

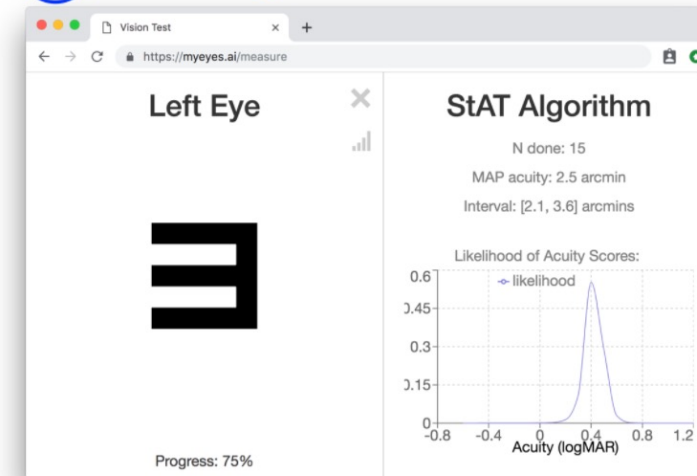
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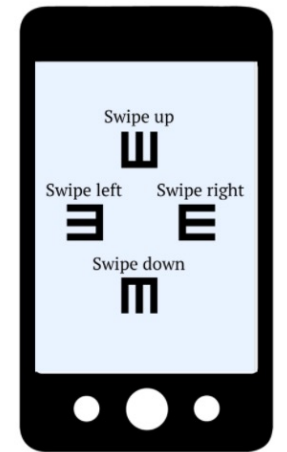
# Today: Stanford Eye Test



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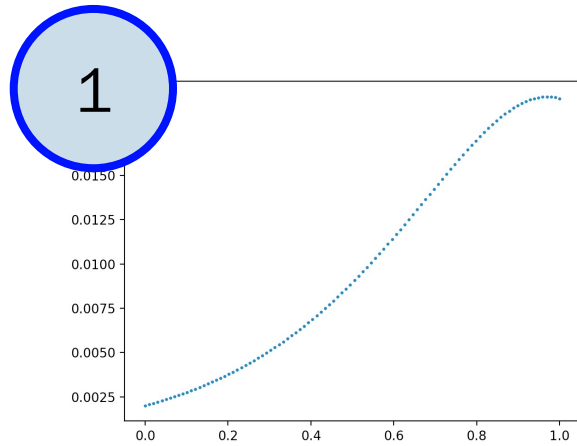
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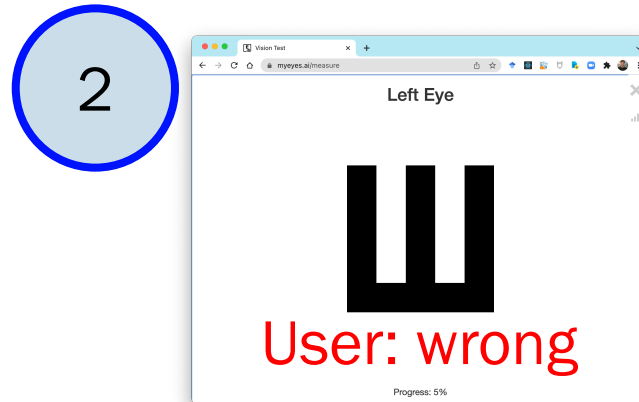
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I always wanted to make this a class demo

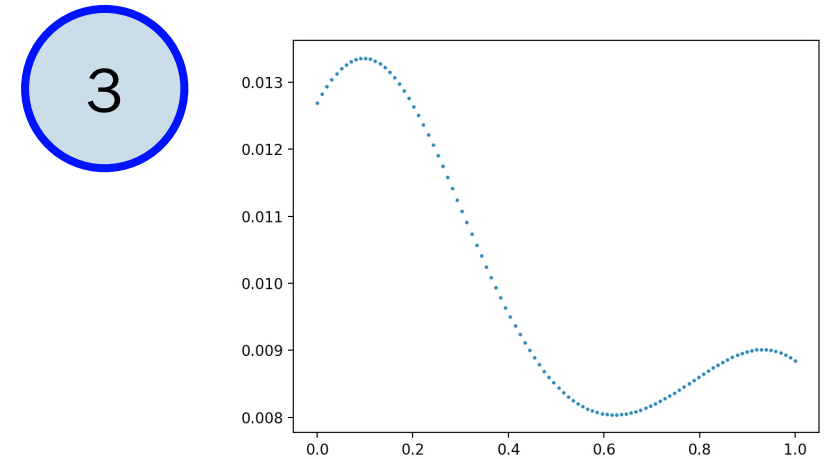
# Stanford Eye Test



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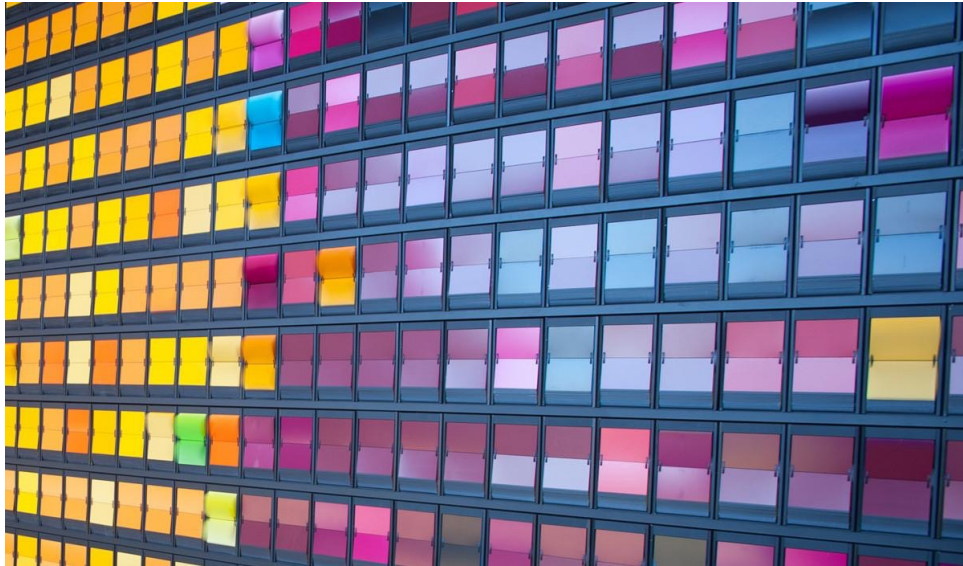
Observation  $E$



$$P(A = a | E)$$

# Midterm Location

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CEMEX: 587 seats  
109 students

Hewlett 200: 502 seats  
94 students

Hewlett 201: 188 seats  
36 students

Look out for your assignment! Let us know if you are at risk


# https://cs109psets.netlify.app/win22/lecture12

Lecture 12 - Inference

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## L12 Elephant Babies

Question: At birth, girl elephant weights are distributed as a Gaussian with mean 160kg, and standard deviation 7kg. At birth, boy elephant weights are distributed as a Gaussian with mean 165kg, and standard deviation of 3kg. All you know about a newborn elephant is that it is 163kg. What is the probability that it is a girl? Give your answer to three decimal places.



Previous Question      Next Question

Answer Editor      Solution

Numeric Answer: Enter your answer      Check Answer

Explanation:

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# Where are we in CS109?

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## Overview of Topics



Counting  
Theory



Core  
Probability



Random  
Variables




Probabilistic  
Models



Uncertainty  
Theory



Machine  
Learning



YOU  
ARE  
HERE

# Where are we locally?

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**Discrete  
Models:**

General Case,  
Multinomial

**Inference**

Conclusions  
from  
Observations

**Modelling:**

Make your own!

**General**

**Inference:**  
Use computers  
to infer

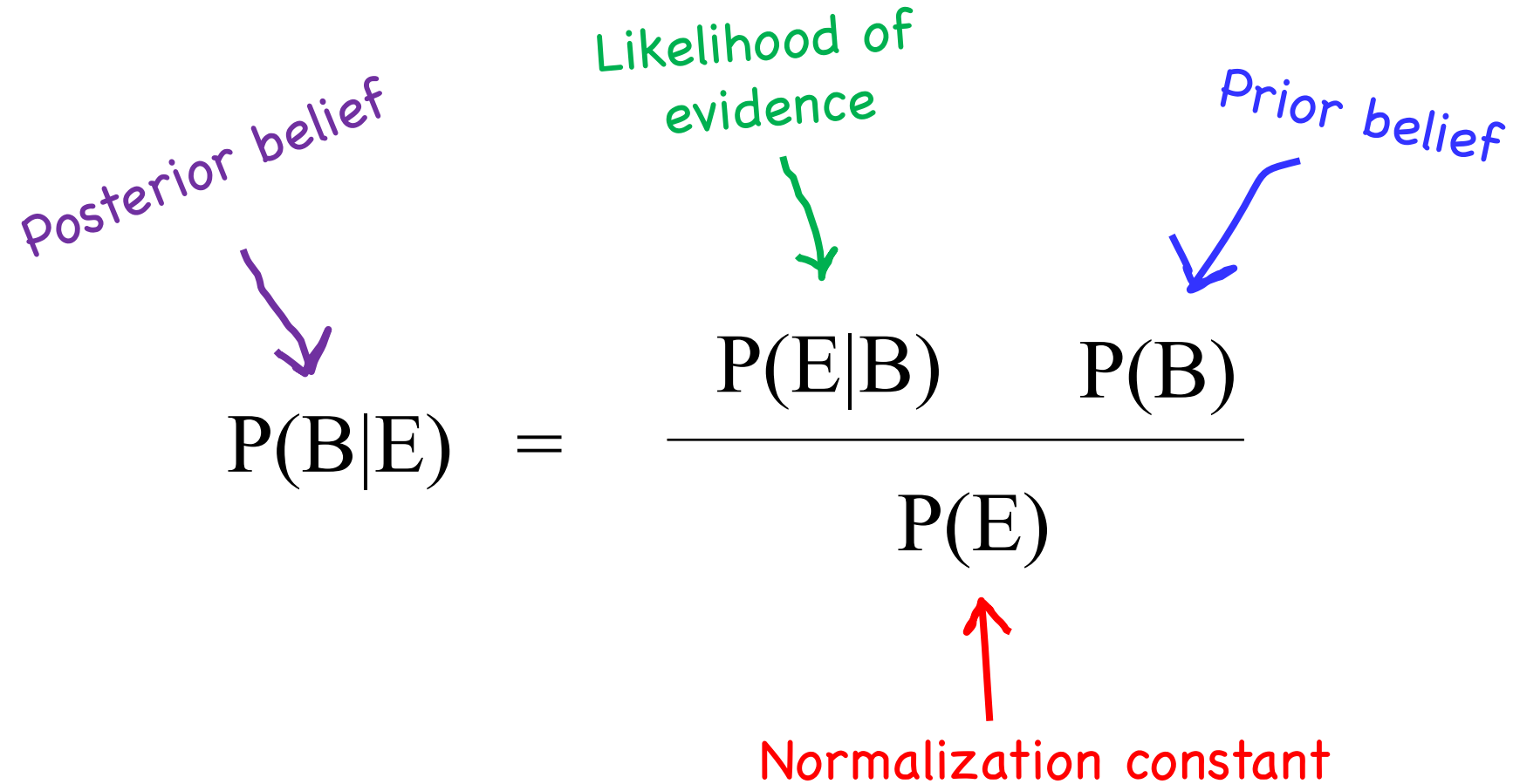
# Learning Goals

1. Combine Bayes Theorem and Random Variables



Review

# Warmup: Bayes Revisited



Posterior belief

Likelihood of evidence

Prior belief

$$P(B|E) = \frac{P(E|B) P(B)}{P(E)}$$

Normalization constant

# Bayes Theorem with Discrete

Let  $M$  be a **discrete** random variable

Let  $N$  be a **discrete** random variable

$$P(M = 2|N = 3) = \frac{P(N = 3|M = 2)P(M = 2)}{P(N = 3)}$$

$$P(M = m|N = n) = \frac{P(N = n|M = m)P(M = m)}{P(N = n)}$$

More  
generally

Shorthand  
notation

$$P(m|n) = \frac{P(n|m)P(m)}{P(n)}$$



# I Heard That



Let  $X$  be the **change in gaze** (measured in degrees) over 3 seconds after a sound is played

Value of $X$	PMF of $X$ given Baby can hear the sound	PMF of $X$ given Baby can <b>not</b> hear the sound
0 to 5	0.08	0.40
5 to 10	0.15	0.30
10 to 15	0.35	0.12
15 to 20	0.20	0.08
20 to 25	0.12	0.05
Above 25	0.10	0.05

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$$P(Y = 1|X = 0) = \frac{P(X = 0|Y)P(Y)}{P(X = 0|Y)P(Y) + P(X = 0|Y^C)P(Y^C)}$$

$$P(Y = 1|X = 0) = \frac{0.08 * 0.75}{0.08 * 0.75 + 0.40 * 0.25} = \frac{3}{8}$$

End Review

# Inference with Continuous

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Q: At birth, girl elephant weights are distributed as a Gaussian with mean = 160kg, std = 7kg. At birth, boy elephant weights are distributed as a Gaussian with mean = 165kg, std = 3kg. All you know about a newborn elephant is that it is 163kg. What is the probability that it is a girl?



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Model:

Let  $G$  be an indicator that the elephant is a girl.  $G$  is  $\text{Bern}(p = 0.5)$

Let  $X$  be the distribution of weight of the elephant.

$X \mid G = 1$  is  $N(\mu = 160, \sigma^2 = 7^2)$

$X \mid G = 0$  is  $N(\mu = 165, \sigma^2 = 3^2)$

# Inference with Continuous



Q: What is  $P(G = 1 \mid X = 163)$

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# Mixing Discrete and Continuous

Let  $X$  be a **continuous** random variable

Let  $N$  be a **discrete** random variable

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

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

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Change  
notation



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

# All the Bayes Belong to Us

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**M, N are discrete. X, Y are continuous**

OG Bayes

$$P(m|n) = \frac{P(n|m)P(m)}{P(n)}$$

Mix Bayes #1

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

Mix Bayes #2

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

$$f(x|y) = \frac{f(y|x)f(x)}{f(y)}$$

# LOTP? Chain Rule? You can play too!

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**N is discrete. X is continuous**

$$f(N = n, X = x) = f(X = x | N = n)P(N = n)$$

$$f(X = x) = \sum_n f(X = x | N = n)P(N = n)$$

# Inference with Continuous



Q: What is  $P(G = 1 \mid X = 163)$

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Joint Distribution is Implied:

$$f(G = 1, X = 72.3) = f(X = 72.3 \mid G = 1)P(G = 1)$$

$$f(G = g, X = x) = f(X = x \mid G = g)P(G = g)$$

More generally

# Inference with Continuous



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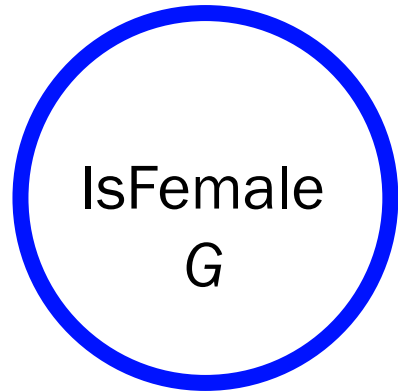
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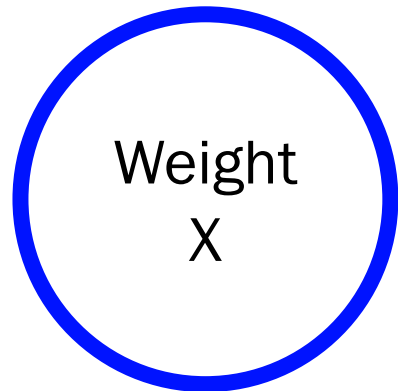
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# Model Shown Graphically



$G = 1$  is  $\text{Bern}(p = 0.5)$



$X | G = 1$  is  $\text{N}(\mu = 160, \sigma^2 = 7^2)$

$X | G = 0$  is  $\text{N}(\mu = 165, \sigma^2 = 3^2)$

Does this define the joint?

$$f(G = g, X = x)$$

$$= f(X = x | G = g) P(G = g)$$

Q: What is  $P(G = 1 | X = 163)$

# I Heard That Redux

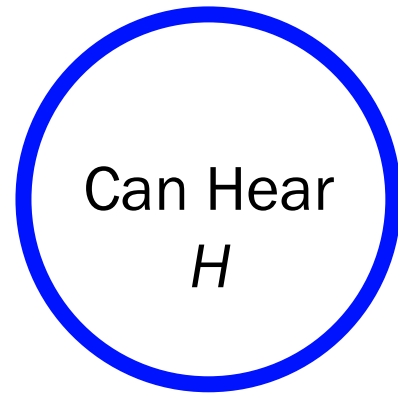
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**Normal Assumption:** We choose to approximate eye movements with normal distributions. For babies who can hear sounds, we approximate their gaze movement after the sound is played as:  $N(\mu = 15, \sigma^2 = 50)$ . For babies who can **not** hear sounds, we approximate gaze movement as  $N(\mu = 8, \sigma^2 = 50)$ .

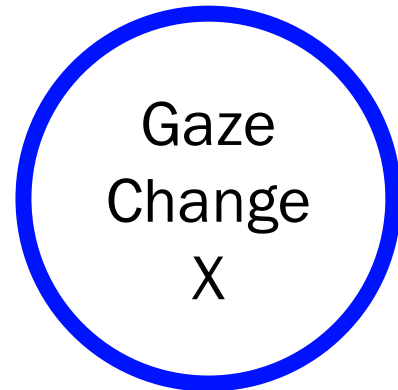
For a new baby we observe a 14 degree movement after the sound is played. What is your belief that a baby can hear, under The **Normal Assumption**?

# I Heard That Redux

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$H = 1$  is  $\text{Bern}(p = 0.75)$



$X | H = 1$  is  $\text{N}(\mu = 15, \sigma^2 = 50)$

$X | H = 0$  is  $\text{N}(\mu = 8, \sigma^2 = 50)$

Q: What is  $P(H = 1 | X = 14)$

Harder when neither random variable is  
a bernoulli

# A Better Eye Test

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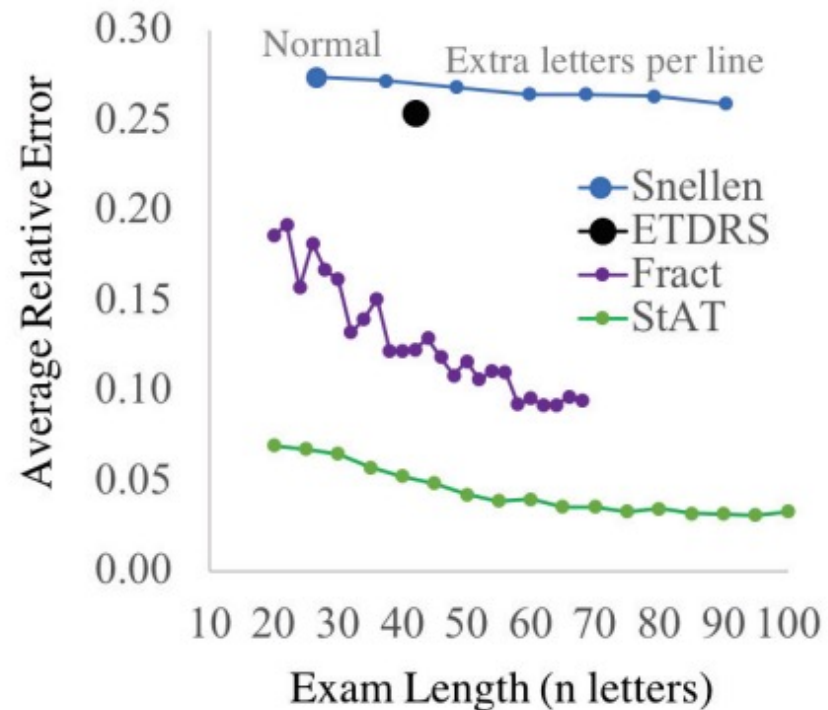
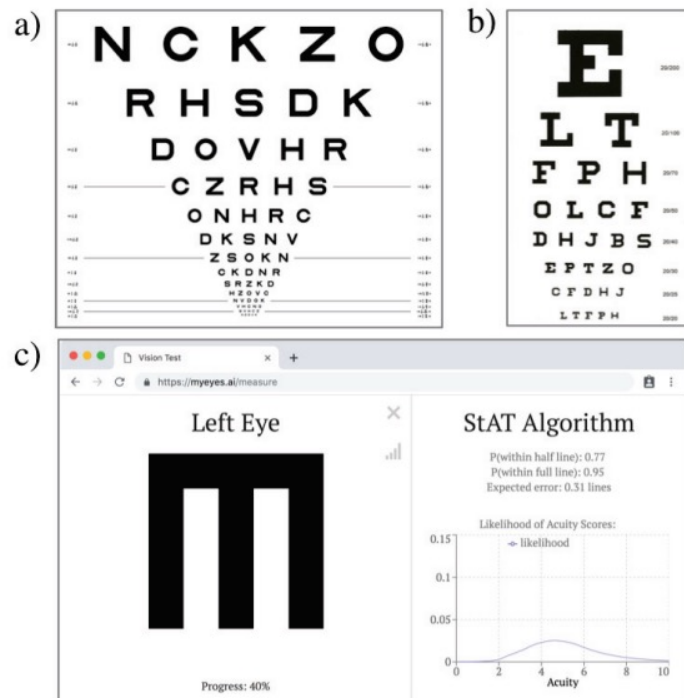
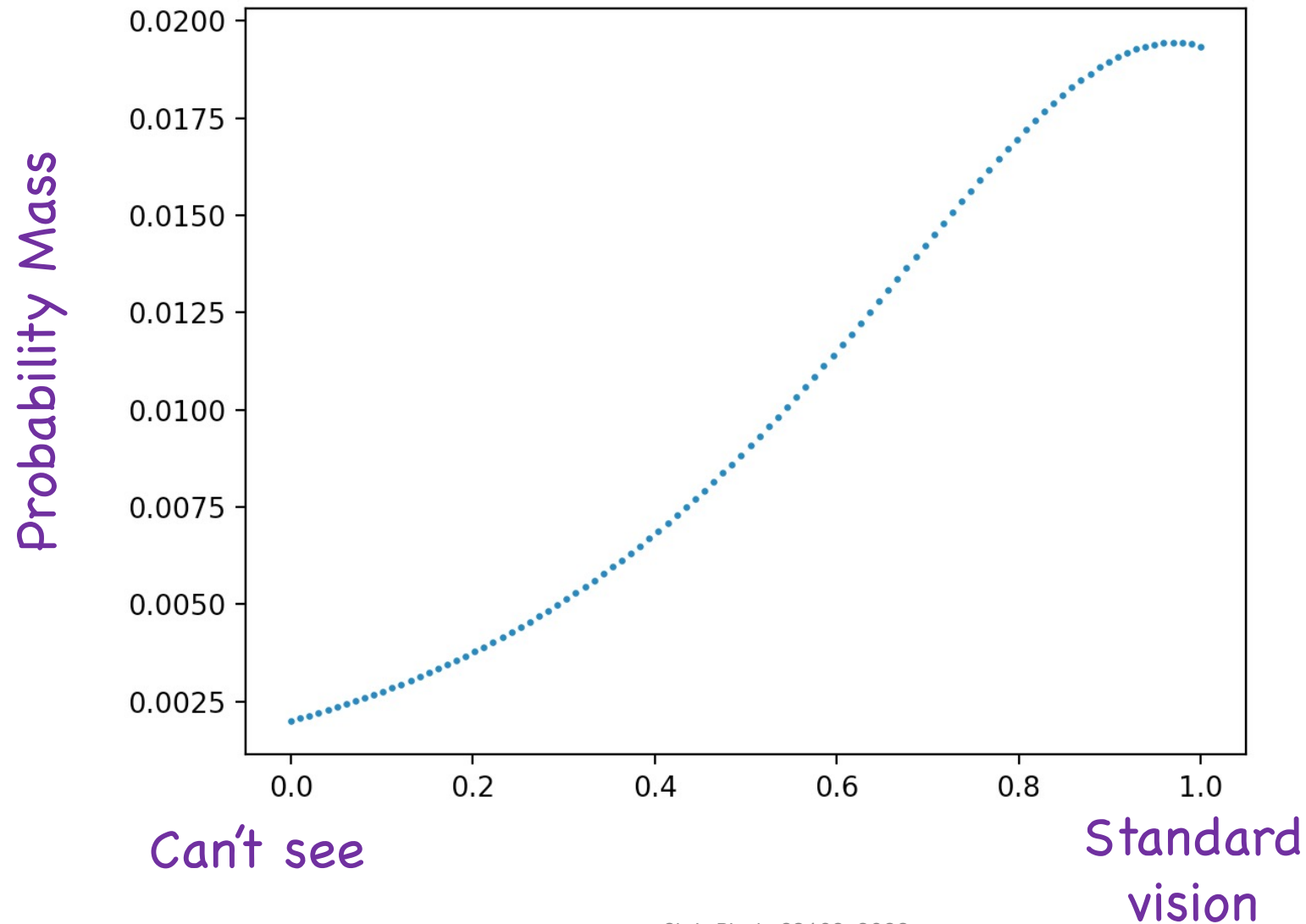


Figure 1: a) ETDRS, b) Snellen and c) StAT eye exams.

# Prior Belief in Ability to See (Random Var A)



# PMF is Actually Stored as a Dictionary

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    belief = get_prior_belief()
```

a	P(A=a)
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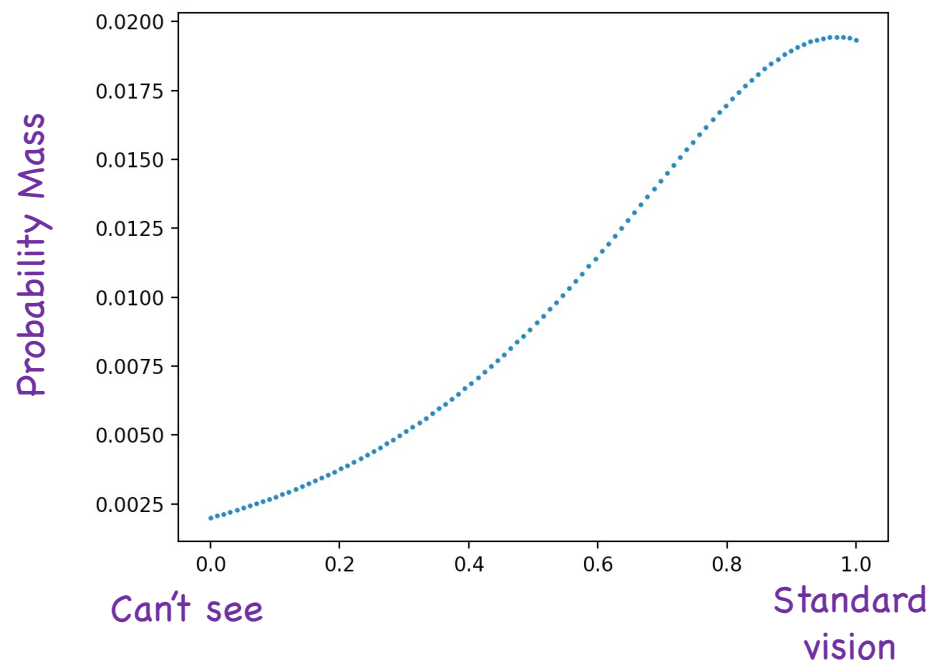


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As a graph



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# Today: I am going to simplify the units of vision

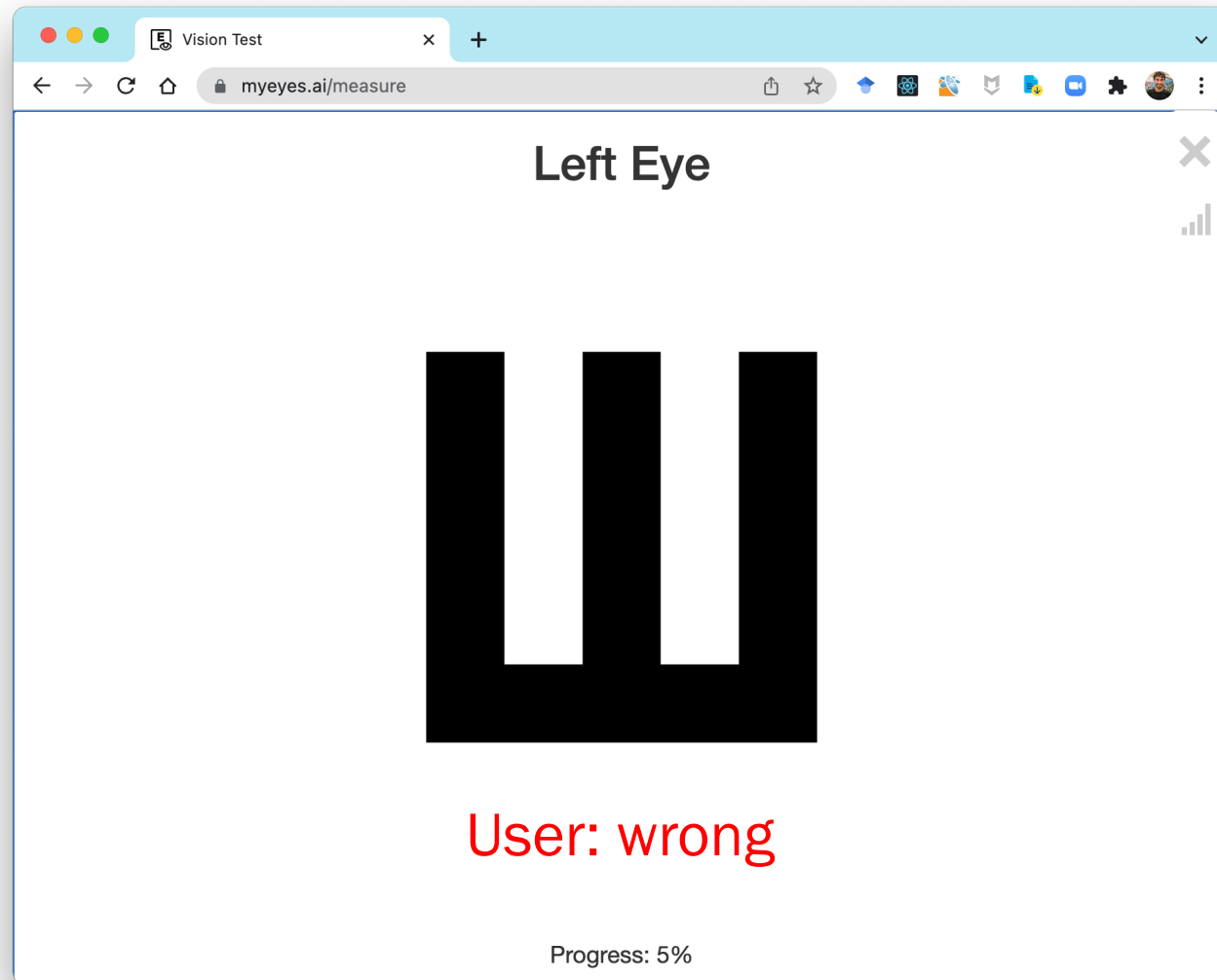
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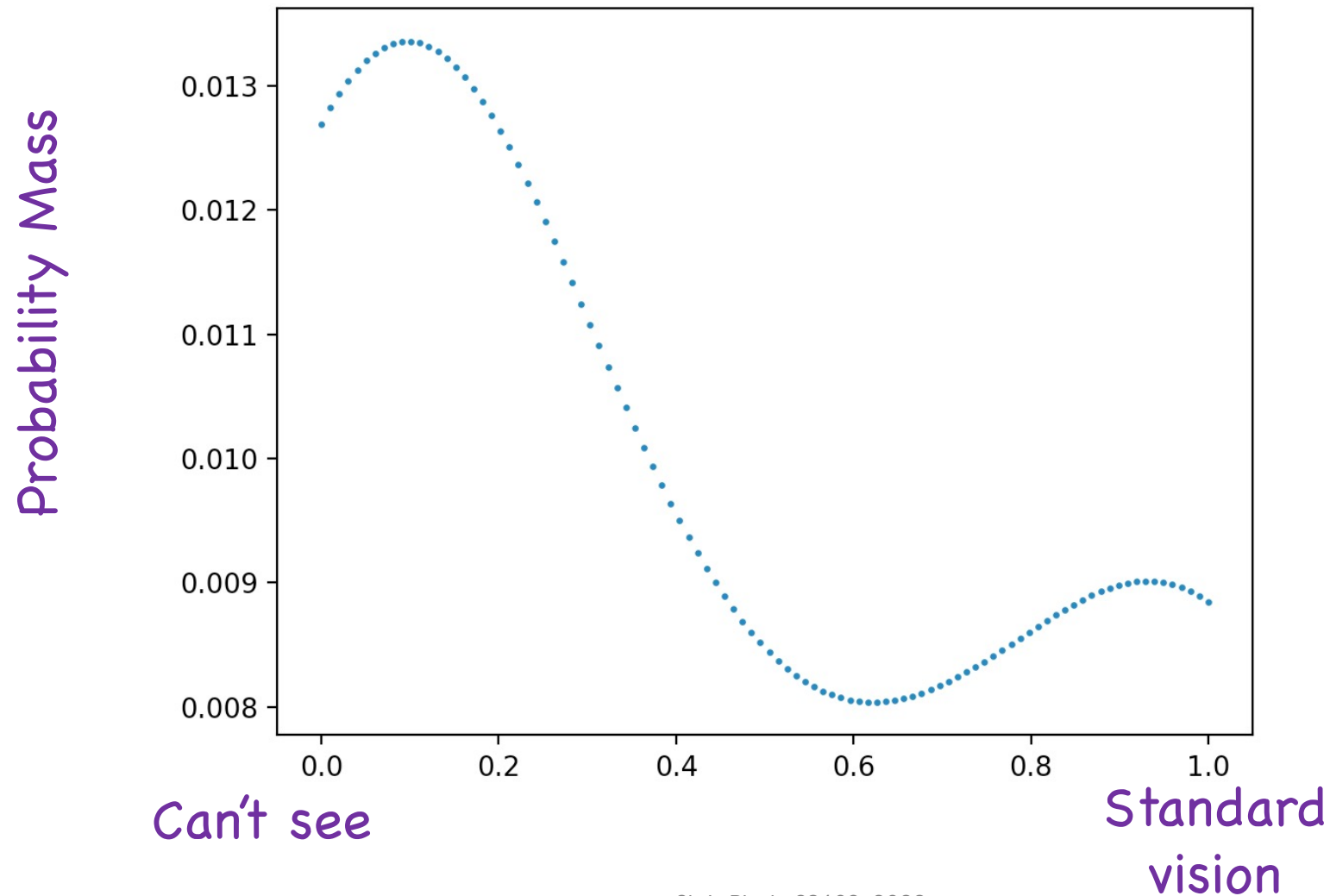
Normally doctors measure vision in logarithmic units. To make today's demo easier to understand:

I have translated ability to see onto a **[0, 1] scale**.

# The Patient is Shown One Letter and They Get it Wrong

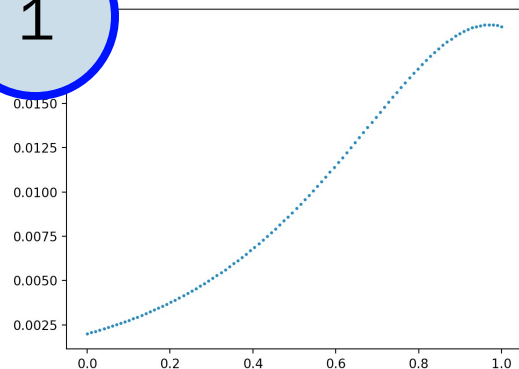


# Posterior Belief in Ability to See (Random Var A)



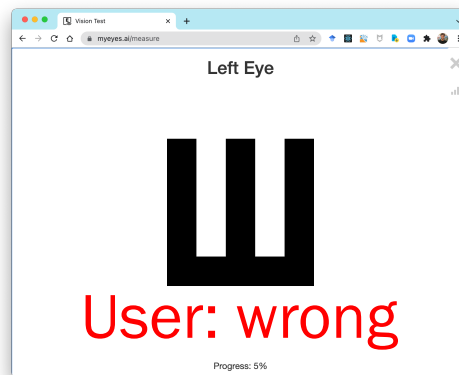
# Bayes with Random Variables

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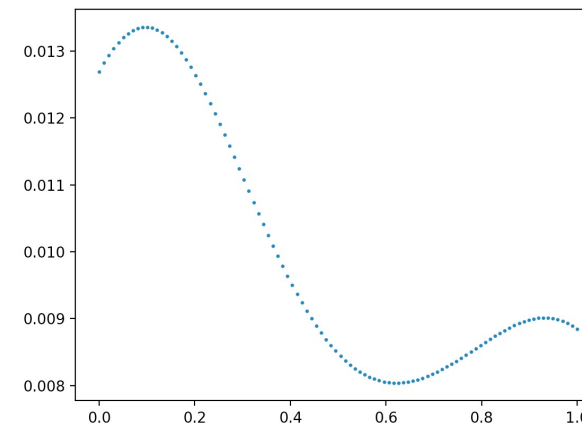
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Observation  $E$

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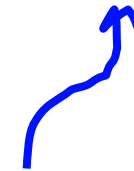
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# Inference

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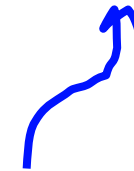
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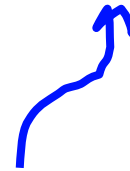
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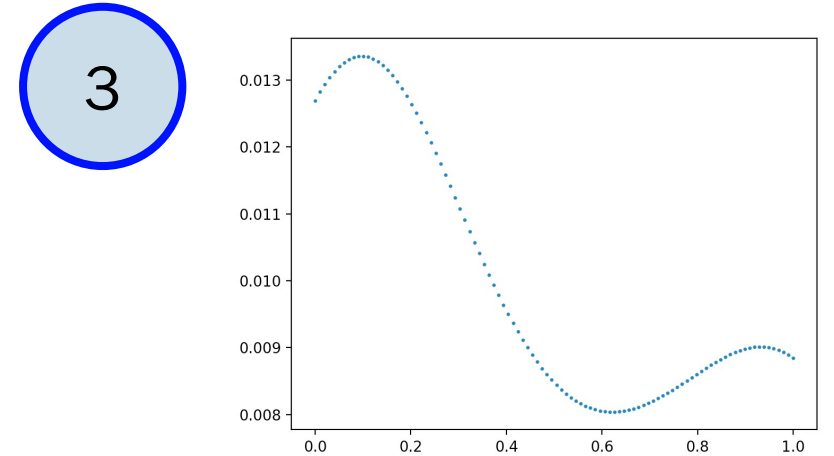
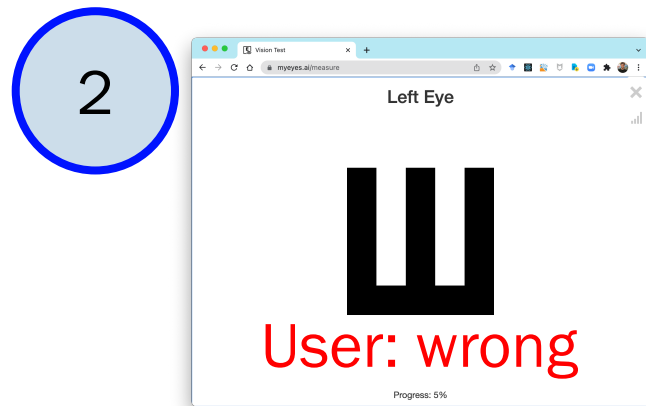
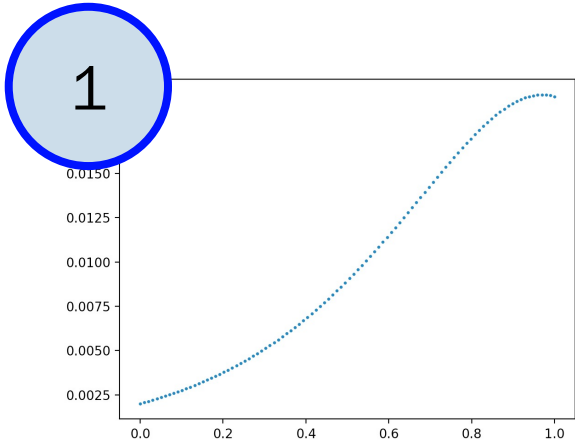


Dictionary can also be used to represent a discretization of a **continuous random var**



I do it all the time! Yay compute!

# To the Code!!!



$$P(A = a)$$

Observation  $E$

$$P(A = a|E)$$

Known function

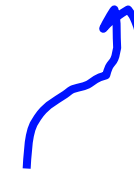
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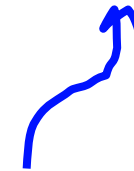
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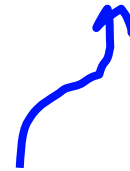
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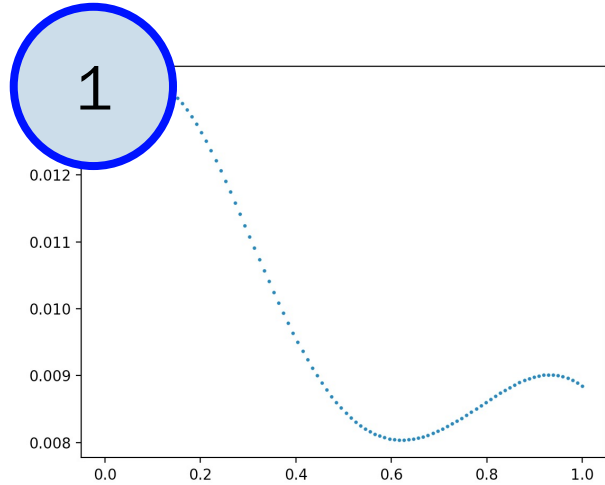
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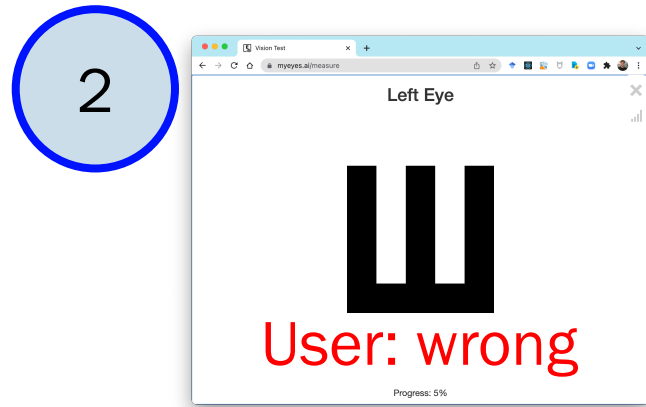
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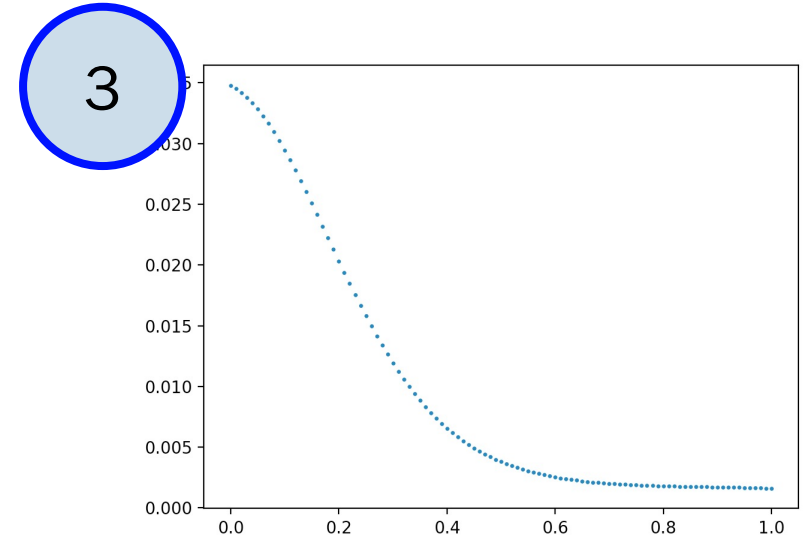
# Posterior becomes new prior



$$P(A = a)$$



Observation  $E$



$$P(A = a | E)$$

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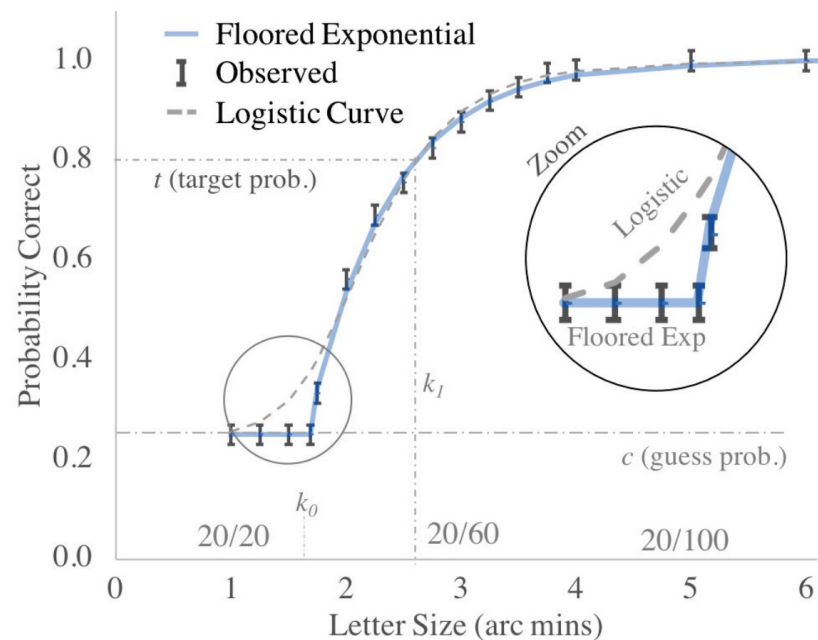
How to get

$$P(E|A = a)$$

# How to get probability of a response given ability

$$P(E|A = a) \quad ???$$

## In Practice



## In Theory

GUESS = 0.05

SLIP = 0.05

SCALING = 7

```
def p_correct_given_ability(ability, font_size):  
    difficulty = 1 - font_size  
    p_no_slip = sigmoid(SCALING * (ability - difficulty))  
    p_with_guess = max(p_no_slip, GUESS)  
    return SLIP * GUESS + (1-SLIP) * p_with_guess
```

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def p_observation_given_ability(ability, observation):  
    p = p_correct_given_ability(ability, observation['size'])  
    if observation['correct']:  
        return p  
    else:  
        return 1-p
```

Aside, if time: Visualizing continuous  
joints

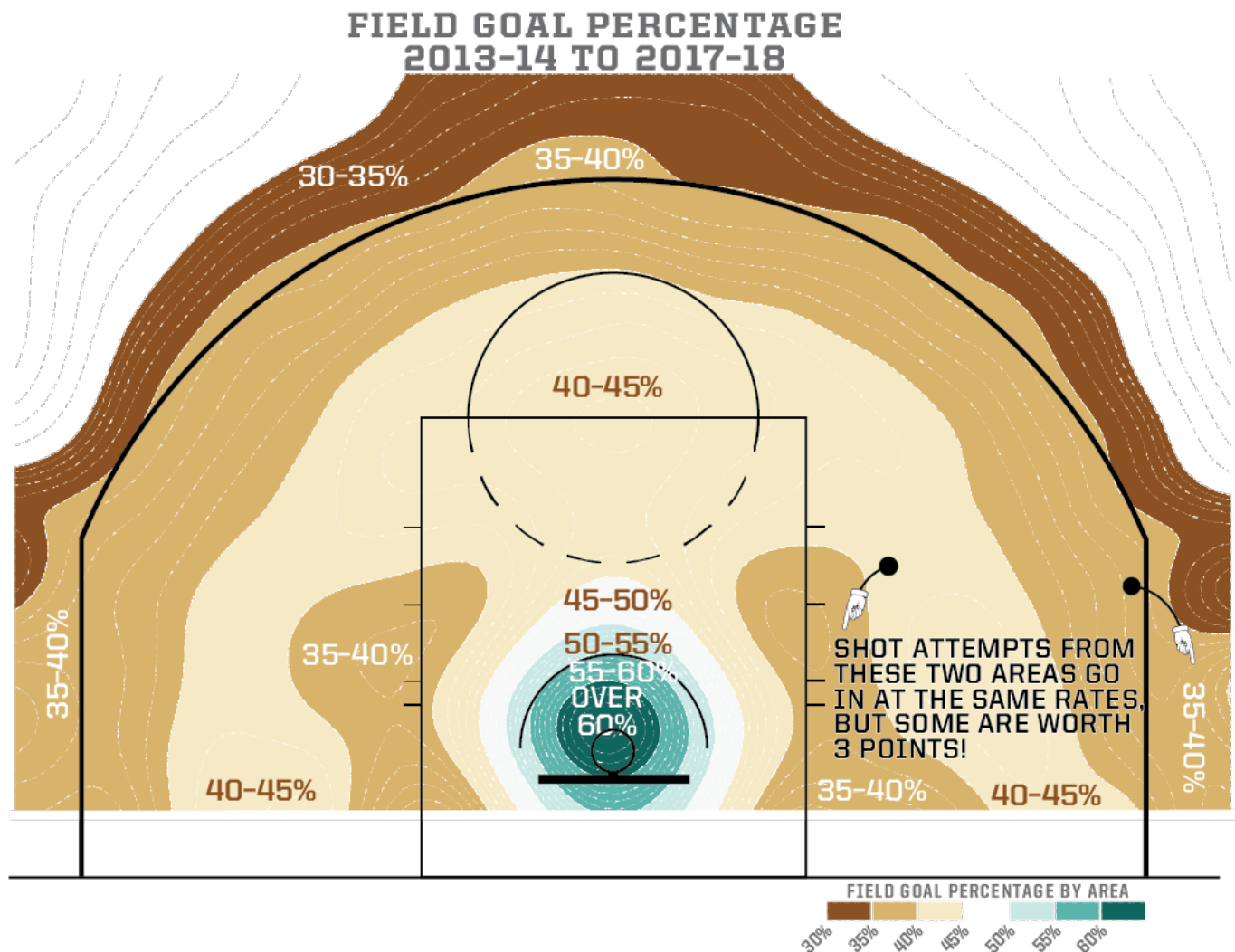
# All the Bayes Belong to Us

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**X, Y are continuous**

$$f(x|y) = \frac{f(y|x)f(x)}{f(y)}$$

# Probabilistic Models can have Continuous Random Vars



X location  
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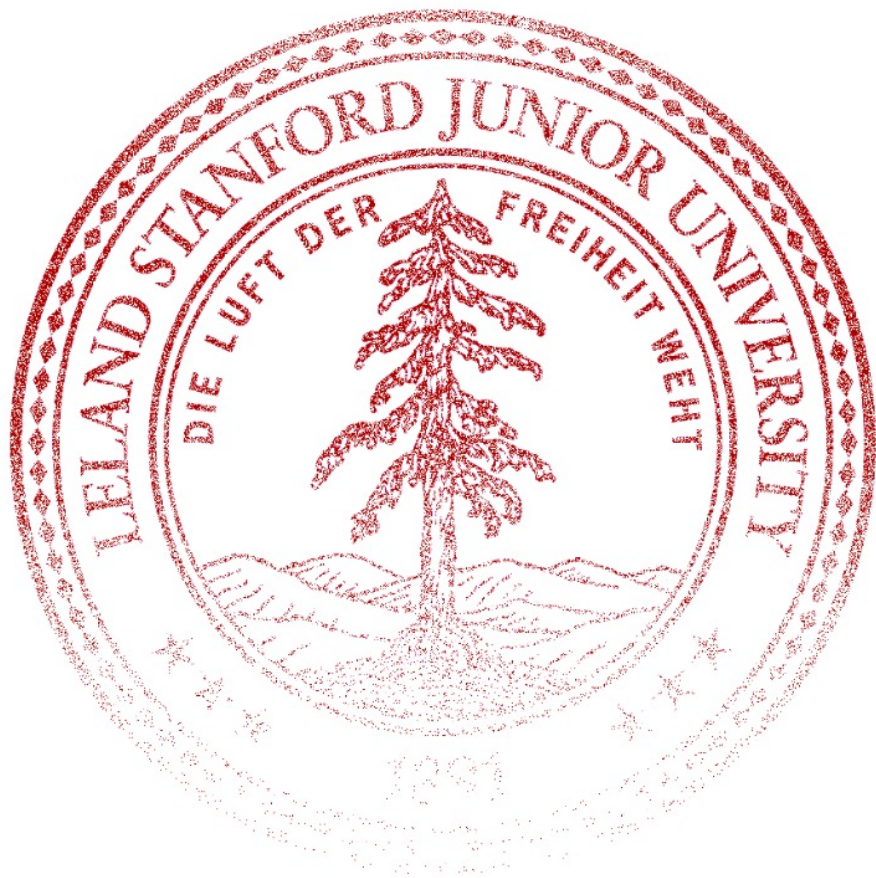
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$$f(X = x, Y = y)$$

Joint: If any random variable is continuous, then we consider the joint a density

# Probabilistic Models can have Continuous Random Vars

## Dart Results



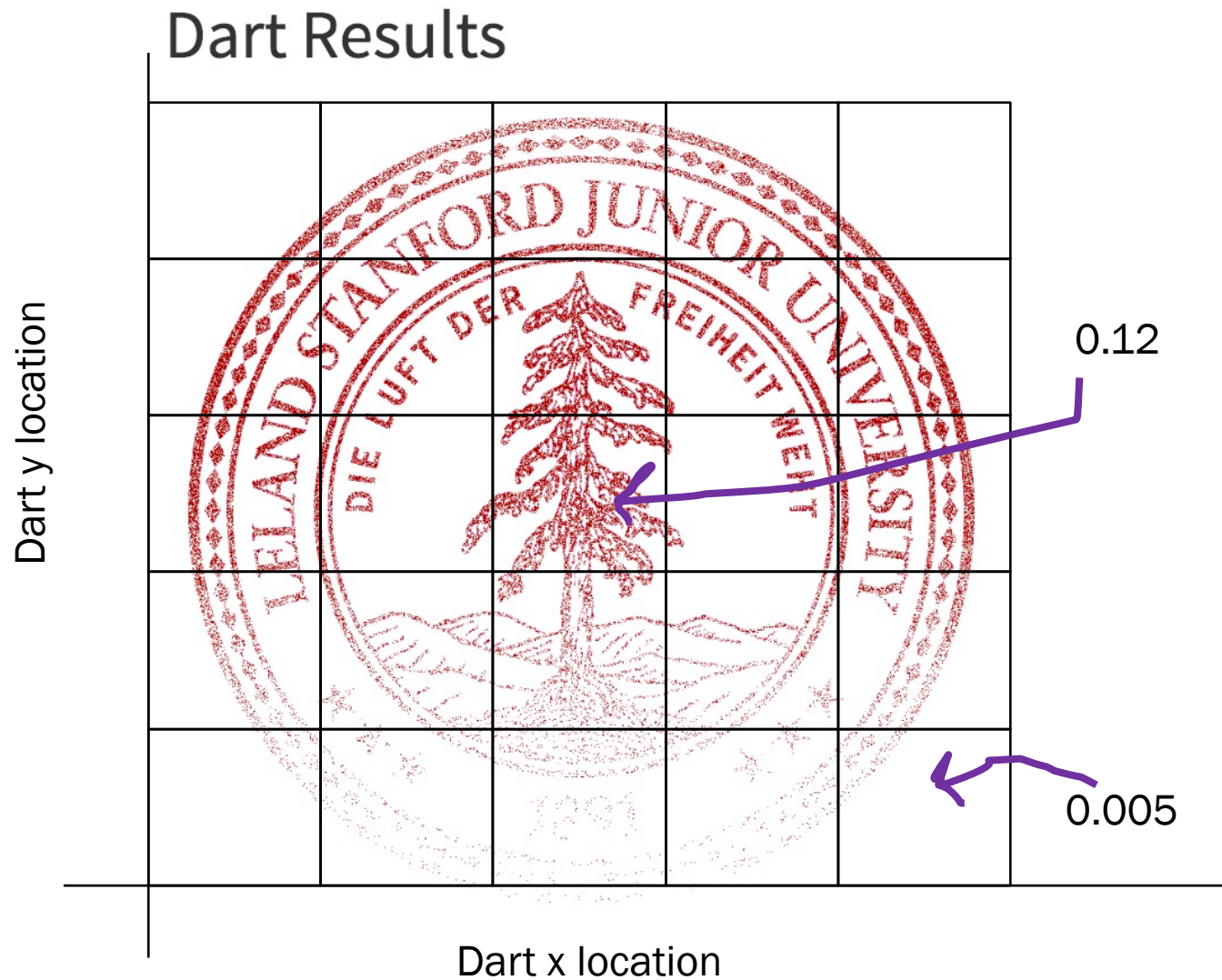
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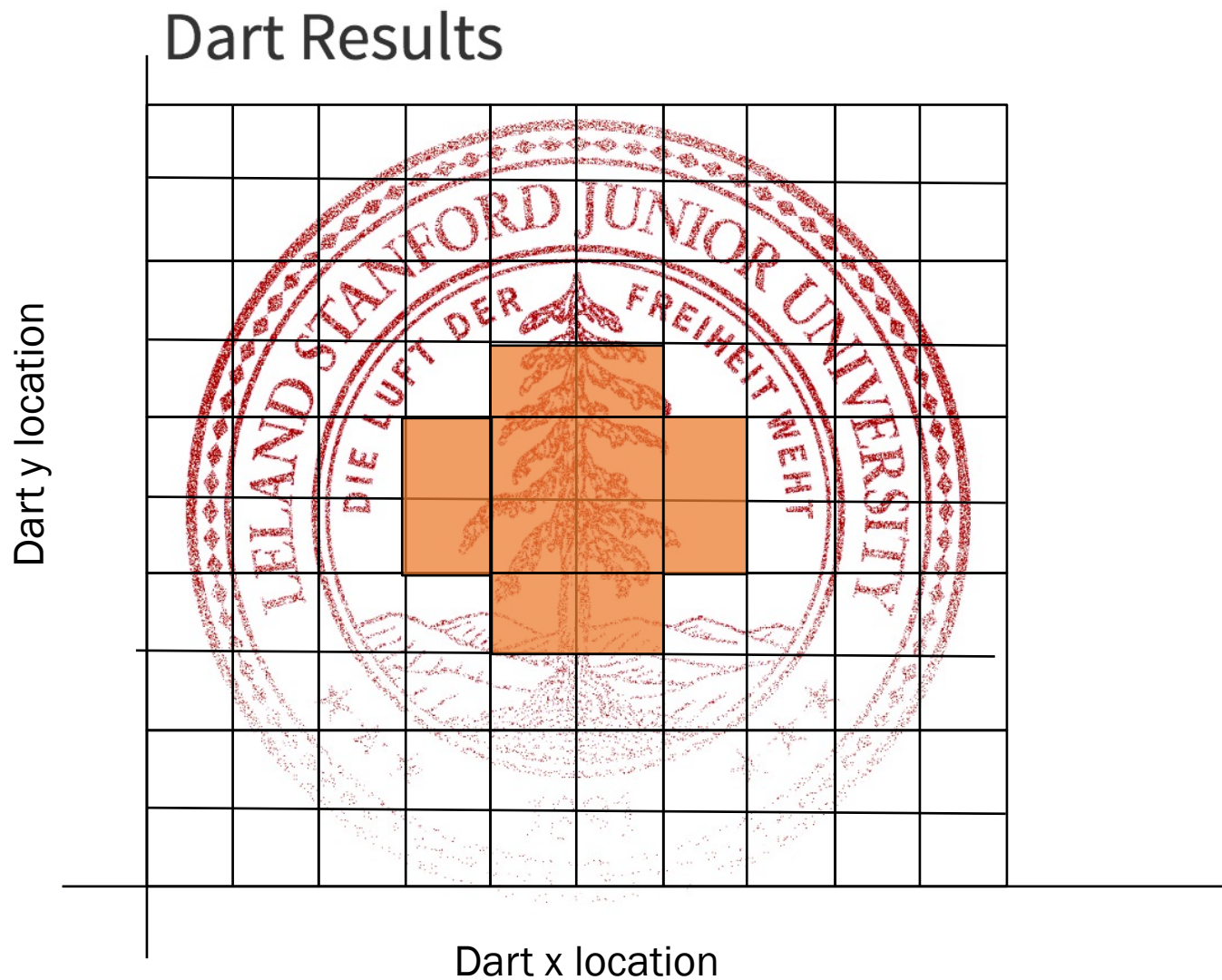
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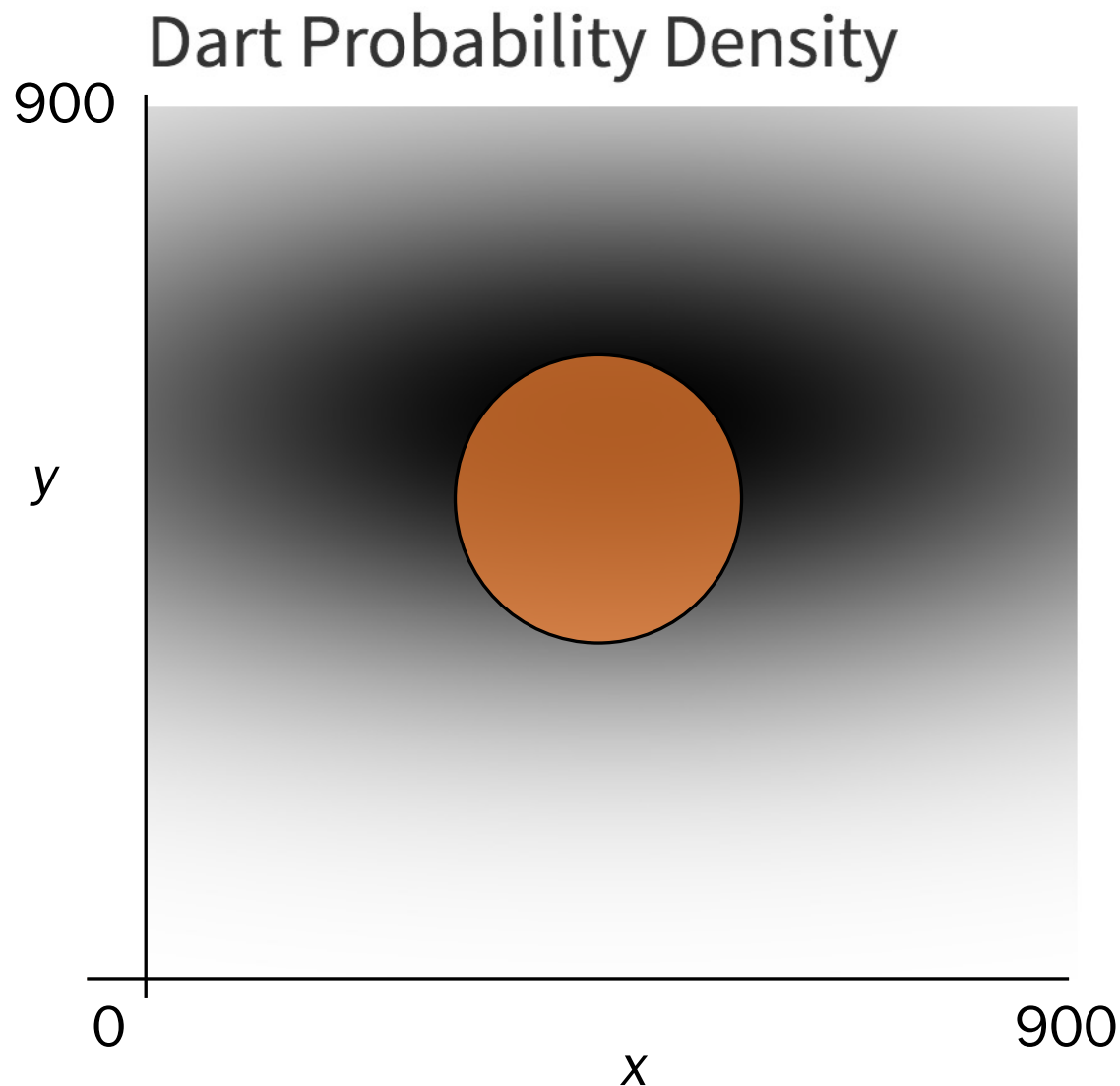
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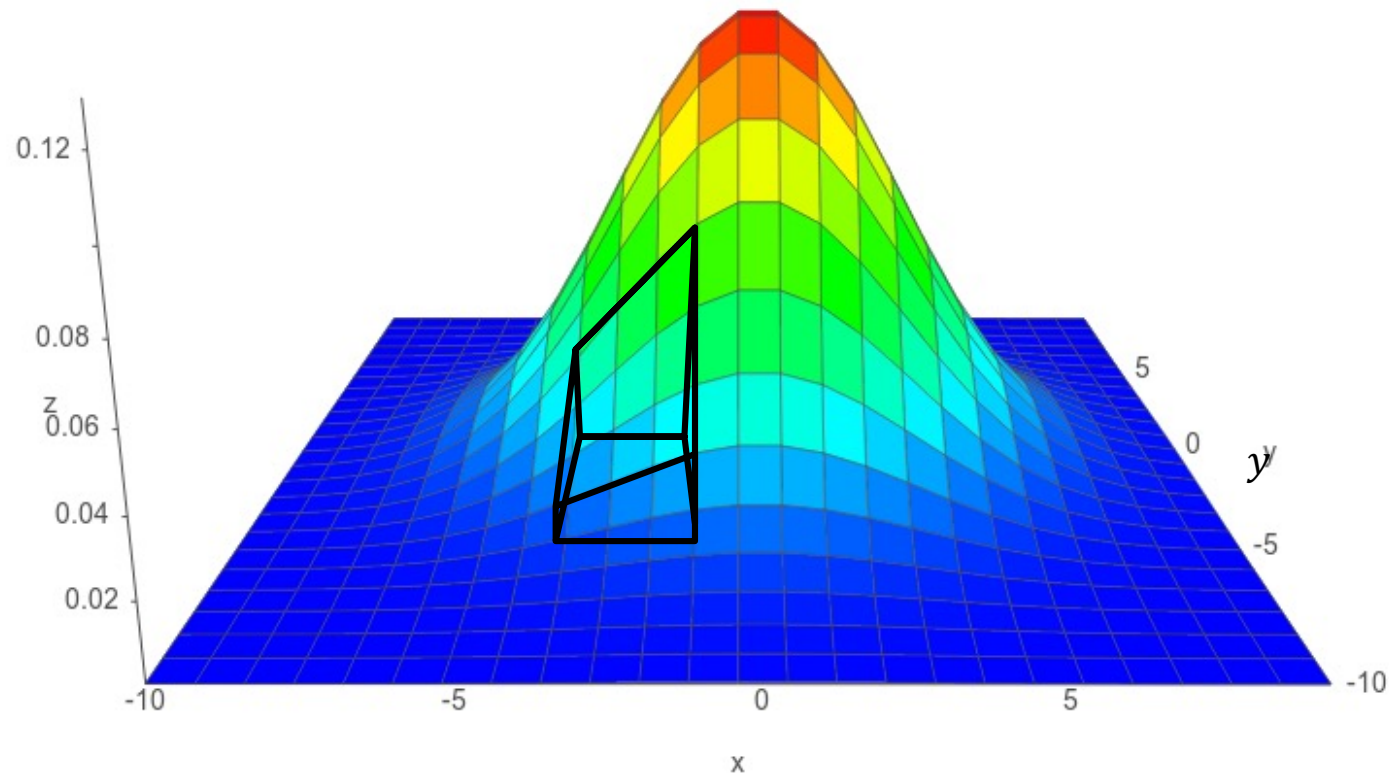
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$$f(X = x, Y = y)$$

Joint: If any random variable is continuous, then we consider the joint a density

# Joint Probability Density Function

$$P(a_1 < X < a_2, b_1 < Y < b_2) = \int_{x=a_1}^{a_2} \int_{y=b_1}^{b_2} f(X=x, Y=y) \partial y \partial x$$

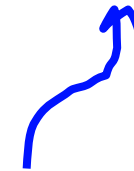


# Joint is Complete Information!

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A joint distribution is complete information. It can be used to answer any probability question.



Still true when some variables are continuous

# Focus on Inference

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When there are a mixture of discrete and continuous (or multiple continuous) I want you to focus on inference

# All the Bayes Belong to Us

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**M, N are discrete. X, Y are continuous**

OG Bayes

$$P(m|n) = \frac{P(n|m)P(m)}{P(n)}$$

Mix Bayes #1

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

Mix Bayes #2

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

$$f(x|y) = \frac{f(y|x)f(x)}{f(y)}$$

End Aside

# Joint Random Variables



Use a joint table, or joint function to solve probability question



Think about **conditional** probabilities with joint variables (which might be continuous)



Use and find **independence** of random variables



Use and find **expectation** of random variables