

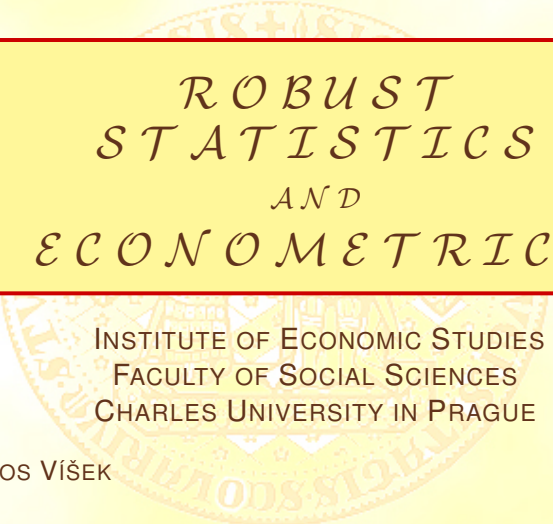
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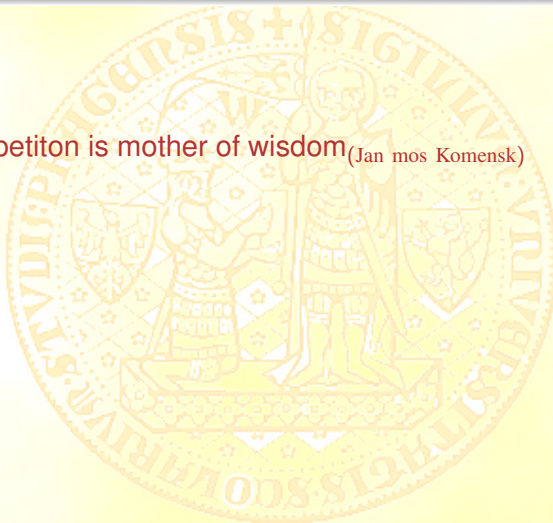
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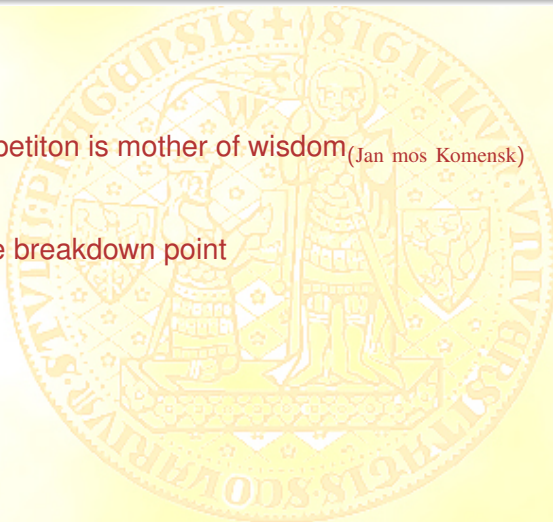
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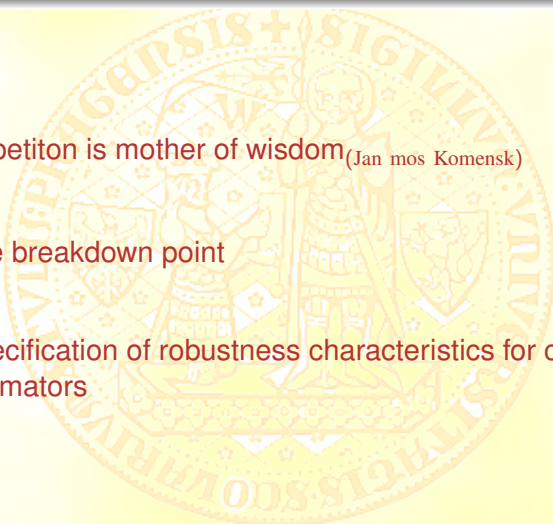


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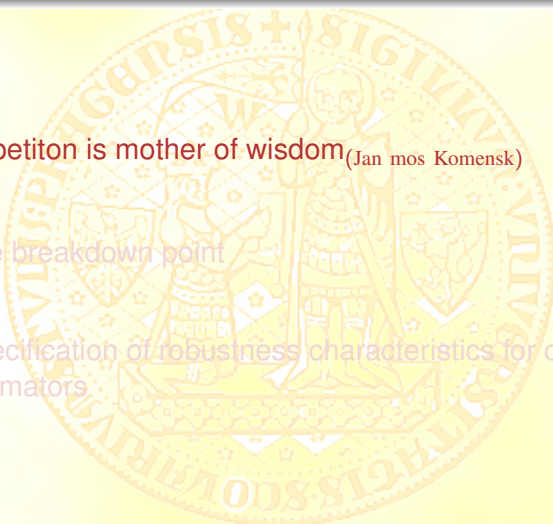
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A brief repetition of some points from previous lectures

We have concluded:

The requirements overtaken from the classical statistics

- 1 Consistency (typically weak, i. e. in probability)
- 2 \sqrt{n} -consistency (root-n-consistency)
- 3 Asymptotic normality
- 4 Loss of efficiency as small as possible
- 5 Scale- and regression-equivariance

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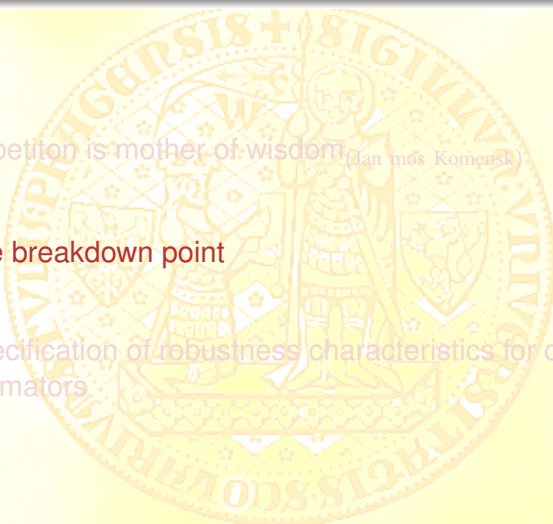
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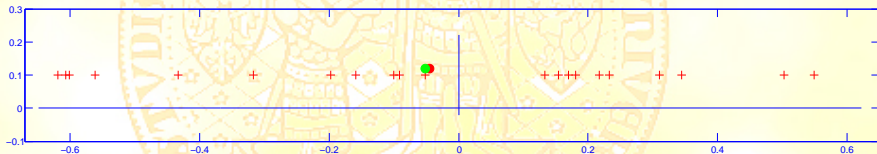
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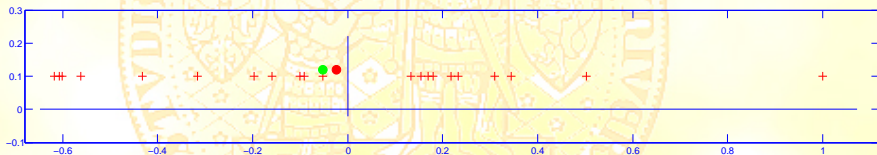
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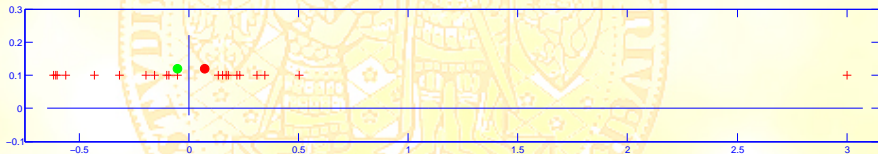
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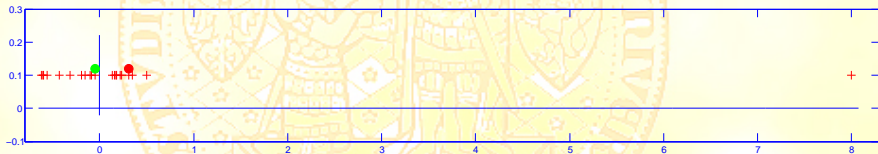
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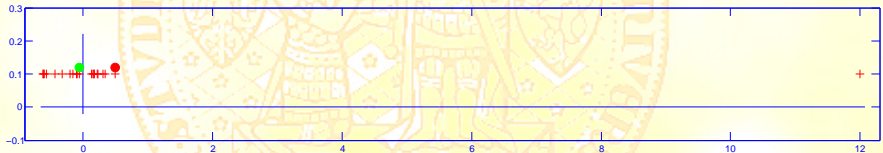
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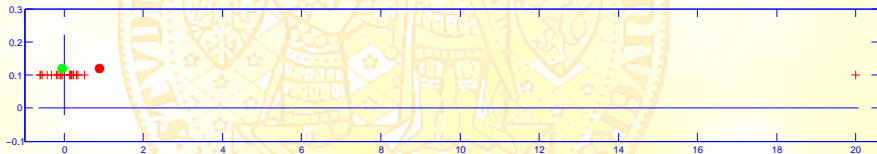
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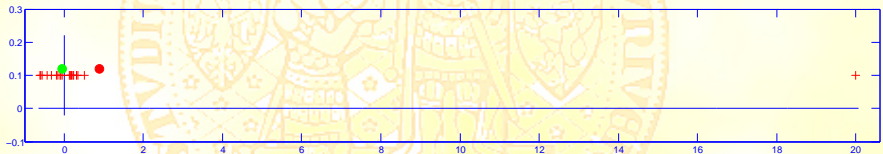
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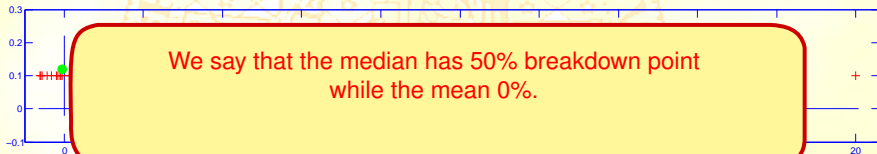


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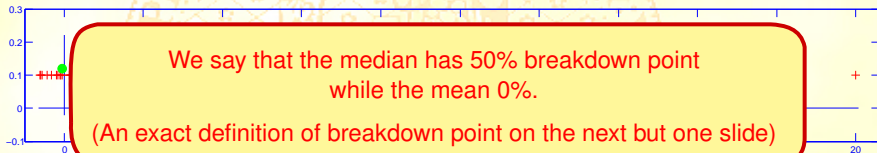


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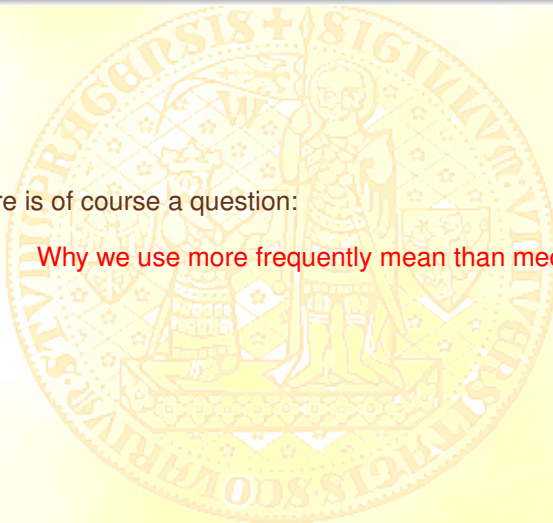
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(explanation of Prokhorov metric is on one of the next slides,
then finite sample breakdown point).

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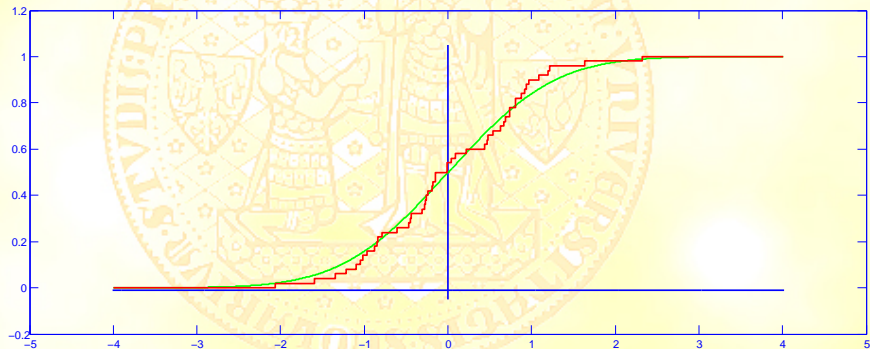
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Any open cover contains a finite subcover.

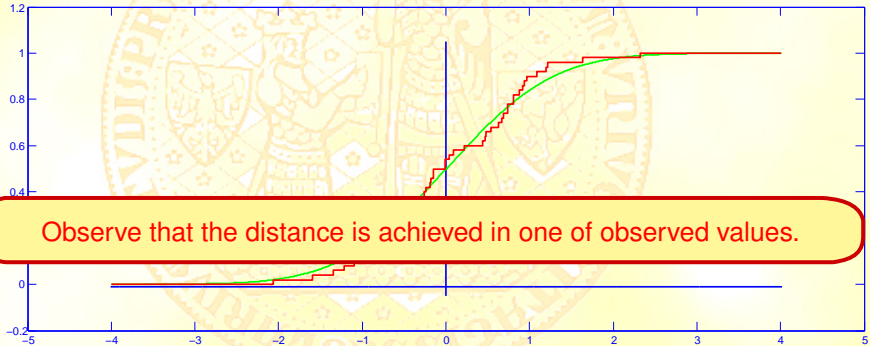
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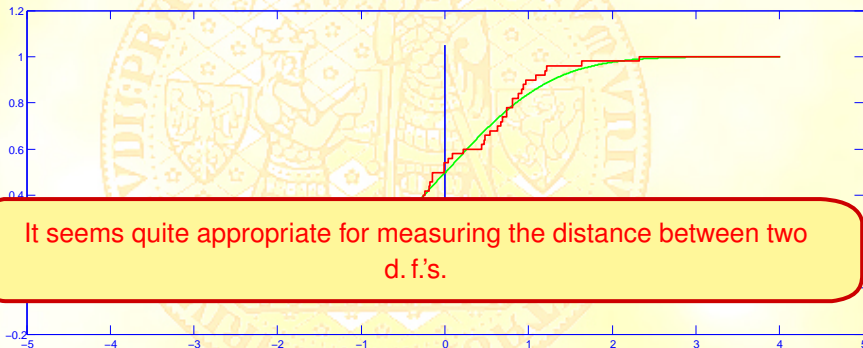
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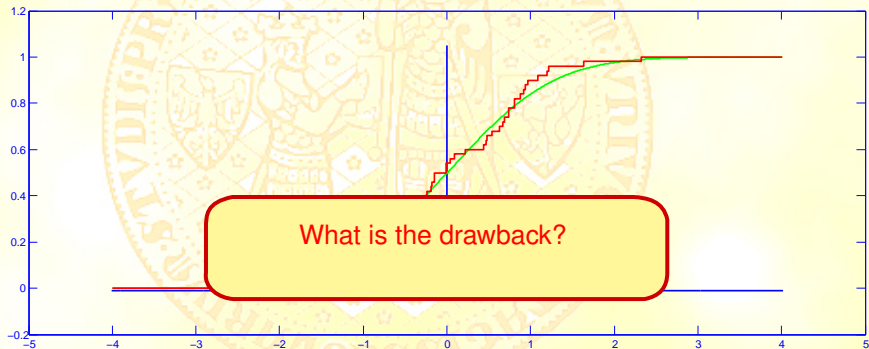
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It seems quite appropriate for measuring the distance between two d. f.'s.

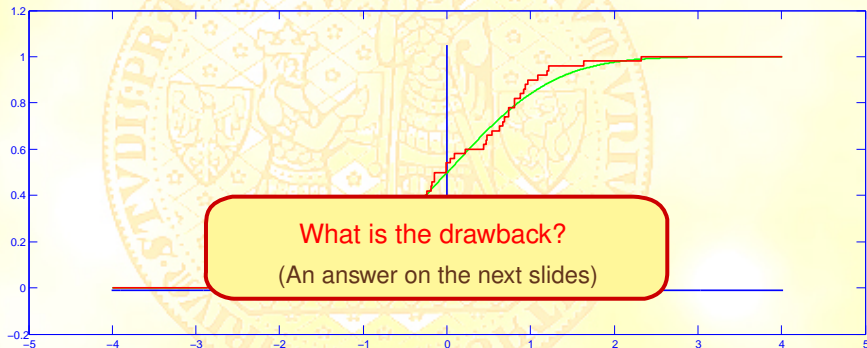
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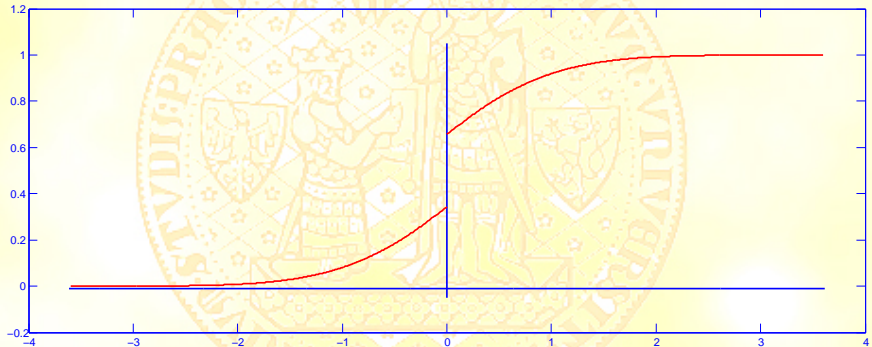


What is the drawback?

(An answer on the next slides)

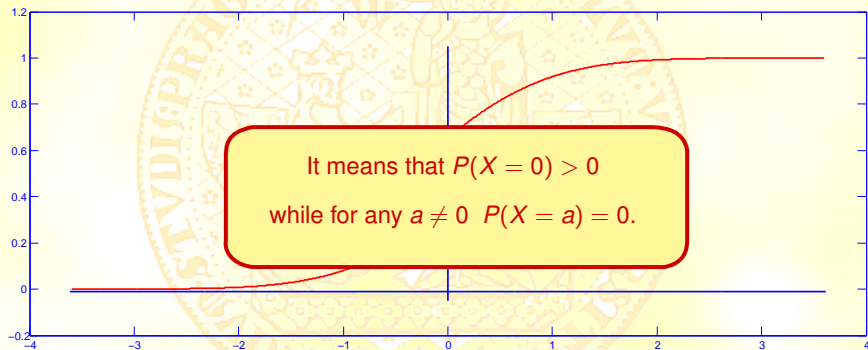
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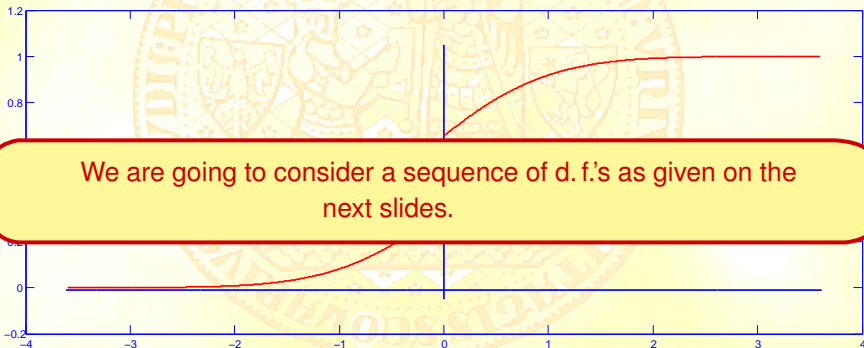
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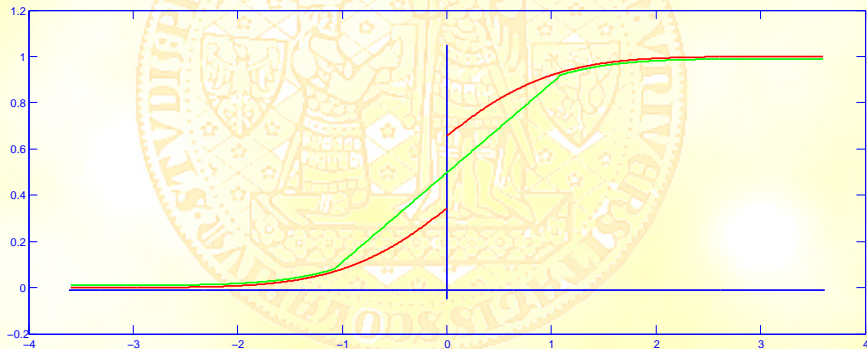
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We are going to consider a sequence of d. f.'s as given on the next slides.

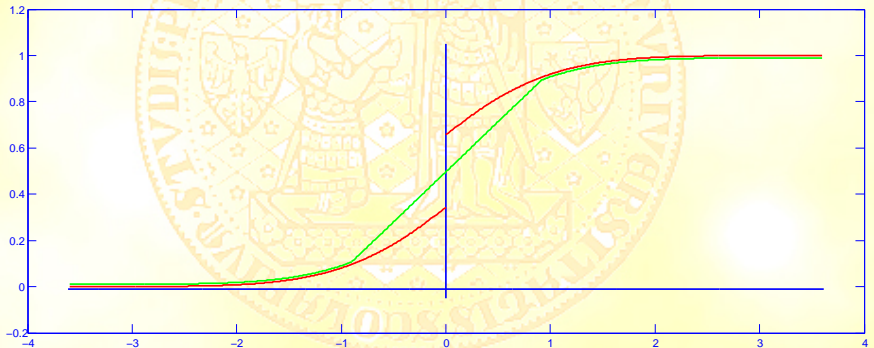
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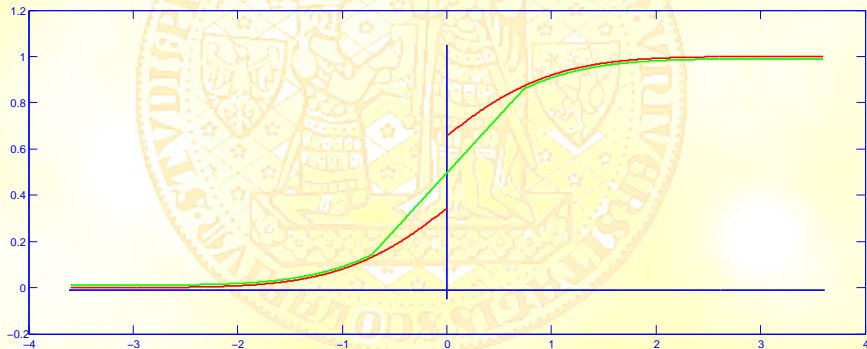
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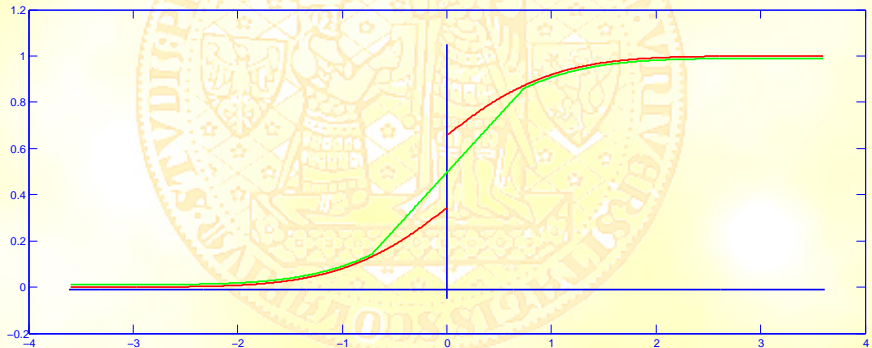
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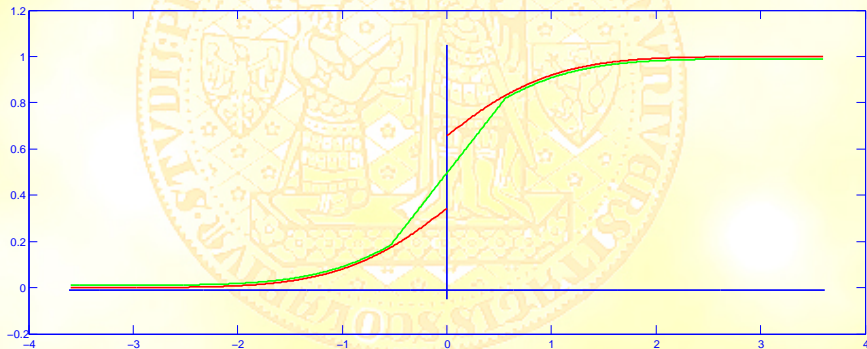
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Could You say what is the K-S distance between green and red d.f.?



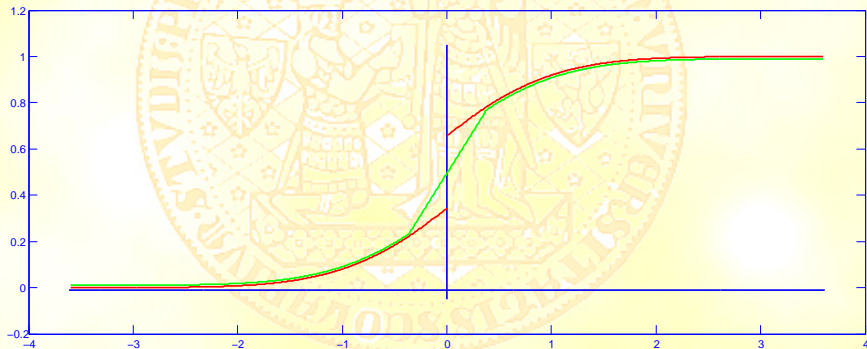
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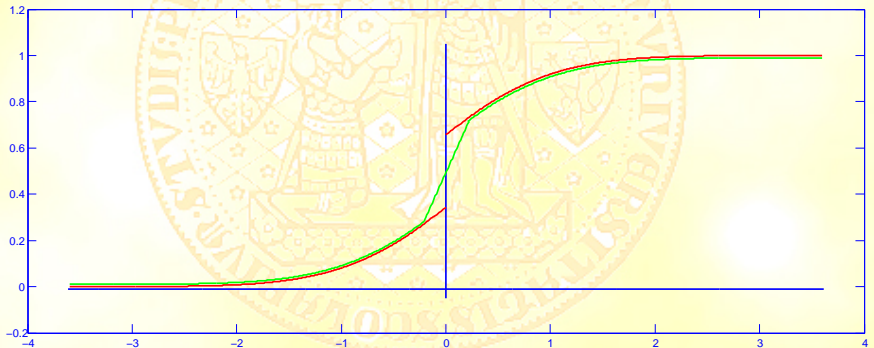
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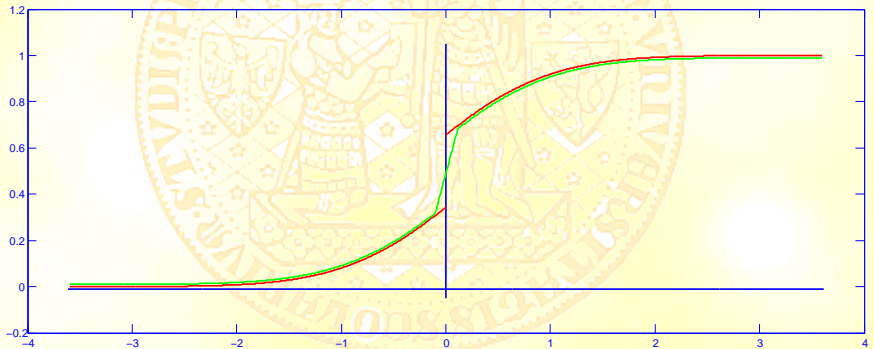
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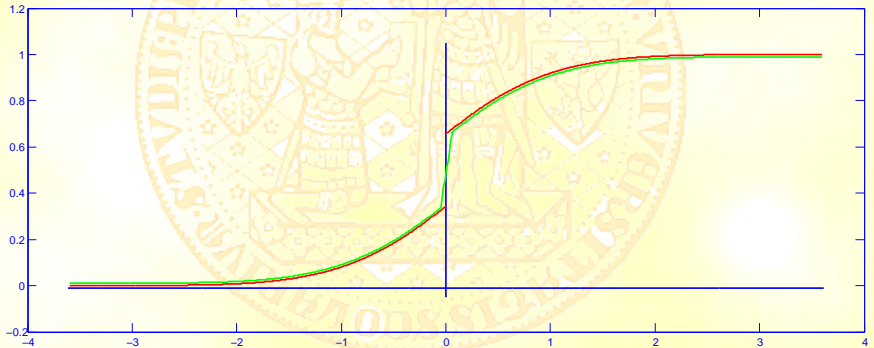
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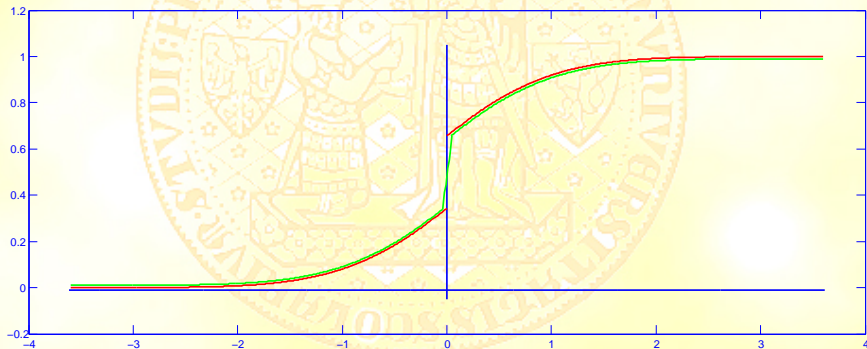
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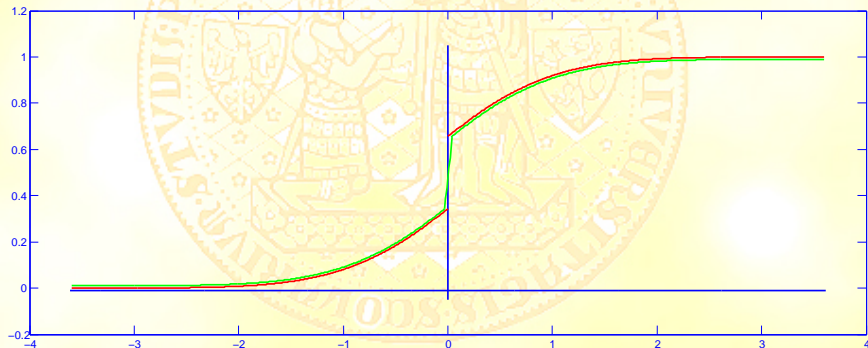
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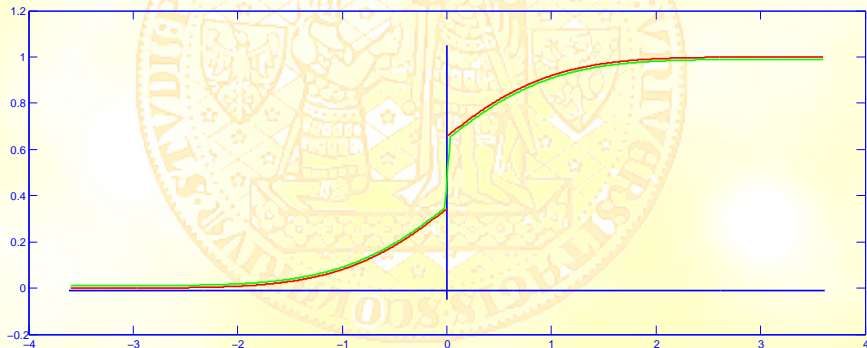
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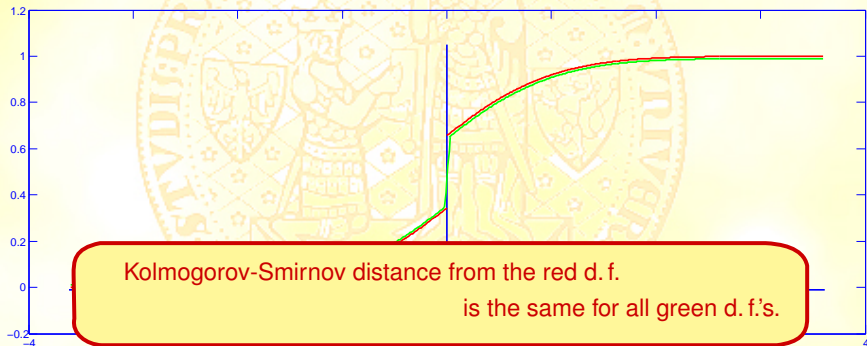
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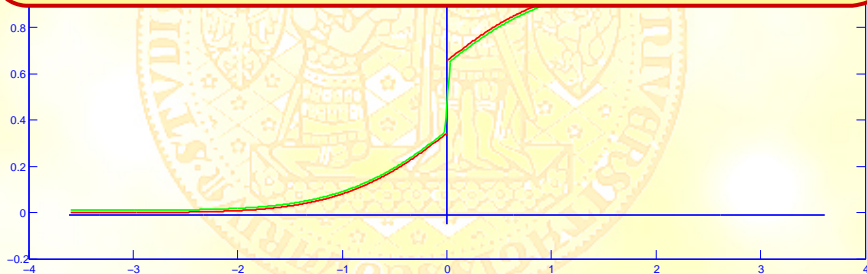
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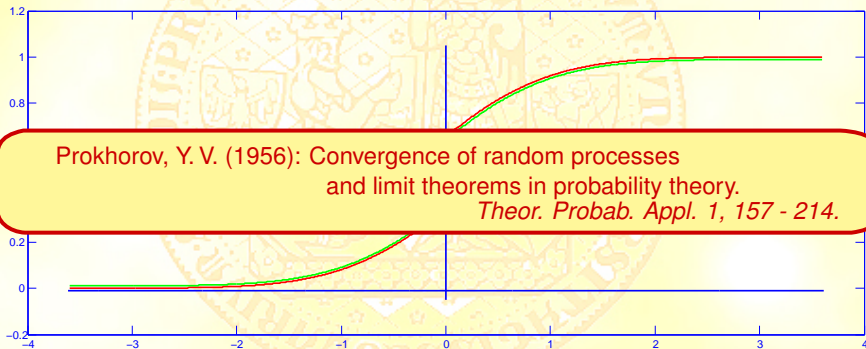
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Kolmogorov-Smirnov distance need not be appropriate
for measuring distance between d.f.'s in all situations.



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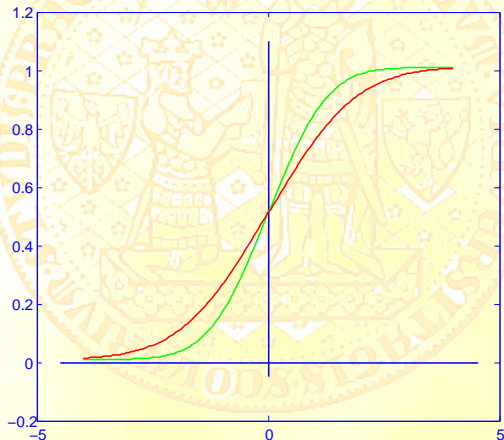
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Prokhorov, Y. V. (1956): Convergence of random processes
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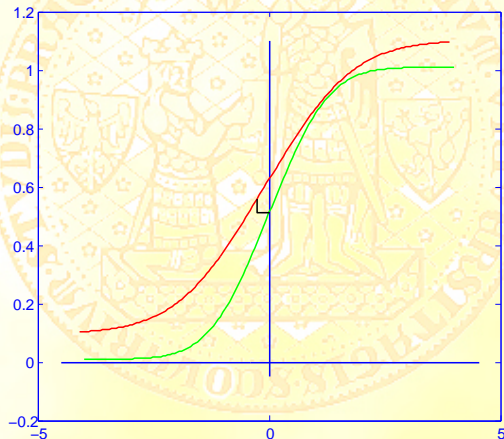
Explaining Prohorov distance (notice different transcription)

Coinsider two d. f.'s



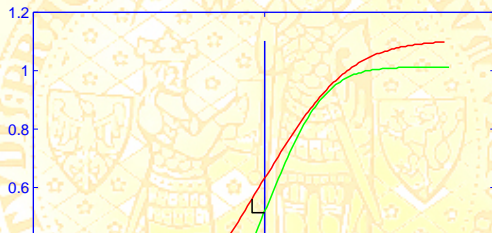
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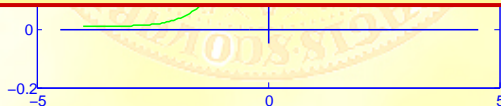


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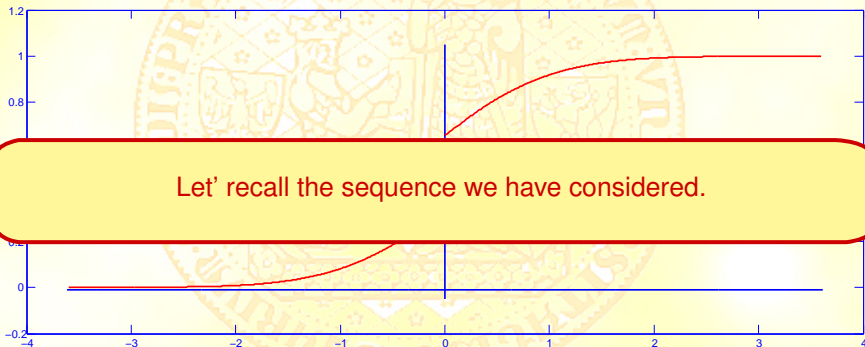


$$\pi(F, G) = \inf \{ \varepsilon \in [0, 1] : \forall (x \in R) \quad F(x) \leq G(x + \varepsilon) + \varepsilon \quad \vee \quad G(x) \leq F(x + \varepsilon) + \varepsilon \}$$



Comparing Kolmogorov-Smirnov and Prokhorov metrics

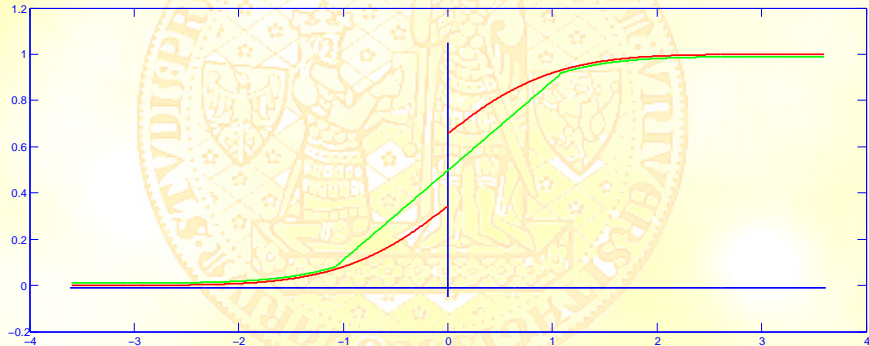
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Let' recall the sequence we have considered.

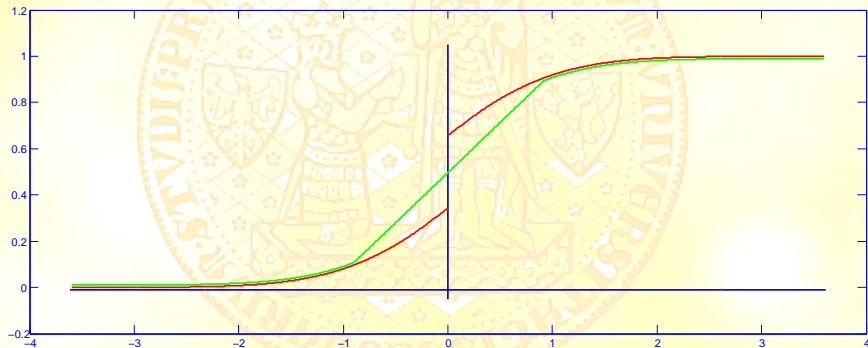
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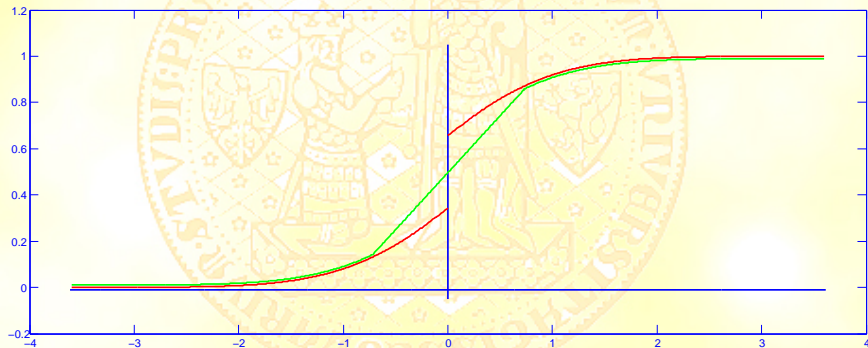
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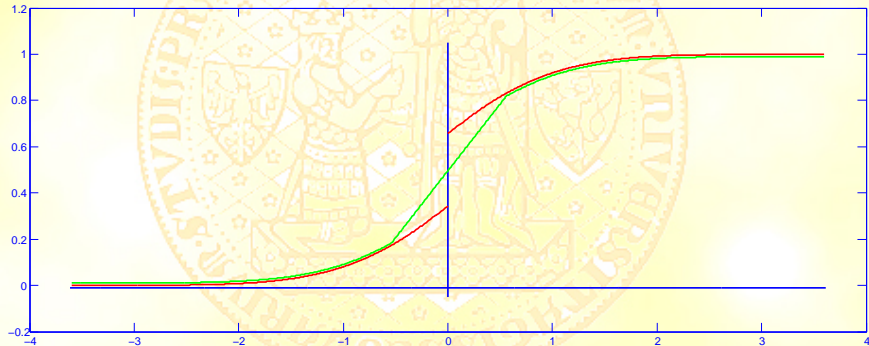
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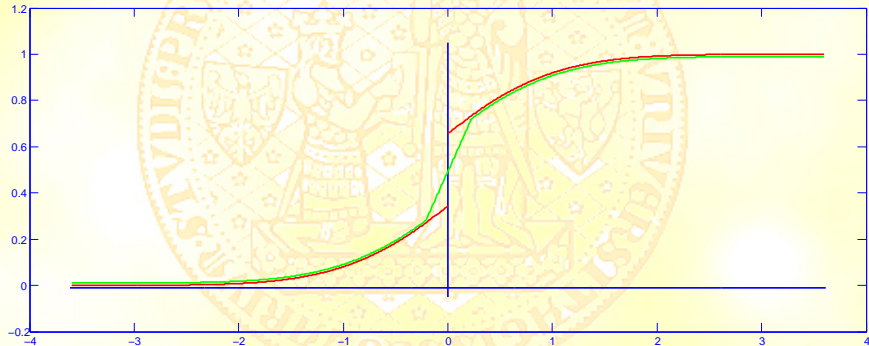
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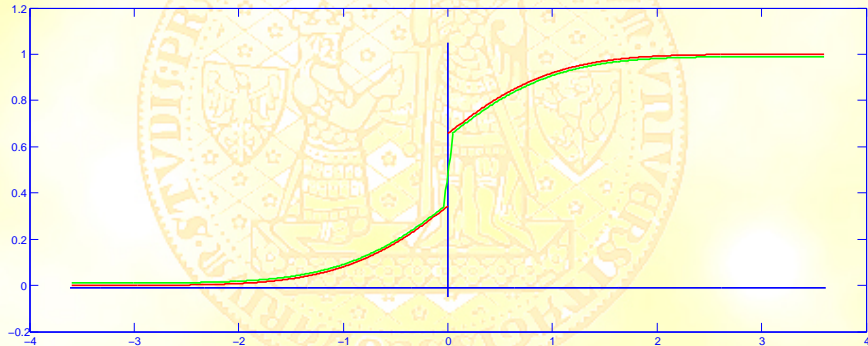
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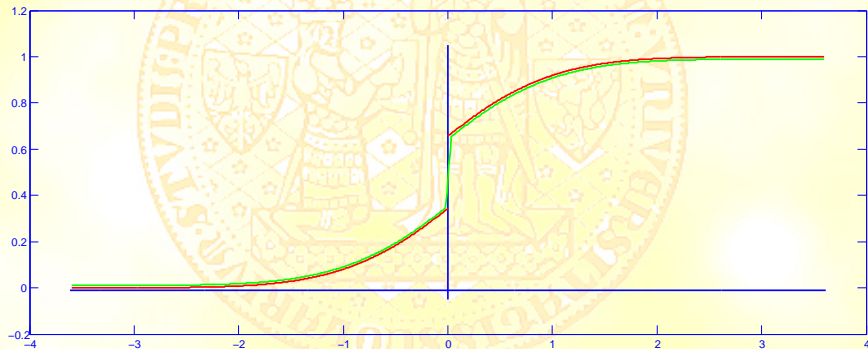
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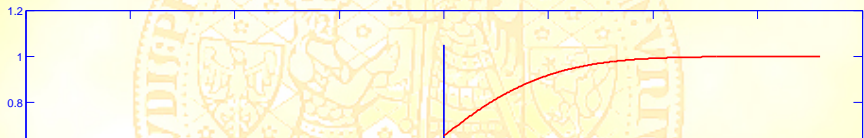
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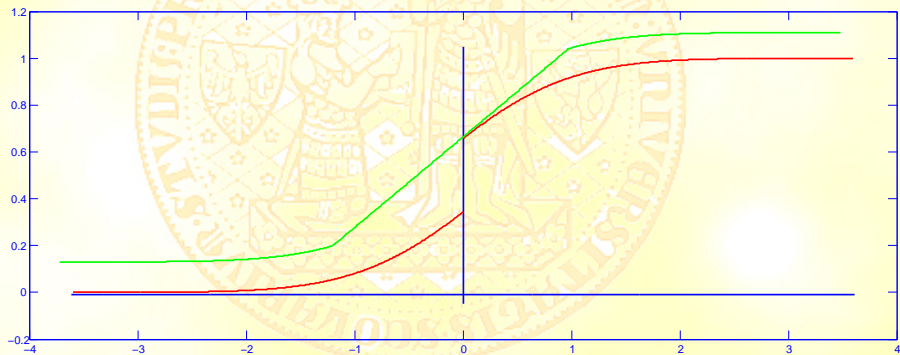


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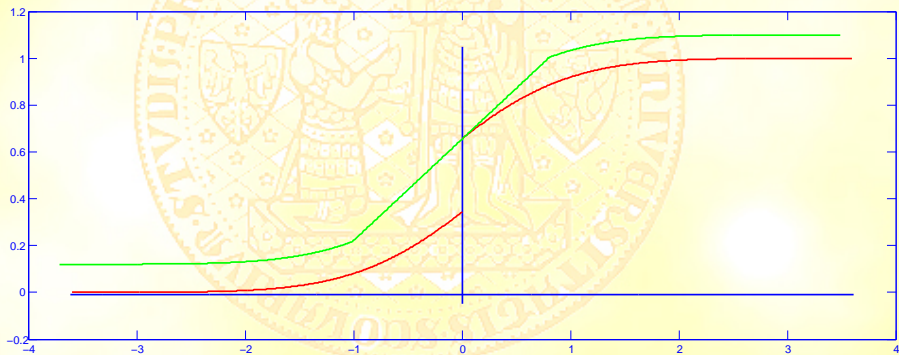
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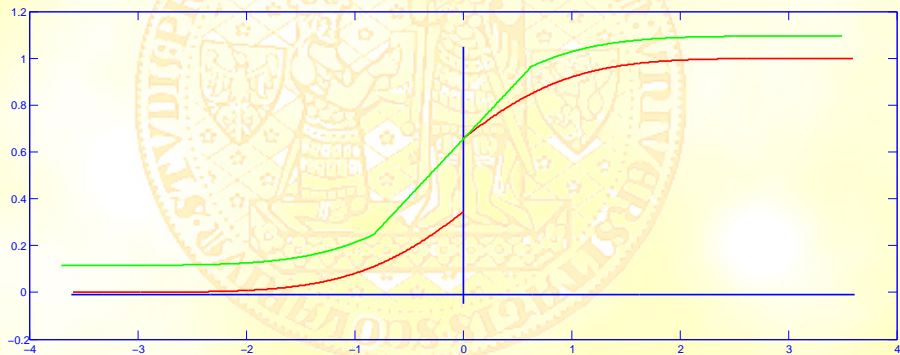
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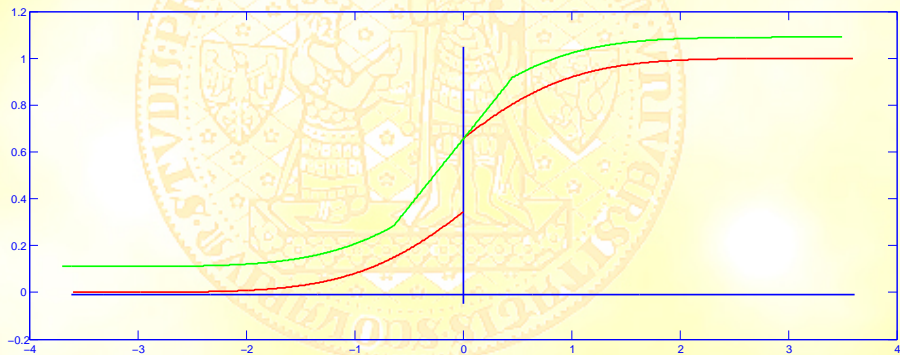
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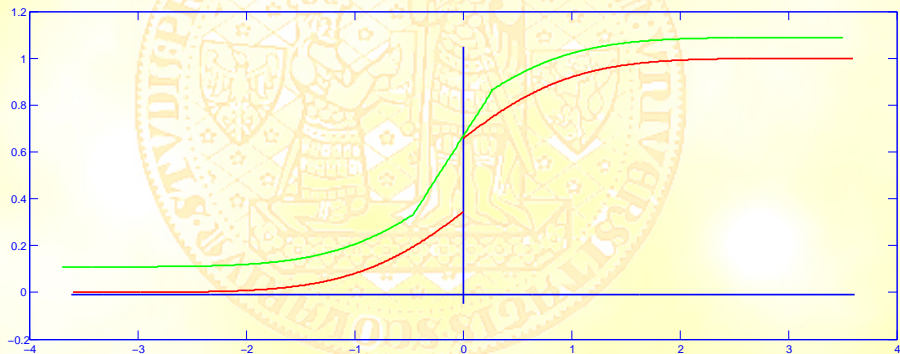
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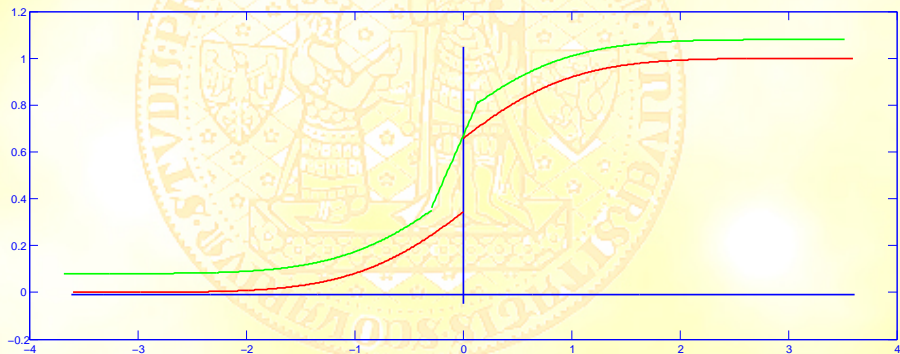
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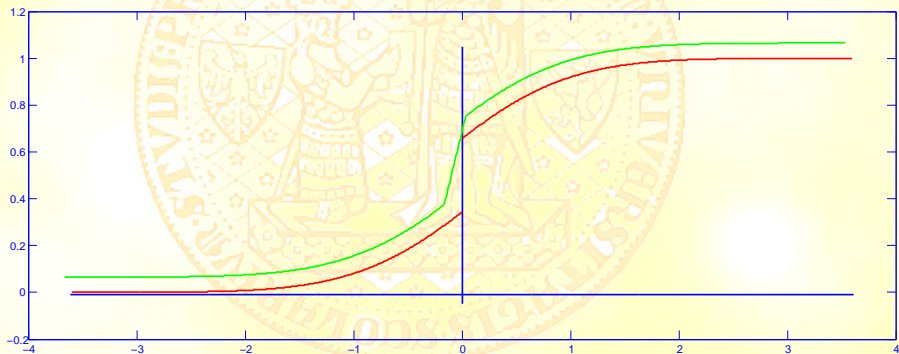
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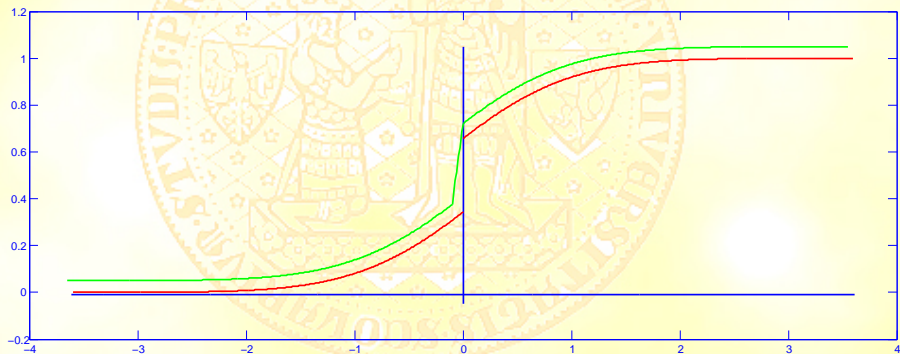
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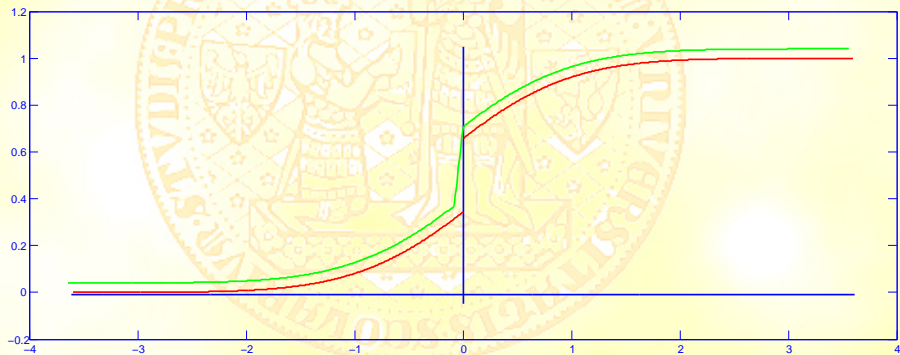
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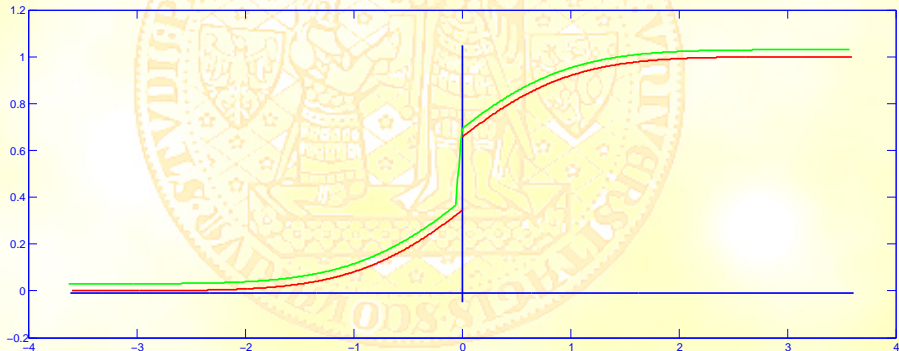
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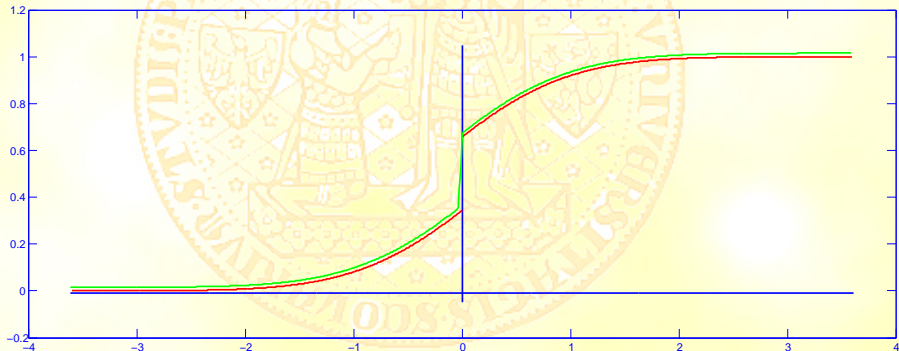
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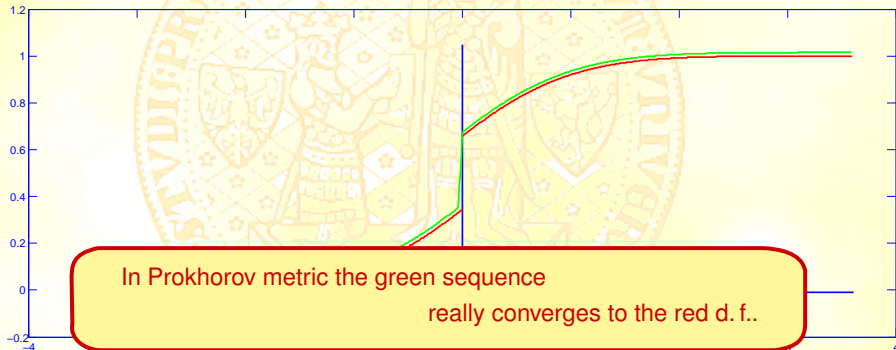
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(we'll return to it later on,

now let's return to the exact definition of the **breakdown point**).

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(the last characteristic is “derived heuristically”

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