

Continuous Joint Distributions

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Announcements

- Midterm next-next Tuesday.
 - 7-9p in Hewlett 200. Oct 26th
 - Need accommodations? Let us know before Thurs, Oct 21st 9a.
 - Cumulative up until next Friday. Most emphasis will be on the topics in the first 3 psets. Practice starting next Monday.
 - No class the day before the midterm!
- Pset #3 we removed problem 9c.

Where are we in CS109?

Overview of Topics



Counting
Theory



Core
Probability



Random
Variables



Probabilistic
Models



Uncertainty
Theory



Machine
Learning

CS109 Flow

Today

Discrete Joint
Distributions:
General Case

Multinomial:
A parametric
Discrete Joint

Cont. Joint
Distributions:
General Case

Learning Goals

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



Products become Sums!

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

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

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

For Multiple RVs, Joint is Complete Information!

$$P(X = a, Y = y)$$

	Single	Relationship	Complicated
Frosh	0.13	0.08	0.02
Soph	0.17	0.11	0.02
Junior	0.09	0.10	0.02
Senior	0.02	0.07	0.01
5+	0.06	0.09	0.04



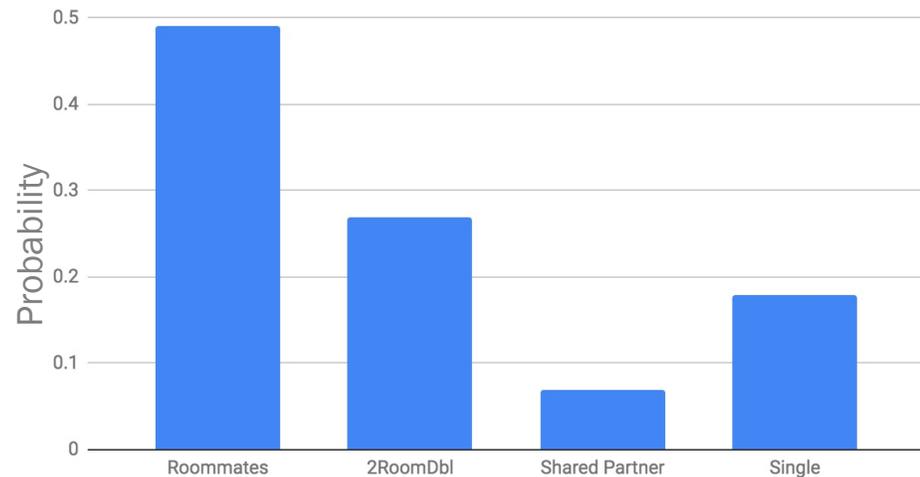
A joint distribution is complete information. It can be used to answer any probability question.

For discrete random variables the joint might look like a table.

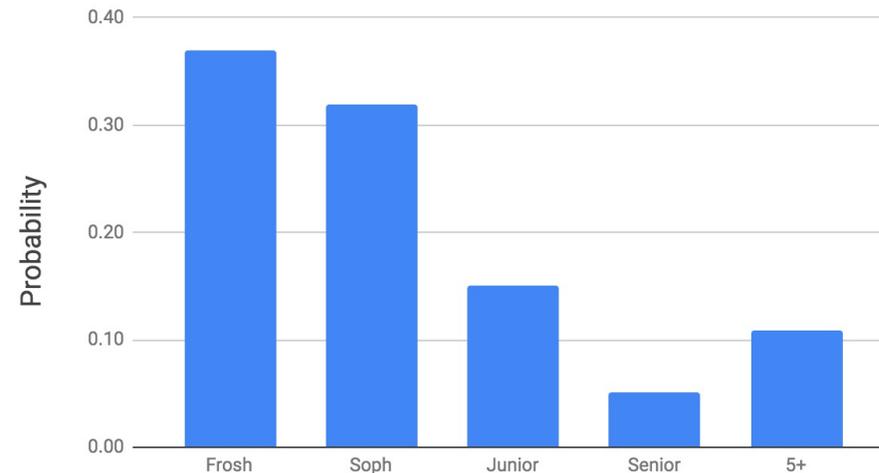
Joint Probability Table

	Roommates	2RoomDbI	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

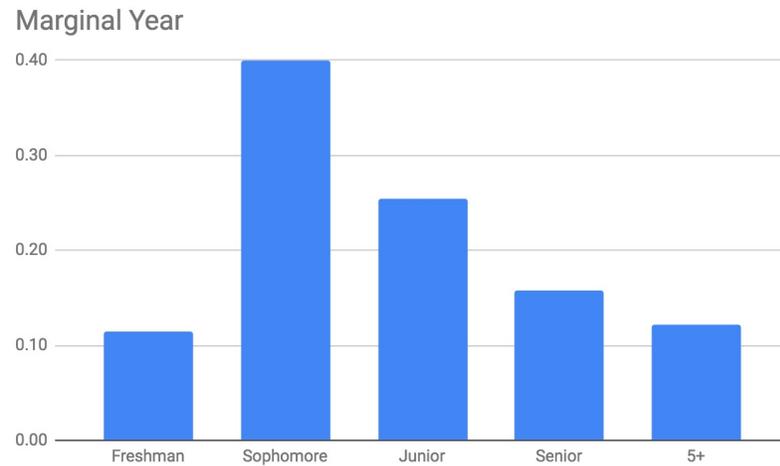
Marginal Room type



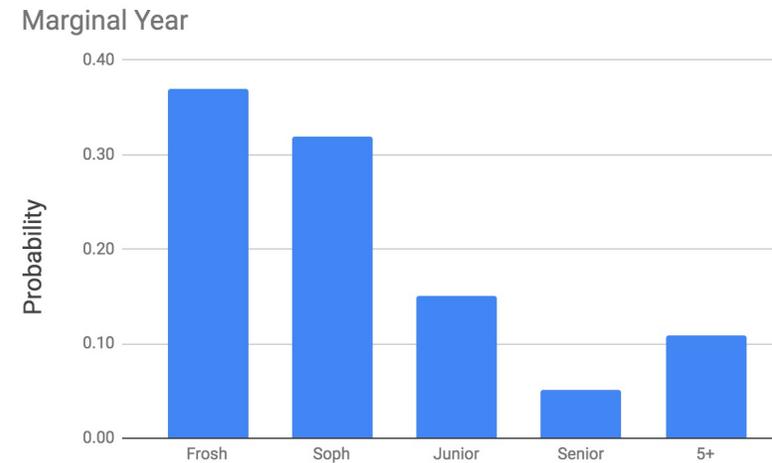
Marginal Year



Change in Marginal Year



Fall quarter '18



Spr quarter '19

Can't always use tables
(size grows exponentially with
number of RVs)

The Multinomial

Multinomial distribution

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

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

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

Who wrote the federalist papers?



Who wrote Federalist Paper 53?

madison.txt

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1 To the People of the State of New York:
2
3 AMONG the numerous advantages promised by a
wellconstructed Union, none deserves to be more
accurately developed than its tendency to break
and control the violence of faction. The friend
of popular governments never finds himself so
much alarmed for their character and fate, as
when he contemplates their propensity to this
dangerous vice. He will not fail, therefore, to
set a due value on any plan which, without
violating the principles to which he is attached,
provides a proper cure for it. The instability,
injustice, and confusion introduced into the
public councils, have, in truth, been the mortal
diseases under which popular governments have
everywhere perished; as they continue to be the
favorite and fruitful topics from which the
adversaries to liberty derive their most specious
declamations. The valuable improvements made by
the American constitutions on the popular models,
both ancient and modern, cannot certainly be too
much admired; but it would be an unwarrantable
partiality, to contend that they have as
effectually obviated the danger on this side, as
was wished and expected. Complaints are
everywhere heard from our most considerate and
virtuous citizens, equally the friends of public
and private faith, and of public and personal
liberty, that our governments are too unstable,
that the public good is disregarded in the
conflicts of rival parties, and that measures are
too often decided, not according to the rules of
justice and the rights of the minor party, but by
the superior force of an interested and
overbearing majority. However anxiously we may
wish that these complaints had no foundation, the
evidence, of known facts will not permit us to
deny that they are in some degree true. It will
be found, indeed, on a candid review of our
situation, that some of the distresses under
which we labor have been erroneously charged on
the operation of our governments; but it will be
found, at the same time, that other causes will
not alone account for many of our heaviest
misfortunes; and, particularly, for that
prevailing and increasing distrust of public
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hamilton.txt

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1 The Utility of the Union in Respect to Commercial
Relations and a Navy
2 Hamilton for the Independent Journal.
3
4 To the People of the State of New York:
5 THE importance of the Union, in a commercial
light, is one of those points about which there
is least room to entertain a difference of
opinion, and which has, in fact, commanded the
most general assent of men who have any
acquaintance with the subject. This applies as
well to our intercourse with foreign countries as
with each other.
6
7 There are appearances to authorize a supposition
that the adventurous spirit, which distinguishes
the commercial character of America, has already
excited uneasy sensations in several of the
maritime powers of Europe. They seem to be
apprehensive of our too great interference in
that carrying trade, which is the support of
their navigation and the foundation of their
naval strength. Those of them which have colonies
in America look forward to what this country is
capable of becoming, with painful solicitude.
They foresee the dangers that may threaten their
American dominions from the neighborhood of
States, which have all the dispositions, and
would possess all the means, requisite to the
creation of a powerful marine. Impressions of
this kind will naturally indicate the policy of
fostering divisions among us, and of depriving
us, as far as possible, of an active commerce in
our own bottoms. This would answer the threefold
purpose of preventing our interference in their
navigation, of monopolizing the profits of our
trade, and of clipping the wings by which we
might soar to a dangerous greatness. Did not
prudence forbid the detail, it would not be
difficult to trace, by facts, the workings of
this policy to the cabinets of ministers.
8
9 If we continue united, we may counteract a policy
so unfriendly to our prosperity in a variety of
ways. By prohibitory regulations, extending, at
the same time, throughout the States, we may
oblige foreign countries to bid against each
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unknown.txt

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1 To the People of the State of New York:
2 I SHALL here, perhaps, be reminded of a current
observation, that where annual elections end,
tyranny begins. If it be true, as has often
been remarked, that sayings which become
proverbial are generally founded in reason, it
is not less true, that when once established,
they are often applied to cases to which the
reason of them does not extend. I need not look
for a proof beyond the case before us. What is
the reason on which this proverbial observation
is founded? No man will subject himself to the
ridicule of pretending that any natural
connection subsists between the sun or the
seasons, and the period within which human
virtue can bear the temptations of power.
Happily for mankind, liberty is not, in this
respect, confined to any single point of time;
but lies within extremes, which afford
sufficient latitude for all the variations which
may be required by the various situations and
circumstances of civil society. The election of
magistrates might be, if it were found
expedient, as in some instances it actually has
been, daily, weekly, or monthly, as well as
annual; and if circumstances may require a
deviation from the rule on one side, why not
also on the other side? Turning our attention
to the periods established among ourselves, for
the election of the most numerous branches of
the State legislatures, we find them by no
means coinciding any more in this instance,
than in the elections of other civil
magistrates. In Connecticut and Rhode Island,
the periods are half-yearly. In the other
States, South Carolina excepted, they are
annual. In South Carolina they are biennial as
is proposed in the federal government. Here is
a difference, as four to one, between the
longest and shortest periods; and yet it would
be not easy to show, that Connecticut or
Rhode Island is better governed, or enjoys a
greater share of rational liberty, than South
Carolina; or that either the one or the other
of these States is distinguished in these
respects, and by these causes, from the
States whose elections are different from both.
In searching for the grounds of this doctrine,
I can discover but one, and that is wholly
inapplicable to our case. The important
distinction so well
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Who wrote Federalist Paper 53?

Prob Document given Hamilton

Prior belief it was Hamilton

$$P(H|D) = \frac{P(D|H)P(H)}{P(D)}$$

Prob Hamilton given Document

Prob of the document???

Who wrote Federalist Paper 53?

Model document as a multinomial where we care about count of words

$$P(H|D) = \frac{P(D|H)P(H)}{P(D)}$$

Who wrote Federalist Paper 53?

Loop over unique words

Prob hamilton would write word i

Number of times word i is in the doc

Prior belief it was Hamilton

Prob Hamilton given Document

Prob of the document???

$$P(H|D) = \frac{\binom{n}{c_1 \dots c_k} \cdot \prod_i h_i^{c_i} \cdot P(H)}{P(D)}$$

Who wrote Federalist Paper 53?

Prob that Hamilton wrote it

$$\begin{aligned}P(H|D) &= \frac{P(D|H)P(H)}{P(D)} \\ &= \frac{P(H) \cdot \binom{n}{c_1 \dots c_m} \cdot \prod_i h_i^{c_i}}{P(D)}\end{aligned}$$

Prob that Madison wrote it

$$\begin{aligned}P(M|D) &= \frac{P(D|M)P(M)}{P(D)} \\ &= \frac{P(M) \cdot \binom{n}{c_1 \dots c_m} \cdot \prod_i m_i^{c_i}}{P(D)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{P(H|D)}{P(M|D)} &= \frac{P(H) \cdot \binom{n}{c_1 \dots c_m} \cdot \prod_i h_i^{c_i}}{P(M) \cdot \binom{n}{c_1 \dots c_m} \cdot \prod_i m_i^{c_i}} \\ &= \frac{\prod_i h_i^{c_i}}{\prod_i m_i^{c_i}}\end{aligned}$$

To the code



What happened?

All our probabilities are zero...



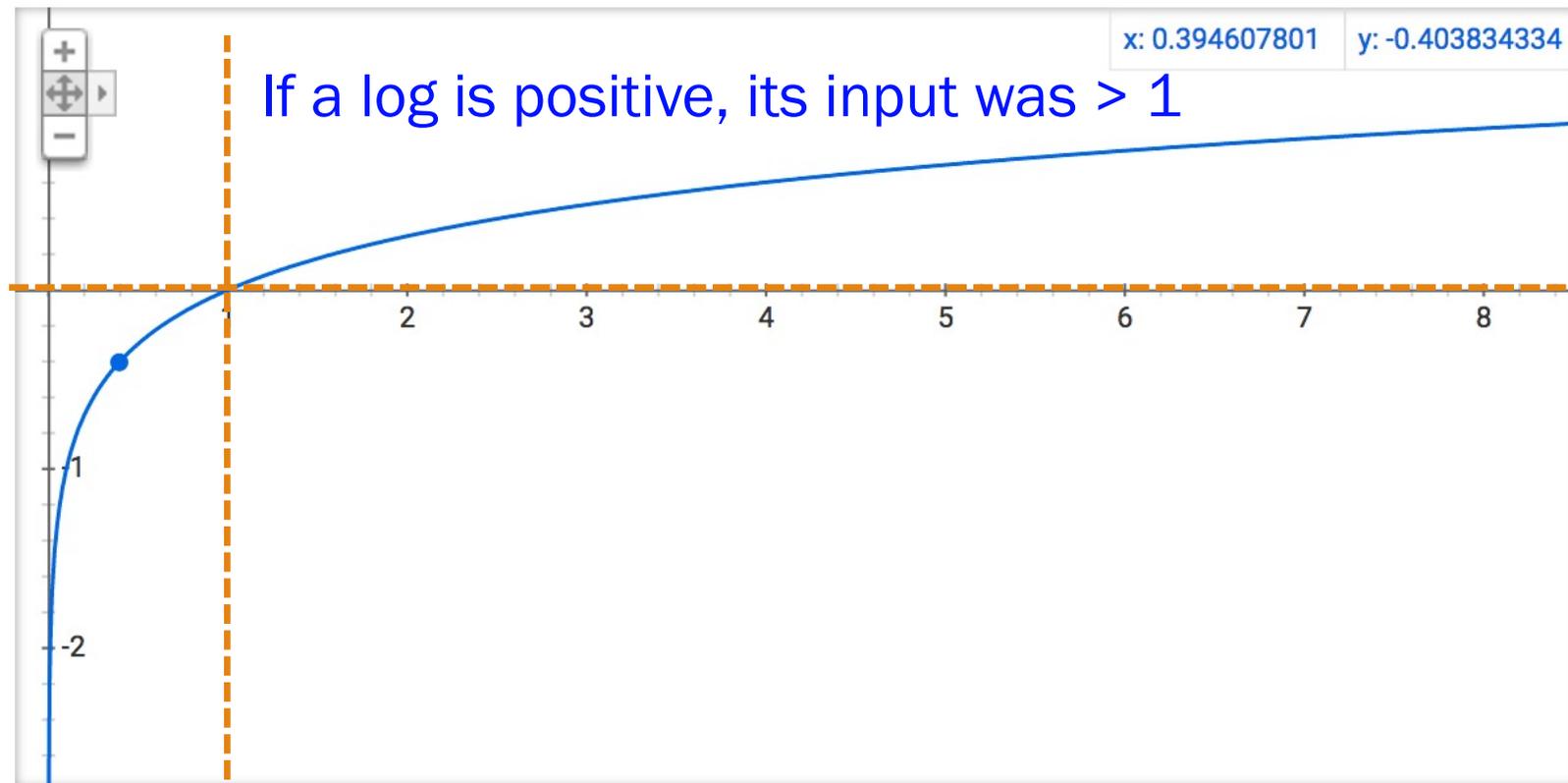
Use logs when probabilities become too small!

$$\frac{P(H|D)}{P(M|D)} = \frac{\prod_i m_i^{c_i}}{\prod_i h_i^{c_i}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\log \frac{P(H|D)}{P(M|D)} &= \log \frac{\prod_i h_i^{c_i}}{\prod_i m_i^{c_i}} \\ &= \sum_i \log h_i^{c_i} - \sum_i \log m_i^{c_i} \\ &= \sum_i c_i \cdot \log h_i - \sum_i c_i \log m_i\end{aligned}$$

What does it mean if a log value is positive / negative

Graph for $\log(x)$



If a log is negative, its input was between 0 and 1

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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

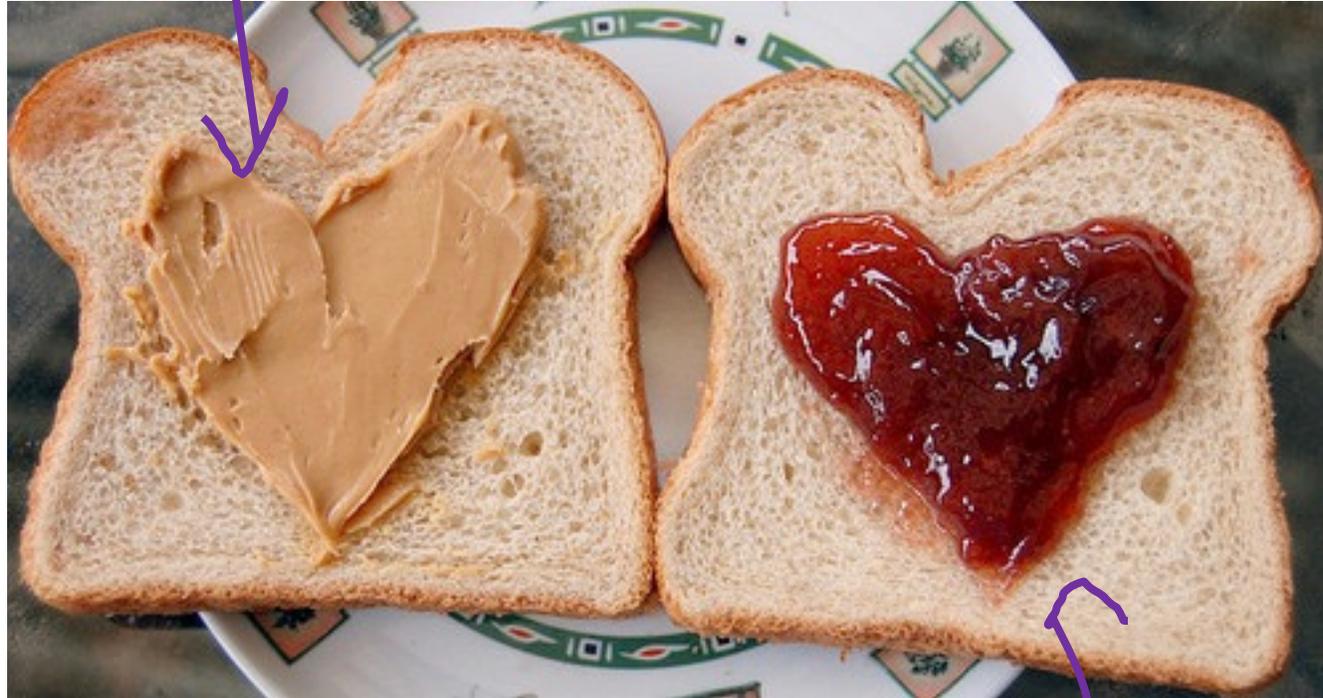


Use and find **expectation** of random variables



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

Continuous Random Variables



Joint Distributions

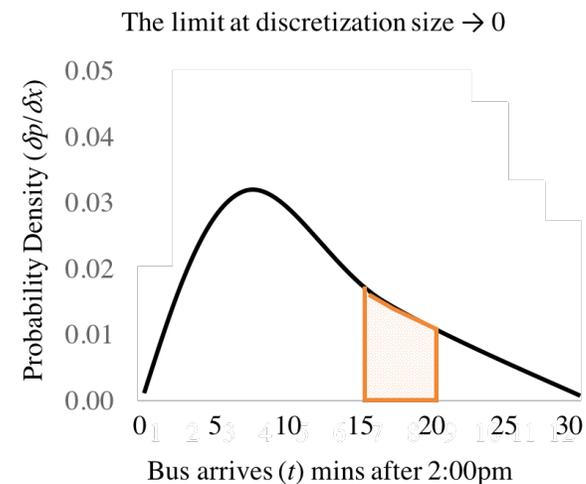
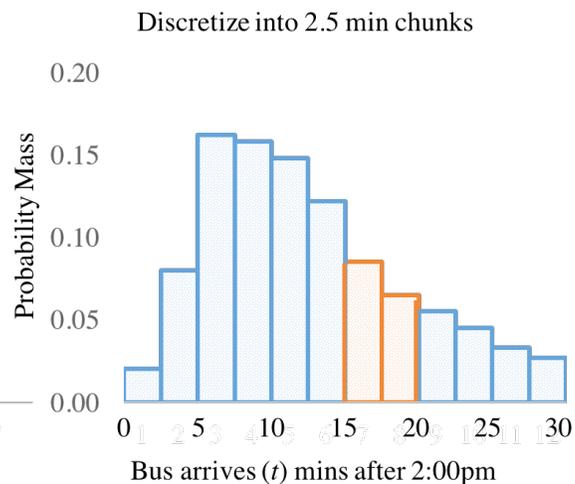
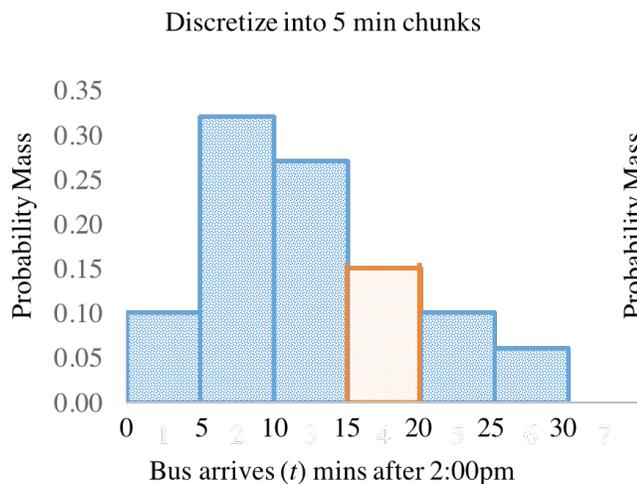
Continuous Joint Distribution

Riding the Marguerite



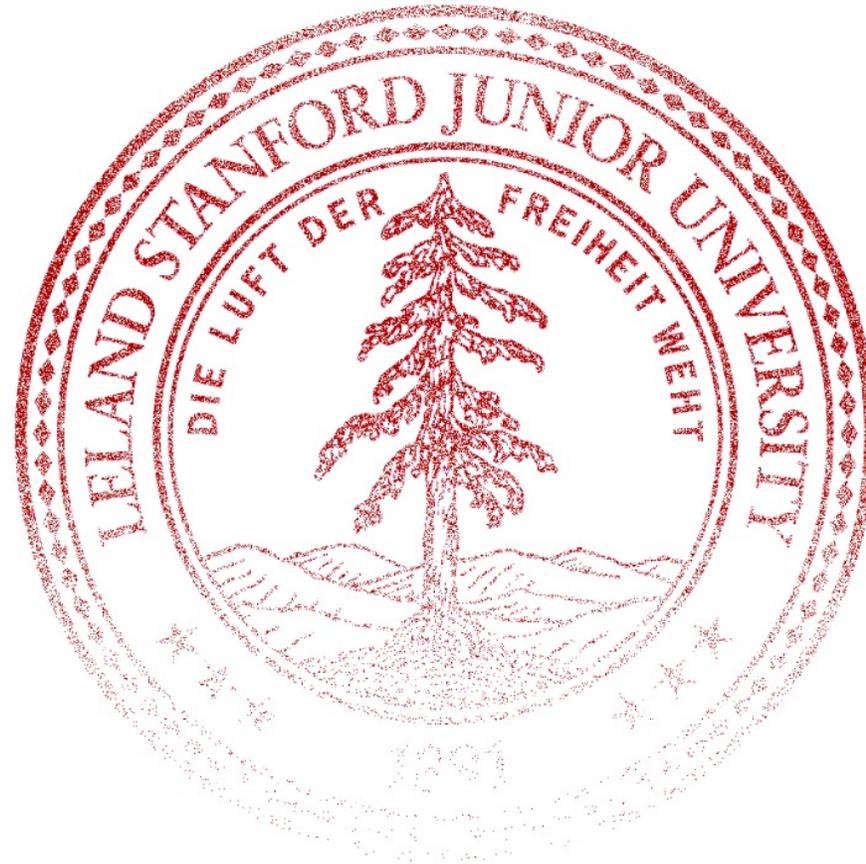
You are running to the bus stop.
You don't know exactly when
the bus arrives. You arrive at
2:20pm.

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



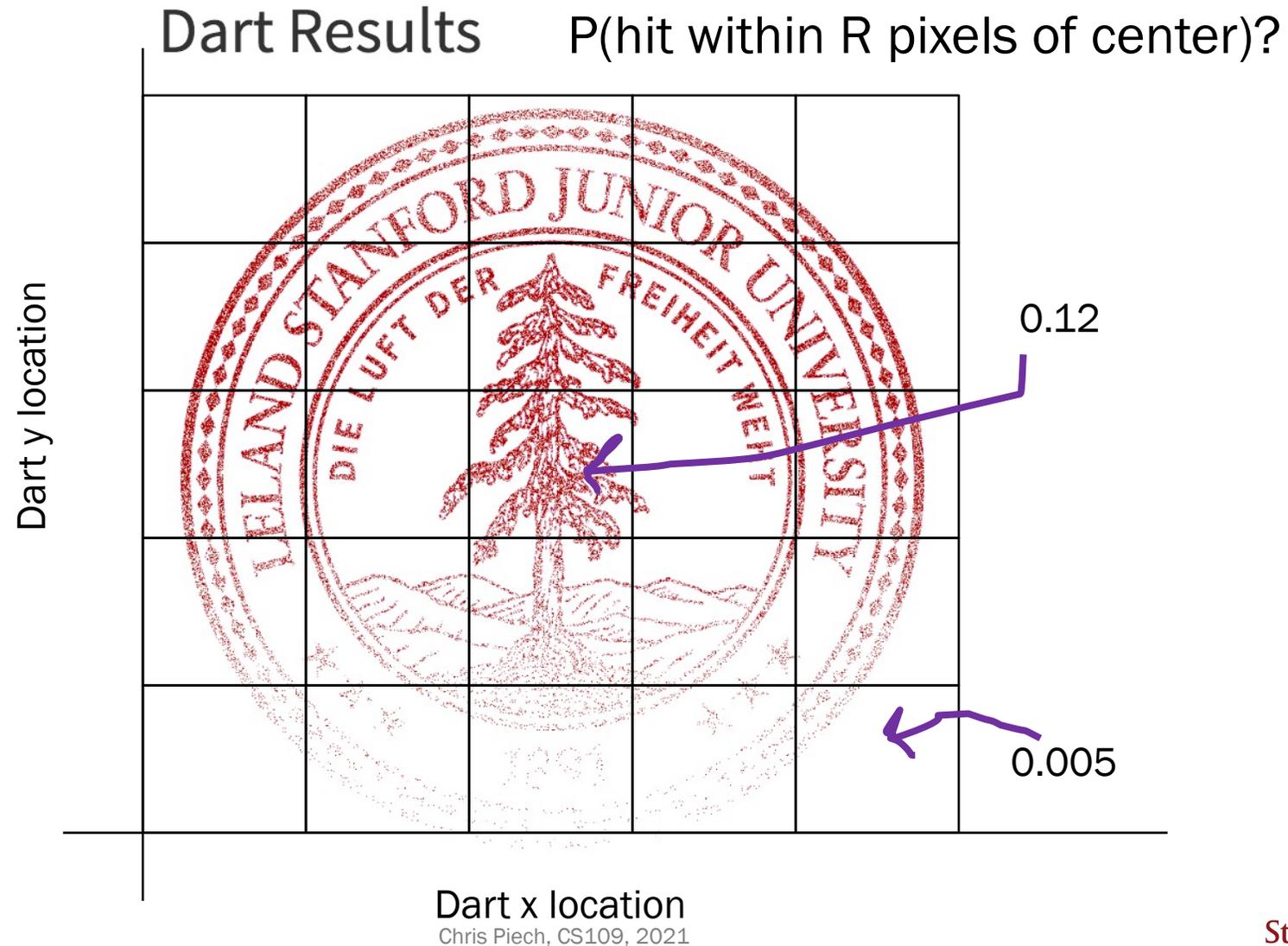
Joint Dart Distribution

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

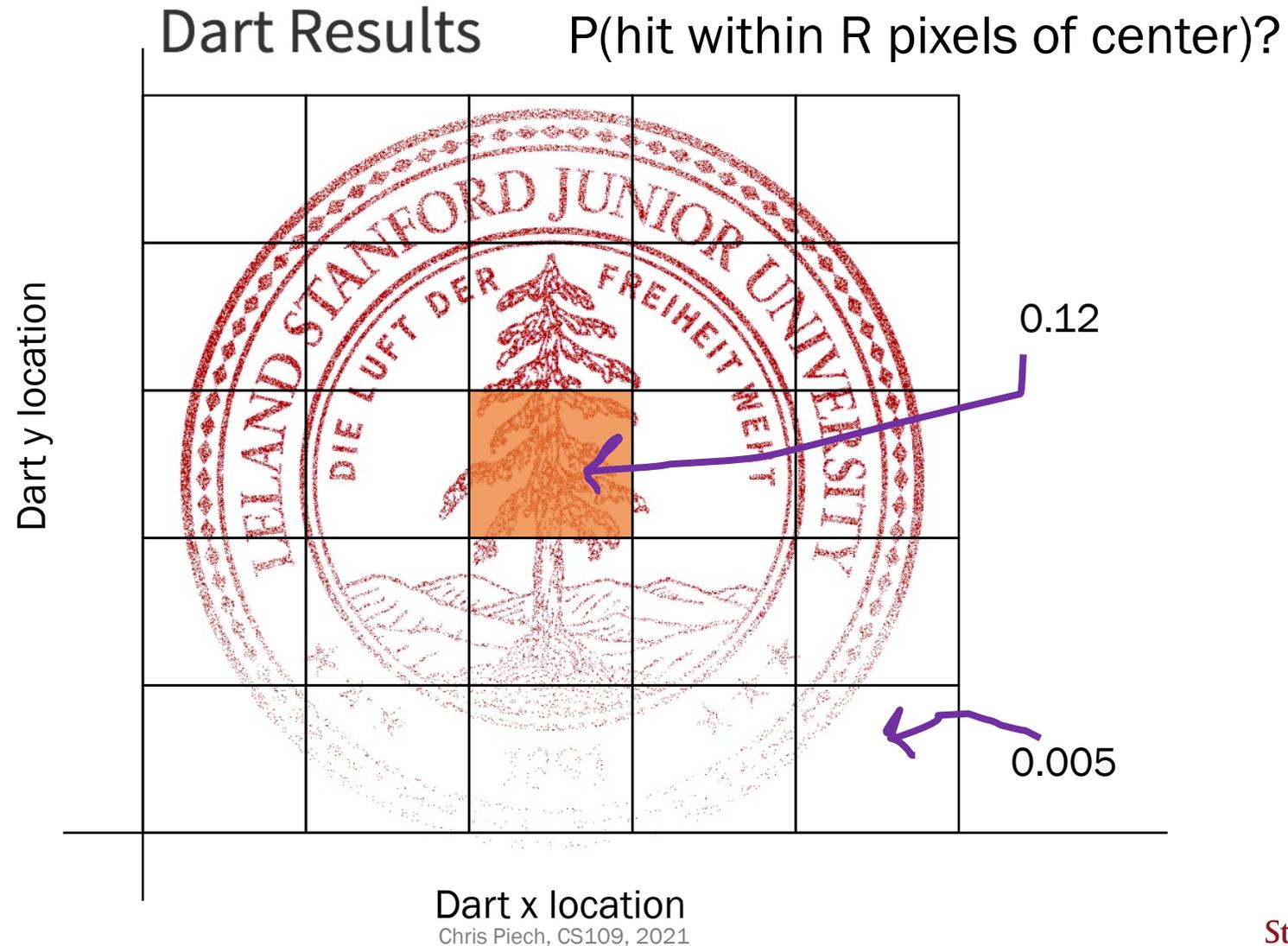


What is the probability that a dart hits at (456.234231234122355, 532.12344123456)?

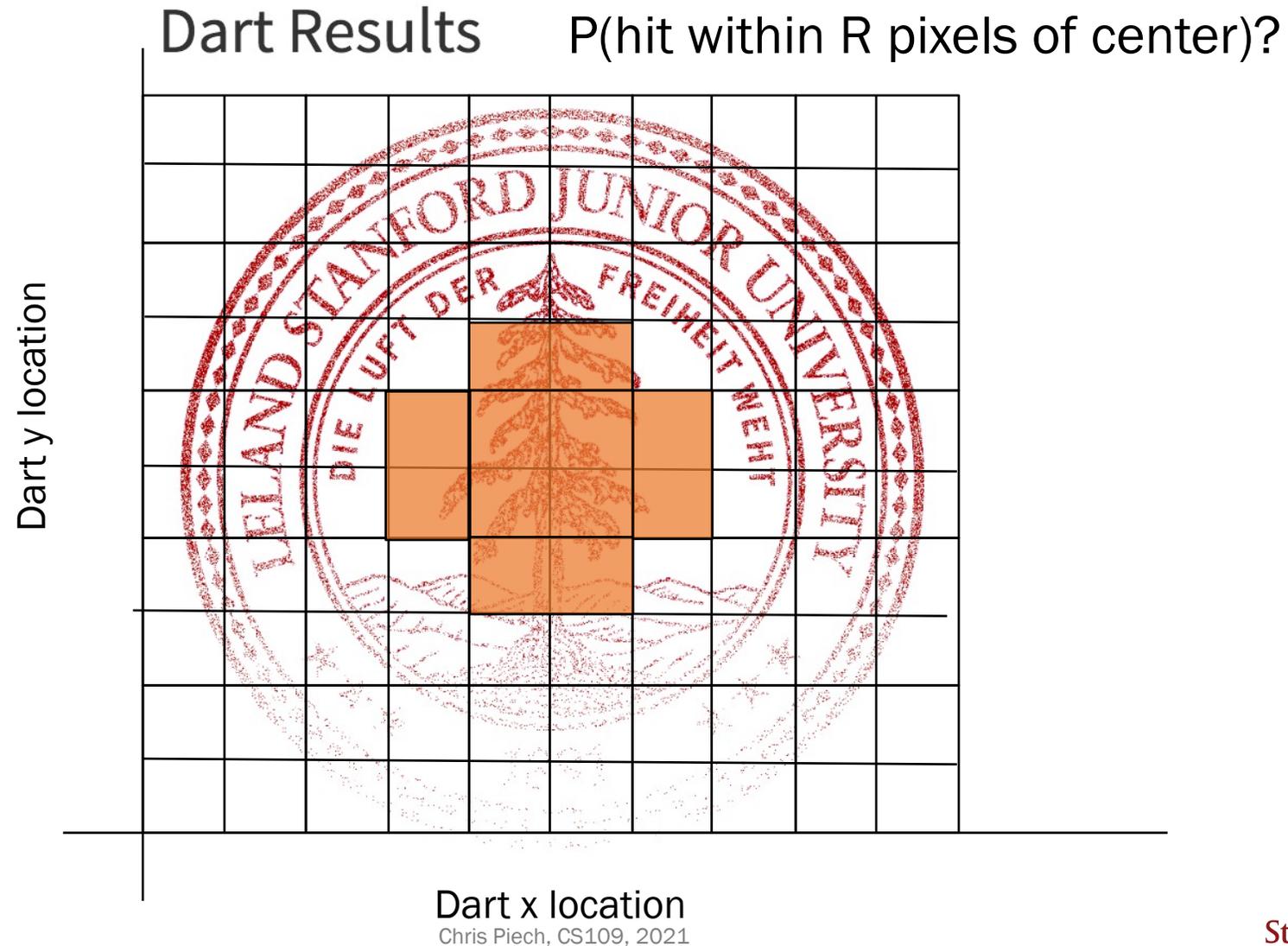
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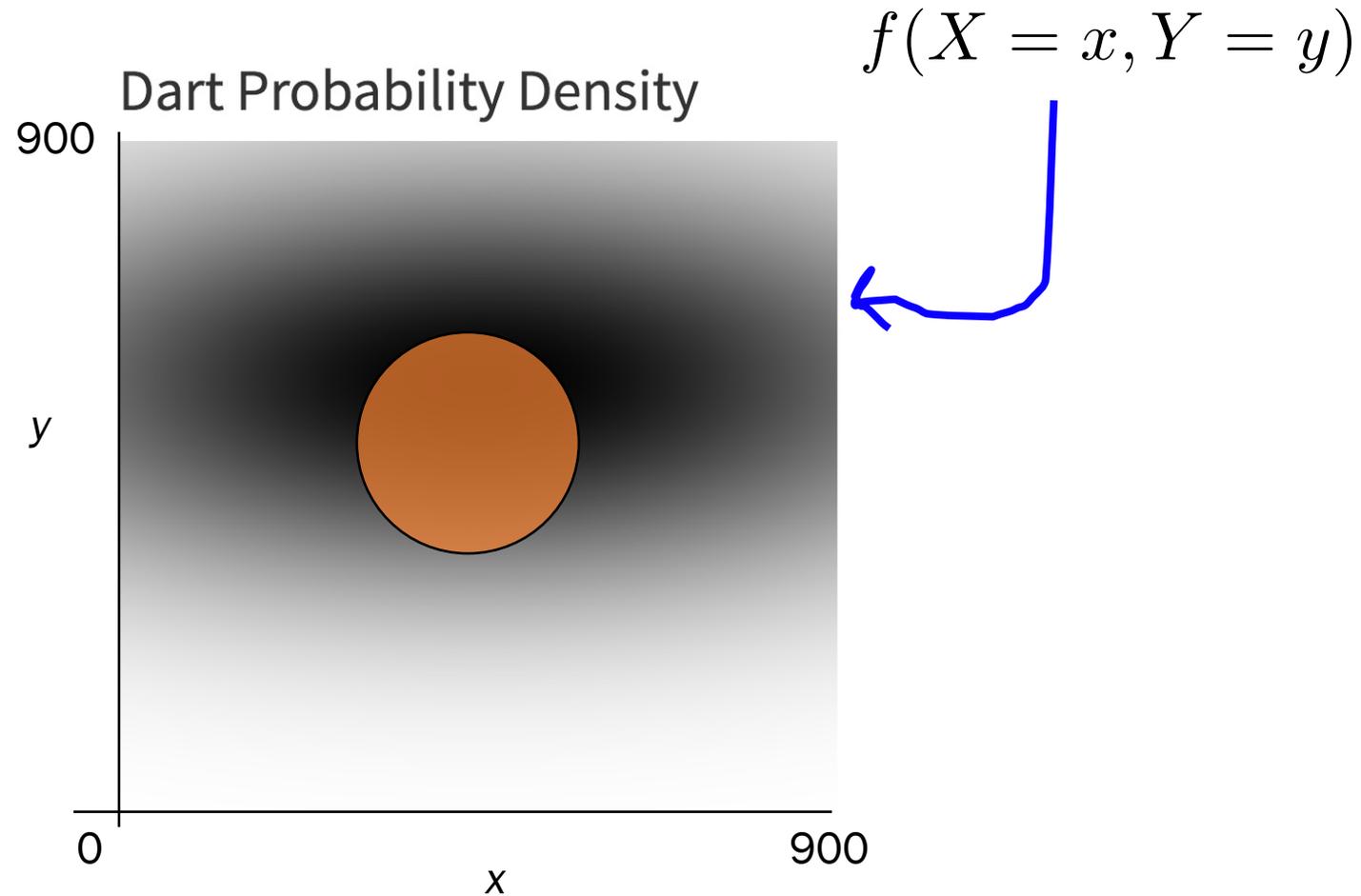
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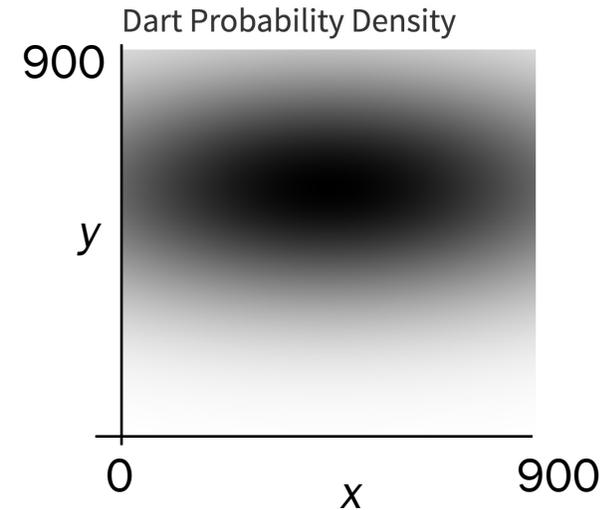
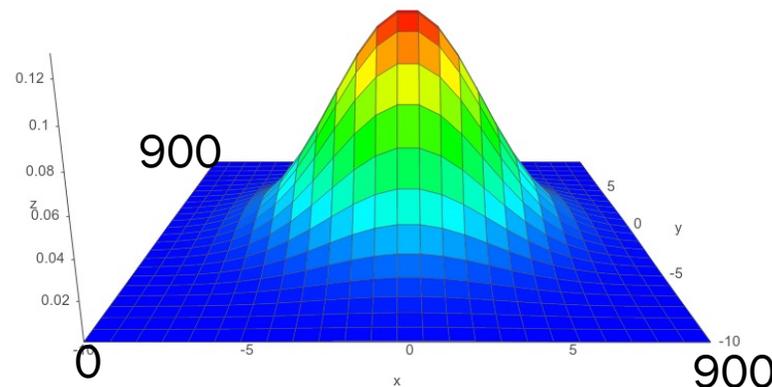


In the limit, as you break down continuous values into infinitesimally small buckets, you end up with multidimensional probability density

Joint Probability Density Function



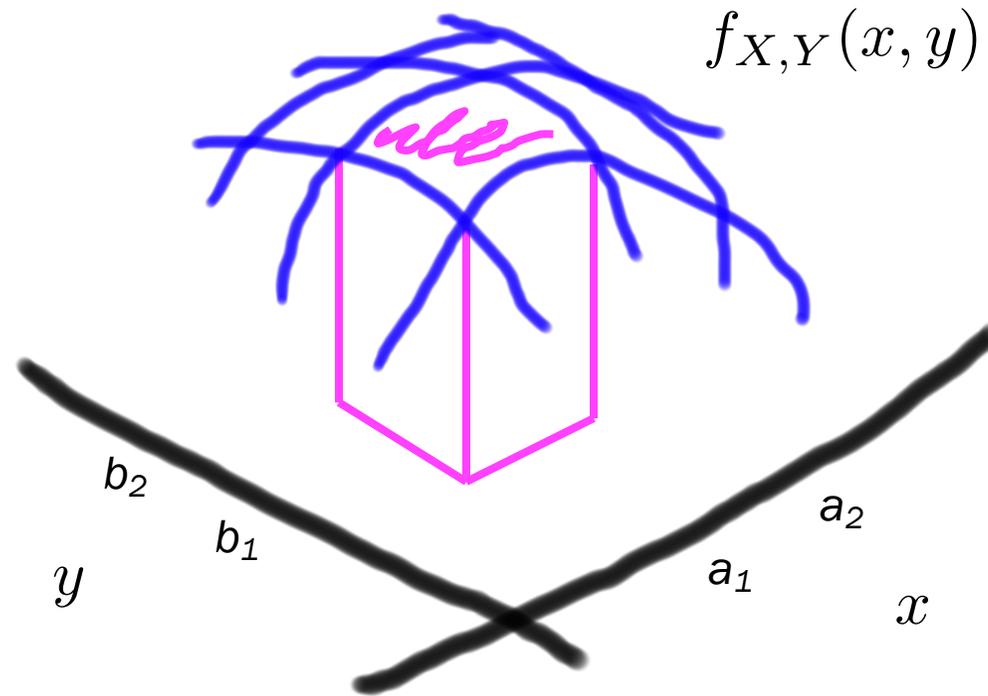
A **joint probability density function** gives the relative likelihood of **more than one** continuous random variable **each** taking on a specific value.



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

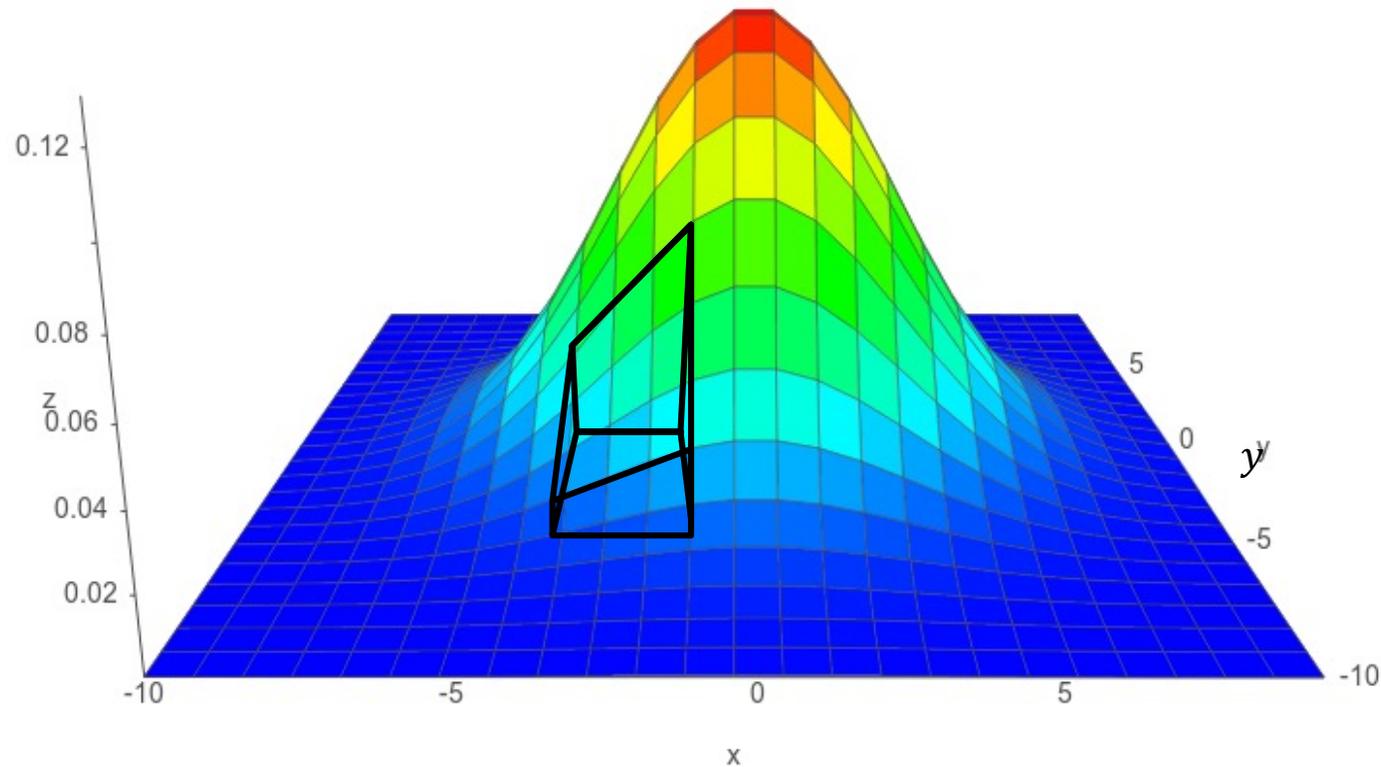
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Multiple Integrals Without Tears

Let X and Y be two continuous random variables

- where $0 \leq X \leq 1$ and $0 \leq Y \leq 2$

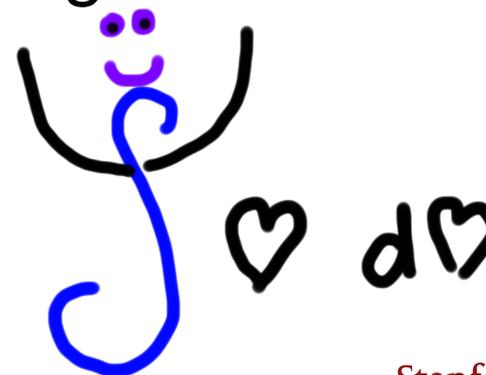
We want to integrate $g(x,y) = xy$ w.r.t. X and Y :

- First, do “innermost” integral (treat y as a constant):

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

- Then, evaluate remaining (single) integral:

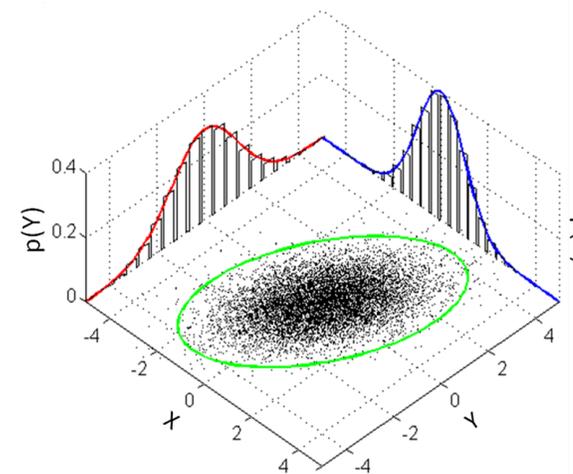
$$\int_{y=0}^2 y \frac{1}{2} dy = \left[\frac{y^2}{4} \right]_0^2 = 1 - 0 = 1$$



Marginalization

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

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



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

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

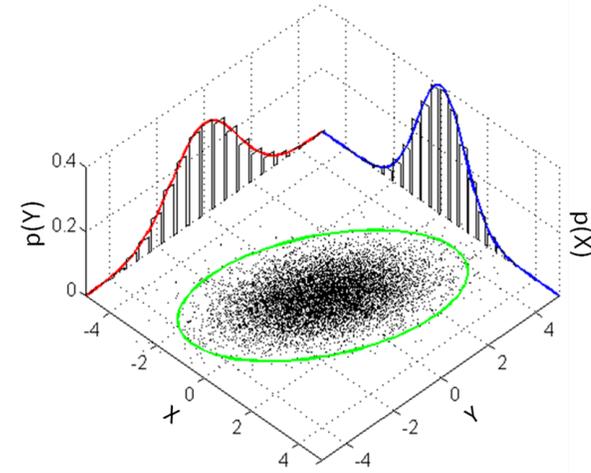
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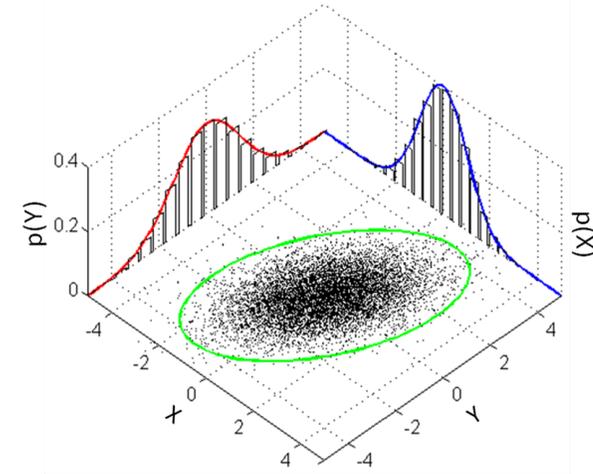
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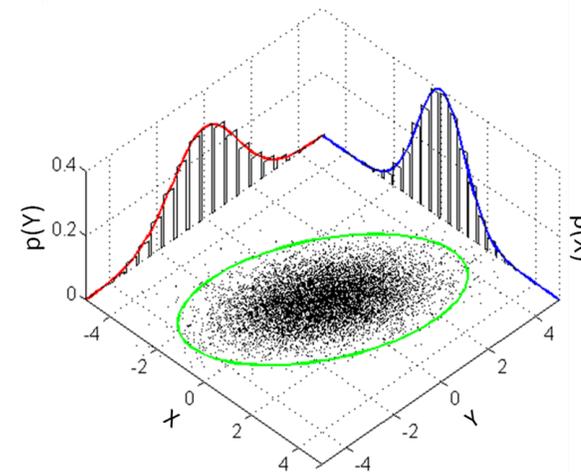
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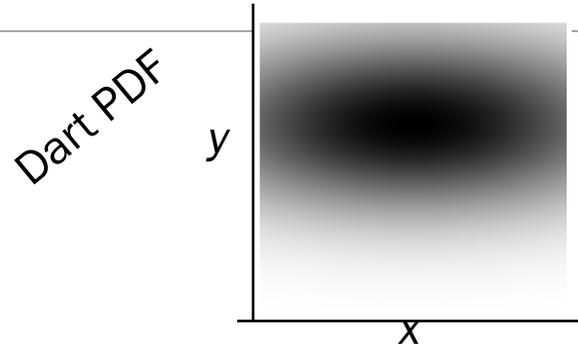
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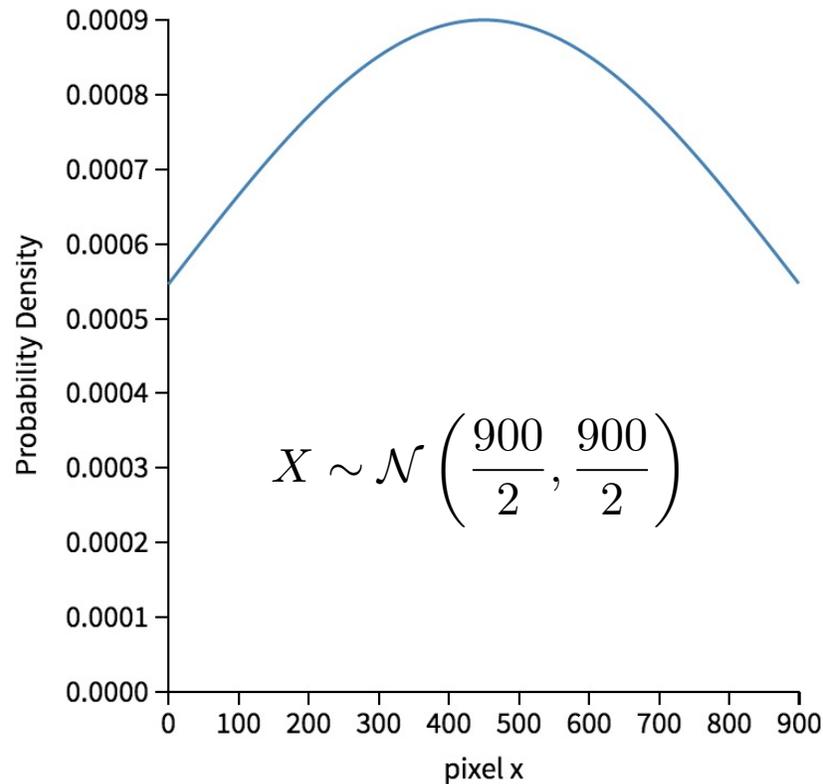
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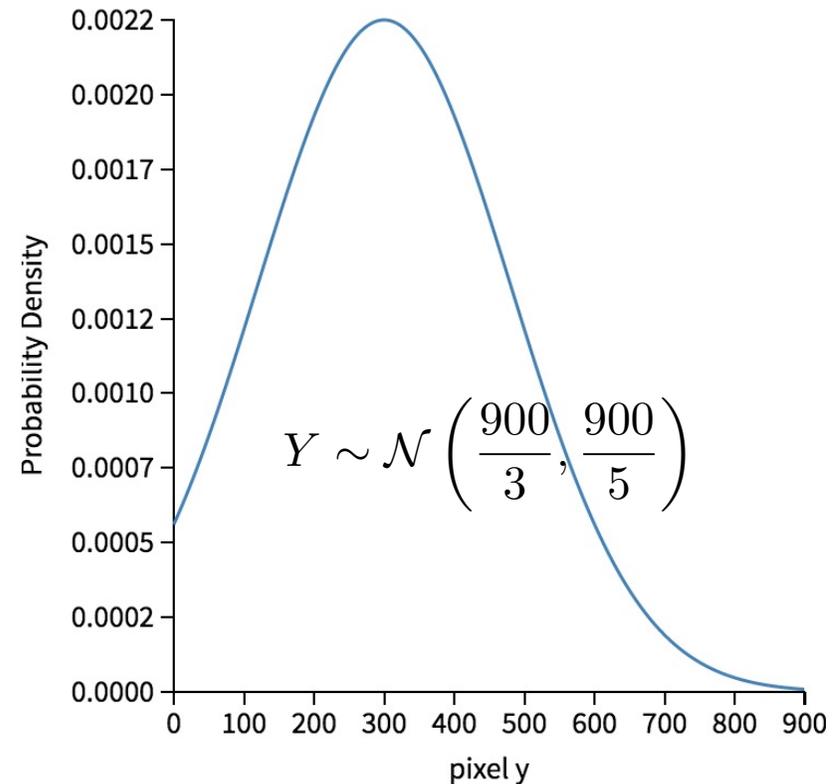
Darts!



X-Pixel Marginal



Y-Pixel Marginal



Joint Cumulative Density Function

Cumulative Density Function (CDF):

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

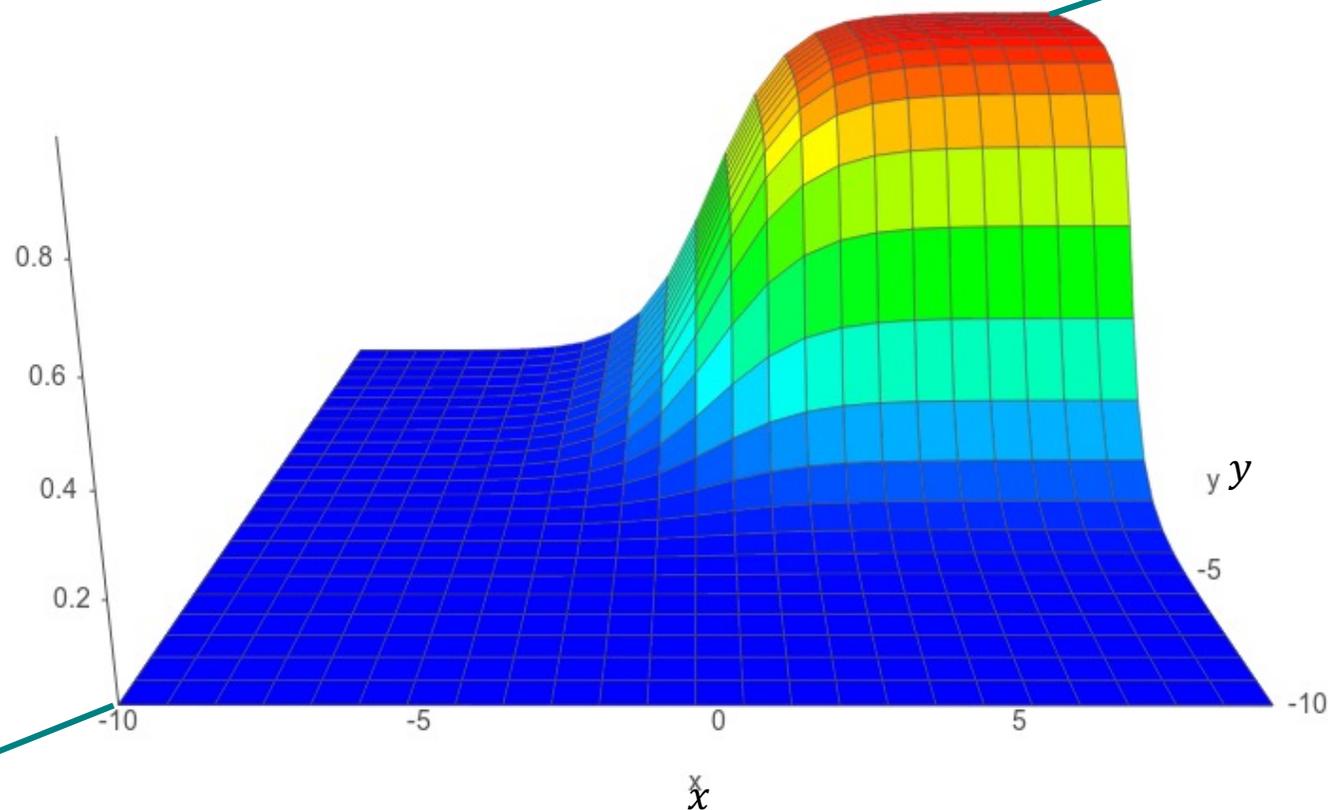
$$F_{X,Y}(a, b) = \int_{-\infty}^a \int_{-\infty}^b f_{X,Y}(x, y) dy dx$$

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

Joint CDF

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

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



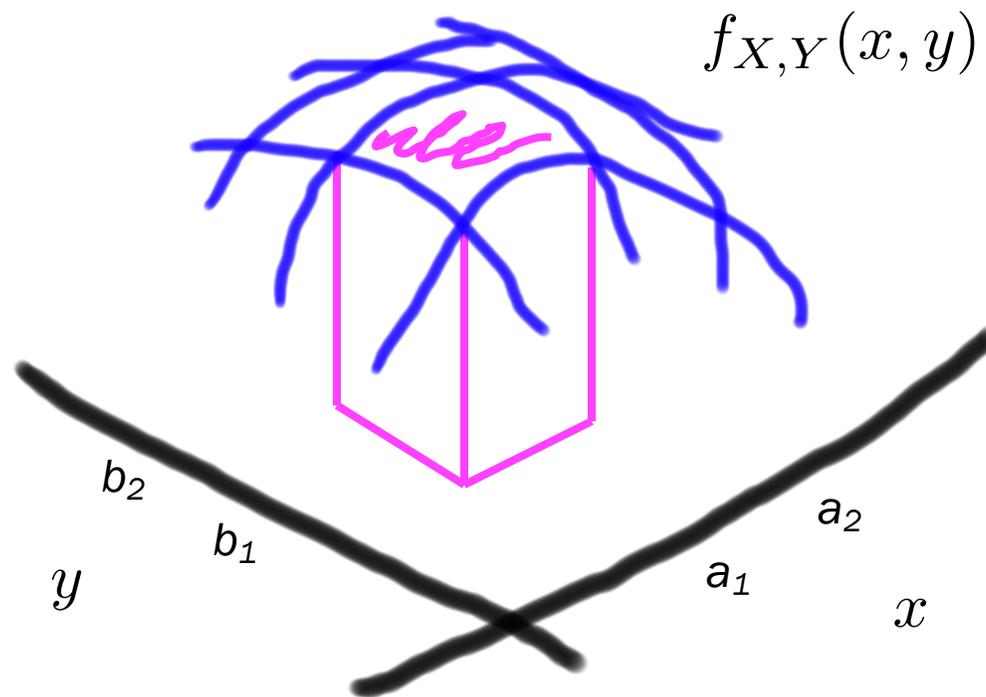
to 0 as

$x \rightarrow -\infty,$

$y \rightarrow -\infty$

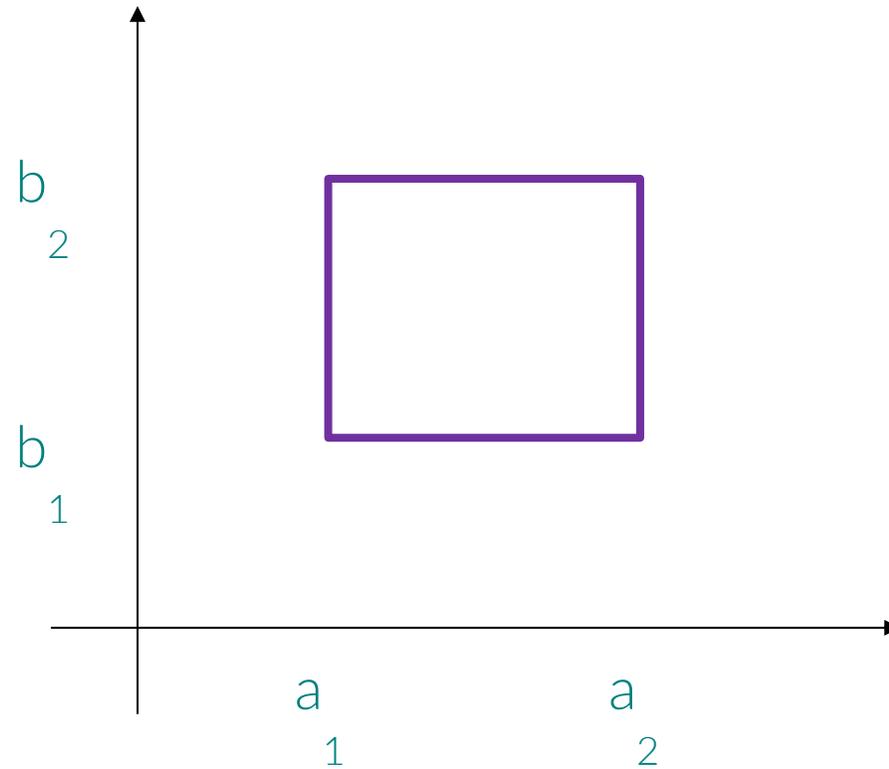
Jointly Continuous

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



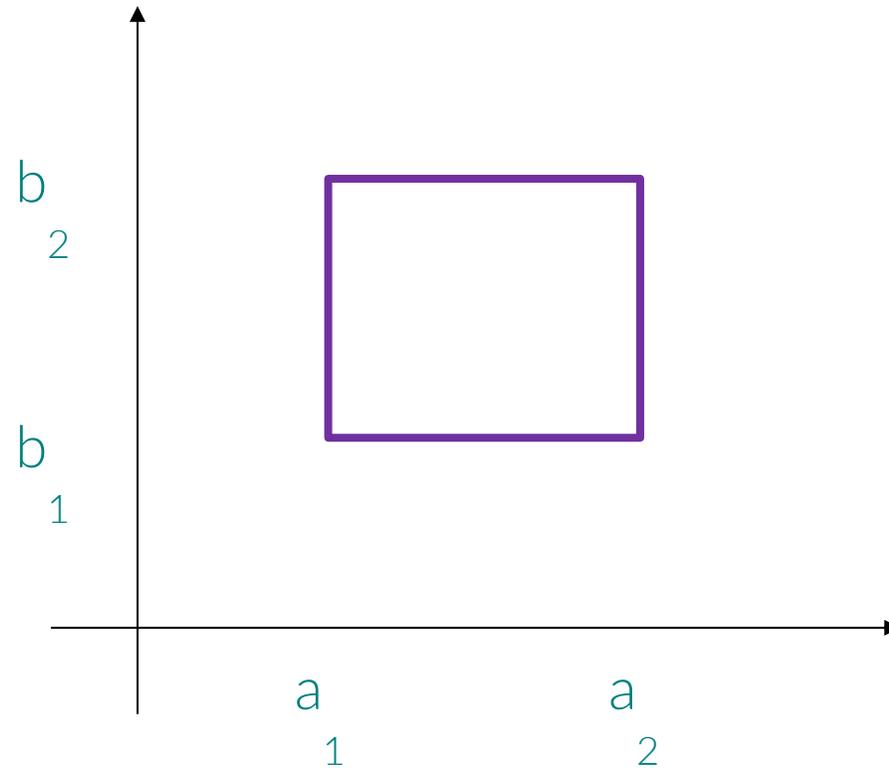
Probabilities from Joint CDF

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



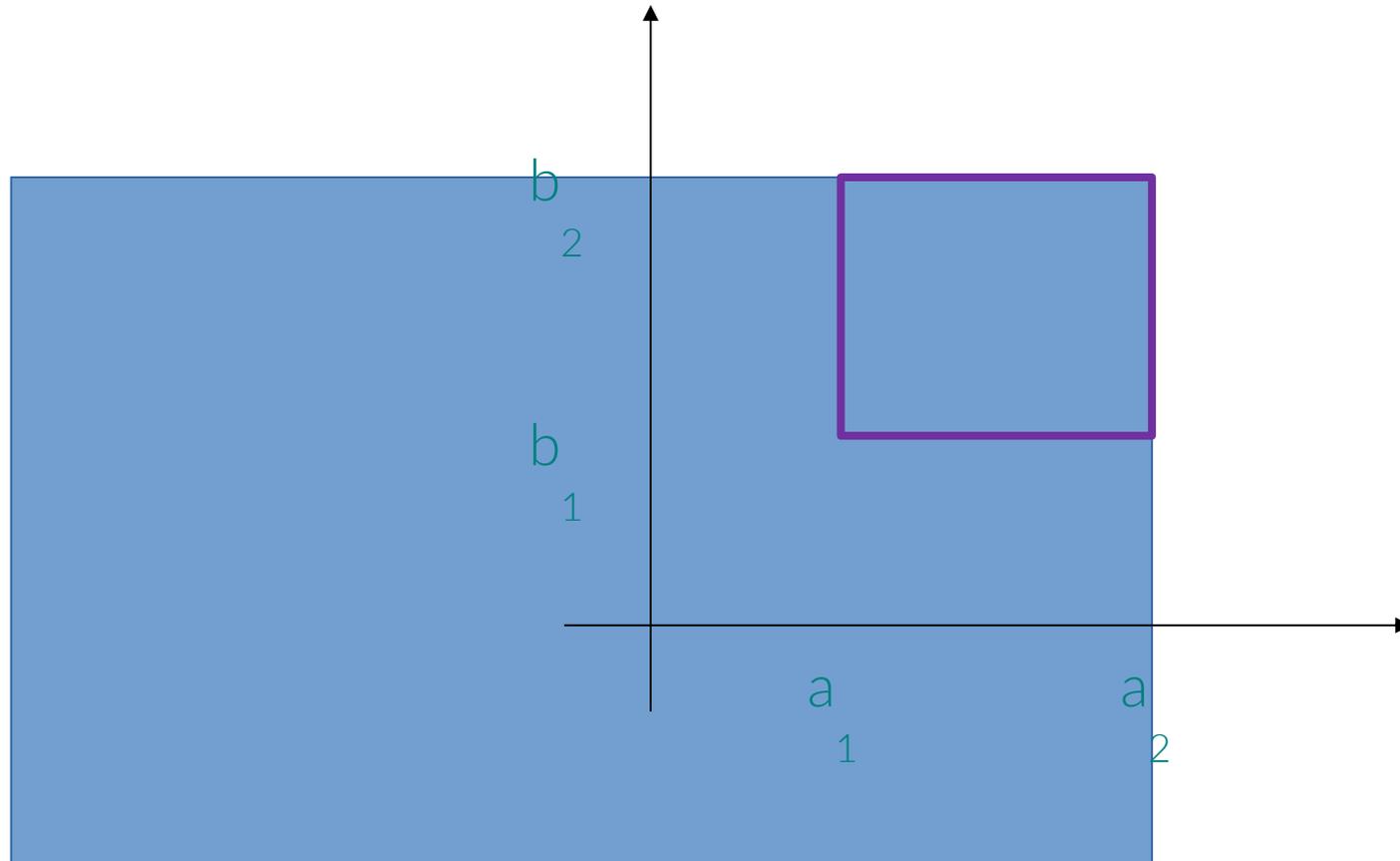
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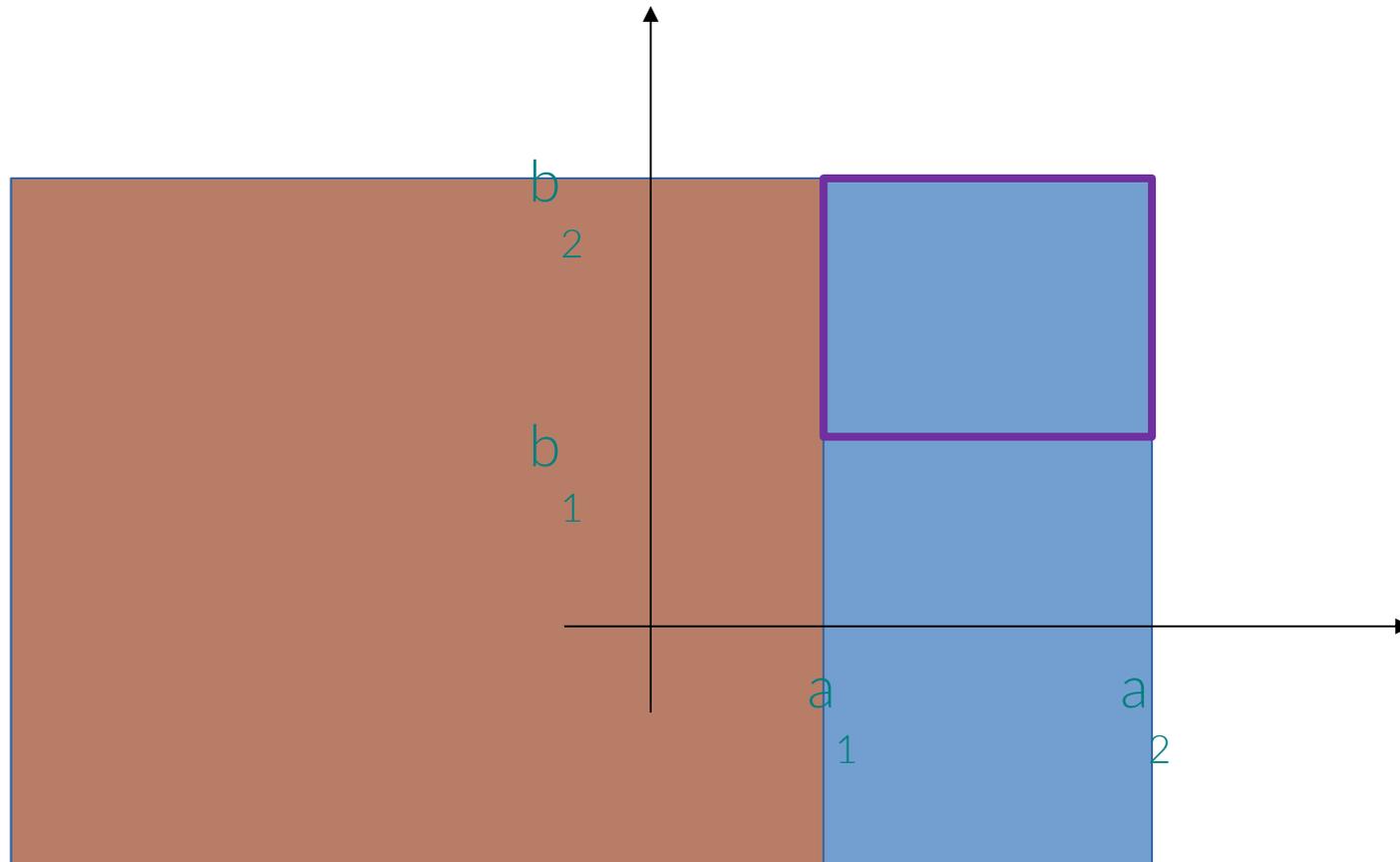
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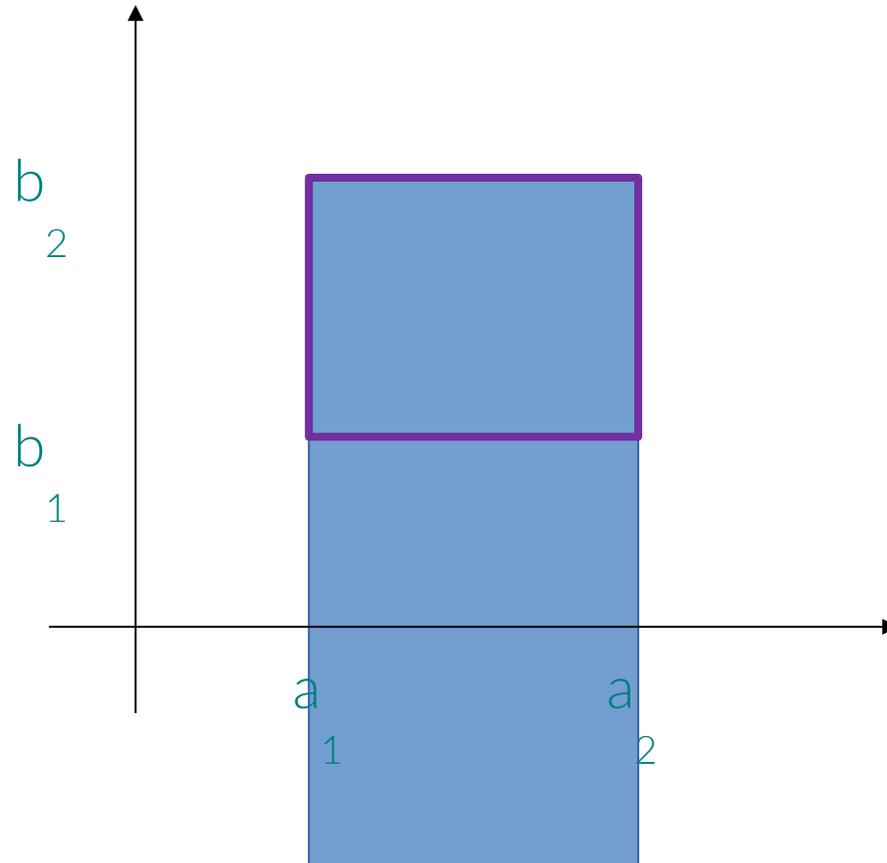
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$$P(a_1 < X \leq a_2, b_1 < Y \leq b_2) = F_{X,Y}(a_2, b_2) - F_{X,Y}(a_1, b_2)$$



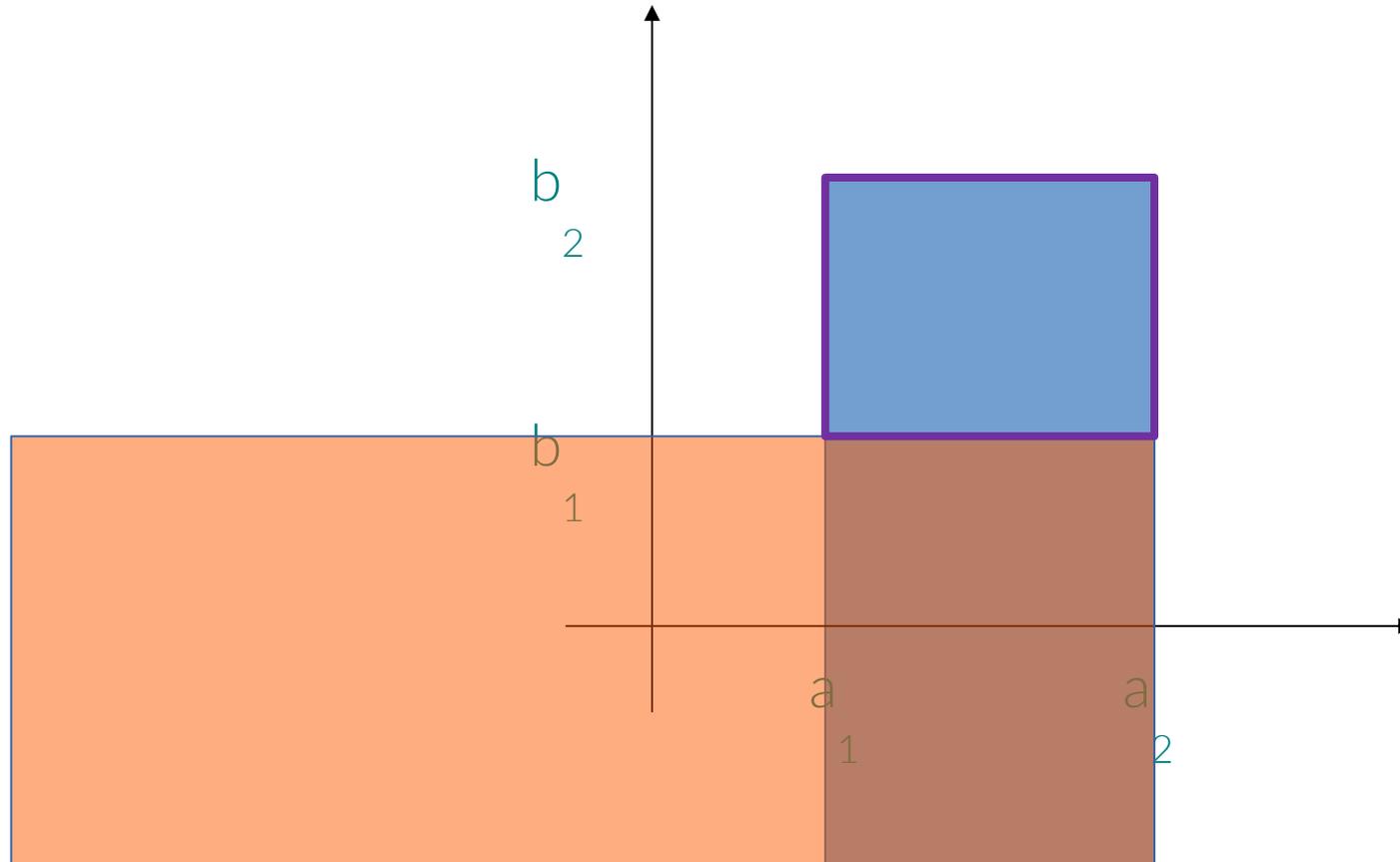
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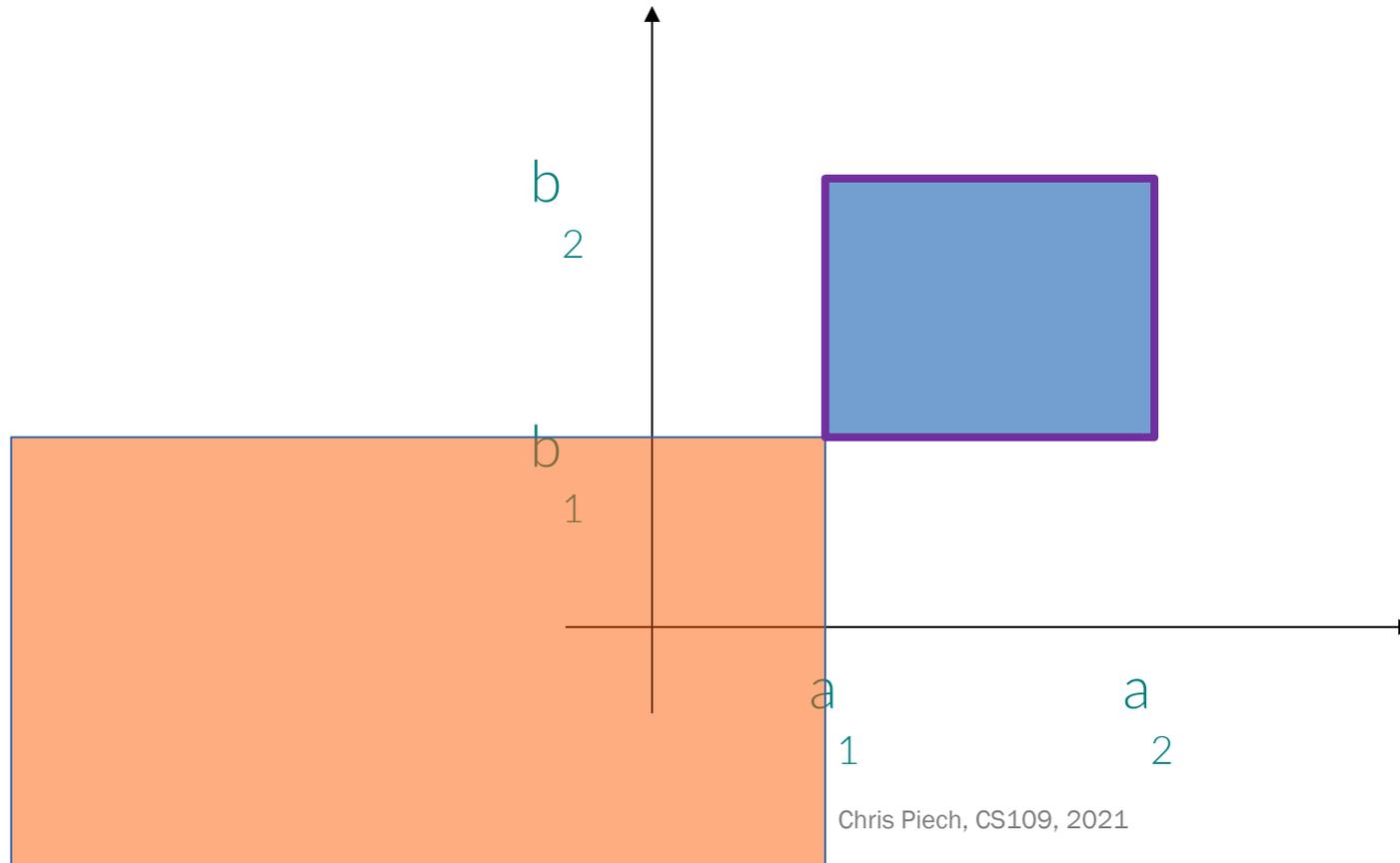
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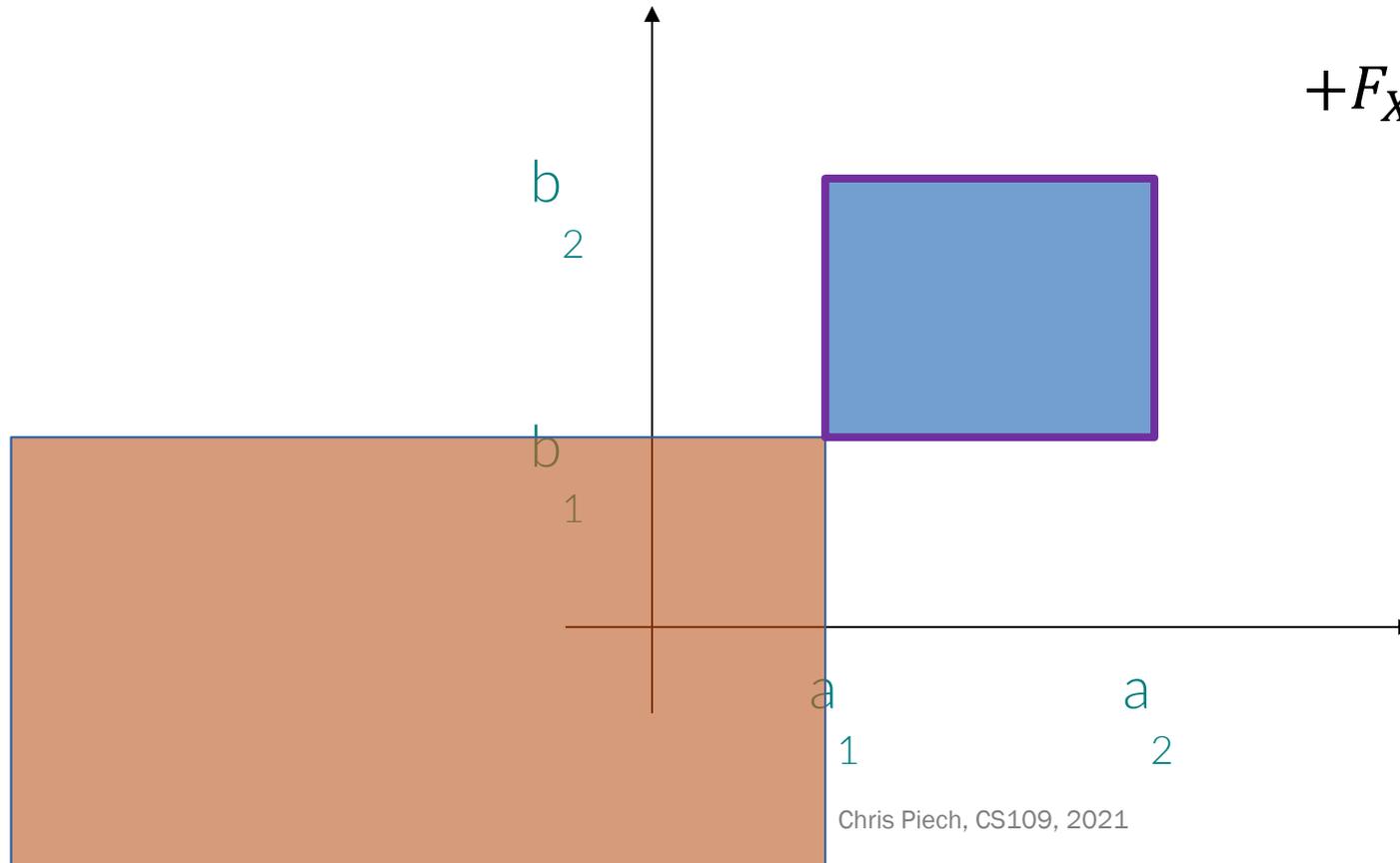
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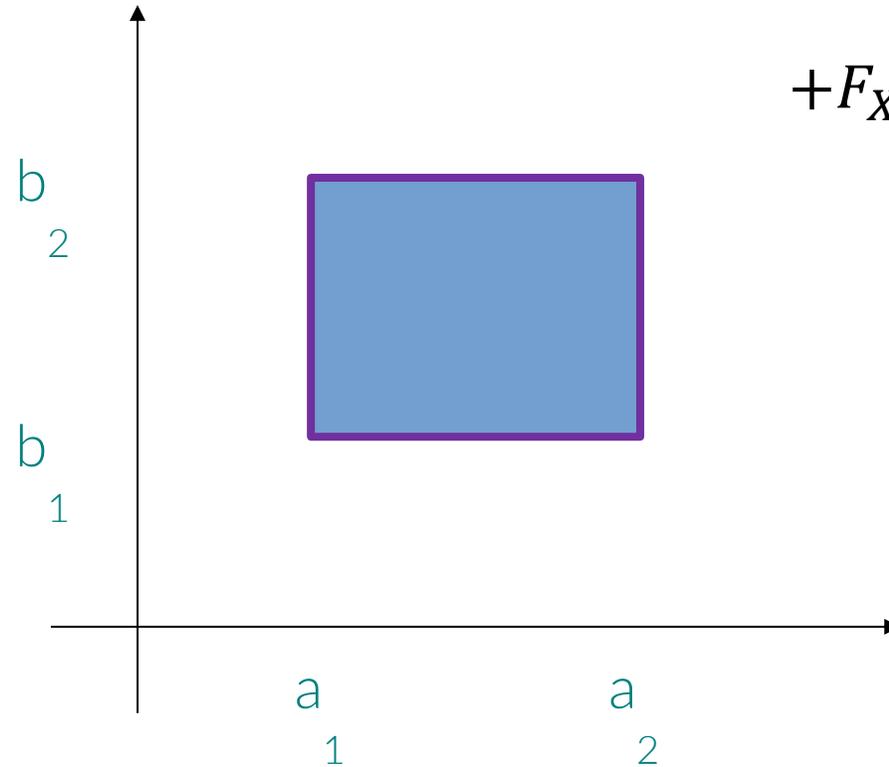
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Probability for Instagram!



Gaussian Blur



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

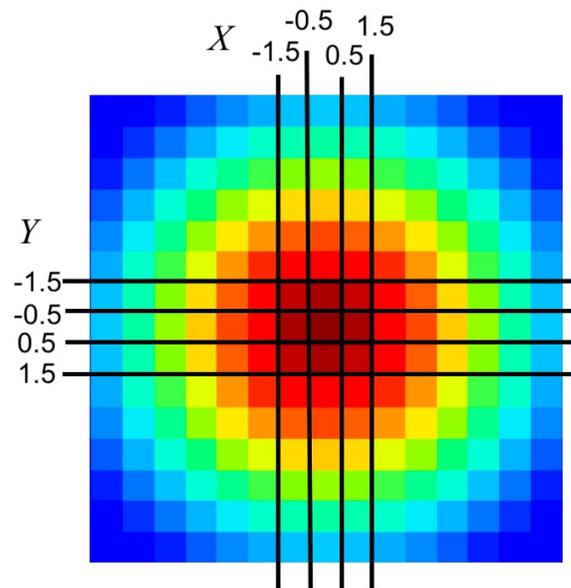
Gaussian blurring with StDev = 3, is based on a joint probability distribution:

Joint PDF

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

Joint CDF

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



Used to generate this weight matrix

Gaussian Blur

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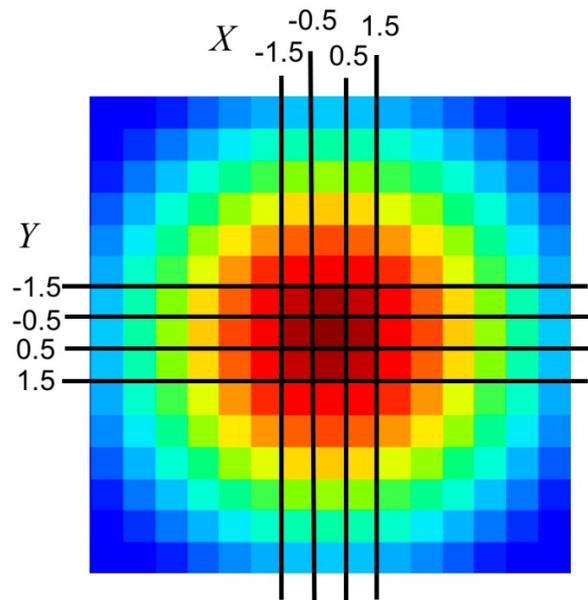
$$F_{X,Y}(x, y) = \Phi\left(\frac{x}{3}\right) \cdot \Phi\left(\frac{y}{3}\right)$$

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?

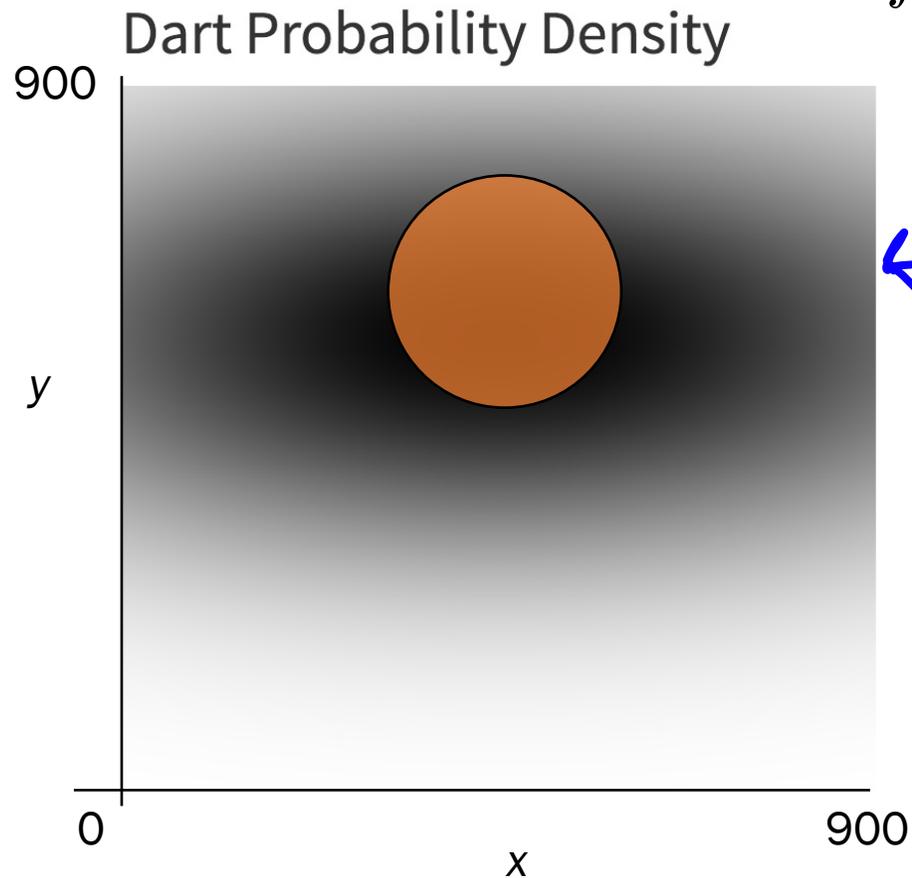
Weight Matrix



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

Special case of a Multivariate
Gaussian. Each gaussian is
independent!

How do you integrate under a circle?



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

~~$$f_{xy}(x, y) = x \cdot y$$~~

$$\iint g(x, y) = x \cdot y$$

$\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} < 1$
 $\sqrt{1 - x^2}$
 $x \cdot y$
 $dy \, dx$
 $x = -1$
 $-\sqrt{1 - x^2}$

Pedagogic Pause

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 multiple random variables



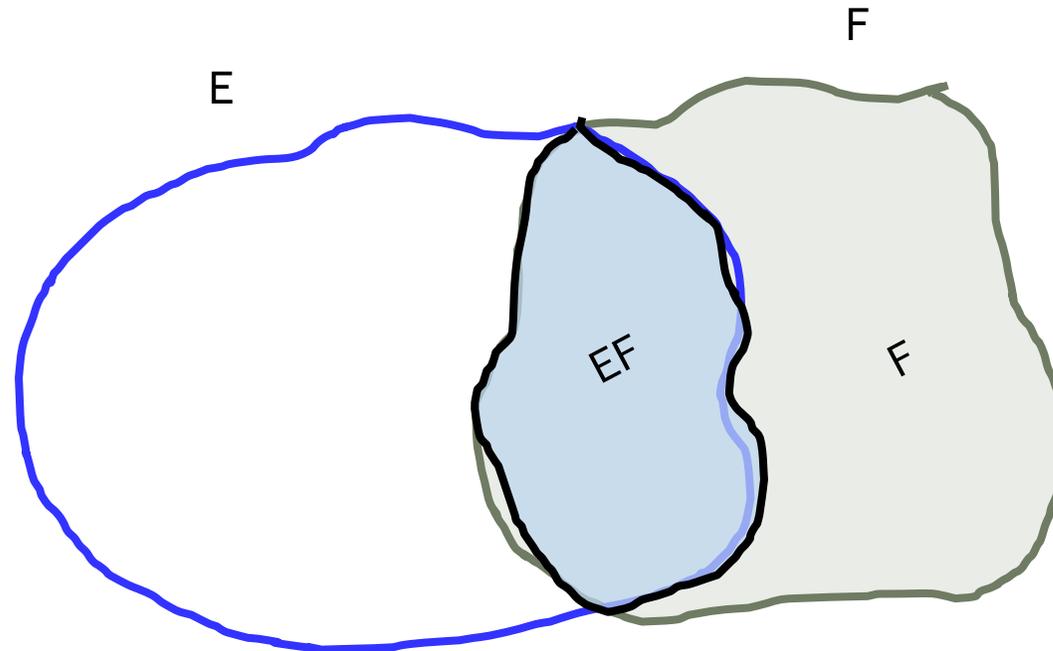
What happens when you **add** random variables?

Conditionals with multiple variables

Conditionals with Events

Recall that for *events* E and F:

$$P(E | F) = \frac{P(EF)}{P(F)} \quad \text{where } P(F) > 0$$



Discrete Conditional Distributions

Recall that for events E and F :

$$P(E | F) = \frac{P(EF)}{P(F)} \quad \text{where } P(F) > 0$$

Now, have X and Y as **discrete** random variables

- **Conditional PMF** of X given Y :

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

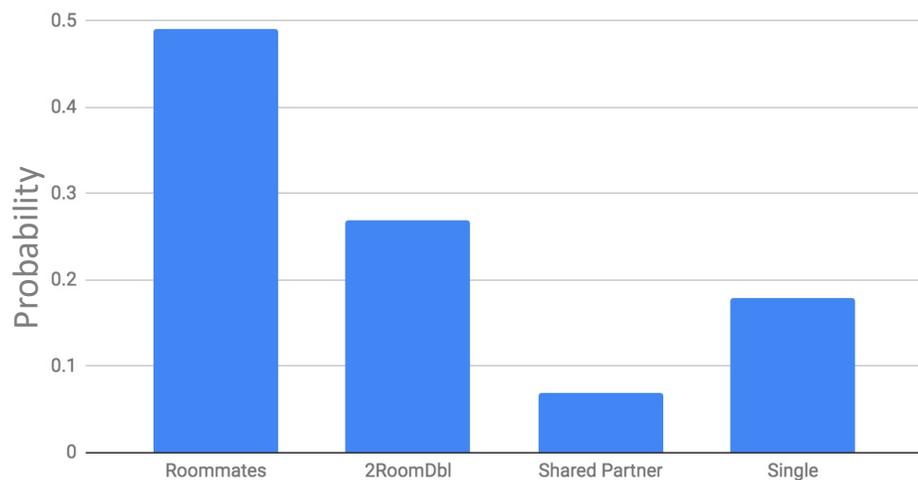

Different notations, same
idea.

Joint Probability Table

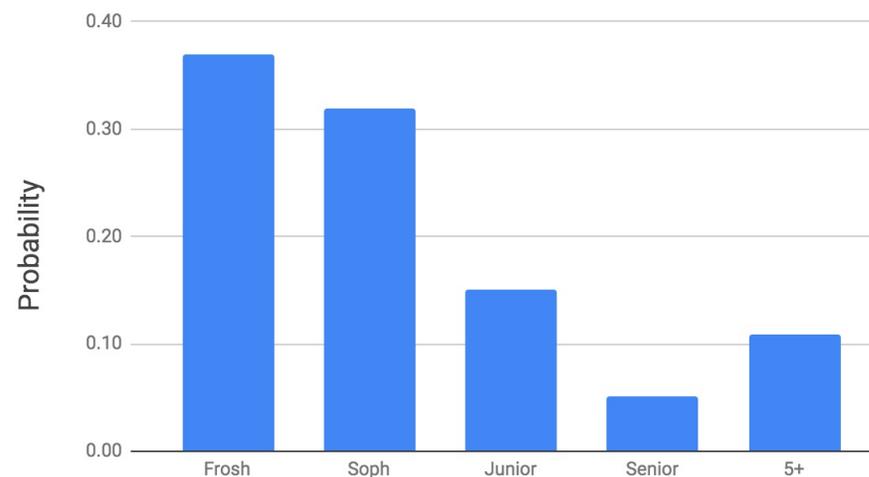
	Roommates	2RoomDbl	Shared Partner	Single	
Frosh	0.30	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.37
Soph	0.12	0.18	0.00	0.03	0.32
Junior	0.04	0.01	0.00	0.10	0.15
Senior	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.05
5+	0.02	0.00	0.05	0.04	0.11
	0.49	0.27	0.07	0.18	1.00

$$\frac{P(\text{2D}, F)}{P(F)}$$

Marginal Room type

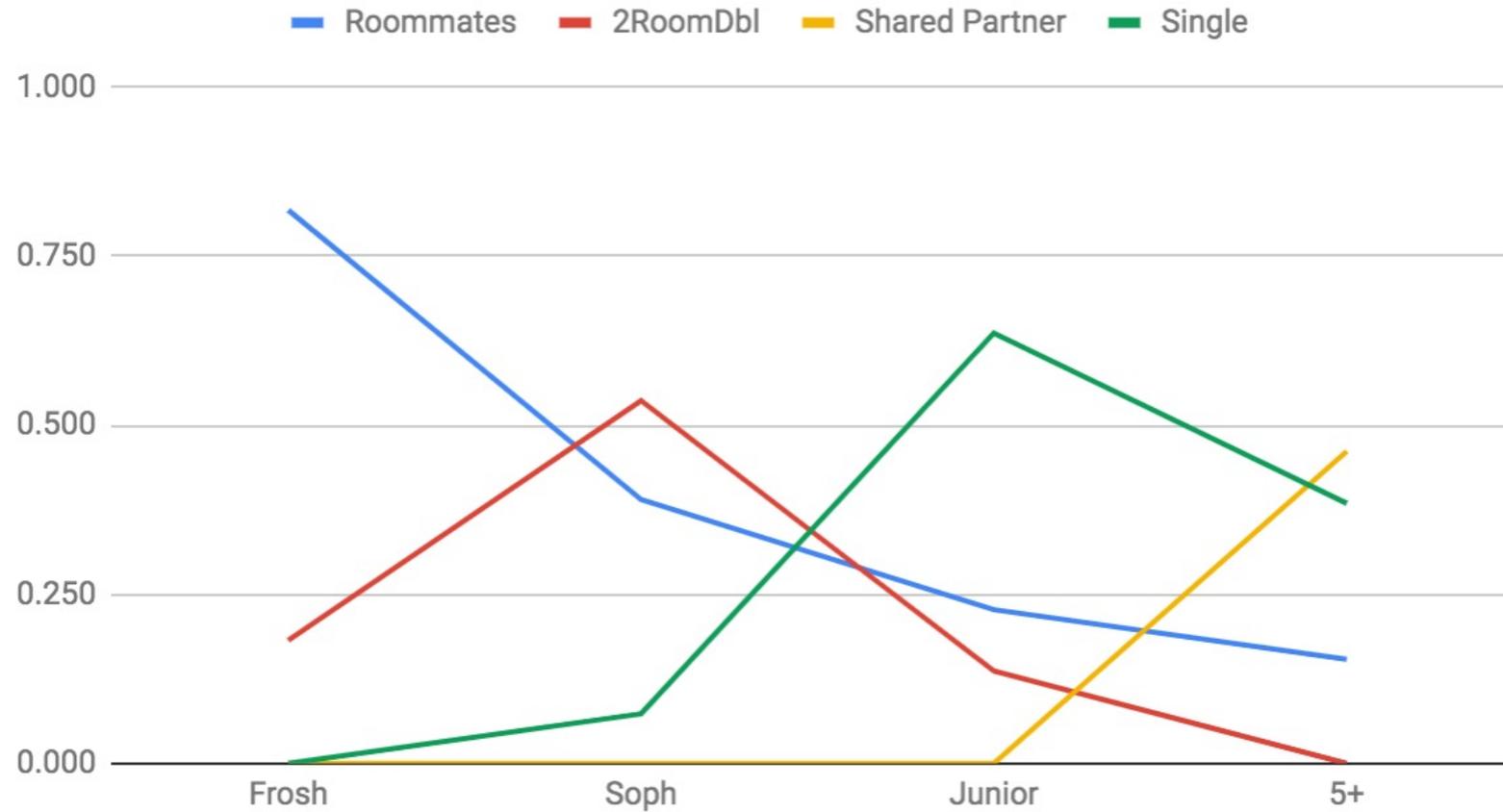


Marginal Year



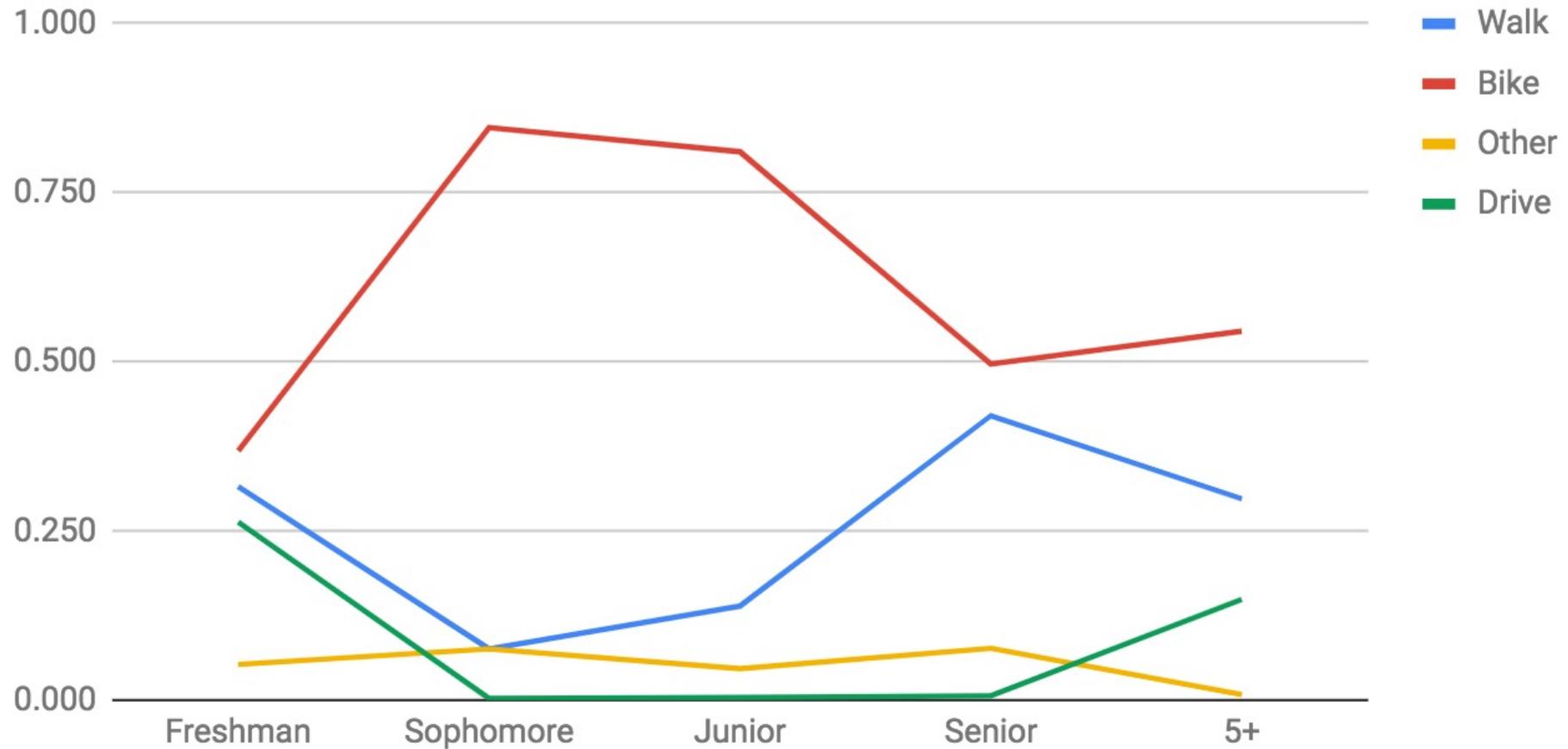
Room | Year

$P(\text{Room} | \text{Year})$



Transport | Year

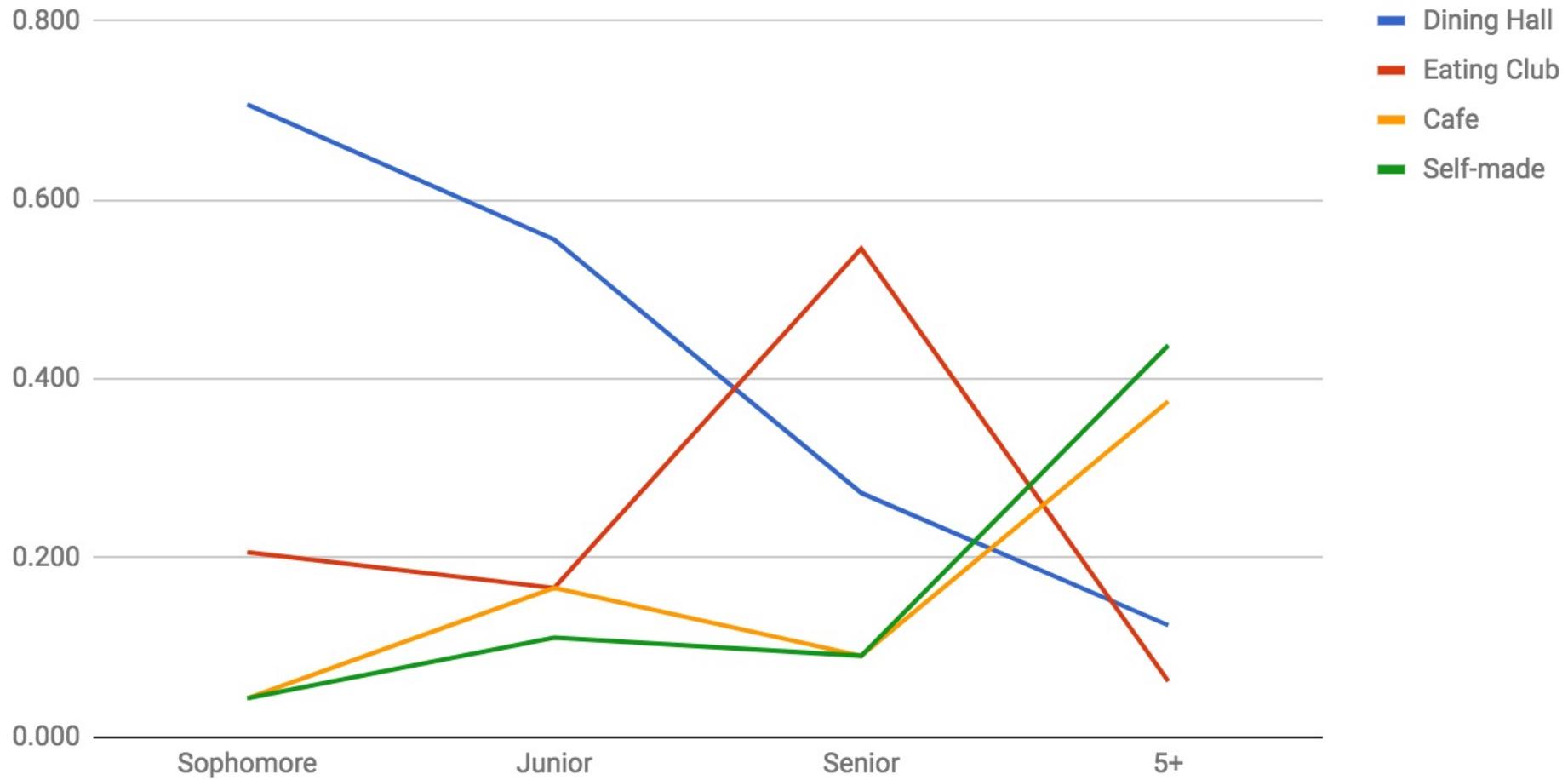
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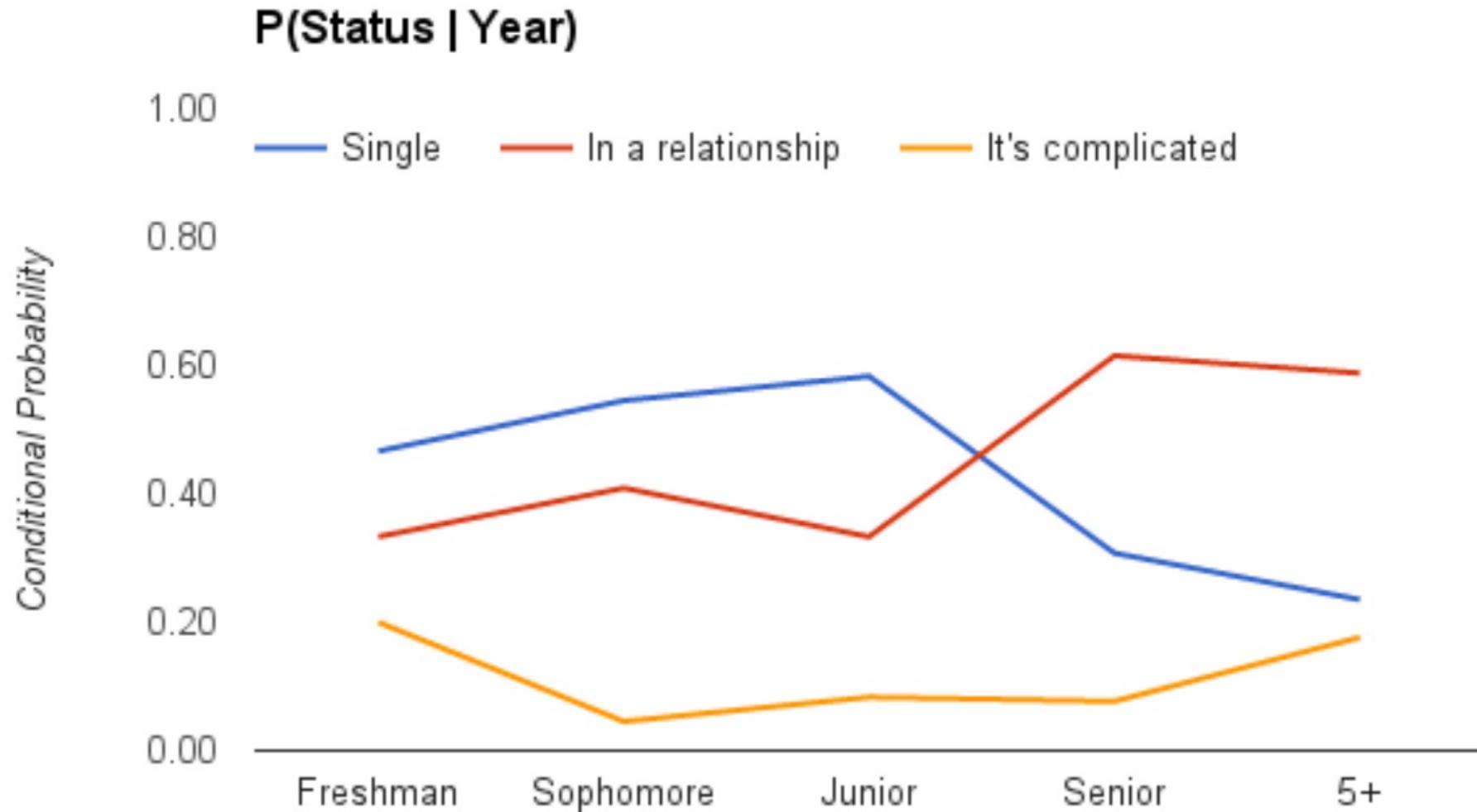
Conditional Probability Table

Lunch | Year

Lunch Type | Year



Relationship Status | Year



Number or Function?

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

Number

Number or Function?

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

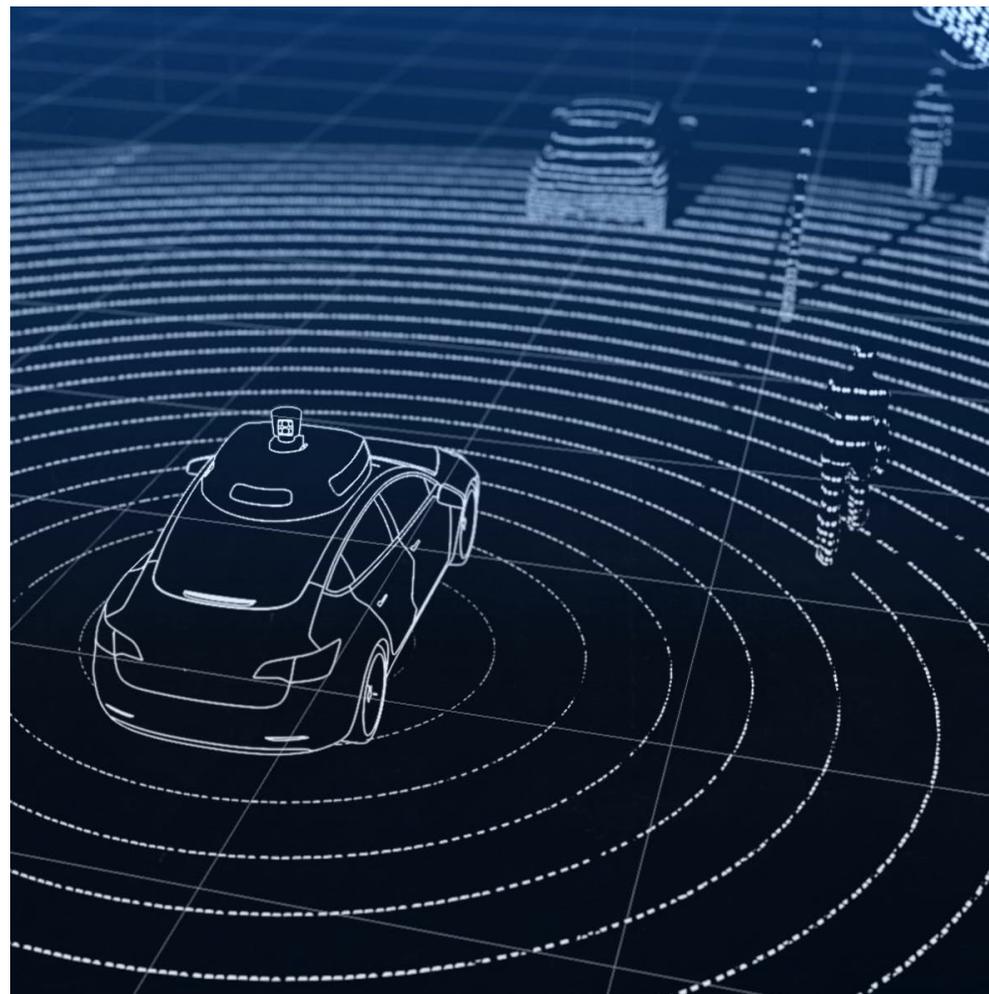
Function
(or 1D table)

Number or Function?

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

2D Function
(or 2D table)

Conditional Probability with Random Variables



Have a Great Weekend