

## Chapter 3 Joint distributions

### 2 or more random variables

E.G. • Height • Weight

- Dose of a drug → time to recovery
- Gender, Age, Education, Income

CDF One RV:  $F(x) = P(X \leq x)$

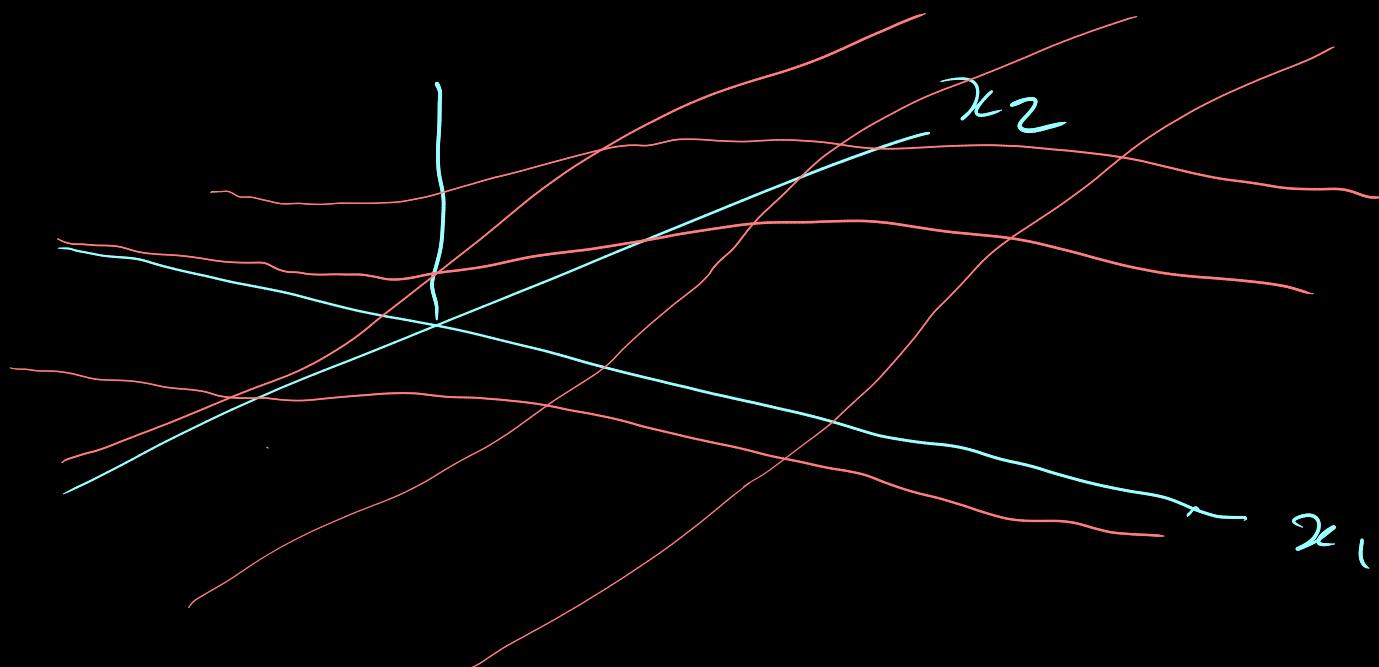
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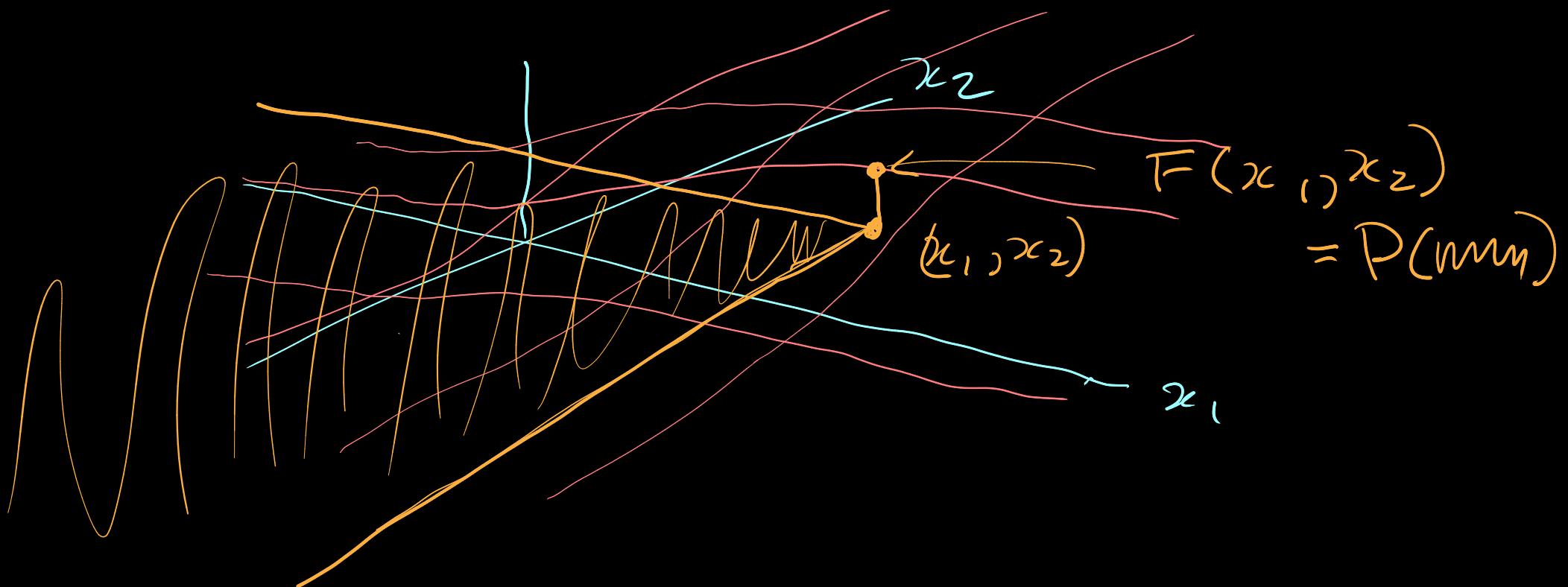
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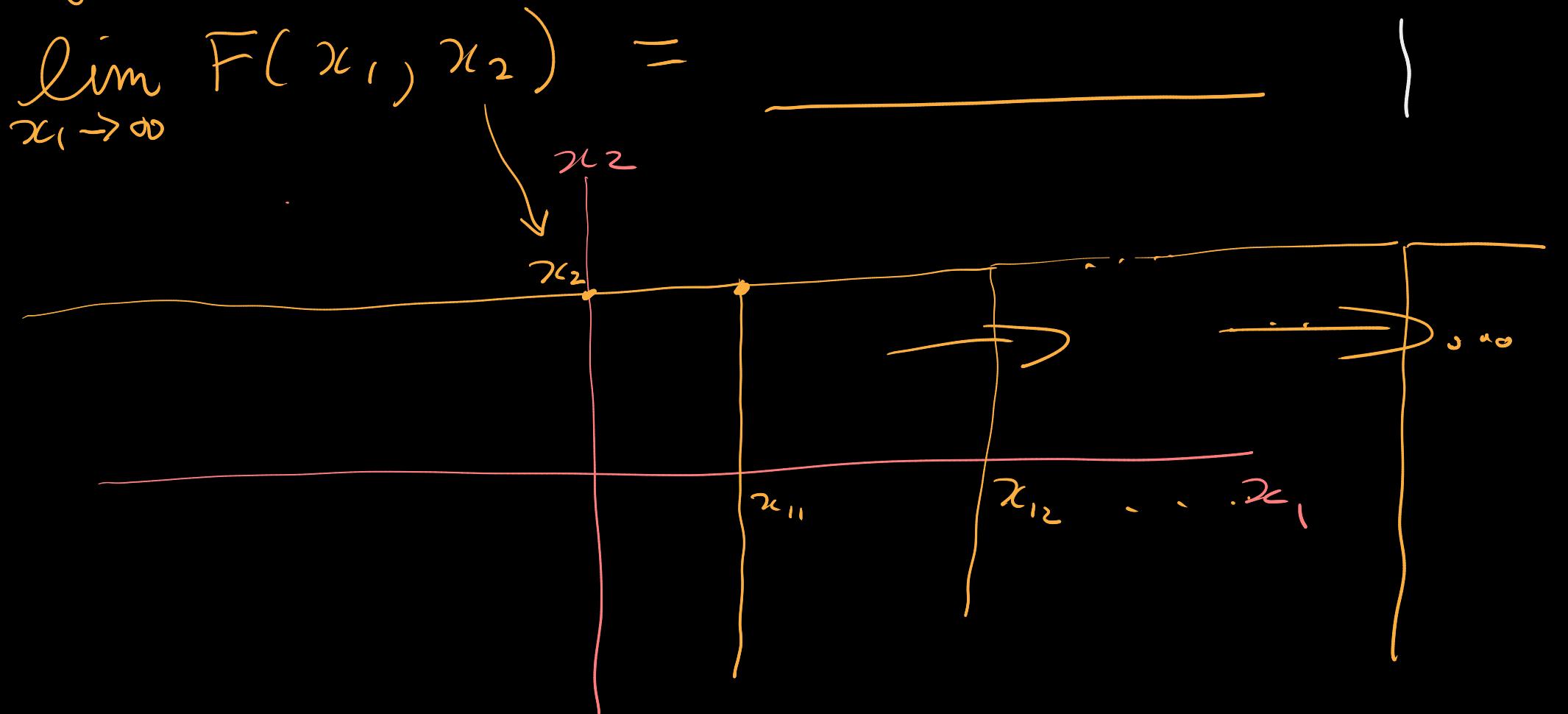
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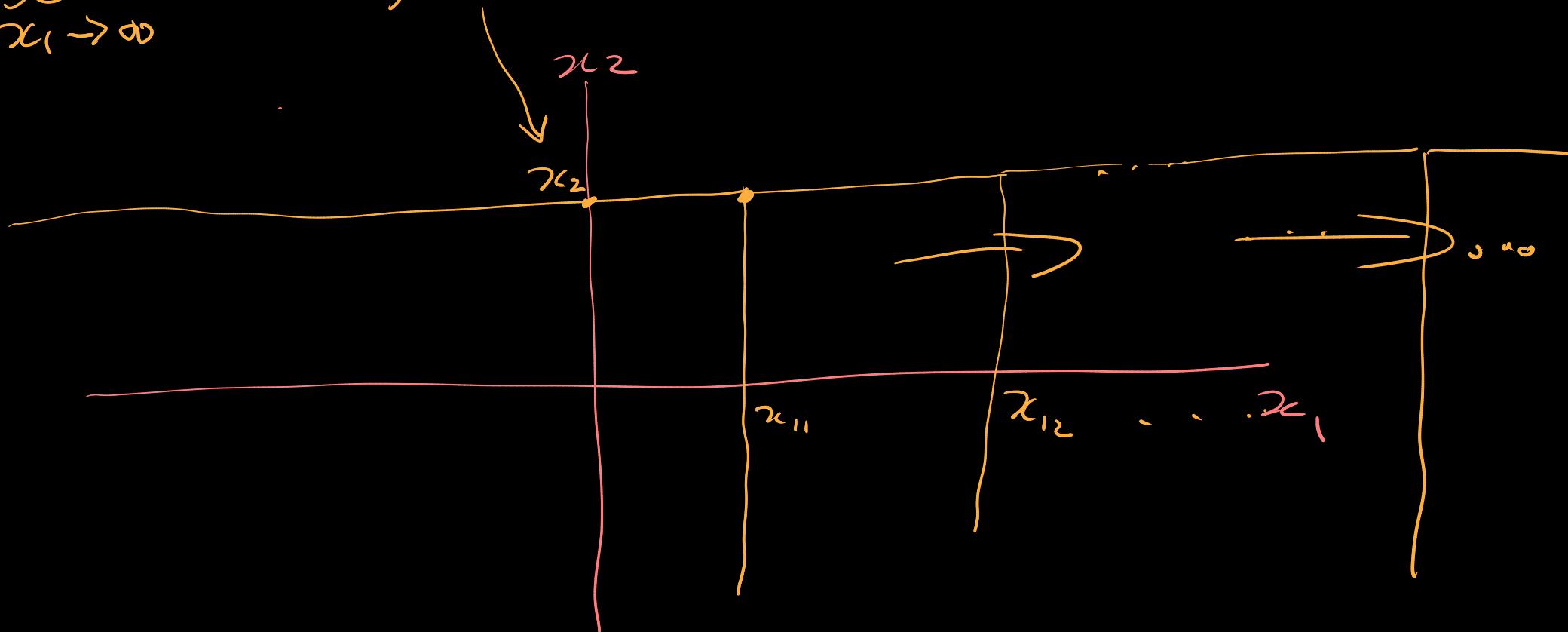


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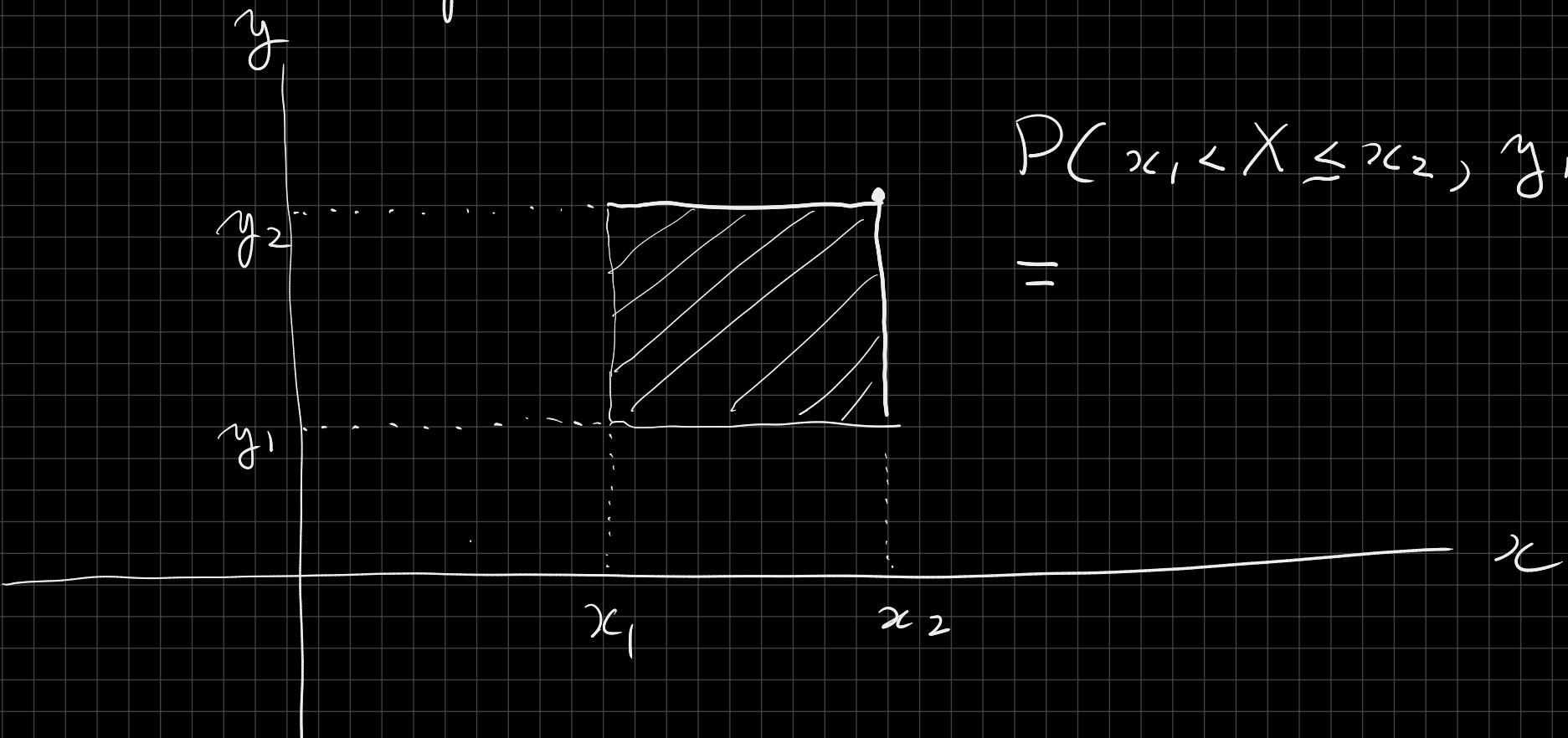
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$$\lim_{x_1 \rightarrow \infty} F(x_1, x_2) = F_2(x_2)$$



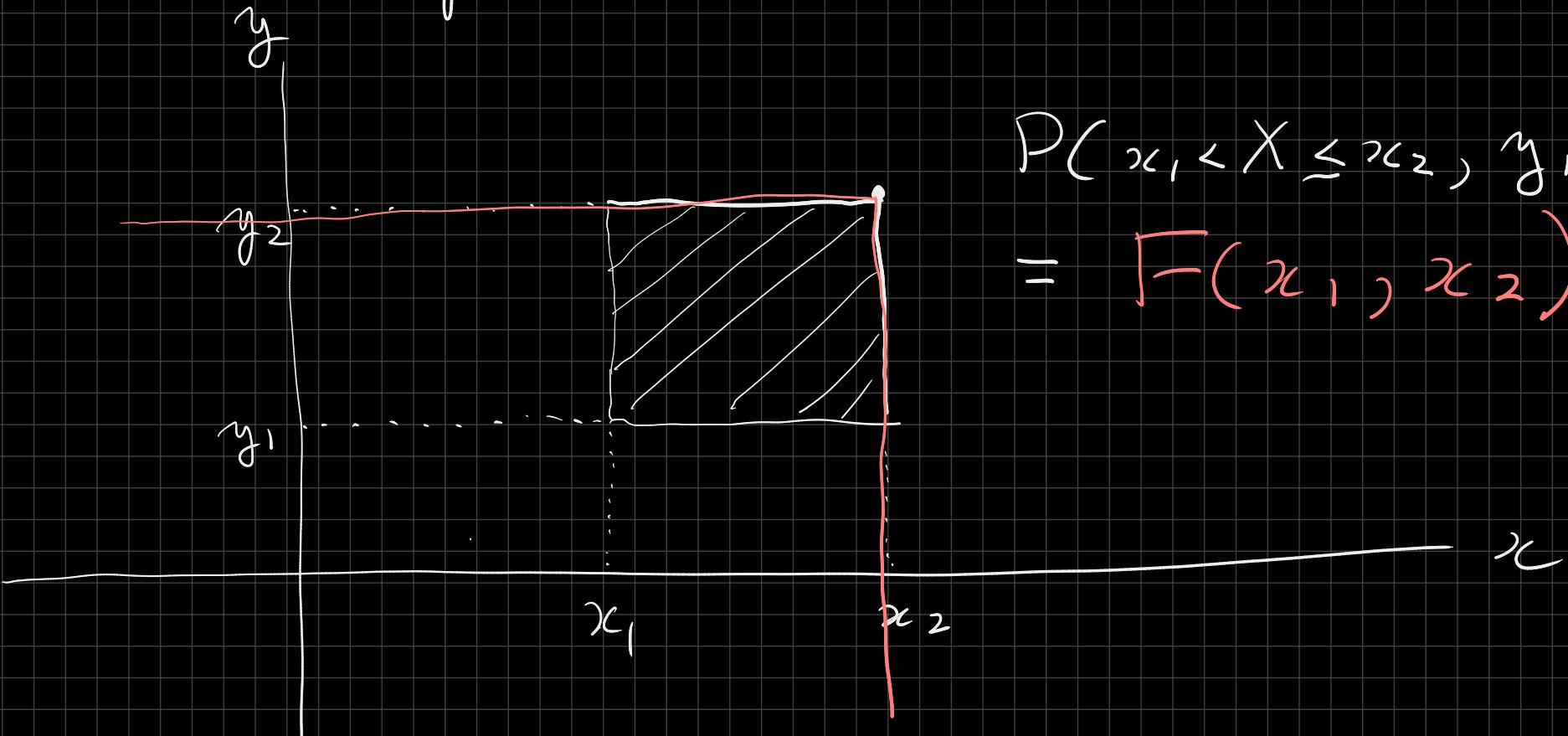
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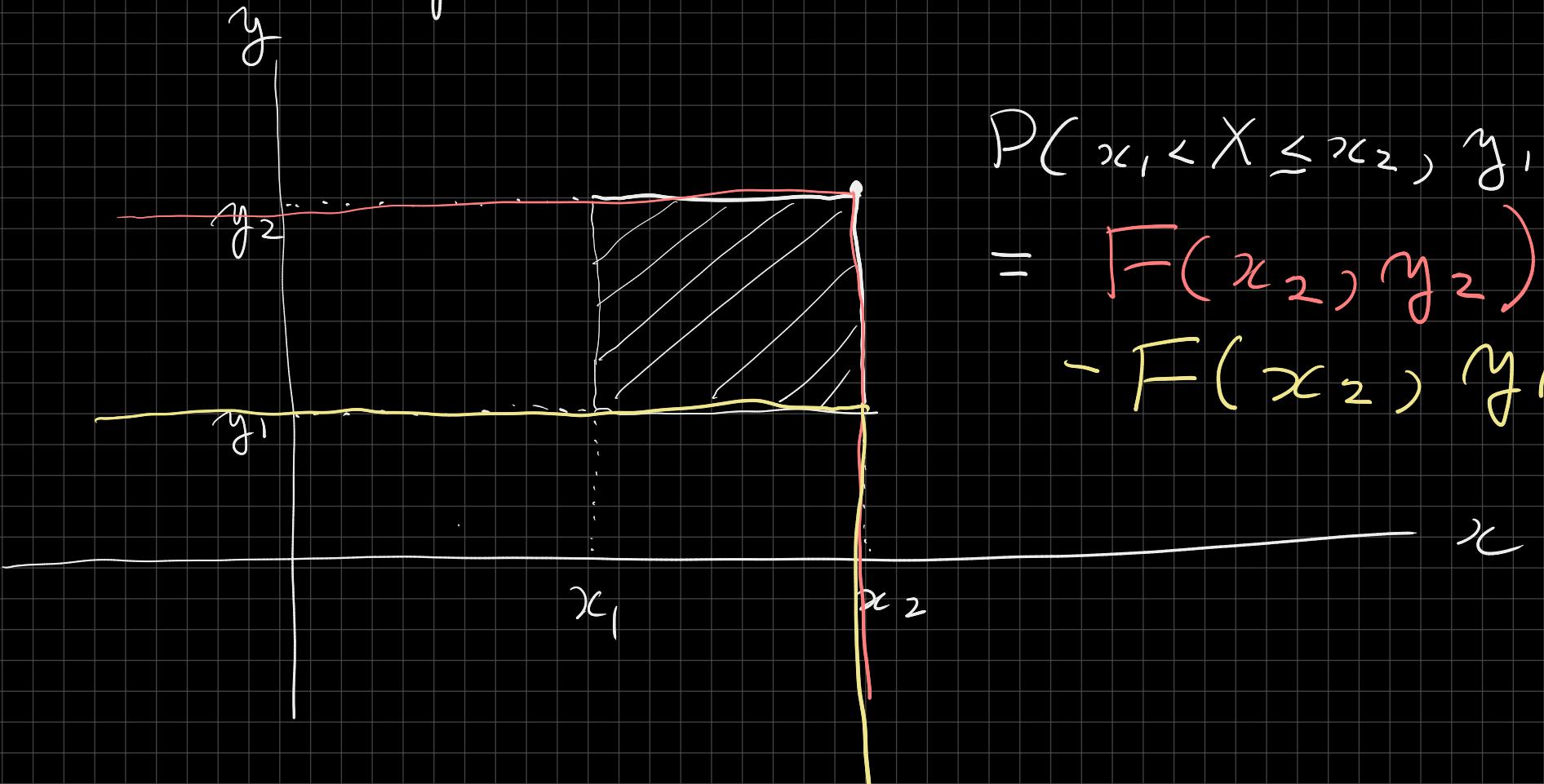
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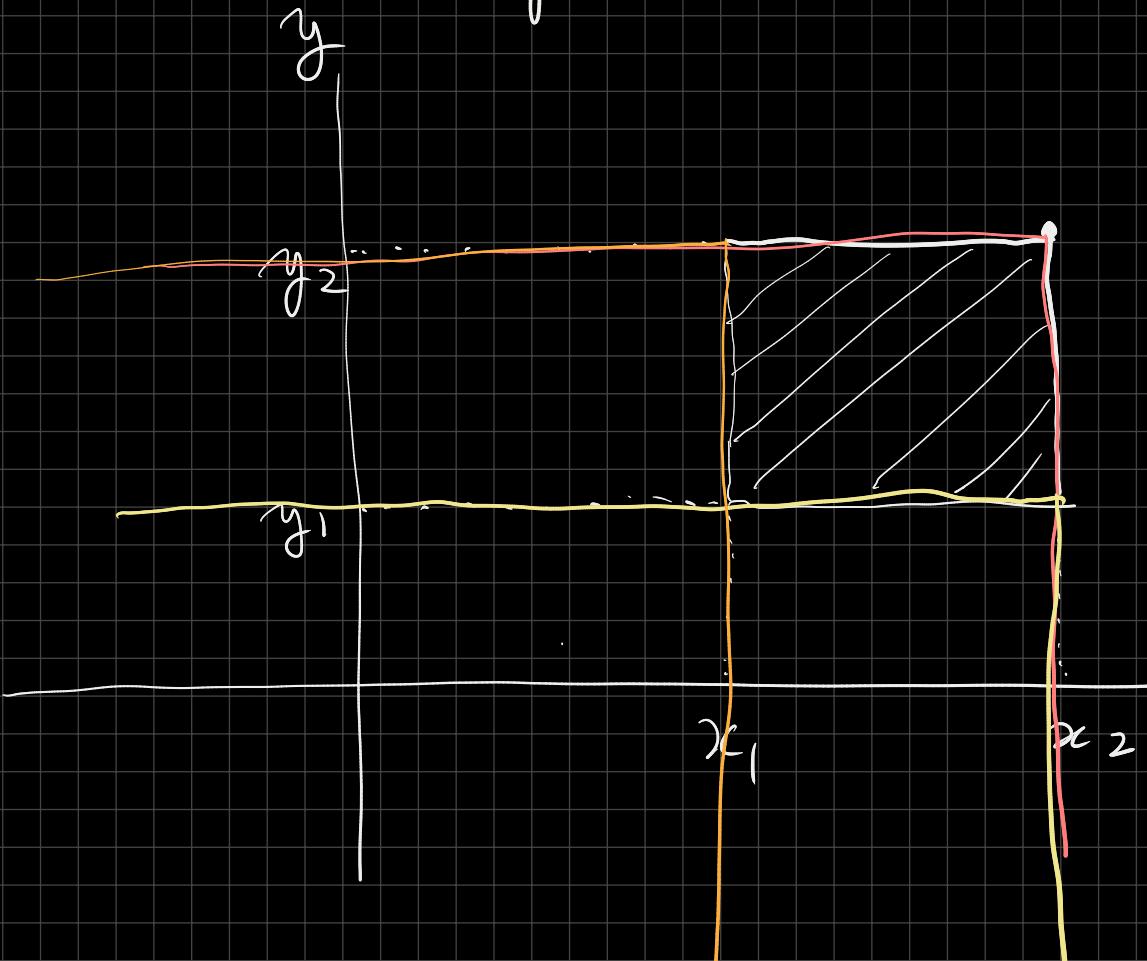
Probability of a rectangle:



$$\begin{aligned} P(x_1 < X \leq x_2, y_1 < Y \leq y_2) \\ = & F(x_2, y_2) \\ - & F(x_2, y_1) \end{aligned}$$

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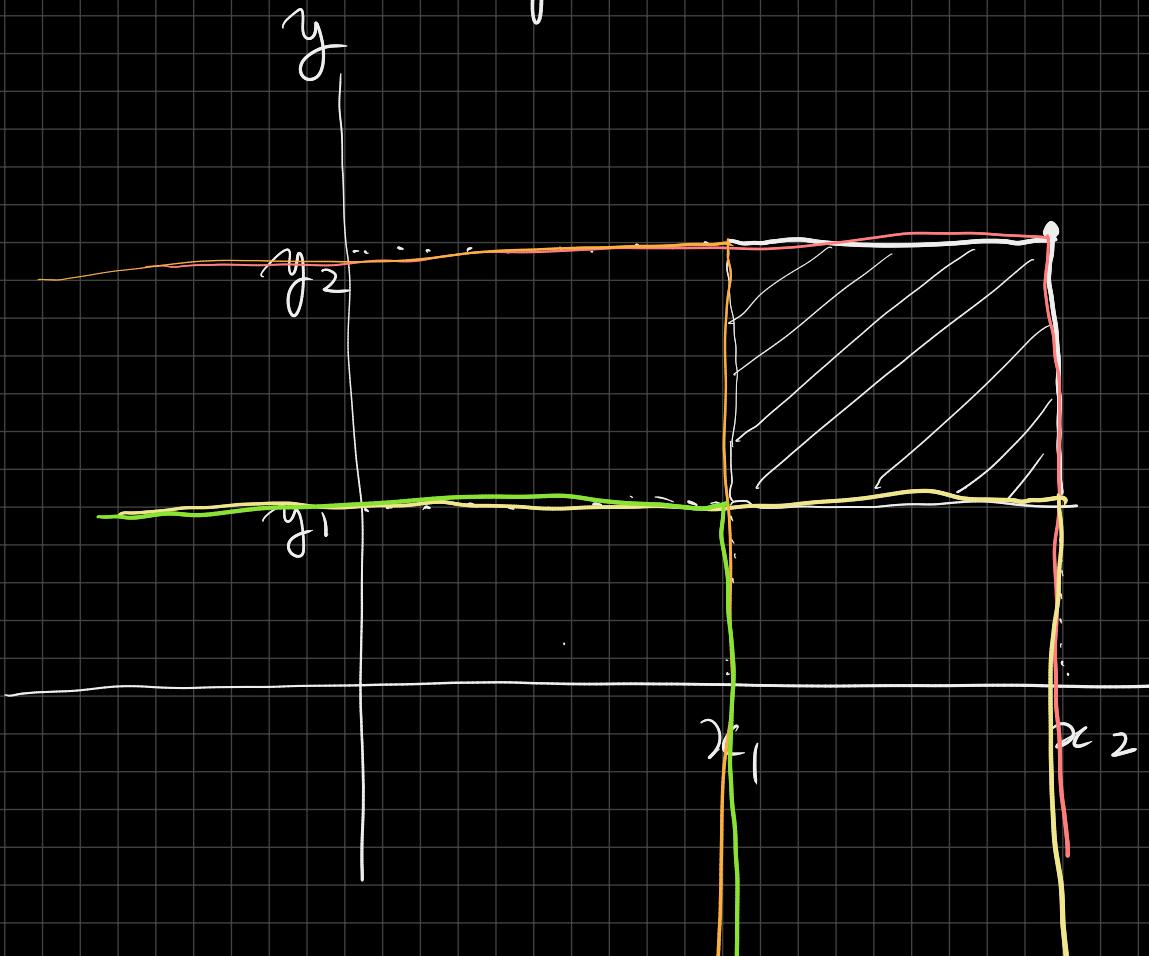
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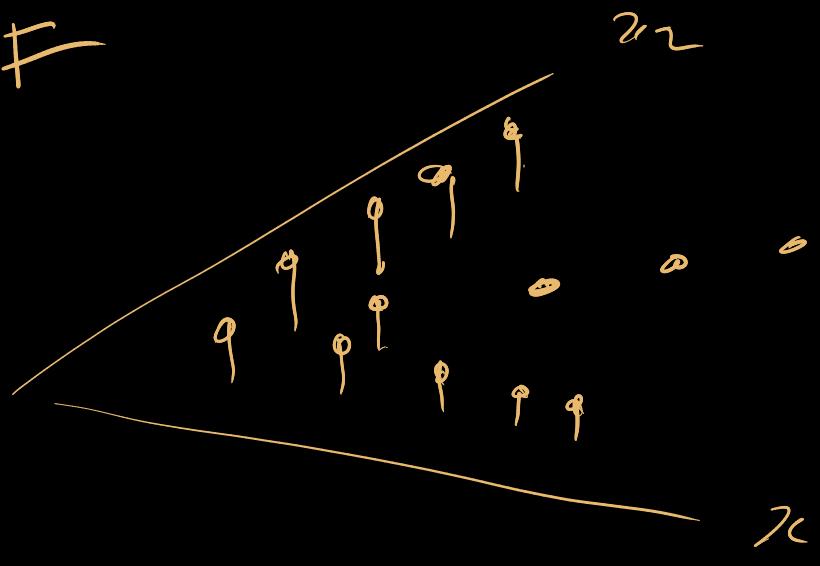
Recap :

$$\begin{aligned} P(x_1 < X \leq x_2, y_1 < Y \leq y_2) \\ = F(x_2, y_2) - F(x_2, y_1) - F(x_1, y_2) + F(x_1, y_1) \end{aligned}$$

Discrete random variables

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Joint PMF } P(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, X_3 = x_3) \\ = p(x_1, x_2, x_3) \end{aligned}$$

Joint PMF



If  $\text{Supp}(X_1, X_2)$  is finite, we can use a table.  
e.g. Toss a coin:  $X = \# \text{ of Heads} + \# \text{ rolled}$ .

		Y							
		1	2	3	4	5	6		
X	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
	1	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{1}{2}$						
		$\frac{1}{6}$	1						

Joint PMF  
marginal PMF for X  
 $P(X_2)$   
marginal for Y

In general : Joint PMF

$$P(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$$

To get marginal PMF just sum over the variables you don't want:

$$P(x_1, x_3) = \sum_{\substack{\text{all } x_2 \text{'s} \\ \text{all } x_4 \text{'s}}} P(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$$

Example : Multinomial distribution

Consider  $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, P)$

$$P(H) = p \quad P(T) = 1 - p = q$$

Toss n times      H H T T H H T T H H      ( $n=10$ )  
8 Hs and 2 Ts

$$\text{So } X = 8$$

But we could also record # of Ts, 2  
and think of this as a joint distribution

for  $X_1 = \# \text{ of Hs}$ , and  $X_2 = \# \text{ of Ts}$

Here  $(X_1, X_2) = (8, 2)$

Of course  $X_1 + X_2 = n$

Here's the joint distribution for  $n = \cancel{3}$  2

		$X_2$ (Tails)		
		0	1	2
0		0	0	$\frac{1}{4}$
$X_1$ (Heads)	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0
	2	$\frac{1}{4}$	0	0

Tosses	P	$\underline{x}_1$	$\underline{x}_2$
TT	$\frac{1}{4}$	0	2
TH	$\frac{1}{4}$	1	1
HT	$\frac{1}{4}$	1	1
TT	$\frac{1}{4}$	2	0

$(X_1, X_2) \sim \text{Multinomial}(\cancel{3}, P = (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}))$

This generalized to any number of categories.

E.G. Take a sample of  $n$  students and record  
eye color : Black, Hazel, Blue, Gray

Counts :  $X_1 \quad X_2 \quad X_3 \quad X_4$

$$(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4) \sim \text{Multinomial}(n, (p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4))$$

↑  
proportions of B, H, B, G  
in population

Or.  $\bar{X} \sim \text{Multinomial}(n, P)$

PMF :

$$P(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \binom{n}{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n} p_1^{x_1} p_2^{x_2} \cdots p_n^{x_n}$$

if  $x_i \geq 0$ ,  $\sum x_i = n$ ,

$$p_i > 0, \sum p_i = 1$$

Let  $X_1, X_2, X_3$  be Multinomial( $n, (p_1, p_2, p_3)$ )

Then  $X_1 \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p_1)$

$$\text{Proof: } P(X_1=x_1) = \sum_{x_2} \binom{n}{x_1 x_2 x_3} P_1^{x_1} P_2^{x_2} P_3^{x_3}$$

$x_3 = n - x_1 - x_2$

Pulling out factors that don't depend on summands

$$= \frac{n!}{x_1!} P_1^{x_1} \sum \frac{1}{x_2! x_3!} P_2^{x_2} P_3^{x_3}$$

$x_2 + x_3 = n - x_1$

Greatest tricks in math { Multiply  $\times 1$   
What can we do here? add 0

= 0 0 0

## Continuous Random Variables

$\iint$  instead of  $\sum$

$(X, Y)$  have a bivariate continuous distribution

if  $P((X, Y) \in A) = \iint_A f(x, y) dx dy$

for some function  $f$  such that

1)  $f \geq 0$  on  $\mathbb{R}^2$

2)  $\iint f(x, y) dx dy = 1$

CDF:  $F(x, y) = \int_{-\infty}^x \int_{-\infty}^y f(u, v) du dv$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^x \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^y f(u, v) dv \right\} du$$

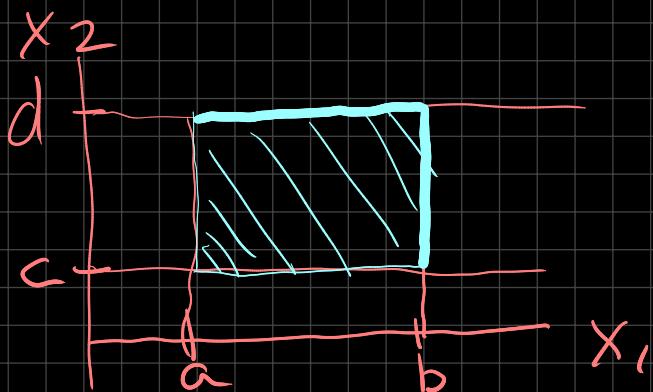
PDF from CDF

$$f(x_1, x_2) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} F(x_1, x_2)$$

Partial derivatives

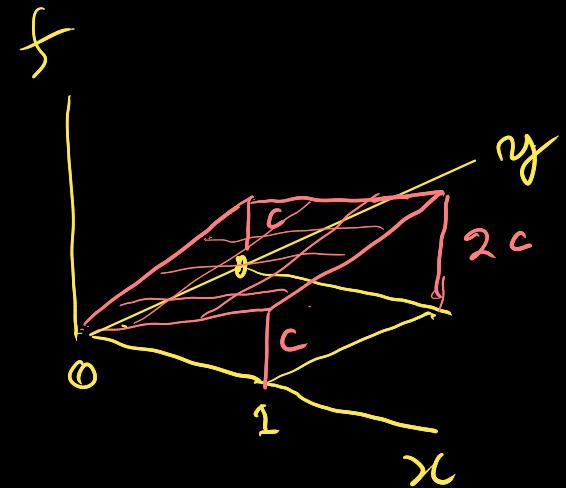
## Probability of a rectangle (easier)

$$\begin{aligned} P(a < X_1 \leq b, c < X_2 \leq d) \\ = \int_a^b \int_c^d f(x_1, x_2) dx_2 dx_1 \end{aligned}$$



Simple example :  $f(x, y) = c(x+y)$   $x, y \in (0, 1)$

1) Find  $c$  to make it a density



$$\iint f(x, y) dx dy = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 (x+y) dy dx$$

$$= \int_0^1 \left[ xy + \frac{y^2}{2} \right]_0^1 dx$$

$$= \int_0^1 (cx + \frac{1}{2}) dx = \left[ \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2}x \right]_0^1$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$$

$$\text{So } c = 1$$

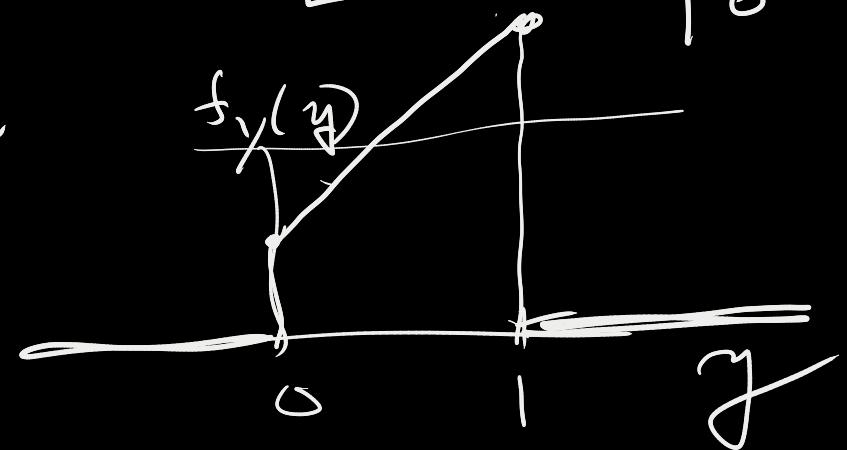
## Marginal distribution of $Y$

Integrate out  $x$ :

$$f_y(y) = \int f(x, y) dx$$

$$= \int_0^1 x + y dx = \left[ \frac{x^2}{2} + xy \right]_0^1$$

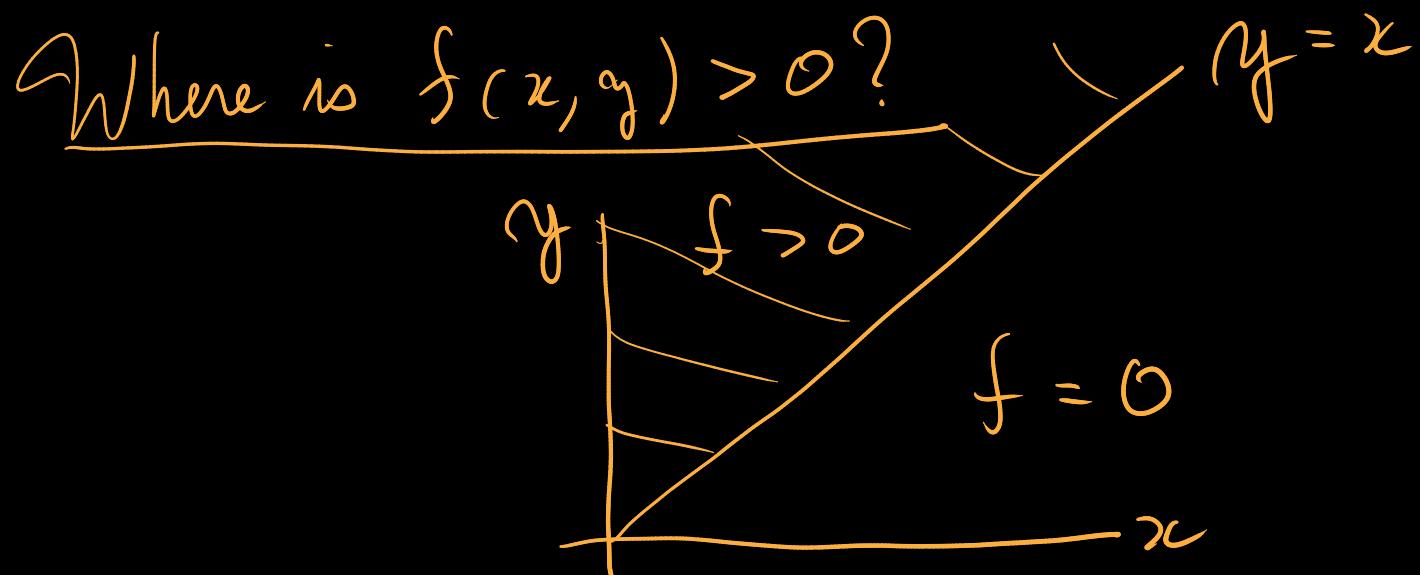
$$= \frac{1}{2} + y$$



$$\begin{aligned} S_0 \quad P(Y \leq \frac{1}{2}) &= \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} f_Y(y) dy \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{1}{2} + y \ dy = \frac{3}{8} \end{aligned}$$

Harder example : p.79 Example D

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda y} & 0 \leq x \leq y, \lambda > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



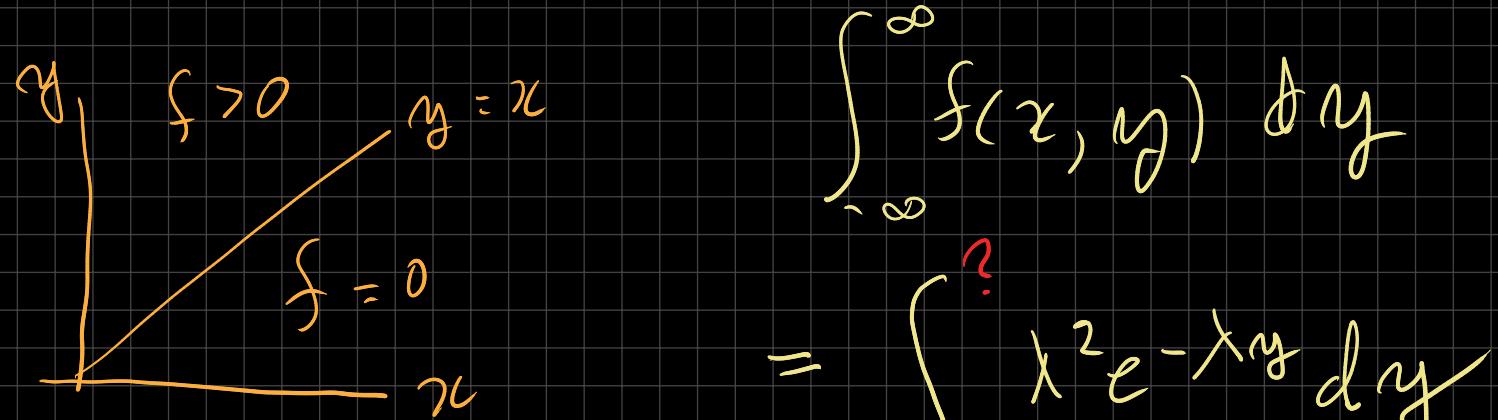
What does  $f(x, y)$  look like?

Fix parameter  $\lambda = 1$

$e^{-y}$  for  $y \geq x$



Marginal distribution of  $X$  Integrate out  $Y$



$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dy = \int_{?}^{?} x^2 e^{-\lambda y} dy$$

$$= \int_x^{\infty} \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda y} dy = \left[ \frac{\lambda^2 e^{-\lambda y}}{-\lambda} \right]_x^{\infty} = 0 - \left( -\lambda e^{-\lambda x} \right)$$

$$= \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, \quad y > 0$$

So  $X$  is exponential

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_Y(y) &= \int f(x, y) dx \\
 &= \int_0^y \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda x} dx \\
 &= \left[ x \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda x} \right]_0^y \\
 &= y \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda y} = y^{2-1} \frac{\lambda^2 e^{-\lambda y}}{\Gamma(2)}
 \end{aligned}$$

So  $\gamma \sim \text{Gamma}$   
 with shape parameter  
 $\alpha = 2$  and scale  
 parameter  $\lambda$

We will return to copulas on p. 78

and the bivariate normal on p. 81

after talking about independence section 3.4

### 3.4 Independent random variables

Def: Random variables  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are independent iff joint CDF factors into product of marginal CDF:

$$F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = F_1(x_1) F_2(x_2) \cdots F_n(x_n)$$

$$\forall x_1, \dots, x_n.$$

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Facts: ① If  $X_1, X_2$  are independent RVs then all events involving only  $X_1$  are independent of events involving only  $X_2$ .

i.e.  $P(X_1 \in A, X_2 \in B)$

$$= P(X_1 \in A) P(X_2 \in B)$$

(2) Events for any function  $g_1$  of  $X_1$  and  $g_2$  of  $X_2$  are independent:

$$P(g_1(X_1) \in A, g_2(X_2) \in B)$$

$$= P(g_1(X_1) \in A) \times P(g_2(X_2) \in B)$$

③ Discrete case :  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are independent

iff  $P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$   
 $= P_1(x_1) \cdots P_n(x_n)$

④ Continuous case :  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are independent

iff  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  can be expressed as  
 $f_1(x_1) \cdots f_n(x_n)$

## Back to p. 81 : Bivariate normal

Univariate  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

Standard Normal  $Z \sim N(0, 1) :$   $f_z(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}z^2}$

$$X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

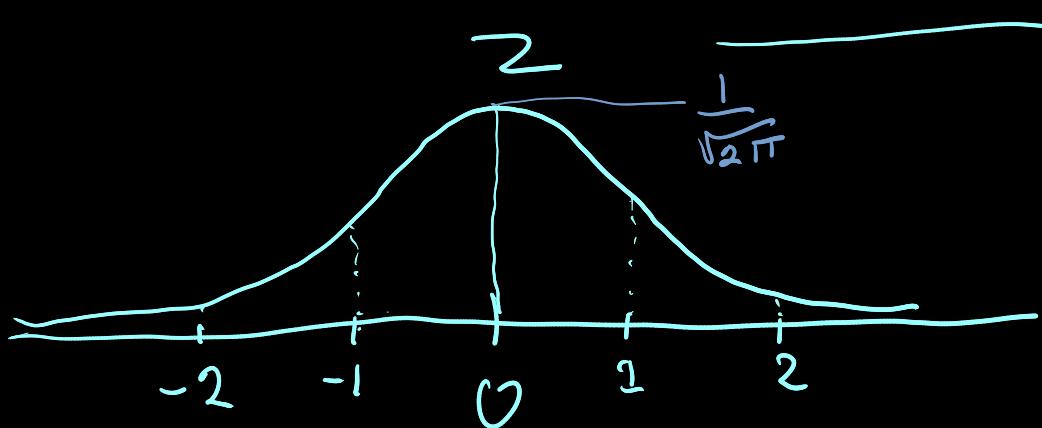
$$X = \mu + \sigma Z \quad Z = (X - \mu) / \sigma$$

$$f_x(x) = f_z((x - \mu) / \sigma) \left| \frac{dZ}{dx} \right| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{x-\mu}{\sigma} \right)^2} \times \frac{1}{\sigma}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right\}$$

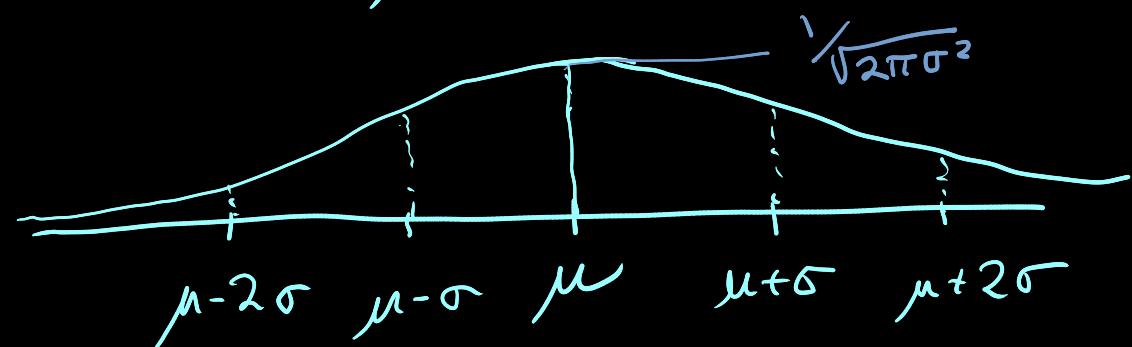
$$\text{OR} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma^2} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (x-\mu)^2\right\}$$

Standard Normal



$$N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

$$x = \mu + \sigma z$$



## Multivariate normal in stages

Bivariate standard normal

2 independent normals

$$(z_1, z_2) \sim N\left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}\right)$$

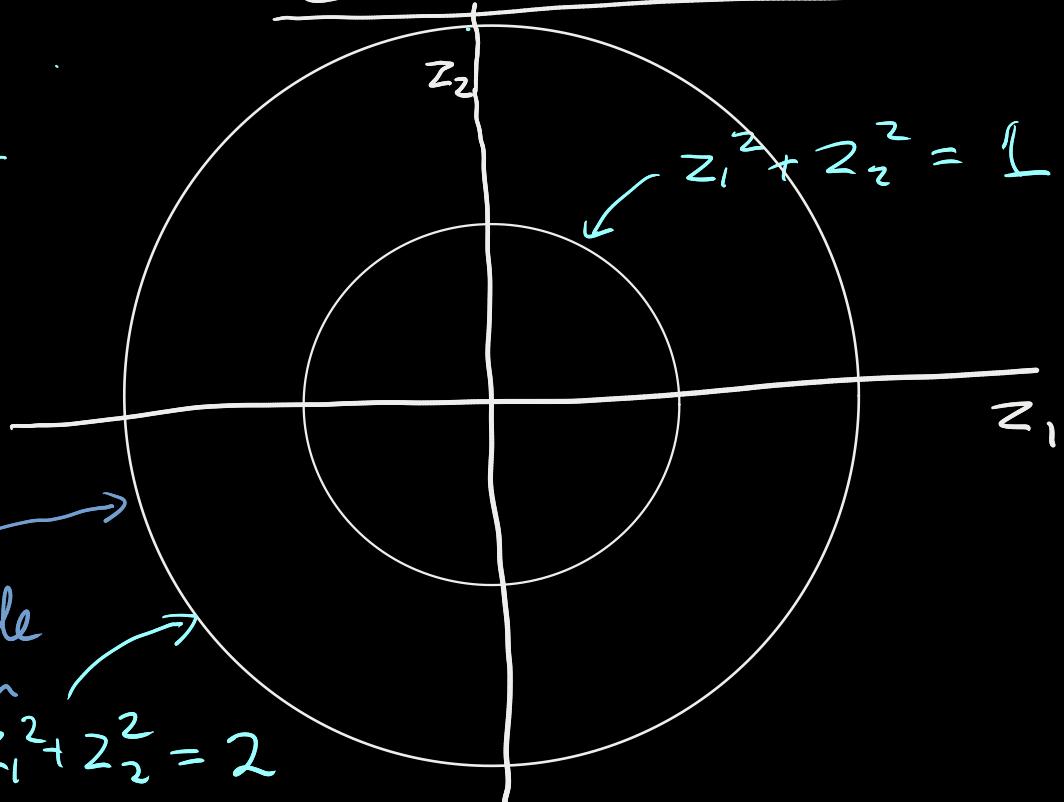
$$\begin{aligned} f(z_1, z_2) &= f(z_1) f(z_2) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}z_1^2} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}z_2^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{1/2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (z_1^2 + z_2^2) \right\}$$



lines of  
equal altitude  
on a mountain  
 $z_1^2 + z_2^2 = 2$

Contour lines



$\begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{pmatrix}$  as a linear transformation of  $\begin{pmatrix} Z_1 \\ Z_2 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} Z_1 \\ Z_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{X} = \underline{\mu} + A \underline{Z}$$

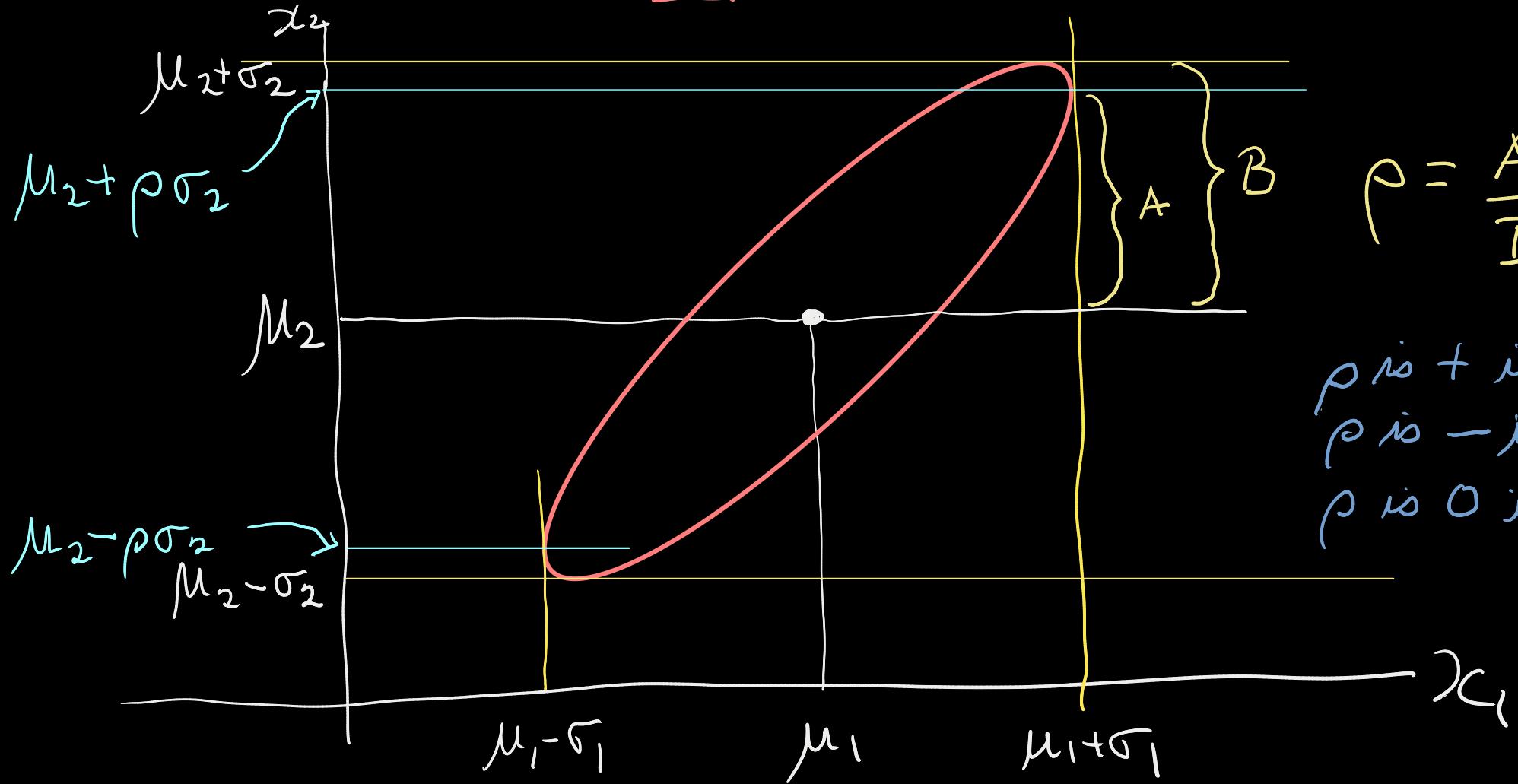
... takes us to the general bivariate normal  
in the text book:

$$f(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{2\pi \sigma_x \sigma_y \sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \times$$

$$\exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{1-\rho^2} \left( \frac{x_1 - \mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{x_2 - \mu_2}{\sigma_2} \right)^2 - 2\rho \left( \frac{x_1 - \mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right) \left( \frac{x_2 - \mu_2}{\sigma_2} \right) \right] \right\}$$

Contours

$$\left[ \dots \right] = 1$$



## Back to P 78 : Copula

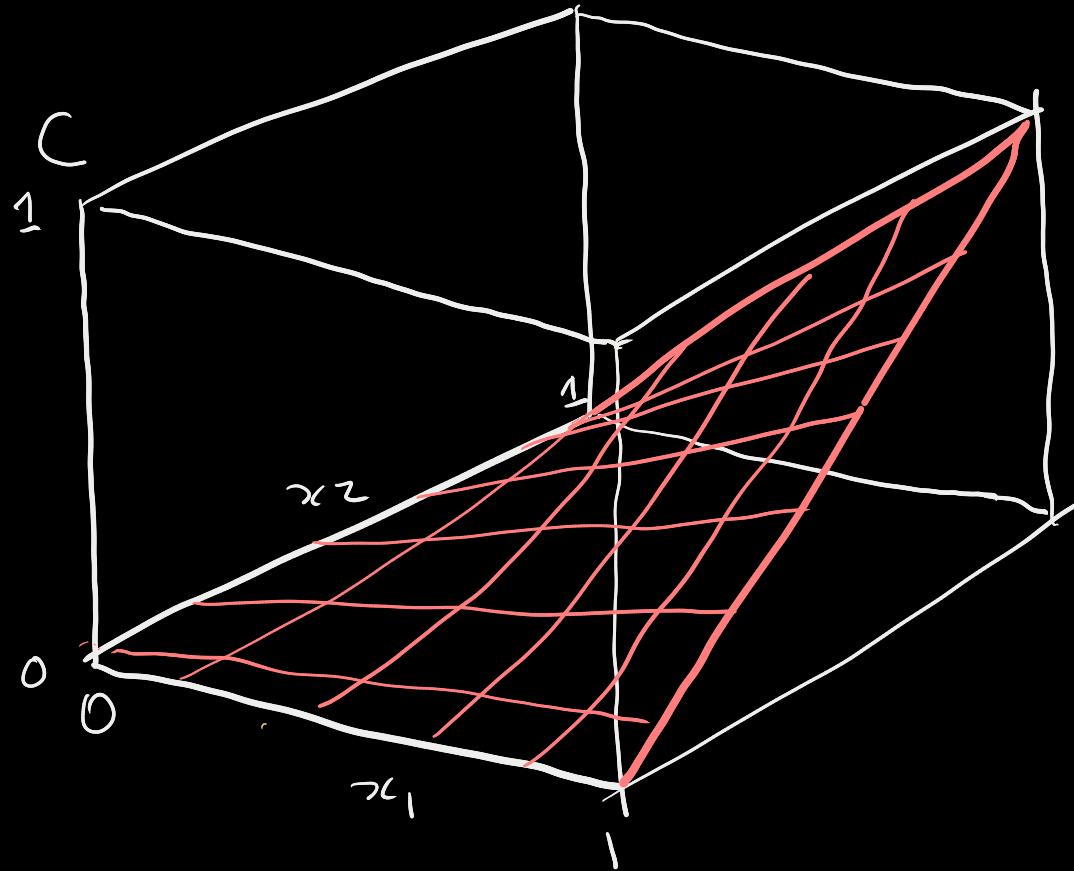
CDF for  $X_1, X_2$  on  $[0, 1] \times [0, 1]$

so marginals for  $X_1, X_2$  are  $U(0, 1)$

$$C(x_1, x_2)$$

Note  $C(x_1, \infty) = C(x_1, 1) = x_1$   
if  $0 < x_1 < 1$

Same for  $C(\infty, x_1)$



Ques

a joint distribution where the support  
for  $y$  depends on  $x$  (and vice-versa).

E.G.  $f(x,y) = \begin{cases} c(x+y) & 0 < x < y < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

- Find  $c$  to make  $f$  a density
- Find  $f_y(y)$

Note: When conditions are expressed  
as  $0 < x < y < 1$  it's easier to split marginal-conditional

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{l} 0 < y < 1 \\ 0 < x < y \end{array}}$$

or

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{l} 0 < x < 1 \\ x < y < 1 \end{array}}$$

