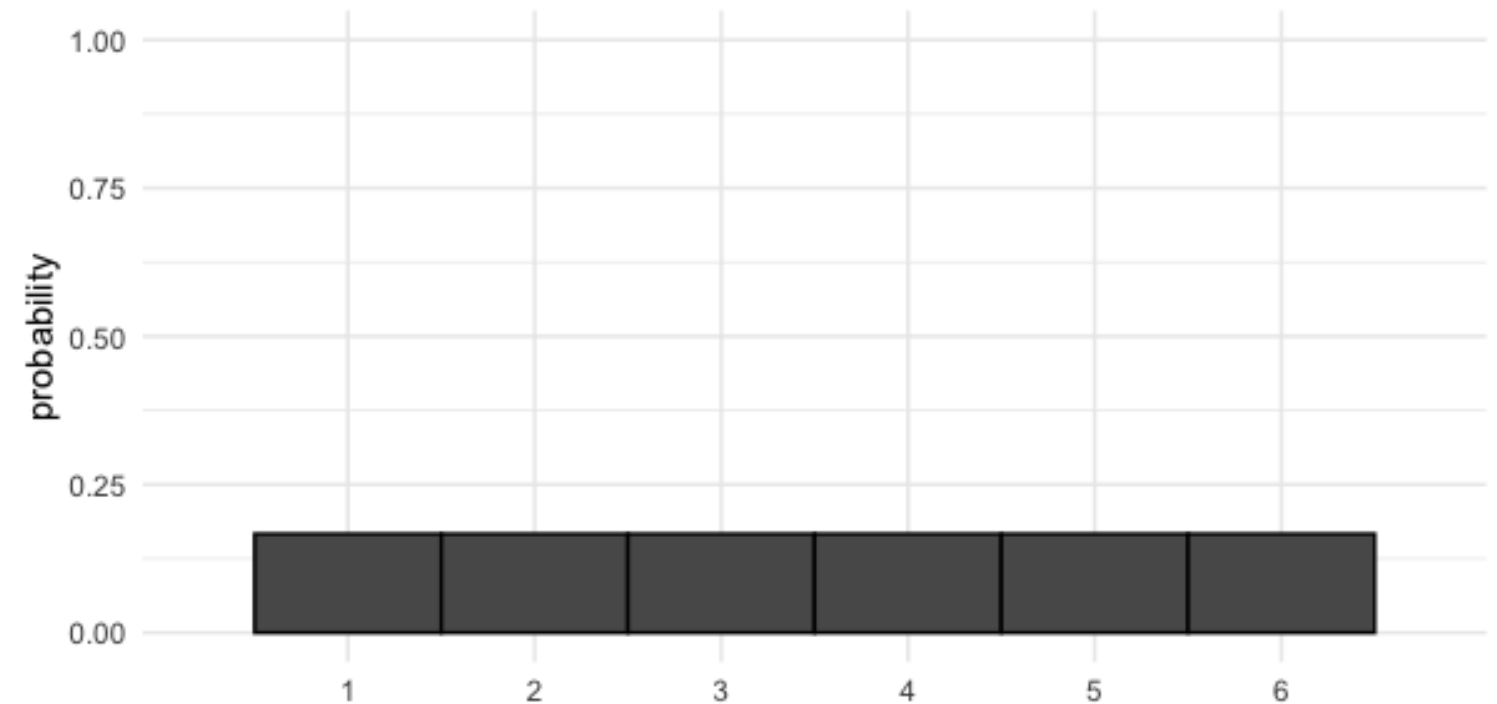
Sample distribution vs. theoretical distribution

Sample of 10 rolls



```
mean(rolls_10$n) = 3.0
```

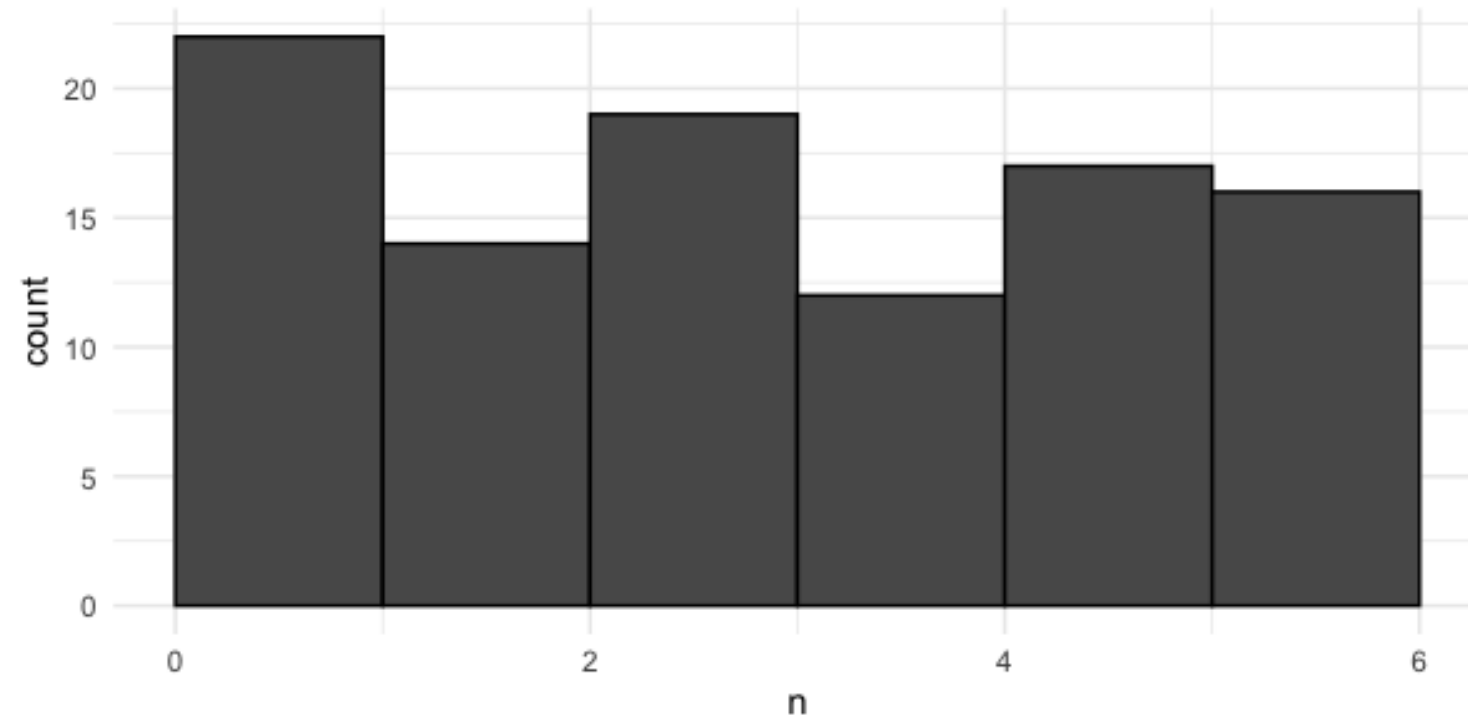
Theoretical probability distribution



```
mean(die$n) = 3.5
```

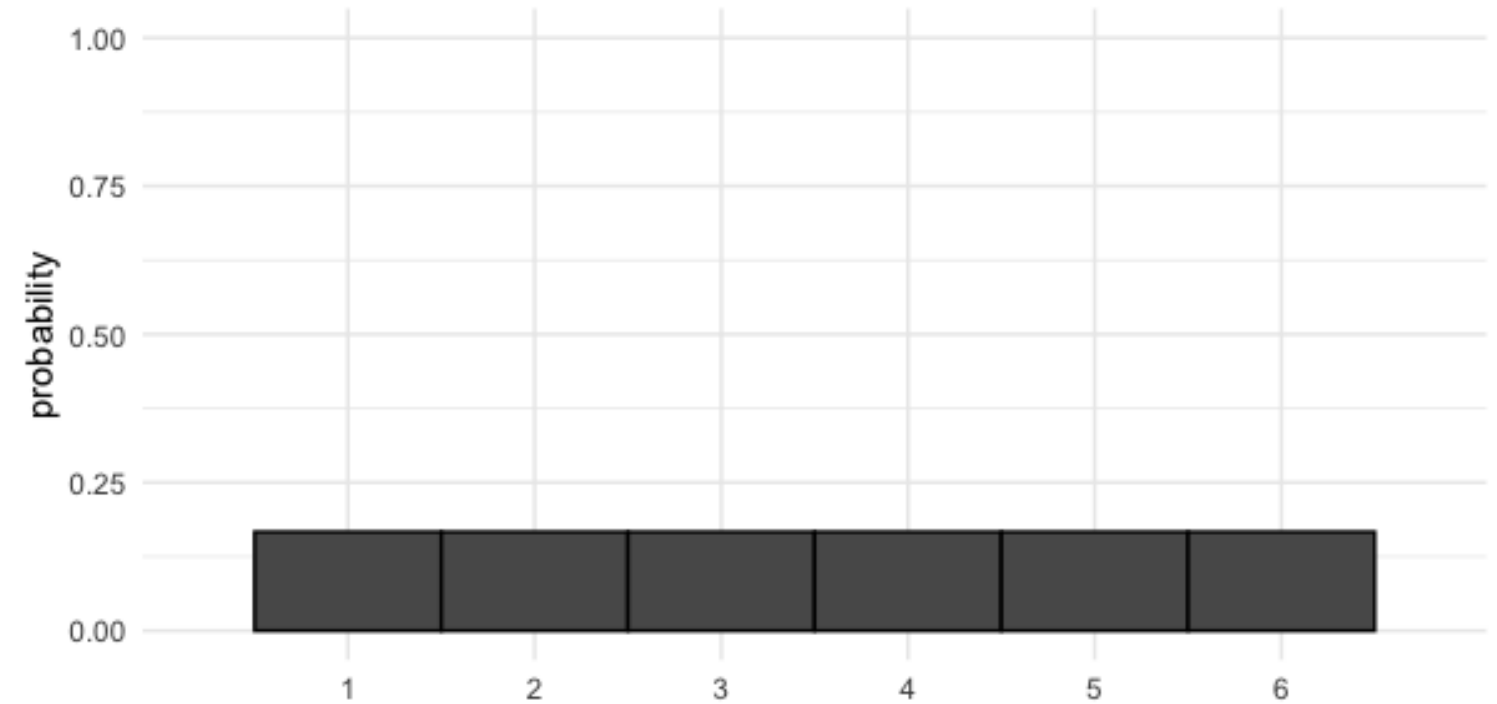
A bigger sample

Sample of 100 rolls



```
mean(rolls_100$n) = 3.36
```

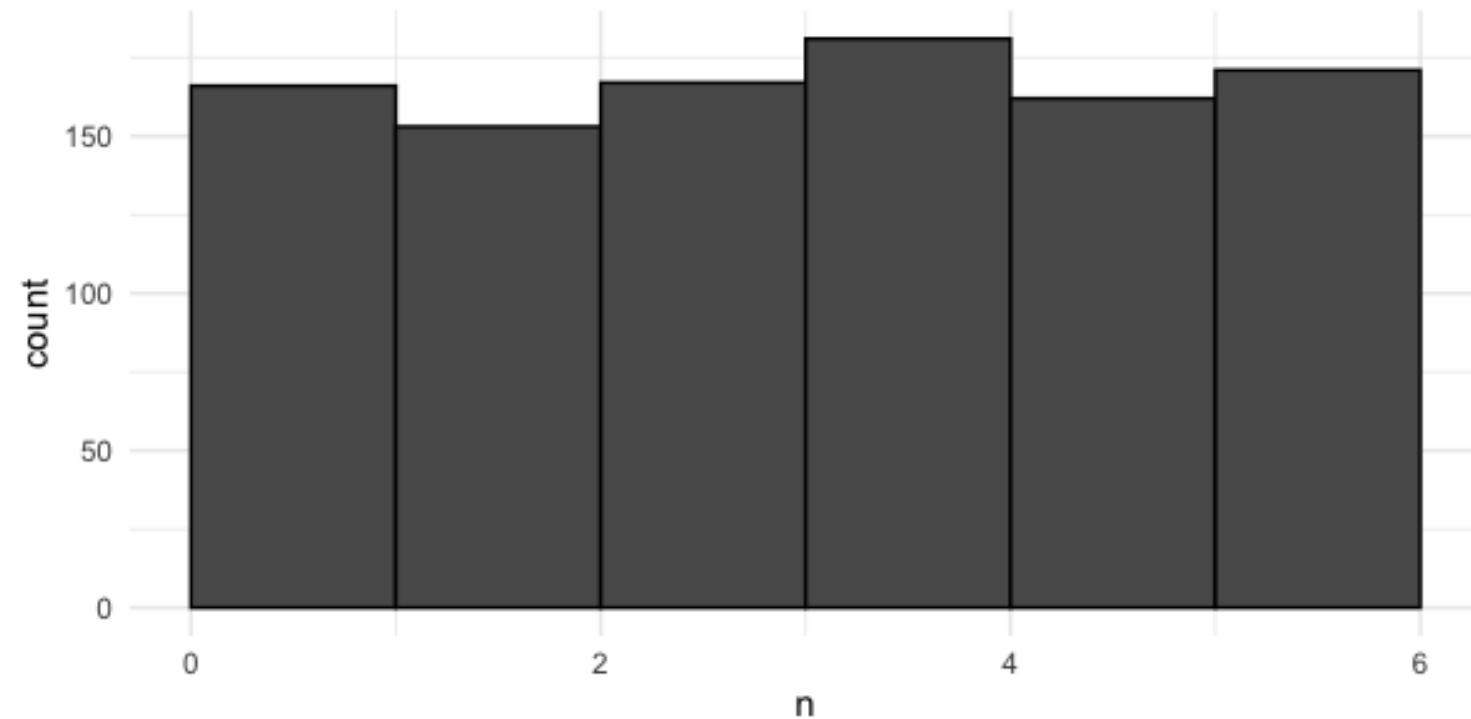
Theoretical probability distribution



```
mean(die$n) = 3.5
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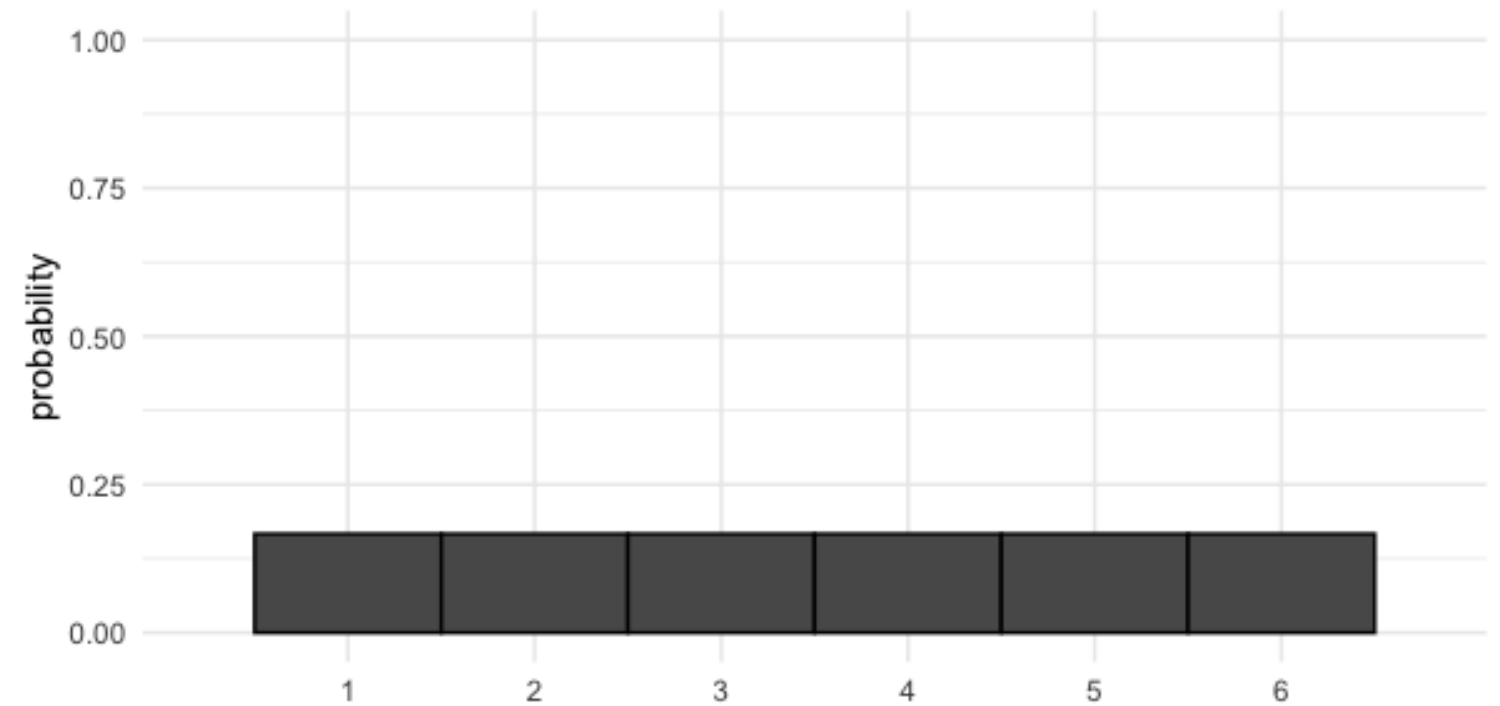
An even bigger sample

Sample of 1000 rolls



```
mean(rolls_1000$n) = 3.53
```

Theoretical probability distribution



```
mean(die$n) = 3.5
```

Law of large numbers

As the size of your sample increases, the sample mean will approach the expected value.

Sample size	Mean
10	3.00
100	3.36
1000	3.53

Let's practice!

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Continuous distributions

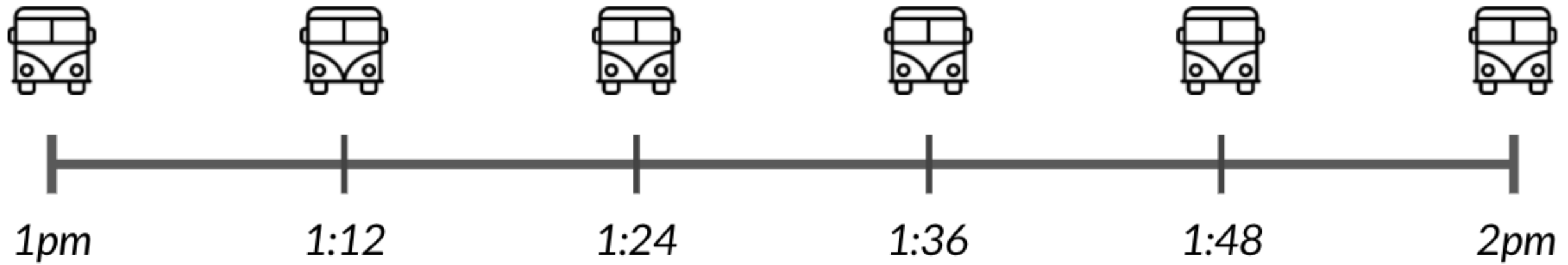
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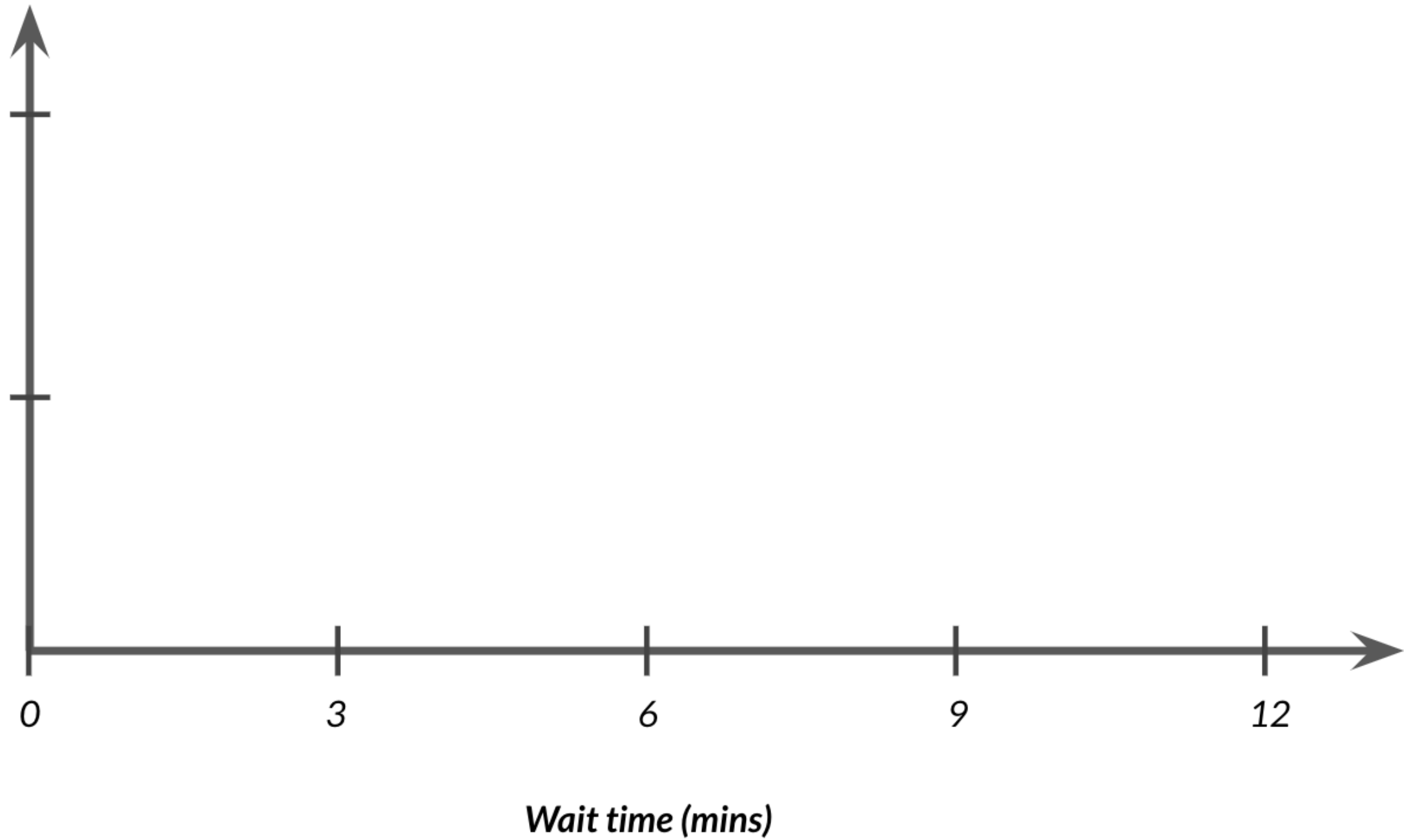
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Waiting for the bus



Continuous uniform distribution



Continuous uniform distribution



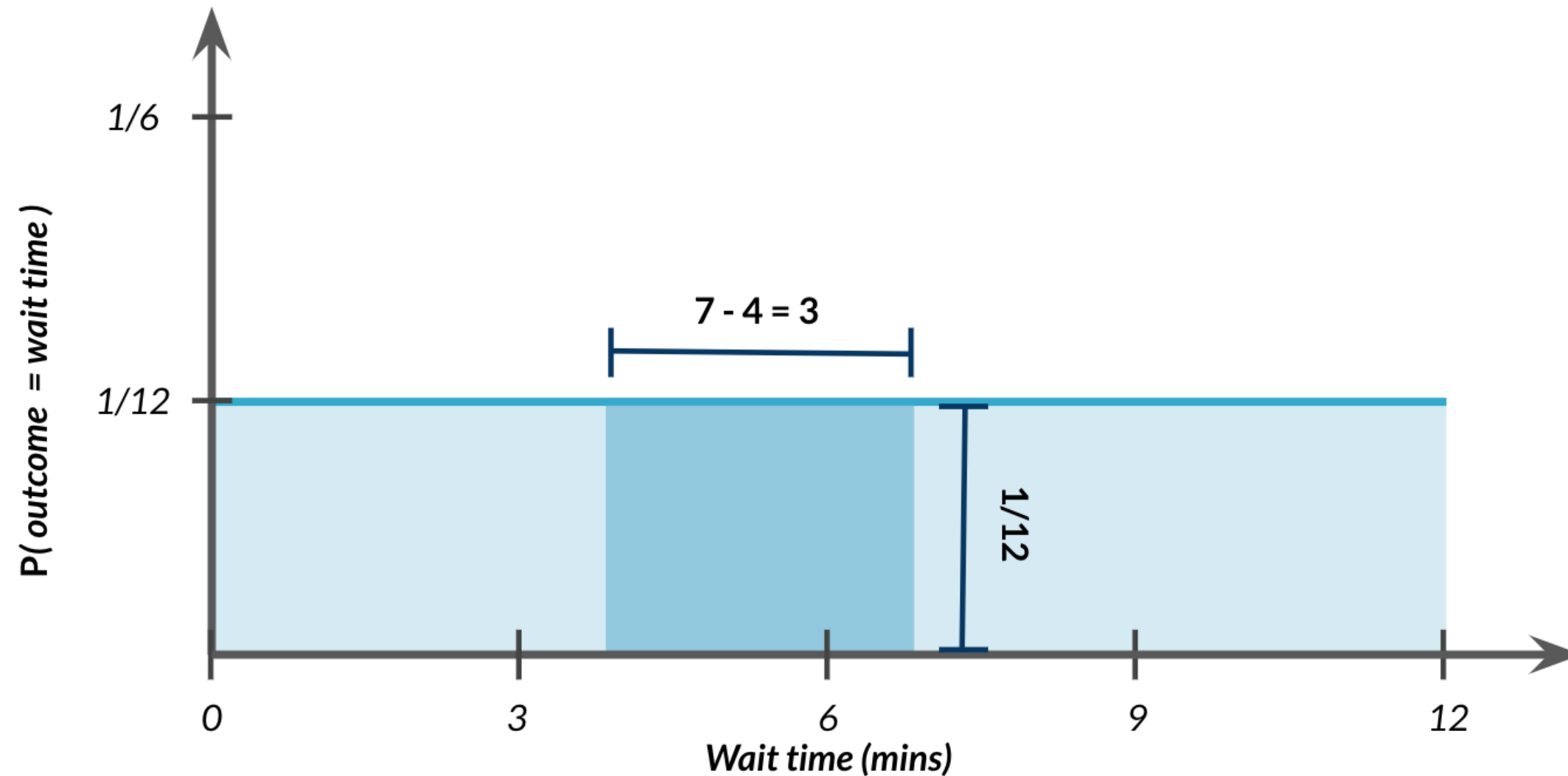
Probability still = area

$$P(4 \leq \text{wait time} \leq 7) = ?$$



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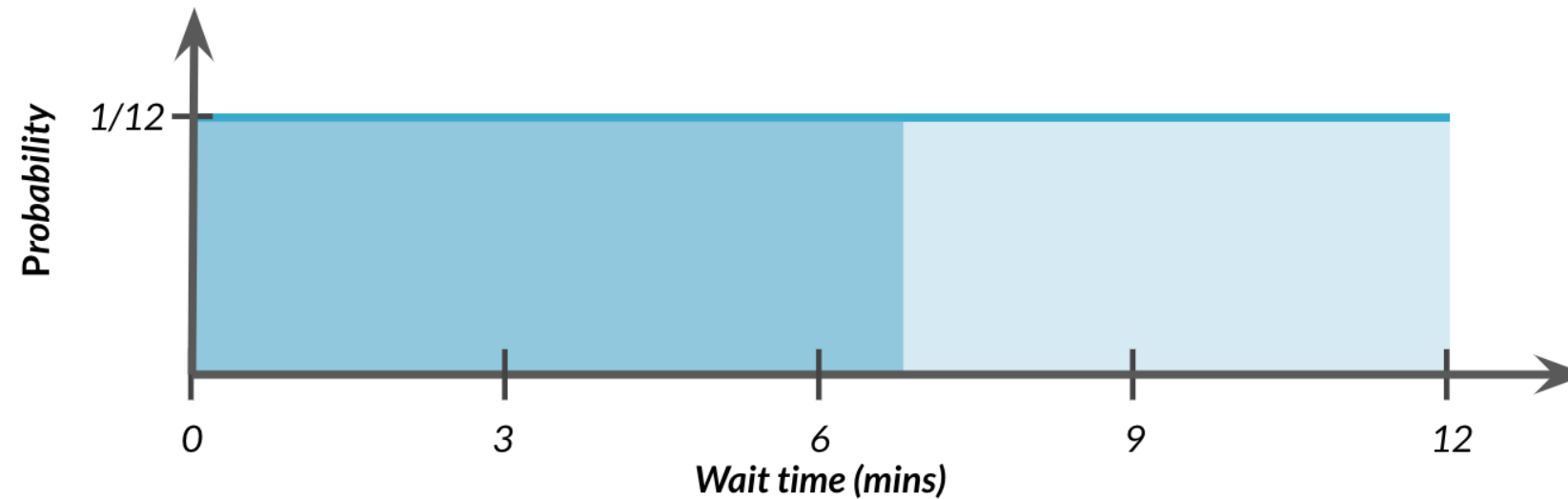
Probability still = area

$$P(4 \leq \text{wait time} \leq 7) = 3 \times 1/12 = 3/12$$



Uniform distribution in R

$$P(\text{wait time} \leq 7)$$

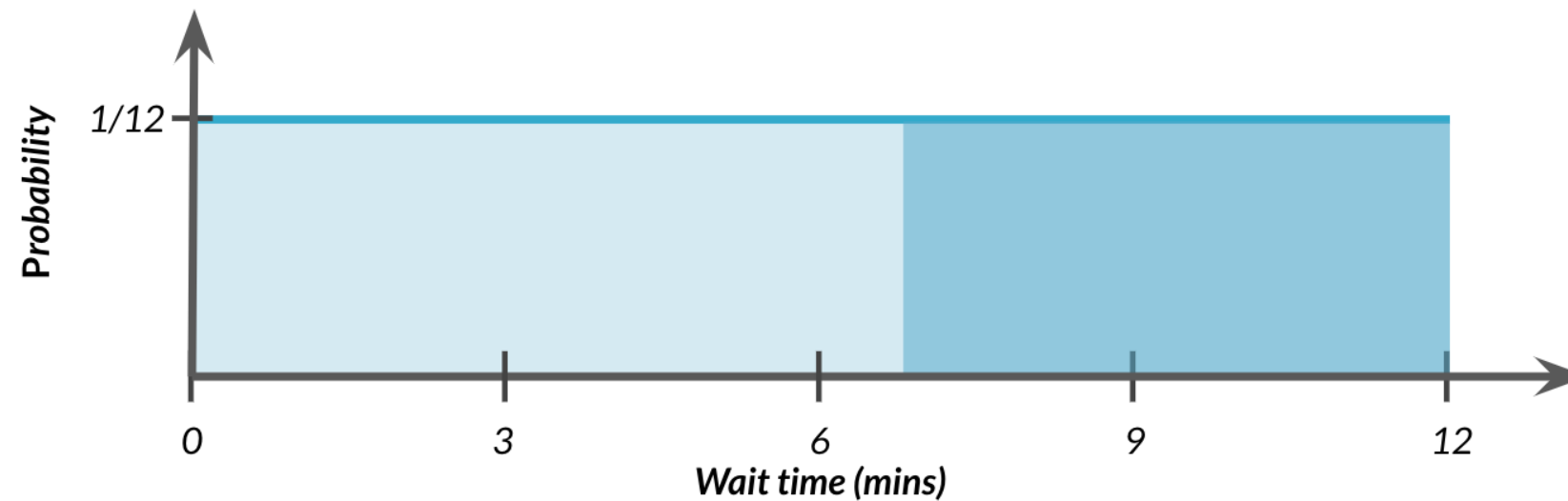


```
punif(7, min = 0, max = 12)
```

```
0.5833333
```

lower.tail

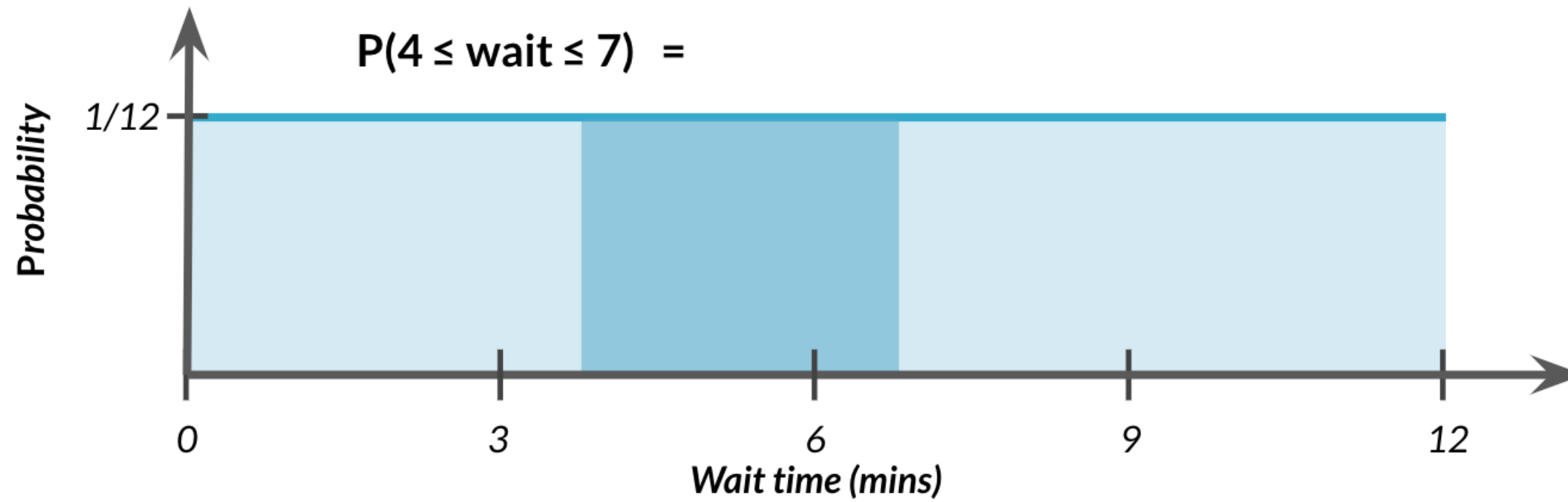
$$P(\text{wait time} \geq 7)$$



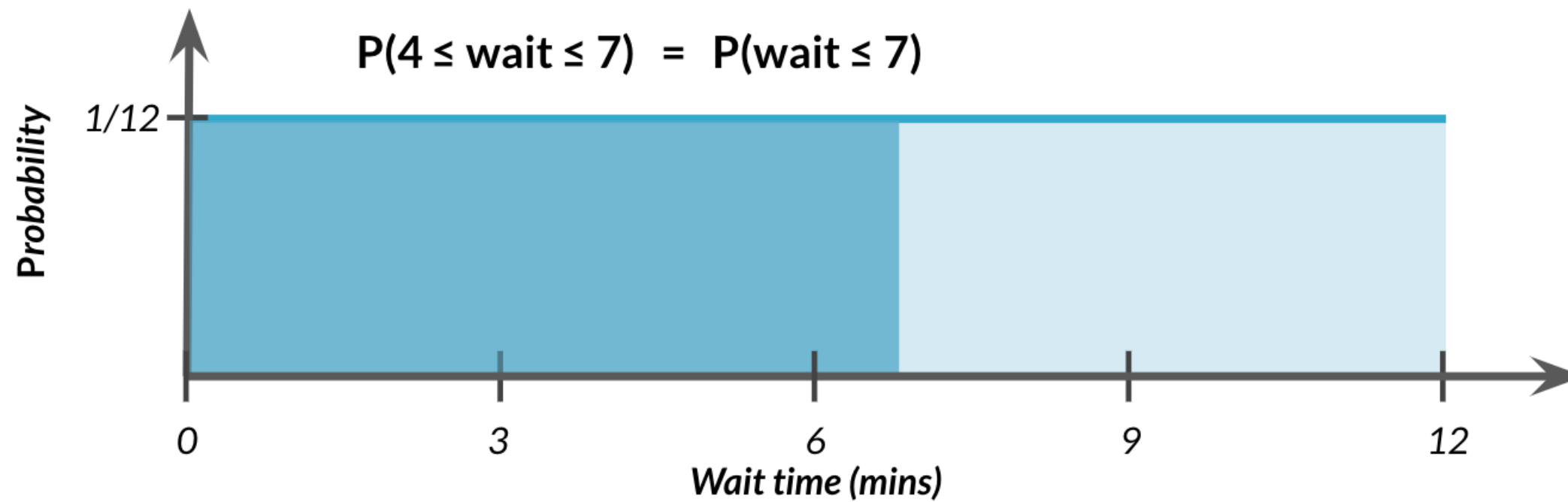
```
punif(7, min = 0, max = 12, lower.tail = FALSE)
```

```
0.4166667
```

$$P(4 \leq \text{wait time} \leq 7)$$



$$P(4 \leq \text{wait time} \leq 7)$$



$$P(4 \leq \text{wait time} \leq 7)$$

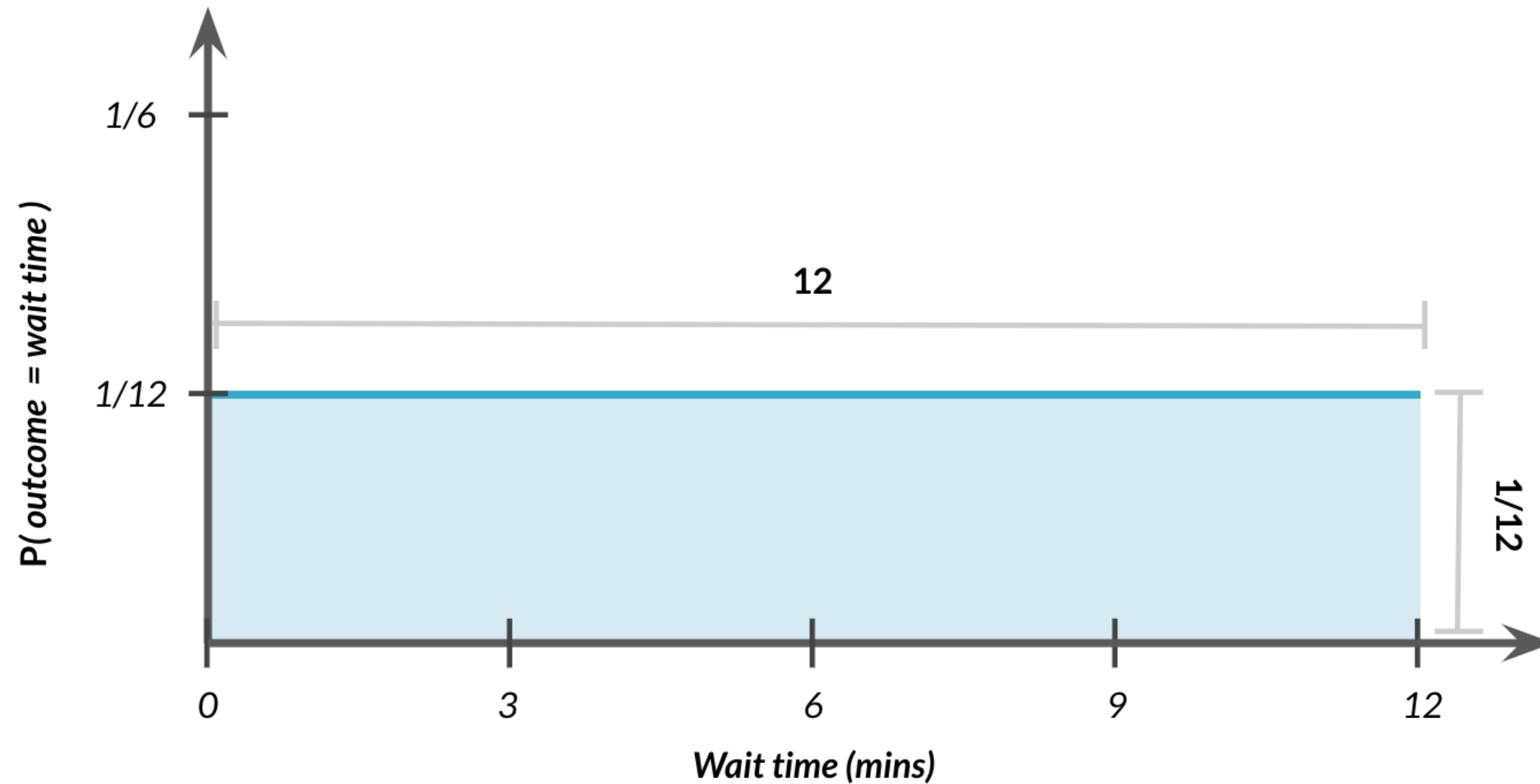


```
punif(7, min = 0, max = 12) - punif(4, min = 0, max = 12)
```

```
0.25
```

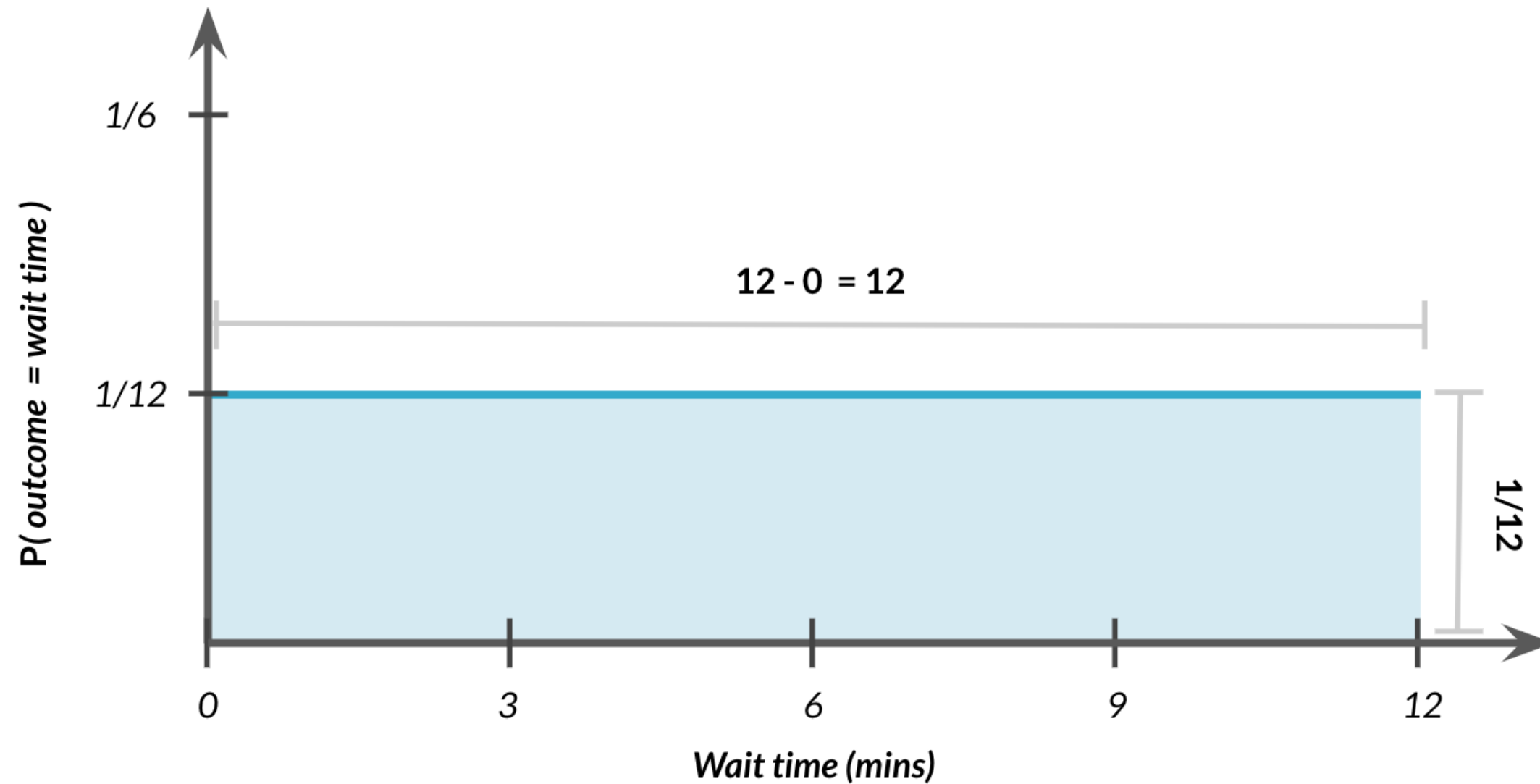
Total area = 1

$$P(0 \leq \text{wait time} \leq 12) = ?$$

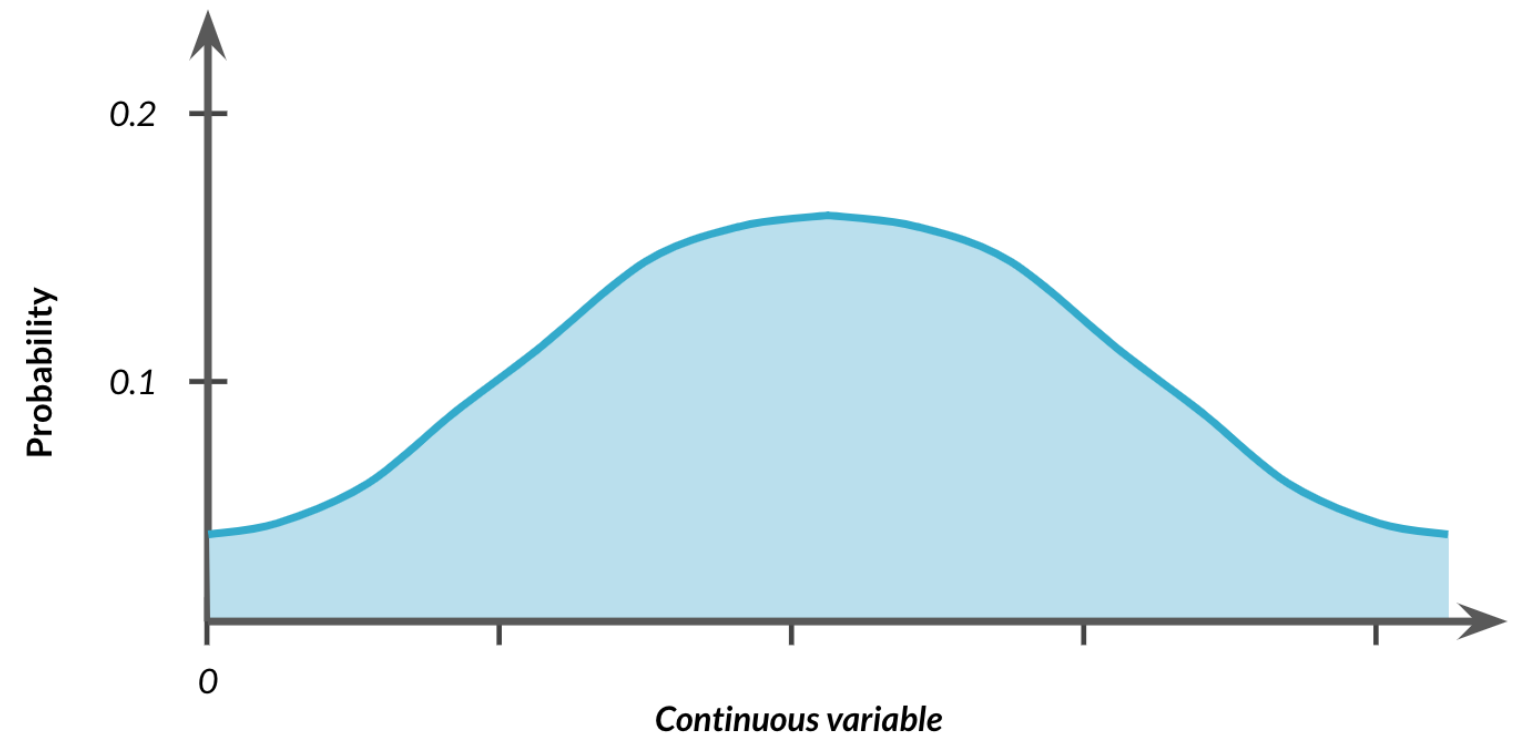
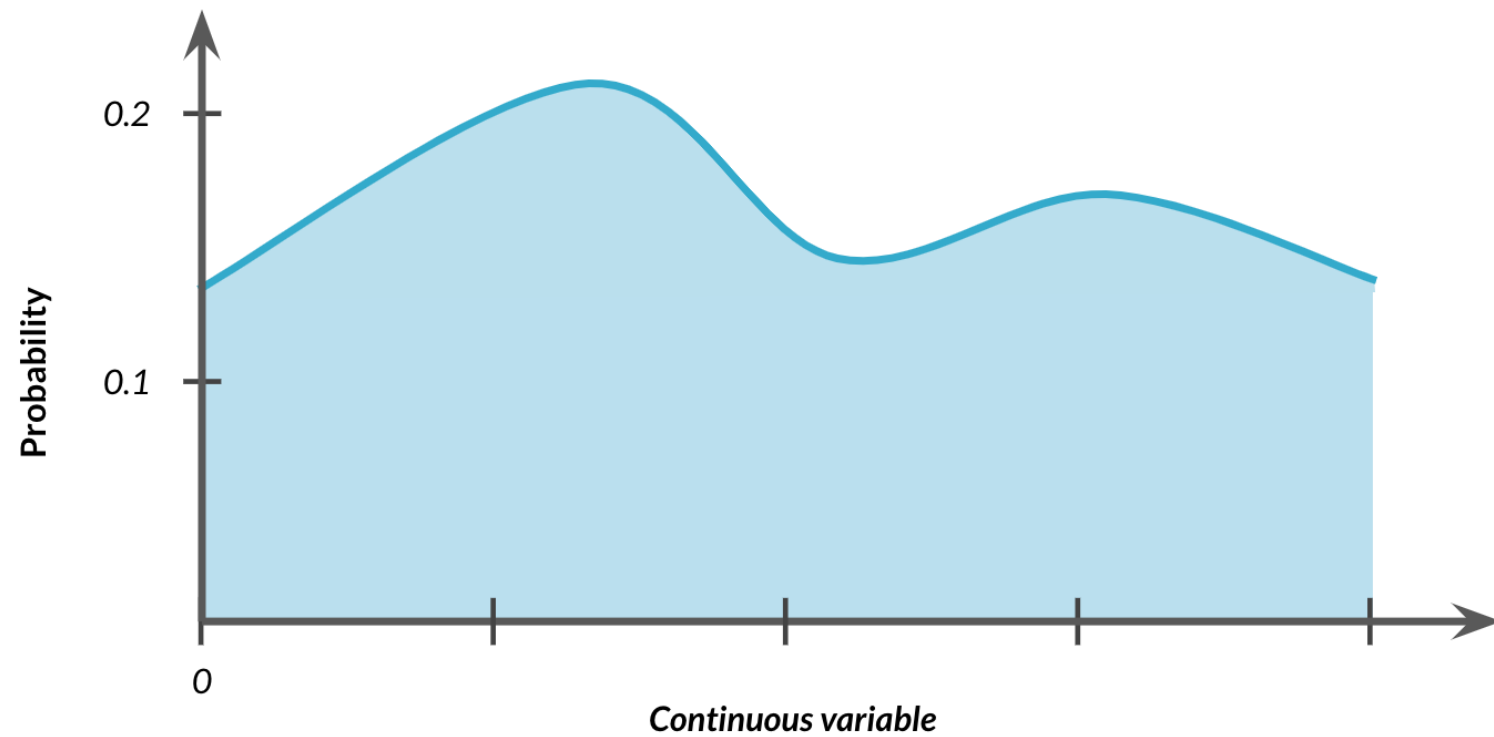


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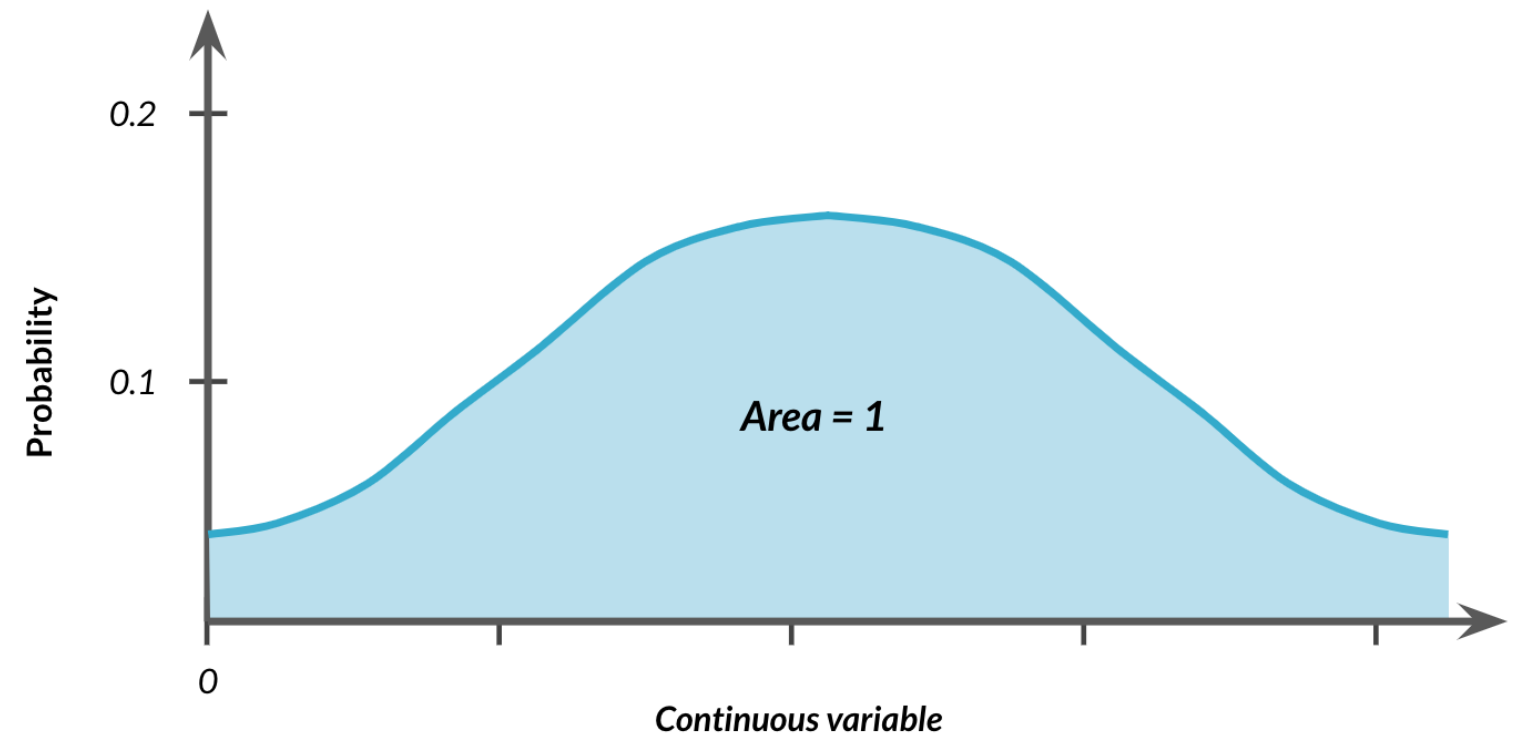
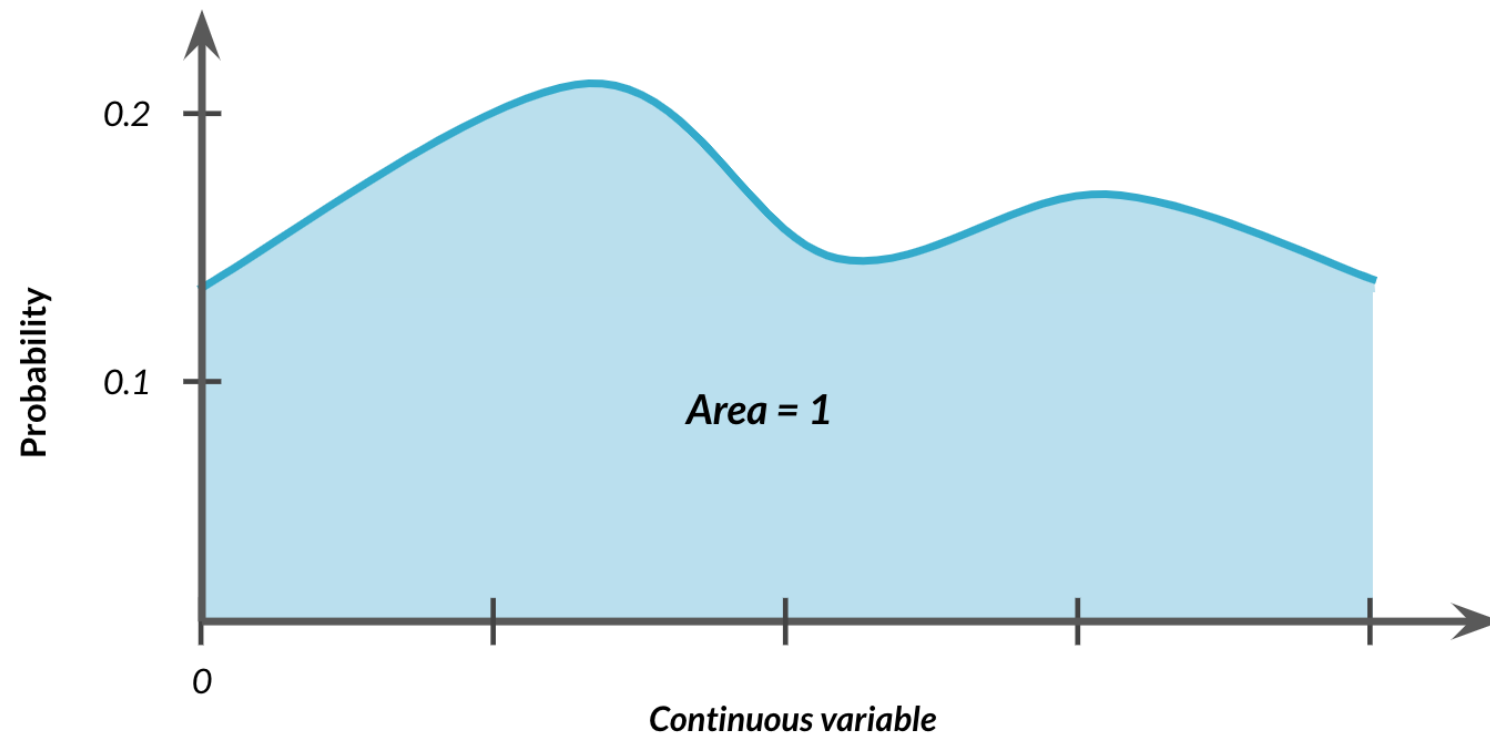
$$P(0 \leq \text{outcome} \leq 12) = 12 \times 1/12 = 1$$



Other continuous distributions

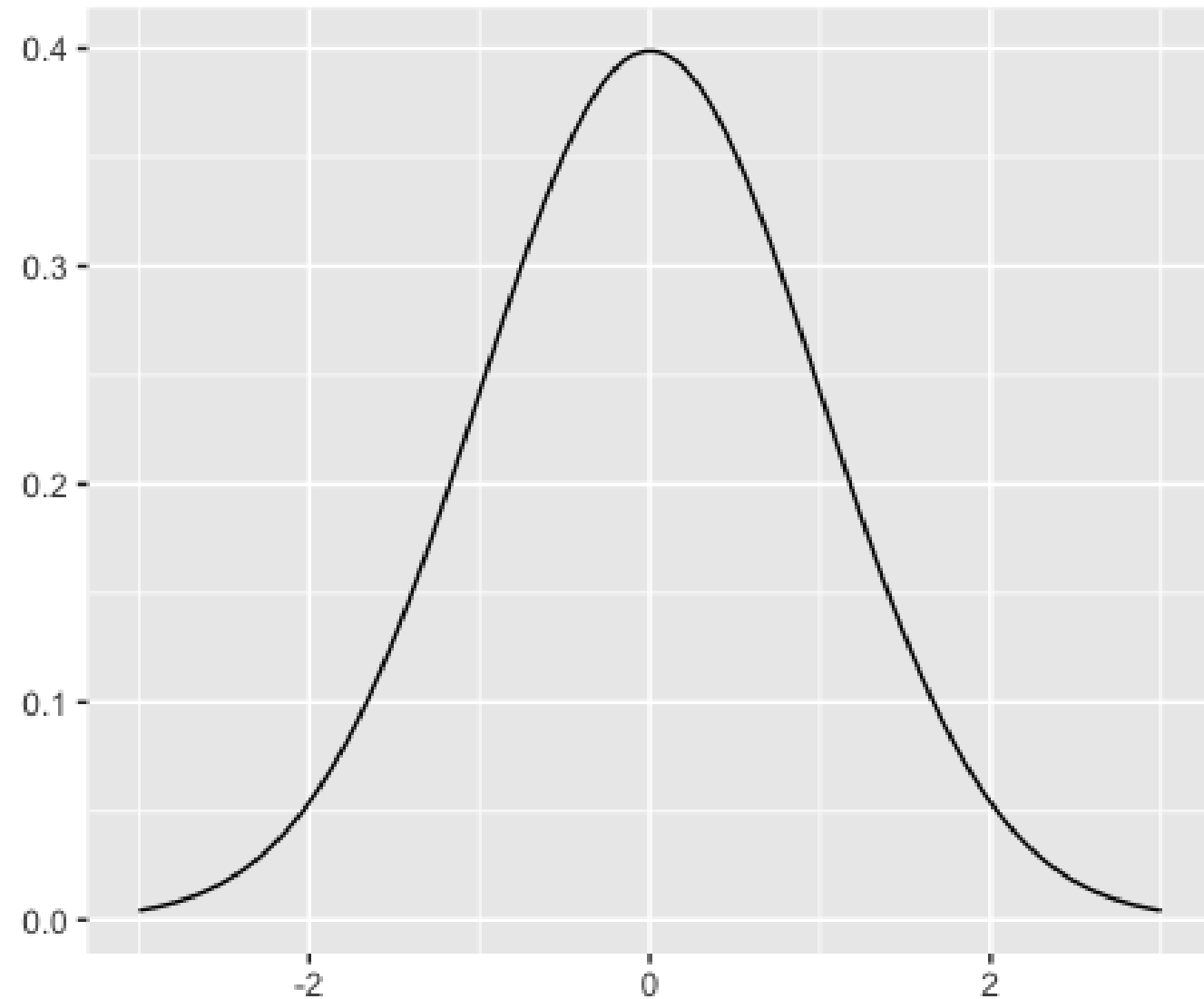


Other continuous distributions

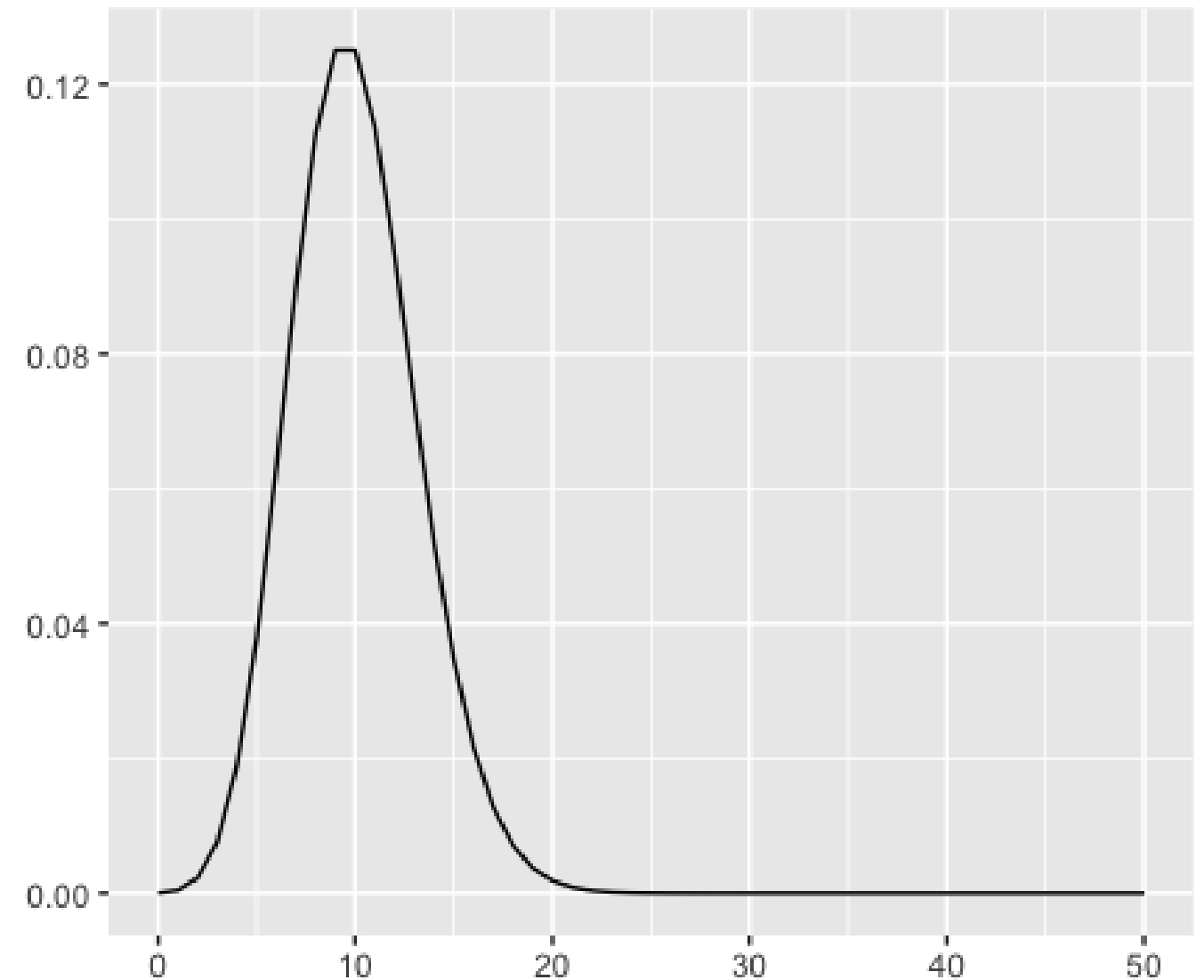


Other special types of distributions

Normal distribution



Poisson distribution



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The binomial distribution

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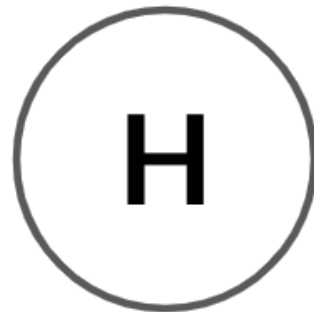
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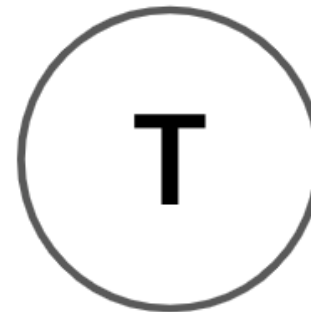
Coin flipping



50%



50%



Binary outcomes

H

T

1

0

Success

Failure

Win

Loss

A single flip

```
rbinom(# of trials, # of coins, # probability of heads/success)
```

1 = head, 0 = tails

```
rbinom(1, 1, 0.5)
```

```
1
```

```
rbinom(1, 1, 0.5)
```

```
0
```

One flip many times

```
rbinom(8, 1, 0.5)
```

```
1 0 0 1 0 0 1 0
```

```
rbinom(8, 1, 0.5)
```

8 flips of 1 coin with 50%
chance of success

Many flips one time

```
rbinom(1, 8, 0.5)
```

```
3
```

```
rbinom(1, 8, 0.5)
```

1 flip of 8 coins with 50%
chance of success

Many flips many times

```
rbinom(10, 3, 0.5)
```

```
2 0 1 0 1 1 3 3 3 1
```

```
rbinom(10, 3, 0.5)
```

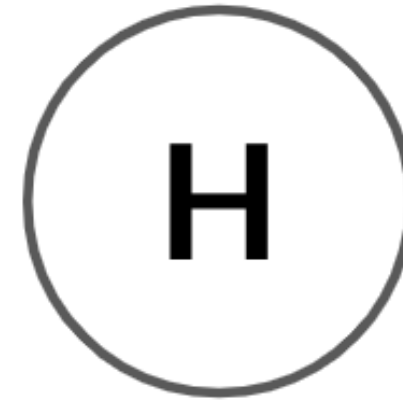
10 flips of 3 coins with 50%
chance of success

Other probabilities

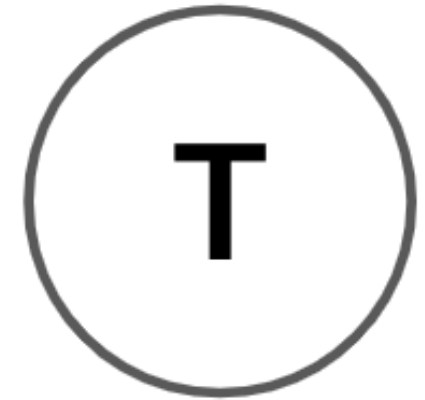
```
rbinom(10, 3, 0.25)
```

```
1 1 0 0 1 1 1 1 2 1
```

25%



75%



Binomial distribution

Probability distribution of the number of successes in a sequence of independent trials

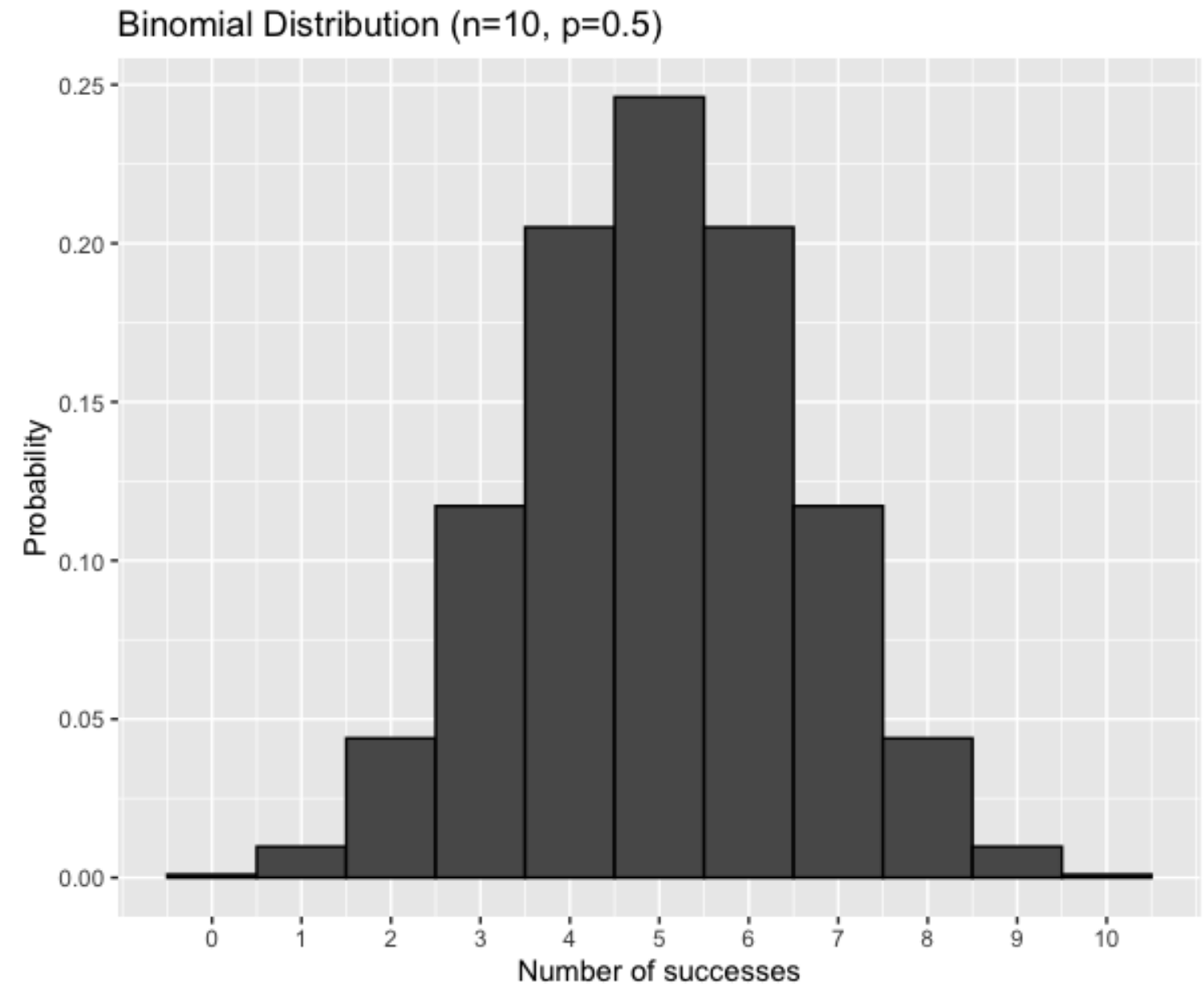
E.g. Number of heads in a sequence of coin flips

Described by n and p

- n : total number of trials
- p : probability of success

`rbinom(3, 10, 0.5)`

(Note: In the original image, the values 3, 10, and 0.5 are highlighted in red, blue, and yellow respectively, corresponding to the parameters of the rbinom function.)



What's the probability of 7 heads?

$P(\text{heads} = 7)$

```
# dbinom(num heads, num trials, prob of heads)
dbinom(7, 10, 0.5)
```

```
0.1171875
```

What's the probability of 7 or fewer heads?

$P(\text{heads} \leq 7)$

```
pbinom(7, 10, 0.5)
```

```
0.9453125
```

What's the probability of more than 7 heads?

$P(\text{heads} > 7)$

```
pbinom(7, 10, 0.5, lower.tail = FALSE)
```

```
0.0546875
```

```
1 - pbinom(7, 10, 0.5)
```

```
0.0546875
```

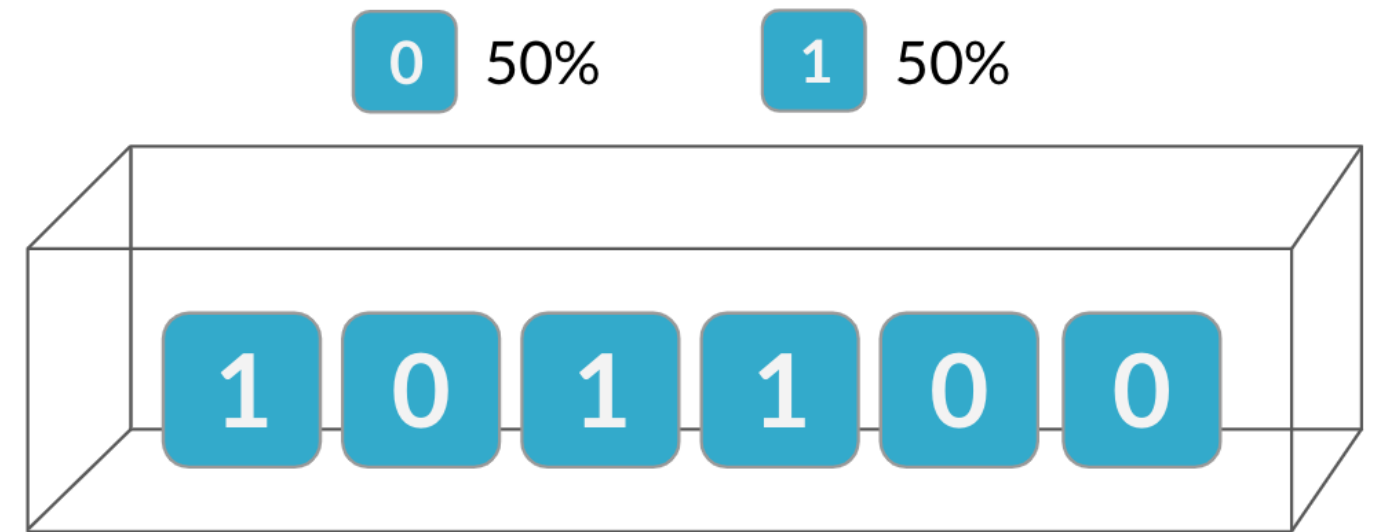
Expected value

$$\text{Expected value} = n \times p$$

$$\text{Expected number of heads out of 10 flips} = 10 \times 0.5 = 5$$

Independence

*The binomial distribution is a probability distribution of the number of successes in a sequence of **independent** trials*

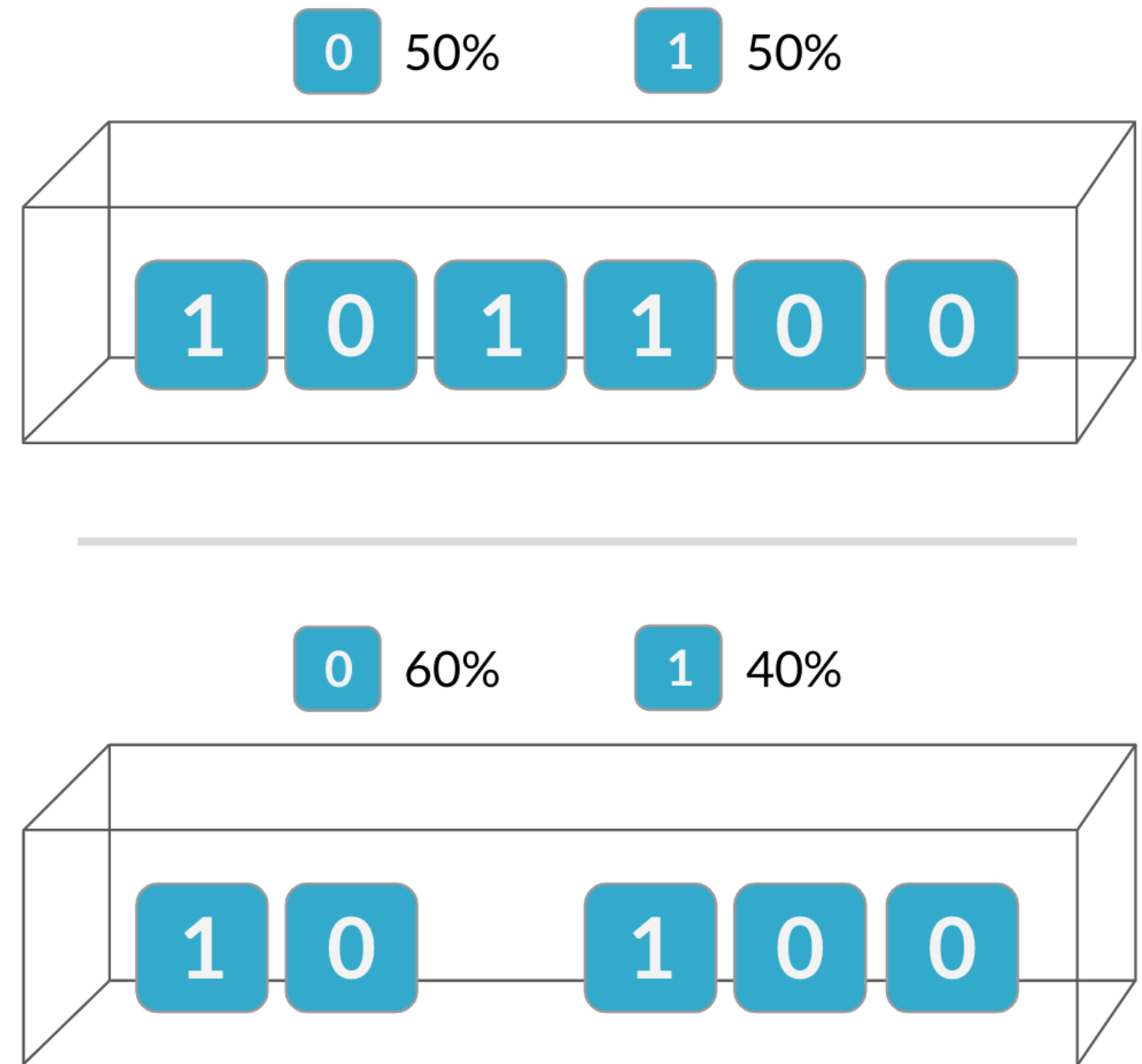


Independence

*The binomial distribution is a probability distribution of the number of successes in a sequence of **independent** trials*

Probabilities of second trial are altered due to outcome of the first

If trials are not independent, the binomial distribution does not apply!



Let's practice!

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