

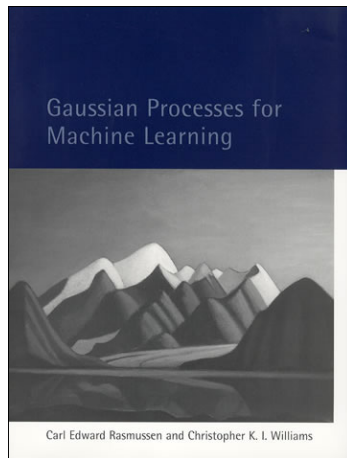
# Session 1: Gaussian Processes

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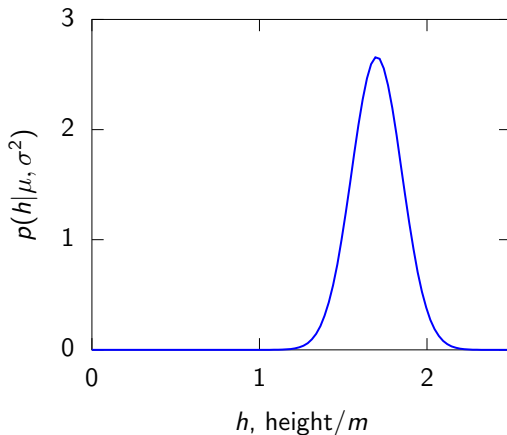
# The Gaussian Density

- Perhaps the most common probability density.

$$\begin{aligned} p(y|\mu, \sigma^2) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(y-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \\ &= \mathcal{N}(y|\mu, \sigma^2) \end{aligned}$$

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# Gaussian Density



The Gaussian PDF with  $\mu = 1.7$  and variance  $\sigma^2 = 0.0225$ . Mean shown as red line. It could represent the heights of a population of students.

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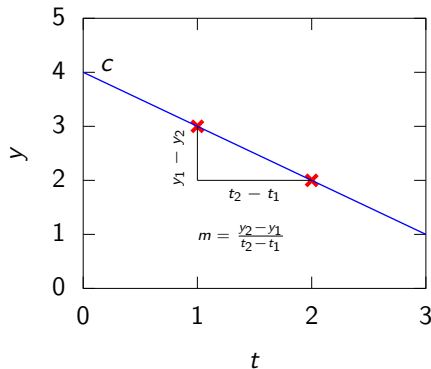
$$\frac{y_1 - y_2}{t_1 - t_2} = m$$



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$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{t_2 - t_1}$$
$$c = y_1 - mt_1$$



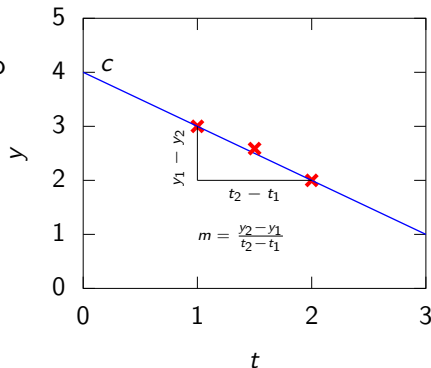
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How do we deal with three simultaneous equations with only two unknowns?

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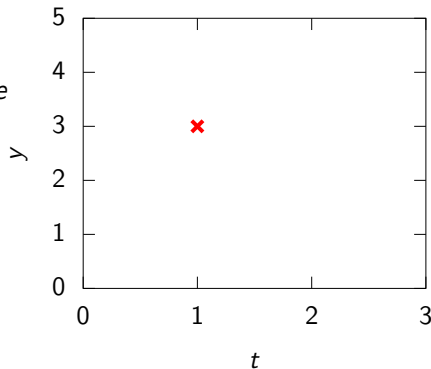
# Noise Models

- We aren't modeling entire system.
- Noise model gives mismatch between model and data.
- Gaussian model justified by appeal to central limit theorem.
- Other models also possible (Student- $t$  for heavy tails).
- Maximum likelihood with Gaussian noise leads to *least squares*.

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What about two unknowns and *one* observation?

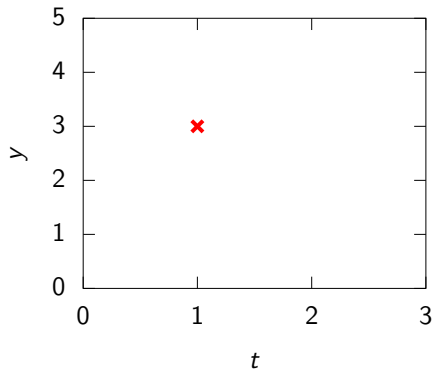
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$$m = \frac{y_1 - c}{t}$$

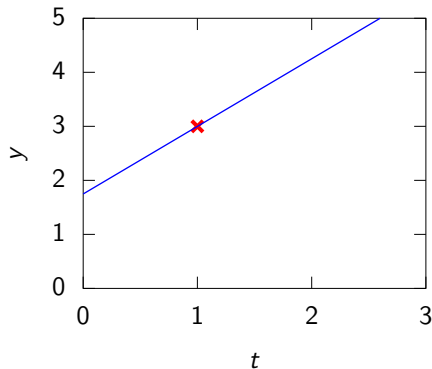




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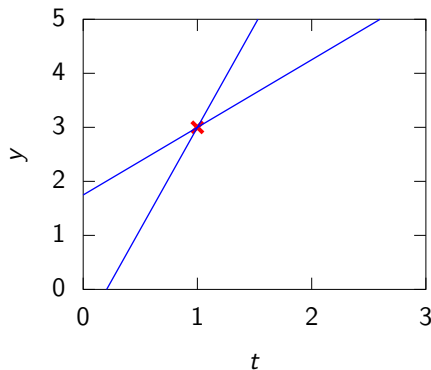
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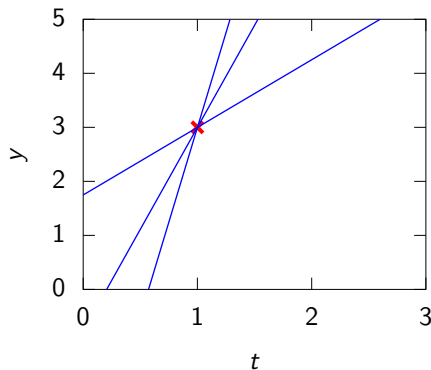
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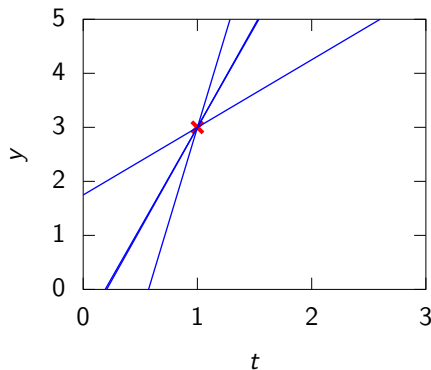
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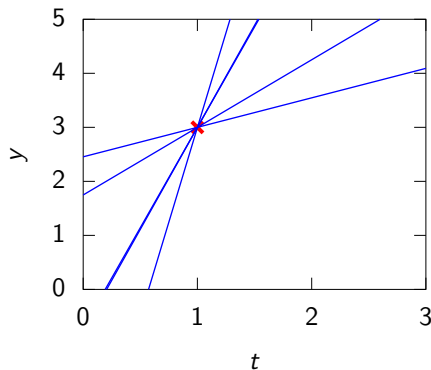
$$c = -0.718 \implies m = 3.72$$



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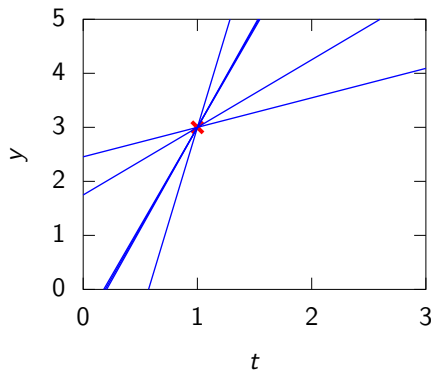
$$c = 2.45 \implies m = 0.545$$



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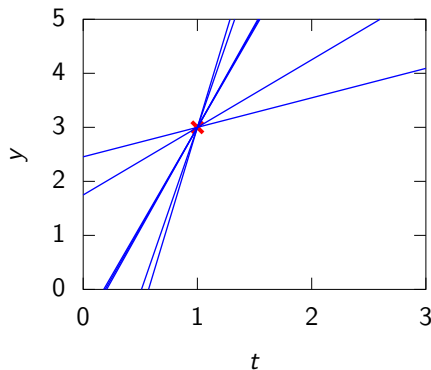
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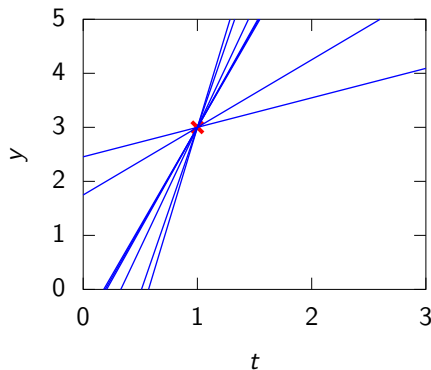
$$c = -3.13 \implies m = 6.13$$



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Can compute  $m$  given  $c$ .

$$c = -1.47 \implies m = 4.47$$





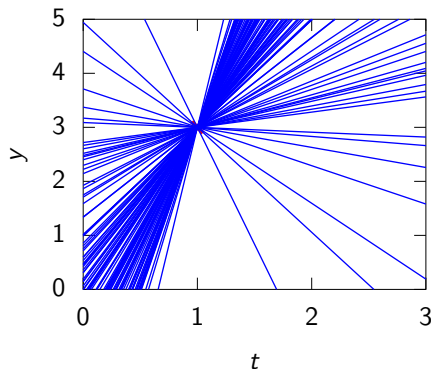
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Assume

$$c \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 4),$$

we find a distribution of solutions.



# Probability for Under- and Overdetermined

- To deal with overdetermined introduced probability distribution for 'variable',  $\epsilon_j$ .
- For underdetermined system introduced probability distribution for 'parameter',  $c$ .
- This is known as a Bayesian treatment.

- For general Bayesian inference need multivariate priors.
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- Could sample height from a distribution:

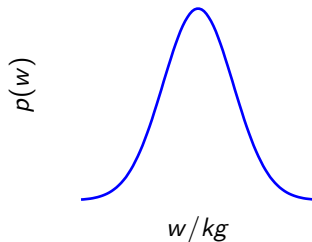
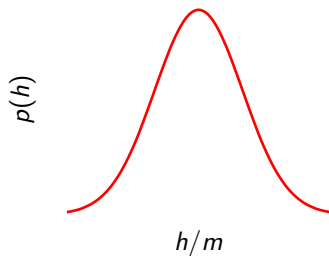
$$p(h) \sim \mathcal{N}(1.7, 0.0225)$$

- And similarly weight:

$$p(w) \sim \mathcal{N}(75, 36)$$

# Height and Weight Models

Marginal Distributions



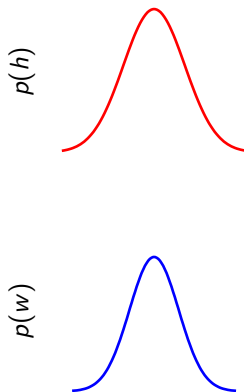
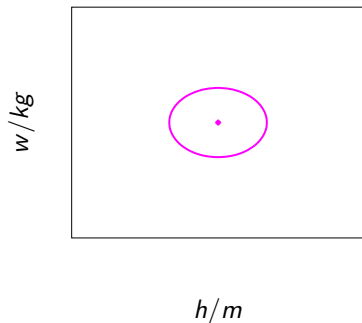
Gaussian

distributions for height and weight.

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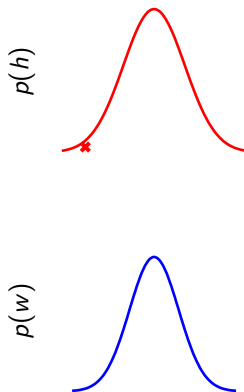
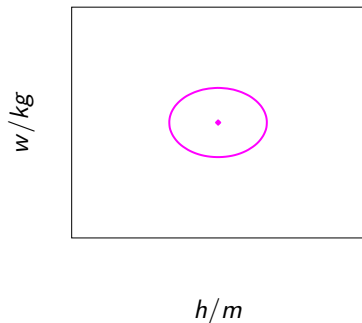


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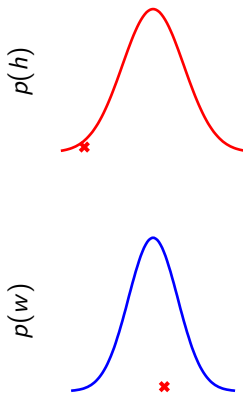
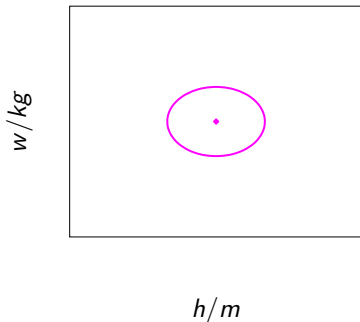
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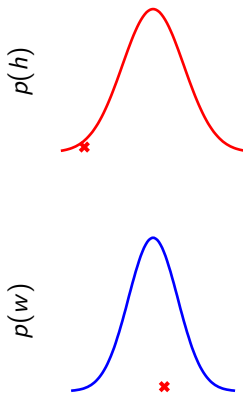
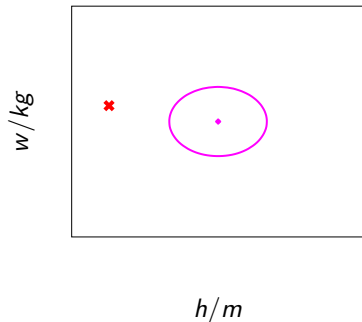


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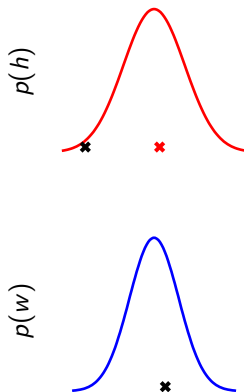
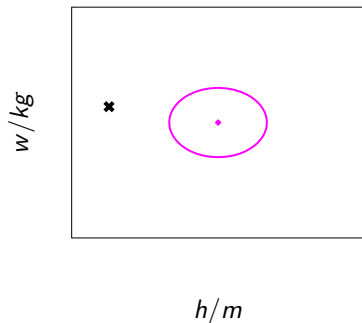


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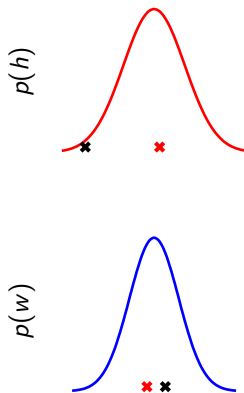
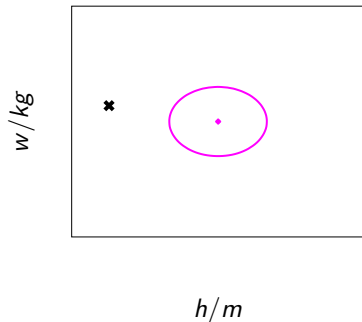


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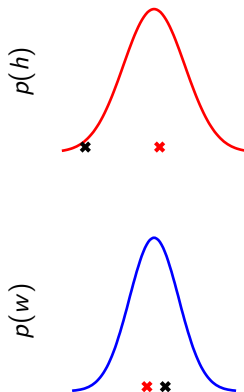
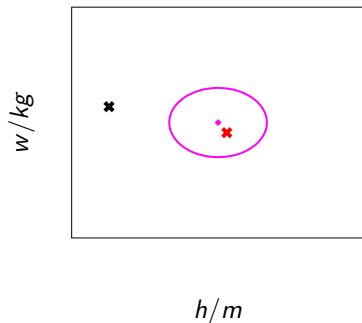


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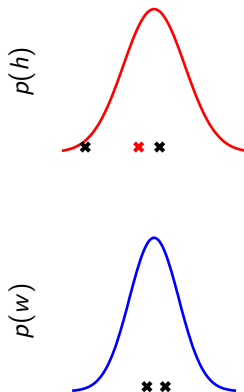
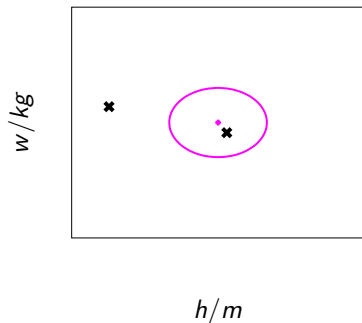


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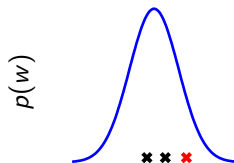
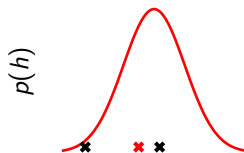
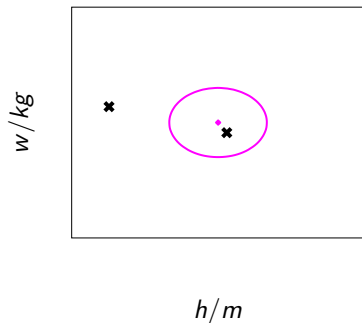


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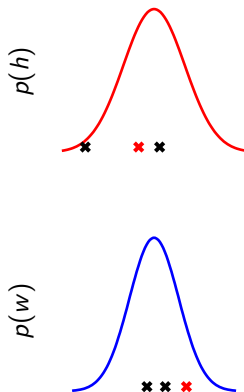
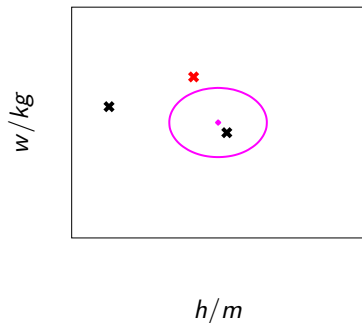


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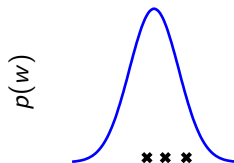
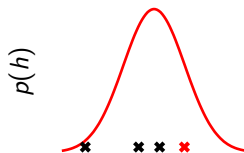
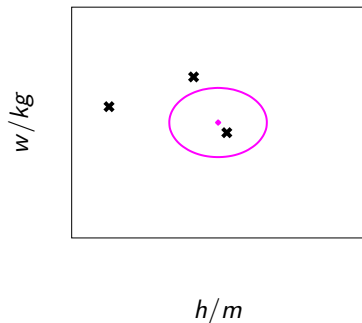
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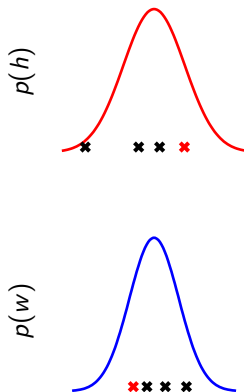
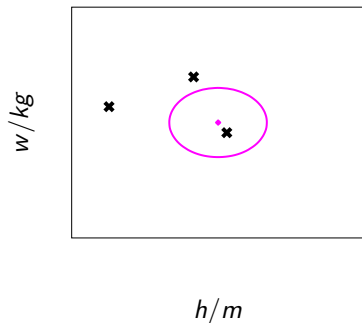


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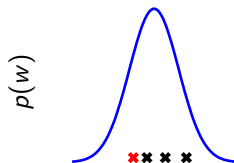
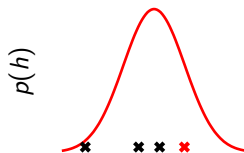
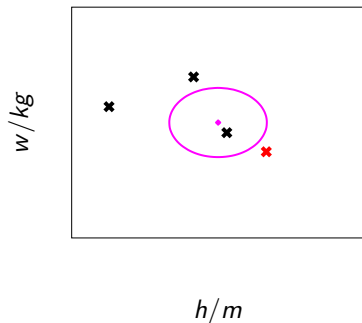


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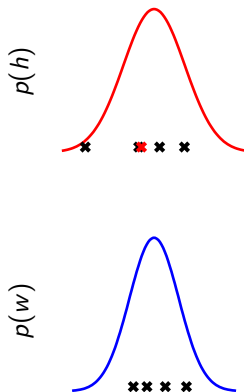
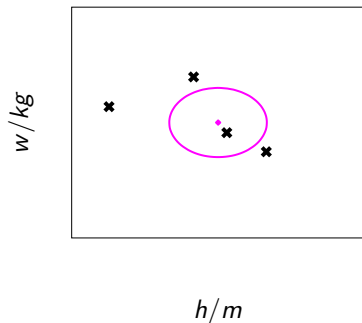


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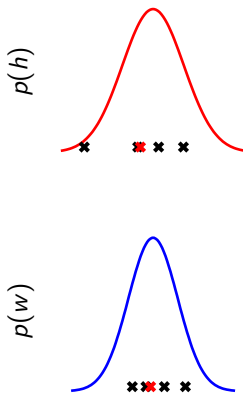
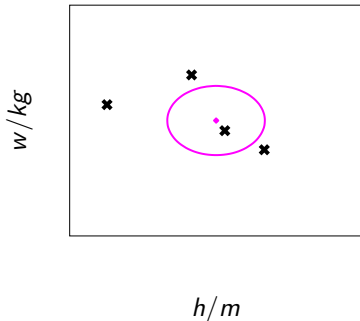


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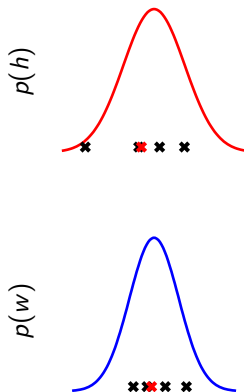
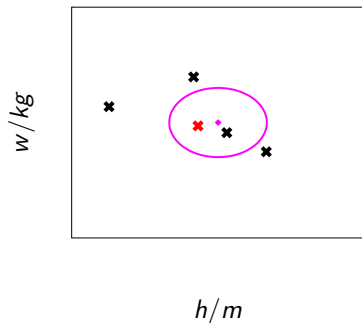


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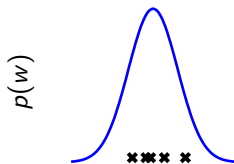
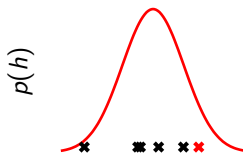
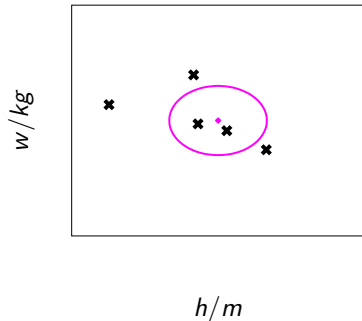


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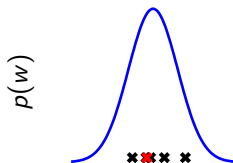
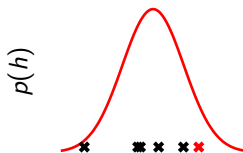
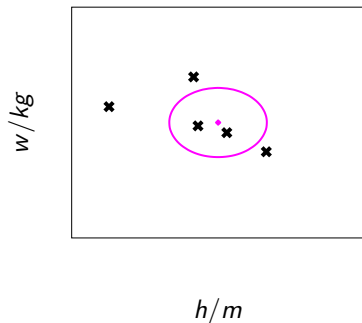


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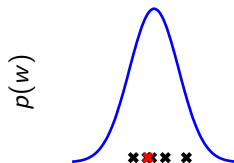
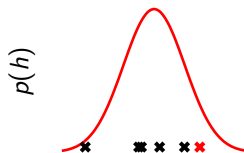
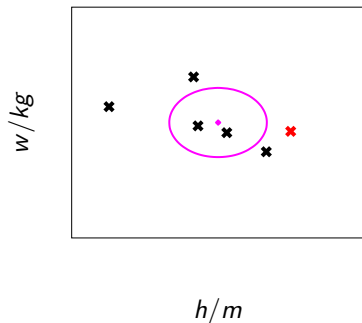
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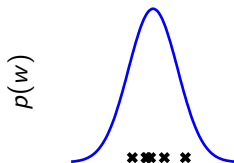
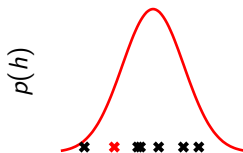
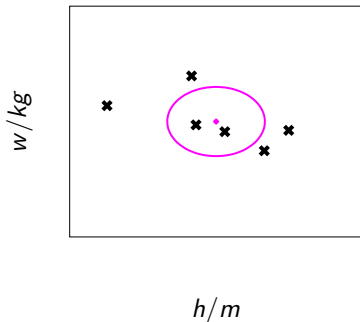


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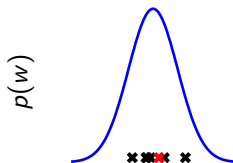
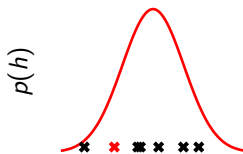
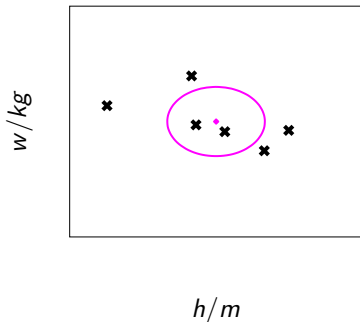


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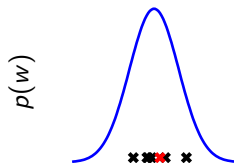
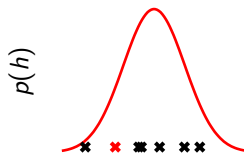
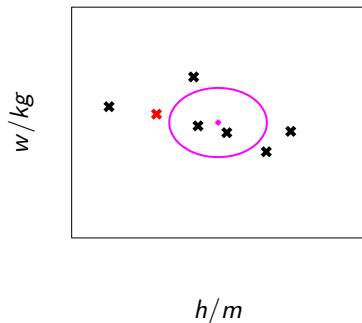


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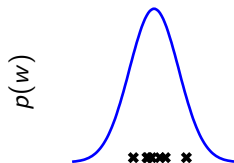
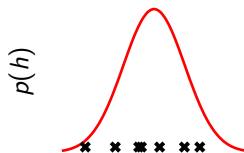
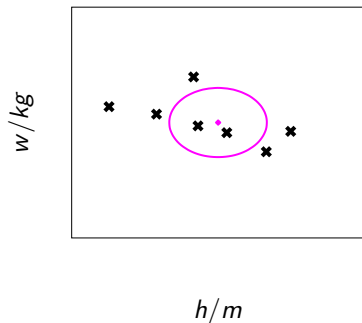


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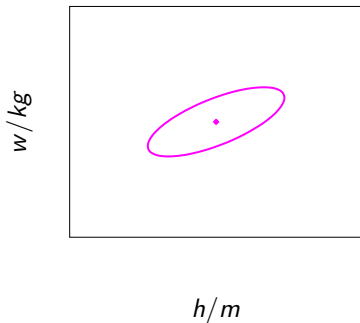
$$p(h, w) = p(h)p(w)$$

- In reality they are dependent (body mass index) =  $\frac{w}{h^2}$ .

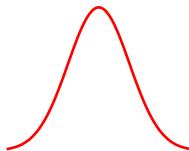
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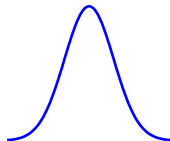
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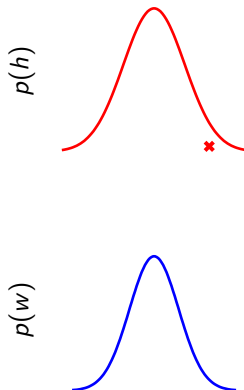
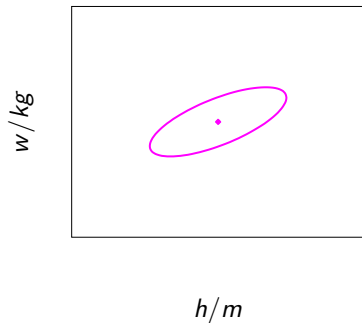
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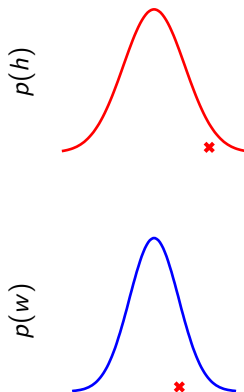
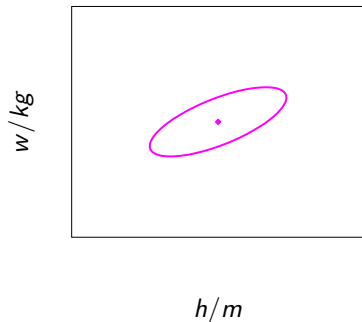




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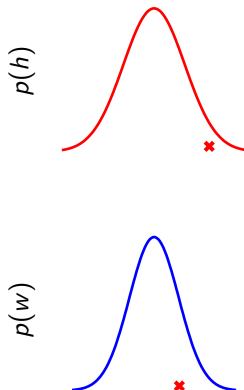
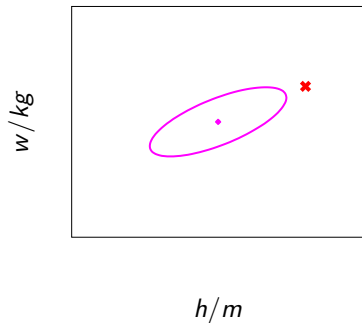
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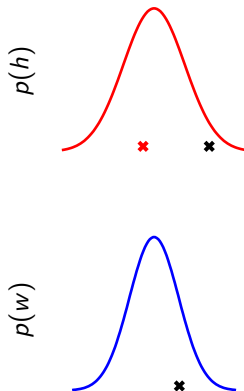
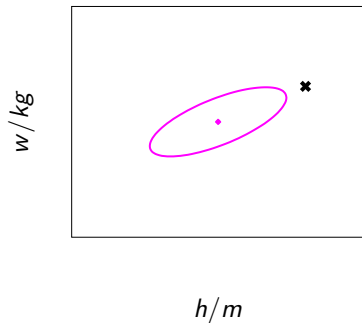
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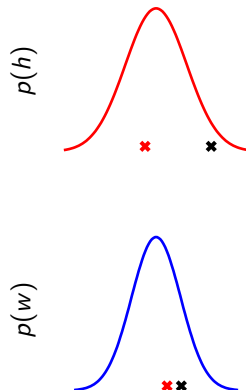
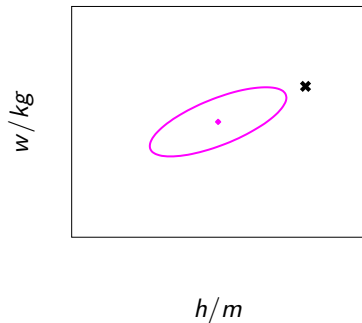
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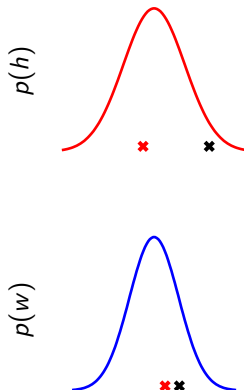
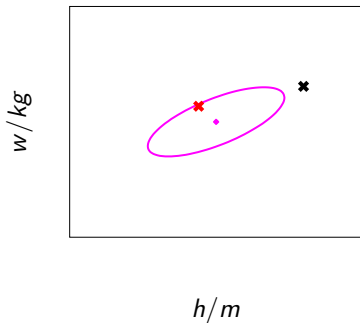
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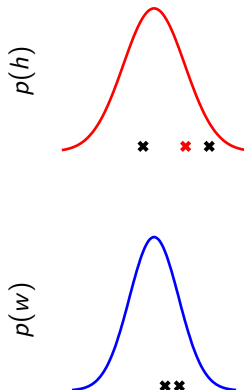
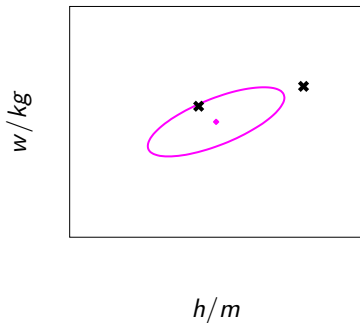
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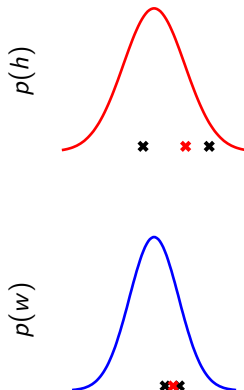
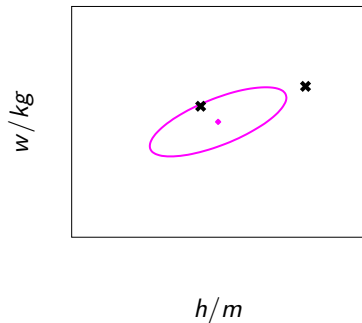
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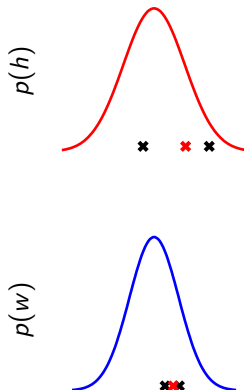
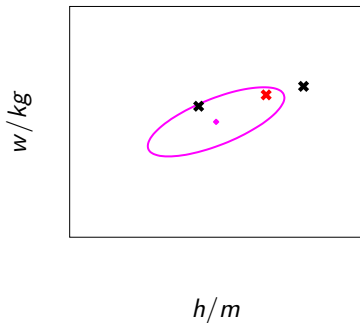
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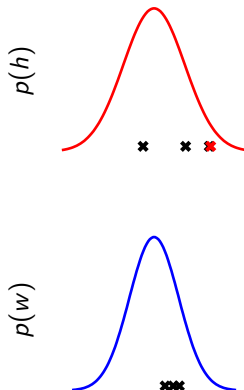
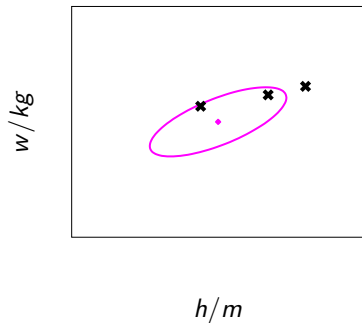




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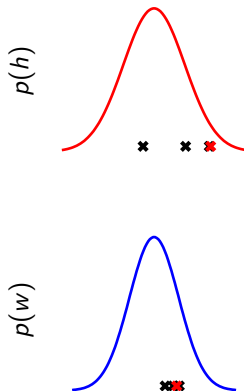
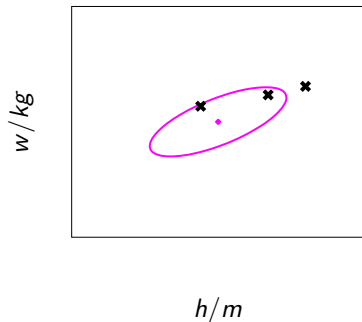
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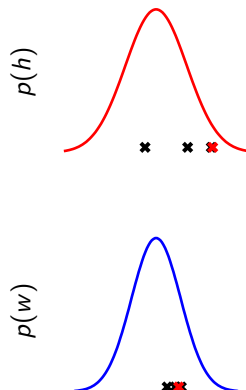
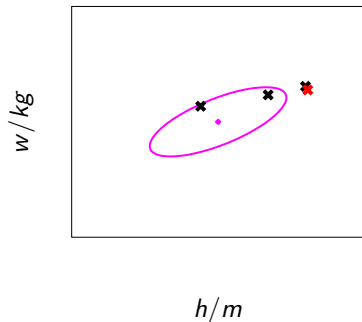
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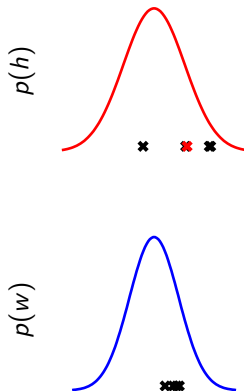
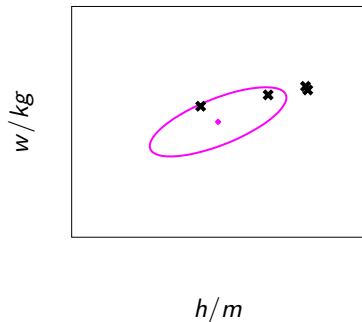
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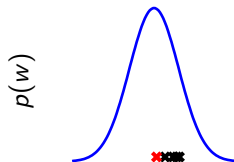
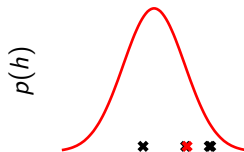
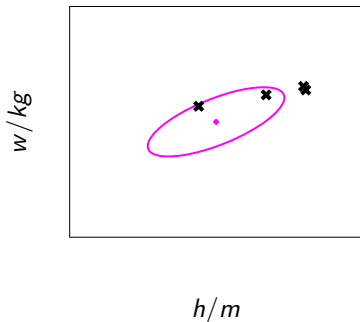
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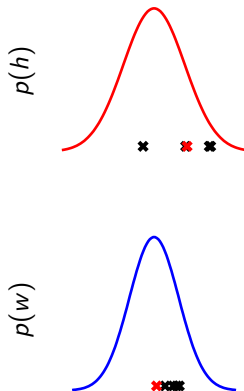
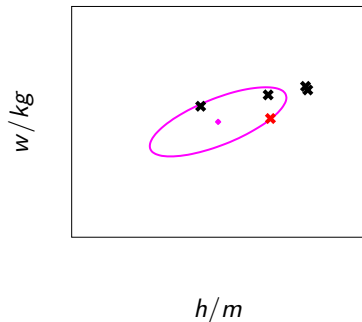
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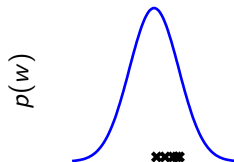
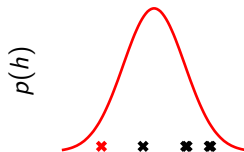
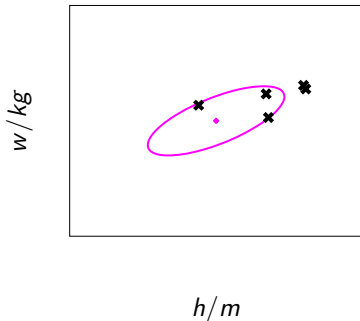
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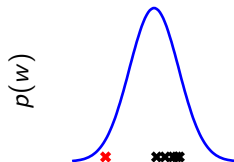
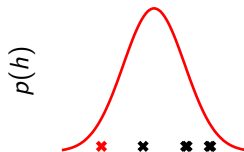
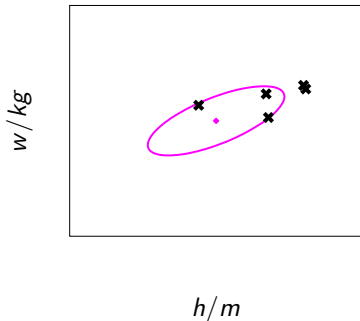
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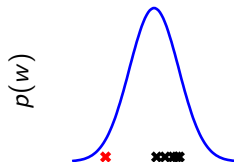
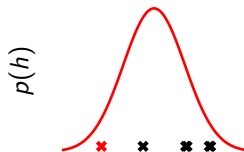
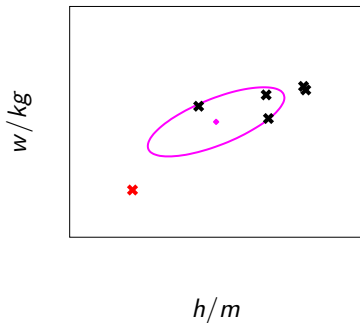




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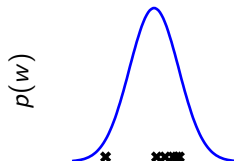
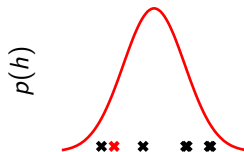
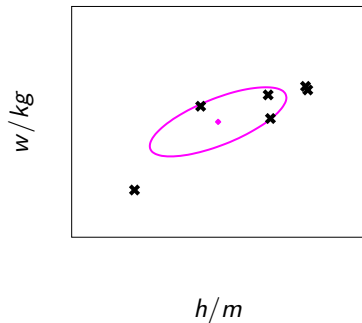
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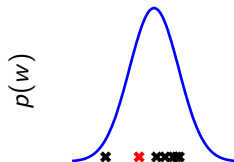
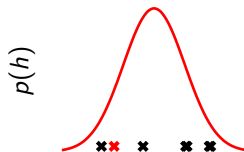
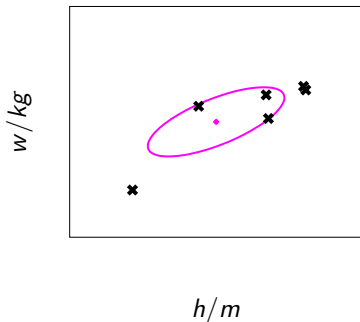
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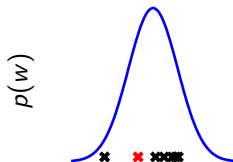
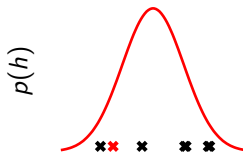
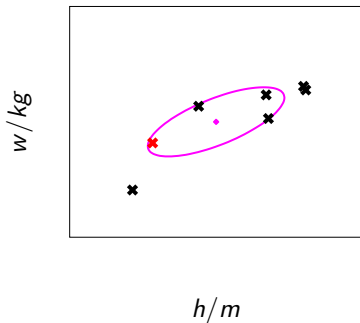
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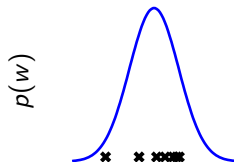
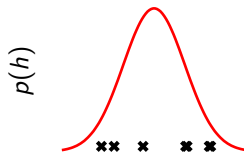
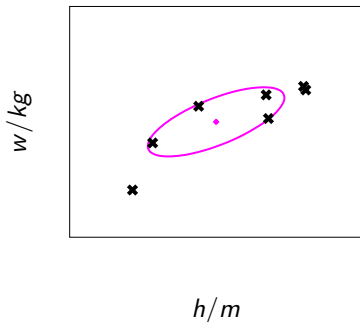
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$$y_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_i, \sigma_i^2)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n y_i \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i, \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2\right)$$

- 2 Scaling a Gaussian leads to a Gaussian.

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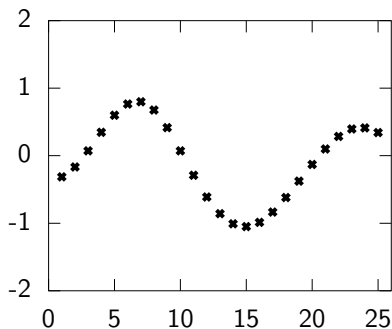
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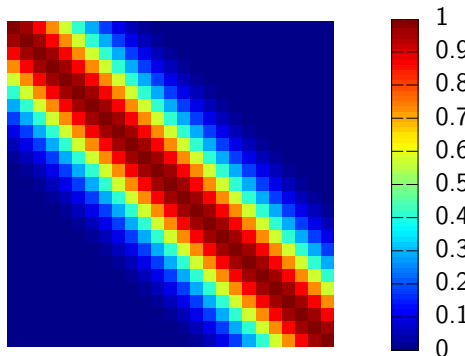
## Multi-variate Gaussians

- We will consider a Gaussian with a particular structure of covariance matrix.
- Generate a single sample from this 25 dimensional Gaussian distribution,  $\mathbf{f} = [f_1, f_2 \dots f_{25}]$ .
- We will plot these points against their index.

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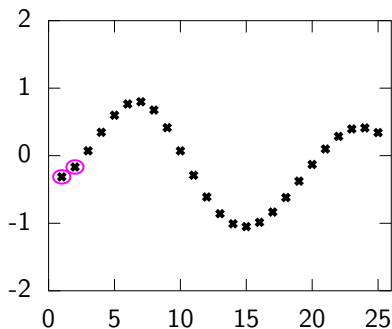
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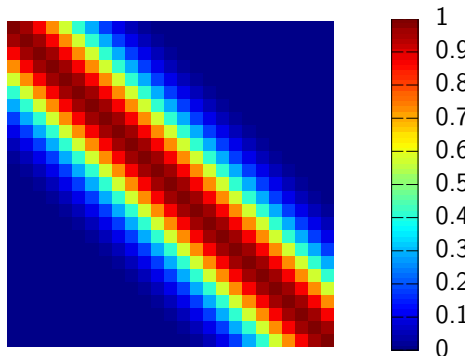
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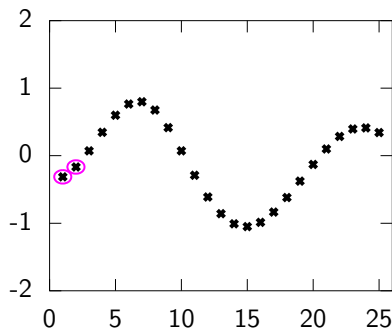


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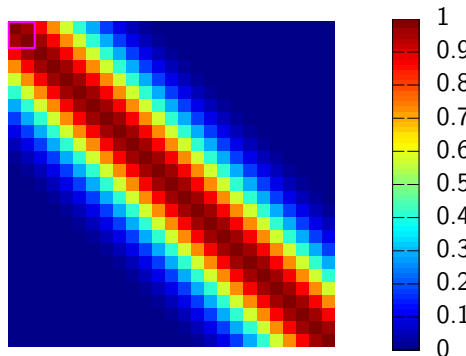
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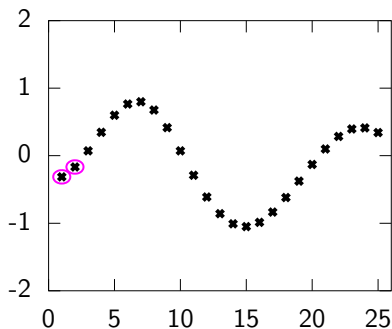
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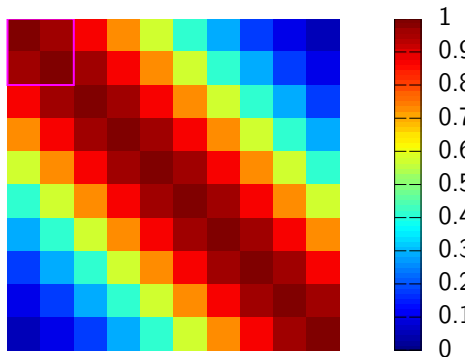
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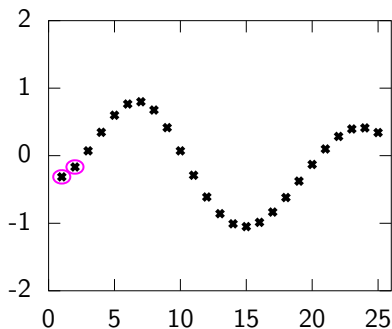
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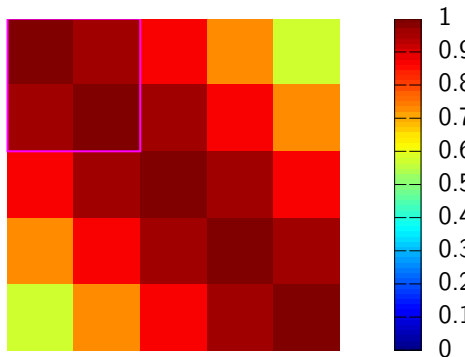
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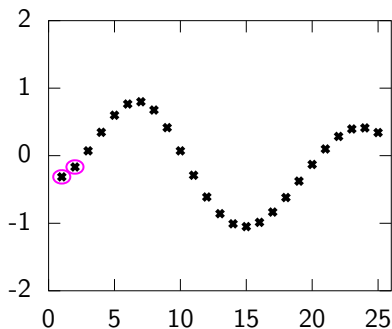
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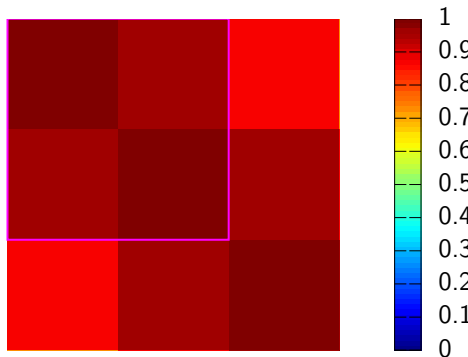
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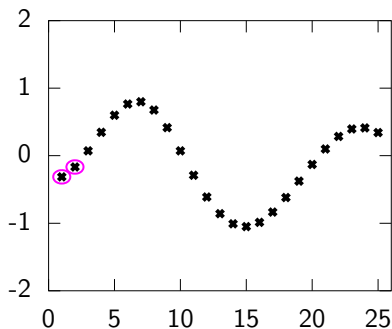
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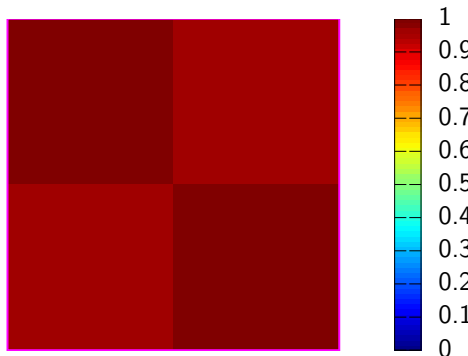
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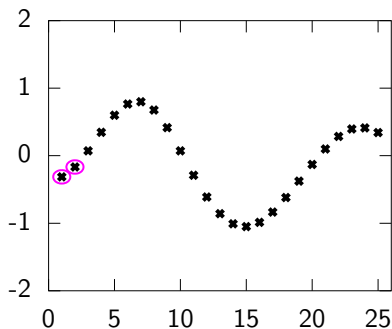
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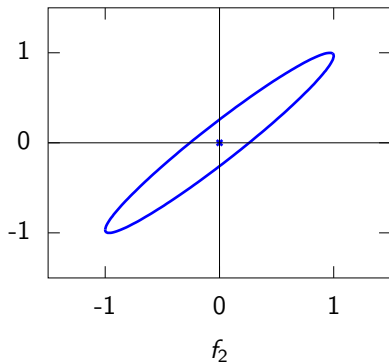
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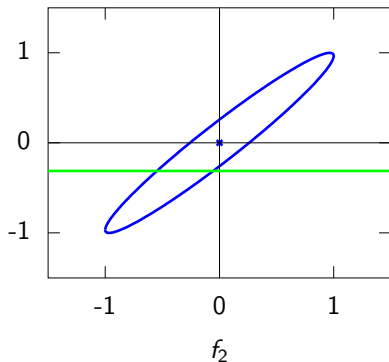
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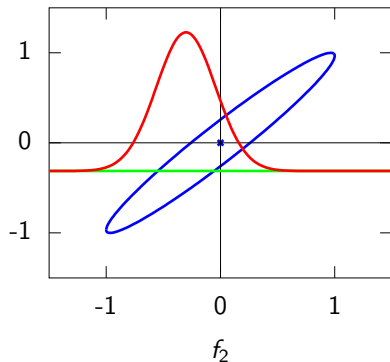


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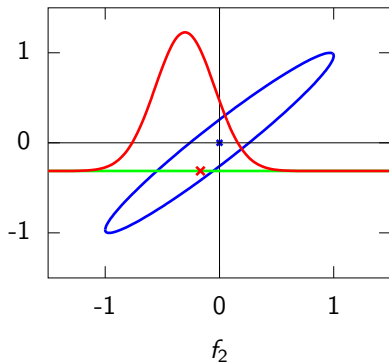
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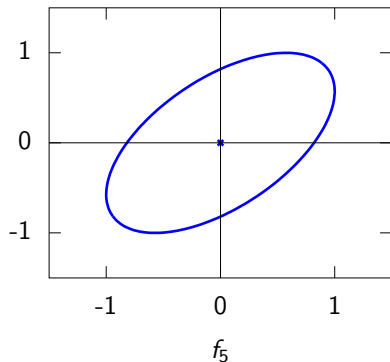
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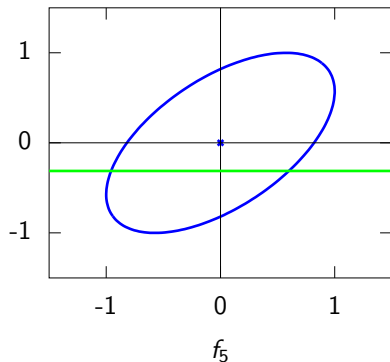
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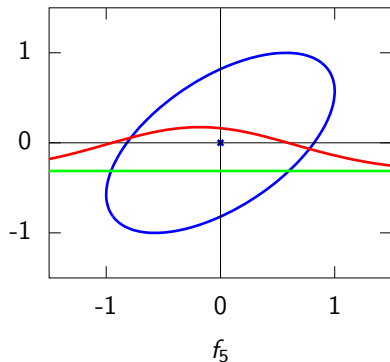
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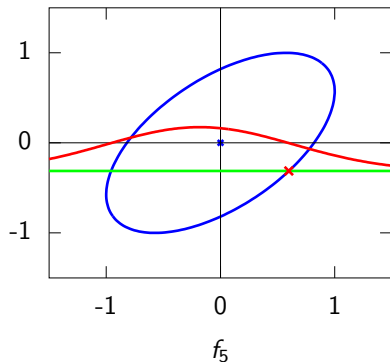
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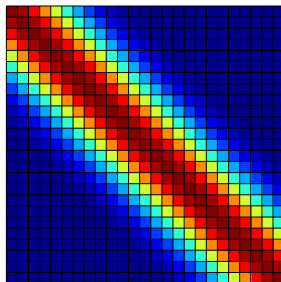
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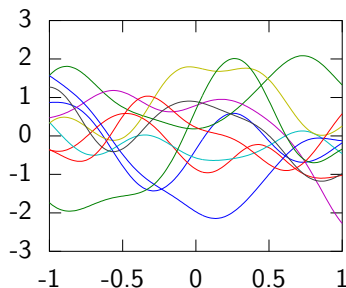
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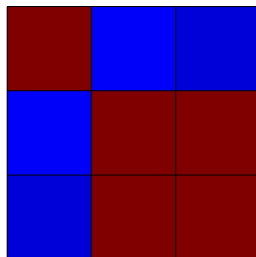
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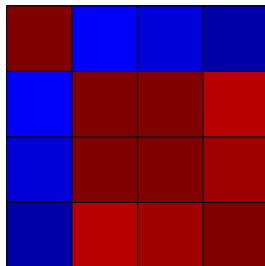
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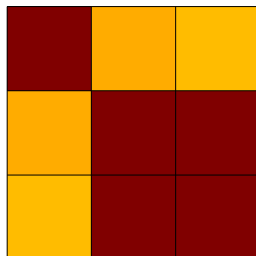
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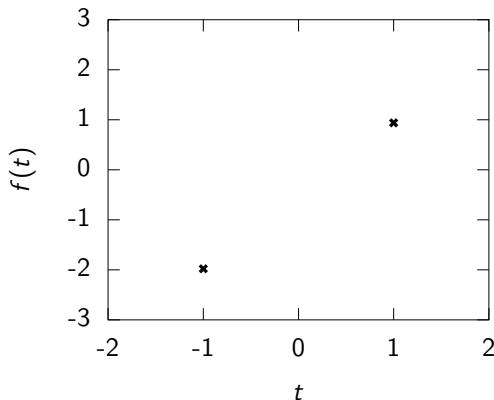
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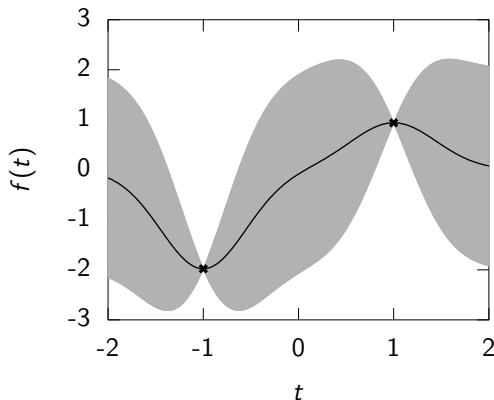
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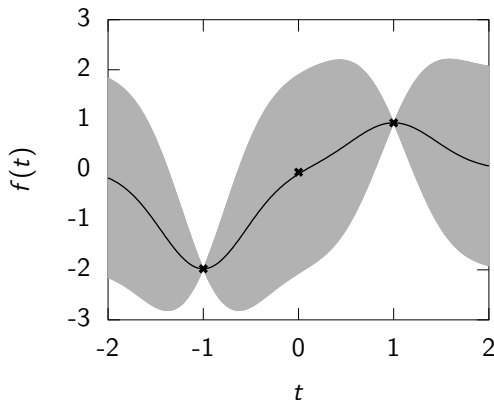
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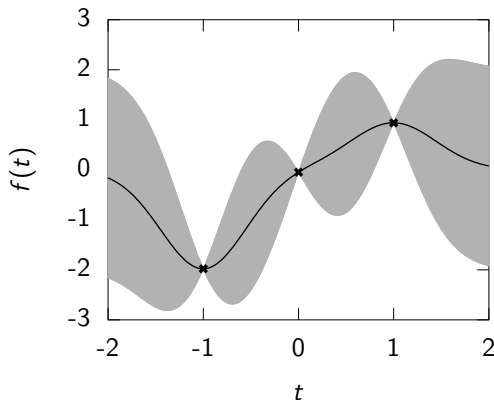


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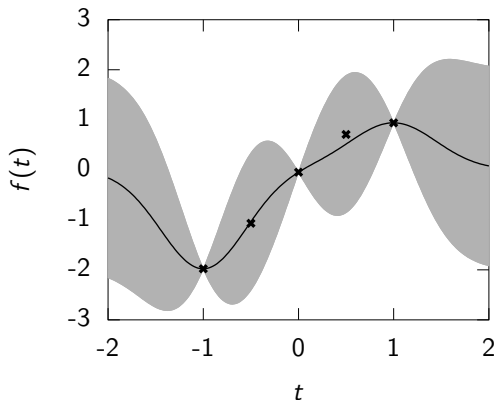
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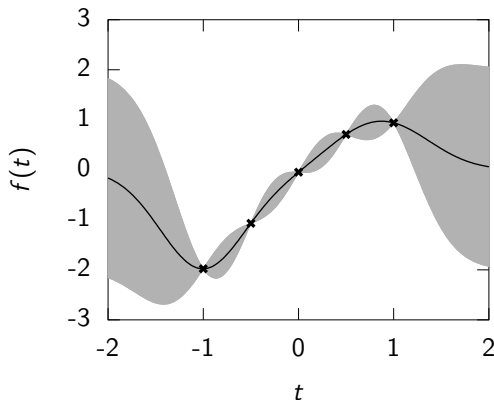
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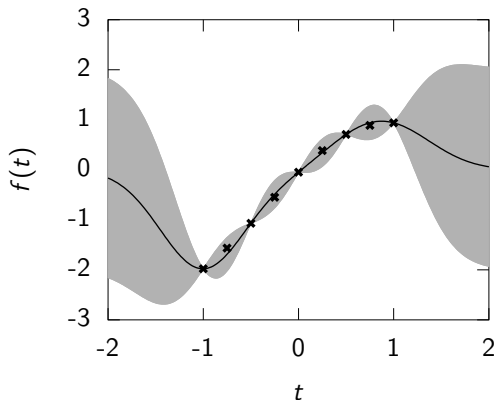
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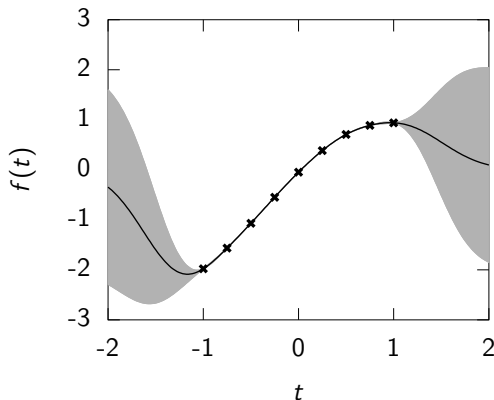
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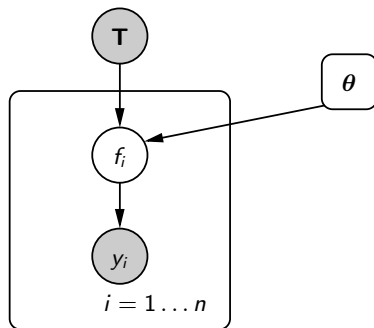


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- Plate notation indicates independence of  $y_i|f_i$ .
- Noise model,  $p(y_i|f_i)$  can take several forms.
- Simplest is Gaussian noise.



**Figure:** The Gaussian process depicted graphically.

# Gaussian Noise

- Gaussian noise model,

$$p(y_i|f_i) = \mathcal{N}(y_i|f_i, \sigma^2)$$

where  $\sigma^2$  is the variance of the noise.

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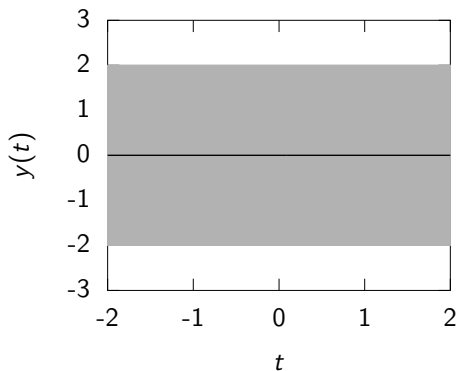
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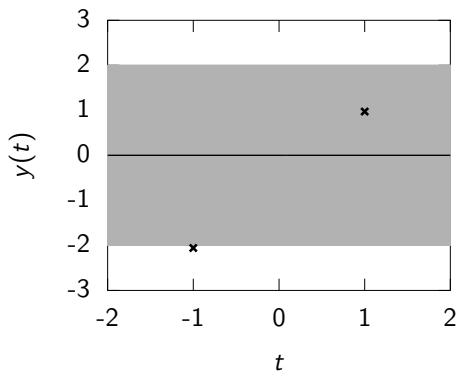


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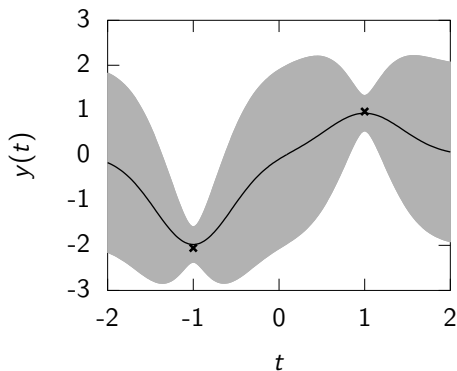
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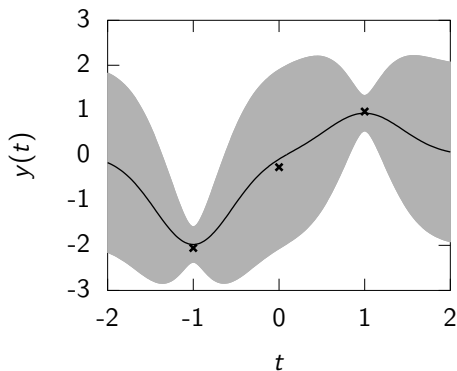
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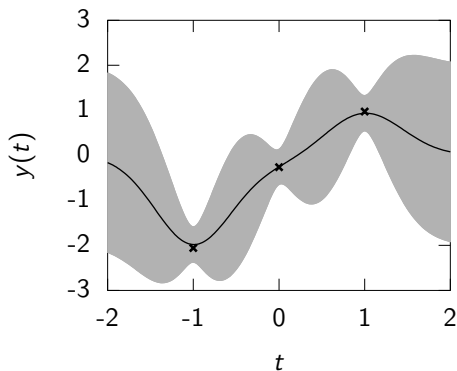
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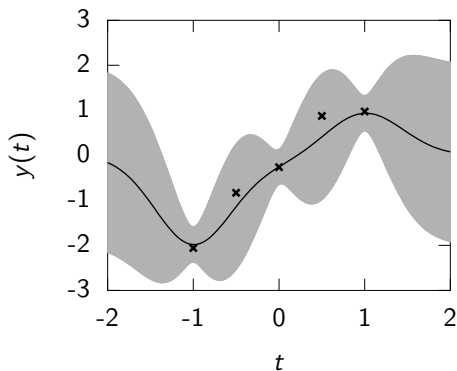
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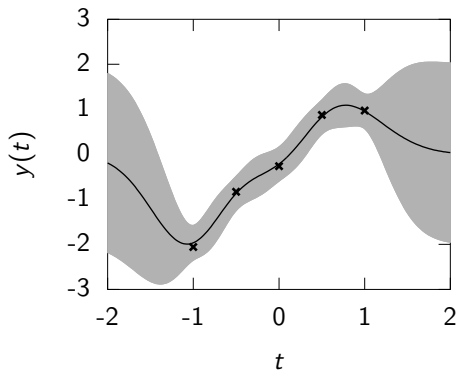
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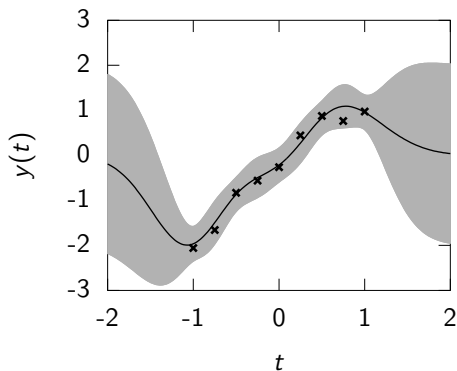
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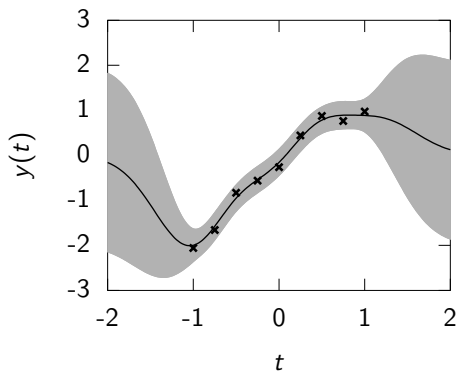
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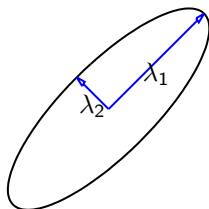
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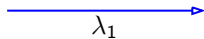


where  $\mathbf{\Lambda}$  is a *diagonal* matrix and  $\mathbf{R}^\top\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{I}$ .

Useful representation since  $|\mathbf{K}| = |\mathbf{\Lambda}^2| = |\mathbf{\Lambda}|^2$ .

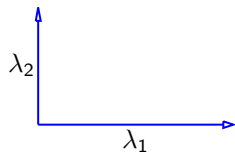
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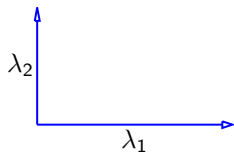
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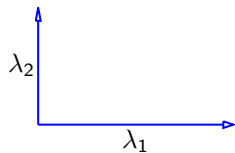
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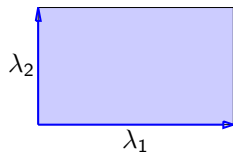
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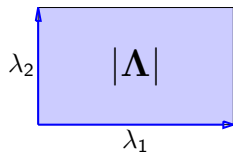
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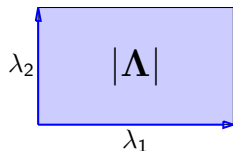
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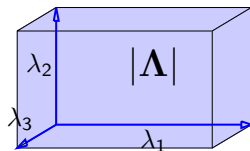
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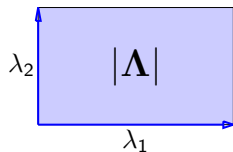
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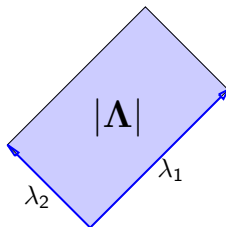
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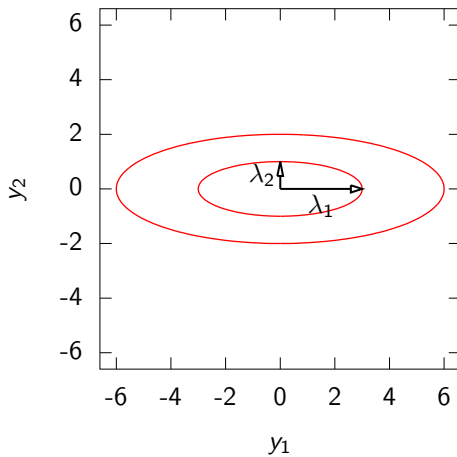
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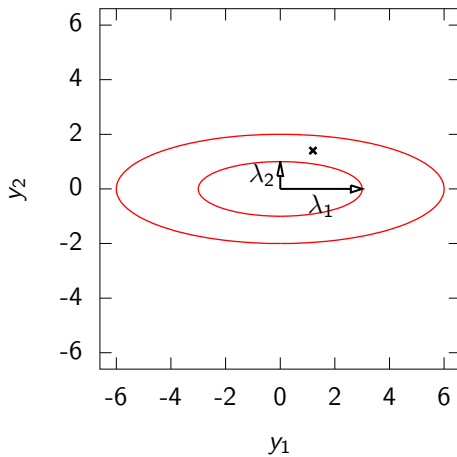
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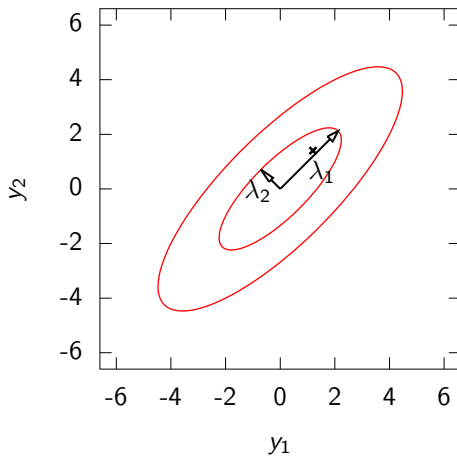
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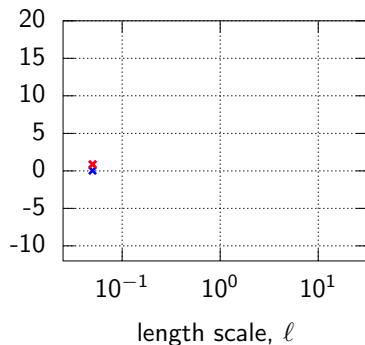
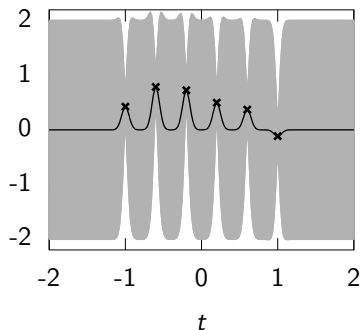


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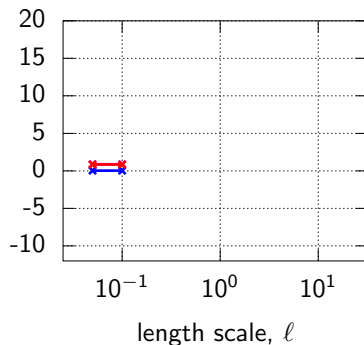
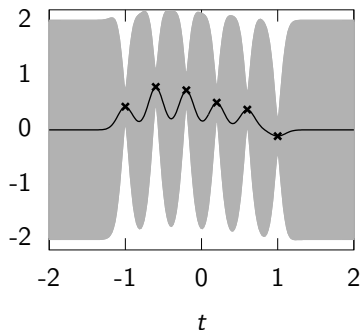
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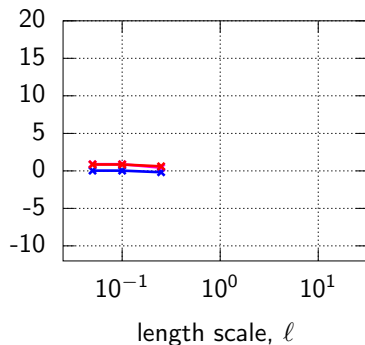
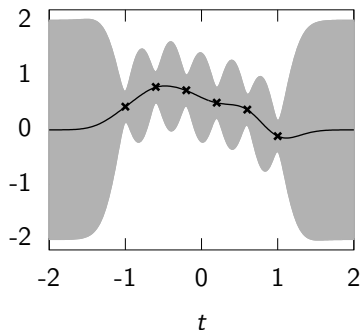
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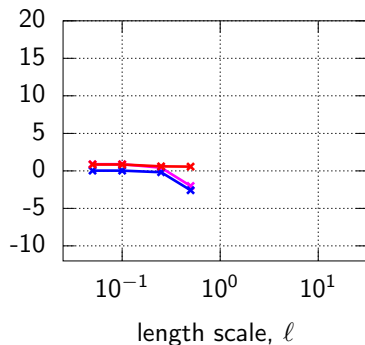
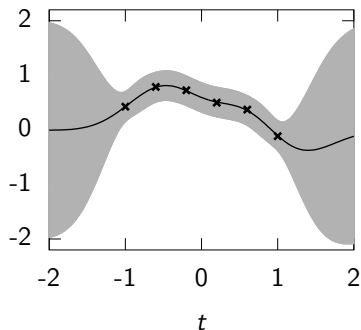
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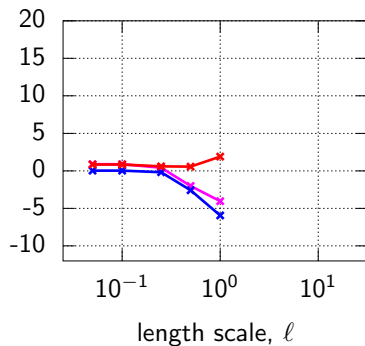
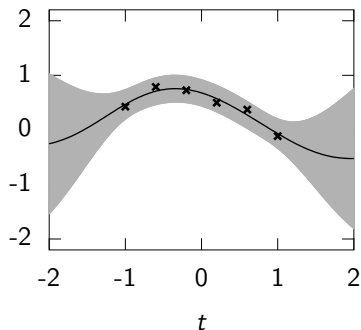
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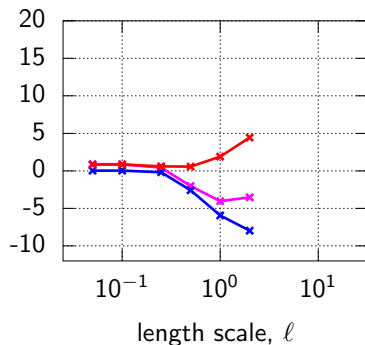
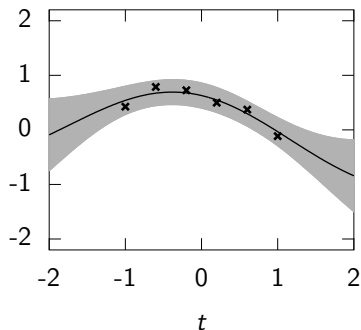


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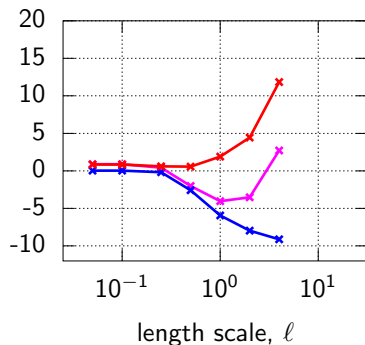
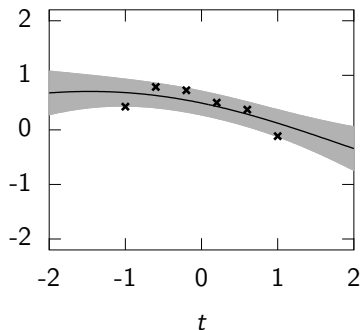
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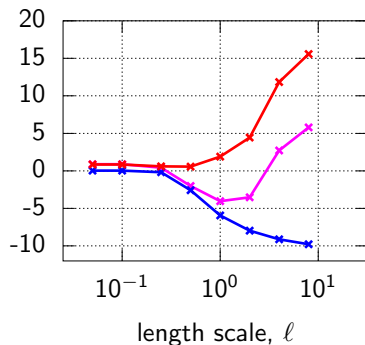
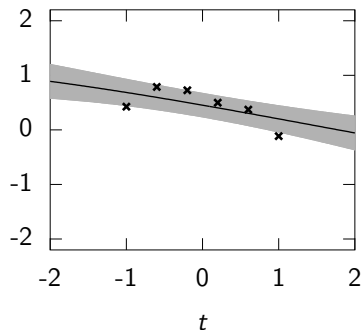
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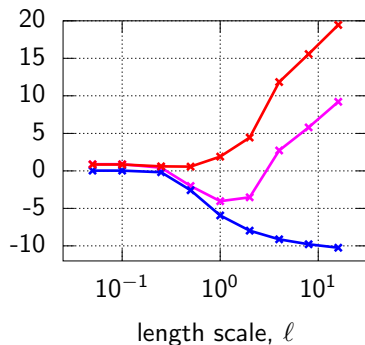
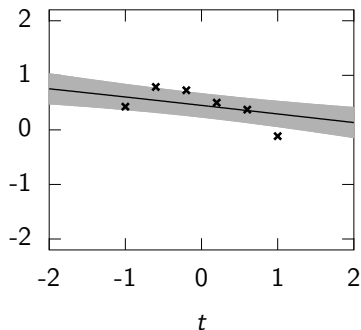
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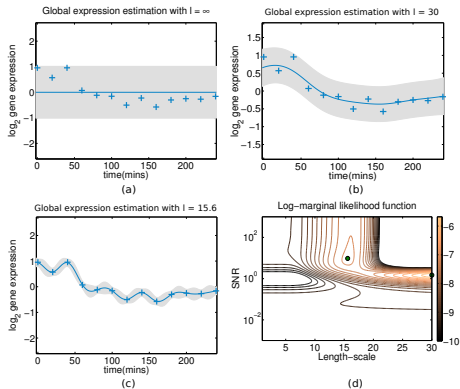
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# Limitations of Gaussian Processes

- Inference is  $O(n^3)$  due to matrix inverse (in practice use Cholesky).
- Gaussian processes don't deal well with discontinuities (financial crises, phosphorylation, collisions, edges in images).
- Widely used exponentiated quadratic covariance (RBF) can be too smooth in practice (but there are many alternatives!!).

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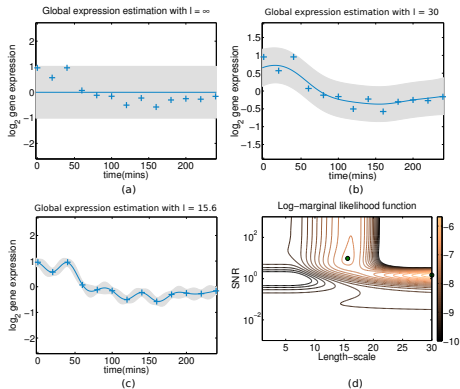
# A Simple Approach to Ranking Differentially Expressed Gene Expression Time Courses through Gaussian Process Regression

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- Detect 'quiet genes' in time series.
- <http://www.bioconductor.org/packages/release/bioc/html/gprege.html> (Alfredo Kalaitzis is the maintainer).

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# Summary

- Flexible method for probability densities over functions.
- Covariance function is key: defines how different data interrelate.
- Problems occur if there are discontinuities in the function.

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