

# **Introduction to Probability and Statistics**

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# Outline: Unit 5

- Continuous Random Variables
  - Probability Density Function (PDF)      ↪ PMF
    - 1) Uniform
    - 2) Exponential
  - Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF)
- 3) Normal (Gaussian) Random Variable
- Joint PDF of Multiple Continuous Random Variables
  - Conditioning a Continuous Random Variable
  - Independence of Continuous Random Variables

# Random Variables: The Formalism

- Random Variable

- Mathematically, random variable is a function from the sample space to real numbers
- $X: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

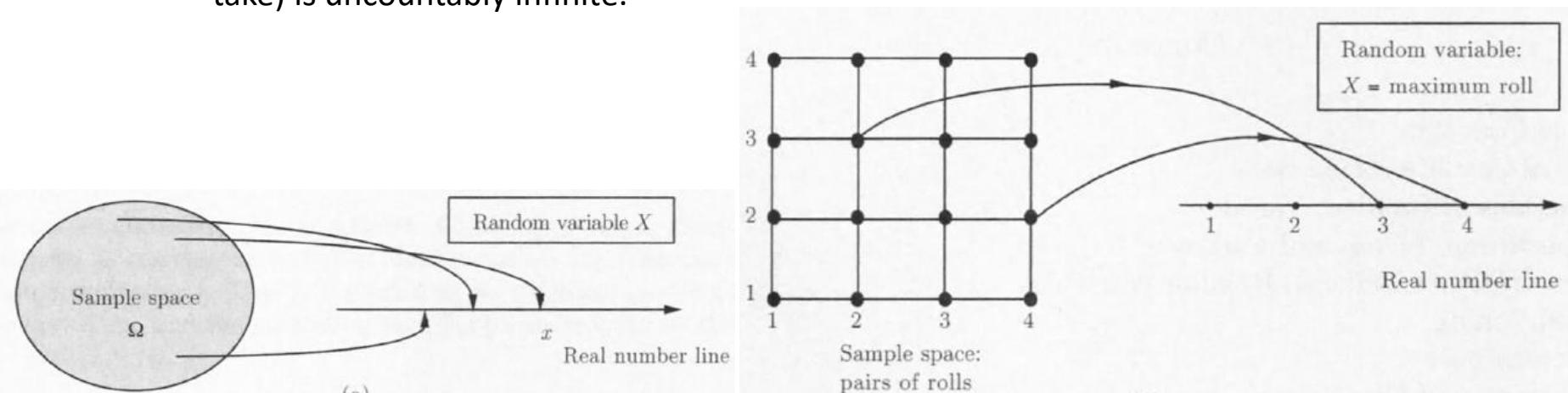
Notation: random variable  $X$  numerical value  $x$

- Discrete Random Variables

A random variable is called **discrete** if its range (the set of values that it can take) is either finite or countably infinite.

- Continuous Random Variables

- A random variable is called **continuous** if its range (the set of values that it can take) is uncountably infinite.

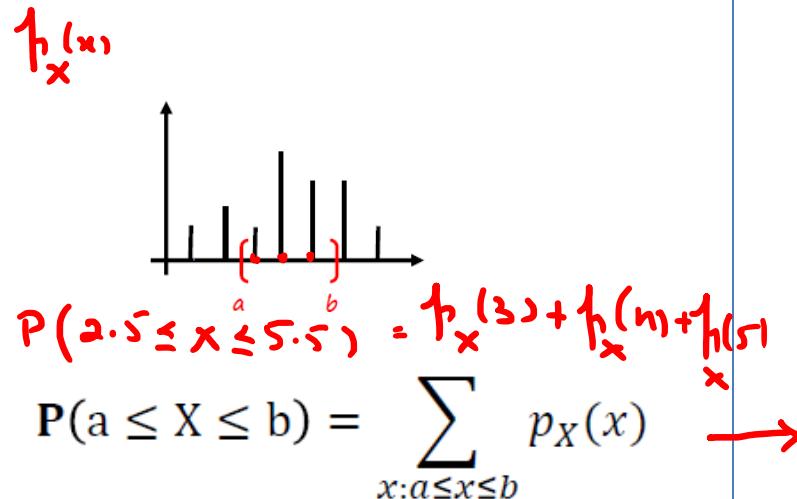


# Continuous Random Variables: Examples

- Consider the velocity of a vehicle traveling along the highway
  - If the velocity is measured by a digital speedometer, we may view the speedometer's reading as a discrete random variable
  - If we wish to “model” the exact velocity, a continuous random variable is required
- Other Examples
  - Weight of a randomly selected student in the class
  - Height of a randomly selected student in the class

# Continuous RVs and Probability Density Functions (PDFs)

## PMF of a Discrete RV



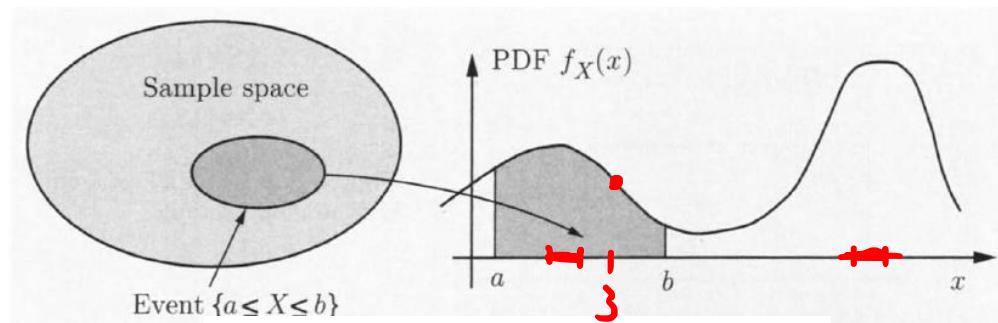
- Properties:

$$p_X(x) \geq 0$$

$$\sum_x p_X(x) = 1$$

$$P(X=3) = p_X(3)$$

## PDF of a Continuous RV



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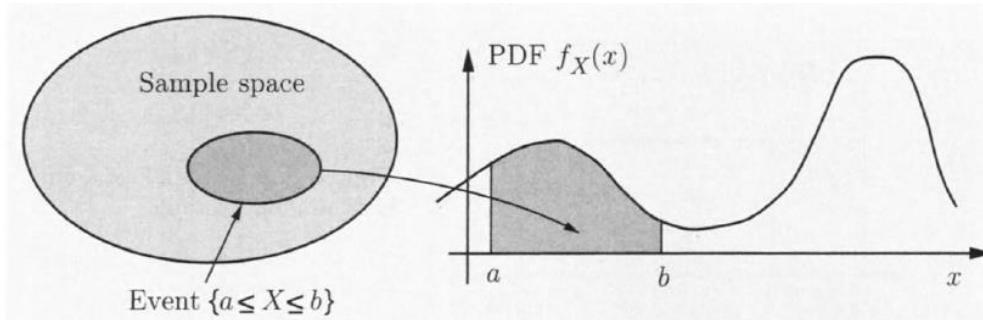
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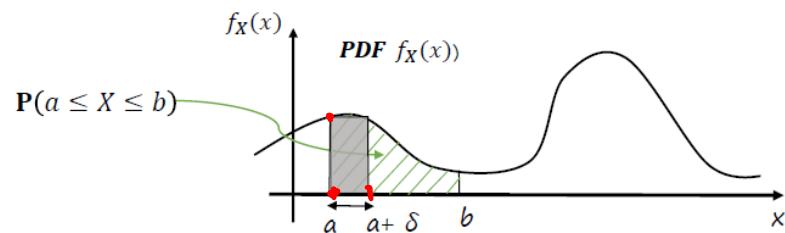
$$P(a \leq X \leq a + \delta) \approx f_X(a)\delta$$

$$P(X = a) = 0$$

$$\frac{P(a \leq X \leq a + \delta)}{\delta} \approx f_X(a), \quad \Leftarrow$$

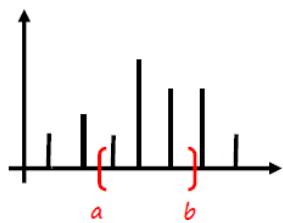
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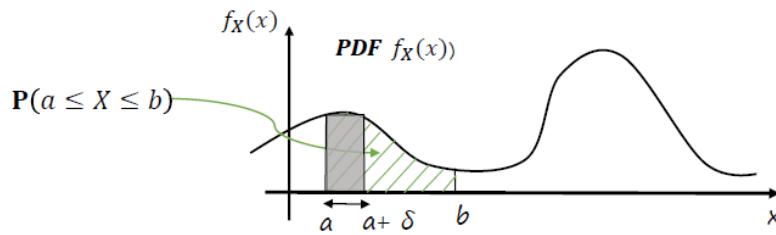
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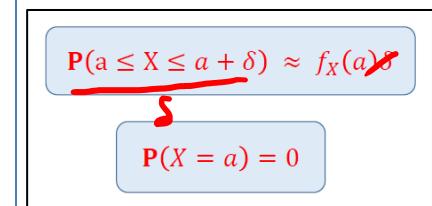
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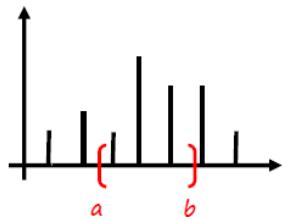
### Interpretation of PDF:

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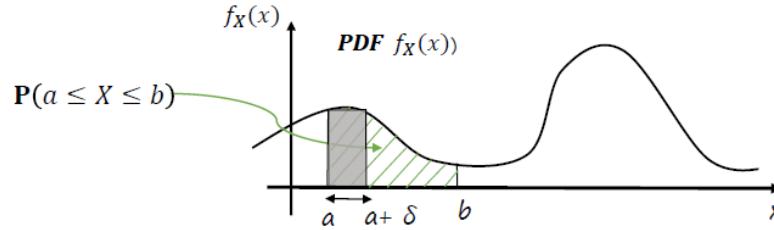
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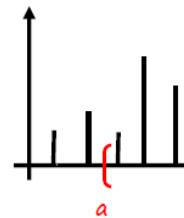
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## Consequence

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# Continuous RVs and Probability Density Functions (PDFs)

## PMF of a Discrete RV



$$P(a \leq X \leq b)$$

- Properties:

$$p_X(x) \geq 0$$

**Example 3.3. A PDF Can Take Arbitrarily Large Values.** Consider a random variable  $X$  with PDF

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}, & \text{if } 0 < x \leq 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Even though  $f_X(x)$  becomes infinitely large as  $x$  approaches zero, this is still a valid PDF, because

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) dx = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} dx = \sqrt{x} \Big|_0^1 = 1.$$

$\underline{x}$

## PDF of a Continuous RV

$$P(a < X < b)$$

$$f_X(x)$$

PDF  $f_X(x)$



$x$

$$dx = 1$$

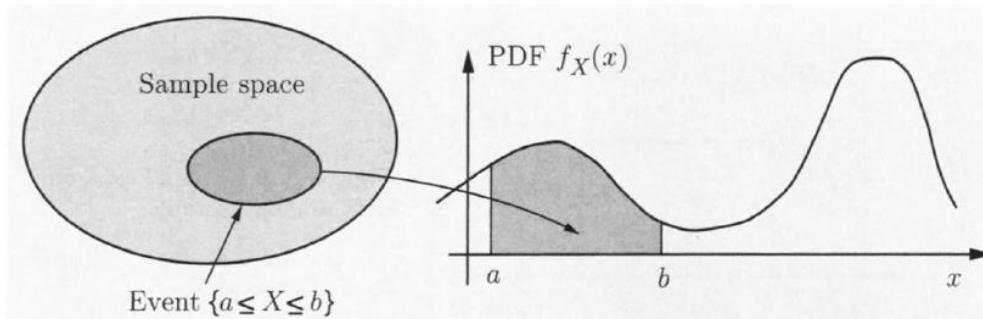
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# Continuous RVs and Probability Density Functions (PDFs)



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$$P(a \leq X \leq b) = \int_a^b f_X(x) dx$$

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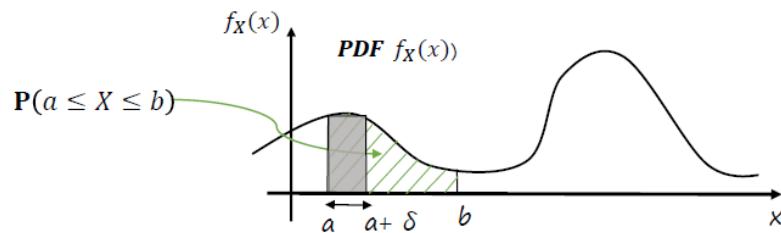
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$$P(a \leq X \leq b) = P(a < X < b)$$



$$\rightarrow P(a \leq X \leq b) = P(x = a) + P(x = b) + P(a < X < b)$$

**DRV**

- Bernoulli
- Binomial
- Geometric
- Uniform
- Poisson

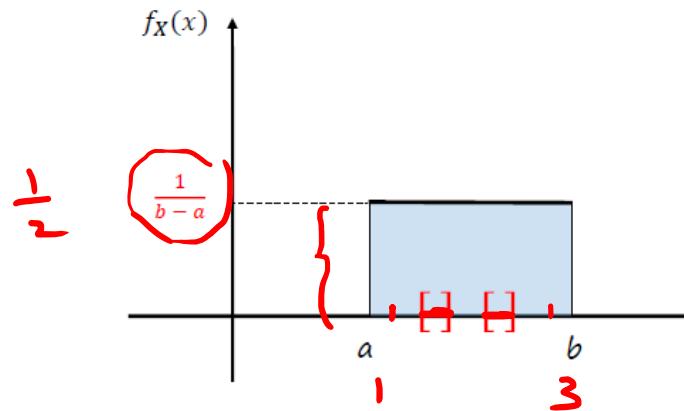
**CRV**

- Uniform
- Exponential
- Normal (Gaussian)

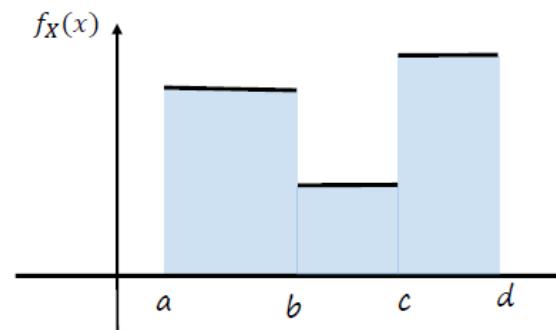
## 1) PDF Example: Continuous Uniform RV

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a}, & \text{if } a \leq x \leq b, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$1 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) dx = \int_a^b \frac{1}{b-a} dx.$$



- Generalization: piecewise constant PDF



## PDF Example: Continuous Uniform RV

**Example 3.2. Piecewise Constant PDF.** Alvin's driving time to work is between 15 and 20 minutes if the day is sunny, and between 20 and 25 minutes if the day is rainy, with all times being equally likely in each case. Assume that a day is sunny with probability  $2/3$  and rainy with probability  $1/3$ . What is the PDF of the driving time, viewed as a random variable  $X$ ?

$$P(\text{Sunny Day}) = \frac{2}{3} \quad P(\text{Rainy Day}) = \frac{1}{3}$$

PDF of  $X$   
 $f_X(x)$

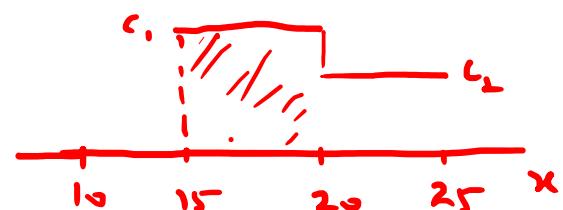
$$P(15 \leq X \leq 20) = \frac{2}{3} \quad P(20 \leq X \leq 25) = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$5c_1 = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\boxed{c_1 = \frac{2}{15}}$$

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We interpret the statement that “all times are equally likely” in the sunny and the rainy cases, to mean that the PDF of  $X$  is constant in each of the intervals  $[15, 20]$  and  $[20, 25]$ . Furthermore, since these two intervals contain all possible driving times, the PDF should be zero everywhere else:

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} c_1, & \text{if } 15 \leq x < 20, \\ c_2, & \text{if } 20 \leq x \leq 25, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are some constants. We can determine these constants by using the given probabilities of a sunny and of a rainy day:

$$\frac{2}{3} = \mathbf{P}(\text{sunny day}) = \int_{15}^{20} f_X(x) dx = \int_{15}^{20} c_1 dx = 5c_1,$$

$$\frac{1}{3} = \mathbf{P}(\text{rainy day}) = \int_{20}^{25} f_X(x) dx = \int_{20}^{25} c_2 dx = 5c_2,$$

so that

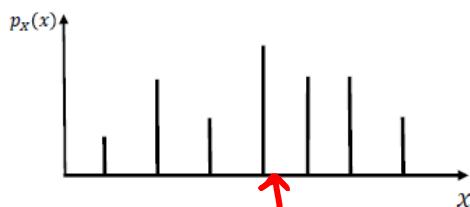
$$c_1 = \frac{2}{15}, \quad c_2 = \frac{1}{15}.$$

PMF  
Expectation/Mean  
Variance  
S.D.

PDF  
Mean  
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## Expectation and Its Properties

### Discrete RV



$$\mathbf{E}[X] = \sum_x x p_X(x).$$

- Properties:

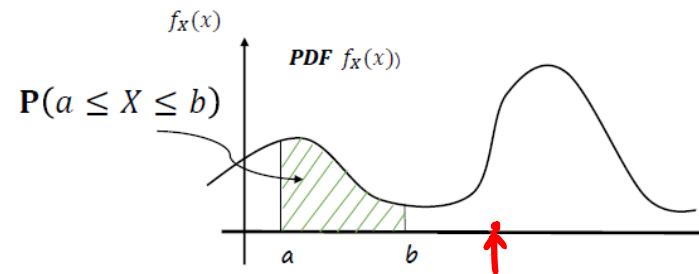
- If  $X \geq 0$ , then  $\mathbf{E}[X] \geq 0$
- If  $a \leq X \leq b$ , then  $a \leq \mathbf{E}[X] \leq b$
- Expected value rule:

$$\mathbf{E}[g(X)] = \sum_x g(x)p_X(x).$$

- Linearity

$$\mathbf{E}[aX + b] = a\mathbf{E}[X] + b$$

### Continuous RV



$$\mathbf{E}[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx.$$

- Properties:

Assume,  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x| f_X(x) dx < \infty$

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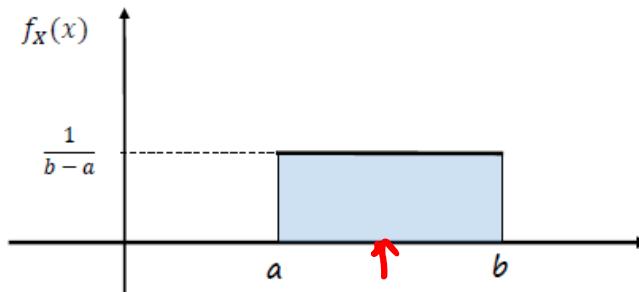
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# Expectation: Interpretation

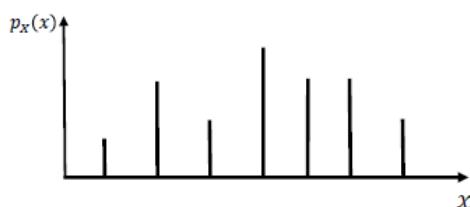
- The following interpretations of expectation/mean still remain valid in the case of continuous RV
  - Center of gravity of the PDF
  - Average of X in large number of repetitions of the experiment



$$\begin{aligned} E[X] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx \\ &= \int_a^b x \times \frac{1}{b-a} dx = \boxed{\frac{a+b}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

# Variance and Its Properties

## Discrete RV



$$\text{var}(X) = \mathbf{E} \left[ (X - \mathbf{E}[X])^2 \right],$$

- Calculation using the expected value rule:

$$\text{var}(X) = \sum_x (x - \mathbf{E}[X])^2 p_X(x).$$

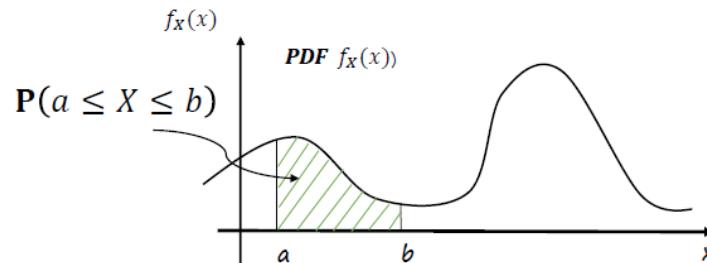
- Properties:

$$\text{var}(X) \geq 0$$

$$\text{var}(X) = \mathbf{E}[X^2] - (\mathbf{E}[X])^2.$$

$$\text{var}(aX + b) = a^2 \text{var}(X)$$

## Continuous RV



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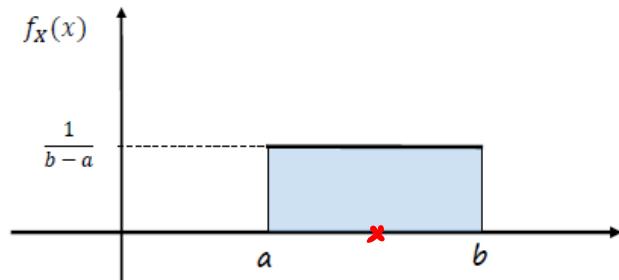
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# Uniform Random Variable



- Parameters
  - $a, b$

- Expectation

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- Variance

$$E[X^2] = \int_a^b x^2 \frac{1}{b-a} dx = \frac{1}{b-a} \left( \frac{b^3}{3} - \frac{a^3}{3} \right)$$

$$\text{var}(X) = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2 = \boxed{\frac{(b-a)^2}{12}}$$

- Standard Deviation

$$\sigma = \frac{b-a}{\sqrt{12}}$$

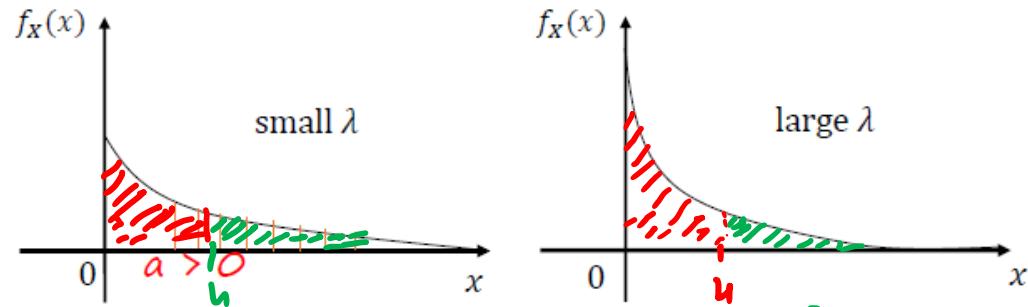
$$P(X \leq 4)$$

$$P(X > 4)$$

## 2) Exponential Random Variable

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, & x \geq 0 \\ 0, & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

- Parameters
  - $\underline{\lambda}$

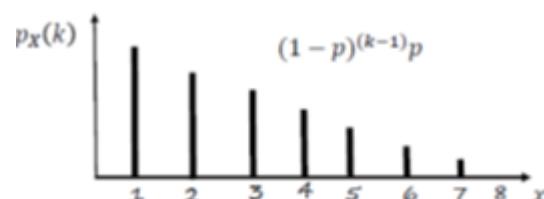


- Model of:
  - "Amount of time until an incident of interest takes place"
  - Example: Amount of time till a message arrives at an idle computer

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(X \geq a) &= \int_a^{\infty} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx \\
 &= \lambda \left( \frac{-1}{\lambda} \right) e^{-\lambda x} \Big|_a^{\infty} \\
 &= -e^{-\lambda \infty} + e^{-\lambda a} = \boxed{e^{-\lambda a}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$P(X \geq 4) = e^{-\lambda 4}$$

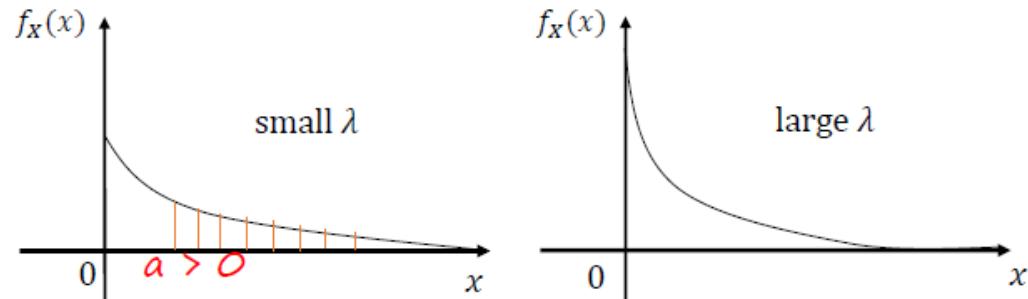
- Discrete Counterpart
  - Geometric random variable



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- Parameters
  - $\lambda$



- Expectation

$$E[X] = \int_0^\infty x \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx = \boxed{\frac{1}{\lambda}}$$

- Variance

$$E[X^2] = \int_0^\infty x^2 \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx = \frac{2}{\lambda^2}$$

$$\text{var}(X) = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2 = \frac{2}{\lambda^2} - \frac{1}{\lambda^2} = \boxed{\frac{1}{\lambda^2}}$$

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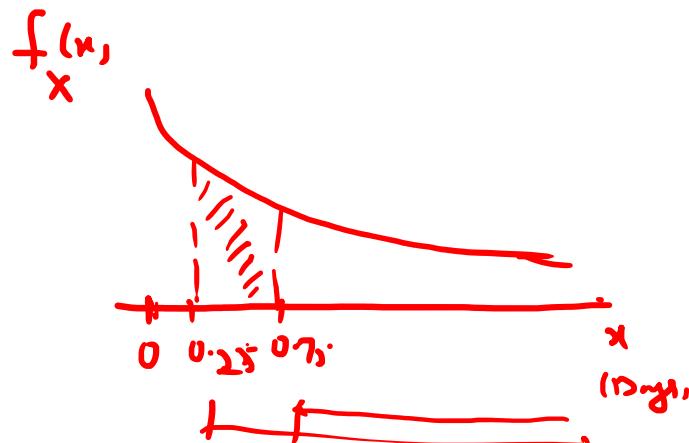
$$\lambda = ?$$

$$\text{Mean} = 10 \text{ days}$$

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} = 10 \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{1}{10}$$

$$P(0.25 \leq X \leq 0.75) = ?$$

$$= \int_{0.25}^{0.75} f_x(x) dx$$



$$P(X \geq 0.25) - P(X \geq 0.75)$$
$$e^{-\lambda 0.25} - e^{-\lambda 0.75}$$

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Let  $X$  be the time elapsed until the event of interest, measured in days. Then,  $X$  is exponential, with mean  $1/\lambda = 10$ , which yields  $\lambda = 1/10$ . The desired probability is

$$\mathbf{P}(1/4 \leq X \leq 3/4) = \mathbf{P}(X \geq 1/4) - \mathbf{P}(X > 3/4) = e^{-1/40} - e^{-3/40} = 0.0476,$$

where we have used the formula  $\mathbf{P}(X \geq a) = \mathbf{P}(X > a) = e^{-\lambda a}$ .

PMF, PDF, CDF

Discrete      Continuous  
 $p_x(n)$        $f_x(x)$   
 $F_x(x)$

## Cumulative Distribution Functions (CDFs)

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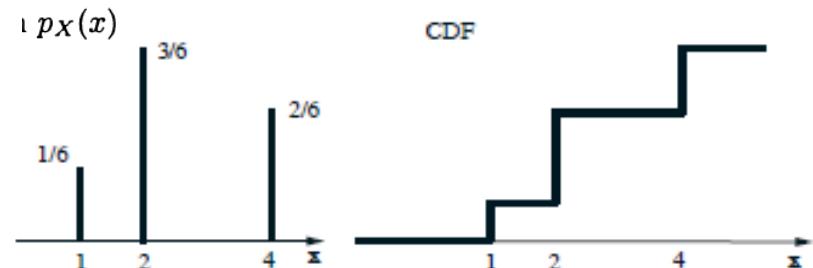
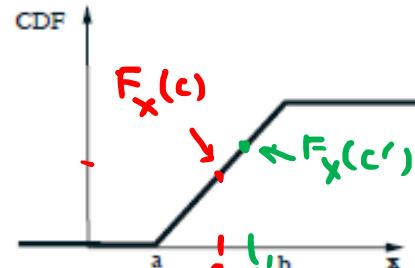
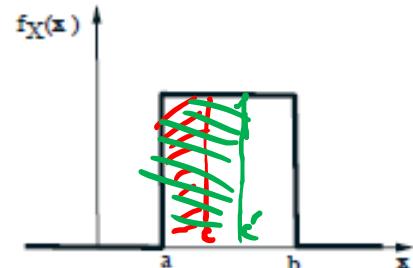
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The CDF of a random variable  $X$  is denoted by  $F_X$  and provides the probability  $\mathbf{P}(X \leq x)$ . In particular, for every  $x$  we have

$$F_X(x) = \mathbf{P}(X \leq x) = \begin{cases} \sum_{k \leq x} p_X(k), & \text{if } X \text{ is discrete,} \\ \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(t) dt, & \text{if } X \text{ is continuous.} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_X(c) &= \mathbf{P}(X \leq c) \\ F_X(c') &= \mathbf{P}(X \leq c') \end{aligned}$$



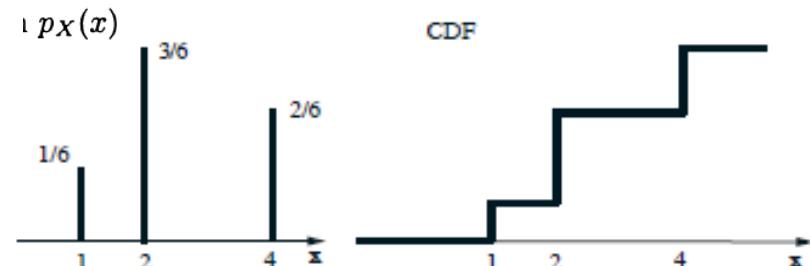
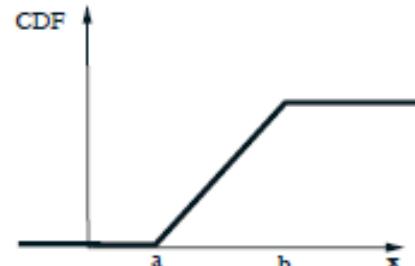
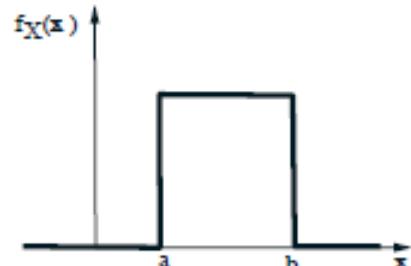
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## – Cumulative Distribution Functions (CDFs)

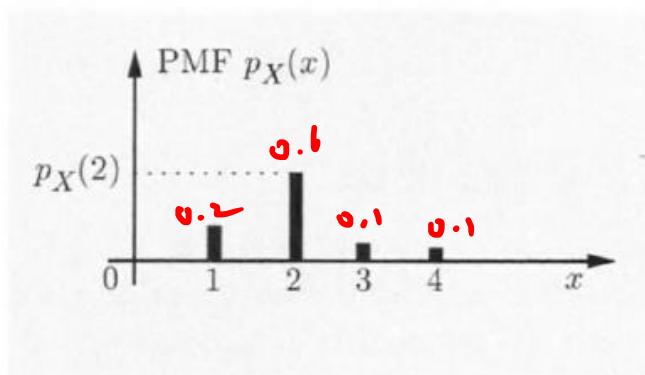
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$$F_X(c) = P(X \leq c)$$

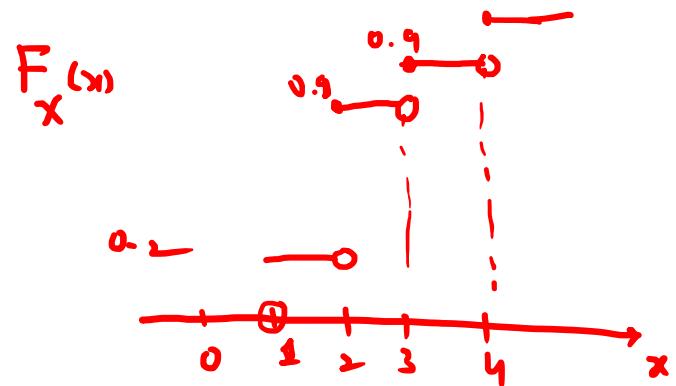
## CDFs: Discrete RVs Examples



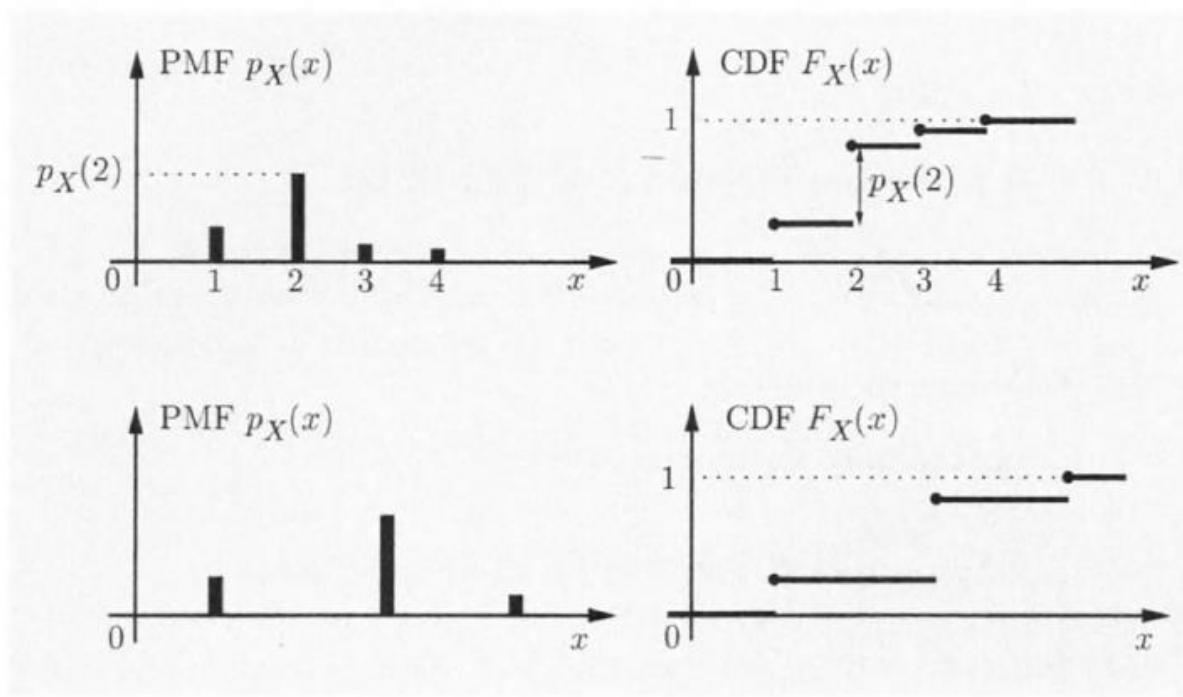
CDF = ?

$F_X(x) = ?$

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_X(0) &= P(X \leq 0) = 0 \\
 F_X(0.99) &= P(X \leq 0.99) = 0 \\
 F_X(1) &= P(X \leq 1) = 0.2 \\
 F_X(2) &= P(X \leq 2) = 0.8
 \end{aligned}$$



# CDFs: Discrete RVs Examples



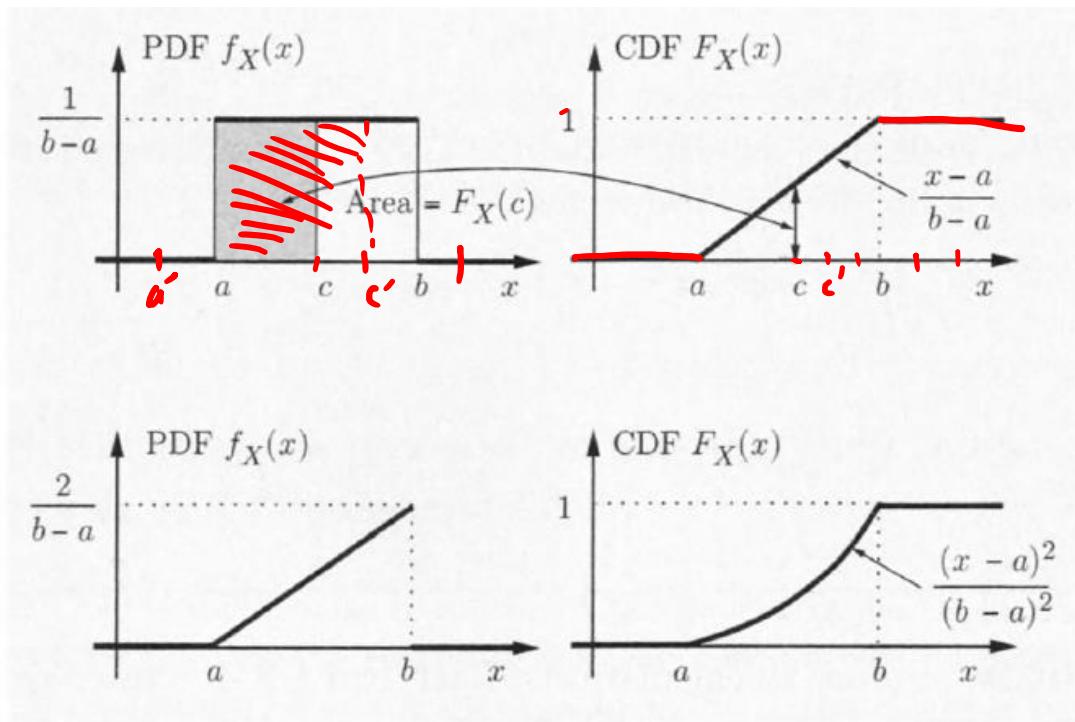
**Figure 3.6:** CDFs of some discrete random variables. The CDF is related to the PMF through the formula

$$F_X(x) = \mathbf{P}(X \leq x) = \sum_{k \leq x} p_X(k)$$

and has a staircase form, with jumps occurring at the values of positive probability mass. Note that at the points where a jump occurs, the value of  $F_X$  is the larger of the two corresponding values (i.e.,  $F_X$  is continuous from the right).

## CDFs: Continuous RVs Examples

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_X(c) &= P(X \leq c) \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^c f_X(x) dx \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^c \frac{1}{b-a} \cdot dx \\
 &= \frac{c-a}{b-a} \\
 &\quad \text{y = mx + c}
 \end{aligned}$$



**Figure 3.7:** CDFs of some continuous random variables. The CDF is related to the PDF through the formula

$$F_X(x) = P(X \leq x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(t) dt.$$

Thus, the PDF  $f_X$  can be obtained from the CDF by differentiation:

$$f_X(x) = \frac{dF_X}{dx}(x).$$

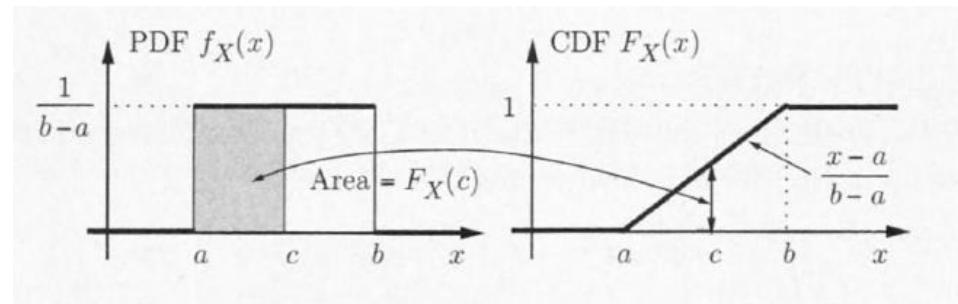
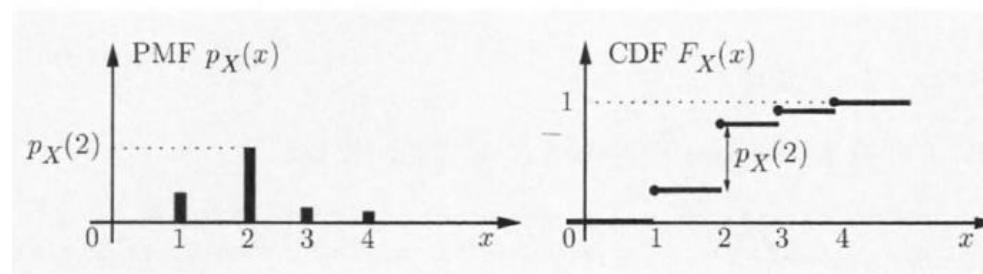
For a continuous random variable, the CDF has no jumps, i.e., it is continuous.

# Properties of CDFs

- $F_X$  is monotonically nondecreasing:

if  $x \leq y$ , then  $F_X(x) \leq F_X(y)$ .

- $F_X(x)$  tends to 0 as  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ , and to 1 as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ .
- If  $X$  is discrete, then  $F_X(x)$  is a piecewise constant function of  $x$ .
- If  $X$  is continuous, then  $F_X(x)$  is a continuous function of  $x$ .



# Properties of CDFs

- If  $X$  is discrete and takes integer values, the PMF and the CDF can be obtained from each other by summing or differencing:

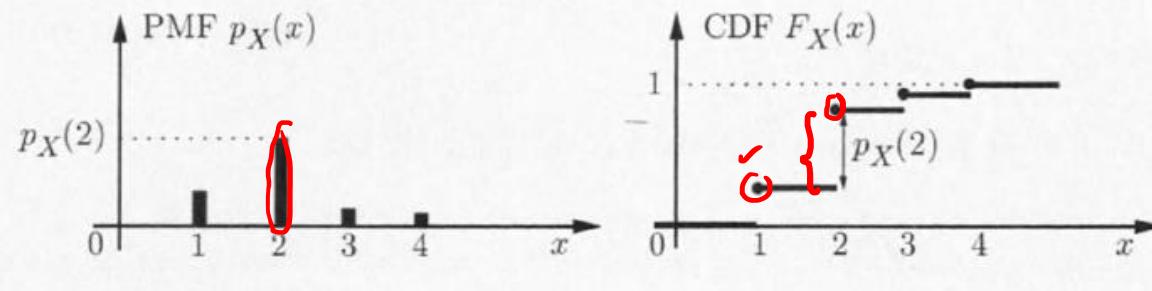
$$F_X(k) = \sum_{i=-\infty}^k p_X(i),$$

$$p_X(k) = \mathbf{P}(X \leq k) - \mathbf{P}(X \leq k-1) = F_X(k) - F_X(k-1),$$

for all integers  $k$ .

$$p_X(2) = \checkmark F_X(2) - F_X(1)$$

$$p_X(3) = F_X(3) - F_X(2)$$

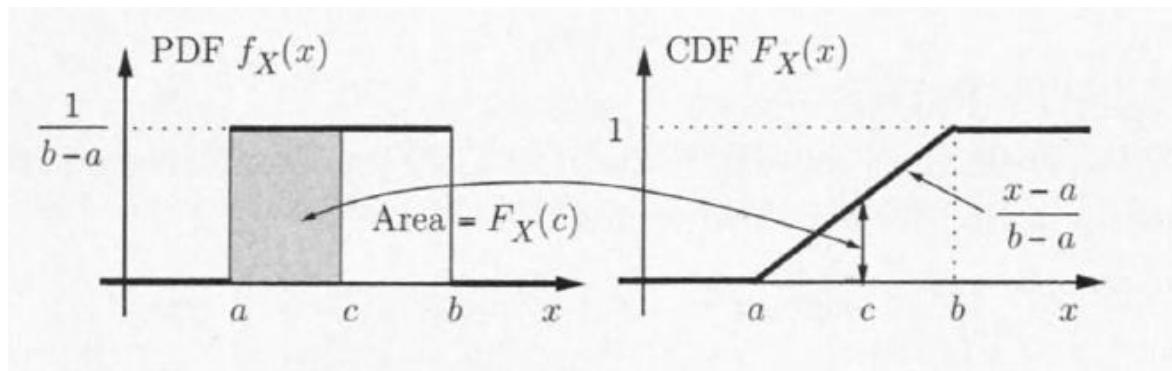


# Properties of CDFs

- If  $X$  is continuous, the PDF and the CDF can be obtained from each other by integration or differentiation:

$$\underline{F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(t) dt}, \quad \boxed{f_X(x) = \frac{dF_X}{dx}(x).}$$

(The second equality is valid for those  $x$  at which the PDF is continuous.)



$$\frac{4}{10}$$

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B) \text{ if } A \text{ and } B \text{ are independent}$$

PMF of  $X_1$ :



## Example: PDF through CDF

**Example 3.6. The Maximum of Several Random Variables.** You are allowed to take a certain test three times, and your final score will be the maximum of the test scores. Thus,

$$X = \max\{X_1, X_2, X_3\},$$

where  $X_1, X_2, X_3$  are the three test scores and  $X$  is the final score. Assume that your score in each test takes one of the values from 1 to 10 with equal probability  $\frac{1}{10}$ , independently of the scores in other tests. What is the PMF  $p_X$  of the final score?

$$\begin{aligned} F_X(4) &= P(X \leq 4) \\ &= P(X_1 \leq 4, X_2 \leq 4, X_3 \leq 4) \\ &= \frac{4}{10} \cdot \frac{4}{10} \cdot \frac{4}{10} \end{aligned}$$

1) CALCULATE CDF of  $X$ :

PMF of  $X$

$$F_X(k) = P(X \leq k)$$

$$= P(X_1 \leq k, X_2 \leq k, X_3 \leq k)$$

$$= P(X_1 \leq k) \cdot P(X_2 \leq k) \cdot P(X_3 \leq k)$$

$$F_X(k) = \frac{k}{10} \cdot \frac{k}{10} \cdot \frac{k}{10} = \left(\frac{k}{10}\right)^3$$



2) CDF  $\rightarrow$  PMF  
of  $X$       of  $X$

$$\begin{aligned} f_X(k) &= F_X(k) - F_X(k-1) \\ &= \left(\frac{k}{10}\right)^3 - \left(\frac{k-1}{10}\right)^3 \end{aligned}$$

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We calculate the PMF indirectly. We first compute the CDF  $F_X$  and then obtain the PMF as

$$p_X(k) = F_X(k) - F_X(k-1), \quad k = 1, \dots, 10.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} F_X(k) &= \mathbf{P}(X \leq k) \\ &= \mathbf{P}(X_1 \leq k, X_2 \leq k, X_3 \leq k) \\ &= \mathbf{P}(X_1 \leq k) \mathbf{P}(X_2 \leq k) \mathbf{P}(X_3 \leq k) \\ &= \left(\frac{k}{10}\right)^3, \end{aligned}$$

where the third equality follows from the independence of the events  $\{X_1 \leq k\}$ ,  $\{X_2 \leq k\}$ ,  $\{X_3 \leq k\}$ . Thus, the PMF is given by

$$p_X(k) = \left(\frac{k}{10}\right)^3 - \left(\frac{k-1}{10}\right)^3, \quad k = 1, \dots, 10.$$

## 3) Normal (Gaussian) Random Variable

The most important type of random variable (and associated PDF, CDF) in probability theory and its applications.

- Intuitive Reason of Importance
  - Normal random variables model an additive effect of many independent factors in a variety of engineering and physical contexts
- Mathematical Reason of Importance *"i.i.d"*
  - Sum of a large number of independent and identically distributed (not necessarily normal) random variables has an approximately normal CDF, regardless of the CDF of the individual random variables.

$$Y = X_1 + X_2 + X_3 + \dots + X_N$$

$Y \sim \text{Normal}$   
Gaussian

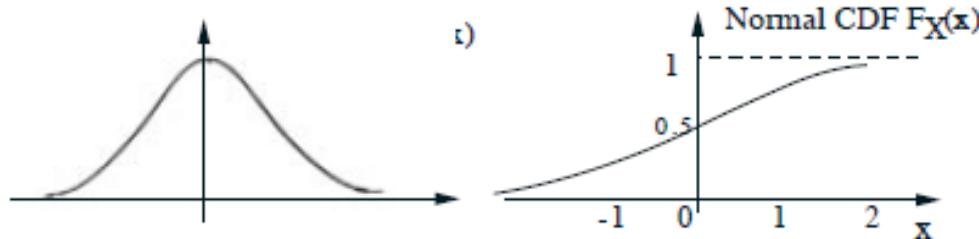
$N$  is large.

(Central Limit  
Theorem)

# Normal (Gaussian) Random Variable

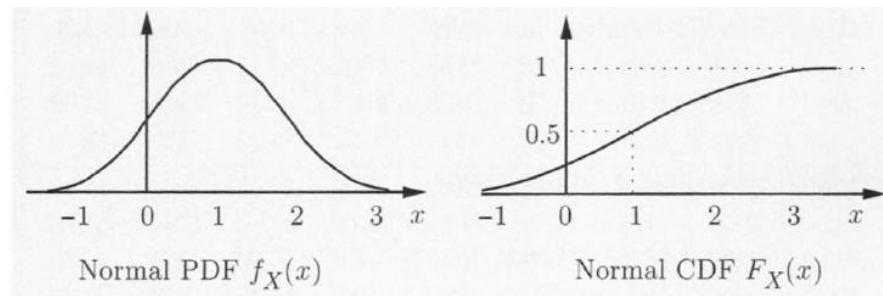
- Standard Normal RV

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2}$$



- General Normal Random Variable

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-(x-\mu)^2/2\sigma^2}$$

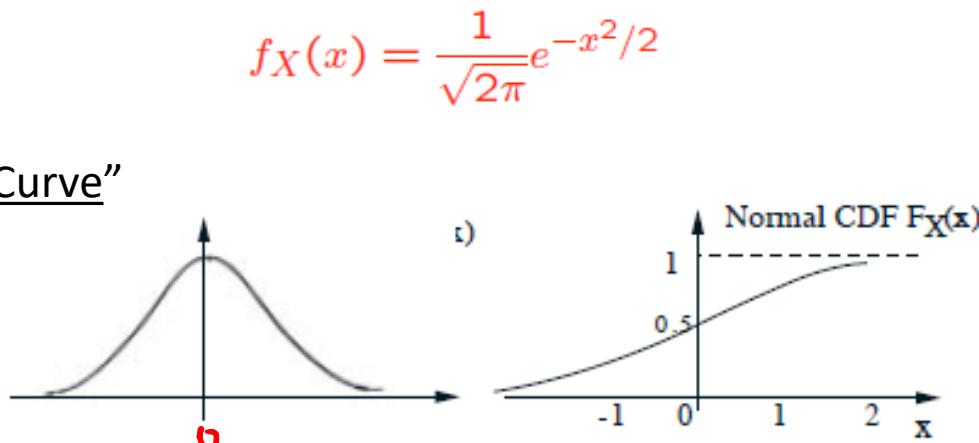


# Normal (Gaussian) Random Variable

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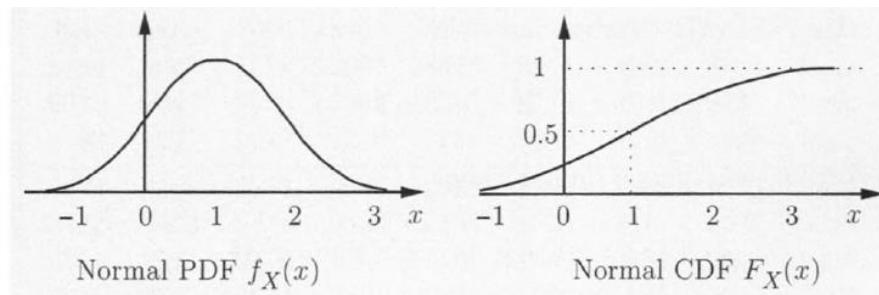
“Bell Curve”



- General Normal Random Variable

$$\mu \text{---} \sigma$$

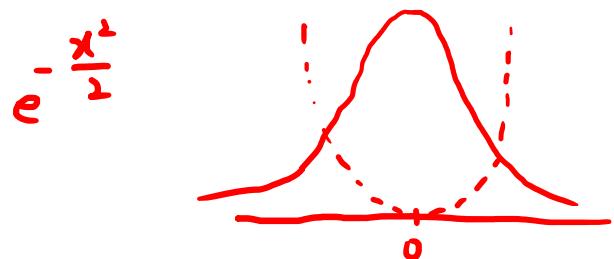
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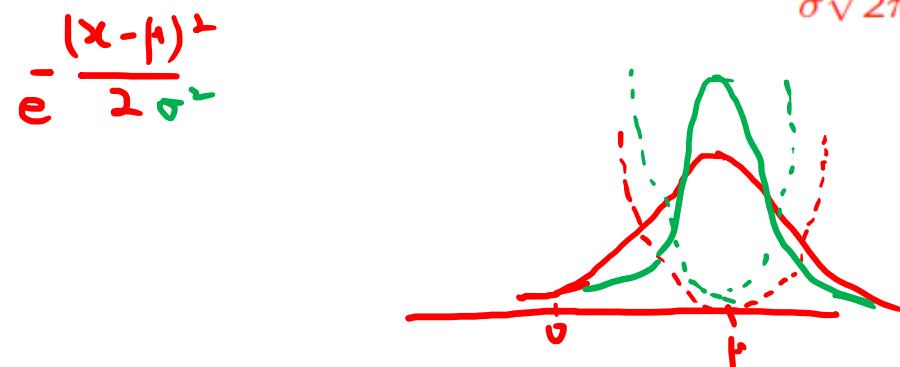
$$\text{Mean} = \mu$$

$$\text{Variance} = \sigma^2$$

$$\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}$$

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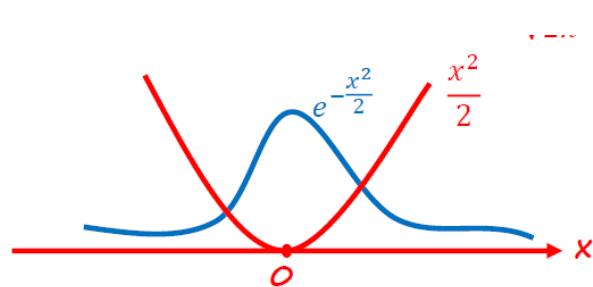


Lower  $\sigma^2 \rightarrow$  Narrower Bell Curve

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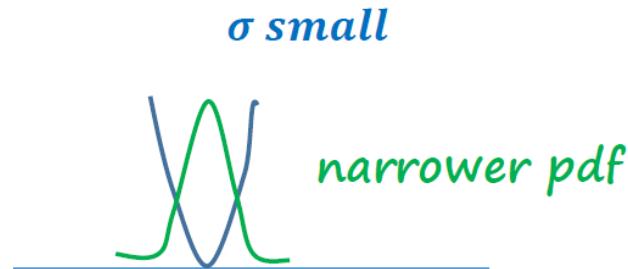
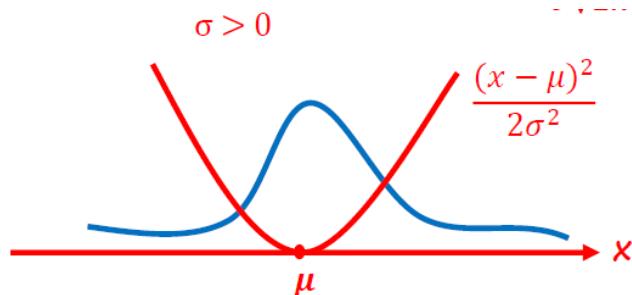


Calculus:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2/2} dx = \sqrt{2\pi}$$

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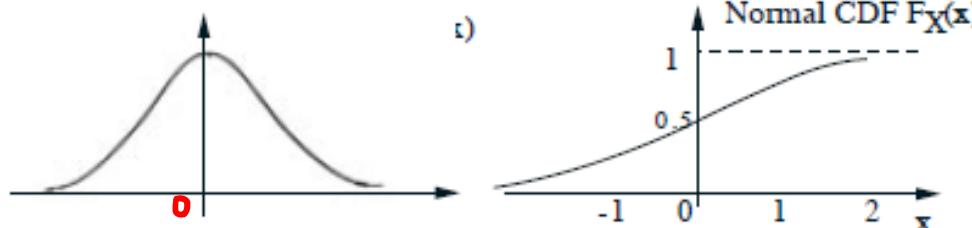
# Normal (Gaussian) Random Variable

- 1) Standard Normal RV  $N(0, 1)$

$$X \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2}$$

- $E[X] = 0$
- $\text{Var}(X) = 1$

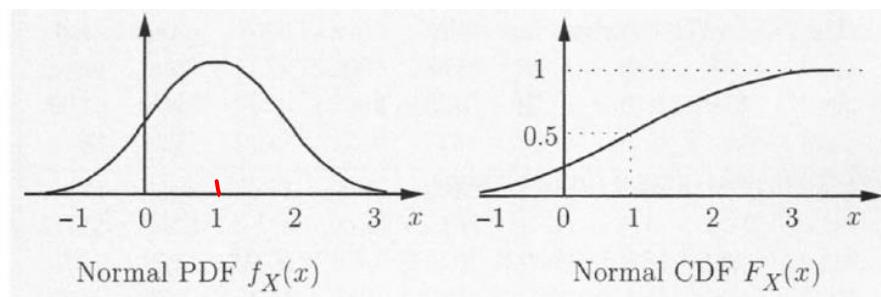


- General Normal Random Variable  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

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- $E[X] = \mu$
- $\text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2$



$$E[Y] = aE[X] + b$$

## "Linear Functions" of a Normal Random Variable

$$X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

Let  $Y = aX + b$

$$\mu_Y = E[Y] = aE[X] + b = a\mu + b$$

$$\text{Var}(Y) = a^2 \text{Var}(X) = a^2 \sigma^2$$

PDF of  $Y$ :-  $Y$  is also a normal RV.

$$Y \sim N(a\mu + b, a^2 \sigma^2)$$

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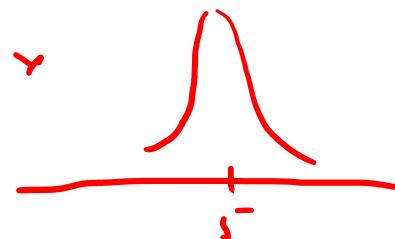
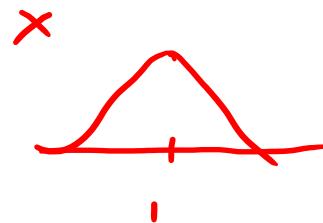
## "Normality is Preserved by Linear Transformations"

If  $X$  is a normal random variable with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ , and if  $a \neq 0$ ,  $b$  are scalars, then the random variable

$$\frac{Y = aX + b}{\text{N} \quad \text{N}}$$

is also normal, with mean and variance

$$\mathbf{E}[Y] = a\mu + b, \quad \text{var}(Y) = a^2\sigma^2.$$



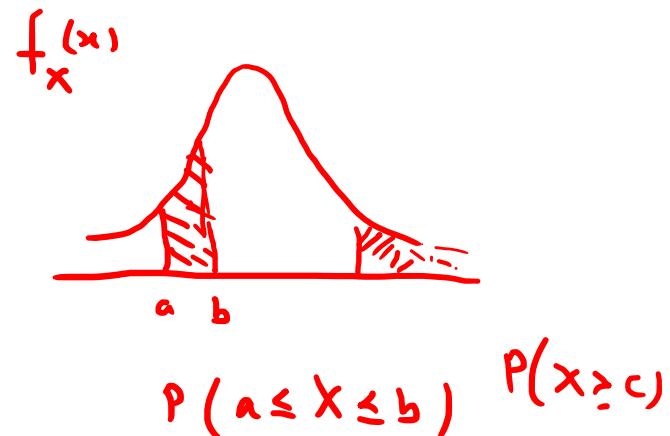
# Let's Try to "Use" the Normal Random Variable

Let's say  $X \sim N(\mu_x, \sigma^2)$

1) find  $P(X \geq 10)$  ?

$$= \int_{10}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sigma_x \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu_x)^2}{2\sigma_x^2}} dx$$

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2) How about  $P(\underline{X} \leq x)$  ?

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No closed form CDF

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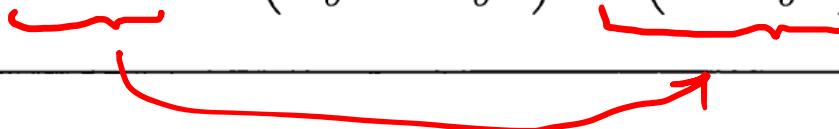
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## CDF Calculation for a Normal Random Variable

For a normal random variable  $X$  with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ , we use a two-step procedure.

- “Standardize”  $X$ , i.e., subtract  $\mu$  and divide by  $\sigma$  to obtain a standard normal random variable  $Y$ .
- Read the CDF value from the standard normal table:

$$\mathbf{P}(X \leq x) = \mathbf{P}\left(\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} \leq \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}\right) = \mathbf{P}\left(Y \leq \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}\right) = \Phi\left(\frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}\right).$$



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**Example 3.7. Using the Normal Table.** The annual snowfall at a particular geographic location is modeled as a normal random variable with a mean of  $\mu = 60$  inches and a standard deviation of  $\sigma = 20$ . What is the probability that this year's snowfall will be at least 80 inches?

Annual Snowfall :  $X \sim N(60, 20^2)$

$$P(X \geq 80) = ?$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X \geq 80) &= P\left(\frac{X - \text{Mean}}{\text{S.D.}} \geq \frac{80 - 60}{20}\right) \\ &= P(Y \geq 1) \end{aligned}$$

$$= P(Y \geq 1)$$

$$= 1 - P(Y \leq 1)$$

$$= 1 - 0.8413 = 0.1587$$

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Let  $X$  be the snow accumulation, viewed as a normal random variable, and let

$$Y = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} = \frac{X - 60}{20},$$

be the corresponding standard normal random variable. We have

$$\mathbf{P}(X \geq 80) = \mathbf{P}\left(\frac{X - 60}{20} \geq \frac{80 - 60}{20}\right) = \mathbf{P}\left(Y \geq \frac{80 - 60}{20}\right) = \mathbf{P}(Y \geq 1) = 1 - \Phi(1),$$

where  $\Phi$  is the CDF of the standard normal. We read the value  $\Phi(1)$  from the table:

$$\Phi(1) = 0.8413,$$

so that

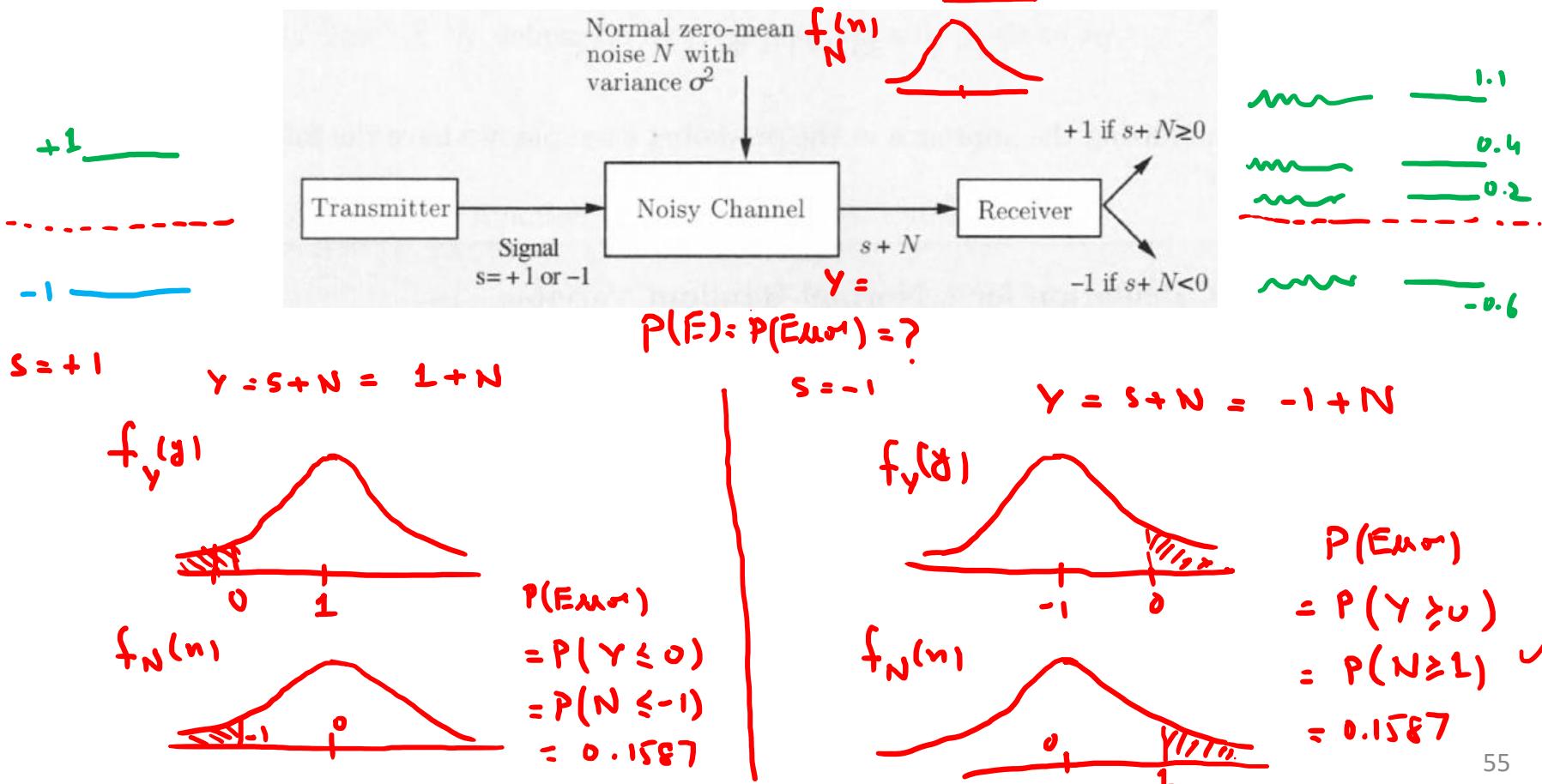
$$\mathbf{P}(X \geq 80) = 1 - \Phi(1) = 0.1587.$$

$$P(N \leq -1) = P(N \geq 1) = \cancel{P} 1 - P(N \leq 1)$$

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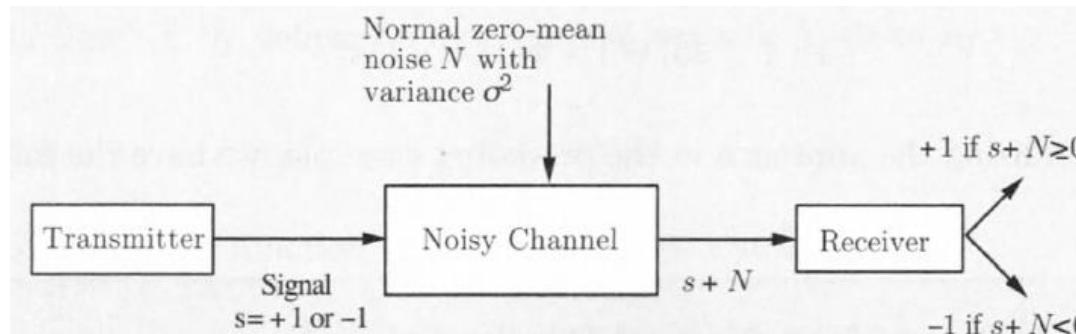
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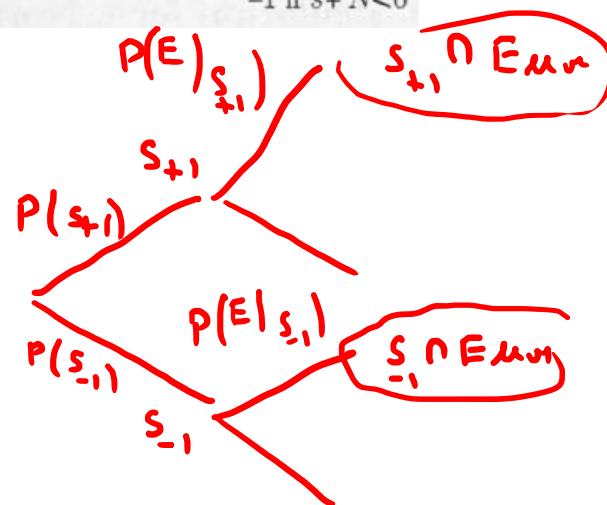
Total Prob Thm

$$P(E_{\text{err}}) = P(s_+ \cap E_{\text{err}}) + P(s_- \cap E_{\text{err}})$$

$$= P(s_+) P(E | s_+) + P(s_-) P(E | s_-)$$

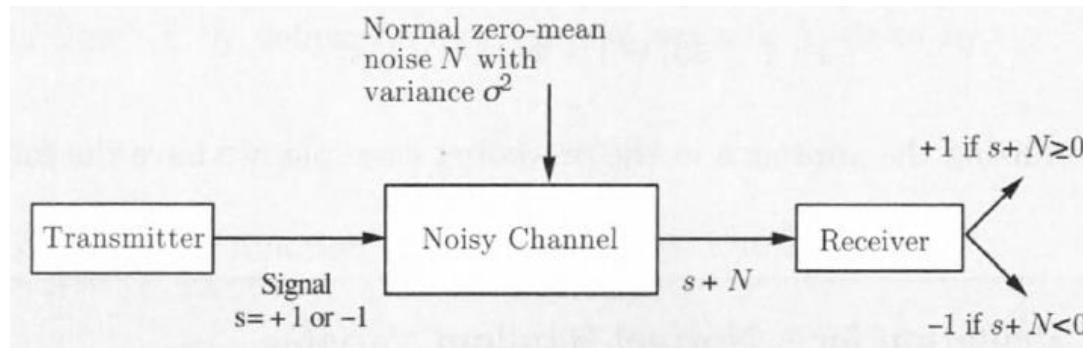
$$P(E_{\text{err}}) = 0.5 (0.1587) + 0.5 (0.1587)$$

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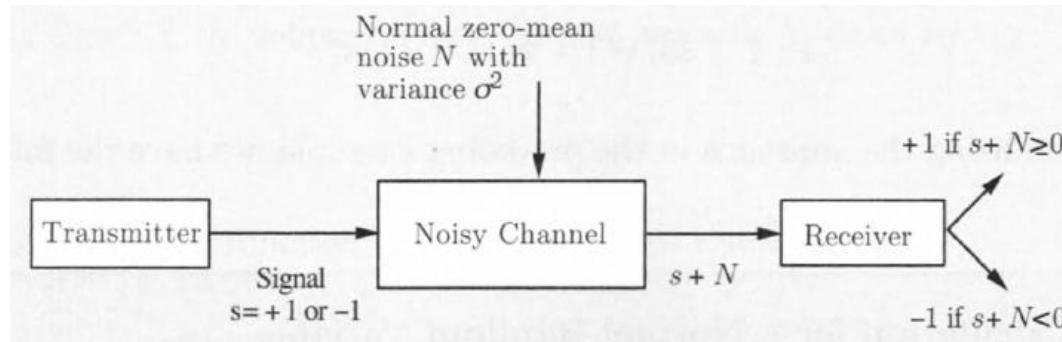
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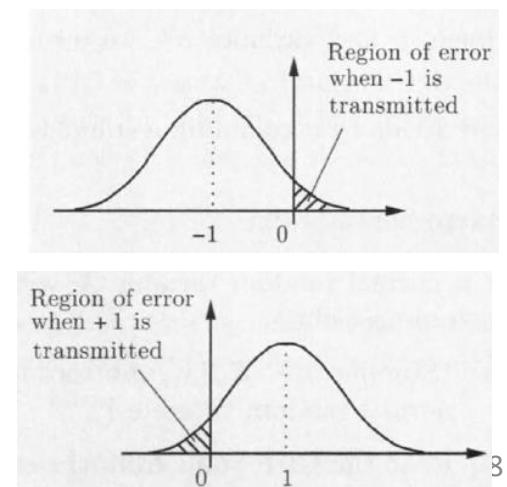
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An error occurs whenever  $-1$  is transmitted and the noise  $N$  is at least  $1$  so that  $s + N = -1 + N \geq 0$ , or whenever  $+1$  is transmitted and the noise  $N$  is smaller than  $-1$  so that  $s + N = 1 + N < 0$ . In the former case, the probability of error is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}(N \geq 1) &= 1 - \mathbf{P}(N < 1) = 1 - \mathbf{P}\left(\frac{N - \mu}{\sigma} < \frac{1 - \mu}{\sigma}\right) \\ &= 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{1 - \mu}{\sigma}\right) = 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{1}{\sigma}\right). \end{aligned}$$

In the latter case, the probability of error is the same, by symmetry. The value of  $\Phi(1/\sigma)$  can be obtained from the normal table. For  $\sigma = 1$ , we have  $\Phi(1/\sigma) = \Phi(1) = 0.8413$ , and the probability of error is 0.1587.



# Big Picture

**Unit 4**

Discrete RV

**PMF**

$$p_X(x)$$

(CDF,

$$F_X(x)$$

$$\sum_x x p_X(x)$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X]$$

$$f_X(x)$$

**PDF**

$$\int x f_X(x) dx$$

$$\text{var}(X)$$

Joint PMF

$$p_{X,Y}(x,y)$$

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y)$$

Conditional  
PMF

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$$p_{X|A}(x)$$

$$f_{X|A}(x)$$

$$p_{X|Y}(x | y)$$

$$f_{X|Y}(x | y)$$

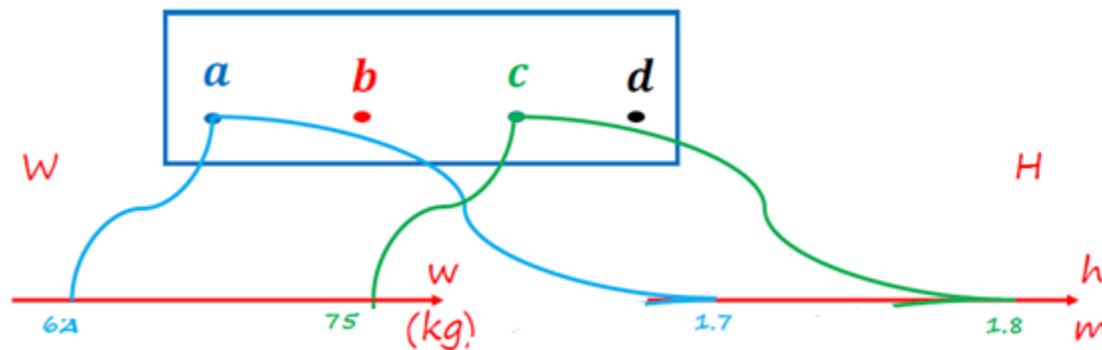
Joint PDF

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Independence  
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# Remember: Multiple Random Variables on the Same Sample Space

- We can have multiple random variables defined on the same sample space
- Example
  - Weight of a randomly selected student in the class  $(\text{W})$
  - Height of a randomly selected student in the class  $(\text{H})$
  - GPA of a randomly selected student in the class  $(\text{G})$



# Remember: Multiple Random Variables and Joint PMF

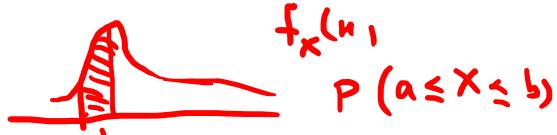
- Consider two discrete random variables X and Y associated with the same experiment.
  - The probabilities of the values that X and Y can take are captured by the joint PMF of X and Y, denoted by  $p_{X,Y}$
  - In particular, if  $(x, y)$  is a pair of possible values of X and Y, the probability mass of  $(x, y)$  is the probability of the event  $\{X = x, Y = y\}$

Joint PMF  $p_{X,Y}(x,y)$   
in tabular form

$y$	0	1/20	1/20	1/20
4	0	1/20	1/20	1/20
3	1/20	2/20	3/20	1/20
2	1/20	2/20	3/20	1/20
1	1/20	1/20	1/20	0

$x$

$$\begin{aligned} p_{X,Y}(x, y) &= \mathbf{P}(X = x, Y = y) \\ &= \mathbf{P}(\{X = x\} \cap \{Y = y\}) \\ &= \mathbf{P}(X = x \text{ and } Y = y) \end{aligned}$$

$x_1$ 

## Joint PDF of Multiple Continuous Random Variables

Joint PDF  $f_{X,Y}(x,y)$

We say that two continuous random variables associated with the same experiment are **jointly continuous** and can be described in terms of a **joint PDF**  $f_{X,Y}$  if  $f_{X,Y}$  is a nonnegative function that satisfies

$$P((X,Y) \in B) = \iint_{(x,y) \in B} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx dy,$$

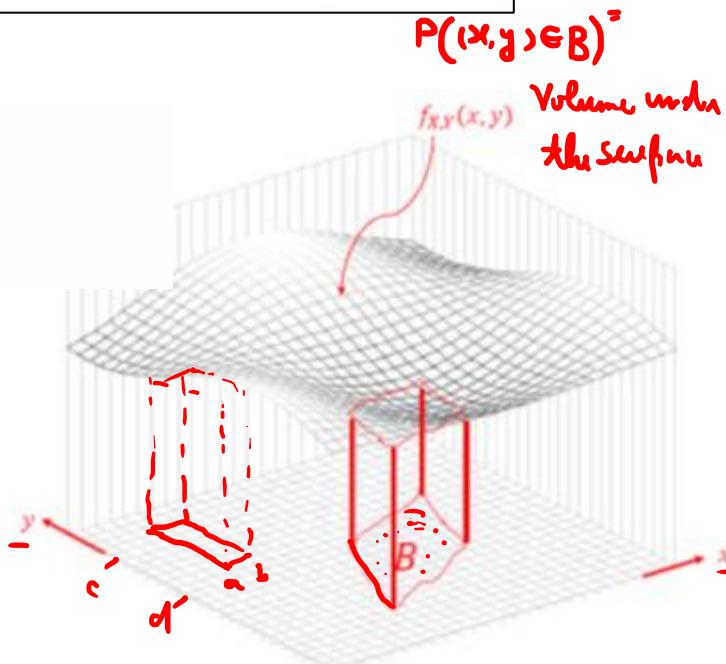
for every subset  $B$  of the two-dimensional plane. The notation above means that the integration is carried over the set  $B$ .

a rectangle of the form  $B = \{(x,y) | a \leq x \leq b, c \leq y \leq d\}$ , we have

$$P(a \leq X \leq b, c \leq Y \leq d) = \int_c^d \int_a^b f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx dy.$$

- Normalization Property

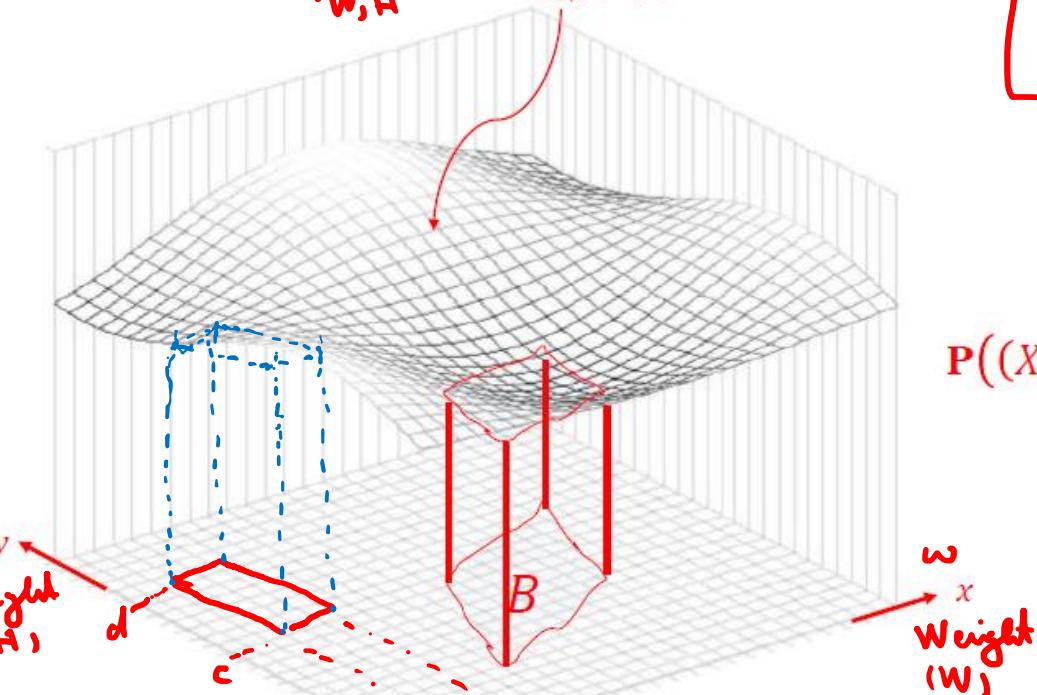
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx dy = 1.$$



# Visualizing Joint PDF of Multiple Continuous RVs

$$P(-\infty \leq W \leq \infty, -\infty \leq H \leq \infty) = 1$$

$$f_{W,H}(w,h) = f_{X,Y}(x,y)$$



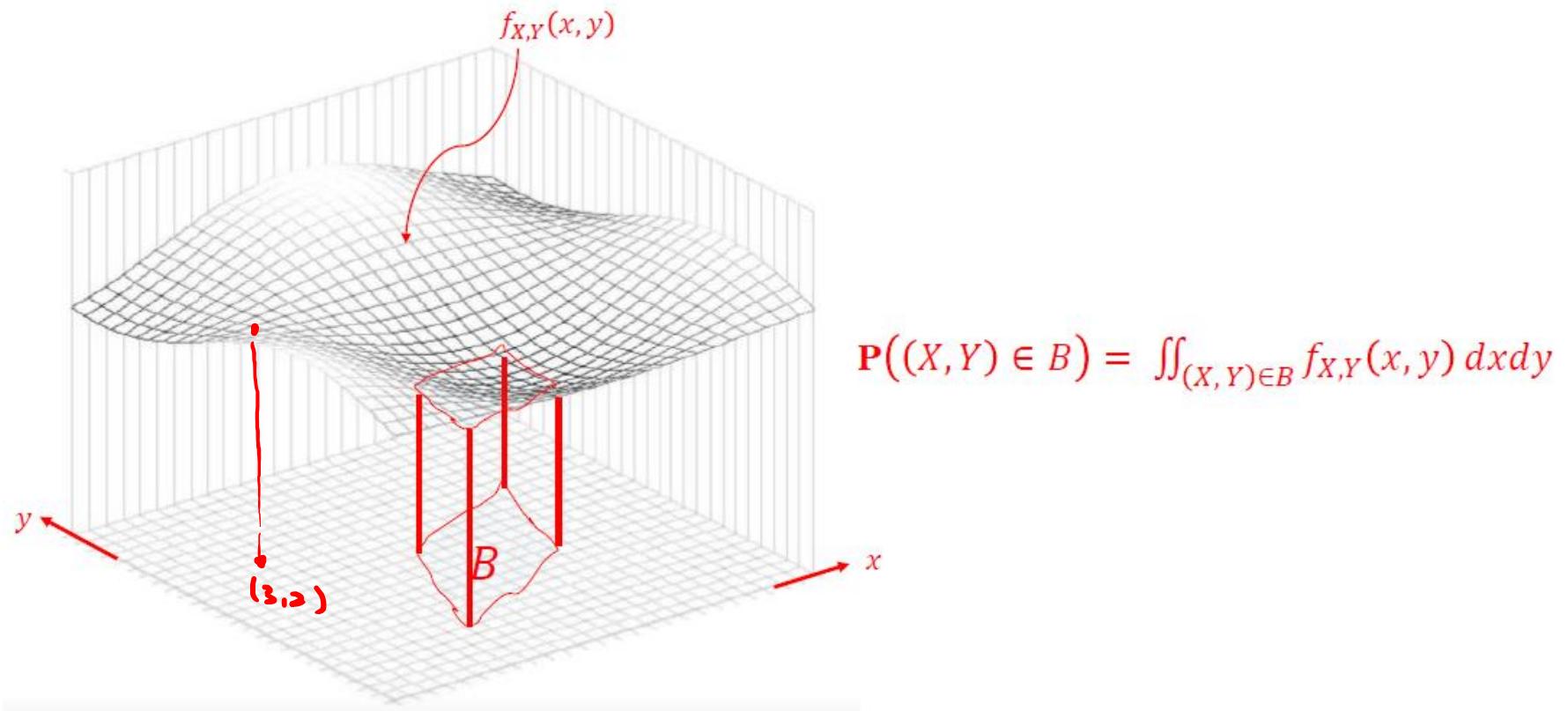
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{W,H}(w,h) dw dh = 1$$

$$P((X, Y) \in B) = \iint_{(X, Y) \in B} f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx dy$$

$$P(a \leq W \leq b, c \leq H \leq d) = \int_c^d \int_a^b f_{W,H}(w,h) dw dh$$

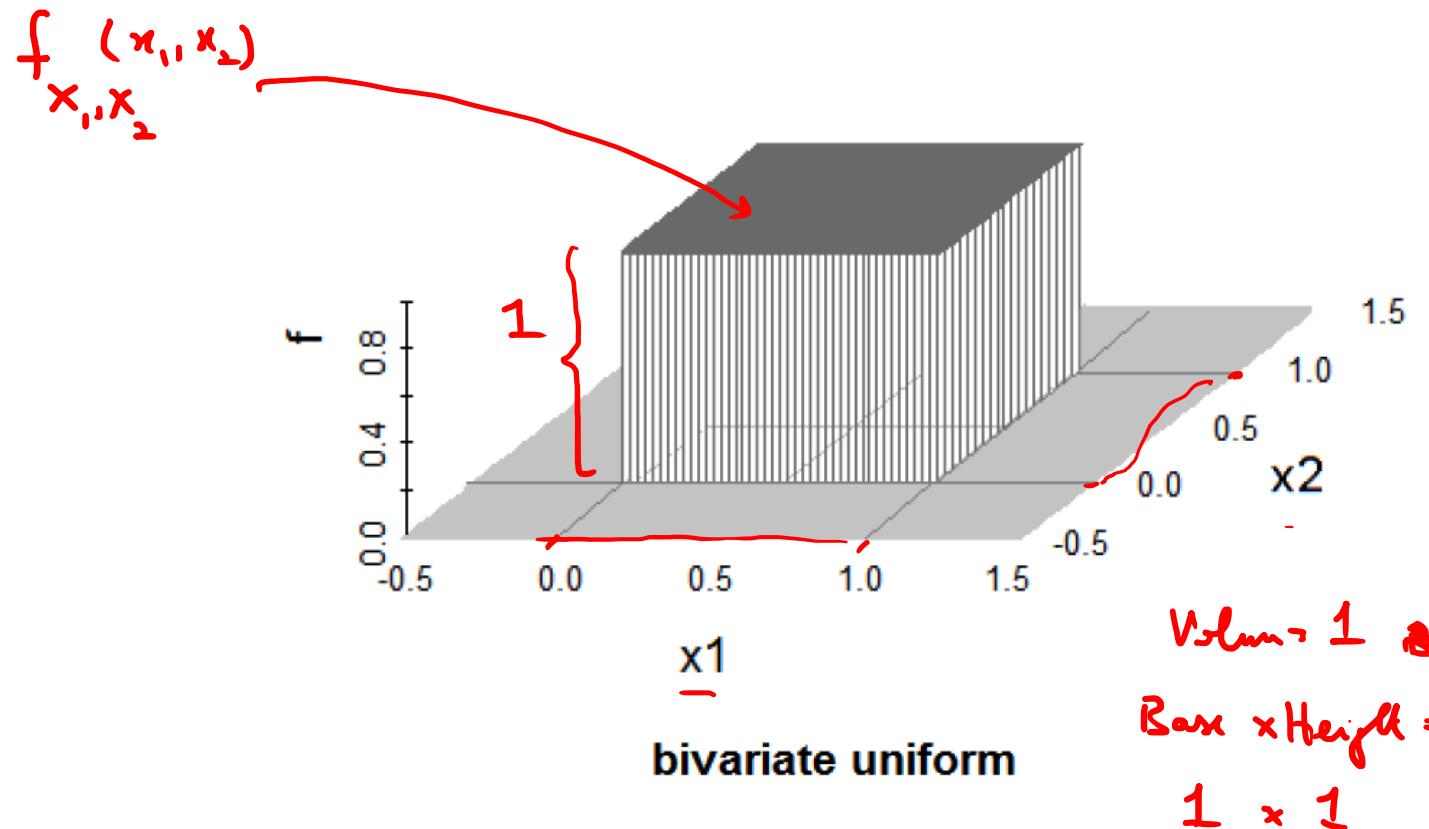
$$P(55 \leq W \leq 70, 5 \leq H \leq 6) = \int_5^{70} \int_5^6 f_{W,H}(w,h) dw dh$$

# Visualizing Joint PDF of Multiple Continuous RVs



# Visualizing Joint PDF of Multiple Continuous RVs

Uniform



$$P(x, y \in A) = ?$$

$$= P((x, y) \in A \cap S)$$

## Joint PDF of Multiple Continuous RVs: Examples

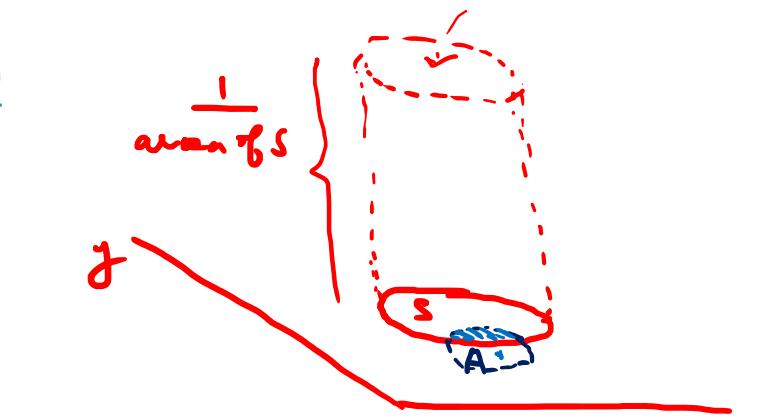
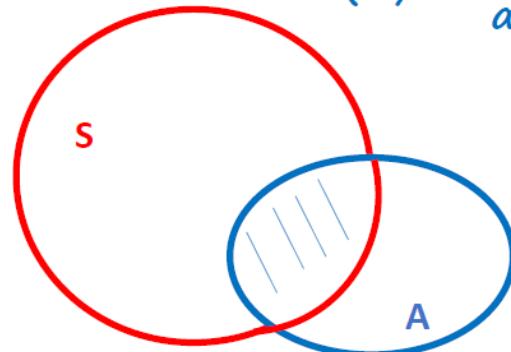
Joint PDF of  $X$  and  $Y$  is Uniform on set  $S$ .

Uniform joint PDF on a set  $S$

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\text{area of } S}, & \text{if } (x, y) \in S, \\ 0, & \text{Otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$P(x, y \in A) = \checkmark$$

$$P(A) = \frac{\text{area } (A \cap S)}{\text{area } (S)}$$



$$\text{Volume} = \text{Base} \times \text{Height}$$

$$= \text{Area of } (A \cap S) \times \frac{1}{\text{area of } S}$$

$$P(X=3, Y=2) = 0$$

## Joint PDF of Multiple Continuous RVs: Interpretation

$$P((X, Y) \in B) = \iint_{(X, Y) \in B} f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx dy$$

$$P(a \leq X \leq b, c \leq Y \leq d) = \int_c^d \int_a^b f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx dy$$

DRV:

$$\checkmark p_x(3) = P(X=3)$$

CRV:-

$$f_x(3) \neq P(X=3)$$

$$\checkmark f_x(3) = \frac{P(3 \leq X \leq 3+\delta)}{\delta}$$

"Prob for unit length."

DRV\_L

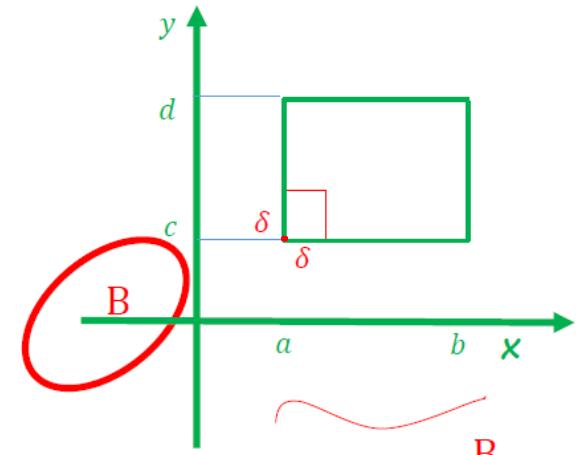
$$\checkmark p_{x,y}(3,2) = P(X=3, Y=2)$$

CRV:-

$$f_{x,y}(3,2) \neq P(X=3, Y=2)$$

$$f_{x,y}(3,2) = \frac{P(3 \leq X \leq 3+\delta, 2 \leq Y \leq 2+\delta)}{\delta^2}$$

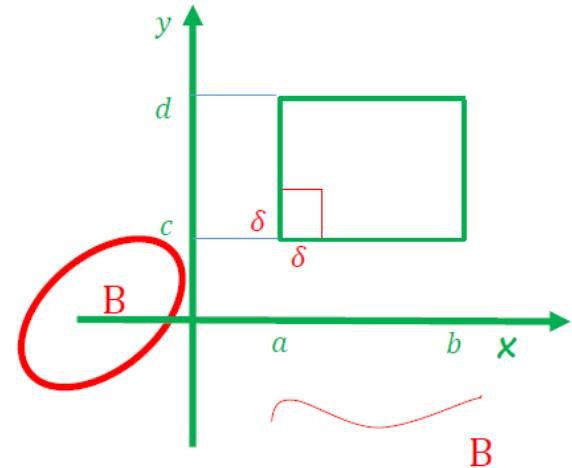
= Prob for Unit Area



# Joint PDF of Multiple Continuous RVs: Interpretation

$$\mathbf{P}((X, Y) \in B) = \iint_{(X, Y) \in B} f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx dy$$

$$\mathbf{P}(a \leq X \leq b, c \leq Y \leq d) = \int_c^d \int_a^b f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx dy$$



$$\mathbf{P}(a \leq X \leq a + \delta, c \leq Y \leq c + \delta) \approx f_{X,Y}(a, c) \delta^2$$

$f_{X,Y}(x,y)$ : probability per unit area

Joint PDF

area

# Continuous RVs: From Joint PDF to Marginal PDF

Joint PMF  $\longrightarrow$  Marginal PMF

$$\begin{aligned} p_X(x) &= \sum_y P_{X,Y}(x,y) \\ p_Y(y) &= \sum_x P_{X,Y}(x,y) \end{aligned}$$

Joint PDF  $\longrightarrow$  Marginal PDF

$$\begin{aligned} f_X(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dy. \\ f_Y(y) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx. \end{aligned}$$

let  $A$  be a subset of the real line and consider the event  $\{X \in A\}$ . We have

$$\mathbf{P}(X \in A) = \mathbf{P}(X \in A \text{ and } Y \in (-\infty, \infty)) = \int_A \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dy dx.$$

Comparing with the formula

$$\mathbf{P}(X \in A) = \int_A f_X(x) dx.$$

we see that the **marginal** PDF  $f_X$  of  $X$  is given by

$$f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dy.$$

# Joint PDF of Multiple Continuous RVs: Examples

$f_{x,y}(x,y)$ :

Uniform joint PDF on a set S

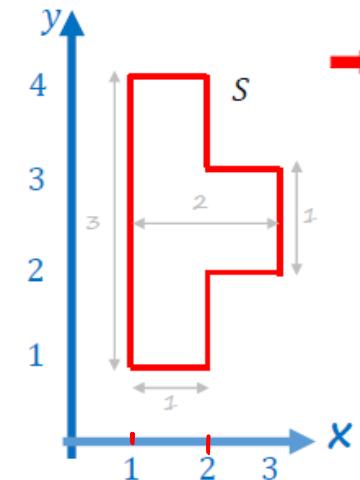
$$(a) f_{X,Y}(4, 4) = ?$$

$$f_{x,y}(4,4) = 0$$

$$(b) f_{X,Y}(2, 2.5) = ?$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\text{Area of } S = (1 \times 3) + (1 \times 1) = 4$$

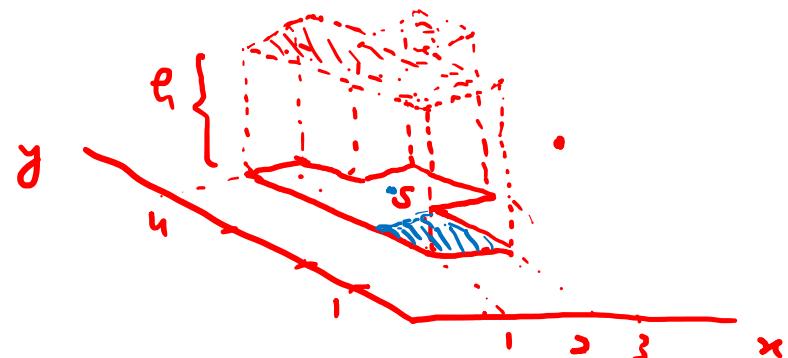


$$(c) P(1 < X < 2, 1 < Y < 2) = ?$$

= Base  $\times$  Height

$$(1 \times 1) \times \frac{1}{4}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}$$



# Joint PDF of Multiple Continuous RVs: Examples

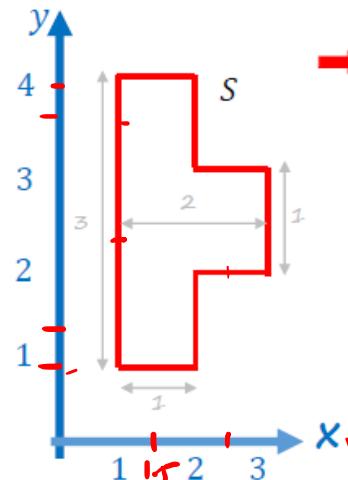
Uniform joint PDF on a set S

$$(d) f_X(x) = ? \quad f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{x,y}(x,y) dy$$

$$f_X(1.5) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{x,y}(1.5, y) \cdot dy$$

$$= \int_0^4 \frac{1}{4} \cdot dy = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$f_X(2.5) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{x,y}(2.5, y) \cdot dy = \int_2^3 \frac{1}{4} \cdot dy = \frac{1}{4}$$



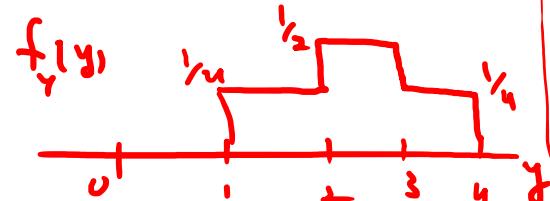
$$(e) f_Y(y) = ?$$

$$f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{x,y}(x,y) dx$$

$$f_Y(1.5) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{x,y}(x,1.5) dx = \int_1^2 \frac{1}{4} \cdot dx = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$f_Y(2.5) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4} \cdot dx = \frac{1}{4} = k_2$$

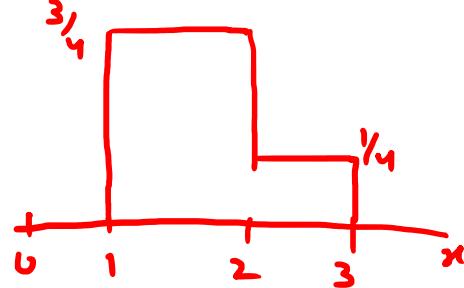
$$f_Y(3.5) = \int_1^3 \frac{1}{4} \cdot dx = \frac{1}{4}$$



$$f_X(0.5) = 0$$

$$f_X(3.5) = 0$$

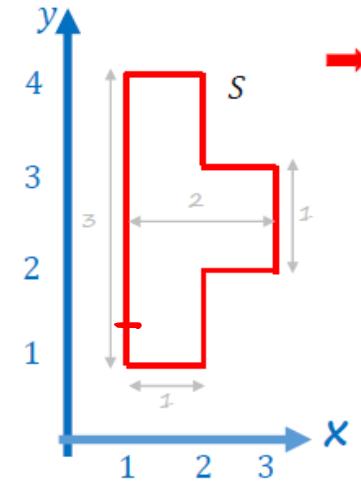
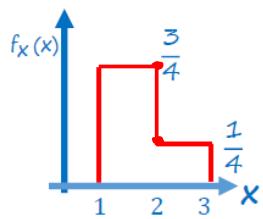
$$f_X(x)$$



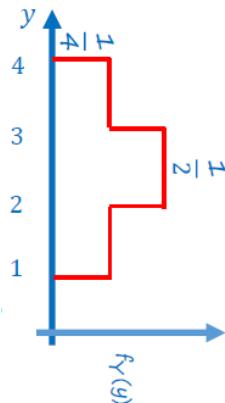
# Joint PDF of Multiple Continuous RVs: Examples

Uniform joint PDF on a set S

(d)  $f_X(x) = ?$



(e)  $f_Y(y) = ?$



# Functions of Multiple Continuous RVs

Joint PDF :  $f_{X,Y}(x,y)$

$$\rightarrow Z = g(X, Y) \quad Z = 2X + 3Y$$

Expected value rule:

$$\rightarrow E[g(X, Y)] = \sum_x \sum_y g(x, y) p_{X,Y}(x, y) \quad E[g(X, Y)] = \int \int g(x, y) f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx dy$$

$\mathbb{E}_Z$

Linearity of expectations

- ✓  $\rightarrow E[aX + b] = aE[X] + b$
- ✓  $\rightarrow E[X + Y] = E[X] + E[Y]$

$$E[X_1 + \dots + X_n] = E[X_1] + \dots + E[X_n]$$



$$\text{CDF: } F_X(x) = P(X \leq x)$$

$$F_X(1.5) = P(X \leq 1.5)$$

$$F_{x,y}(x,y)$$

## Joint CDF

If  $X$  and  $Y$  are two random variables associated with the same experiment, we define their joint CDF by

$$F_{X,Y}(x,y) = P(X \leq x, Y \leq y).$$

$$F_{x,y}(2,3) \rightarrow P(X \leq 2, Y \leq 3)$$

As in the case of a single random variable, the advantage of working with the CDF is that it applies equally well to discrete and continuous random variables.

In particular, if  $X$  and  $Y$  are described by a joint PDF  $f_{X,Y}$ , then

$$F_{X,Y}(x,y) = P(X \leq x, Y \leq y) = \int_{-\infty}^x \int_{-\infty}^y f_{X,Y}(s,t) dt ds.$$

Conversely, the PDF can be recovered from the CDF by differentiating:

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \frac{\partial^2 F_{X,Y}}{\partial x \partial y}(x,y).$$

Example:

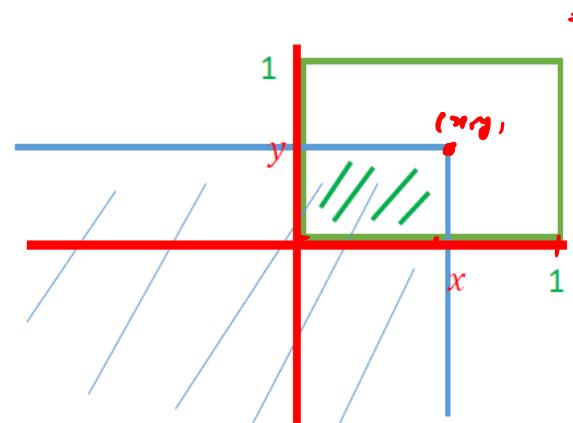
$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = 1, \text{ for } 0 < (x,y) < 1$$

$$F_{X,Y}(x,y) = P(X \leq x, Y \leq y) = xy, \quad \text{for } 0 \leq x, y \leq 1.$$

$$f_{x,y}(x,y)$$

$$F_{x,y}(0.2, 0.3) = 0.2 \times 0.3$$

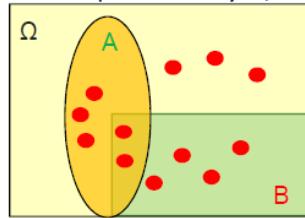
$$F_{x,y}(0.4, 0.5) = 0.4 \times 0.5$$



# Remember: Conditional Probability

- Probability Law:
  - Encodes our “belief” about the likelihood of an event in a random experiment.
- Conditional Probability Law:
  - Encodes our “updated belief” about the likelihood of an event **IF** we have “additional partial information” about the results of the random experiment.

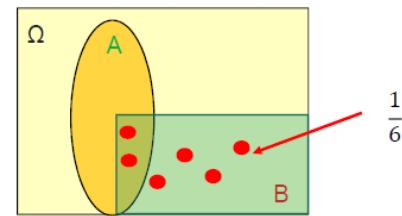
Assume 12 equally likely outcomes,  
each with probability  $1/12$



$$P(A) = \frac{5}{12} \quad P(B) = \frac{6}{12}$$

- $P(A | B)$  = probability of  $A$ ,  
given that  $B$  occurred
  - $B$  is our new universe

If we are told that  $B$  occurred



$$P(A | B) = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$$

- **Definition:** Assuming  $P(B) \neq 0$ ,

$$P(A | B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

$P(A | B)$  undefined if  $P(B) = 0$

# Remember: Conditioning a Discrete Random Variable on an Event

- Conditional PMF

- The conditional PMF of a random variable X, conditioned on a particular event A with  $P(A) > 0$ , is defined by

$$p_{X|A}(x) = \mathbf{P}(X = x | A) = \frac{\mathbf{P}(\{X = x\} \cap A)}{\mathbf{P}(A)}.$$

$$p_X(x) = P(X = x)$$

- Similar to the unconditional case

$$\sum_x p_{X|A}(x) = 1,$$

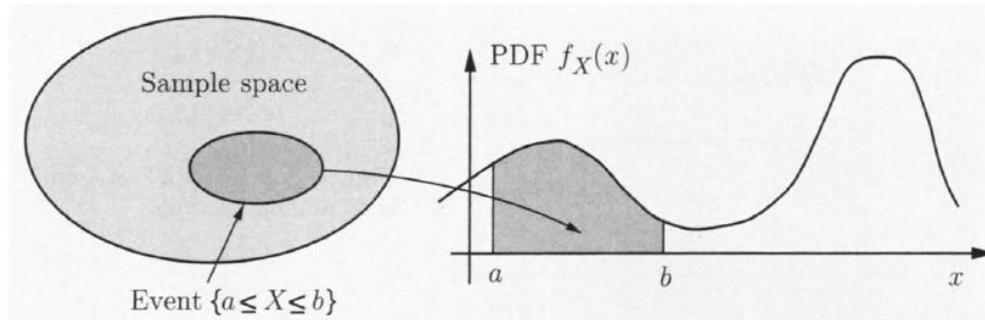
$$\sum_x p_X(x) = 1$$

- Conditional Expectation

$$E[X] = \sum_x x p_X(x) \quad \longrightarrow \quad E[X|A] = \sum_x x p_{X|A}(x)$$

$$E[g(X)] = \sum_x g(x) p_X(x) \longrightarrow E[g(X)|A] = \sum_x g(x) p_{X|A}(x)$$

# Remember: Probability Density Functions (PDFs)



$$\mathbf{P}(a \leq X \leq b) = \int_a^b f_X(x) dx$$

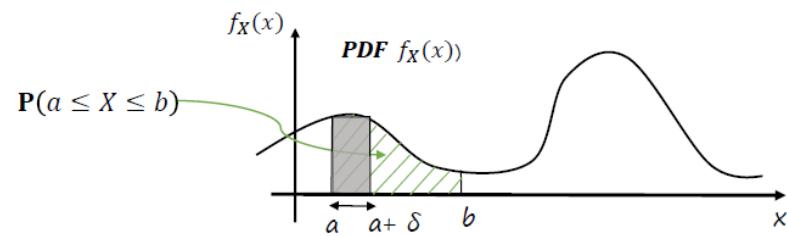
- Properties:

$$f_X(x) \geq 0 \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) dx = 1$$

Note:

$$\mathbf{P}(a \leq X \leq a + \delta) \approx f_X(a)\delta$$

$$\mathbf{P}(X = a) = 0$$



$H$  : Height of Student in class

## Conditioning a Continuous Random Variable on an Event

- Conditional PDF

The **conditional PDF** of a continuous random variable  $X$ , given an event  $A$  with  $P(A) > 0$ , is defined as a nonnegative function  $f_{X|A}$  that satisfies

$$P(X \in B | A) = \int_B f_{X|A}(x) dx,$$

for any subset  $B$  of the real line.

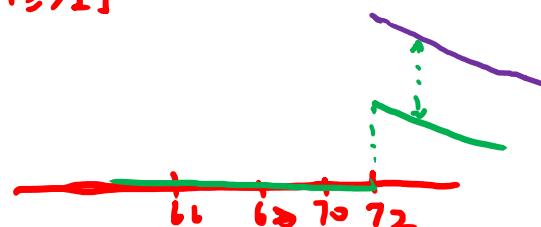
- Similar to the unconditional case

$$A = \{M_{ab}\}$$

$$A = \{H \geq 72\}$$

so that  $f_{X|A}$  is a legitimate PDF.

$$f_{H|\{H \geq 72\}}(h)$$



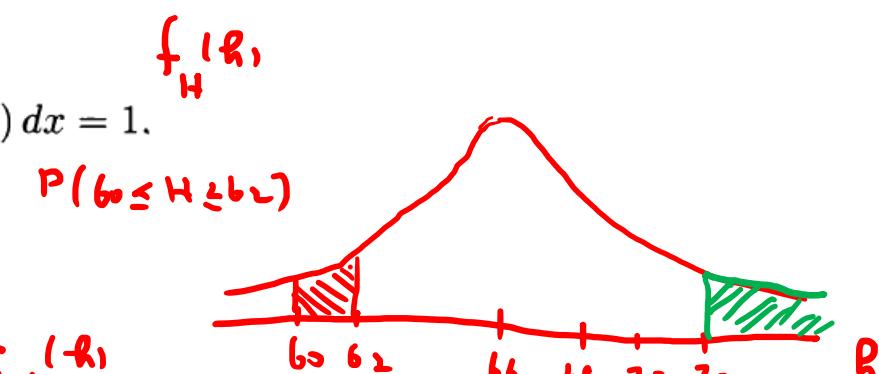
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X|A}(x) dx = 1.$$

$$f_{H|A}(h)$$

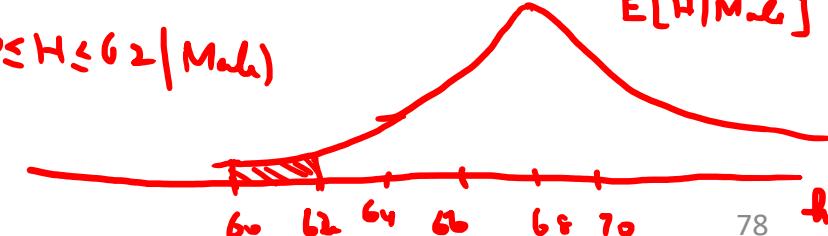
$$P(60 \leq H \leq 62)$$

$$f_{H|M_{ab}}(h)$$

$$P(60 \leq H \leq 62 | M_{ab})$$



$$E[H|M_{ab}]$$



# Conditioning a Continuous Random Variable on an Event

- Conditional PDF

The **conditional PDF** of a continuous random variable  $X$ , given an event  $A$  with  $\mathbf{P}(A) > 0$ , is defined as a nonnegative function  $f_{X|A}$  that satisfies

$$\mathbf{P}(X \in B | A) = \int_B f_{X|A}(x) dx,$$

for any subset  $B$  of the real line.

- Similar to the unconditional case

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X|A}(x) dx = 1.$$

so that  $f_{X|A}$  is a legitimate PDF.

- Conditional Expectation

$$E[X] = \sum_x x p_X(x)$$



$$\mathbf{E}[X | A] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_{X|A}(x) dx.$$

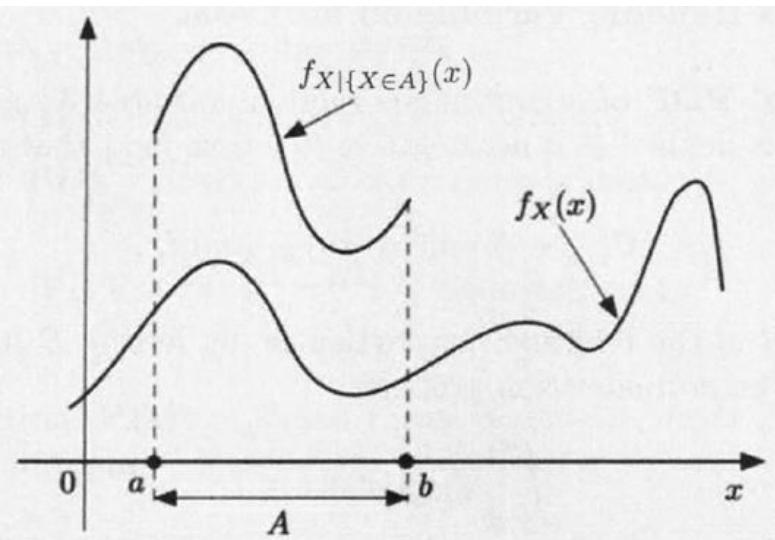
Expected Value Rule

$$E[g(X)] = \sum_x g(x) p_X(x) \longrightarrow$$

$$\mathbf{E}[g(X) | A] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) f_{X|A}(x) dx,$$

# Conditioning a Continuous Random Variable on an Event

- Special Case: Conditioning on an event of the form  $\{X \in A\}$



# Conditioning a Continuous Random Variable on an Event

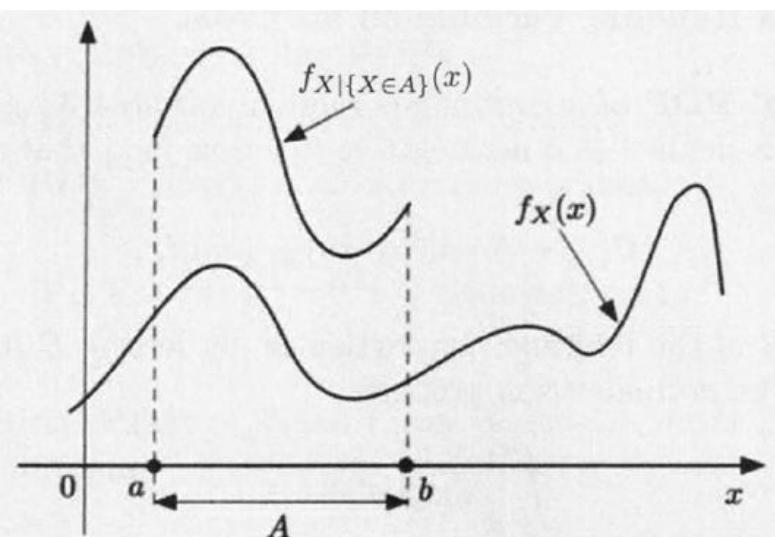
- Special Case: Conditioning on an event of the form  $\{X \in A\}$

In the important special case where we condition on an event of the form  $\{X \in A\}$ , with  $\mathbf{P}(X \in A) > 0$ , the definition of conditional probabilities yields

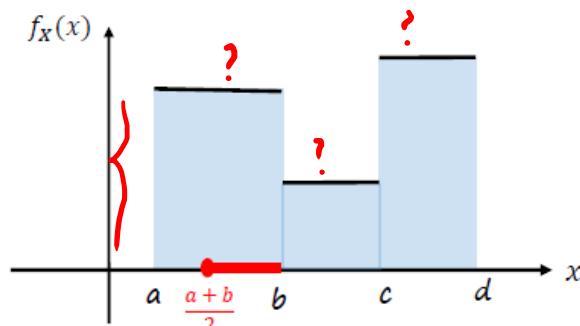
$$\mathbf{P}(X \in B | X \in A) = \frac{\mathbf{P}(X \in B, X \in A)}{\mathbf{P}(X \in A)} = \frac{\int_{A \cap B} f_X(x) dx}{\mathbf{P}(X \in A)}.$$

By comparing with the earlier formula

$$f_{X|\{X \in A\}}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{f_X(x)}{\mathbf{P}(X \in A)}, & \text{if } x \in A, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

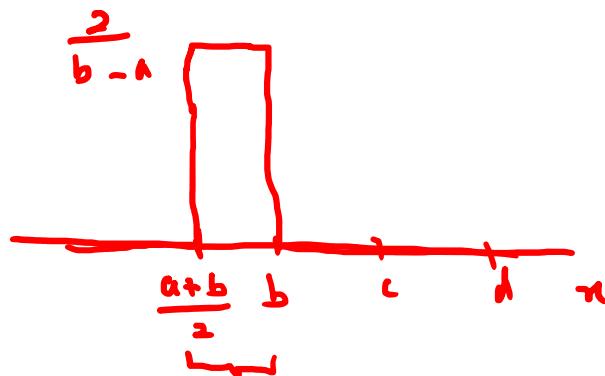


# Conditioning a Random Variable on an Event: Example



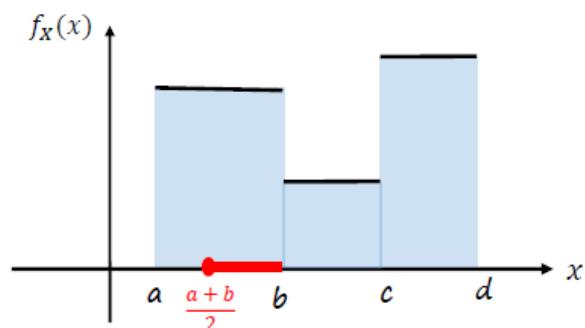
$$A: \left\{ \frac{a+b}{2} \leq X \leq b \right\}$$

$f_{X|A}(x) = ?$

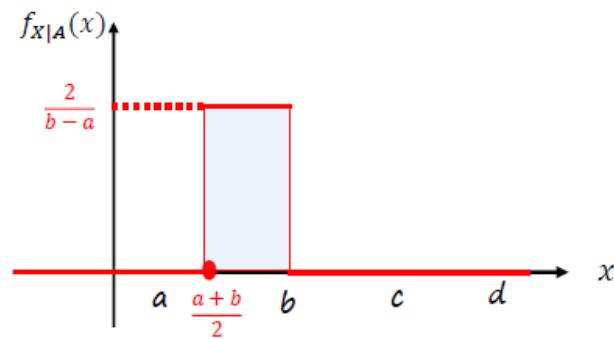


$$\frac{2b - \frac{a+b}{2}}{2} = \frac{b-a}{2}$$

# Conditioning a Random Variable on an Event: Example



$$A: \quad \frac{a+b}{2} \leq X \leq b$$



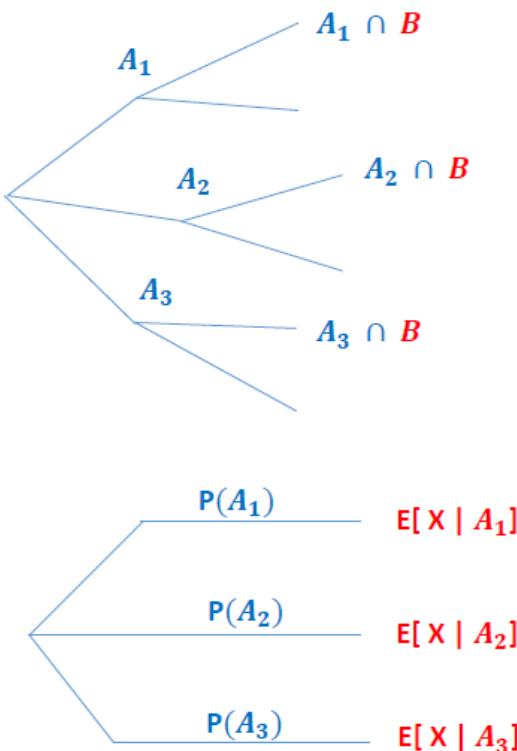
Commute Time ( $\tau$ ):

$$f_{\tau}(t), \quad f_{\tau|Bike}(t), \quad f_{\tau|Car}(t), \quad f_{\tau|Van}(t)$$

$$E[\tau], \quad E[\tau|Bike], \quad E[\tau|Car], \quad E[\tau|Van]$$

Total Expectation Theorem

Bike  
Car  
Van



$$P(B) = P(A_1) P(B | A_1) + \dots + P(A_n) P(B | A_n)$$

$$p_X(x) = P(A_1) p_{X|A_1}(x) + \dots + P(A_n) p_{X|A_n}(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_X(x) &= P(X \leq x) = P(A_1) P(X \leq x | A_1) + \dots \\ &= P(A_1) F_{X|A_1}(x) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$f_x(x) = P(A_1) f_{X|A_1}(x) + \dots + P(A_n) f_{X|A_n}(x)$$

$$f_{\tau}(t) = P(\text{Bike}) f_{\tau|Bike}(t) + P(\text{Car}) f_{\tau|Car}(t) + P(\text{Van}) f_{\tau|Van}(t)$$

$$\int x f_X(x) dx = P(A_1) \int f_{X|A_1}(x) dx + \dots$$

$$E[X] = P(A_1) E[X|A_1] + \dots + P(A_n) E[X|A_n]$$

$$E[\tau] = P(\text{Bike}) E[\tau|Bike] + P(\text{Car}) E[\tau|Car] + P(\text{Van}) E[\tau|Van]$$

$X$ : Time from now till Bill leaves for supermarket.

$$E[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx$$

## Total Expectation Theorem: Example

$$f_x(x) = ?$$

Bill goes to the supermarket shortly, with probability  $1/3$ , at a time uniformly distributed between 0 and 2 hours from now;  
 Or with probability  $2/3$ , later in the day  
At a time uniformly distributed between 6-8 hours from now

$$E[X] = ?$$

$$E[X|A_1] = 1$$

$$E[X|A_2] = 7$$

$$N(0,1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(H) &= \frac{1}{3} \\ P(A_1) &= \frac{1}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} U[0,2] \\ f_{X|A_1} \sim \text{unif}[0,2] \end{aligned}$$

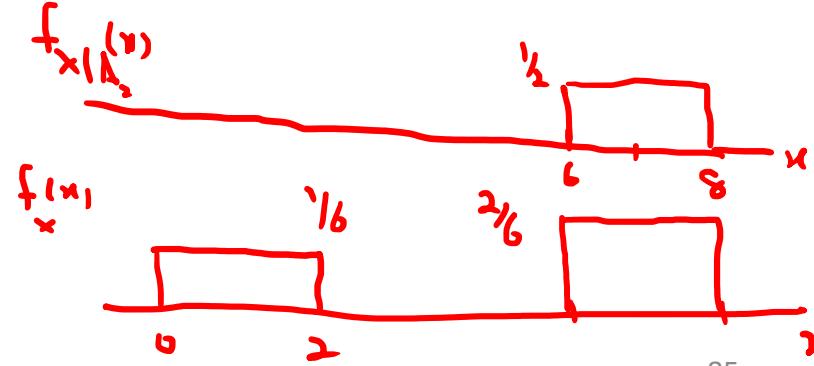
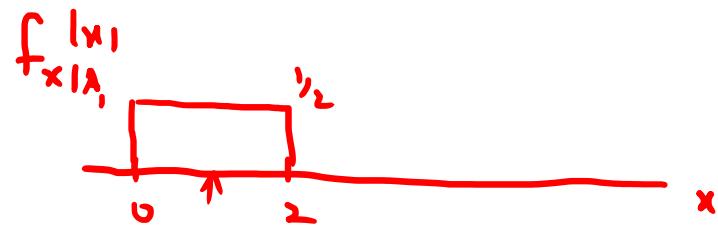
$$\begin{aligned} P(T) = \frac{2}{3} \\ P(A_2) = \frac{2}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$f_{X|A_2} \sim U[6,8]$$

Total Prob Theory

$$\begin{aligned} f_x(x) &= P(A_1)f_{x|A_1}(x) + P(A_2)f_{x|A_2}(x) \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \cdot f_{x|A_1}(x) + \frac{2}{3} f_{x|A_2}(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[X] &= P(A_1)E[X|A_1] + P(A_2)E[X|A_2] \\ &= \frac{1}{3}(1) + \frac{2}{3}(7) = \end{aligned}$$



# Total Expectation Theorem: Example

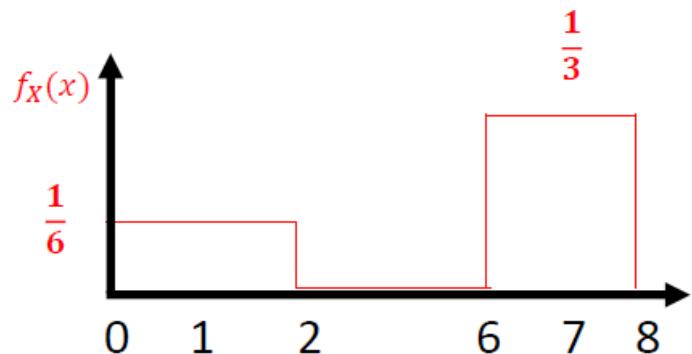
Bill goes to the supermarket shortly, with probability  $1/3$ , at a time uniformly distributed between 0 and 2 hours from now;  
Or with probability  $2/3$ , later in the day  
At a time uniformly distributed between 6-8 hours from now

$$P(A_1) = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$f_{X|A_1} \sim \text{uni } f [0,2]$$

$$P(A_2) = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$f_{X|A_2} \sim U [6,8]$$



$$f_X(x) = P(A_1)f_{X|A_1}(x) + \dots + P(A_n)f_{X|A_n}(x)$$

$$E[X] = P(A_1)E[X|A_1] + \dots + P(A_n)E[X|A_1]$$

$$\frac{1}{3} * 1 + \frac{2}{3} * 7$$

# Remember: Conditioning a Random Variable on another Random Variable

- Conditional PMF of X given Y: ( $p_{X|Y}$ )

- Let X and Y be two random variables associated with the same experiment. The conditional PMF of X given Y is defined by:

$$p_{X|Y}(x | y) = \mathbf{P}(X = x | Y = y).$$

Using the definition of conditional probabilities, we have

Similar to  
 $P(B|A)$   
with  $B = \{X = x\}$   
 $A = \{Y = y\}$

$$p_{X|Y}(x | y) = \frac{\mathbf{P}(X = x, Y = y)}{\mathbf{P}(Y = y)} = \frac{p_{X,Y}(x, y)}{p_Y(y)}.$$

defined for y such that  $p_Y(y) > 0$

- Similar to the unconditional case

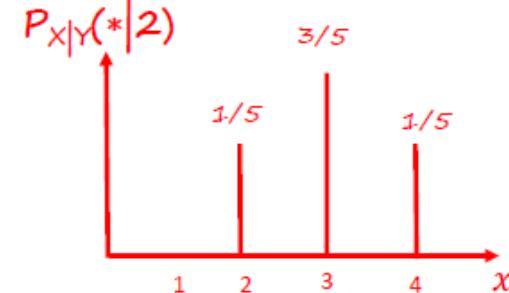
$$\sum_x p_{X|Y}(x | y) = 1$$

	1/20	2/20	2/20	
4	1/20	2/20	2/20	
3	2/20	4/20	1/20	2/20
2	1/20	1/20	3/20	1/20
1		1/20		
	1	2	3	4
Y = Second roll				X = First roll

$$P_Y(2) = 5/20$$

$$P_{X|Y}(1|2) = 0$$

$$P_{X|Y}(2|2) =$$



# Conditioning a Continuous RV on another RV

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- **Interpretation:**  $\mathbf{P}(x \leq X \leq x + \delta_1 | y \leq Y \leq y + \delta_2) = \frac{\mathbf{P}(x \leq X \leq x + \delta_1 \text{ and } y \leq Y \leq y + \delta_2)}{\mathbf{P}(y \leq Y \leq y + \delta_2)}$   
$$\approx \frac{f_{X,Y}(x, y)\delta_1\delta_2}{f_Y(y)\delta_2}$$
$$= f_{X|Y}(x | y)\delta_1.$$

In words,  $f_{X|Y}(x | y)\delta_1$  provides us with the probability that  $X$  belongs to a small interval  $[x, x + \delta_1]$ , given that  $Y$  belongs to a small interval  $[y, y + \delta_2]$ . Since  $f_{X|Y}(x | y)\delta_1$  does not depend on  $\delta_2$ , we can think of the limiting case where  $\delta_2$  decreases to zero and write

$$\mathbf{P}(x \leq X \leq x + \delta_1 | Y = y) \approx f_{X|Y}(x | y)\delta_1, \quad (\delta_1 \text{ small}),$$

view the conditional PDF  $f_{X|Y}(x | y)$  (as a function of  $x$ ) as a description of the probability law of  $X$ , given that the event  $\{Y = y\}$  has occurred.

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- Conditional PDF

Conditional  
PDF

$$f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{f_{X,Y}(x,y)}{f_Y(y)}.$$

Joint PDF  
Marginal PDF

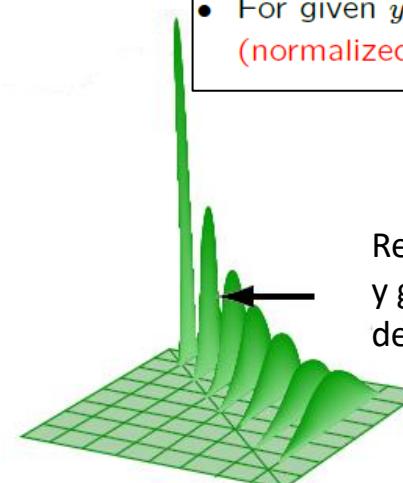
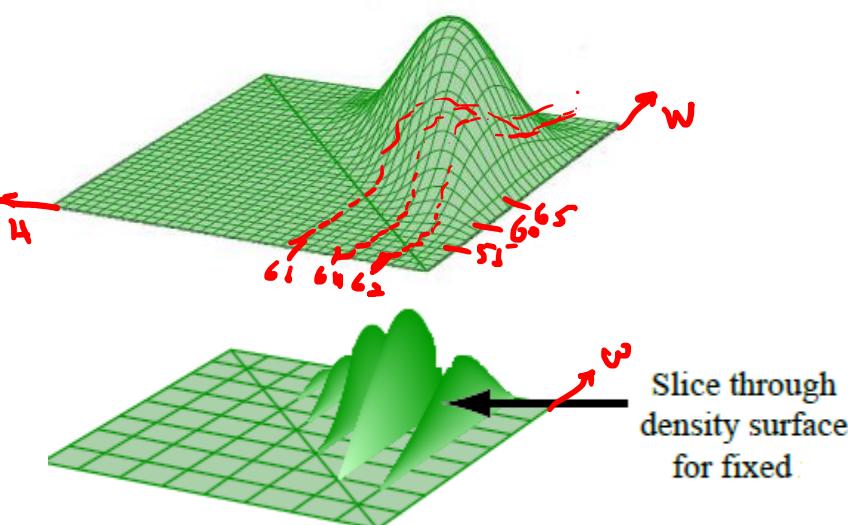
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$f_{W,H}(w,h)$

$$\mathbf{P}(X \in A | Y = y) = \int_A f_{X|Y}(x|y) dx.$$

- For given  $y$ , conditional PDF is a (normalized) "section" of the joint PDF



## Joint PDF from Conditional PDF

- The conditional PDF is often convenient for calculation of the joint PDF:

$$\begin{aligned} f_{X,Y}(x,y) &= f_{X|Y}(x|y)f_Y(y) \\ f_{x,y}(x,y) &= f_{Y|X}(y|x)f_X(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$① \quad f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{f_{x,y}(x,y)}{f_Y(y)}$$

$$② \quad f_{Y|X}(y|x) = \frac{f_{x,y}(x,y)}{f_X(x)}$$

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E[W]  
H=72

- Conditional Expectation

$$\mathbf{E}[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} xf_X(x) dx. \quad \mathbf{E}[X | A] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} xf_{X|A}(x) dx.$$

$$\mathbf{E}[X | Y = y] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} xf_{X|Y}(x | y) dx.$$

Expected Value Rule

$$\mathbf{E}[g(X)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) f_X(x) dx \quad \mathbf{E}[g(X) | A] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) f_{X|A}(x) dx,$$

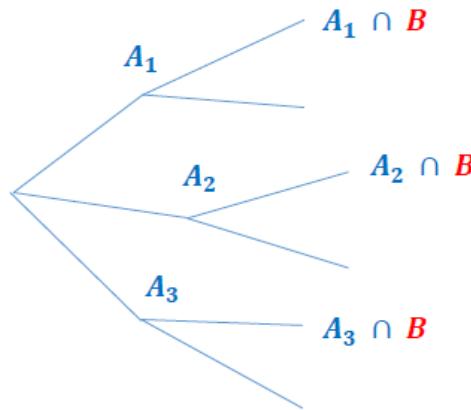
$$\mathbf{E}[g(X) | Y = y] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) f_{X|Y}(x | y) dx.$$

$$A_1 = \{Y = y_1\}$$

$$A_2 = \{Y = y_2\}$$

$$A_3 = \{Y = y_3\}$$

Remember: Total Expectation Theorem



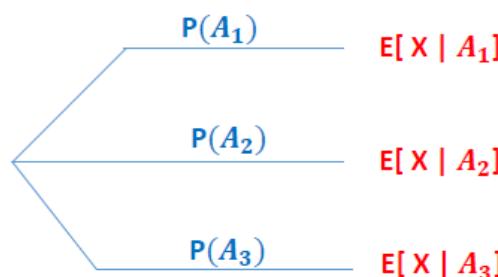
$$P(B) = P(A_1) P(B | A_1) + \dots + P(A_n) P(B | A_n)$$

$$p_X(x) = P(A_1) p_{X|A_1}(x) + \dots + P(A_n) p_{X|A_n}(x)$$

$$F_X(x) = P(X \leq x) = P(A_1) P(X \leq x | A_1) + \dots$$

$$= P(A_1) F_{X|A_1}(x) + \dots$$

$$f_x(x) = P(A_1) f_{X|A_1}(x) + \dots + P(A_n) f_{X|A_n}(x)$$



$$\int x f_X(x) dx = P(A_1) \int f_{X|A_1}(x) dx + \dots$$

$$E[X] = P(A_1) E[X|A_1] + \dots + P(A_n) E[X|A_n]$$

$$E[X] = P(Y=y_1) E[X|Y=y_1] + P(Y=y_2) E[X|Y=y_2] + P(Y=y_3) E[X|Y=y_3]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^3 P(Y=y_i) E[X|Y=y_i]$$

$$E[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_Y(y) E[X|Y=y] dy$$

## Now: Total Expectation Theorem

$$E[X] = P(A_1) E[X | A_1] + \dots + P(A_n) E[X | A_n]$$

Total Expectation Theorem

$$E[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} E[X | Y = y] f_Y(y) dy.$$

$$E[H] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} E[H | W=w] f_W(w) dw$$

$$E[W] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} E[W | H=h] f_H(h) dh$$

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Total Expectation Theorem

$$E[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} E[X | Y = y] f_Y(y) dy.$$

Proof

$$\begin{aligned} E[X] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_Y(y) E[X | Y = y] dy \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_Y(y) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_{X|Y}(x|y) dx dy \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_Y(y) f_{X|Y}(x|y) dy dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_Y(y) f_{X|Y}(x|y) dy}_{\text{red}} dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx = E[X] \end{aligned}$$

# Remember: Independence

- Definition:

If

$$\mathbf{P}(A | B) = \mathbf{P}(A)$$

We say that A is independent of B

- Intuition

- Remember that conditional probability encodes our “updated belief” about the likelihood of an event IF we have “additional partial information” about the results of the random experiment.
- If A is independent of B, occurrence of B provides no new information about occurrence of A.
- If A is independent of B, our beliefs are not “updated” about the likelihood of A if we have the additional information that B has occurred.

## Remember: Independence

- An Equivalent Definition

If

$$\mathbf{P}(A \cap B) = \mathbf{P}(A)\mathbf{P}(B)$$

We say that A is independent of B

- Verification

✓  $P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$

## Independence of Two Continuous RVs

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be jointly continuous random variables.

- $X$  and  $Y$  are **independent** if

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y), \quad \text{for all } \underline{x}, \underline{y}.$$

$$f_{W,H}(70, 66) = f_W(70) \cdot f_H(66)$$

$$f_{W,G}(70, 3.5) = f_W(70) \cdot f_G(3.5)$$

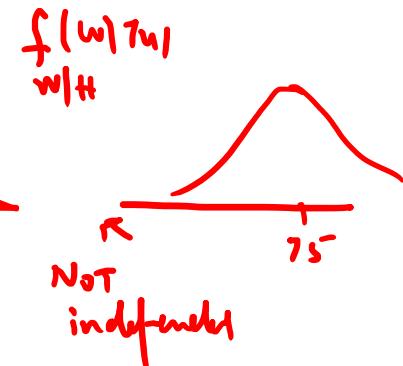
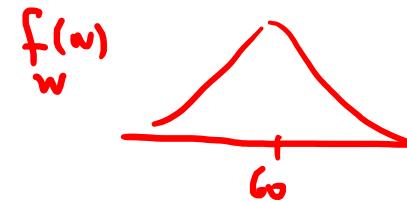
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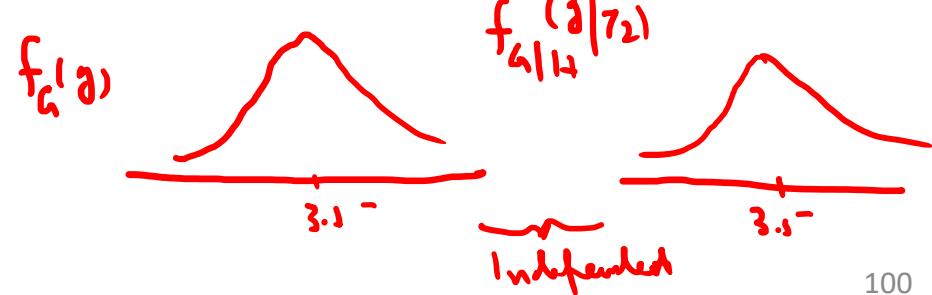
- Equivalent Definitions:

$$\rightarrow f_X(x) = f_{X|Y}(x|y) \quad \text{for all } y \text{ with } f(y) > 0 \text{ and all } x$$

$$\rightarrow f_Y(y) = f_{Y|X}(y|x) \quad \text{for all } x \text{ with } f(x) > 0 \text{ and all } y$$

$$f_{w|H}(w|H) \neq f_w(w)$$

$$f_{w|H}(w|H) = f_w(w)$$



# Independence of Two Continuous RVs: Implications

If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent, then any two events of the form  $\{X \in A\}$  and  $\{Y \in B\}$  are independent. Indeed,

H, G  
unindepdnt

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{P}(X \in A \text{ and } Y \in B) &= \int_{x \in A} \int_{y \in B} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dy dx \\ &= \int_{x \in A} \int_{y \in B} f_X(x)f_Y(y) dy dx \\ &= \int_{x \in A} f_X(x) dx \int_{y \in B} f_Y(y) dy \\ &= \mathbf{P}(X \in A) \mathbf{P}(Y \in B).\end{aligned}$$

$P(X \in A \text{ and } Y \in B)$



$$P(68 \leq H \leq 72, 3.2 \leq G \leq 3.5) = P(68 \leq H \leq 72) P(3.2 \leq G \leq 3.5)$$

In particular, independence implies that

$$F_{X,Y}(x,y) = \mathbf{P}(X \leq x, Y \leq y) = \mathbf{P}(X \leq x) \mathbf{P}(Y \leq y) = F_X(x) F_Y(y).$$

# Independence and Expectation

If  $X, Y$  are **independent**:  $\mathbf{E}[XY] = \mathbf{E}[X] \mathbf{E}[Y]$

$g(X)$  and  $h(Y)$  are also independent:  $\mathbf{E}[g(X) h(Y)] = \mathbf{E}[g(X)] \mathbf{E}[h(Y)]$

## Independence and Variance

- Always true:  $\text{var}(aX + b) = a^2 \text{var}(X)$        $\text{var}(X + a) = \text{var}(X)$
- In general:  $\text{var}(X + Y) \neq \text{var}(X) + \text{var}(Y)$

If X, Y are **independent**:       $\text{var}(X + Y) = \text{var}(X) + \text{var}(Y)$

# Independence of Two Continuous RVs

Example:

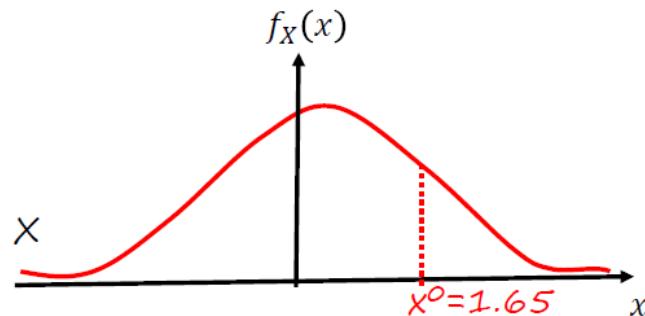
- Independence in Normal RV's X and Y:

Lets form a RV in a two step process

~~mean~~ ~~var~~

1.  $X \sim N(0, 1)$ ;

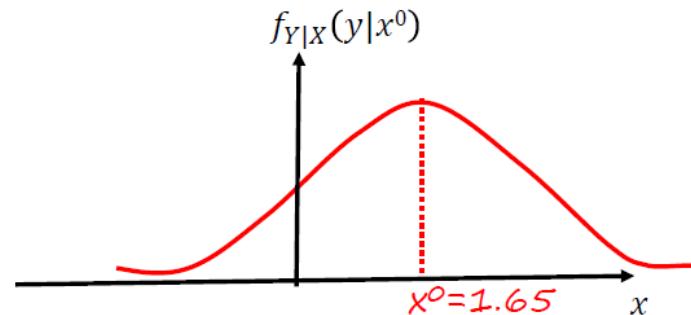
*pick an X*



2.  $\underline{Y \sim N(X, 1)}$

are X and Y independent?

No



$G$  &  $H$  are independent:

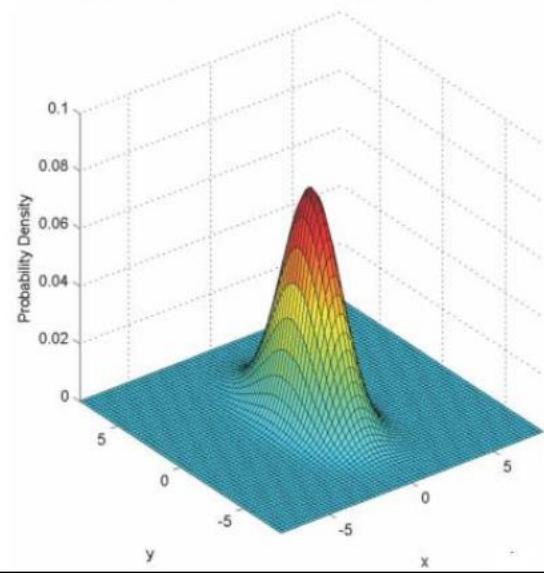
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$$f_G(g)$$
  
  
$$f_H(h)$$
  


$$\mu_x = \mu_y = 0; \sigma_x^2 = \sigma_y^2 = 4;$$



# Independent Normal RVs

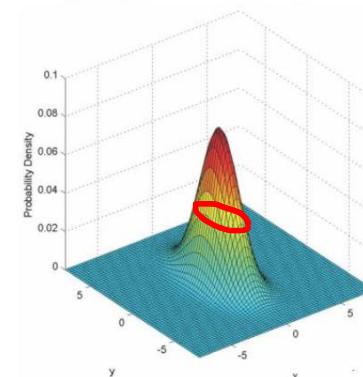
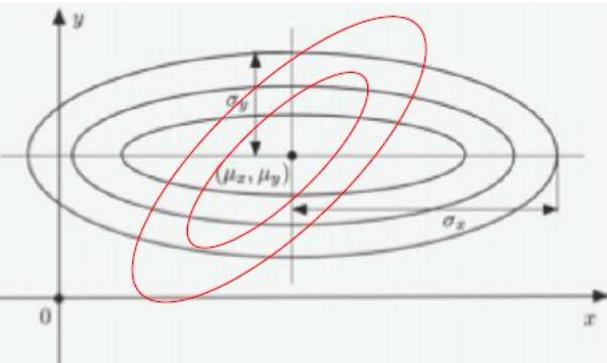
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This joint PDF has the shape of a bell centered at  $(\mu_x, \mu_y)$ , and whose width in the  $x$  and  $y$  directions is proportional to  $\sigma_x$  and  $\sigma_y$ , respectively. We can get some additional insight into the form of this PDF by considering its contours, i.e., sets of points at which the PDF takes a constant value. These contours are described by an equation of the form

$$\frac{(x-\mu_x)^2}{\sigma_x^2} + \frac{(y-\mu_y)^2}{\sigma_y^2} = \text{constant.}$$

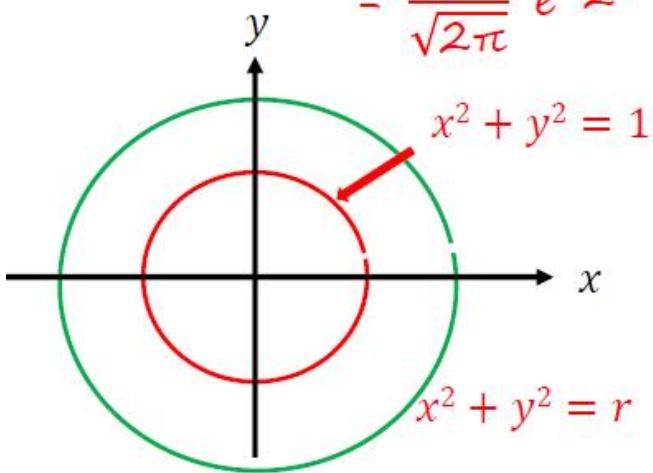
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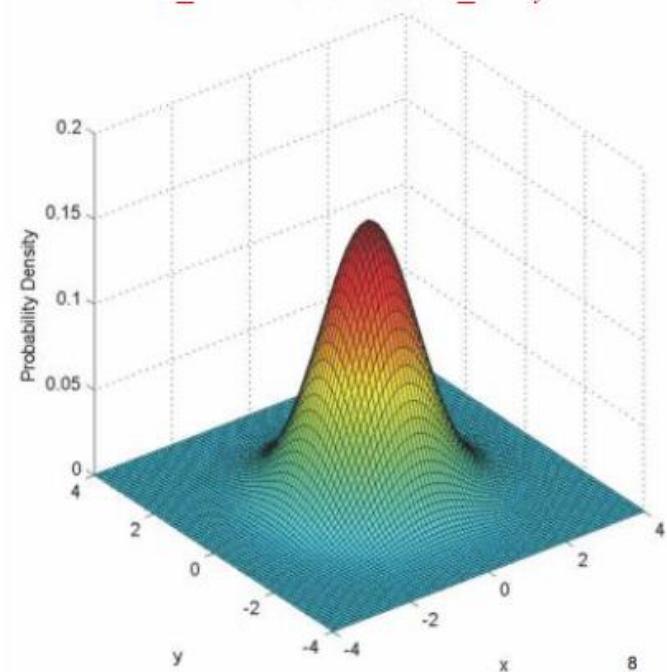
# Independent Standard Normal RVs

Now let's assume X and Y independent on  $\sim N(0, 1)$

$$\begin{aligned}f_{X,Y}(x,y) &= f_X(x) f_Y(y) \\&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}} \\&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x^2+y^2)}\end{aligned}$$



$$\mu_x = \mu_y = 0; \quad \sigma_x^2 = \sigma_y^2 = 1;$$



$$f_y(0.5)$$

Volume under the Joint PDF = 1  
 $\frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 1$

## Comprehensive Example

Joint PDF:-

Uniform on a set  $S$  : {a Triangle}

Uniform probabilities on a triangle

find:

a)  $f_{X,Y}(x,y)$

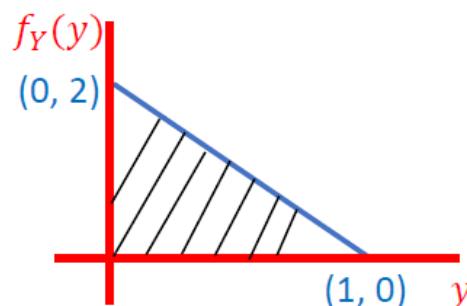
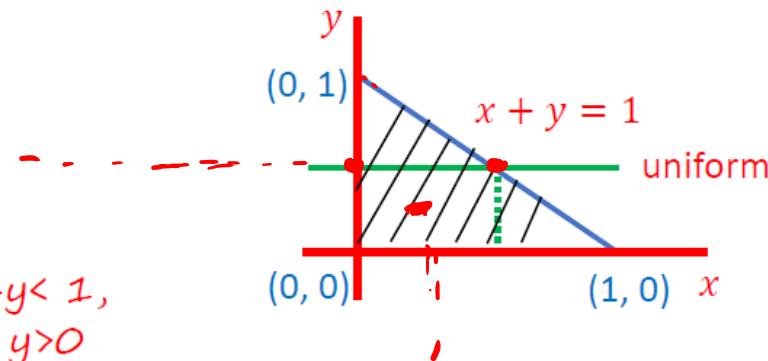
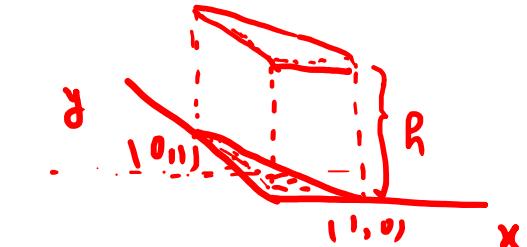
$$f_{X,Y}(x,y)$$

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \begin{cases} 2, & x+y<1, \\ 0, & x, y>0 \\ & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

b)  $f_Y(y)$

$$\begin{aligned} f_Y(y) &= \int f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx \\ &= \begin{cases} 2(1-y), & 0 \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_Y(y) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^0 0 \cdot dx + \int_0^{1-y} 2 \cdot dx + \int_{1-y}^{\infty} 0 \cdot dx = \end{aligned}$$



$$f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dy$$

# Comprehensive Example

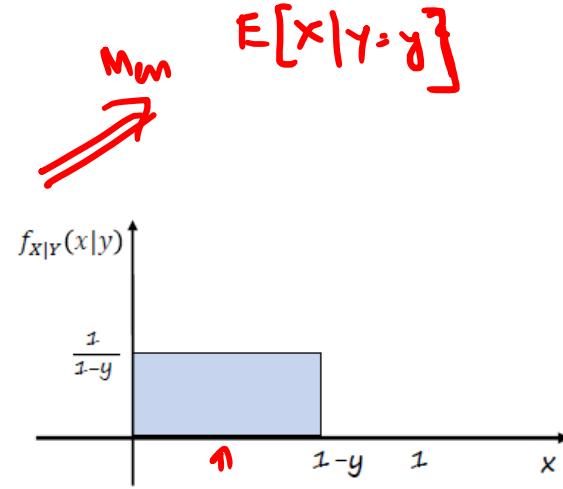
c)  $f_{X|Y}(x|y)$

$$f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{f_{X,Y}(x,y)}{f_Y(y)}$$

$$= \frac{2}{2(1-y)}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{1-y}, & 0 \leq y \leq 1; 0 \leq x \leq 1-y \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq y \leq 1; \\ 0 &\leq x, y < 1 \end{aligned}$$



# Comprehensive Example

d)  $E[X|Y = y]$

$$E[X | Y=y] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_{X|Y}(x|y) dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[X | Y=y] &= \int_0^{1-y} x \frac{1}{(1-y)} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{(1-y)} \frac{(1-y)^2}{2} \\ &= \frac{(1-y)}{2} \quad 0 \leq y \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

# Comprehensive Example

e)  $E[X]$

$$\begin{aligned} E[X] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_Y(y) E[X | Y=y] dy \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_Y(y) \frac{(1-y)}{2} dy = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_Y(y) dy - \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y f_Y(y) dy \\ &= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} E[Y] = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} E[X] \end{aligned}$$

$$(1 + \frac{1}{2}) E[X] = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$E[X] = \frac{1}{3} \qquad \qquad E[Y] = \frac{1}{3}$$

# Review

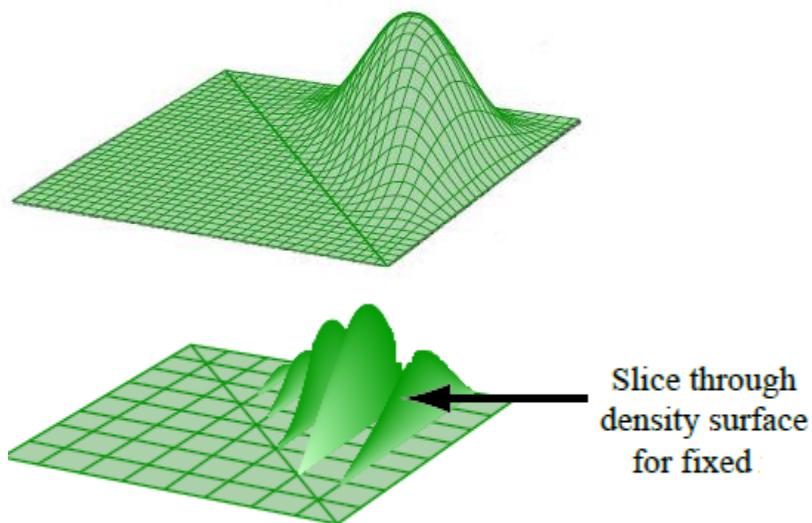
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$\xrightarrow{P(A_i \cap B)}$

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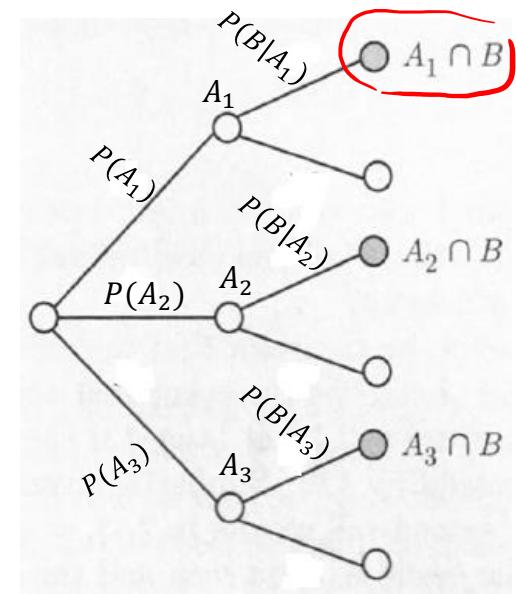
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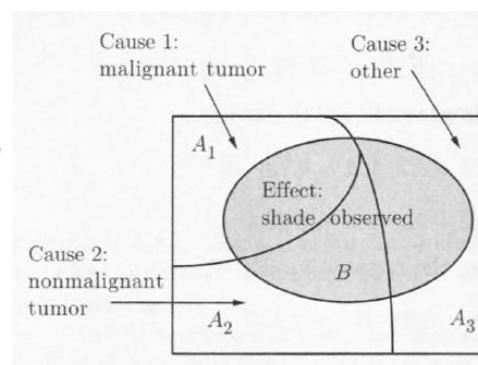
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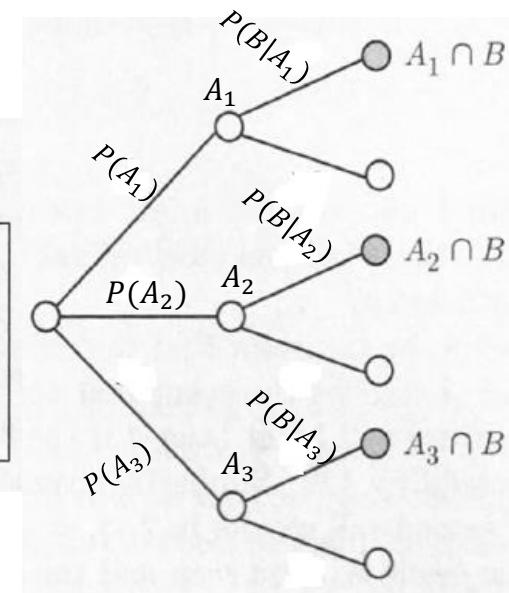


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3 CAUSES ( $A_1, A_2, A_3$ )  
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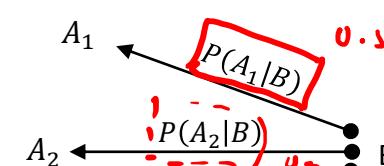
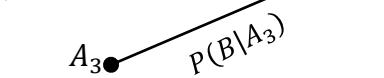
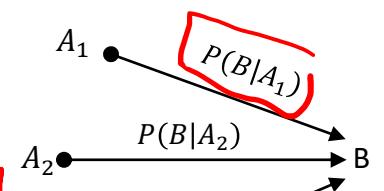
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Modeling be observed

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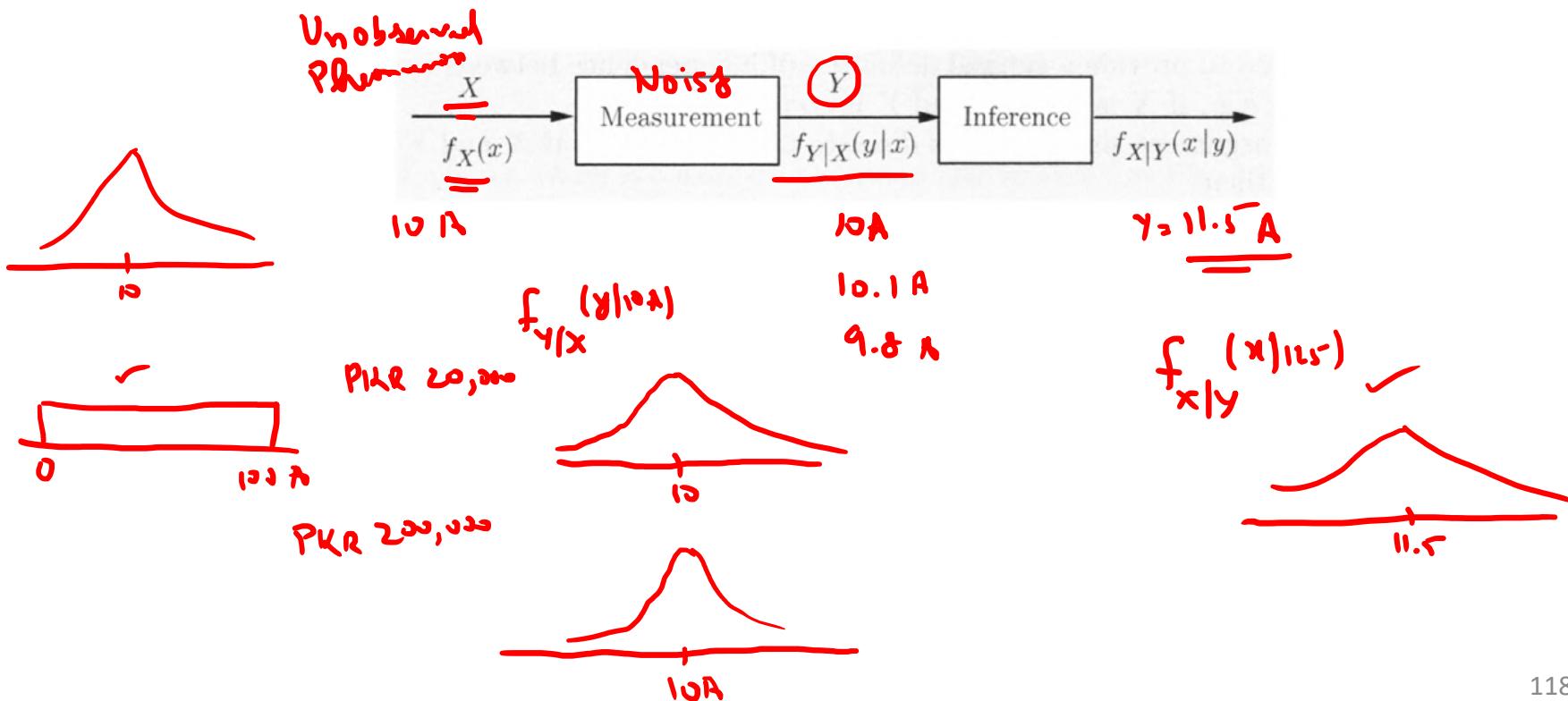


$$f_y(y), \quad f_{y|x}(y|10)$$

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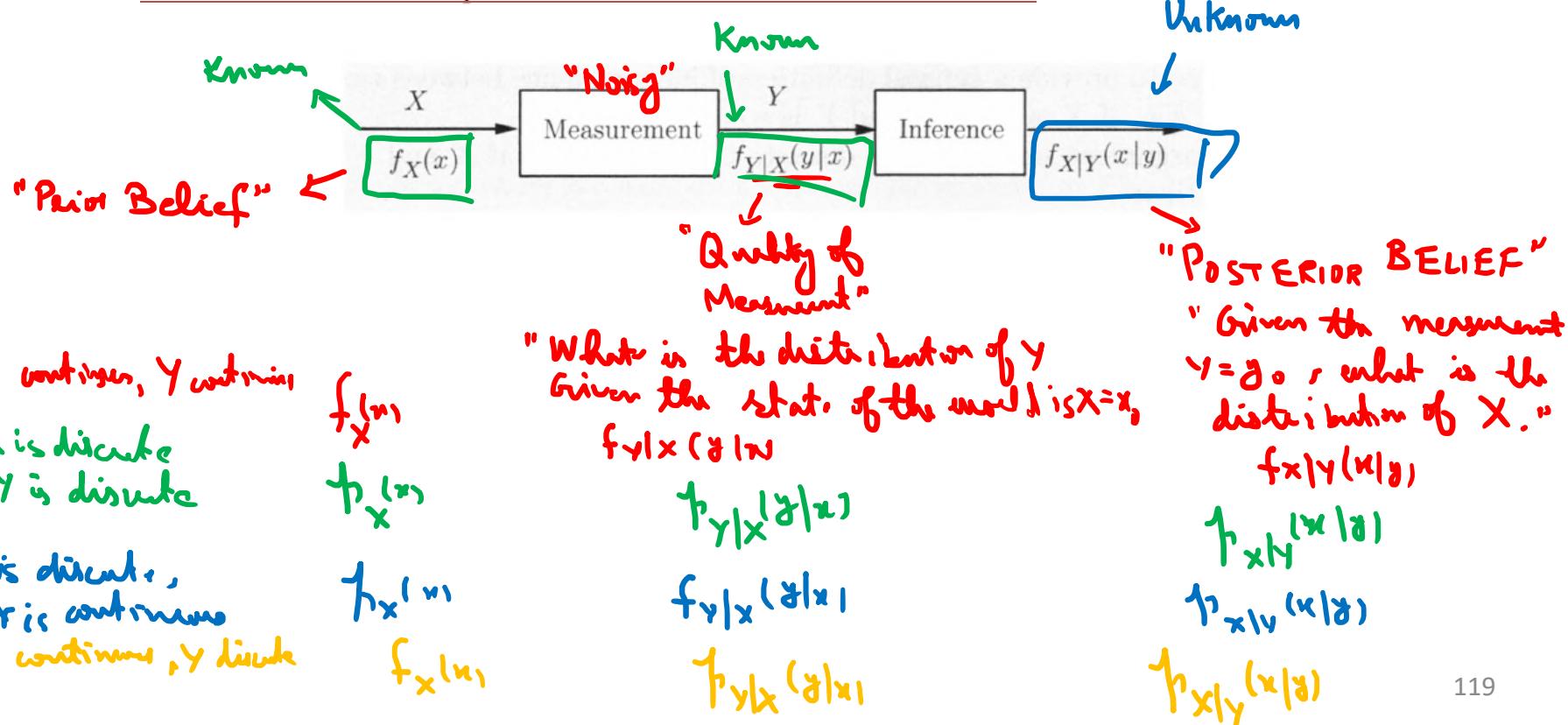
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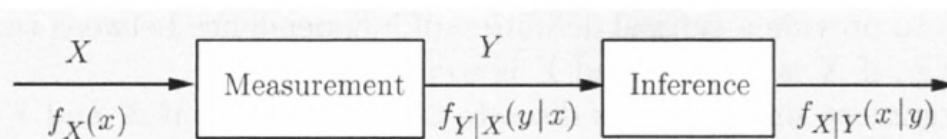


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Note that whatever information is provided by the event  $\{Y = y\}$  is captured by the conditional PDF  $f_{X|Y}(x | y)$ . It thus suffices to evaluate this PDF.

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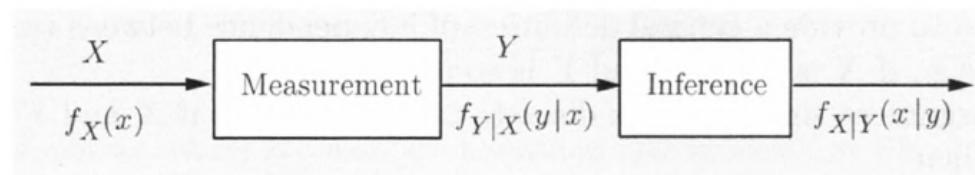
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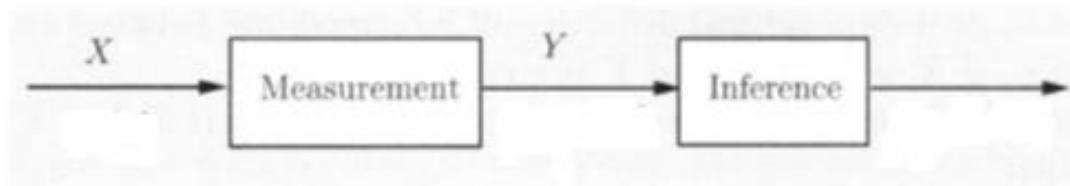
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- Variations

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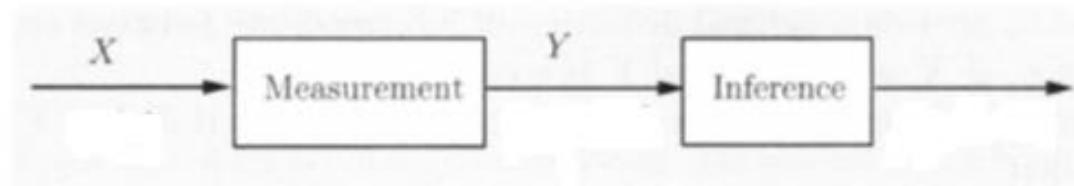
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**Example:**

- $X = 1, 0$ : airplane present/not present
- $Y = 1, 0$ : something did/did not register on radar



# Variations of The Bayes' Rule: Continuous X, Continuous Y

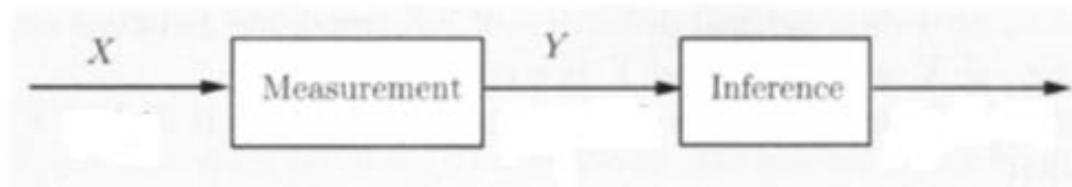


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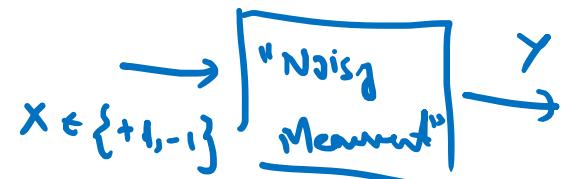
- Example:
  - X: Current through a resistor
  - Y: Analog measurement of the current through a resistor

# Variations of The Bayes' Rule: Discrete X, Continuous Y



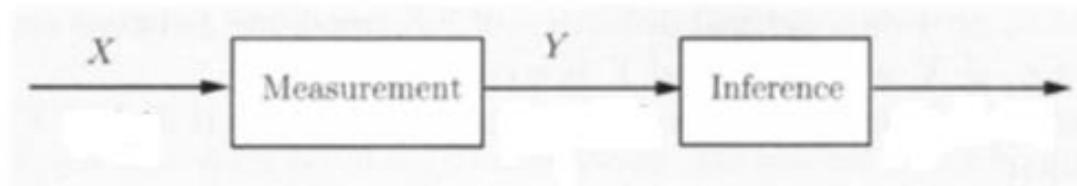
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- Example:
  - X: A binary signal (+1 or -1) S is transmitted.
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- Example:
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  - Y: The measured photon count

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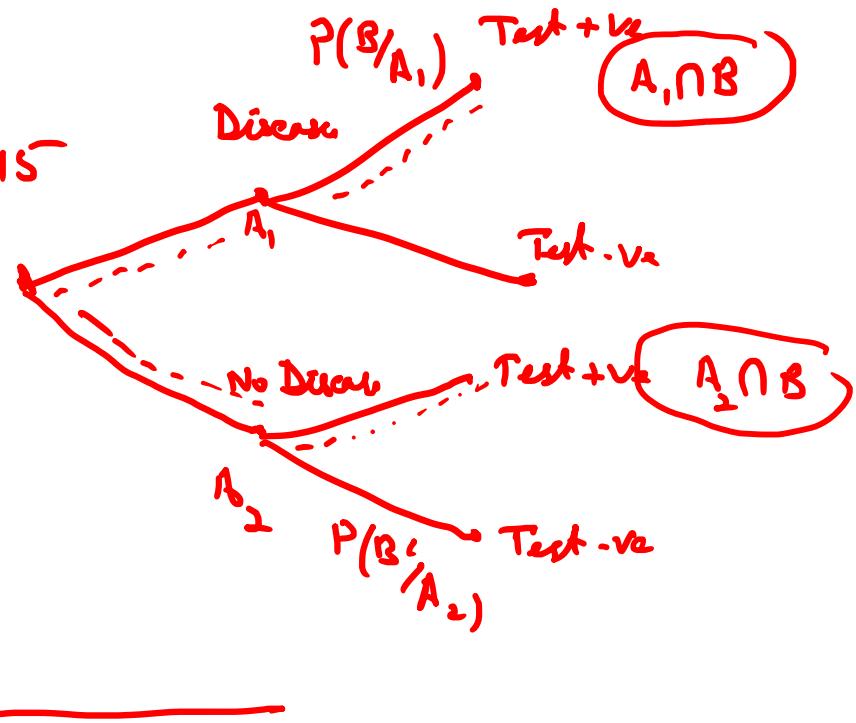
$$A_1 = \{ \text{Has Disease} \} \quad B = \{ \text{Test +ve} \}$$

$$A_2 = \{ \text{Has No Disease} \} \quad P(A_1) = 0.00015$$

$$P(B|A_1) = 0.95$$

$$P(A_1|B) = ?$$

$$P(A_1|B) = \frac{P(A_1)P(B|A_1)}{P(B)}$$



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# Bayes' Rule: Example (The new approach)

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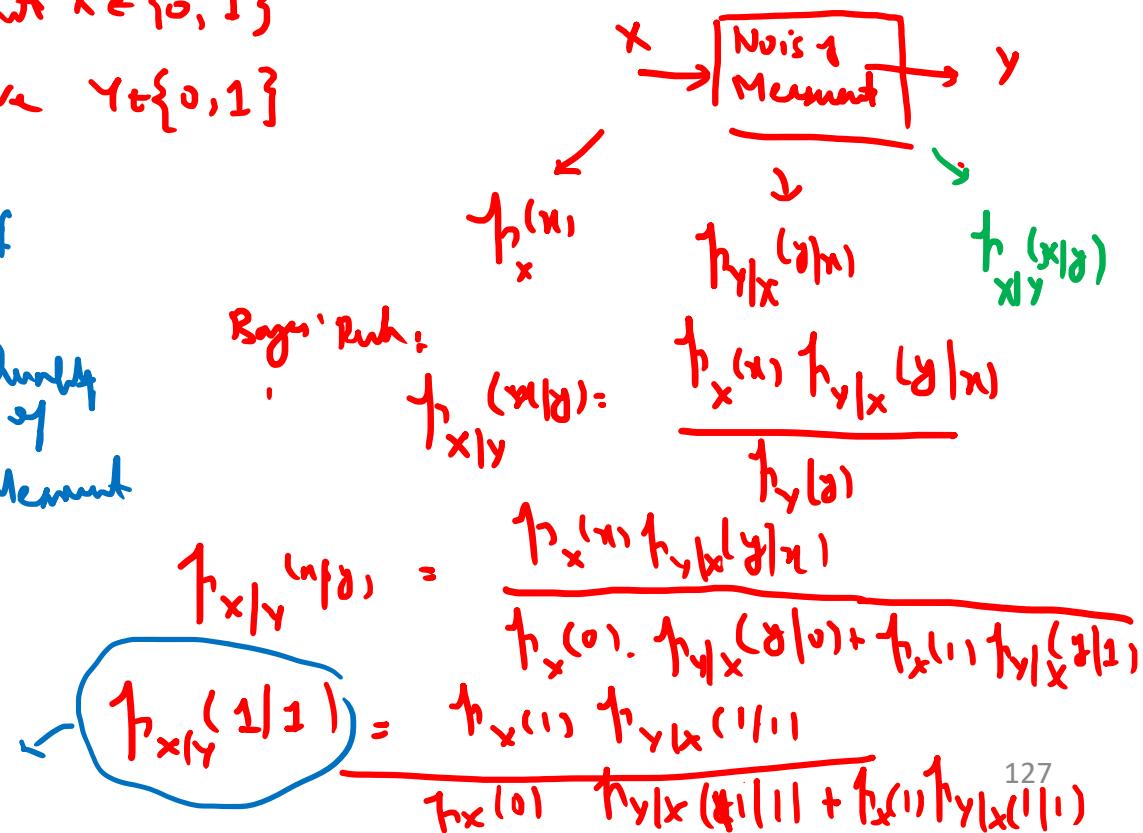
$x$ : Somebody has the disease or not  $x \in \{0, 1\}$

$y$ : Somebody test +ve or -ve  $y \in \{0, 1\}$

$$P_x(x) = \begin{cases} 0.99985 & x=0 \\ 0.00015 & x=1 \end{cases} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Prior} \\ \text{Belief} \end{array} \right.$$

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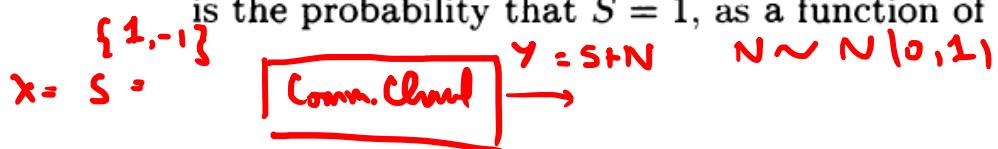
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Q: "What is the prob. that  $S=1$ , given the received signal is 0.55?"

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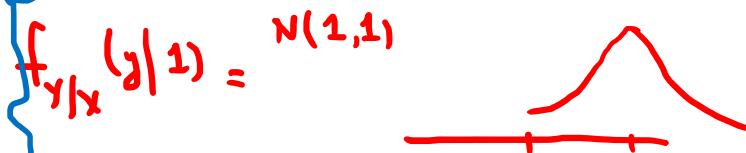
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$f_{y|x}(y|x) =$

a. of  
Measurement

$f_{y|x}(y|1) = f_{y|x}(y|+1)$

$f_{y|x}(y|-1) = f_{y|x}(y|-1)$



$f_{y|x}(y|-1) = N(-1, 1)$

$\rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(y-1)^2}{2}}$

$\rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(y+1)^2}{2}}$

$\boxed{x \rightarrow \boxed{\text{Measurement Process}} \rightarrow y}$

$p_x(x)$

$f_{y|x}(y|x)$

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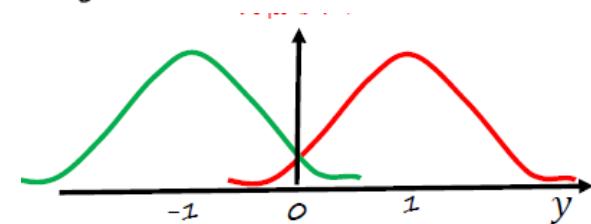
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Conditioned on  $S = s$ , the random variable  $Y$  has a normal distribution with mean  $s$  and unit variance.

$$\mathbf{P}(S = 1 | Y = y) = \frac{p s(1) f_{Y|S}(y | 1)}{f_Y(y)} = \frac{\frac{p}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-(y-1)^2/2}}{\frac{p}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-(y-1)^2/2} + \frac{1-p}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-(y+1)^2/2}},$$

which simplifies to

$$\mathbf{P}(S = 1 | Y = y) = \frac{pe^y}{pe^y + (1-p)e^{-y}}.$$

Note that the probability  $\mathbf{P}(S = 1 | Y = y)$  goes to zero as  $y$  decreases to  $-\infty$ , goes to 1 as  $y$  increases to  $\infty$ , and is monotonically increasing in between, which is consistent with intuition.

# Statistics: Descriptive vs Inferential

- **Statistics**
  - Area of applied math that deals with collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
- **Descriptive Statistics**
  - Focuses on describing the visible characteristics of a dataset
  - Examples of characteristics: Distribution, central tendency, variability
- **Inferential Statistics (Statistical Inference)**
  - Focuses on extracting information about the unknown parameters of a model from available data
  - Focuses on making predictions or generalizations from a dataset

# Probability and Statistical Inference: Summary

$\hat{p}$  "Num of people that  
are outside ATM"

Real World

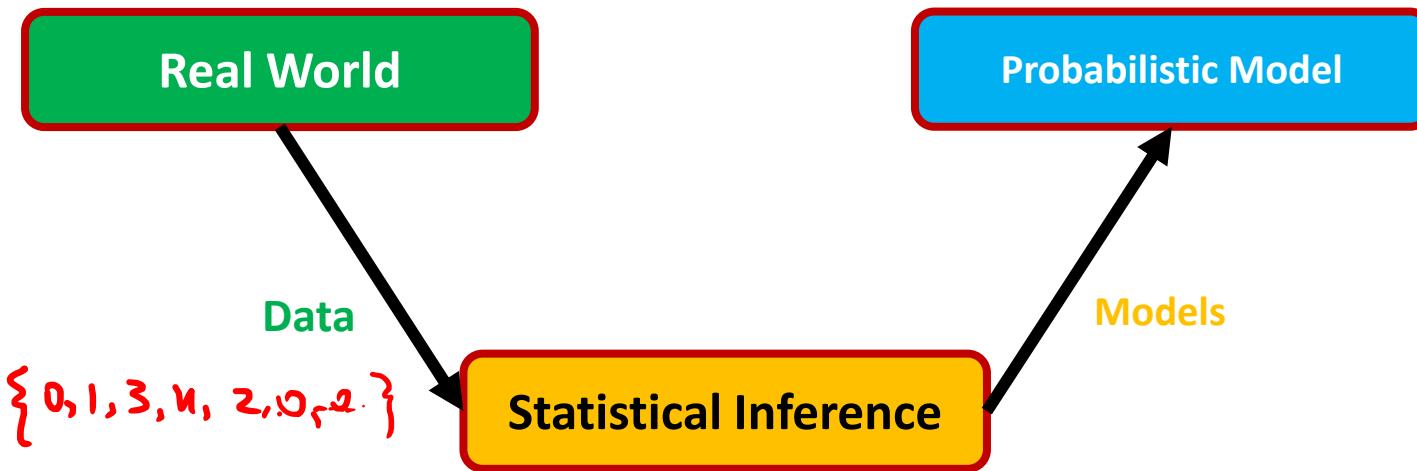
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Probabilistic Model

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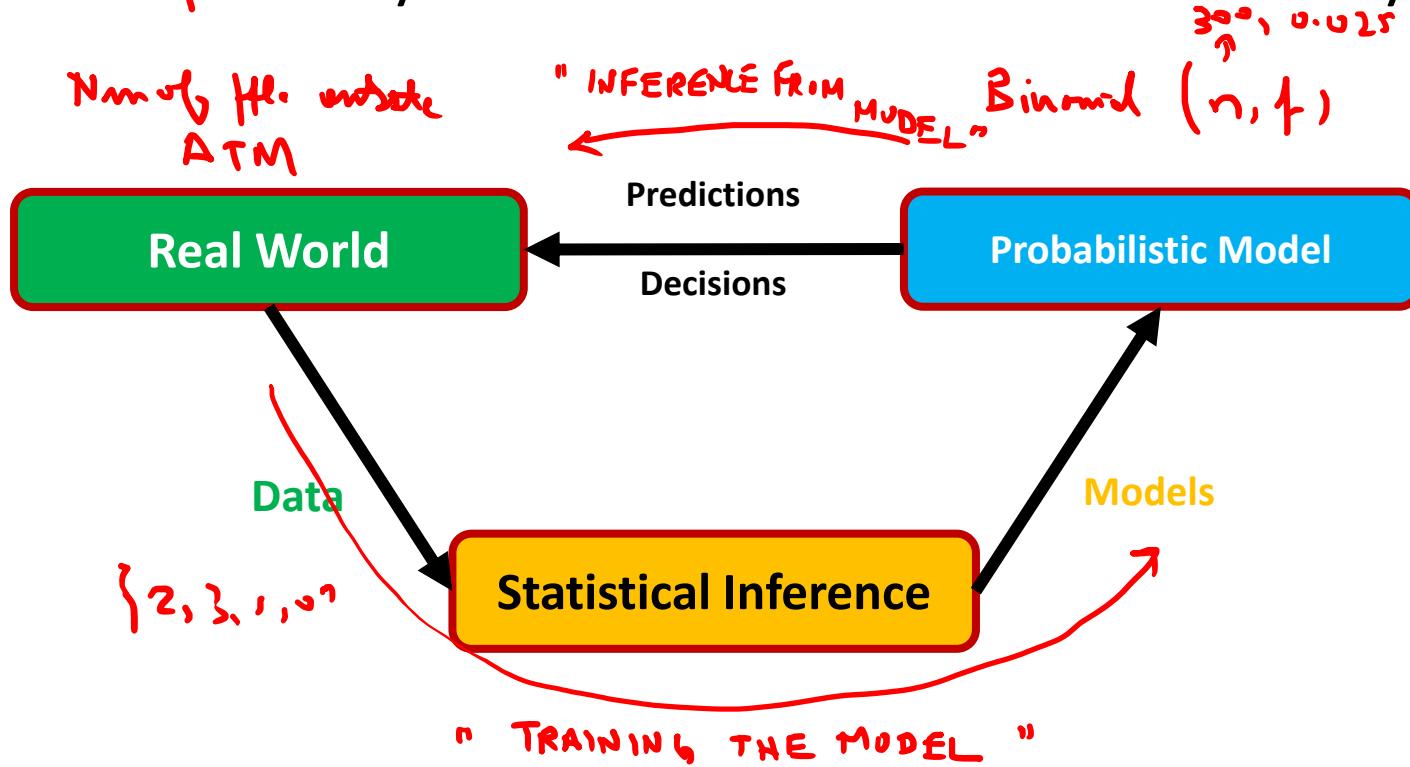
\* "Num of hot orders  
ATM"

$X: \text{Binomial}(n, p)$





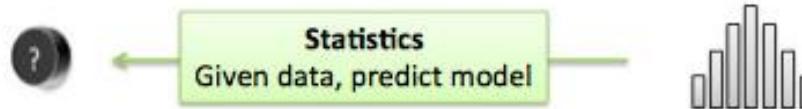
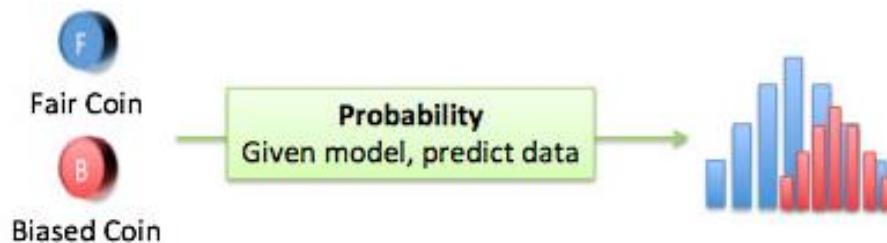
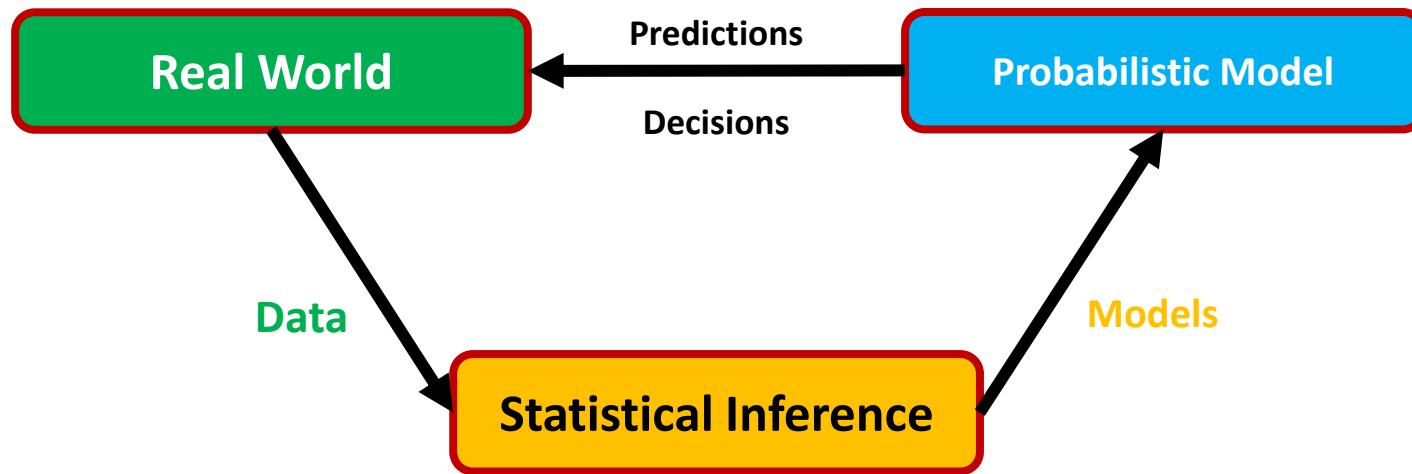
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PROBABILITIY → Adv Stochastic Process → RL

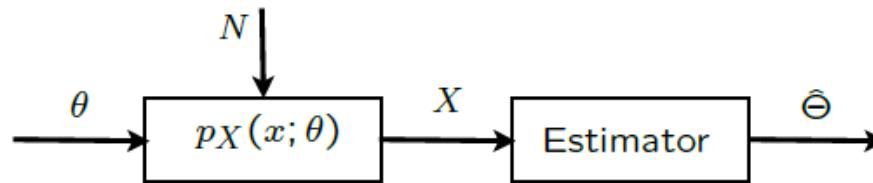
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# Statistical Inference: Two Approaches

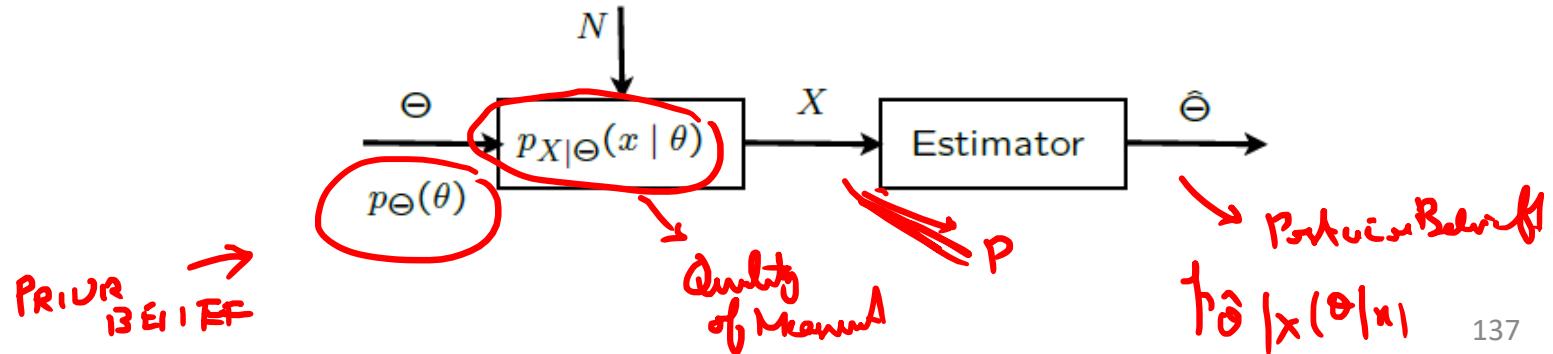
Dat.  $\rightarrow X \sim \text{Binomial}(N, \underline{\theta})$

- Classical

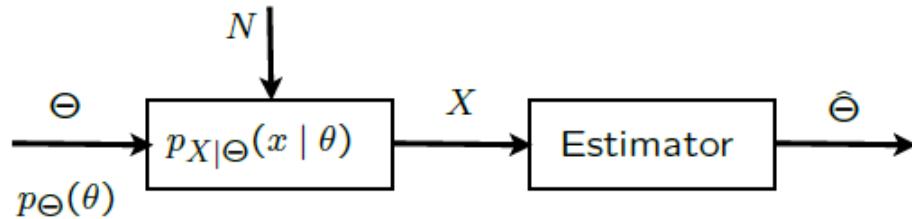


$\theta$ : unknown parameter (not a r.v.)

- Bayesian:

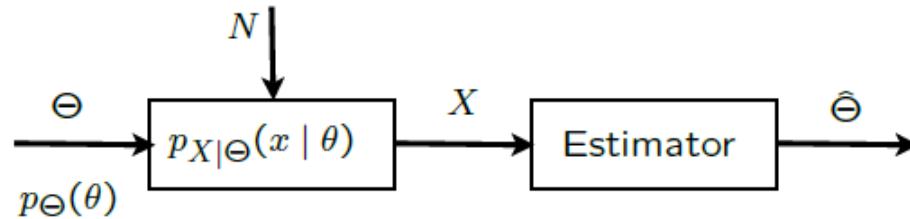


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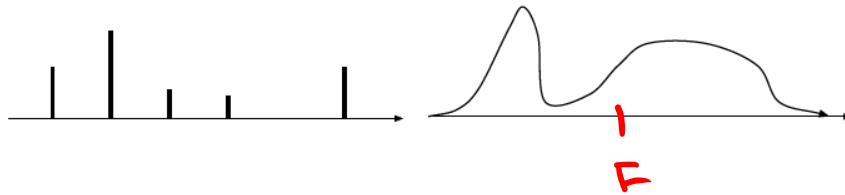
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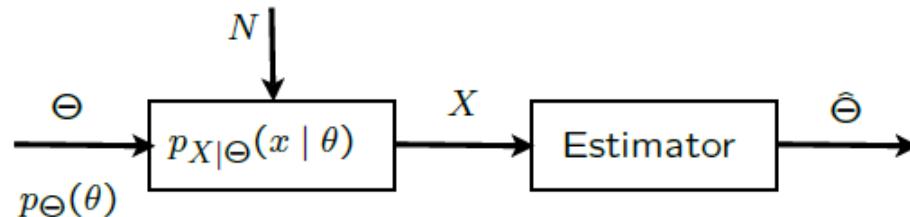
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$$f_{\theta|x}(\theta|x)$$

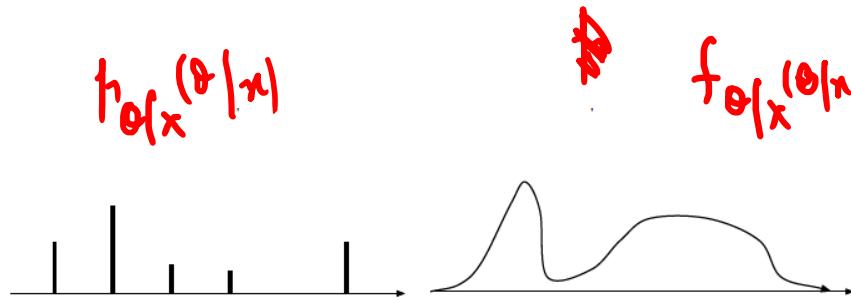


- What if we are interested in a single answer::

# Bayesian Statistical Inference: Estimation vs Hypothesis Testing



- What is the output?



"HYPOTHESIS TESTING"

"ESTIMATION"