



# Conditional Joint Distributions

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# Joint Random Variables



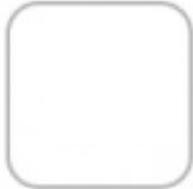
Use a joint table, density function or CDF to solve probability question



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

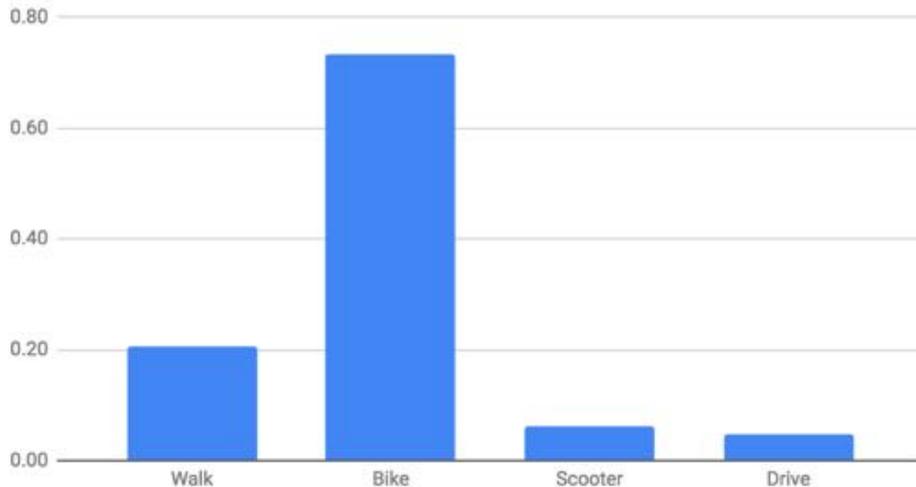


What happens when you **add** random variables?

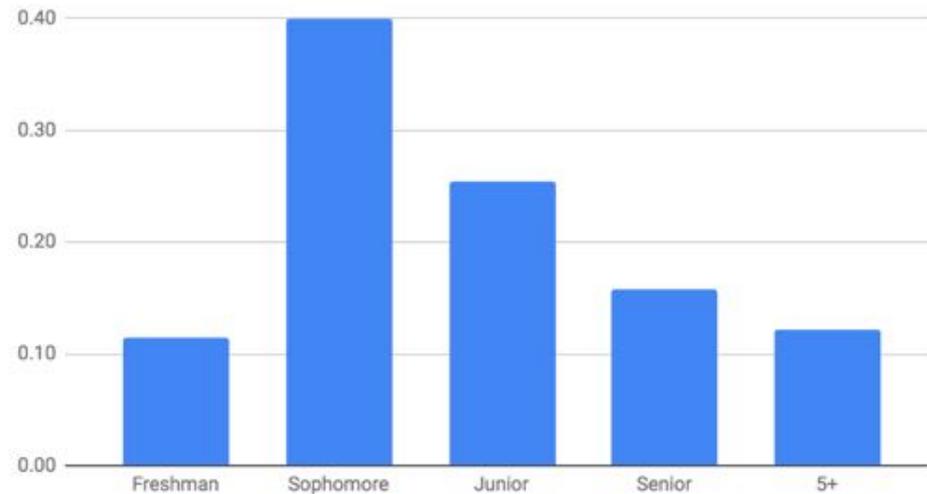
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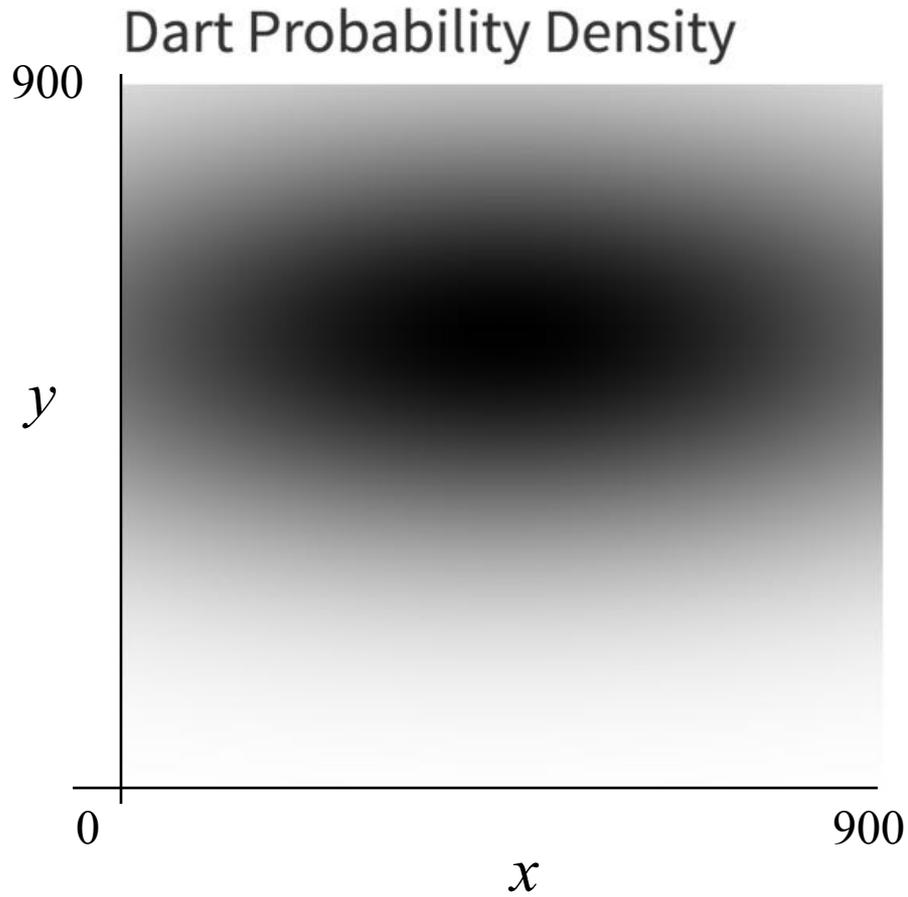
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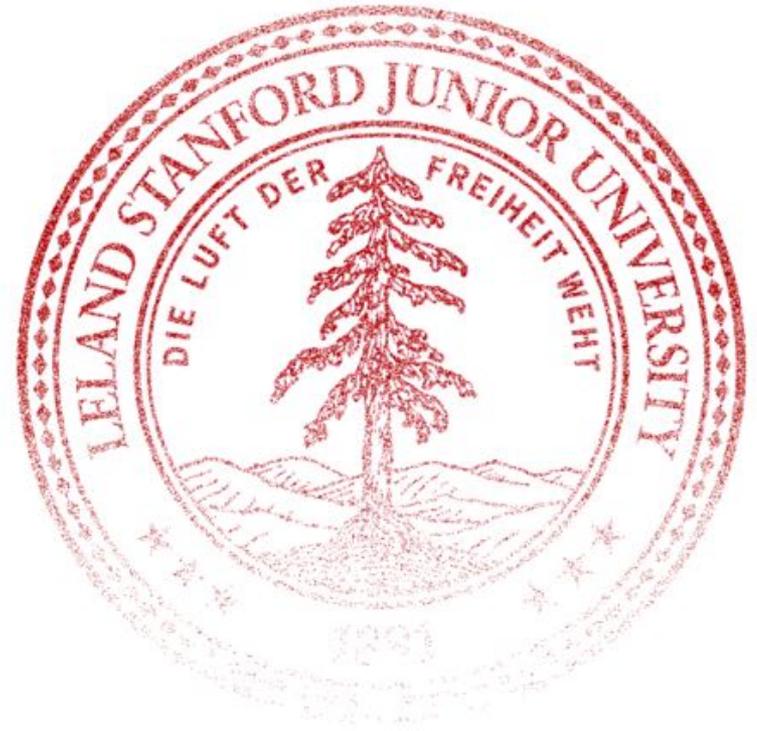
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# Continuous Joint Random Variables



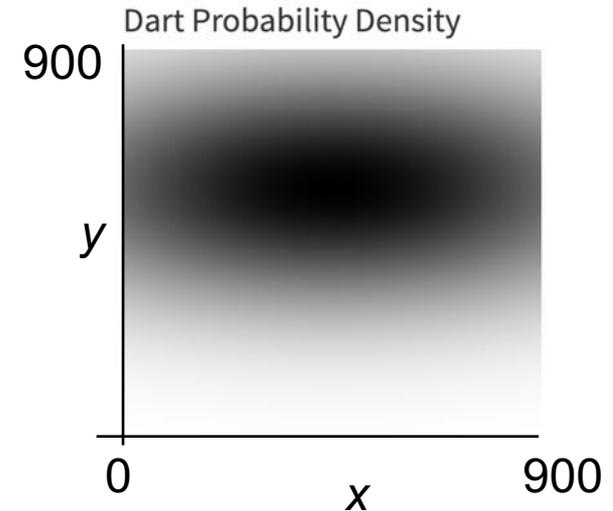
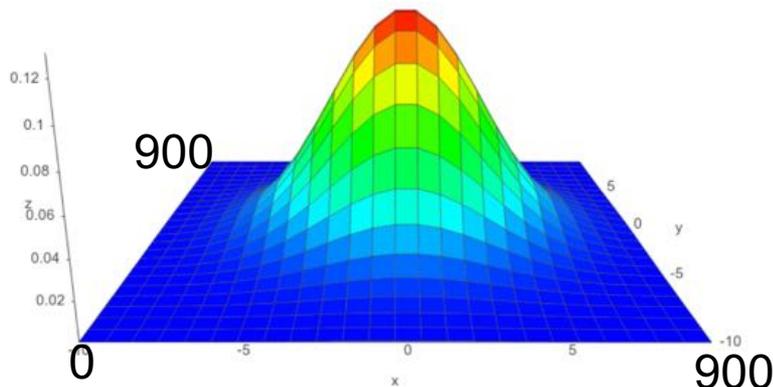
Dart Results



# 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):

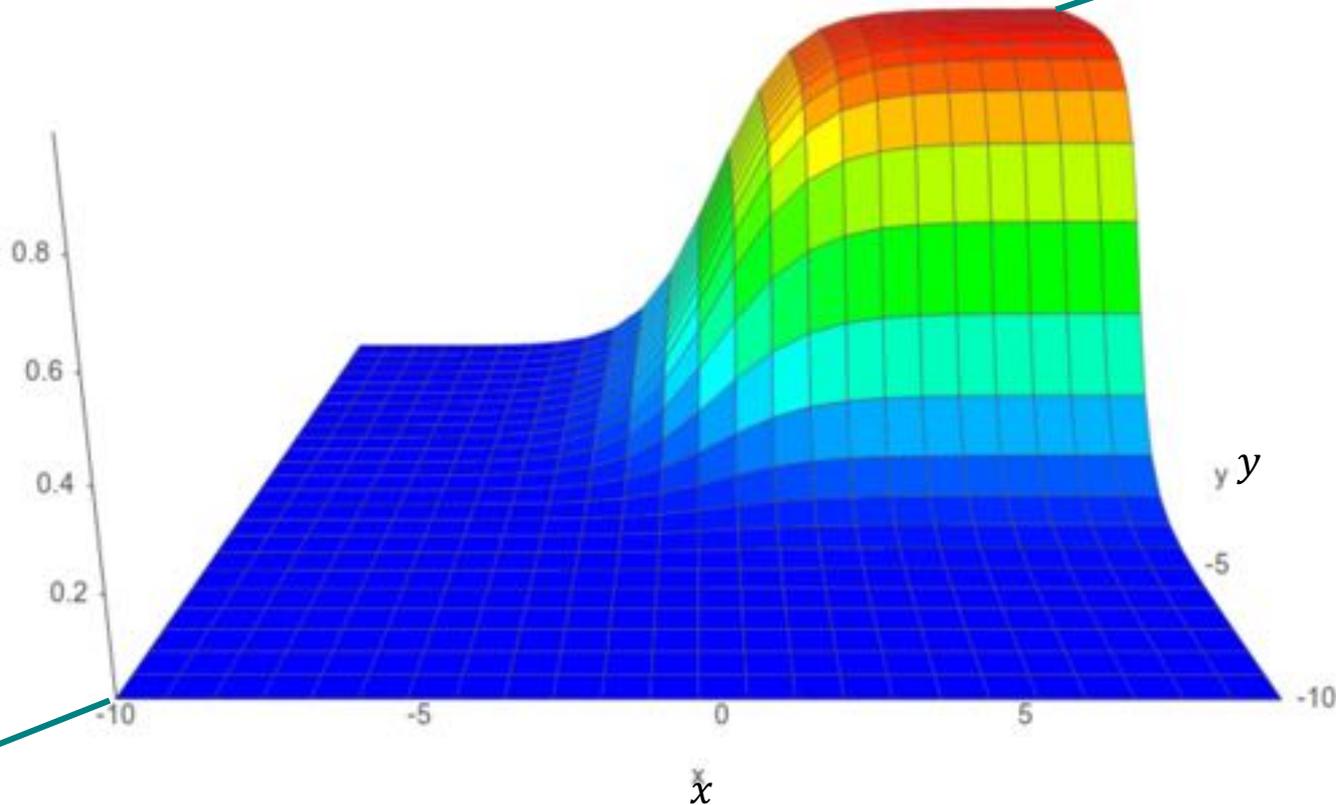
$$F_{X,Y}(a, b) = \int_{-\infty}^a \int_{-\infty}^b f_{X,Y}(x, y) dy dx$$

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

# Jointly CDF

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

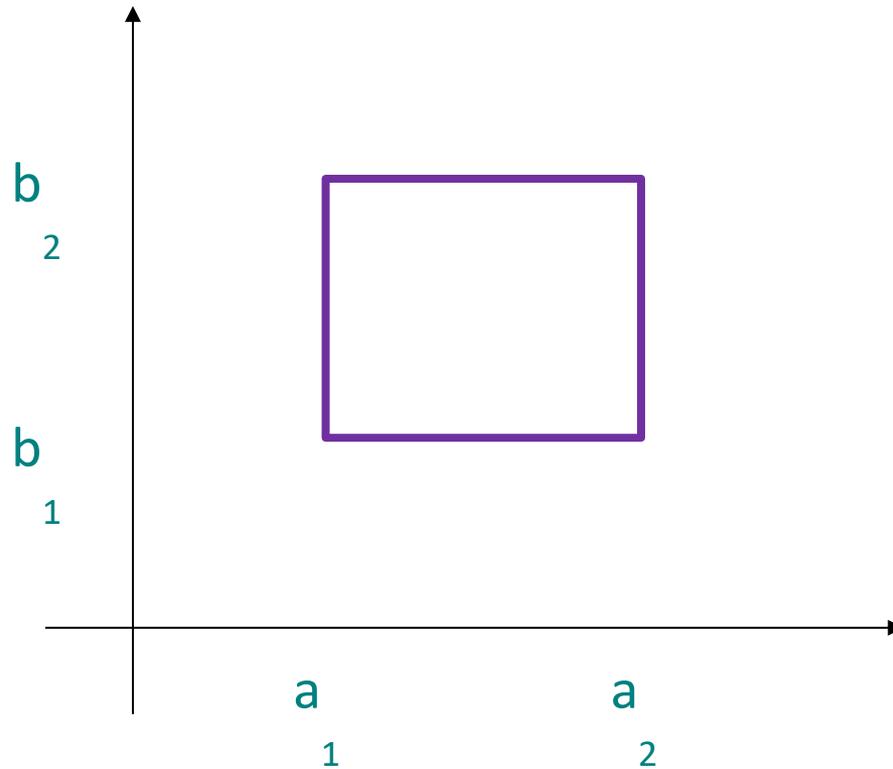
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 $y \rightarrow +\infty$



to 0 as  
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 $y \rightarrow -\infty$

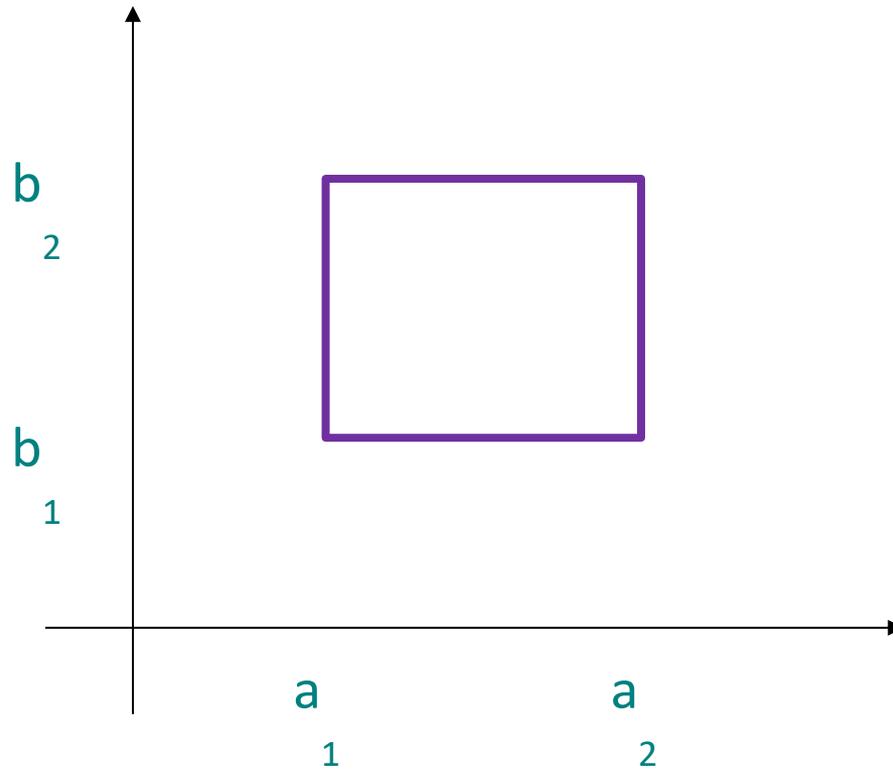
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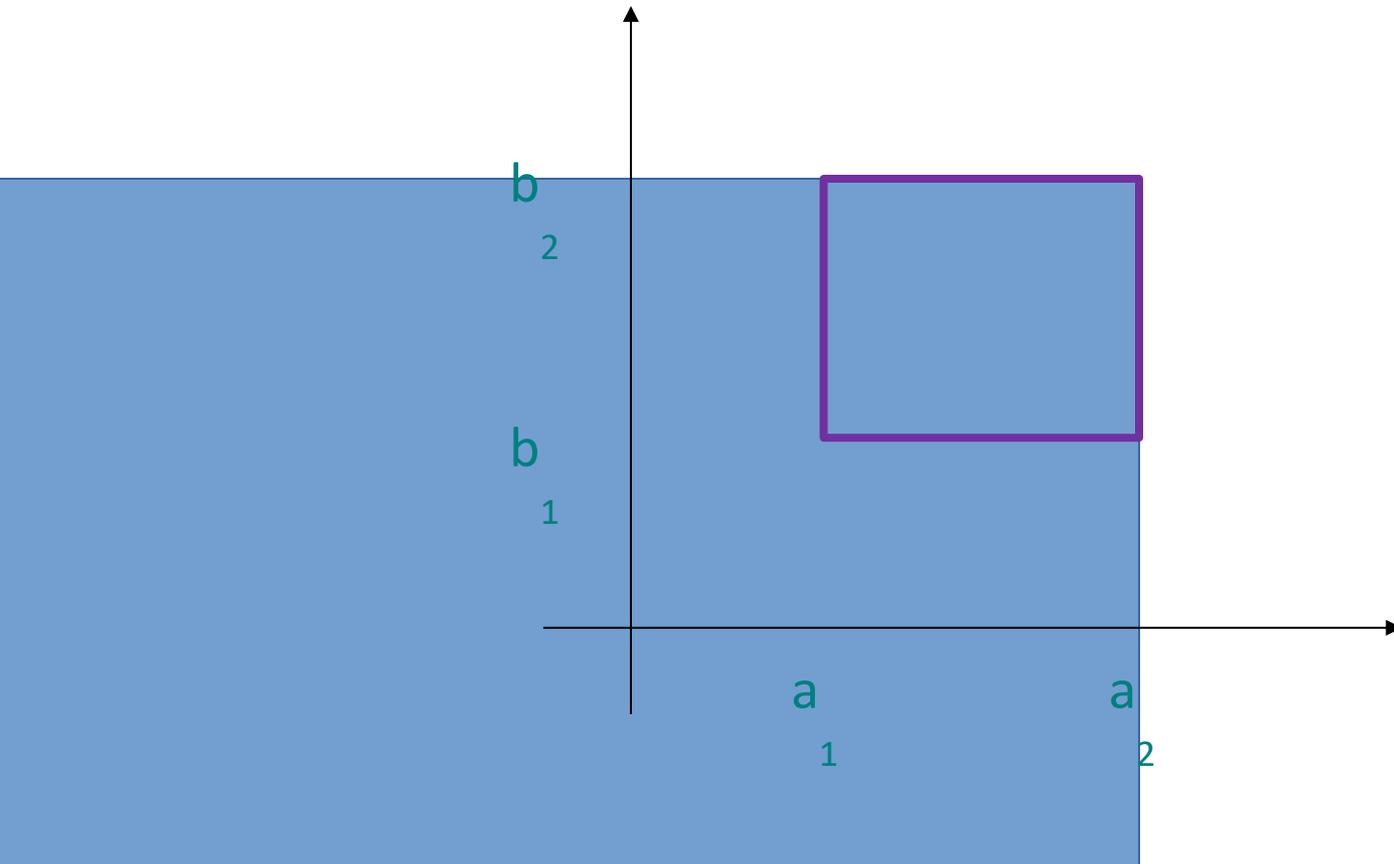
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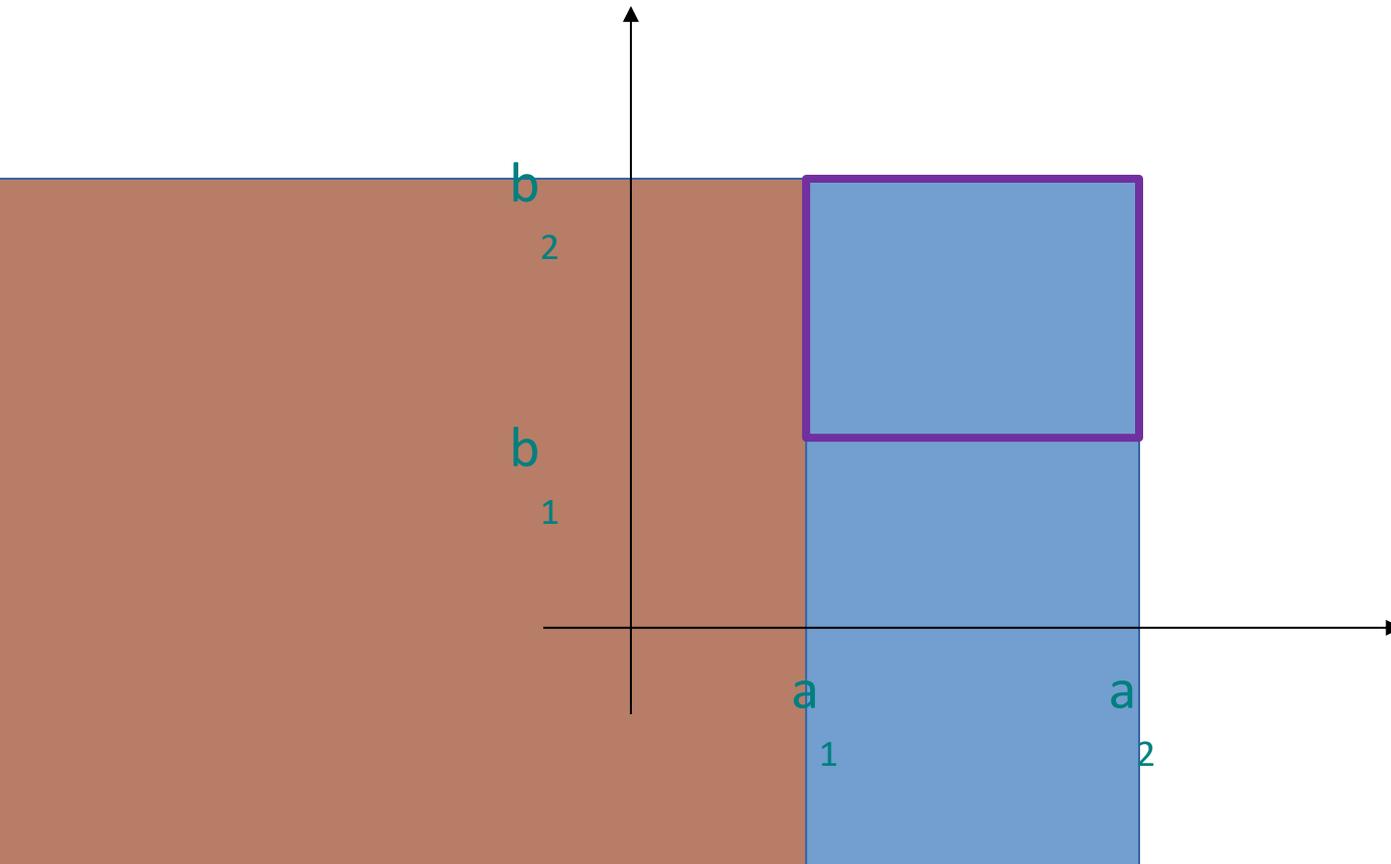
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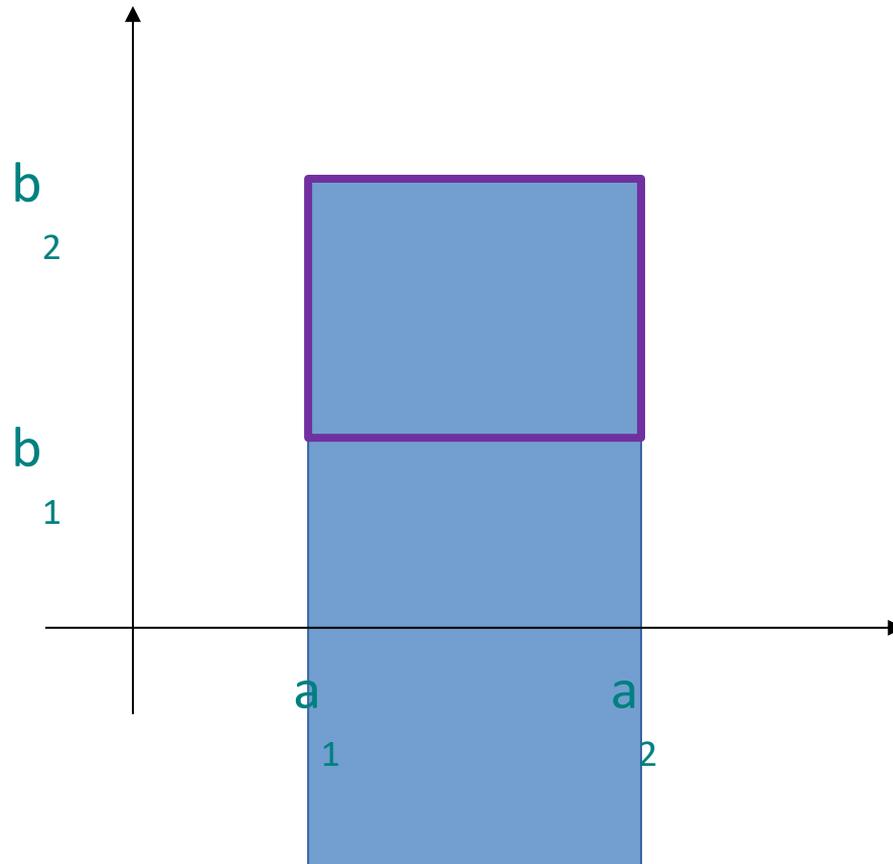
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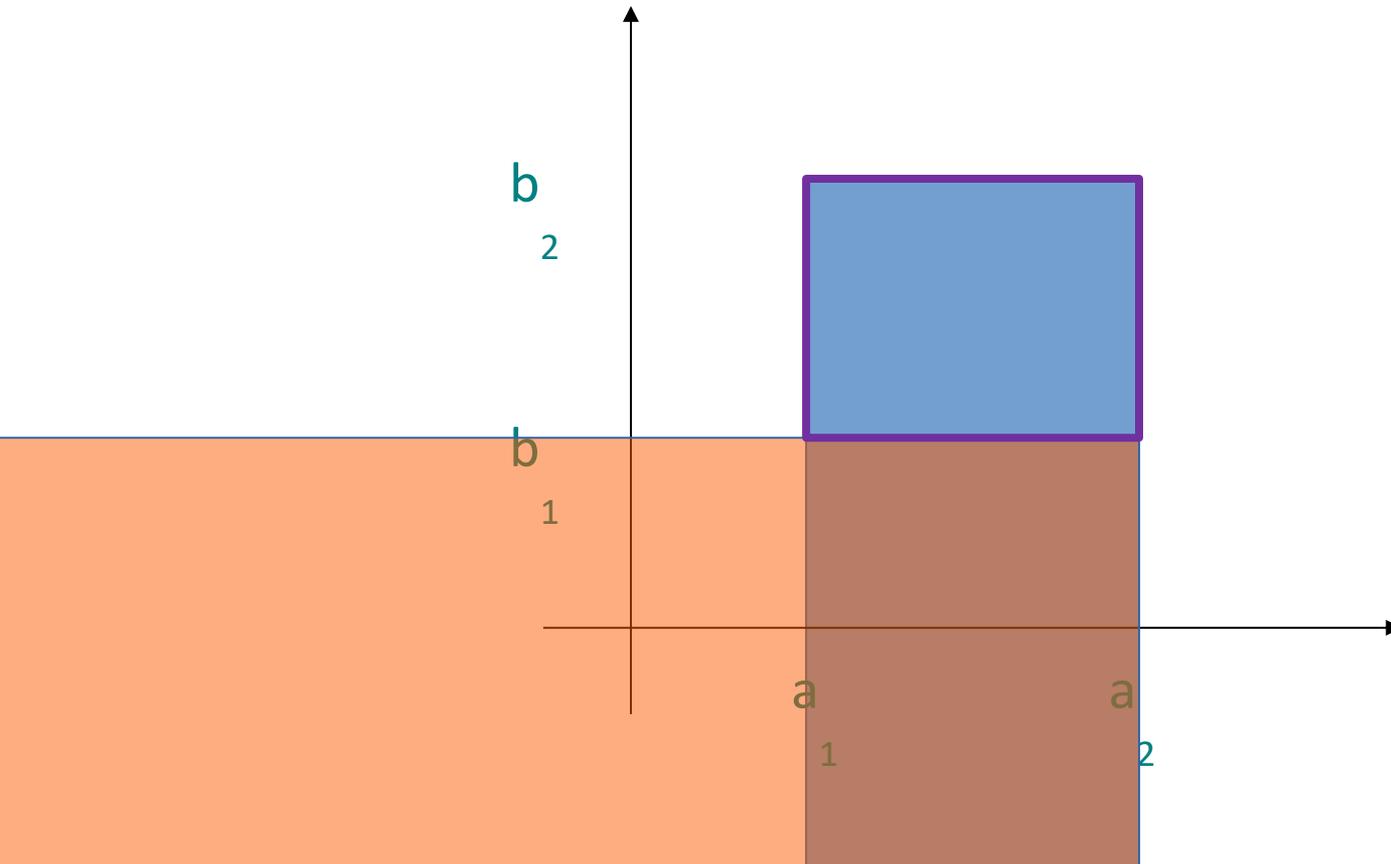


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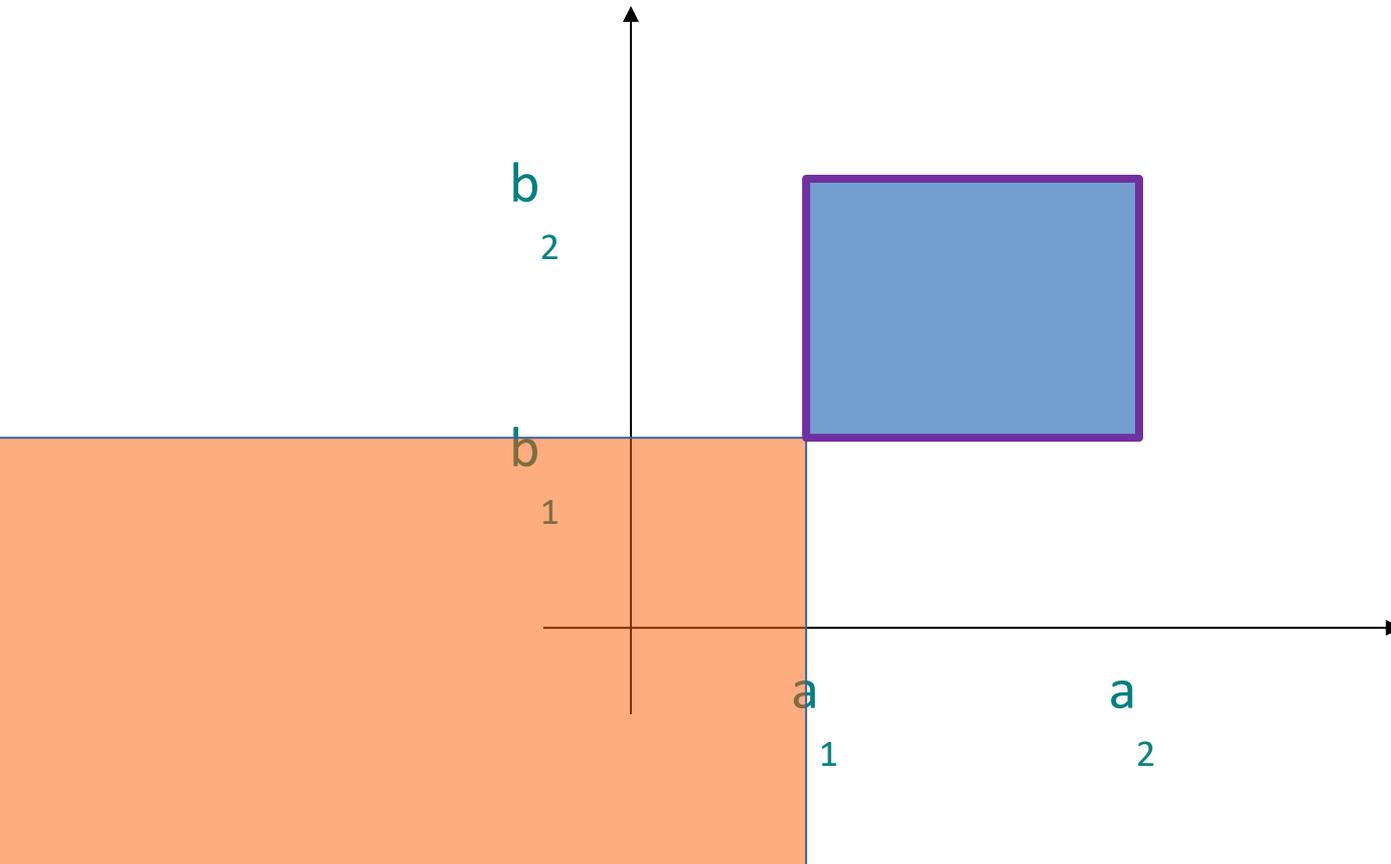


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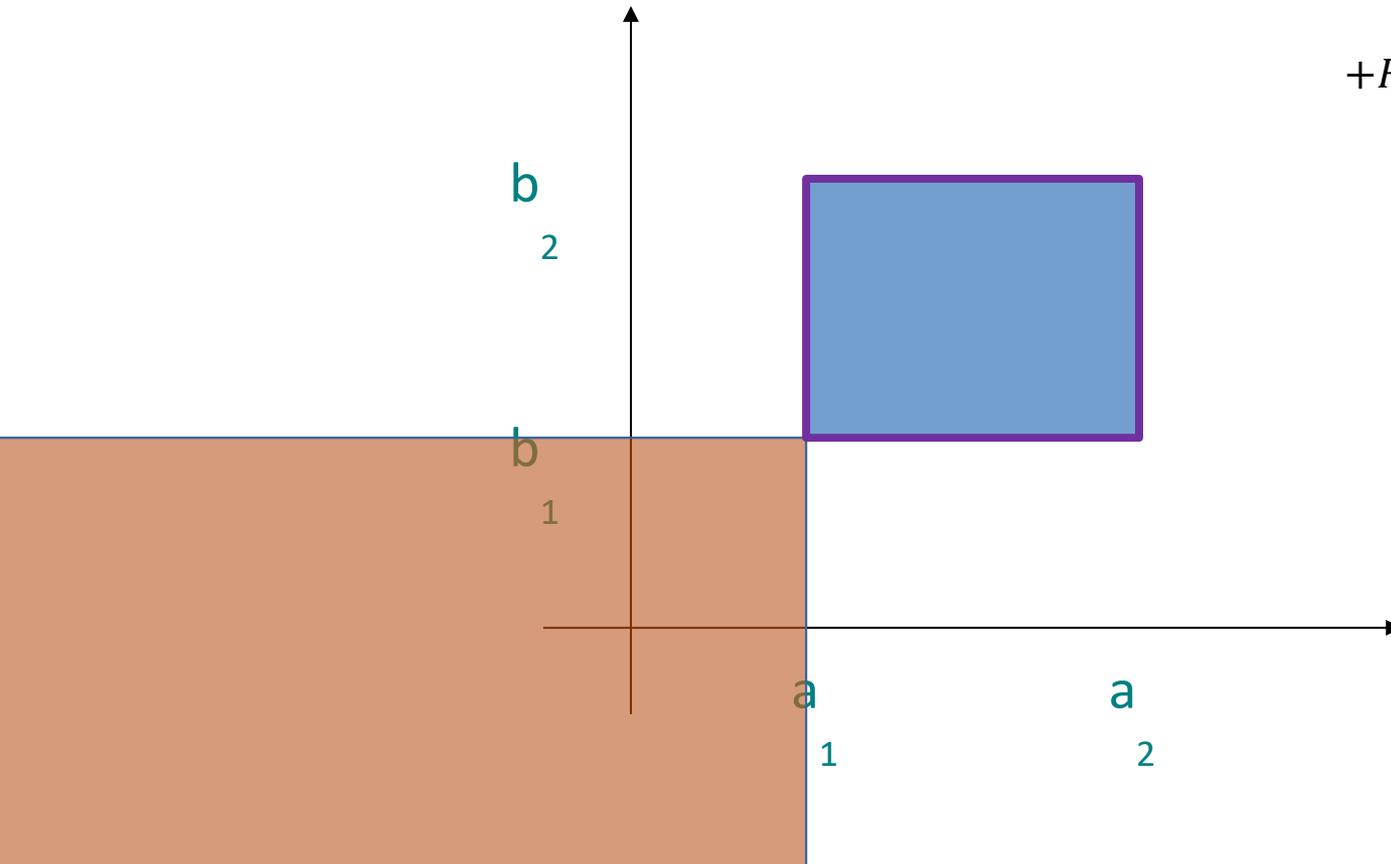
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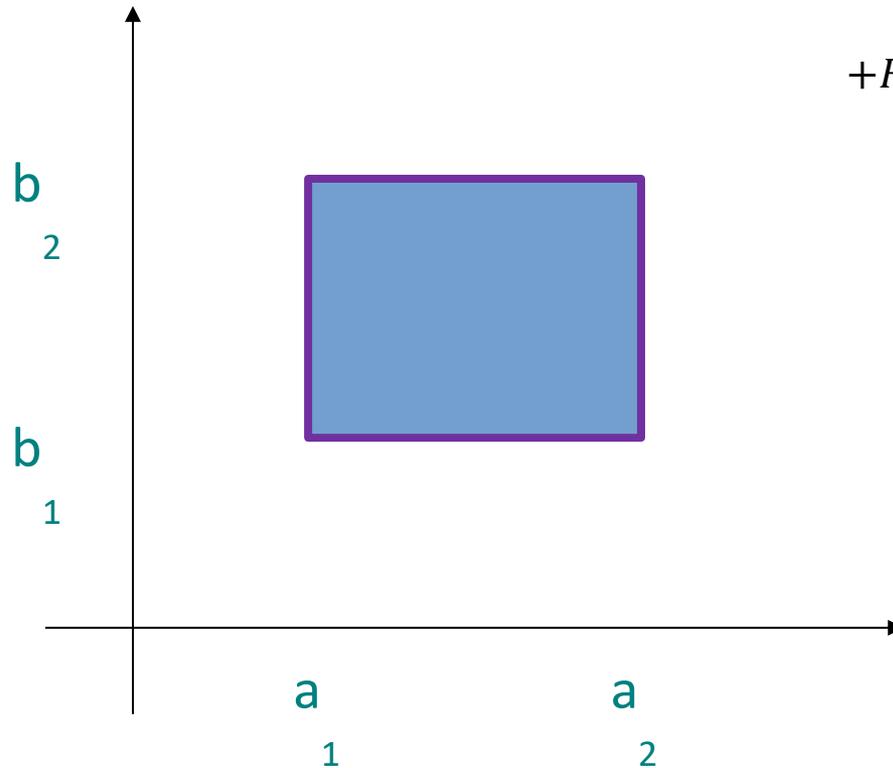
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# Probability for Instagram!

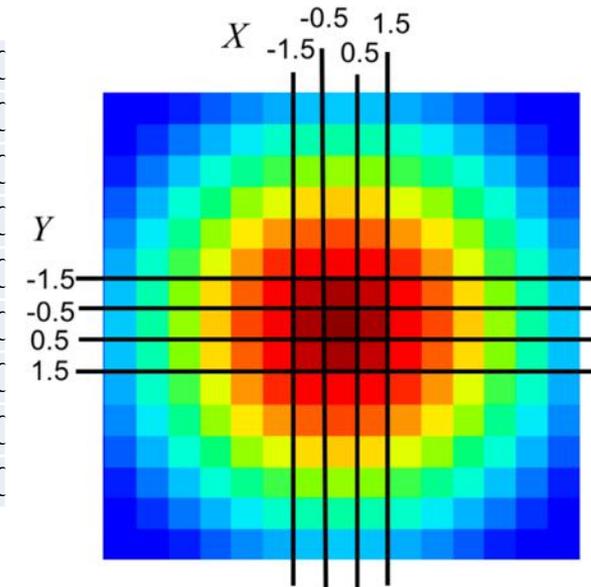


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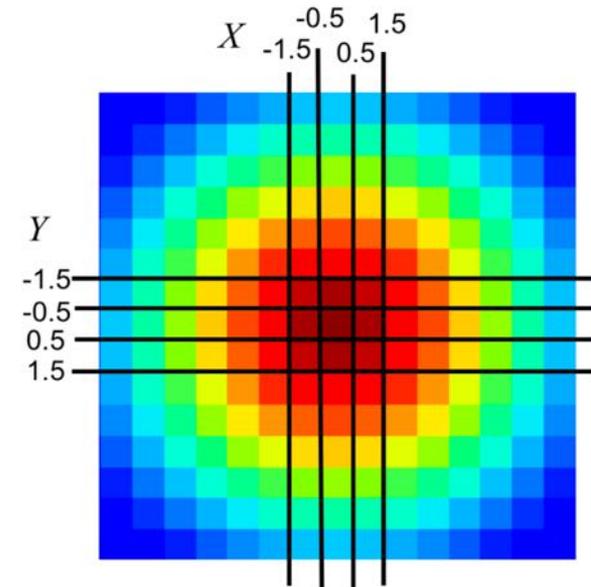
Gaussian blurring with StDev = 3, is based on a joint probability distribution:

**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**

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Used to generate this weight matrix



# Gaussian Blur

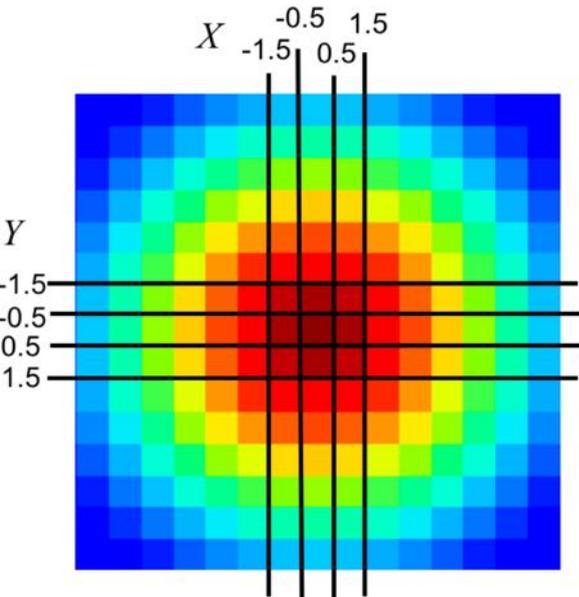
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## Weight Matrix



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

# Properties of Joint Distributions

# Boolean Operation on Variable = Event

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



$$P(X \leq 5)$$

$$P(Y = 6)$$

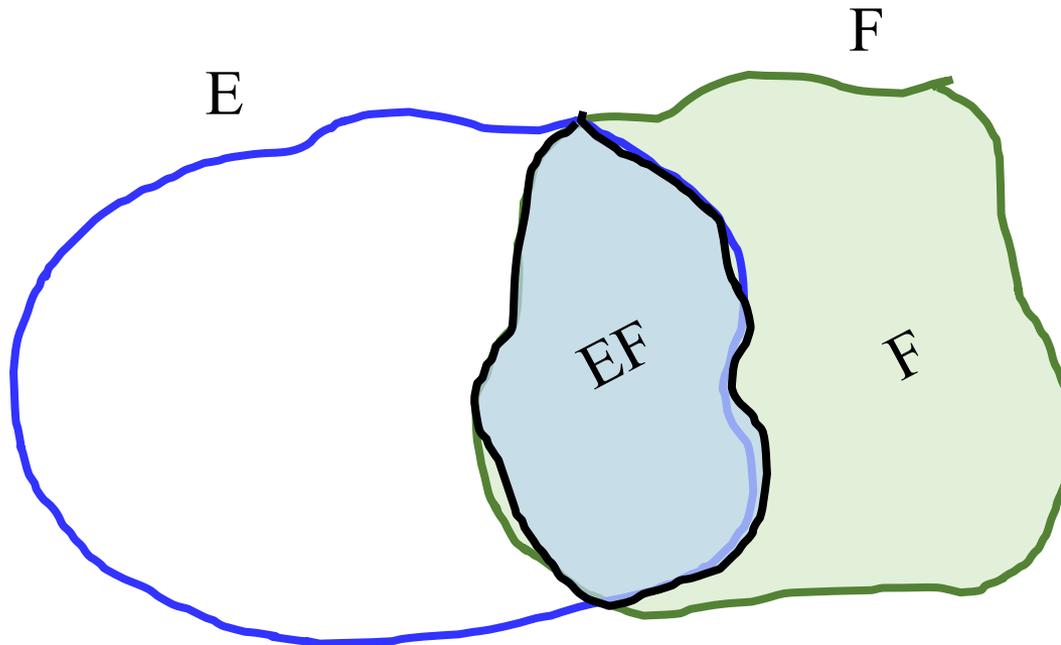
$$P(5 \leq Z \leq 10)$$

# Conditionals with multiple variables

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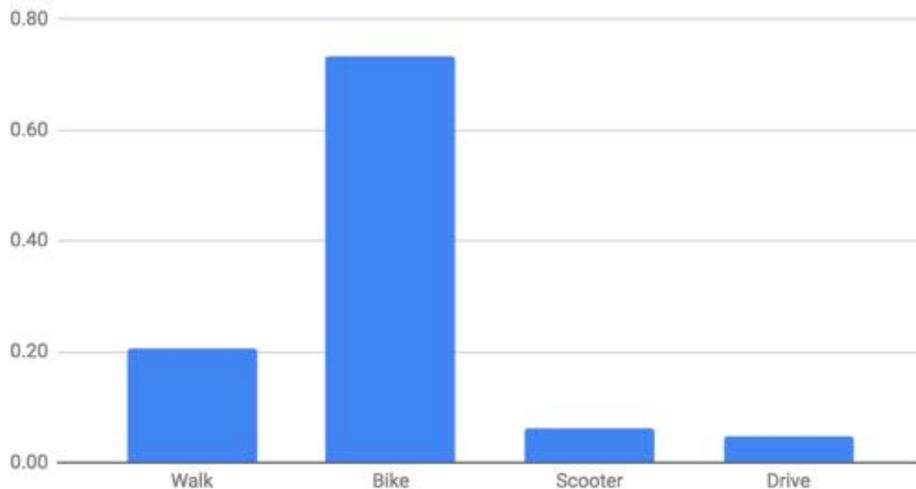
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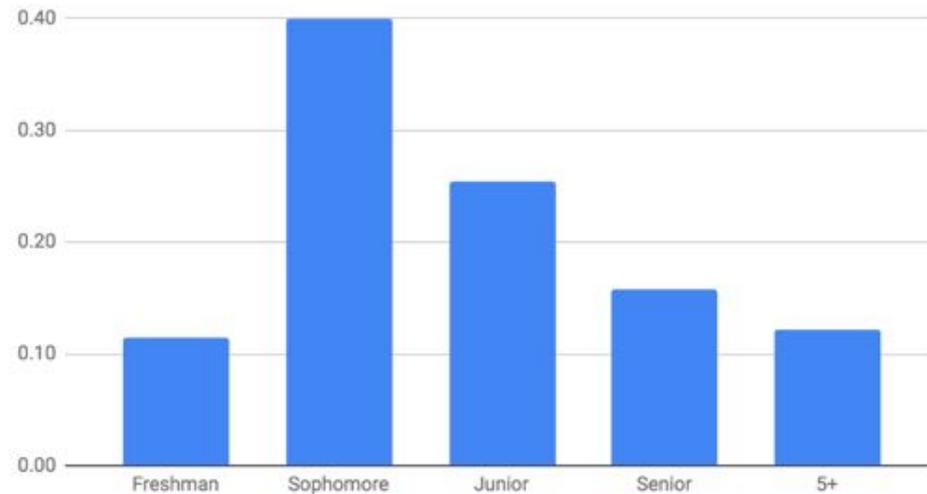
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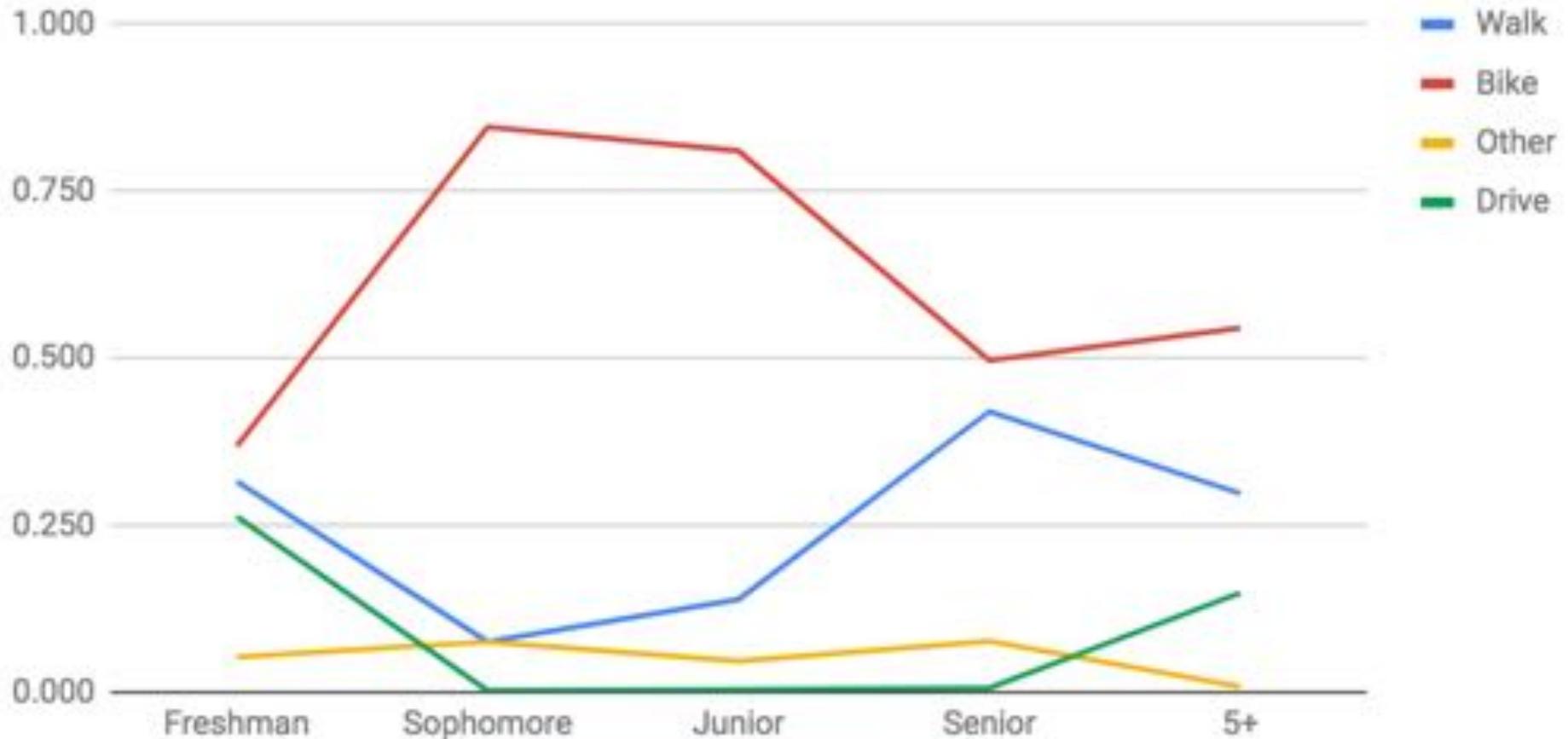


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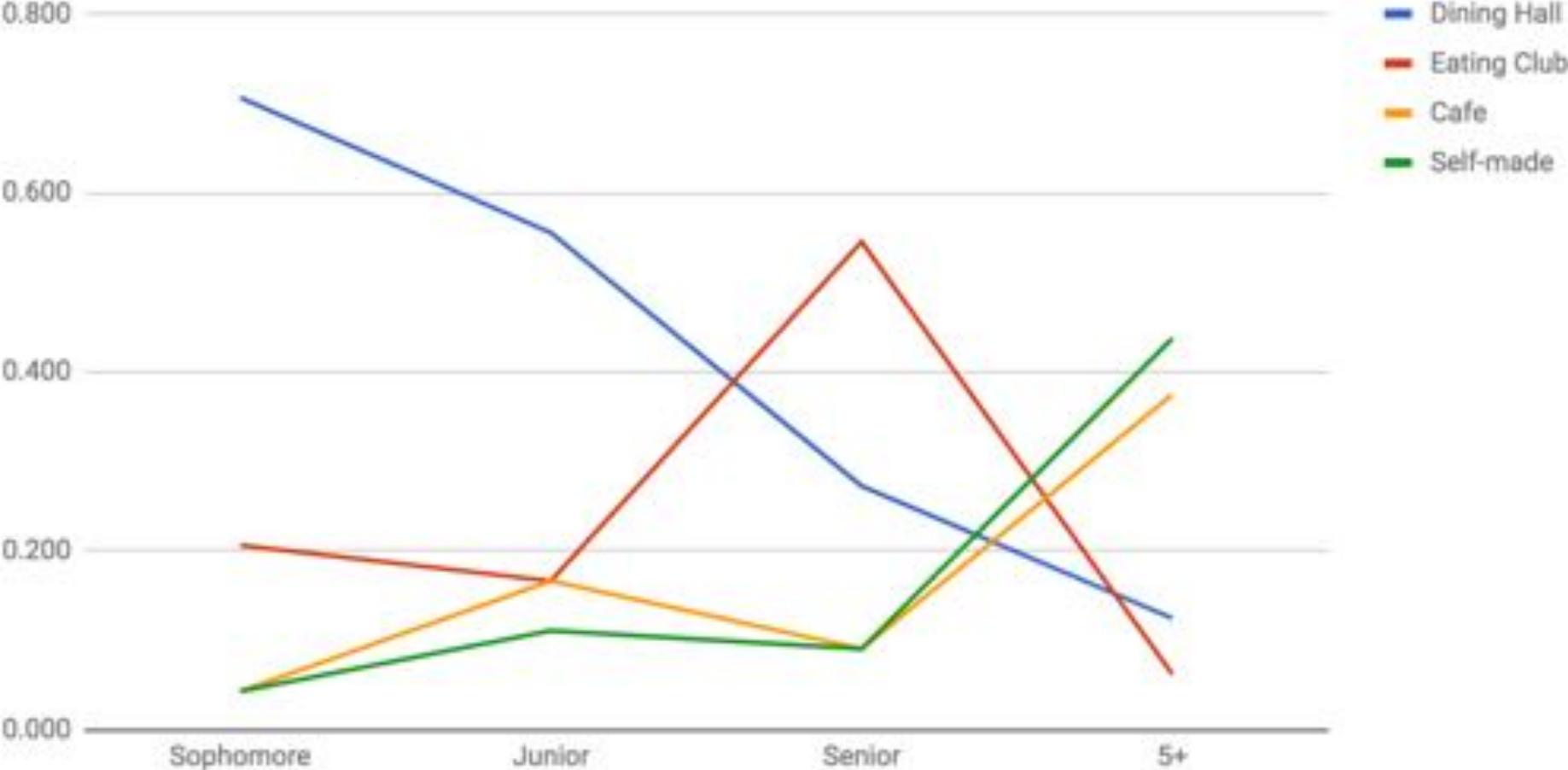
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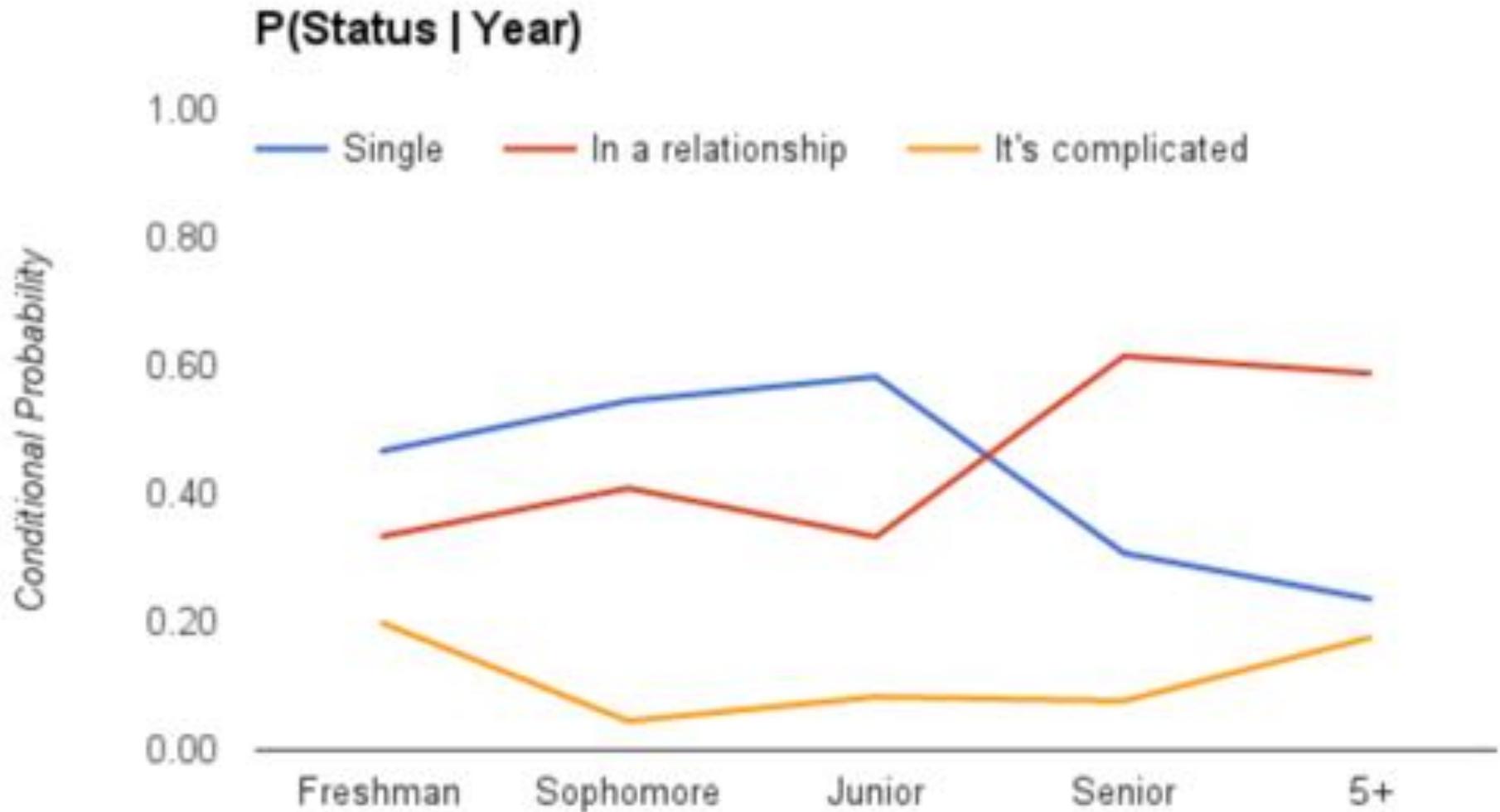
Conditional Probability Table

# Lunch | Year

Lunch Type | Year



# Relationship Status | Year



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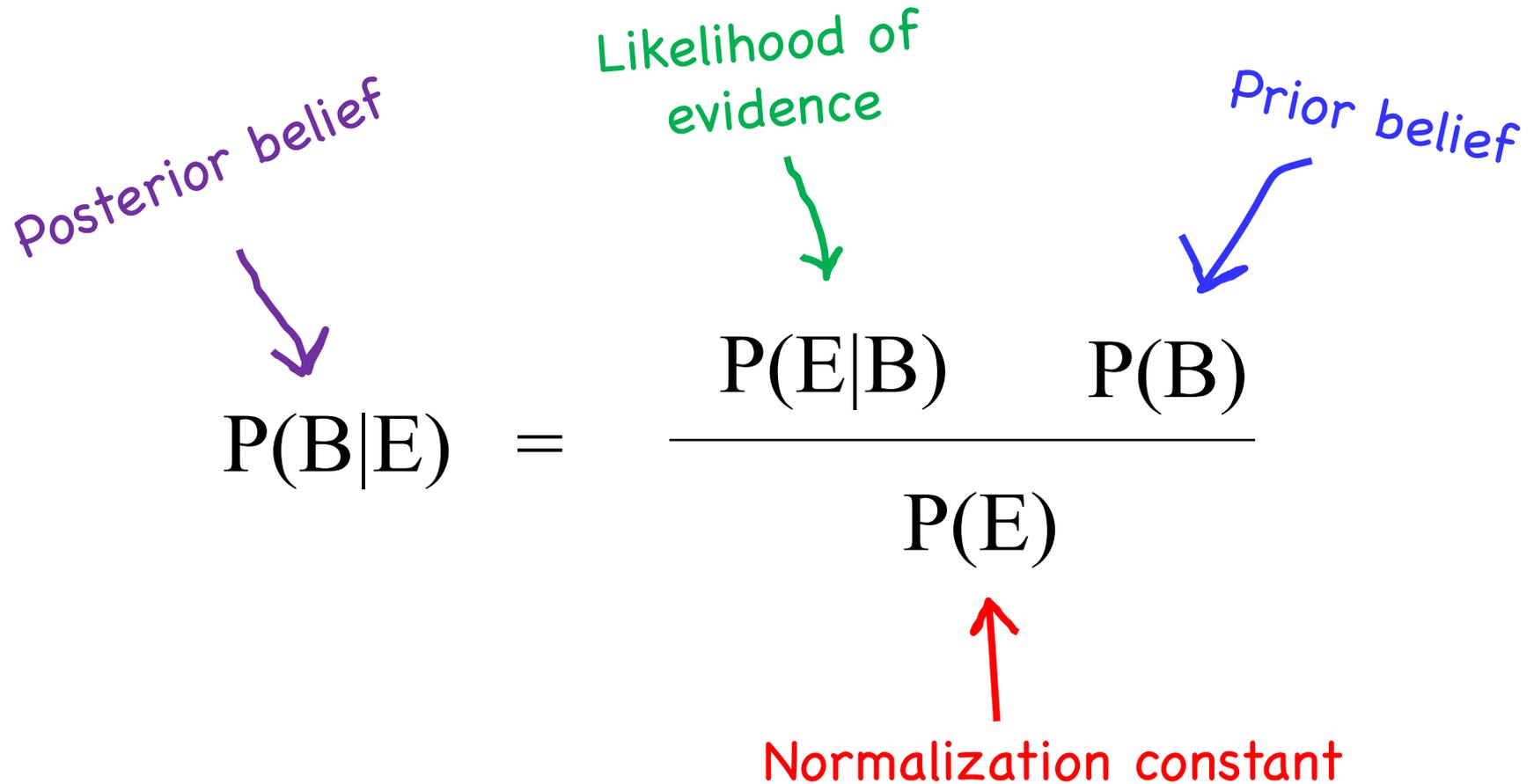
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$$f_{X|Y}(x|y) \cdot \epsilon_x = \frac{f_{X,Y}(x, y) \cdot \epsilon_x \cdot \epsilon_y}{f_Y(y) \cdot \epsilon_y}$$

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# Warmup: Bayes Revisited



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

# Mixing Discrete and Continuous

Let  $X$  be a continuous random variable

Let  $N$  be a discrete random variable

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# 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

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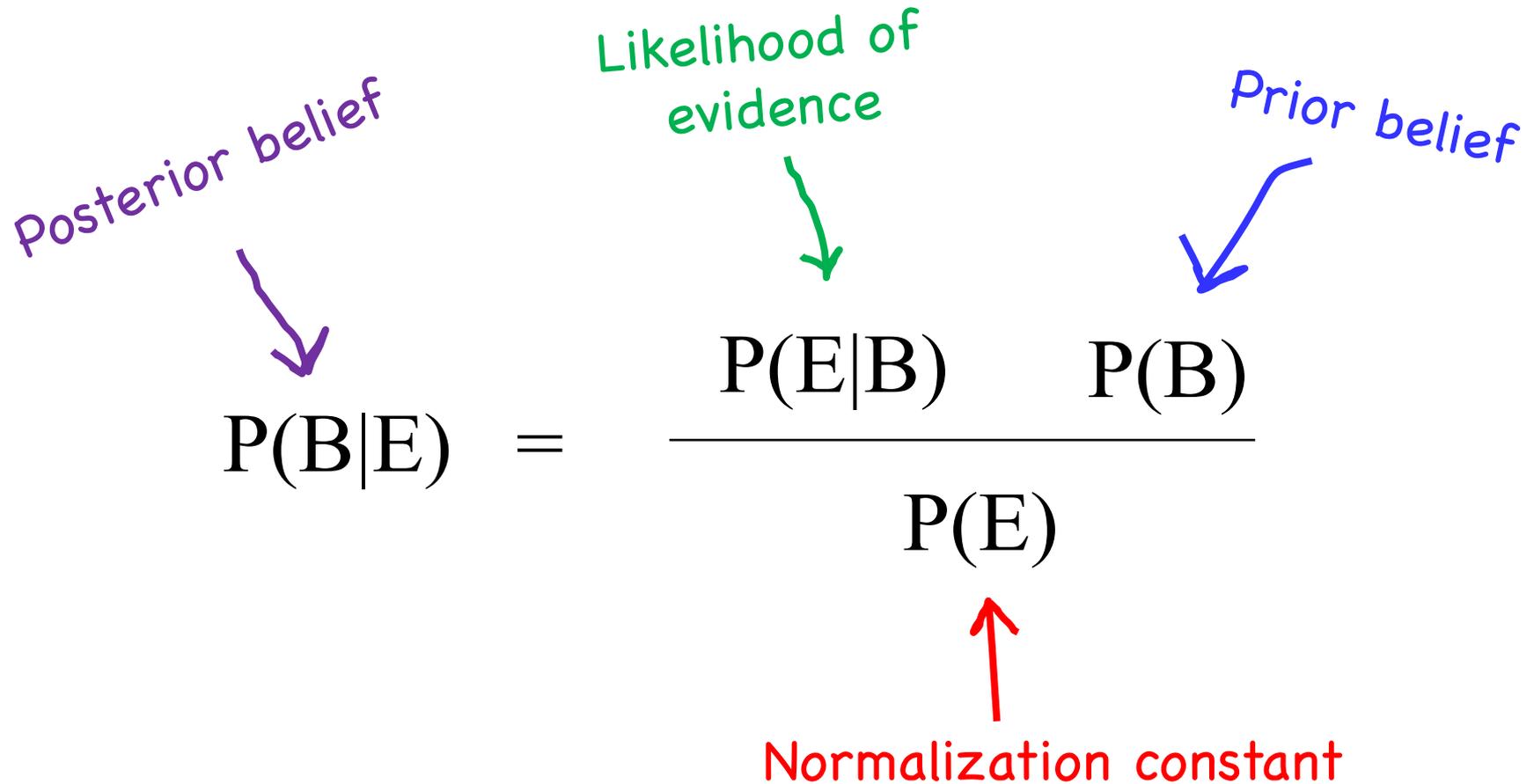
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# Warmup: Bivariate Normal

- $X, Y$  follow a symmetric bivariate normal distribution if they have joint PDF:

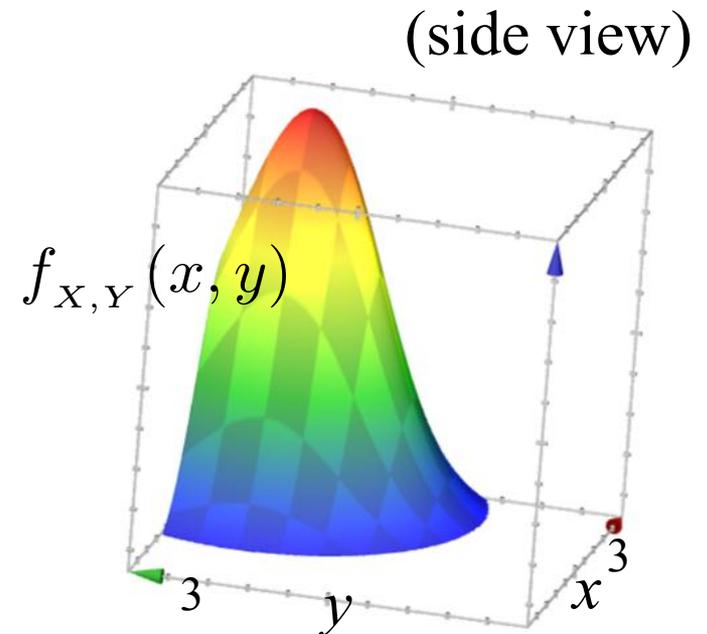
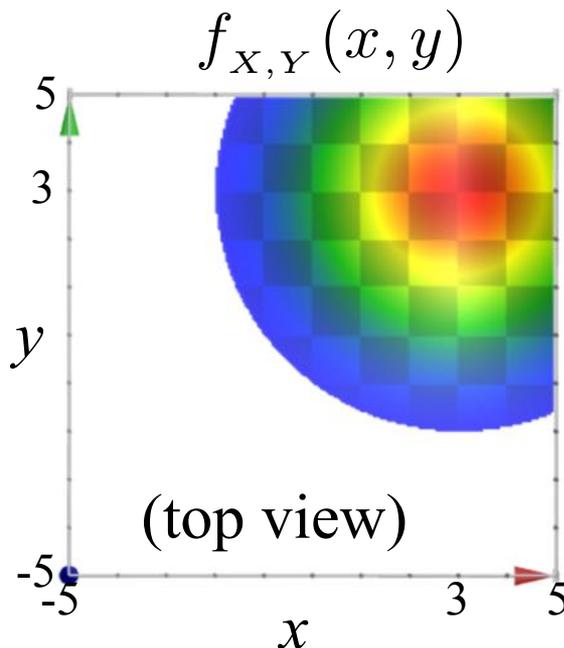
$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \cdot e^{-\frac{[(x-\mu_x)^2 + (y-\mu_y)^2]}{2\cdot\sigma^2}}$$

Here is an example where:

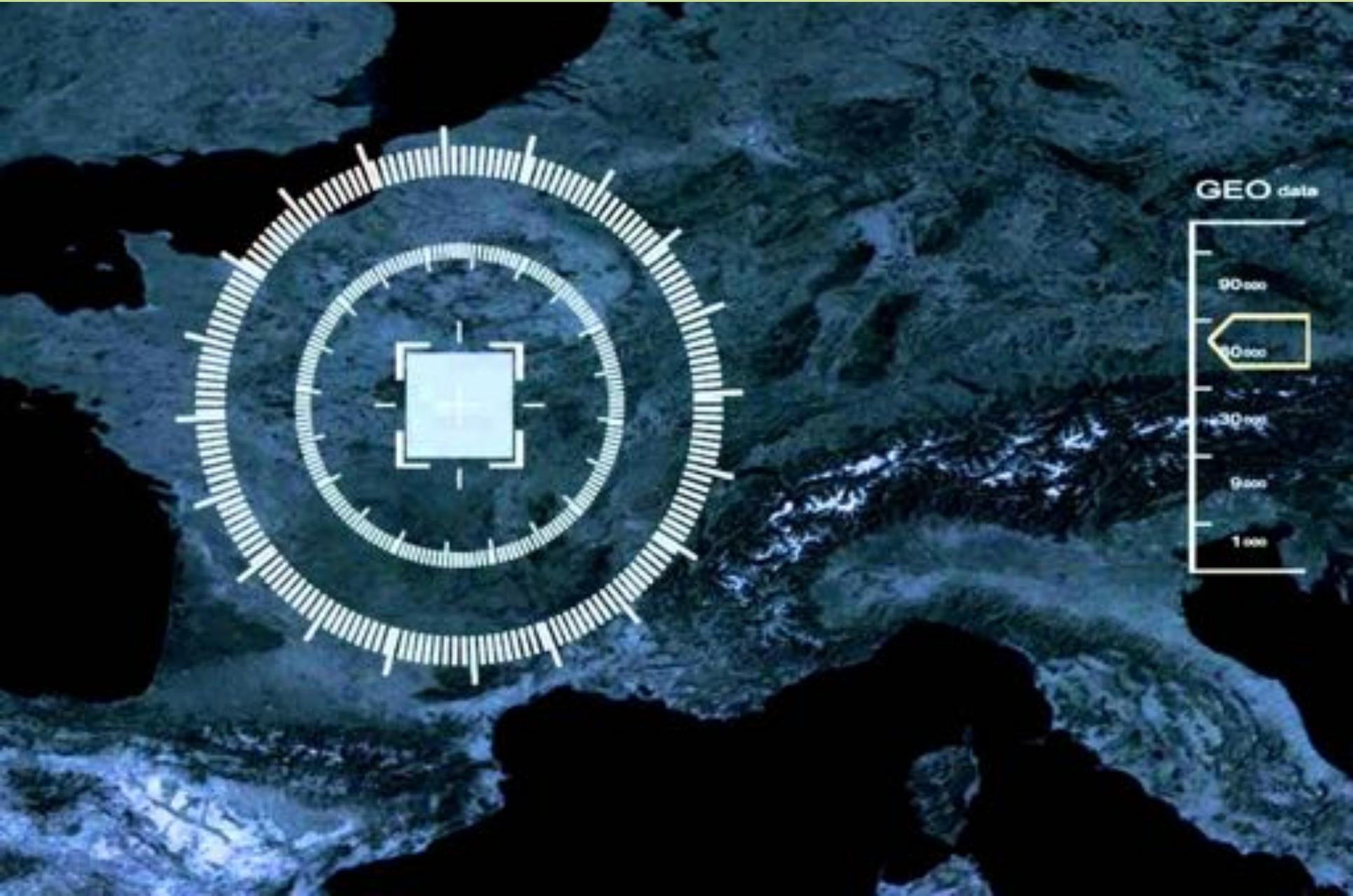
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$$\mu_y = 3$$

$$\sigma = 2$$

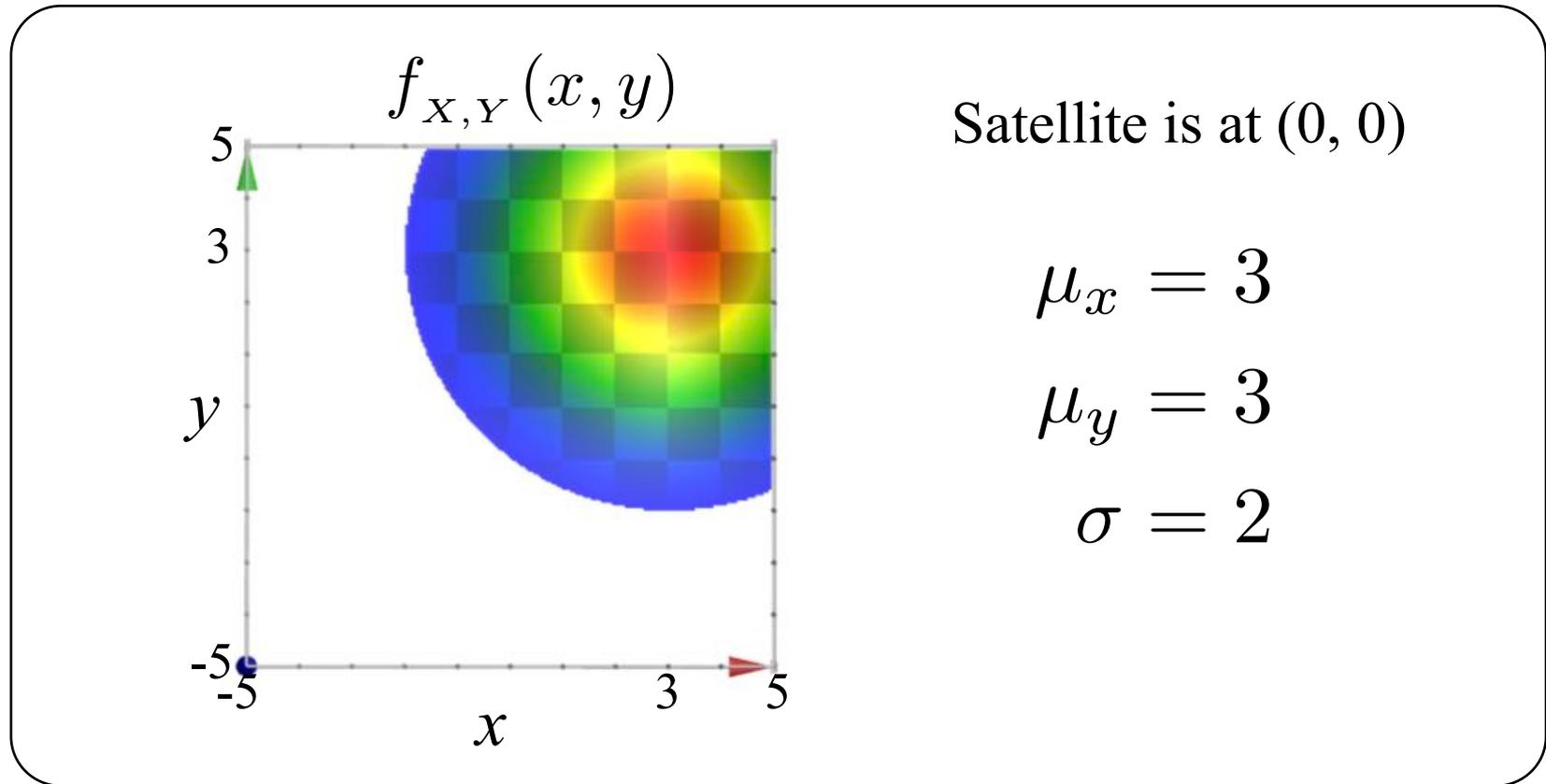


# Tracking in 2D Space?



# Tracking in 2D Space: Prior

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



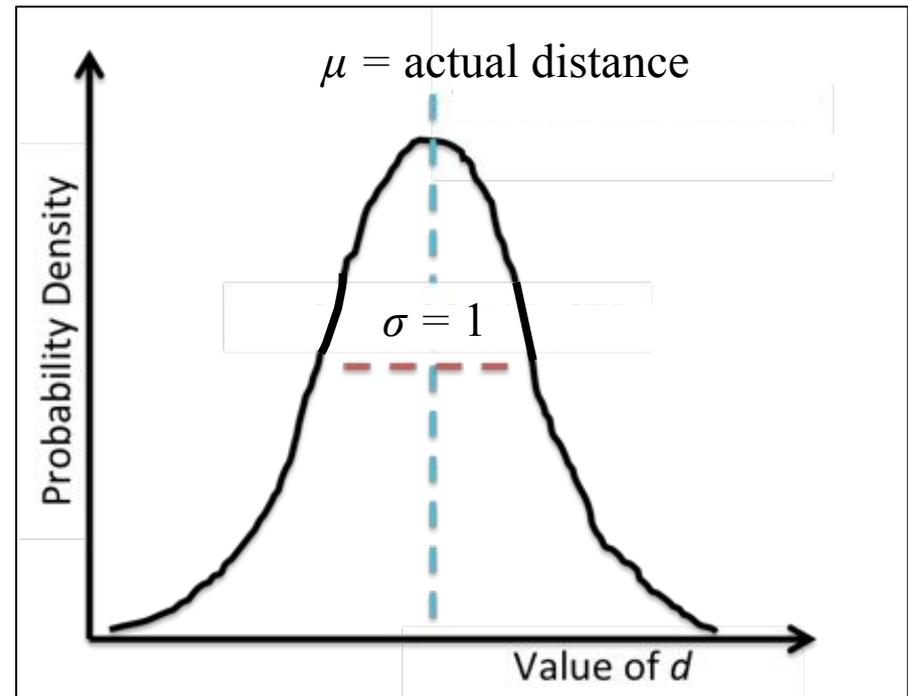
Prior belief with K:  $f_{X,Y}(x,y) = K \cdot e^{-\frac{[(x-3)^2+(y-3)^2]}{8}}$

# Tracking in 2D Space: Observation!

You now observe a noisy distance reading.  
It says that your object is distance  $D$  away

We can say how likely that reading is if we know the actual location of the object...

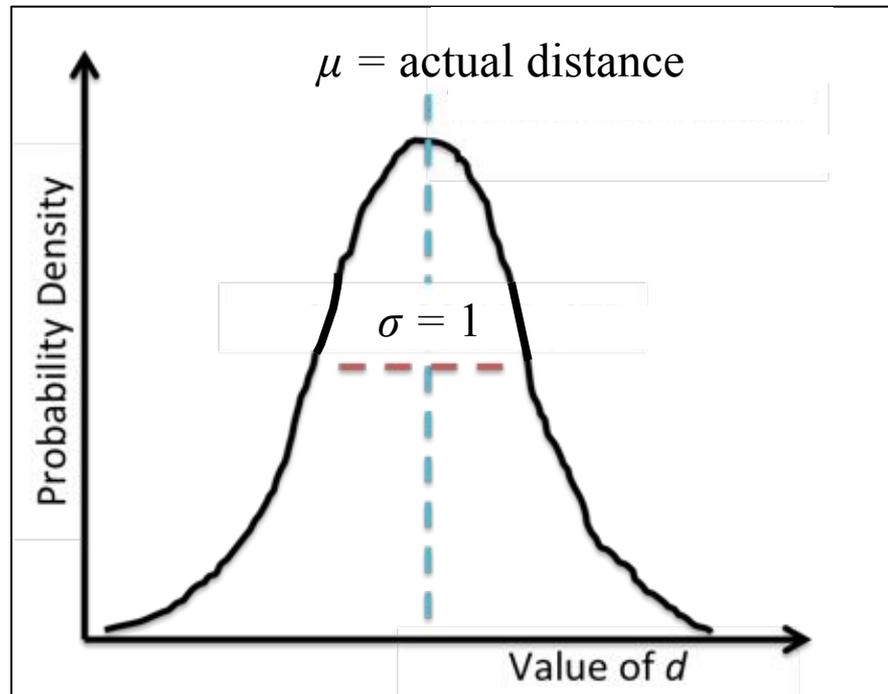
$P(D \mid X, Y)$  is knowable!



# Tracking in 2D Space: Observation!

Observe a ping of the object that is distance  $D$  away from satellite!

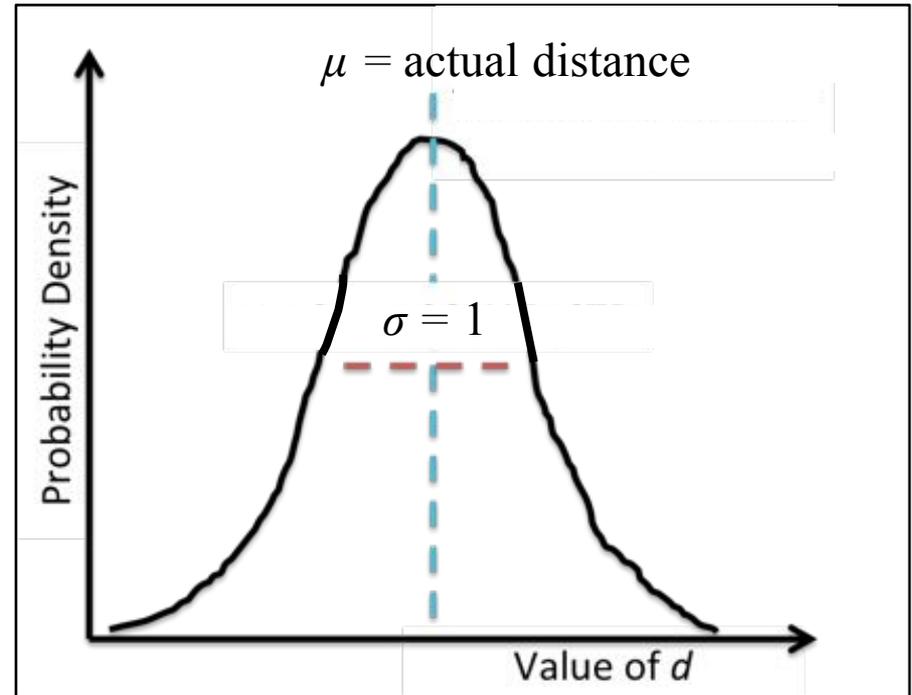
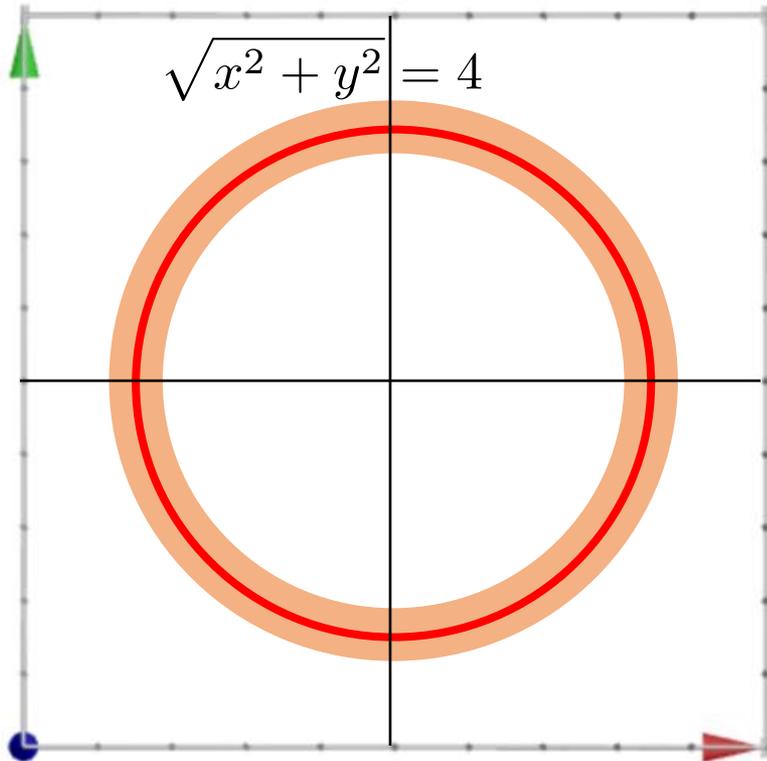
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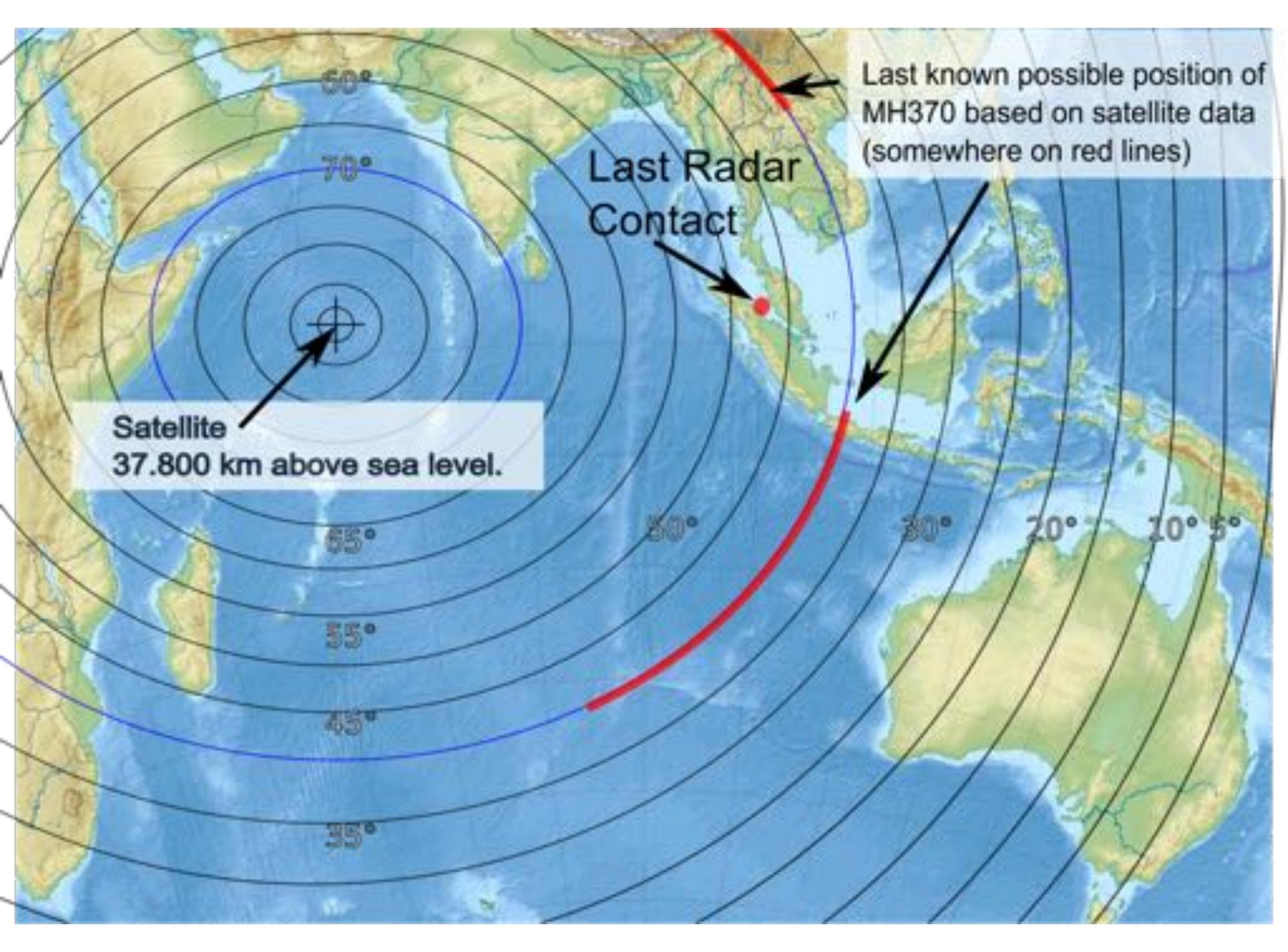
Know that the distance of a ping is normal with respect to the true distance.

# Tracking in 2D Space: Observation!

Observe a ping of the object that is distance  $D = 4$  away!



Know that the distance of a ping is normal with respect to the true distance



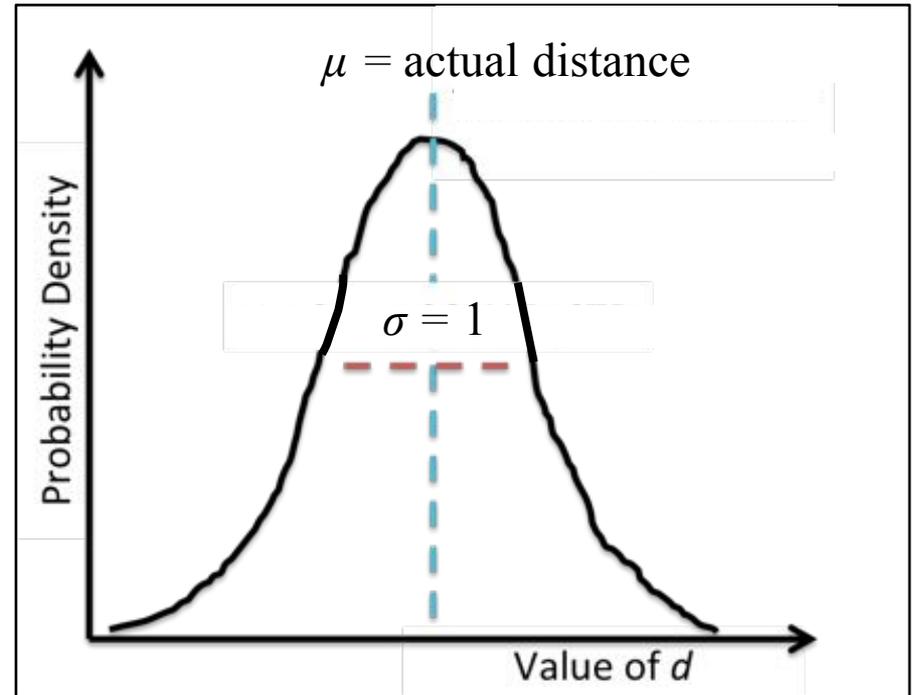
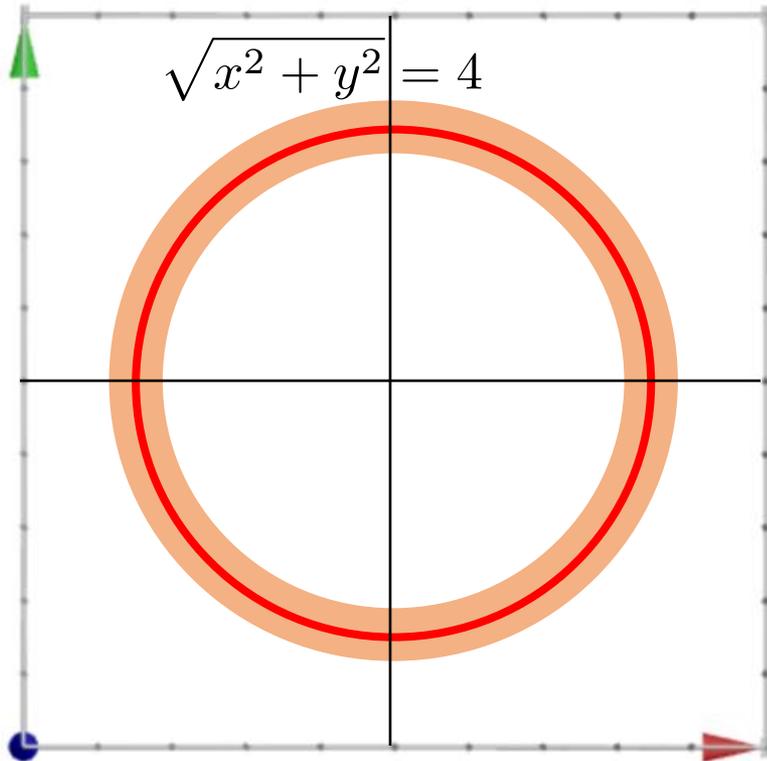
Last known possible position of MH370 based on satellite data (somewhere on red lines)

Last Radar Contact

Satellite 37.800 km above sea level.

# Tracking in 2D Space: Observation!

Observe a ping of the object that is distance  $D = 4$  away!



Know that the distance of a ping is normal with respect to the true distance

# Tracking in 2D Space: Observation!

Observe a ping of the object that is distance  $D = 4$  away from satellite!

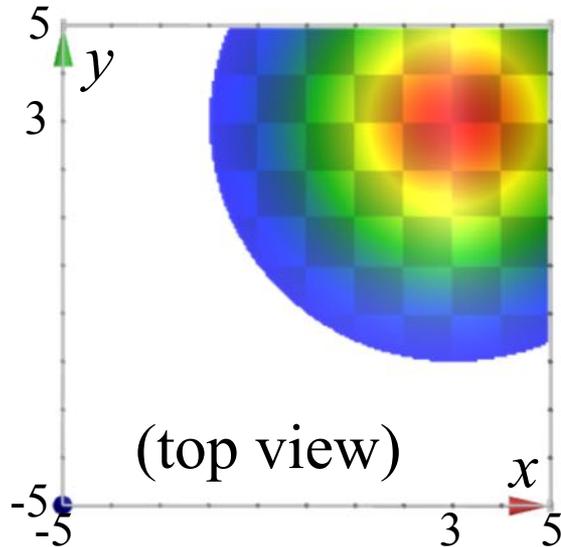
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$$\begin{aligned} f(D = d|X = x, Y = y) &= \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(d-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(d-\mu)^2}{2}} \\ &= K_2 \cdot e^{-\frac{(d-\mu)^2}{2}} \\ &= K_2 \cdot e^{-\frac{(d-\sqrt{x^2+y^2})^2}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

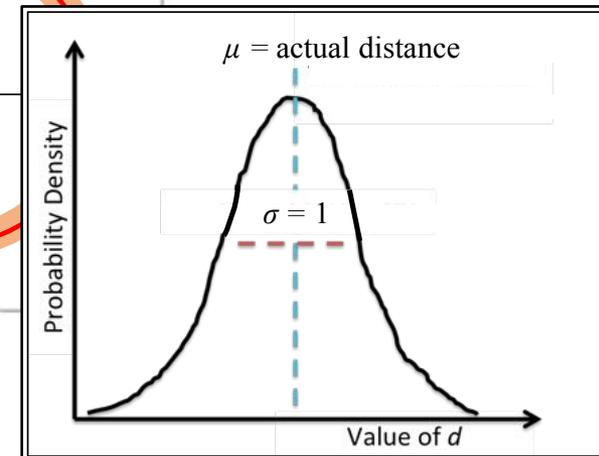
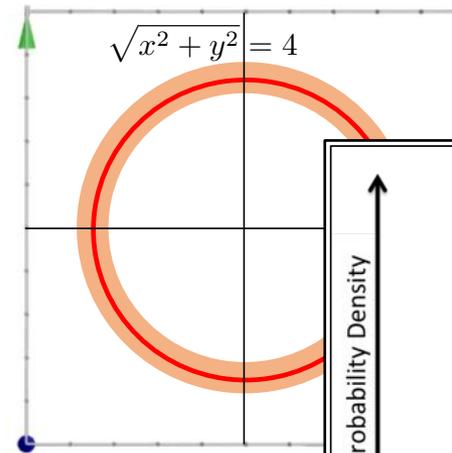
# Tracking in 2D Space: New Belief

$$f(X = x, Y = y) = K_1 \cdot e^{-\frac{[(x-3)^2 + (y-3)^2]}{8}}$$



Prior

Observation



$$f(D = d | X = x, Y = y) = K_2 \cdot e^{-\frac{[d - \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}]^2}{2}}$$

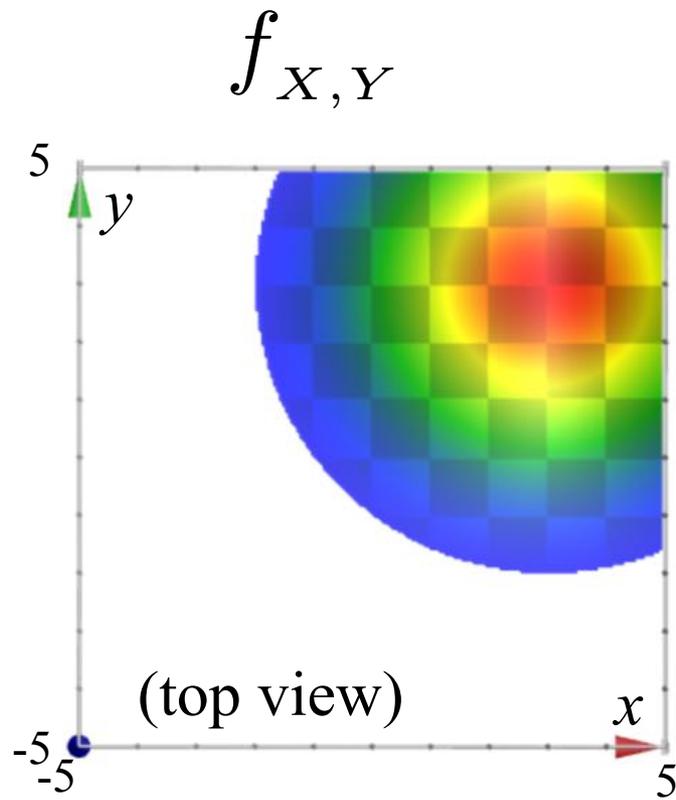
What is your *new* belief for the location of the object being tracked?  
Your joint probability density function can be expressed with a constant

# Tracking in 2D Space: New Belief

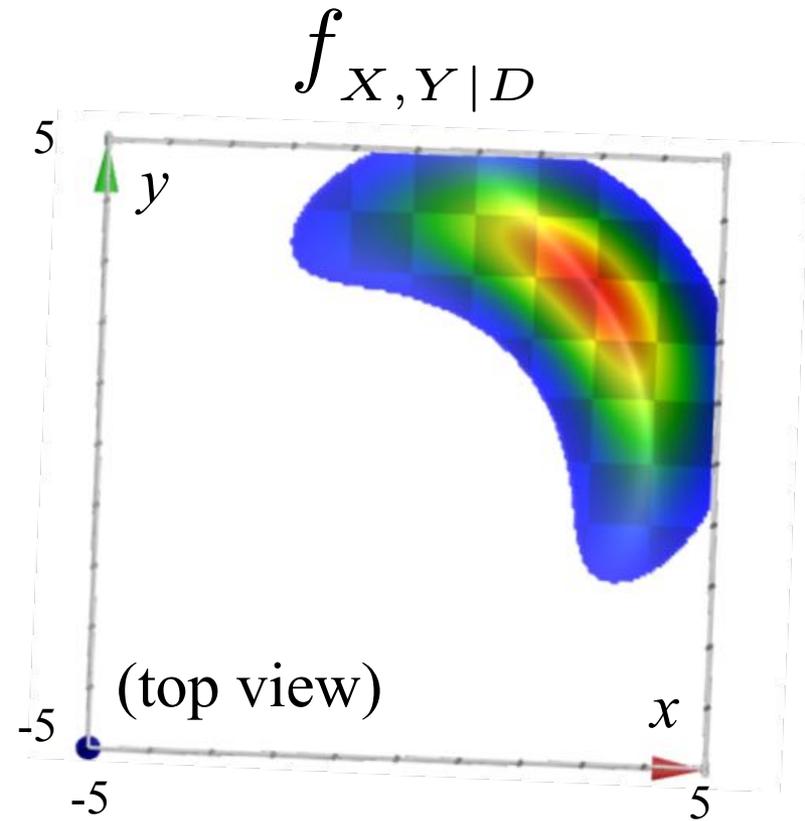
$$\begin{aligned} f(X = x, Y = y | D = 4) &= \frac{f(D = 4 | X = x, Y = y) \cdot f(X = x, Y = y)}{f(D = 4)} \\ &= \frac{K_1 \cdot e^{-\frac{[4 - \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}]^2}{2}} \cdot K_2 \cdot e^{-\frac{[(x-3)^2 + (y-3)^2]}{8}}}{f(D = 4)} \\ &= \frac{K_3 \cdot e^{-\left[\frac{[4 - \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}]^2}{2} + \frac{[(x-3)^2 + (y-3)^2]}{8}\right]}}{f(D = 4)} \\ &= K_4 \cdot e^{-\left[\frac{(4 - \sqrt{x^2 + y^2})^2}{2} + \frac{(x-3)^2 + (y-3)^2}{8}\right]} \end{aligned}$$

For your notes...

# Tracking in 2D Space: Posterior

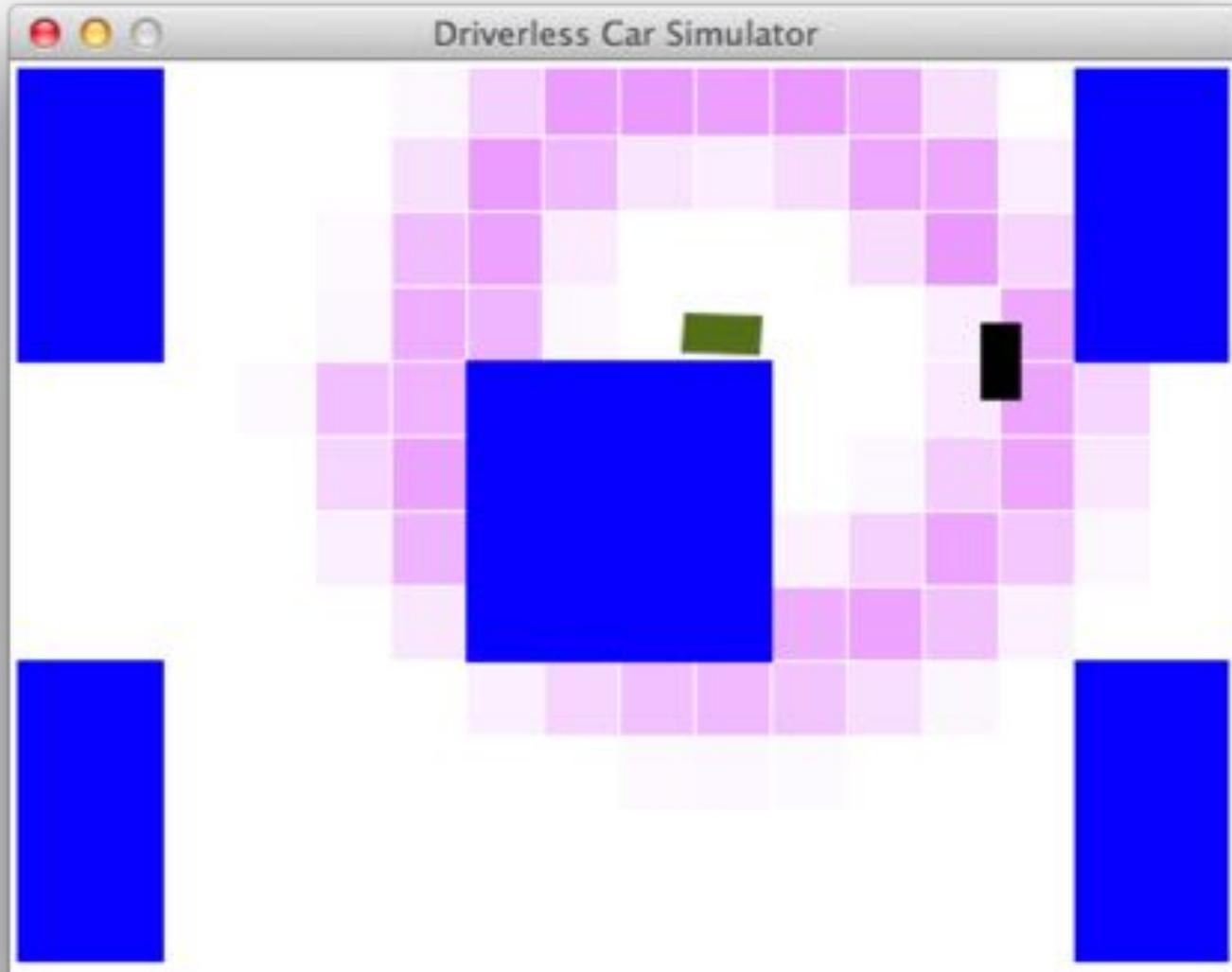


Prior



Posterior

# Tracking in 2D Space: CS221



# Independence and Random Variables