

Introduction to UNIX

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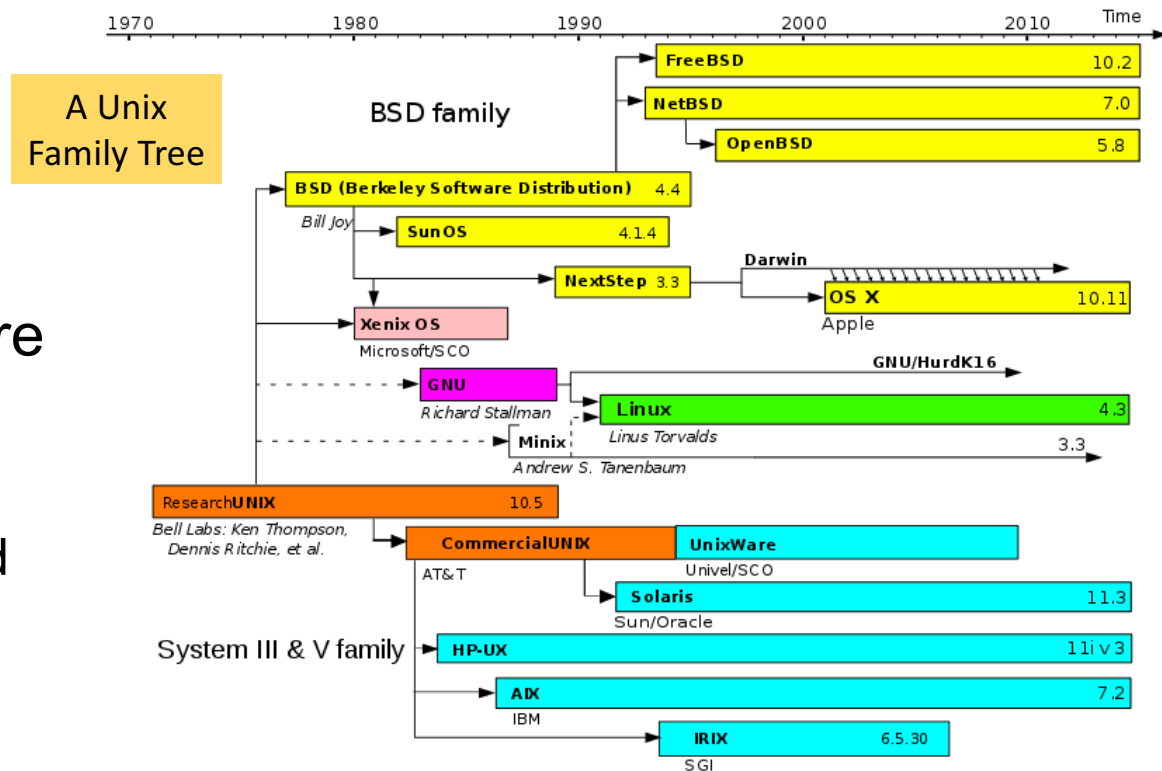
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By the end of this video, you should be able to:

- Explain what UNIX is and why you need to know about it
- Understand files and processes
- Visualize the UNIX directory structure
- Start a UNIX terminal and type your first command

Why UNIX?

- Most operating systems are based on Unix
- Well adopted in industry
 - Back end of many data and compute systems
- Powerful development environment
- Expected competence for most industry jobs



Why is UNIX relevant to you as a Data Scientist?



UNIX provides many commands that can be used for data analysis.

- File management
- Data manipulation
- Simple scripting using command line pipelines

Engagement with other command line tools and applications.

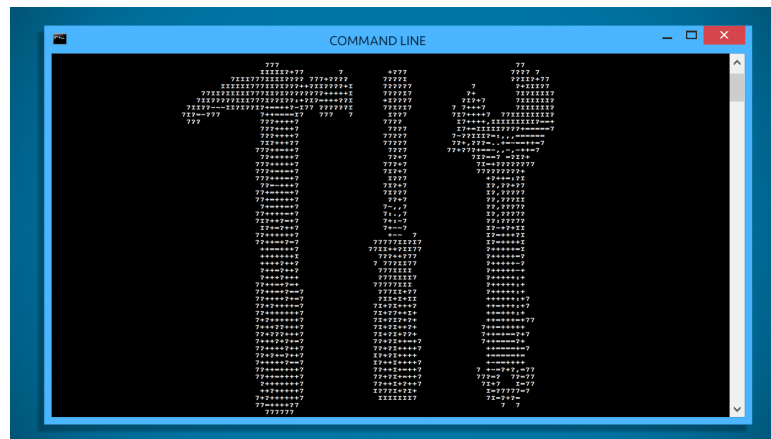
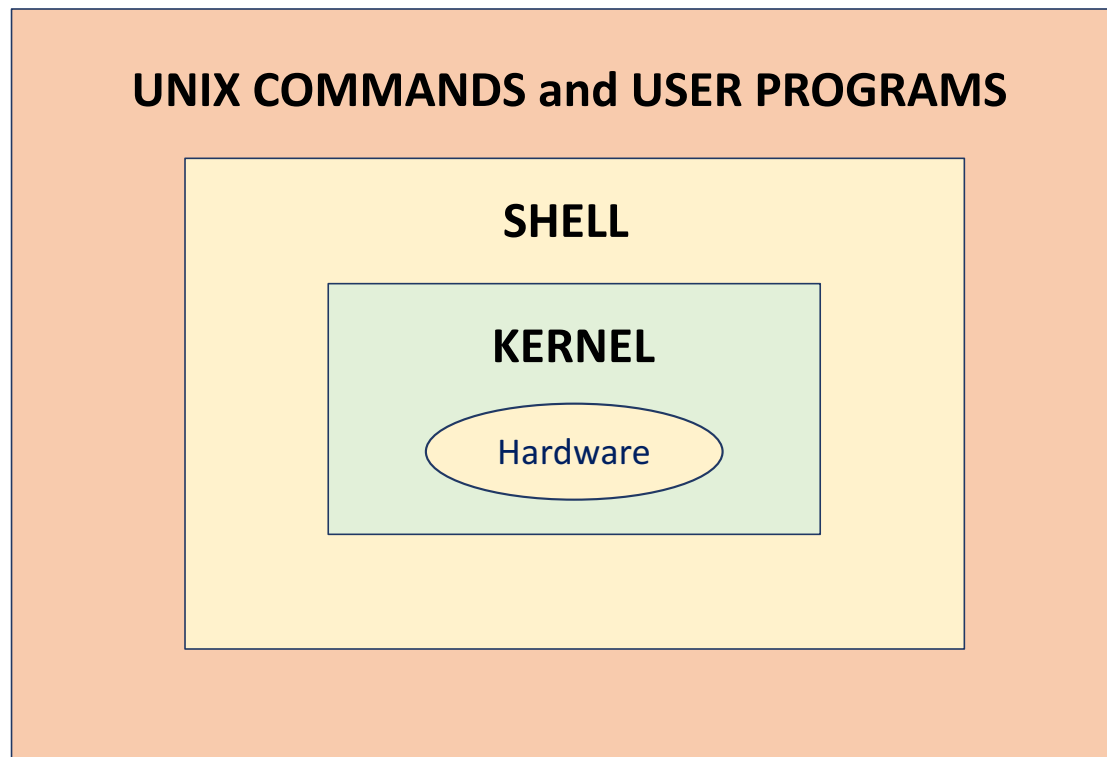
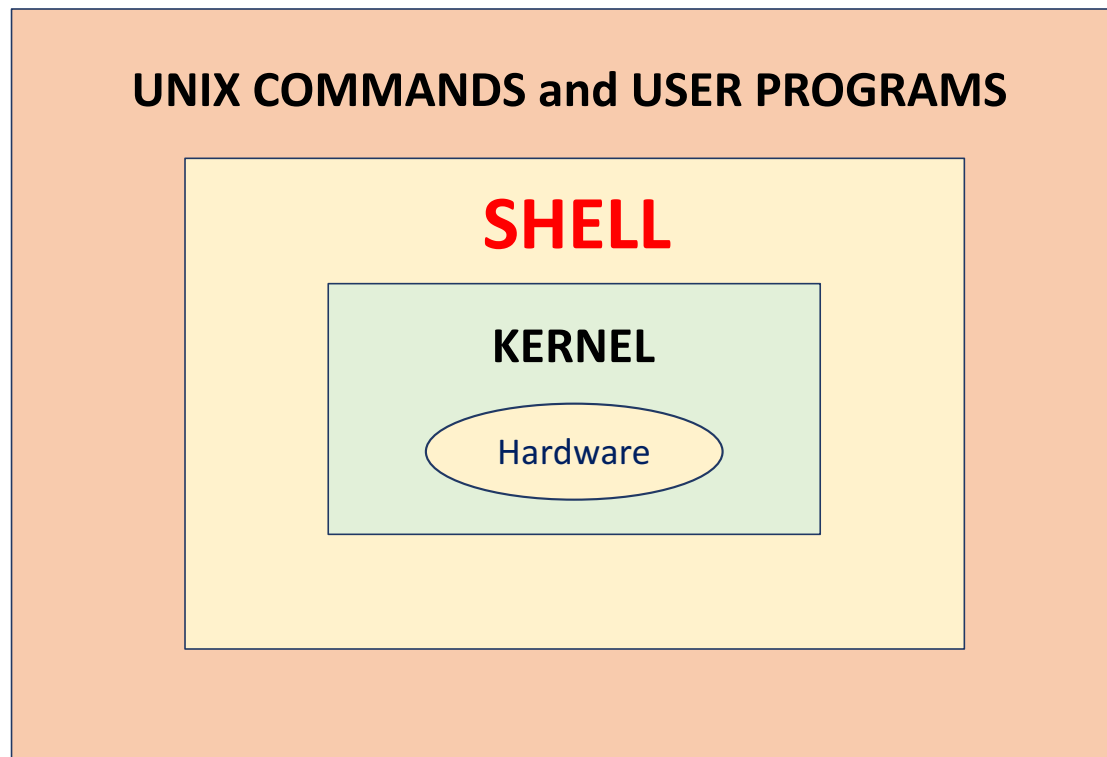
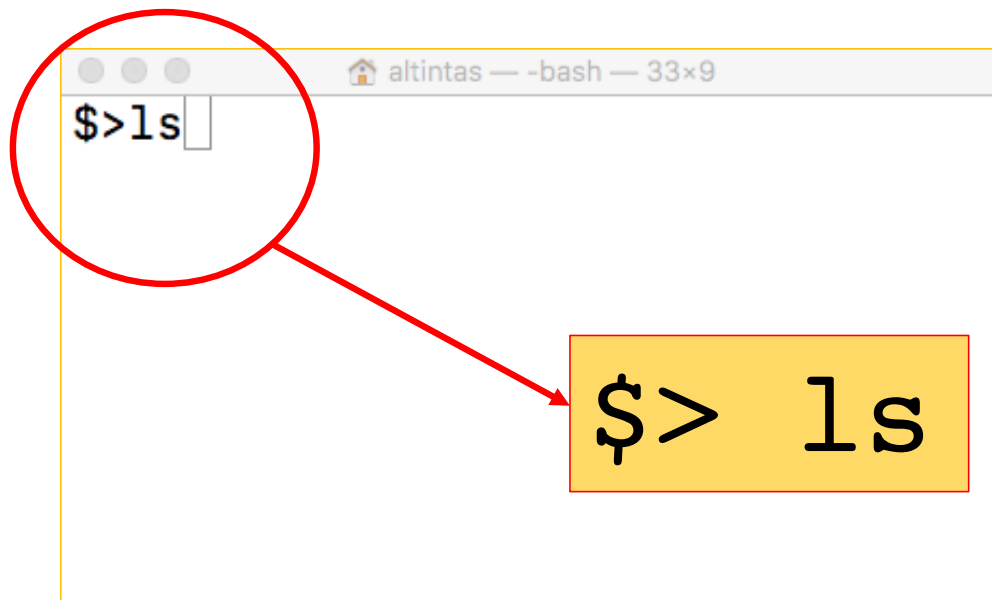


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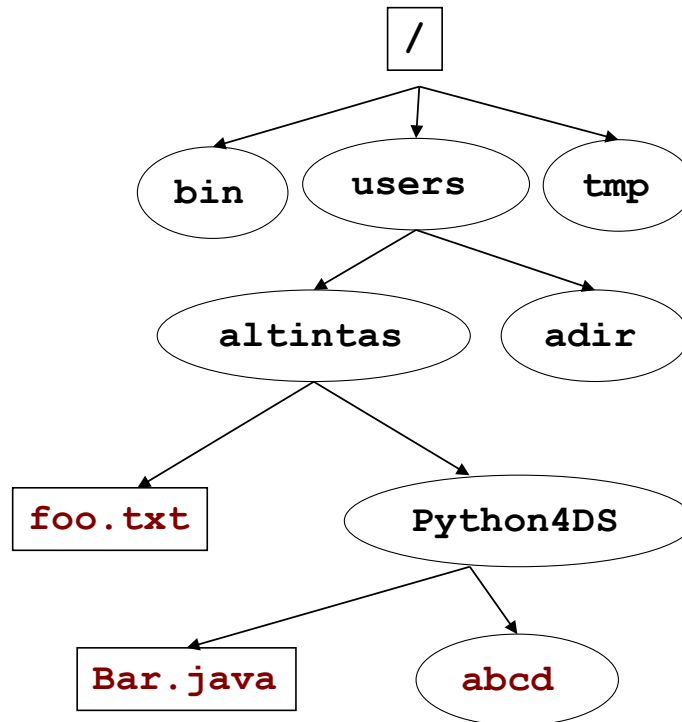
The UNIX Shell



Everything is a file or a process!

UNIX File Hierarchy

- Starts with the Root directory: /
- Directories may contain files or other directories
- Leads to a tree structure for the filesystem

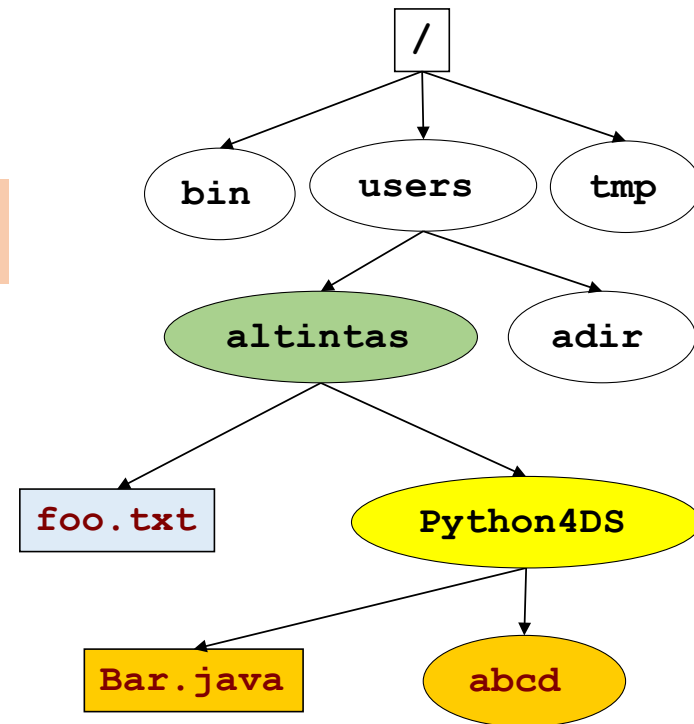


Paths in UNIX

Separate directories by /

■ Absolute path names

- start at root and follow the tree



/users/altintas/foo.txt

Paths in UNIX

Separate directories by /

■ Relative path

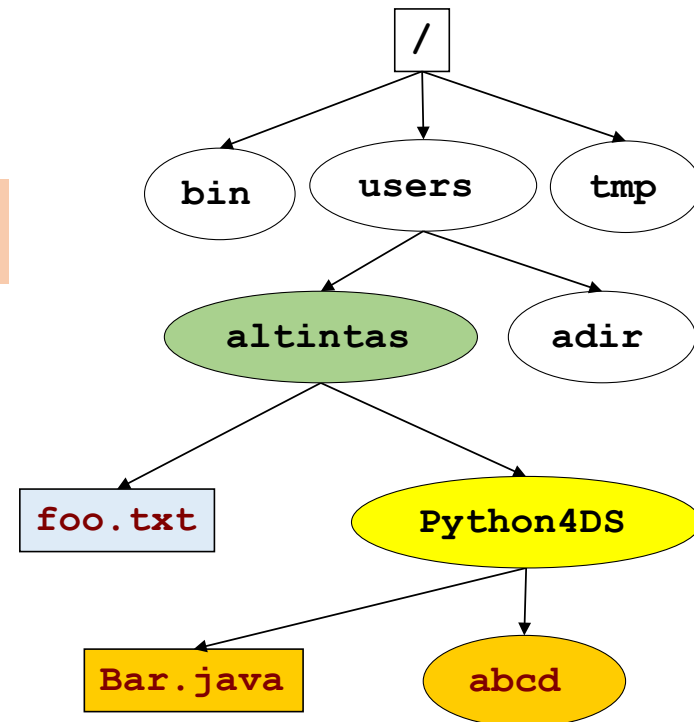
- start at working directory
- . refers to working directory

foo.txt

./foo.txt

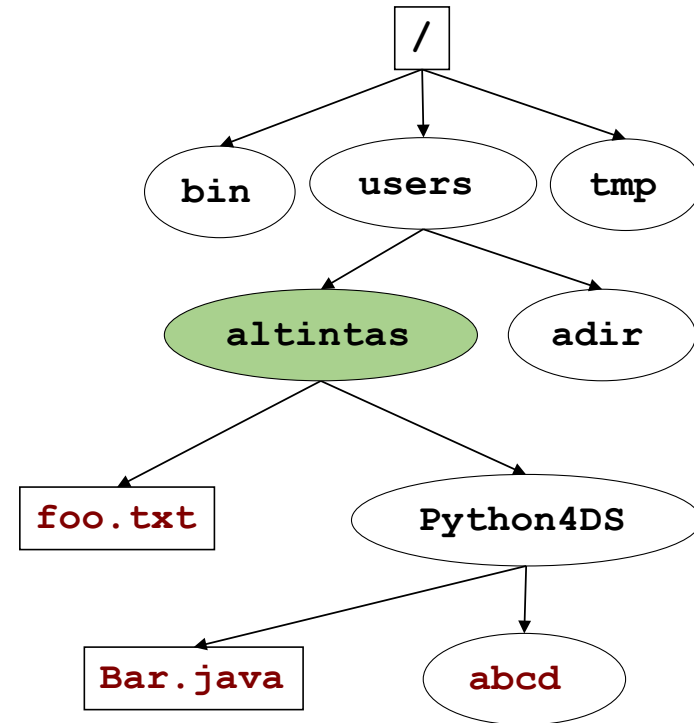
- .. refers to level above

../foo.txt



Paths in UNIX

- ~ (TILDE) in path names
 - ~/foo.txt
 - ~altintas/foo.txt



Caution when working
with relative paths:

Make sure you check
which directory you are in.

`pwd`

Let's start a UNIX Shell and review what we learned...

Basic Unix Commands

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By the end of this video, you should be able to:

- List files and directories in UNIX
- Change to a directory in UNIX
- Make new directories
- Explain the terms “standard in” and “standard out”
- Name six simple UNIX commands

Common Unix Commands

- **ls**
 - run with **-a** **option** to list hidden files (.*)
- **mkdir**
- **cd**
 - "." -- current directory,
 - ".." -- parent directory,
 - "~" -- home directory
- * -- wildcard

`stdin`, `stdout`, and `stderr`

- Standard input (`stdin`)
 - Usually from the keyboard
- Standard output (`stdout`)
 - Usually to the terminal
- Standard error (`stderr`)
 - Usually to the terminal

Common Unix Commands

- **pwd**
- **cp**
- **mv**
- **rm**
- **clear**
- **cat**
- **man**

REDIRECTION

stdout: TRY

- `ls > MyFiles.text`
- `cat > temp1.txt`
- `cat >> temp1.txt`

stdin:

- `mail user@domain.com < message`

Redirecting Standard IO

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By the end of this video, you should be able to:

- Name all three UNIX file descriptors
- Utilize the redirect operators
- Explain the difference between “cat” and “more” commands

Standard Output and Standard Error

File Descriptor

 **FD 0:** standard input, `“stdin”`

FD 1: standard output, `“stdout”`

FD 2: standard error, `“stderr”`

Redirecting Standard IO

- Redirect standard input to read from a file

```
$ command < somefile
```

- Redirect standard output to write to a file

```
$ command > afile1
```

- Redirect standard output explicitly as FD 1

```
$ command 1> afile2
```

- Redirect standard error to write to a file

```
$ command 2> afile3
```

Redirecting Standard IO

- Redirect standard error and standard output to different files

```
$ command 2> afile4 > afile5
```

- Redirect everything!

```
$ command > onefile 2> anotherfile < yetanotherfile
```

Redirecting Standard IO

- Redirect standard output to append to a file

```
$ command >> afile1
```

- Redirect standard error to append to a file

```
$ command 2>> afile3
```

- To redirect stderr and stdout to the same file

```
$ command > afile 2>&1
```

Let's review these concepts...

Pipes and Filters

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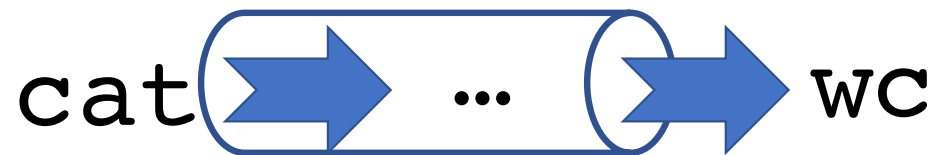
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At the end of this video, you will be able to:

- Describe what a UNIX pipe is with an example
- Name five filter commands
- Differentiate between redirecting the standard out to a file and piping it to another UNIX command

A UNIX Pipe

```
cat foo.txt | wc
```



Filter Commands

- **grep**
- **more**
- **less**
- **sort**
- **uniq**

All transform their input!

Examples of Filtering

```
ls -la | more
```

```
cat filename | wc
```

```
man cat | grep file
```

```
ls -l | grep txt | wc
```

```
who | sort > current_users
```

Example filter commands on the UNIX shell...

Useful UNIX Commands for Data Science

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At the end of this video, you will be able to:

- Sort, clean, cut and explore text data using Unix commands
- Plot data on the UNIX shell
- Use pipes and filters for quick data exploration in Unix

Exploratory Data Analysis in UNIX

- **cat**
- **grep**
- **wc**
- **sort**
- **uniq**

- **head**
- **tail**
- **cut**
- **sed**
- **find**

Exploring Data on the UNIX Shell

- What are the top words used in Shakespeare's works?
- Which users run the most processes on my unix system?
- Transform `fruits.txt` into all caps for further processing.

What are the top 15 words used in Shakespeare's works?

```
sed -e 's/ /\'$'\n/g' < shakespeare.txt | sort | sed '/^$/d' | uniq -c | sort -nr | head -15 > count_vs_words
```

```
sed -e 's/ /\'$'\n/g'  
< shakespeare.txt |  
  sort |  
    sed '/^$/d' |  
      uniq -c |  
        sort -nr |  
          head -15  
            > count_vs_words
```

sed -e 's/\s/\n/g'

Which users run the most processes on my UNIX system?

```
ps -aef | cut -c3-5 | sort | uniq -c | sort -nr | head -3
```

```
ps -aef |  
  cut -c3-5 |  
    sort |  
      uniq -c |  
        sort -nr |  
          head -3
```

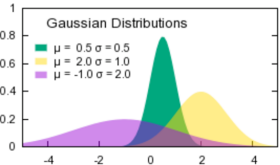

Transform fruits.txt into all caps for further processing.

```
tr '[a-z]' '[A-Z]' < fruits.txt > fruits-AllCaps.txt
```

```
tr '[a-z]' '[A-Z]'  
    < fruits.txt  
    > fruits-AllCaps.txt
```

Plotting the Results of Our Exploration

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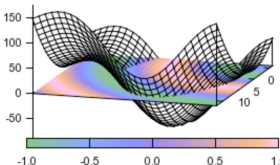
Gaussian Distributions

- $\mu = 0.5, \sigma = 0.5$
- $\mu = 2.0, \sigma = 1.0$
- $\mu = -1.0, \sigma = 2.0$

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