

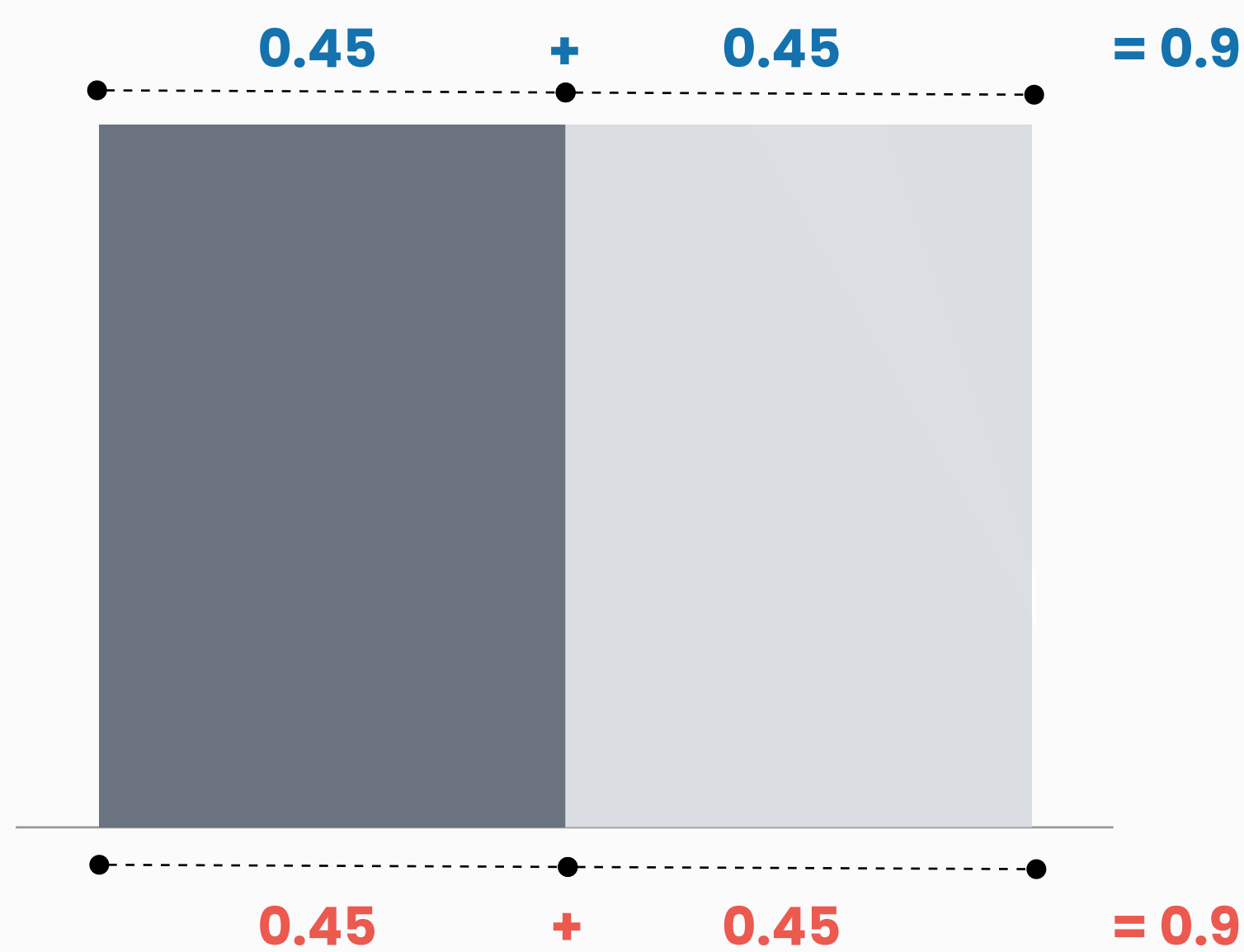
# DODGING BAR CHARTS

Use this cheat sheet to figure out how to manipulate the spacing between dodged bar charts with `position_dodge()` and `position_dodge2()`

## `position_dodge()`: Adjacent bars

```
geom_col(position = position_dodge(width = 0.9),  
         width = 0.9)
```

The width assigned to each bar is the **width specified in `position_dodge`** divided by the number of bars ( $0.9 / 2 = 0.45$ ).

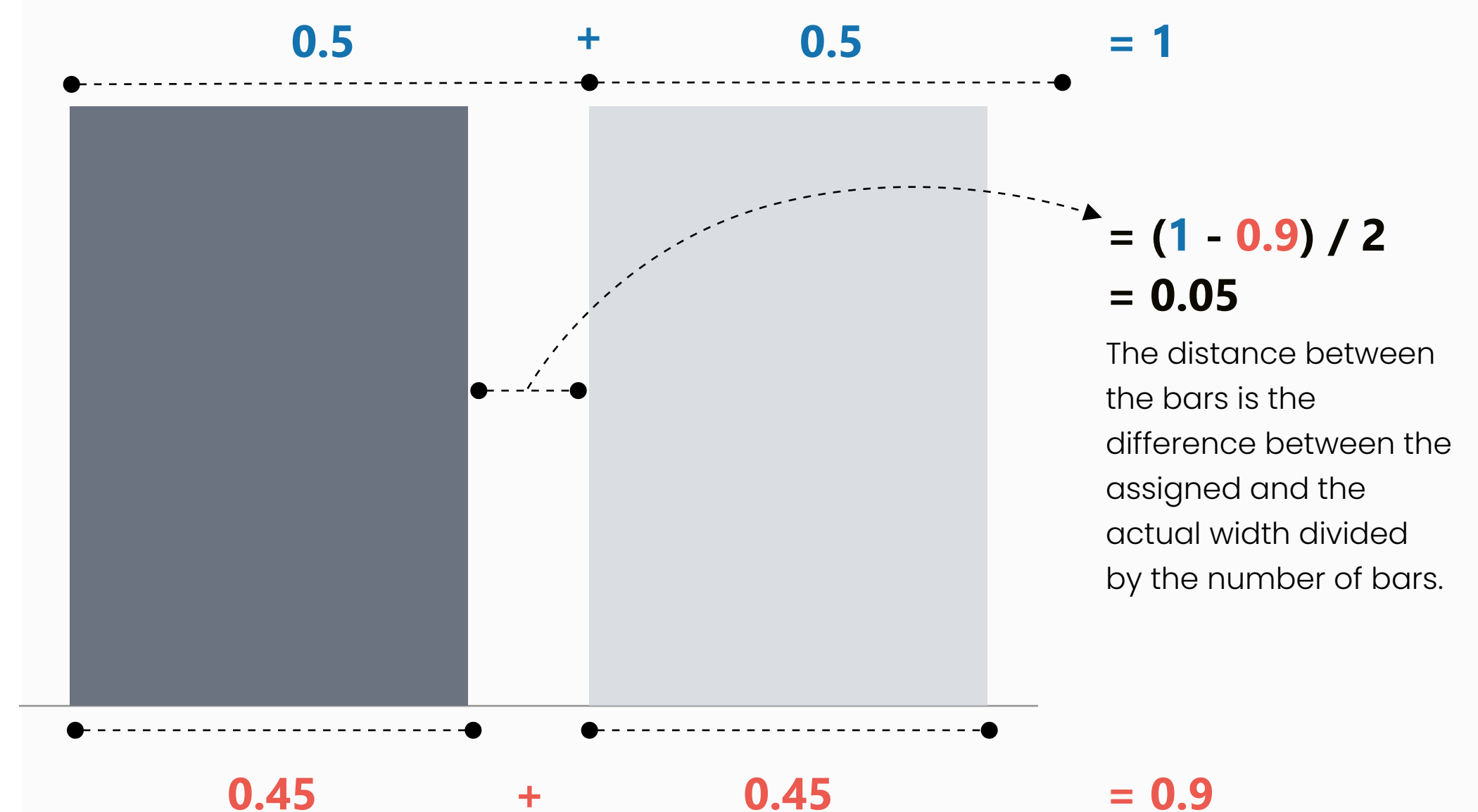


The width of each bar is the **total width** divided by the number of bars ( $0.9 / 2 = 0.45$ ).

## `position_dodge()`: Space between bars

```
geom_col(position = position_dodge(width = 1),  
         width = 0.9)
```

There is a gap between the bars because the **assigned width** is larger than the **actual width of the bars**. Since there are two bars, each bar has an **assigned width** of  $1 / 2 = 0.5$ .

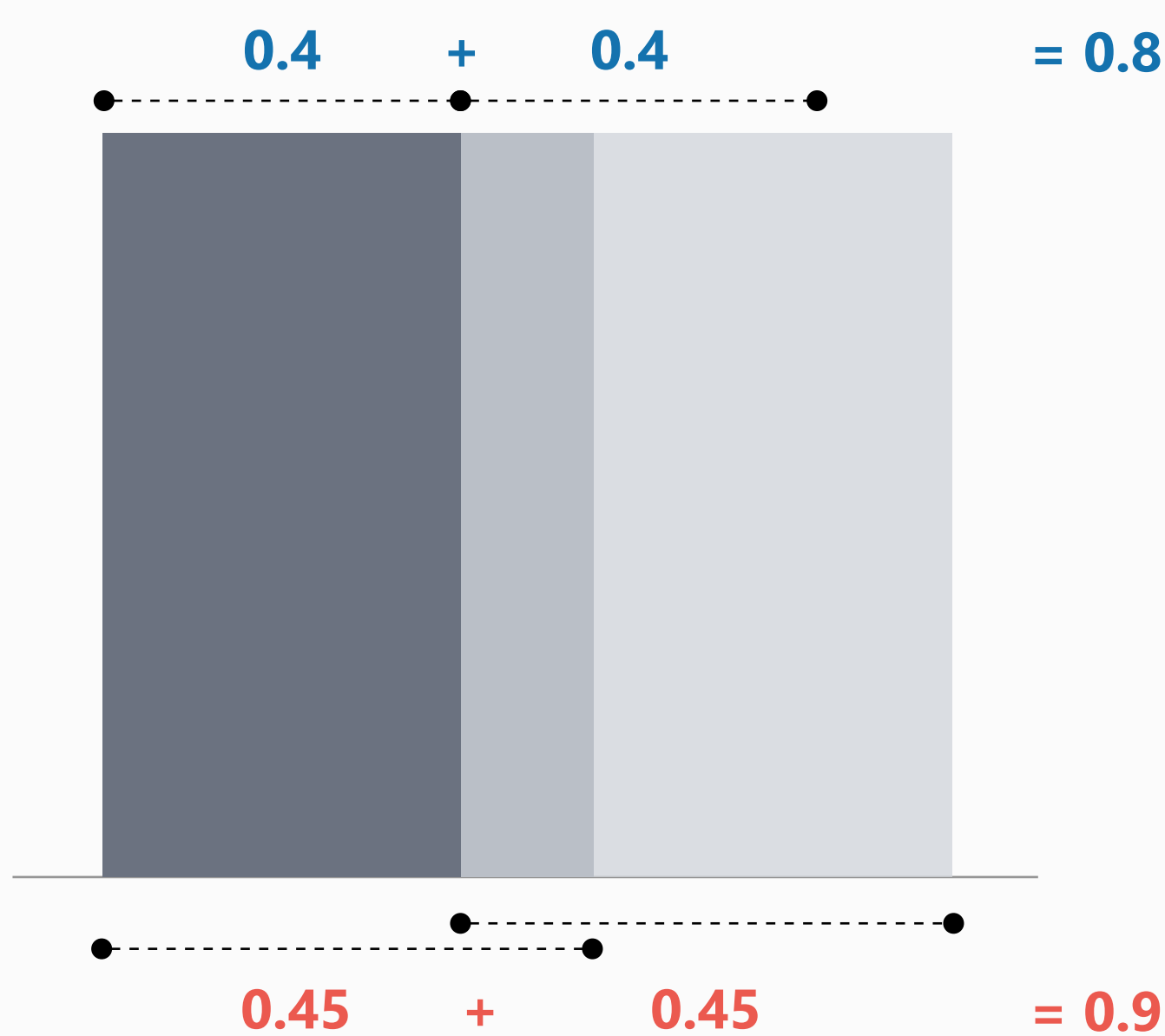


The width of each bar is the **total width** divided by the number of bars ( $0.9 / 2 = 0.45$ ).

## `position_dodge2()`: Overlapping bars

```
geom_col(position = position_dodge2(width = 0.8),  
         width = 0.9)
```

In this case the bars overlap because the **assigned width** is smaller than the actual width of each bar.

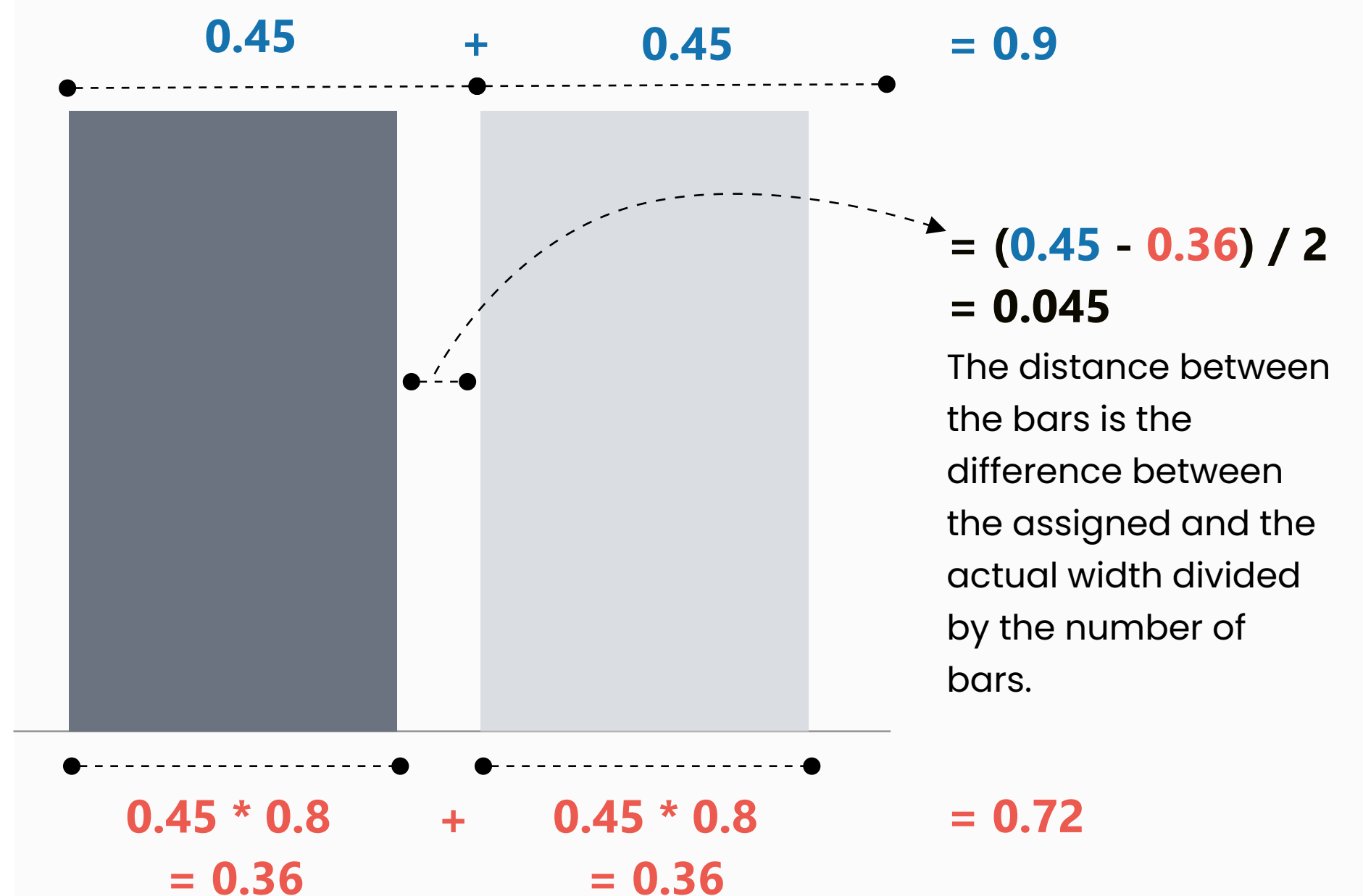


The width of the bars is independent of the assigned width. So the width for each bar is again 0.45.

## `position_dodge2()`: Space between bars

```
geom_col(position = position_dodge2(padding = 0.2),  
         width = 0.9)
```

With `position_dodge2` the **assigned width for each bar** is calculated by the **width specified in `geom_col`** divided by the number of bars. In this case there are two bars, therefore the width of each bar is  $0.9 / 2 = 0.45$ .



With `position_dodge2` the actual width of each bar is variable. It is calculated from the assigned width of each bar times the remainder of the padding ( $1 - 0.2$ ). In this case there are two bars, so the width of each bar is  $0.45 * 0.8$ .

