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# STATS 100A: Two or More Random Variables

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# Discrete distribution

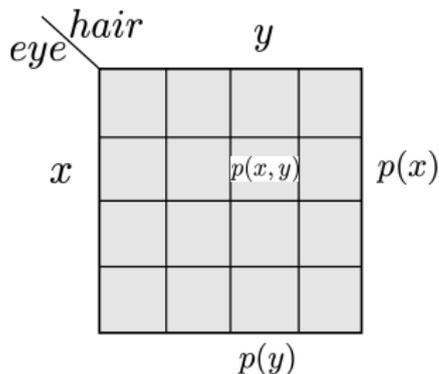
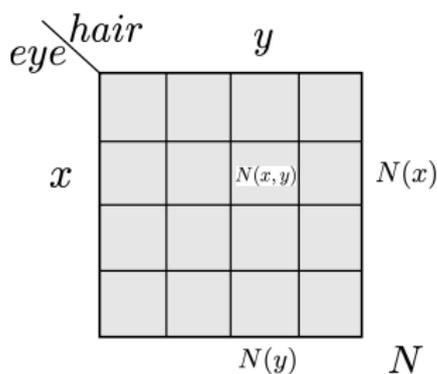
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$N$ : number of people in population.

$N(x, y)$ : number of people with eye color  $x$  and hair color  $y$ .

$N(x) = \sum_y N(x, y)$ : number of people with eye color  $x$ .

$N(y) = \sum_x N(x, y)$ : number of people with hair color  $y$ .





# Joint and marginal

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	<i>hair</i>	<i>y</i>		
<i>eye</i>	<i>x</i>	$N(x, y)$	$N(x)$	
		$N(y)$	$N$	

	<i>hair</i>	<i>y</i>		
<i>eye</i>	<i>x</i>	$p(x, y)$	$p(x)$	
		$p(y)$		

$$p(x, y) = \frac{N(x, y)}{N}$$

$$p(x) = \frac{N(x)}{N} = \frac{\sum_y N(x, y)}{N} = \sum_y p(x, y)$$

$$p(y) = \frac{N(y)}{N} = \frac{\sum_x N(x, y)}{N} = \sum_x p(x, y)$$

Prob = population proportion  $\approx$  sample proportion / frequency





# Conditional

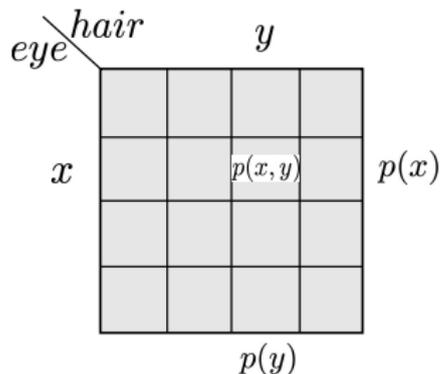
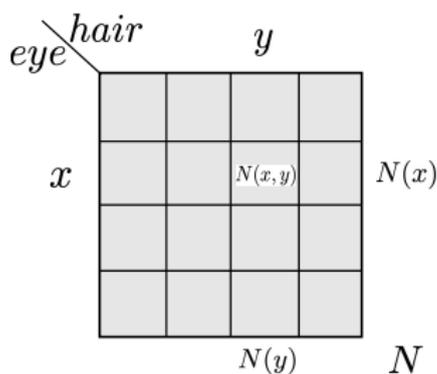
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$$p(x|y) = \frac{N(x, y)}{N(y)} = \frac{N(x, y)/N}{N(y)/N} = \frac{p(x, y)}{p(y)}.$$

$$p(y|x) = \frac{N(x, y)}{N(x)} = \frac{N(x, y)/N}{N(x)/N} = \frac{p(x, y)}{p(x)}.$$

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# Rules

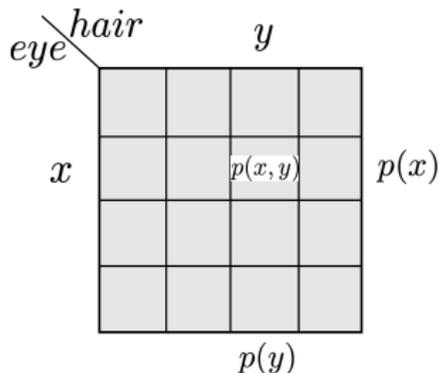
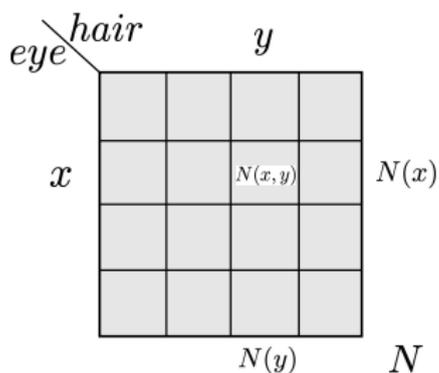
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Marginalization:  $p(y) = \sum_x p(x, y)$ .

Conditioning:  $p(x|y) = p(x, y)/p(y)$ .

Chain rule:  $p(x, y) = p(x)p(y|x)$ .





# Random variables, probability mass functions

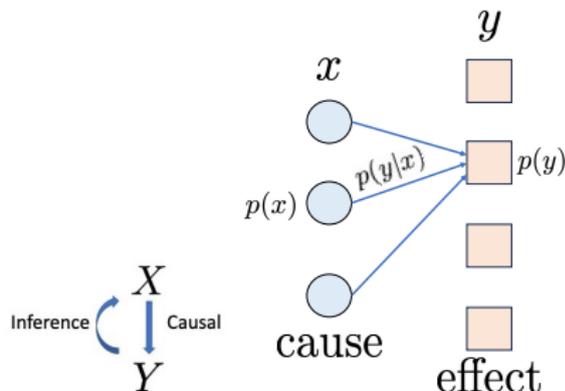
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**Marginal:** prior  $p(x) = P(X = x)$ , marginal  $p(y) = P(Y = y)$ .

**Conditional:** forward generation  $p(y|x) = P(Y = y|X = x)$

backward inference  $p(x|y) = P(X = x|Y = y)$ .

**Chain rule:** joint  $p(x, y) = p(x)p(y|x)$ .

**Rule of total probability:** marginal

$$p(y) = \sum_x p(x, y) = \sum_x p(x)p(y|x).$$





# Generative Pre-trained Transformer (GPT)

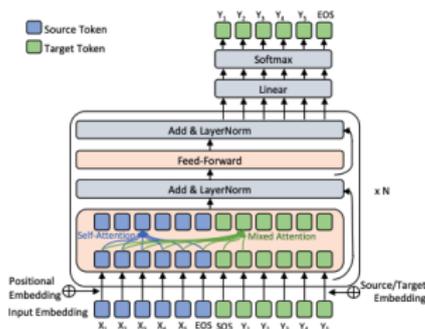
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$x = (x_1, \dots, x_{T_x})$  (e.g., “Can you write a poem?”)

$y = (y_1, \dots, y_{T_y})$  (e.g., “Certainly. Below is the poem...”)

$$p(y|x) = \prod_{t=1}^{T_y} p(y_t | y_{<t}, x).$$

Learn from training data  $(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)}, i = 1, \dots, n)$  by maximizing

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \log p_{\theta}(y^{(i)} | x^{(i)}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_t \log p_{\theta}(y_t^{(i)} | y_{<t}^{(i)}, x^{(i)}).$$

memorize and generalize (interpolation).





# Bayes rule

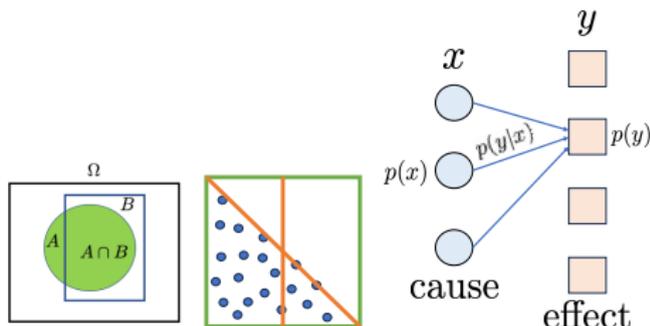
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$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}.$$

**Bayes rule:** backward inference, back tracing, posterior

$$\begin{aligned} p(x|y) &= P(X = x|Y = y) = \frac{P(X = x, Y = y)}{P(Y = y)} \\ &= \frac{p(x, y)}{p(y)} = \frac{p(x)p(y|x)}{\sum_{x'} p(x')p(y|x')} \end{aligned}$$





# Expectation

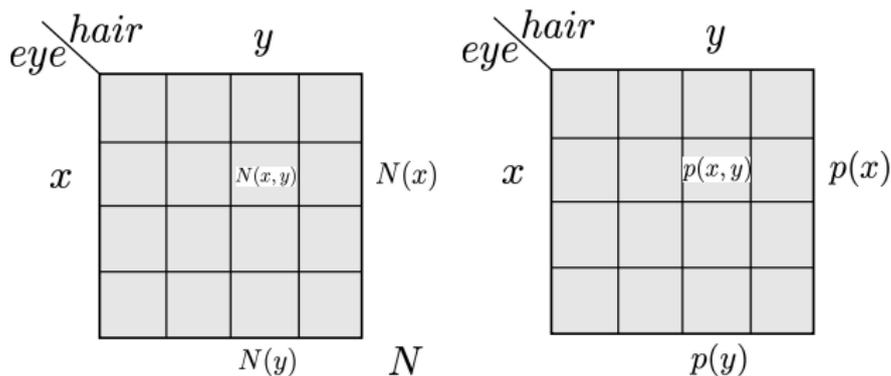
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$$\mathbb{E}[h(X, Y)] = \sum_{x,y} h(x, y)p(x, y).$$

Population average or long run average.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{x,y} h(x, y)N(x, y) &= \sum_{x,y} h(x, y) \frac{N(x, y)}{N} \\ &= \sum_{x,y} h(x, y)p(x, y) = \mathbb{E}[h(X, Y)]. \end{aligned}$$





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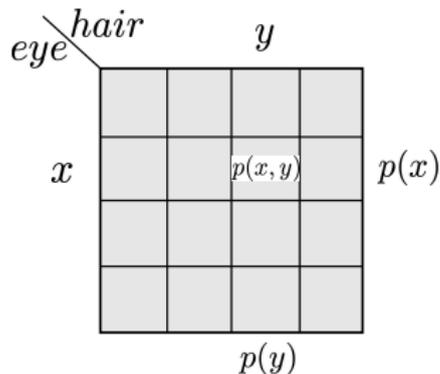
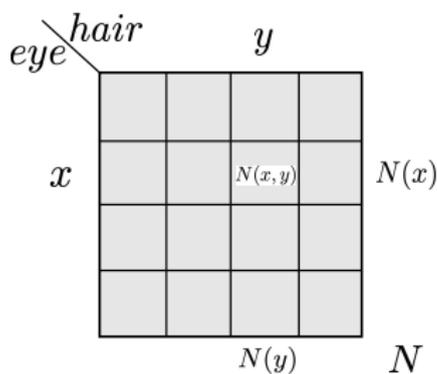
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$$\mathbb{E}(X) = \sum_{x,y} xp(x, y) = \sum_x x \sum_y p(x, y) = \sum_x xp(x).$$

same for  $\mathbb{E}[h(X)]$ .

$$\text{Var}(h(X, Y)) = \mathbb{E}[(h(X, Y) - \mathbb{E}[h(X, Y)])^2].$$





# Two continuous random variables

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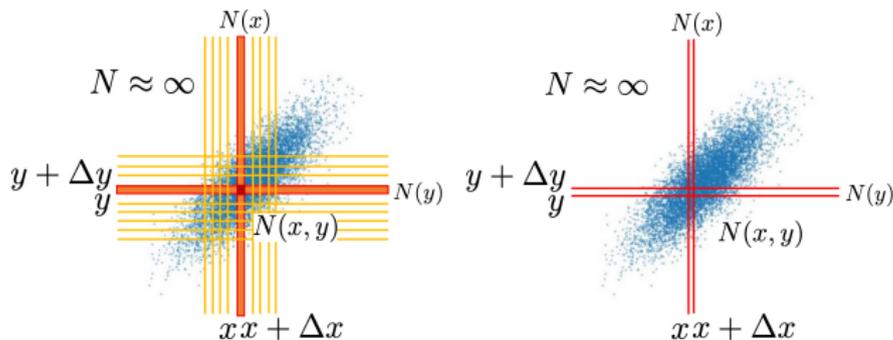
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$X = \text{height}, Y = \text{weight}.$



$$f(x, y) = \frac{P(X \in (x, x + \Delta x), Y \in (y, y + \Delta y))}{\Delta x \Delta y} = \frac{N(x, y)/N}{\Delta x \Delta y}.$$

density = probability / size





# Probability density function

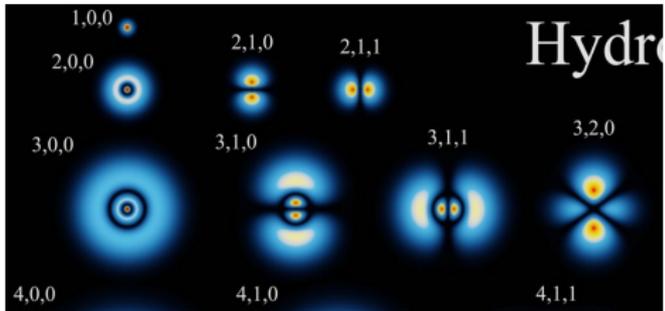
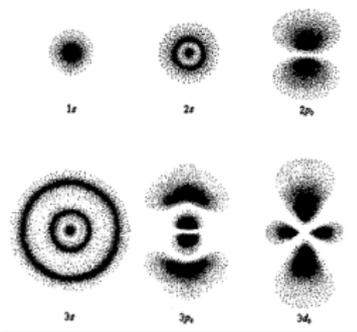
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# Marginal

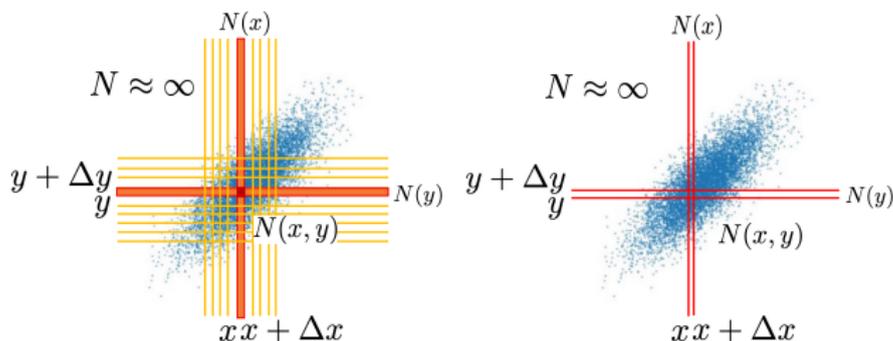
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density = prob / size

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= \frac{P(X \in (x, x + \Delta x))}{\Delta x} = \frac{N(x)/N}{\Delta x} \\
 &= \frac{\sum_y N(x, y)/N}{\Delta x} = \frac{\sum_y f(x, y)\Delta x\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \int f(x, y)dy.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$f(y) = \int f(x, y)dx.$$





# Joint and marginal densities

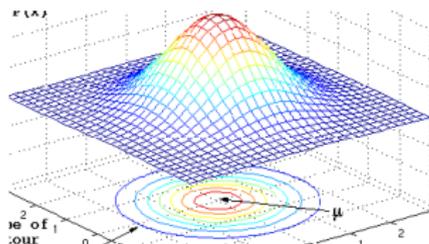
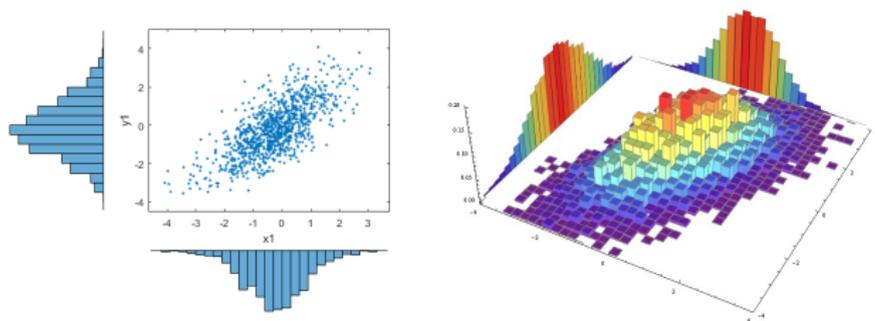
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Sample points under the surface, collapse on the plane.





# Conditional density

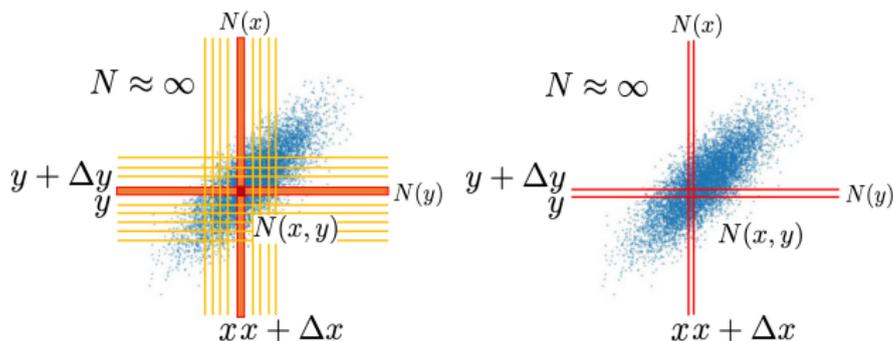
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density = prob / size

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(y|x) &= \frac{P(Y \in (y, y + \Delta y) \mid X \in (x, x + \Delta x))}{\Delta y} \\
 &= \frac{N(x, y)/N(x)}{\Delta y} = \frac{N(x, y)/N}{(N(x)/N)\Delta y} \\
 &= \frac{f(x, y)\Delta x\Delta y}{f(x)\Delta x\Delta y} = \frac{f(x, y)}{f(x)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$f(x|y) = f(x, y)/f(y).$$





# Conditional density

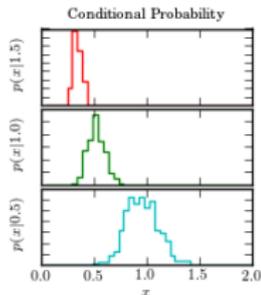
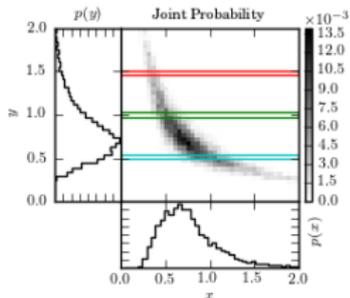
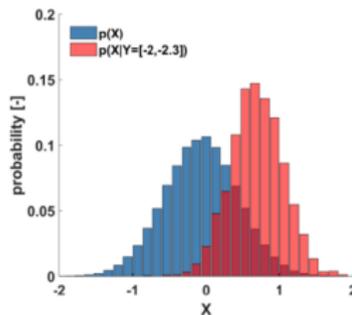
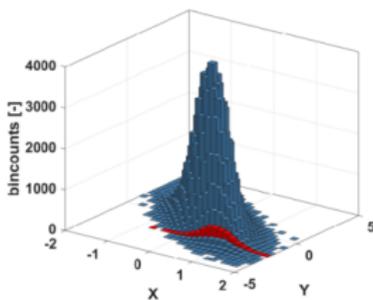
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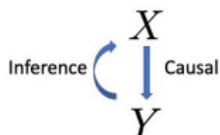
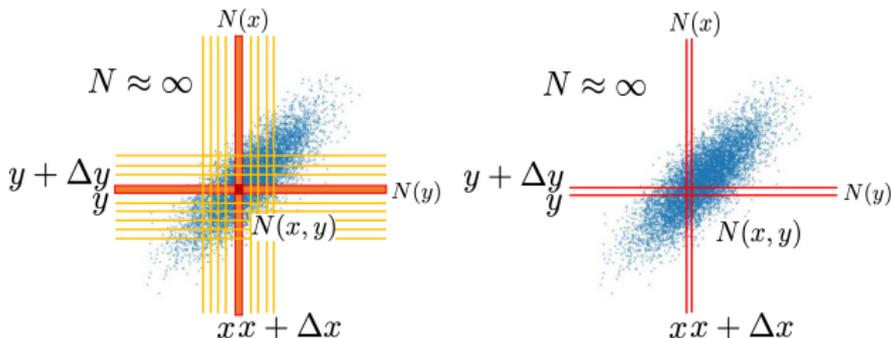
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Marginalization:  $f(y) = \int f(x, y) dx$ .

Normalization (conditioning):  $f(x|y) = f(x, y) / f(y)$ .

Factorization (chain rule):  $f(x, y) = f(x) f(y|x)$ .

$f(y|x)$ : prediction.  $f(x|y)$ : inference.





# Denosing Diffusion Probability Model

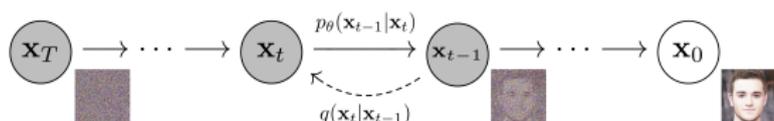
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$x_0$ : clean image.

$x_t = x_{t-1} + e_t$ ,  $e_t$ : small noise

Forward noising  $q(x_t|x_{t-1})$ ,  $t = 1, \dots, T$ .  $x_T$ : big noise.

Backward denoising  $p(x_{t-1}|x_t)$ .

Learn from training data  $(x_0^{(i)}, i = 1, \dots, n)$  by maximizing

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=T}^1 \log p_{\theta}(x_{t-1}^{(i)} | x_t^{(i)}).$$

memorize and generalize (interpolation).





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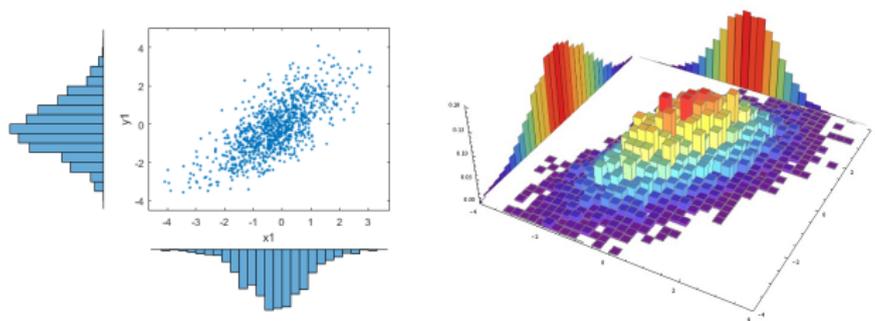
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If  $(X, Y) \sim p(x, y)$ , then

$$\mathbb{E}(h(X, Y)) = \sum_x \sum_y h(x, y)p(x, y).$$

If  $(X, Y) \sim f(x, y)$ , then

$$\mathbb{E}(h(X, Y)) = \int \int h(x, y)f(x, y)dx dy.$$

$$\text{Var}(h(X, Y)) = \mathbb{E}[(h(X, Y) - \mathbb{E}[h(X, Y)])^2].$$





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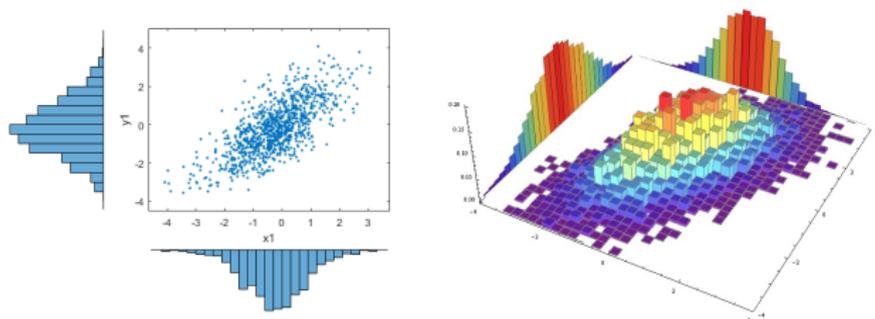
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Population average or long run average of  $h(X, Y)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n h(X_i, Y_i) &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{\text{cells}} h(x, y) n f(x, y) \Delta x \Delta y \\ &\rightarrow \int \int h(x, y) f(x, y) dx dy. \end{aligned}$$





# Conditional expectation and variance

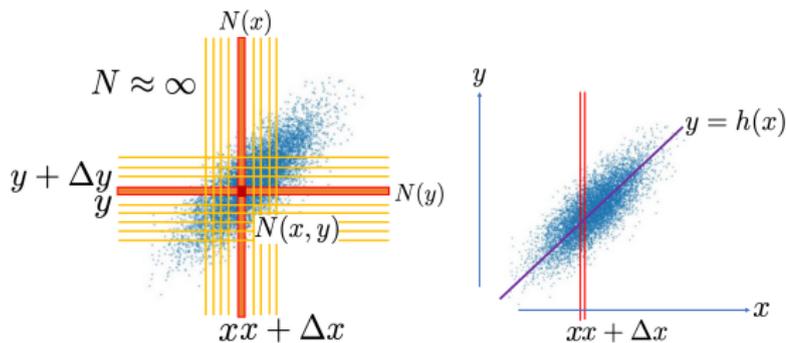
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Recall  $\mathbb{E}(Y) = \int y f(y) dy$ .

$$h(x) = \mathbb{E}[Y|X = x] = \int y f(y|x) dy.$$

Regression, prediction.

$$\text{Var}(Y|X = x) = \mathbb{E}[(Y - h(X))^2|X = x] = \int (y - h(x))^2 f(y|x) dy.$$





# Bivariate Normal

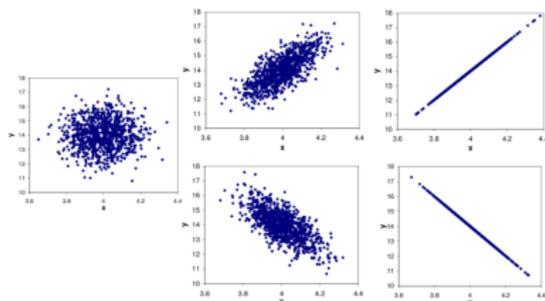
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$$X \sim N(0, 1),$$

$$Y = \rho X + \epsilon; \epsilon \sim N(0, 1 - \rho^2), (|\rho| \leq 1).$$

$\epsilon$  is independent of  $X$ . Given  $X = x$ ,  $Y = \rho x + \epsilon$ .





# Bivariate Normal

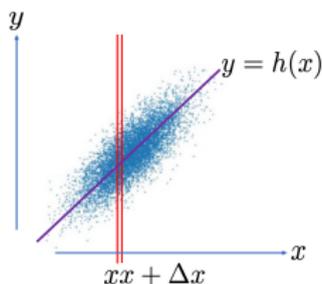
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The distribution of points within a vertical slice at  $x$ .

$$\mathbb{E}(Y|X = x) = \mathbb{E}(\rho x + \epsilon) = \rho x.$$

Regression towards the mean ( $\rho < 1$ ), e.g., son's height given father's height.

$$\text{Var}(Y|X = x) = \text{Var}(\rho x + \epsilon) = \text{Var}(\epsilon) = 1 - \rho^2.$$

$$[Y|X = x] \sim N(\rho x, 1 - \rho^2).$$





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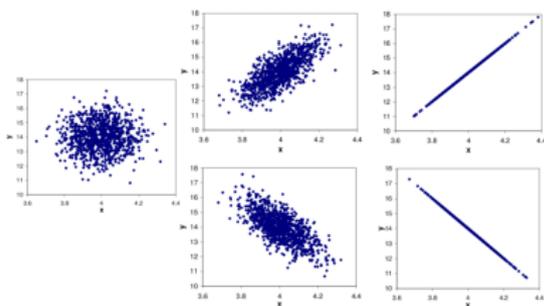
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$$\begin{aligned}f(x, y) &= f(x)f(y|x) \\&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi(1-\rho^2)}} \exp\left(-\frac{(y-\rho x)^2}{2(1-\rho^2)}\right) \\&= \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)}(x^2 + y^2 - 2\rho xy)\right].\end{aligned}$$

symmetric in  $(x, y)$





# Covariance

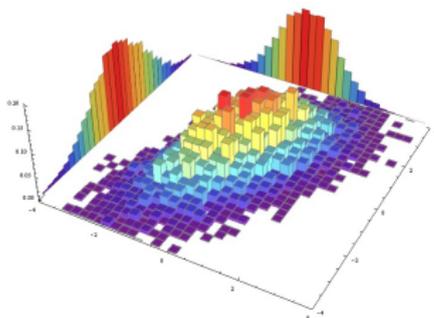
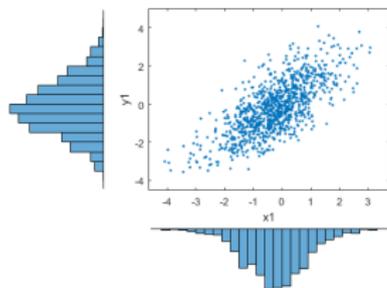
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Let  $\mu_X = \mathbb{E}(X)$ ,  $\mu_Y = \mathbb{E}(Y)$ , we define the covariance

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)].$$

It is defined for both discrete and continuous random variables.





# Covariance

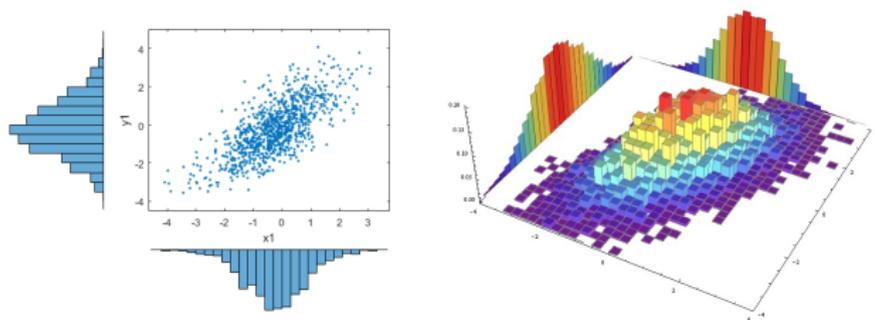
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$$(X_i, Y_i) \sim f(x, y), i = 1, \dots, n.$$

$$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i; \quad \bar{Y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i.$$

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) \doteq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})(Y_i - \bar{Y}).$$





# Covariance

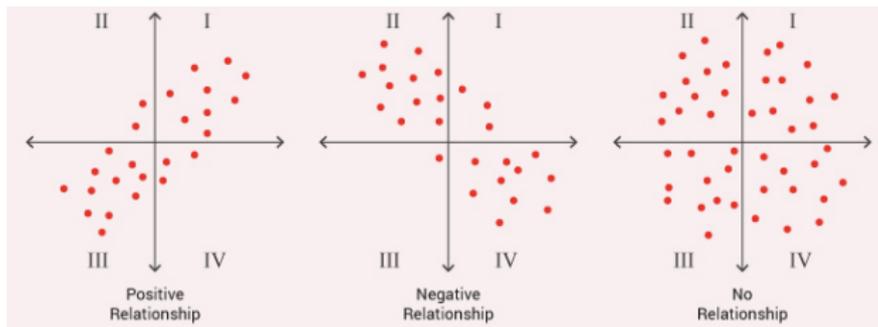
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$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) \doteq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})(Y_i - \bar{Y}).$$

I, III:  $(X_i - \bar{X})(Y_i - \bar{Y}) > 0$ .

II, IV:  $(X_i - \bar{X})(Y_i - \bar{Y}) < 0$ .





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$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cov}(X, Y) &= \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[XY - \mu_X Y - X\mu_Y + \mu_X \mu_Y] \\ &= \mathbb{E}(XY) - \mu_X \mathbb{E}(Y) - \mu_Y \mathbb{E}(X) + \mu_X \mu_Y \\ &= \mathbb{E}(XY) - \mu_X \mu_Y \\ &= \mathbb{E}(XY) - \mathbb{E}(X)\mathbb{E}(Y).\end{aligned}$$

Clearly,  $\text{Cov}(X, X) = \text{Var}(X)$  and  $\text{Cov}(Y, Y) = \text{Var}(Y)$ .





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$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cov}(aX + b, cY + d) &= \mathbb{E}[(aX + b - \mathbb{E}(aX + b))(cY + d - \mathbb{E}(cY + d))] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[a(X - \mathbb{E}(X))c(Y - \mathbb{E}(Y))] = ac\text{Cov}(X, Y).\end{aligned}$$

Covariance depends on units (meter/foot, kilogram/pound).

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cov}(X + Y, Z) &= \mathbb{E}[(X + Y - \mathbb{E}(X + Y))(Z - \mathbb{E}(Z))] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[(X - \mathbb{E}(X) + Y - \mathbb{E}(Y))(Z - \mathbb{E}(Z))] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[(X - \mathbb{E}(X))(Z - \mathbb{E}(Z))] + \mathbb{E}[(Y - \mathbb{E}(Y))(Z - \mathbb{E}(Z))] \\ &= \text{Cov}(X, Z) + \text{Cov}(Y, Z).\end{aligned}$$





# Correlation

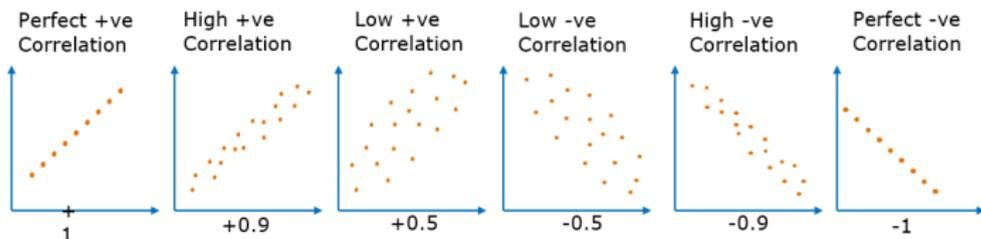
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Standardize:  $X \rightarrow (X - \mu_X)/\sigma_X$ ,  $Y \rightarrow (Y - \mu_Y)/\sigma_Y$ .

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{X - \mu_X}{\sigma_X} \right] = \frac{\mathbb{E}(X) - \mu_X}{\sigma_X} = 0; \quad \text{Var} \left[ \frac{X - \mu_X}{\sigma_X} \right] = \frac{\text{Var}(X)}{\sigma_X^2} = 1.$$

$$\text{Cov} \left( \frac{X - \mu_X}{\sigma_X}, \frac{Y - \mu_Y}{\sigma_Y} \right) = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(X)}\sqrt{\text{Var}(Y)}} = \text{Corr}(X, Y).$$





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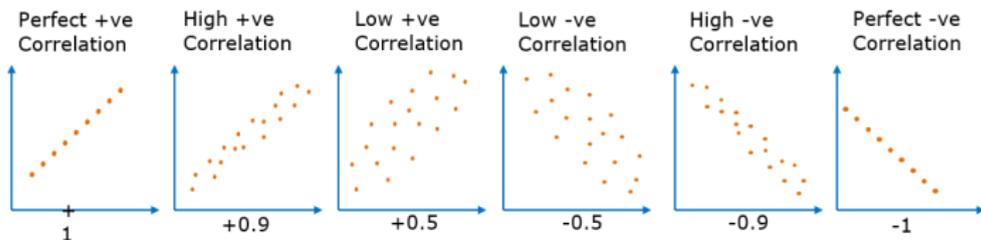
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$$\text{Corr}(X, Y) = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(X)}\sqrt{\text{Var}(Y)}}.$$

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) \doteq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})(Y_i - \bar{Y}).$$

$$\text{Var}(X) \doteq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2; \quad \text{Var}(Y) \doteq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2.$$

$$\text{Corr}(X, Y) \doteq \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})(Y_i - \bar{Y})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2}}.$$





# Correlation

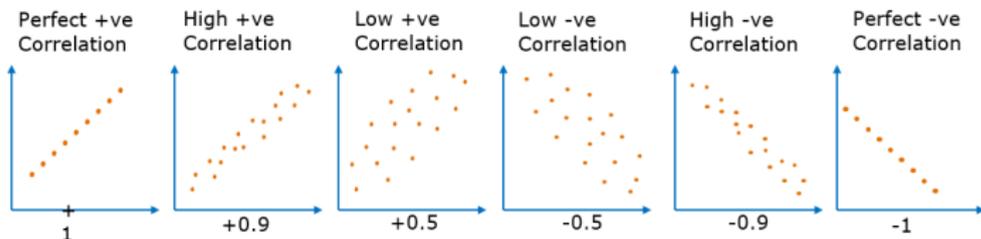
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Centralize:  $\tilde{X}_i = X_i - \bar{X}$ ;  $\tilde{Y}_i = Y_i - \bar{Y}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Corr}(X, Y) &\doteq \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})(Y_i - \bar{Y})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2}} \\ &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{X}_i \tilde{Y}_i}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{X}_i^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{Y}_i^2}}. \end{aligned}$$





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$$\begin{aligned}\text{Corr}(X, Y) &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{X}_i \tilde{Y}_i}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{X}_i^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{Y}_i^2}} \\ &= \frac{\langle \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y} \rangle}{\|\mathbf{X}\| \|\mathbf{Y}\|} = \cos \theta.\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \langle \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y} \rangle = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{X}_i \tilde{Y}_i = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})(Y_i - \bar{Y}) \doteq \text{Cov}(X, Y).$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \|\mathbf{X}\|^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{X}_i^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2 \doteq \text{Var}(X).$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \|\mathbf{Y}\|^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{Y}_i^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2 \doteq \text{Var}(Y).$$





# Correlation and regression

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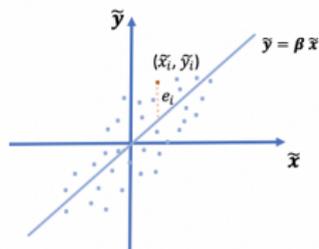
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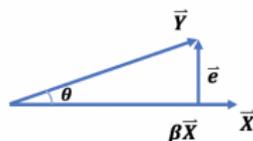
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$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
2	$\bar{x}_i$	$\bar{y}_i$	$e_i$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
n	$\bar{x}_n$	$\bar{y}_n$	$e_n$

Scatter Plot – 2 dimension



Vector Plot – n dimension



Strength of linear relationship:

$$\frac{\|\mathbf{e}\|^2}{\|\mathbf{Y}\|^2} = \frac{\sum_i e_i^2}{\sum_i (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2} = \sin^2 \theta = 1 - \cos^2 \theta = 1 - \rho^2.$$

$$\frac{\|\beta \mathbf{X}\|}{\|\mathbf{Y}\|} = \cos \theta = \rho; \quad \beta = \rho \frac{\|\mathbf{Y}\|}{\|\mathbf{X}\|} = \rho \frac{\sigma_Y}{\sigma_X}.$$





# Bivariate normal

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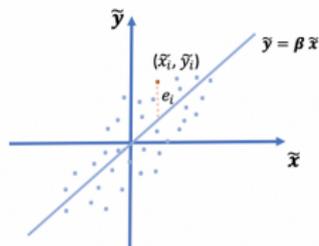
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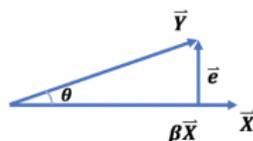
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$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
2	$\bar{x}_i$	$\bar{y}_i$	$e_i$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
n	$\bar{x}_n$	$\bar{y}_n$	$e_n$

Scatter Plot - 2 dimension



Vector Plot - n dimension



$$X_i \sim N(0, 1),$$

$$Y_i = \rho X_i + \epsilon_i; \epsilon_i \sim N(0, 1 - \rho^2), i = 1, \dots, n.$$

$$\mu_X = \mu_Y = 0, \sigma_X = \sigma_Y = 1.$$

$$\frac{\|\mathbf{e}\|^2}{\|\mathbf{Y}\|^2} = 1 - \rho^2.$$

$$\beta = \rho \frac{\|\mathbf{Y}\|}{\|\mathbf{X}\|} = \rho \frac{\sigma_Y}{\sigma_X} = \rho.$$





# Correlation and regression

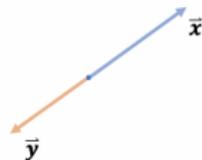
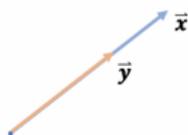
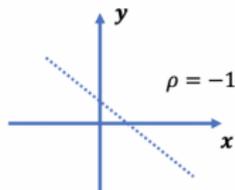
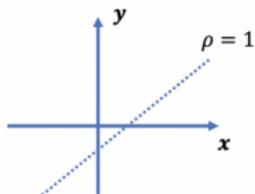
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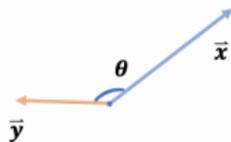
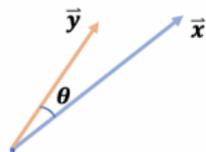
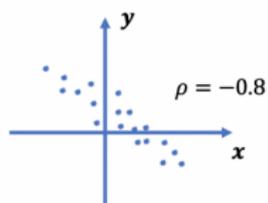
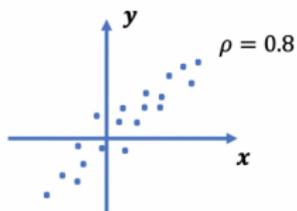
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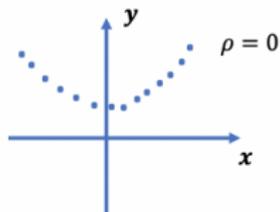
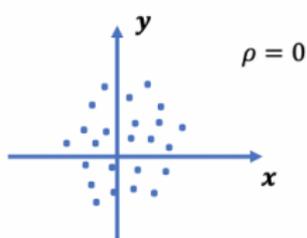
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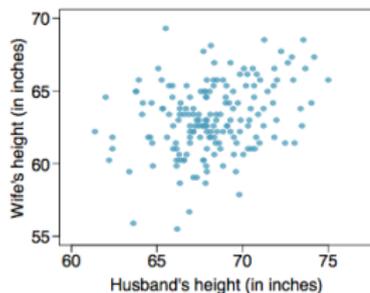
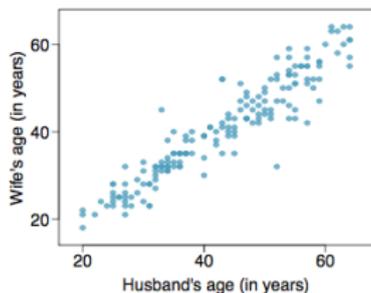
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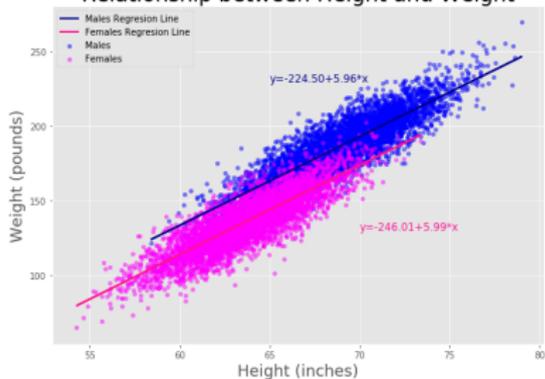
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### Relationship between Height and Weight





# Correlation and regression

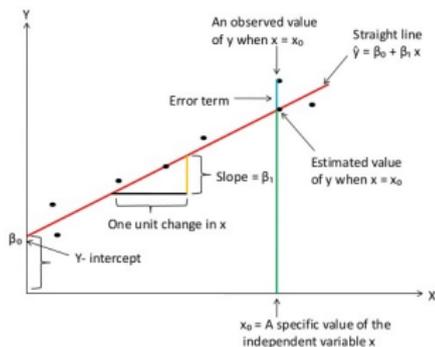
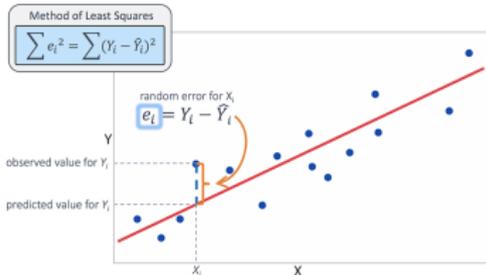
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Regression line:

$$\hat{Y} - \bar{Y} = \beta_1(X - \bar{X}).$$

$$\hat{Y} = \beta_1 X + (\bar{Y} - \beta_1 \bar{X}) = \beta_1 X + \beta_0.$$

Multiple regression:

$$\hat{Y} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \dots + \beta_p X_p.$$





# Deep learning: non-linear regression

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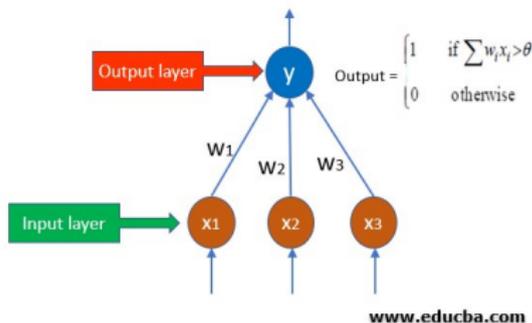
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## Perceptron



Rectified Linear Unit ( $\text{ReLU}(a) = \max(0, a)$ ):

$$y = \max \left( 0, \sum_i w_i x_i + b \right).$$





# Deep learning: multi-layer perceptron

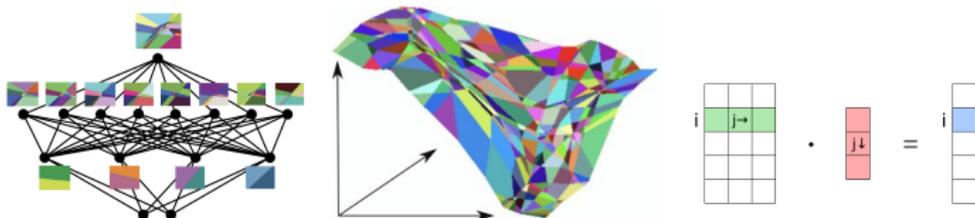
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Each node = Linear combination of nodes at layer below  
 $\sum_i w_i x_i$ , and then ReLU  $\max(0, \sum_i w_i x_i - \theta)$ .

$$h_l = \max(0, W_l h_{l-1} + b_l).$$

$h_l$ : embedding, encoding, representation, thought vector.

$W_l$ : weight matrix.  $b_l$ : bias vector.

Piecewise linear mapping from input to output

Weights can be learned from training data .

Learned weights can be used for testing





# Deep learning: GPT

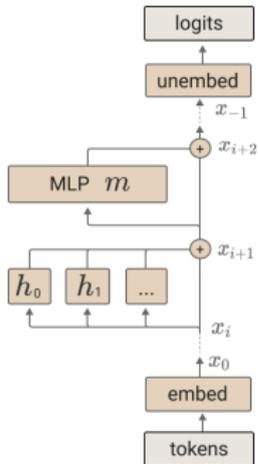
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The final logits are produced by applying the unembedding.

$$T(t) = W_U x_{-1}$$

An MLP layer,  $m$ , is run and added to the residual stream.

$$x_{i+2} = x_{i+1} + m(x_{i+1})$$

Each attention head,  $h$ , is run and added to the residual stream.

$$x_{i+1} = x_i + \sum_{h \in H_i} h(x_i)$$

One residual block

Token embedding.

$$x_0 = W_E t$$

Embed: word  $\rightarrow$  vector

Compute: vectors operated by learned matrices

Unembed: vector  $\rightarrow$  probabilities for next word





# Independence

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$$P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B).$$

$$p(x, y) = p_X(x)p_Y(y); p(y|x) = p_Y(y).$$

$$f(x, y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y); f(y|x) = f_Y(y).$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cov}(X, Y) &= \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)] \\ &= \sum_x \sum_y (x - \mu_X)(y - \mu_Y)p(x, y) \\ &= \sum_x \sum_y (x - \mu_X)(y - \mu_Y)p_X(x)p_Y(y) \\ &= \sum_x (x - \mu_X)p_X(x) \sum_y (y - \mu_Y)p_Y(y) \\ &= \left( \sum_x xp_X(x) - \mu_X \right) \left( \sum_y yp_Y(y) - \mu_Y \right) = 0.\end{aligned}$$





# Correlation

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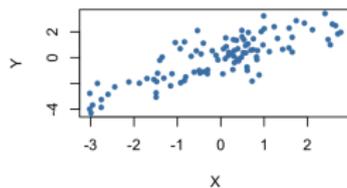
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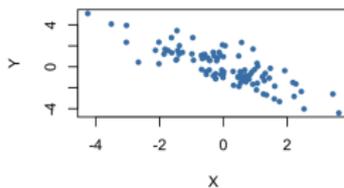
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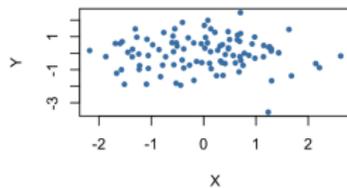
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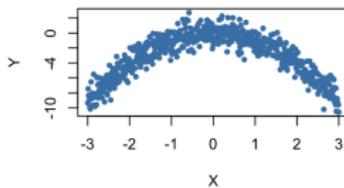
Correlation = -0.81



Correlation = 0



Correlation = 0





# Correlation

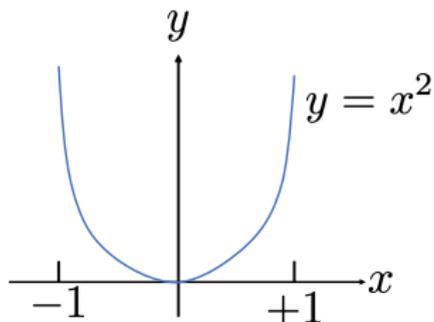
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Let  $X$  be a uniform distribution over  $[-1, 1]$ . Let  $Y = X^2$ . Then  $X$  and  $Y$  are not independent.

However,  $\mathbb{E}(XY) = \mathbb{E}(X^3) = 0$ , and  $\mathbb{E}(X) = 0$ . Thus  $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \mathbb{E}(XY) - \mathbb{E}(X)\mathbb{E}(Y) = 0$ .





# Bivariate normal

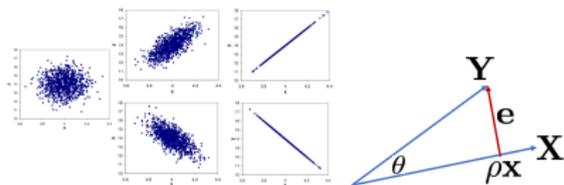
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$$X \sim N(0, 1),$$

$$Y = \rho X + \epsilon; \epsilon \sim N(0, 1 - \rho^2),$$

$$\mathbb{E}(Y) = \mathbb{E}(\rho X + \epsilon) = 0.$$

$\epsilon$  and  $X$  are independent.

$$\text{Var}(Y) = \text{Var}(\rho X + \epsilon) = \rho^2 \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(\epsilon) = 1.$$

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \text{Cov}(X, \rho X + \epsilon) = \rho \text{Cov}(X, X) + \text{Cov}(X, \epsilon) = \rho.$$





# Variance of sum

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$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}(X + Y) &= \sum_x \sum_y (x + y)p(x, y) = \\ &= \sum_x \sum_y xp(x, y) + \sum_x \sum_y yp(x, y) = \mathbb{E}(X) + \mathbb{E}(Y).\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(X + Y) &= \mathbb{E}[((X + Y) - \mu_{X+Y})^2] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[((X - \mu_X) + (Y - \mu_Y))^2] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu_X)^2 + (Y - \mu_Y)^2 + 2(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu_X)^2] + \mathbb{E}[(Y - \mu_Y)^2] + 2\mathbb{E}[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)] \\ &= \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y) + 2\text{Cov}(X, Y).\end{aligned}$$

If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent, then  $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0$ , and

$$\text{Var}(X + Y) = \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y).$$





# Variance of sum

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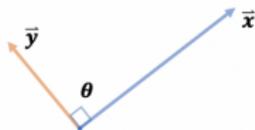
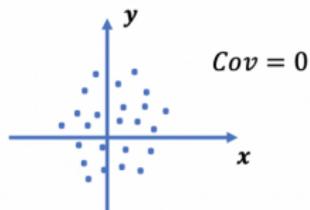
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	$\bar{x}$	$\bar{y}$
	$\tilde{x}_i$	$\tilde{y}_i$

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{x}_i^2 = \text{Var}(X) = \frac{1}{n} |\tilde{x}|^2$$





# Variance of sum

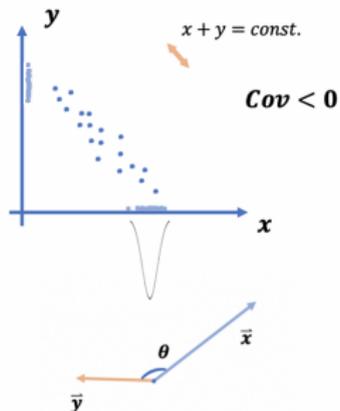
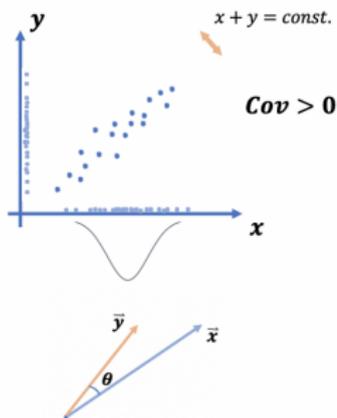
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# Average of iid

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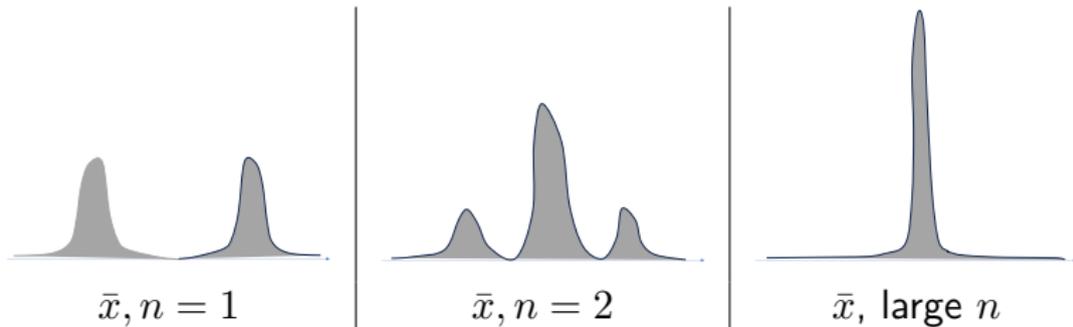
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$X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \sim f(x)$  independently.

**independent and identically distributed, iid**



$x_1 \backslash x_2$	small	large
small	small	medium
large	medium	large

Variance becomes smaller, distribution becomes smoother.





# Average of iid

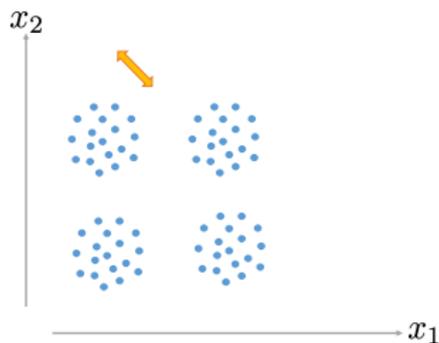
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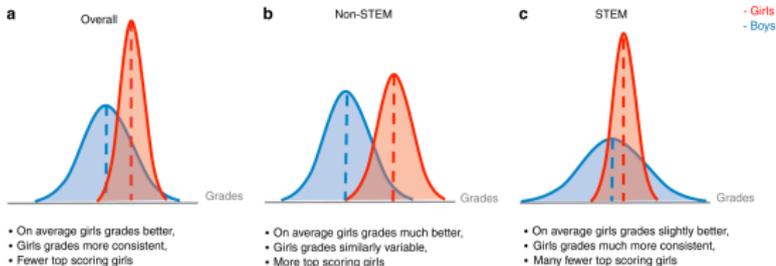
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# Sum and average of iid

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$X_i \sim f(x)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , iid: independent and identically distributed.

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i. \quad \bar{X} = \frac{S}{n}.$$

$$\mathbb{E}(X_i) = \mu; \quad \text{Var}(X_i) = \sigma^2, \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

$$\mathbb{E}(S) = \mathbb{E}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}(X_i) = n\mu.$$

$$\text{Var}(S) = \text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(X_i) = n\sigma^2.$$

$$\mathbb{E}(\bar{X}) = \frac{\mathbb{E}(S)}{n} = \mu.$$

$$\text{Var}(\bar{X}) = \frac{\text{Var}(S)}{n^2} = \frac{n\sigma^2}{n^2} = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}.$$





# Monte Carlo method

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Want to compute  $I = \int a(x)dx$ . Key equation:

$$I = \int a(x)dx = \int \frac{a(x)}{p(x)}p(x)dx = \mathbb{E}_p \left[ \frac{a(X)}{p(X)} \right] = \mathbb{E}_p[h(X)],$$

where  $p(x)$  is probability density function, and  $h(x) = a(x)/p(x)$ .

Sample  $X_i \sim p(x)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , iid. Approximate  $I$  by

$$\hat{I} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n h(X_i).$$

$$\mathbb{E}[\hat{I}] = \mathbb{E}[h(X)] = I.$$

$$\text{Var}[\hat{I}] = \text{Var}(h(X))/n.$$





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$$\mathbb{E}(\bar{X}) = \frac{\mathbb{E}(S)}{n} = \mu.$$

$$\text{Var}(\bar{X}) = \frac{\text{Var}(S)}{n^2} = \frac{n\sigma^2}{n^2} = \frac{\sigma^2}{n} \rightarrow 0.$$

$\bar{X} \rightarrow \mu$ , in probability.

$$P(|\bar{X} - \mu| < \epsilon) \rightarrow 1, \forall \epsilon > 0.$$

Average  $\rightarrow$  expectation.





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Special case:

$$X = \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i, \quad Z_i \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p) \text{ iid.}$$

$$\mathbb{E}(X) = np; \quad \text{Var}(X) = np(1-p).$$

$$\mathbb{E}(X/n) = p; \quad \text{Var}(X/n) = p(1-p)/n \rightarrow 0.$$

$X/n \rightarrow p$ , in probability.

Frequency  $\rightarrow$  probability.

$X/n$  is average of  $Z_i$ . Probability is expectation of  $Z_i$ .





# Law of large number

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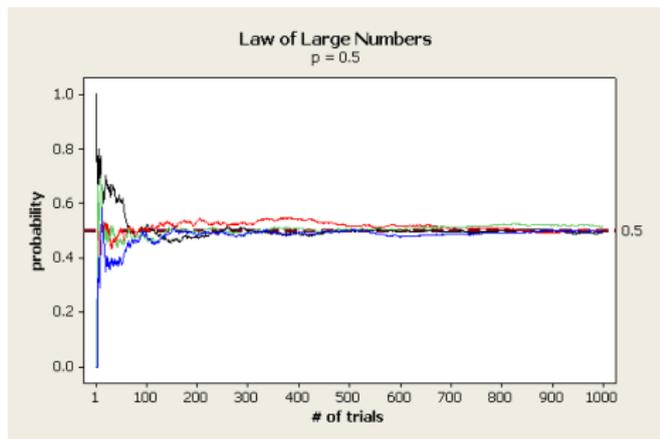
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Special case:



Keep flipping a fair coin, frequency  $\rightarrow 1/2$ .

**Intuition: most of  $2^n$  sequences have frequencies close to  $1/2$ .**





# Survey sampling: $N^n$ reasoning

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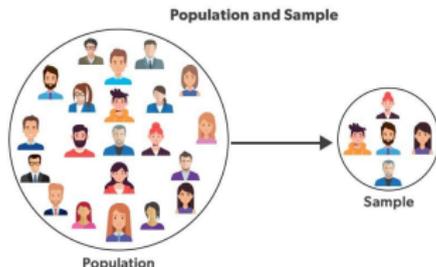
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$\Omega_1$ : Population of  $N$  people.

Each person  $a \in \Omega_1$ ,  $X(a) = \text{height}$ .

$\mu = \mathbb{E}(X) = \text{population average height}$ .

Repeat random sampling  $n$  times independently



$\rightarrow N^n$  equally likely sequences:  $\Omega_n$ .

For a sequence  $\omega \in \Omega_n$ ,  $\bar{X}(\omega) = \text{sequence average}$ .

$A = \{\omega : |\bar{X}(\omega) - \mu| \leq .01\}$ : representative sequences.

$P(A) = \frac{|A|}{|\Omega_n|} \rightarrow 1$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .





# Cube

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Special case:  $X_i \sim \text{Uniform}[0, 1] = \Omega_1$ , iid,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

$$\bar{X} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{n} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}(X_i) = 1/2.$$

$$P(|\bar{X} - 1/2| < .01) \rightarrow 1.$$

**Intuition:** a sequence  $(X_1, \dots, X_i, \dots, X_n)$  is a random point in  $\Omega_n = [0, 1]^n$ ,  $n$ -dimensional unit cube.

$A = \{(x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_n) : |\bar{x} - 1/2| < .01\}$  is the central diagonal piece.

$P(A)$  is the volume of  $A$ .  $P(A) \rightarrow 1$ .

The volume of the central diagonal piece is almost the same as the volume of the whole  $n$ -dimensional unit cube  $\Omega$ .

**Most of the points in  $\Omega$  belong to  $A$ . Concentration of measure (volume).**





# Cube

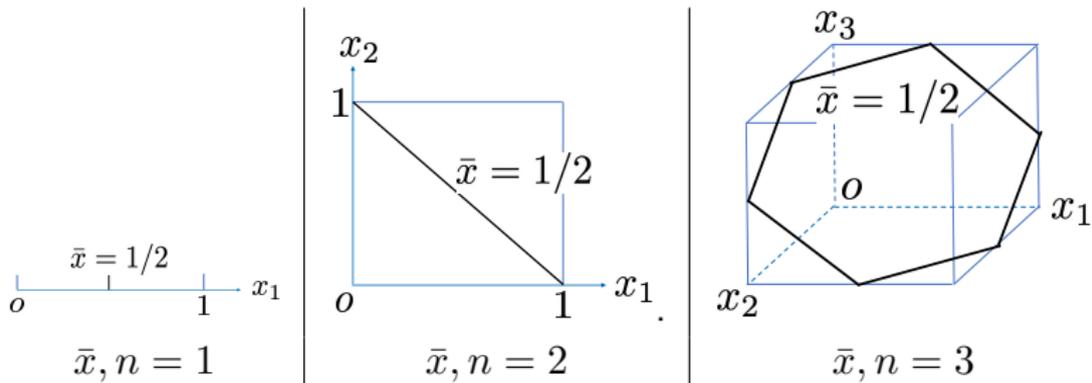
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# Statistical physics

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Most of the points in  $\Omega$  belong to  $A$ . Concentration of measure.

Suppose  $(x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_n)$  describes a physical system, e.g.,  $n = 10^{23}$  molecules.

It evolves **deterministically** over time, by traversing with  $\Omega$ .

**Ergodic**: it traverses every point in  $\Omega$  with equal number of visits in the long run.

At any **random moment**,  $(x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_n) \sim \text{Unif}(\Omega)$ .

Then most likely it will be in  $A$ , with fixed statistical properties (e.g., temperature, pressure, magnetism).





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$X_i \sim f(x)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , iid.  $\mathbb{E}(X_i) = \mu$ ,  $\text{Var}(X_i) = \sigma^2$ .

$$\mathbb{E}(\bar{X} - \mu) = 0; \quad \text{Var}(\bar{X} - \mu) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}.$$

$\bar{X} - \mu \rightarrow 0$  in probability.

Magnify:  $Y_n = \sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - \mu)$ .

$$\mathbb{E}(Y_n) = \mathbb{E}[\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - \mu)] = 0.$$

$$\text{Var}(Y_n) = \text{Var}[\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - \mu)] = (\sqrt{n})^2 \frac{\sigma^2}{n} = \sigma^2.$$

Central limit theorem:  $Y_n = \sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - \mu) \rightarrow N(0, \sigma^2)$  in distribution.

$$P(Y_n = \sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - \mu) \in [a, b]) \rightarrow \int_a^b \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2\sigma^2}} dy,$$

regardless of the original distribution of  $X_i$ , or whether  $X_i$  is discrete or continuous.





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$X_i \sim f(x), i = 1, \dots, n, \text{ iid. } \mathbb{E}(X_i) = \mu, \text{Var}(X_i) = \sigma^2.$

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i; \bar{X} = \frac{S}{n}.$$

$$\mathbb{E}(S) = n\mu, \text{Var}(S) = n\sigma^2; \mathbb{E}(\bar{X}) = \mu, \text{Var}(\bar{X}) = \sigma^2/n.$$

Normalization = (random variable - mean)/standard deviation.

$$Z_n = \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - \mu)}{\sigma} = \frac{S - n\mu}{\sqrt{n}\sigma} = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}.$$

Central limit theorem:  $Z_n \rightarrow N(0, 1)$  in distribution.

$$P(Z_n \in [a, b]) \rightarrow \int_a^b \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} dz,$$

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# Coin flipping, random walk, diffusion

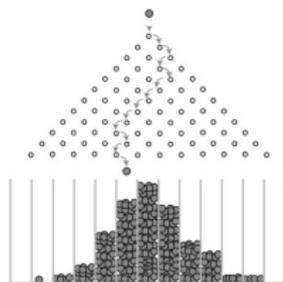
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$$X = \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i, \quad \epsilon_i \sim \text{Bernoulli}(1/2) \text{ iid.}$$

$$X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, 1/2). \quad \mu = \mathbb{E}(X) = n/2; \quad \sigma^2 = \text{Var}(X) = n/4.$$

$$P\left(Z = \frac{X - n/2}{\sqrt{n}/2} = z\right) \doteq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{z^2}{2}\right) \frac{2}{\sqrt{n}} = f(z)\Delta z.$$

In general,  $\epsilon_i$  can be any discrete or continuous random variable with  $\mathbb{E}(\epsilon_i) = 0$ .





# Die rolling

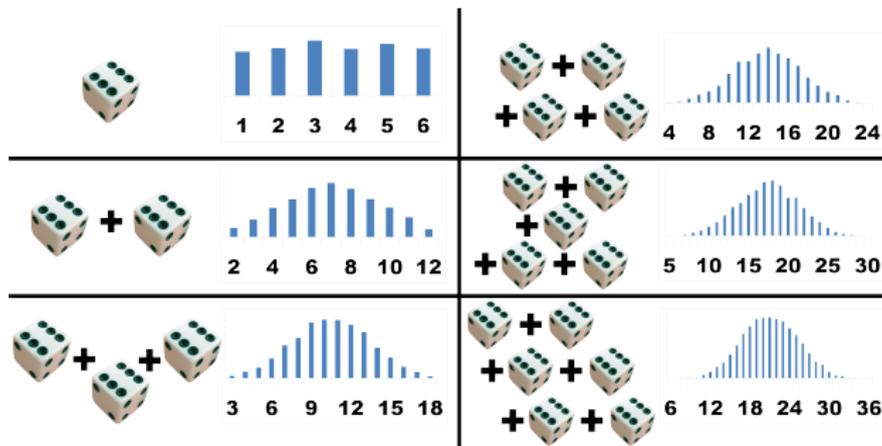
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Repeat and plot histogram

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i.$$

$$\mathbb{E}(X_i) = \mu; \text{Var}(X_i) = \sigma^2, i = 1, \dots, n.$$

$$S \sim N(n\mu, n\sigma^2).$$





# Population of sequences

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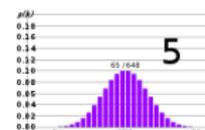
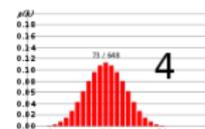
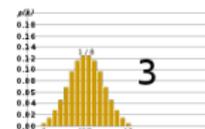
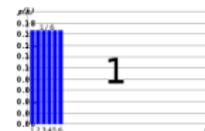
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$6^n$  equally likely sequences  $\rightarrow 6^n$  equally likely sums  $\rightarrow$  histogram.





# Central limit theorem

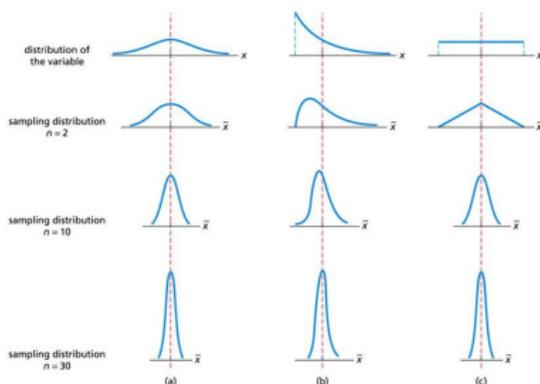
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$$S = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i. \quad \bar{X} = S/n.$$

$$\mathbb{E}(X_i) = \mu; \quad \text{Var}(X_i) = \sigma^2, \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

$$S \sim N(n\mu, n\sigma^2). \quad \bar{X} \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2/n).$$





# Central limit theorem

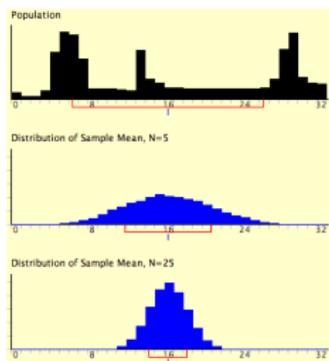
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Universal, regardless of the distribution of each  $X_i$ .

$$S \sim N(n\mu, n\sigma^2). \quad \bar{X} \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2/n).$$

$$Z = \frac{S - n\mu}{\sqrt{n}\sigma} = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \sim N(0, 1).$$





# Take home message

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## As long as you can count (and average)

### (1) Population of equally likely possibilities

Probability = population proportion

### (2) Large sample of repetitions

Frequency (fluctuating)  $\approx$  probability (fixed)

(3)  $N^n$  reasoning: hyper-population of sequences (1)  $\rightarrow$  (2).

(a) **Probability**: population proportion, long run frequency

(b) **Expectation**: population average, long run average

(c) **Conditional**: sub-population, when something happens

**Forward** conditional: cause  $\rightarrow$  effect

**Backward** conditional: effect  $\rightarrow$  cause

Population migration: cause state  $\rightarrow$  effect state

**Continuous**: discretize, infinitesimal analysis

