

# Inference 2

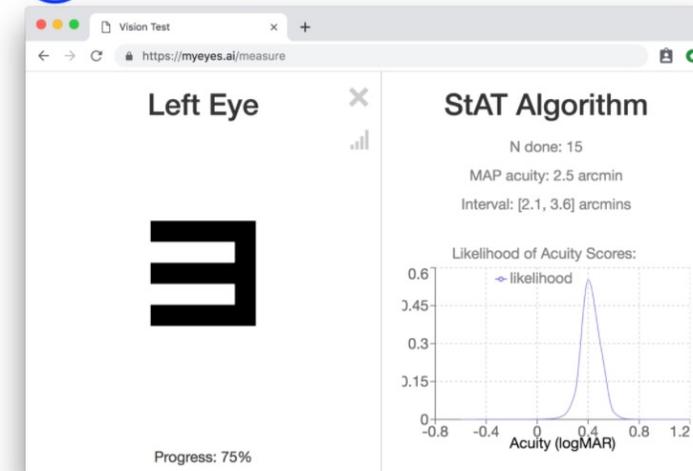
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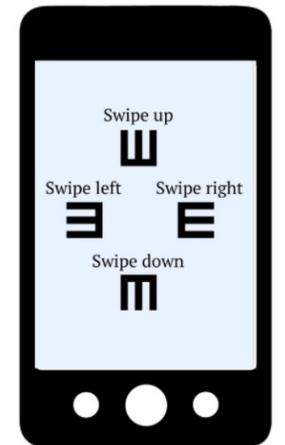
# Today: Stanford Eye Test



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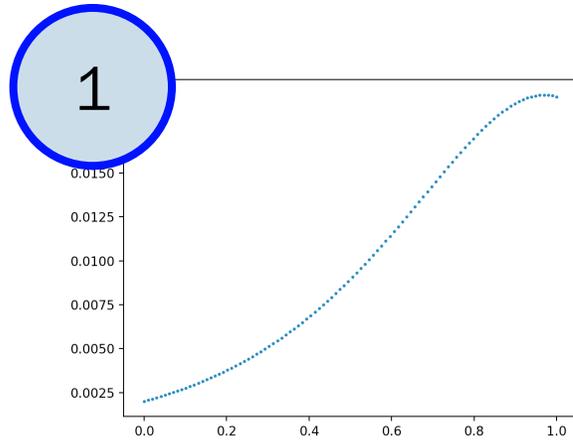
2 Connect your phone



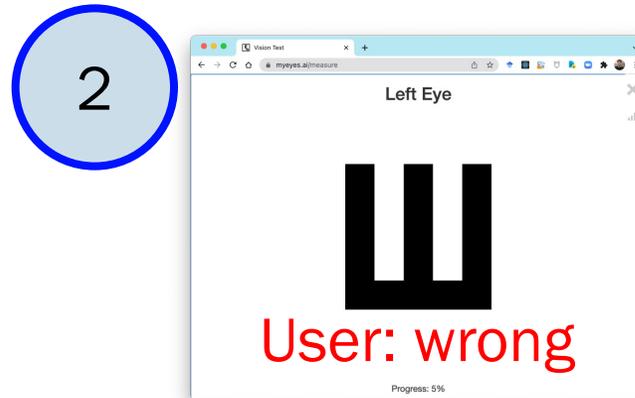
3 Visualize the math

I always wanted to make this a class demo

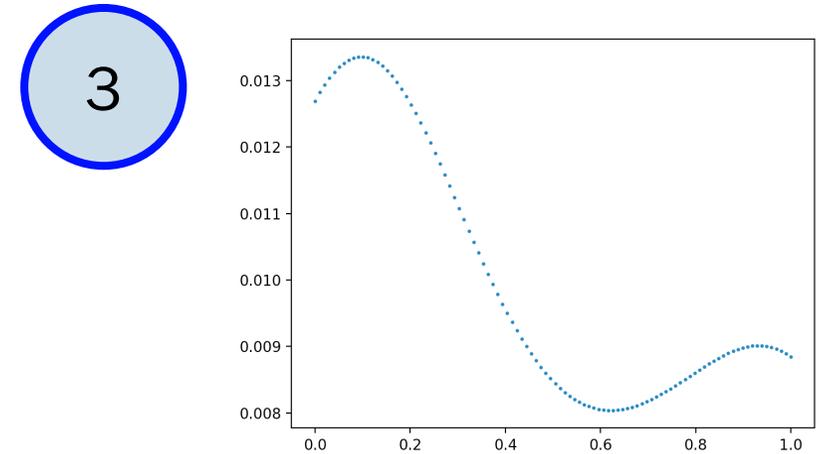
# Stanford Eye Test



$$P(A = a)$$



Observation  $E$



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

# Midterm Tuesday Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, 7pm

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CEMEX:  
A through L

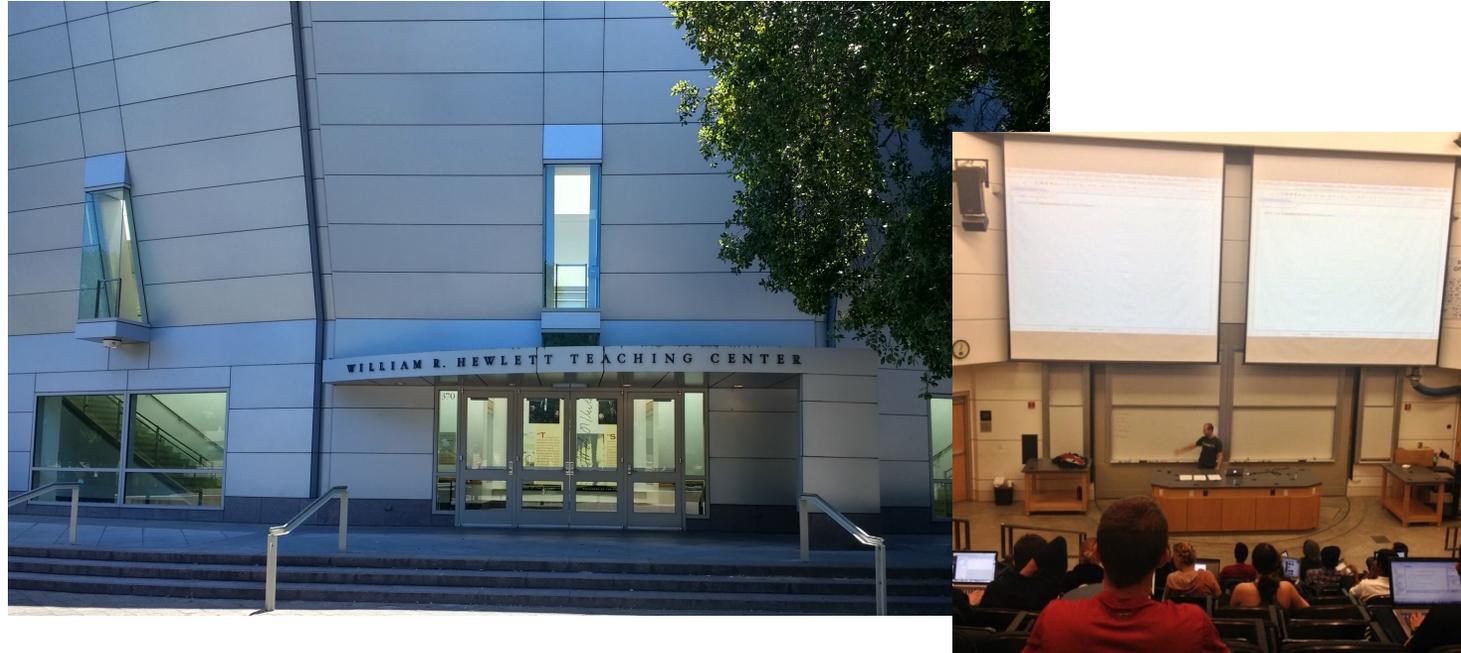


Hewlett 201:  
M through Z



# Midterm Wednesday Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8pm

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Hewlett 200:  
Last Name A-Z

# Where are we in CS109?

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## Overview of Topics



Counting  
Theory



Core  
Probability



Random  
Variables



Probabilistic  
Models



Uncertainty  
Theory



Machine  
Learning

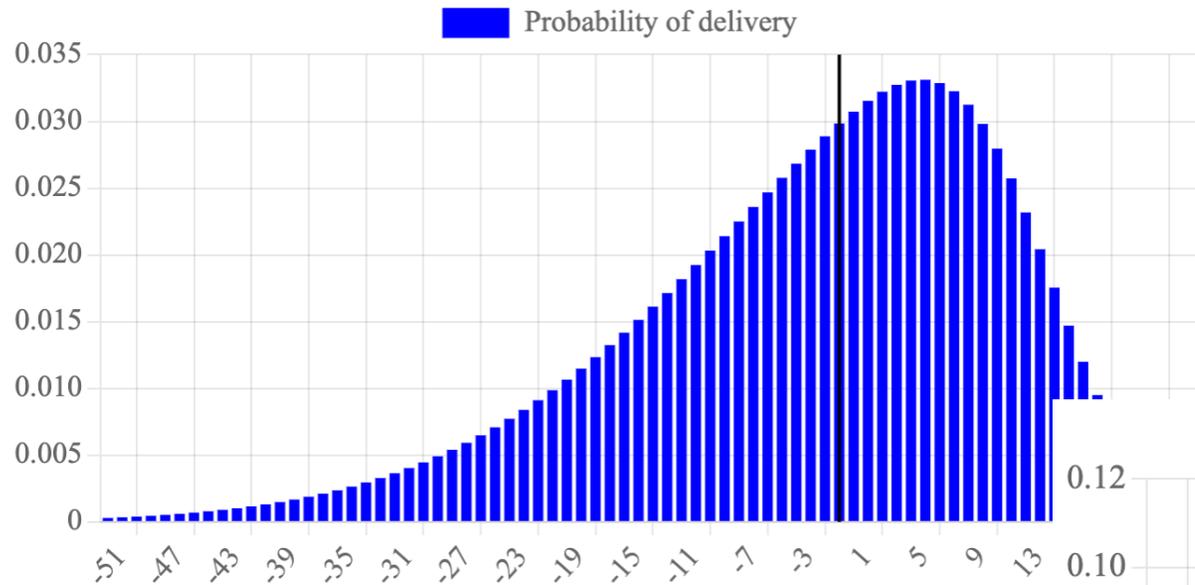
# Learning Goals

1. Combine Bayes Theorem and Random Variables

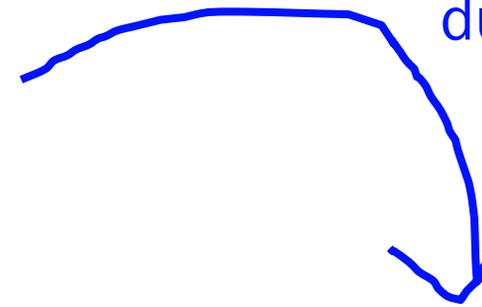


Review

# Another example: Baby delivery

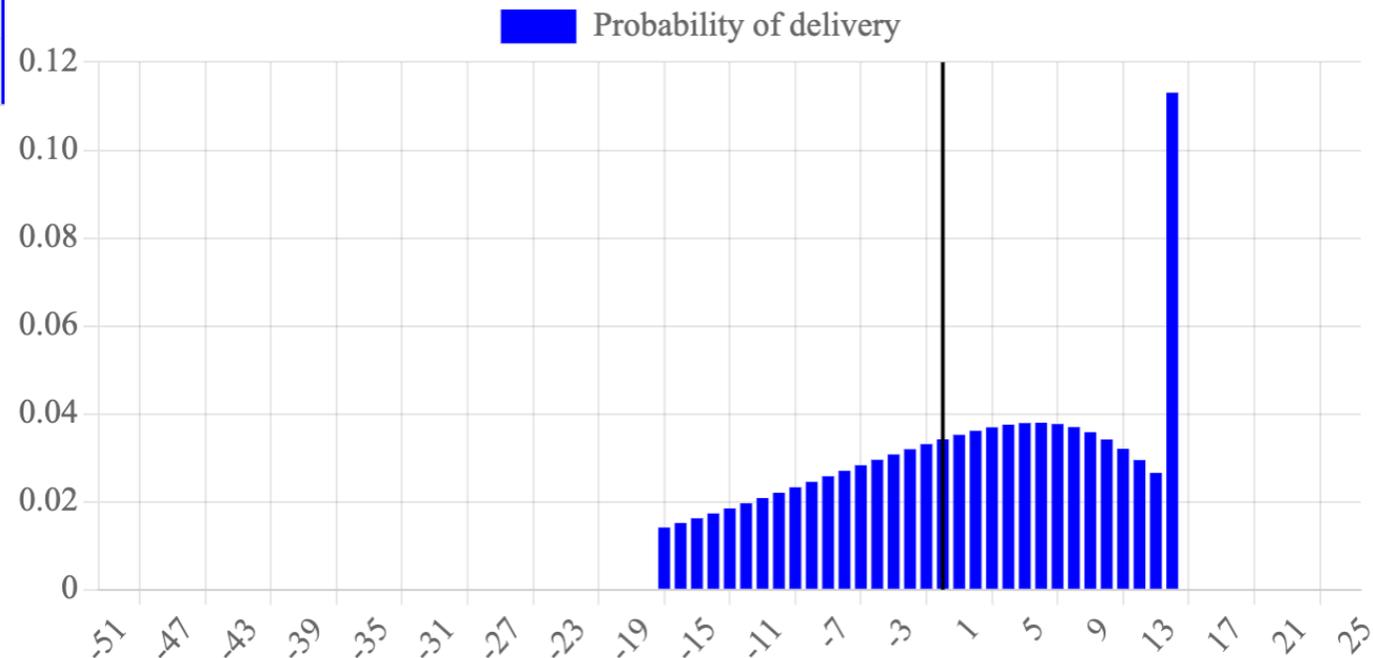


Its 19 days until the due date and no baby



For each value  $d$ :

$$P(D = d | \text{no child so far}) = \frac{P(\text{no child so far} | D = d) P(D = d)}{P(\text{no child so far})}$$



# Bayes Theorem with Discrete

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

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

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

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

More  
generally

Shorthand  
notation

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

# All the Bayes Belong to Us

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

OG Bayes

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

Mix Bayes #1

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

Mix Bayes #2

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

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

# LOTP? Chain Rule? You can play too!

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**N is discrete. X is continuous**

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

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

# Inference with Continuous

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



# Inference with Continuous



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

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

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

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

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

# Inference with Continuous



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Joint Distribution is Implied:

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

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

More generally

# Inference with Continuous



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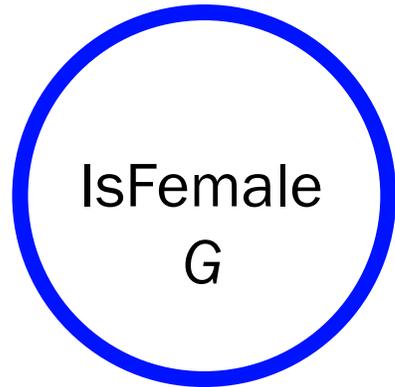
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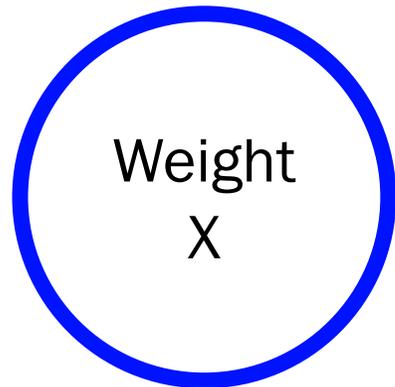
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# Model Shown Graphically



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



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

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

Does this define the joint?

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

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

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

End Review

# I Heard That Redux

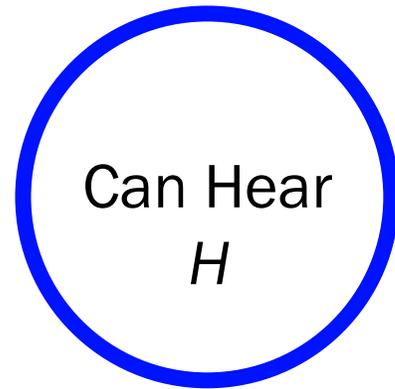
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**Normal Assumption:** We choose to approximate eye movements with normal distributions. For babies who can hear sounds, we approximate their gaze movement after the sound is played as:  $N(\mu = 15, \sigma^2 = 50)$ . For babies who can **not** hear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

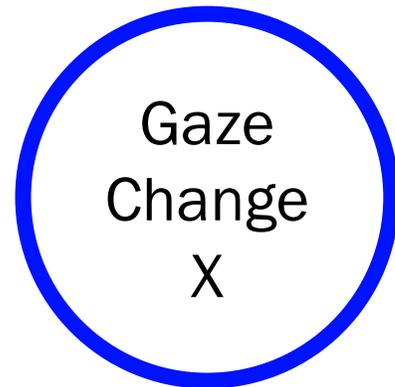
For a new baby we observe a 14 degree movement after the sound is played. What is your belief that a baby can hear, under The **Normal Assumption**?

# I Heard That Redux

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



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

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

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

Harder when neither random variable is  
a bernoulli

# A Better Eye Test

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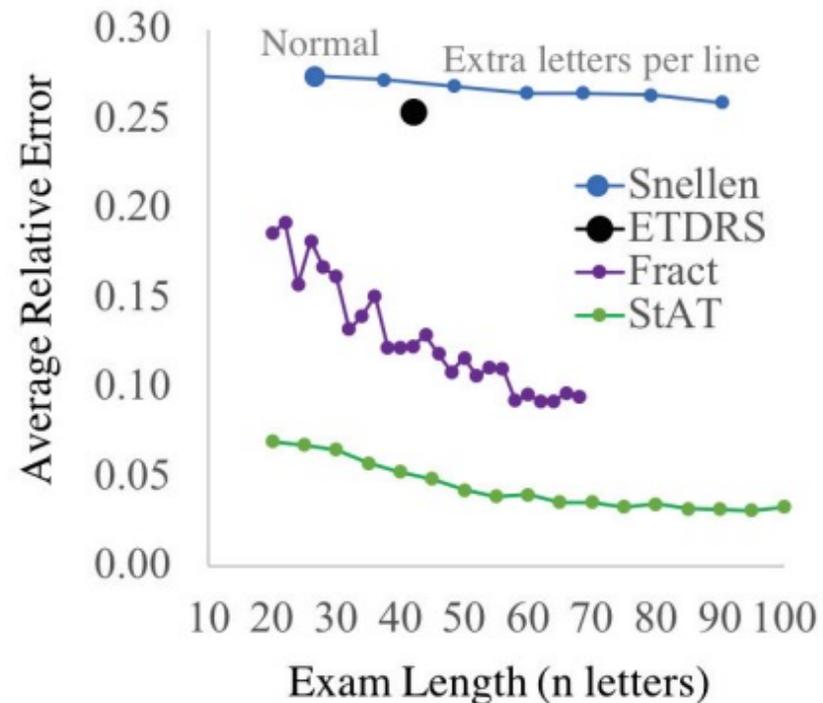
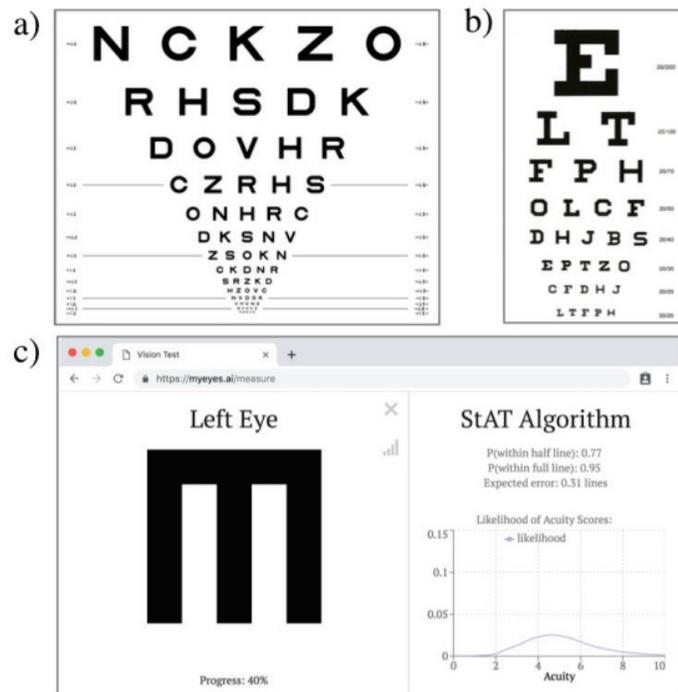
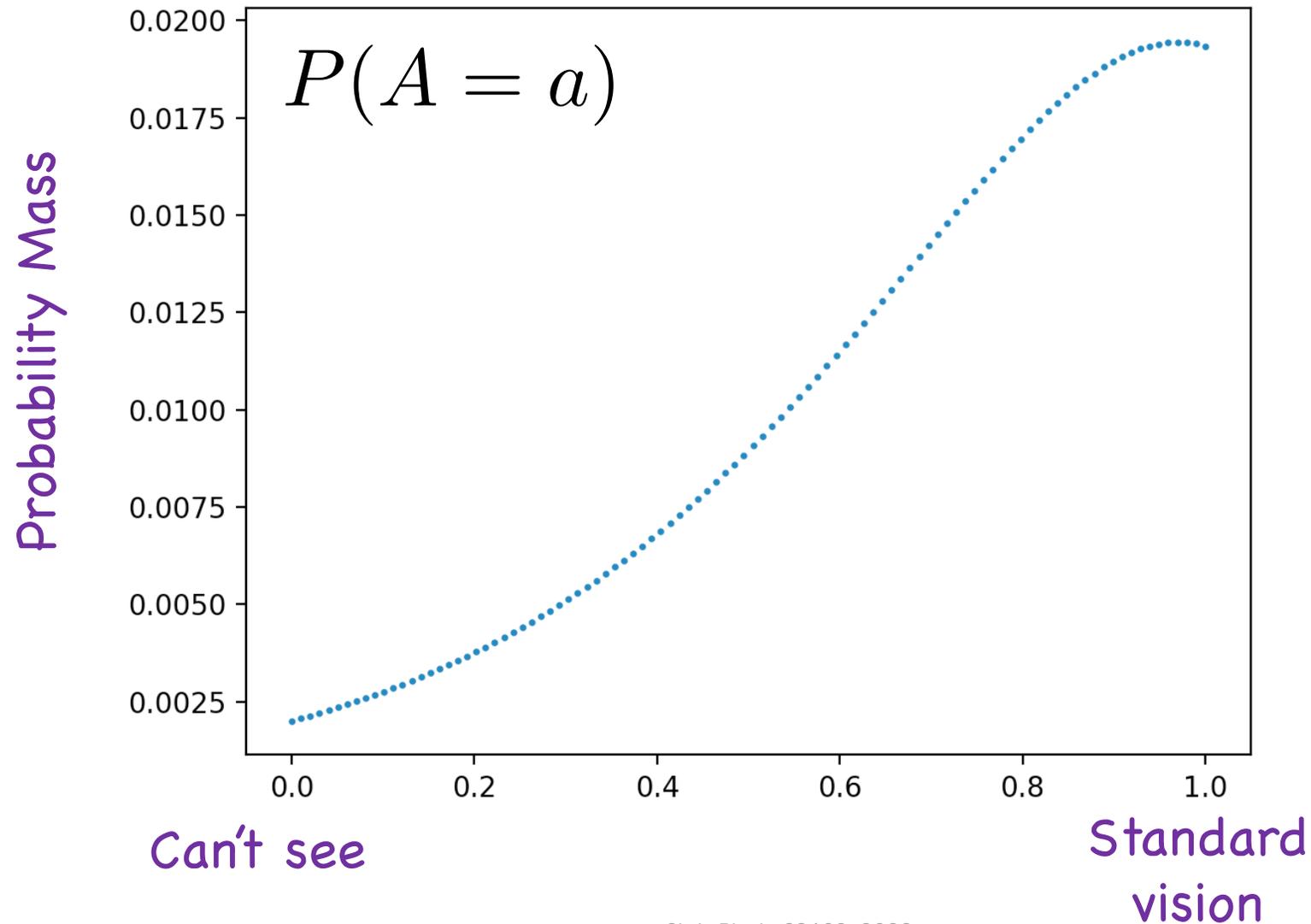


Figure 1: a) ETDRS, b) Snellen and c) StAT eye exams.

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



# PMF is Actually Stored as a Dictionary

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def main():  
    belief = get_prior_belief()
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a	P(A=a)
0.00	0.00198
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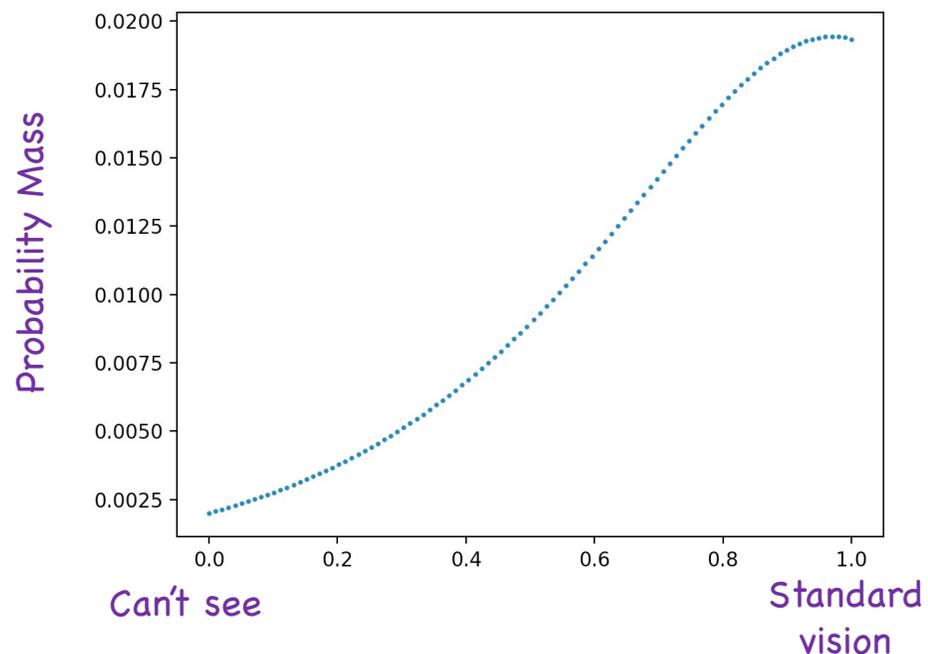
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As a graph



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

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

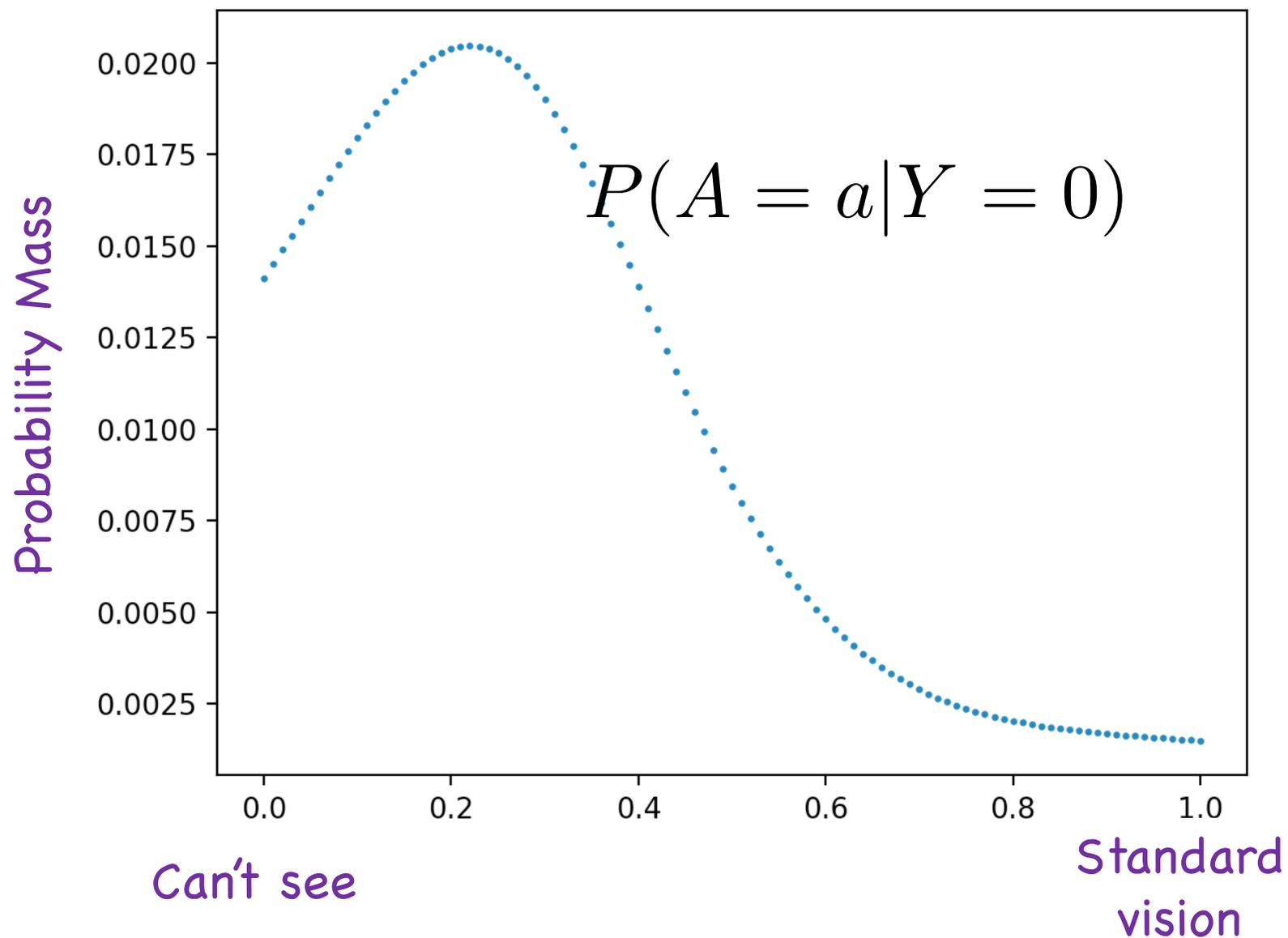
I have translated ability to see onto a **[0, 1] scale**.

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



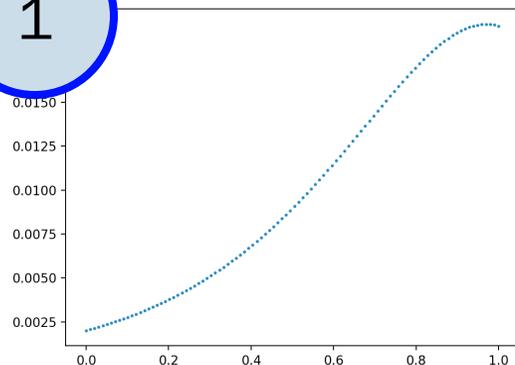
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# Posterior Belief in Ability to See (Random Var A)

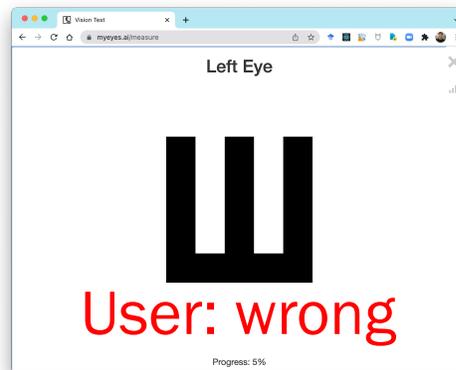


# Bayes with Random Variables

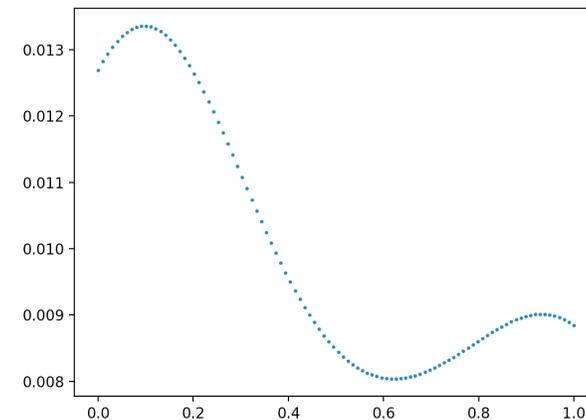
1



2



3



$$P(A = a)$$

Observation  $Y = 0$   
(At font size  $s_1$ )

$$P(A = a | Y = 0)$$

$$P(A = a | Y = 0) = \frac{P(Y = 0 | A = a)P(A = a)}{P(Y = 0)}$$

# Inference

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In general Bayes theorem  
with a random variable is like  
the cellphone problem:  
multiple possible  
assignments to keep track of



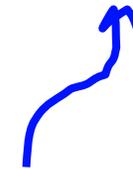
Still true when some variables are continuous

# Random Variables

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Not all beliefs can be represented as a **function**. **Dictionary** / table is a great way to represent a random variable belief.



This is formally called non-parametric

# Representing Continuous Variables

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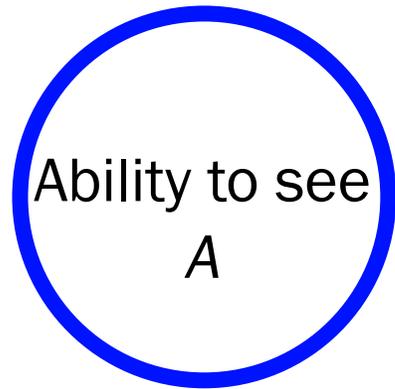
Dictionary can also be used to represent a discretization of a **continuous random var**



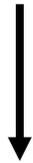
I do it all the time! Yay compute!

# As a Causal Model

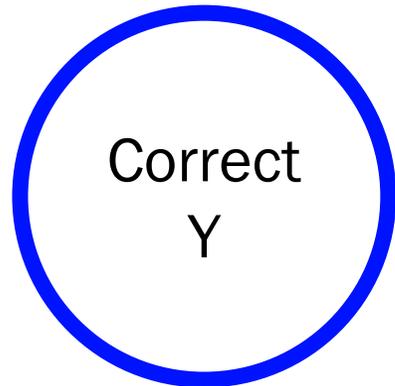
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A is a non-parametric distribution (dictionary)



Font size is fixed



$P(Y = 1 \mid A = a)$  is a Bernoulli where the parameter  $p$  is a known function of  $a$  and font size,  $s$ .

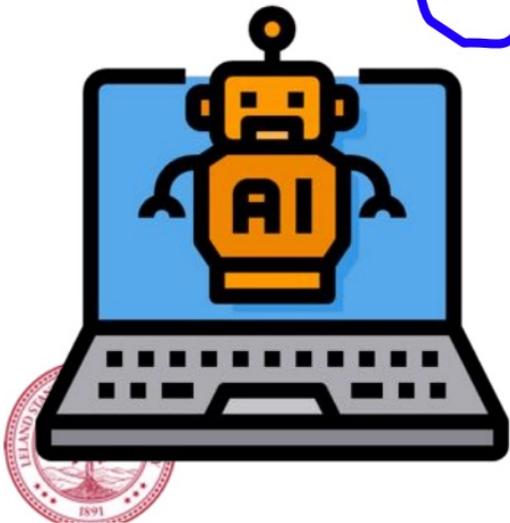
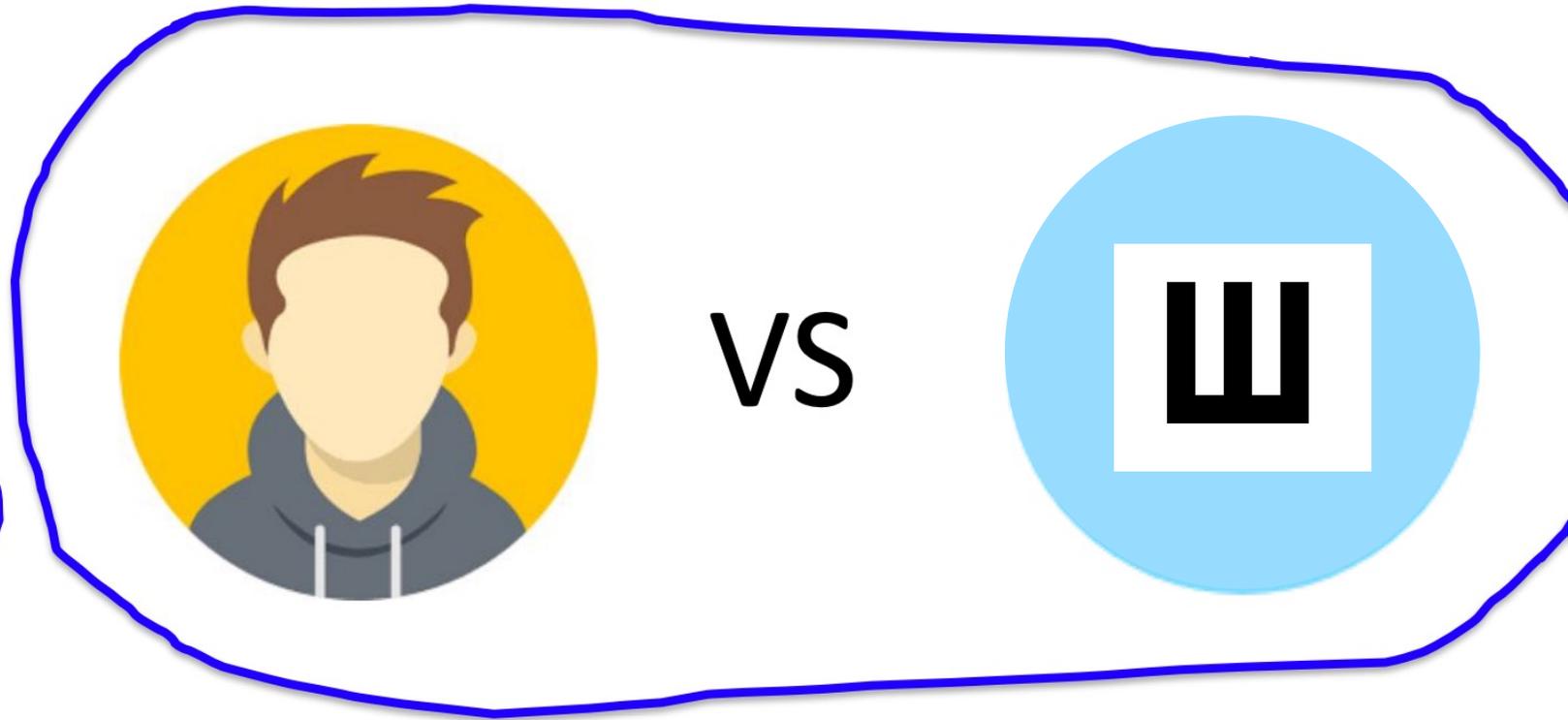
Q: What is  $P(A = a \mid Y = 0)$

Aside: How to get

$$P(Y = 0 | A = a)$$

Not required material...  
(more education theory than CS109)

# Likelihood: Item Response Theory



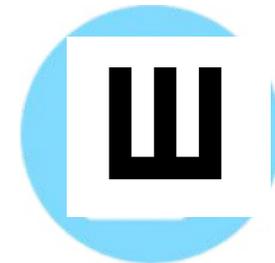
A **model** which gives a probability that a particular student will answer a particular question correctly

# Likelihood: Item Response Theory

If student  $i$  attempts problem  $j$ , the likelihood they answer it correctly is...

Probability correct  $\rightarrow p_{i,j} = \sigma(a_i - d_j)$

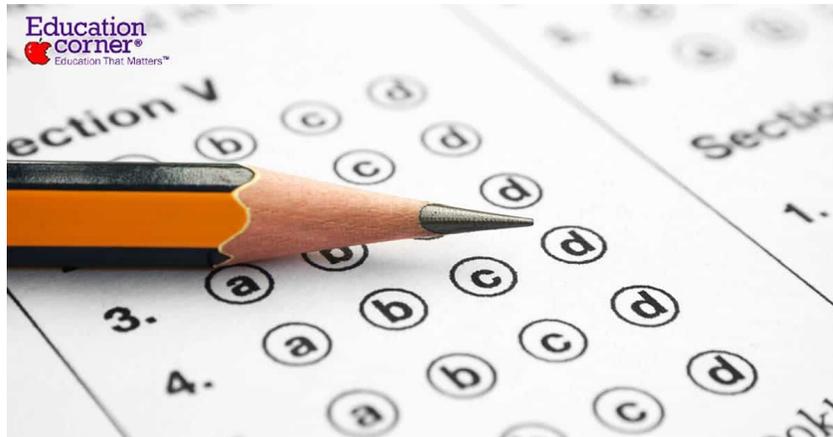
Squashing function      Ability of student  $i$       Difficulty of problem  $j$  (based on font size)



# Slip and Fall

IRT says prob person  $i$  gets letter  $j$  correct is  $p_{i,j} = \sigma(a_i - d_j)$

What about guessing?



What about slips?



$$P(Y = 0|A = a) = 1 - P(Y = 1|A = a)$$

End Aside: How to get

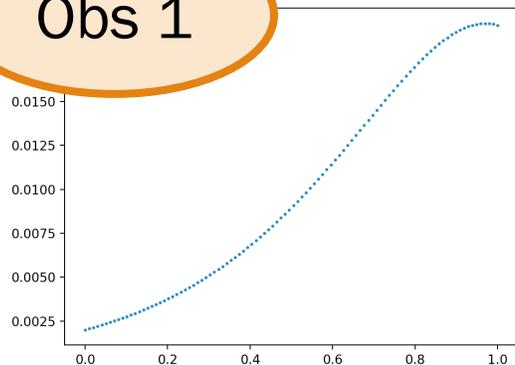
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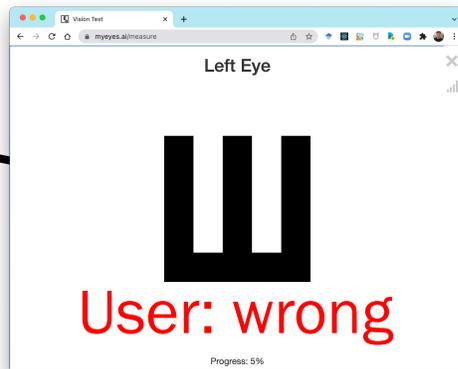
Multiple observations??

# Multiple Observations

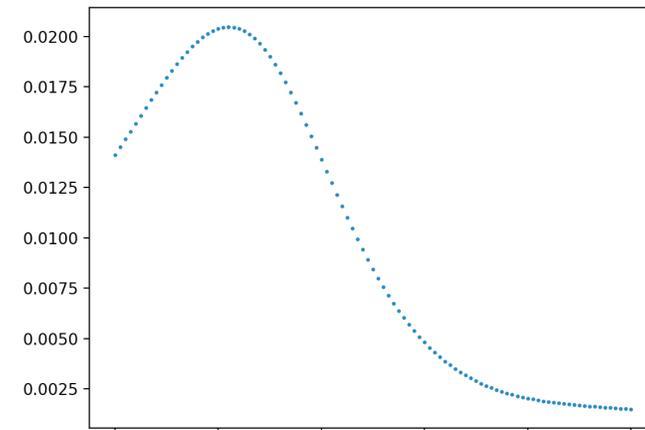
Obs 1



$$P(A = a)$$

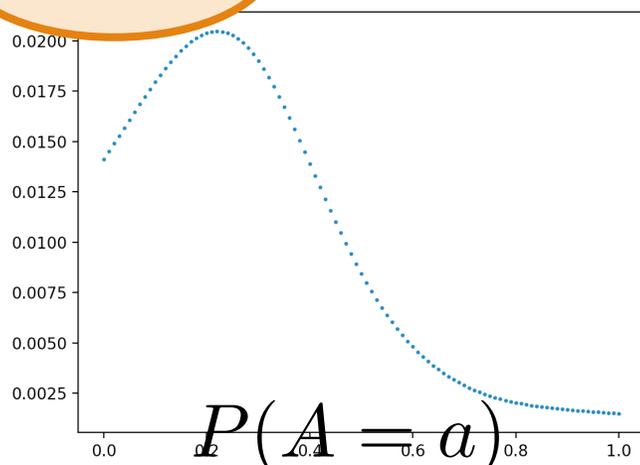


Observation  $Y = 0$   
(At font size 0.7)

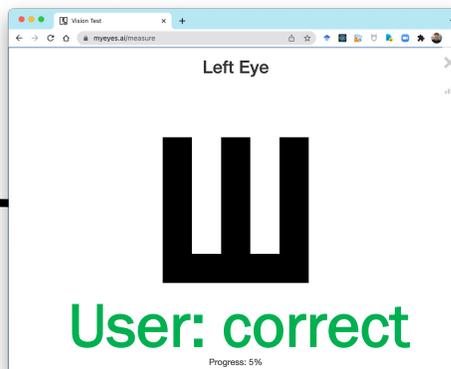


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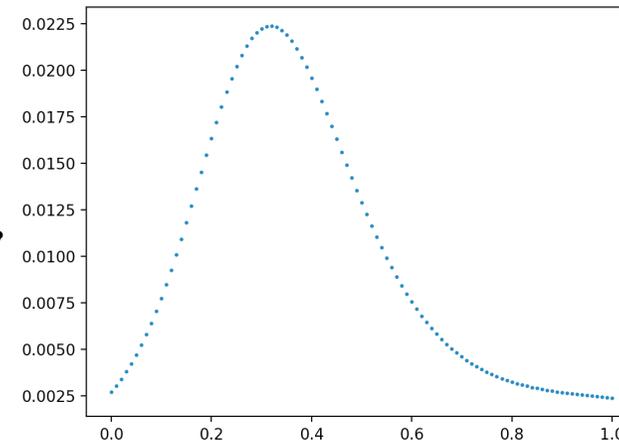
Obs 2



$$P(A = a)$$

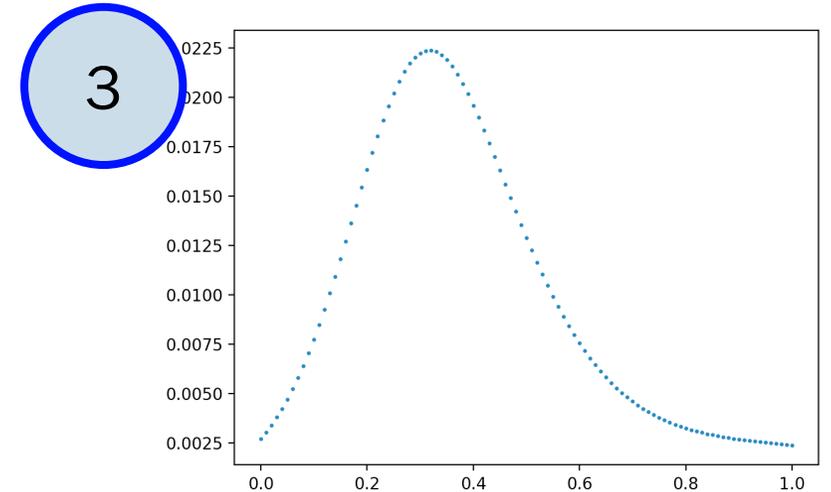
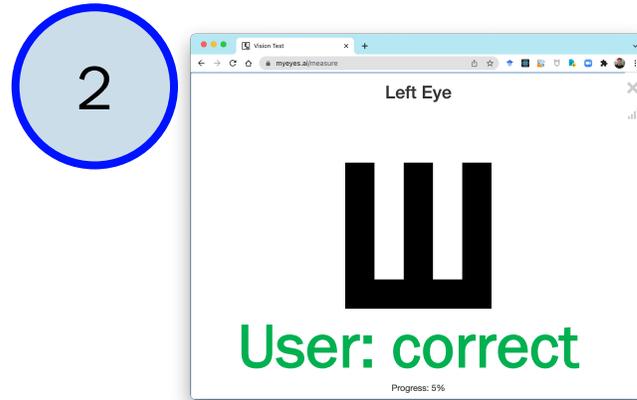
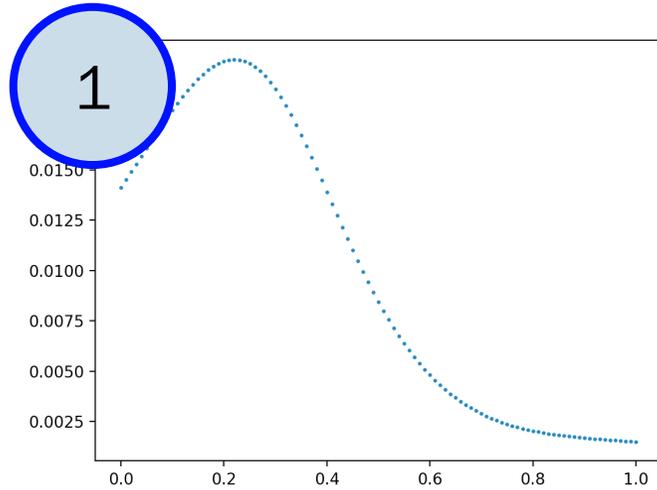


Observation  $Y = 1$   
(At font size 0.8)



$$P(A = a | Y = 1)$$

# Posterior becomes new prior



$$P(A = a)$$

Observation  $Y = 1$   
(At font size 0.8)

$$P(A = a | Y = 1)$$

$$P(A = a | Y = 1) = \frac{P(Y = 1 | A = a)P(A = a)}{P(Y = 1)}$$



Aside, if time: Visualizing continuous  
joints

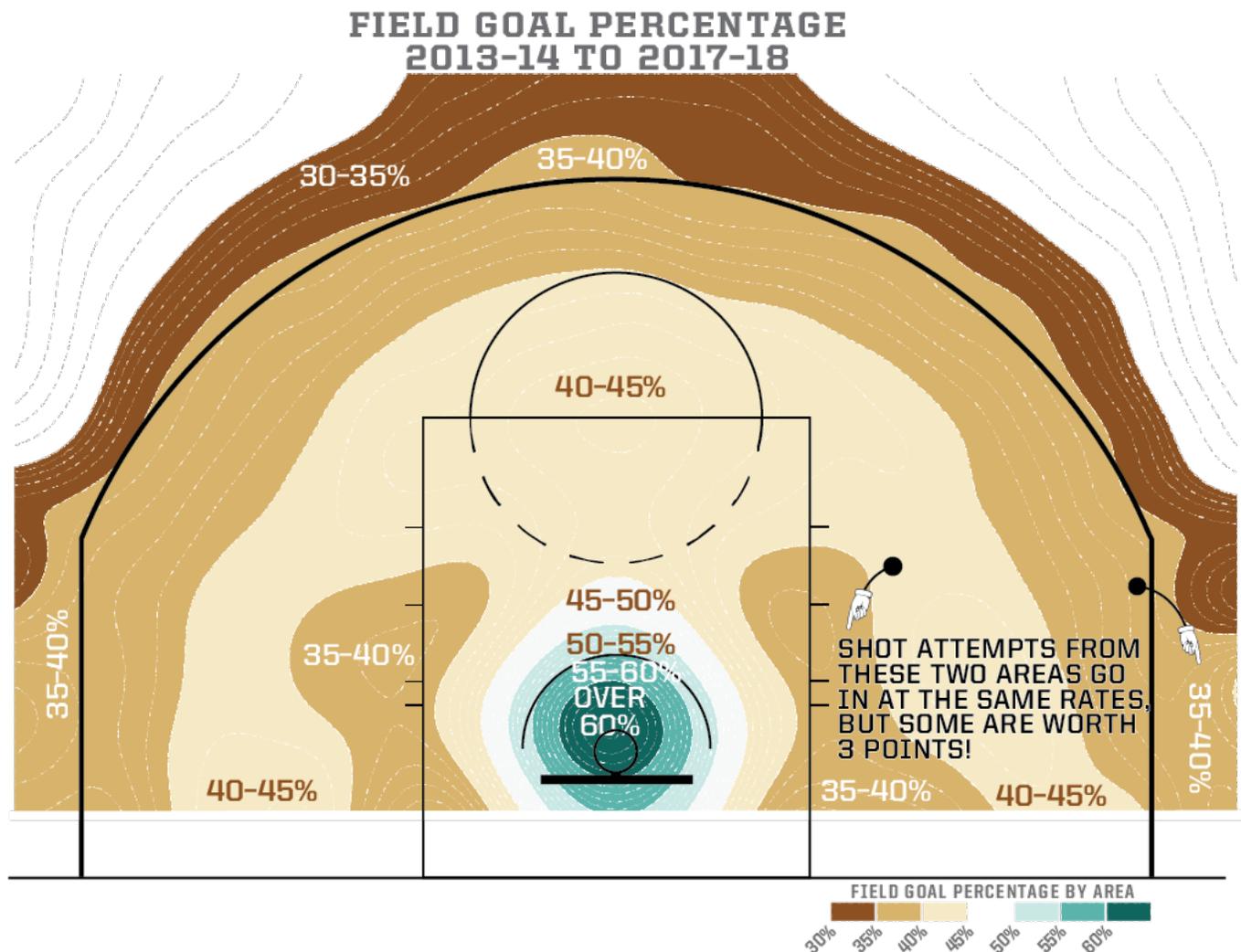
# All the Bayes Belong to Us

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**X, Y are continuous**

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

# Probabilistic Models can have Continuous Random Vars



X location  
of the shot

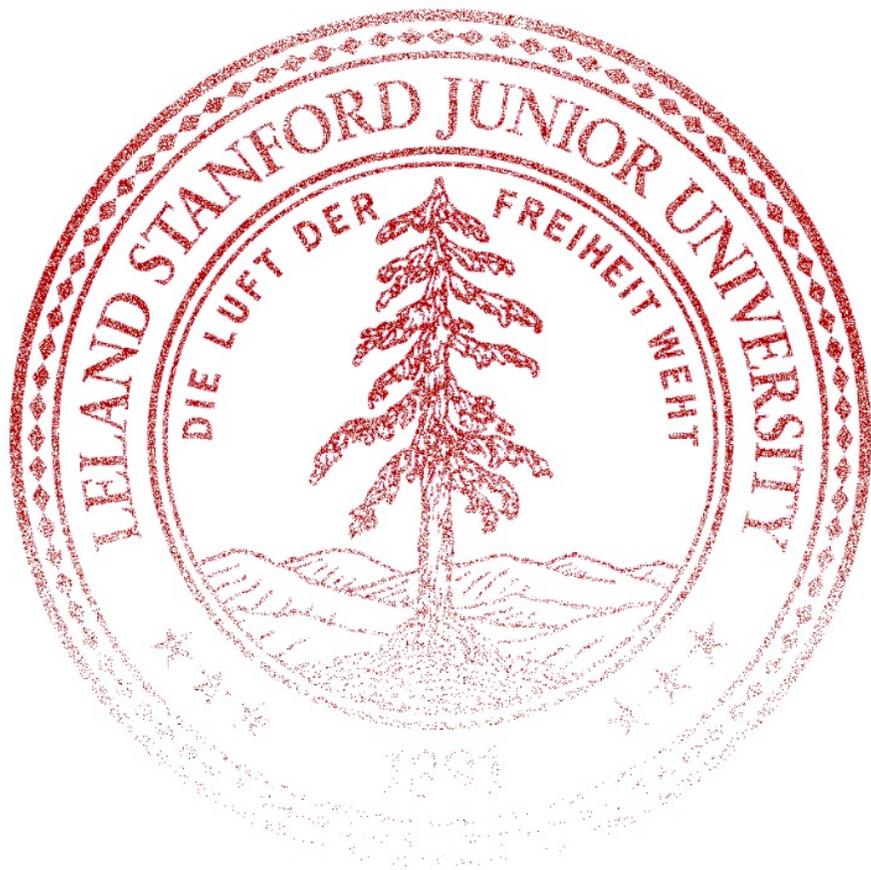
Y location  
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$$f(X = x, Y = y)$$

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

# Probabilistic Models can have Continuous Random Vars

## Dart Results



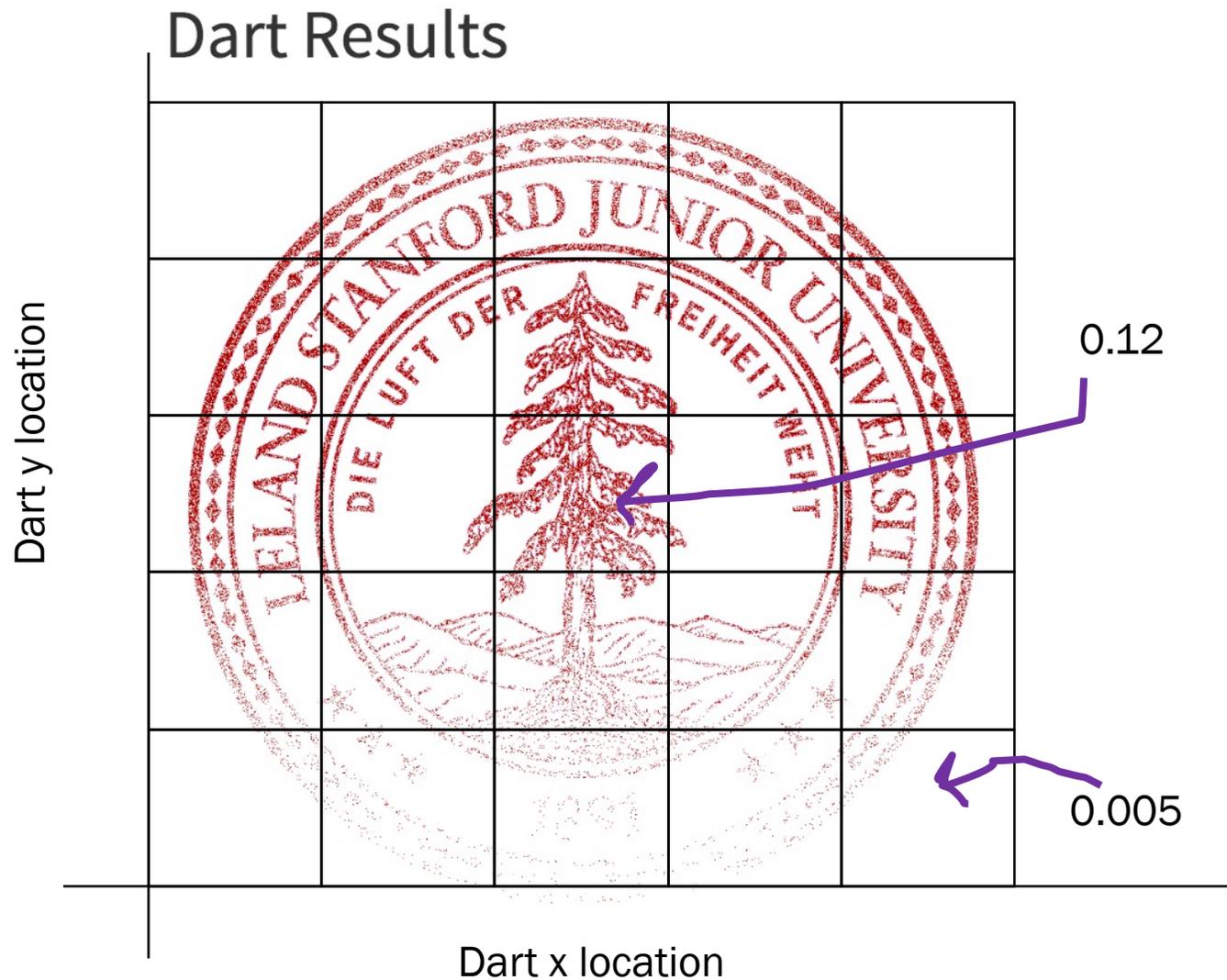
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# Probabilistic Models can have Continuous Random Vars



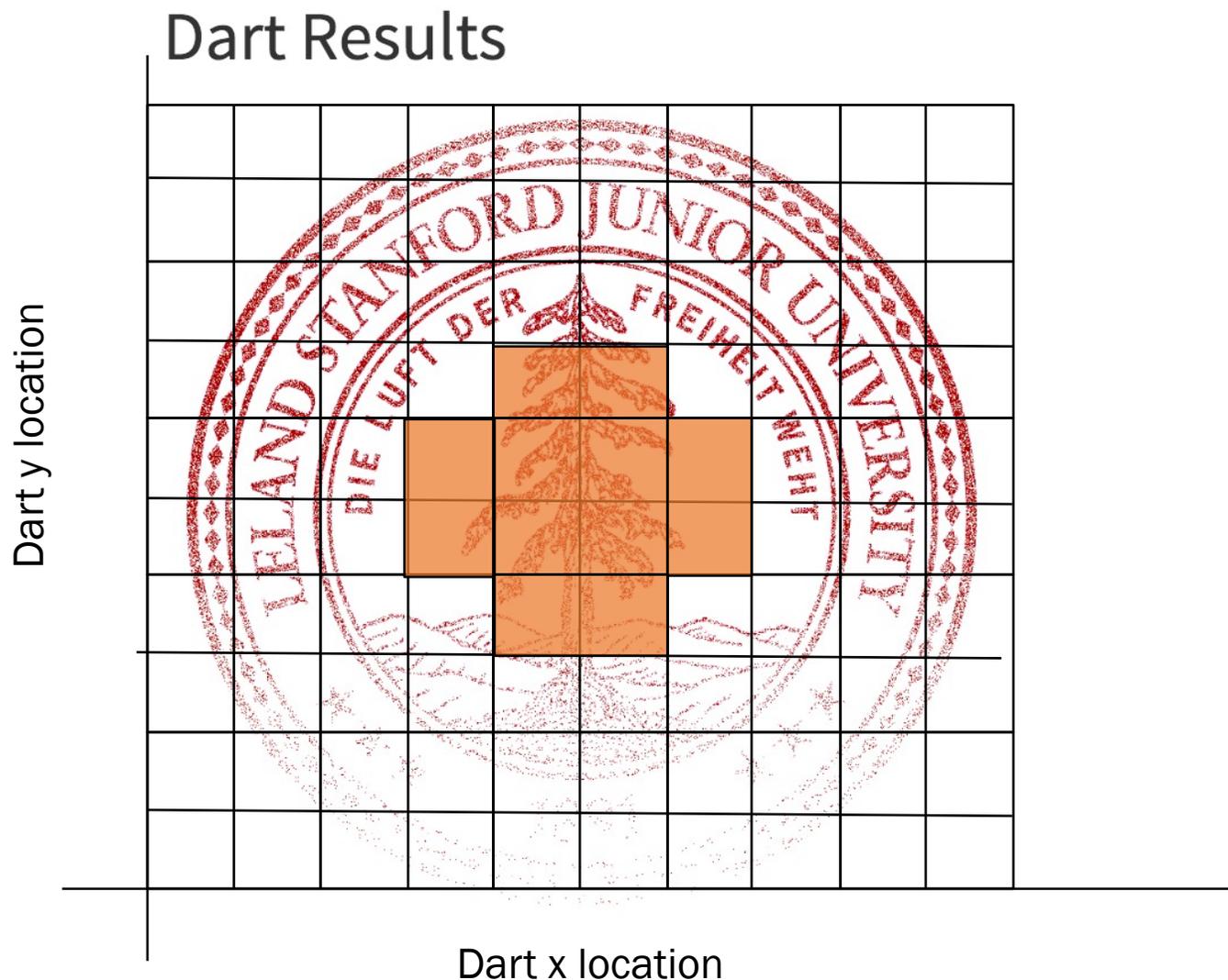
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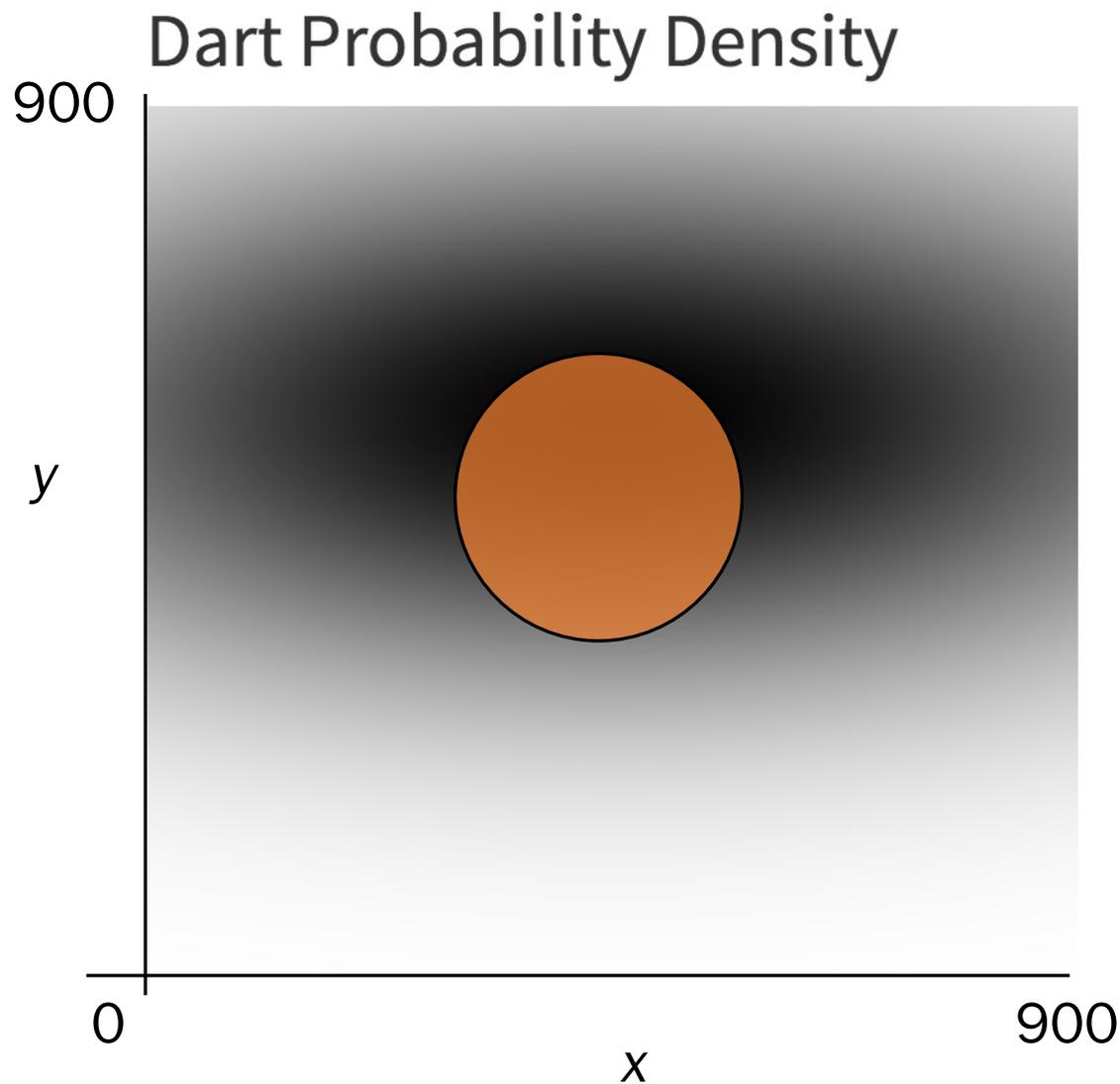
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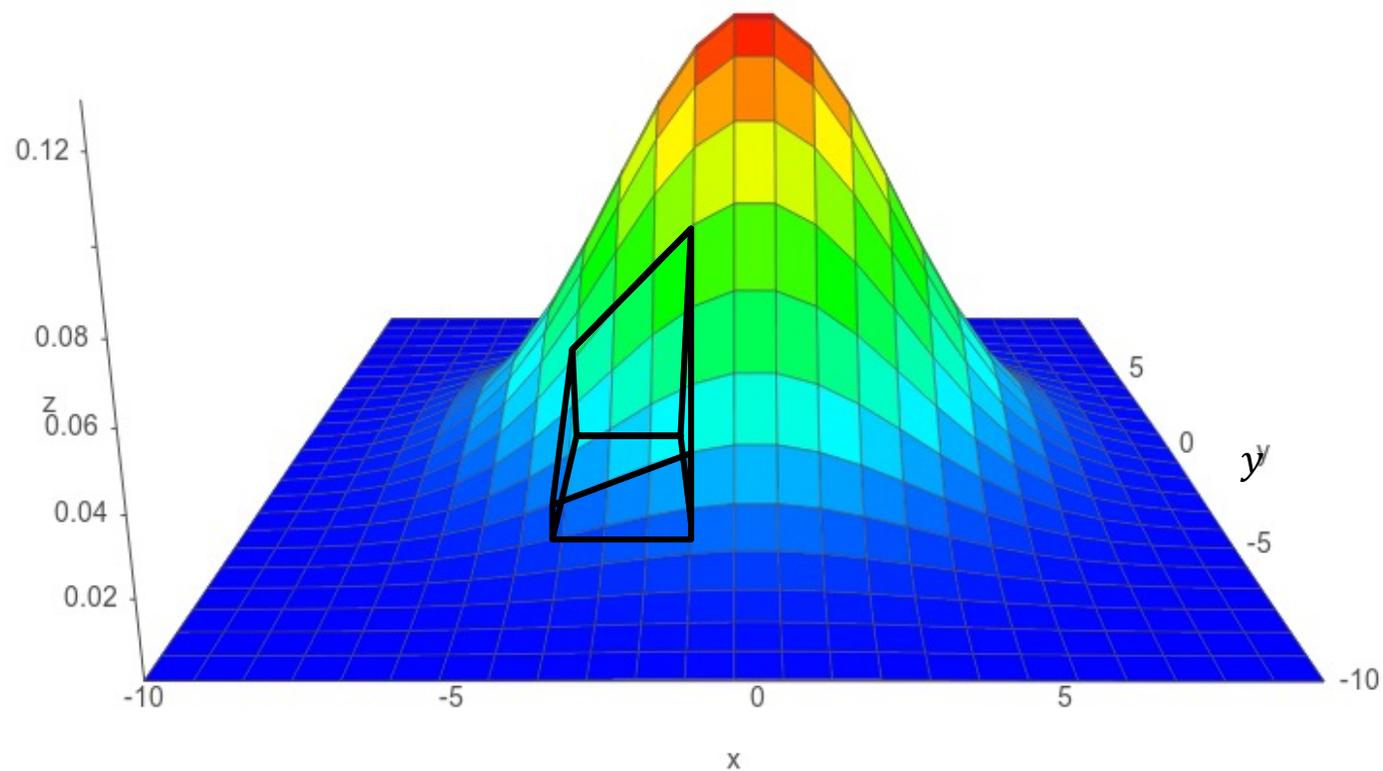
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# Joint Probability Density Function

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



# Joint is Complete Information!

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



Still true when some variables are continuous

# Focus on Inference

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

# All the Bayes Belong to Us

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

OG Bayes

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

Mix Bayes #1

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

Mix Bayes #2

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

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

End Aside

# Joint Random Variables



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



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



Use and find **independence** of random variables



Use and find **expectation** of random variables