

HW_6

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[47]: import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
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[48]: regions = []
for i in range(1, 10001):
    regions.append((np.random.uniform(-10, 10), np.random.uniform(-10, 10)))
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1 Question 1

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[49]: def contains(region, target):
    low = min(region)
    high = max(region)
    if low <= target <= high:
        return True
    else:
        return False
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2 Question 2

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[50]: def prob_x_equals_x(data, regions, given, target):
    numerator = 0
    denominator = 0
    region_weight = 1/regions
    for i in data:
        if contains(i, given):
            if contains(i, target):
                numerator += ((1/abs(i[0] - i[1])) * region_weight)
            else:
                numerator += 0
            denominator += ((1/abs(i[0] - i[1])) * region_weight)
    return numerator/denominator

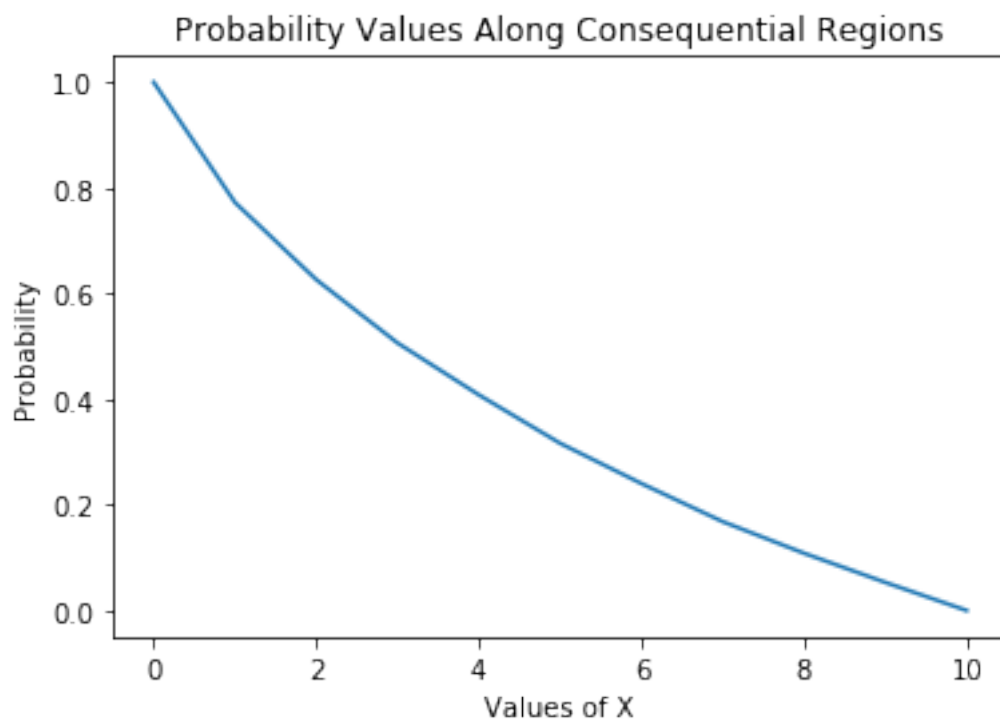
prob_x_equals_x(regions, 10000, 0, 1)
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[50]: 0.7723410556132814
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3 Question 3

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[51]: x = range(0, 11)
      vals = []
      for i in x:
          vals.append(prob_x_equals_x(regions,10000, 0, i))

      plt.plot(x, vals)
      plt.title("Probability Values Along Consequential Regions")
      plt.xlabel("Values of X")
      plt.ylabel("Probability")
      plt.show()
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The graph is behaving like Shepard's Universal Law, in that as x-values grow larger than zero, their relative probabilities of being in a consequential region with zero exponentially decrease at a decreasing rate.

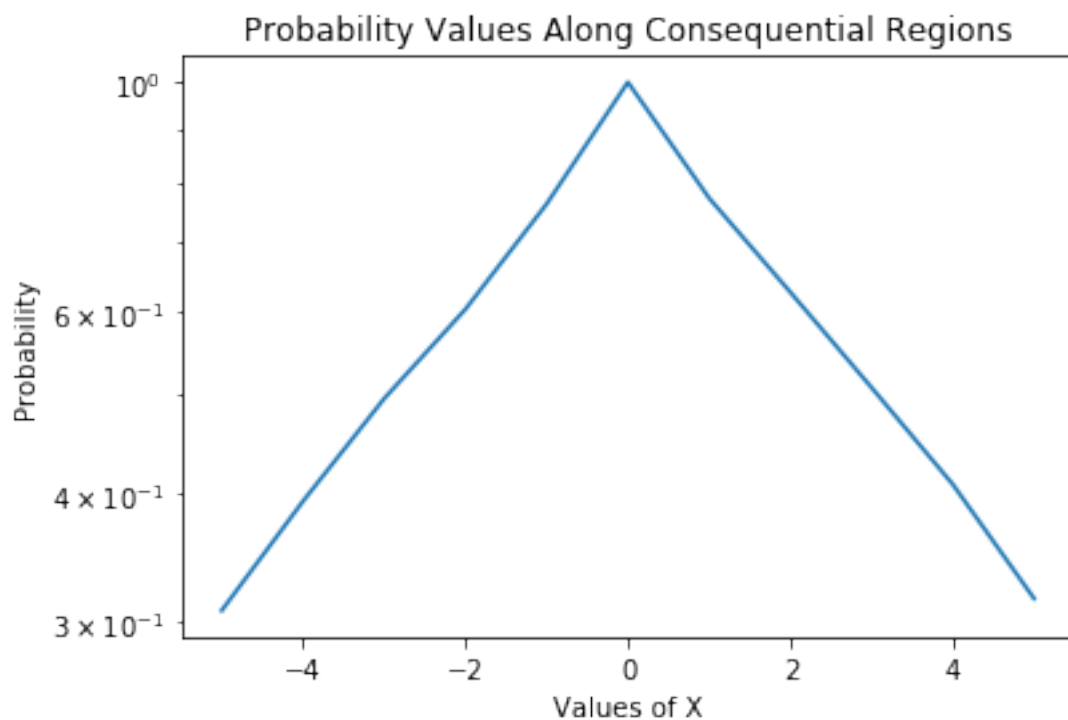
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Exponential and logarithmic curves are inversely proportional to one another, so presenting an exponential curve on a logarithmic scale would display a linear graph (straight line).

5 Question 5

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[52]: x = range(-5, 6)
      vals = []
      for i in x:
          vals.append(prob_x_equals_x(regions, 10000, 0, i))

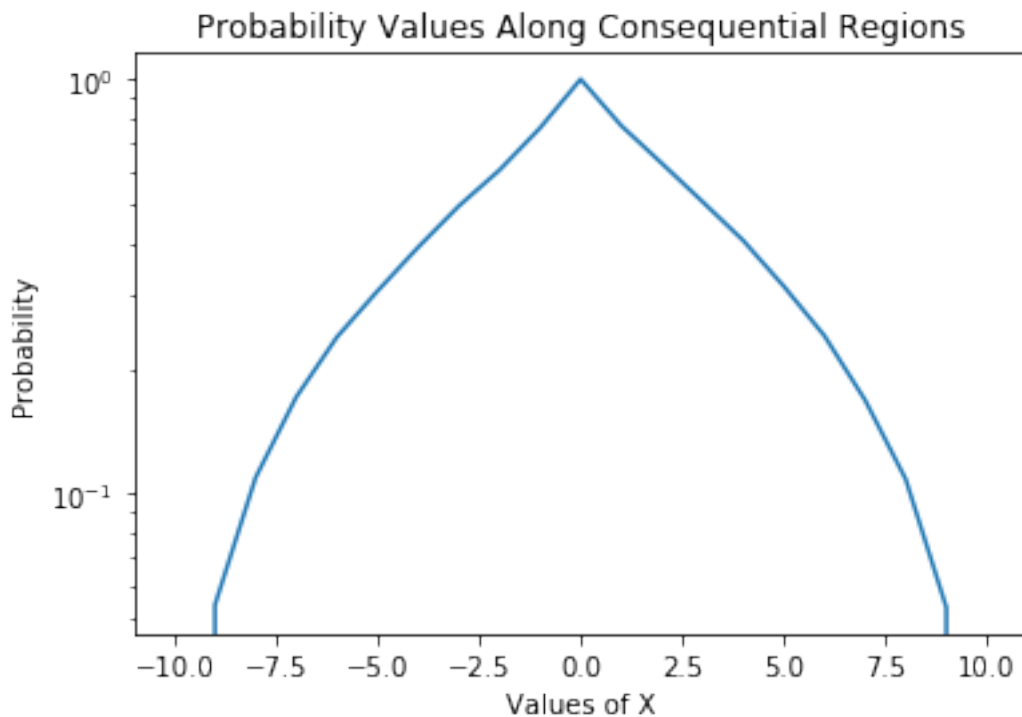
      plt.plot(x, vals)
      plt.title("Probability Values Along Consequential Regions")
      plt.xlabel("Values of X")
      plt.ylabel("Probability")
      plt.yscale("log")
      plt.show()
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[53]: x = range(-10, 11)
      vals = []
      for i in x:
          vals.append(prob_x_equals_x(regions, 10000, 0, i))

      plt.plot(x, vals)
      plt.title("Probability Values Along Consequential Regions")
      plt.xlabel("Values of X")
      plt.ylabel("Probability")
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plt.yscale("log")
plt.show()
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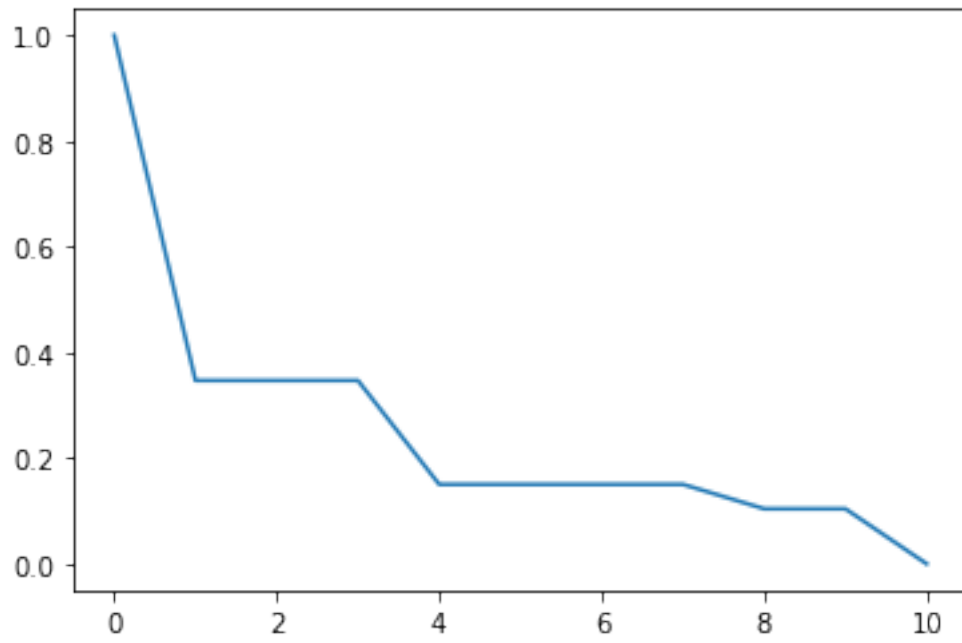


In the $[-5, 5]$ plot, we observe that in the log-scaled view, the graph behaves like a linear function and appears like a straight line. In the $[-10, 10]$ plot, this scaling quickly drops back into a more exponentially-decreasing function as the graph approaches -10 and 10. Based on our scaling, we might suggest that probability actually drops off more severely as we approach larger bounds for our consequential regions.

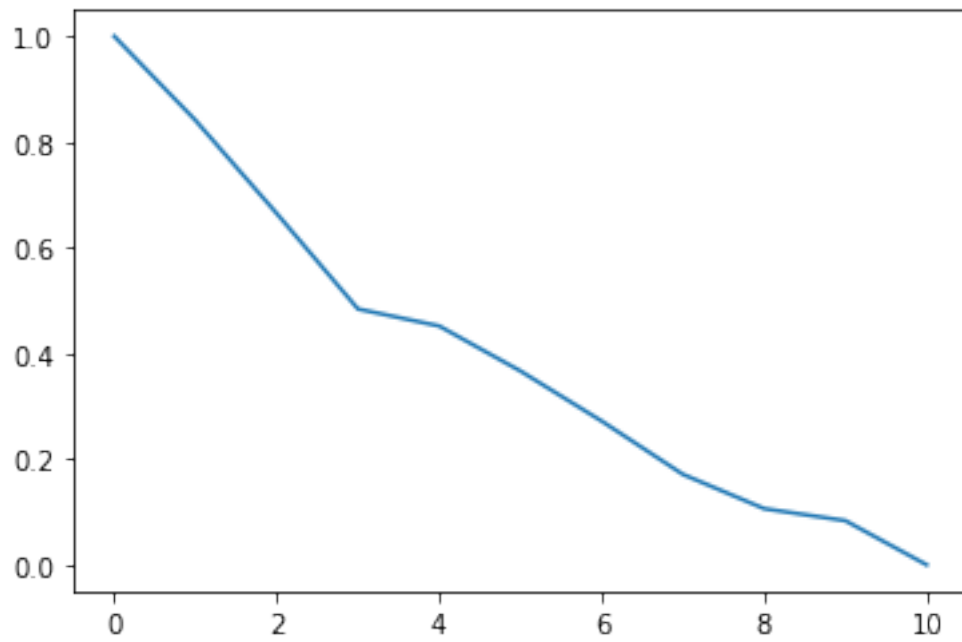
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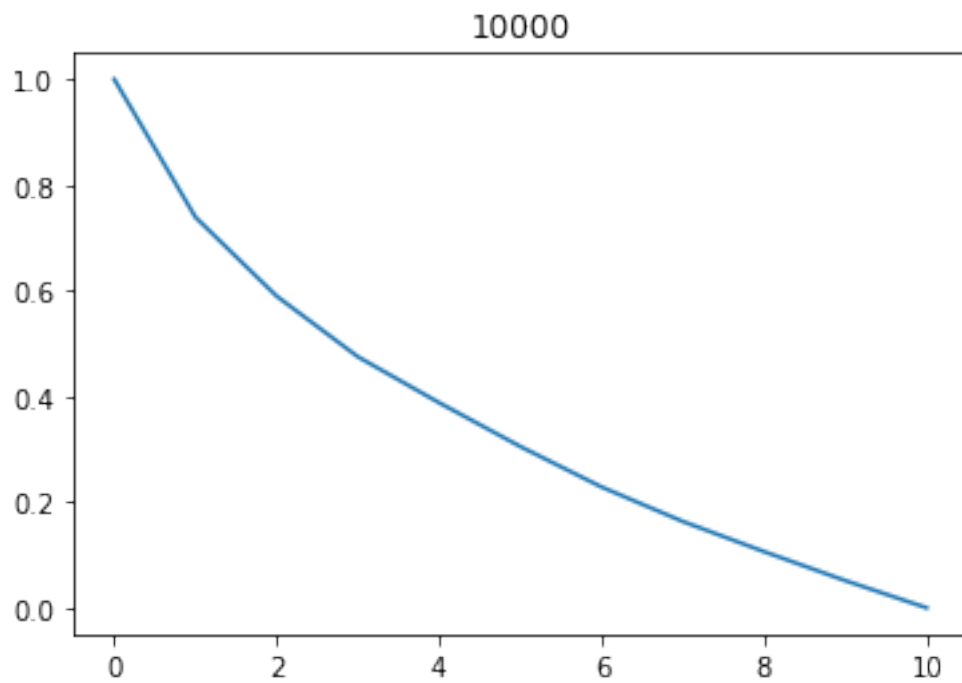
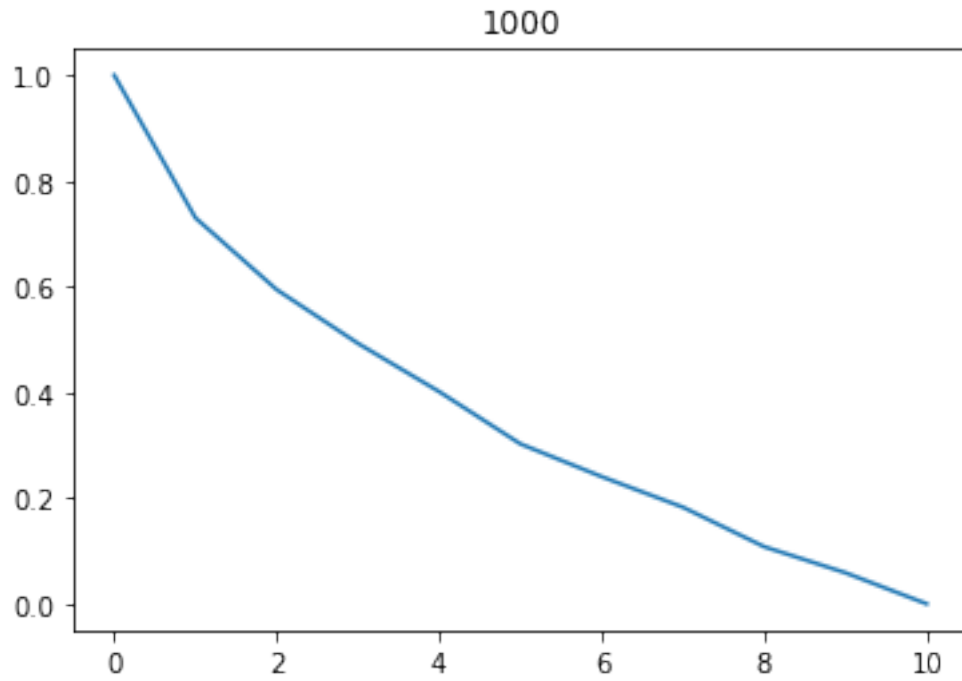
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[54]: dat = [10, 100, 1000, 10000]
x_val = range(0, 11)
for ranges in dat:
    regions = []
    for i in range(1, ranges + 1):
        regions.append((np.random.uniform(-10, 10), np.random.uniform(-10, 10)))
    vals = []
    for values in x_val:
        vals.append(prob_x_equals_x(regions, ranges, 0, values))
    plt.plot(x_val, vals)
    plt.title(str(ranges))
    plt.show()
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The graphs of varying consequential regions demonstrate two major patterns; firstly, that with a low number of consequential regions (10), the graph is quite terrible at producing any sort of

probability curve. After running the program several times, I could see that at 10 consequential regions, the graph was wildly different and inconsistent each time. Secondly, the graph appears to converge to a smoother curve somewhere between 100 and 1000 consequential regions - beyond this point, even after re-plotting 10,000 regions, it was clear that the curve was **not** becoming noticeably smoother.

7 Question 7

Based on the graphs from prior problems, it is clear that people use a specific and limited number of consequential regions at a given time - too few and generalization is unpredictable, too many and the computational power expended delivers diminishing returns. Using the log-scaling method introduced earlier, it may be possible to test this by comparing the derivation of the straight-line curve to determine where it behaves the most like a linear function, thus indicating the optimal number of consequential regions.