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# Bayesian NN approximation LAB

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# Outline

**01** MCDropout as Bayesian Neural Network approximation, a synthesis

**02** Lab assignment

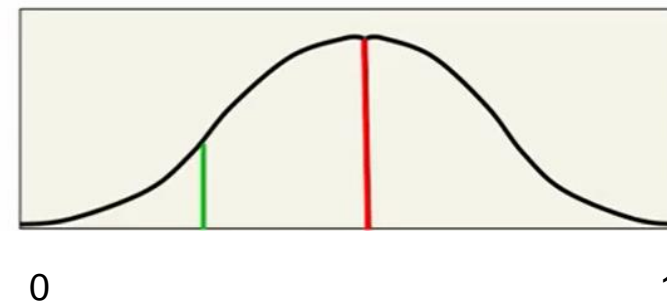
# A recap

## Is it reasonable to give a single answer?

- If we don't have much data, we are unsure about  $p$ .
- The computation works better if we take this uncertainty into account

For each parameter  $p$  we use a probability density function to take uncertainty into account.

In this way, we no longer have a unique parameter but the probability density for that parameter.



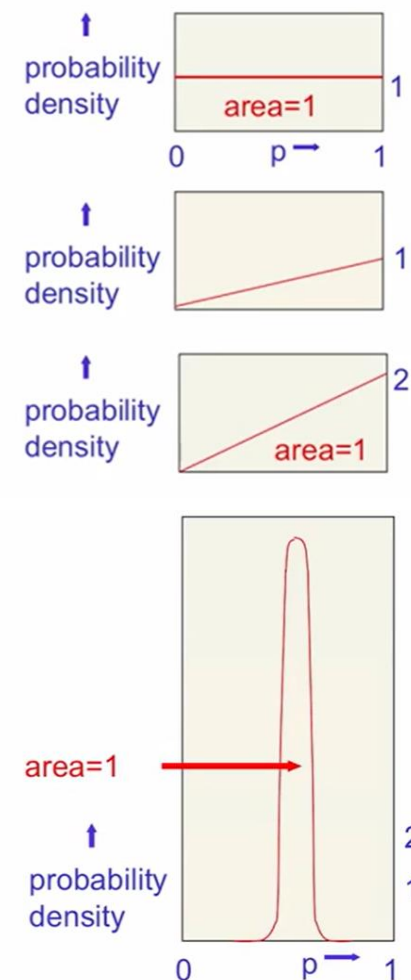
Non Bayesian way:  $p = 0.5$

Bayesian way:  $p=0.5$  with probability 70%  
 $p=0$  with probability 0%  
 $p=1$  with probability 0%  
 $p=0.25$  with probability 10%

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The parameter  $p$  can be learnt from data, using Bayes theorem (see the coin example).

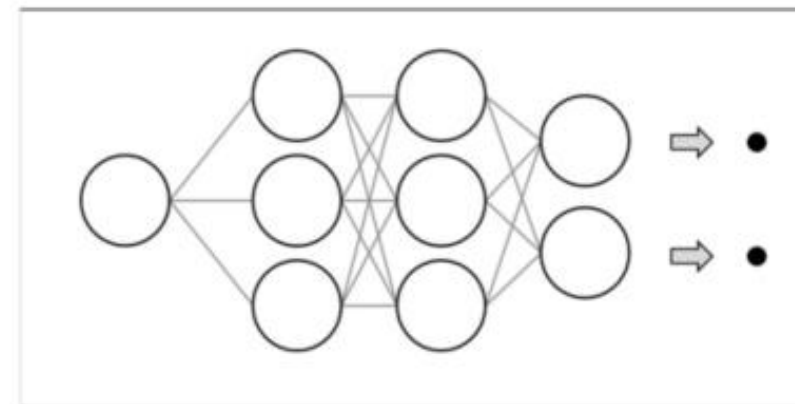
1. **Start a prior** distribution over  $p$  (e.g., a uniform distribution)
2. **Multiply the prior probability** of each parameter value **by the probability of observing a head/tail** given that value.
3. Then, **scale up** all the probability densities so that their integral comes to 1. This gives the posterior distribution.
4. Repeat from point 2.



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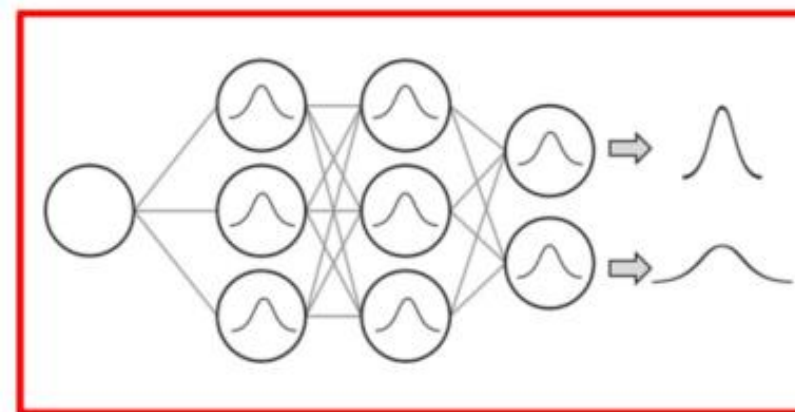
In the Bayesian way, each weight  $w_{ij}$  of a neural network is drawn by a probability density function.

- It is a complex problem, but we have a solution to approximate the real Bayesian posterior for our weights.



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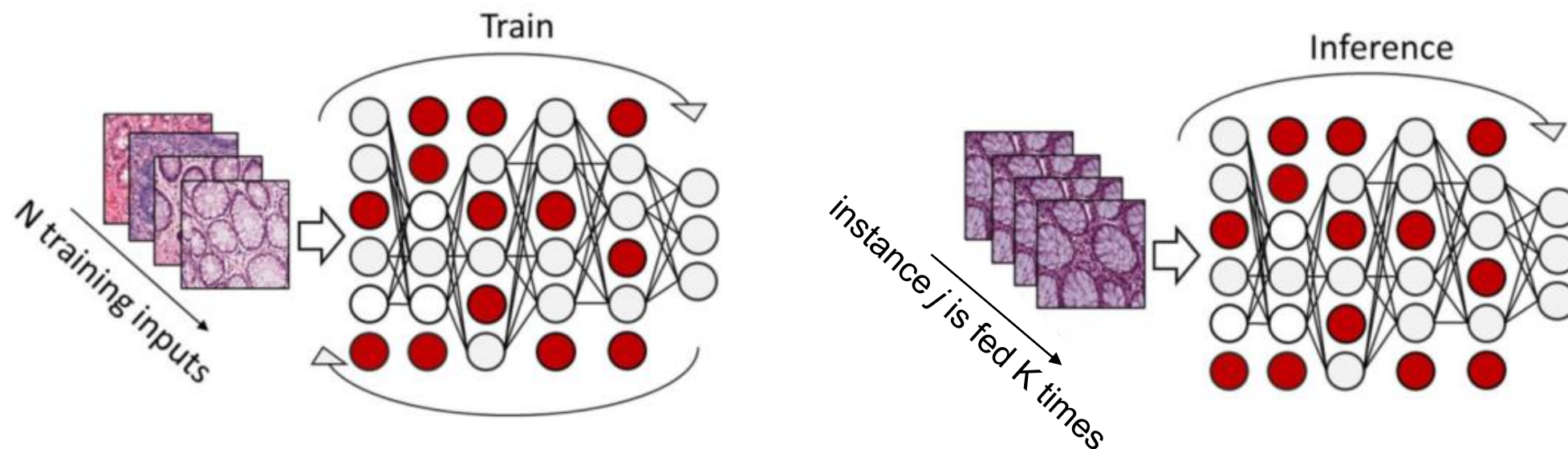
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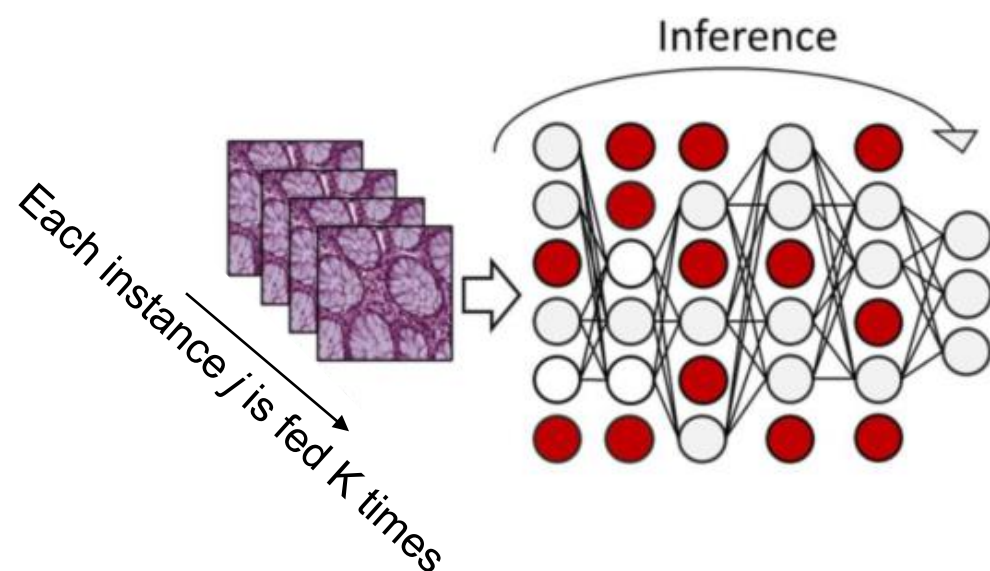
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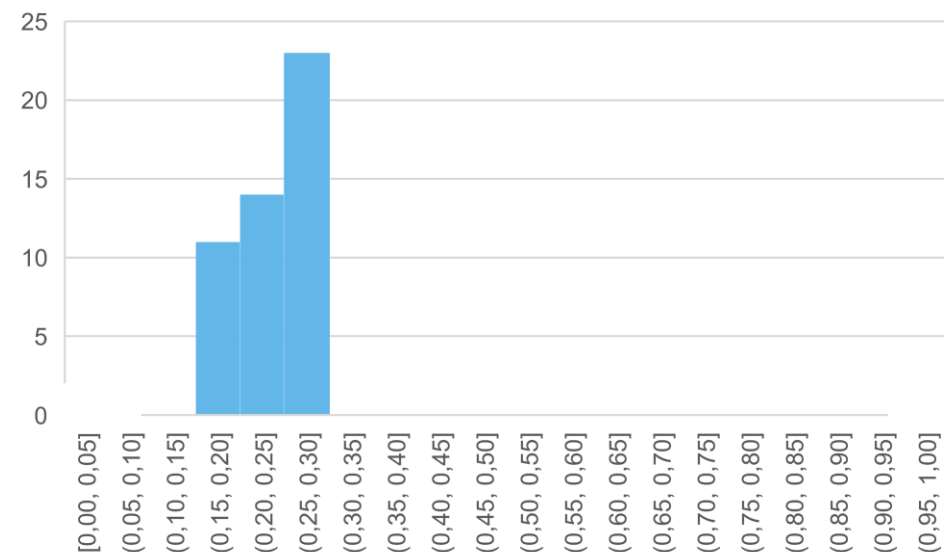
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- Output  $y$  for each instance, with its probability value.





# Lab assignment

**Download dataset\_LUMINAL\_A\_B.csv file from Teams and implement a Bayesian Breast Cancer classifier using MCDropout Bayesian approximation.**

The input consists of gene expression levels of a patient (vector of numbers), the label consists of the patient breast cancer subtype: LUMINAL A or LUMINAL B.

Implement a simple MLP classifier with MCDropout approximation to get for each test patient the class label and the class probability.

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## Some cautions:

- Divide dataset\_LUMINAL\_A\_B.csv in train and test sets based on your preference (e.g., 80-20 split).
- Standardize features by removing the mean and scaling to unit variance
- If you want, perform some dimensionality reduction (e.g., with PCA , 80 features).
- Train the MLP classifier on the train set.
- Test the classifier on the test set to get for each test patient the class label and the class probability.
- Test patients are usually classified with a high or low probability?

Useful LINK:

[https://xuwd11.github.io/Dropout\\_Tutorial\\_in\\_PyTorch/#51-dropout-as-bayesian-approximation-in-classification-task](https://xuwd11.github.io/Dropout_Tutorial_in_PyTorch/#51-dropout-as-bayesian-approximation-in-classification-task)

# Course Folder

You are encouraged to share your scripts on the course folder, to receive comments and feedback from colleagues and instructors.

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ynFYoc3xicaYhSi1X62w9k\\_JAj2fUrox?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ynFYoc3xicaYhSi1X62w9k_JAj2fUrox?usp=sharing)

Please upload your solutions with the proper naming:

e.g., LAB1\_SURNAMENAME



BNN SOLUTION  
TRAIN (MLP)  
STANDARD.  
OUTPUT = DIS AFTER TRAIN  
TRAINING US UJON

TEST

- OUTPUT ACTIONS  
(to give model evaluation).

- We have to distribution of  $y$
- At the fine points the picus come to  
prediction version.



# Questions?

*Better a stupid question in class than a stupid answer in the exam*