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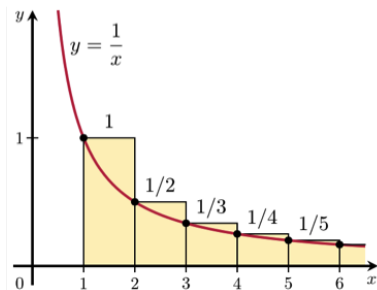
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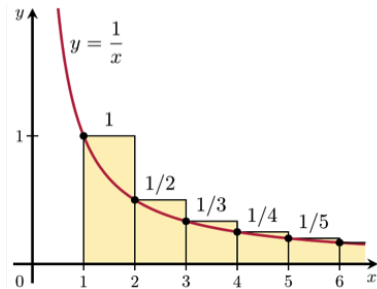
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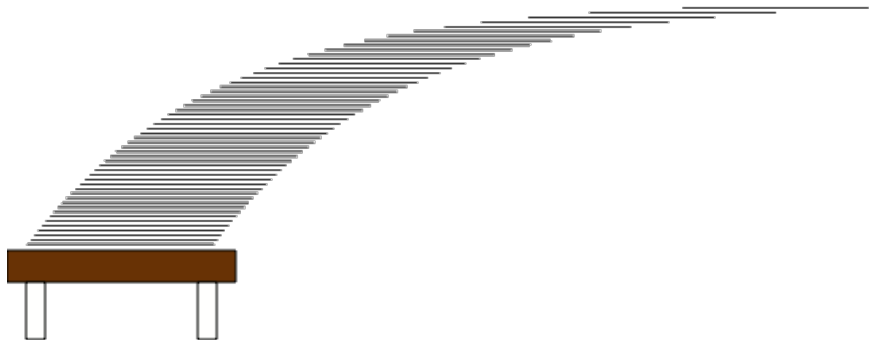
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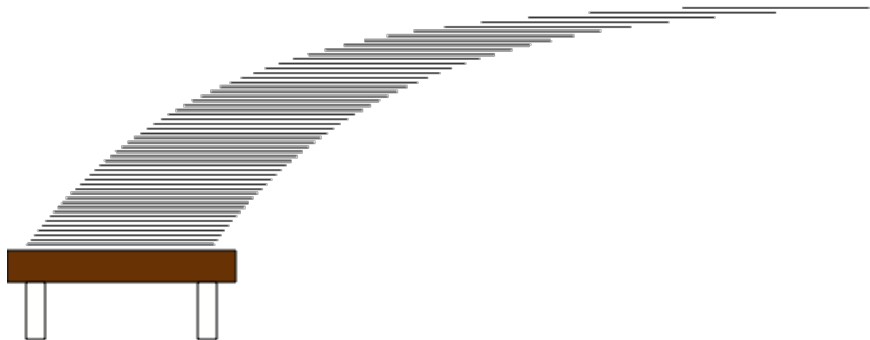
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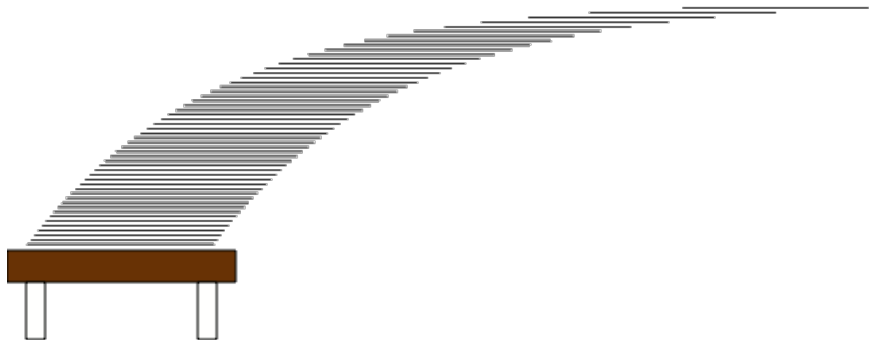


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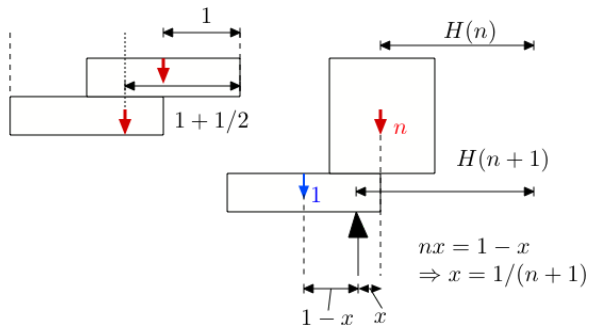
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"a potentially serious conflict between quantum mechanics and the general theory of relativity known as the information paradox"

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"in a paradox, he has discovered that stepping back from his job has increased the rewards he gleans from it"  
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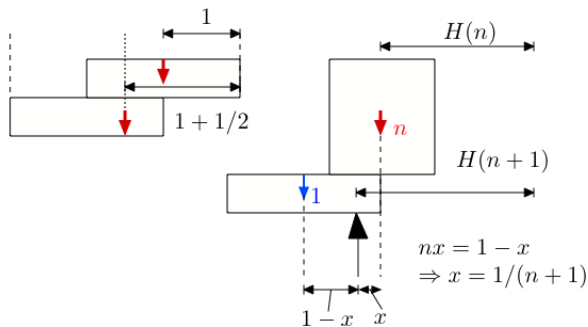


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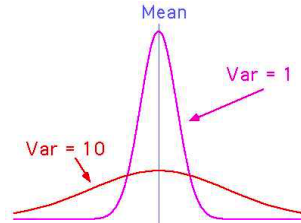
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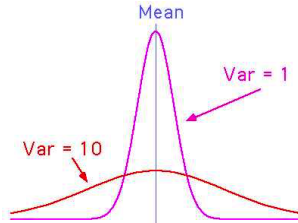
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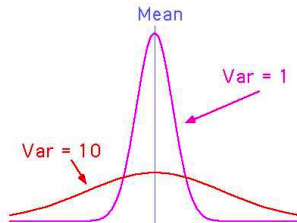


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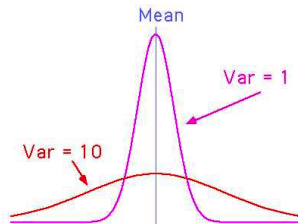
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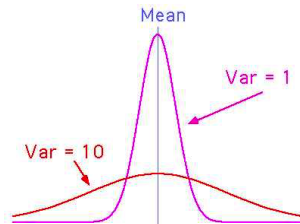


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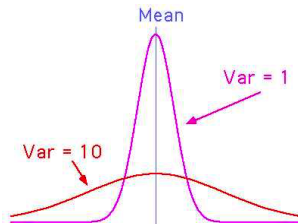
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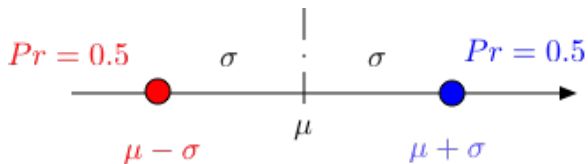
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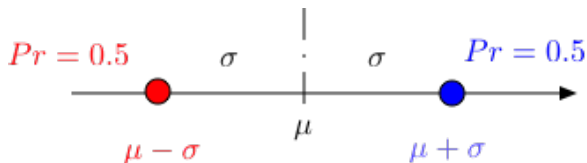
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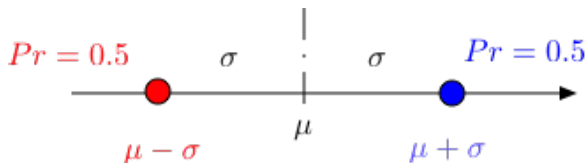


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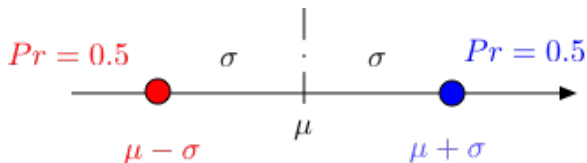
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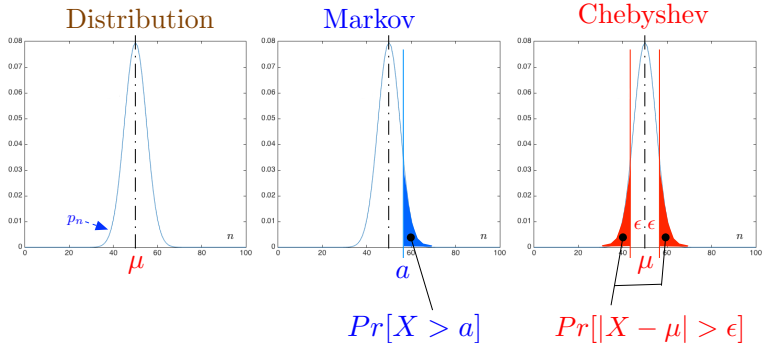
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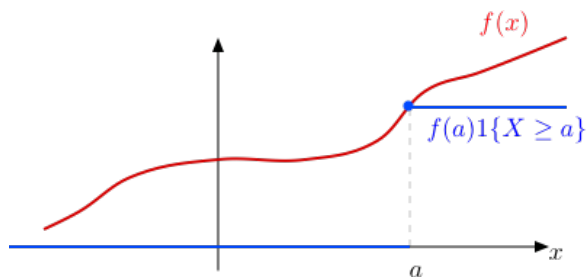
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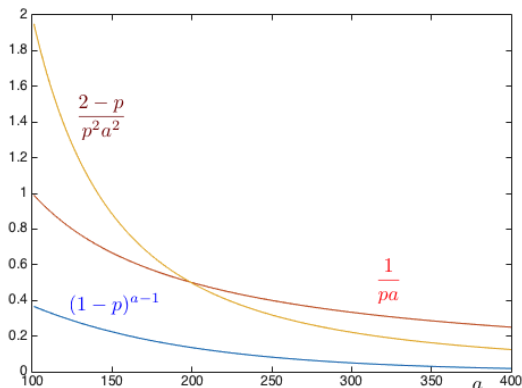
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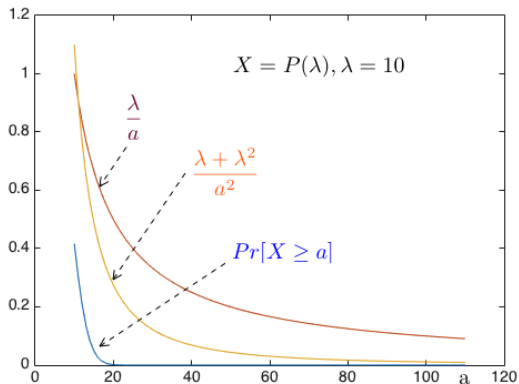
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# Summary

## Variance; Inequalities; WLLN

- ▶ **Variance:**  $\text{var}[X] := E[(X - E[X])^2] = E[X^2] - E[X]^2$
- ▶ **Fact:**  $\text{var}[aX + b] = a^2 \text{var}[X]$
- ▶ **Sum:**  $X, Y, Z$  pairwise ind.  $\Rightarrow \text{var}[X + Y + Z] = \dots$
- ▶ **Markov:**  $\Pr[X \geq a] \leq E[f(X)]/f(a)$  where ...