



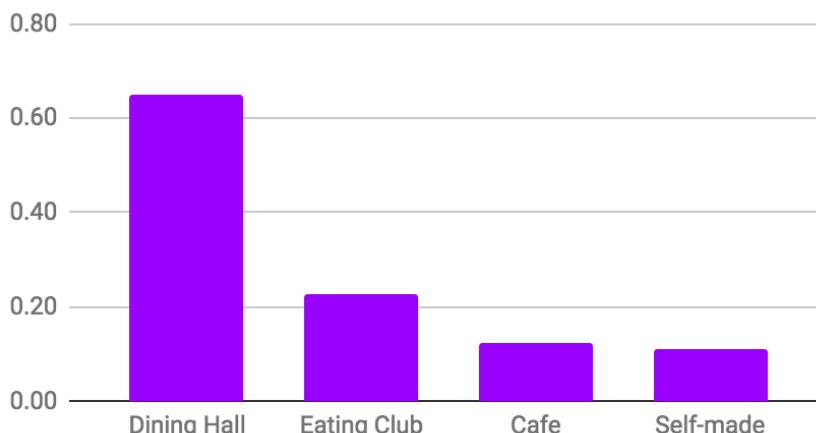
Properties of Joint Distributions

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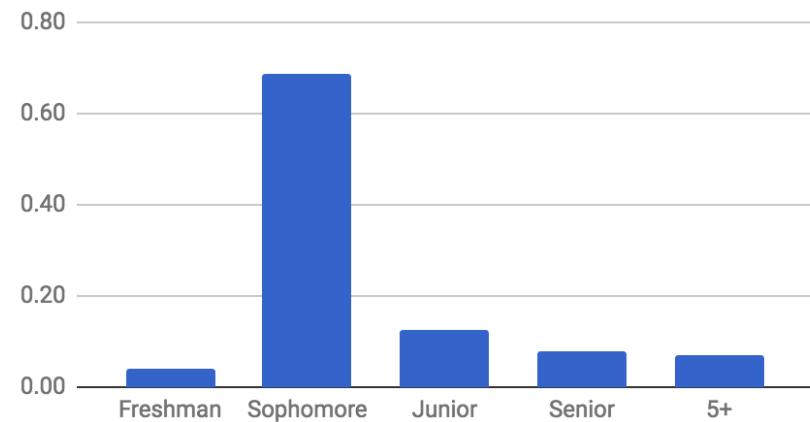
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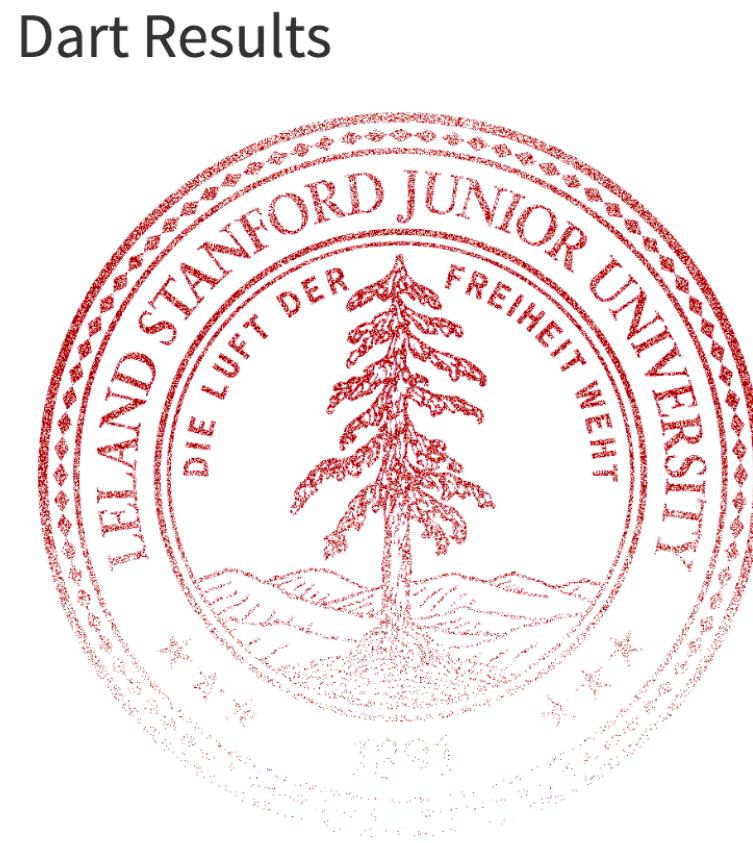
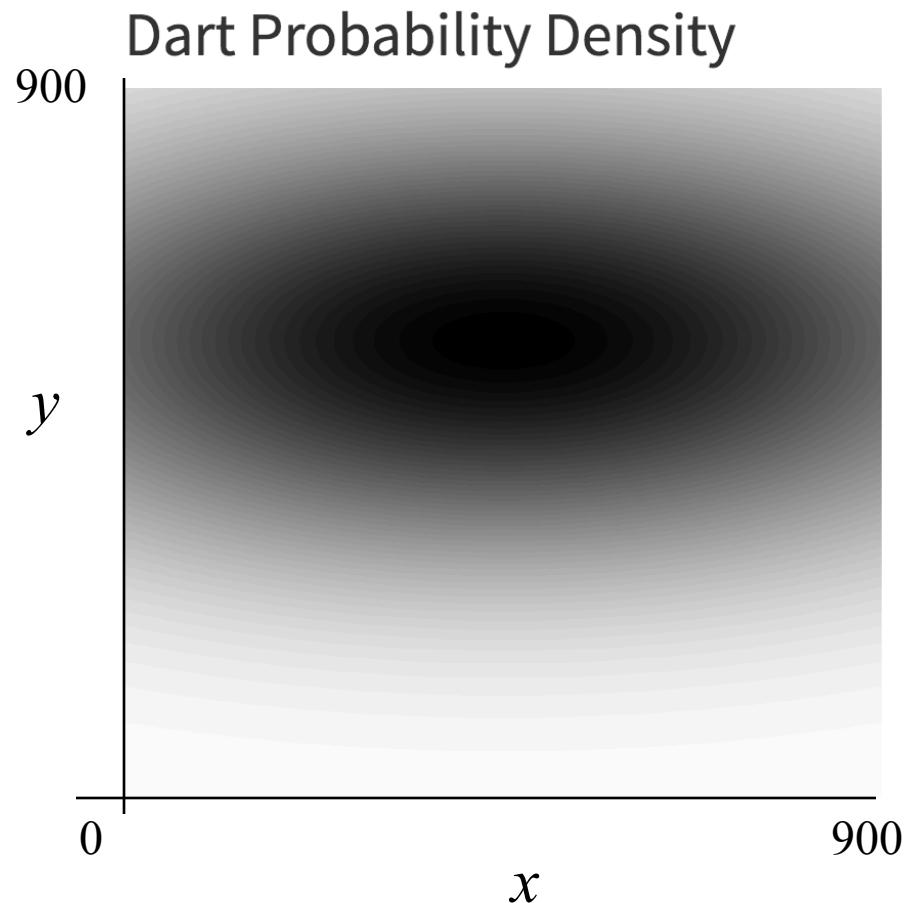
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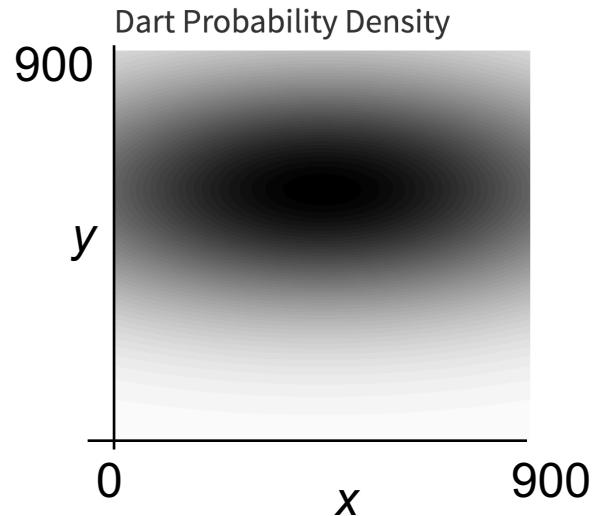
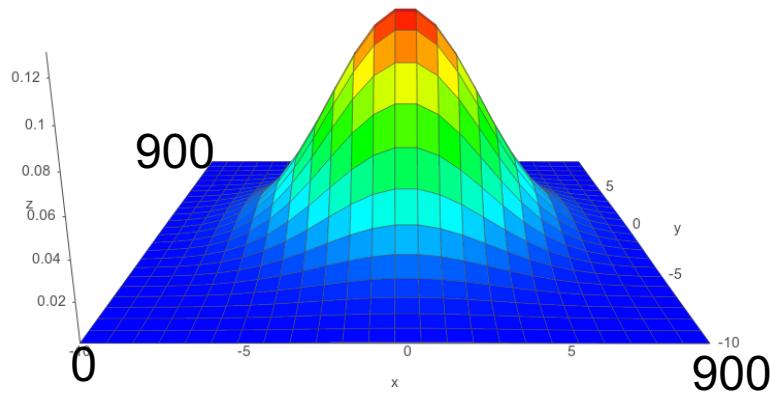
Continuous Joint Random Variables



Joint Probability Density Function



A **joint probability density function** gives the relative likelihood of **more than one** continuous random variable **each** taking on a specific value.



$$P(a_1 < X \leq a_2, b_1 < Y \leq b_2) = \int_{a_1}^{a_2} \int_{b_1}^{b_2} f_{X,Y}(x, y) dy dx$$

Jointly Continuous

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- Cumulative Density Function (CDF):

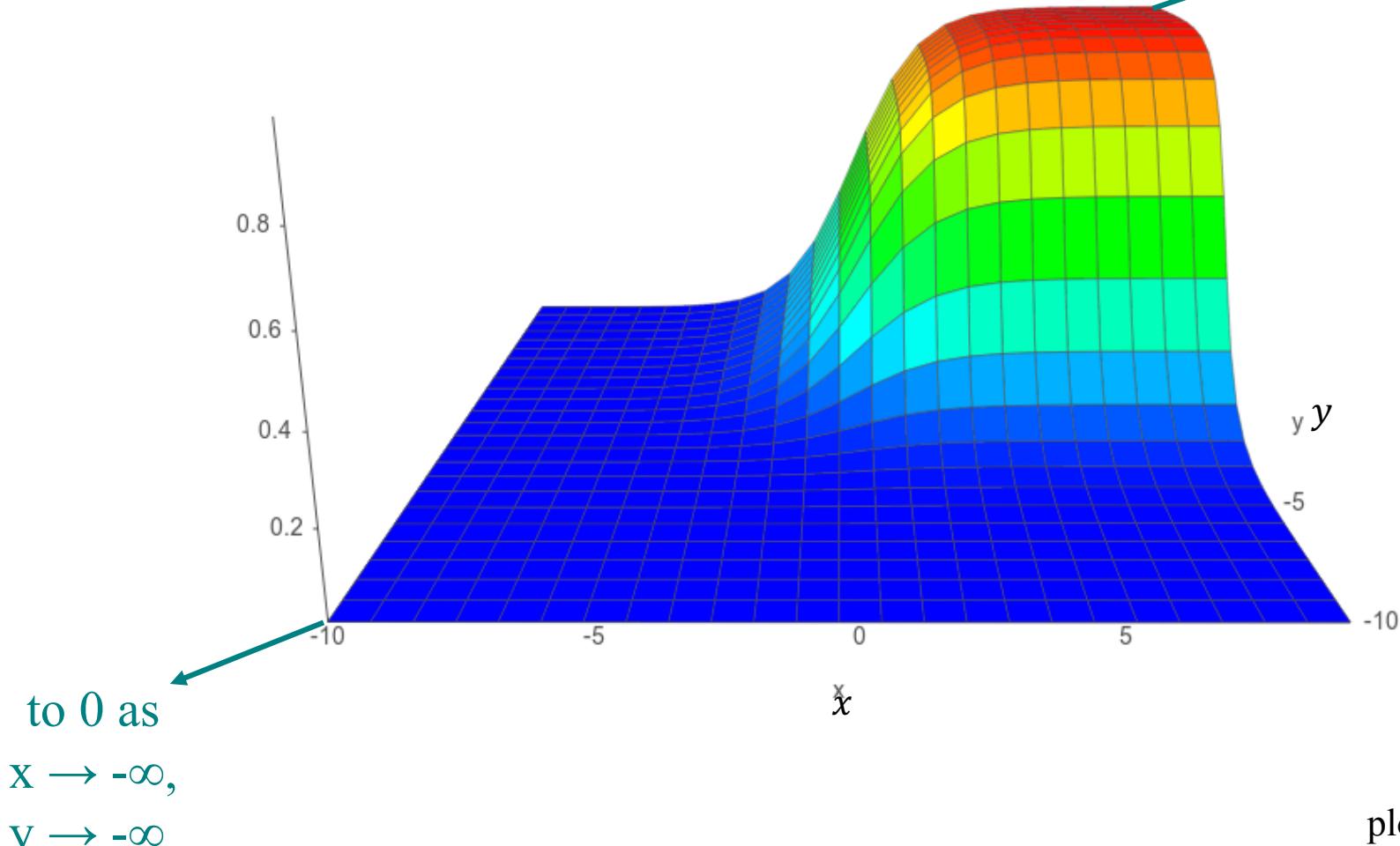
$$F_{X,Y}(a, b) = \int_{-\infty}^a \int_{-\infty}^b f_{X,Y}(x, y) dy dx$$

$$f_{X,Y}(a, b) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial a \partial b} F_{X,Y}(a, b)$$

Jointly CDF

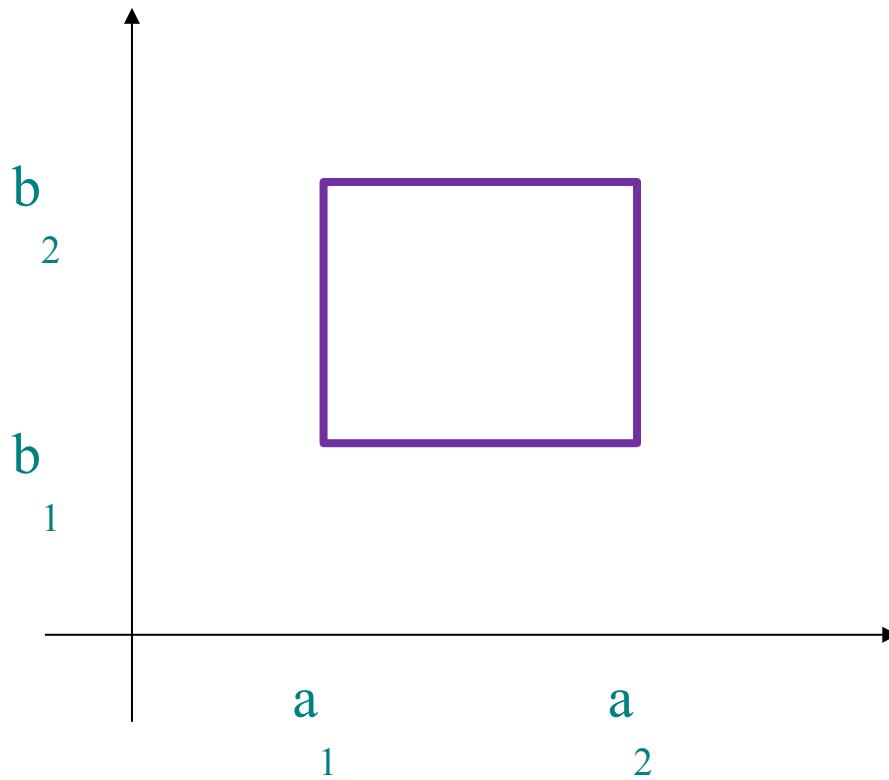
$$F_{X,Y}(x, y) = P(X \leq x, Y \leq y)$$

to 1 as
 $x \rightarrow +\infty,$
 $y \rightarrow +\infty$



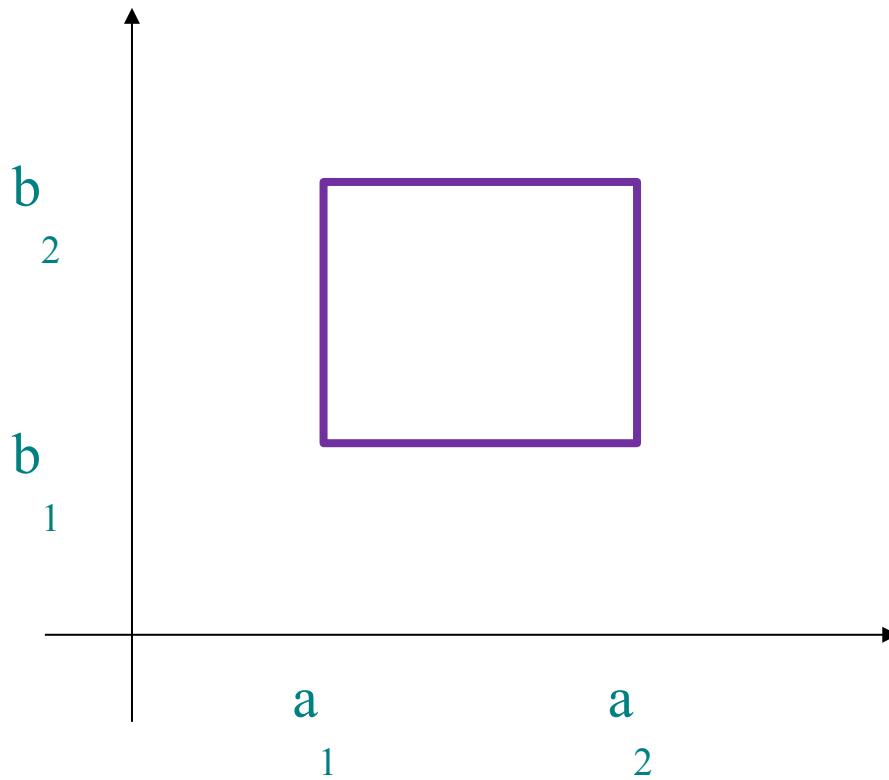
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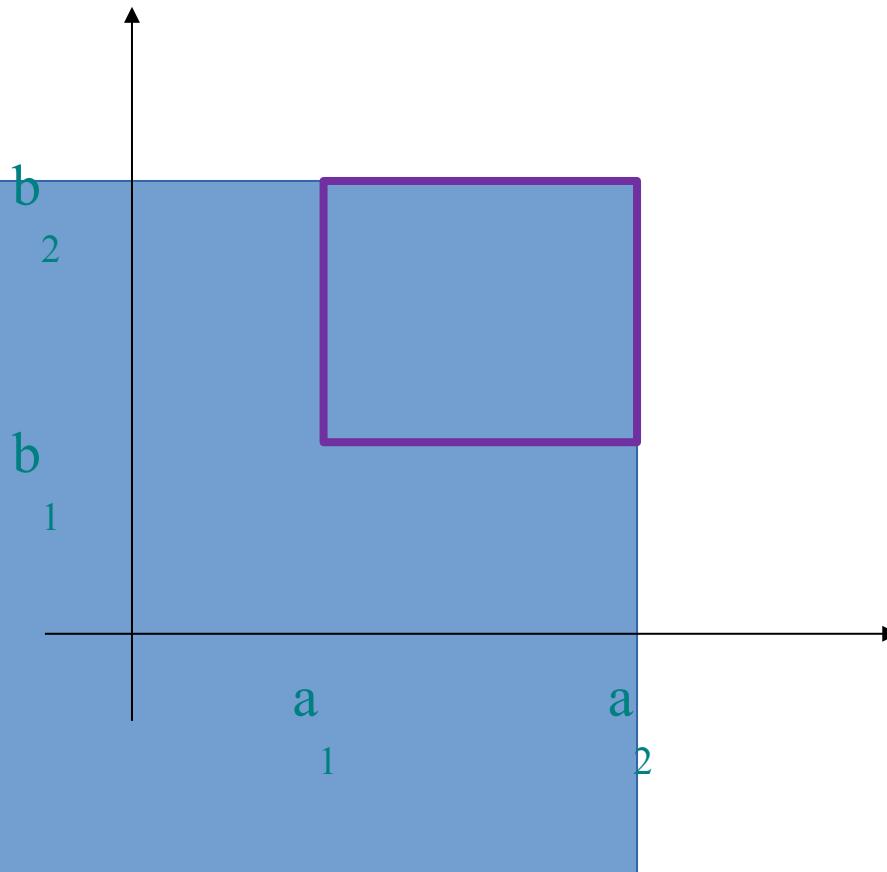
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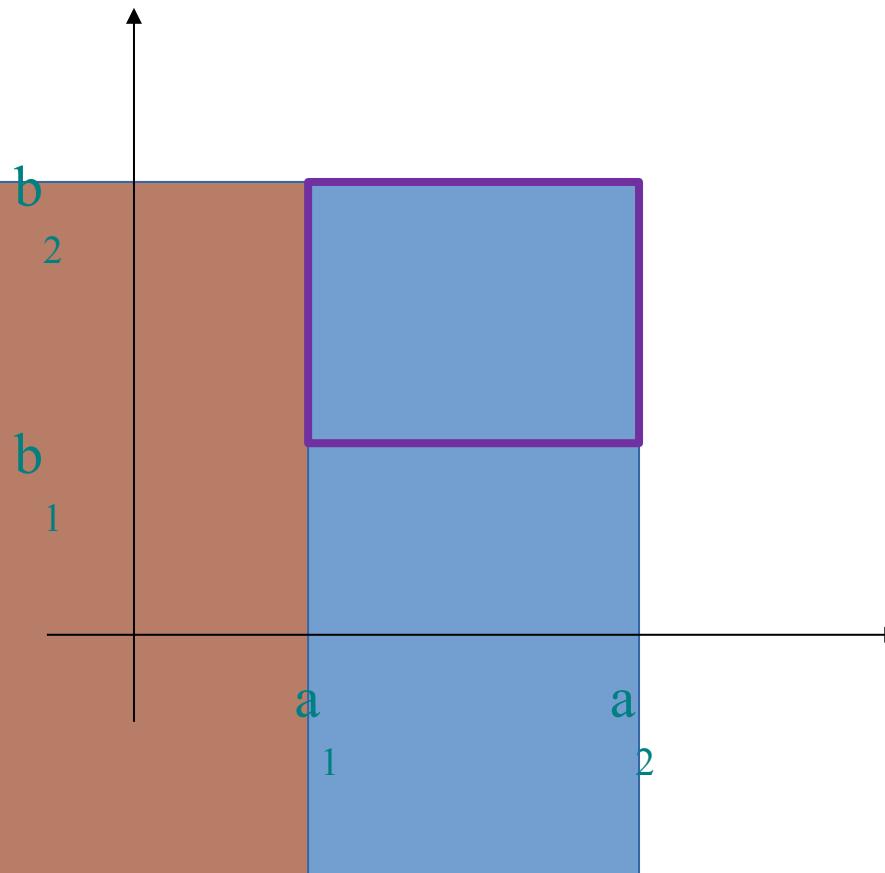
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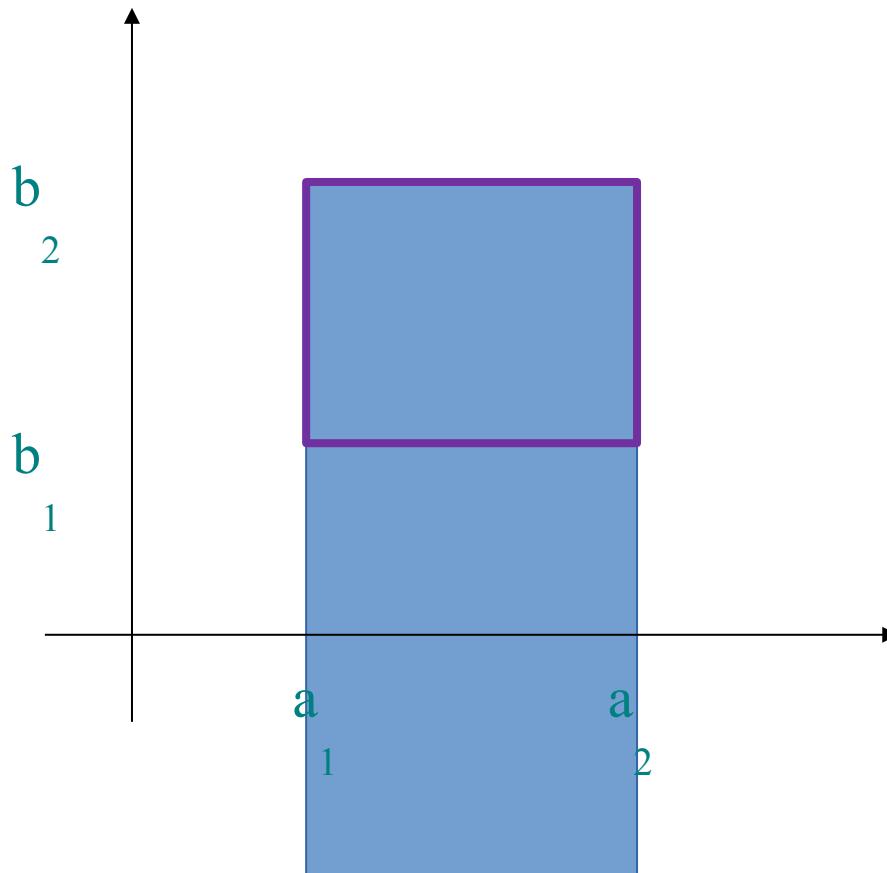
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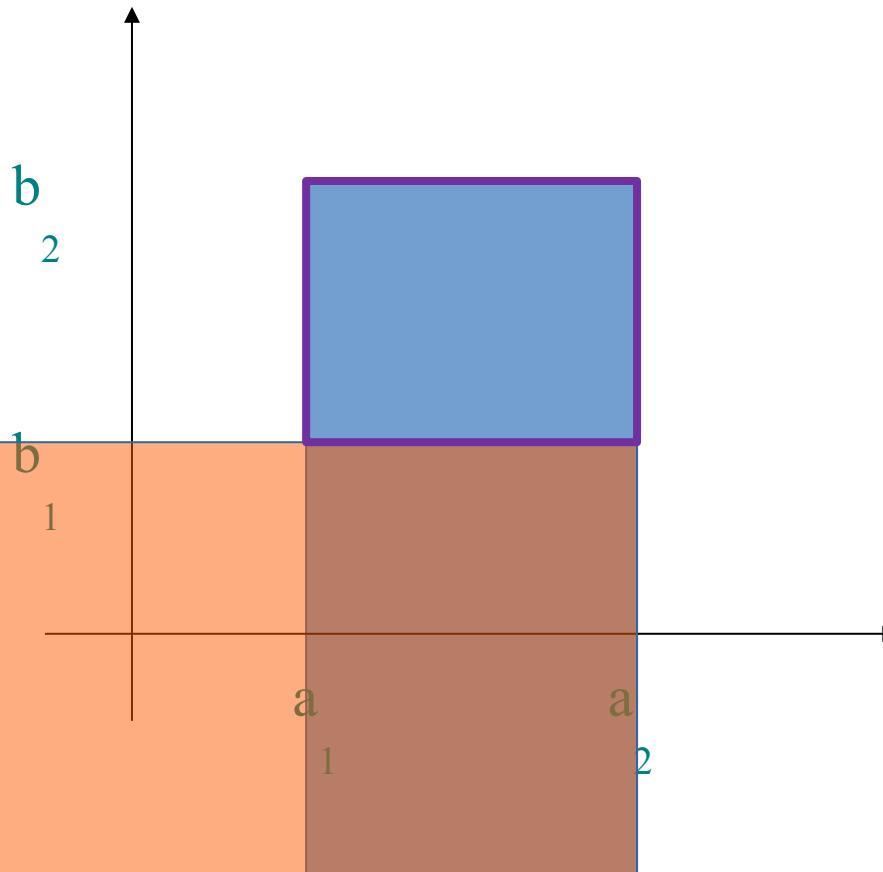


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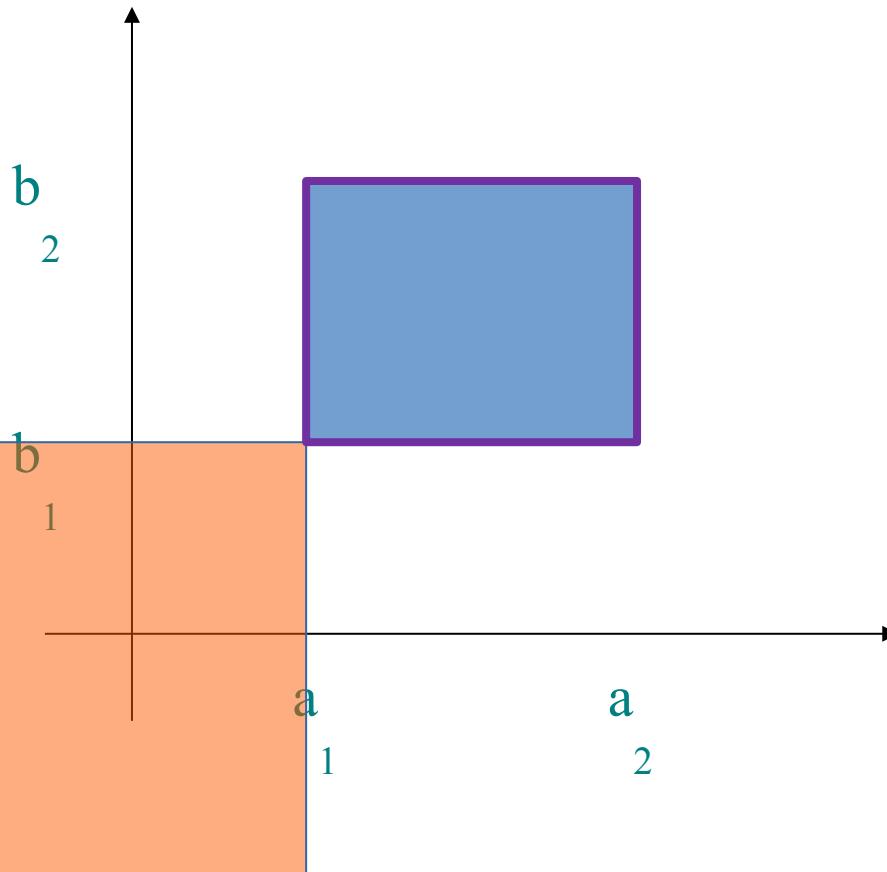


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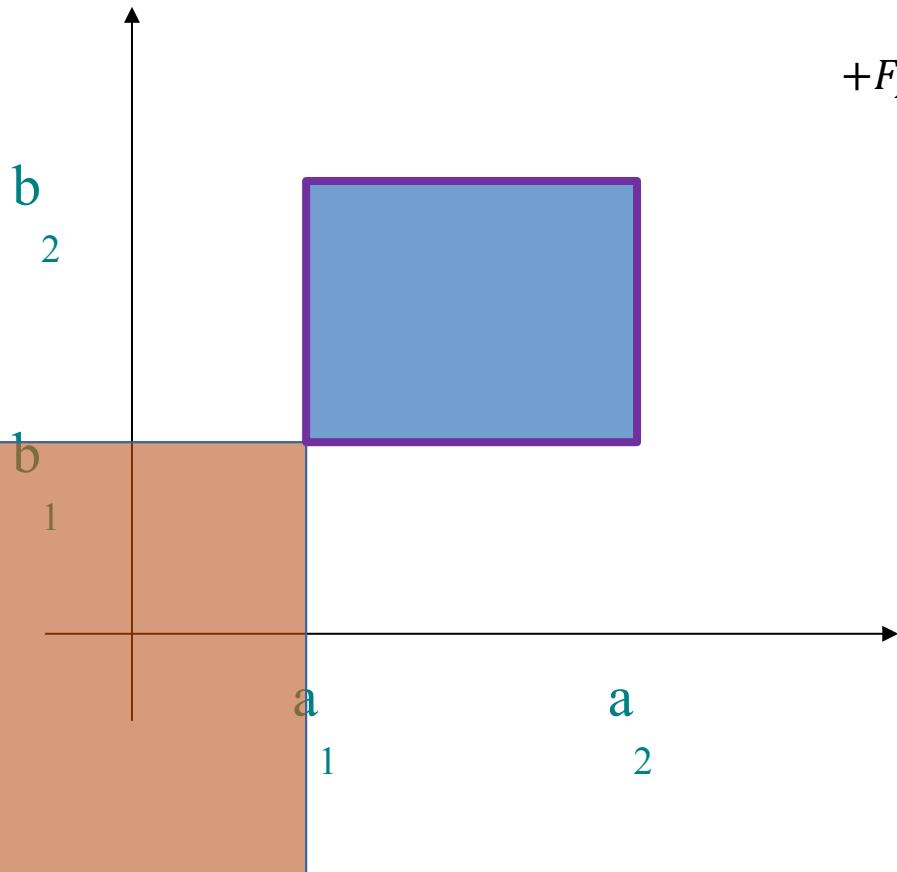
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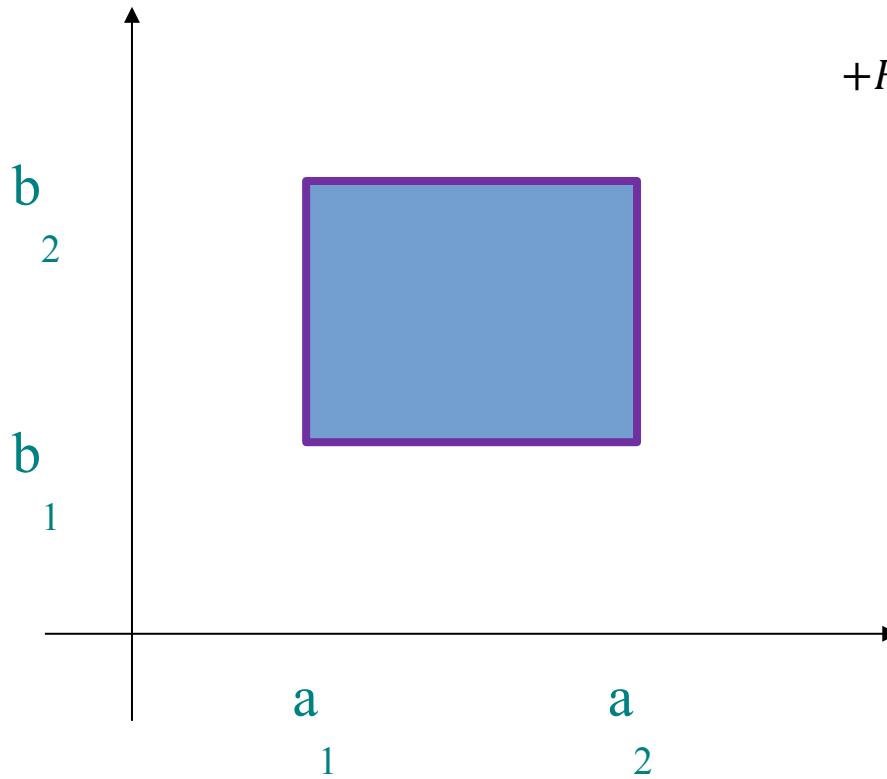
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Probability for Instagram!

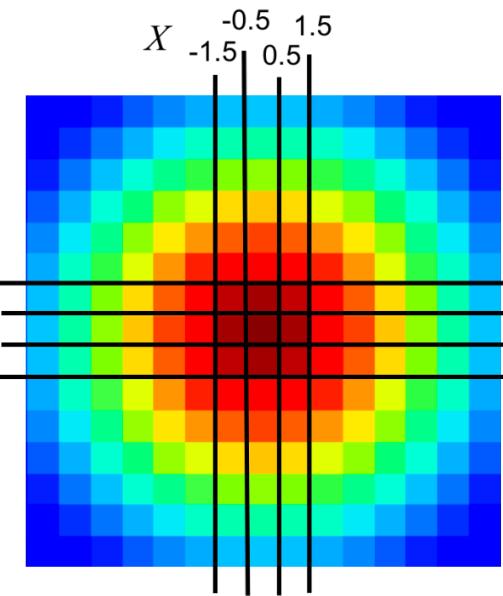


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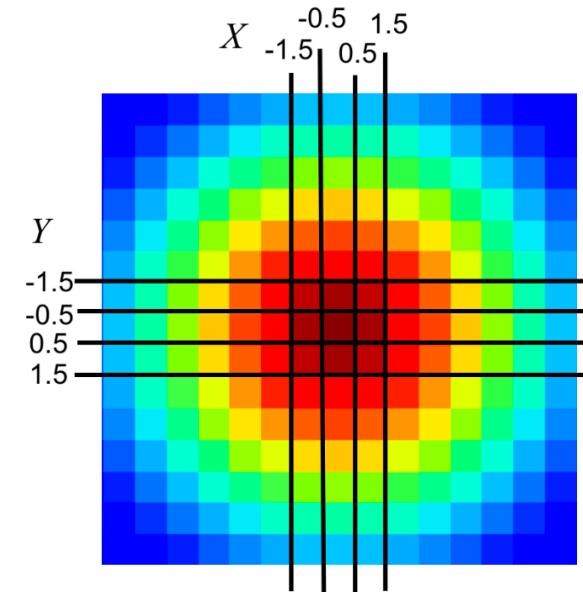
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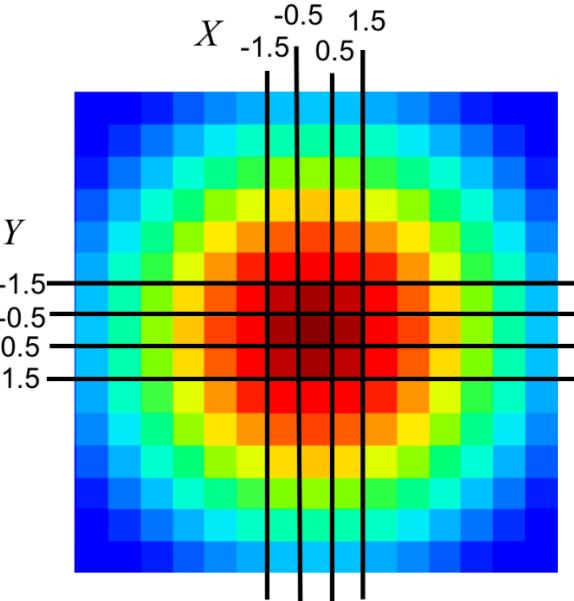
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Weight Matrix



Each pixel is given a weight equal to the probability that X and Y are both within the pixel bounds. The center pixel covers the area where

$$-0.5 \leq x \leq 0.5 \text{ and } -0.5 \leq y \leq 0.5$$

What is the weight of the center pixel?

$$\begin{aligned} & P(-0.5 < X < 0.5, -0.5 < Y < 0.5) \\ &= P(X < 0.5, Y < 0.5) - P(X < 0.5, Y < -0.5) \\ &\quad - P(X < -0.5, Y < 0.5) + P(X < -0.5, Y < -0.5) \\ &= \phi\left(\frac{0.5}{3}\right) \cdot \phi\left(\frac{0.5}{3}\right) - 2\phi\left(\frac{0.5}{3}\right) \cdot \phi\left(\frac{-0.5}{3}\right) \\ &\quad + \phi\left(\frac{-0.5}{3}\right) \cdot \phi\left(\frac{-0.5}{3}\right) \\ &= 0.5662^2 - 2 \cdot 0.5662 \cdot 0.4338 + 0.4338^2 = 0.206 \end{aligned}$$

Properties of Joint Distributions

Boolean Operation on Variable = Event

Recall: any boolean question about a random variable makes for an event. For example:



$$P(X \leq 5)$$

$$P(Y = 6)$$

$$P(5 \leq Z \leq 10)$$

Independence and Random Variables

Independent Discrete Variables

- Two discrete random variables X and Y are called independent if:

$$p(x, y) = p_X(x)p_Y(y) \quad \text{for all } x, y$$

$$P(X = x, Y = y) = P(X = x) \cdot P(Y = y)$$

- Intuitively: knowing the value of X tells us nothing about the distribution of Y (and vice versa)
 - If two variables are not independent, they are called dependent
- Similar conceptually to independent *events*, but we are dealing with multiple variables
 - Keep your events and variables distinct (and clear)!

Is Year Independent of Lunch?

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For all values of Year, Status:

$$P(\text{Year} = y, \text{Lunch} = s) = P(\text{Year} = y)P(\text{Lunch} = s)$$

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Yes!

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0.12

0.08

No 😞

Aside: Butterfly Effect



Coin Flips

- Flip coin with probability p of “heads”
 - Flip coin a total of $n + m$ times
 - Let X = number of heads in first n flips
 - Let Y = number of heads in next m flips

$$\begin{aligned} P(X = x, Y = y) &= \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} \binom{m}{y} p^y (1-p)^{m-y} \\ &= P(X = x)P(Y = y) \end{aligned}$$

- X and Y are independent
- Let Z = number of total heads in $n + m$ flips
- Are X and Z independent?
 - What if you are told $Z = 0$?

Recall: Poisson Random Variable

- X is a Poisson Random Variable: the number of occurrences in a fixed interval of time.

$$X \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda)$$

- λ is the “rate”
- X takes on values 0, 1, 2...
- has distribution (PMF):

$$P(X = k) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!}$$

Web Server Requests

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Probability of i human requests and j bot requests

Probability of number of requests in a day was $i + j$

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- Note: $P(X = i, Y = j | X + Y \neq i + j) = 0$

You got i human requests
and j bot requests

You did not get $i + j$
requests

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Binomial

Poisson

Joint

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$$P(X = i, Y = j) = \frac{(i+j)!}{i! j!} p^i (1-p)^j e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^{i+j}}{(i+j)!} = e^{-\lambda} \frac{(\lambda p)^i}{i!} \cdot \frac{(\lambda(1-p))^j}{j!}$$

Reorder terms

$$= e^{-\lambda p} \frac{(\lambda p)^i}{i!} \cdot e^{-\lambda(1-p)} \frac{(\lambda(1-p))^j}{j!} = P(X = i)P(Y = j)$$

- Where $X \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda p)$ and $Y \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda(1 - p))$
- X and Y are independent!

Independent Continuous Variables

- Two continuous random variables X and Y are called independent if:
$$P(X \leq a, Y \leq b) = P(X \leq a) P(Y \leq b) \text{ for any } a, b$$
- Equivalently:
$$F_{X,Y}(a,b) = F_X(a)F_Y(b) \text{ for all } a,b$$

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- More generally, joint density factors separately:
$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = h(x)g(y) \text{ where } -\infty < x, y < \infty$$

Is the Blur Distribution Independent?



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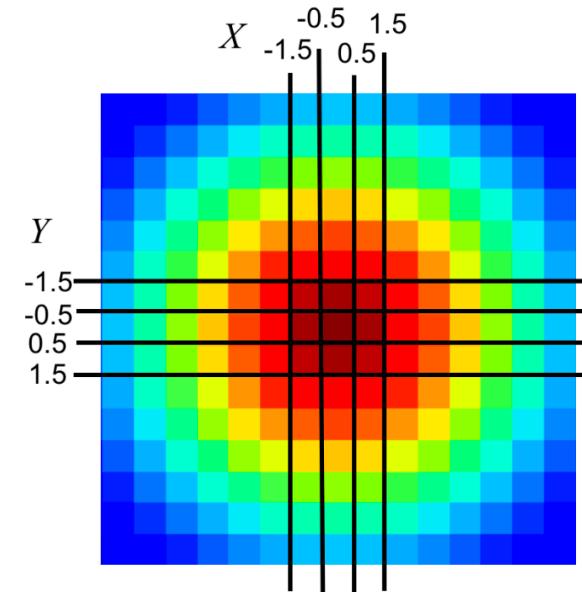
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Used to generate this weight matrix

Pop Quiz (just kidding)

- Consider joint density function of X and Y:

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = 6e^{-3x}e^{-2y} \quad \text{for } 0 < x, y < \infty$$

- Are X and Y independent? Yes!

Let $h(x) = 3e^{-3x}$ and $g(y) = 2e^{-2y}$, so $f_{X,Y}(x,y) = h(x)g(y)$

- Consider joint density function of X and Y:

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = 4xy \quad \text{for } 0 < x, y < 1$$

- Are X and Y independent? Yes!

Let $h(x) = 2x$ and $g(y) = 2y$, so $f_{X,Y}(x,y) = h(x)g(y)$

- Now add constraint that: $0 < (x + y) < 1$
 - Are X and Y independent? No!

- Cannot capture constraint on $x + y$ in factorization!

Independence of Multiple Variables

- n random variables X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are called **independent** if:

$$P(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_n = x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i = x_i) \text{ for all subsets of } x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$$

- Analogously, for continuous random variables:

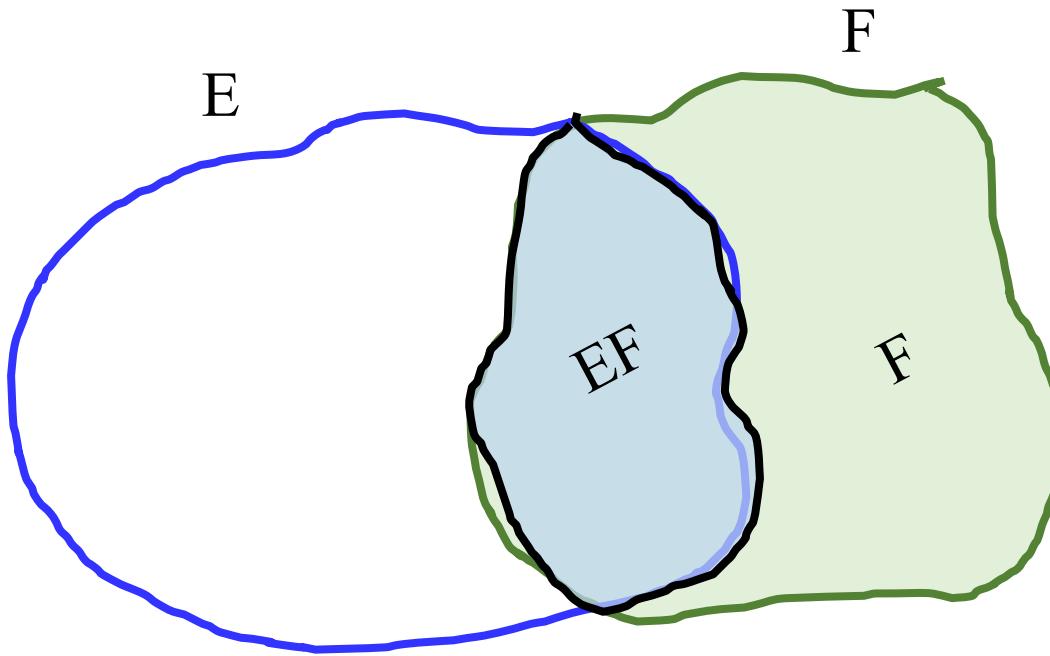
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Conditionals with multiple variables

Discrete Conditional Distribution

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- Now, have X and Y as discrete random variables

- Conditional PMF of X given Y (where $p_Y(y) > 0$):

$$P_{X|Y}(x | y) = P(X = x | Y = y) = \frac{P(X = x, Y = y)}{P(Y = y)} = \frac{p_{X,Y}(x, y)}{p_Y(y)}$$

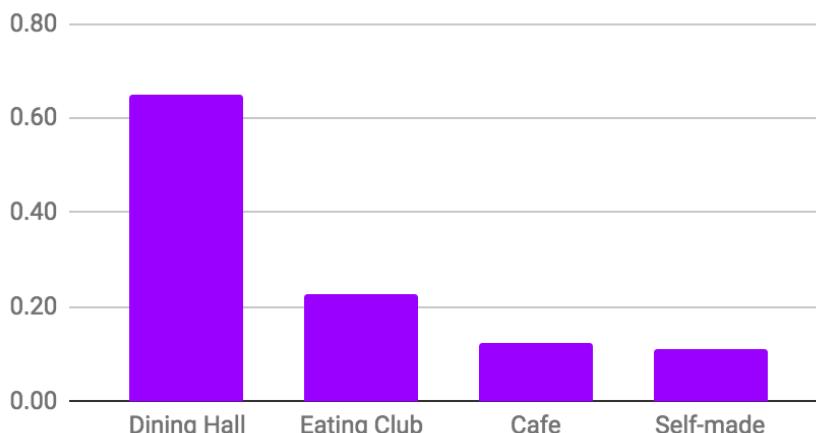
- Conditional CDF of X given Y (where $p_Y(y) > 0$):

$$\begin{aligned} F_{X|Y}(a | y) &= P(X \leq a | Y = y) = \frac{P(X \leq a, Y = y)}{P(Y = y)} \\ &= \frac{\sum_{x \leq a} p_{X,Y}(x, y)}{p_Y(y)} = \sum_{x \leq a} p_{X|Y}(x | y) \end{aligned}$$

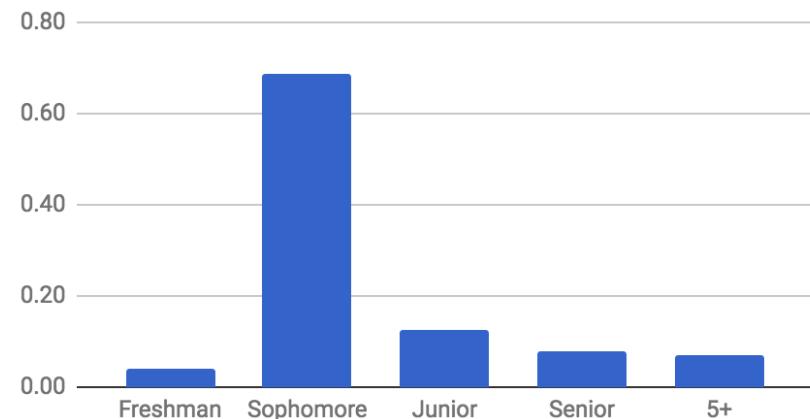
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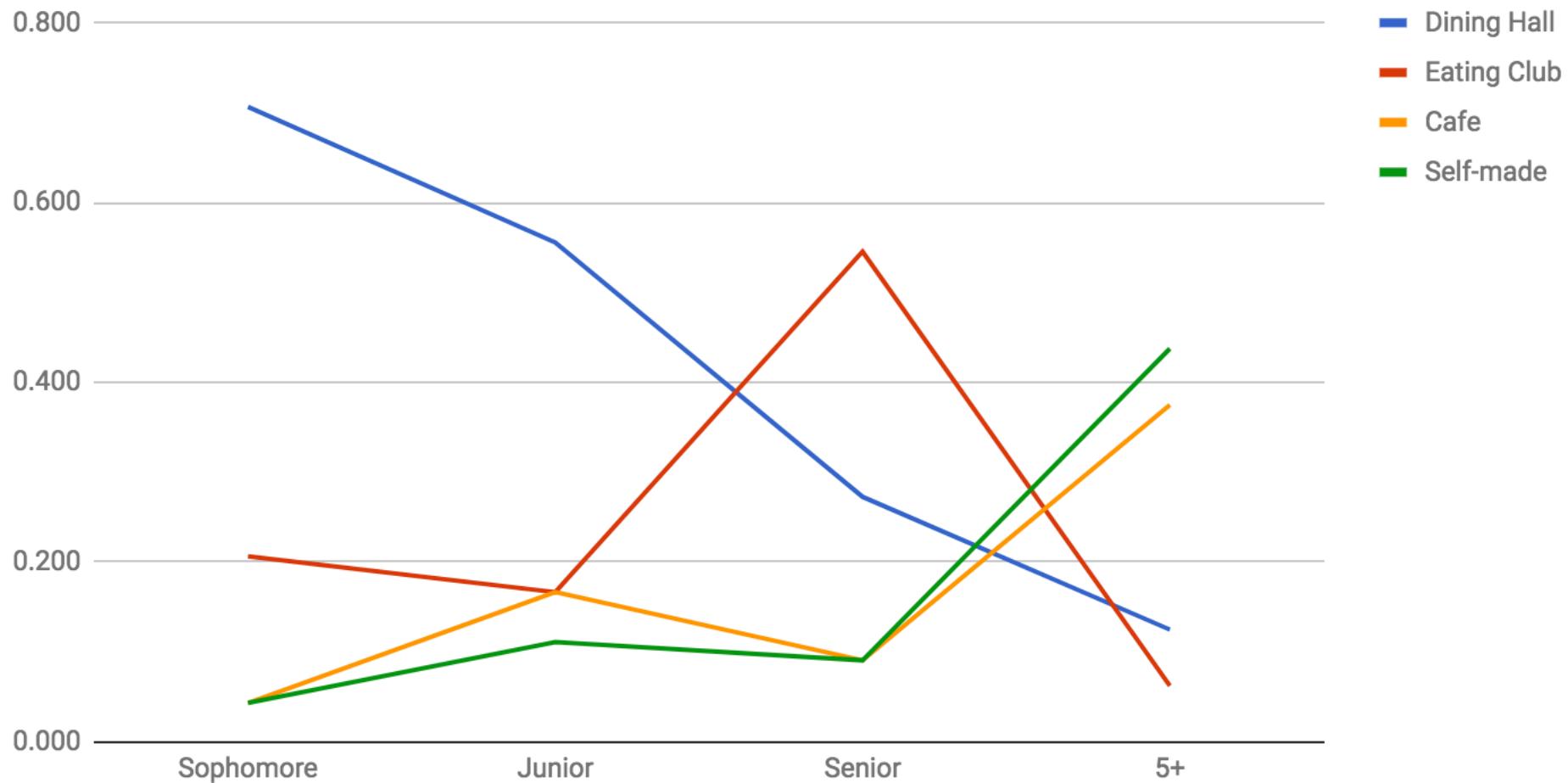


Marginal Year



Lunch | Year

Lunch Type | Year



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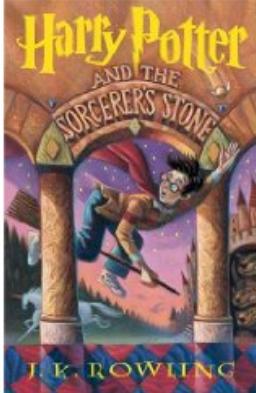
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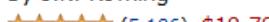
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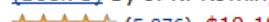
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Continuous Conditional Distributions

Let X and Y be continuous random variables

$$P(X = x|Y = y) = \frac{P(X = x, Y = y)}{P(Y = y)}$$

$$f_{X|Y}(x|y) \cdot \epsilon_x = \frac{f_{X|Y}(x|y) \cdot \epsilon_x \cdot \epsilon_y}{f_Y(y) \cdot \epsilon_y}$$

$$f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{f_{X|Y}(x|y)}{f_Y(y)}$$

Mixing Discrete and Continuous

Let X be a continuous random variable

Let N be a discrete random variable

$$P(X = x|N = n) = \frac{P(N = n|X = x)P(X = x)}{P(N = n)}$$

$$P_{x|N}(x|n) = \frac{P_{N|X}(n|x)P_X(x)}{P_N(n)}$$

$$f_{x|N}(x|n) \cdot \epsilon_x = \frac{P_{N|X}(n|x)f_X(x) \cdot \epsilon_x}{P_N(n)}$$

$$f_{x|N}(x|n) = \frac{P_{N|X}(n|x)f_X(x)}{P_N(n)}$$

All the Bayes Belong to Us

M,N are discrete. X, Y are continuous

OG Bayes

$$p_{M|N}(m|n) = \frac{P_{N|M}(n|m)p_M(m)}{p_N(n)}$$

Mix Bayes #1

$$f_{X|N}(x|n) = \frac{P_{N|X}(n|x)f_X(x)}{P_N(n)}$$

Mix Bayes #2

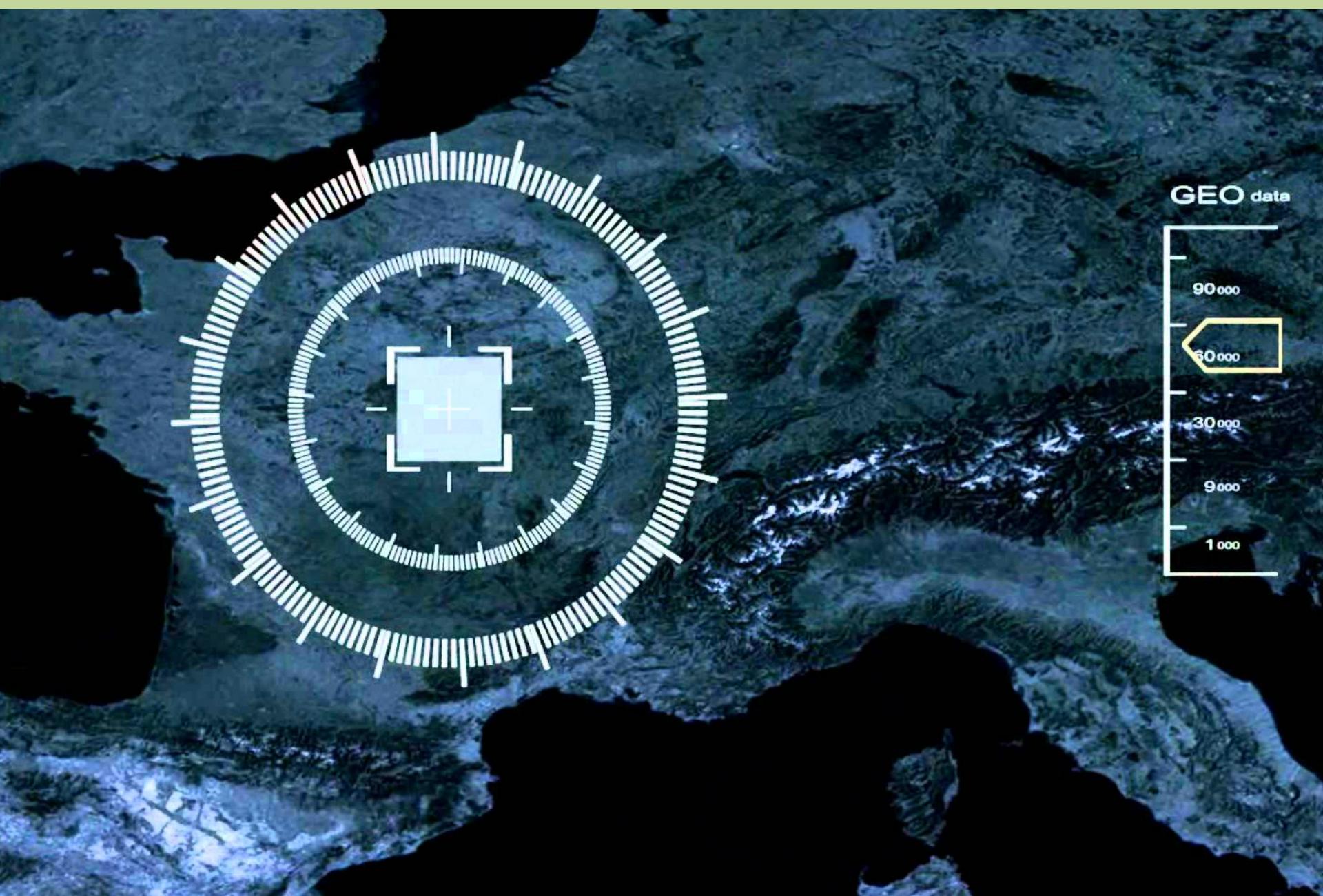
$$p_{N|X}(n|x) = \frac{f_{X|N}(x|n)p_N(n)}{f_X(x)}$$

All Continuous

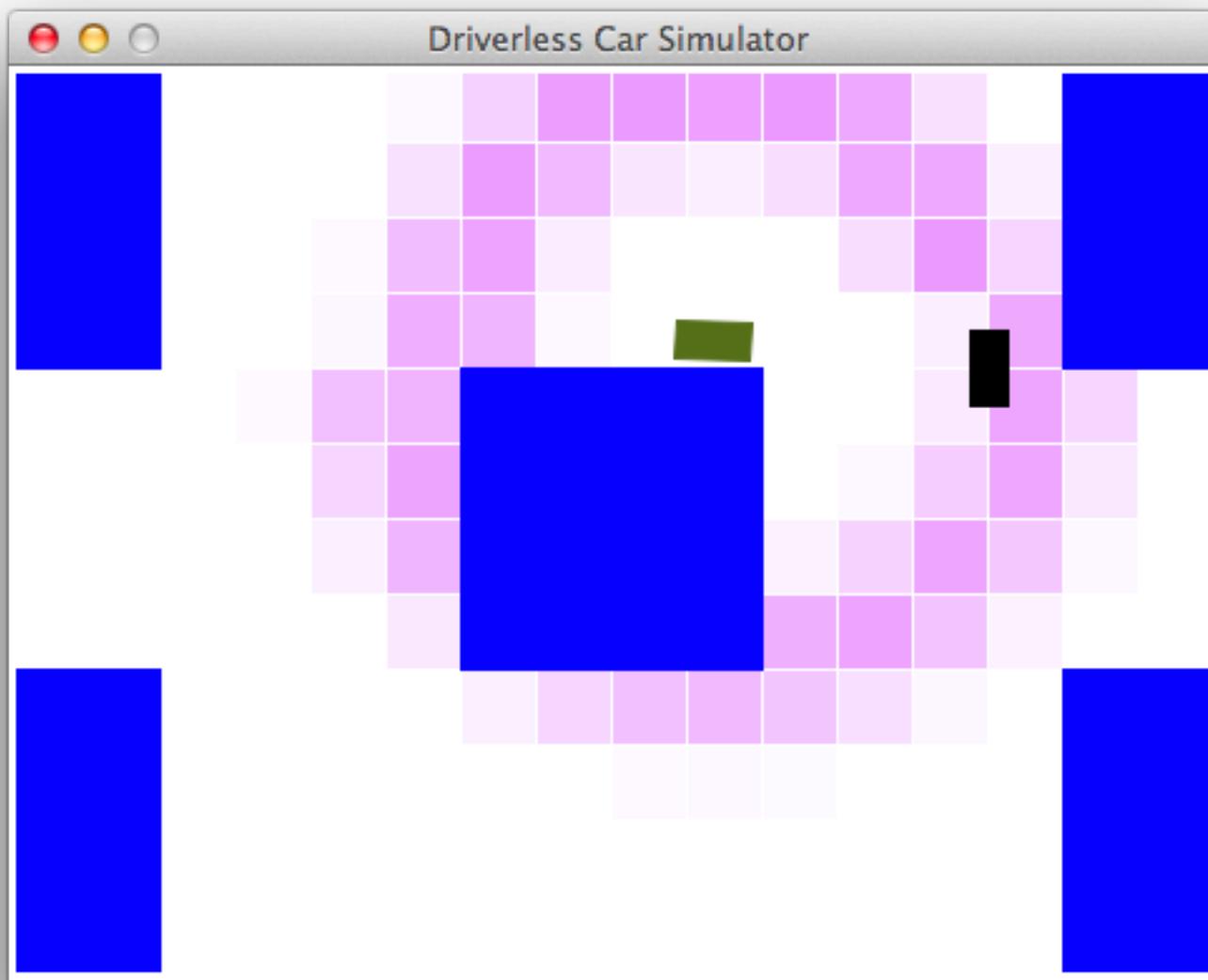
$$f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{f_{Y|X}(y|x)f_X(x)}{f_Y(y)}$$



Tracking in 2D Space?



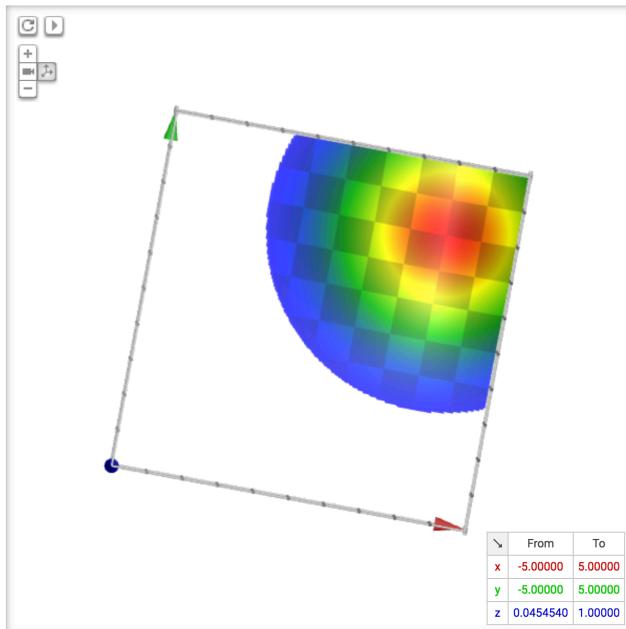
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Bivariate Normal

- X, Y follow a symmetric bivariate normal distribution if it has PDF:

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \cdot e^{-\frac{[(x-\mu_x)^2 + (y-\mu_y)^2]}{2\cdot\sigma^2}}$$



Here is an example where

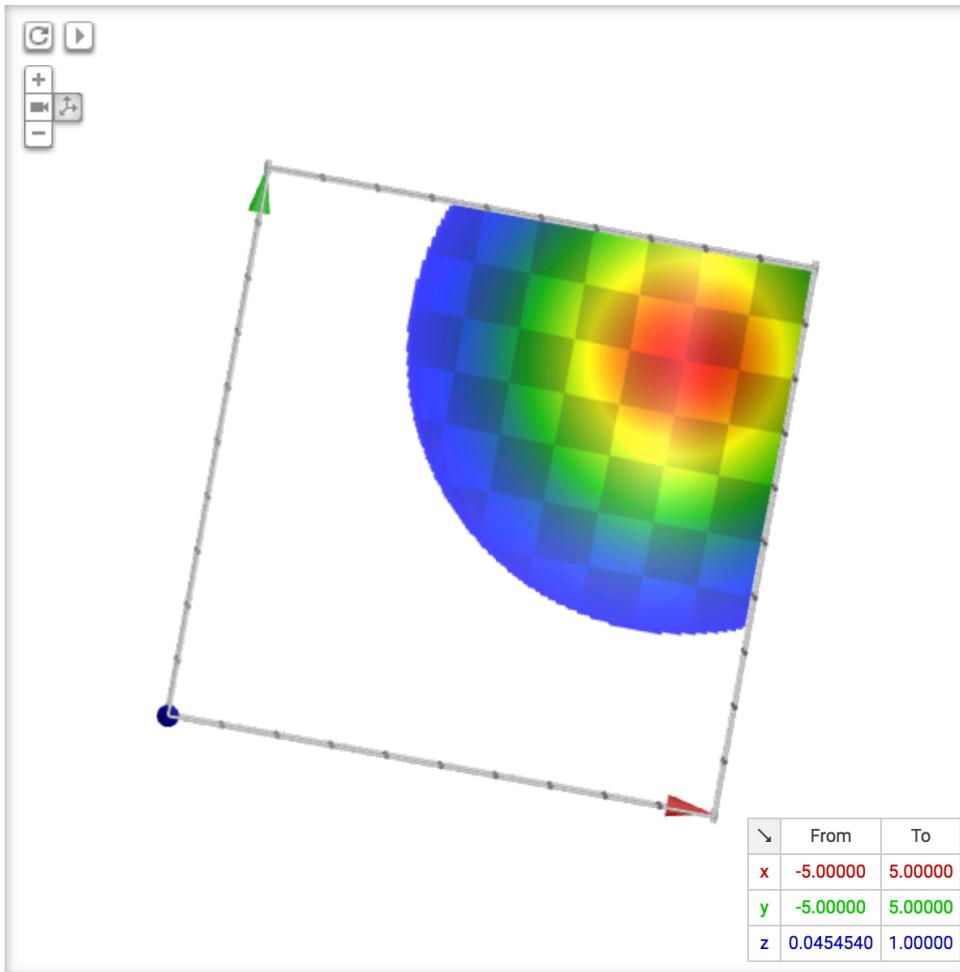
$$\mu_x = 3$$

$$\mu_y = 3$$

$$\sigma = 2$$

Tracking in 2D Space: Prior

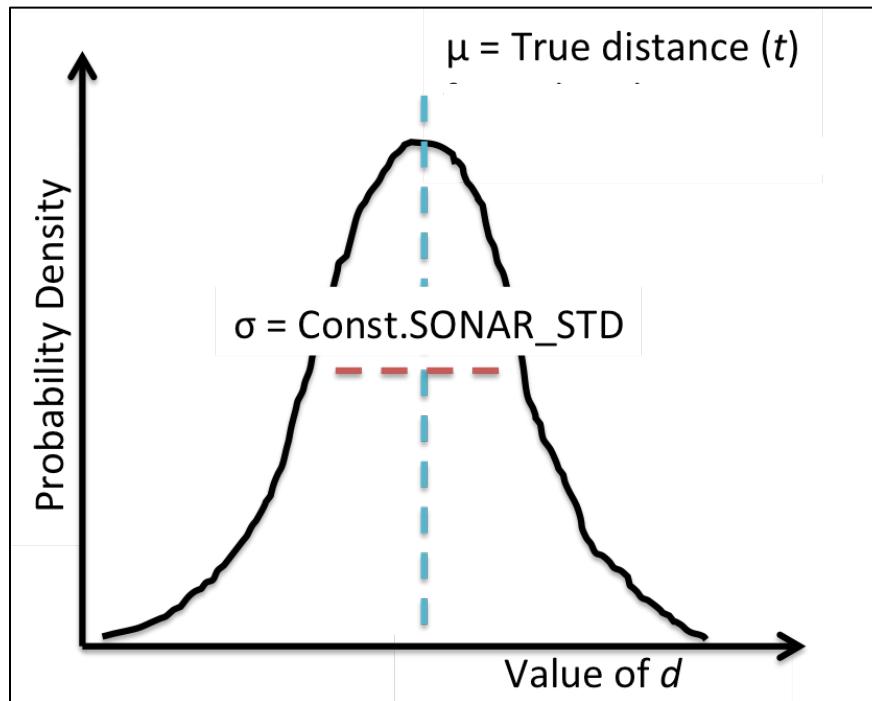
$$f_{x,Y}(x, y) = K \cdot e^{-\frac{[(x-3)^2 + (y-3)^2]}{8}}$$



Tracking in 2D Space: Observation!

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = K \cdot e^{-\frac{[(x-3)^2 + (y-3)^2]}{8}}$$

$$f_{D|X,Y} \sim N(\mu = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}, \sigma^2 = 1)$$

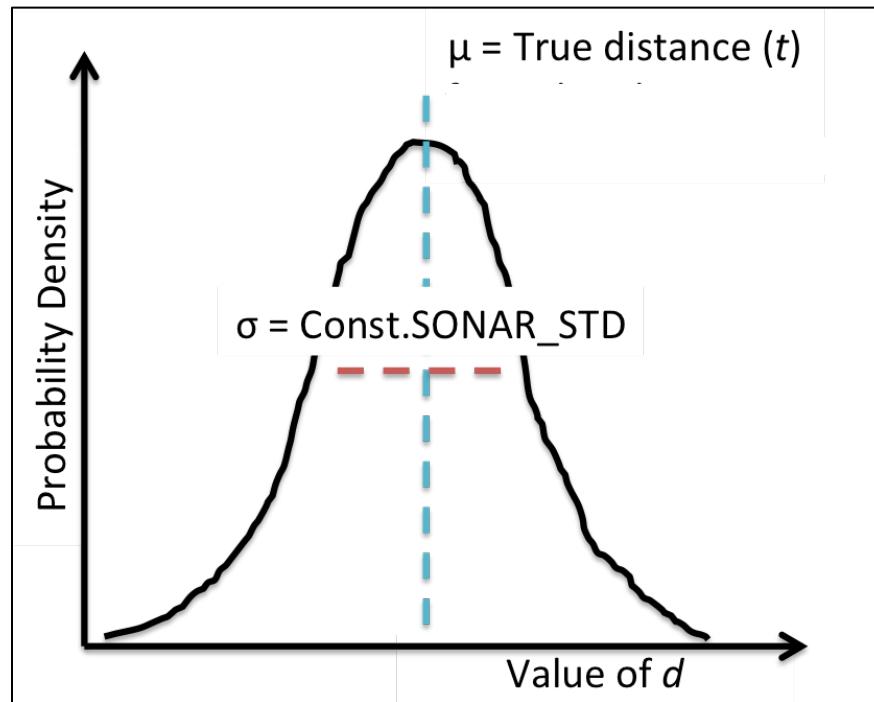


What is your new belief for the location of the object being tracked?
Your probability density function can be expressed with a constant

Tracking in 2D Space: Observation!

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = K \cdot e^{-\frac{[(x-3)^2 + (y-3)^2]}{8}}$$

$$f_{D|X,Y}(d|x,y) = K \cdot e^{-[d - \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}]^2}$$



What is your new belief for the location of the object being tracked?
Your joint probability density function can be expressed with a constant

Tracking in 2D Space: Posterior

$$f_{x,y|D}(x, y|4) = K \cdot e^{-[(4 - \sqrt{x^2 + y^2})^2 + \frac{(x-3)^2 + (y-3)^2}{8}]}$$

