

Neyman-Pearson theory

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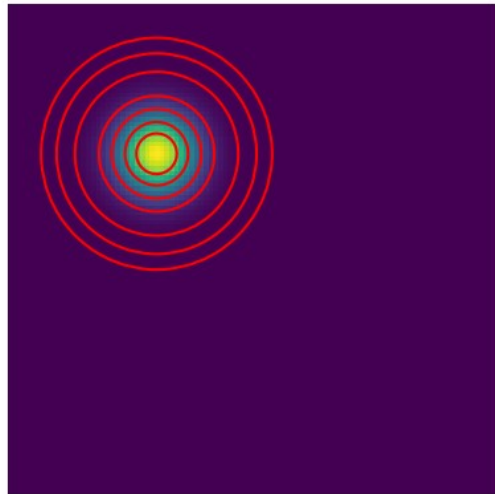
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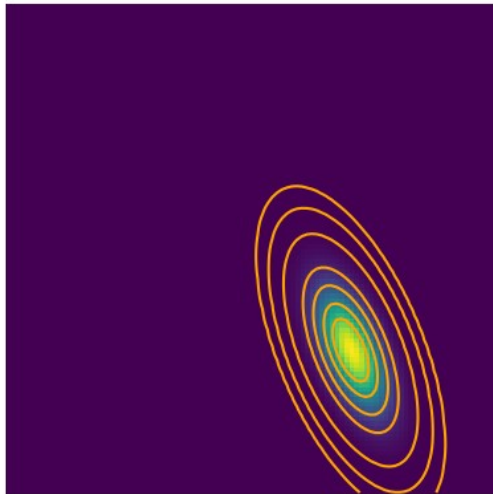
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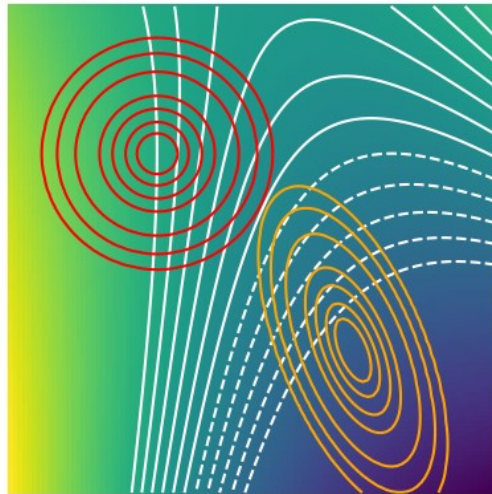
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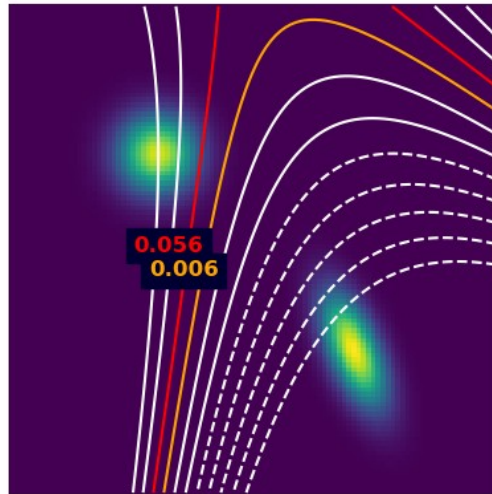
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Note that when $n \rightarrow \infty, 1 - \beta \rightarrow 1$