



# Conditional Joint Distributions

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# Announcements

## Midterm:

- Recorded review session on Monday 3:30-4:20 in Skilling (here). Please let me know what you want to see!
- Some practice problems use today's material, but you don't need to know it.
- Keep posting on Piazza!

## PS4:

- You will have tools to solve almost all of it on Monday, rest on Wednesday.

Review

# 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  $\sum_{i=1}^m p_i = 1$
- $X_i =$  number of trials with outcome  $i$

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

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

# 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.



# Look Before You Leap

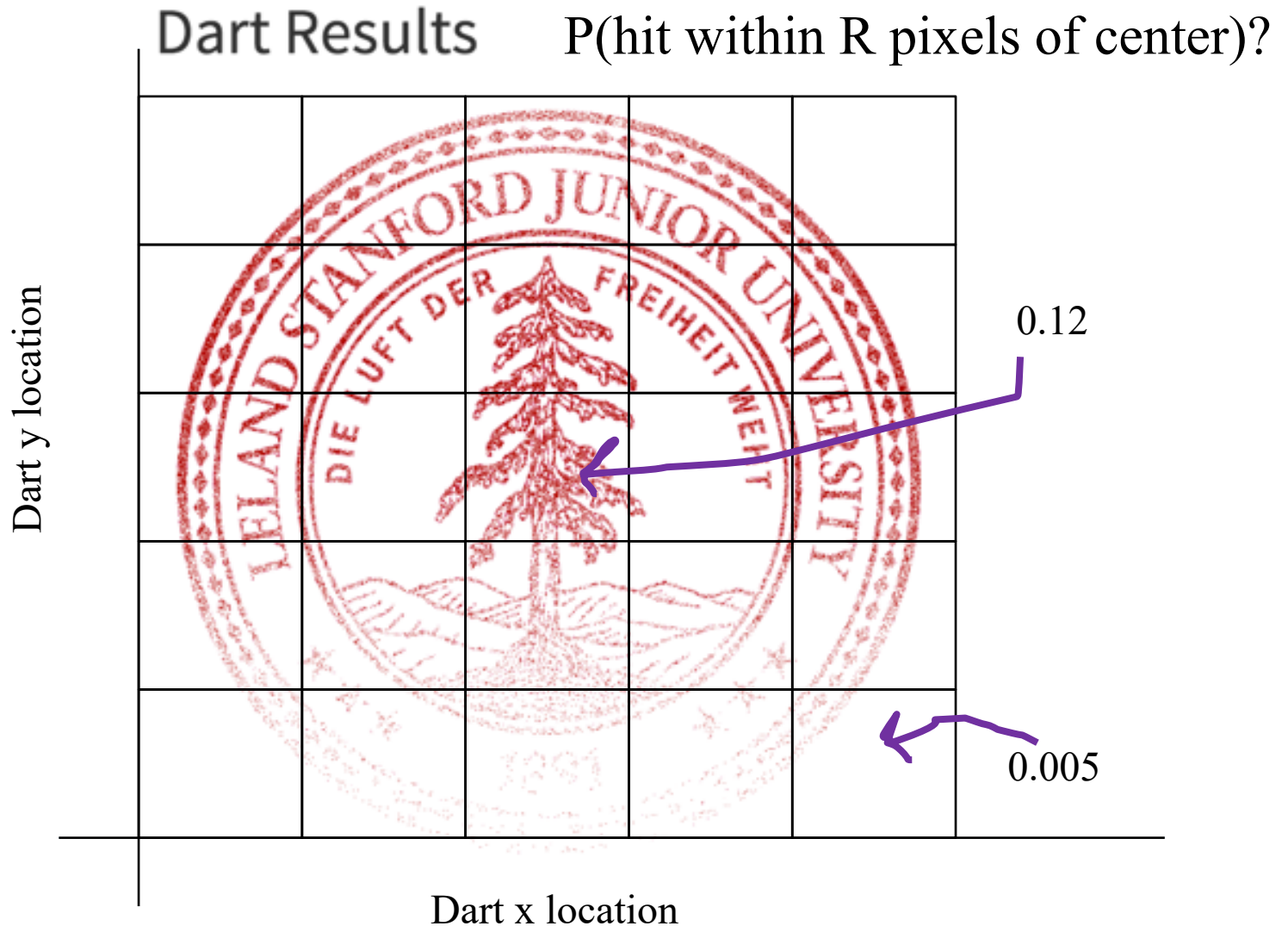
$$\begin{aligned}\frac{P(H|W)}{P(M|W)} &= \frac{P(W|H)P(H)/P(W)}{P(W|M)P(M)/P(W)} \\ &= \frac{P(W|H)}{P(W|M)} \\ &= \frac{\binom{n}{c_1, \dots, c_k} \prod_i h_i^{c_i}}{\binom{n}{c_1, \dots, c_k} \prod_i m_i^{c_i}} \\ &= \frac{\prod_i h_i^{c_i}}{\prod_i m_i^{c_i}} \\ &= \exp\left(\sum_i c_i \log(h_i) - \sum_i c_i \log(m_i)\right)\end{aligned}$$

# Continuous Random Variables

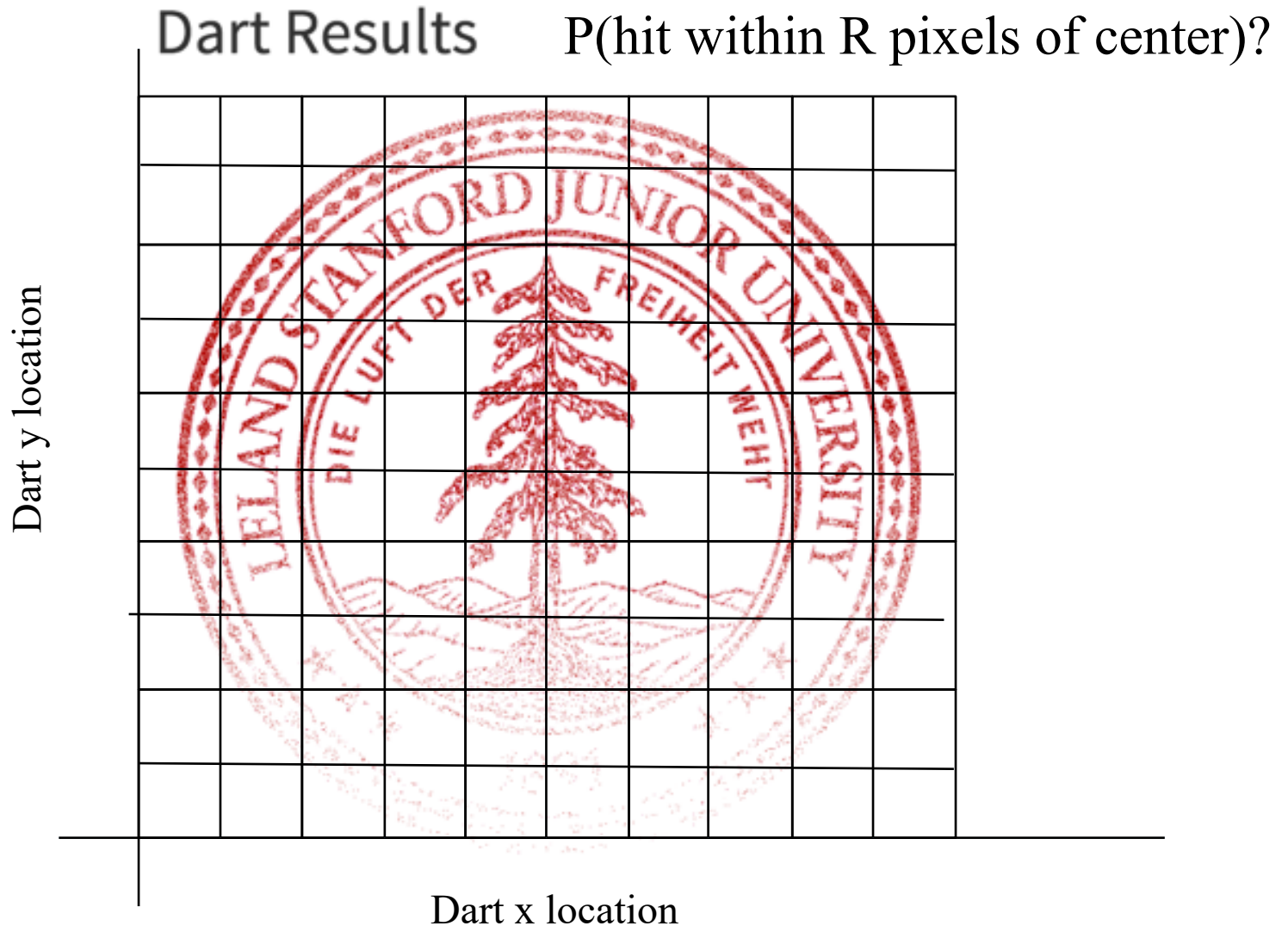


Joint Distributions

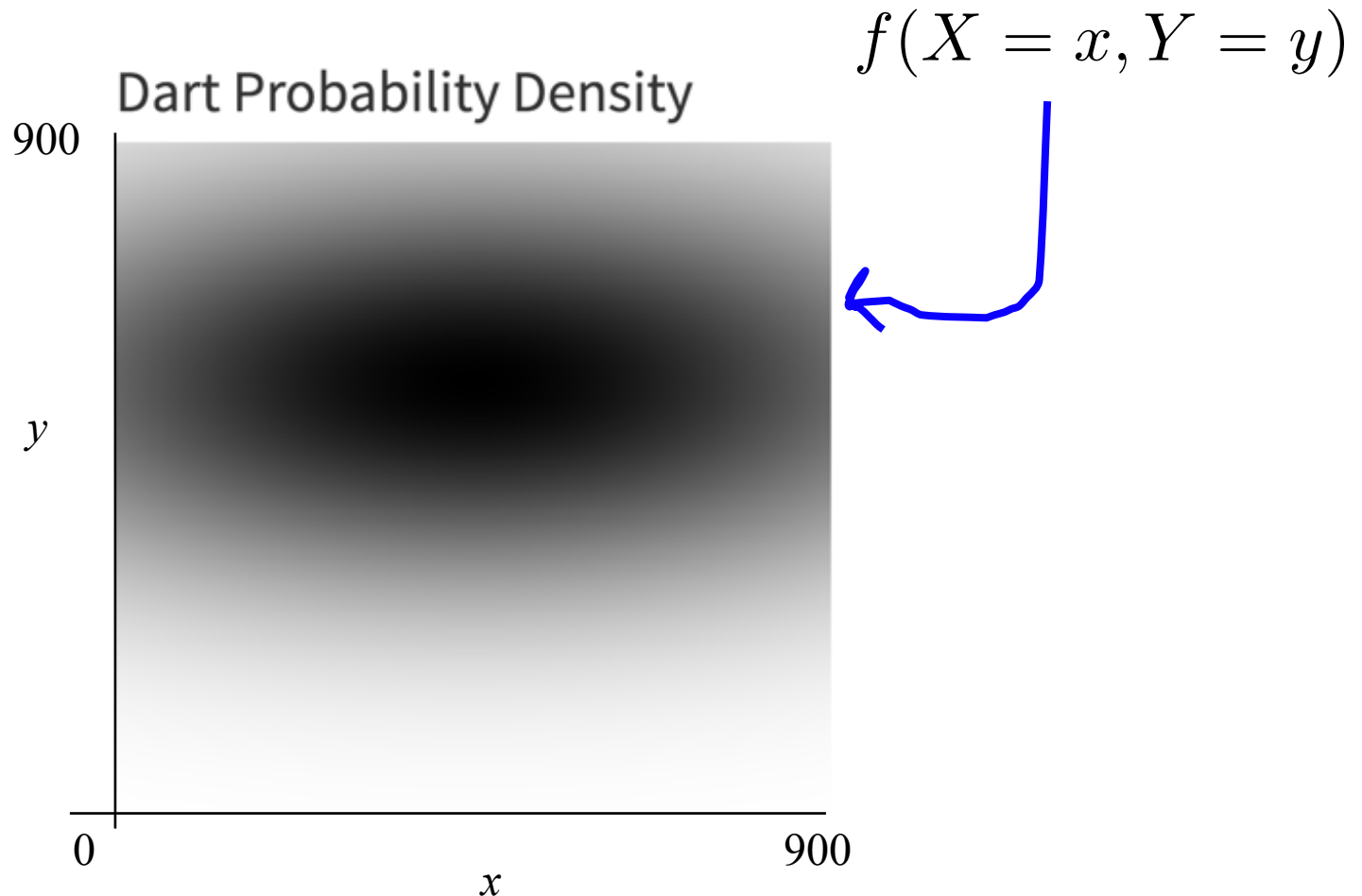
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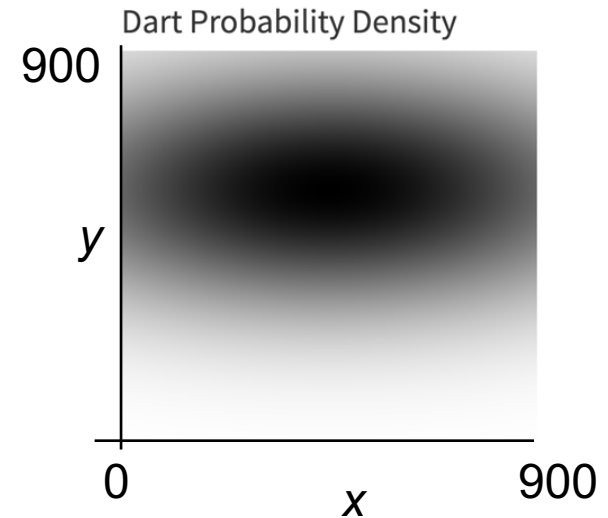
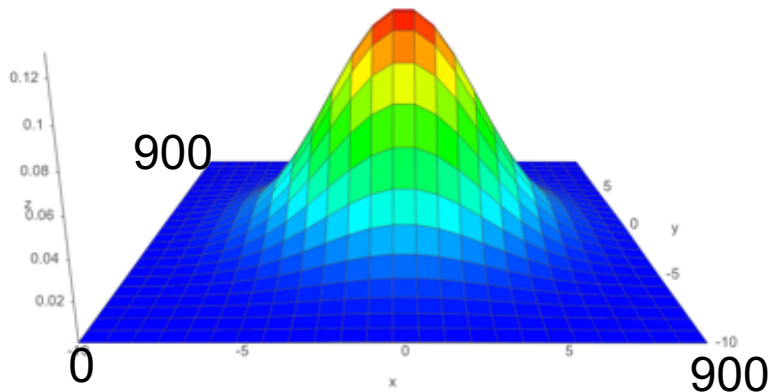


In the limit, as you break down continuous values into infinitesimally small buckets, you end up with multidimensional probability density

# Joint Probability Density Function



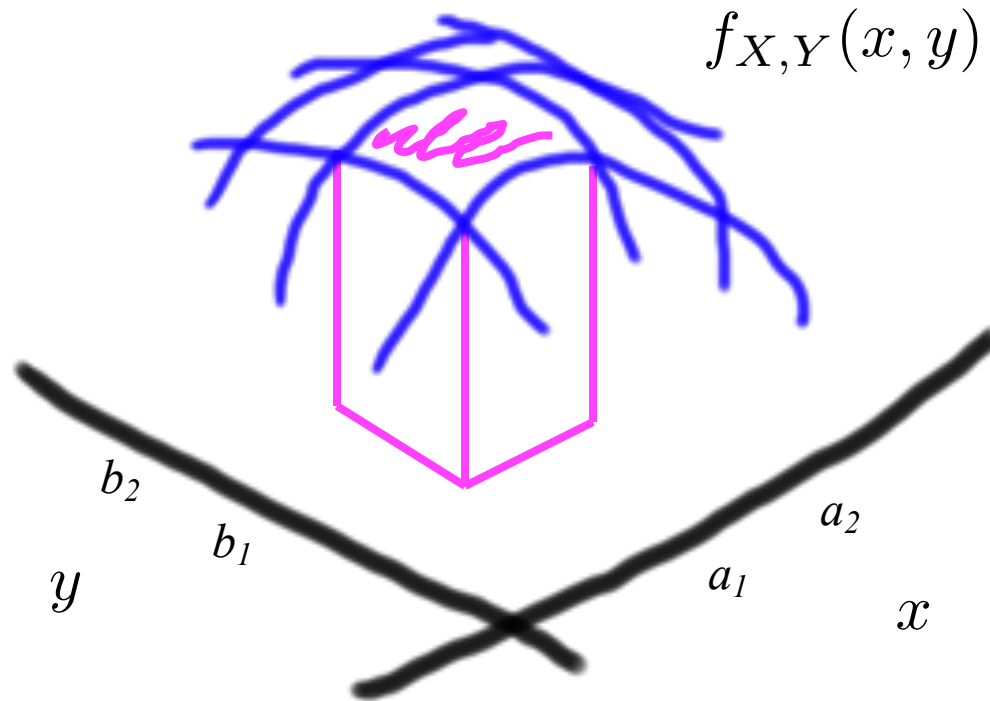
A **joint probability density function** gives the relative likelihood of **more than one** continuous random variable **each** taking on a specific value.



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

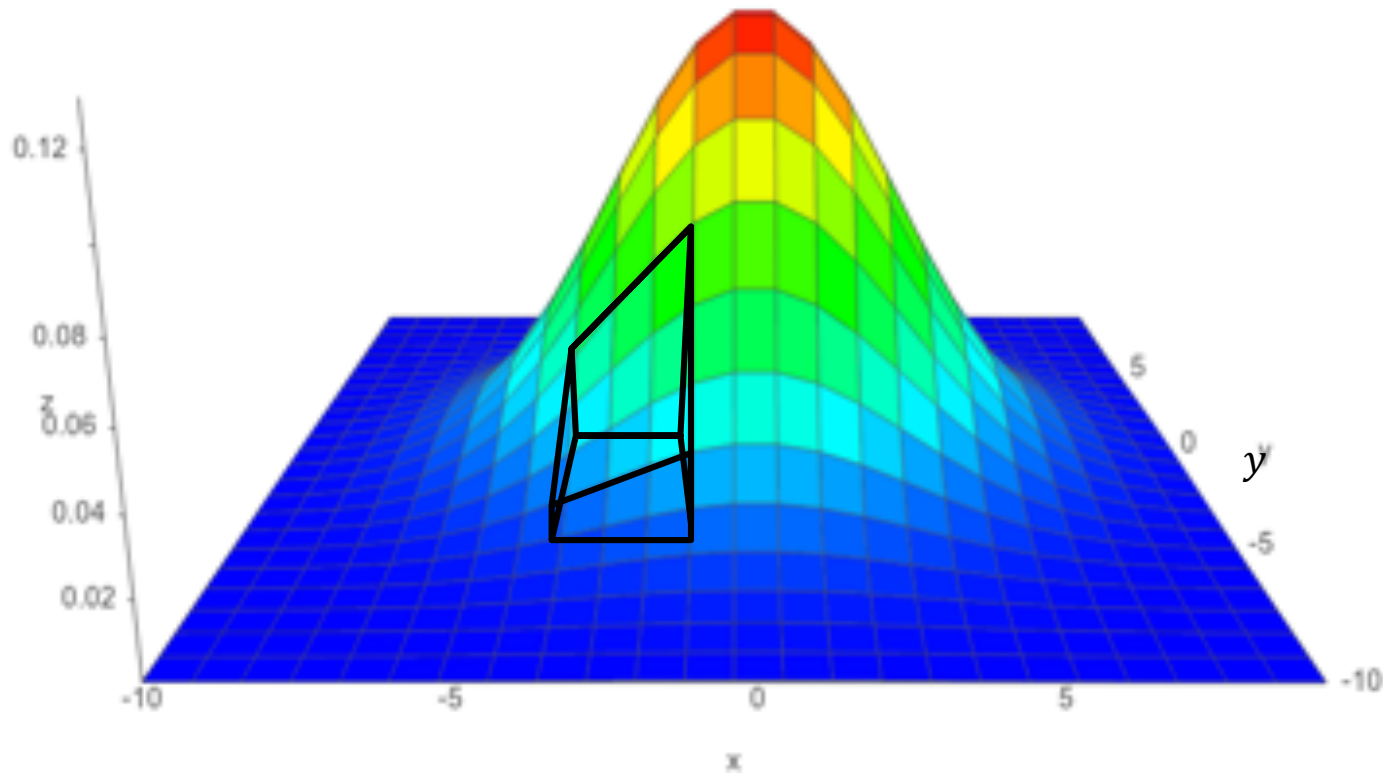
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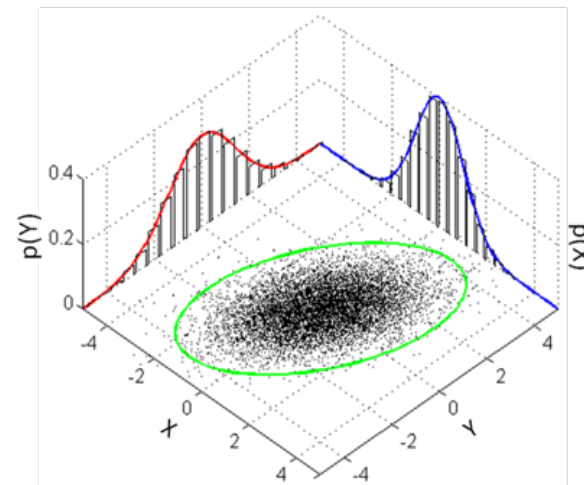
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# Marginalization

**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.



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

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

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



# Joint Cumulative Density Function

Cumulative Density Function (CDF):

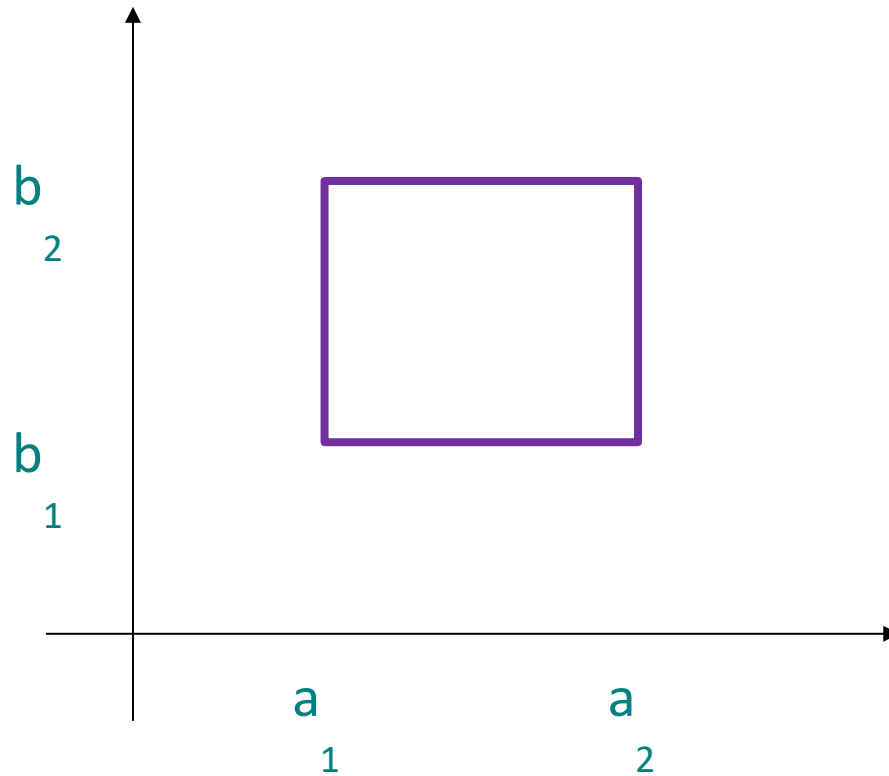
$$F_{X,Y}(a, b) = P(X < a, Y < b)$$

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

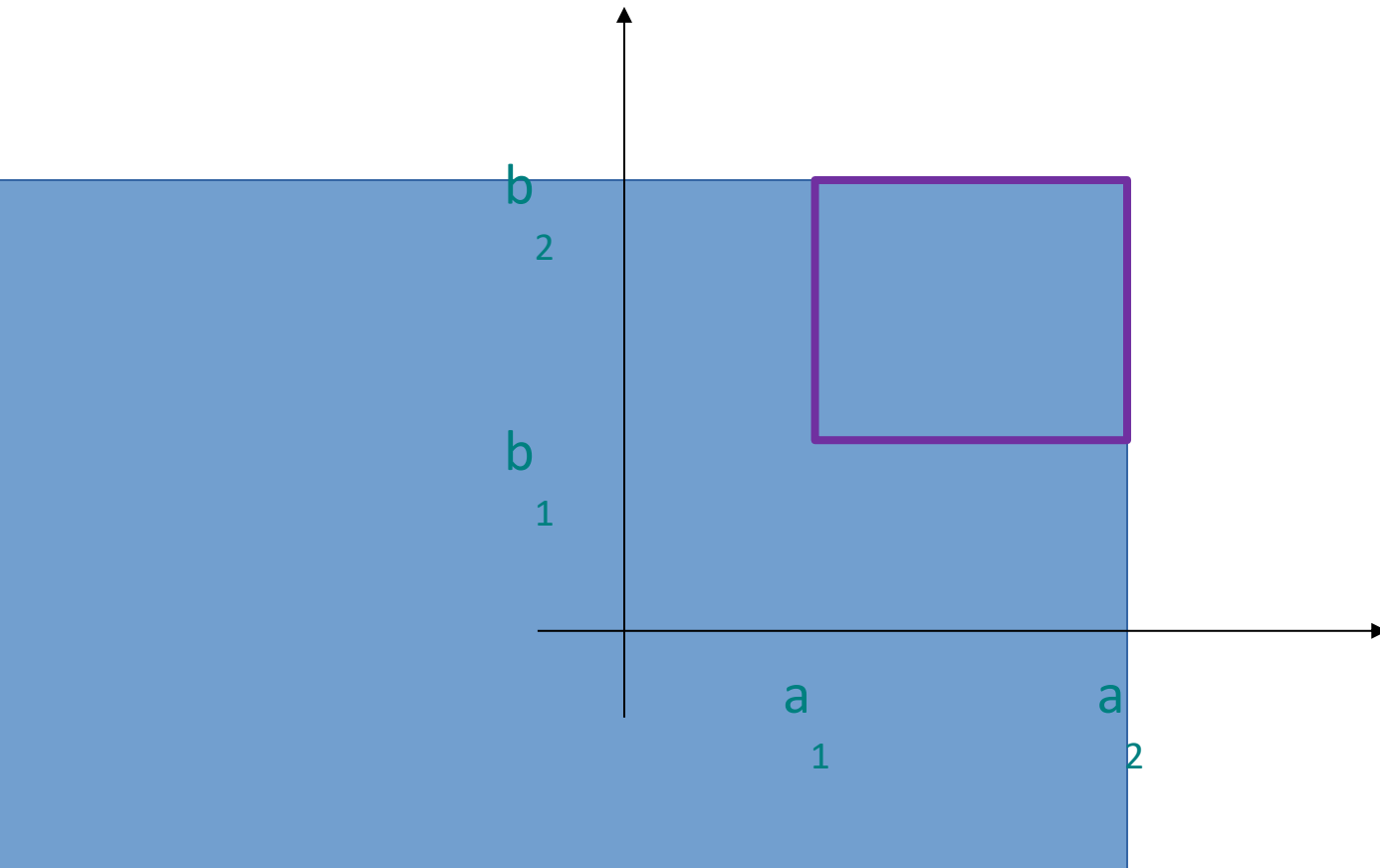
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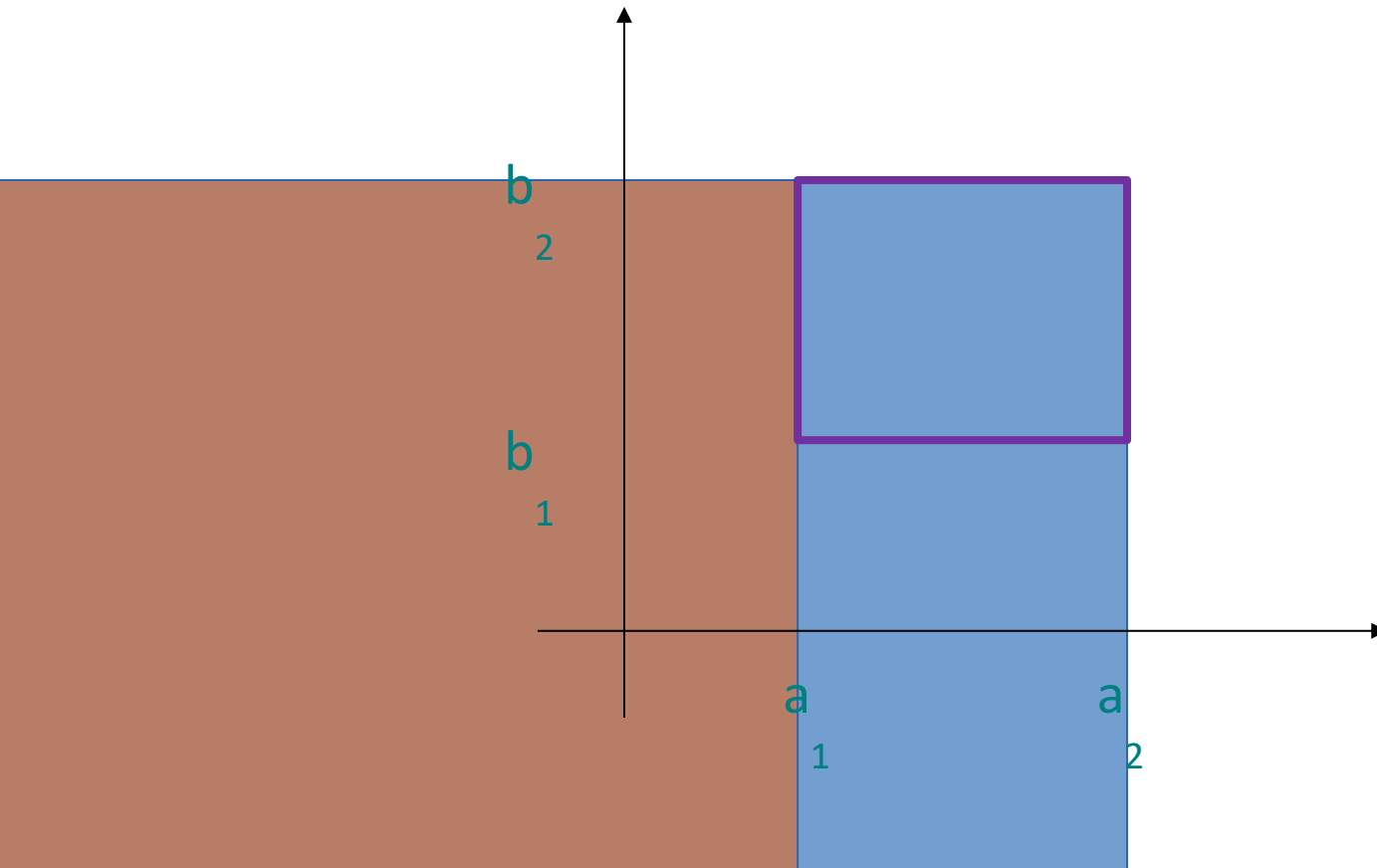
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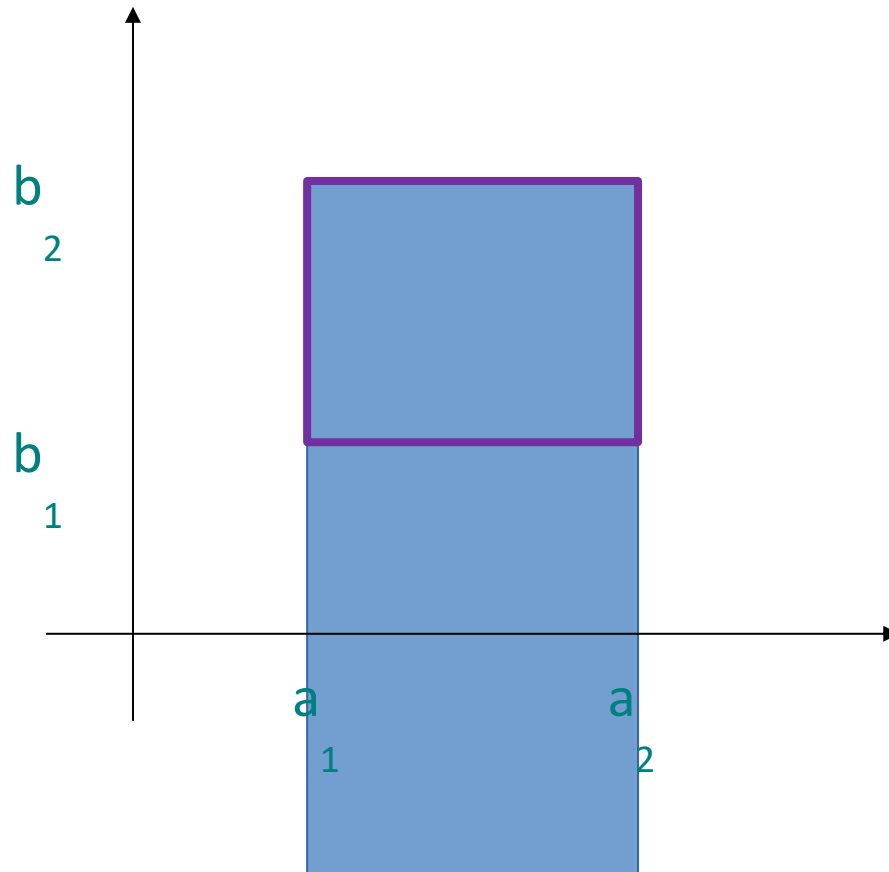
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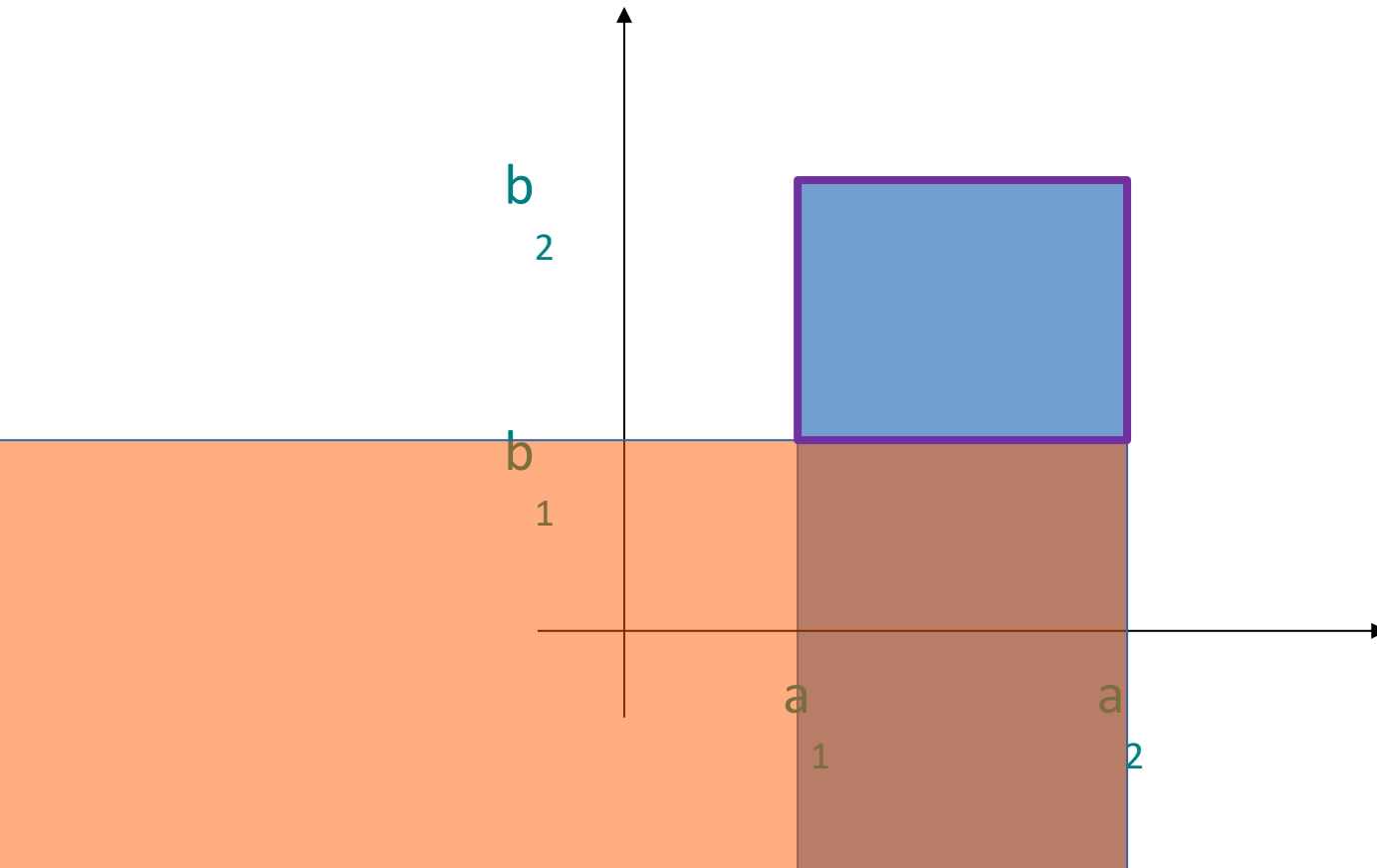


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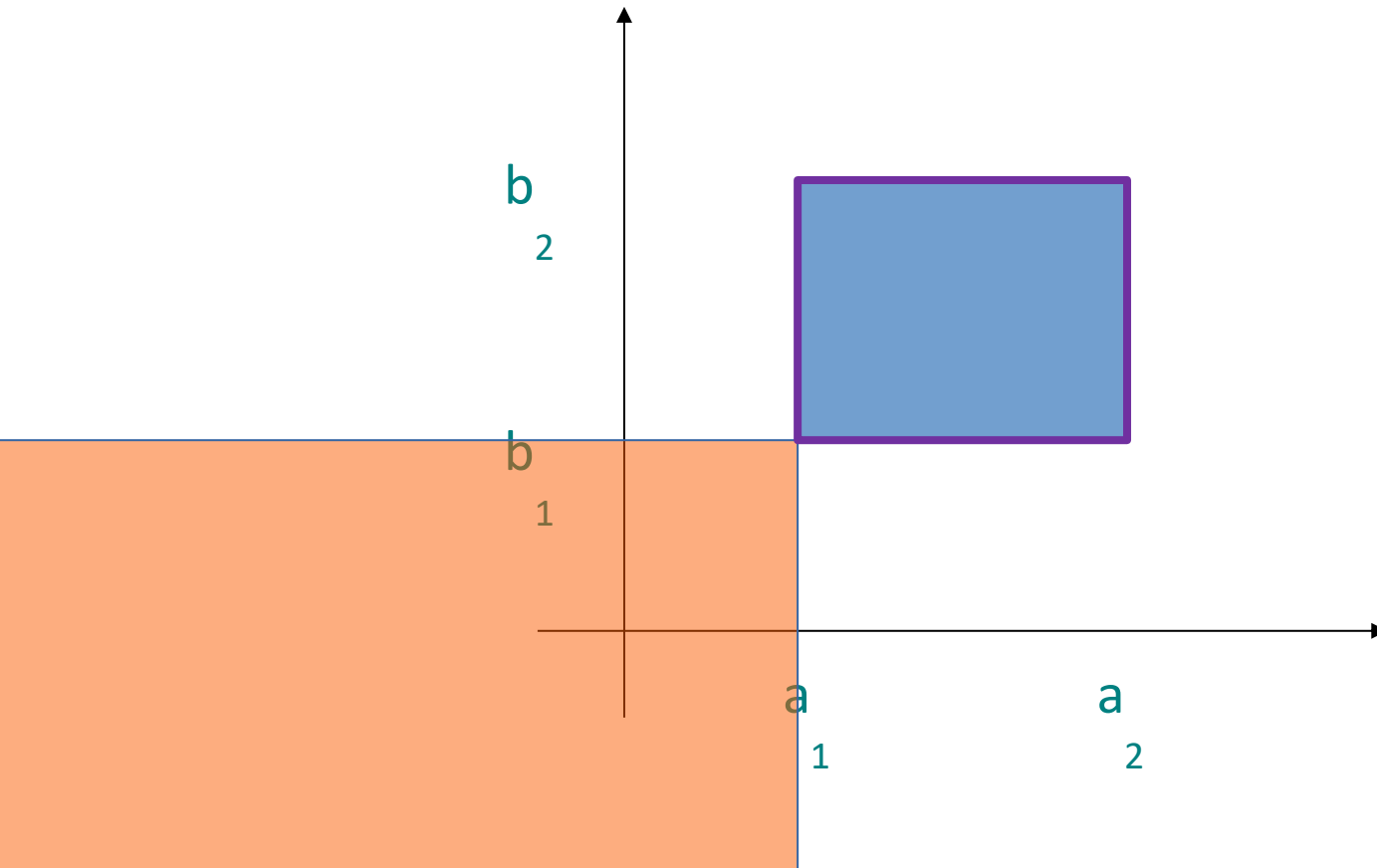


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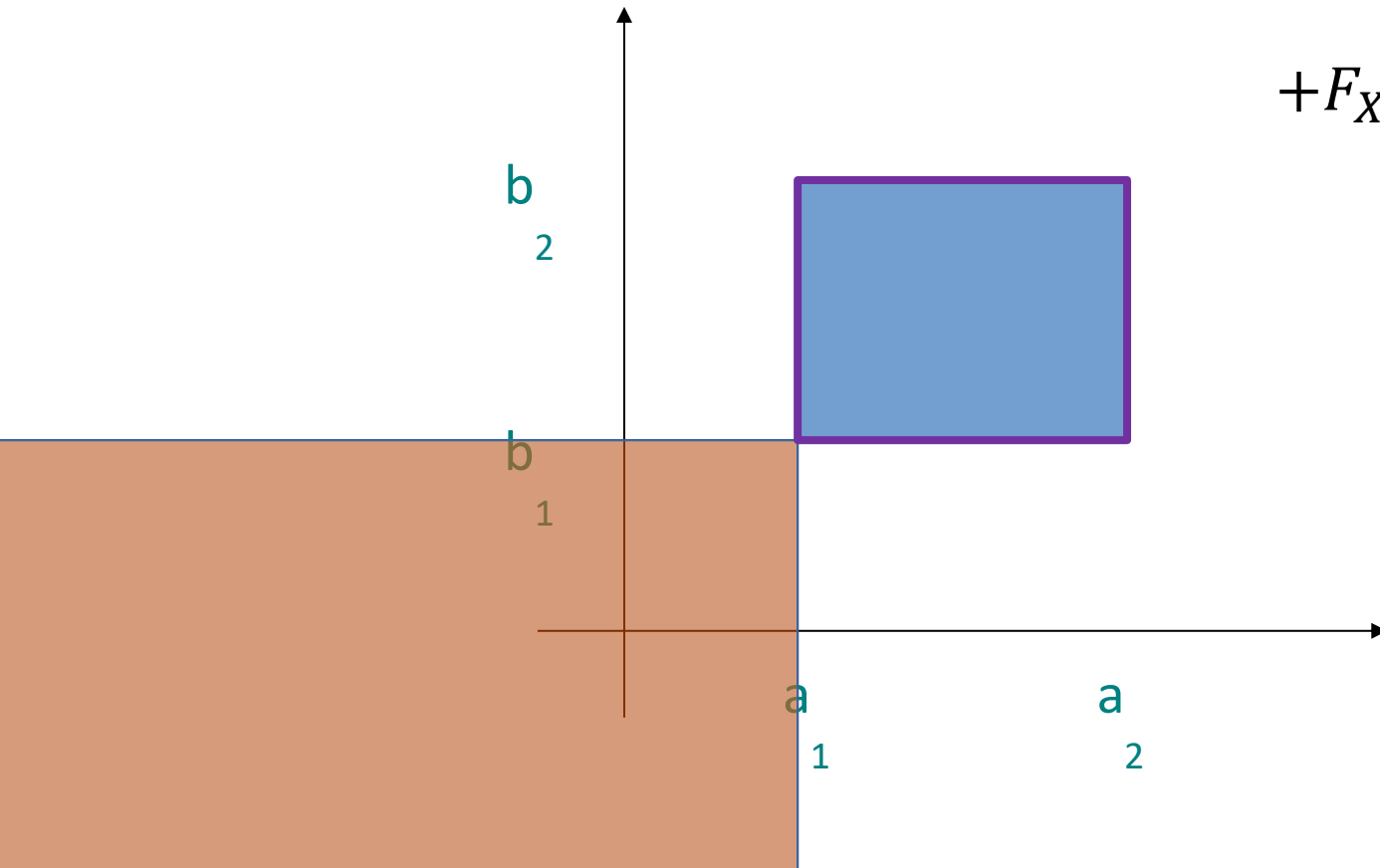
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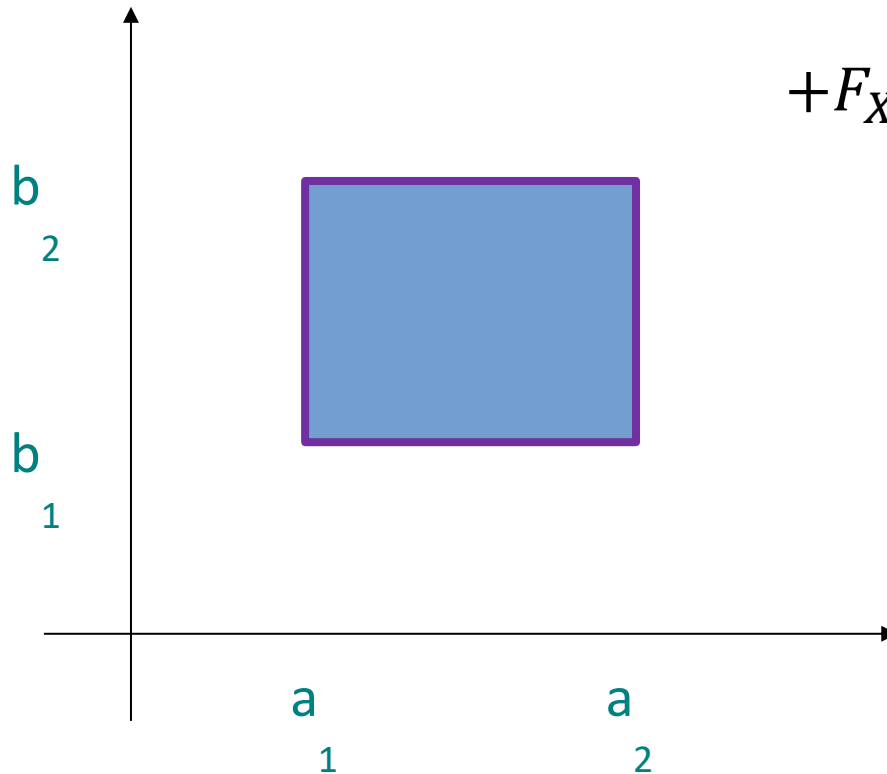
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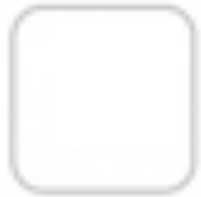
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End Review

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# Boolean Operation on Variable = Event

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



$$P(X \leq 5)$$

$$P(Y = 6)$$

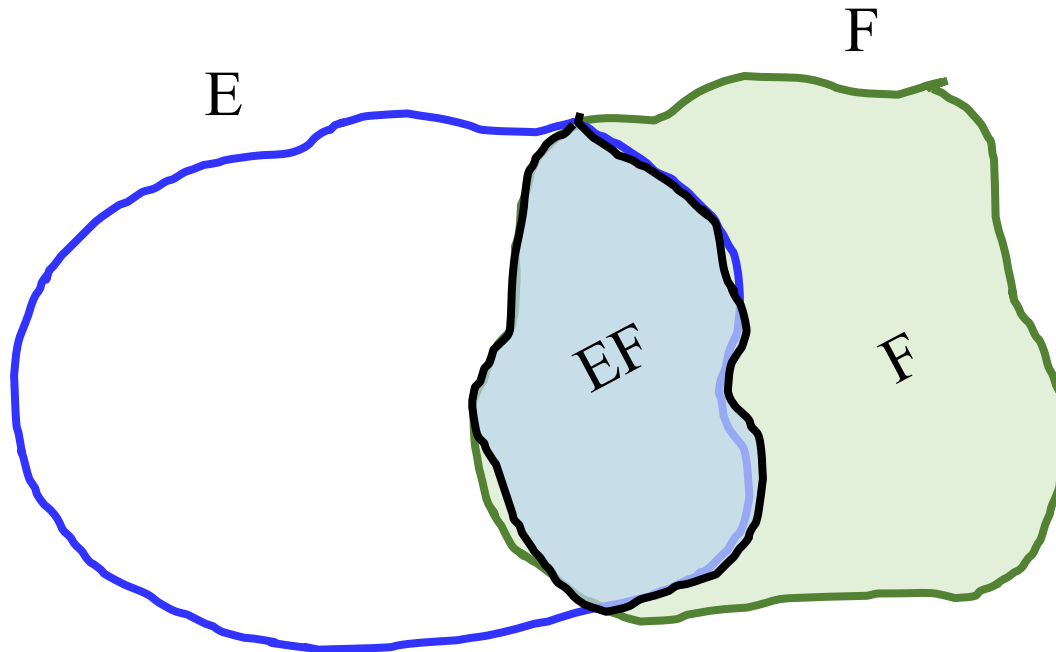
$$P(5 \leq Z \leq 10)$$

# Conditionals with multiple variables

# Discrete Conditional Distribution

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- Now, have X and Y as **discrete** random variables
  - Conditional PMF** of X given Y:

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

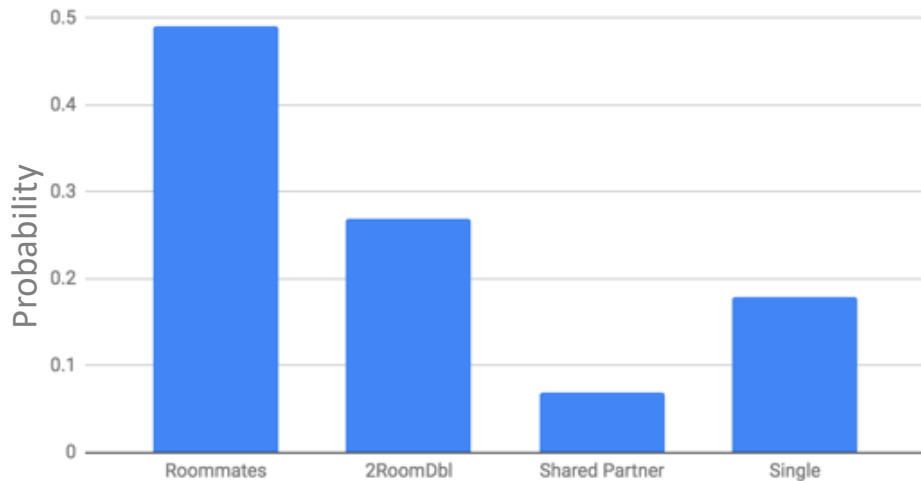


Different notations,  
same idea.

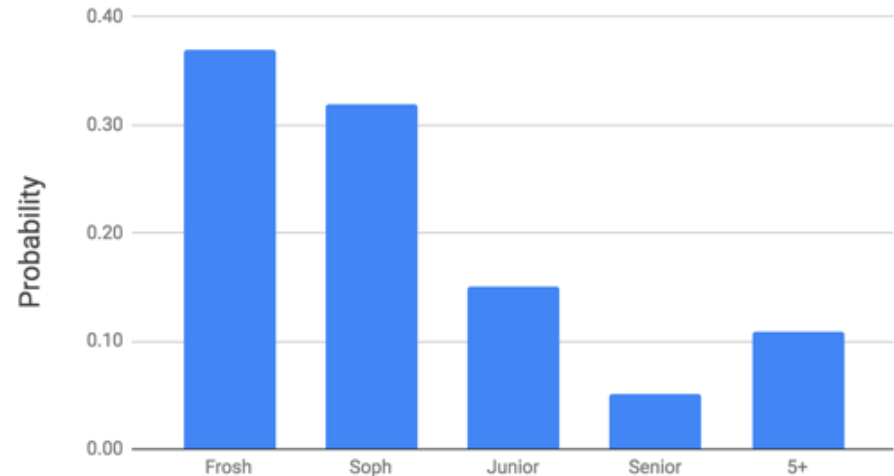
# Joint Probability Table

|        | Roommates | 2RoomDb1 | Shared Partner | Single |      |
|--------|-----------|----------|----------------|--------|------|
| Frosh  | 0.30      | 0.07     | 0.00           | 0.00   | 0.37 |
| Soph   | 0.12      | 0.18     | 0.00           | 0.03   | 0.32 |
| Junior | 0.04      | 0.01     | 0.00           | 0.10   | 0.15 |
| Senior | 0.01      | 0.02     | 0.02           | 0.01   | 0.05 |
| 5+     | 0.02      | 0.00     | 0.05           | 0.04   | 0.11 |
|        | 0.49      | 0.27     | 0.07           | 0.18   | 1.00 |

Marginal Room type

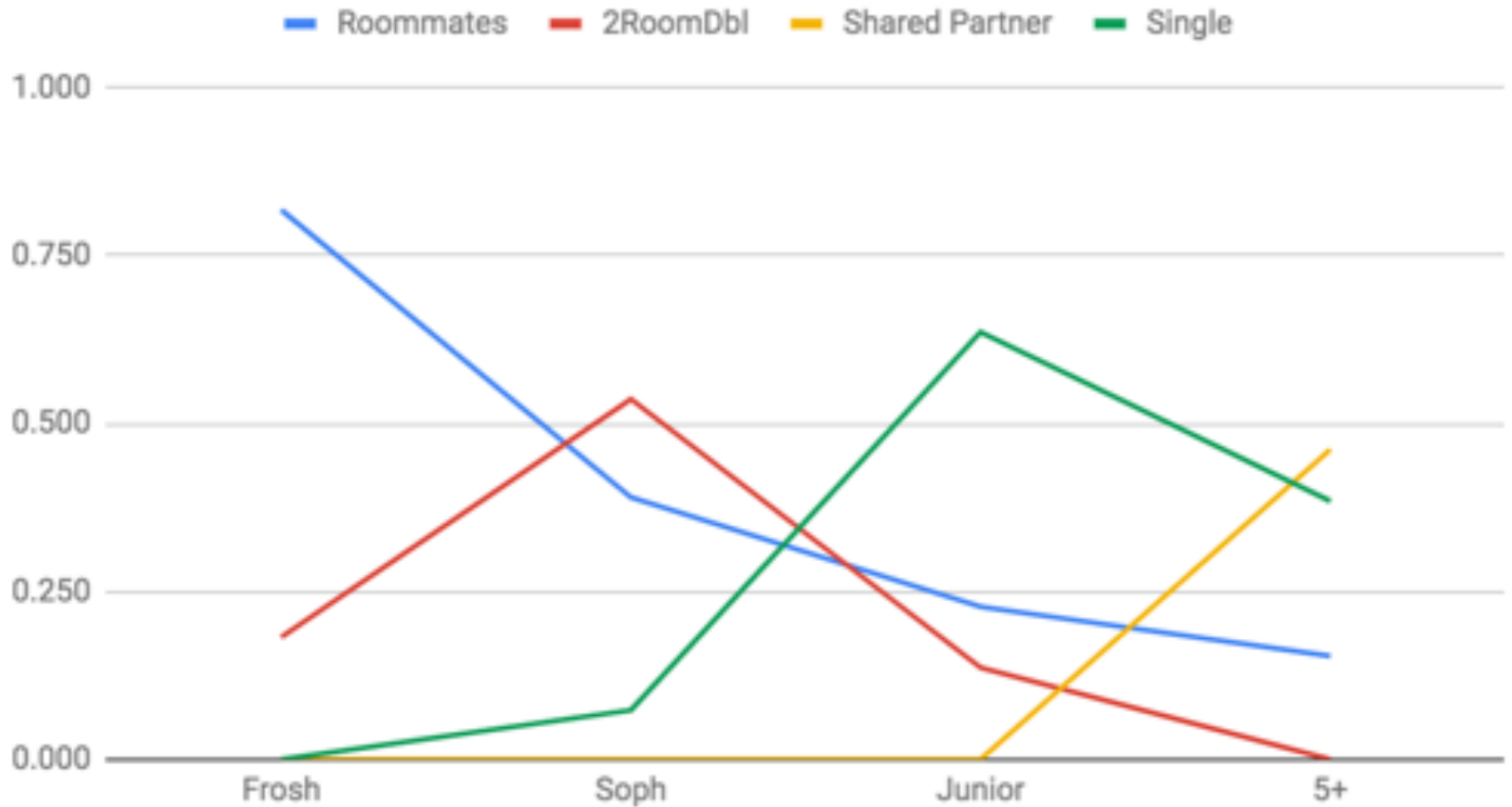


Marginal Year



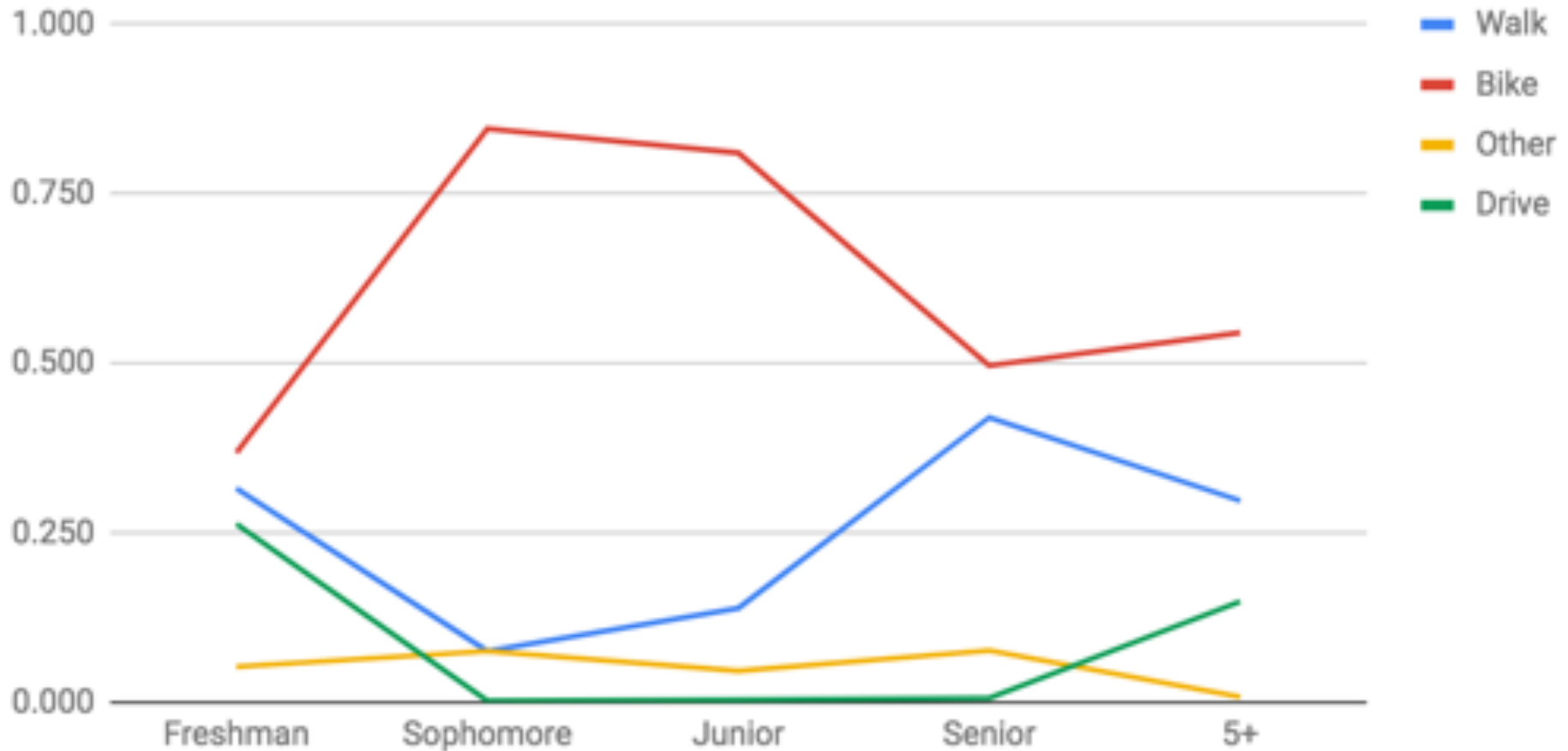
# Room | Year

P(Room | Year)



# Transport | Year

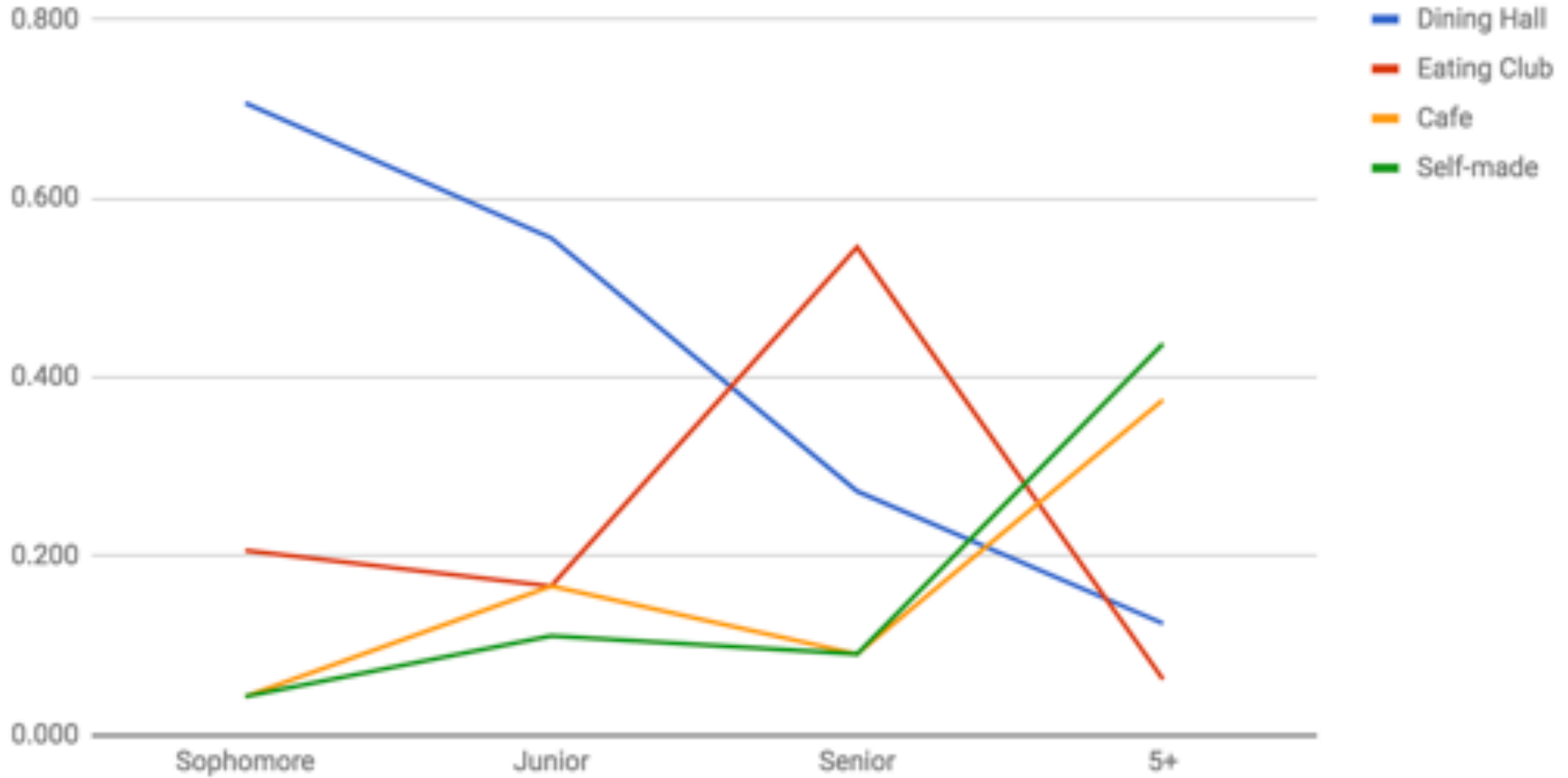
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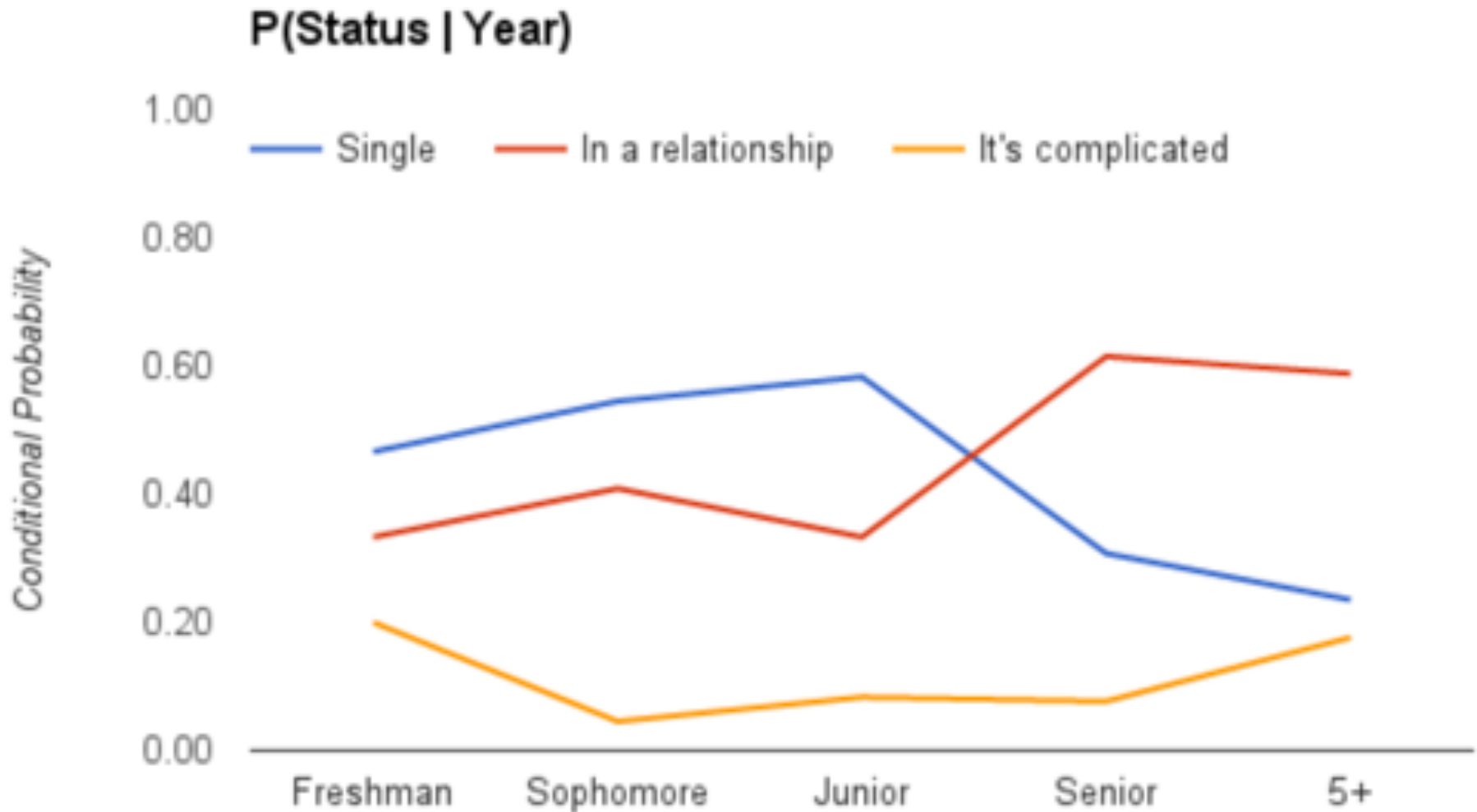
Conditional Probability Table

# Lunch | Year

Lunch Type | Year



# Relationship Status | Year



# Number or Function?

$$P(X = 2 | Y = 5)$$

Number

# Number or Function?

$$P(X = 2 | Y = y)$$

Function

(or 1D table)

# Number or Function?

$$P(X = x | Y = y)$$

2D Function

(or 2D table)

# Continuous Conditional Distributions

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be continuous random variables

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

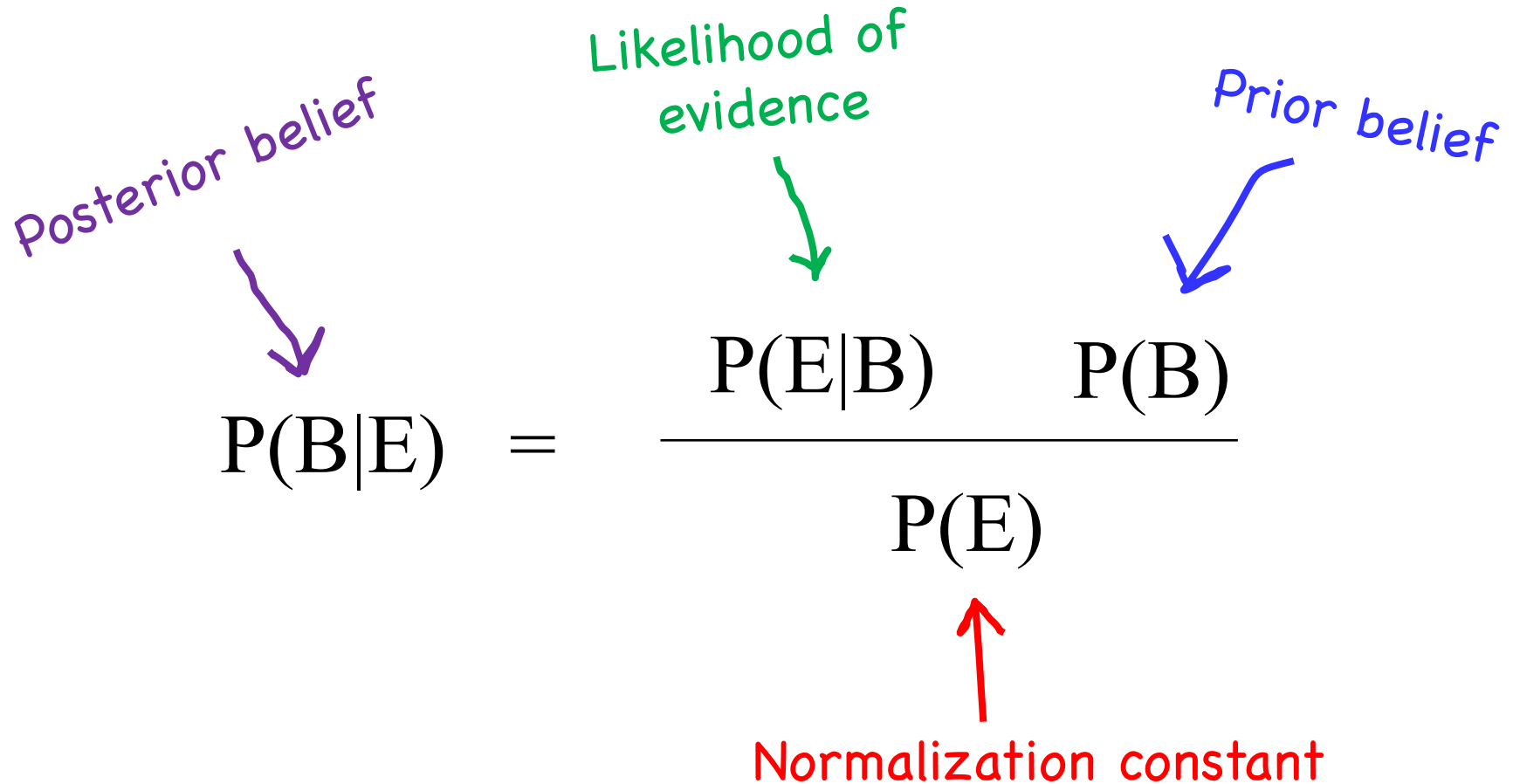
Epsilons  
are just for  
derivation

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

You can  
skip to this  
version

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# Warmup: Bayes Revisited



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# Mixing Discrete and Continuous

Let  $N$  be a discrete random variable

Discrete  
 $X$

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

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

Continuous  
 $X$

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

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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

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

Mix Bayes #2

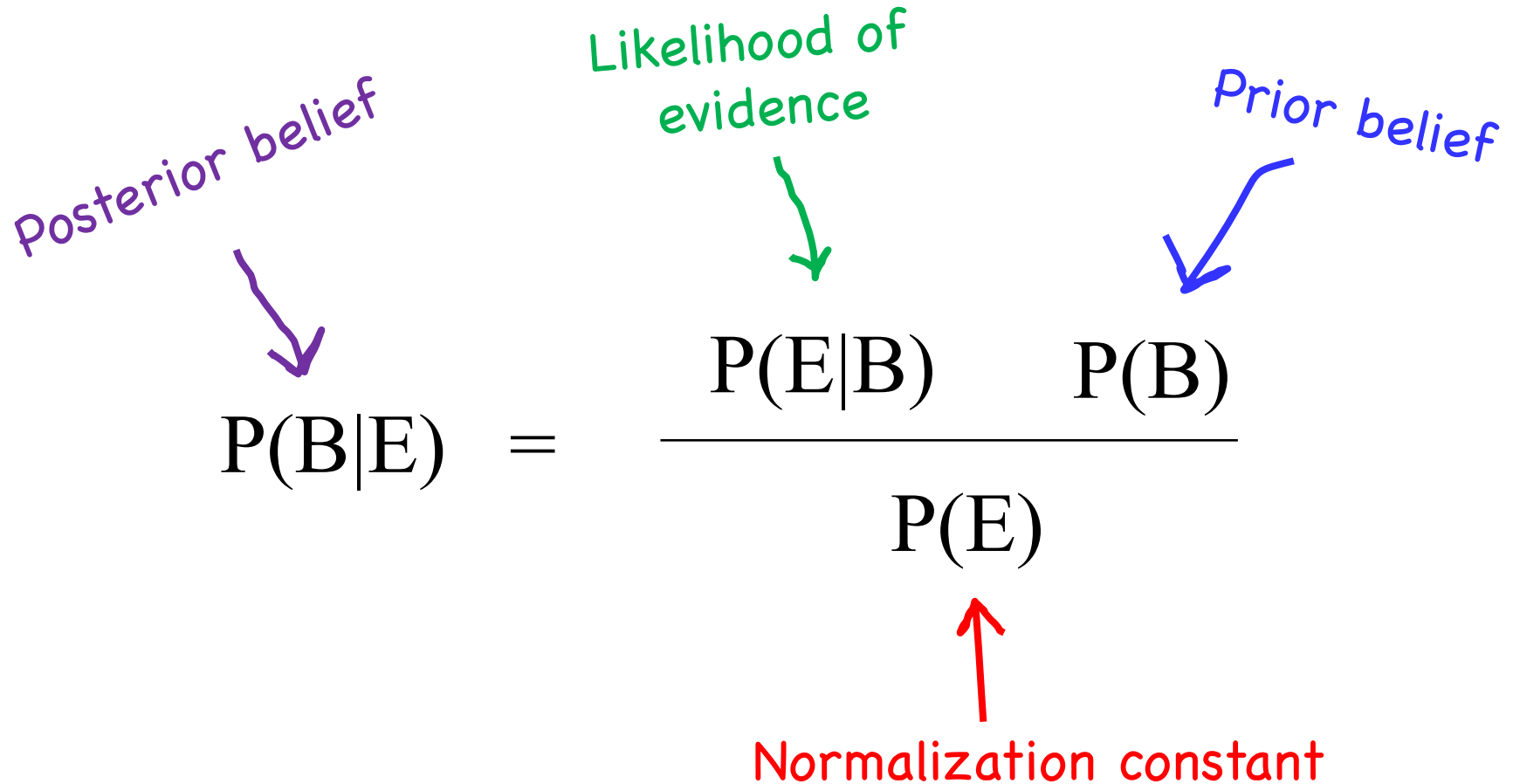
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All Continuous

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



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# Warmup: Bivariate Normal

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

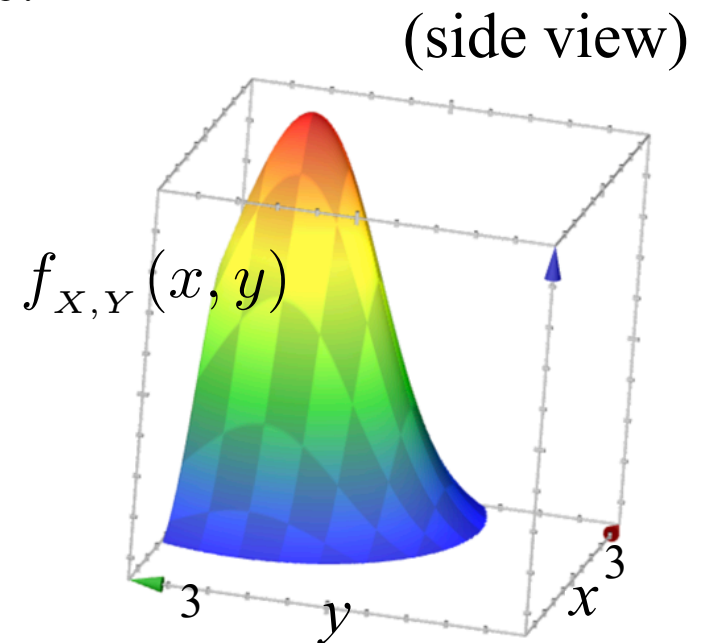
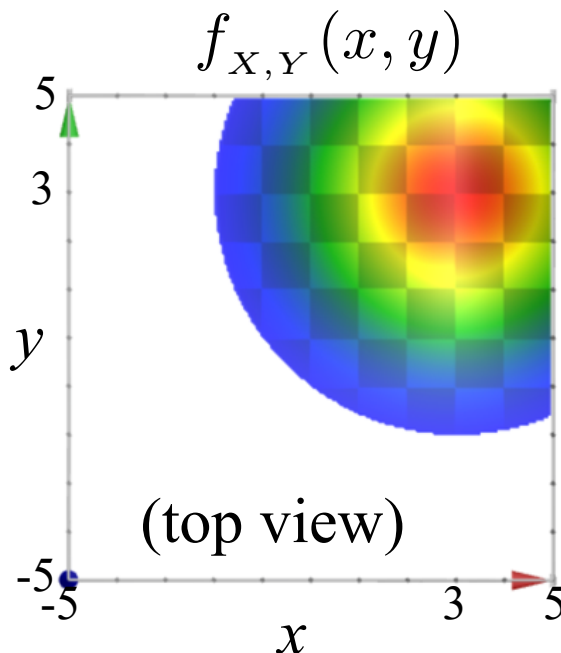
$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \cdot e^{-\frac{[(x-\mu_x)^2 + (y-\mu_y)^2]}{2\cdot\sigma^2}}$$

Here is an example where:

$$\mu_x = 3$$

$$\mu_y = 3$$

$$\sigma = 2$$

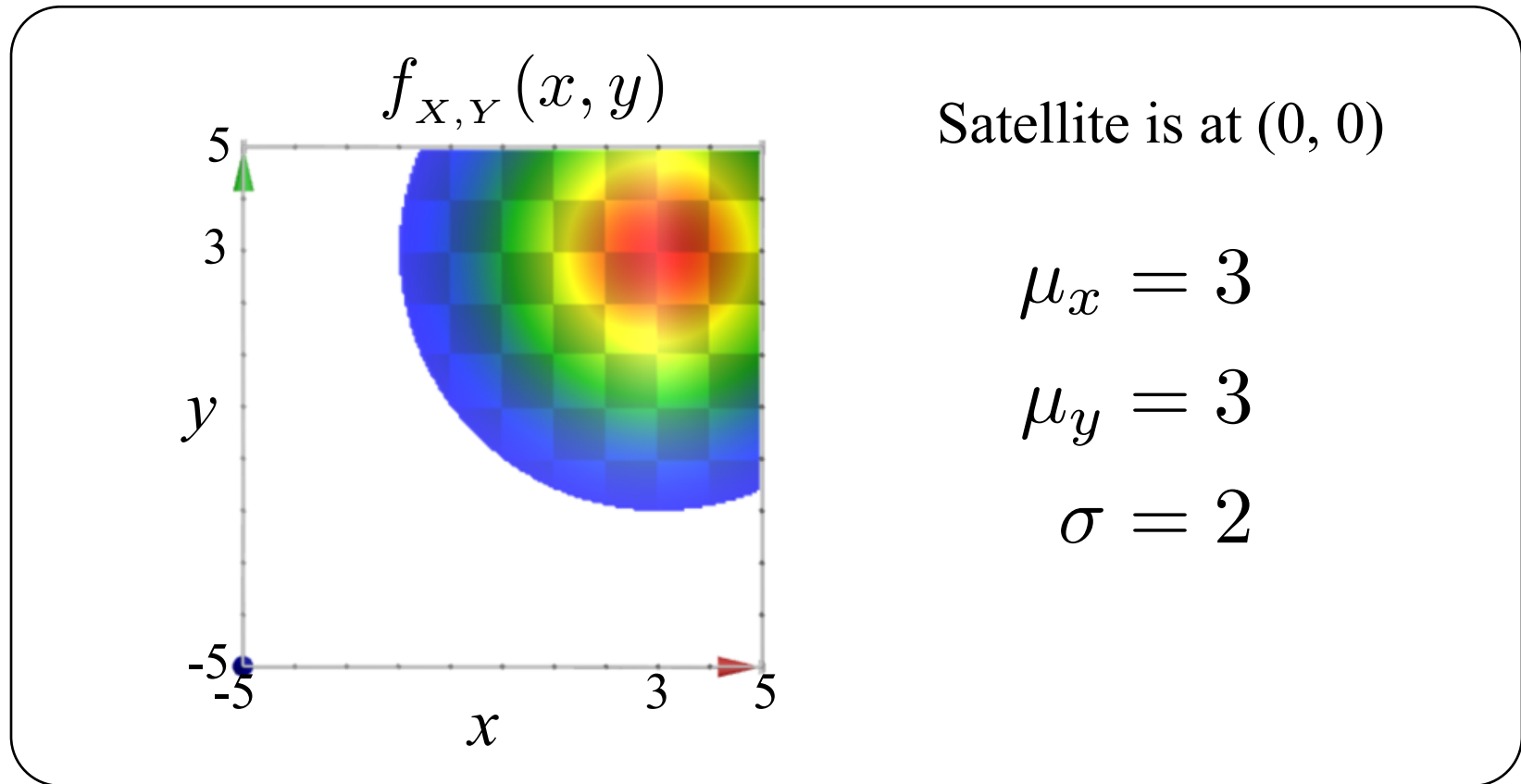


# Tracking in 2D Space?



# Tracking in 2D Space: Prior

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



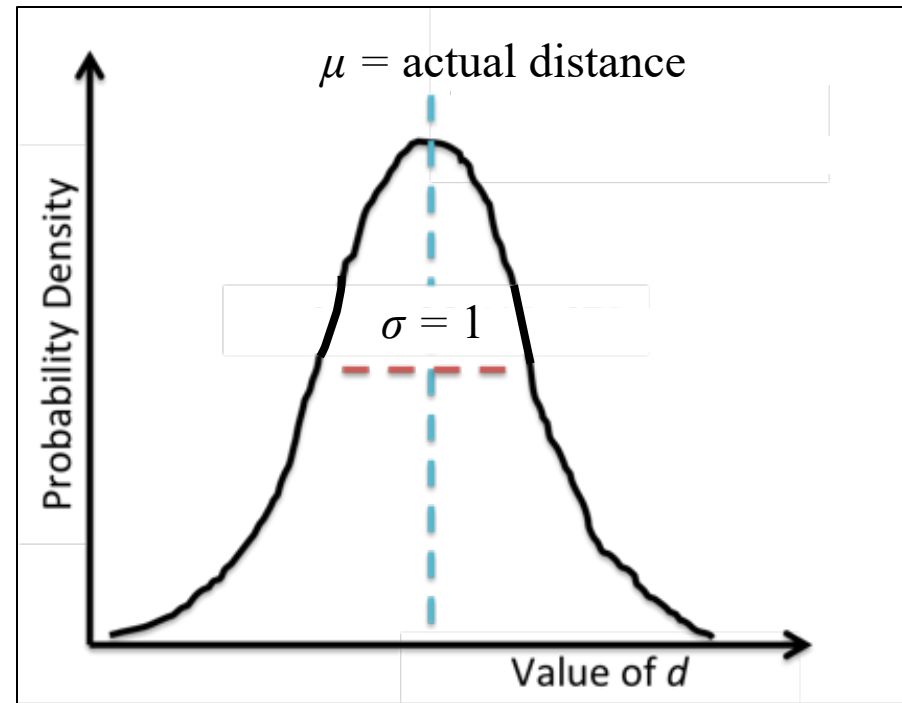
Prior belief with K:  $f_{X,Y}(x,y) = K \cdot e^{-\frac{[(x-3)^2+(y-3)^2]}{8}}$

# 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...

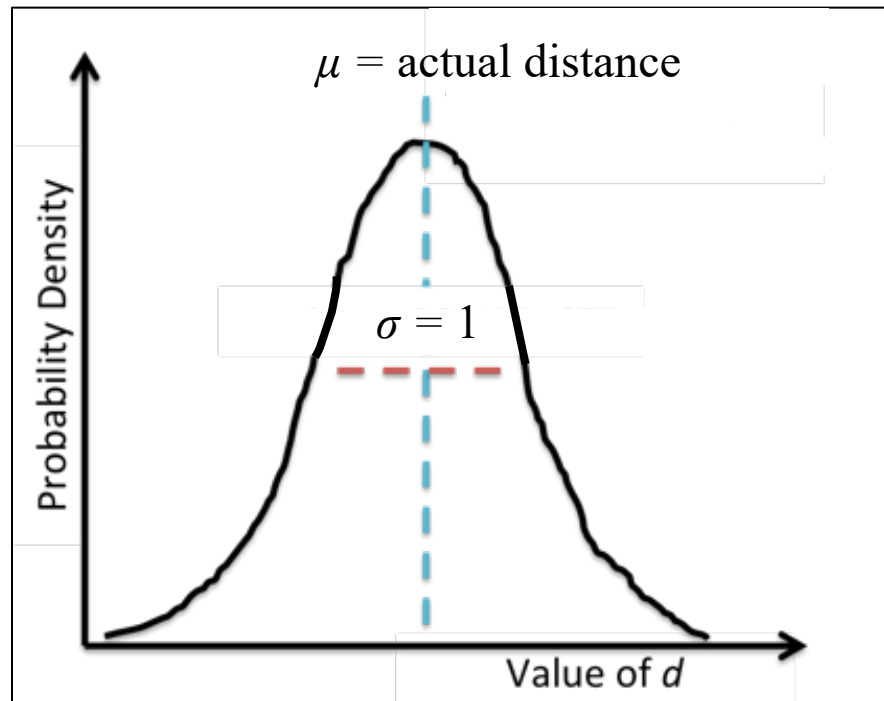
$f(D | X, Y)$  is knowable!



# Tracking in 2D Space: Observation!

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

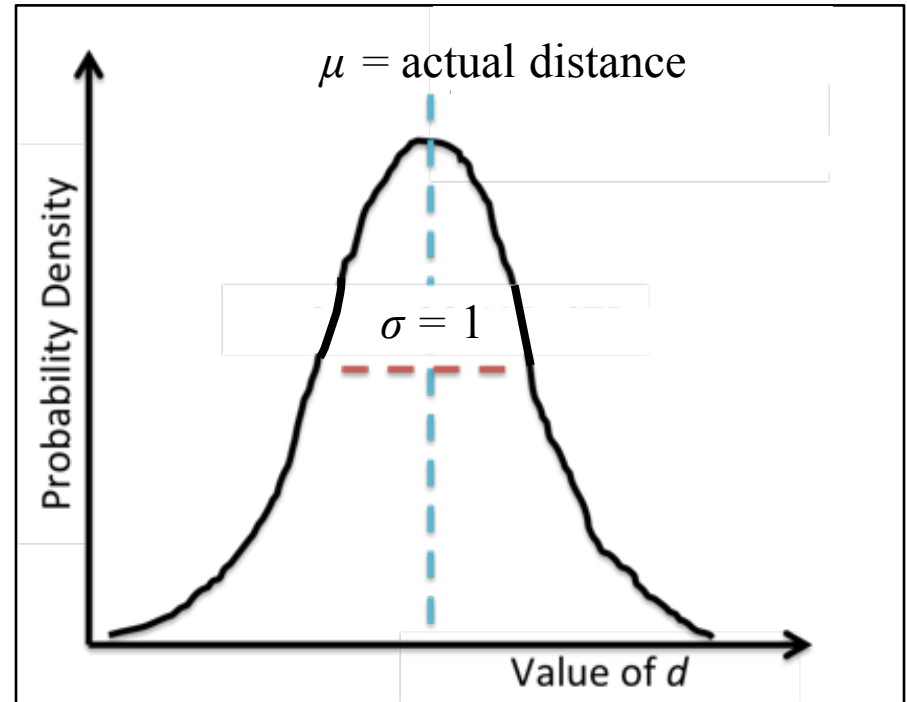
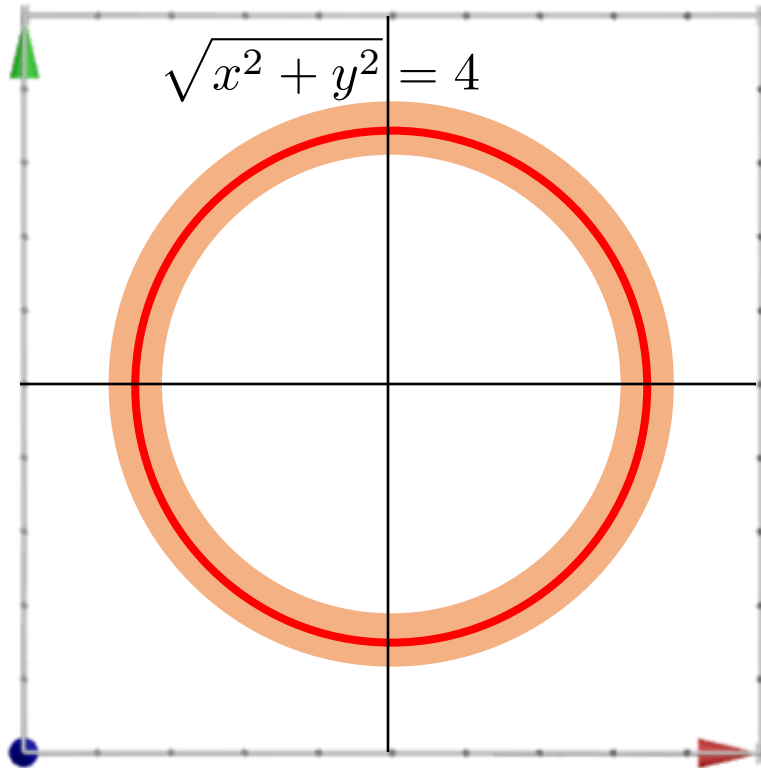
$$D|X, Y \sim N(\mu = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}, \sigma^2 = 1)$$



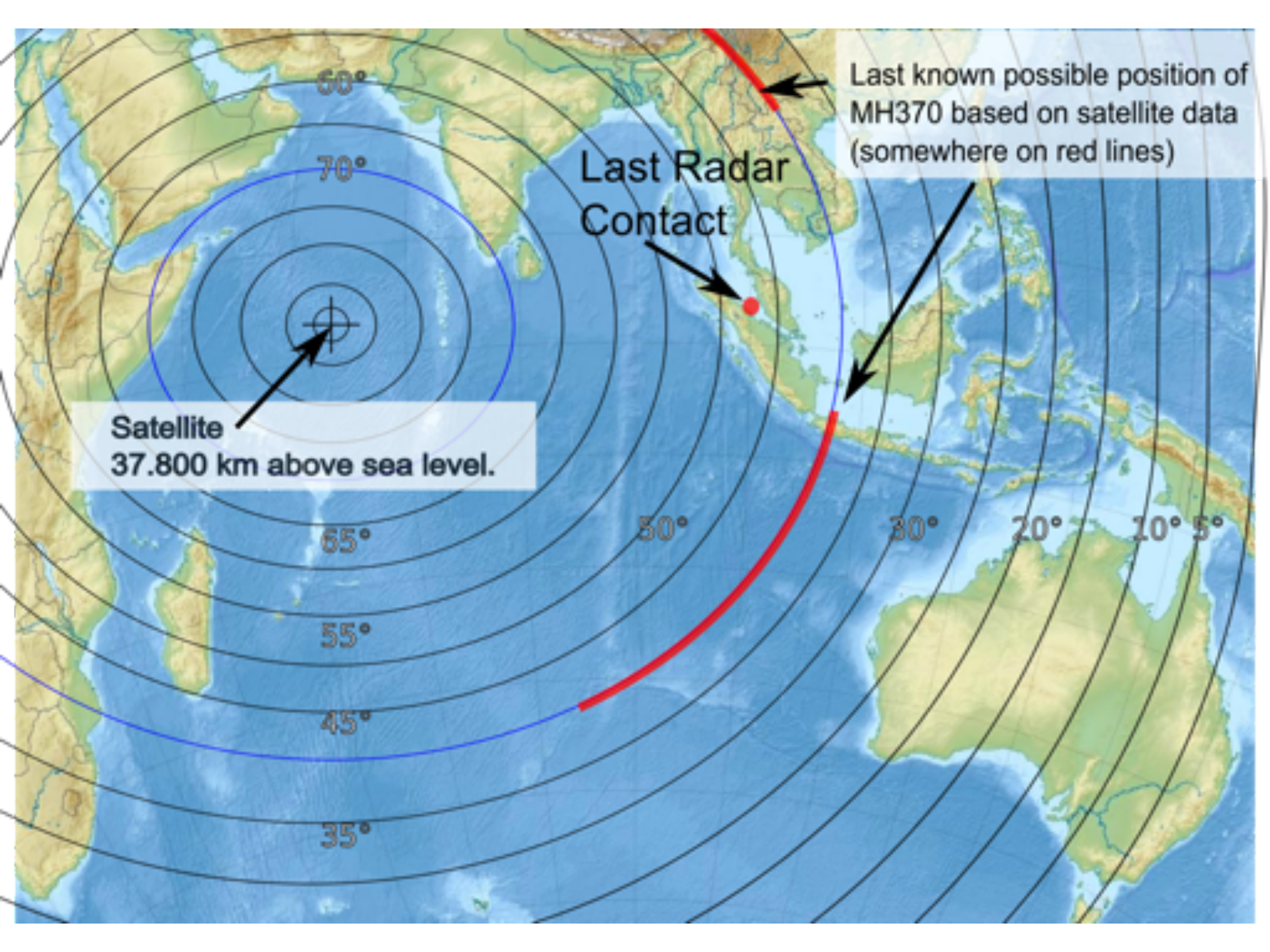
Know that the distance of a ping is normal with respect to the true distance.

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



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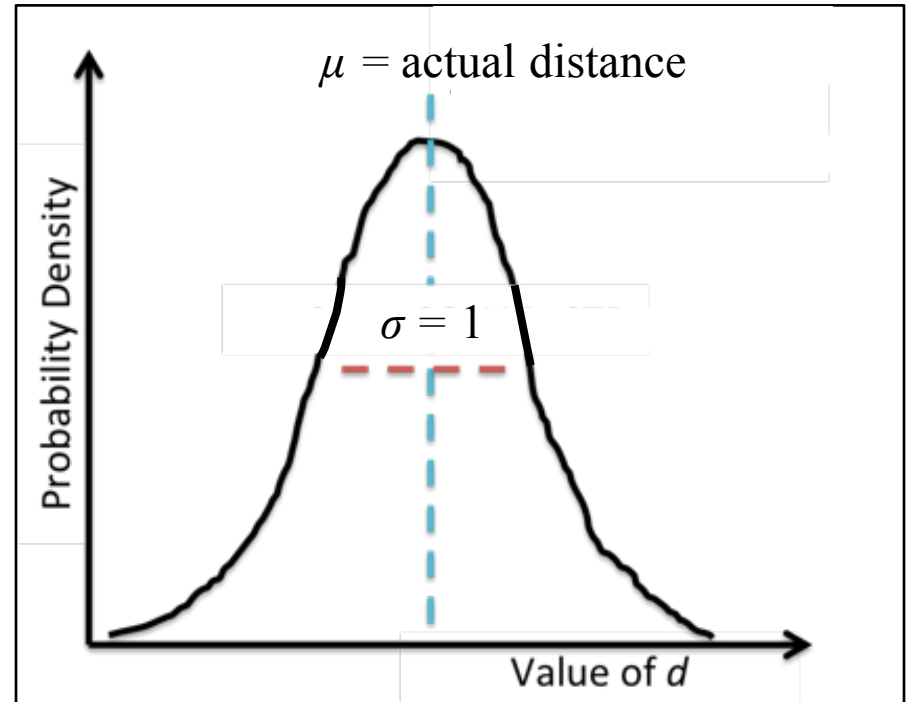
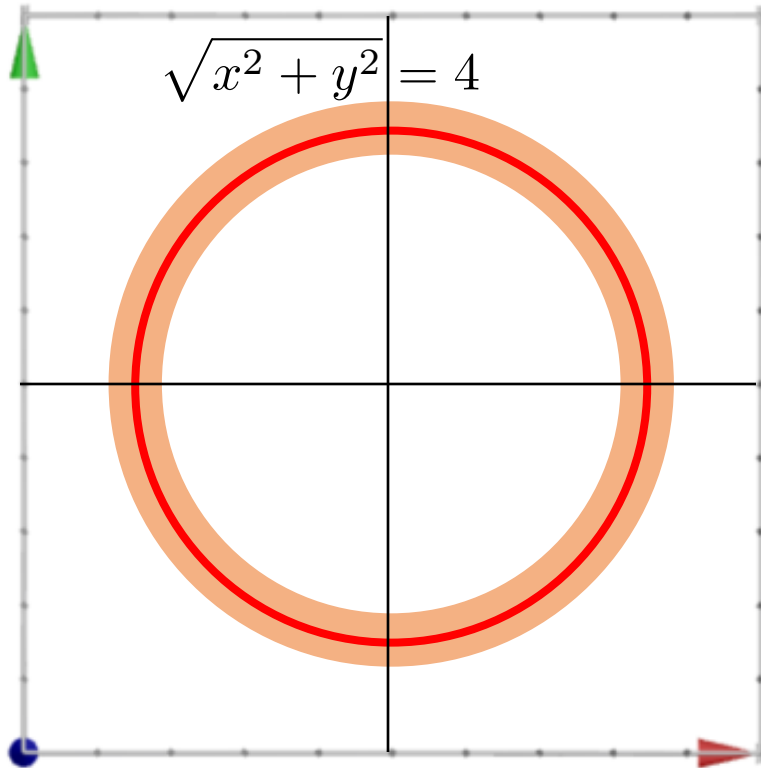
Last known possible position of MH370 based on satellite data (somewhere on red lines)

Last Radar Contact

Satellite 37.800 km above sea level.

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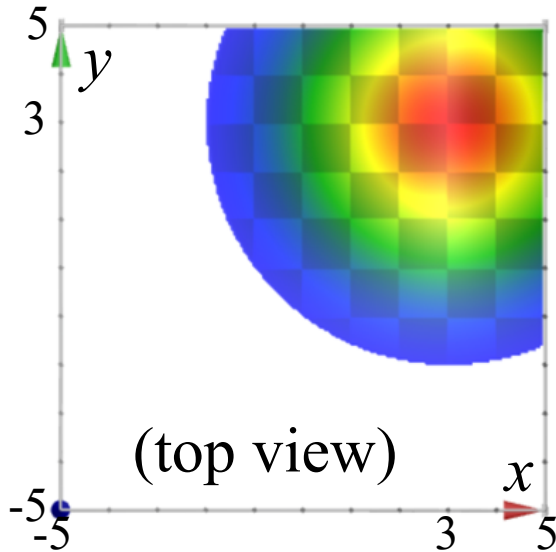
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$$\begin{aligned} f(D = d|X = x, Y = y) &= \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(d-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(d-\mu)^2}{2}} \\ &= K_2 \cdot e^{-\frac{(d-\mu)^2}{2}} \\ &= K_2 \cdot e^{-\frac{(d-\sqrt{x^2+y^2})^2}{2}}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

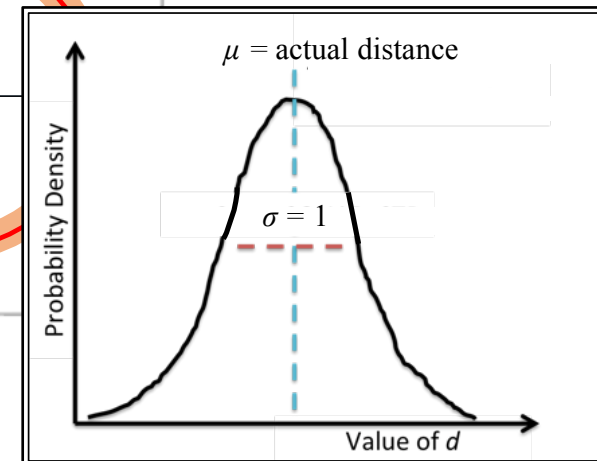
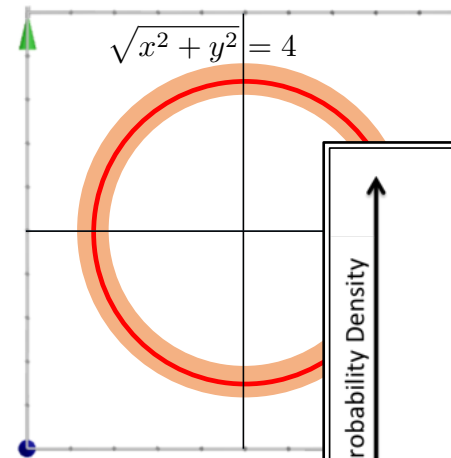
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Prior

Observation



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

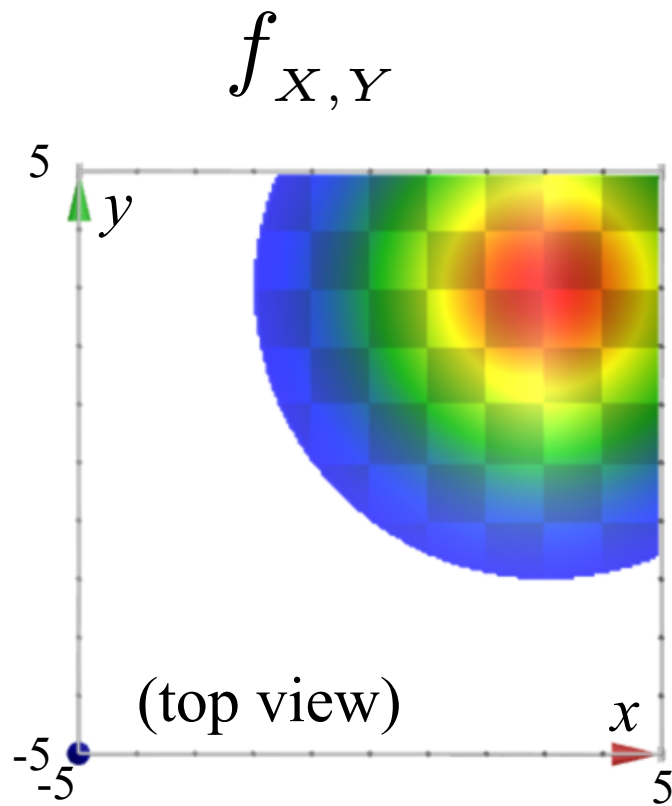
What is your *new* belief for the location of the object being tracked?  
Your joint probability density function can be expressed with a constant

# Tracking in 2D Space: New Belief

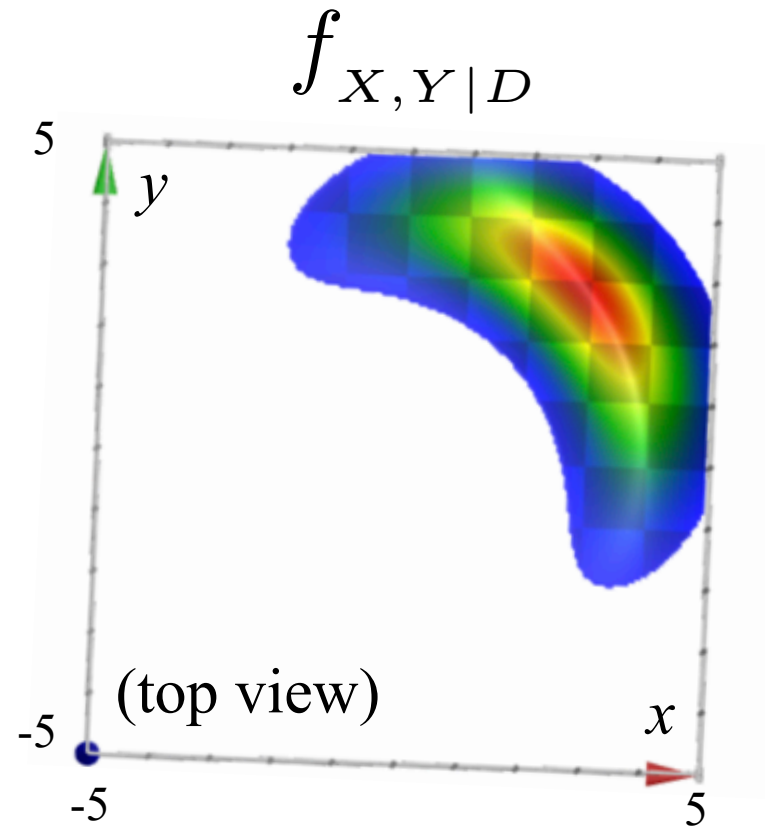
$$\begin{aligned} f(X = x, Y = y | D = 4) &= \frac{f(D = 4 | X = x, Y = y) \cdot f(X = x, Y = y)}{f(D = 4)} \\ &= \frac{K_1 \cdot e^{-\frac{[4 - \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}]^2}{2}} \cdot K_2 \cdot e^{-\frac{[(x-3)^2 + (y-3)^2]}{8}}}{f(D = 4)} \\ &= \frac{K_3 \cdot e^{-\left[\frac{[4 - \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}]^2}{2} +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

For your notes...

# Tracking in 2D Space: Posterior

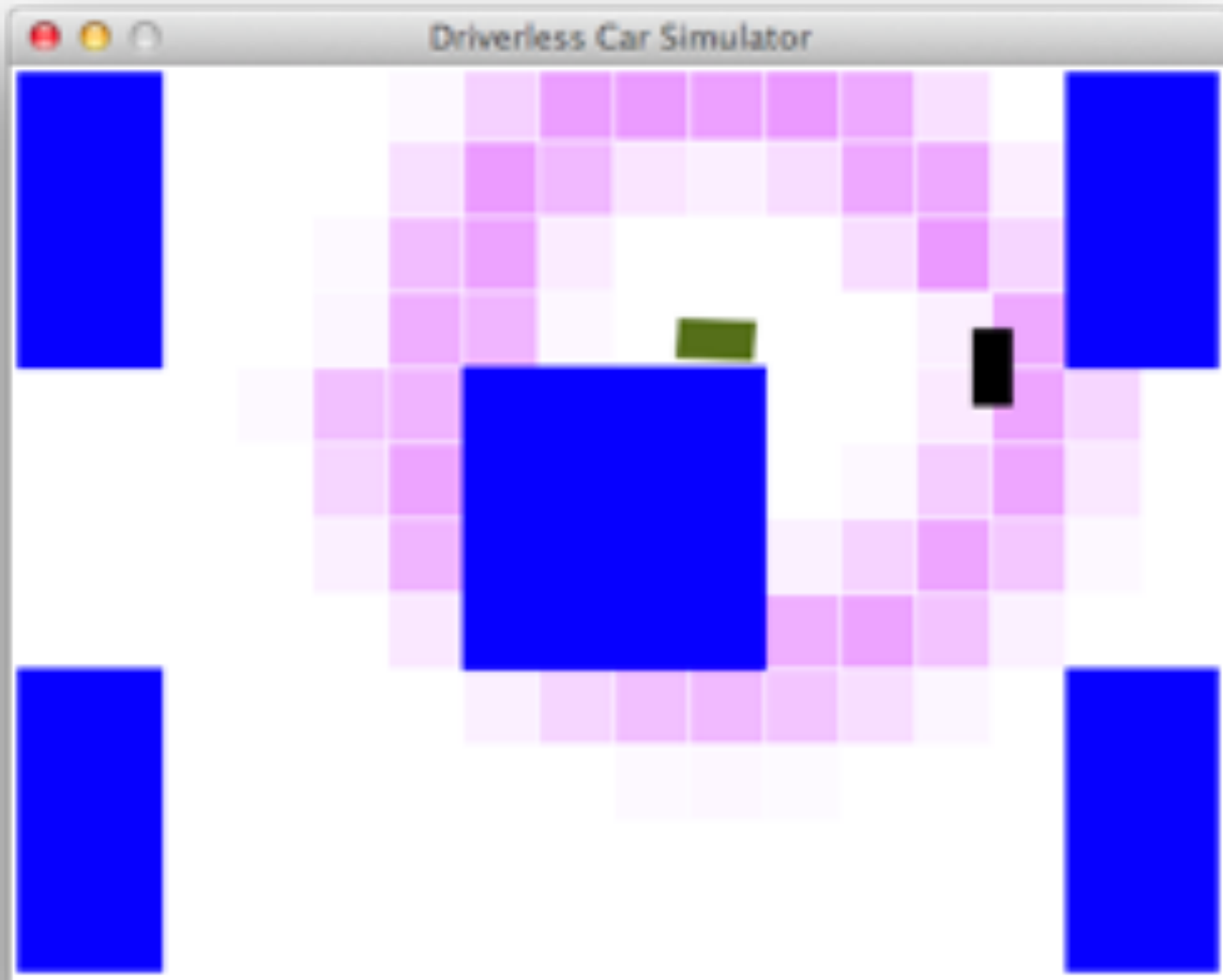


Prior



Posterior

# Tracking in 2D Space: CS221



Stretch!





REVOLUTION

## **Properties of Joints:**

**Expectation, Independence, Convolution**

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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 **expectation** of multiple RVS



Use and find **independence** of multiple RVS



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

# Expectation of Multiple RVs

# 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

# We Want a Proof!

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

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$$\begin{aligned} E[X + Y] &= E[g(X, Y)] = \sum_{x, y} g(x, y)p(x, y) && \text{What a useful lemma} \\ &= \sum_{x, y} [x + y]p(x, y) && \text{By the definition of } g(x, y) \\ &= \sum_{x, y} xp(x, y) + \sum_{x, y} yp(x, y) && \text{Break that sum into parts!} \\ &= \sum_x x \sum_y p(x, y) + \sum_y y \sum_x p(x, y) && \text{Change the sum of } (x, y) \text{ into separate sums} \\ &= \sum_x xp(x) + \sum_y yp(y) && \text{That is the definition of marginal probability} \\ &= E[X] + E[Y] && \text{That is the definition of expectation} \end{aligned}$$

# 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?

| Joint Probability Table |             |             |      |           |               |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|------|-----------|---------------|
|                         | Dining Hall | Eating Club | Cafe | Self-made | Marginal Year |
| Freshman                | 0.03        | 0.00        | 0.02 | 0.00      | 0.05          |
| Sophomore               | 0.50        | 0.15        | 0.03 | 0.03      | 0.68          |
| Junior                  | 0.08        | 0.02        | 0.02 | 0.02      | 0.12          |
| 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        | 0.22        | 0.12 | 0.11      |               |

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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# 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

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

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

# 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?

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.

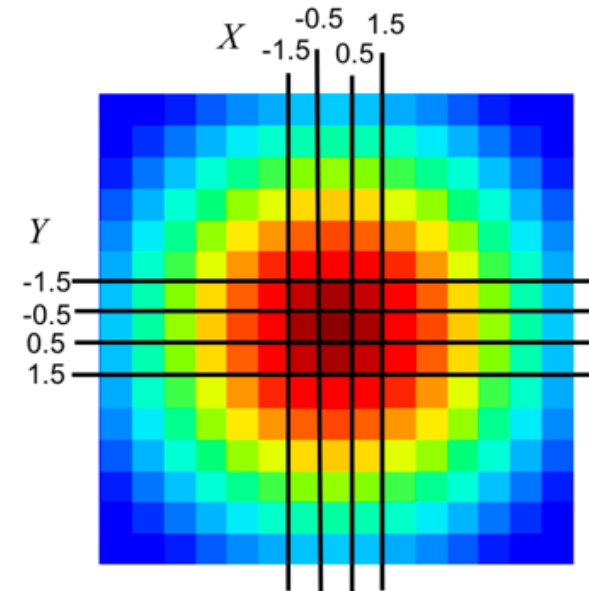
Gaussian blurring with StDev = 3, is based on a joint probability distribution:

**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



# 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!