



# Continuous Joint Distributions

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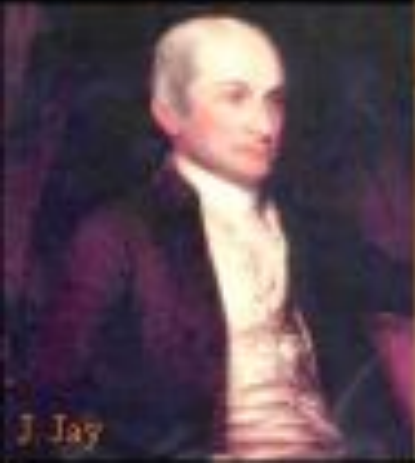
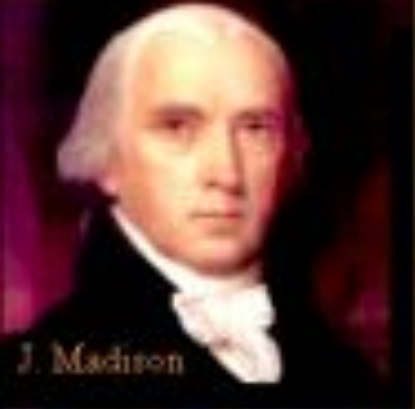
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# Learning Goals

1. Know how to use a multinomial
2. Be able to calculate large bayes problems using a computer
3. Use a Joint CDF



# Motivating Examples



Original



StDev = 3



StDev = 10

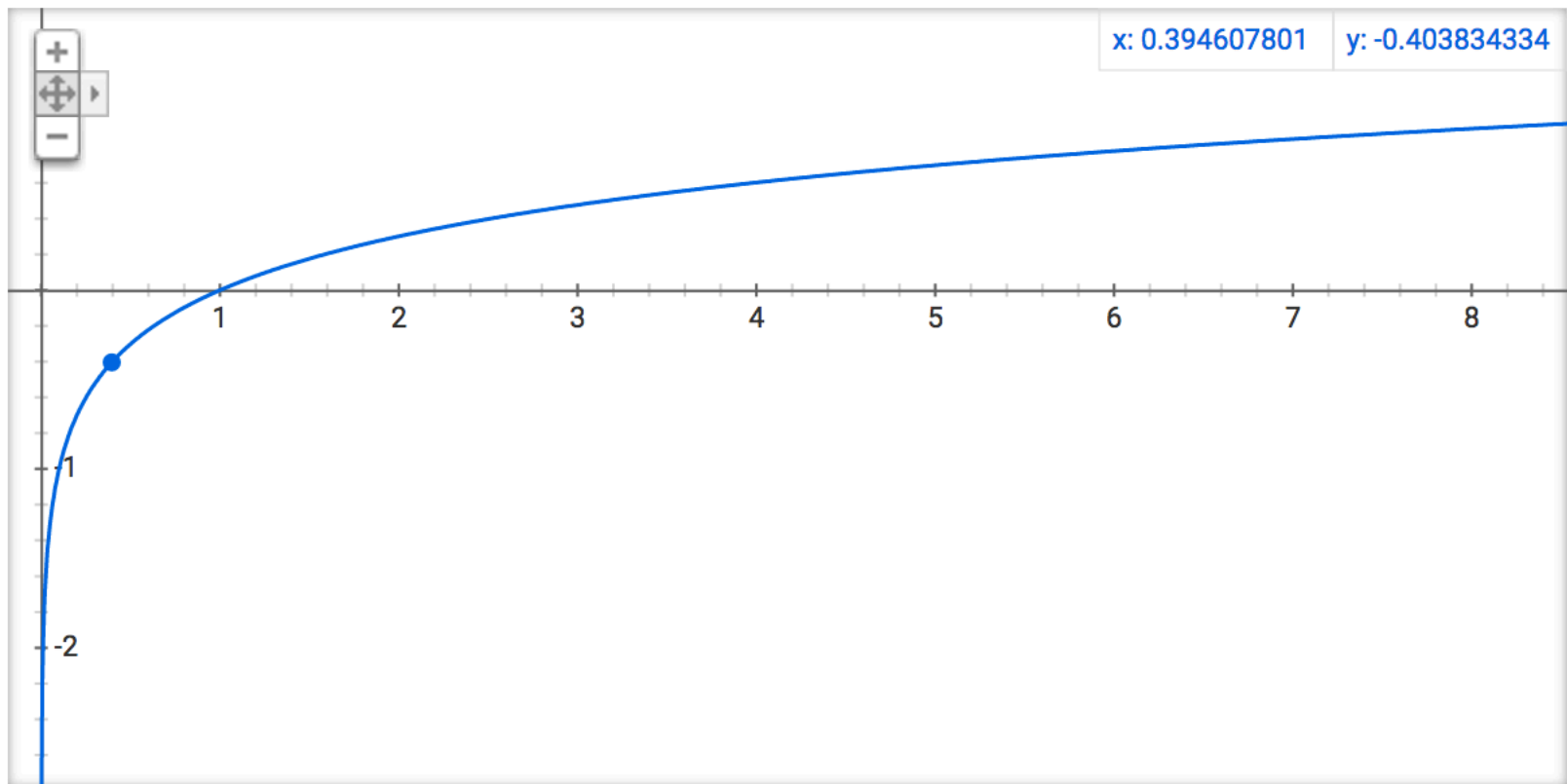
Recall logs

# Log Review

$$e^y = x$$

$$\log(x) = y$$

Graph for  $\log(x)$



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# Log Identities

$$\log(a \cdot b) = \log(a) + \log(b)$$

$$\log(a/b) = \log(a) - \log(b)$$

$$\log(a^n) = n \cdot \log(a)$$

# Products become Sums!

$$\log(a \cdot b) = \log(a) + \log(b)$$

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$$\log\left(\prod_i a_i\right) = \sum_i \log(a_i)$$

\* Spoiler alert: This is important because the product of many small numbers gets hard for computers to represent.

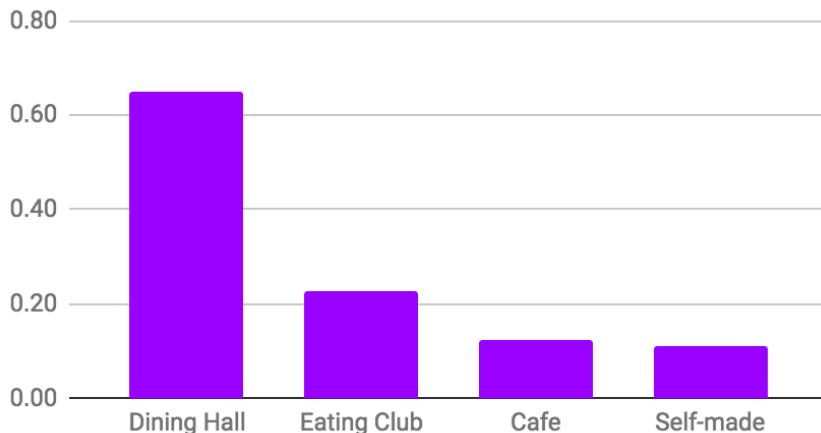
Where we left off



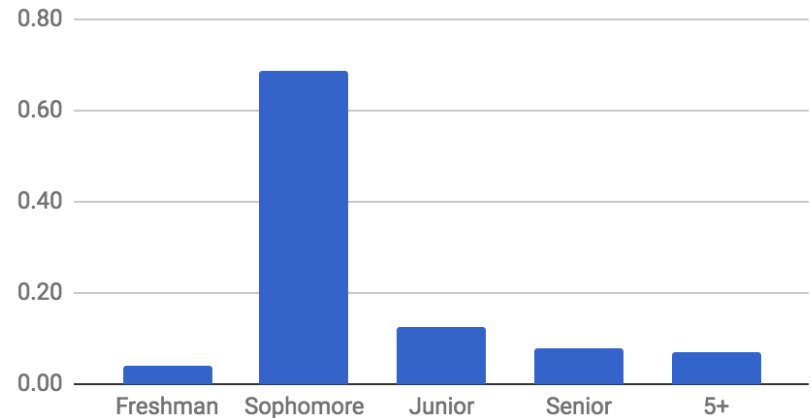
# Joint Probability Table

Joint Probability Table					
	Dining Hall	Eating Club	Cafe	Self-made	Marginal Year
Freshman	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.04
Sophomore	0.51	0.15	0.03	0.03	0.69
Junior	0.08	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.13
Senior	0.02	0.05	0.01	0.01	0.08
5+	0.02	0.01	0.05	0.05	0.07
Marginal Status	0.65	0.23	0.13	0.11	

Marginal Lunch Probability



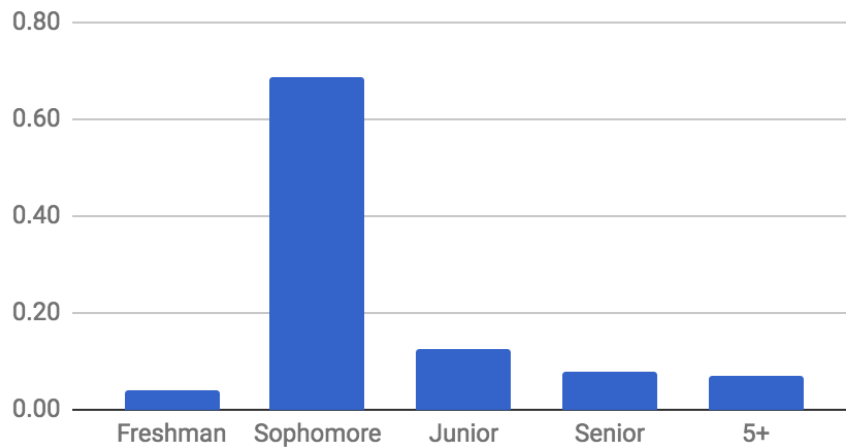
Marginal Year



# Change in Marginal!

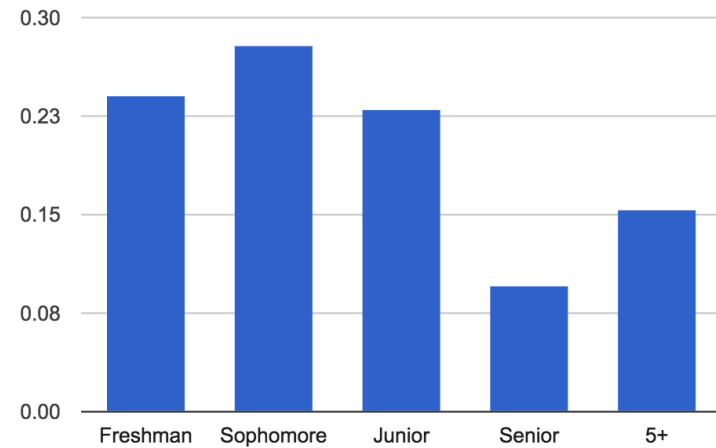
Fall 2017

Marginal Year



Spring 2017

Marginal Year



# The Multinomial

- Multinomial distribution

- $n$  independent trials of experiment performed
- Each trial results in one of  $m$  outcomes, with respective probabilities:  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_m$  where
- $X_i =$  number of trials with outcome  $i$

$$\sum_{i=1}^m p_i = 1$$

$$P(X_1 = c_1, X_2 = c_2, \dots, X_m = c_m) = \binom{n}{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_m} p_1^{c_1} p_2^{c_2} \dots p_m^{c_m}$$

Joint distribution

Multinomial # ways of ordering the successes

Probabilities of each ordering are equal and mutually exclusive

where

$$\sum_{i=1}^m c_i = n$$

and

$$\binom{n}{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_m} = \frac{n!}{c_1! c_2! \dots c_m!}$$

# Hello Die Rolls, My Old Friends

- 6-sided die is rolled 7 times
  - Roll results: 1 one, 1 two, 0 three, 2 four, 0 five, 3 six

$$P(X_1 = 1, X_2 = 1, X_3 = 0, X_4 = 2, X_5 = 0, X_6 = 3) \\ = \frac{7!}{1!1!0!2!0!3!} \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^1 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^1 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^0 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^0 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^3 = 420 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^7$$

- This is generalization of Binomial distribution
  - Binomial: each trial had 2 possible outcomes
  - Multinomial: each trial has  $m$  possible outcomes

# Probabilistic Text Analysis

- Ignoring order of words, what is probability of any given word you write in English?
  - $P(\text{word} = \text{"the"}) > P(\text{word} = \text{"transatlantic"})$
  - $P(\text{word} = \text{"Stanford"}) > P(\text{word} = \text{"Cal"})$
  - Probability of each word is just multinomial distribution
- What about probability of those same words in someone else's writing?
  - $P(\text{word} = \text{"probability"} \mid \text{writer} = \text{you}) >$   
 $P(\text{word} = \text{"probability"} \mid \text{writer} = \text{non-CS109 student})$
  - After estimating  $P(\text{word} \mid \text{writer})$  from known writings, use Bayes' Theorem to determine  $P(\text{writer} \mid \text{word})$  for new writings!

# A Document is a Large Multinomial

According to the Global Language Monitor there are 988,968 words in the english language used on the internet.



# Text is a Multinomial

Example document:

“Pay for Viagra with a credit-card. Viagra is great.  
So are credit-cards. Risk free Viagra. Click for free.”

$n = 18$

$$P \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{Viagra} = 2 \\ \text{Free} = 2 \\ \text{Risk} = 1 \\ \text{Credit-card: } 2 \\ \dots \\ \text{For} = 2 \end{array} \middle| \text{spam} \right) = \frac{n!}{2!2! \dots 2!} p_{\text{viagra}}^2 p_{\text{free}}^2 \dots p_{\text{for}}^2$$

It's a Multinomial!

Probability of seeing  
this document | spam

The probability of a word in  
spam email being viagra

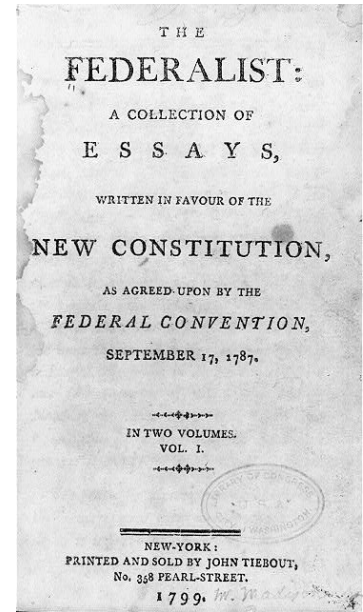
Who wrote the federalist papers?





# Old and New Analysis

- Authorship of “Federalist Papers”
  - 85 essays advocating ratification of US constitution
  - Written under pseudonym “Publius”
    - Really, Alexander Hamilton, James Madison and John Jay
  - Who wrote which essays?
    - Analyzed probability of words in each essay versus word distributions from known writings of three authors



Let's write a program!

# Joint Expectation

$$E[X] = \sum_x xp(x)$$

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- Expectation over a joint isn't nicely defined because it is not clear how to compose the multiple variables:
  - Add them? Multiply them?
- Lemma: For a function  $g(X, Y)$  we can calculate the expectation of that function:

$$E[g(X, Y)] = \sum_{x,y} g(x, y)p(x, y)$$

- Recall, this also holds for single random variables:

$$E[g(X)] = \sum_x g(x)p(x)$$

# Expected Values of Sums

Big deal lemma: first  
stated without proof



$$E[X + Y] = E[X] + E[Y]$$

Generalized:  $E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right] = \sum_{i=1}^n E[X_i]$

Holds regardless of dependency between  $X_i$ 's

# Skeptical Chris Wants a Proof!

$$\text{Let } g(X, Y) = [X + Y]$$

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$$E[X + Y] = E[g(X, Y)] = \sum_{x, y} g(x, y)p(x, y)$$

What a useful lemma

$$= \sum_{x, y} [x + y]p(x, y)$$

By the definition of  $g(x, y)$

Break that sum  
into parts!

$$= \sum_{x, y} xp(x, y) + \sum_{x, y} yp(x, y)$$

Change the sum  
of  $(x, y)$  into  
separate sums

$$= \sum_x x \sum_y p(x, y) + \sum_y y \sum_x p(x, y)$$

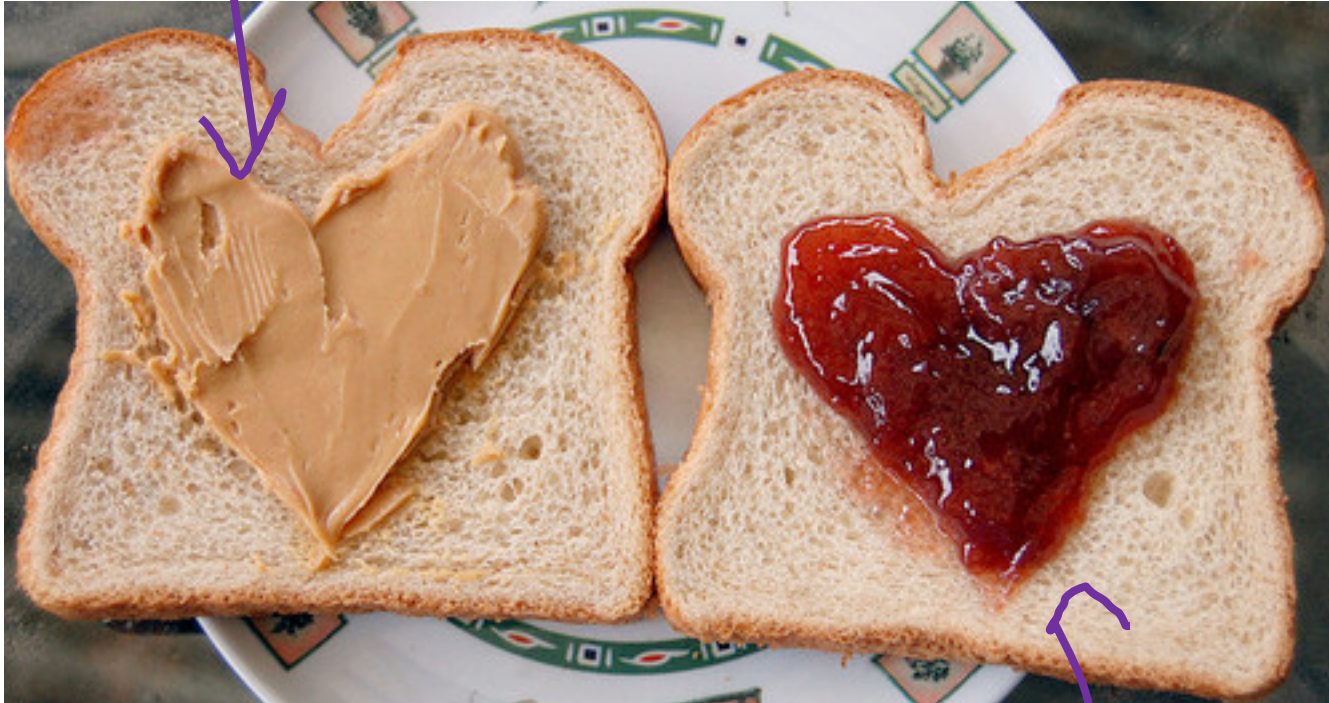
That is the definition of  
marginal probability

$$= \sum_x xp(x) + \sum_y yp(y)$$

That is the definition of  
expectation

$$= E[X] + E[Y]$$

# Continuous Random Variables



Joint Distributions

# Continuous Joint Distribution



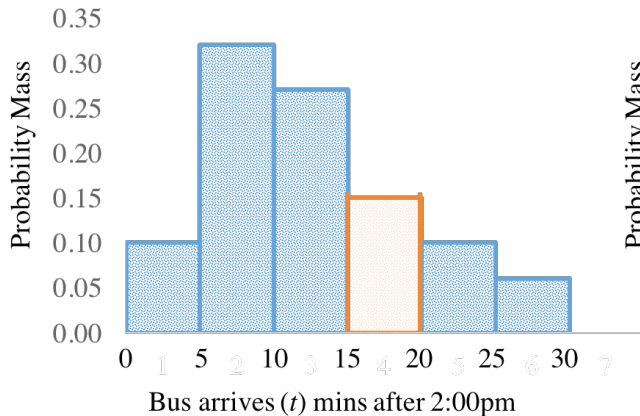
# Riding the Marguerite



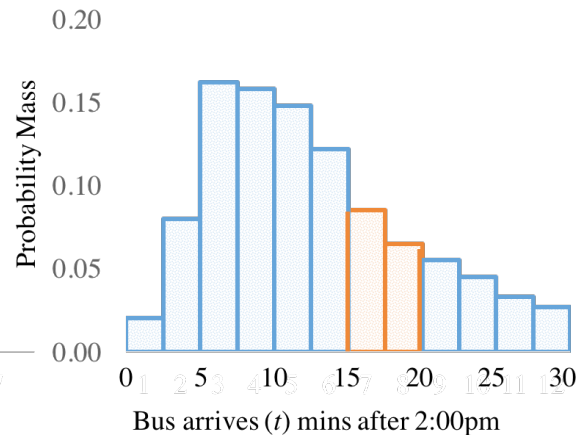
*You are running to the bus stop.*  
You don't know exactly when the bus arrives. You arrive at 2:20pm.

What is  $P(\text{wait} < 5 \text{ min})$ ?

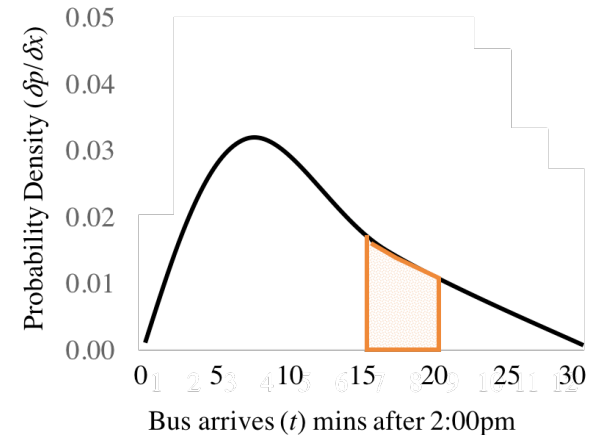
Discretize into 5 min chunks



Discretize into 2.5 min chunks

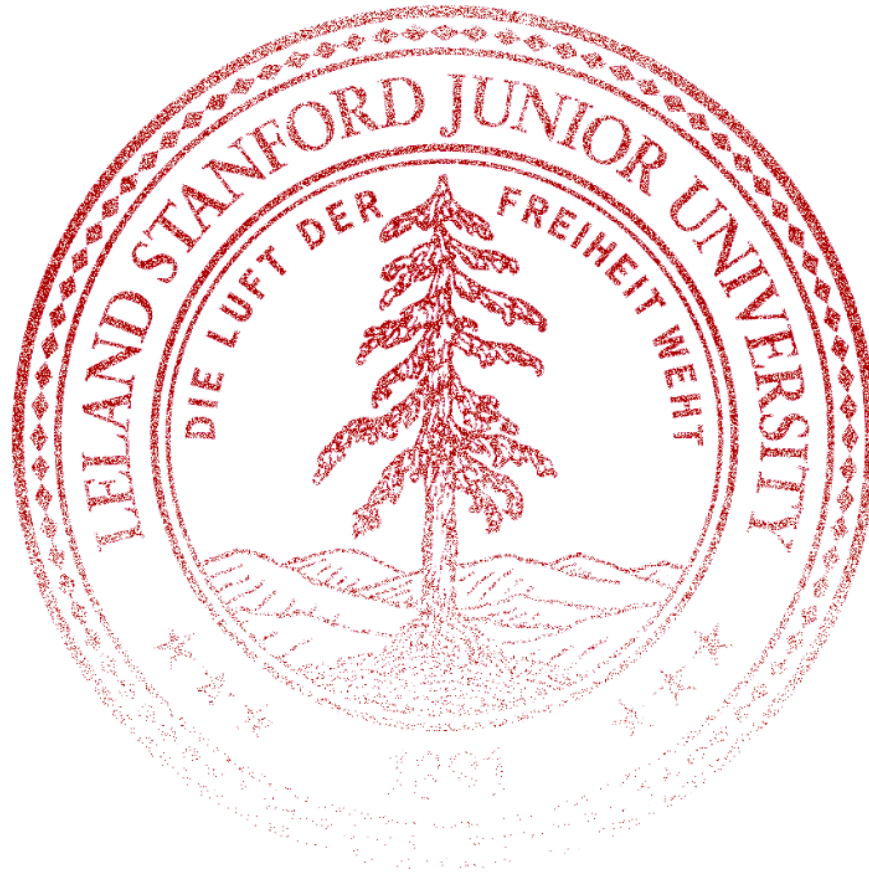


The limit at discretization size  $\rightarrow 0$



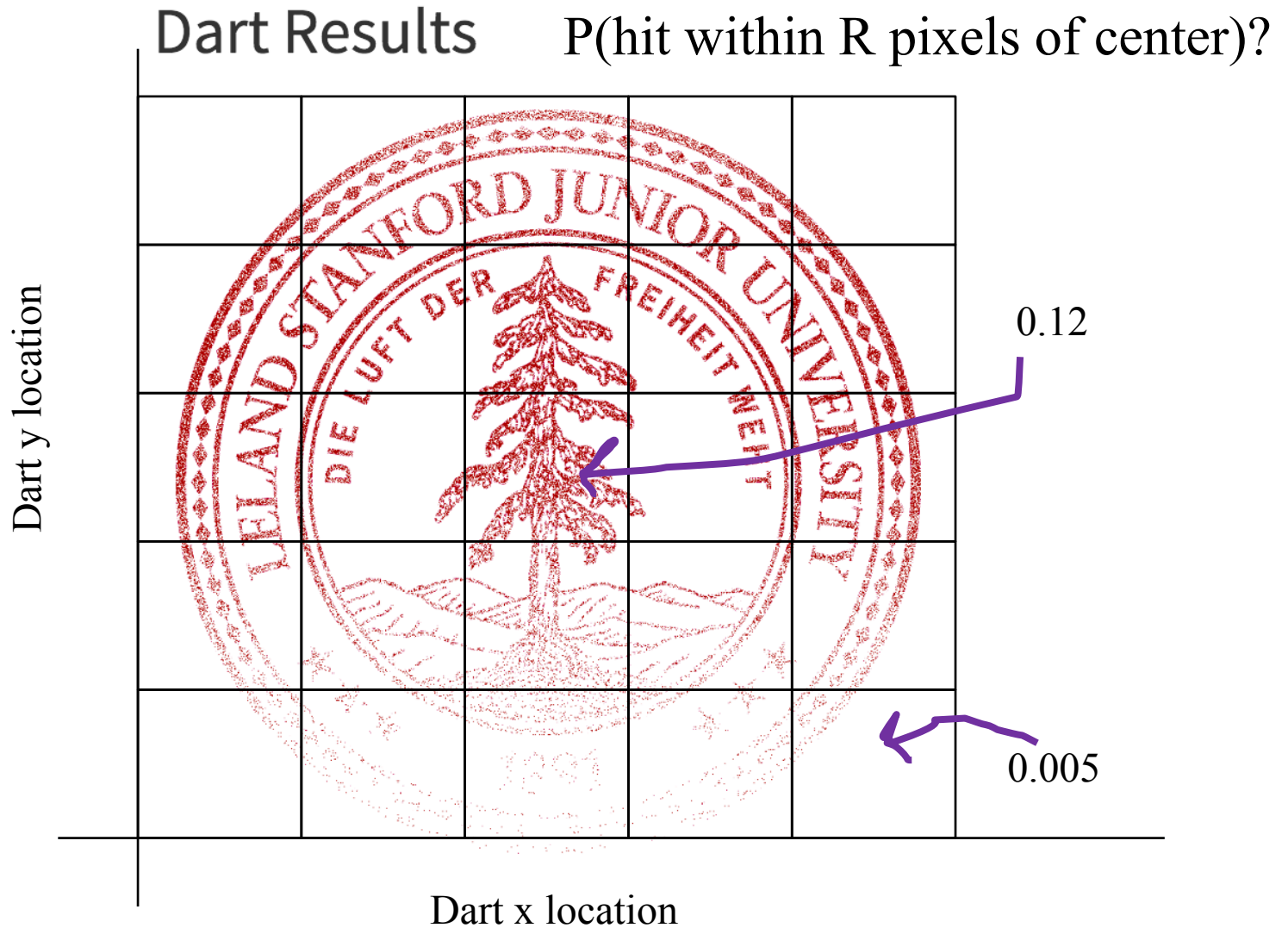
# Joint Dart Distribution

Dart Results       $P(\text{hit within } R \text{ pixels of center})?$

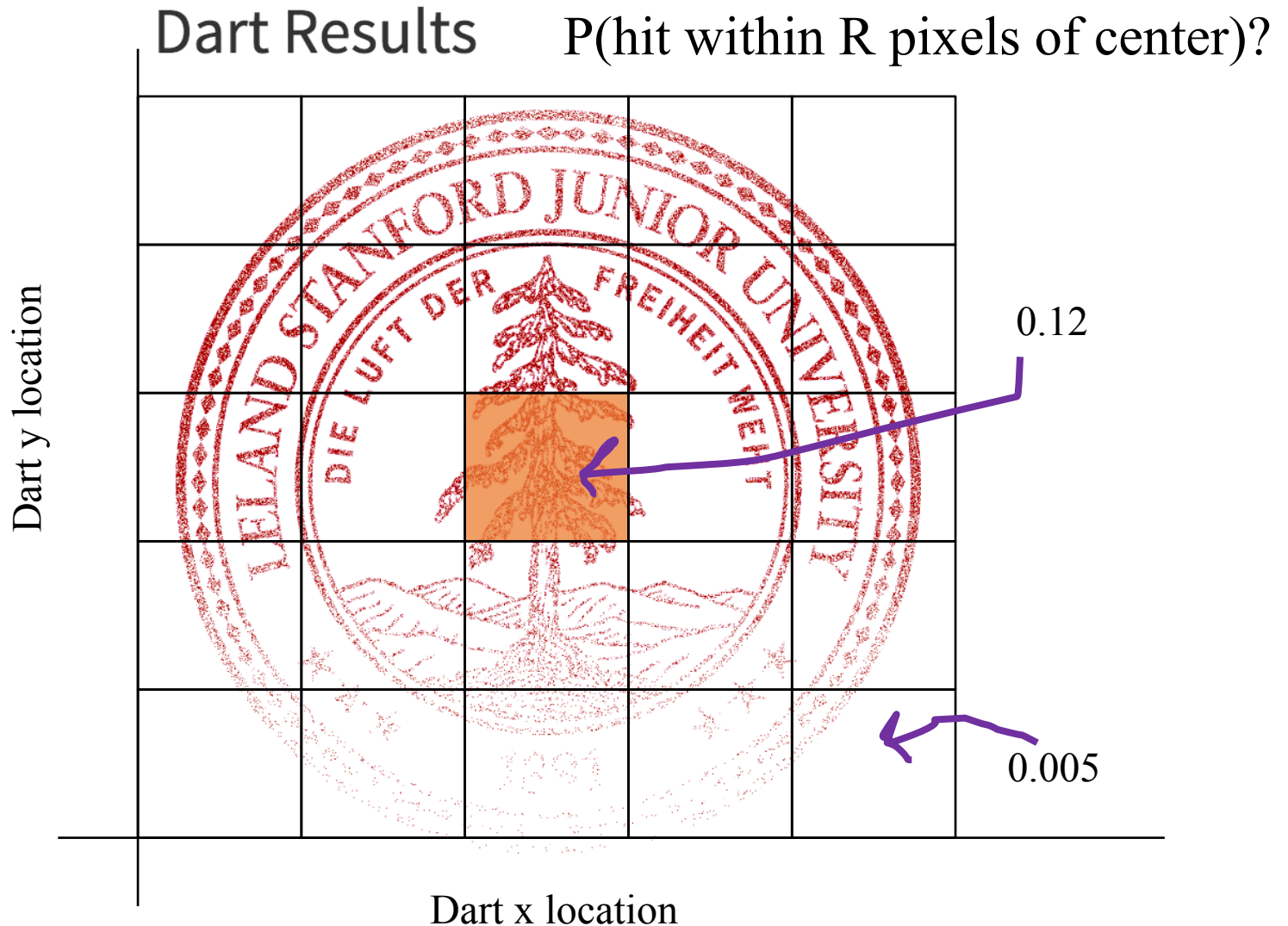


What is the probability that a dart hits at (456.234231234122355, 532.12344123456)?

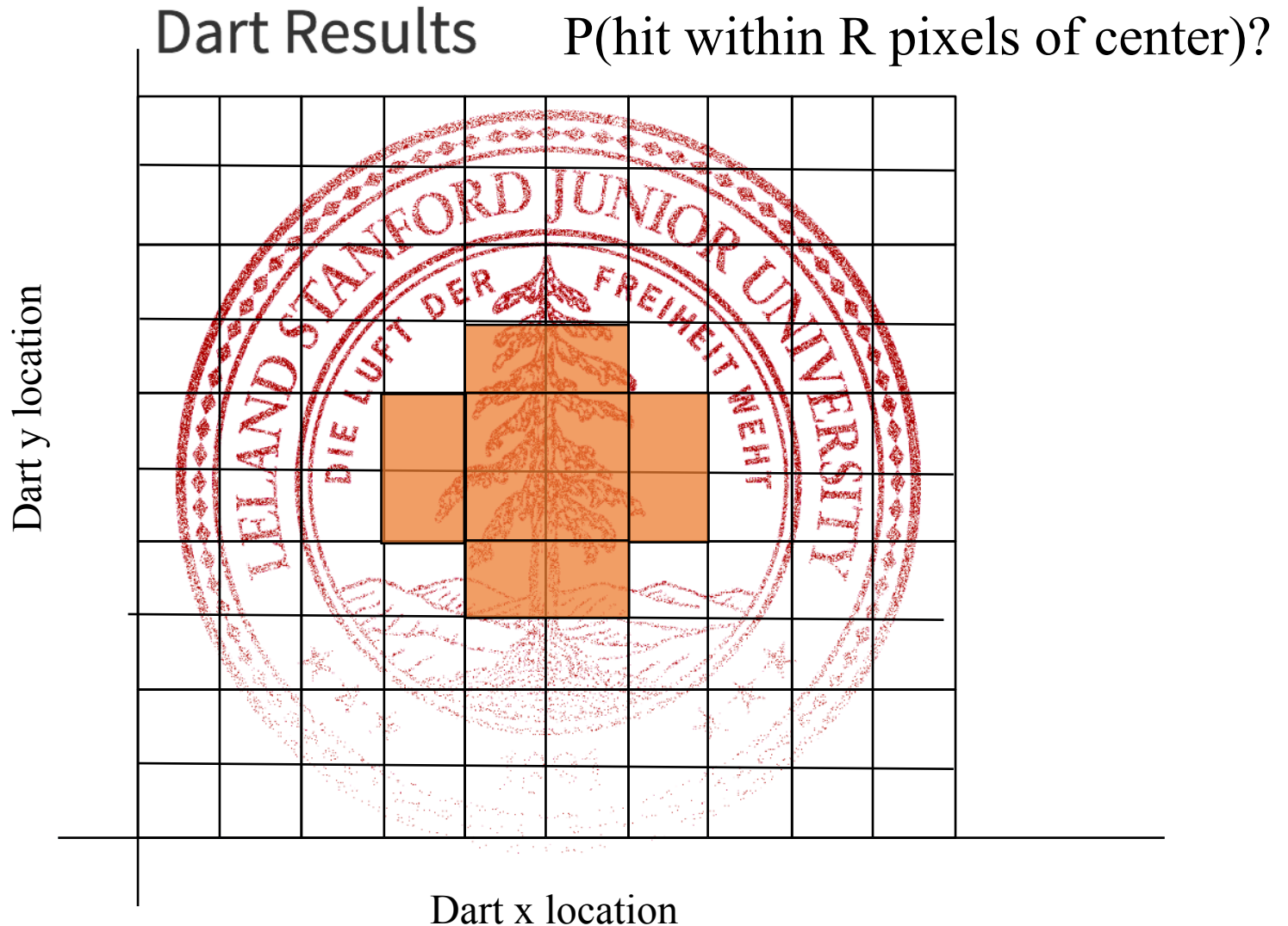
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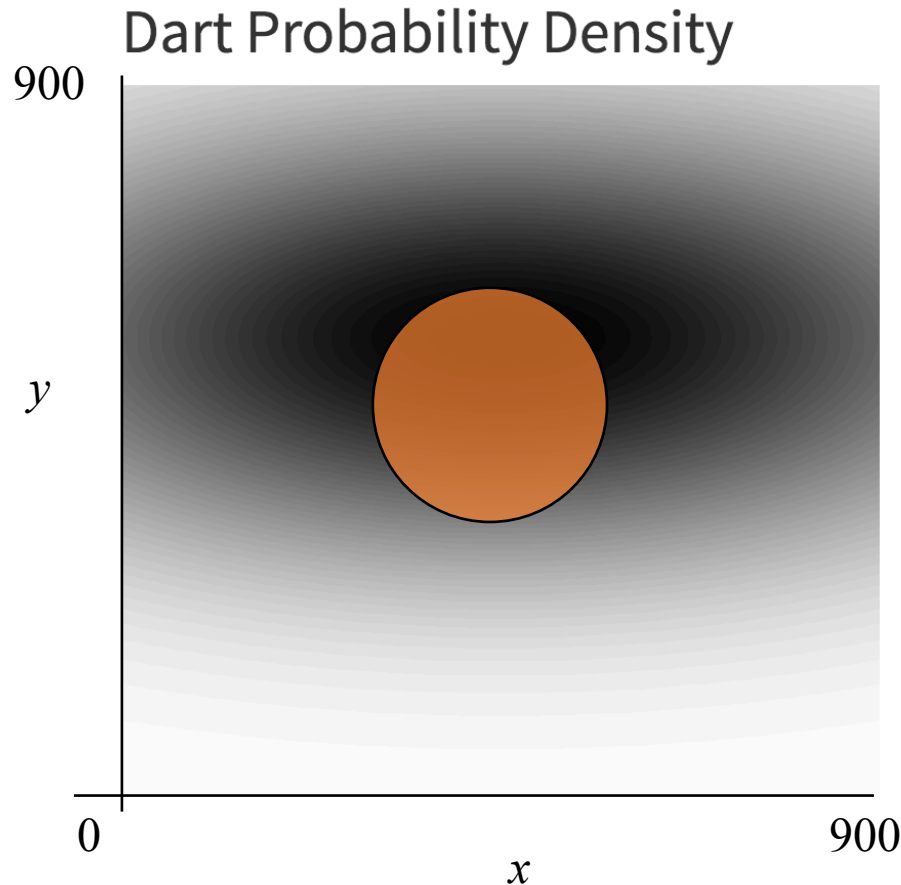
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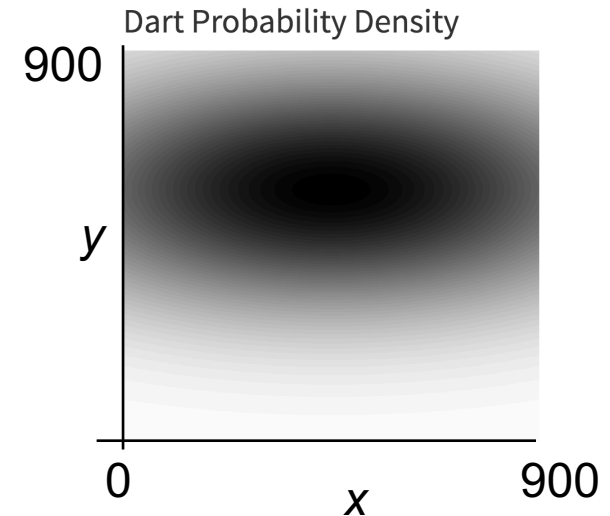
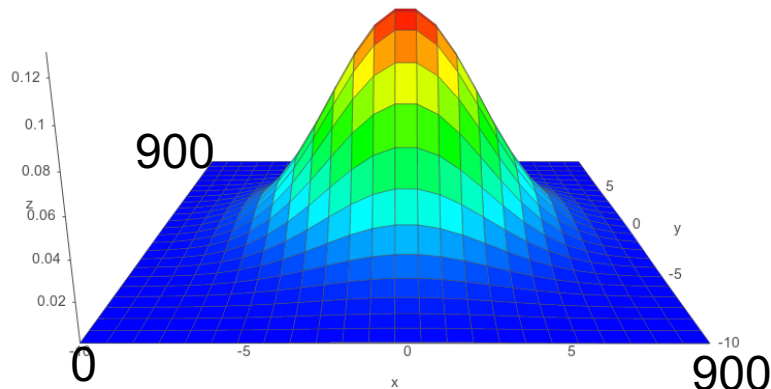


In the limit, as you break down continuous values into infinitesimally small buckets, you end up with multidimensional probability density

# Joint Probability Density Function



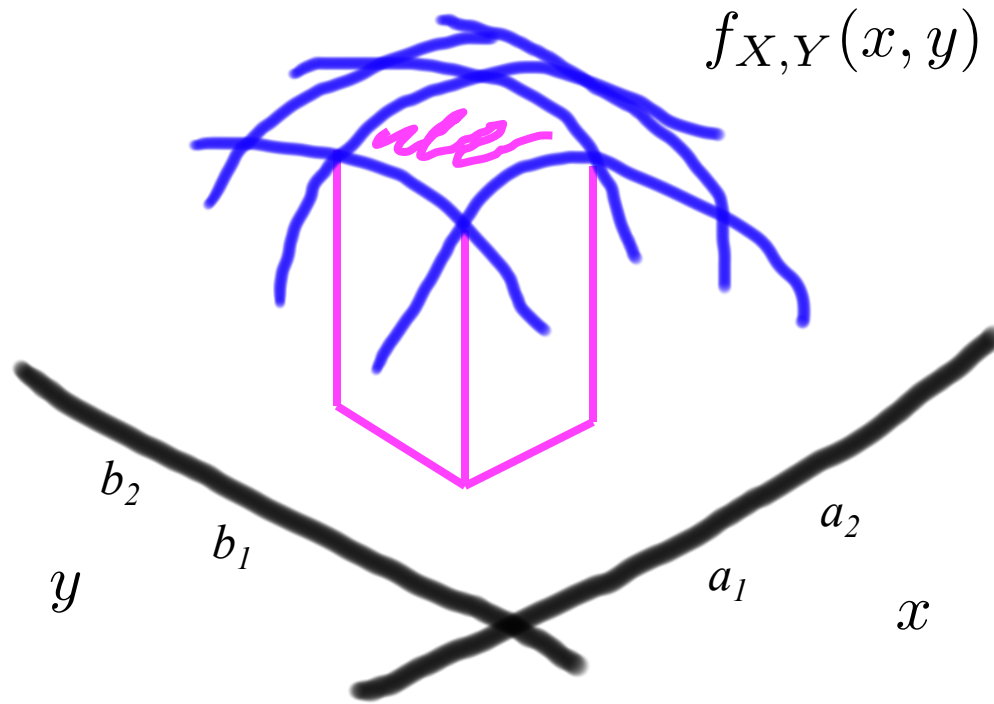
A **joint probability density function** gives the relative likelihood of **more than one** continuous random variable **each** taking on a specific value.



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

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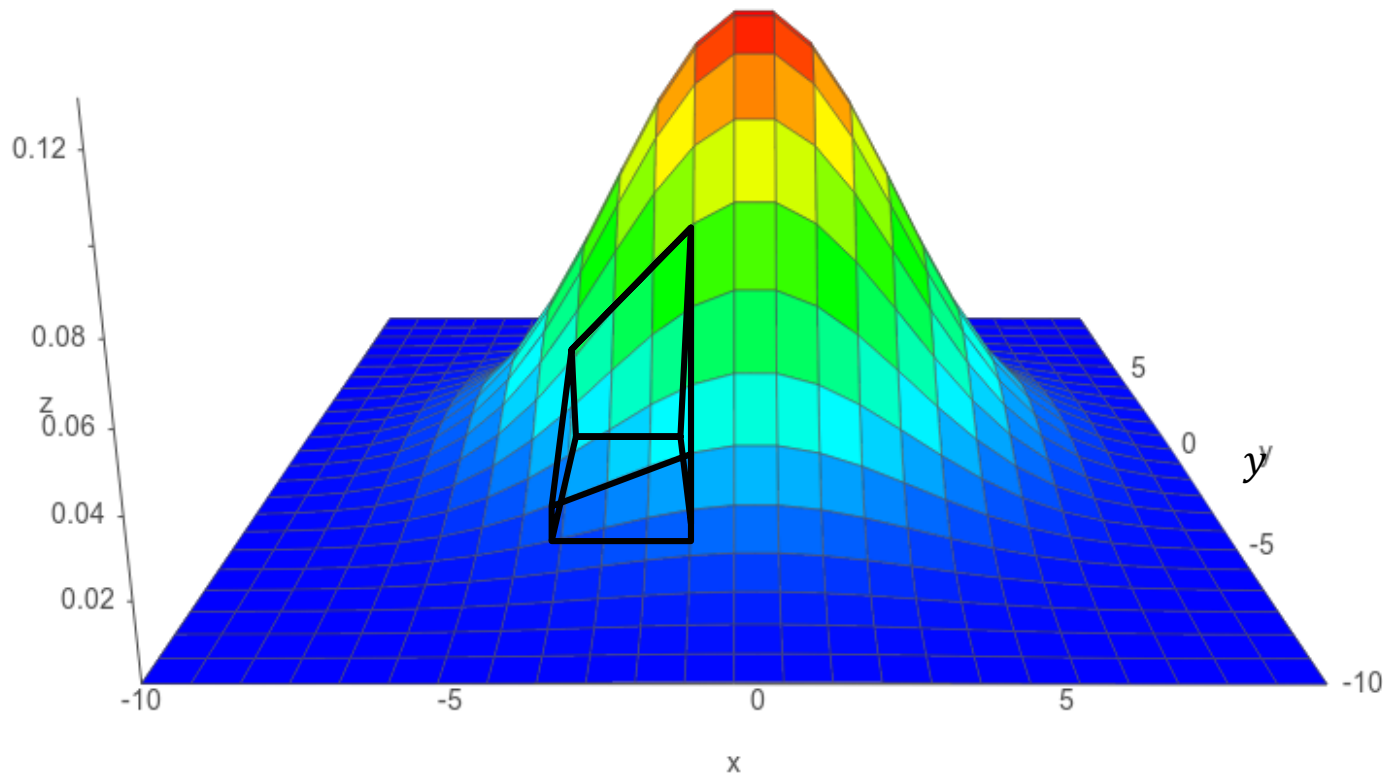
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# Multiple Integrals Without Tears

- Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two continuous random variables
  - where  $0 \leq X \leq 1$  and  $0 \leq Y \leq 2$
- We want to integrate  $g(x,y) = xy$  w.r.t.  $X$  and  $Y$ :
  - First, do “innermost” integral (treat  $y$  as a constant):

$$\int_{y=0}^2 \int_{x=0}^1 xy \, dx \, dy = \int_{y=0}^2 \left( \int_{x=0}^1 xy \, dx \right) dy = \int_{y=0}^2 y \left[ \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_0^1 dy = \int_{y=0}^2 y \frac{1}{2} dy$$

- Then, evaluate remaining (single) integral:

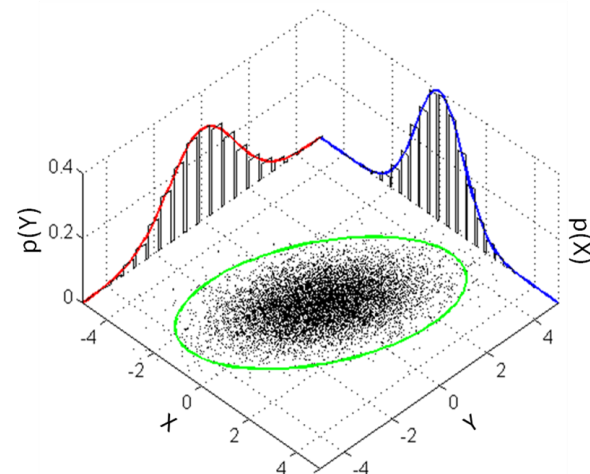
$$\int_{y=0}^2 y \frac{1}{2} dy = \left[ \frac{y^2}{4} \right]_0^2 = 1 - 0 = 1$$



# Marginalization

**Marginal probabilities** give the distribution of a **subset of the variables** (often, just one) of a joint distribution.

Sum/integrate over the variables you don't care about.



$$p_X(a) = \sum_y p_{X,Y}(a, y)$$

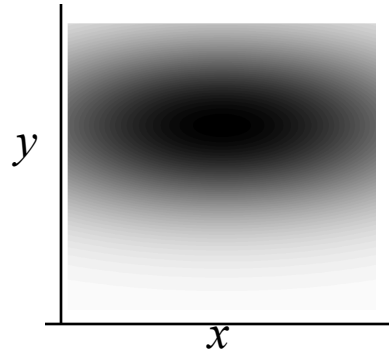
$$f_X(a) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(a, y) dy$$

$$f_Y(b) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x, b) dx$$

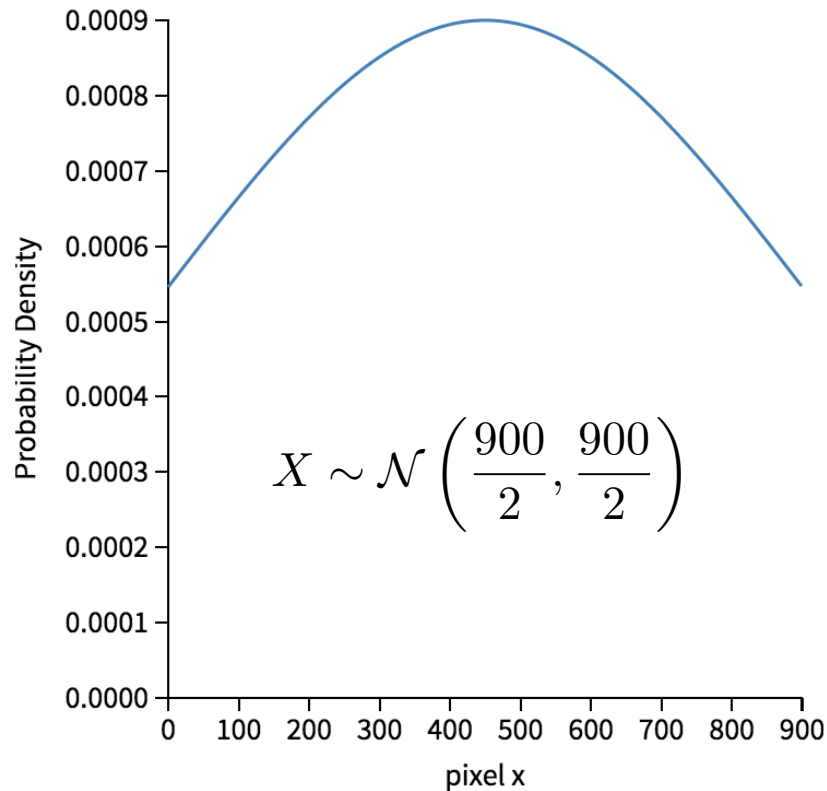


# Darts!

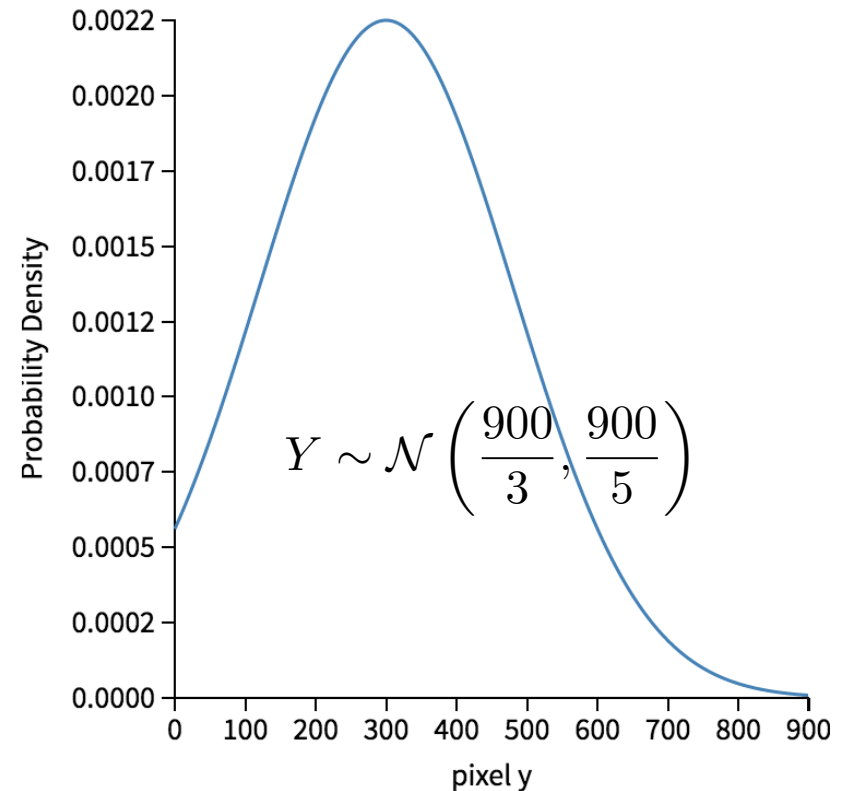
Dart PDF



X-Pixel Marginal



Y-Pixel Marginal



# Jointly Continuous

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

- Cumulative Density Function (CDF):

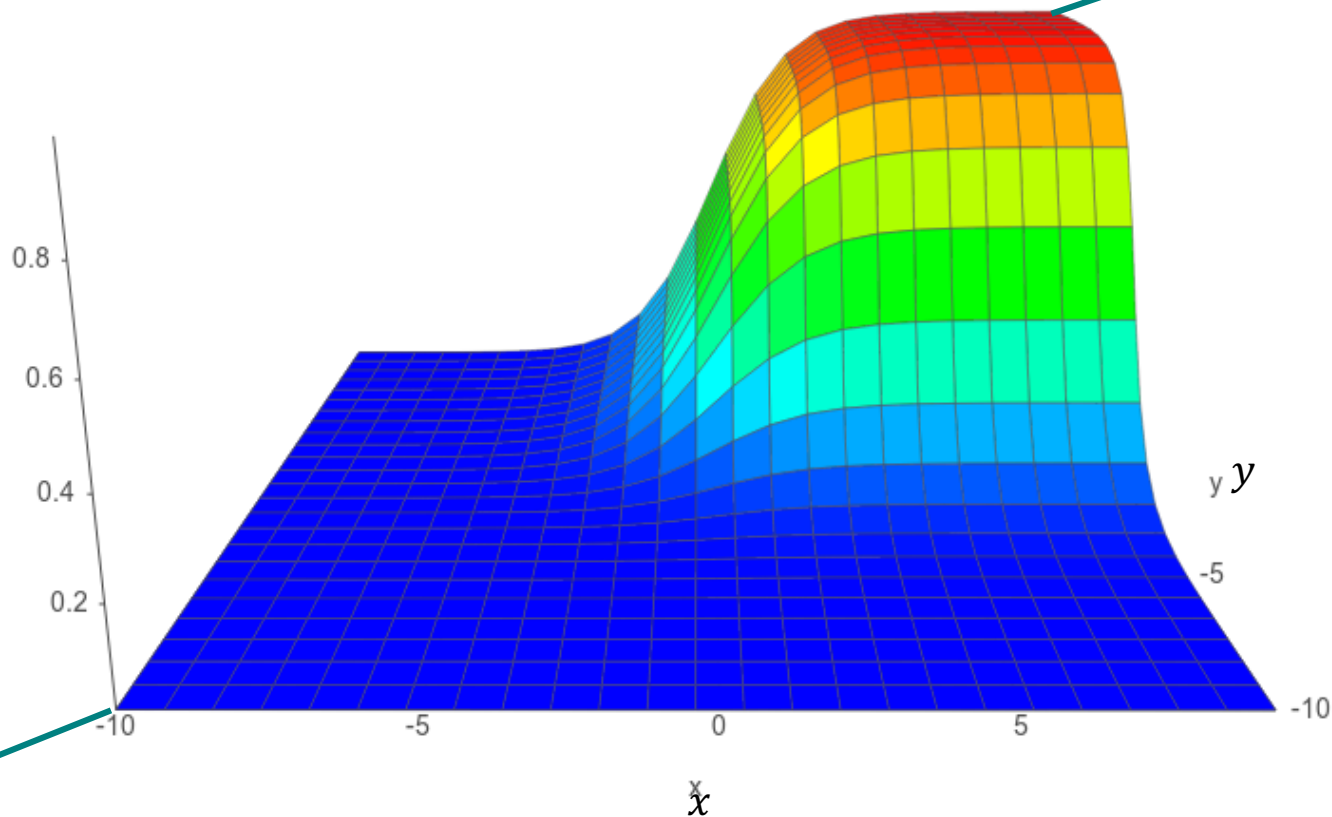
$$F_{X,Y}(a, b) = \int_{-\infty}^a \int_{-\infty}^b f_{X,Y}(x, y) dy dx$$

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

# Jointly CDF

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

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



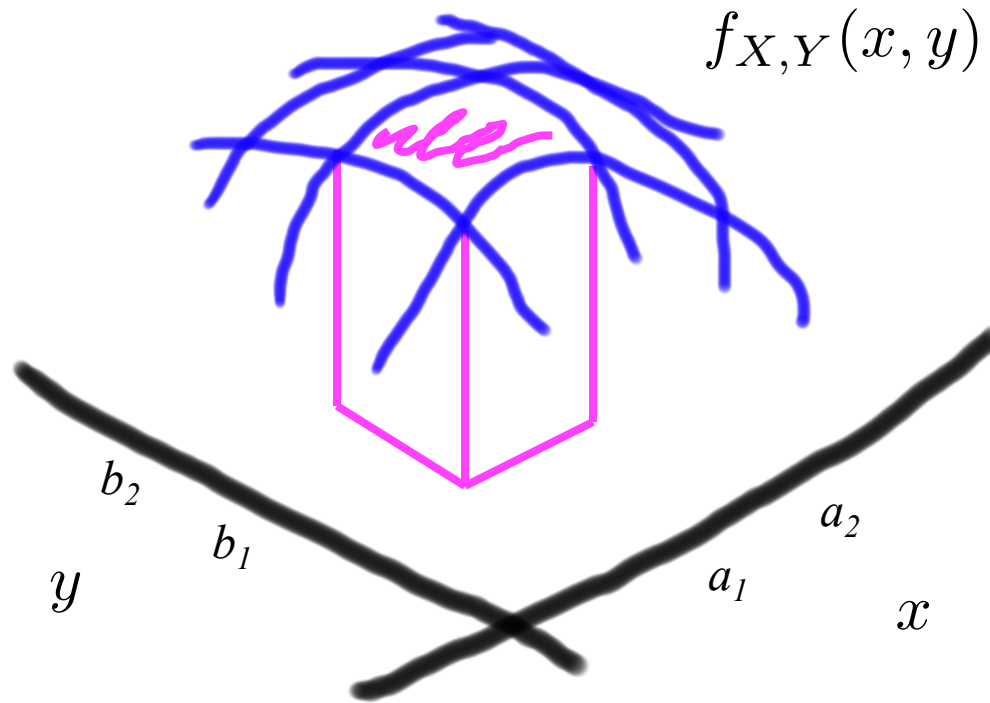
to 0 as

$x \rightarrow -\infty,$

$y \rightarrow -\infty$

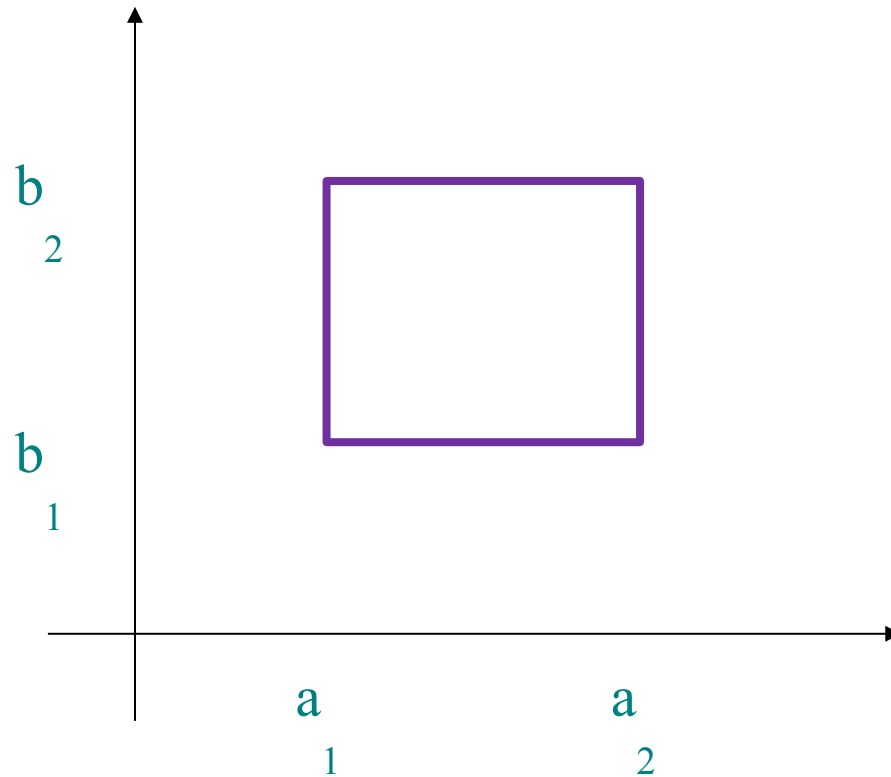
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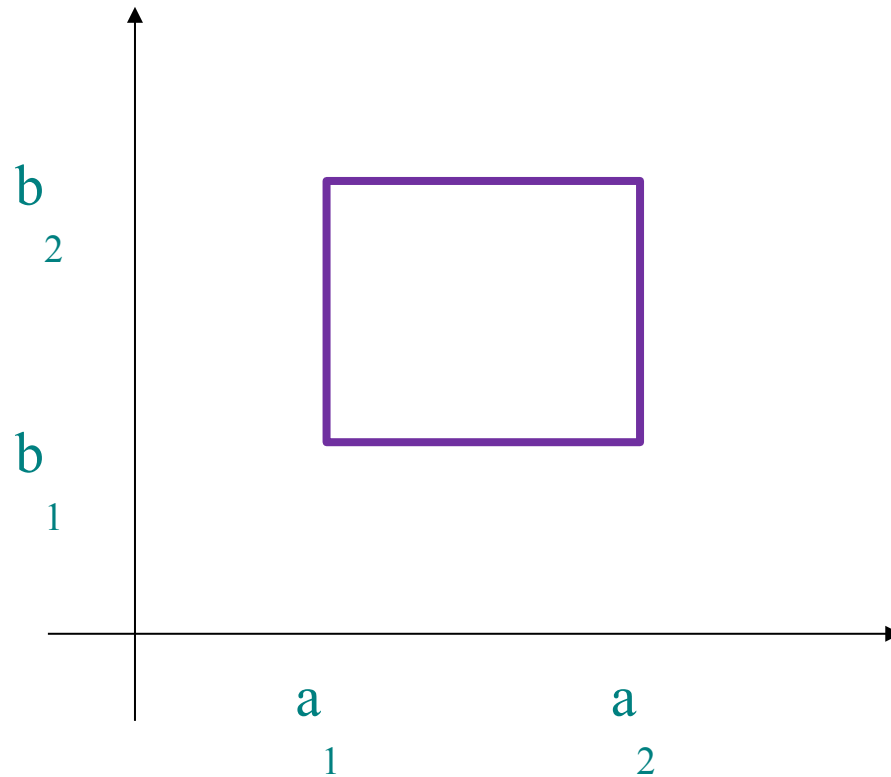
$$P(a_1 < X \leq a_2, b_1 < Y \leq b_2)$$





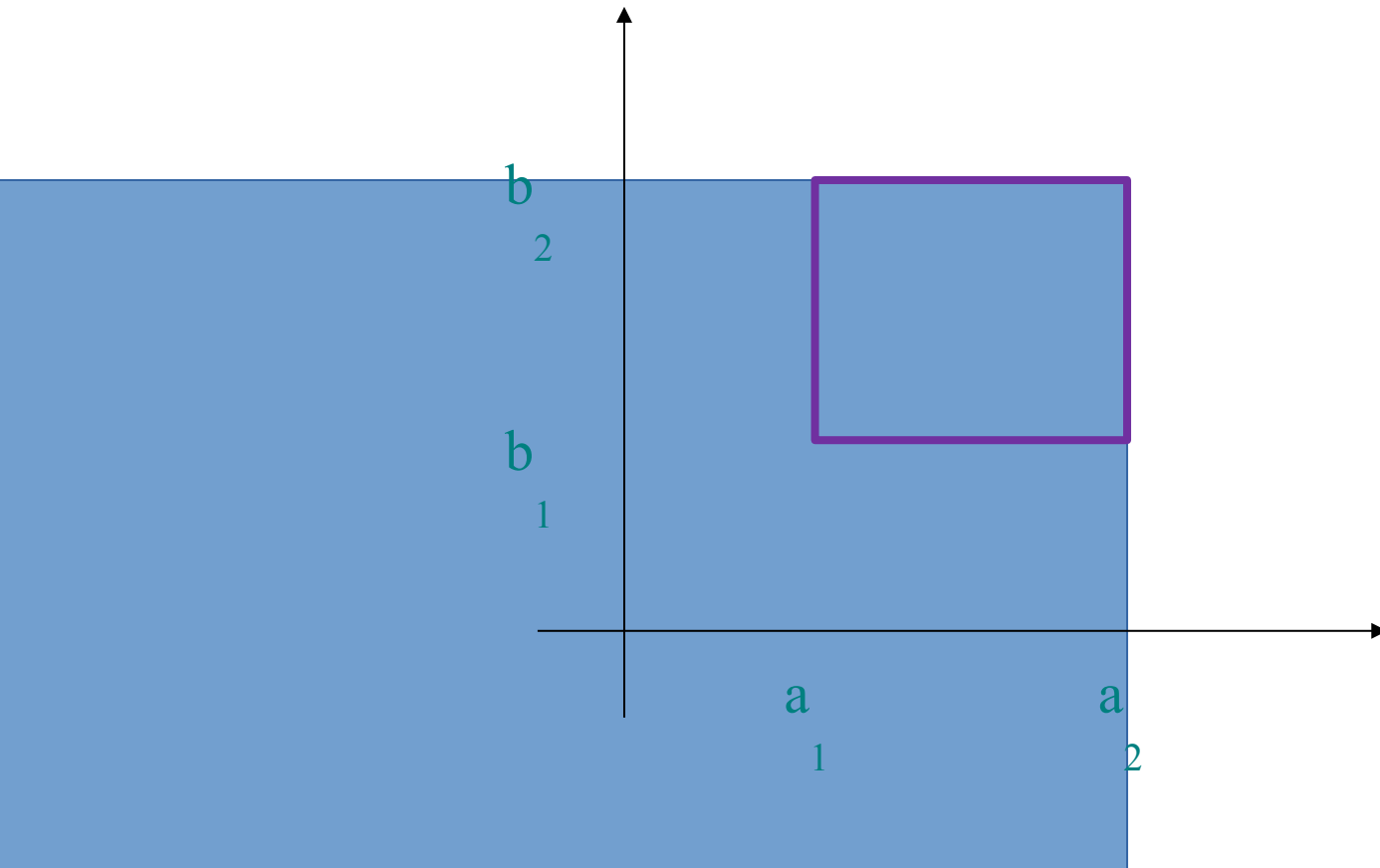
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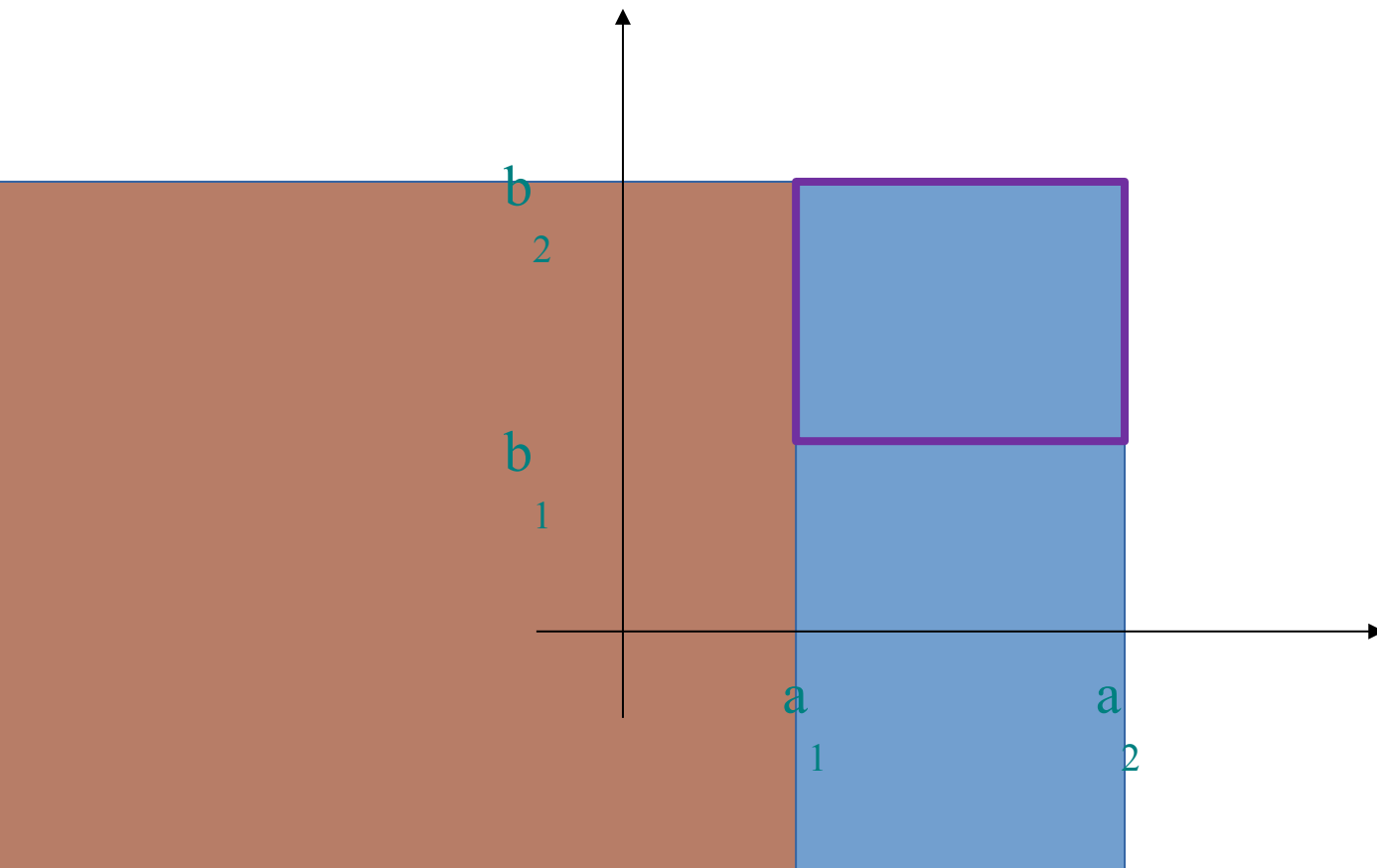
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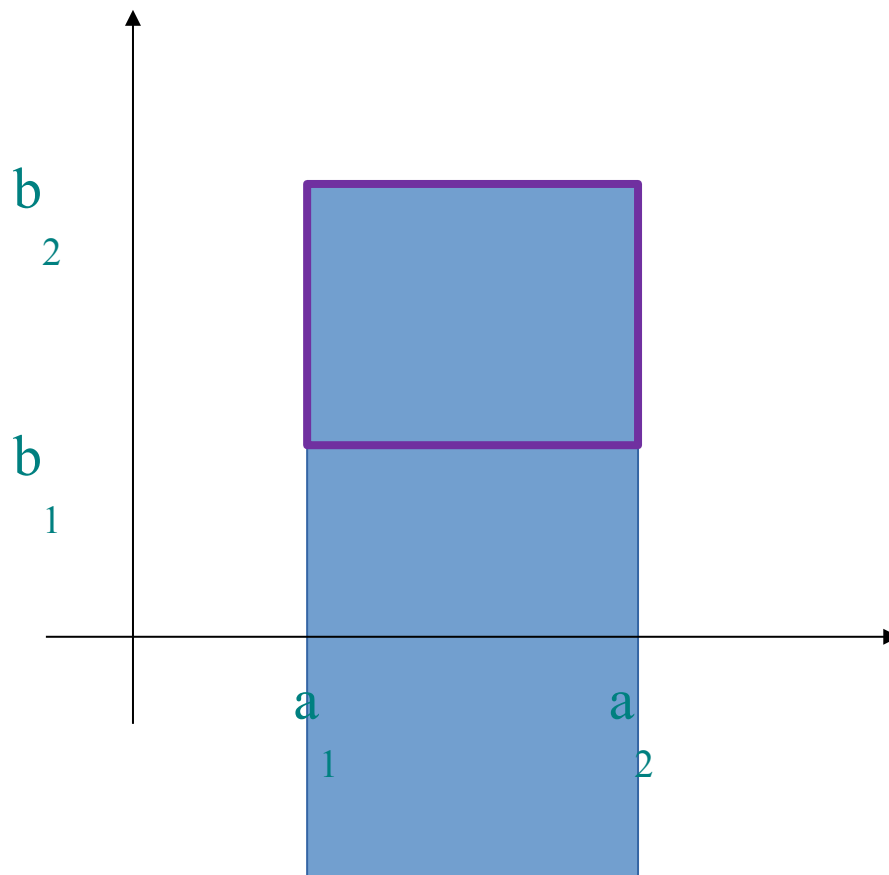
$$-F_{X,Y}(a_1, b_2)$$



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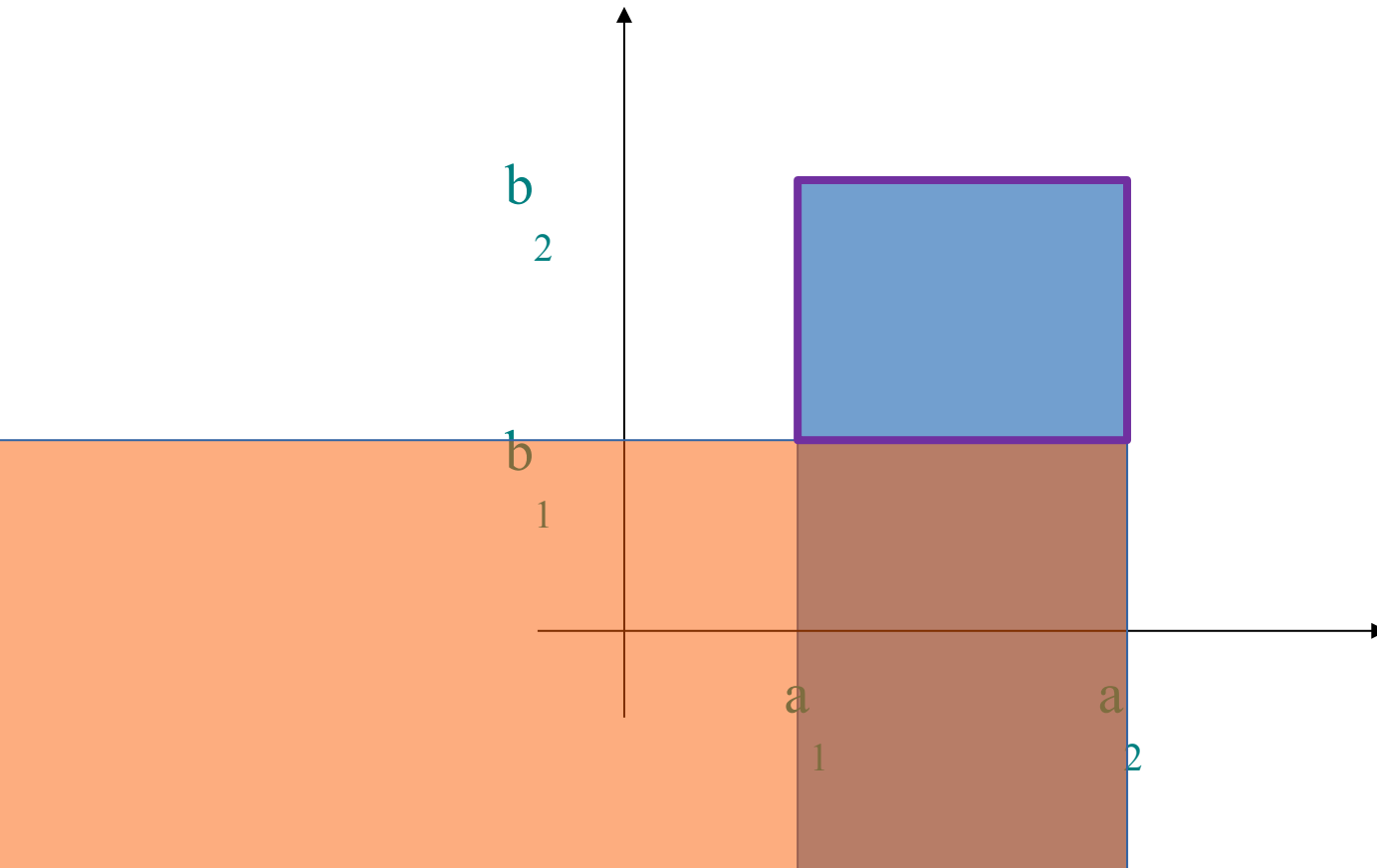


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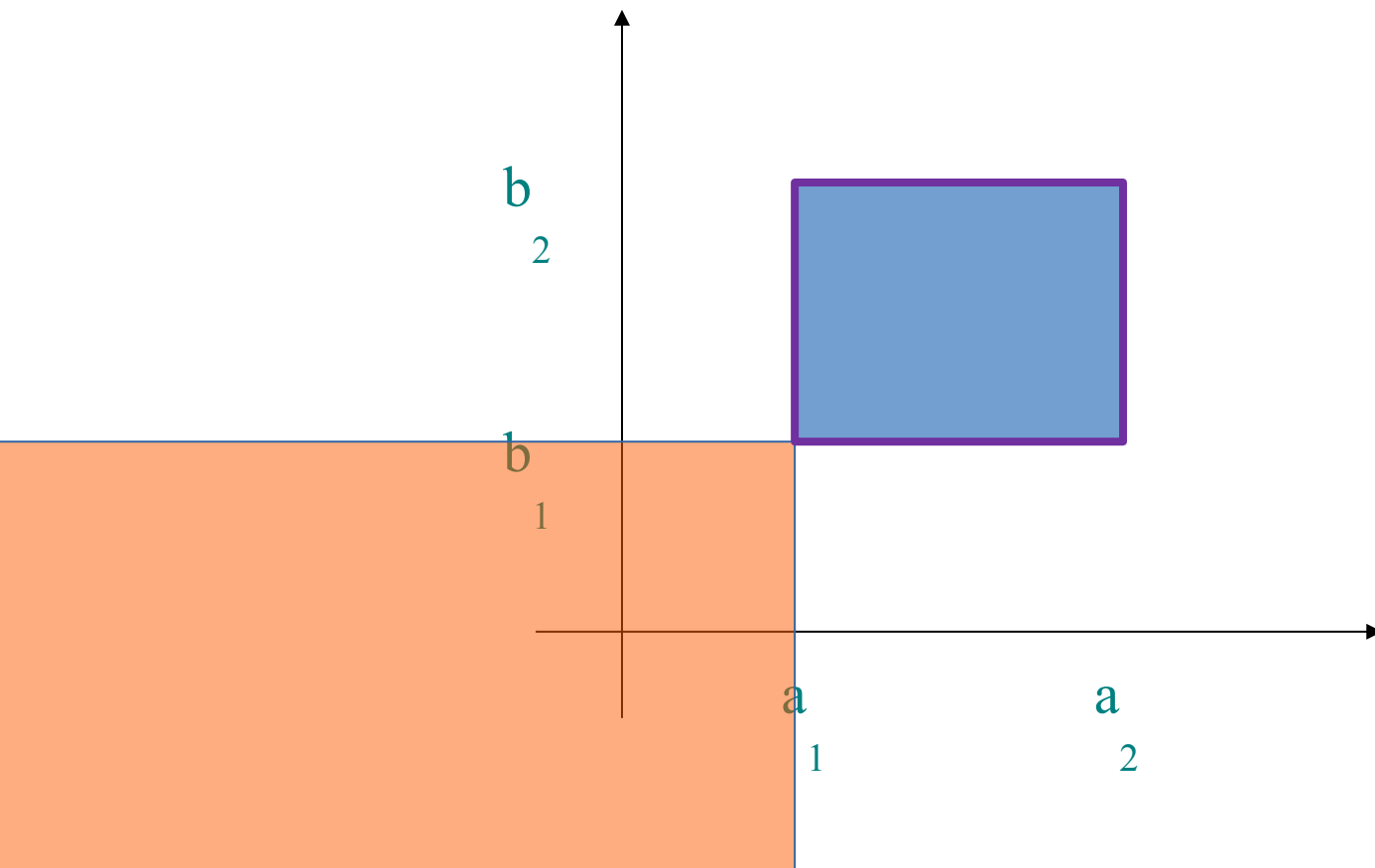


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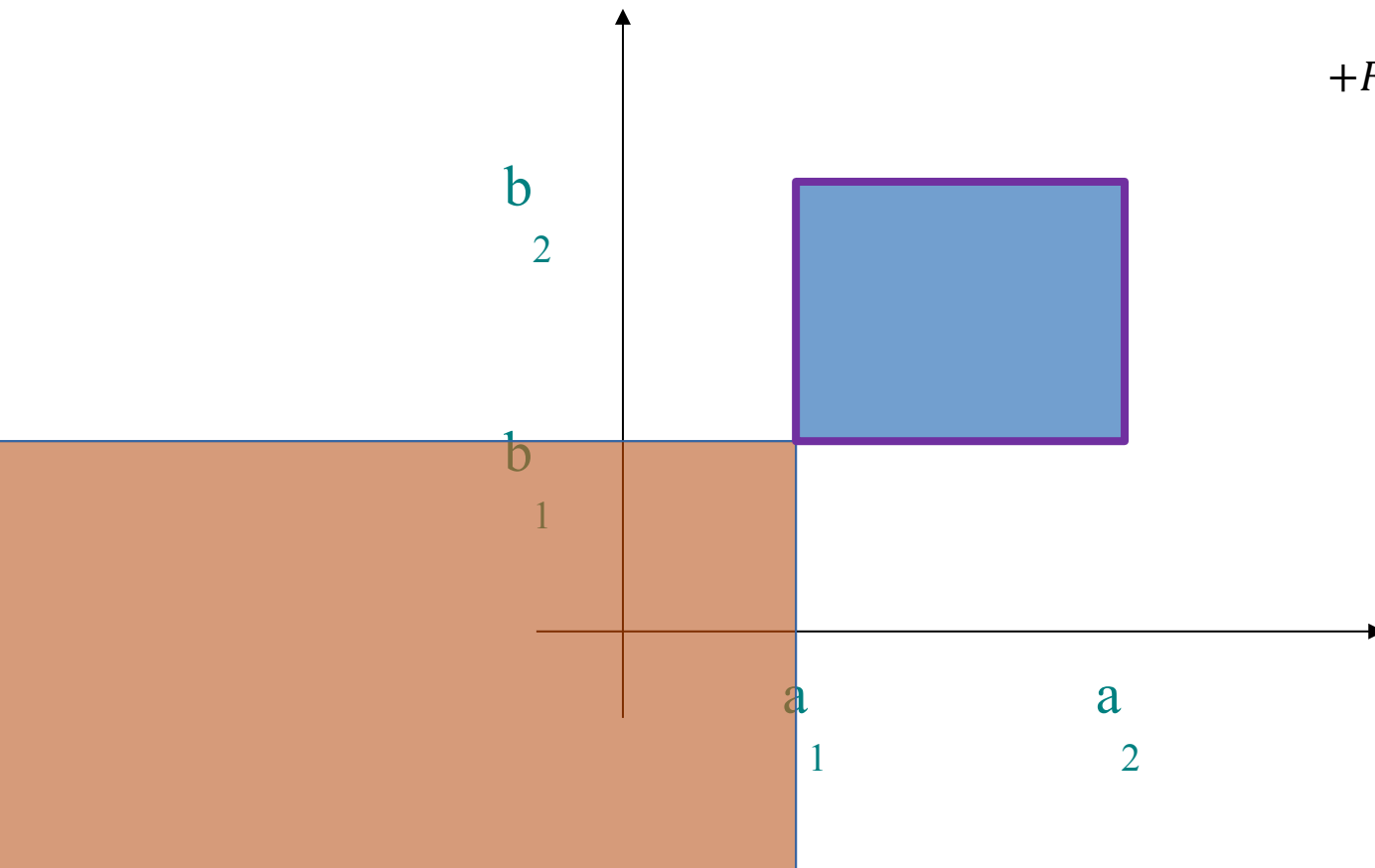
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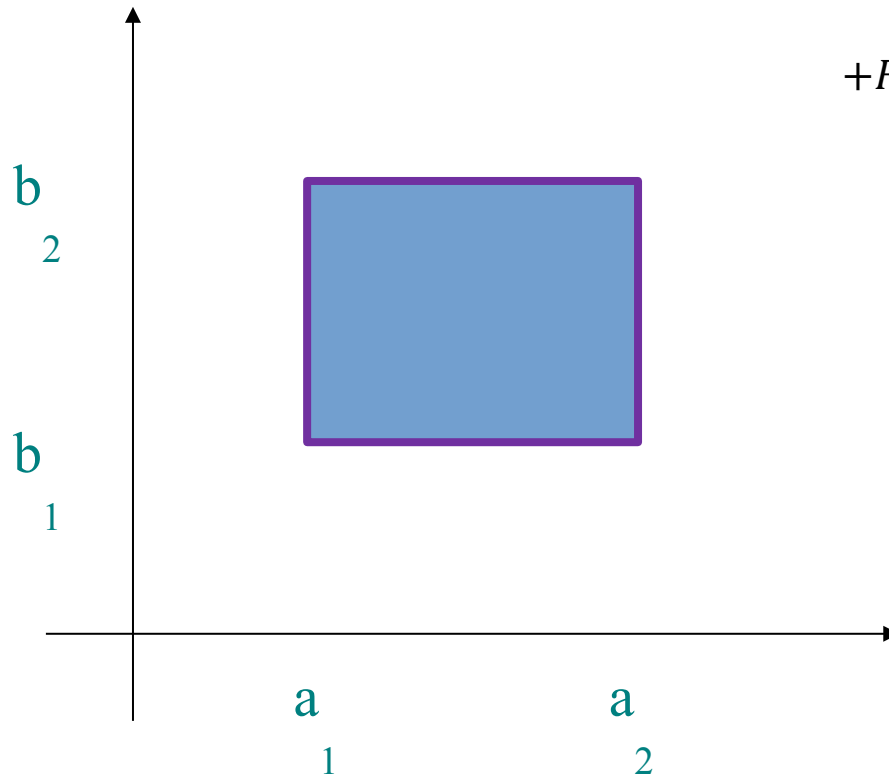
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# Probability for Instagram!



# Gaussian Blur

In image processing, a Gaussian blur is the result of blurring an image by a Gaussian function. It is a widely used effect in graphics software, typically to reduce image noise.

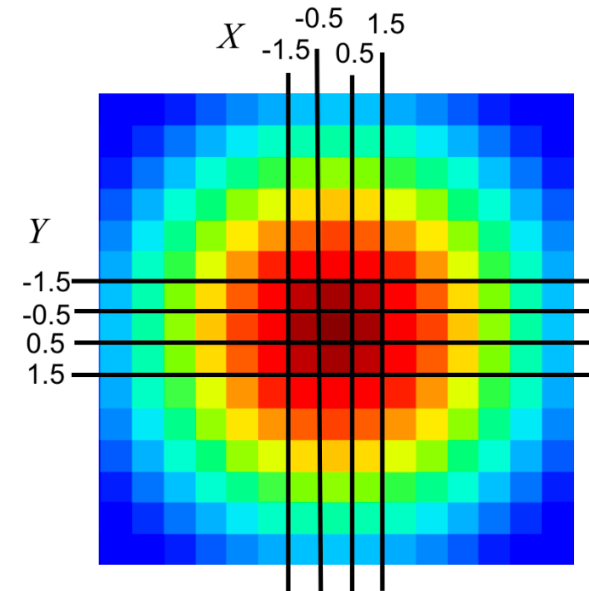
Gaussian blurring with  $\text{StDev} = 3$ , is based on a joint probability distribution:

**Joint PDF**

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi \cdot 3^2} e^{-\frac{x^2+y^2}{2 \cdot 3^2}}$$

**Joint CDF**

$$F_{X,Y}(x, y) = \Phi\left(\frac{x}{3}\right) \cdot \Phi\left(\frac{y}{3}\right)$$



Used to generate this weight matrix



# Gaussian Blur

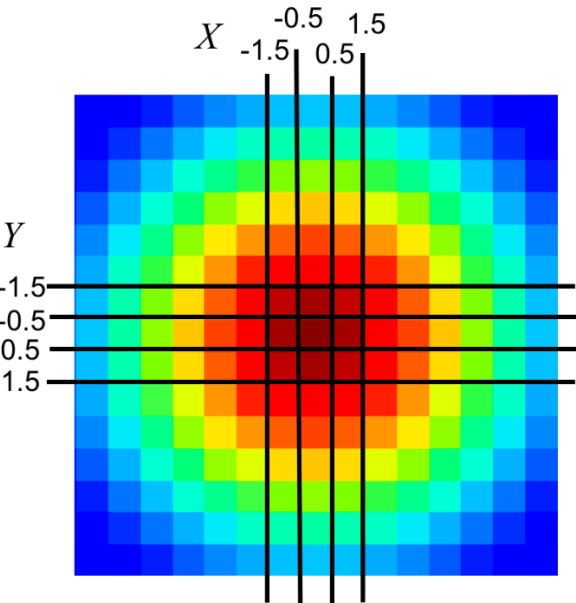
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## Weight Matrix



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?

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