



CS 329P : Practical Machine Learning (2021 Fall)

# Lecture 7 - Two Sample Tests and Label Shift

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**How?**

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A man in a black tuxedo and bow tie is seated at a dark podium outdoors. On the podium are a glass decanter, a glass of water, a microphone, and a white rotary telephone. The background is a blurred field.

**AND NOW FOR SOMETHING  
COMPLETELY DIFFERENT.**

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# Comparing Distributions



vs.



# Two Sample Test



- **Definition**

Given data  $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_m\}$  drawn from  $p$  and  $X' = \{x'_1, \dots, x'_{m'}\}$  drawn from  $q$  test whether  $p = q$ .

- **Algorithms**

- Train classifier. If it can distinguish datasets we have  $p \neq q$

- Find biggest difference between expectations via

$$\text{MMD}(p, q) := \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \left[ \mathbf{E}_p[f(x)] - \mathbf{E}_q[f(x)] \right]. \text{ If big, we have } p \neq q$$

- Estimate Kullback-Leibler divergence

$$D(p \| q) := \mathbf{E}_p [\log p(x) - \log q(x)]$$

# Classifier



```
>>> from autogluon.tabular import TabularPredictor
>>> predictor = TabularPredictor(label=COLUMN_NAME).fit(train_data=TRAIN_DATA.csv)
>>> predictions = predictor.predict(TEST_DATA.csv)
```

# Classifier - Gory Math



- Classifier objective

$$\mathbf{E}_p[\log \pi(y = 1 | x)] + \mathbf{E}_q[\log \pi(y = -1 | x)]$$

is minimized for  $\pi(y = 1 | x) = \frac{p(x)}{p(x) + q(x)}$ .

- Plugging this into the objective yields

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{E}_p[\log p(x) - \log(p(x) + q(x))] + \mathbf{E}_q[\log q(x) - \log(p(x) + q(x))] \\ &= 2H[(p + q)/2] - H[p] - H[q] + 2 \log 2 \end{aligned}$$

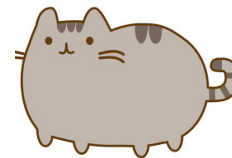
- By convexity of entropy minimized for  $p = q$



# Maximum Mean Discrepancy

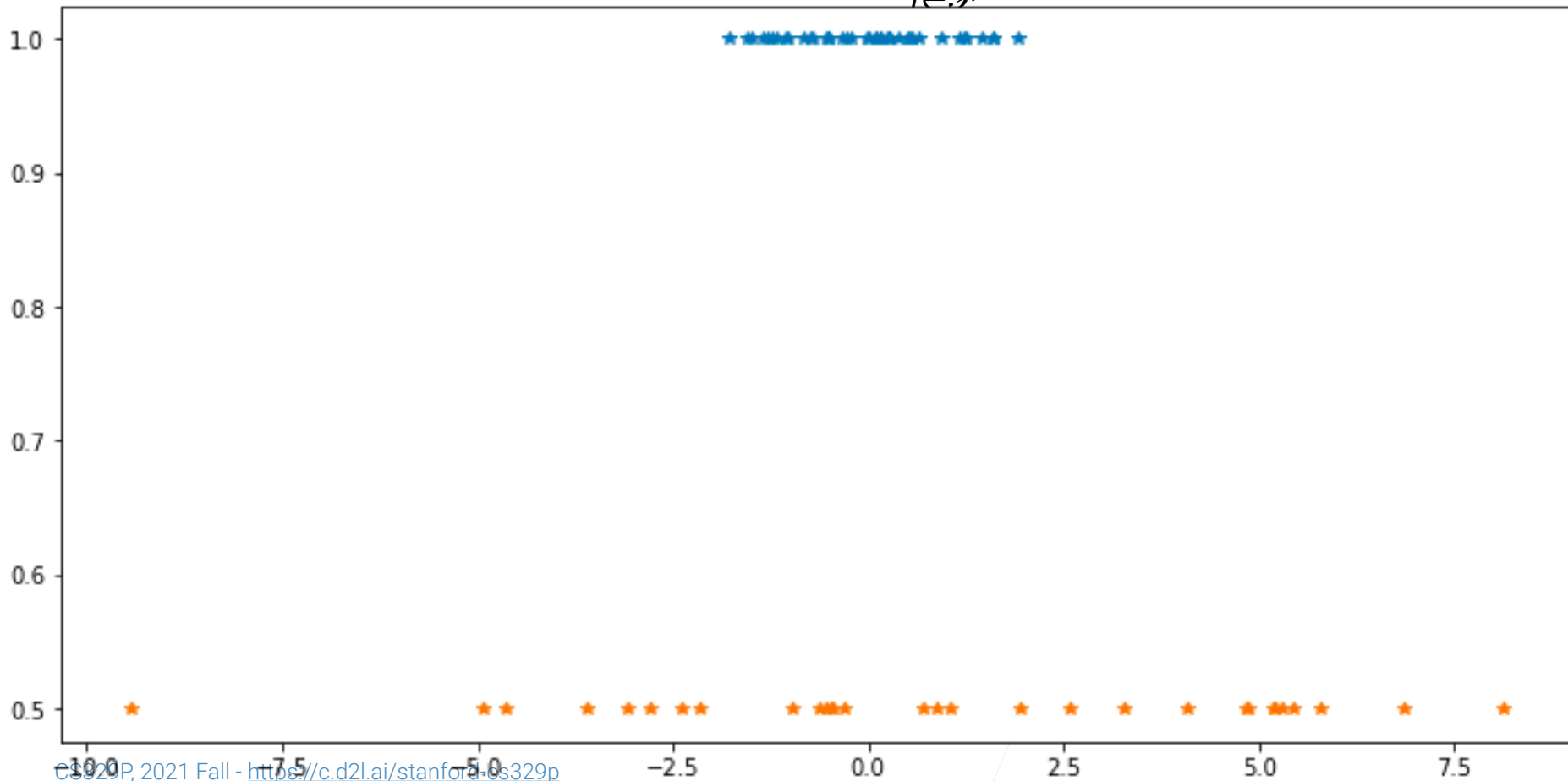


$$\sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \left[ \mathbb{E}_p[f(x)] - \mathbb{E}_q[f(x)] \right]$$



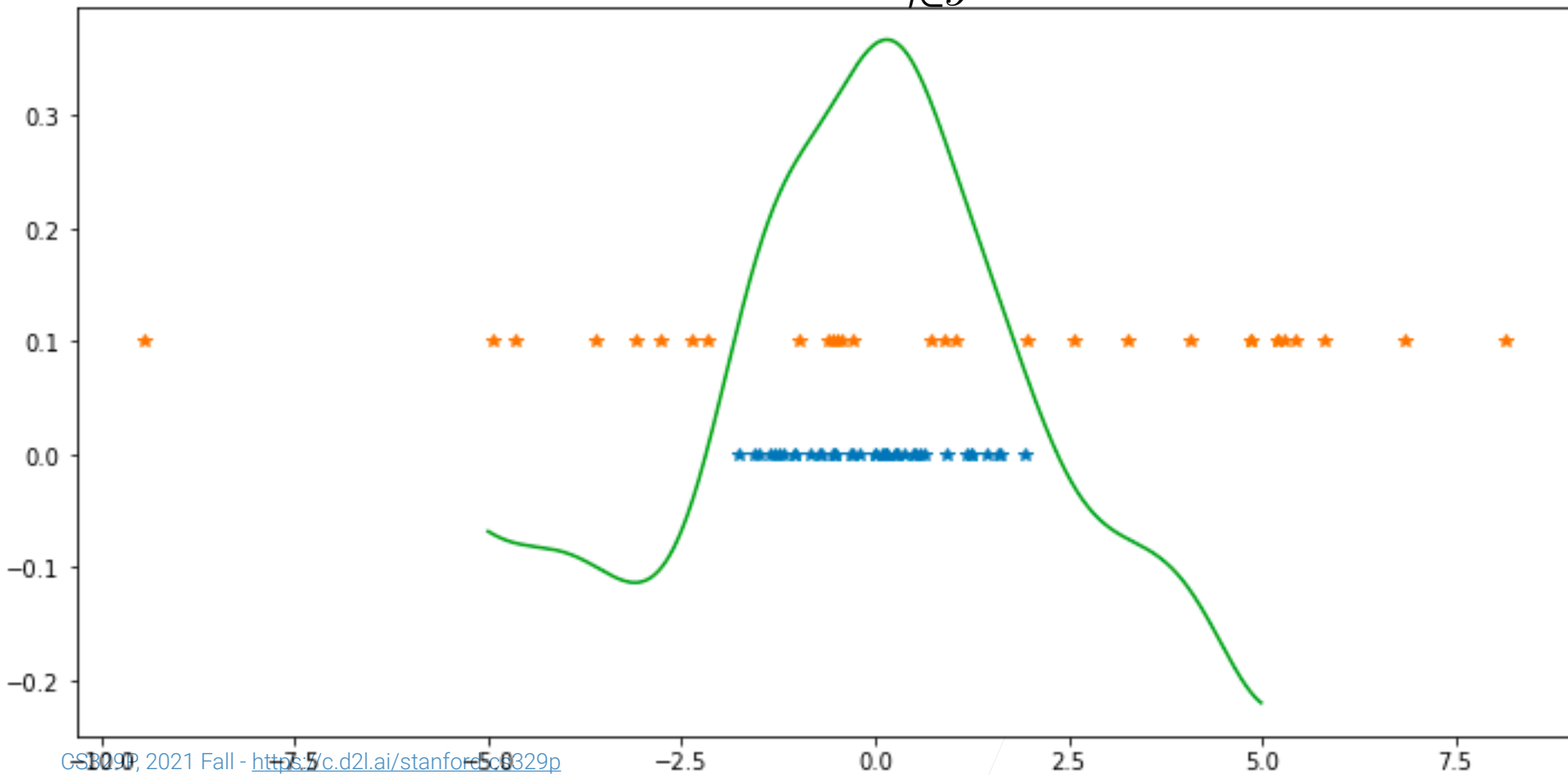
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# Maximum Mean Discrepancy - Gory Math



- Find function with largest difference in expectation between two distributions

$$\sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \left[ \mathbf{E}_p[f(x)] - \mathbf{E}_q[f(x)] \right]$$

- For linear functions (in Banach space) this is

$$\sup_{\|w\| \leq 1} \left[ \mathbf{E}_p[\langle \phi(x), w \rangle] - \mathbf{E}_q[\langle \phi(x), w \rangle] \right] =$$

$$\sup_{\|w\| \leq 1} \left\langle \mathbf{E}_p[\phi(x)] - \mathbf{E}_q[\phi(x)], w \right\rangle = \left\| \mathbf{E}_p[\phi(x)] - \mathbf{E}_q[\phi(x)] \right\|_*$$

# Maximum Mean Discrepancy - More Gory Math



- Using kernels (Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Space)

$$k(x, x') = \langle \phi(x), \phi(x') \rangle$$

- Discriminant function (adversary)

$$f(x') = \left\langle \mathbf{E}_p[\phi(x)] - \mathbf{E}_q[\phi(x)], \phi(x') \right\rangle = \mathbf{E}_p[k(x, x')] - \mathbf{E}_q[k(x, x')]$$

- On finite sample

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m k(x_i, x) - \frac{1}{m'} \sum_{i=1}^{m'} k(x'_i, x)$$

$$\frac{1}{m(m-1)} \sum_{i \neq j} \left( k(x_i, x_j) + k(x'_i, x'_j) - k(x_i, x'_j) - k(x'_i, x_j) \right)$$

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```
p = torch.randn(100)
q = torch.randn(100) * 4.0 + 0.4
x = torch.arange(-3, 3, 0.01)
k = gpytorch.kernels.RBFKernel()
f = k(x, p)@wp - k(x, q)@wq
```

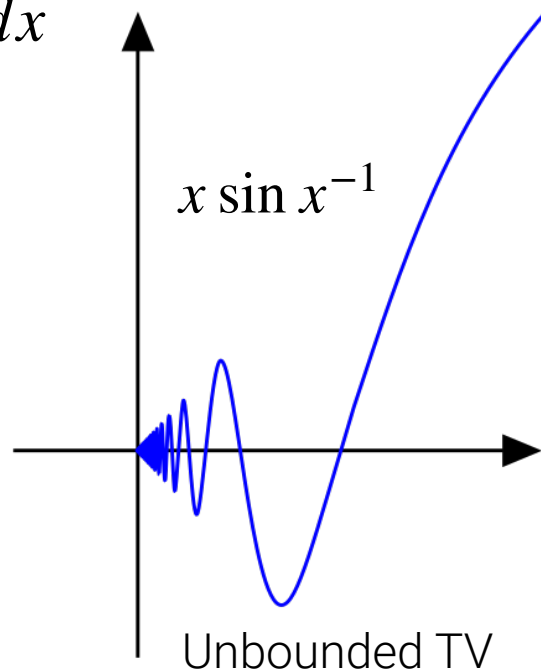
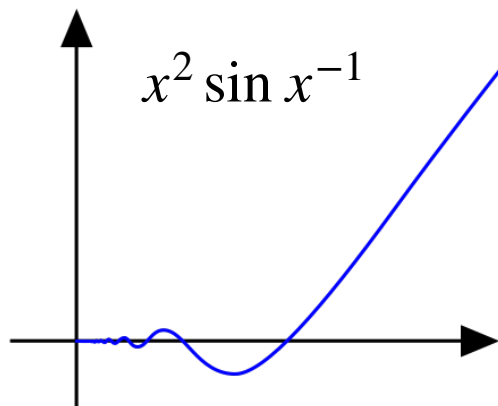
# Kolmogorov Smirnov Statistic



- Functions with bounded total variation

$$\text{TV}[f] := \int \left| \partial_x f(x) \right| dx$$

- Examples



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- Maximizing the statistic

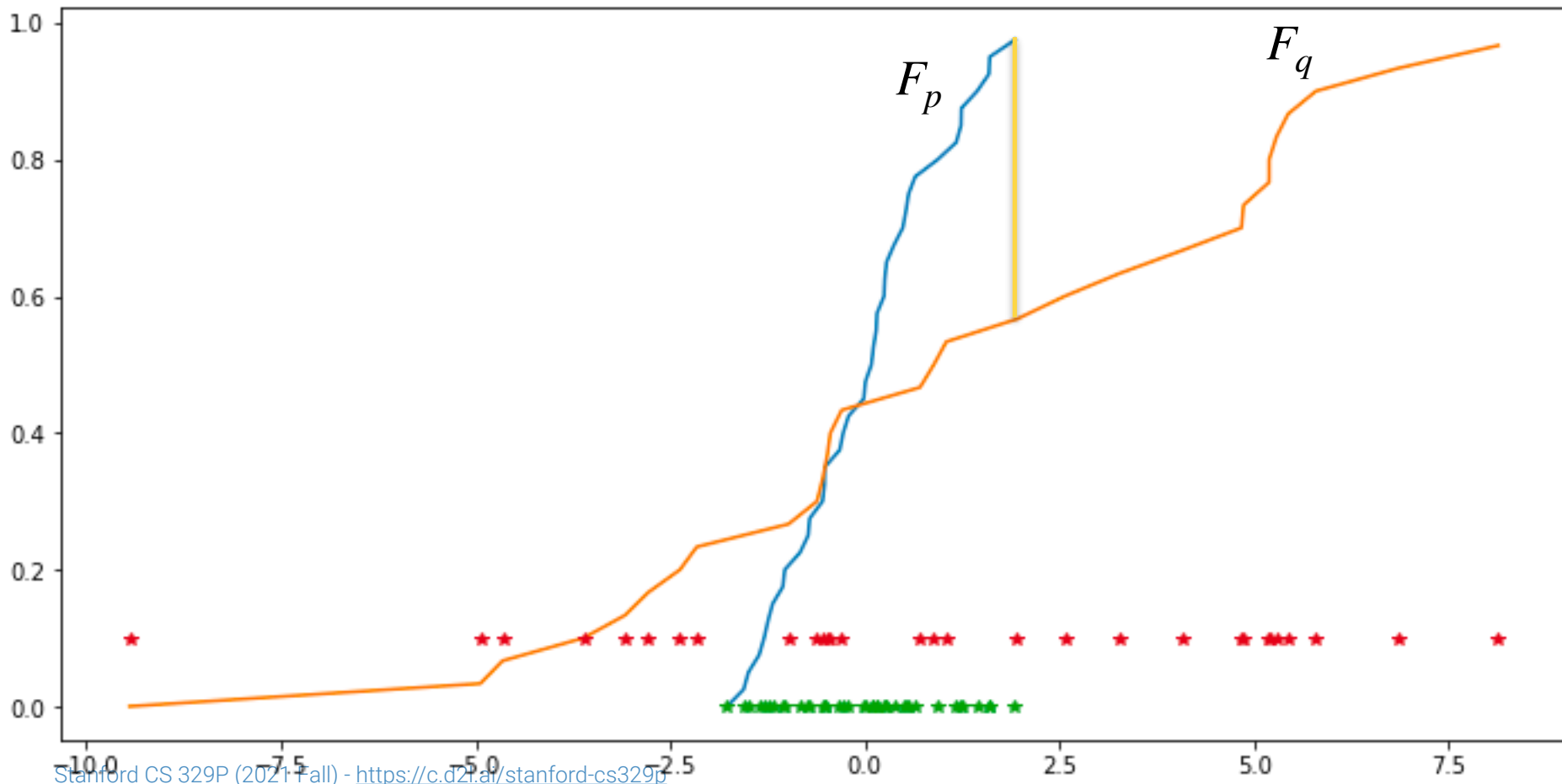
$$\sup_{\text{TV}[f] \leq 1} \left[ \mathbf{E}_p[f(x)] - \mathbf{E}_q[f(x)] \right] =$$
$$\sup_z \left| \mathbf{E}_p[\{x \leq z\}] - \mathbf{E}_q[\{x \leq z\}] \right| = \|F_p - F_q\|_\infty$$

Cumulative Distribution Function

$$F_p[z] = \int_{-\infty}^z p(x) dx$$



# Kolmogorov Smirnov Statistic



# Key Takeaways



## Two sample tests

- Check whether  $X$  and  $X'$  are drawn from same distribution
- Tests
  - **Train classifier, if it works, the samples are different**  
(choose this one)
  - **Maximum Mean Discrepancy**  
(easy to generate discriminator without training)
  - **Kolmogorov Smirnov Test**  
(works great for 1D data)



# Sanity check to confirm that distributions match!

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