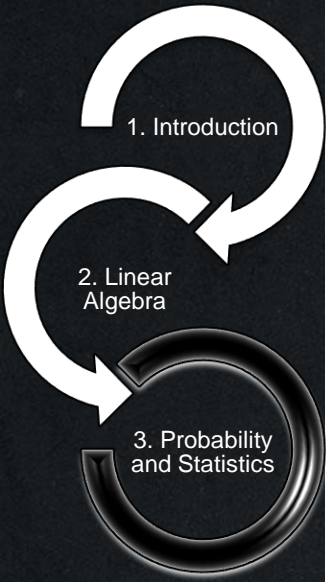


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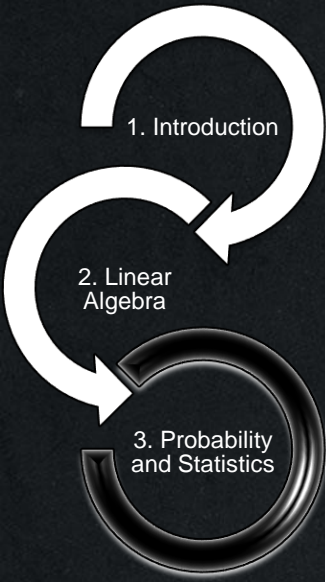
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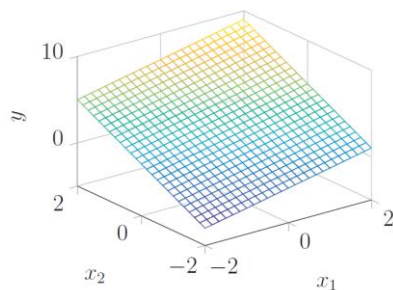
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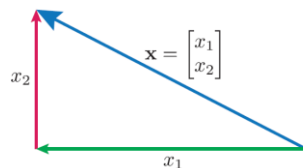
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$$y = x_1 + 2x_2 + 3$$

$$= \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x} + b$$

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}, b = 3$$



$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}$$

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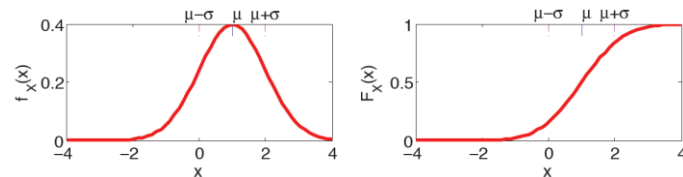
$$\mathbf{A} \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \\ a_{41} & a_{42} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & b_{13} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & b_{23} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_{12} \\ c_{43} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\boxed{c_{12}} = a_{11}b_{12} + a_{12}b_{22}$$

$$\boxed{c_{43}} = a_{41}b_{13} + a_{42}b_{23}$$

Probability / Statistics

$$\Pr(E_1|A) = \frac{\Pr(A|E_1) \Pr(E_1)}{\Pr(A)}$$



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

Moment of order m : $\mathbb{E}[X^m]$

$$\mathbb{E}[X^m] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^m f_X(x) dx$$

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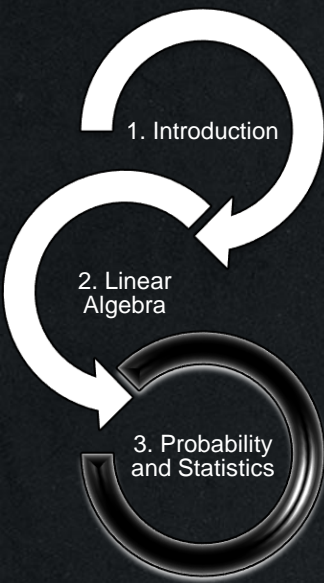
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we assume, that there is at least some basic linear algebra background prior to this lecture

Relevant Elements from Linear Algebra

- scalars
- vectors
- matrices
- tensors



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Scalar → single number

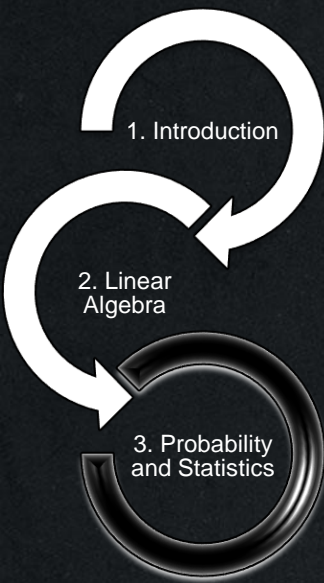
$$x \in \mathbb{R} = (-\infty; \infty)$$

$$\in \mathbb{R}^+ = (0; \infty)$$

$$\in \mathbb{Z} = (-\infty; \dots - 1, 0; 1, \dots, \infty)$$

$$\in (0; 1)$$

$$\in (0; 1]$$



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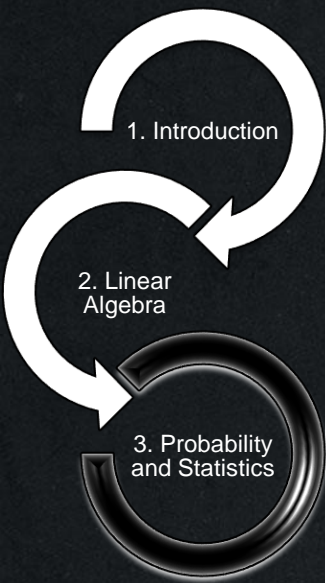
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Vector \rightarrow 1-D array containing numbers or scalars

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

If e.g. each $[x]_i \in \mathbb{R}, \forall i = \{1:n\} \rightarrow \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$



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Matrix → 2-D array containing numbers or scalars

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} & & x_{1n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ x_{m1} & x_{m2} & & x_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

If e.g. each $[X]_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}, \forall i = \{1:m\}, j = \{1:n\}, \rightarrow \mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

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Matrix → 2-D array containing numbers or scalars

Special types:

- *square matrices*: $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} & \cdots & x_{1n} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} & \cdots & x_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_{n1} & x_{n2} & \cdots & x_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Matrix → 2-D array containing numbers or scalars

Special types:

- *square matrices*: $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$
- *diagonal matrices*: **special square matrices with elements just on diagonal**: $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{diag}(\mathbf{x})$

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{diag}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & x_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & x_n \end{bmatrix}_{n \times n}$$

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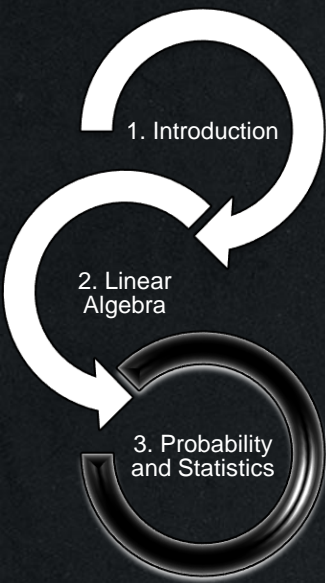
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Special types:

- *square matrices*: $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$
- *diagonal matrices*: special square matrices with elements just on diagonal: $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{diag}(\mathbf{x})$
- Identity matrix: special diagonal matrix with just 1 on diagonal

$$\mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{n \times n}$$



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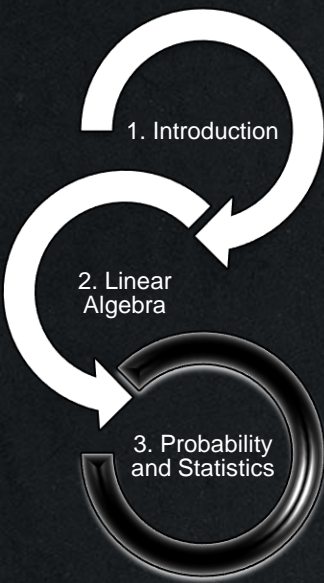
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Special types:

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- *diagonal matrices*: special square matrices with elements just on diagonal: $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{diag}(\mathbf{x})$
- Identity matrix: special diagonal matrix with just 1 on diagonal
- Block diagonal matrix: concatenates several matrices on diagonal

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \\ 10 & 11 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{blkdiag}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 & 8 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 10 & 11 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

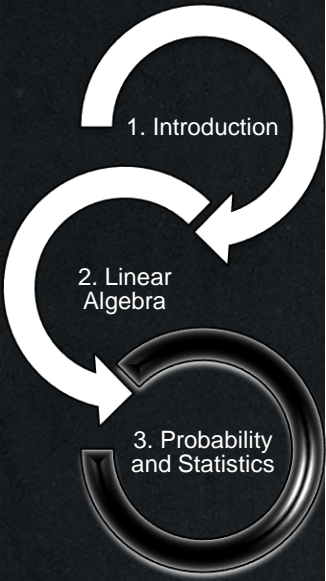


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- Transposition
- Matrix multiplication
- Matrix inversion



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Linear Algebra Operations

- **Transposition**

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} & x_{13} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} & x_{23} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \mathbf{X}^T = \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & x_{21} \\ x_{12} & x_{22} \\ x_{13} & x_{23} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Matrix multiplication

$$[\mathbf{X}^T]_{ij} = [\mathbf{X}]_{ji}$$

- Matrix inversion

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- Transposition

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{AB}$$
$$= \mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}$$

$$[\mathbf{C}]_{ij} = \sum_k [\mathbf{A}]_{ik} \cdot [\mathbf{B}]_{kj}$$

$$\mathbf{C}_{m \times n} = \mathbf{A}_{m \times k} \mathbf{B}_{k \times n}$$

- Matrix multiplication

- Matrix inversion

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \\ a_{41} & a_{42} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & b_{13} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & b_{23} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} & c_{13} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} & c_{23} \\ c_{31} & c_{32} & c_{33} \\ c_{41} & c_{42} & c_{43} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$c_{12} = a_{11}b_{12} + a_{12}b_{22}$$
$$c_{43} = a_{41}b_{13} + a_{42}b_{23}$$

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}) = \mathbf{AB} + \mathbf{AC} \quad (\text{Distributivity})$$

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{BC}) = (\mathbf{AB})\mathbf{C} \quad (\text{Associativity})$$

$$\mathbf{AB} \neq \mathbf{BA} \quad (\text{Not commutative})$$

$$(\mathbf{AB})^T = \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{A}^T \quad (\text{Conjugate transposability})$$

$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} \quad (\text{Inner product})$$

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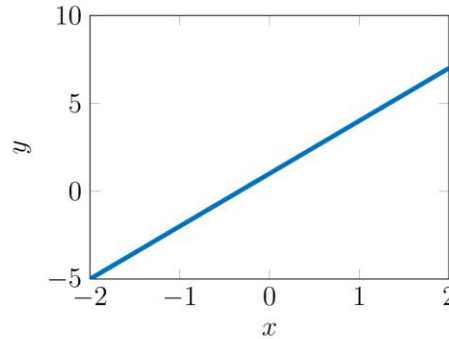
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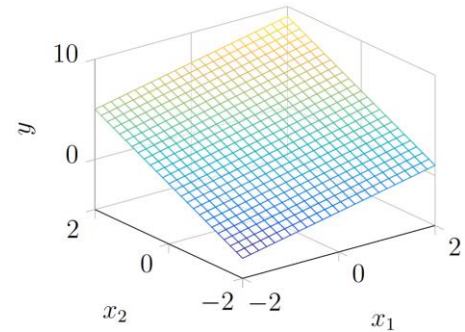
- Transposition
- **Matrix multiplication**
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Example: Linear Systems



$$\begin{aligned}y &= 3x + 1 \\ &= ax + b\end{aligned}$$

$$a = 3, b = 1$$



$$\begin{aligned}y &= x_1 + 2x_2 + 3 \\ &= \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x} + b\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}, b = 3$$

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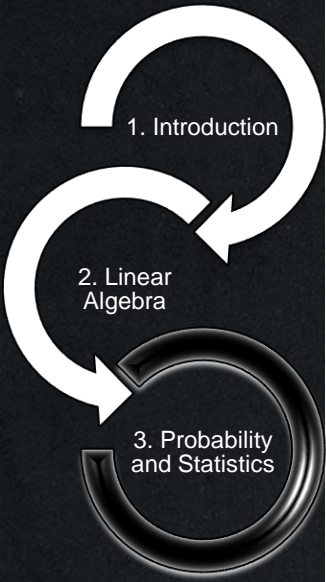
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Hadamard product
element-wise product

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A} \odot \mathbf{B}$$

$$[\mathbf{C}]_{ij} = [\mathbf{A}]_{ij} \cdot [\mathbf{B}]_{ij}$$

$$\mathbf{C}_{m \times n} = \mathbf{A}_{m \times n} \odot \mathbf{B}_{m \times n}$$



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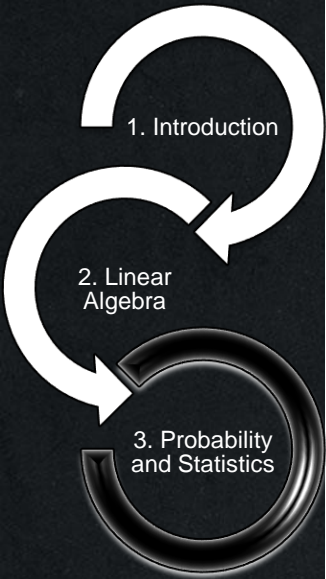
To be invertible, a matrix:

- must be square
- must not have linearly dependent rows or columns

$$X^{-1}A = I$$

Systems of linear equations

$$\begin{aligned}Ax &= b \\ A^{-1}Ax &= A^{-1}b \\ Ix &= A^{-1}b \\ x &= A^{-1}b\end{aligned}$$



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Norms of Vectors and Matrices

Measure how large a vector / matrix is.

L^p norm is defined as

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_p = \left(\sum_i \|\mathbf{x}\|_i^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \quad (L^p\text{-norm})$$

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 = \sqrt{\sum_i \mathbf{x}_i^2} \equiv \sqrt{\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}} \quad (\text{Euclidian norm})$$

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_1 = \sum_i \|\mathbf{x}\|_i \quad (\text{Manhattan norm})$$

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_\infty = \max_i \|\mathbf{x}\|_i \quad (\text{Max norm})$$

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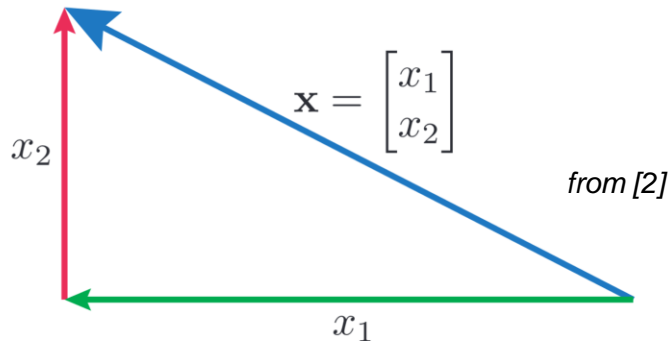
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L^2 norm is the most common norm



$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}$$

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_1 = |x_1| + |x_2|$$

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_\infty = \max |x_1, x_2| = x_1$$

Task (2 minutes)

draw lines for $\|\mathbf{x}\|_p = 1$
for $p = 0.5; 1; 2; 20; \infty$

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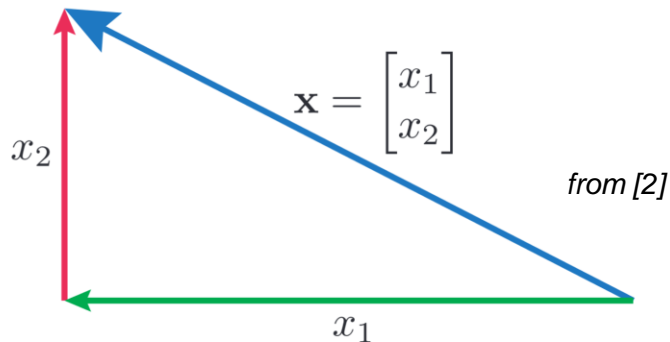
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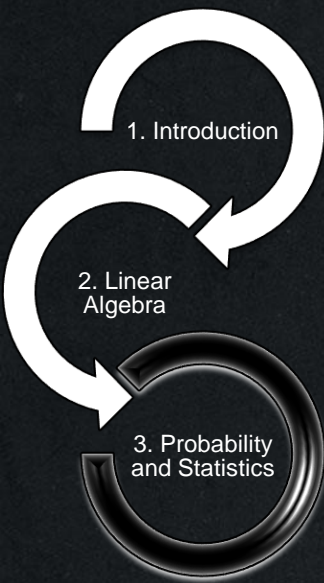
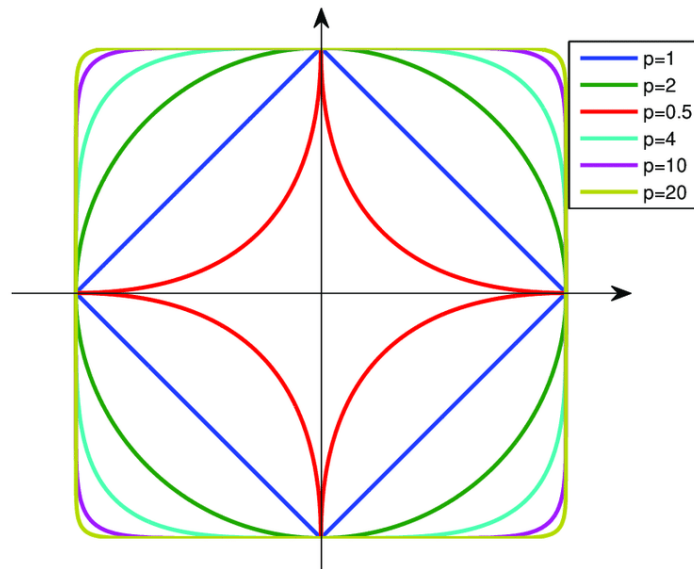
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Determinant $\det(\mathbf{A})$

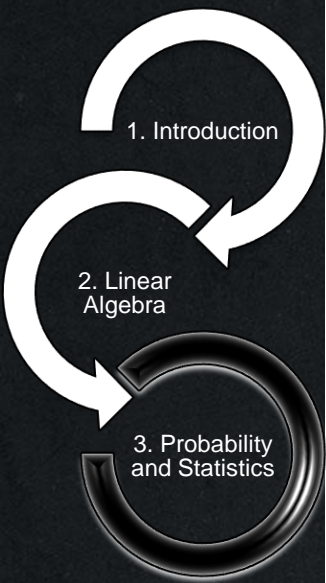
For a square matrix $[\mathbf{A}]_{n \times n}$, $\det(\mathbf{A}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

The determinant measures how much a matrix contracts or expands in space

$\det(\mathbf{A}) = 1$: preserves space / volume

$\det(\mathbf{A}) = 0$: contracts the space / volume along 1-D

The determinant is the product of the eigenvalues of a matrix



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Eigen Decomposition

A square matrix $[A]_{n \times n}$ can be decomposed in eigenvectors $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ and eigenvalues $\{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n\}$. This can be written in matrix form:

$$V = [\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n] \quad , \quad \lambda = [\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n]^T$$

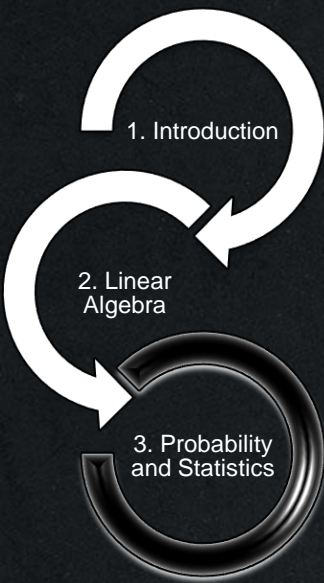
$$A = V \operatorname{diag}(\lambda) V^{-1}$$

A matrix is **positive definite** if all eigenvalues > 0

A matrix is **positive semi-definite** if all eigenvalues ≥ 0

For positive semidefinite matrices:

$$\forall \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} \geq 0$$



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Summary

Matrix transposition

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} & x_{13} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} & x_{23} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}^T = \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} & x_{13} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} & x_{23} \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix multiplication

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{C} &= \mathbf{AB} \\ &= \mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} \\ [\mathbf{C}]_{ij} &= \sum_k [\mathbf{A}]_{ik} \cdot [\mathbf{B}]_{kj} \\ \mathbf{C}_{m \times n} &= \mathbf{A}_{m \times k} \mathbf{B}_{k \times n} \end{aligned}$$

Element-wise product

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{C} &= \mathbf{A} \odot \mathbf{B} \\ [\mathbf{C}]_{ij} &= [\mathbf{A}]_{ij} \cdot [\mathbf{B}]_{ij} \\ \mathbf{C}_{m \times n} &= \mathbf{A}_{m \times n} \odot \mathbf{B}_{m \times n} \end{aligned}$$

Matrix inversion

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}$$

Norm of a vector

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 = \sqrt{\sum_i [\mathbf{x}]_i^2} \equiv \sqrt{\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}}$$

Determinant

$\det(\mathbf{A}) : \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ measures how much the matrix **contracts or expands the space**

Eigendecomposition

A matrix is **positive semidefinite** if all eigenvalues ≥ 0 . For positive semidefinite (PSD) matrices

$$\forall \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} \geq 0$$

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Basic Definitions of Probability

Probability mass and density function – univariate random variables

we assume, that there is at least some basic understanding of probability prior to this lecture

Random Phenomena; Experiments

- study of random phenomena
- Experiments have different outcomes ξ_i (random variable / RV)
- A set of all outcomes is $\Omega = \{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_K\}$
- An event is a subset of Ω : $E_i \subset \Omega$
- Outcomes have certain underlying patterns about them
- Experiments are conducted under repeatable conditions
- Probability of an event $1 \geq \Pr(E_i) \geq 0$
- Frequentist / Bayesian definition of probability

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Description of discrete RV:

Probability Mass Function (PMF)

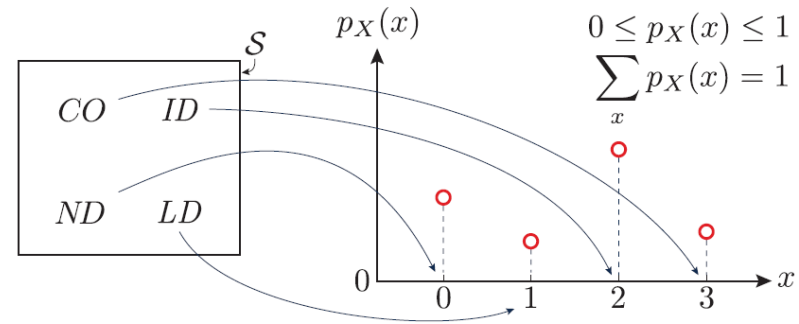
$$\Pr(X = x) = \Pr(x) = p_X(x) = p(x)$$

$$\mathcal{S} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{no damage (ND)} \\ \text{light damage (LD)} \\ \text{important damage (ID)} \\ \text{collapse (CO)} \end{array} \right\} \quad \text{from [2]}$$

Properties

$$0 \leq p_X(x) \leq 1$$

$$\sum_x p_X(x) = 1$$



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Description of continuous RV:

Probability Density Function (PDF)

$$f_X(x) = f(x)$$

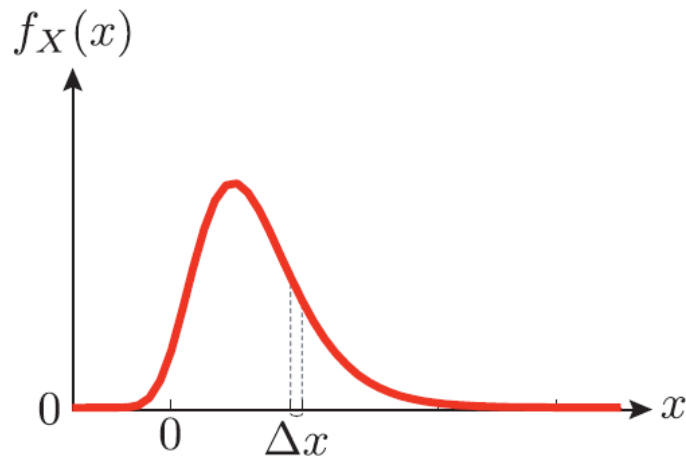
$$\Pr(x \leq X \leq x + \Delta x) = f_X(x)\Delta x$$

Properties

$$\Pr(X = x) = 0$$

$$f_X(x) \geq 0$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) dx = 1$$



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Description of RV: Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF)

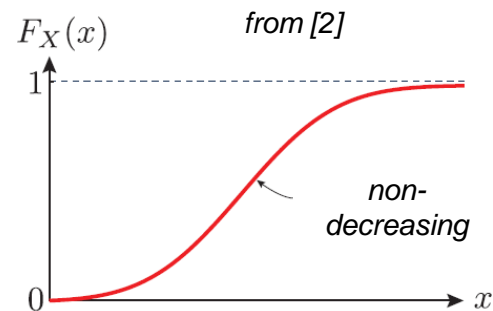
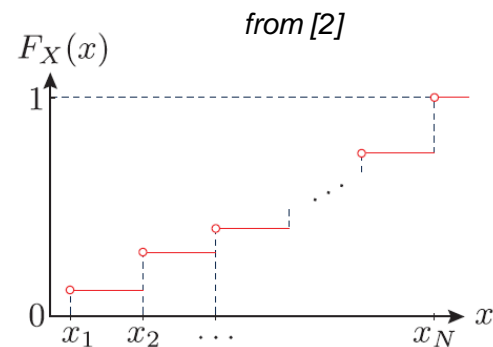
continuous $F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{x'} f_X(x') dx \Leftrightarrow f_X(x) = \frac{dF_X(x)}{dx}$

discrete $F_X(x) = \Pr(X \leq x) = \sum_{x' \leq x} p_X(x')$

Properties

$$F_X(-\infty) = 0$$

$$F_X(\infty) = 1$$



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Probability mass and density function – multivariate random variables

Description of multivariate RV:

Given $\mathbf{X} = [X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n]^T$ $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{vector (column) of} \\ \text{random variables} \end{array} \right.$

Given $\mathbf{x} = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]^T$ $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{vector describing} \\ \text{the outcomes a} \\ \text{random variable } \mathbf{X} \end{array} \right.$

\mathbf{x} describes the simultaneous realization of several phenomena

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Description of discrete RV:

Definition: $p_X(\mathbf{x}) = \Pr(X_1 = x_1 \cap X_2 = x_2 \cap \dots \cap X_n = x_n)$
 $0 \leq p_X(\mathbf{x}) \leq 1$

Marginalization

$$\sum_{x_n} p_{X_1 \dots X_n}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = p_{X_1 \dots X_{n-1}}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})$$

$$\sum_{x_1} \dots \sum_{x_n} p_X(\mathbf{x}) = 1$$

$p_{X_i}(x_i)$: Marginal PMF

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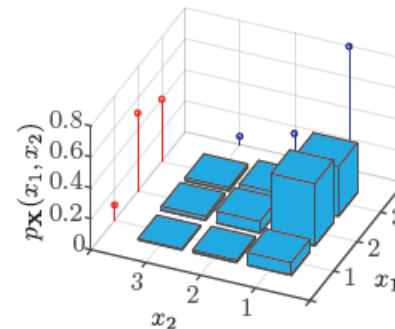
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Given two discrete R.V. $X_1 \perp\!\!\!\perp X_2$

$$p_{X_1}(x_1) \begin{cases} p_{X_1}(1) = 0.1 \\ p_{X_1}(2) = 0.5 \\ p_{X_1}(3) = 0.4 \end{cases}$$

$$p_{X_2}(x_2) \begin{cases} p_{X_2}(1) = 0.8 \\ p_{X_2}(2) = 0.15 \\ p_{X_2}(3) = 0.05 \end{cases}$$



$$p_{X_1 X_2}(x_1, x_2) = p_{X_1}(x_1) \cdot p_{X_2}(x_2)$$

$$p_{\mathbf{X}}(x_1, x_2) = \begin{array}{c|ccc|c}

	$x_2 = 1$	$x_2 = 2$	$x_2 = 3$	$\sum_{i=1}^{n=3} p_{\mathbf{X}}(x_1, i)$
$x_1 = 1$	0.08	0.015	0.005	0.1
$x_1 = 2$	0.4	0.075	0.025	0.5
$x_1 = 3$	0.32	0.06	0.02	0.4

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Probability mass and density function – multivariate random variables

Description of continuous RV:

Definition: $f_X(x)\Delta x = \Pr(x_1 < X_1 < x_1 + \Delta x_1 \cap \dots \cap x_1 < X_n < x_n + \Delta x_n)$
 $0 \leq f_X(x)$ (may be larger than 1!!)

Marginalization

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X_1 \dots X_n}(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_n = f_{X_1 \dots X_n}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

$$\sum_{x_1} \dots \sum_{x_n} p_X(x) = 1$$

$p_{X_i}(x_i)$: Marginal PMF

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Expectation and variance operator

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot f_x(x) dx$$

(continuous R.V.)

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \sum x \cdot p_x(x) dx$$

(discrete R.V.)

Moment of order m : $\mathbb{E}[X^m]$

$$\mathbb{E}[X^m] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^m f_X(x) dx$$

For $m=1$: $\mathbb{E}[X] = \mu_X$

(expectation / center of gravity)

For $m=2$: $\mathbb{E}[X^2]$

(expectation of the squares)

Centered moments of order m : $\mathbb{E}[(X - \mu_X)^m]$ $\mathbb{E}[(X - \mu_X)^m] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (X - \mu_X)^m f_x(x) dx$

For $m=1$: $\mathbb{E}[(X - \mu_X)^1] = 0$

For $m=2$: $\mathbb{E}[(X - \mu_X)^2] = \sigma_X^2 = \text{var}[X]$

(variance / inertia)

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$$\text{Variance} = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu_X)^2]$$

$$\mathbb{E}[(X - \mu_X)^2] = \sigma_X^2 = \text{var}[X] = \mathbb{E}[X^2] - (\mathbb{E}[X])^2$$

$\text{var}[X]$: The variance measures the dispersion of the probability density function. This concept is analogue to the inertia of a cross-section.

σ_X : Standard deviation

$\delta_X = \frac{\sigma_X}{\mu_X}$: coefficient of variation (C.O.V.)

adimensional dispersion metric ($\triangle \mu_X \neq 0$)

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Expectation and variance operator

$$\text{Covariance} - \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu_X) - (Y - \mu_Y)]$$

Given two random variables X, Y

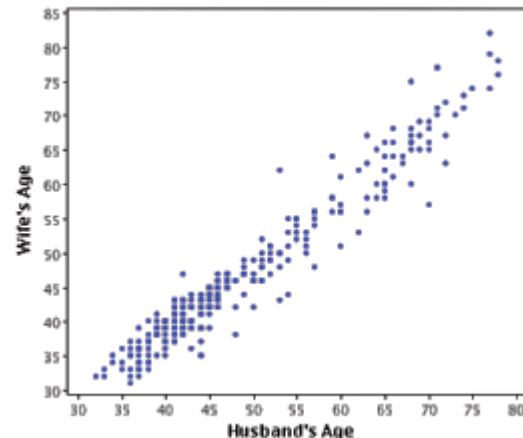
$$\text{cov}[XY] = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu_X) - (Y - \mu_Y)] = \mathbb{E}[XY] - \mathbb{E}[X]\mathbb{E}[Y]$$

ρ_{XY} : correlation coefficient

(quantifies the **linear dependence** between X and Y)

$$\rho_{ij} = \frac{\text{cov}[XY]}{\sigma_i \sigma_j}, \quad -1 \leq \rho_{XY} \leq +1$$

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$$\rightarrow X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y \Rightarrow \rho_{XY} = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \rho_{XY} = 0 \not\Rightarrow X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y \quad \triangle!$$

$\rightarrow \text{correlation} \not\Rightarrow \text{causality}$



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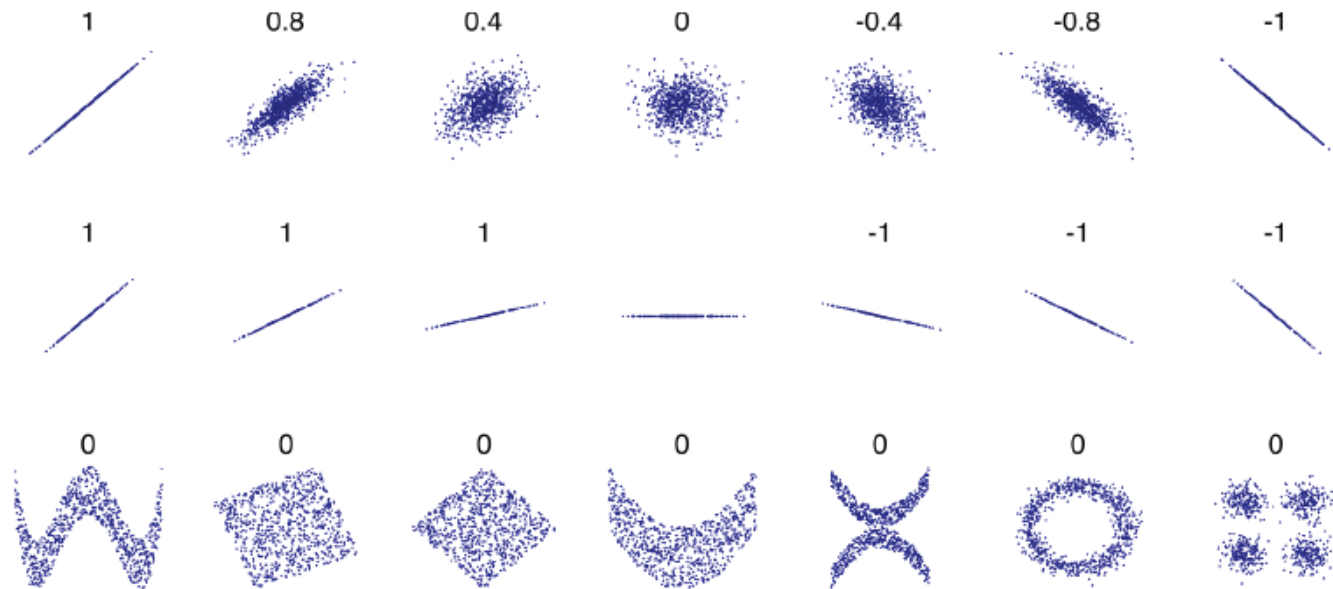
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Variance / Covariance

- quantify linear dependence

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Distributions

- Parametric Distributions

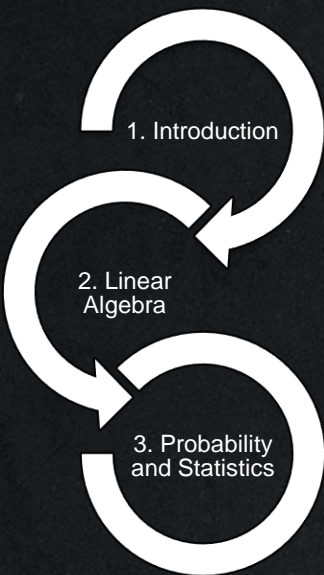
basic building block: $p(x|\theta)$ **defined by parameters θ**

need to determine θ given a sample $\{x_1, \dots, x_N\}$

- Non-Parametric Distributions

are not restricted to specific functional forms

make few assumptions about the shape of the distribution being modelled



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Bernoulli Distribution

Coin flipping: heads=1, tails=0

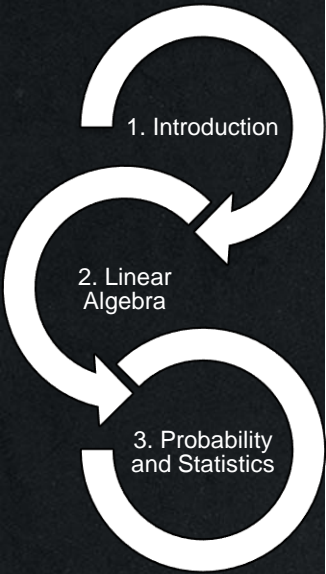
$$p(x = 1|\mu) = \mu$$

Bernoulli Distribution

$$\text{Bern}(x|\mu) = \mu^x(1 - \mu)^{1-x}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[x] = \mu$$

$$\text{var}[x] = \mu(1 - \mu)$$



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N coin flips: what is the probability of seeing m heads

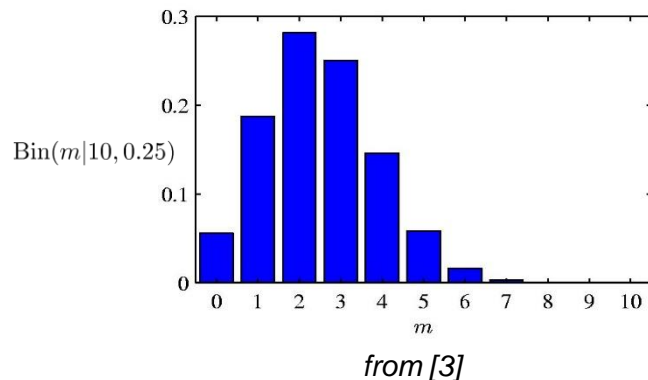
$$p(m \text{ heads} | N, \mu)$$

Binomial Distribution

$$\text{Bin}(m | N, \mu) = \binom{N}{m} \mu^m (1 - \mu)^{N-m}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[m] \equiv \sum_{m=0}^N m \text{Bin}(m | N, \mu) = N\mu$$

$$\text{var}[m] \equiv \sum_{m=0}^N (m - \mathbb{E}[m])^2 \text{Bin}(m | N, \mu) = N\mu(1 - \mu)$$



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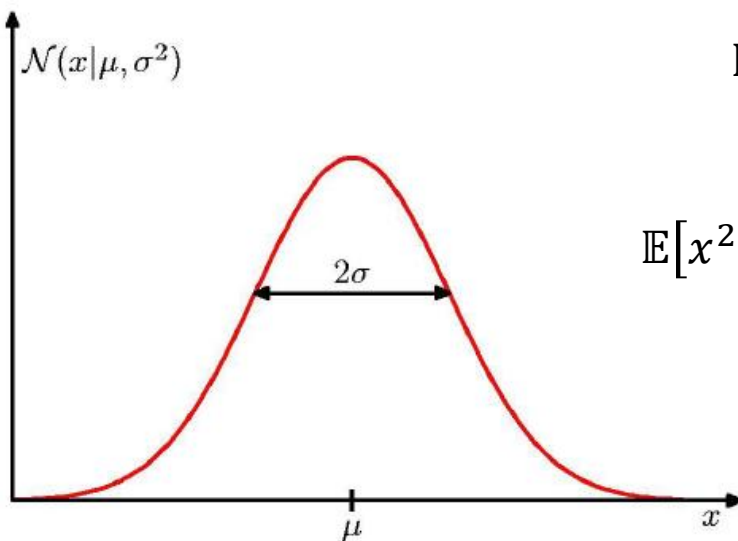
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Normal or Gaussian Distribution (univariate case)

$$\mathcal{N}(x|\mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{1/2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x - \mu)^2\right\}$$



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$$\mathbb{E}[x] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathcal{N}(x|\mu, \sigma^2) x dx = \mu$$

$$\mathbb{E}[x^2] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathcal{N}(x|\mu, \sigma^2) x^2 dx = \mu^2 + \sigma^2$$

$$\text{var}[x] = \mathbb{E}[x^2] - \mathbb{E}[x]^2 = \sigma^2$$

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Normal or Gaussian Distribution (multivariate case)

5 Parameters:

$$\mu_{X_1}, \sigma_{X_1}, \mu_{X_2}, \sigma_{X_2}, \rho$$

$$X \sim \mathcal{N}(x; \mu, \Sigma)$$

$$\mu_{X_1} = 0$$

$$\sigma_{X_1} = 2$$

$$\mu_{X_2} = 0$$

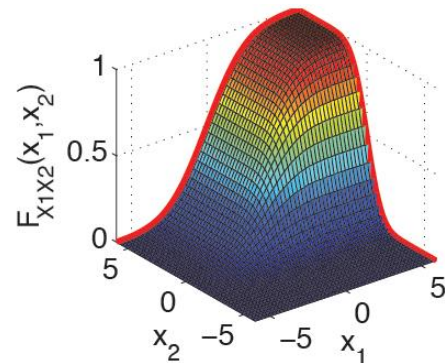
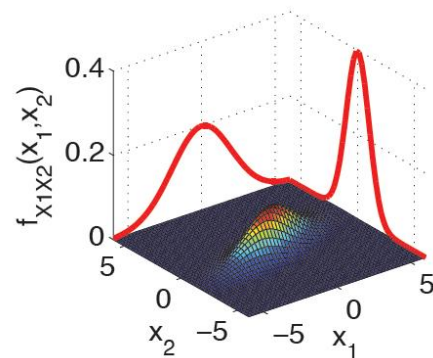
$$\sigma_{X_2} = 1$$

$$\rho = 0.6$$

$$\mu = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_{X_1} \\ \mu_{X_2} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{X_1}^2 & \rho \sigma_{X_1} \sigma_{X_2} \\ \rho \sigma_{X_1} \sigma_{X_2} & \sigma_{X_2}^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$F_{X_1, X_2}(X_1, X_2) = \int_{-\infty}^{X_1} \int_{-\infty}^{X_2} f_{X_1, X_2}(X_1, X_2) \partial x \partial y$$

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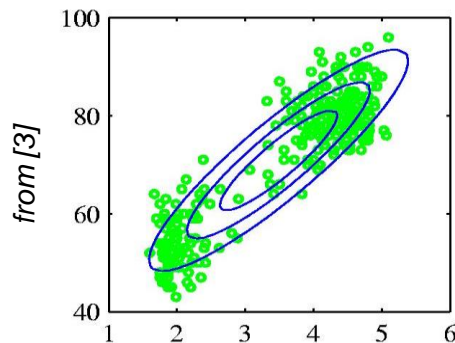
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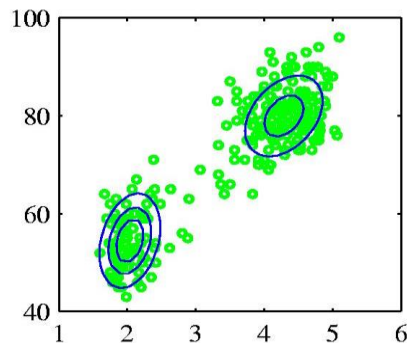
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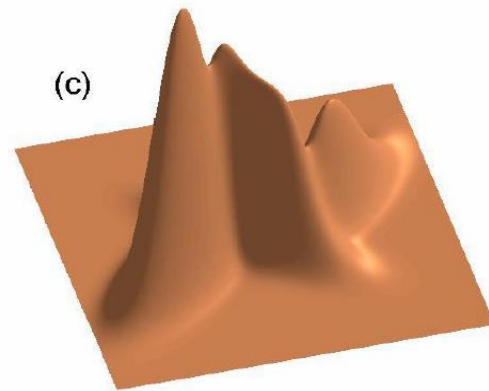
Mixture distributions



Single Gaussian



Mixture of two Gaussians



Mixture of three Gaussians

$$P(x) = \sum_i P(c = i) P(x|c = i)$$

$$p(x) = \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k \mathcal{N}(x|\mu_k \Sigma_k)$$

Component

Mixing coefficient

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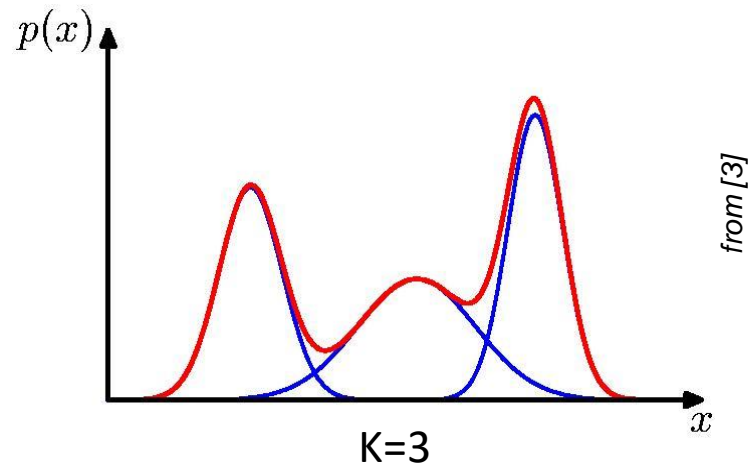
Mixture distributions

Combine simple models into a complex model:

$$p(x) = \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k \underbrace{\mathcal{N}(x|\mu_k \Sigma_k)}_{\text{Component}}$$

Mixing coefficient

$$\forall k: \pi_k \geq 0 \quad \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k = 1$$



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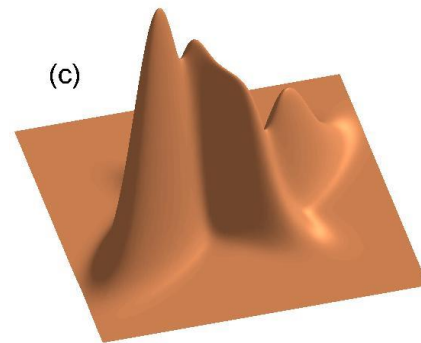
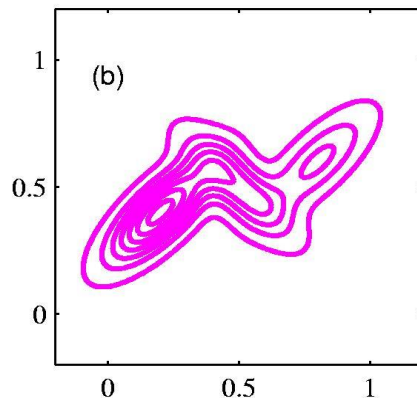
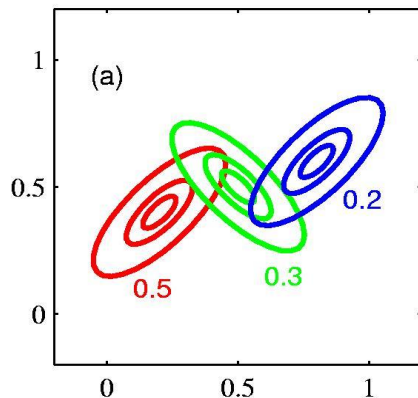
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Mixture distributions – Example: Mixutre of 3 Gaussians



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$$p(x) = \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k \mathcal{N}(x | \mu_k, \Sigma_k)$$

$$\forall k: \pi_k \geq 0$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k = 1$$

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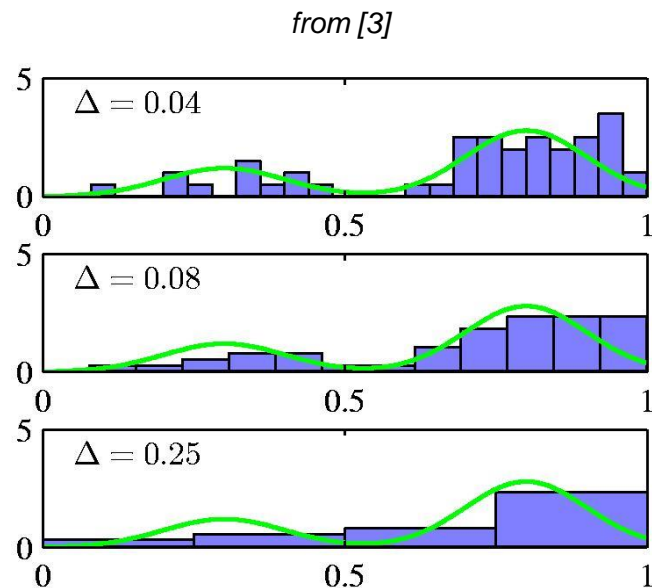
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Nonparametric Methods

Histogram methods partition the data space in to distinct bins with widths Δ_i and count the number of observations, n_i , in each bin.

$$p_i = \frac{n_i}{N\Delta_i}$$

- often, the same width is used for all bins, $\Delta_i = \Delta$
- Δ acts as a smoothing parameter.



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Nonparametric Methods

Kernel Density Estimation: fix a volume V and estimate the number of data points K within a certain region R from the data.

Let R be a hypercube centred on x and define the kernel function (Parzen window)

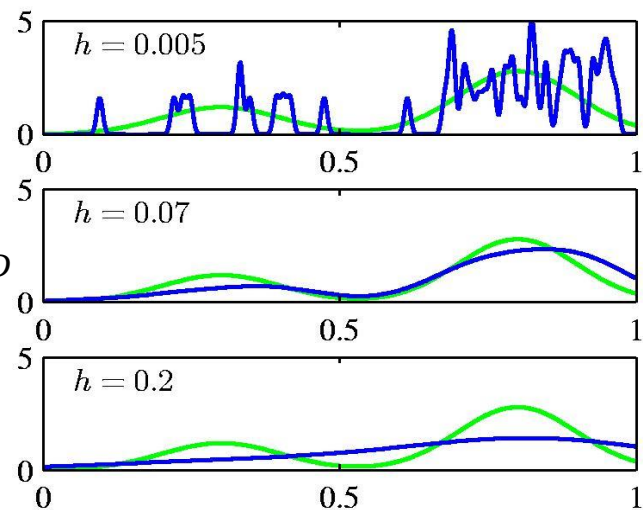
$$k((x - x_n)/h) = \begin{cases} 1, & |(x - x_n)/h| \leq 1/2, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad i=1, \dots, D$$

$$p(x) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{h^D} k\left(\frac{x - x_n}{h}\right)$$

To avoid discontinuities in $p(x)$, use a smooth kernel, e.g. a Gaussian

$$p(x) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{(2\pi h^2)^{D/2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{\|x - x_n\|^2}{2h^2}\right\}$$

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h acts as a smoother.

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Functions of RV

Functions of random variables

Given $\mathbf{X} = [X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n]^T$ defined from their joint PDF $f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x})$, and given $\mathbf{Y} = [Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_m]^T$ obtained from a function:

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{X}) = \begin{bmatrix} g_1(\mathbf{X}) \\ g_2(\mathbf{X}) \\ \vdots \\ g_m(\mathbf{X}) \end{bmatrix}$$

3 cases:

1. $m = n = 1$
2. $m = n > 1$
3. $m = 1, n > 1$

Analytical expressions just for linear functions;

Taylor expansion or Monte-Carlo

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Bayes Theorem

Bayes Theorem

Given $\mathbf{X} = [X_1, X_2, \dots, X_X]^T$ a vector of random variables so that $\mathbf{X} \sim f(\mathbf{x})$

and given $\mathcal{D} = \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_D\}$ a set of observations corresponding to realizations of $\mathbf{Y} = [Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_D]^T$ so that $\mathbf{Y} \sim f(\mathbf{y})$

$p(\text{unknown}|\text{known})$

y : Observation

x : Constant

X : Random variable

$\theta: X \sim f(\mathbf{x}; \theta)$

$$f(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y} = \mathcal{D}) = \frac{f(\mathbf{y} = \mathcal{D}|\mathbf{x}) \cdot f(\mathbf{x})}{f(\mathbf{y} = \mathcal{D})}$$

$$\underbrace{f(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{D})}_{\text{posterior}} = \frac{\overbrace{f(\mathcal{D}|\mathbf{x})}^{\text{likelihood}} \cdot \overbrace{f(\mathbf{x})}^{\text{prior}}}{\underbrace{f(\mathcal{D})}_{\text{normalization cte.}}}$$

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Bayes Theorem

Bayes Theorem – highly topical example

Given a deadly disease so rare that **only one human on Earth has it**.

We have a screening test so that

$$\text{test}+ \mapsto \begin{cases} \Pr(\text{test}+ | \text{disease}) = 0.999 \\ \Pr(\text{test}+ | \text{no disease}) = 0.001 \end{cases}$$

If you test positive, should you be worried?

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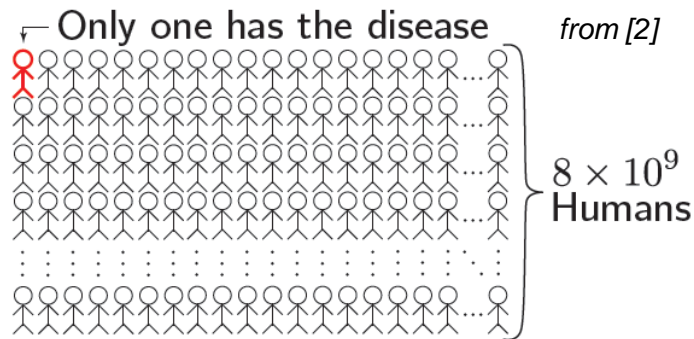
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Bayes Theorem – highly topical example



expect $\approx 0.001 \times 8 \times 10^9$
 $= 8 \times 10^6$ false diagnoses

$$\Pr(\text{disease} | \text{test } +) = \frac{1}{8 \cdot 10^6} \approx 2 \cdot \Pr\left(\text{LOTTO } \text{649}\right)$$

If you want to **properly extract information from data**, you must consider the **prior probability** of the phenomenon you are interested in.

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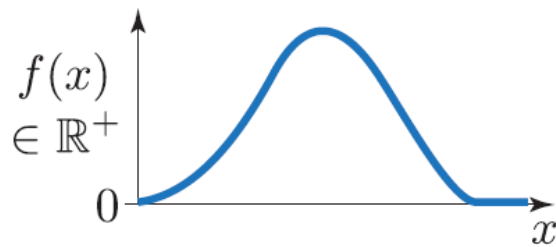
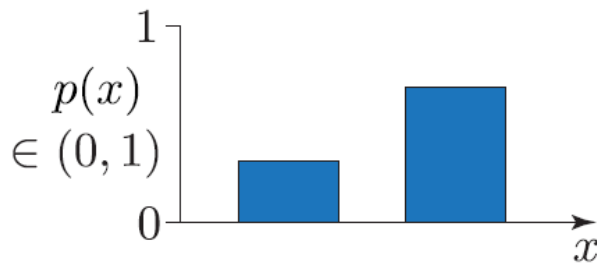
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Bayes Theorem – Prior knowledge

$f(x)$ describes prior knowledge for the values that values x can take.

Prior knowledge can be based on:

- Engineering heuristics (expert knowledge)
- The posterior PDF obtained from previous data
- Non-informative prior (i.e. absence of prior knowledge)



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Bayes Theorem – Likelihood $f(\mathcal{D}|x)$

$f(\mathcal{D}|x)$ describes the conditional probability of a set of observations \mathcal{D} given the values that x can take.

“how the data is produced”

Examples:

- Hooke's law:
- Parabola:
- Tossing a dice:

$$F = k \cdot w$$

$$y = a \cdot x^2 + b \cdot x + c$$

$$f(\mathcal{D}|x) = 1$$

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Bayes Theorem – Evidence $f(\mathcal{D})$

$f(\mathcal{D})$ is called the evidence or the normalization constant.

The posterior integral must be equal to 1

$$\underbrace{\sum_x p(x|\mathcal{D})}_{\text{discrete case}} \equiv \underbrace{\int f(x|\mathcal{D})dx}_{\text{continuous case}} = 1$$

so that

$$p(\mathcal{D}) \underbrace{\sum_x p(\mathbf{y}|x) \cdot p(x)}_{\text{discrete case}}, \quad f(\mathcal{D}) \underbrace{\int f(\mathbf{y}|x) \cdot f(x)dx}_{\text{continuous case}} = 1$$

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Monte Carlo Methods – Short Introduction

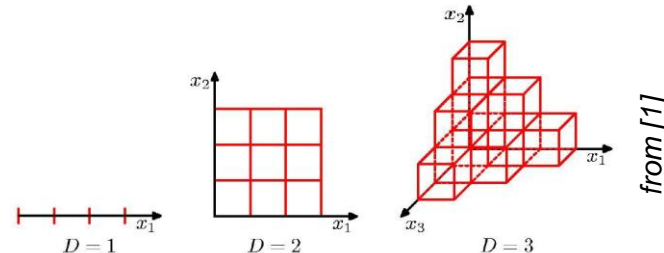
How to estimate integrals (expectations; evidence) for high-dimensional problems?

$$\underbrace{f(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathcal{D})}_{\text{posterior}} = \frac{\overbrace{f(\mathcal{D}|\boldsymbol{\theta})f(\boldsymbol{\theta})}^{\text{unnormalized posterior}}}{\underbrace{f(\mathcal{D})}_{\text{unknown normalization cte.}}}$$

$$f(\mathcal{D}) = \int f(\mathcal{D}|\mathbf{x}) \cdot f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \\ \approx \sum_{i=1}^N f(\mathcal{D}|\mathbf{x}_i) \cdot f(\mathbf{x}_i) \Delta \mathbf{x}_i$$

- standard (numerical) integration techniques are just efficient for few dimension
- # of parameters of a distribution is decisive for complexity of a problem
- Curse of Dimensionality

Solution: Monte Carlo Sampling



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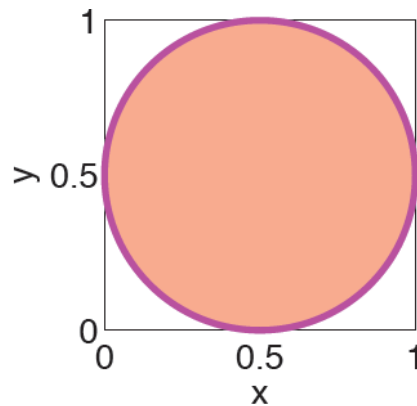
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Monte Carlo Methods – Example: Estimate area content of a circle

Consider a circle with diameter $D = 1$: $(x - 0.5)^2 + (y - 0.5)^2 = r^2$

and *indicator function* $I(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (x - 0.5)^2 + (y - 0.5)^2 \leq r^2 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$

$$\underbrace{a}_{\text{area}} = \iint_{y \ x} I(x, y) f_{XY}(x, y) dx dy = \mathbb{E}[I(X, Y)]$$



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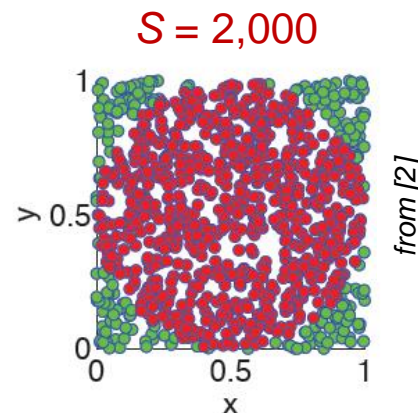
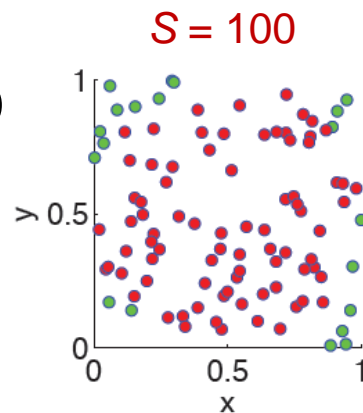
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$$a = \mathbb{E}[I(X, Y)] = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{S} \sum_{s=1}^S I(x_s, y_s)$$

$$a \cong \mathbb{E}[I(\widehat{X}, \widehat{Y})] = \frac{1}{S} \sum_{s=1}^S I(x_s, y_s)$$



$$\pi r^2 = 0.785$$

Estimation quality:

- $\mathbb{E}[I(\widehat{X}, \widehat{Y})]$ depends on the number of samples
- Independent of the number of dimensions

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Monte Carlo Methods – Metropolis Algorithm

Metropolis algorithm (Metropolis, 1953) developed during WWII within the Manhattan project (atomic bomb) in Los Alamos.

oldest MCMC algorithm

further MCMC samplers:

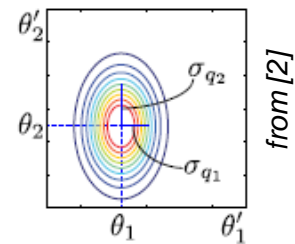
- Metropolis-Hasting
- Gibbs Sampling
- Slice Sampling

Algorithm 1: Metropolis

```
1 initialize  $\theta_0$ ;  
2 for  $s = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  do  
3   define  $\theta = \theta_s$ ;  
4   sample  $\theta' \sim q(\theta'|\theta)$ ;  
5   compute  $\alpha = \frac{\tilde{f}(\theta')}{\tilde{f}(\theta)}$ ;  
6   compute  $r = \min(1, \alpha)$ ;  
7   sample  $u \sim \mathcal{U}(0, 1)$ ;  
8   if  $u < r$  then  
9      $\theta_{s+1} = \theta'$ ;  
10  else  
11     $\theta_{s+1} = \theta_s$ ;
```

Proposal Distribution

$$q(\theta'|\theta) = \mathcal{N}\left(\theta'; \theta, \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{q_1}^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_{q_2}^2 \end{bmatrix}\right)$$



random acceptance
or rejection

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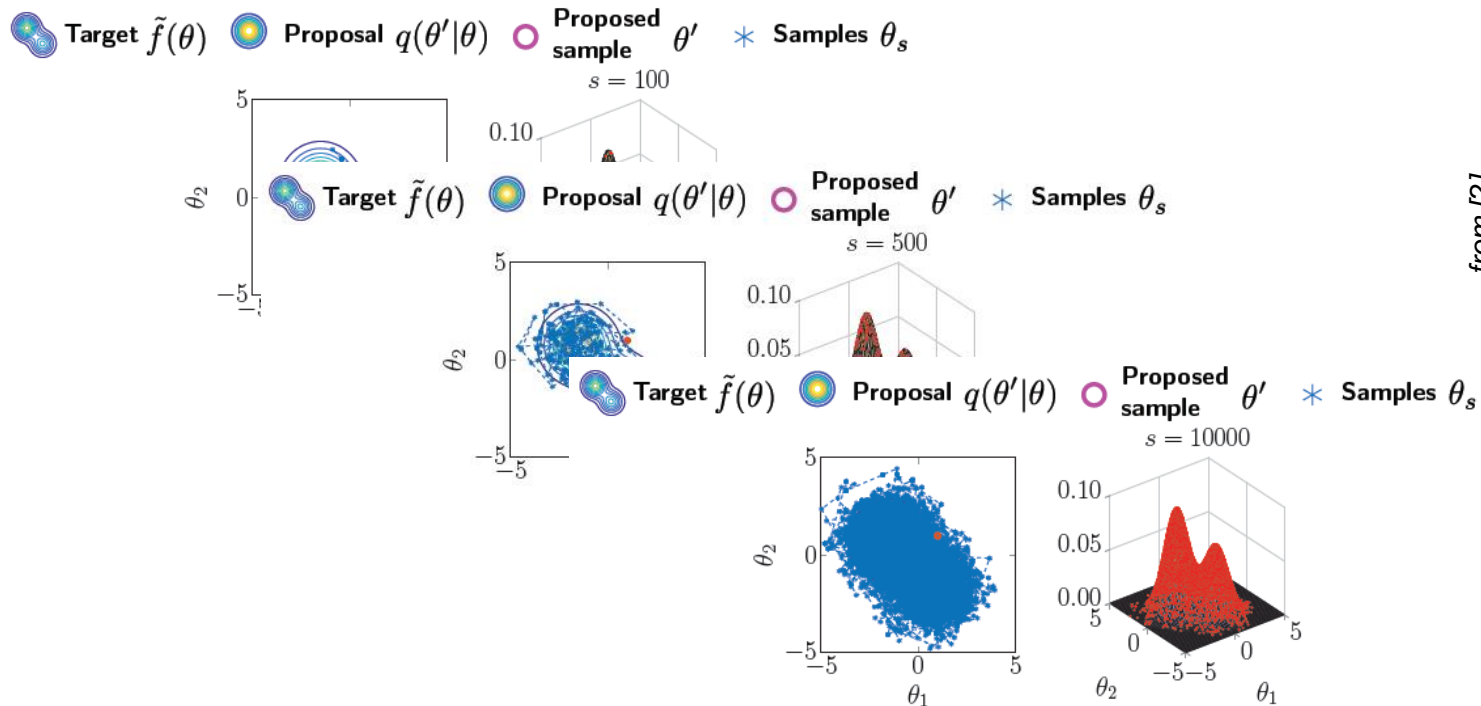
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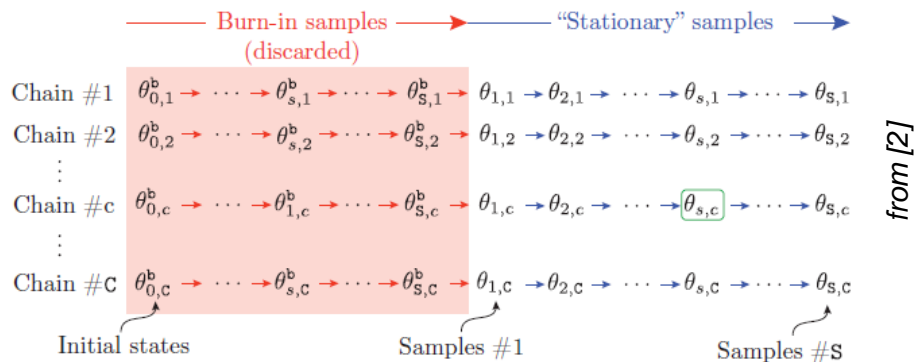
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Within-chains

Mean:

$$\bar{\theta}_{\cdot c} = \frac{1}{S} \sum_{s=1}^S \theta_{s,c}$$

Variance:

$$W = \frac{1}{C} \sum_{c=1}^C \left[\frac{1}{S-1} \sum_{s=1}^S (\theta_{s,c} - \bar{\theta}_{\cdot c})^2 \right]$$

Underestimates $\text{Var}[\theta_{s,c}]$

Between-chains

Mean:

$$\bar{\theta}_{\cdot\cdot} = \frac{1}{C} \sum_{c=1}^C \bar{\theta}_{\cdot c}$$

Variance:

$$B = \frac{1}{C-1} \sum_{c=1}^C (\bar{\theta}_{\cdot c} - \bar{\theta}_{\cdot\cdot})^2$$

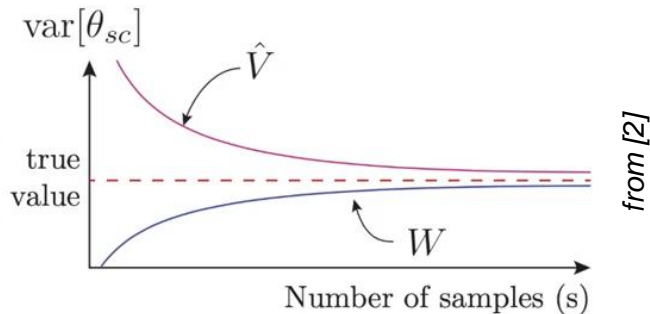
Overestimates $\text{Var}[\theta_{s,c}]$

$$\hat{V} = \frac{S-1}{S} W + B$$

Convergence $\hat{R} = \sqrt{\frac{\hat{V}_I}{W}}$

If $\hat{R} \approx 1 \rightarrow \checkmark$

else if $\hat{R} > 1 \rightarrow \times$
(non-stationary)



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(Self-) Information of an event:

(base is exponential $e \Rightarrow$ unit: nats)

$$I(x) = -\log P(x).$$

Entropy:

$$H(x) = \mathbb{E}_{x \sim P}[I(x)] = -\mathbb{E}_{x \sim P}[\log P(x)]$$

Kullback-Leibler (KL) Divergence:

$$D_{\text{KL}}(P \| Q) = \mathbb{E}_{x \sim P} \left[\log \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)} \right] = \mathbb{E}_{x \sim P} [\log P(x) - \log Q(x)]$$

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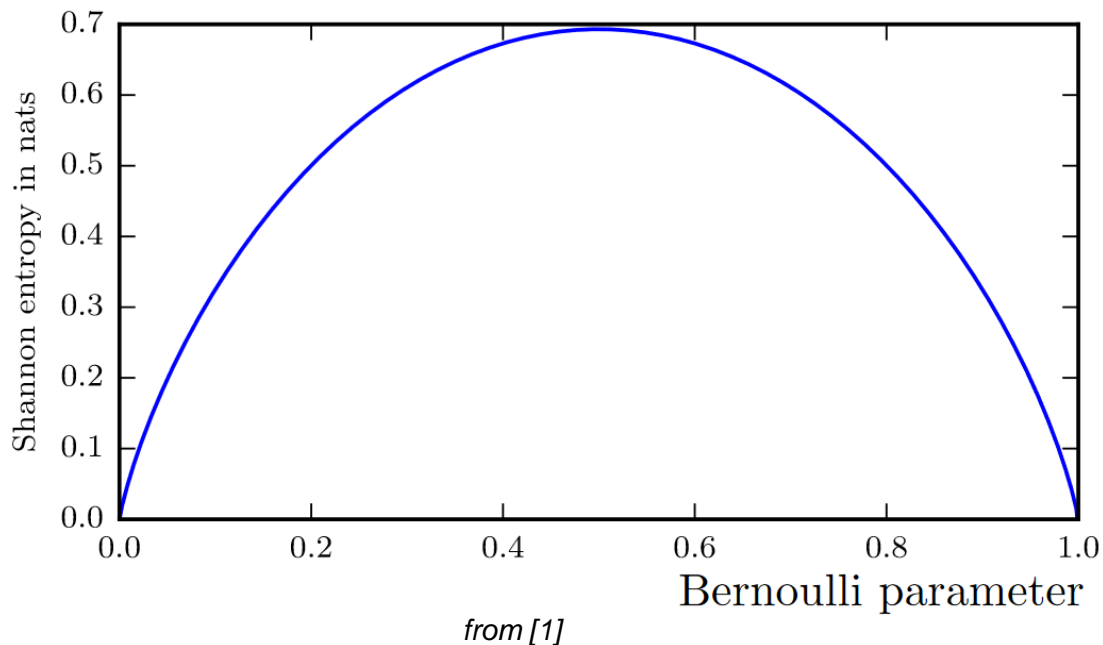
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Entropy of a Bernoulli Variable:



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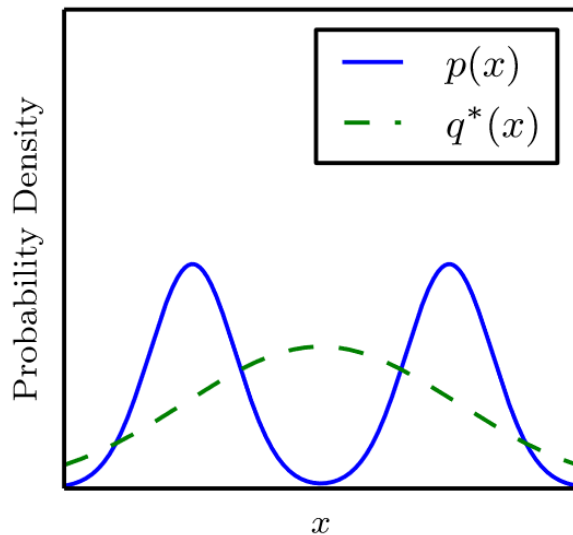
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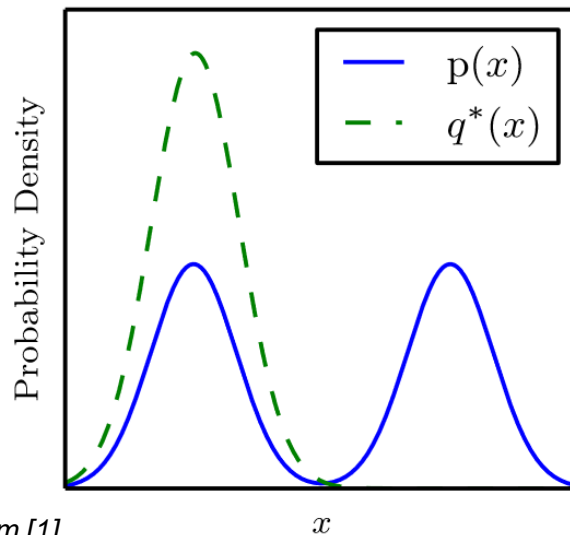
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Note: KL Divergence is Asymmetric

$$q^* = \operatorname{argmin}_q D_{\text{KL}}(p \| q)$$



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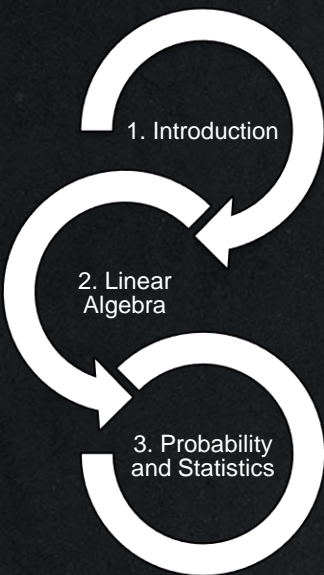


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Probabilities:

- ▶ Probabilities **describe our knowledge**
- ▶ The less we know, the more we should employ probability theory

Bayesian interpretation: $\Pr(E_i)$ quantifies the likelihood of an event with respect to others in \mathcal{S}

Rules/operations events: $\cap, \cup, \subset, \subseteq, \in$

Fundamental Axioms:

1. $0 \leq \Pr(E_i) \leq 1$
2. $\Pr(\mathcal{S}) = 1$
3. Si E_1 et E_2 are mutually exclusives
 $\Pr(E_1 \cup E_2) = \Pr(E_1) + \Pr(E_2)$

Inclusion-exclusion rule: $\Pr(\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i) = \dots$

Bayes Theorem: $\Pr(E_i|A) = \frac{\Pr(A|E_i) \Pr(E_i)}{\Pr(A)}$

Probability distributions: PDF, CDF, PMF, CMF

Multivariate Normal: $\mu_1, \sigma_1, \mu_2, \sigma_2, \rho_{12}$

Multivariate probability density function:

- ▶ $0 \leq f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x})$
- ▶ $\int \dots \int f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} = 1$

Conditional probabilities:

- ▶ si $p_{X_1|X_2}(x_1|x_2) = p_{X_1}(x_1)$, $X_1 \perp\!\!\!\perp X_2$
- ▶ si $X_1 \perp\!\!\!\perp X_2$ $p_{X_1 X_2}(x_1, x_2) = p_{X_1}(x_1)p_{X_2}(x_2)$

General case: $X_1 \not\perp\!\!\!\perp X_2 \rightarrow$ **Chain rule**

Expectation & Variance:

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \int x \cdot f_X(x) dx \quad (\text{Continuous R.V.})$$

$$\mathbb{E}[(X - \mu_X)^2] = \sigma_X^2 = \text{var}[X] = \mathbb{E}[X^2] - (\mathbb{E}[X])^2$$

Matrix notation: $\Sigma_{\mathbf{X}} = \mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{X}} \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{X}} \mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{X}}$

Function of random variables: $Y = g(\mathbf{X})$

$$f_Y(y) dy = f_X(x) dx$$

$$\mathbf{M}_Y = g(\mathbf{M}_X) = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{M}_X + \mathbf{B}$$

$$\Sigma_Y = \mathbf{A} \Sigma_X \mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{J}_{y,x} \Sigma_X \mathbf{J}_{y,x}^T$$

Linearization – First order approximation

$$\begin{aligned} Y = g(\mathbf{X}) &\cong g(\mathbf{M}_X) + \nabla g(\mathbf{M}_X)(\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{M}_X) \\ \mu_Y &\cong g(\mathbf{M}_X) \\ \sigma_Y^2 &\cong \nabla g(\mathbf{M}_X) \Sigma_X \nabla g(\mathbf{M}_X)^T \end{aligned}$$

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Univariate Normal:

$$X \sim \mathcal{N}(x; \mu, \sigma^2), x \in (-\infty, +\infty)$$

$$\text{if } X \sim \mathcal{N}(x; \mu_X, \sigma_X^2), Y \sim \mathcal{N}(y; \mu_Y, \sigma_Y^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} Z &= X + Y \\ &\sim \mathcal{N}(z; \mu_Z, \sigma_Z^2) \end{aligned}$$

Multivariate Normal:

$$\mathbf{X} \sim \mathcal{N}(x; \mathbf{M}_X, \mathbf{\Sigma}_X)$$

Normal conditional:

$$f_{\mathbf{x}_1|\mathbf{x}_2}(\mathbf{x}_1|\mathbf{X}_2 = \mathbf{x}_2) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_1; \mathbf{M}_{1|2}, \mathbf{\Sigma}_{1|2})$$

Univariate Lognormal:

$$X \sim \text{Ln } \mathcal{N}(x; \lambda, \zeta), x \in (0, +\infty)$$

if

$$X \sim \text{Ln } \mathcal{N}(x; \lambda_X, \zeta_X^2), Y \sim \text{Ln } \mathcal{N}(y; \lambda_Y, \zeta_Y^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} Z &= X \cdot Y \\ &\sim \text{Ln } \mathcal{N}(z; \lambda_Z, \zeta_Z^2) \end{aligned}$$

Beta:

$$X \sim \text{Beta}(x; \alpha, \beta), x \in (0, 1)$$

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Bayes's rule:

$$\underbrace{f(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{D})}_{\text{posterior}} = \frac{\overbrace{f(\mathcal{D}|\mathbf{x})}^{\text{likelihood}} \cdot \overbrace{f(\mathbf{x})}^{\text{prior}}}{\underbrace{f(\mathcal{D})}_{\text{normalization cte.}}}$$

Prior – $f(\mathbf{x})$, $f(\theta)$: based on: Engineering heuristics, Previous posterior PDF, Non-informative prior

Likelihood – $f(\mathcal{D}|\mathbf{x})$ or $f(\mathcal{D}|\theta)$: Conditional probability of a set of observations \mathcal{D} given the values that \mathbf{x} or θ can take

Evidence – $f(\mathcal{D})$:

$$f(\mathcal{D}) = \underbrace{\int f(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}) \cdot f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}}_{\text{continuous case}} = 1$$

MC sampling from the prior

$$\begin{aligned} f(\mathcal{D}) &\approx \frac{1}{S} \sum_{s=1}^S \left[\prod_{j=1}^D f(y_j | \mathbf{x}_s) \right] \\ \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{D}] &\approx \frac{1}{S} \sum_{s=1}^S \left[\mathbf{x}_s \cdot \frac{\prod_{j=1}^D f(y_j | \mathbf{x}_s)}{f(\mathcal{D})} \right] \\ \text{var}[\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{D}] &\approx \frac{1}{S} \sum_{s=1}^S \left[(\mathbf{x}_s - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{D}])^2 \cdot \frac{\prod_{j=1}^D f(y_j | \mathbf{x}_s)}{f(\mathcal{D})} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Limited to simple cases → MCMC Module

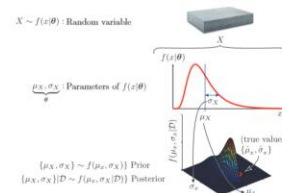
Posterior – $f(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{D})$: When the number of independent observations $D \rightarrow \infty$

$$f(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{D}) = \frac{f(\mathcal{D}|\mathbf{x})f(\mathbf{x})}{f(\mathcal{D})} \rightarrow \underbrace{\delta(\hat{\mathbf{x}})}_{\text{Dirac delta PDF}} \quad \text{true value}$$

$$f(\theta|\mathcal{D}) = \frac{f(\mathcal{D}|\theta)f(\theta)}{f(\mathcal{D})} \rightarrow \underbrace{\delta(\hat{\theta})}_{\text{Dirac delta PDF}} \quad \text{true value}$$

Posterior Predictive – $f(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{D})$

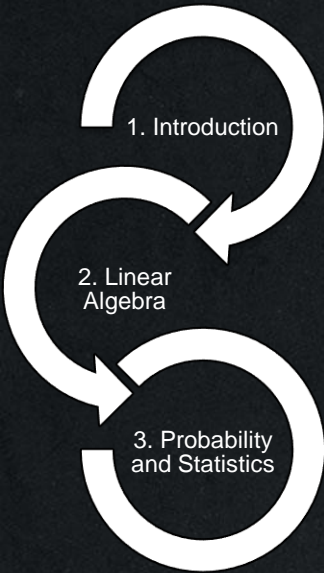
$$f(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{D}) = \int f(\mathbf{x}; \theta) f(\theta|\mathcal{D}) d\theta$$



Conjugate priors: For specific combinations of prior distribution and likelihood function, the posterior PDF follows the same type of distribution than the prior PDF

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