

Lecture 02a:

Bayesian Methods



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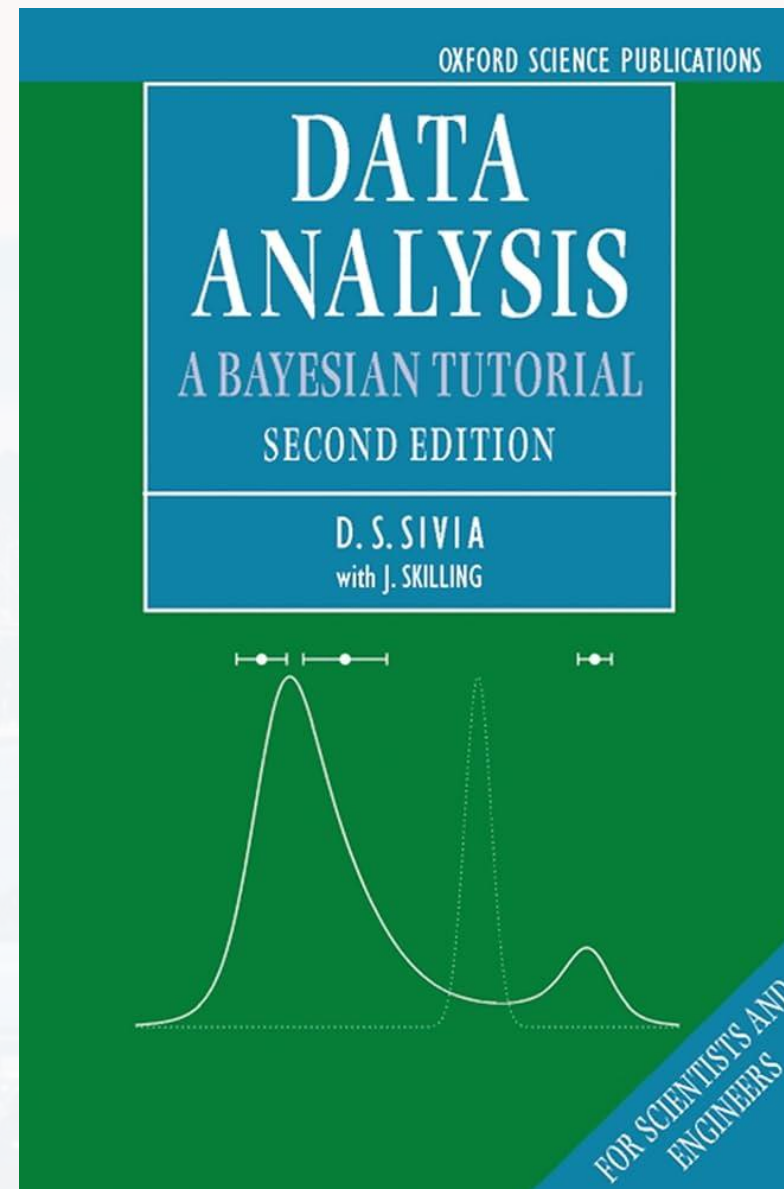
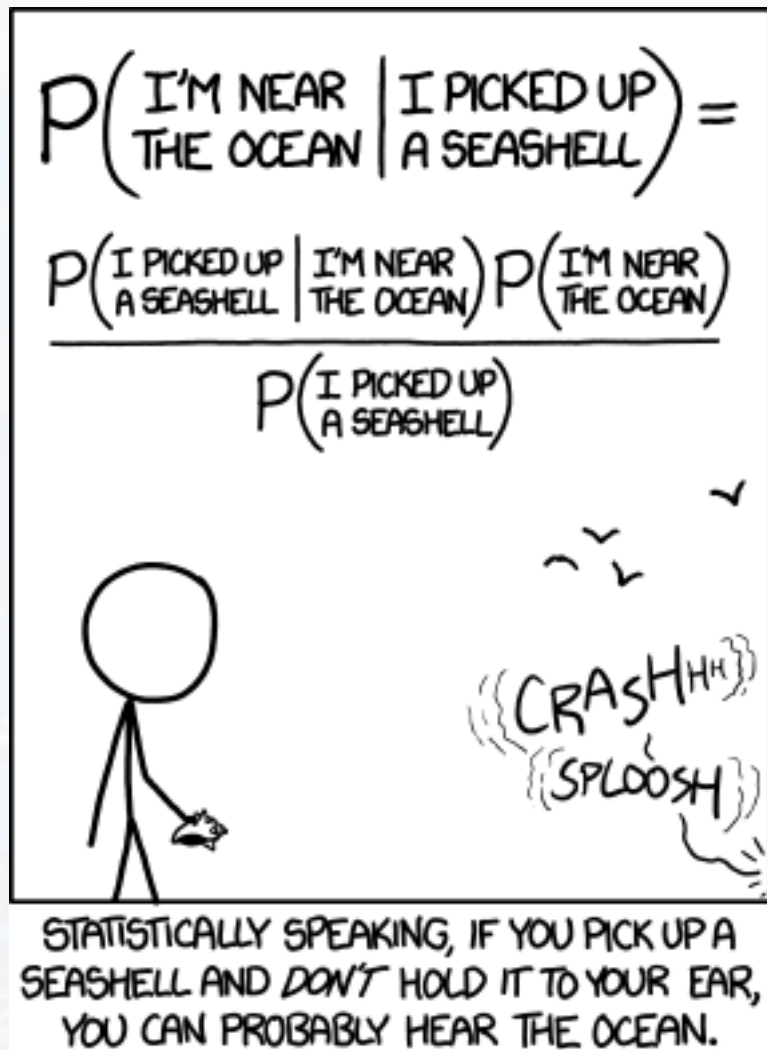


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Why Bayesian Statistics?

frequentist: assuming sample is infinite (even tough there are corrections for small n)

vs:

Bayesian:

- taking the **exact amount** of information into account that's available
- model **"learns"** by adding more data (BPE)
- is based on **information theory & links to quantum mechanics**

→ **maximum entropy, given constraints** (prior knowledge)

→ variational calculus

- o EM algorithm (GMM, HMM etc)

- o **V**ariational **A**uto **E**ncoder

→ non-parametric (e. g. in contrast to MLE)

....and more



$P(A \cap B)$ probability **P** that the events **A** and **B** occur

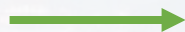
so far: A and B were independent $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B) = P(B)P(A)$

now: **conditional probabilities** | “given” or “under the condition”



Thomas Bayes
(1701 - 1761)

$$\begin{aligned} P(A \cap B) &= P(A|B)P(B) \\ &= P(B|A)P(A) \end{aligned}$$



$$P(A|B)P(B) = P(B|A)P(A)$$

Bayes Theorem

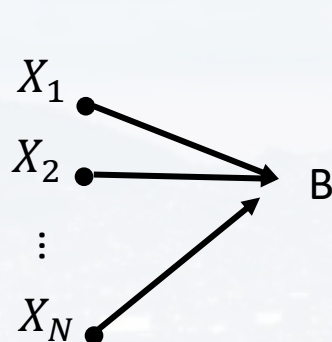
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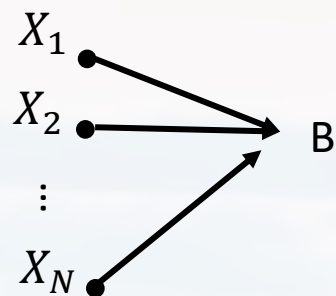
marginalization



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Probability $P(B)$ that I am going to be too late for a meeting:

$$\begin{aligned} P(B) = & P(B|I \text{ forgot that I have a meeting}) P(I \text{ forgot that I have a meeting}) + \\ & P(B|I \text{ got sick}) P(I \text{ got sick}) + \\ & P(B|BART \text{ was too late}) P(BART \text{ was too late}) + \dots \end{aligned}$$



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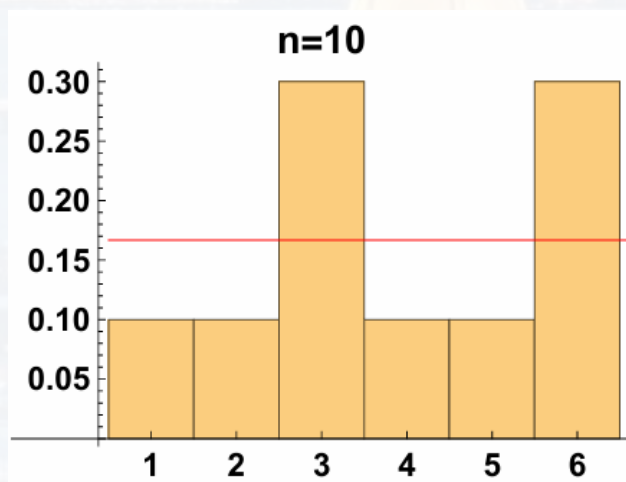
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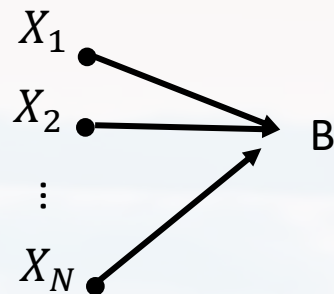
data: D

for a normal distribution $M = \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma)$

$$P(D|\mathcal{N}) = \int P(D|\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma)) P(\mu, \sigma|\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma)) d\Omega_{\mu, \sigma}$$



$\sigma = 2, \mu = 3.5$
 $\sigma = 2, \mu = 5.0$
 $\sigma = 1.5, \mu = 3.5$
 $\sigma = 7.0, \mu = 1.0$ and so on



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example:

model: M
data: D

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for a Poisson distribution $p(\lambda)$

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Naïve Bayes:

- all model parameters are **mutually independent**
- i. e.: no **correlation** between model parameters

→ \vec{x} : vector with all model parameters (or features)

$$P(M|\vec{x})P(\vec{x}) = P(M) \prod_{i=1}^I P(x_i|M)$$

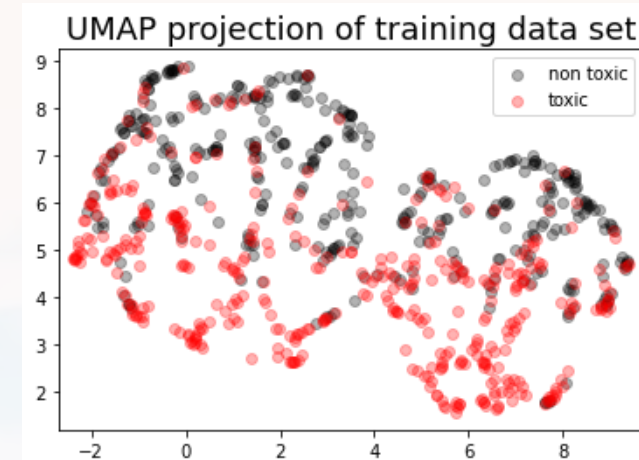
again, for a normal distribution:

$$P(\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma)|\mu, \sigma)P(\mu, \sigma) = P(\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma)) \cdot P(\sigma | \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma)) \cdot P(\mu | \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma))$$



$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)} \quad \text{Bayes Theorem}$$

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$$\sum_{k=1}^K P(C_k|\vec{x}) = 1$$

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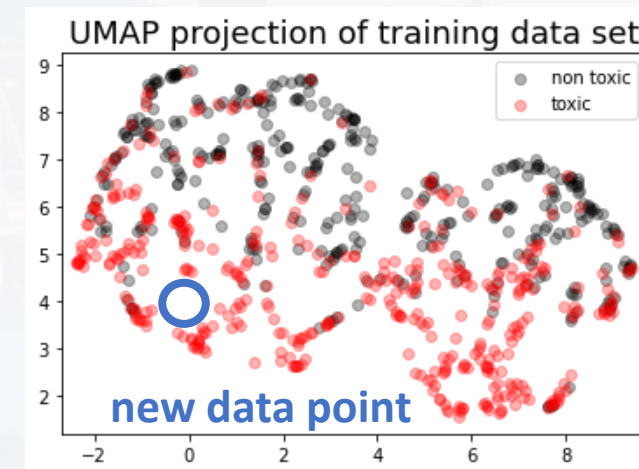
finding the k , that maximizes $P(C_k|\vec{x})$

$$k_{new} = \underset{k}{\operatorname{argmax}} \left\{ P(C_k) \prod_{i=1}^I P(x_i|C_k) \right\}$$

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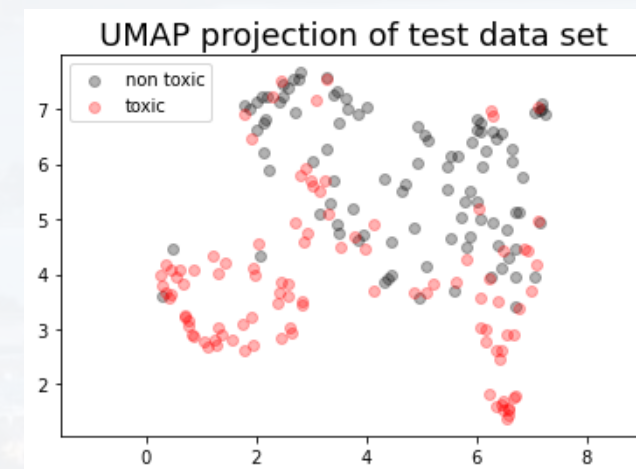
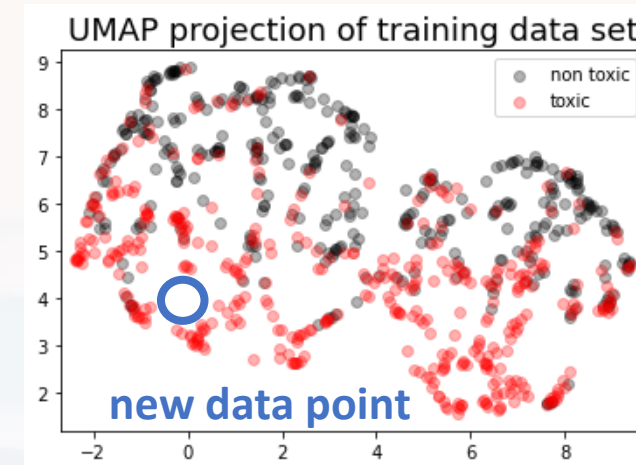
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Python: `from sklearn.naive_bayes import *`

```
gnb = GaussianNB()  
k_pred = gnb.fit(TrainX, TrainY).predict(TestX)
```

```
mnb = MultinomialNB()  
k_pred = mnb.fit(TrainX, TrainY).predict(TestX)
```





Python: `from sklearn.naive_bayes import *`
`from sklearn.preprocessing import MinMaxScaler`

make sure to scale & normalize the data set **first!**

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```
scaler = MinMaxScaler(feature_range = (0, 1))
```

```
All = pd.concat((Train, Test), axis = 0)  
(rows, _) = Train.shape
```

mean = 0 and
std = 1

```
AllS = scaler.fit_transform(All)
```

scaling all data the same way!

```
TrainX = pd.DataFrame(AllS[:rows,:], columns = Train.columns)  
TestX = pd.DataFrame(AllS[rows:,:], columns = Train.columns)
```

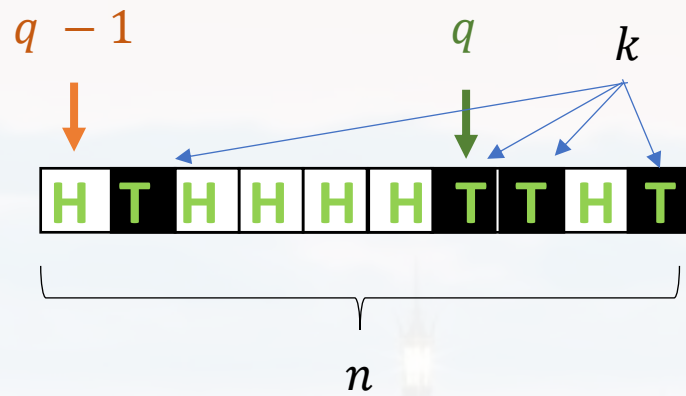


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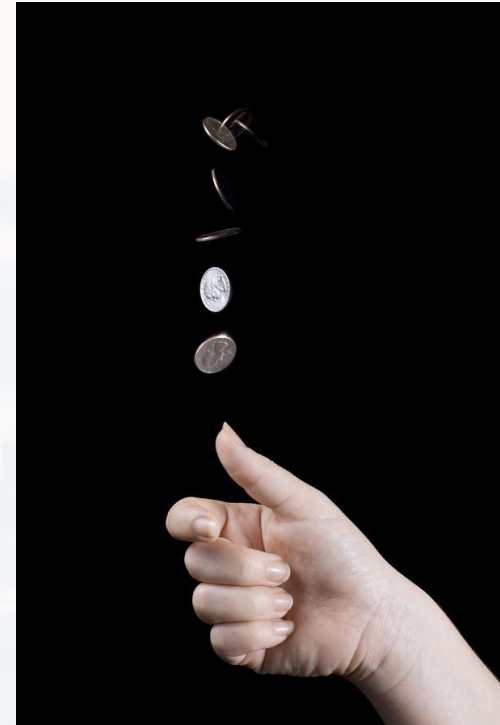
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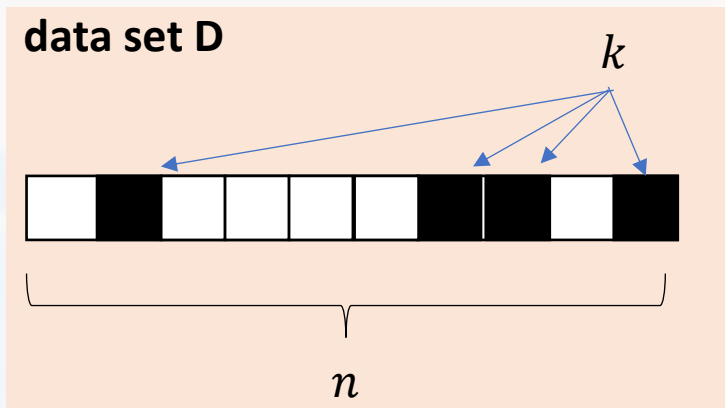


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fair coin? $q = 0.5$???

mutation $q = ??$



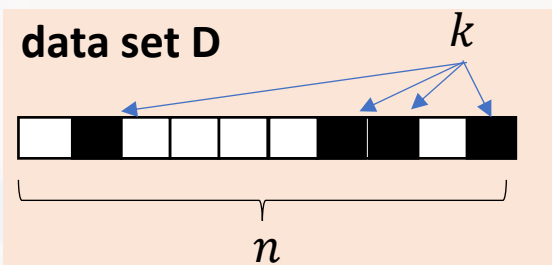


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goal:

- $P(q|D)$

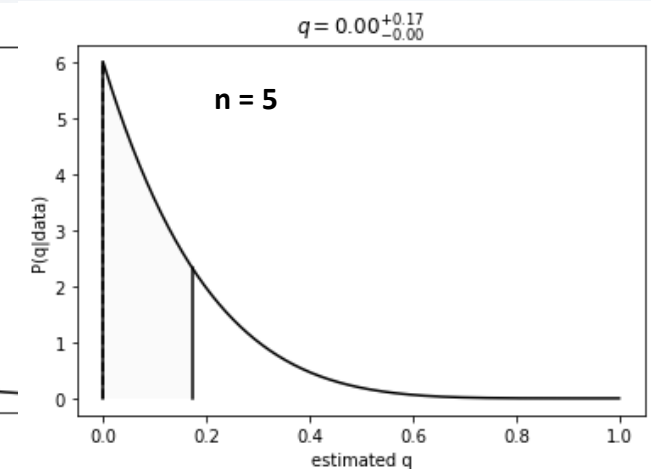
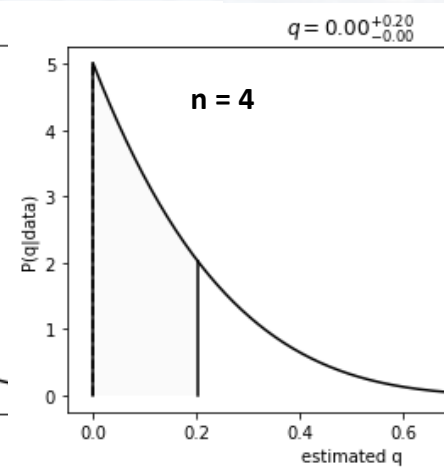
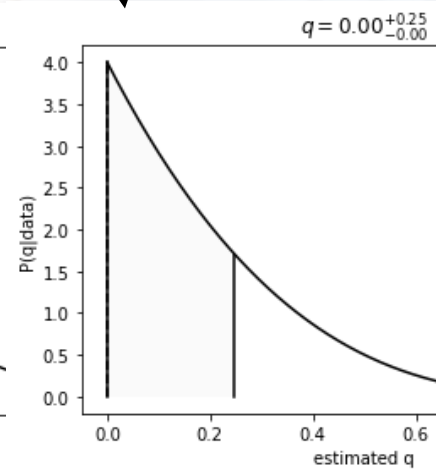
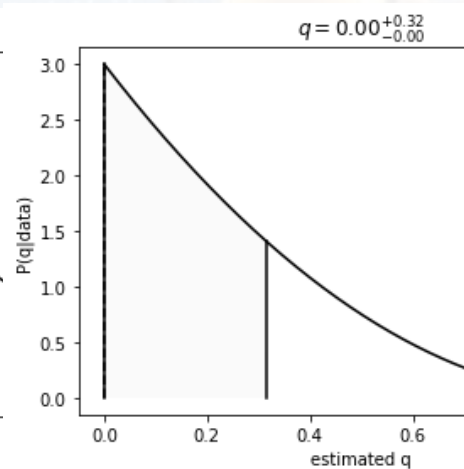
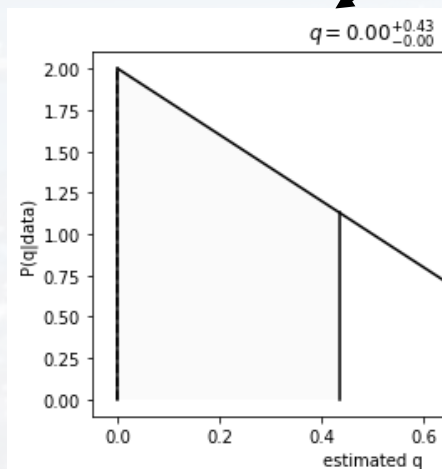
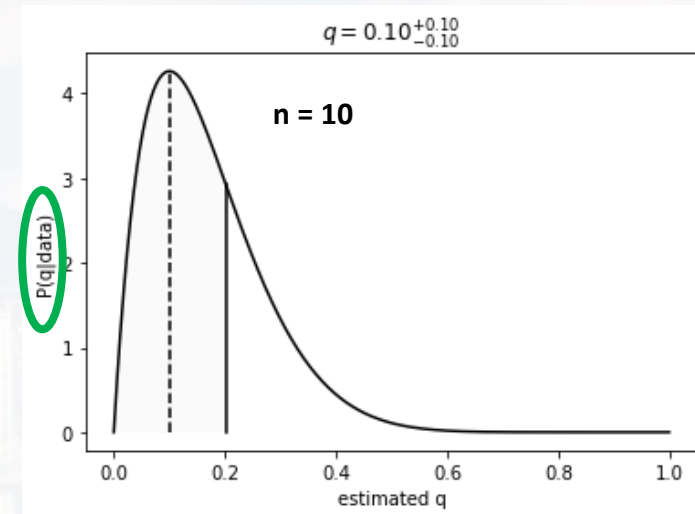
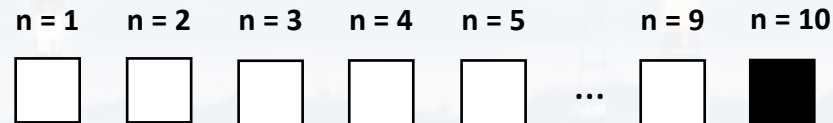
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→ learning

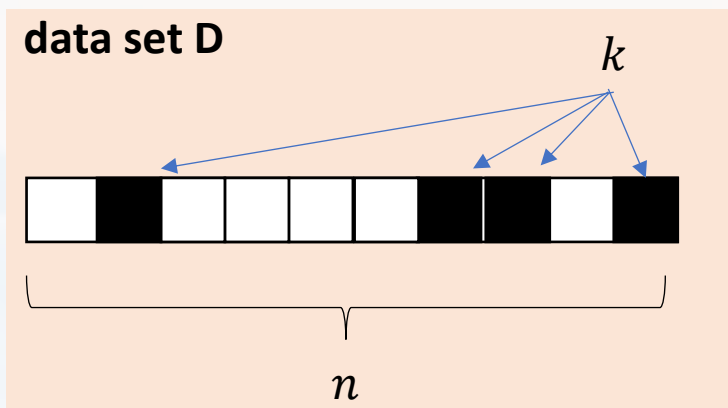


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Bayes' theorem:

likelihood function (here: binomial)

$$P(q|\text{data set}) = \frac{P(\text{data set}|q)P(q)}{P(\text{data set})}$$

prior

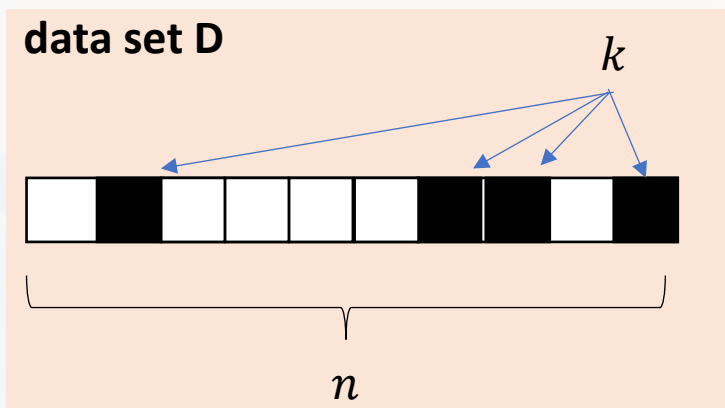
evidence (const wrt q)

$$= \frac{\binom{n}{k} q^k (1-q)^{n-k}}{P(D)} P(q)$$

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$P(D)$ and $\binom{n}{k}$ are no functions of q





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max. entropy: $P(q) = \text{const}$
if no prior information about q

$$P(q|data\ set) = \frac{q^k (1 - q)^{n-k}}{\int_0^1 q^k (1 - q)^{n-k} dq}$$



check out `bayesian_bino.py`

```
n1 = 4
```

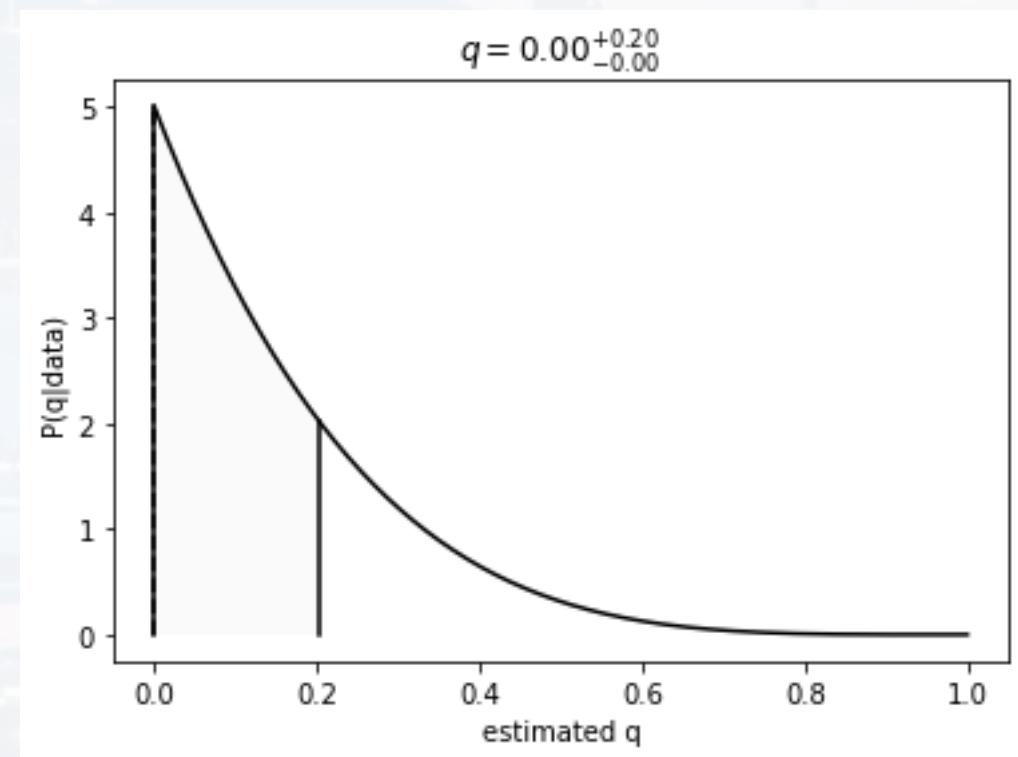
```
k1 = np.random.binomial(n1, 0.25)
```

creating artificial data set

note: in reality q is unknown!

```
[q1, b, _] = bayesian_bino(n1, k1)
```

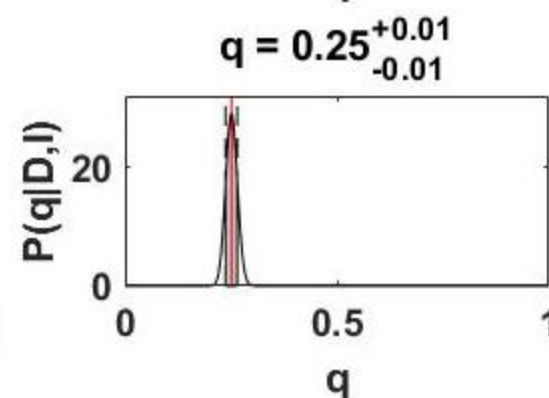
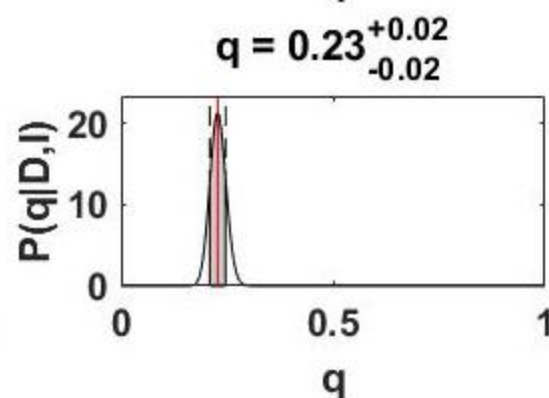
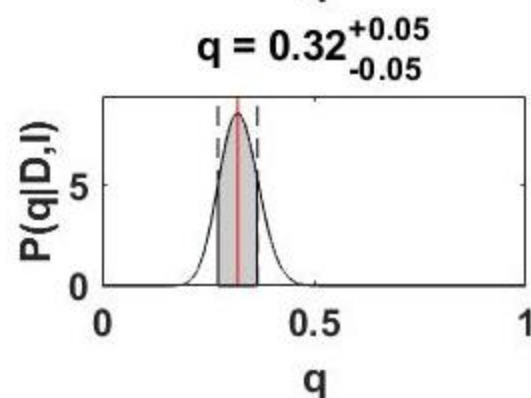
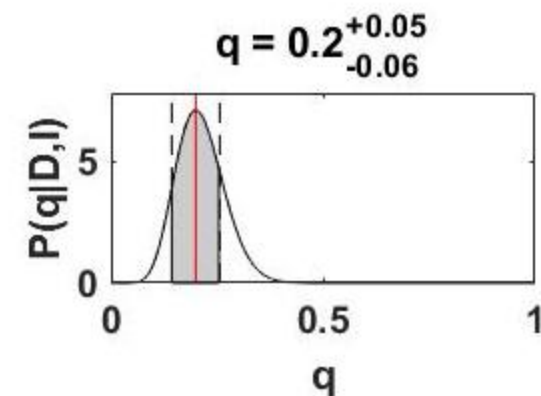
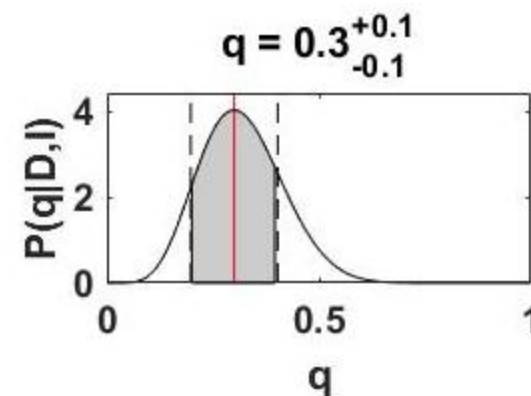
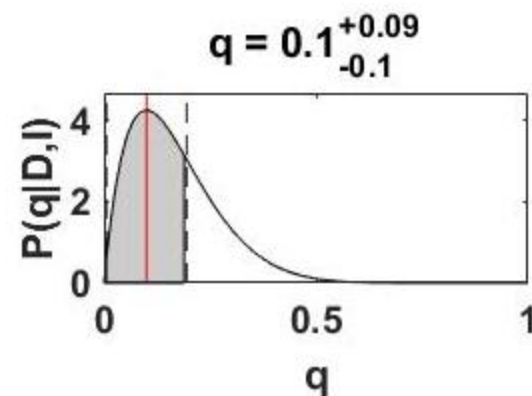
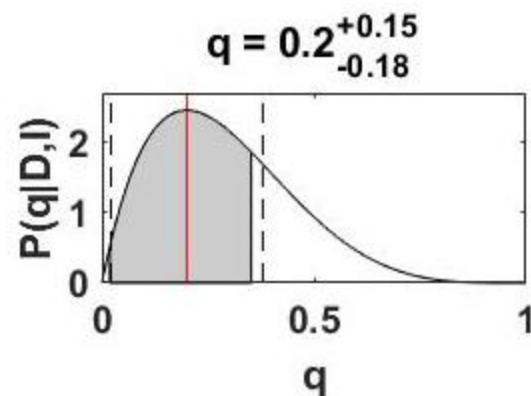
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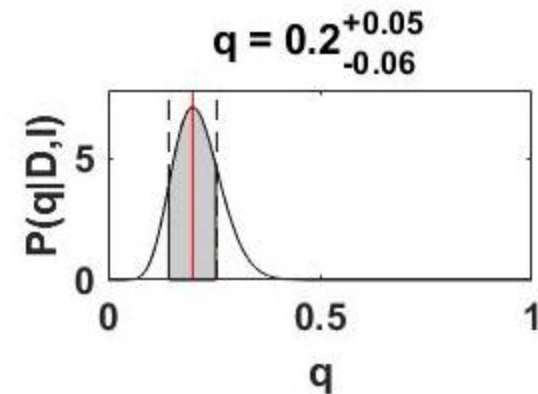
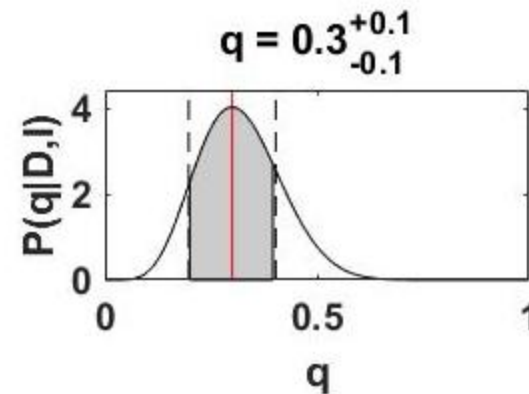
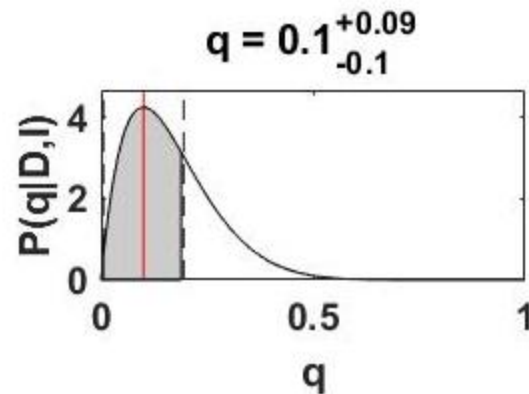
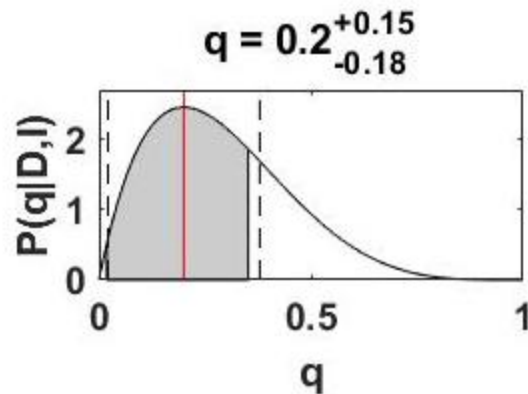


n	estimated q
5	$0.2^{+0.15}_{-0.18}$
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50	$0.2^{+0.05}_{-0.06}$
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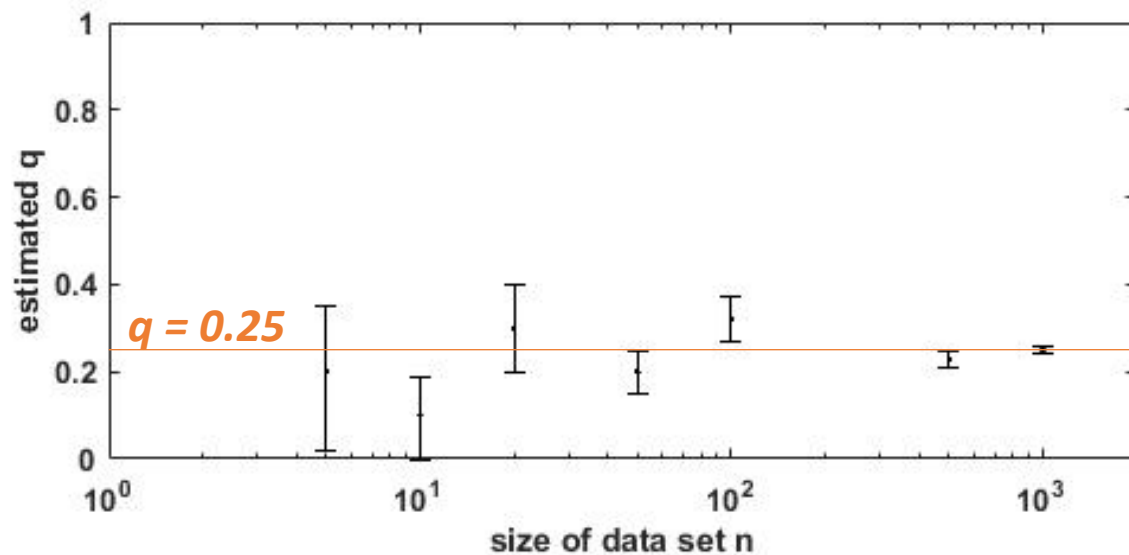
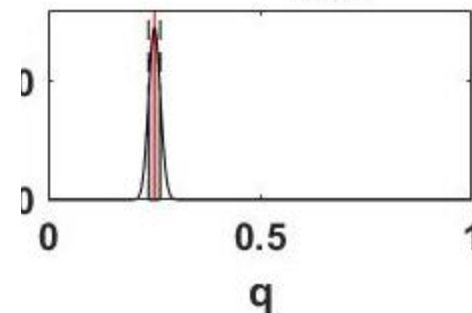
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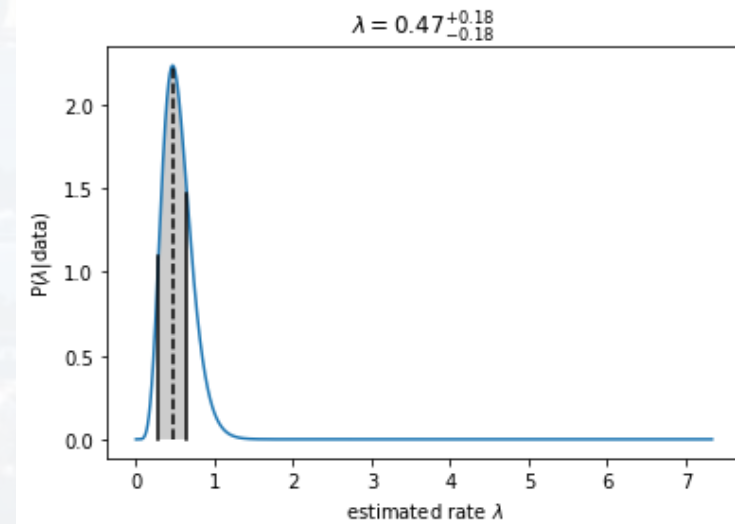
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Sat:	2		
Sun:	5		

```
data = np.random.poisson(lam = 0.4, 15)
poissfit(data)
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$$P(k|\lambda) = \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda}$$





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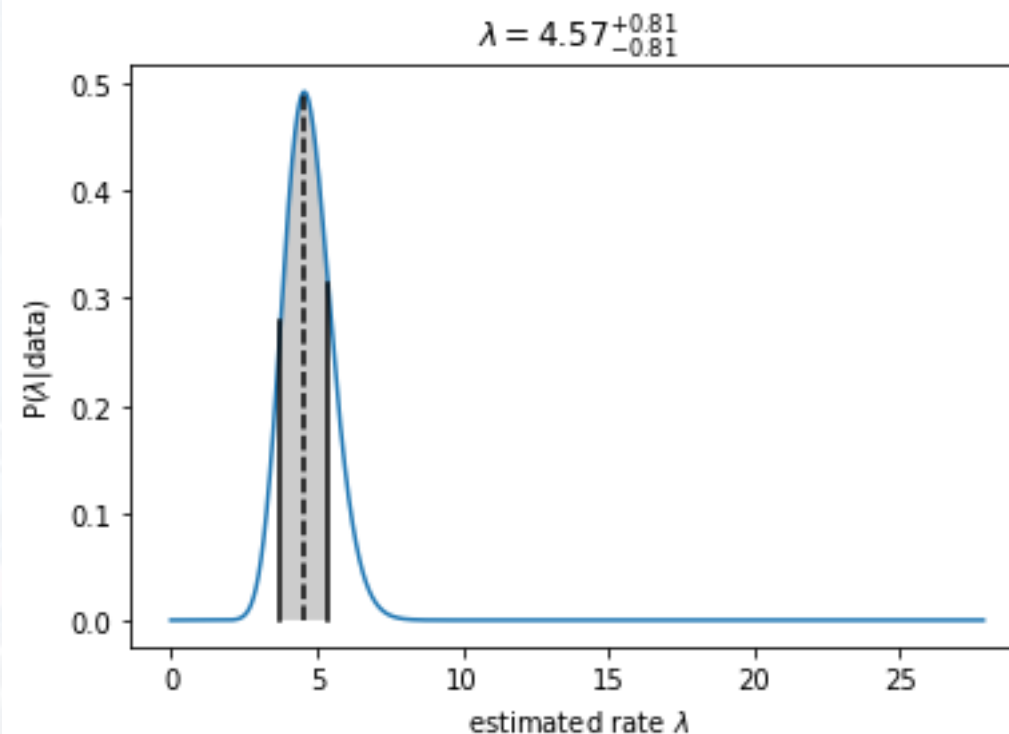
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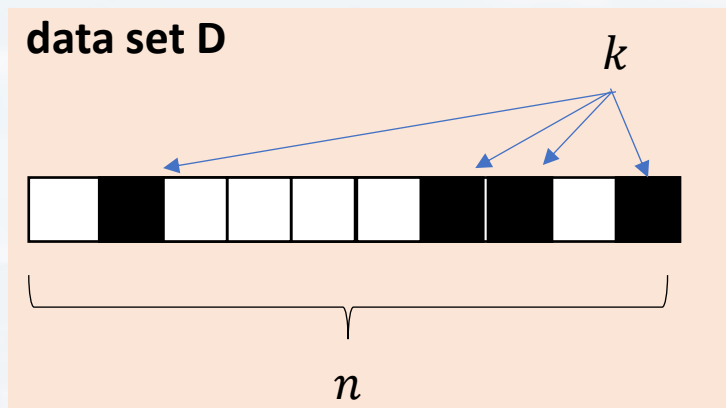
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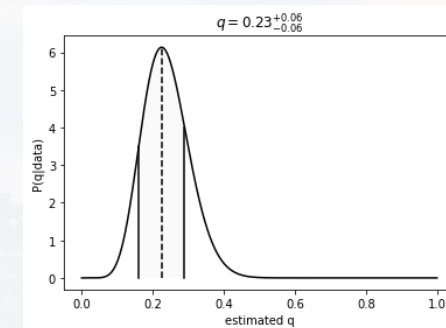


What if there is new data?



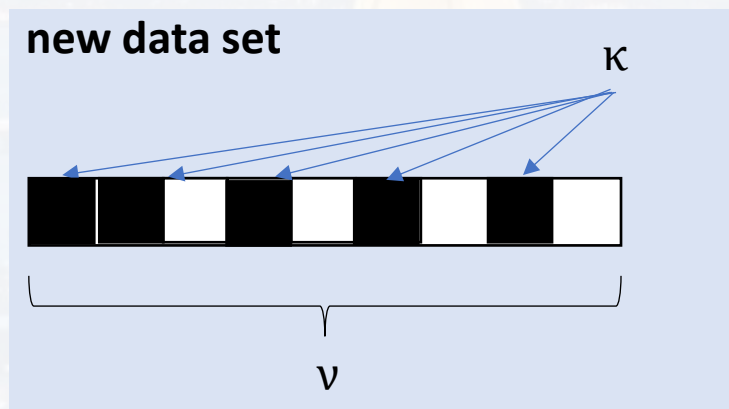
~~$q = ?$~~

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if there is prior information I about q :

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$$= \frac{q^{k+\alpha-1}(1-q)^{n-k+\beta-1}}{\int_0^1 q^{k+\alpha-1}(1-q)^{n-k+\beta-1} dq}$$

often: $\kappa = \alpha - 1$
 $\beta = \nu - \kappa - 1$

Beta function

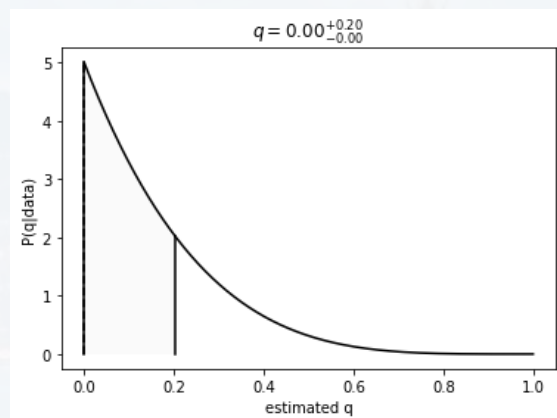


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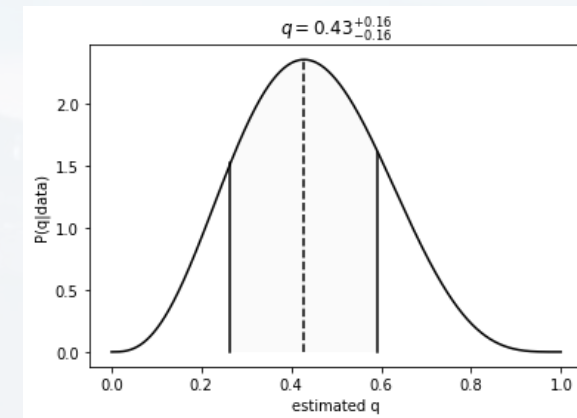
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n1 = 4  
k1 = np.random.binomial(n1, q = 0.2)  
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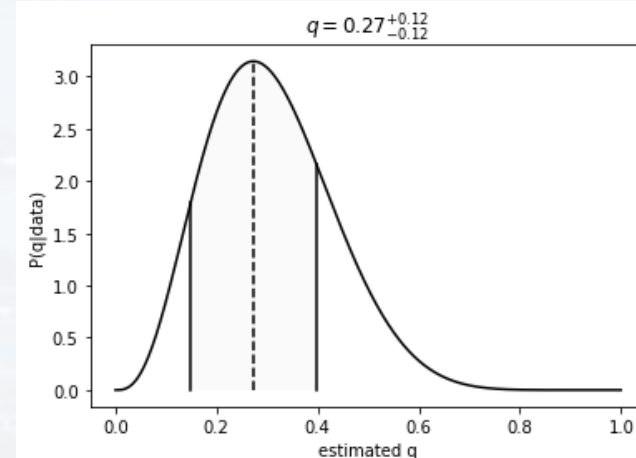
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n2 = 7  
k2 = np.random.binomial(n2, q = 0.2)  
[_, _, _] = bayesian_bino(n2, k2)
```



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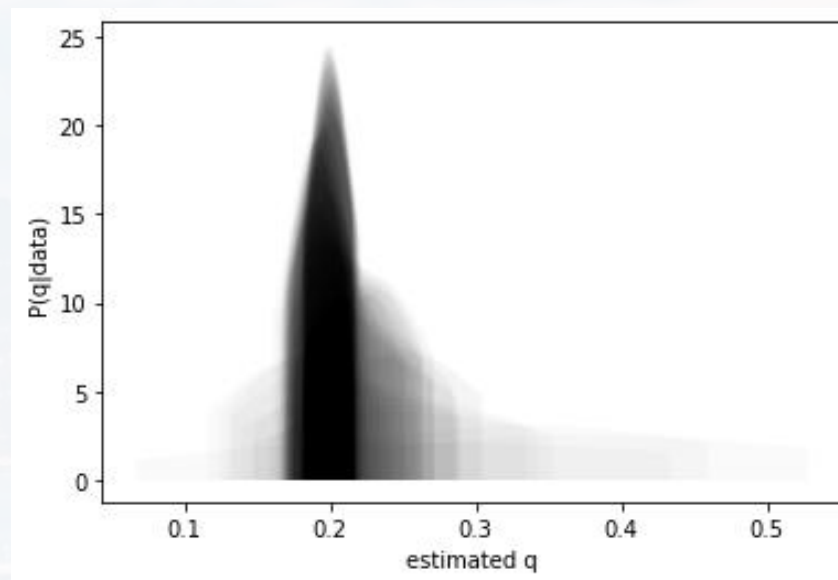




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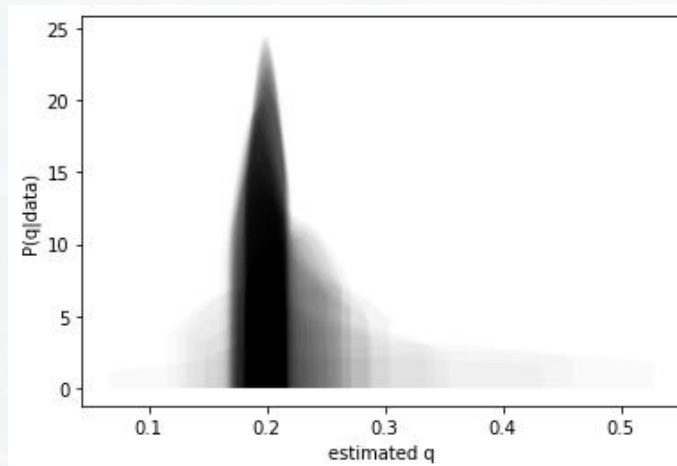
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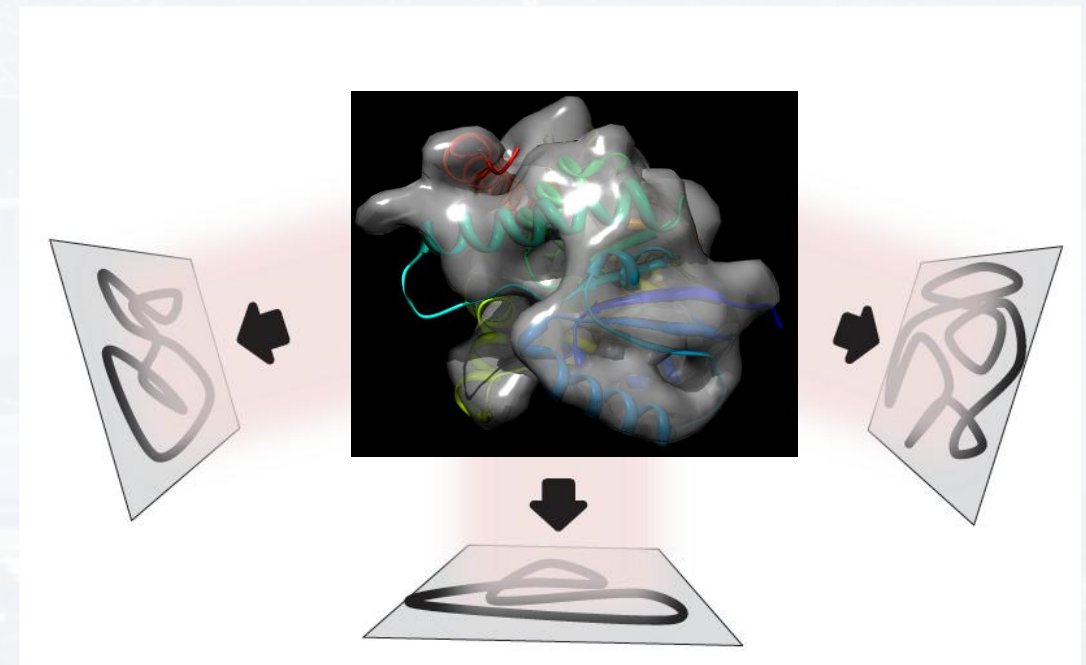
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Cryo – EM: 3D structure from 2D images/projections



(image courtesy: Thomas Becker, GC LMU Munich)



Outline

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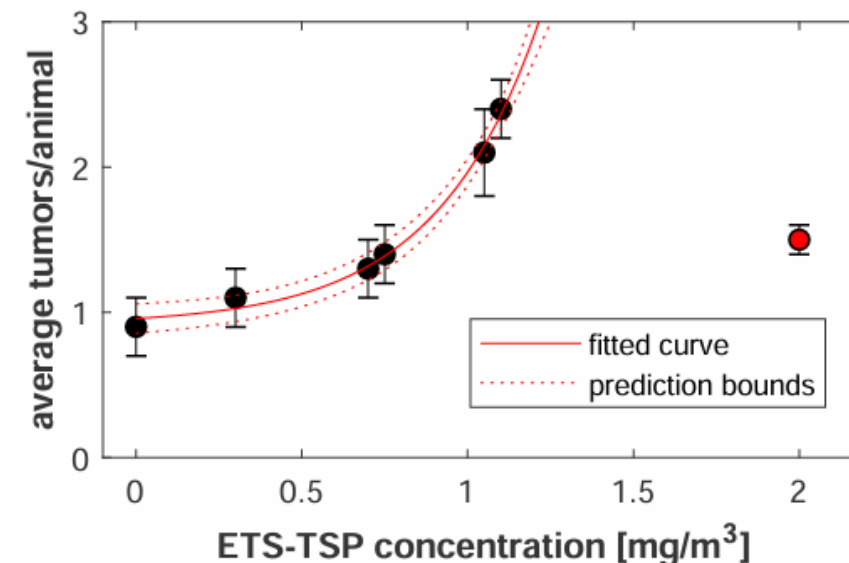
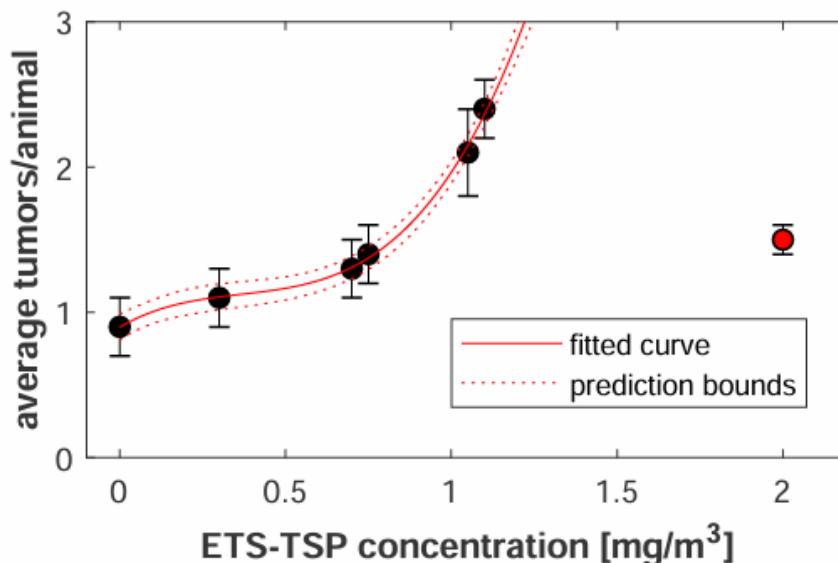
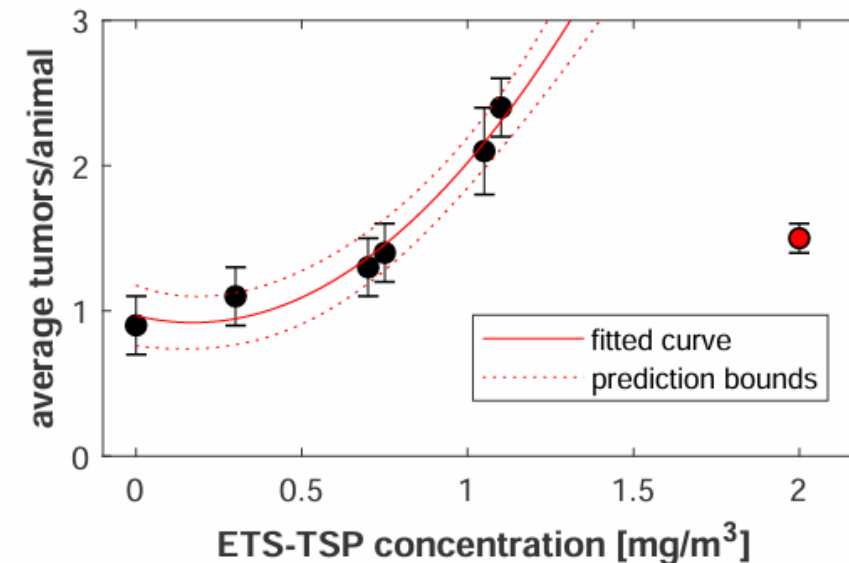
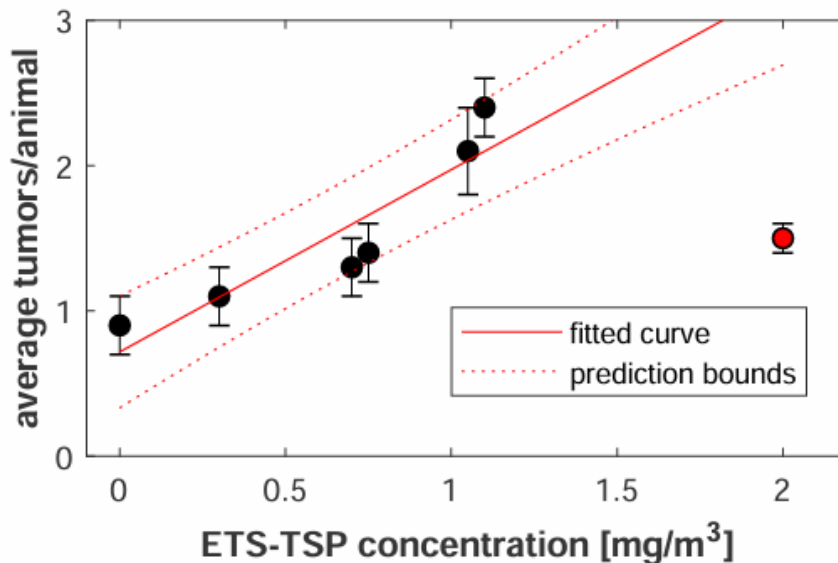
FYI

- Bayesian Networks (Graphs)
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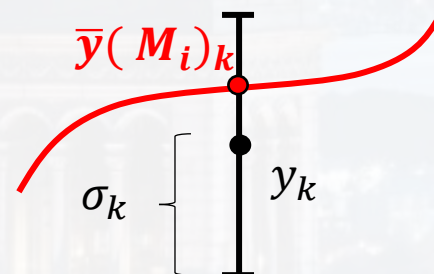
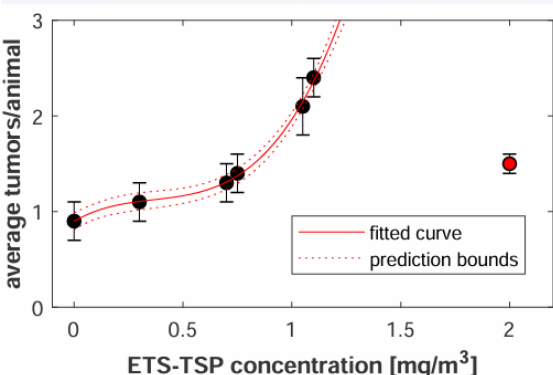
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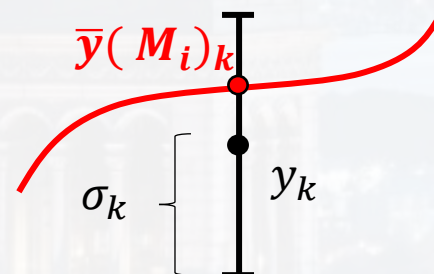
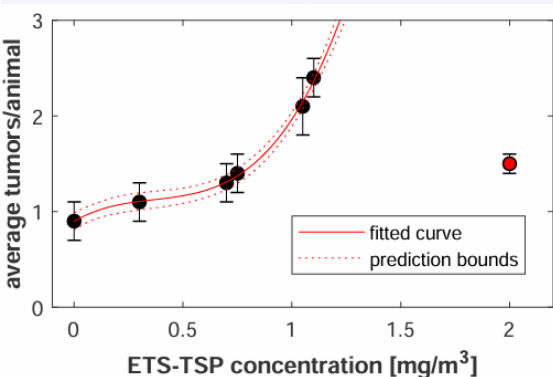
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prior probability of each
model: maximum entropy \rightarrow 1:1

fit quality: integral over χ^2

Occam's Razor: simple models are
preferred

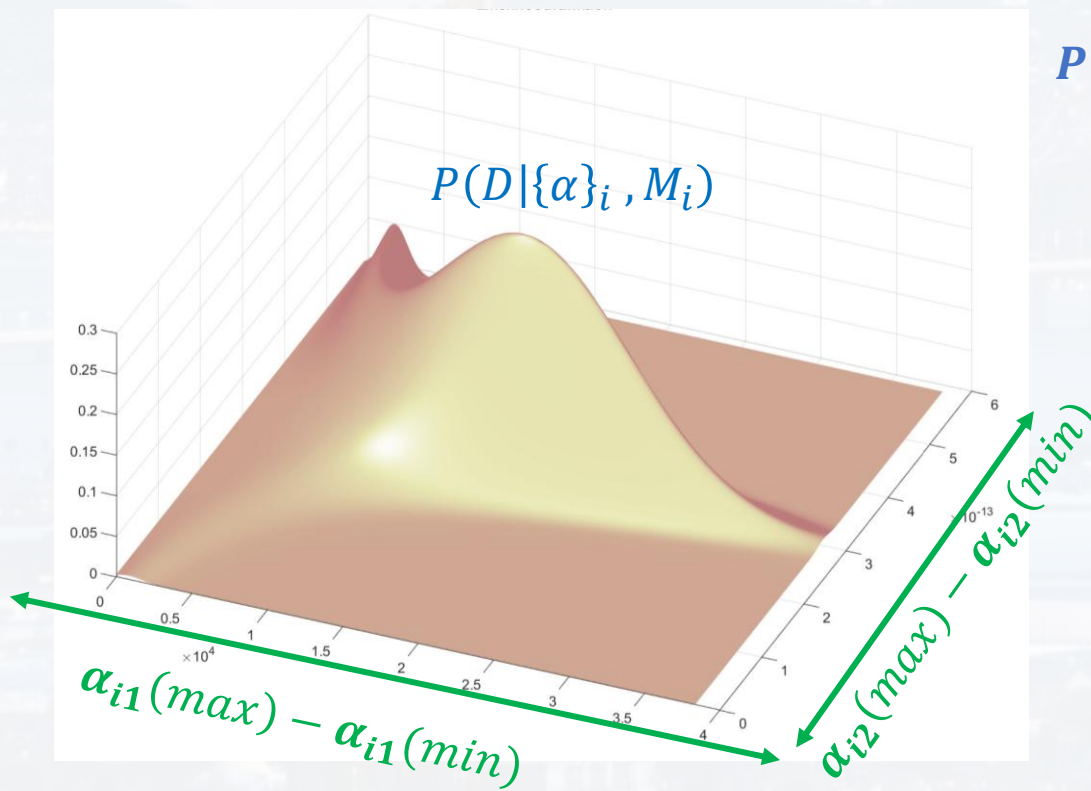


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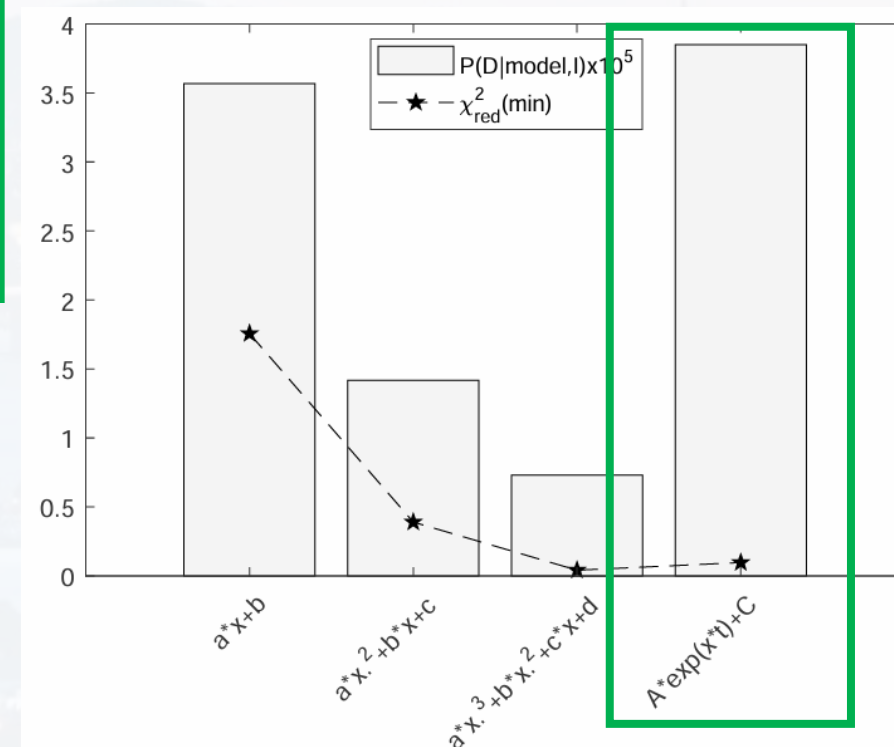
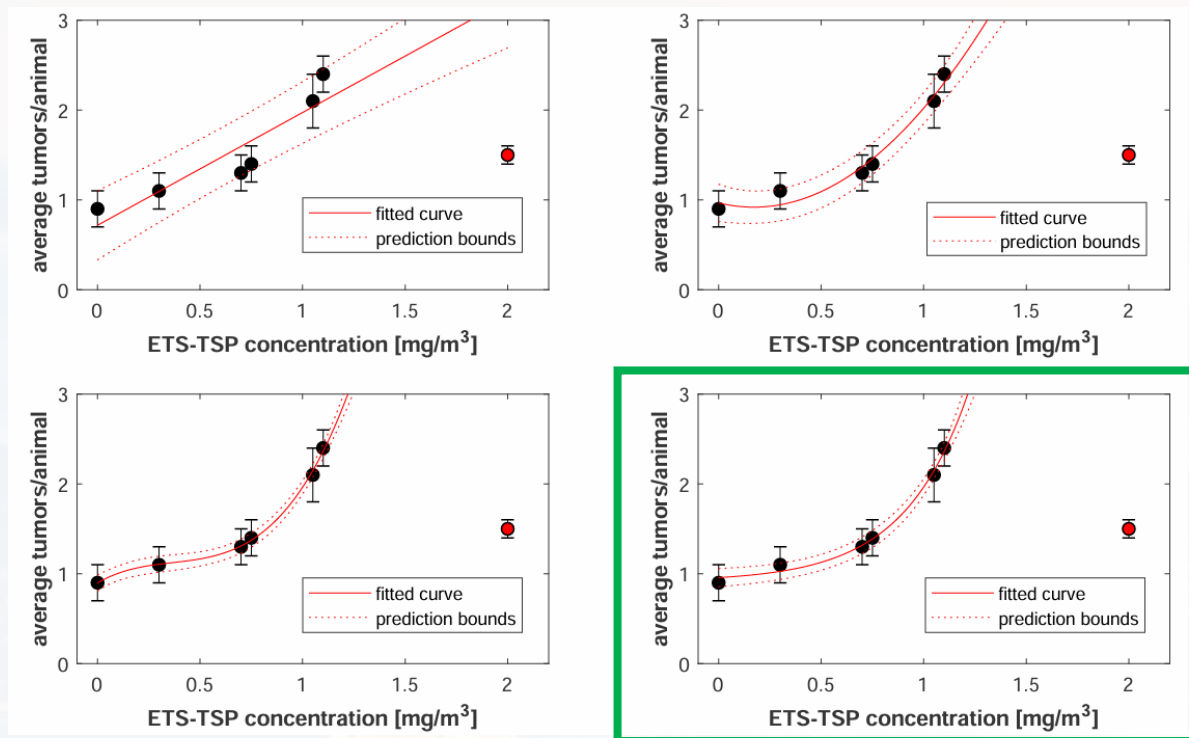
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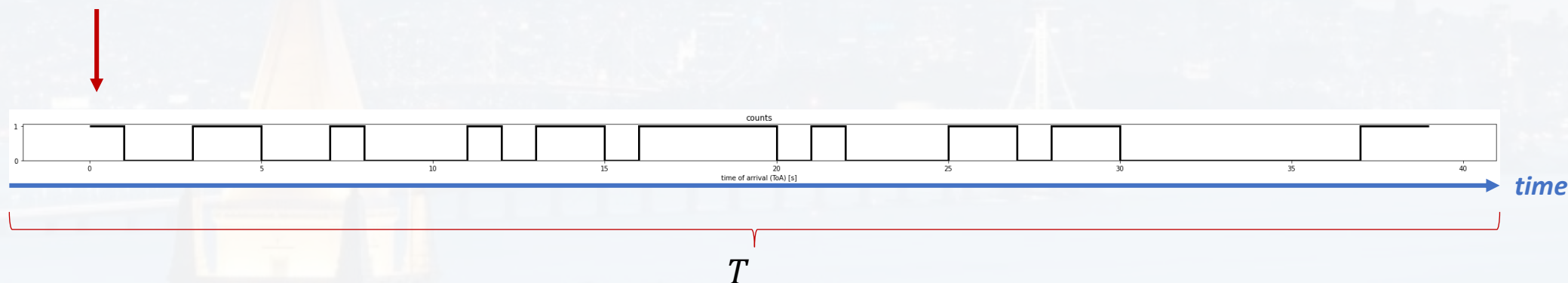
The key part is the likelihood function!

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now: **Poisson** distribution, see also max. ent. distributions



M_A : constant model (no signal, just noise)

$\rightarrow r(t) = \text{const}$

M_B : signal of unknown phase, amplitude & frequency

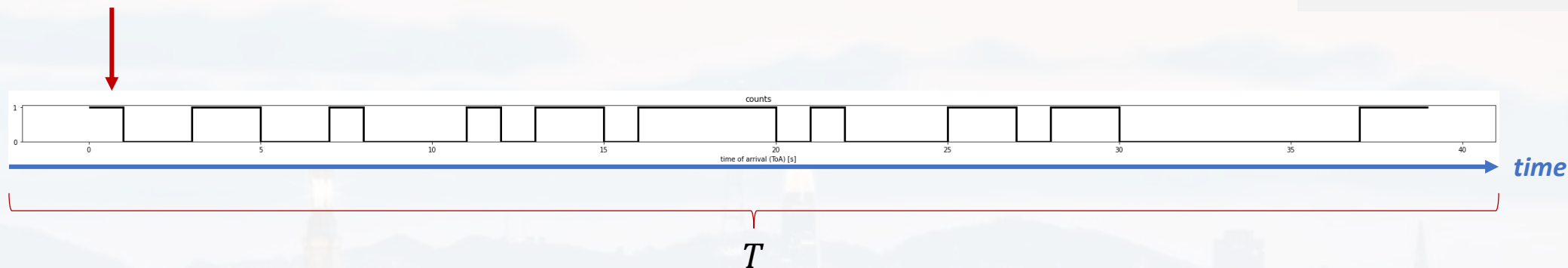
$\rightarrow r(t) = f(t)$



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Poisson distribution

$r(t)$:	rate
Δt :	time resolution
n :	number of events
T :	obs. time span
D :	data set



actual data (ToA)

N intervals with $n = 1$
 Q intervals with $n = 0$

$$(N + Q)\Delta t = T$$

$$P(D| r(t), t) = \prod_{i=1}^N r(t_i) \cdot \Delta t e^{-r(t_i) \cdot \Delta t} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^Q e^{-r(t_i) \cdot \Delta t}$$

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m phase bins:

r_j

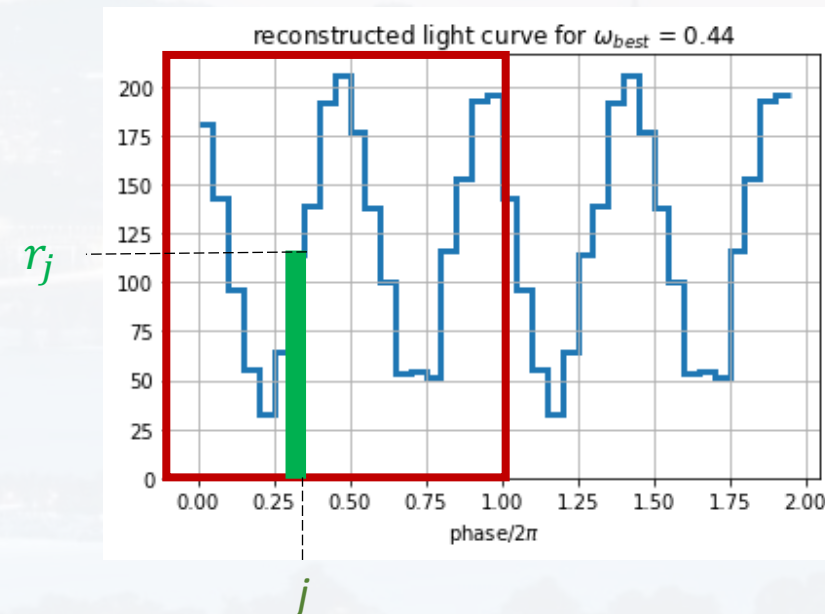
rate in each phase bin j

$$A = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m r_j$$

average rate

$$f_j = \frac{r_j}{\sum_{j=1}^m r_j} = \frac{r_j}{A m}$$

fraction of total rate in
each phase bin j



Each light curve of any shape is being fully described by f_j



$$P(D | r(t), t) = (\Delta t)^N \cdot \prod_{i=1}^N r(t_i) \cdot \exp\left(-\int_0^T r(t) dt\right)$$

constant model: $r_j = \text{const } \forall j$

$\rightarrow r_j = A$

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actual signal

- amplitude
- phase
- frequency
- offset

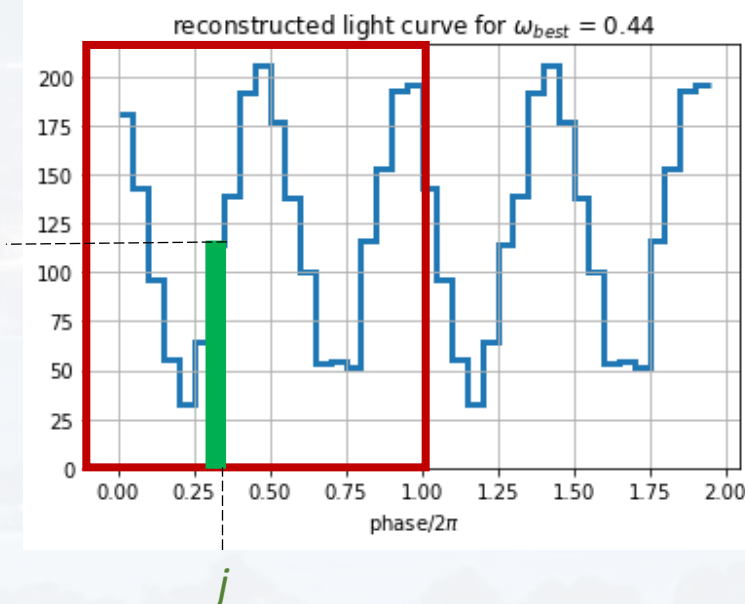
detection

- t_i

analysis

- phase
- frequency
- $f_j(A, m)$

r_j





M_A (constant): $P(D | r(t), t) = (\Delta t)^N \cdot A^N \cdot e^{AT}$

M_B (signal): $P(D | r(t), t) = (\Delta t)^N \cdot \prod_{i=1}^N r(t_i) \cdot \exp\left(-\int_0^T r(t) dt\right)$

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$$P(\omega, \varphi, A, f | M_i) = P(\omega | M_i) P(\varphi | M_i) P(A | M_i) P(f | M_i)$$

max entropy:

$$P(\omega | M_i) = \frac{1}{\omega \ln(\omega_{max}/\omega_{min})}$$

$$\omega_{max} = \frac{2\pi N}{T}$$

$$\omega_{min} = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

in practice: $\omega_{min} = 10 \frac{2\pi}{T}$

$$P(\varphi | M_i) = \frac{1}{2\pi}$$

$$P(A | M_i) = \frac{1}{A_{max}}$$

$$P(f | M_i) = (m-1)! \delta\left(1 - \sum_{j=1}^m f_j\right)$$

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ω :	frequency
φ :	phase



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from BayesianSignalDetect import *
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a *decorator* that measures runtime of a function

function creates a test dataset for illustration

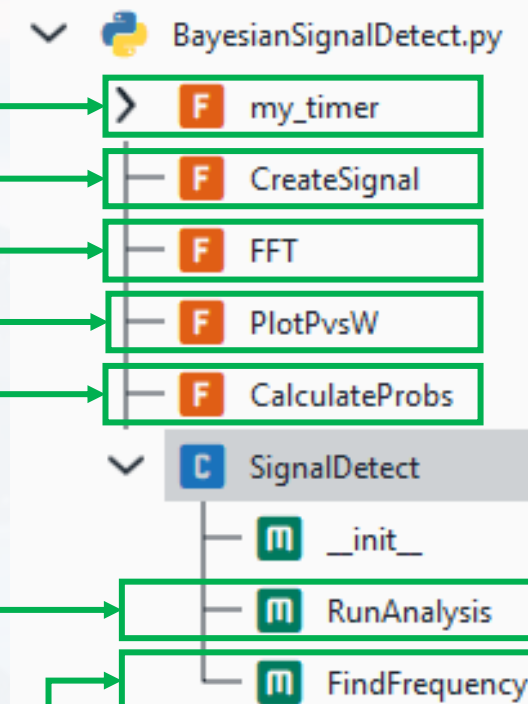
FFT for comparison

plot routine for *periodogram*

calculates $P(D|\omega, \varphi, A, m)$

calls *CalculateProbs* and calculates $P(D|M_i)$

calls main part of the code – runs *RunAnalysis* on multiple cpus in parallel



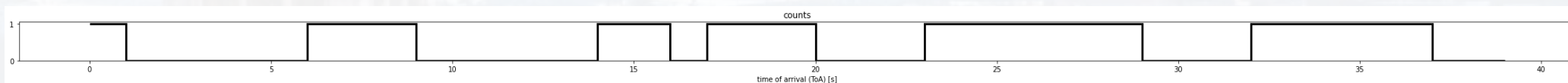
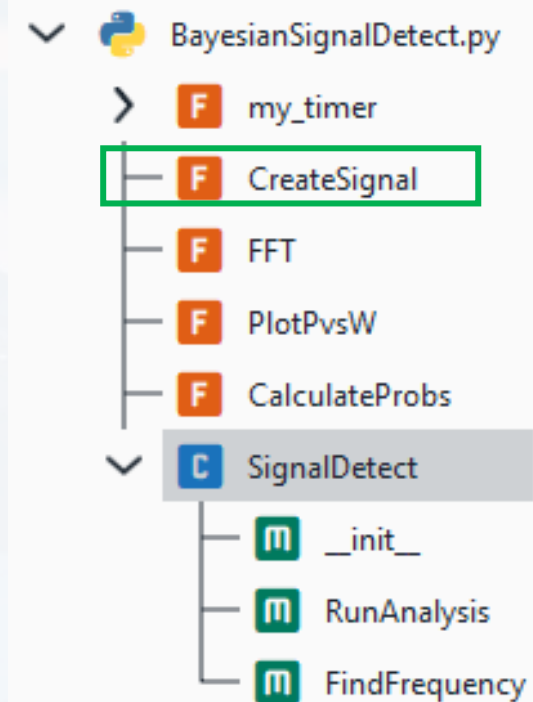
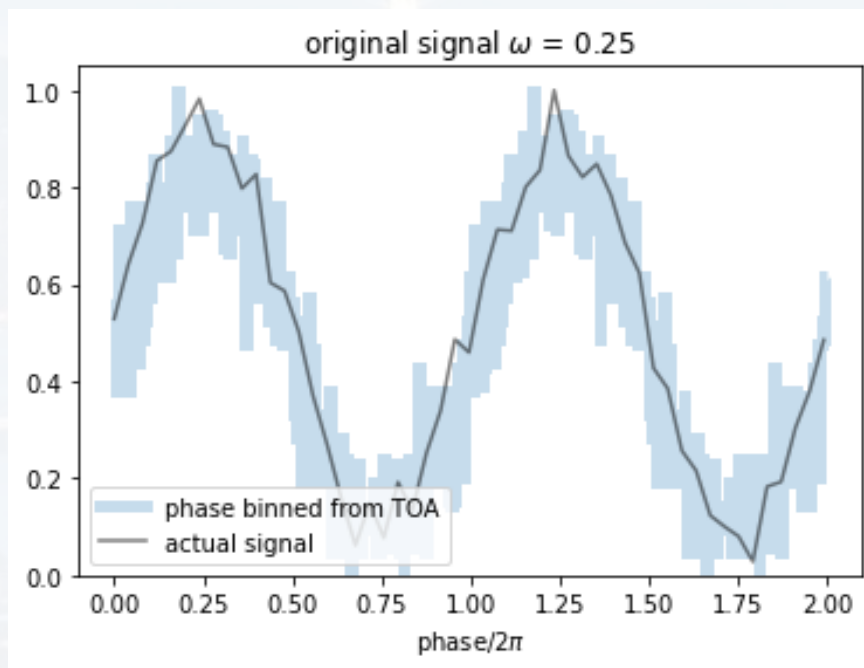


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$N + Q$



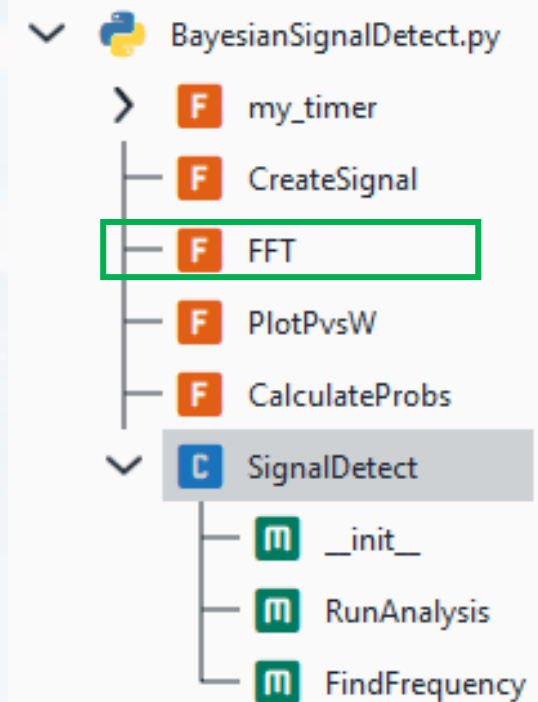
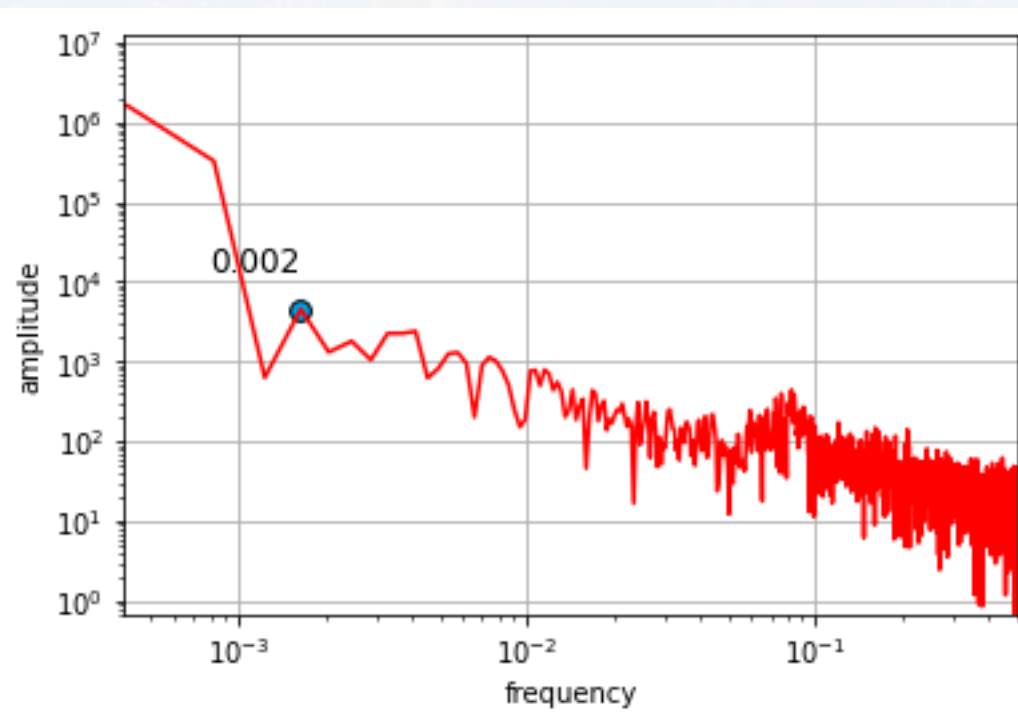


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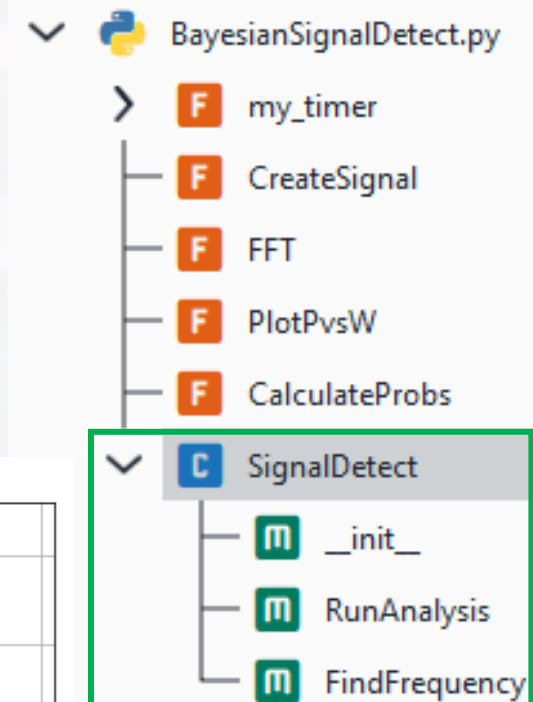
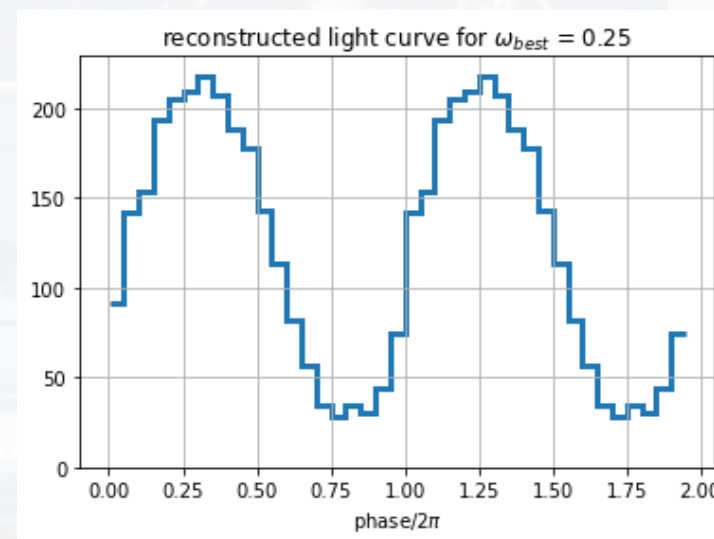
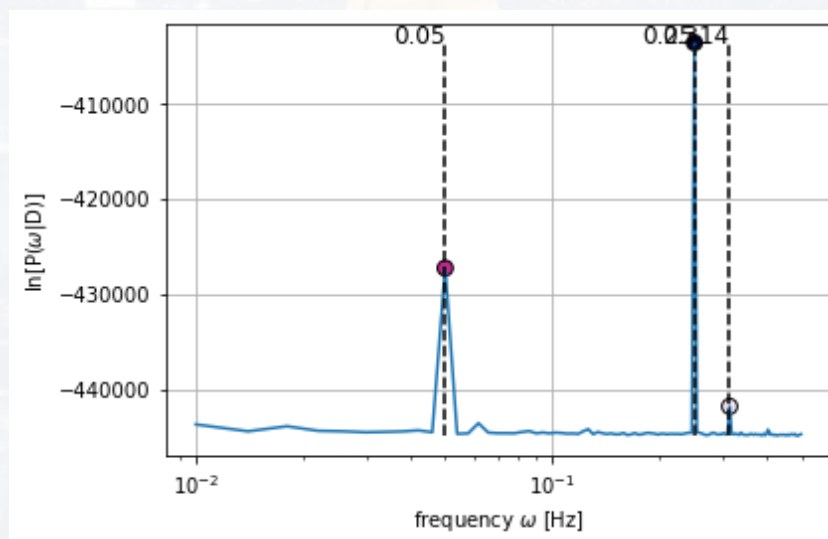


you find the python package BayesianSignalDetect.py [here](#)

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from BayesianSignalDetect import *
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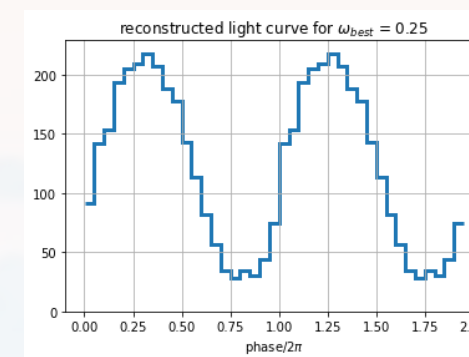
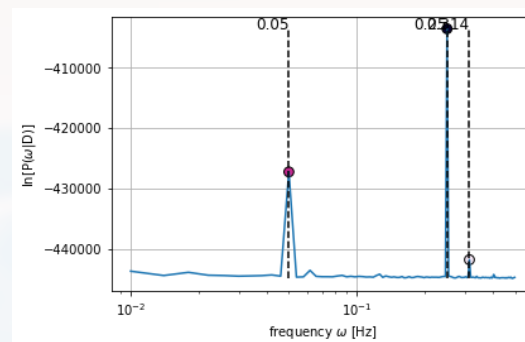
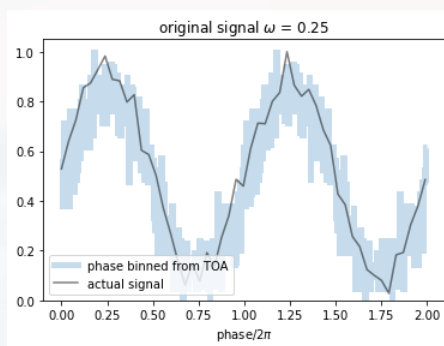
```
T = CreateSignal(5000, 0.25, 0.1)
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S = SignalDetect(T, w_end = 0.5, w_start = 0.01)  
[Omega, P] = S.FindFrequency()
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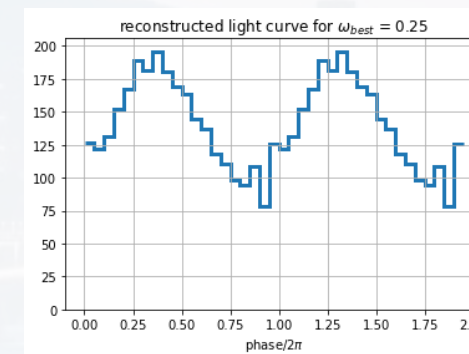
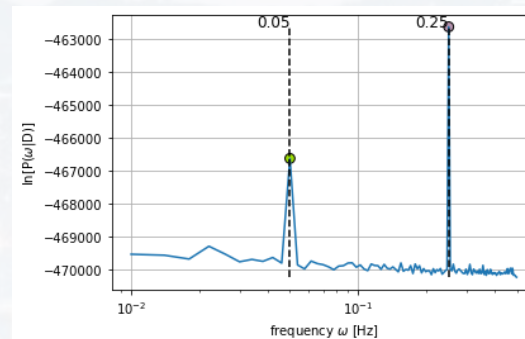
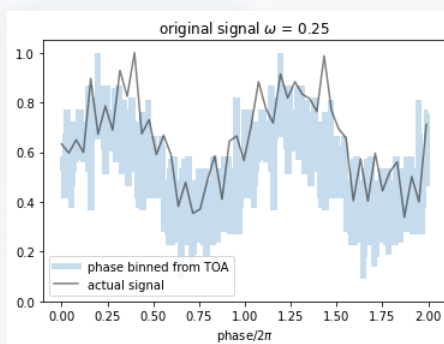




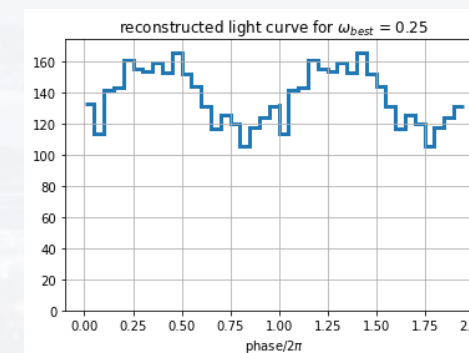
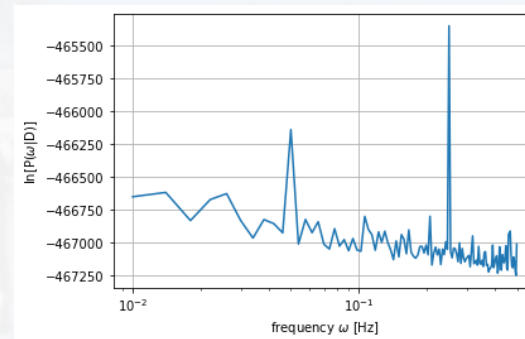
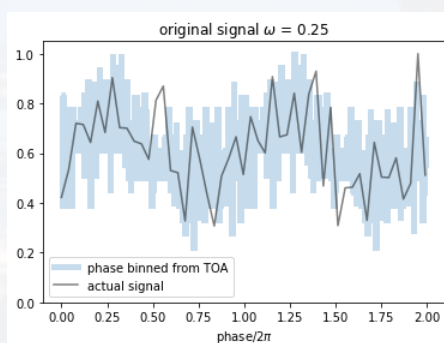
$T = \text{CreateSignal}(5000, 0.25, 0.1)$



$T = \text{CreateSignal}(5000, 0.25, 0.5)$



$T = \text{CreateSignal}(5000, 0.25, 1)$



Thank you for your attention