

# 17: Continuous Joint Distributions (II)

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# Convolution: Sum of independent Uniform RVs

# Today's lecture

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Take what we've seen in **discrete** joint distributions...

...and translate them to **continuous** joint distributions!

For the most part, this is easy. For example:

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Marginal} \\ \text{distributions} \end{array} \quad p_X(a) = \sum_y p_{X,Y}(a, y) \quad f_X(a) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(a, y) dy$$

$$\text{Independent RVs} \quad p_{X,Y}(x, y) = p_X(x)p_Y(y) \quad f_{X,Y}(x, y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y)$$

But some concepts, while mathematically straightforward to write, are harder to implement in practice.

We'll focus on these today.

Goal of CS109 continuous joint distributions unit:  
**build mathematical maturity**



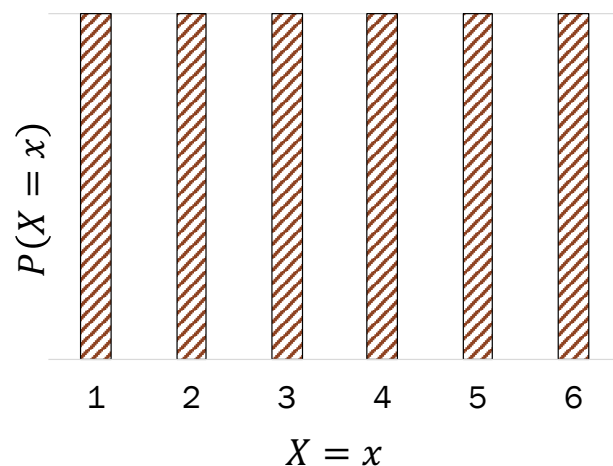
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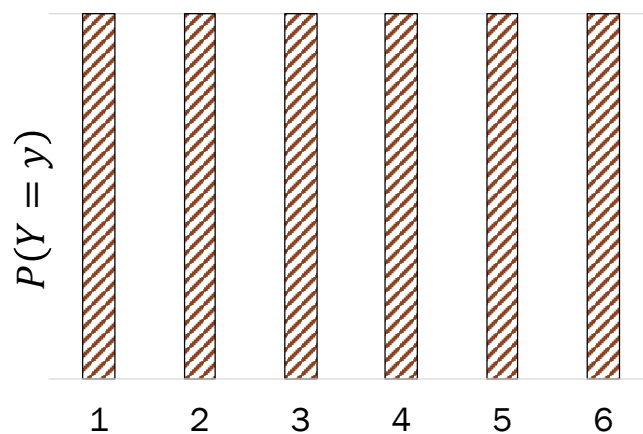
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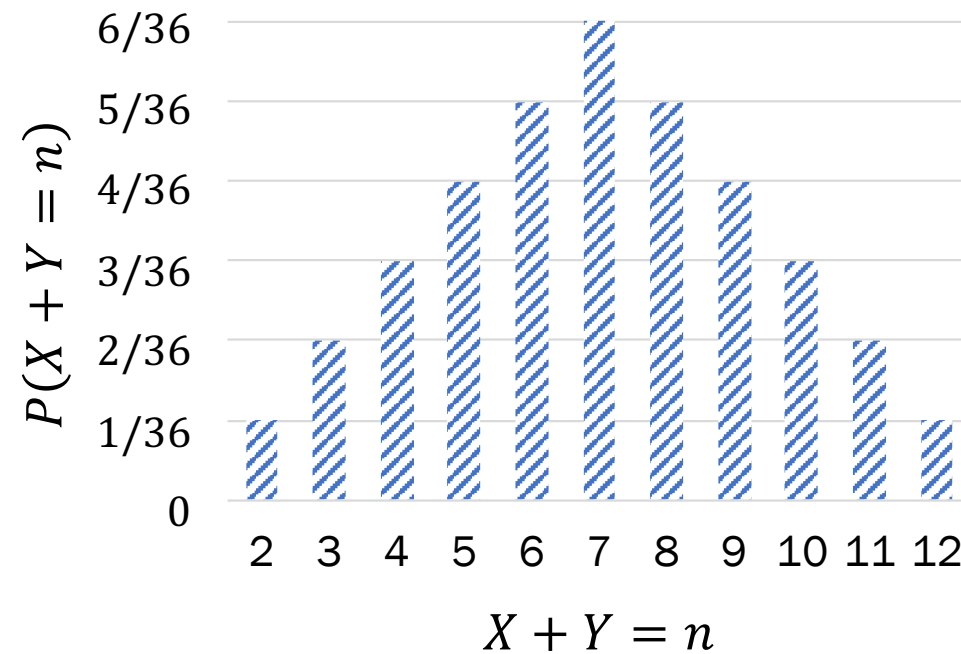
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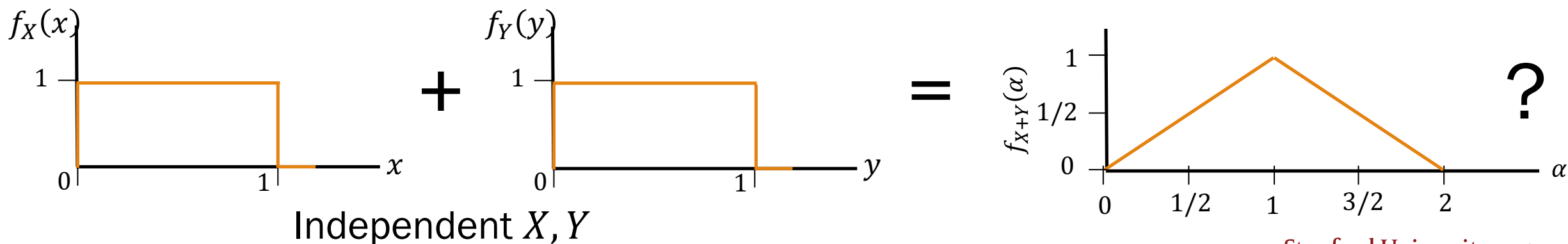
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For independent continuous random variables  $X$  and  $Y$ :

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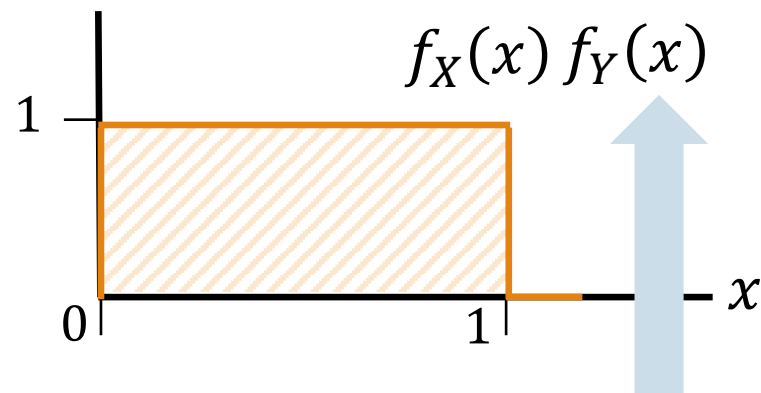
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Isn't this just one??

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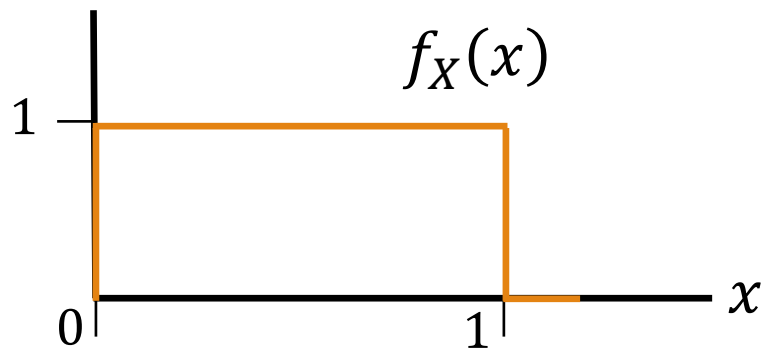


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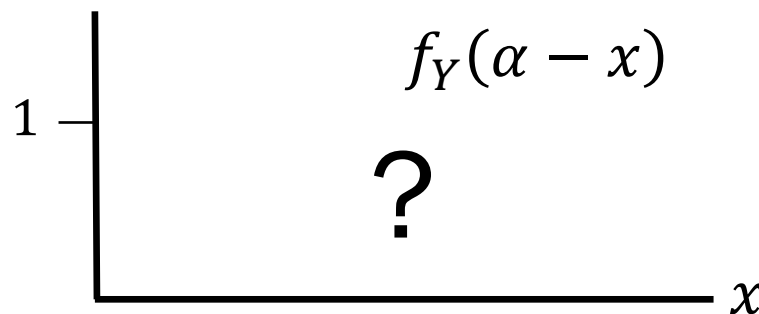
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$$\begin{aligned} -\alpha &\leq -x \leq 1-\alpha \\ \alpha-1 &\leq x \leq \alpha \end{aligned}$$

$\alpha$  is a constant  
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w.r.t.  $x$ .

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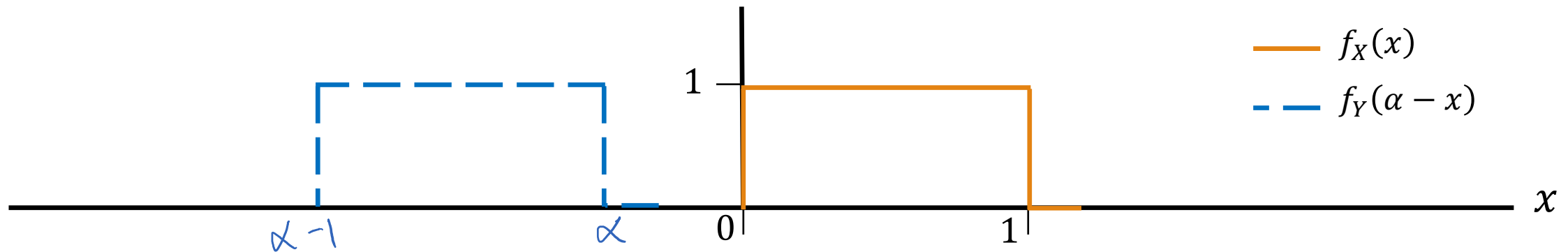
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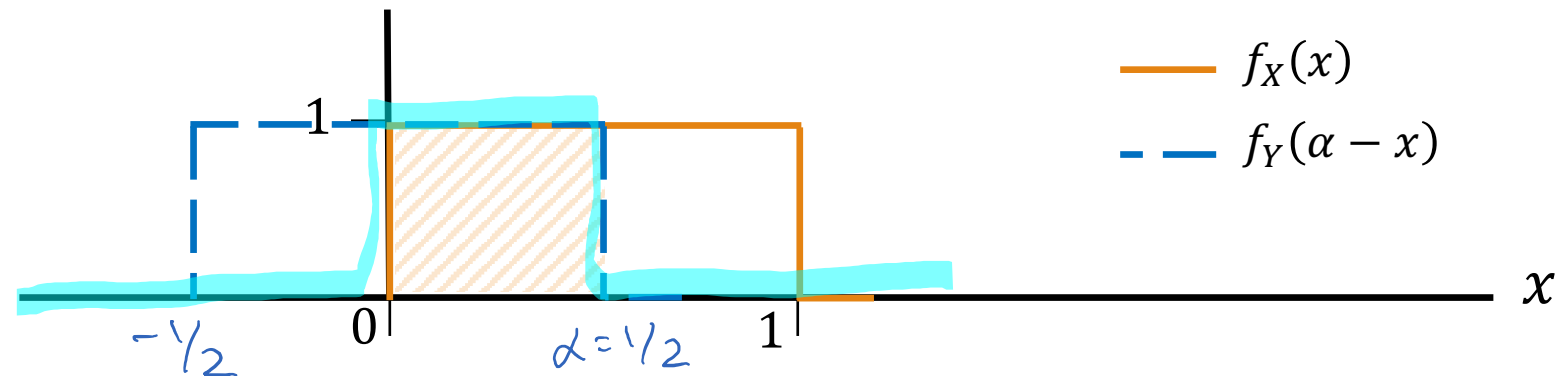
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Integral = area under the curve  
This curve = product of 2 functions of  $x$

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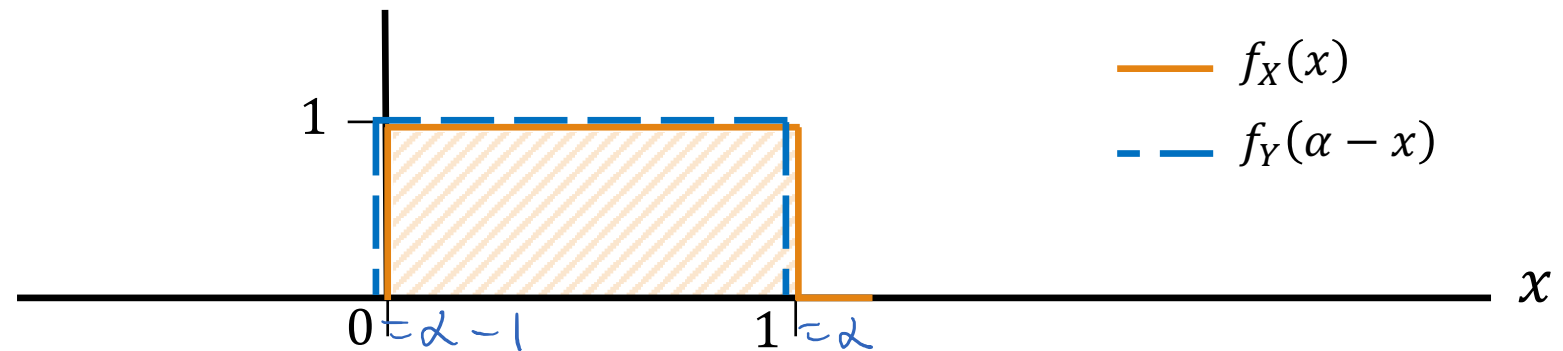
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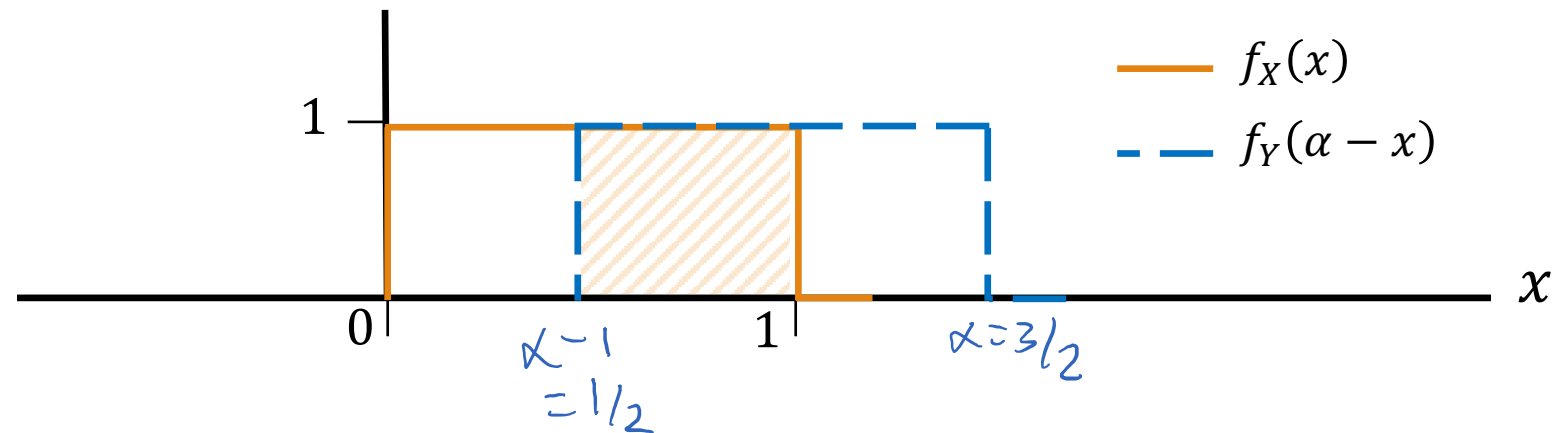
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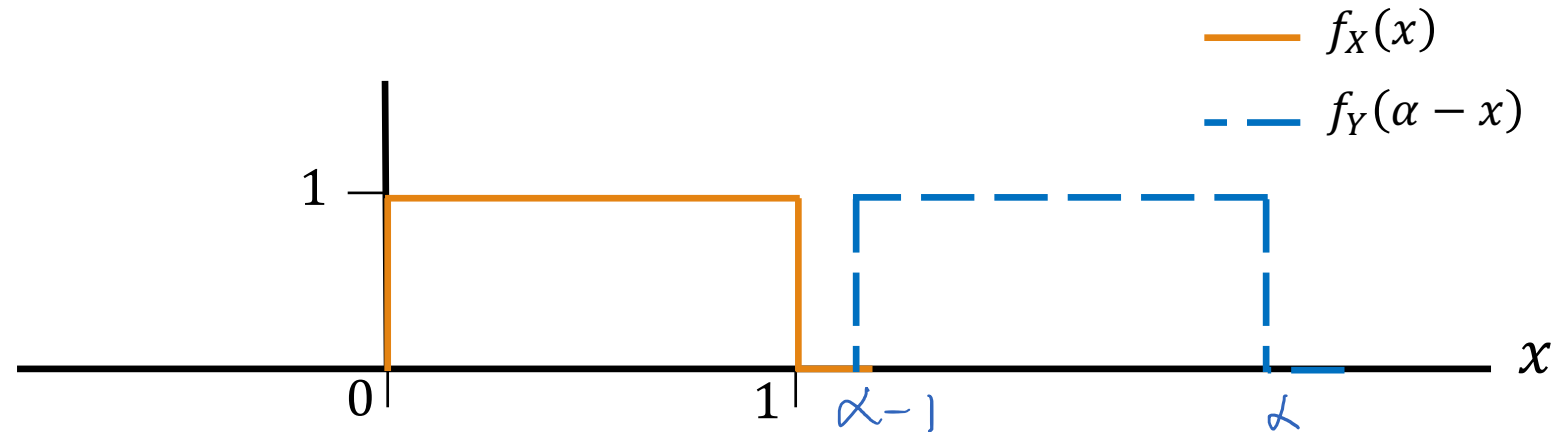
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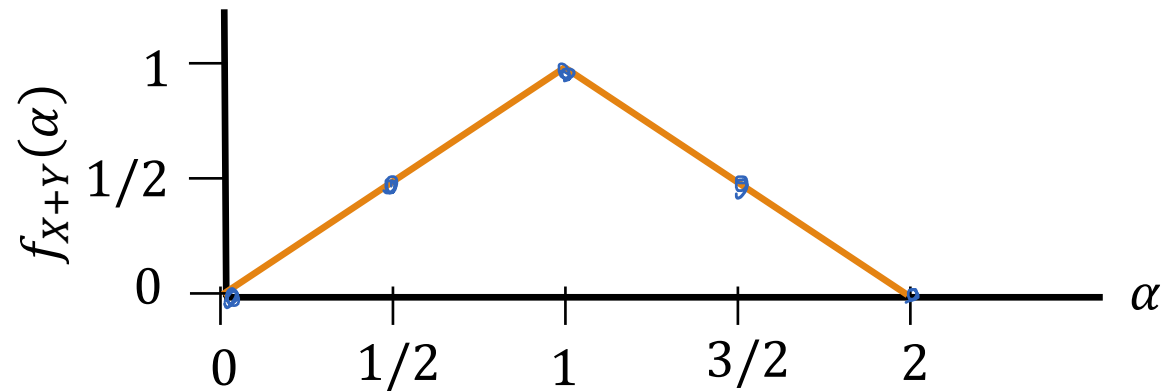
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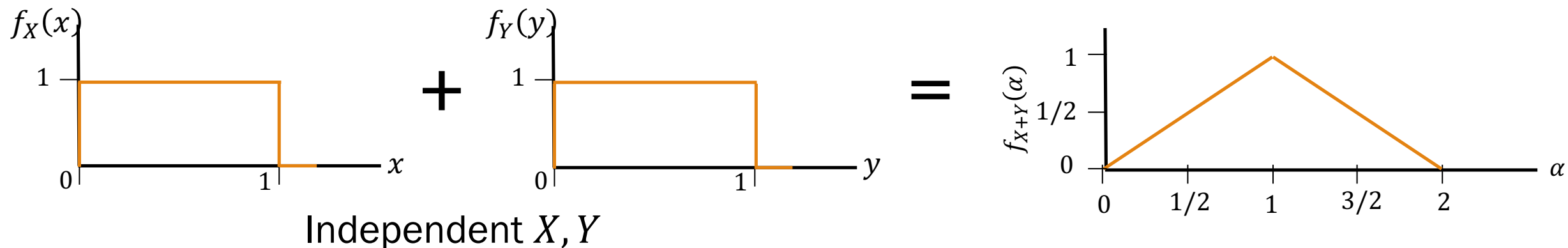
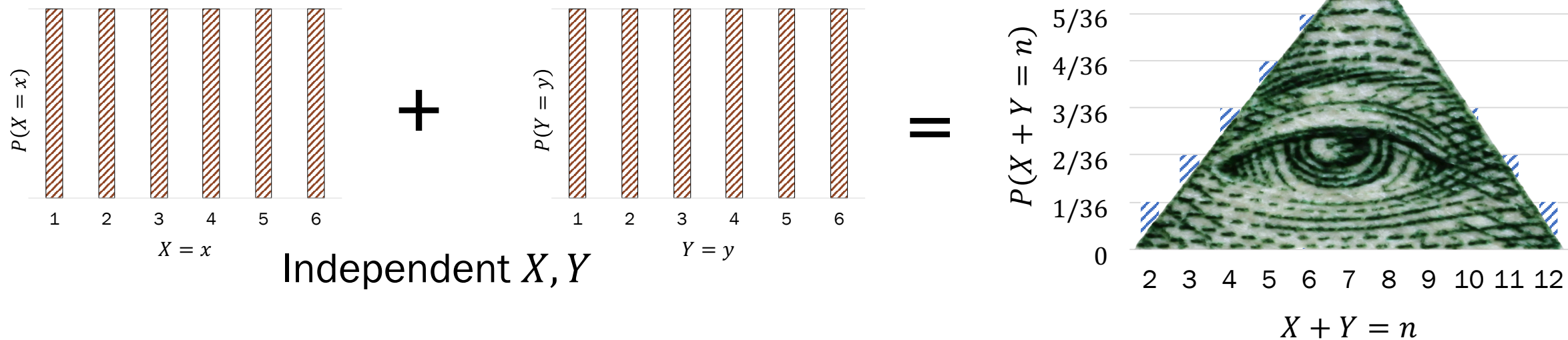
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# Dance, Dance, Convolution Extreme



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Phew....that was a mental workout.

In practice, we try to avoid convolution where possible, by choosing “nice” distributions.

Ready for something truly useful? Stay tuned!

# Sums of independent Normal RVs

# Sum of independent Normals

$$\begin{array}{l} X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2), \\ Y \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2) \\ X, Y \text{ independent} \end{array} \quad \Rightarrow \quad X + Y \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_1 + \mu_2, \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)$$

(proof left to [Wikipedia](#))

Holds in general case:

$$\begin{array}{l} X_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_i, \sigma_i^2) \\ X_i \text{ independent for } i = 1, \dots, n \end{array} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i, \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2\right)$$



# Back for another playoffs game



What is the probability that the Warriors win?  
How do you model zero-sum games?

$$P(A_W > A_B)$$

This is a probability of an event involving *two* random variables!

We will compute:

$$P(A_W - A_B > 0)$$

# Motivating idea: Zero sum games



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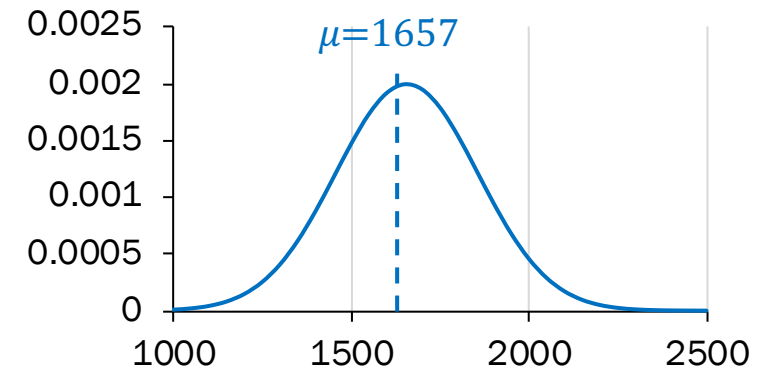
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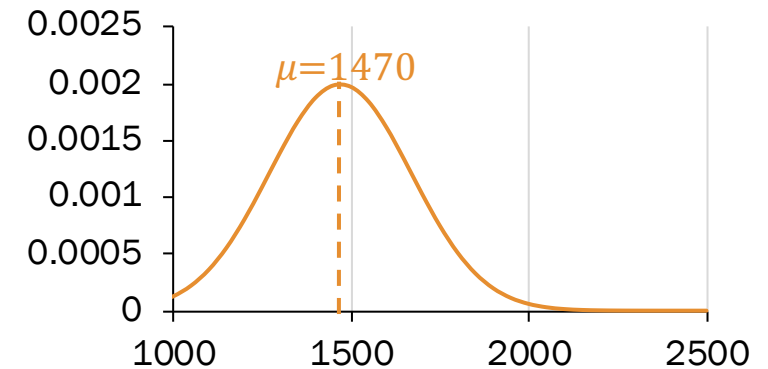
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- D. Dance, Dance, Convolution
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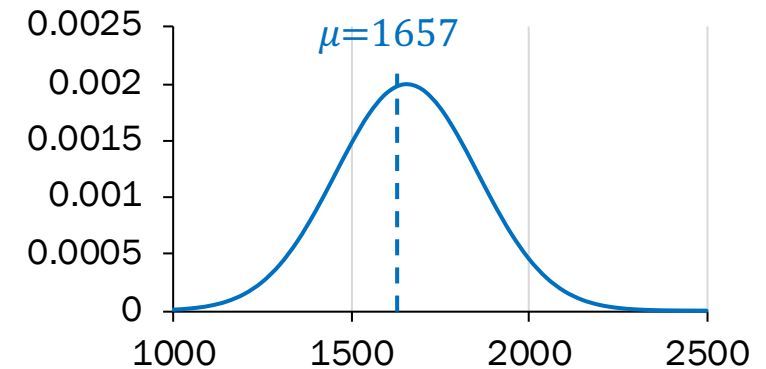
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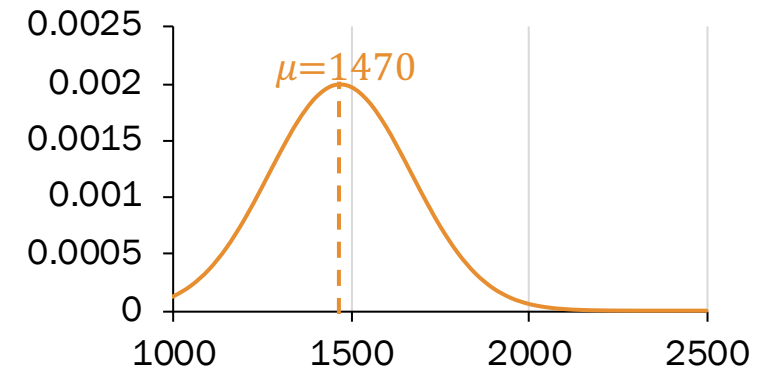
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If  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ ,  
then  $(-X) \sim \mathcal{N}(-\mu, (-1)^2 \sigma^2 = \sigma^2)$ .

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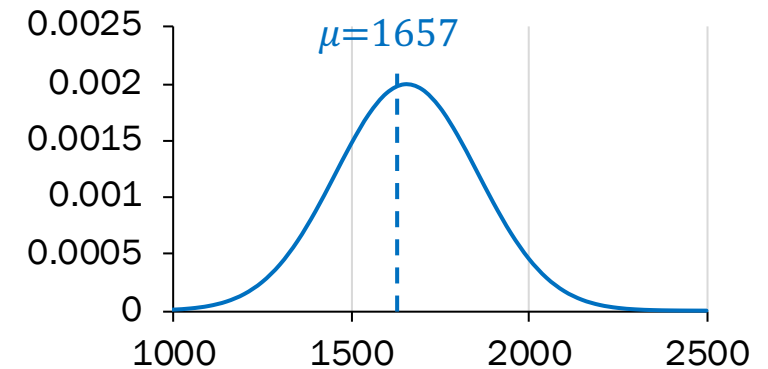
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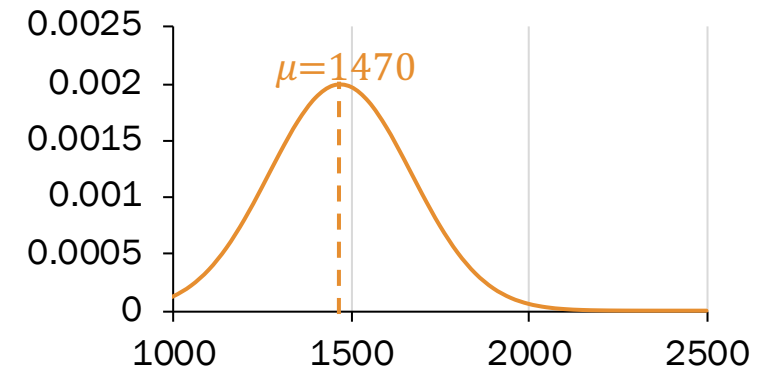
$$\begin{aligned} P(D > 0) &= 1 - F_D(0) = 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{0 - 187}{283}\right) \\ &\approx 0.7454 \end{aligned}$$

Compare with **0.7488**, calculated by sampling!

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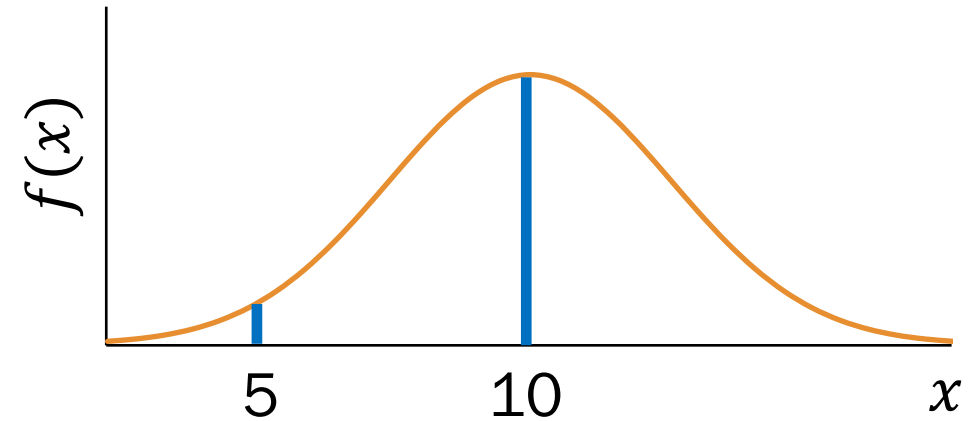
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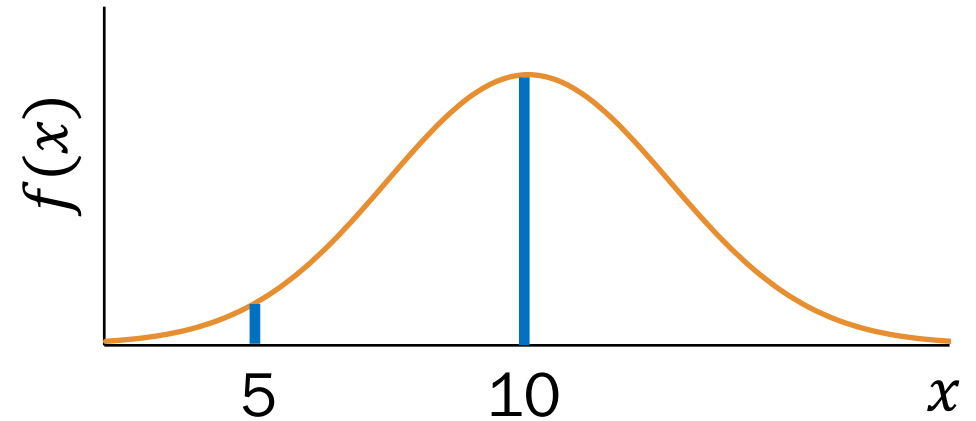


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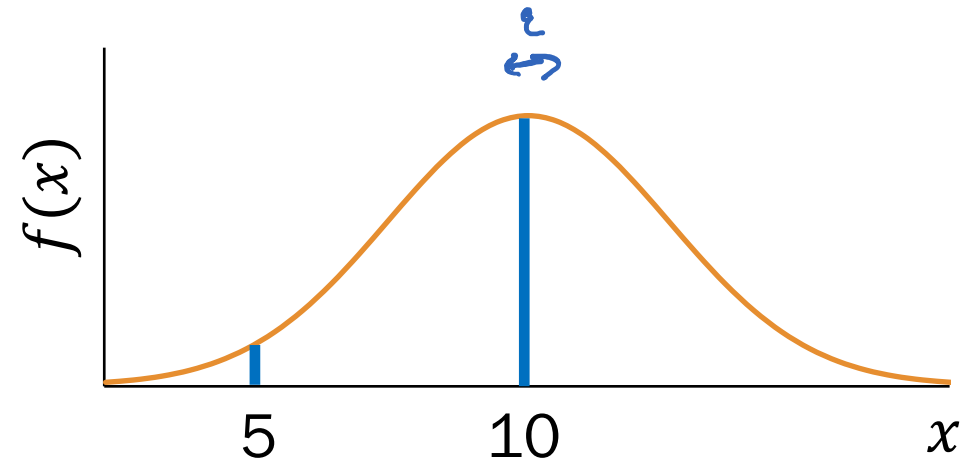
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$$P(X = a) = P\left(a - \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \leq X \leq a + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right) = \int_{a - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}}^{a + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}} f(x) dx \approx \varepsilon f(a)$$

Therefore  $\frac{P(X = a)}{P(X = b)} = \frac{\varepsilon f(a)}{\varepsilon f(b)} = \frac{f(a)}{f(b)}$   $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{\varepsilon f(a)}{\varepsilon f(b)}$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(10-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}}{\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(5-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}} = \frac{e^{-\frac{(10-10)^2}{2 \cdot 2}}}{e^{-\frac{(5-10)^2}{2 \cdot 2}}} = \frac{e^0}{e^{-\frac{25}{4}}} = 518$$

Ratios of PDFs are meaningful!!



# Continuous conditional distributions

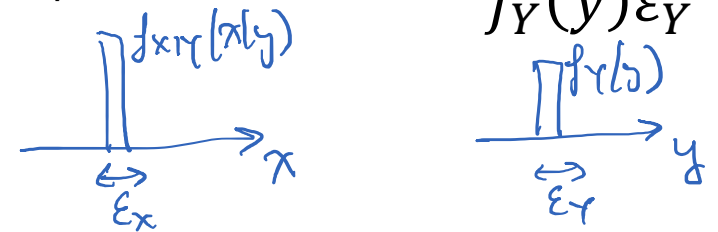
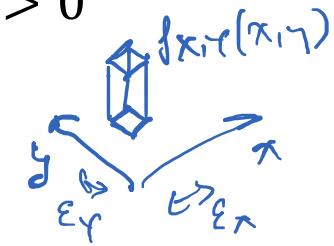
# Continuous conditional distributions

For continuous RVs  $X$  and  $Y$ , the **conditional PDF** of  $X$  given  $Y$  is

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

where  $f_Y(y) > 0$

Intuition:  $P(X = x|Y = y) = \frac{P(X = x, Y = y)}{P(Y = y)}$   $\iff$   $f_{X|Y}(x|y)\epsilon_X = \frac{f_{X,Y}(x,y)\epsilon_X\epsilon_Y}{f_Y(y)\epsilon_Y}$



Note that conditional PDF  $f_{X|Y}$  is a “true” density:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X|Y}(x|y) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{f_{X,Y}(x,y)}{f_Y(y)} dx = \frac{f_Y(y)}{f_Y(y)} = 1$$

$$\sum_x P_{X|Y}(x|y) = 1$$

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# Why sums of random variables?

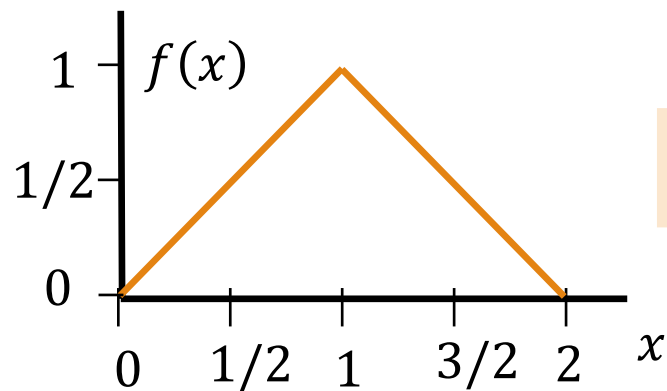
$$X_1 + X_2$$

Sometimes modeling and understanding a complex  $X$  is hard.

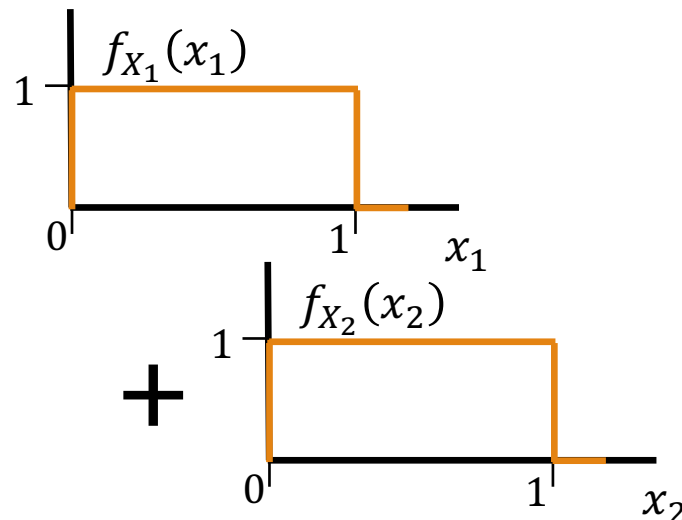
But if we can decompose  $X$  into the **sum of independent simpler** RVs,

- We can then compute distributions on  $X$ .
- We can then to understand how  $X$  changes when its parts change.

What can we model with a triangular PDF?



Sum of uniforms!



We're covering the reverse direction for now; the forward direction will come next time

# Discussion

Slide 3<sup>4</sup>~~6~~ has a question to discuss together.

Post any clarifications here or in chat!

<https://us.edstem.org/courses/2678/discussion/153772>

Think by yourself: 1 min

Discuss (as a class, in chat): 3 min



# Virus infections

Suppose you are working with the WHO to plan a response to the initial conditions of a virus. There are two exposed groups:

- G1: 200 people, each independently infected with  $p_1 = 0.1$
- G2: 100 people, each independently infected with  $p_2 = 0.4$

What is  $P(\text{people infected} \geq 55)$ ? An approximation is okay.

## 1. Define RVs & state goal

Let  $A = \#$  infected in G1.

$$A \sim \text{Bin}(200, 0.1)$$

$B = \#$  infected in G2.

$$B \sim \text{Bin}(100, 0.4)$$

Want:  $P(A + B \geq 55)$

Strategy:

- A. Dance, Dance, Convolution  $\sum_k p(k) p(n-k)$
- B. Sum of indep. Binomials  $\text{Bin}(n_1, p) + \text{Bin}(n_2, p)$
- C. (approximate) Sum of indep. Poissons large  $n$ , small  $p$
- D. (approximate) Sum of indep. Normals large enough variance
- E. None/other  $np(1-p) > 10$

*in n struggle  
a few min discuss*



(discuss)

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Strategy:

- A. Dance, Dance, Convolution
- B. Sum of indep. Binomials
- C. (approximate) Sum of indep. Poissons
- D. (approximate) Sum of indep. Normals
- E. None/other

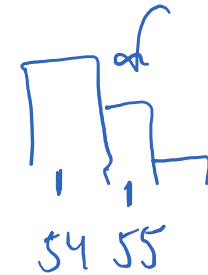
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approx Bin w/ Normal  
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Let  $W = X + Y \sim \mathcal{N}(20 + 40 = 60, 18 + 24 = 42)$

$$P(W \geq 54.5) = 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{54.5 - 60}{\sqrt{42}}\right) \approx 1 - \Phi(-0.85) \\ \approx \mathbf{0.8023}$$

# A conceptual review

# Everything\* in probability is a sum or a product (or both)

\*except conditional probability (a ratio)

**Sum** of values that can be considered separately (possibly weighted by prob. of happening)

$$E[X] = \sum_x x \underbrace{p(x)}_{\text{weight}}$$

$$E[X|Y = y] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \underbrace{f_{X|Y}(x|y)}_{\text{weight}} dx$$

$$P(E) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(E|F_i) \underbrace{P(F_i)}_{\text{weight}}$$

$$P(E) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(E_i)$$

Law of Total Probability

Axiom 3,  $E = E_1 \cup \dots \cup E_n$   
 $E_i \cap E_j = \emptyset$

**Product** of values that can each be considered in sequence

$$P(E \cap F \cap G) = P(E)P(F|E)P(G|EF)$$

Chain Rule

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y)$$

Independent cont. RVs

$$P(X + Y = n) = \sum_k P(X = k)P(Y = n - k)$$

Sum of indep. discrete RVs (convolution)

# Conditional probability and Bayes' Theorem

Definition

$$P(F|E) = \frac{P(E \cap F)}{\underbrace{P(E)}}_{}$$

Scaling to the correct sample space

Independence

$E, F$  independent

$$P(F|E) = \underbrace{P(F)}_{}$$

Sample space doesn't need to be scaled

Bayes' Theorem

$$P(F|E) = \frac{\underbrace{P(F)}_{\text{Prior: some prob. of event } F} \underbrace{P(E|F)}_{\text{Likelihood}}}{\underbrace{P(E)}_{\text{Scaling to the correct sample space}}}$$

**Posterior:** prob. of  $F$  knowing that  $E$  happened

# Multiple Bayes' Theorems



with  
events

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



with  
discrete RVs

$$p_{Y|X}(y|x) = \frac{p_Y(y)p_{X|Y}(x|y)}{p_X(x)}$$

You are given  
this value...

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

with  
continuous RVs

...so this is just a scalar

Really all the  
same idea!

# Extra fun in lecture today

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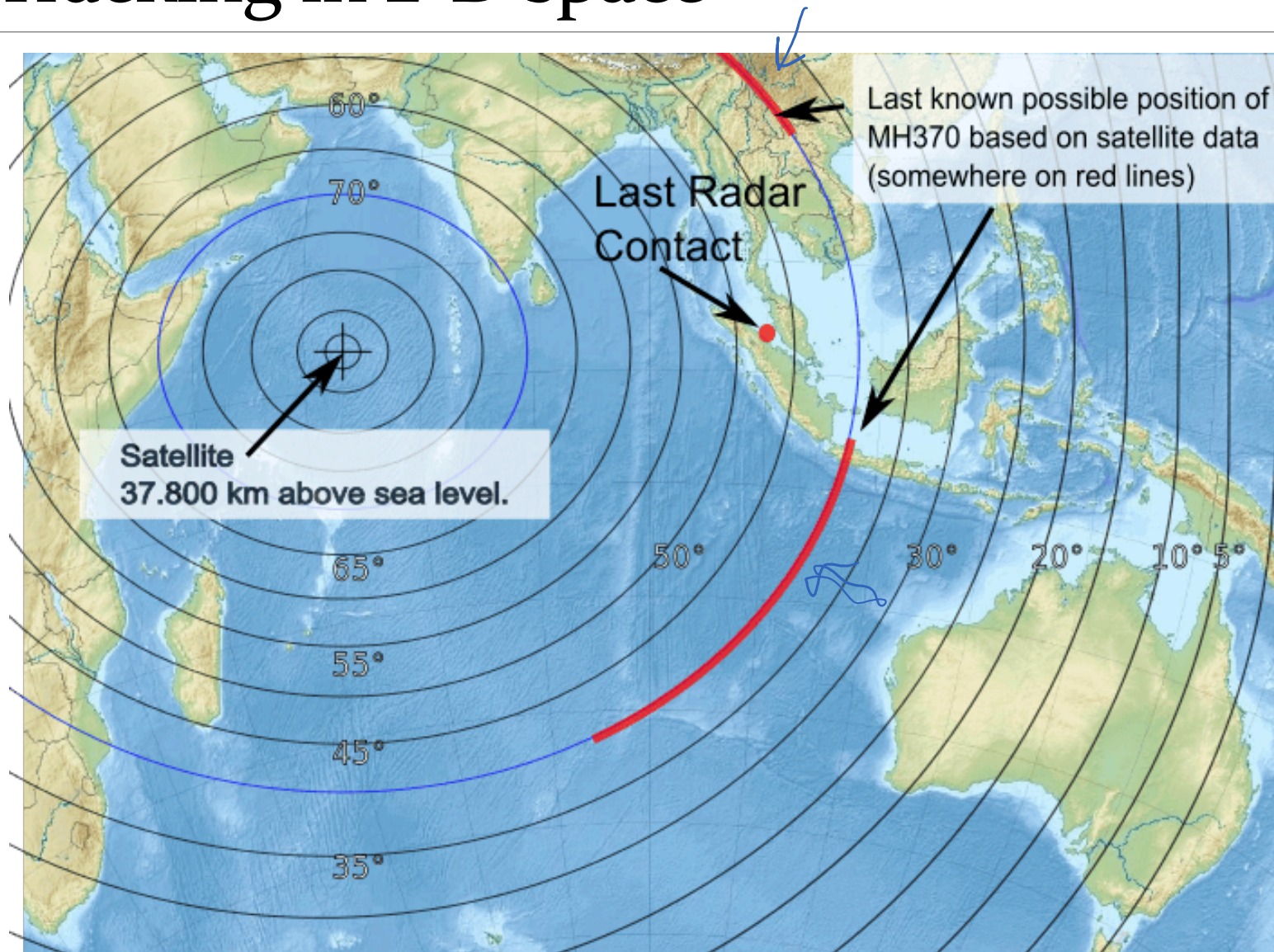
We've gotten very far in our ability to model different situations.

Let's test our mettle to analyze an important application that involves:

- Conditional densities
- Bayes' Theorem
- A computer
- Normalization constants



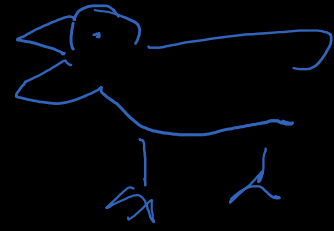
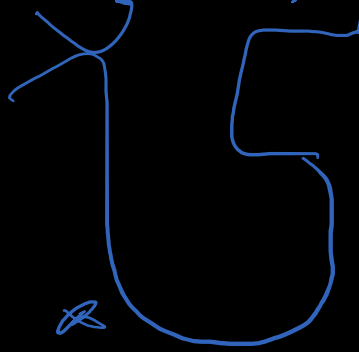
# Tracking in 2-D space



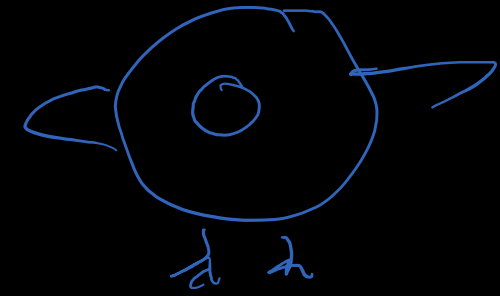
You want to know the 2-D location of an object.

Your satellite ping gives you a noisy 1-D measurement of the distance of the object from the satellite (0,0).

Using the satellite measurement, where is the object?



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# Interlude for jokes/announcements



# Announcements

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## Quiz #2

Time frame: Wednesday 10/28 2:00pm – Friday 10/30 12:59pm PT  
Covers: Up to end of Week 5 (including Lecture 15). PS3+PS4  
Info and practice: (to be posted soon)

## Homework parties

Saturdays 9am-11am PT

Sundays 2pm-4pm PT

Designated student group  
work time on Nooks (no CAs)

## Office Hours/Mid-quarter feedback update

Thanks for your feedback! We are working  
on updating our OH to help more students  
learn

*feedback Friday form*

# Accessing old concept checks

PDF released after  
late deadline passes

Week 5

**MON OCT 12** **13** Joint RV Statistics

- Coupon Collecting Problems
- Covariance
- Variance for Independent RVs
- Correlation

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Read: Ch 6.4-6.5

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**WED OCT 14** **14** Conditional Expectation

- Conditional distributions
- Conditional expectation
- Law of Total Expectation
- Analyzing Recursive Code

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Read: Ch 7.1-7.2

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Week 1  
Week 2  
Week 3  
**Week 4**  
Week 5  
Week 6  
Week 7  
Week 8  
Week 9  
Week 10

Still live on  
Gradescope

# New handout

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Resources/Demos ▾ Quizzes

Calculation Ref

Python for Probability

LaTeX Guides

Latex Cheat Sheet

Full Probability Reference (Overleaf)

Standard Normal Table

Normal CDF Calculator

[A summary](#) of allllllllllllllllll the things we've learned so far.

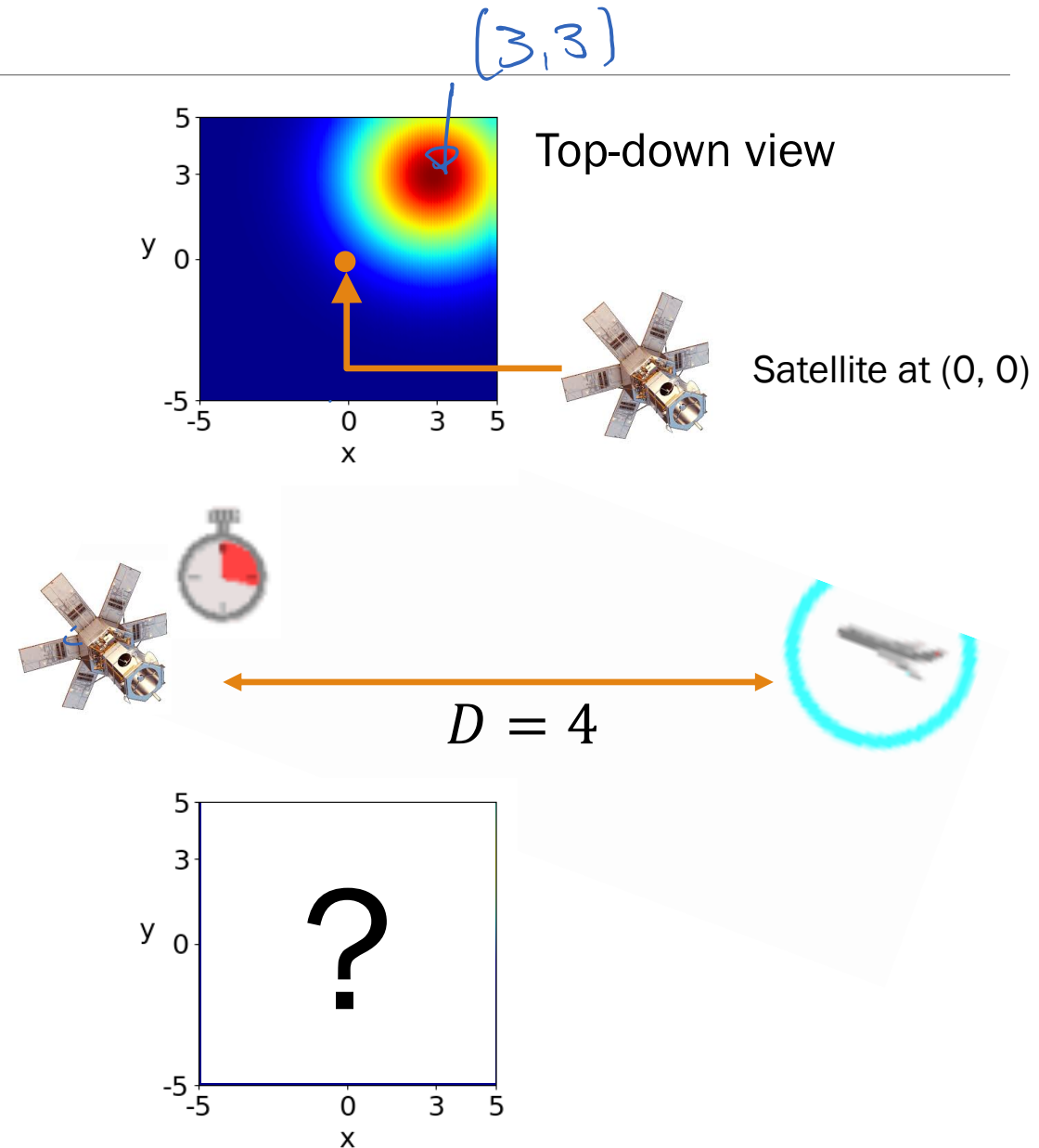
- Many equations look the same.
- ...because they're all built on the same principles!
- Overleaf, so LaTeX-friendly

Also recommended:

- Lecture Notes (generally shorter than slides)
- [A previous CA's midterm review](#)

# Tracking in 2-D space

- Before measuring, we have some **prior belief** about the 2-D location of an object,  $(X, Y)$ .
- We observe some noisy **measurement**  $D = 4$ , the Euclidean distance of the object to a satellite.  $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$
- After the measurement, what is our **updated (posterior) belief** of the 2-D location of the object?



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- What is your **updated (posterior) belief** of the 2-D location of the object after observing the measurement?

Recall  
Bayes  
terminology:

$$f_{X,Y|D}(x, y|d) = \frac{\overset{\substack{\text{likelihood} \\ \text{(of evidence)}}}{f_{D|X,Y}(d|x, y)} \overset{\substack{\text{prior} \\ \text{belief}}}{f_{X,Y}(x, y)}}{f_D(d)}$$

normalization constant

# 1. Define prior

$$f_{X,Y|D}(x, y|d) = \frac{f_{D|X,Y}(d|x, y) f_{X,Y}(x, y)}{f_D(d)}$$

You have a **prior belief** about the 2-D location of an object,  $(X, Y)$ .

$$\mu = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 2^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

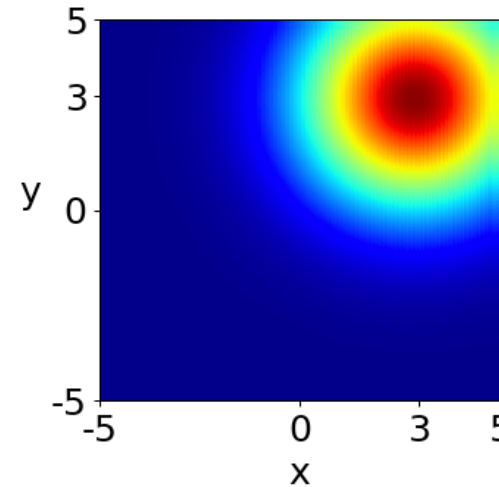
Let  $(X, Y)$  = object's 2-D location.  
(your satellite is at  $(0,0)$ )

Suppose the prior distribution is a symmetric bivariate normal distribution:

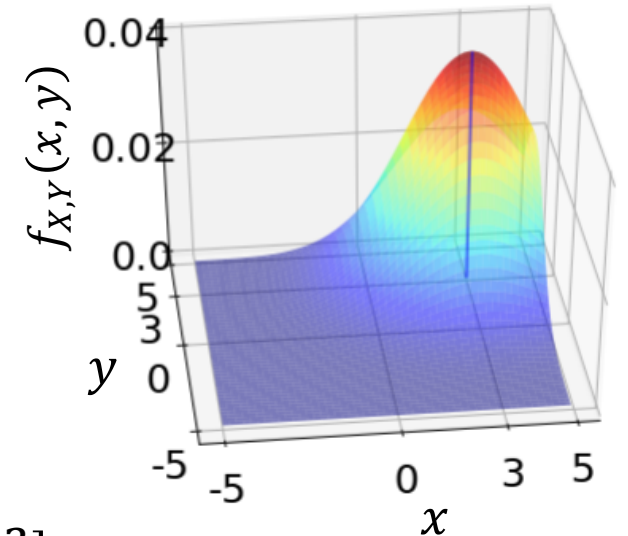
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Top-down view



3-D view



## 2. Define likelihood

$$f_{X,Y|D}(x, y|d) = \frac{f_{D|X,Y}(d|x, y) f_{X,Y}(x, y)}{f_D(d)}$$

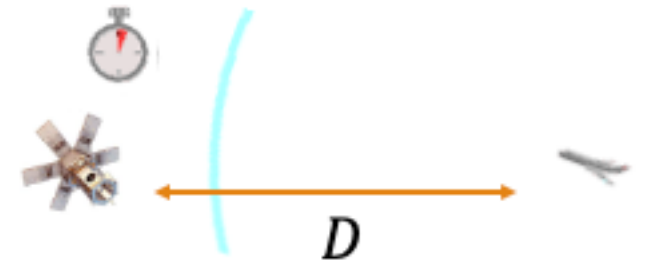
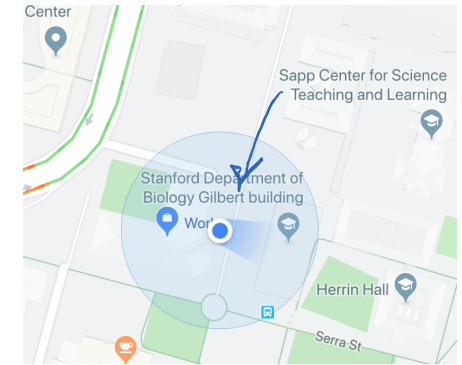
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# Think

Check out the question on the next slide (Slide 54). Post any clarifications here!

<https://us.edstem.org/courses/2678/discussion/153772>

Think by yourself: 2 min

**Post your interpretation in the chat.**





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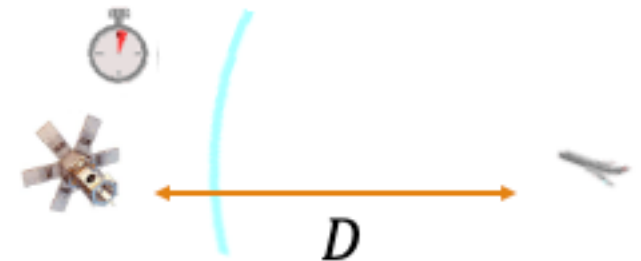
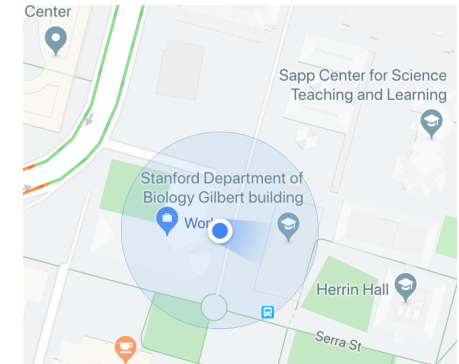
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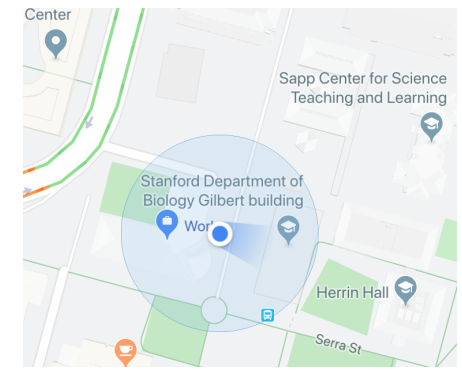


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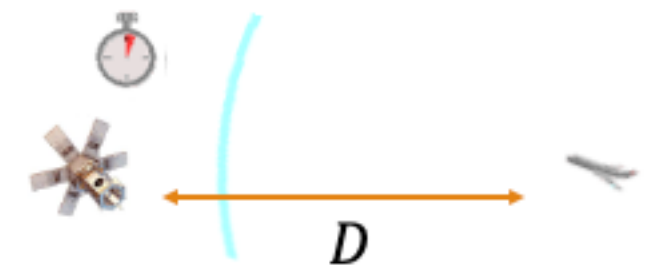
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$$D = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} + z, \quad z \sim N(0, 1)$$

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

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Compute:

Posterior  
belief

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# Breakout Rooms

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Breakout rooms: 3 min



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Know:

Prior  
belief

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

Observation  
likelihood

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

#### Tips

- Use Bayes' Theorem!
- $f_D(4)$  is just a scaling constant. Why?
- How can we approximate the final scaling constant with a computer?



Deep breath

# Tracking in 2-D space

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$$\begin{aligned}
 f_{X,Y|D}(X = x, Y = y | D = 4) &= \frac{\overset{\text{likelihood of } D = 4}{f_{D|X,Y}(D = 4 | X = x, Y = y)} \overset{\text{prior belief}}{f_{X,Y}(x, y)}}{f(D = 4)} \quad \text{Bayes' Theorem} \\
 &= \frac{K_2 \cdot e^{-\frac{(4 - \sqrt{x^2 + y^2})^2}{2}} \cdot K_1 \cdot e^{-\frac{[(x-3)^2 + (y-3)^2]}{8}}}{f(D = 4)} \\
 &= \frac{K_3 \cdot e^{-\left[\frac{(4 - \sqrt{x^2 + y^2})^2}{2} + \frac{[(x-3)^2 + (y-3)^2]}{8}\right]}}{f(D = 4)} \\
 &= K_4 \cdot e^{-\left[\frac{(4 - \sqrt{x^2 + y^2})^2}{2} + \frac{[(x-3)^2 + (y-3)^2]}{8}\right]} \quad \text{For your notes...}
 \end{aligned}$$

$f(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$   
 $f(3) = \lambda e^{-\lambda 3}$   
 $f(5) = \lambda e^{-\lambda 3}$

Key: Once we know the part dependent on  $x, y$ , we can computationally approximate  $K_4$  such that  $f_{X,Y|D}$  is a valid PDF.

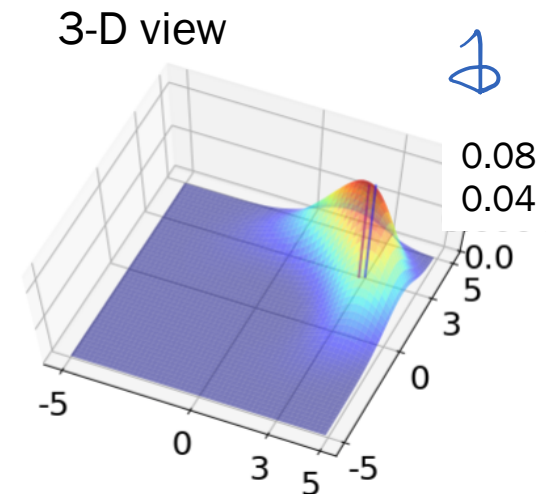
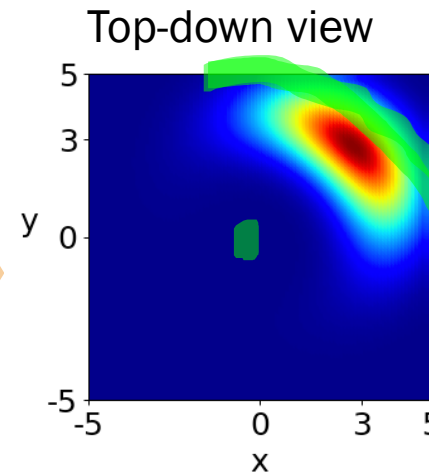
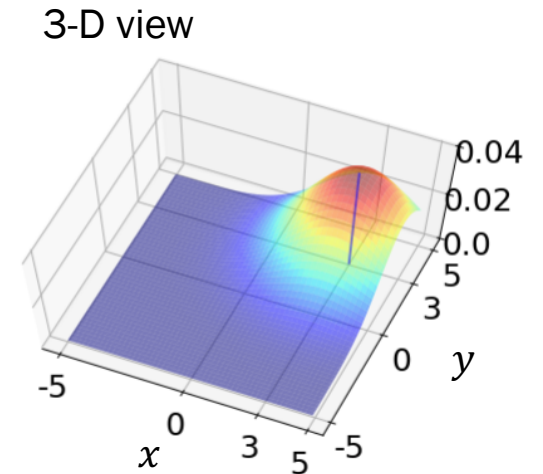
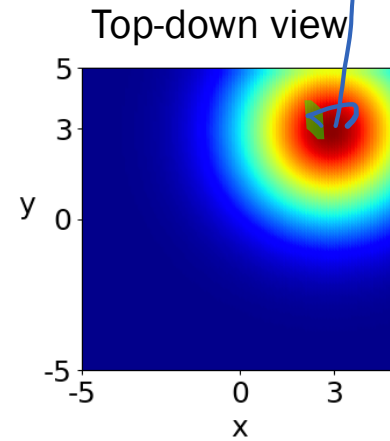
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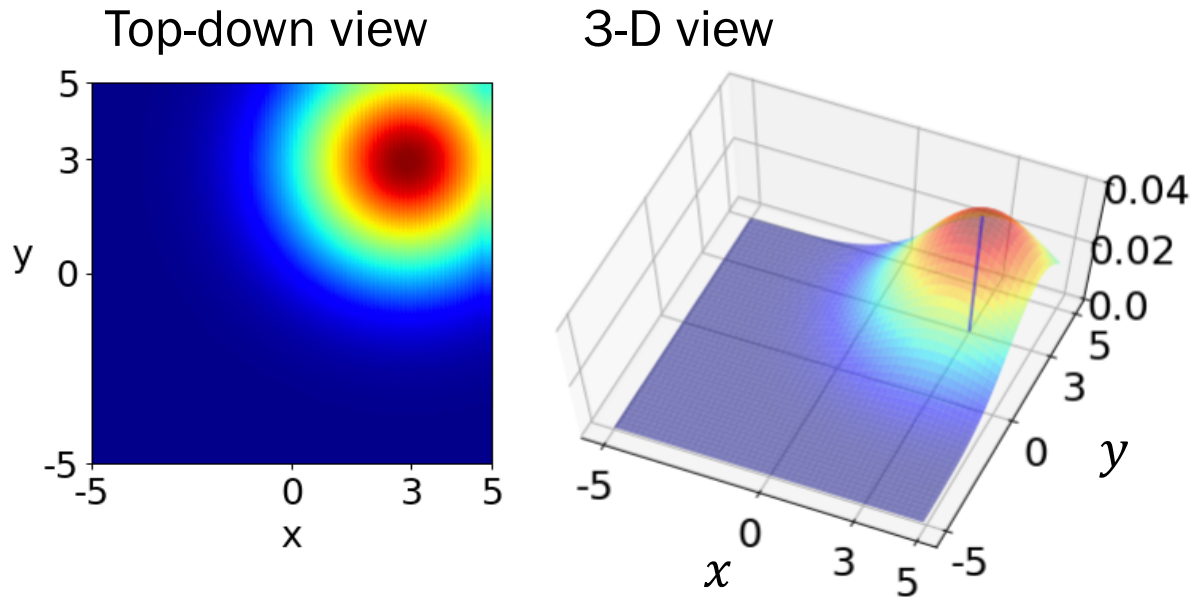
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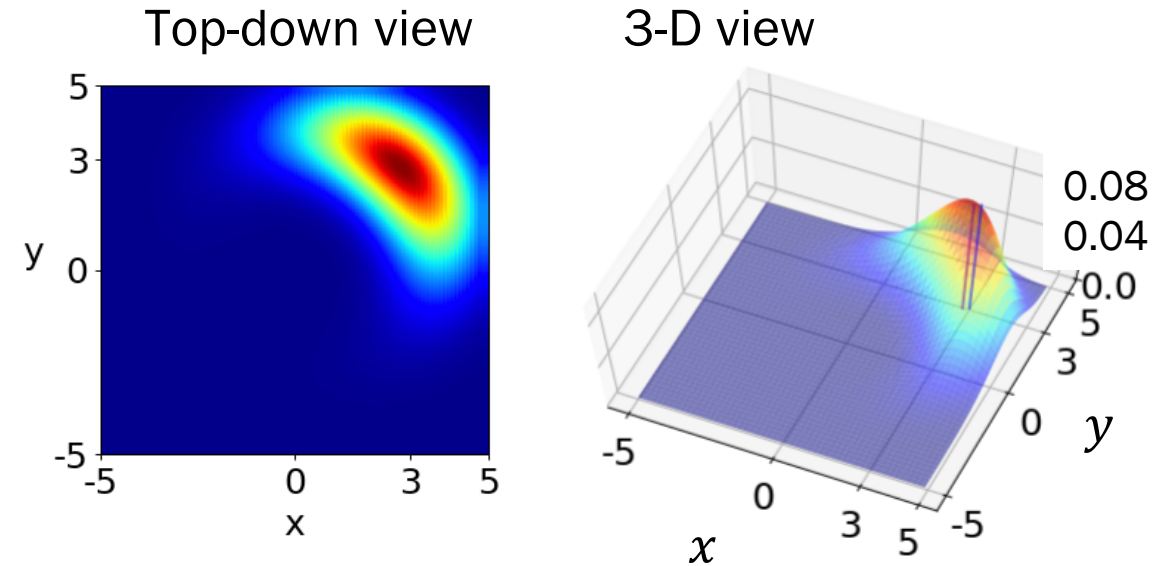
# Tracking in 2-D space: Posterior belief

## Prior belief



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

## Posterior belief



$$f_{X,Y|D}(x, y|4) = K_4 \cdot e^{-\left[ \frac{(4 - \sqrt{x^2 + y^2})^2}{2} + \frac{[(x-3)^2 + (y-3)^2]}{8} \right]}$$

# How'd you compute that $K_4$ ?

To be a valid conditional PDF,  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y|D}(x, y|4) dx dy = 1$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} K_4 \cdot e^{-\left[\frac{(4-\sqrt{x^2+y^2})^2}{2} + \frac{[(x-3)^2+(y-3)^2]}{8}\right]} dx dy = 1$$

➔  $\frac{1}{K_4} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\left[\frac{(4-\sqrt{x^2+y^2})^2}{2} + \frac{[(x-3)^2+(y-3)^2]}{8}\right]} dx dy$  (pull out  $K_4$ , divide)

Approximate:

$$\frac{1}{K_4} \approx \sum_x \sum_y e^{-\left[\frac{(4-\sqrt{x^2+y^2})^2}{2} + \frac{[(x-3)^2+(y-3)^2]}{8}\right]} \Delta x \Delta y$$



Use a computer!





Give yourself a pat  
on the back after this!



(no video)

# Extra slides

# Conditional densities

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Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be continuous RVs with joint PDF:

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{12}{5}x(2-x-y) & 0 < x, y < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

1. What is the conditional density  $f_{X|Y}(x|y)$ ?
2. Are  $X$  and  $Y$  independent?



(discuss)

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$$\begin{aligned} 1. \quad f_{X|Y}(x|y) &= \frac{f_{X,Y}(x, y)}{f_Y(y)} = \frac{f_{X,Y}(x, y)}{\int_0^1 f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx} = \frac{\frac{12}{5} x(2 - x - y)}{\int_0^1 \frac{12}{5} x(2 - x - y) dx} = \frac{x(2 - x - y)}{\int_0^1 x(2 - x - y) dx} \\ &= \frac{x(2 - x - y)}{\left[ x^2 - \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^2 y}{2} \right]_0^1} = \frac{x(2 - x - y)}{\frac{2}{3} - \frac{y}{2}} = \frac{6x(2 - x - y)}{4 - 3y} \end{aligned}$$

2. No,  $X$  and  $Y$  are dependent.

Follow up:

What is  $f_{X|Y}\left(x|\frac{1}{2}\right)$ ?