

Distributions: Gamma



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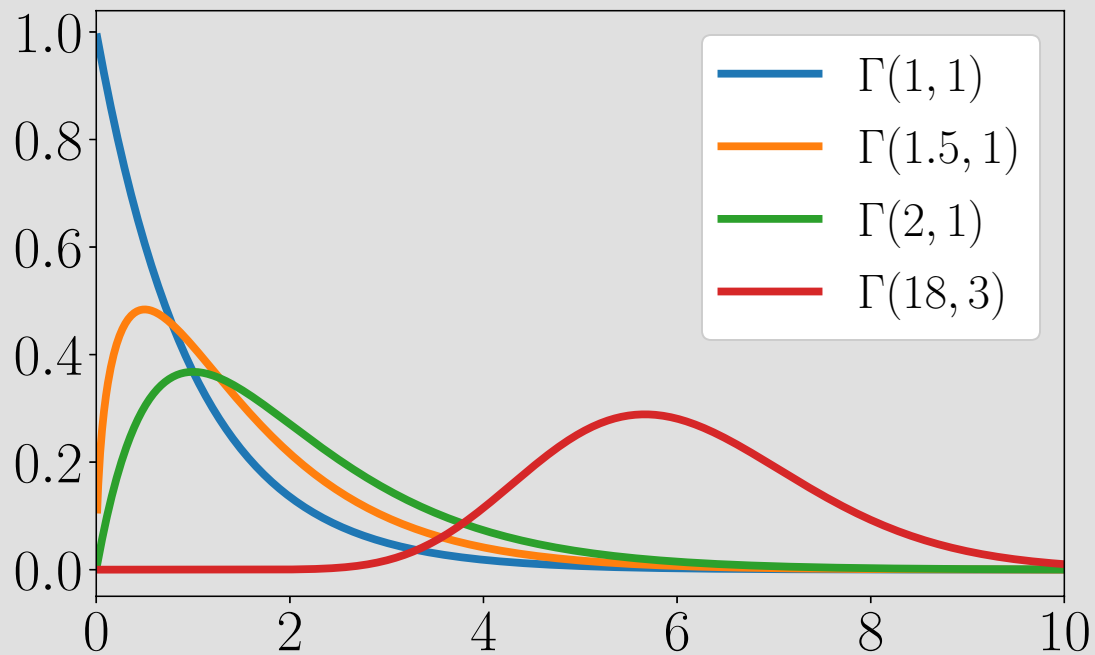


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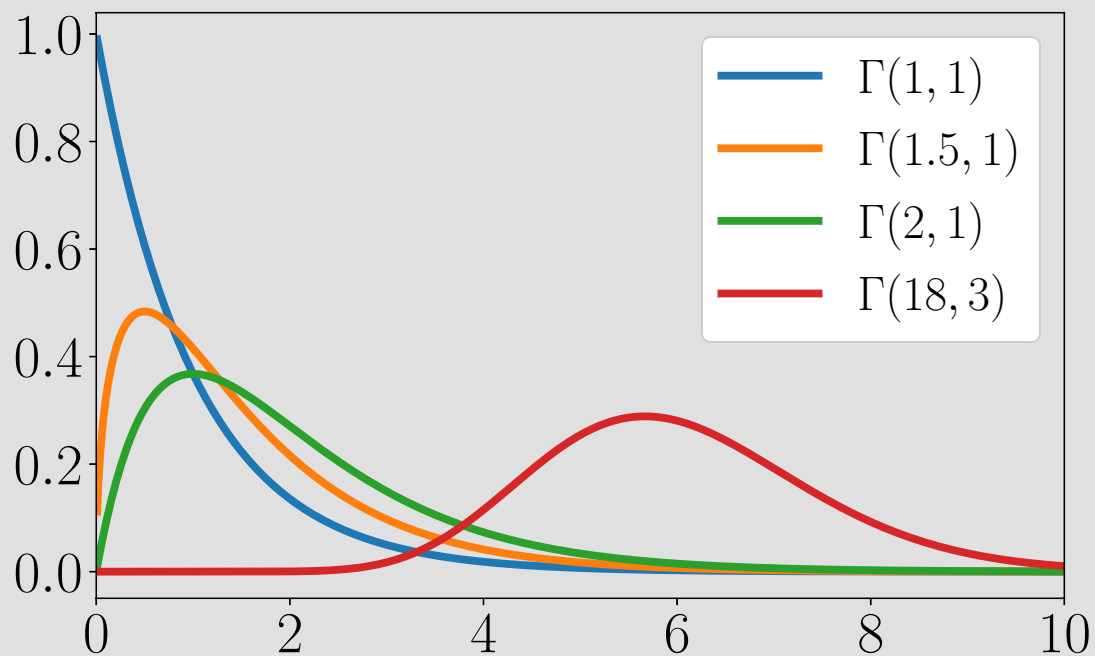


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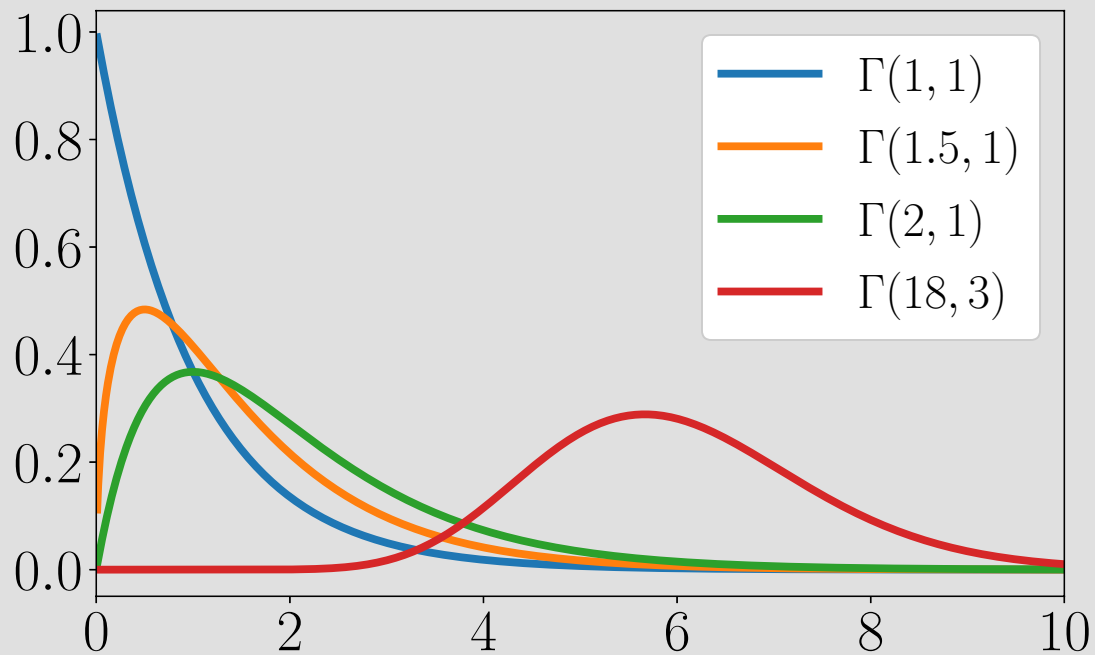
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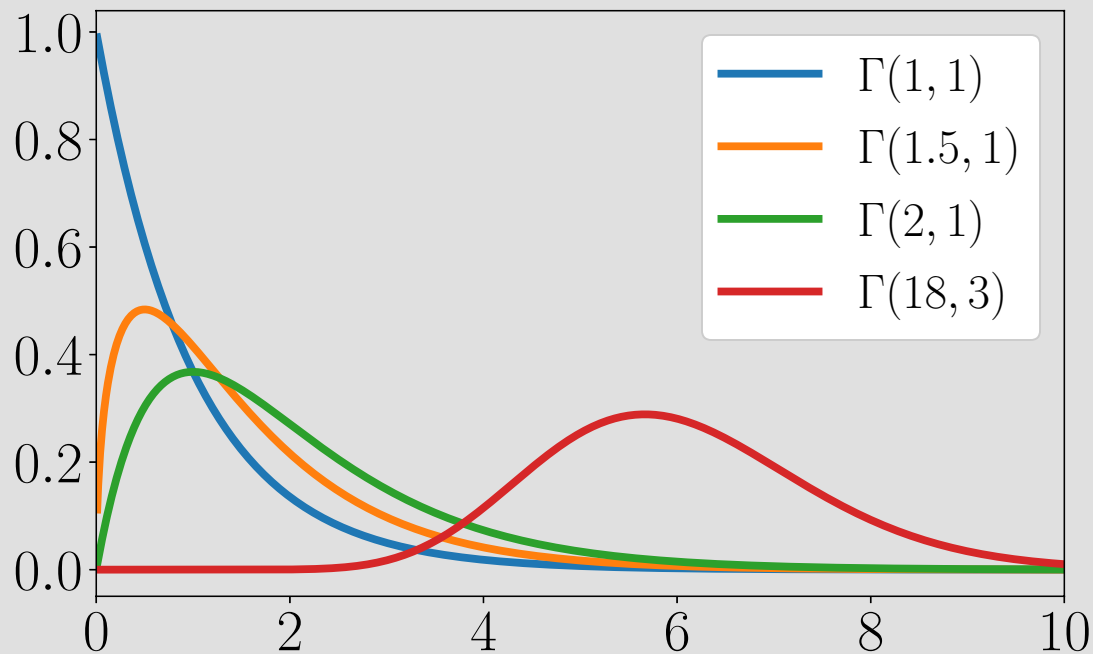


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$$\mathbb{E}[\gamma] = a/b$$

$$\text{Mode}[\gamma] = \frac{a-1}{b}$$

$$\text{Var}[\gamma] = a/b^2$$



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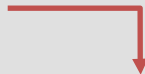

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So is a random variable

We could model it with a normal



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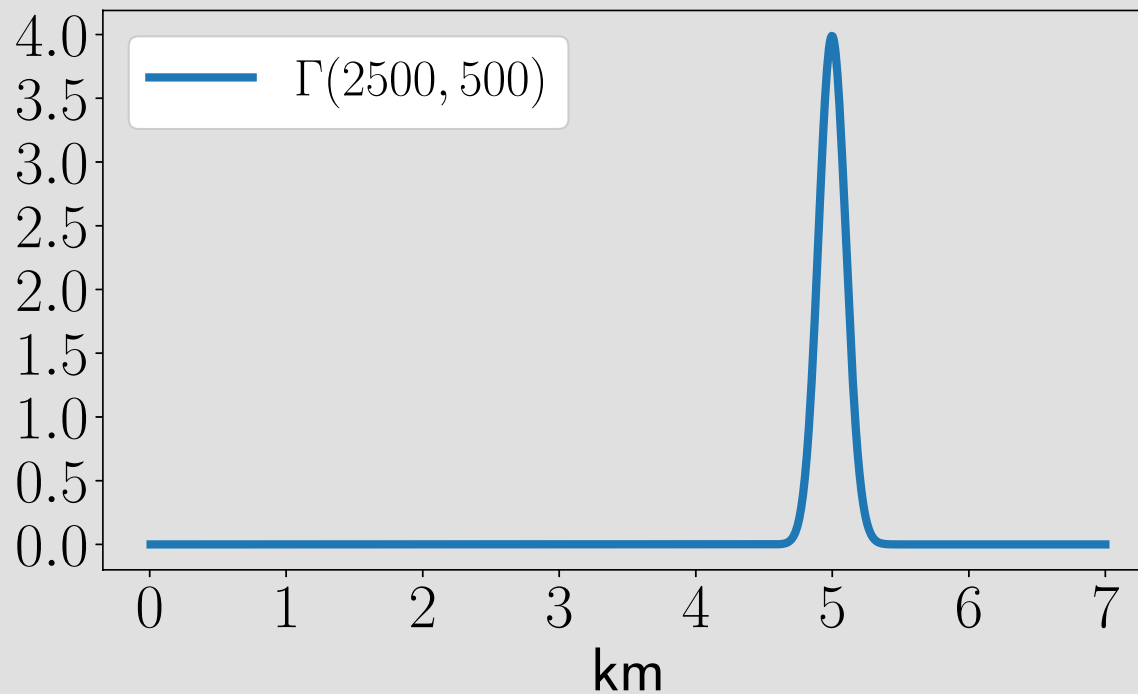
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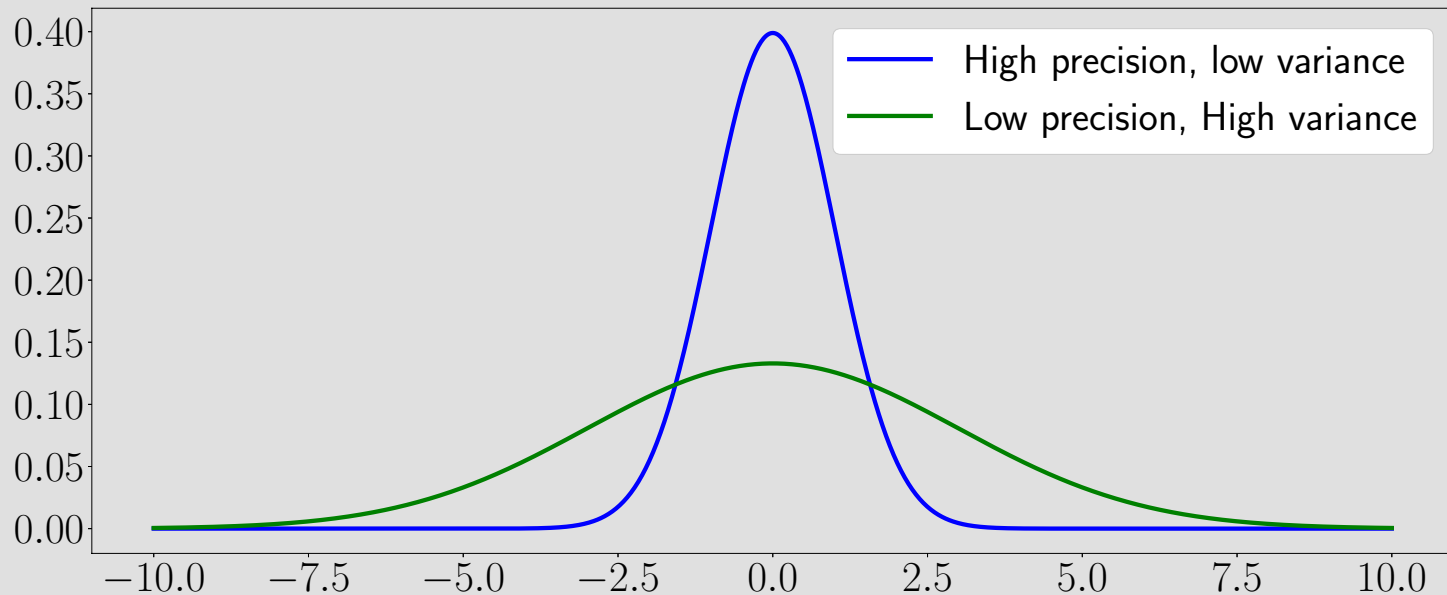


Example: Normal, precision



Precision

Precision $\rightarrow \gamma = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \leftarrow$ Variance



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