

Lecture 3

Distributions - function that represents the chance of seeing a particular outcome out of all possible outcomes

$$P(x) \leftarrow 0 \leq P(x) \leq 1 \text{ for any } x$$

$$\sum_x P(x) = 1 \leftarrow \text{"normalized"}$$

Characterize a distribution:

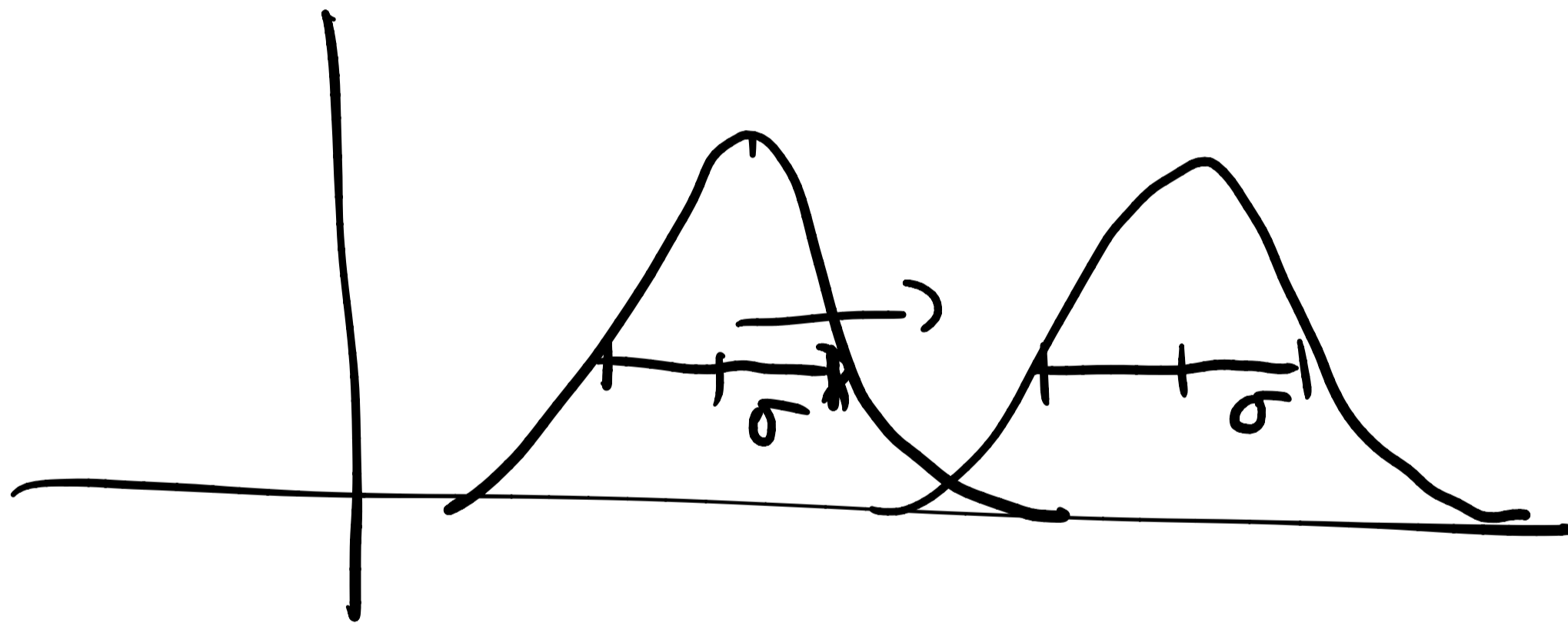
"moments" $\sum x^n P(x)$, n th moment

Eg $\mu = \sum x P(x)$ 2nd $\sum x^2 P(x)$

$$\mu = \langle x \rangle = \sum x P(x)$$

$$\text{2nd moment} = \langle x^2 \rangle = \sum x^2 P(x)$$

$$\text{Var}[x] = \sigma^2 = \langle x^2 \rangle - \langle x \rangle^2$$



Same σ , diff $\langle x^2 \rangle$

Binomial distribution

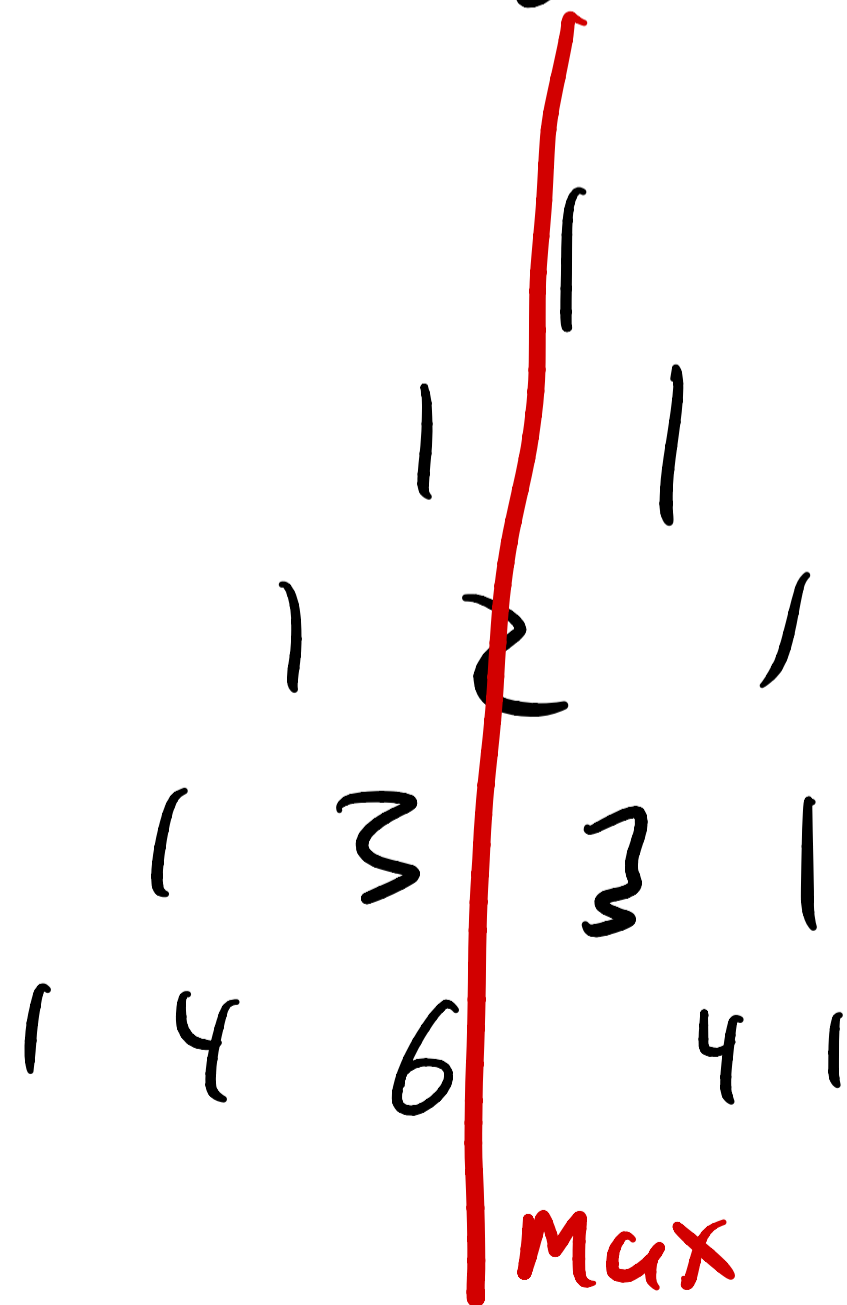
Chance of m events in N trials ^{independent} ✓

$$P(m; N) = \binom{N}{m} p^m (1-p)^{N-m}$$

p is a chance on a single trial

$$\binom{N}{m} = \frac{N!}{(N-m)! (m)!}$$

Max $\binom{N}{m} \leftarrow m = \frac{N}{2}$



Discrete distribution Z :

Poisson Distribution, limit of the Binomial distribution

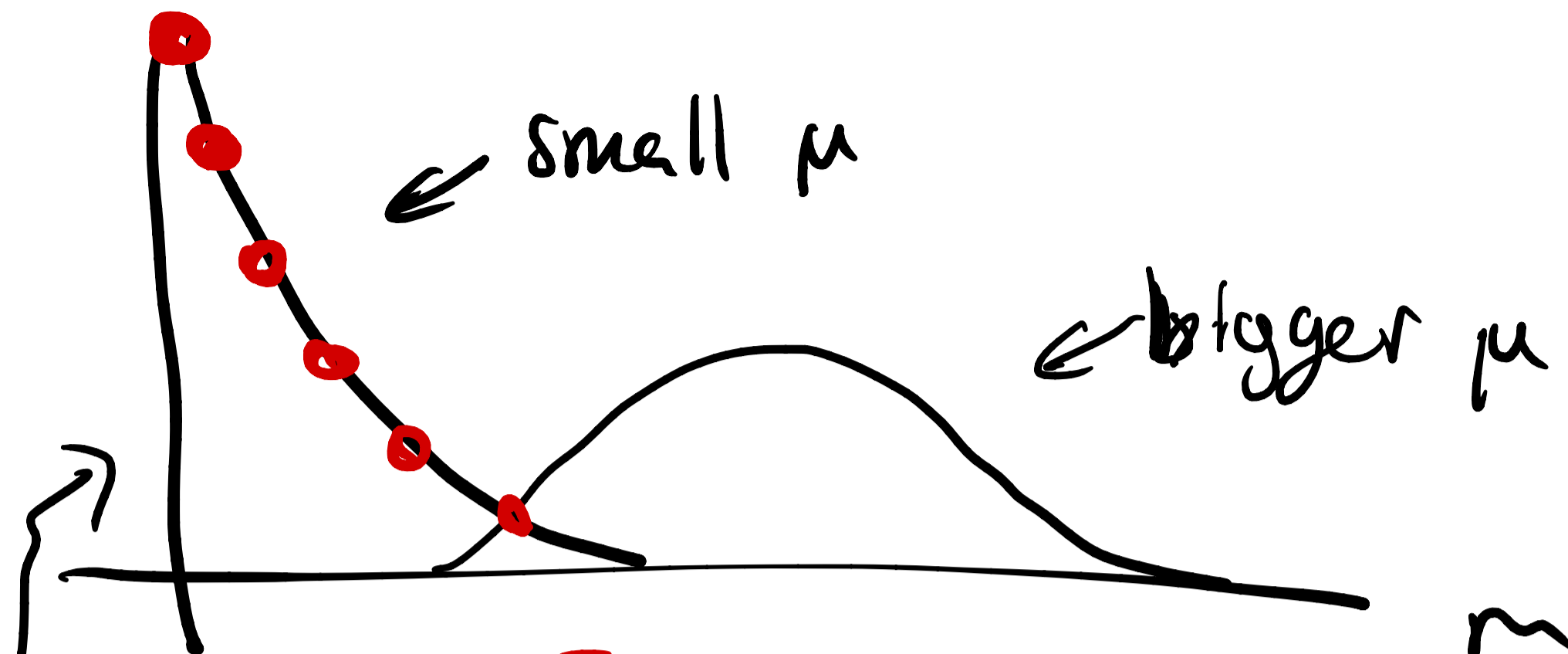
Chance of m events in some fixed interval or area, in limit $p \rightarrow 0$
"rare events"

limit $N \rightarrow \infty$, $p \rightarrow 0$

$$P(m; \mu) = \frac{\mu^m e^{-\mu}}{m!}$$

$\leftarrow \mu$ is mean
unitless

Mean μ , Variance = μ



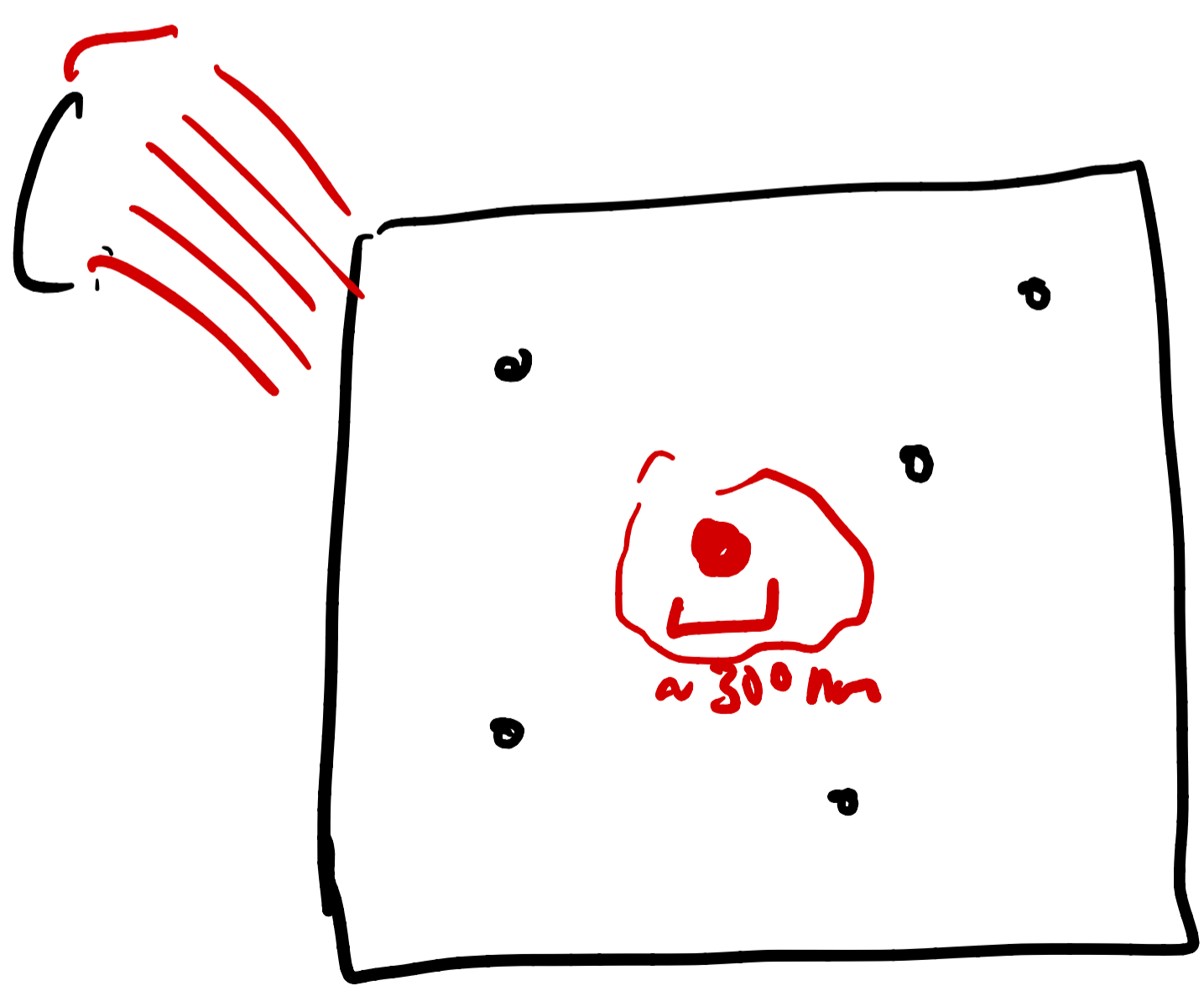
$$P(m) = \frac{e^{-\mu} \mu^m}{m!}$$

0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

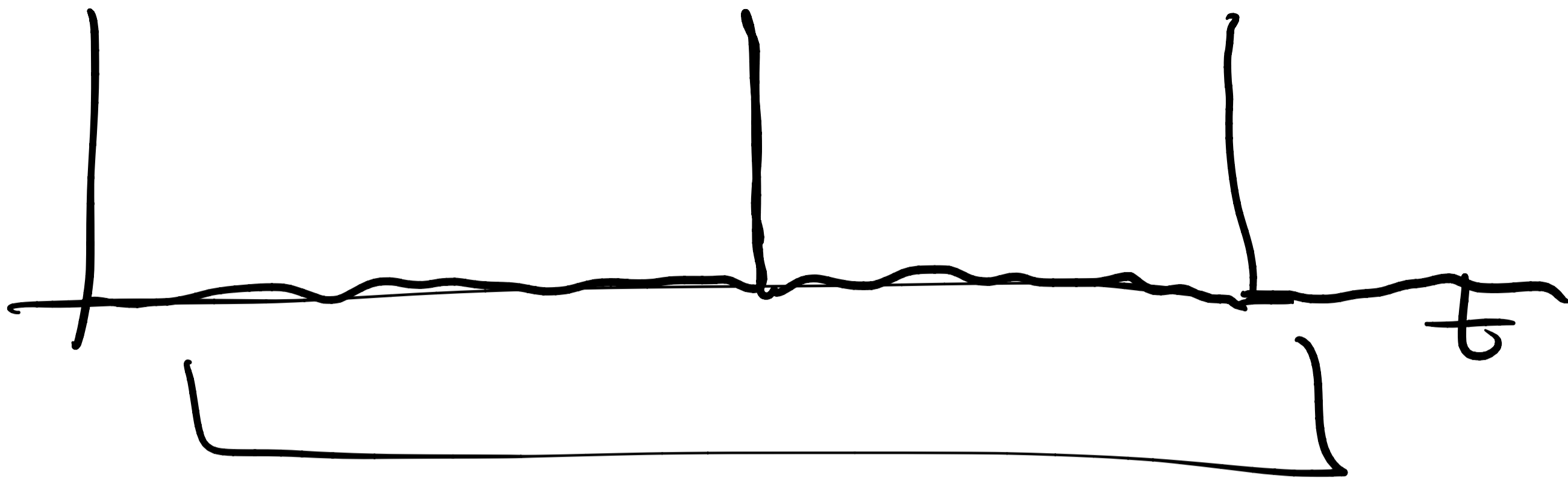
most likely # is 0

dilute solution

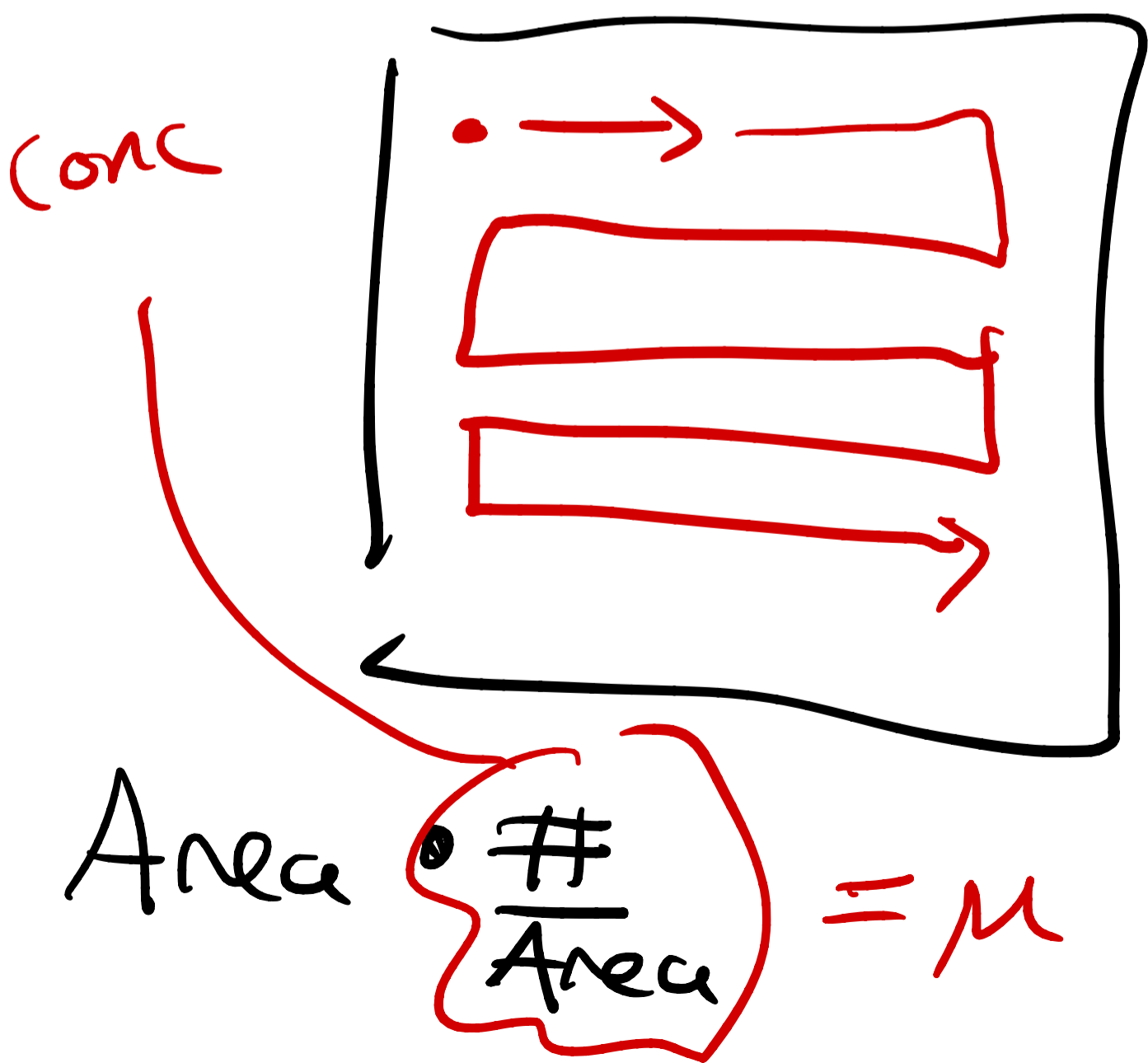
detect events



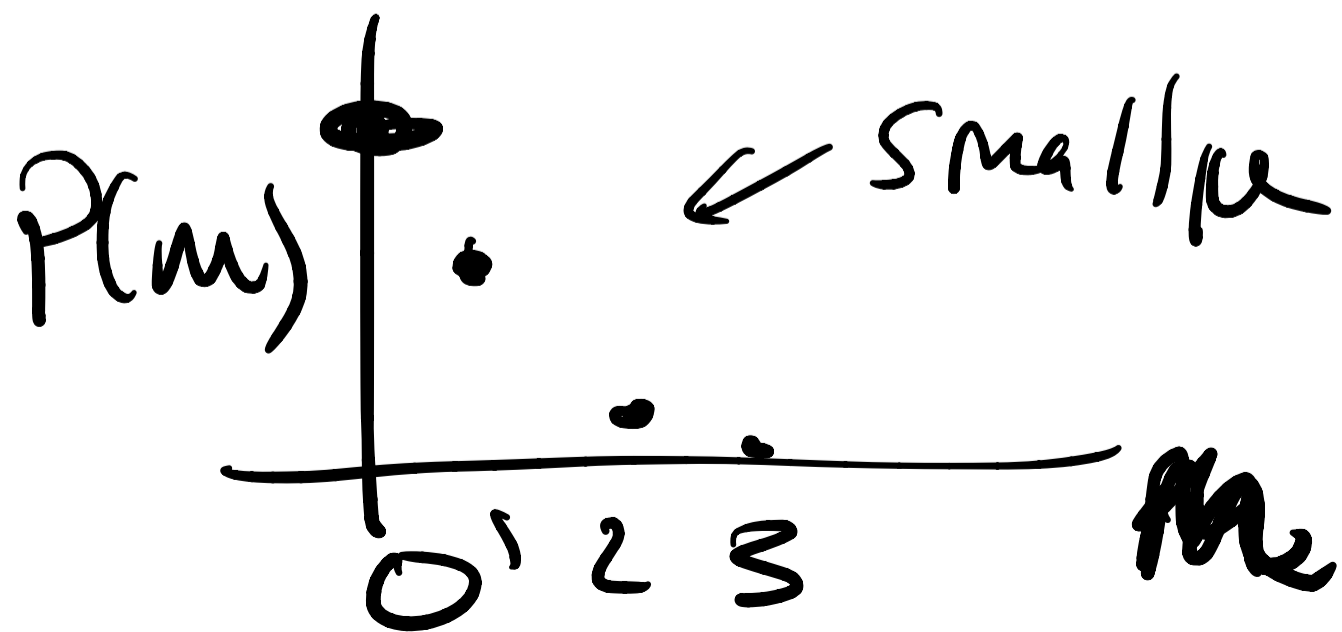
1 mm



fixed interval, poisson dist

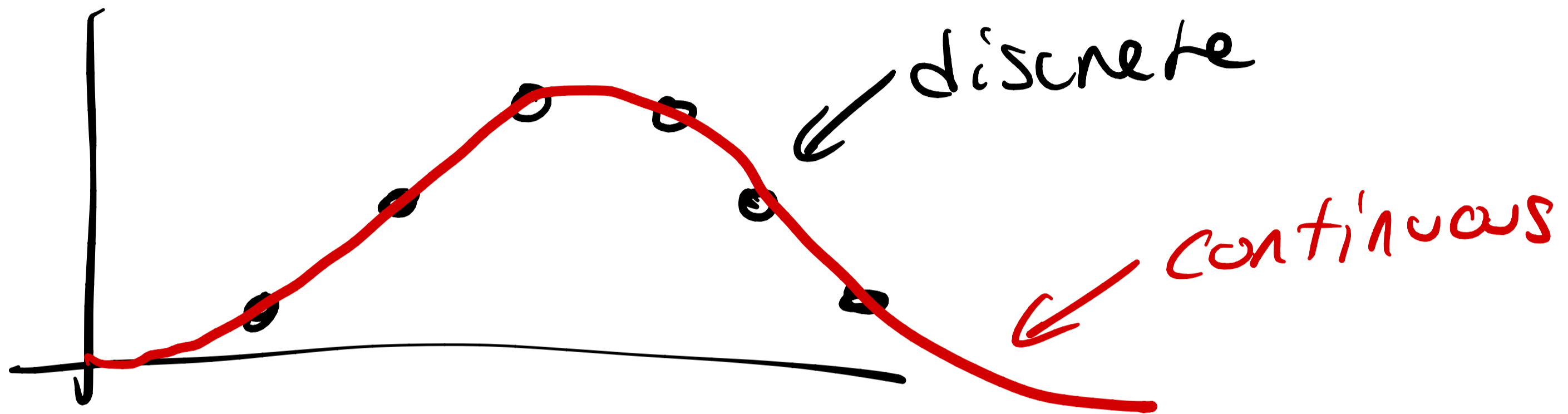


Chance that I see
Z molecules in 1 grid spot



Preview continuous distribution

$P(x)$ x can be any real #



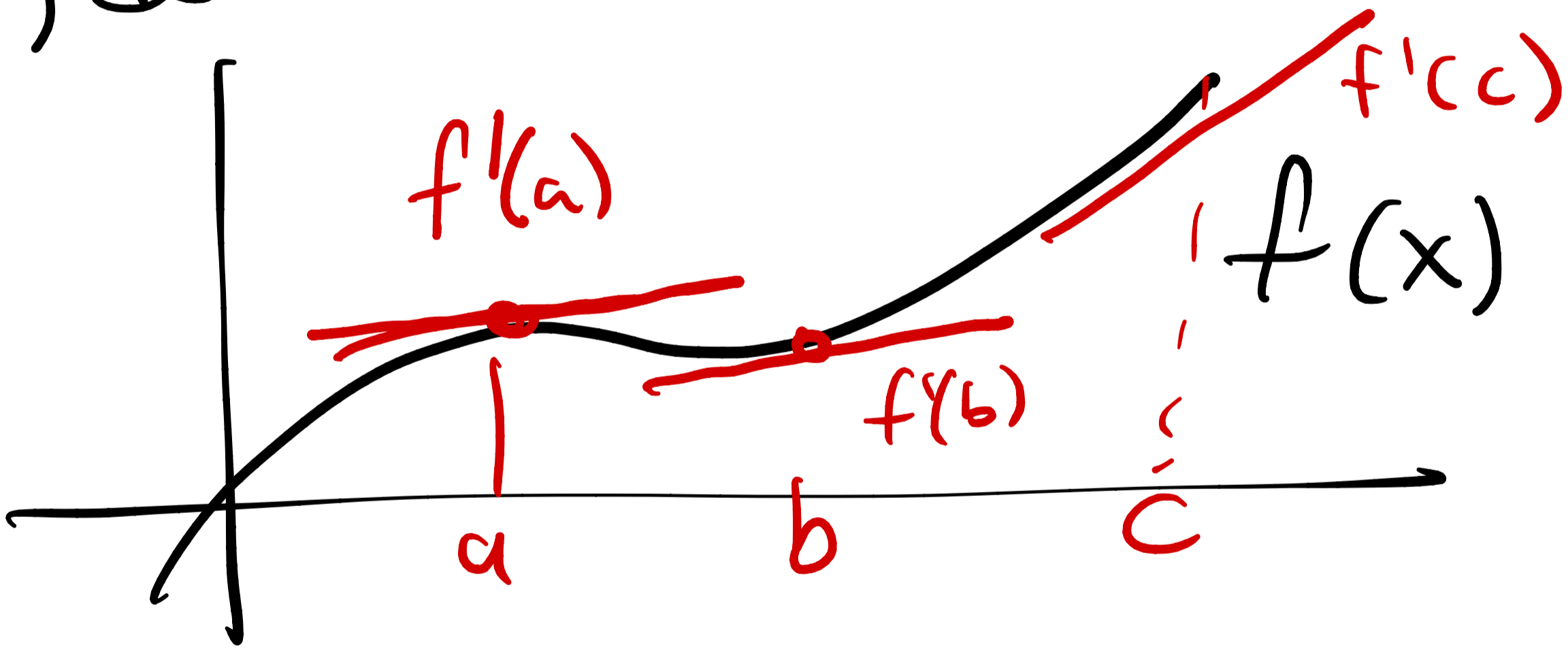
①
$$P(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$
 Normal
 $N(x; \mu, \sigma)$

②
$$P(x) = \frac{1}{\lambda} e^{-\lambda x}, \quad \mu = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

Calculus review

① derivative, slope
i) derivative is the slope

function gives you
slope of a function
at a point

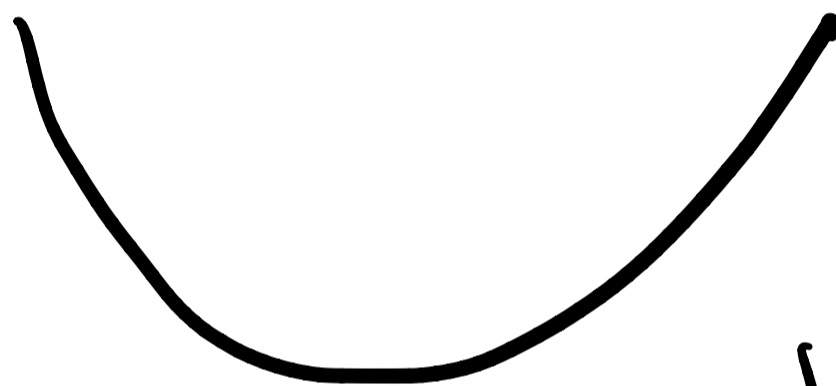
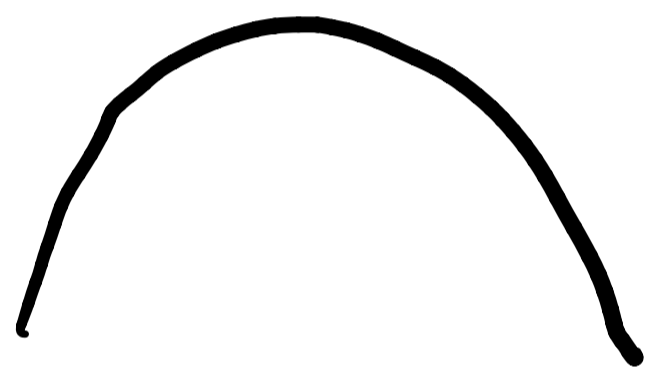


$$f'(x) = \frac{df}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0}$$

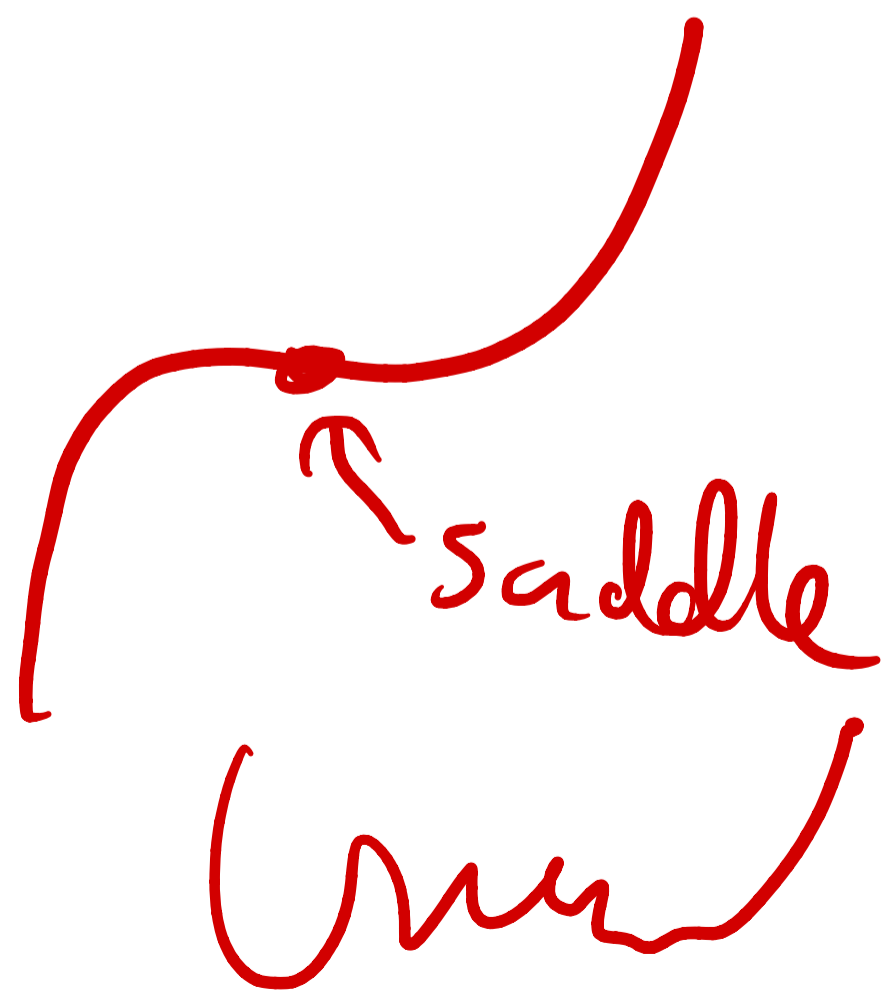
$$\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

ii) Max, min must have

$$\left. \frac{df}{dx} \right|_a = 0 \quad \text{if max or min}$$



b/c slope
has to change sign



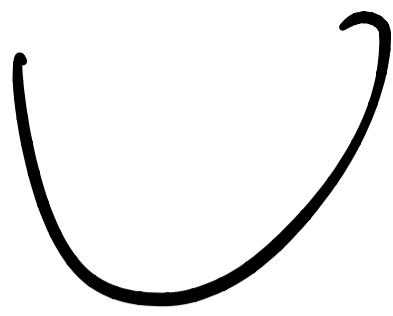
$$\frac{df}{dx} = 0$$

max, min

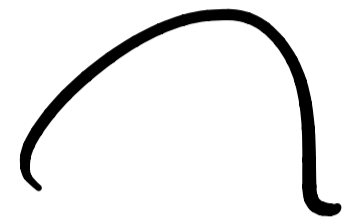
$$\frac{d}{dx} \frac{df}{dx} = \frac{d^2f}{dx^2}$$

think about

$$f(x) = x^2 \rightarrow \frac{df}{dx} = 2x \rightarrow = 2$$



$$f(x) = -x^2 \rightarrow -2x \rightarrow -2$$



$$g(x) = x^n$$

$$\frac{dg}{dx} = nx^{n-1}$$

$$g(x) = e^{ax}$$

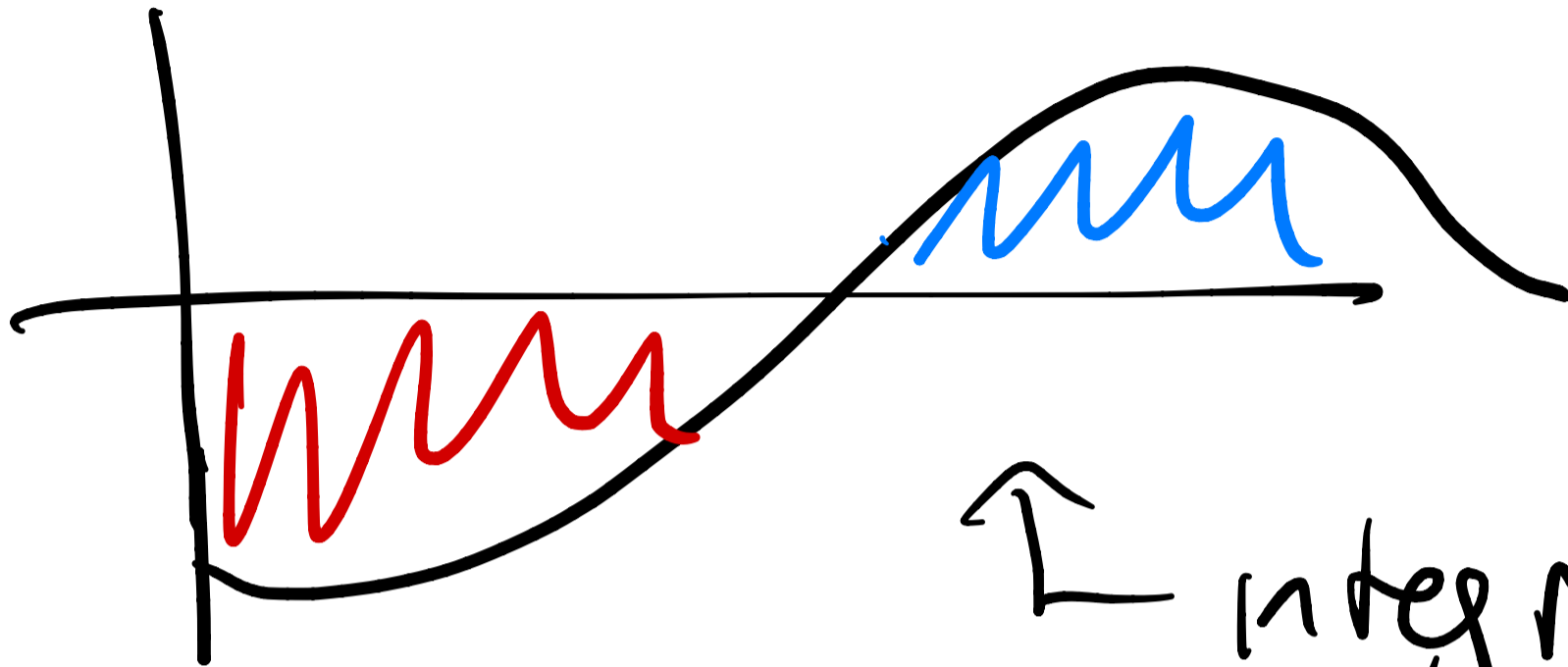
$$\frac{dg}{dx} = ae^{ax}$$

$$g(x) = \ln(x)$$

$$\frac{dg}{dx} = \frac{1}{x}$$

deriv of constant is 0

Integrals "Area under a curve"



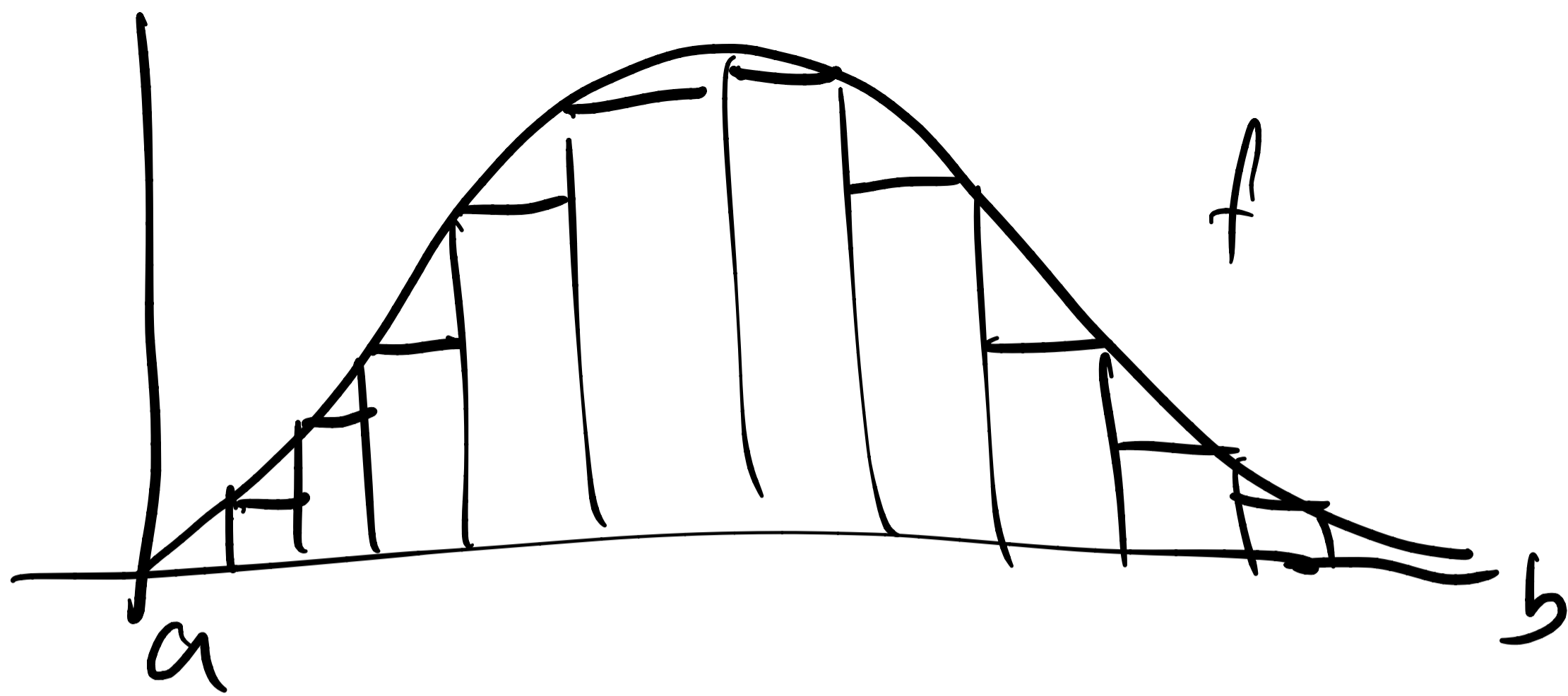
↑ integral = [blue area] - [red area]

anti derivative

$$\int_a^b \frac{df}{dx} dx = f(b) - f(a)$$

derivative - lose information

$$\int \frac{df}{dx} dx = f(x) + C$$



① Max Δx
small

② Δx
has units

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \sum_{i=1}^N f(x_i) \Delta x_i$$

$$= \frac{b-a}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N f(x_i)$$

CTS distributions:

$$\langle x^n \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^n P(x) dx$$

"domain" of $P(x)$?

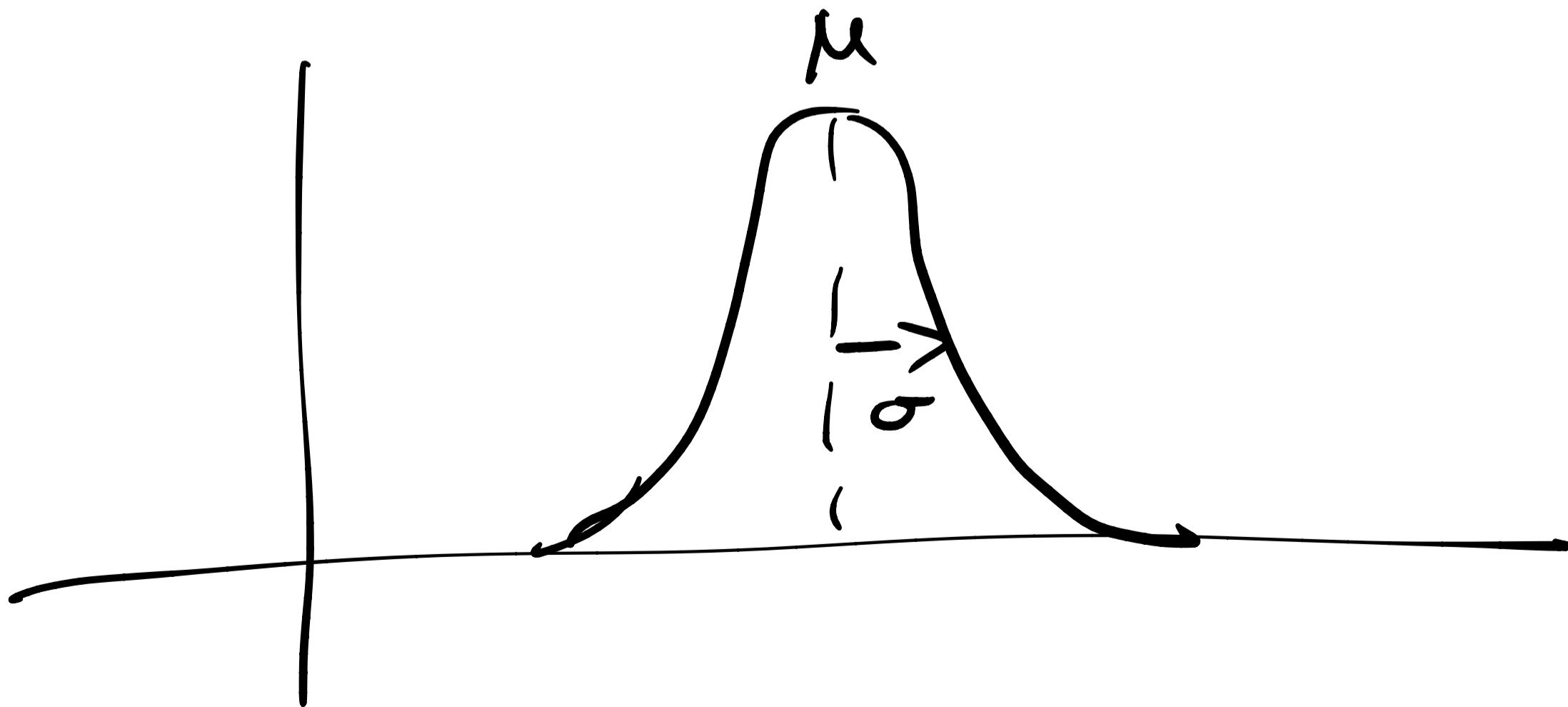
P zero outside some region

→ $\int_a^b x^n P(x) dx$

if $P(x) = 0$ for
 $x > b$
 $x < a$

$$\text{Var}(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu)^2 P(x) dx$$

$$P_{\text{rob}}(a \leq x \leq b) = \int_a^b P(x) dx$$



Preview: product rule

$$\frac{d}{dx}(fg) = \frac{df}{dx}(x)g(x) + f(x)\frac{dg}{dx}(x)$$

differentials

"multiply dx"

$$d(fg) = (df)g + f(dg)$$

