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Problem 5: Hypothesis test between two normals

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Conditioned on the result of an unbiased coin flip, the random variables T_1, T_2, \ldots, T_n are independent and identically distributed, each drawn from a common normal distribution with mean zero. If the result of the coin flip is Heads this normal distribution has variance $\mathbf{1}$, otherwise it has variance $\mathbf{4}$. Based on the observed values t_1, t_2, \ldots, t_n , we use the MAP rule to decide whether the normal distribution from which they were drawn has variance $\mathbf{1}$ or variance $\mathbf{4}$. The MAP rule decides that the underlying normal distribution has variance $\mathbf{1}$ if and only if

$$\left| c_1 \sum_{i=1}^n t_i^2 + c_2 \sum_{i=1}^n t_i
ight| < 1.$$

Find the values of $c_1 \geq 0$ and $c_2 \geq 0$ such that this is true. Express your answer in terms of n, and use 'ln' to denote the natural logarithm function, as in 'ln(3)'.

$$c_1 = \boxed{3/(8*n*ln(2))}$$
 \checkmark $c_2 = \boxed{0}$

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