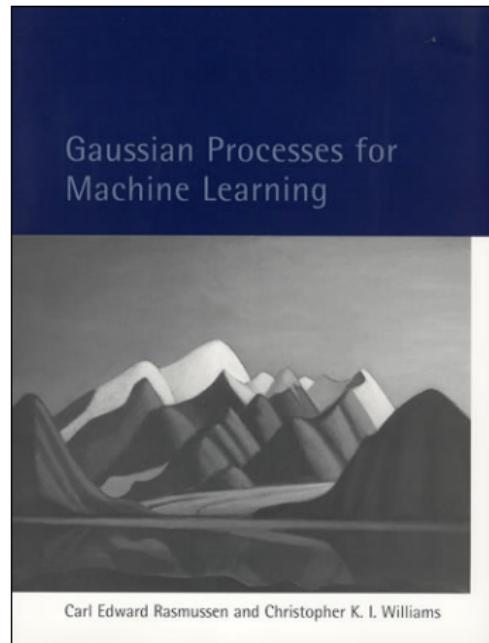


# Introduction to Gaussian Processes

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# Book



Rasmussen and Williams (2006)

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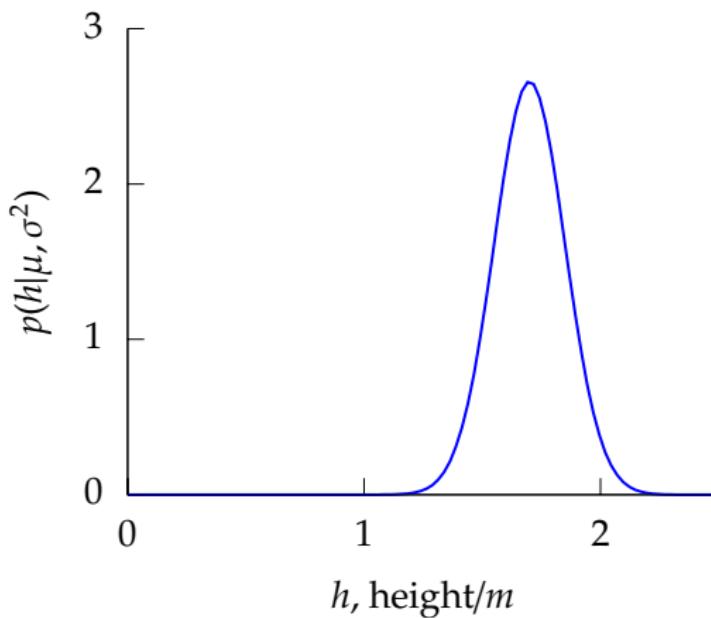
# The Gaussian Density

- ▶ Perhaps the most common probability density.

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$$\triangleq \mathcal{N}(y|\mu, \sigma^2)$$

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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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$\sigma^2$  is the variance of the density and  $\mu$  is the mean.

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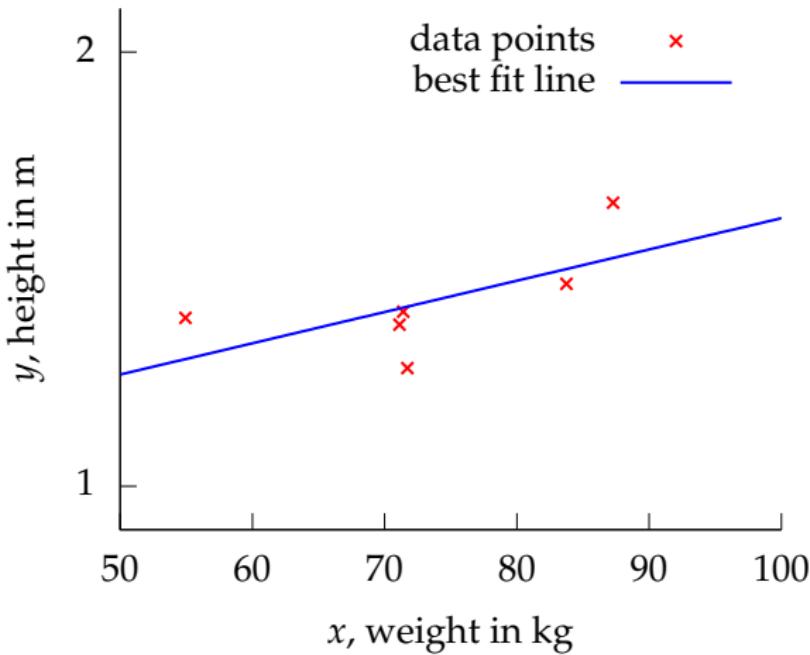
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# Linear Function

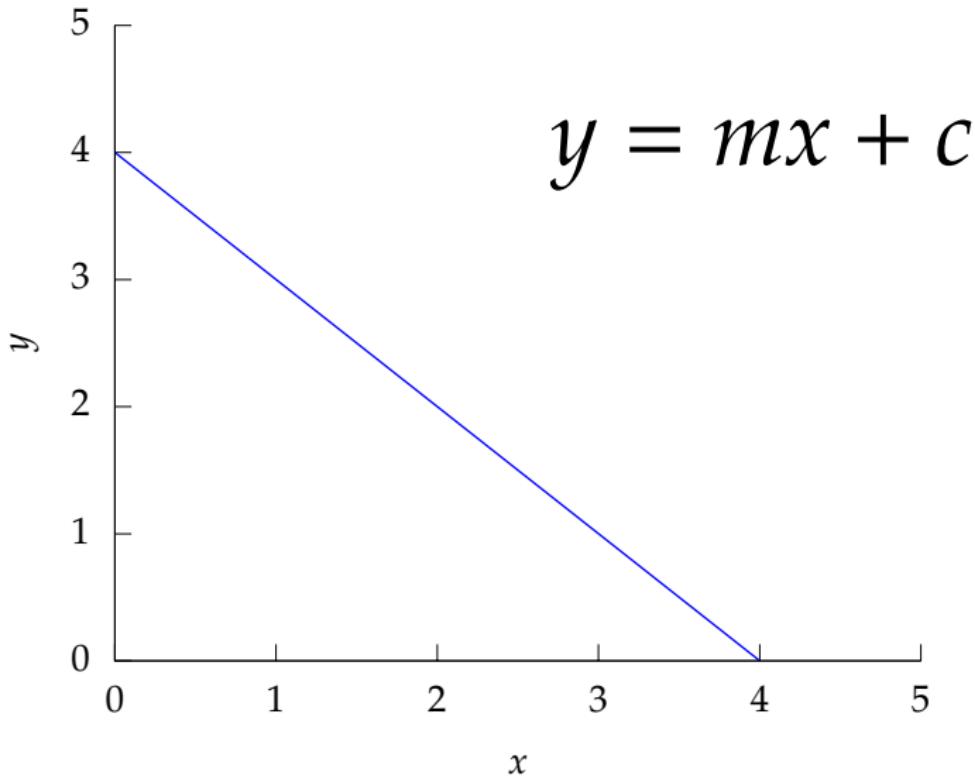


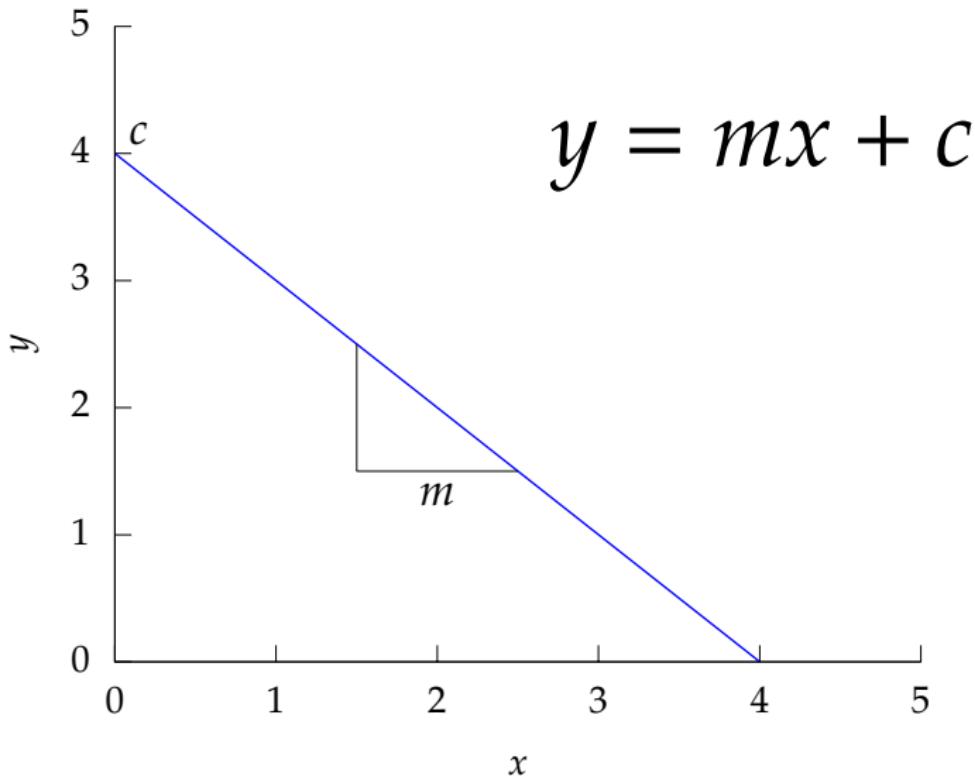
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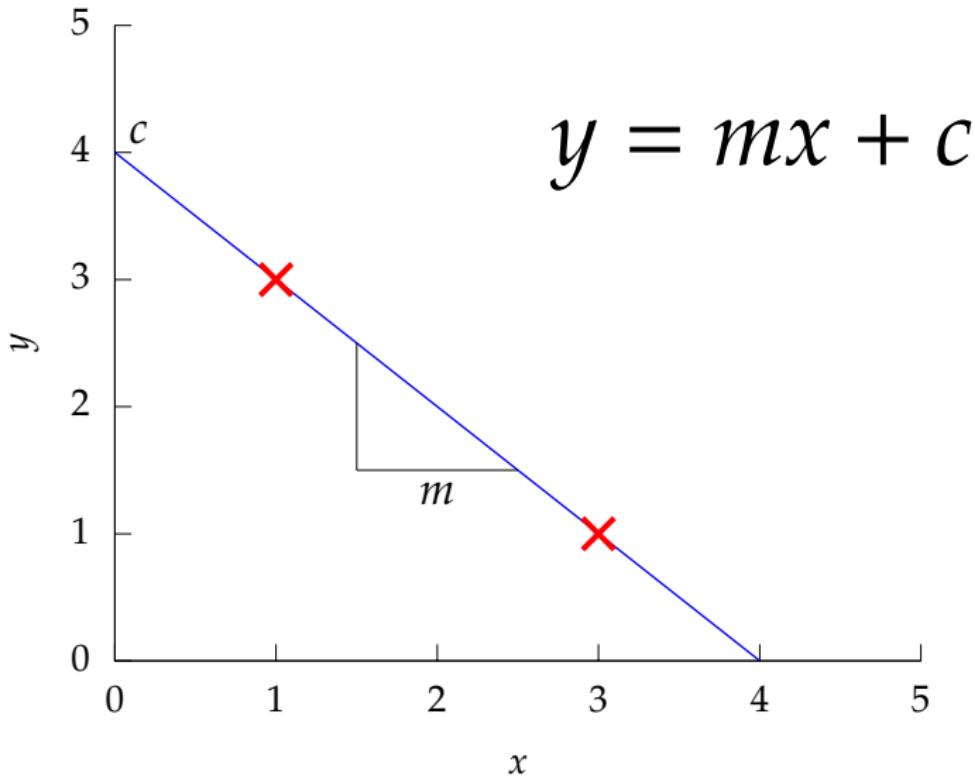
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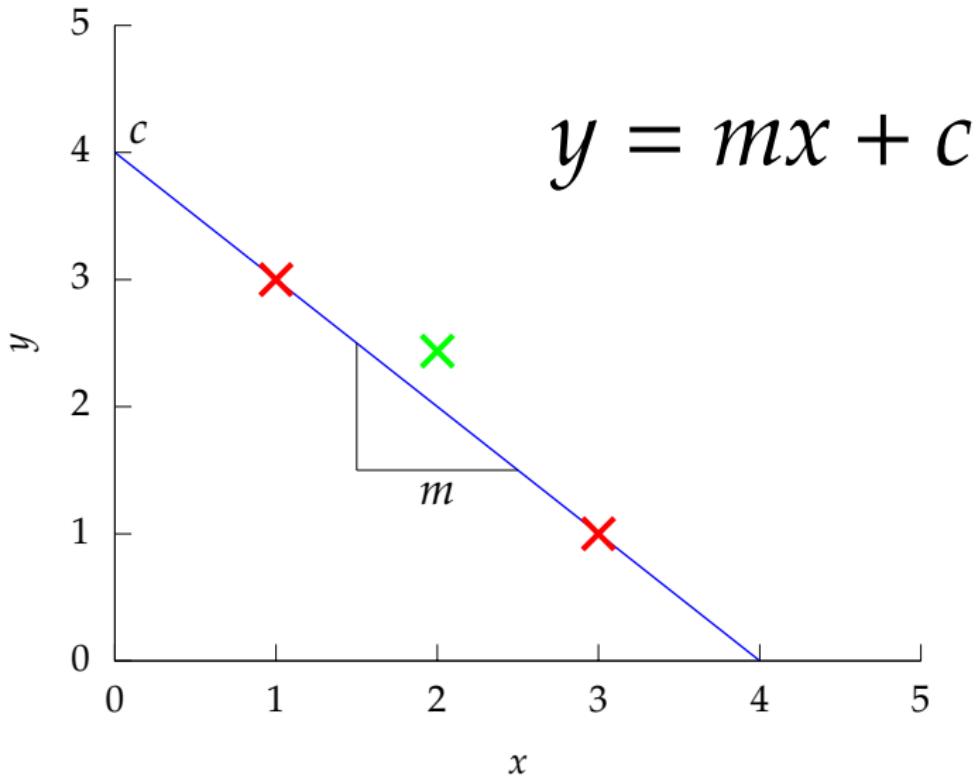
- ▶ Predict a real value,  $y_i$  given some inputs  $\mathbf{x}_i$ .
- ▶ Predict quality of meat given spectral measurements (Tecator data).
- ▶ Radiocarbon dating, the C14 calibration curve: predict age given quantity of C14 isotope.
- ▶ Predict quality of different Go or Backgammon moves given expert rated training data.

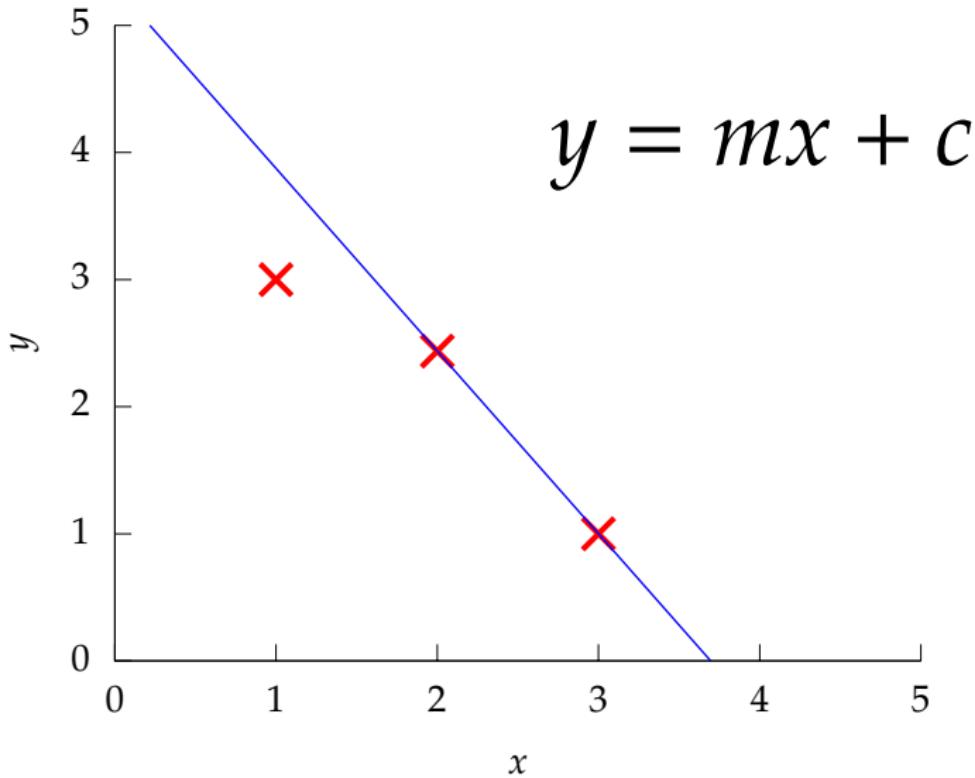
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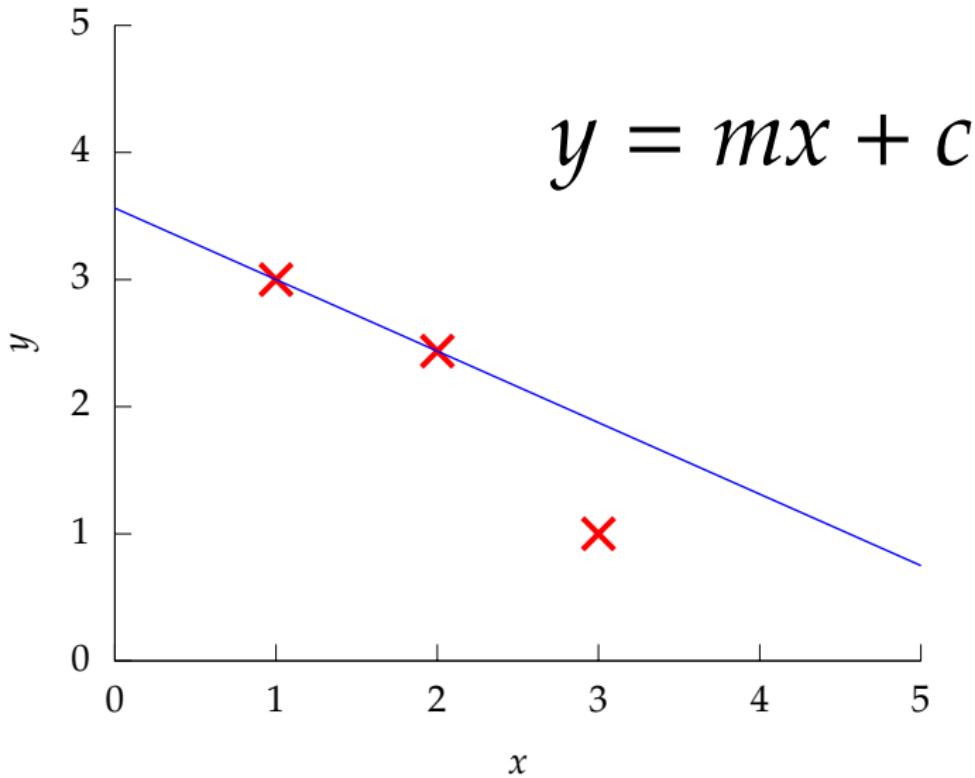


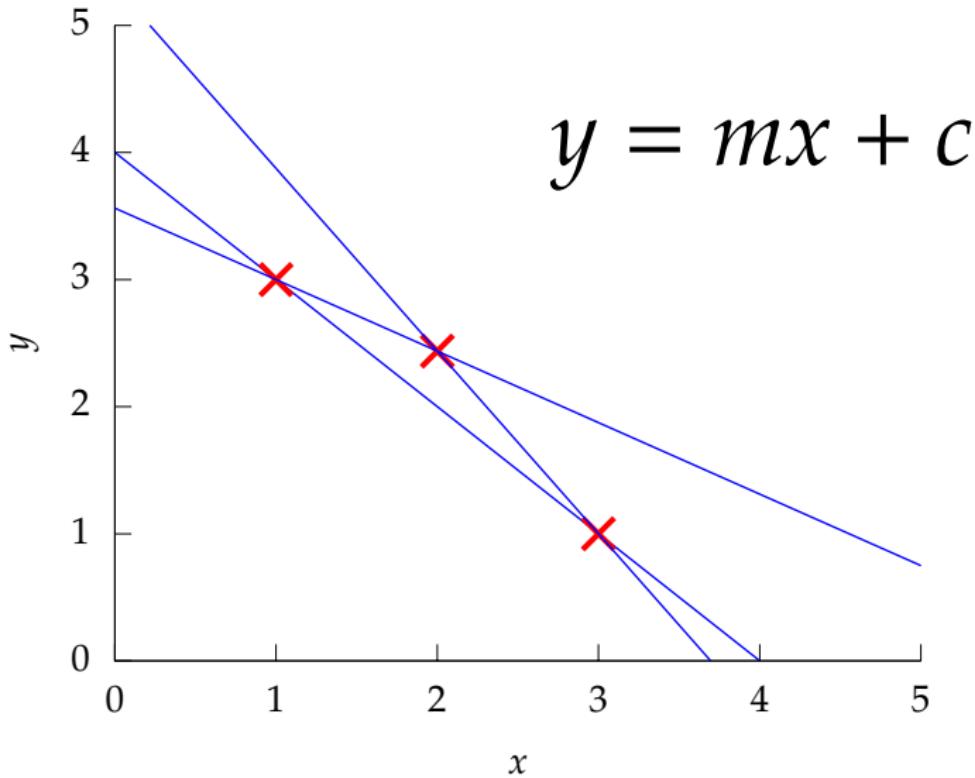












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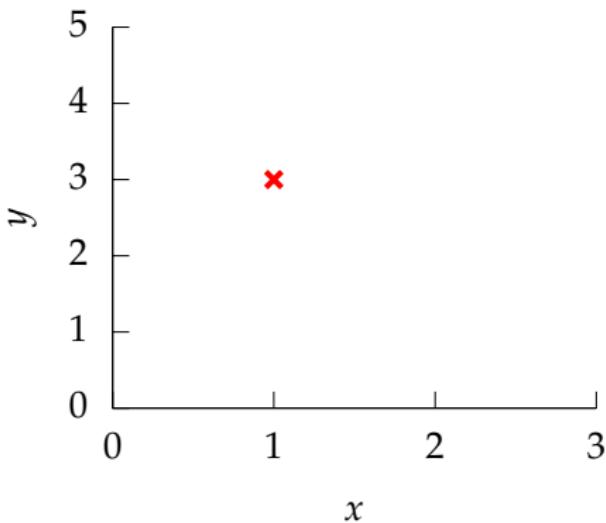
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# Underdetermined System

What about two unknowns and *one* observation?

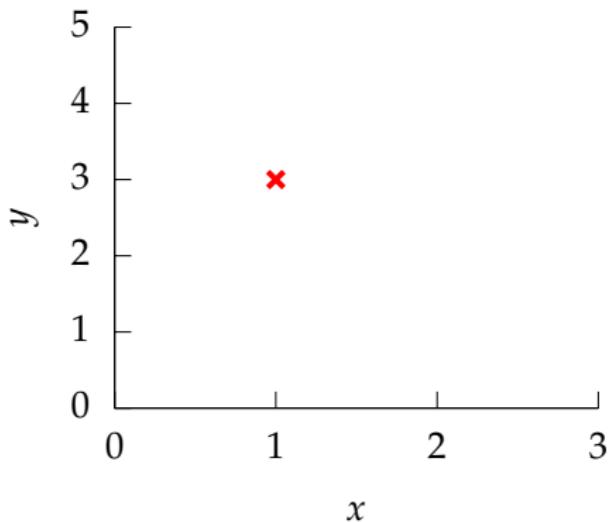
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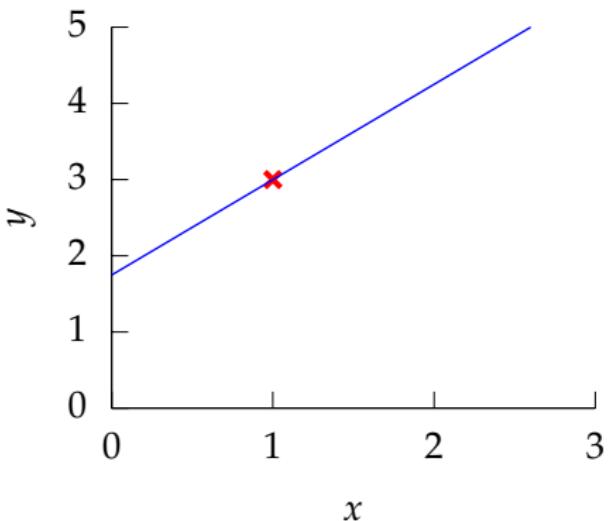
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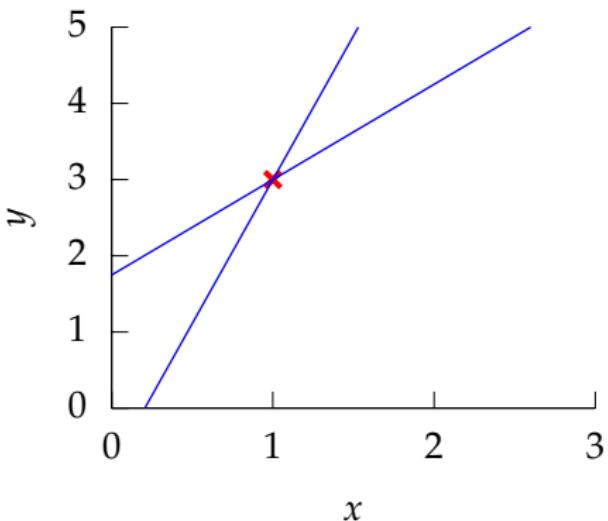
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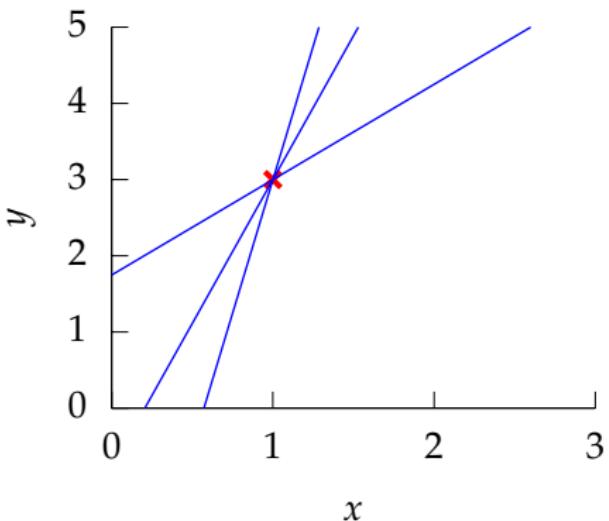
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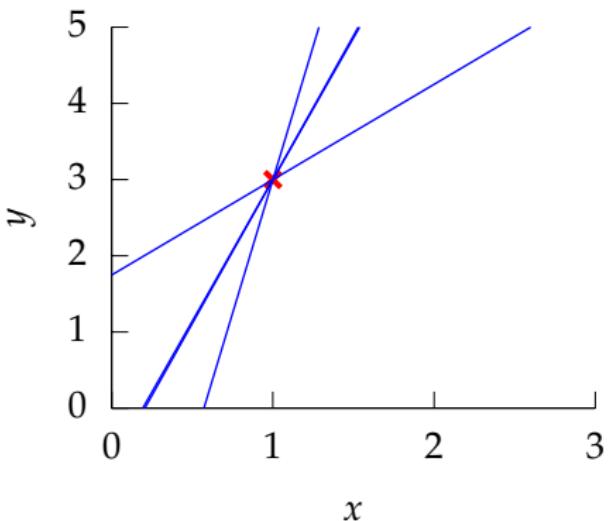
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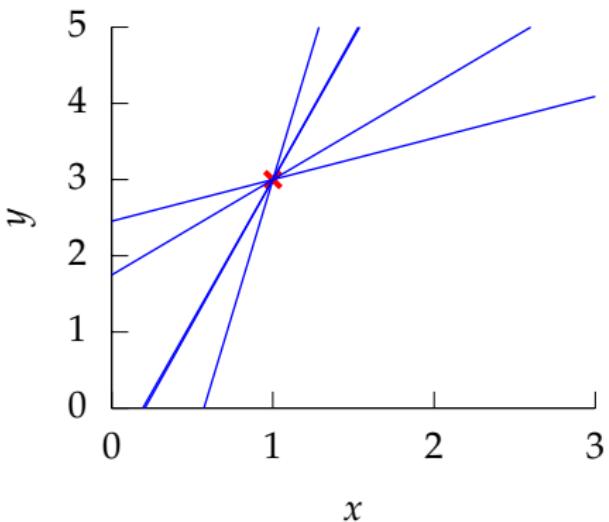
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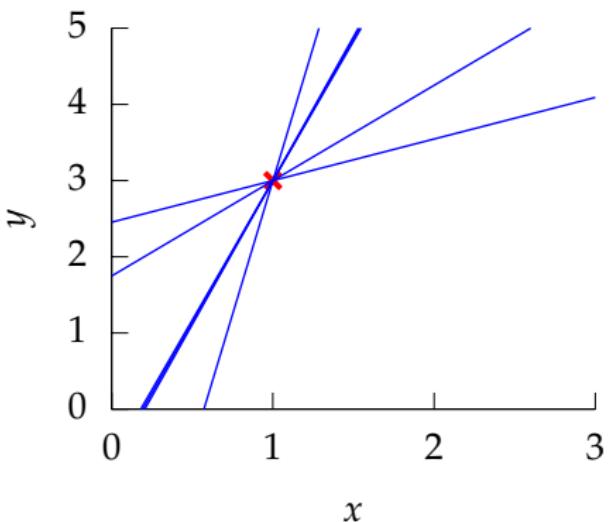
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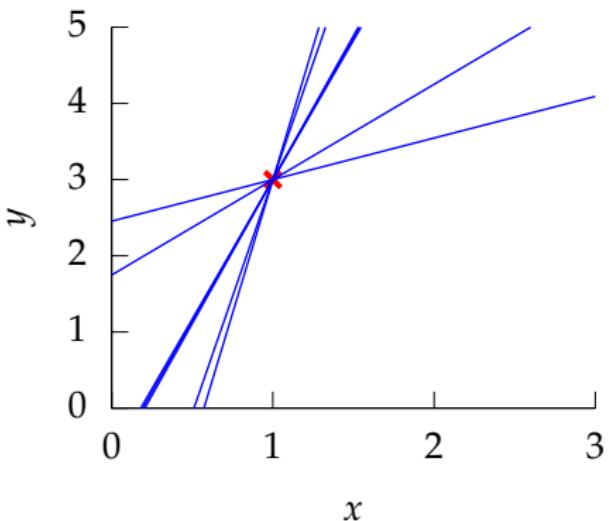
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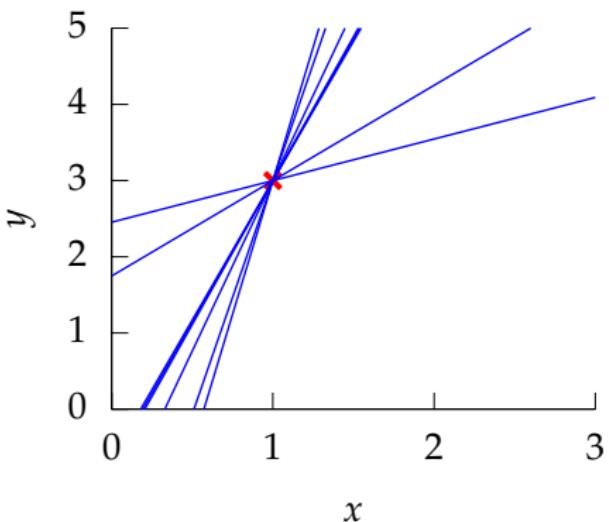
$$c = -3.13 \implies m = 6.13$$



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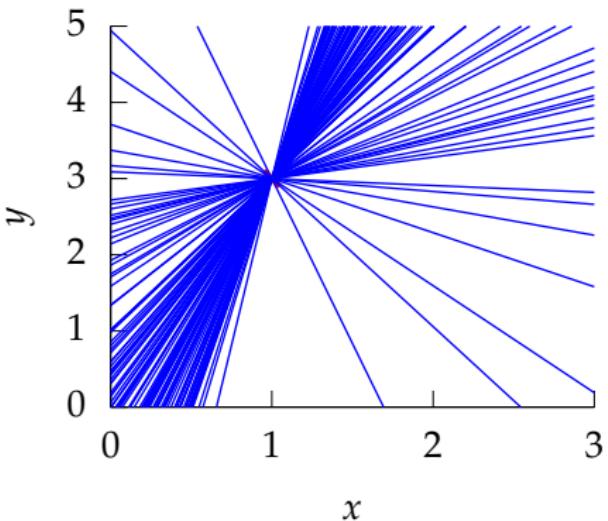
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Assume

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

we find a distribution of solutions.



## Probability for Under- and Overdetermined

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

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- ▶ The prior represents your belief *before* you see the data of the likely value of the parameters.
- ▶ For linear regression, consider a Gaussian prior on the intercept:

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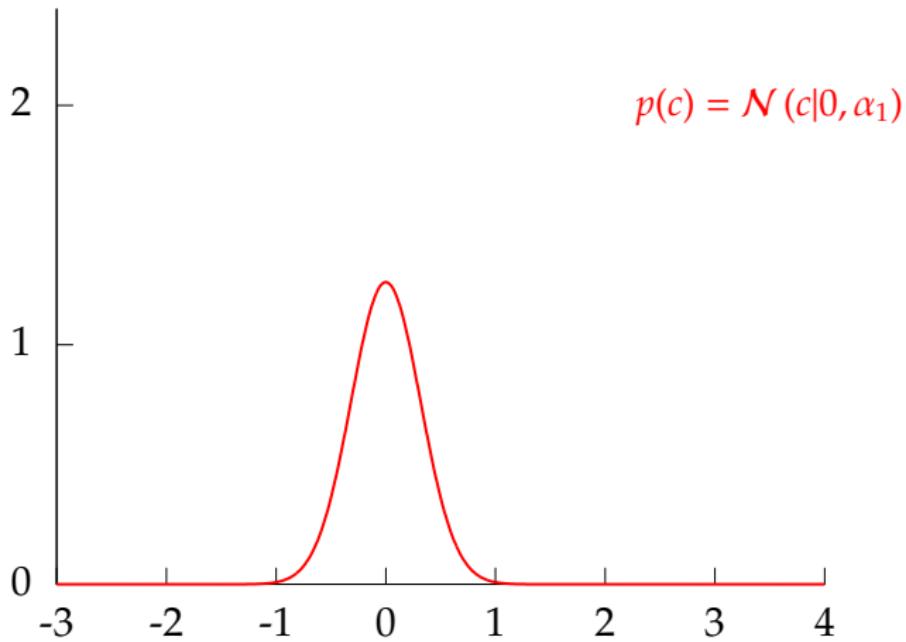


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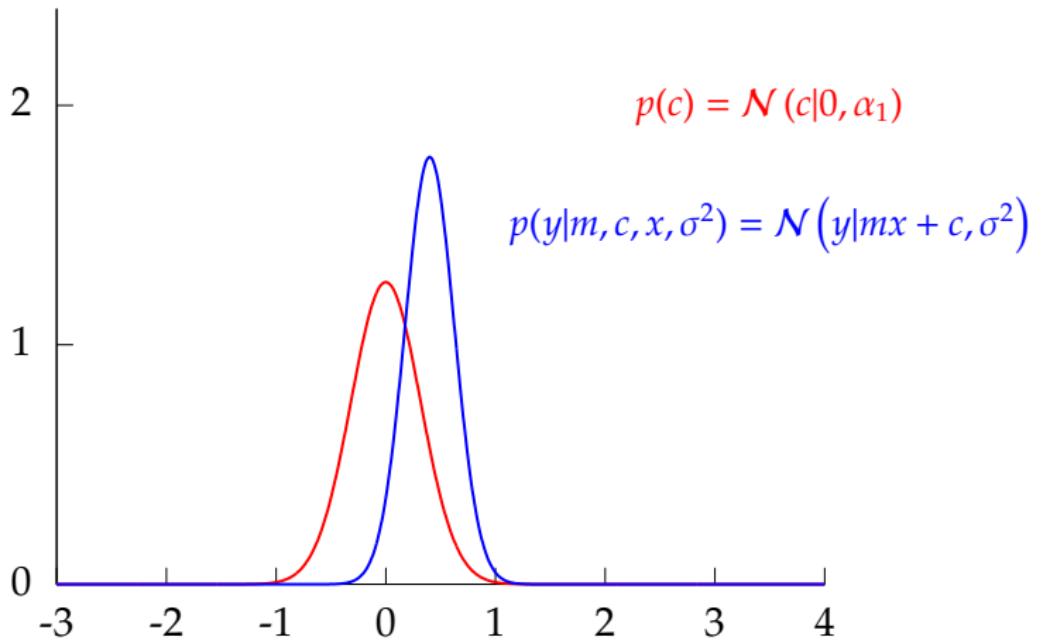


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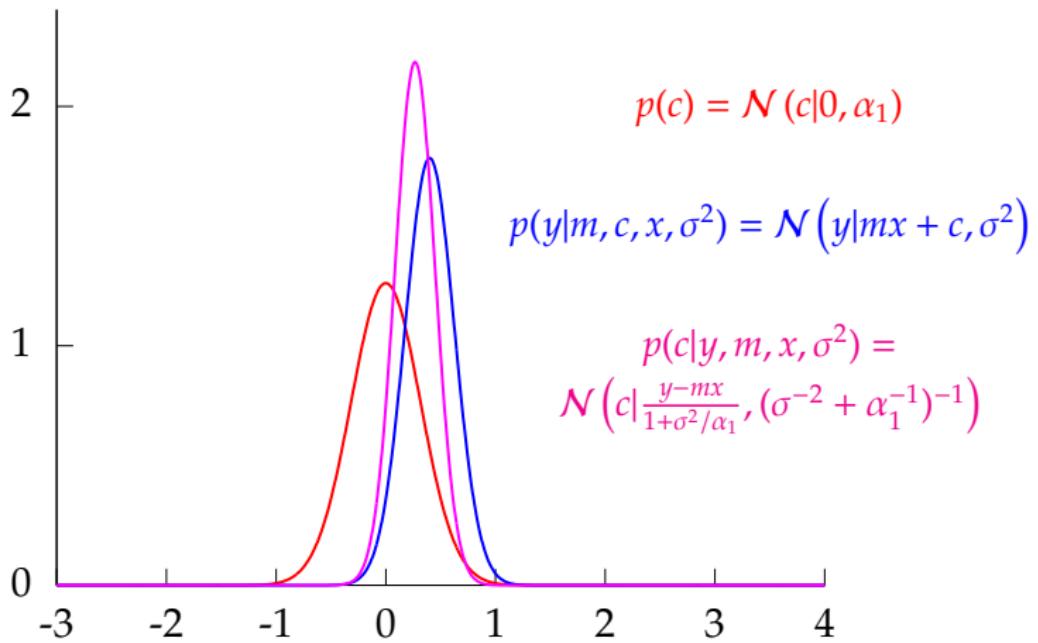


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# Stages to Derivation of the Posterior

- ▶ Multiply likelihood by prior
  - ▶ they are “exponentiated quadratics”, the answer is always also an exponentiated quadratic because  $\exp(a^2) \exp(b^2) = \exp(a^2 + b^2)$ .
- ▶ Complete the square to get the resulting density in the form of a Gaussian.
- ▶ Recognise the mean and (co)variance of the Gaussian. This is the estimate of the posterior.

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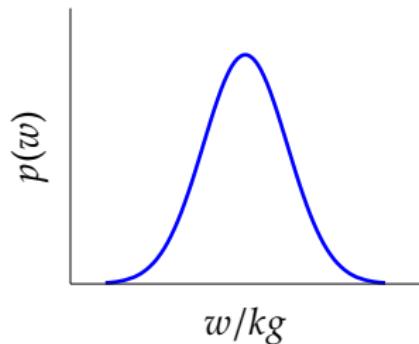
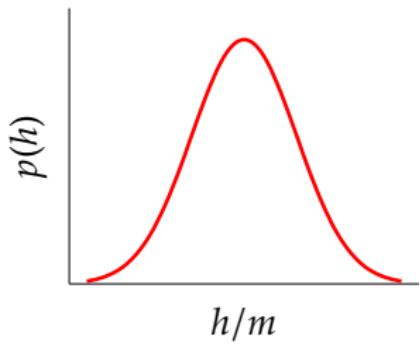
- ▶ Consider height,  $h/m$  and weight,  $w/kg$ .
- ▶ Could sample height from a distribution:

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

- ▶ And similarly weight:

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

# Height and Weight Models

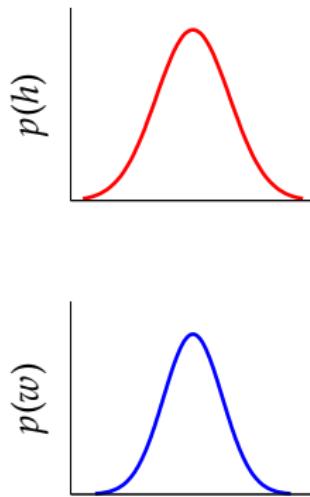
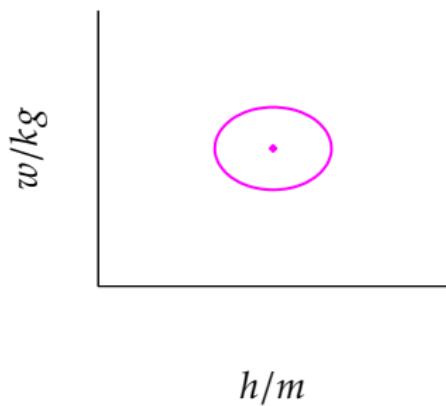


Gaussian distributions for height and weight.

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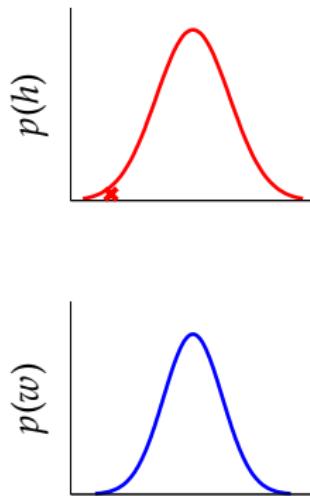
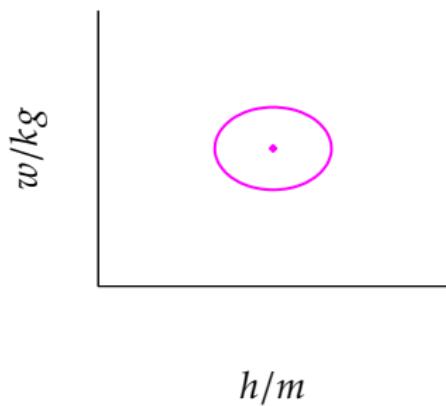


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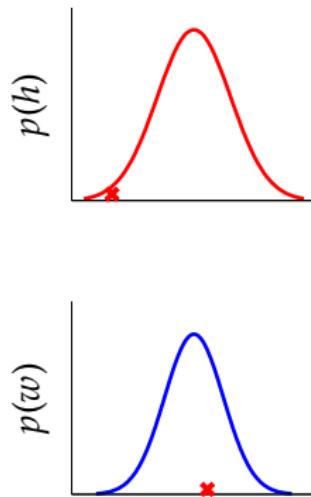
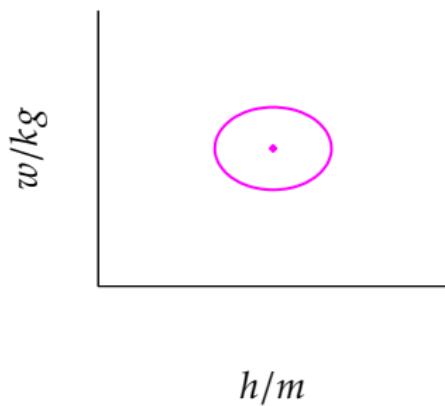


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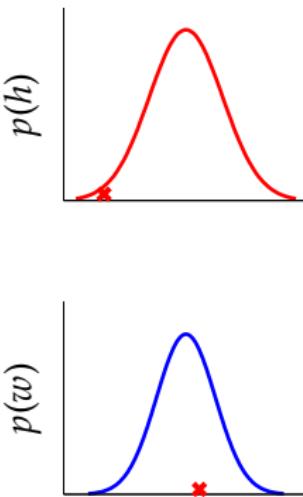
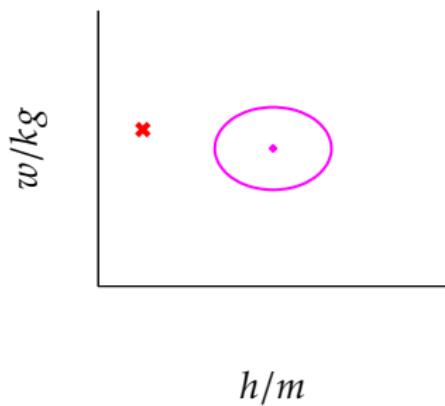


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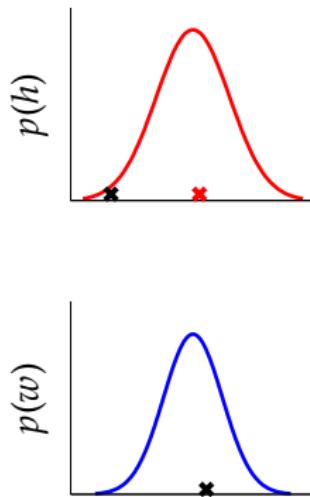
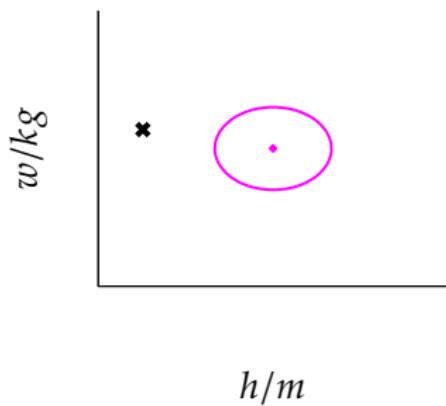


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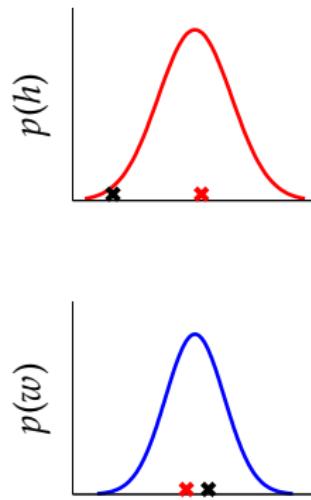
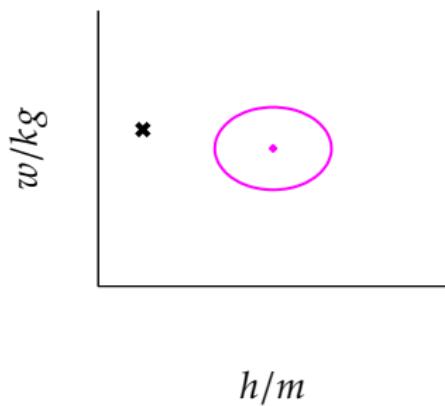


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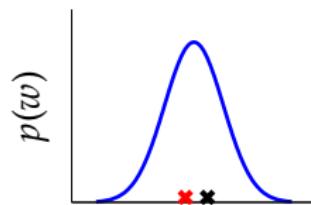
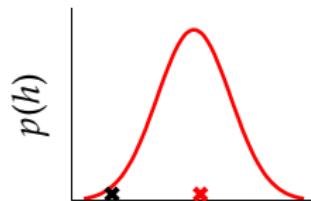
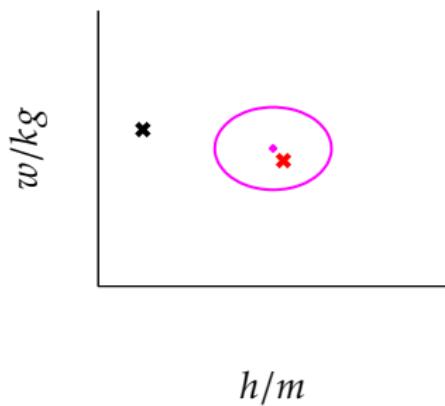


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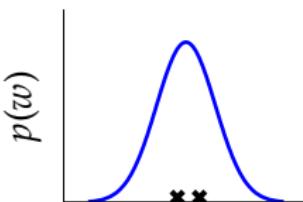
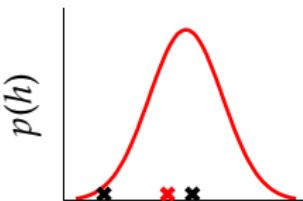
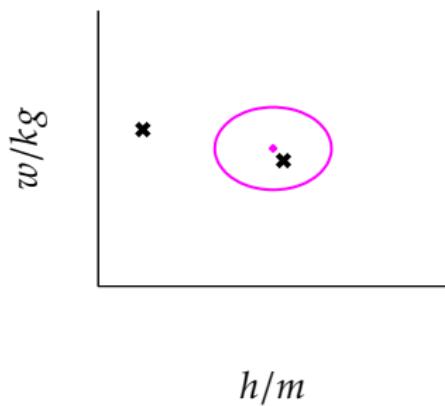


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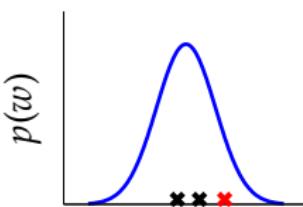
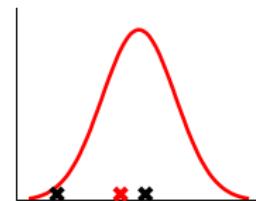
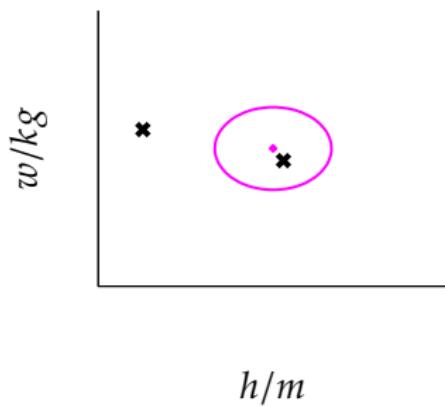


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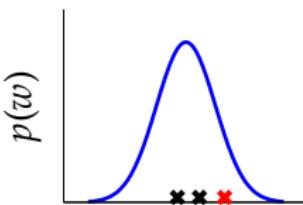
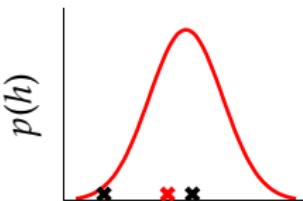
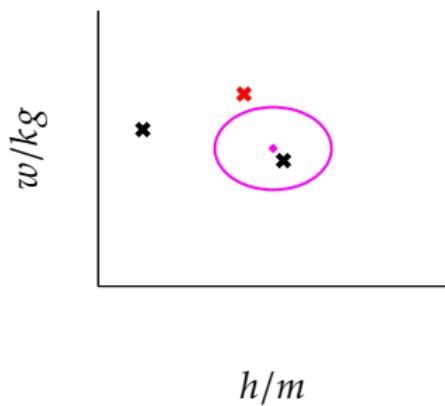


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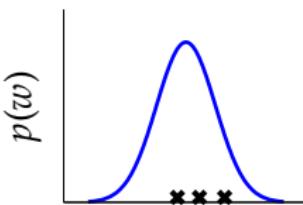
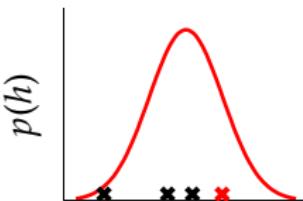
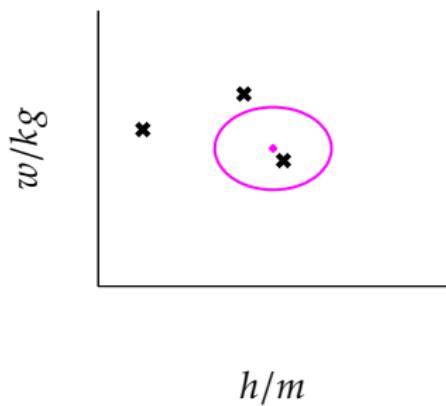


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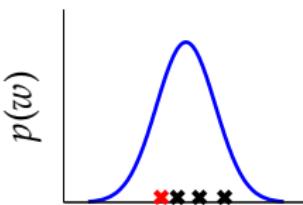
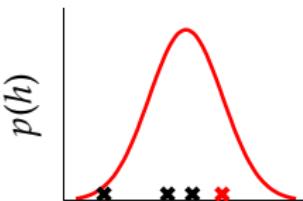
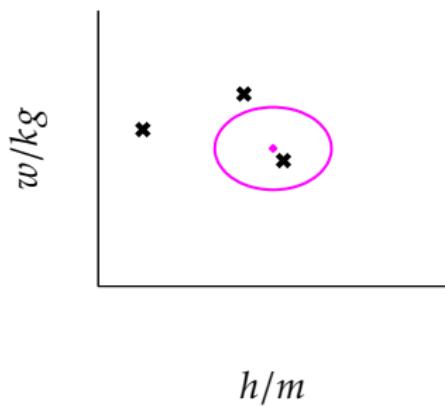


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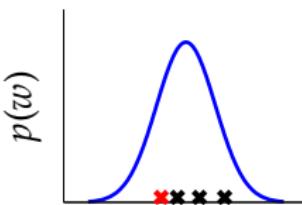
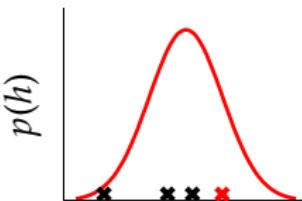
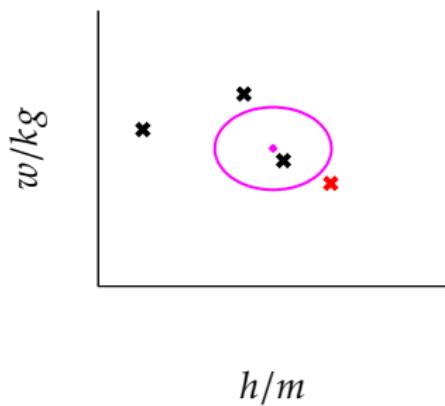


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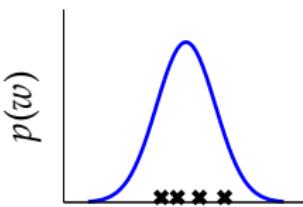
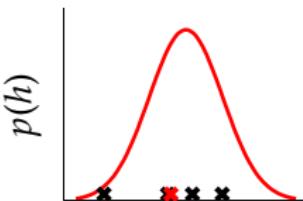
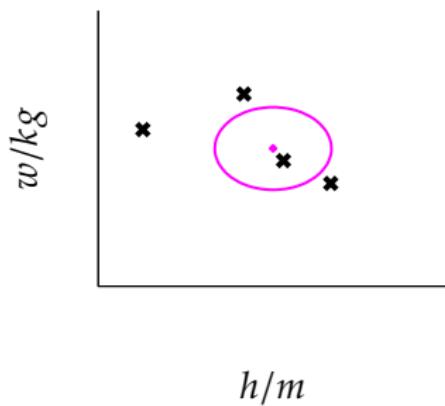


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Marginal Distributions

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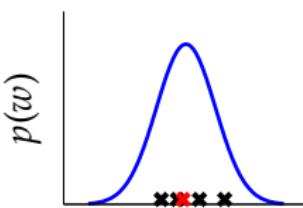
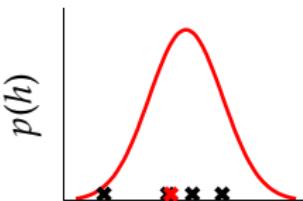
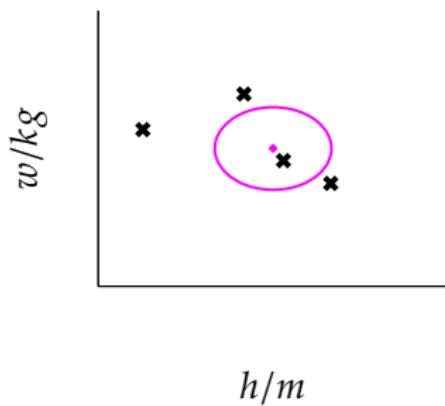


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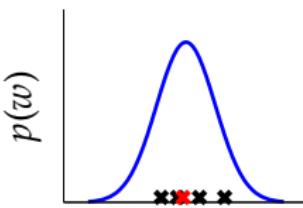
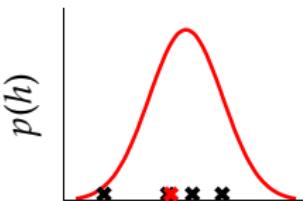
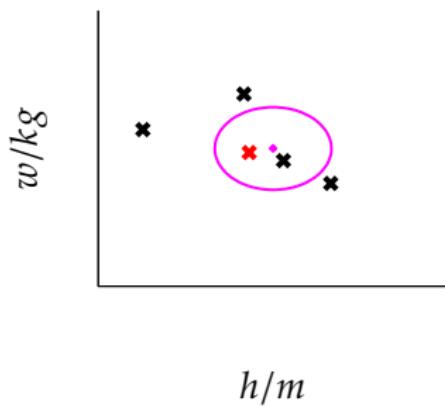


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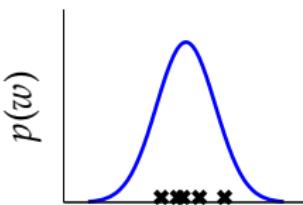
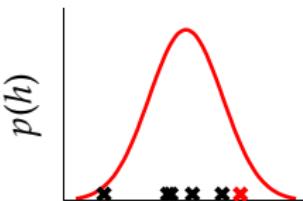
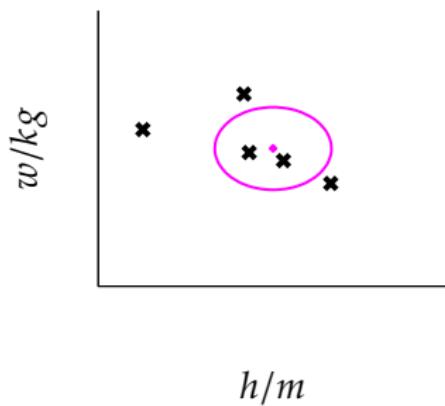


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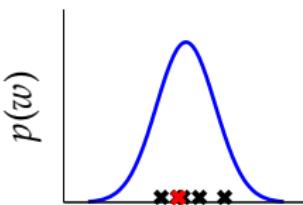
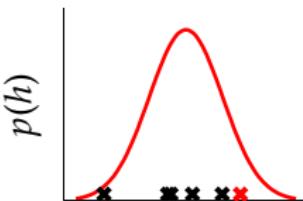
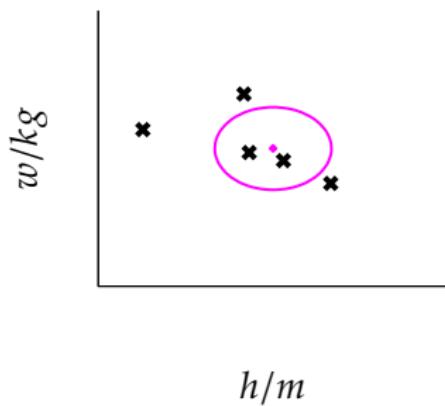


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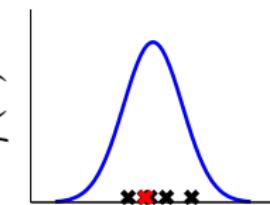
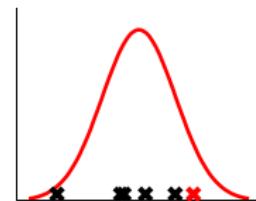
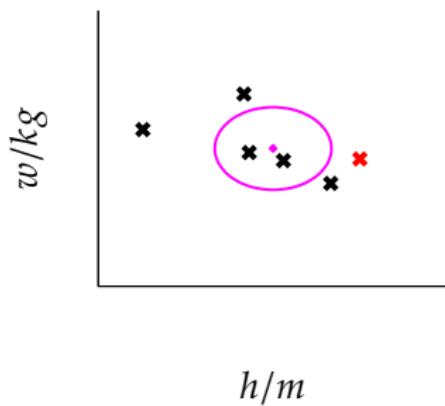


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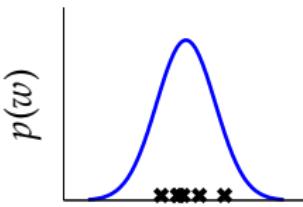
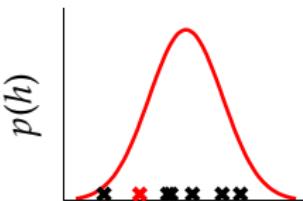
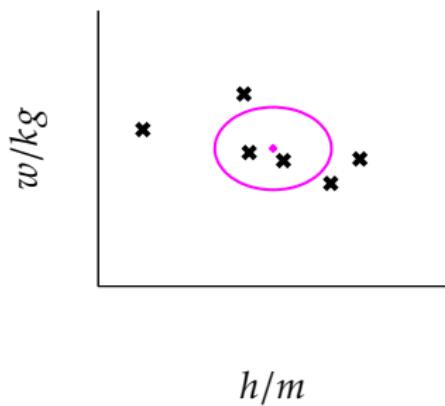


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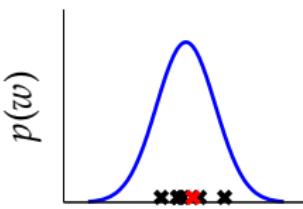
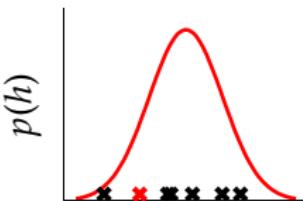
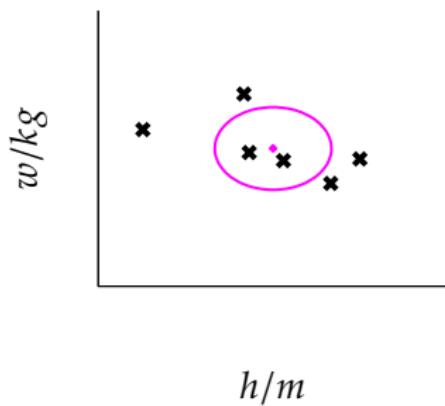


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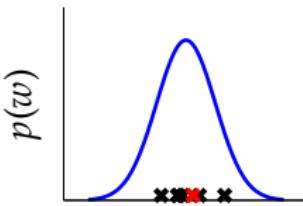
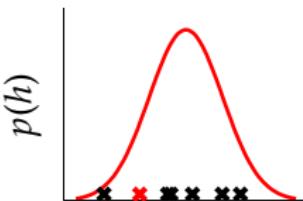
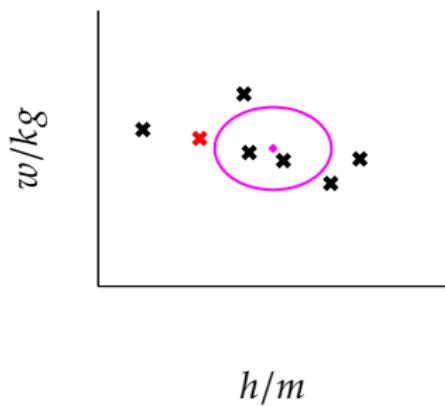


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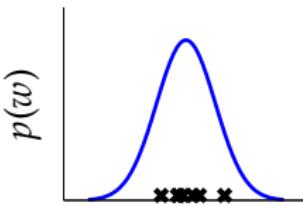
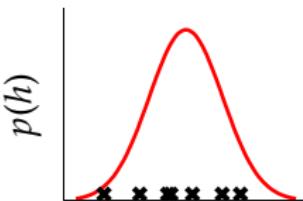
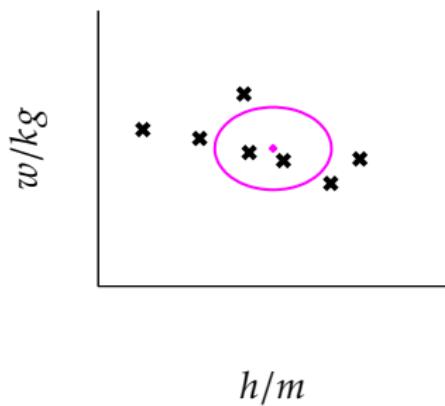


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# Independence Assumption

- ▶ This assumes height and weight are independent.

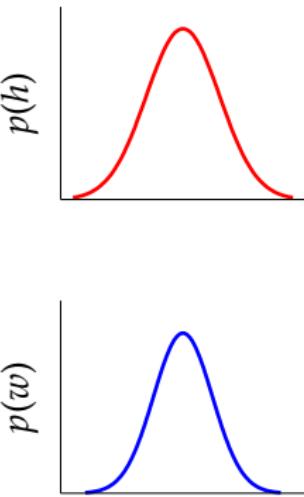
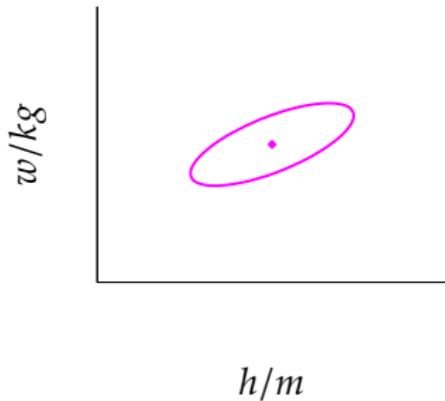
$$p(h, w) = p(h)p(w)$$

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

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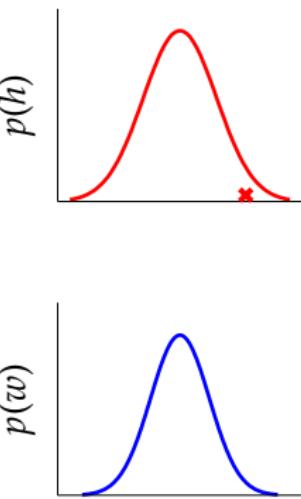
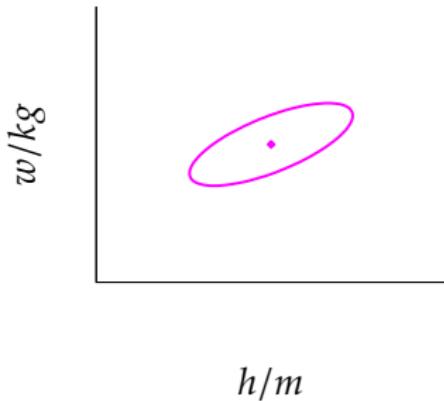
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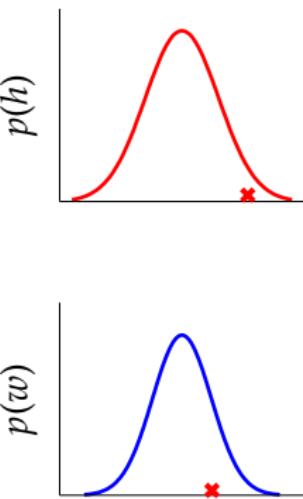
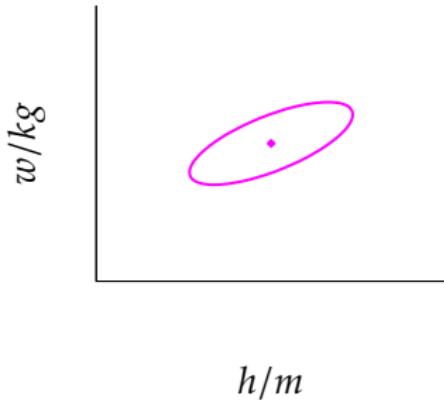
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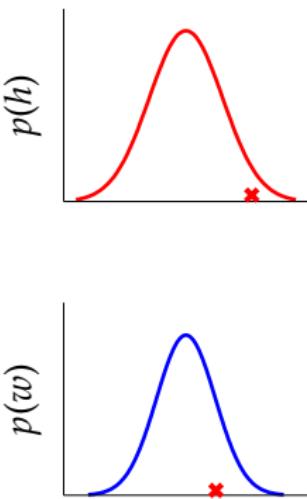
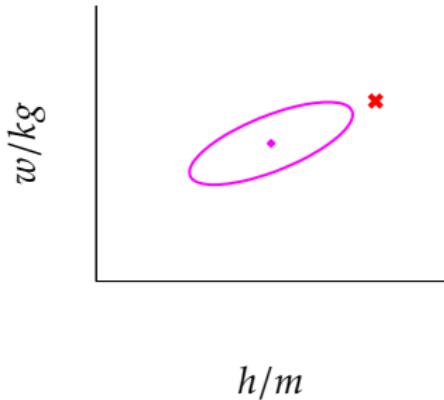
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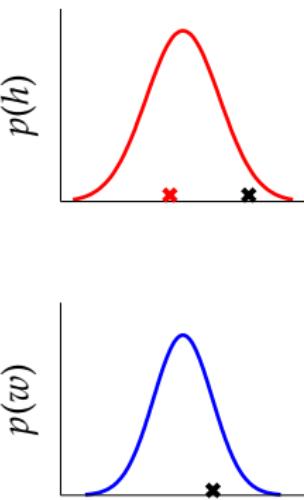
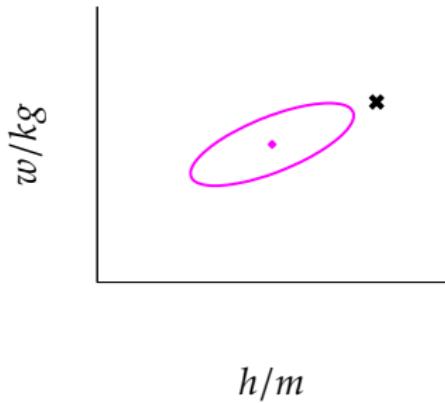
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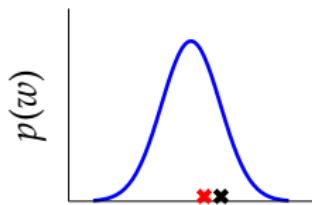
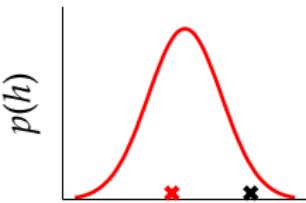
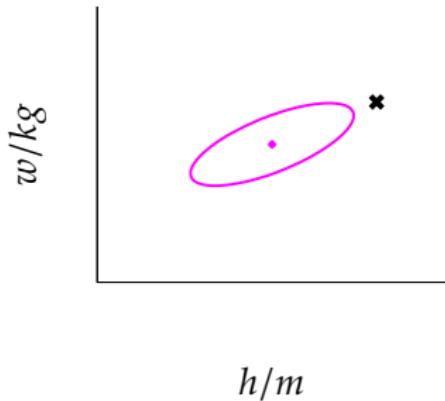
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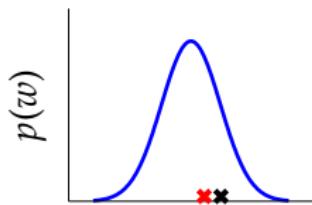
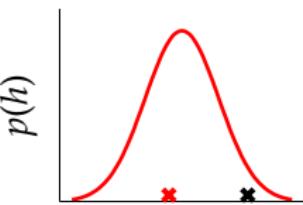
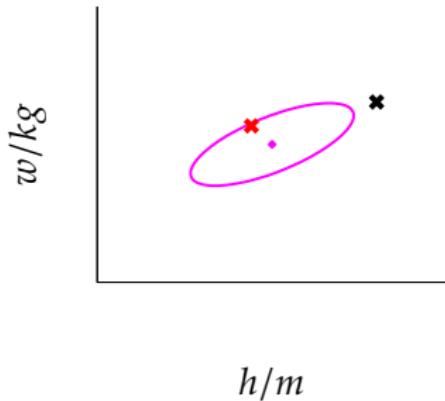
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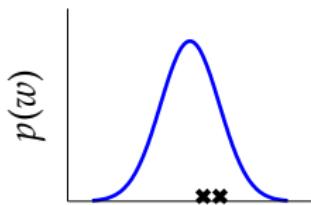
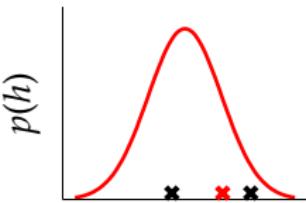
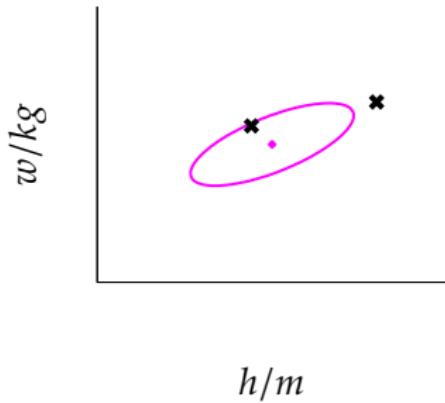
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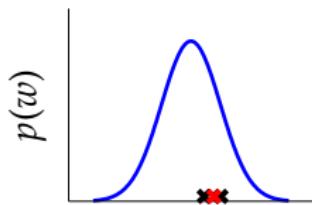
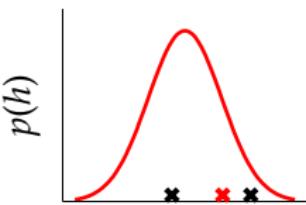
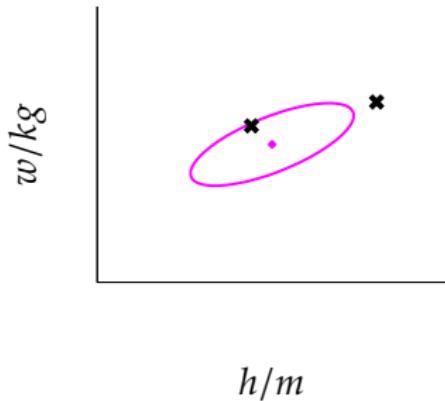
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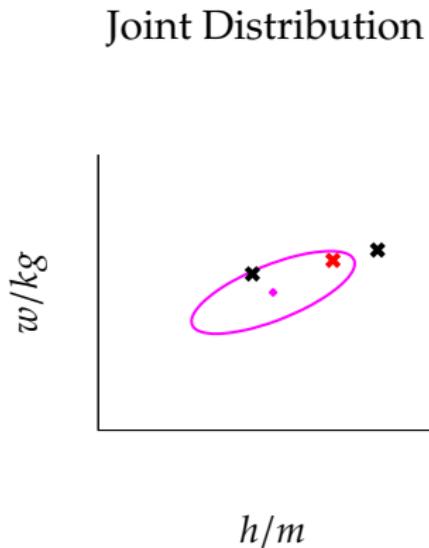
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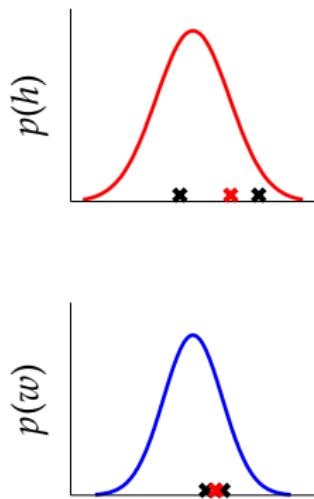
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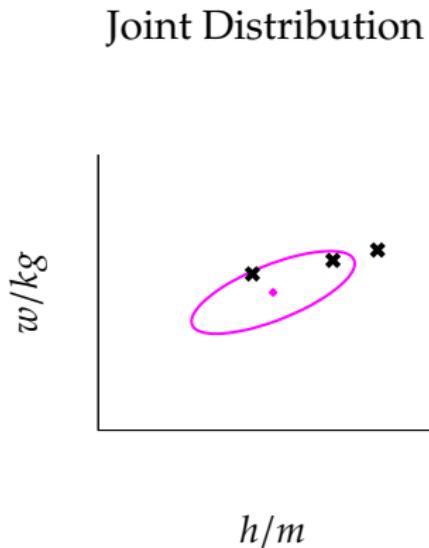
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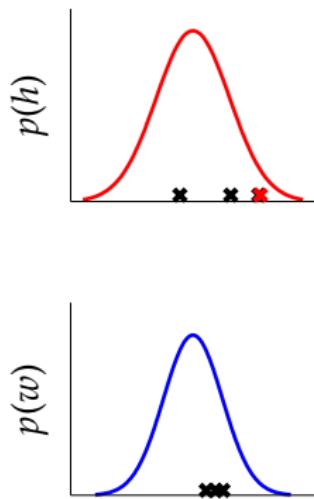
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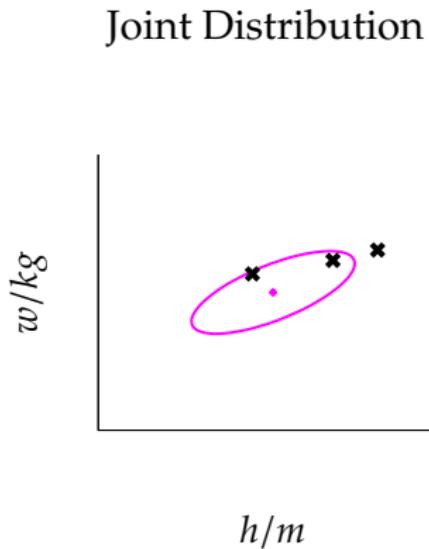
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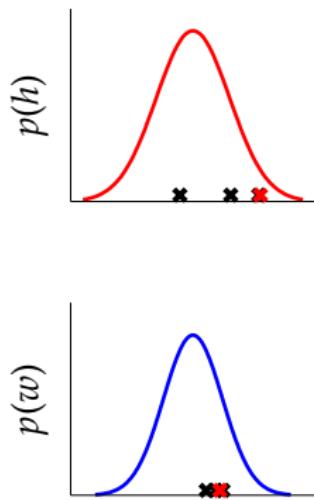
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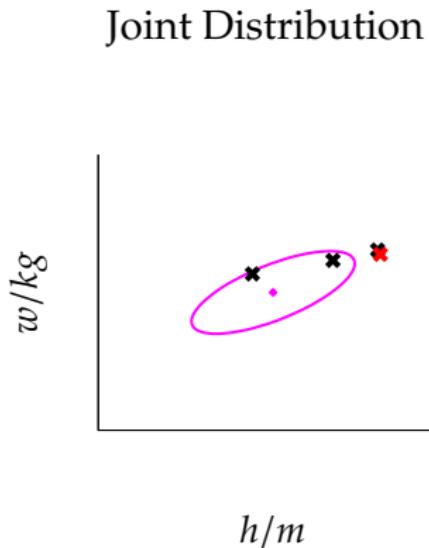
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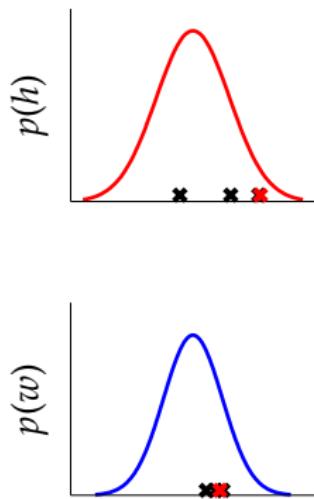
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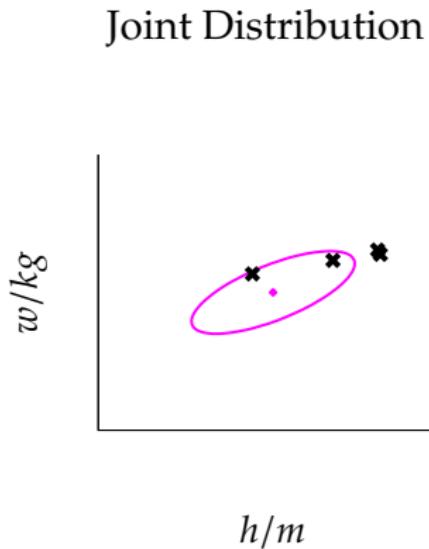
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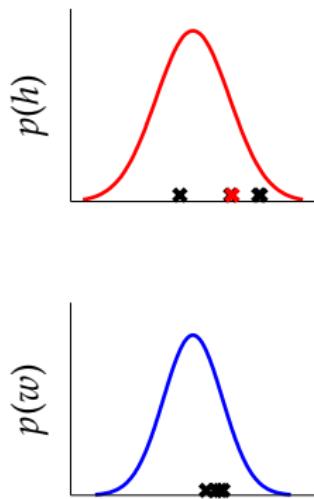
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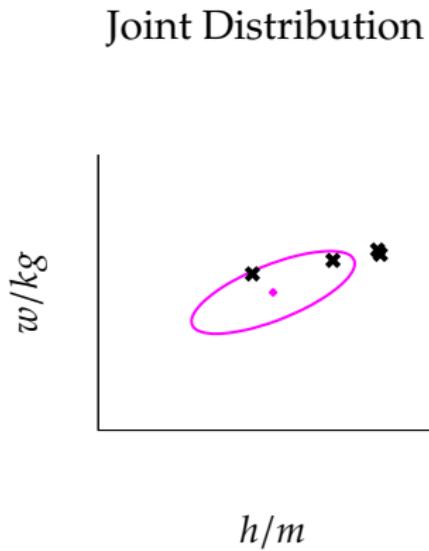
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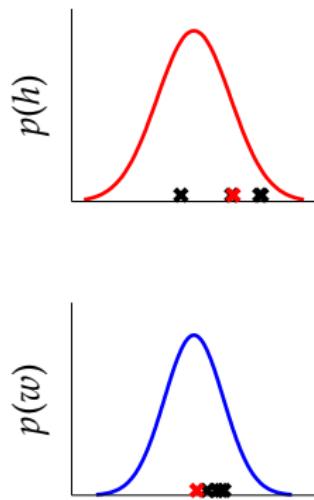
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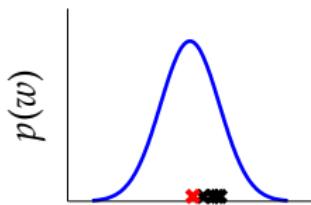
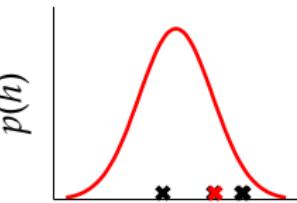
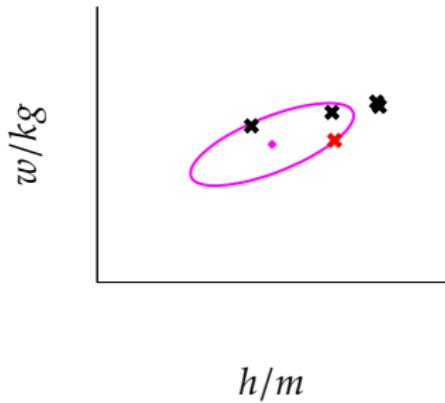
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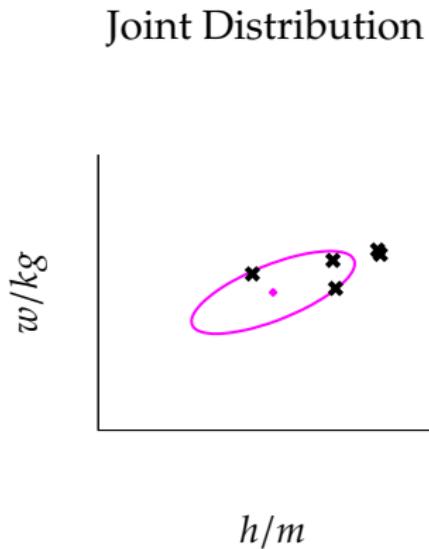
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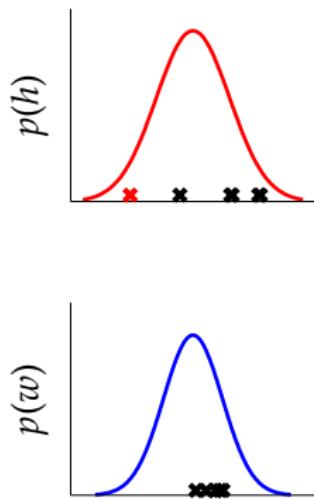
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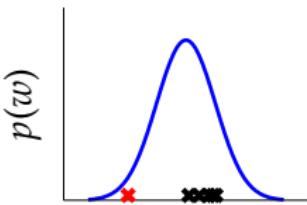
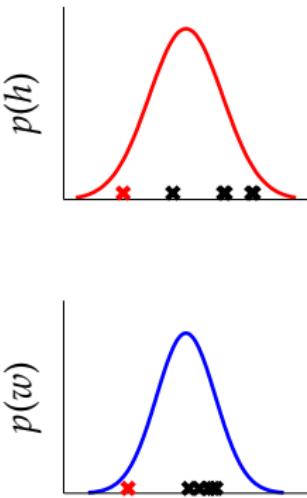
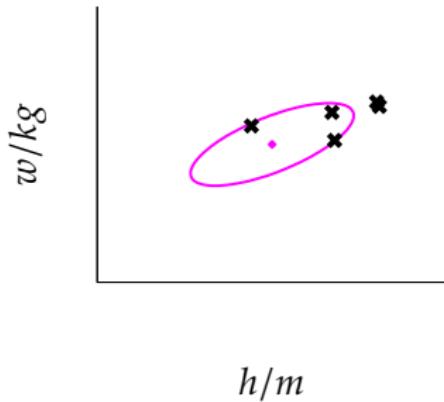
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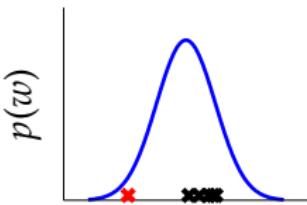
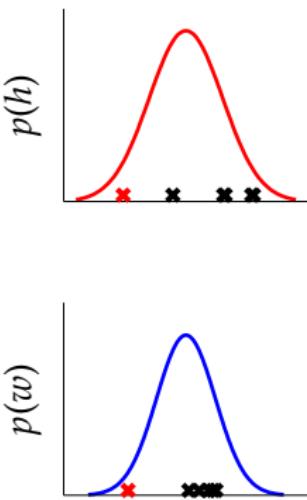
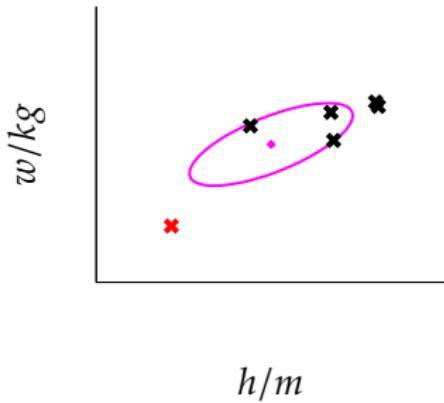
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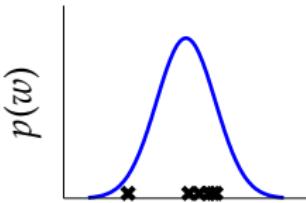
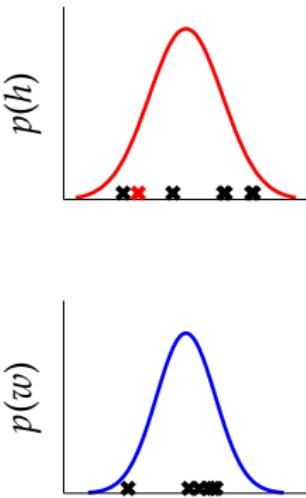
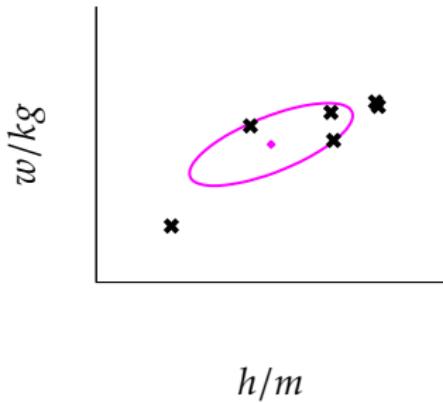
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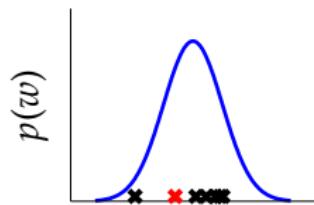
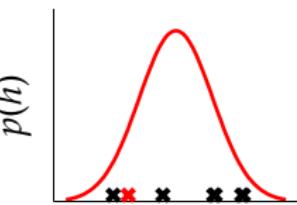
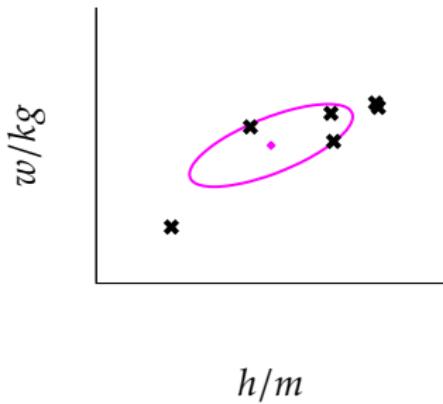
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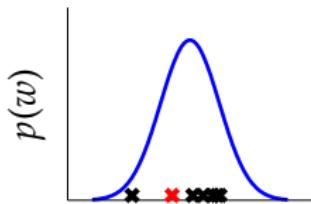
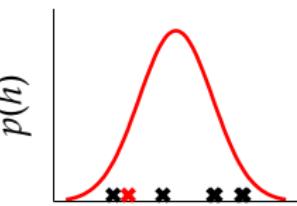
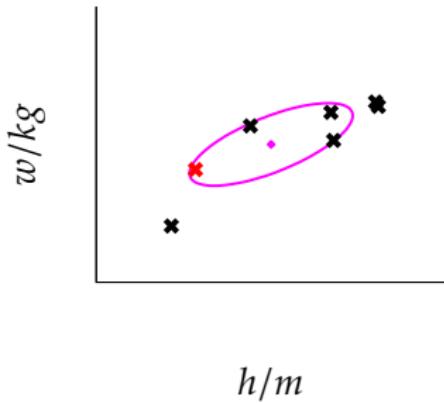
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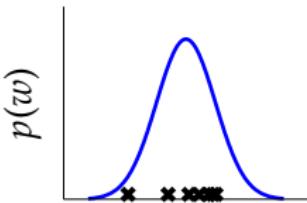
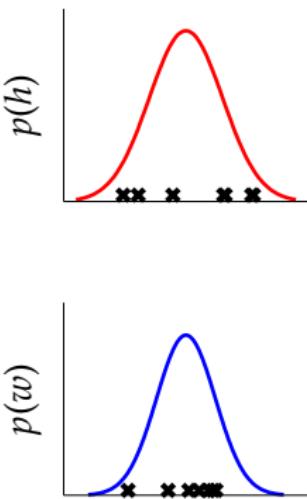
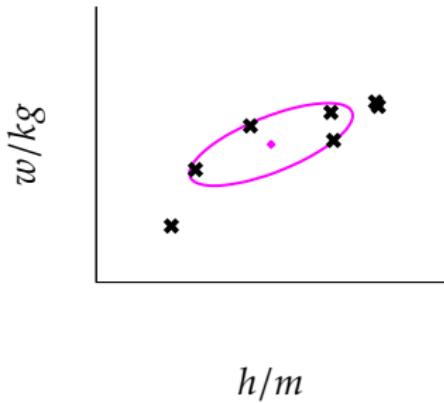
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# Independent Gaussians

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

## Independent Gaussians

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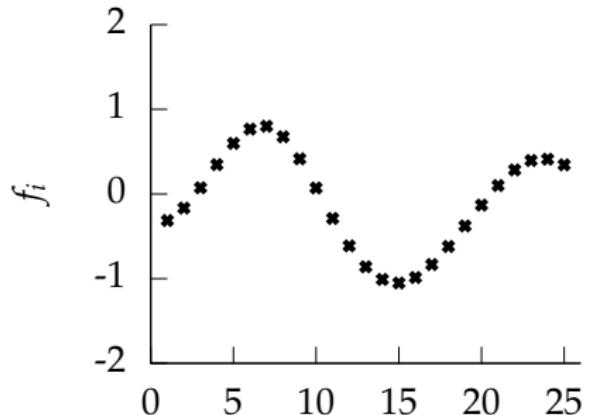
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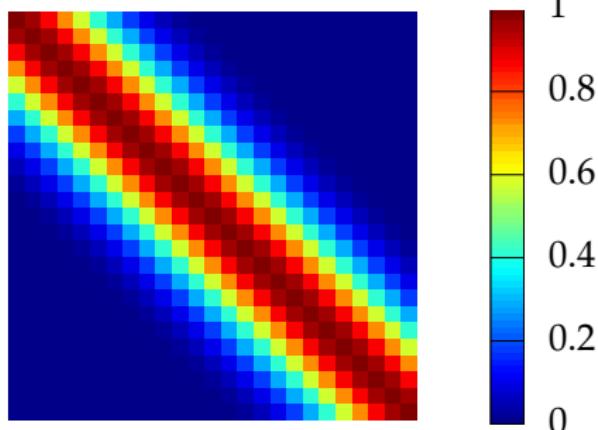
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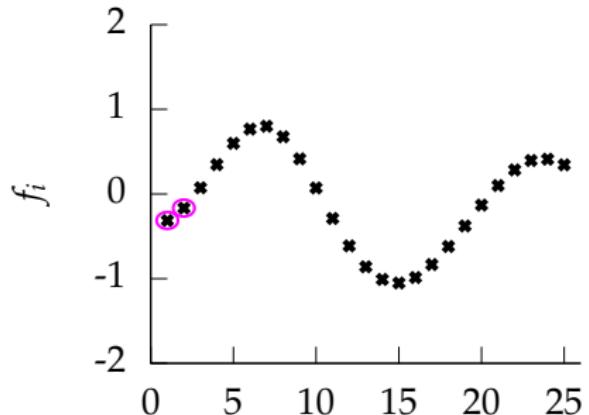
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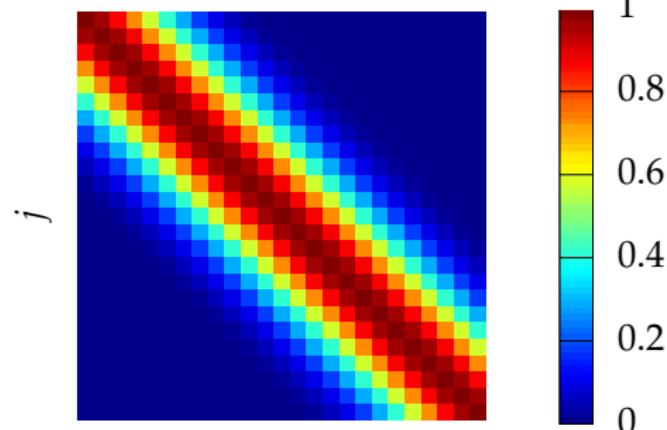
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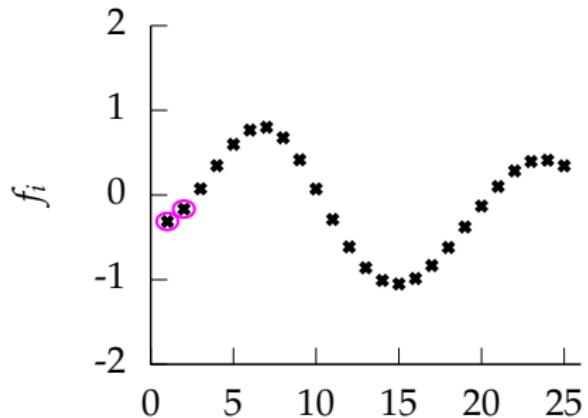
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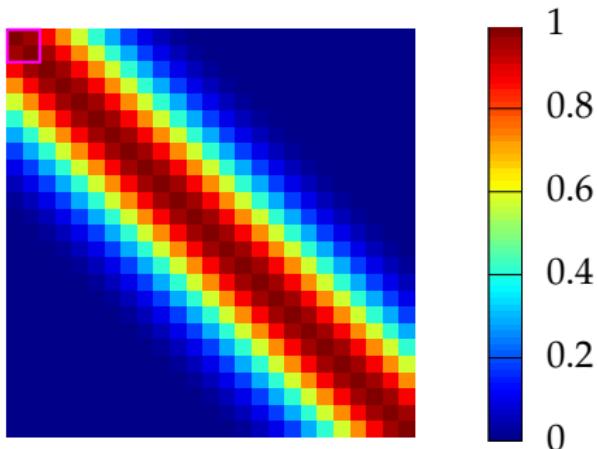
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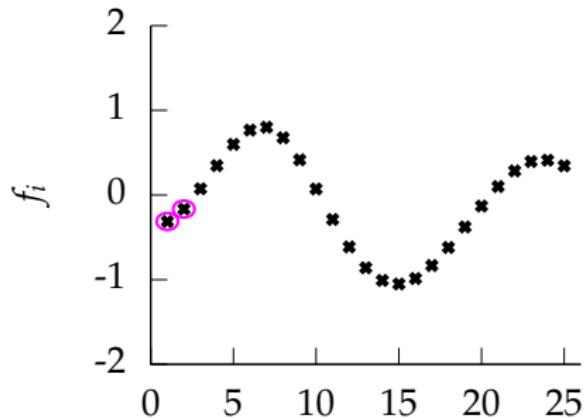
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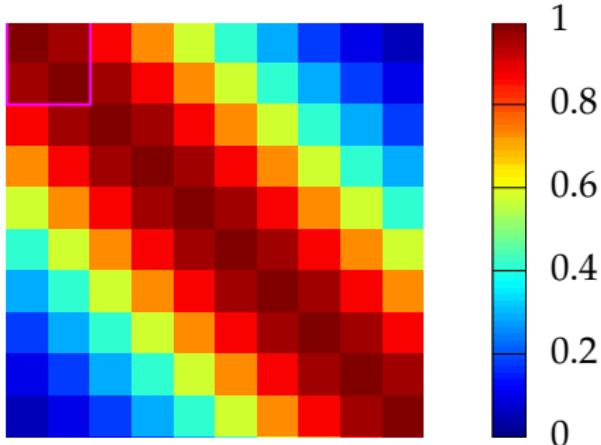
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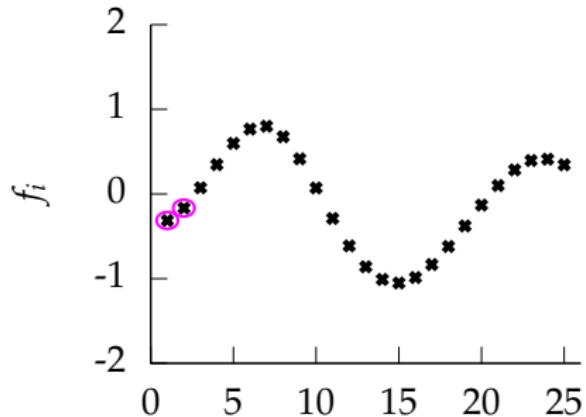
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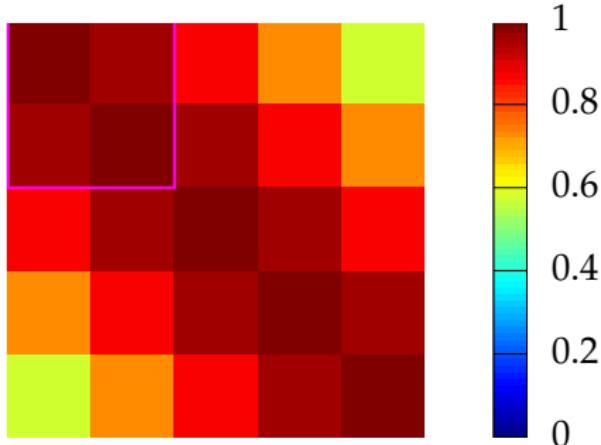
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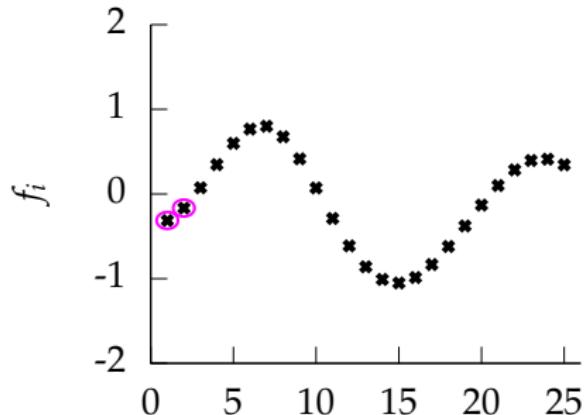
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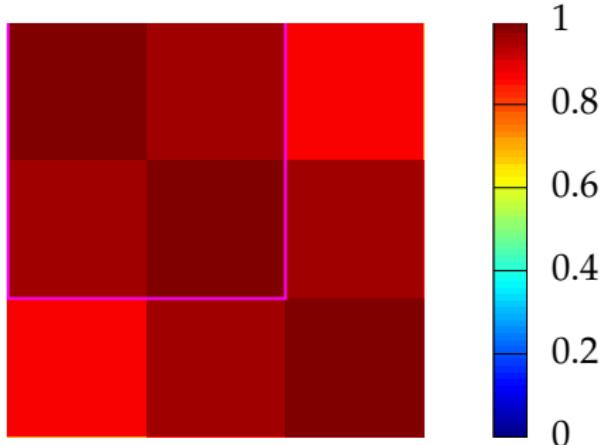
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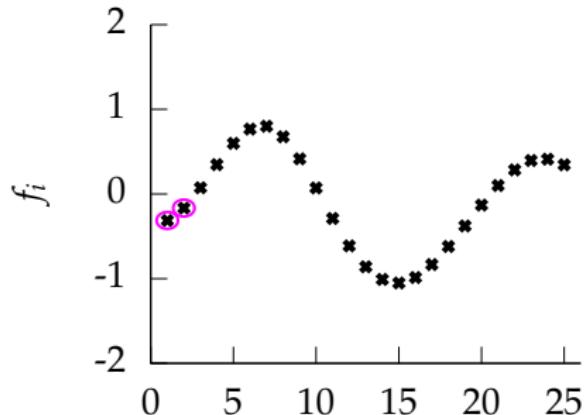
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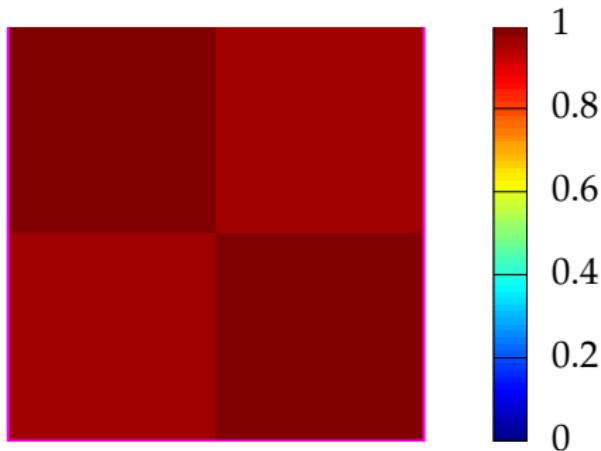
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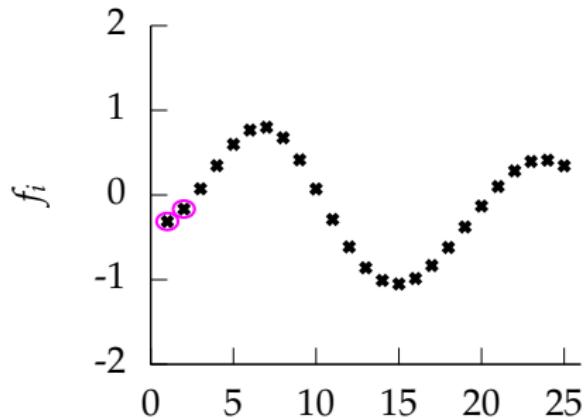
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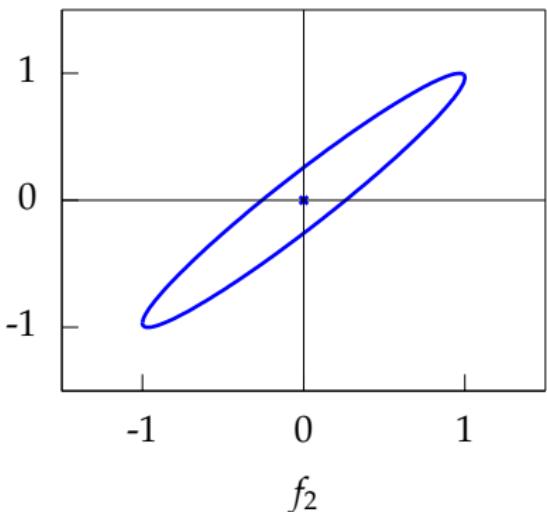
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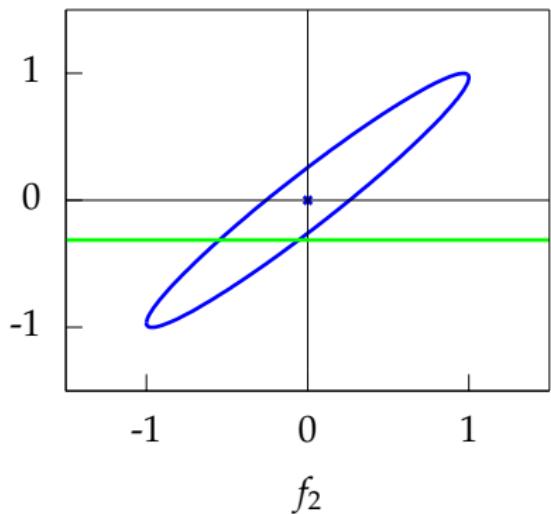
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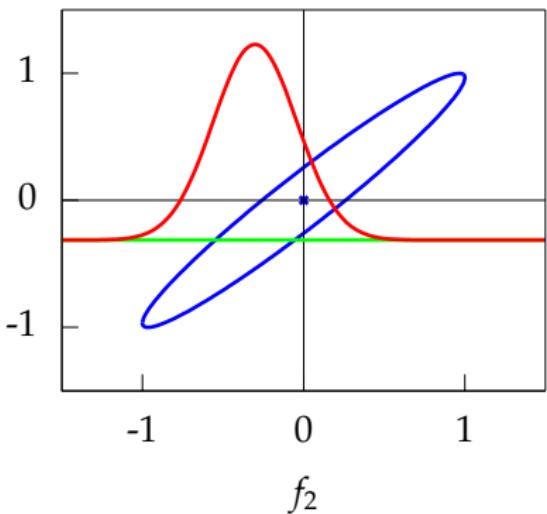
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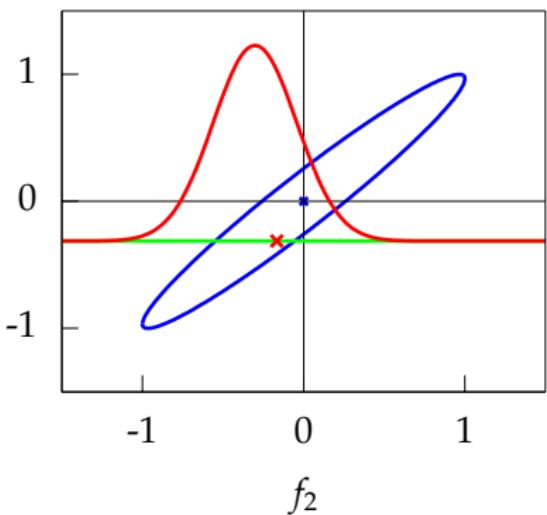
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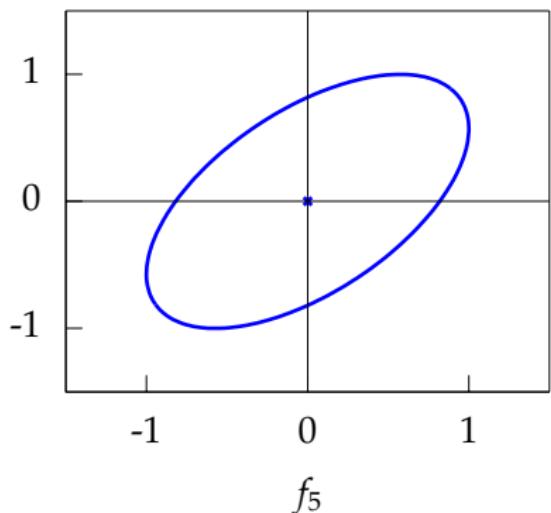
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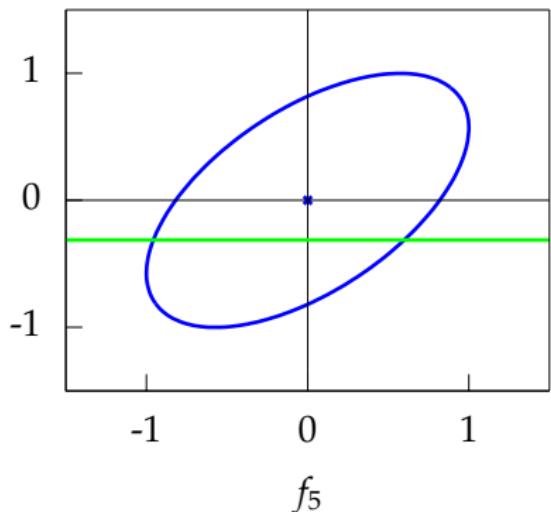
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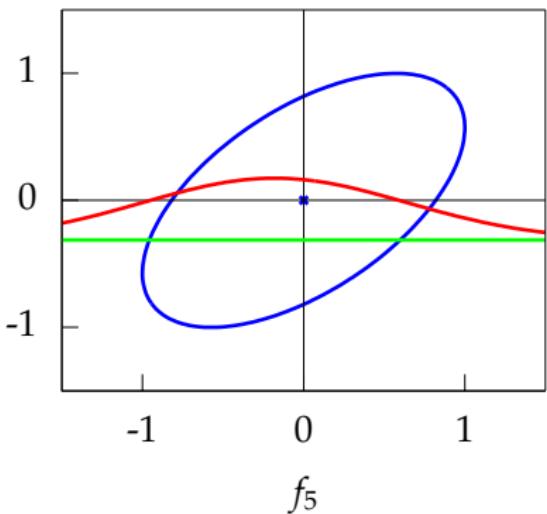
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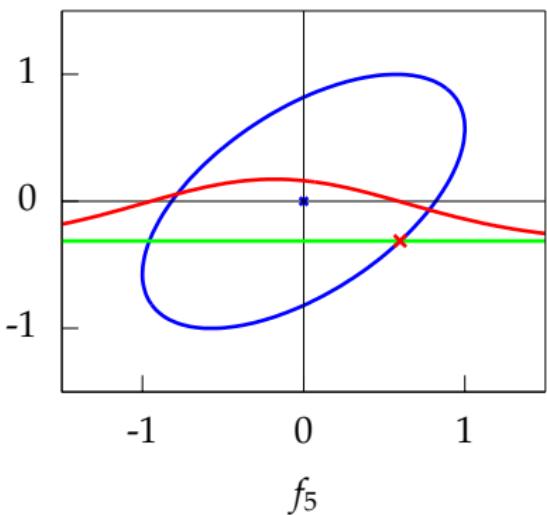
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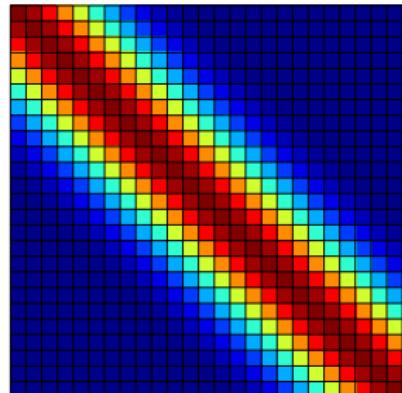
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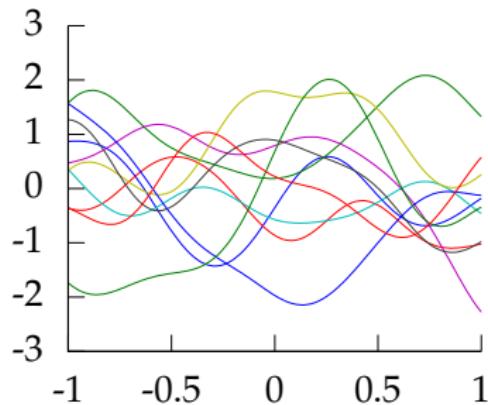
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$x_1 = -3.0, x_2 = 1.20$ , and  $x_3 = 1.40$  with  $\ell = 2.00$  and  $\alpha = 1.00$ .

# Covariance Functions

Where did this covariance matrix come from?

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$$x_3 = 1.40, x_2 = 1.20$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} & & \\ & 1.00 & 0.110 & 0.0889 \\ & 0.110 & 1.00 & \\ & 0.0889 & 0.995 & \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$k_{3,3} = 1.00 \times \exp\left(-\frac{(1.40-1.40)^2}{2 \times 2.00^2}\right)$$

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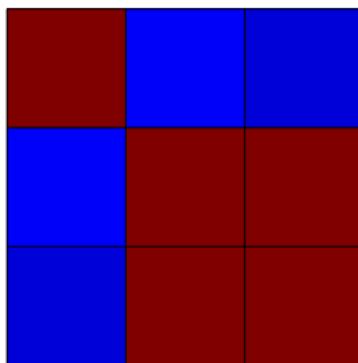
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$x_1 = -3, x_2 = 1.2, x_3 = 1.4$ , and  $x_4 = 2.0$  with  $\ell = 2.0$  and  $\alpha = 1.0$ .

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1.0 & 0.11 & 0.089 \\ 0.11 & 1.0 & 1.0 \\ 0.089 & 1.0 & 1.0 \\ 0.044 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1.0 & 0.11 & 0.089 & 0.044 \\ 0.11 & 1.0 & 1.0 & \\ 0.089 & 1.0 & 1.0 & \\ 0.044 & & & \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1.0 & 0.11 & 0.089 & 0.044 \\ 0.11 & 1.0 & 1.0 & \\ 0.089 & 1.0 & 1.0 & \\ 0.044 & 0.92 & & \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1.0 & 0.11 & 0.089 & 0.044 \\ 0.11 & 1.0 & 1.0 & 0.92 \\ 0.089 & 1.0 & 1.0 & \\ 0.044 & 0.92 & 0.96 & \end{bmatrix}$$

$x_1 = -3, x_2 = 1.2, x_3 = 1.4$ , and  $x_4 = 2.0$  with  $\ell = 2.0$  and  $\alpha = 1.0$ .

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$x_1 = -3, x_2 = 1.2, x_3 = 1.4$ , and  $x_4 = 2.0$  with  $\ell = 2.0$  and  $\alpha = 1.0$ .

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Where did this covariance matrix come from?

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$$k_{4,4} = 1.0 \times \exp\left(-\frac{(2.0-2.0)^2}{2 \times 2.0^2}\right)$$

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$$k_{4,4} = 1.0 \times \exp\left(-\frac{(2.0-2.0)^2}{2 \times 2.0^2}\right)$$

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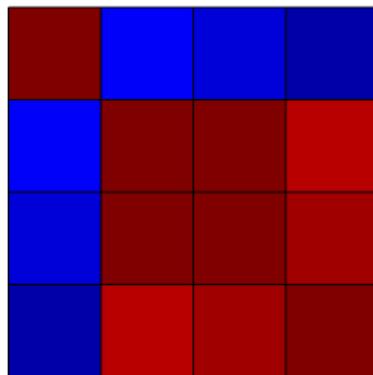
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$$k_{1,1} = 4.00 \times \exp\left(-\frac{(-3.0 - -3.0)^2}{2 \times 5.00^2}\right)$$

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$$k_{1,1} = 4.00 \times \exp\left(-\frac{(-3.0 - -3.0)^2}{2 \times 5.00^2}\right)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} & & \\ & 4.00 & \\ & & \end{bmatrix}$$

$x_1 = -3.0, x_2 = 1.20$ , and  $x_3 = 1.40$  with  $\ell = 5.00$  and  $\alpha = 4.00$ .

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$$x_2 = 1.20, x_1 = -3.0$$

$$k_{2,1} = 4.00 \times \exp\left(-\frac{(1.20 - -3.0)^2}{2 \times 5.00^2}\right)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} & 4.00 \\ & \end{bmatrix}$$

$x_1 = -3.0, x_2 = 1.20$ , and  $x_3 = 1.40$  with  $\ell = 5.00$  and  $\alpha = 4.00$ .

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$$x_2 = 1.20, x_1 = -3.0$$

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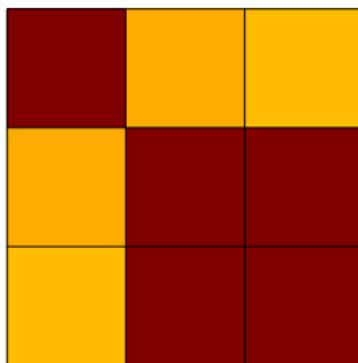
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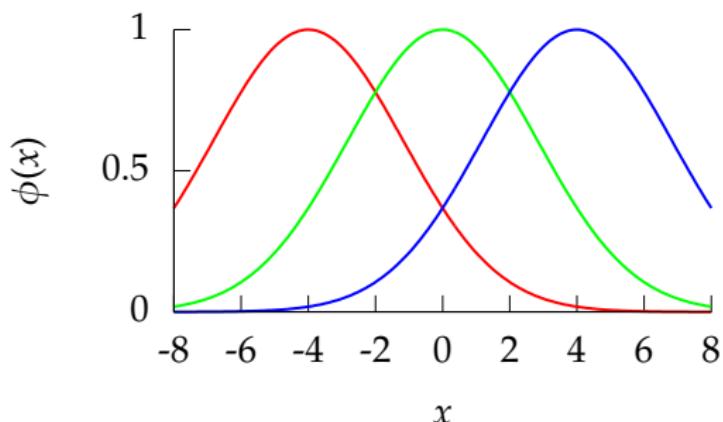
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**Figure:** A set of radial basis functions with width  $\ell = 2$  and location parameters  $\boldsymbol{\mu} = [-4 \ 0 \ 4]^\top$ .

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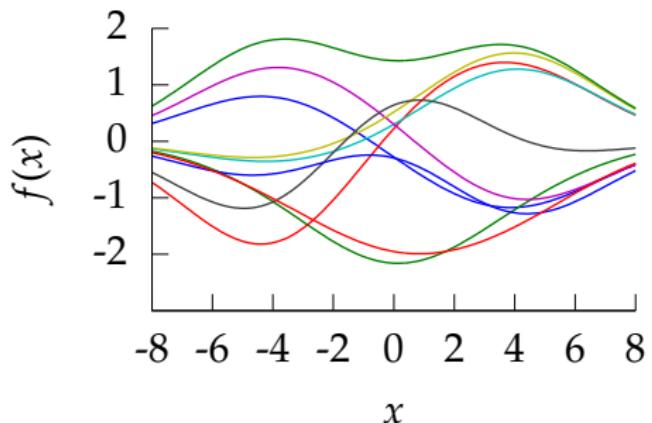
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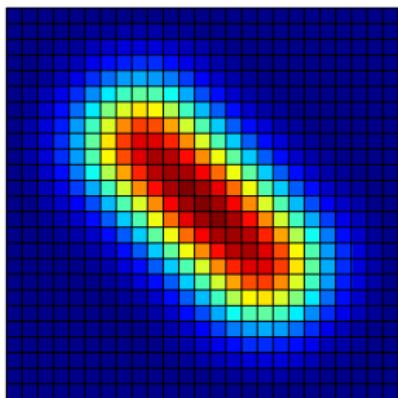
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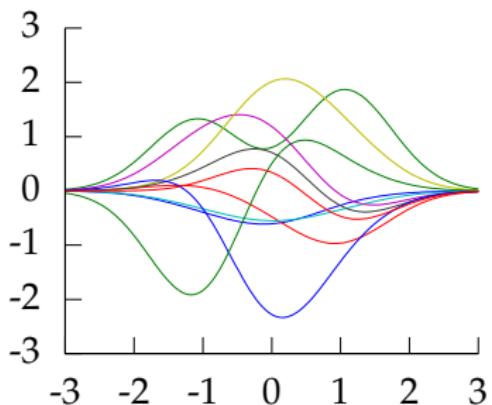
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**Similar results can be obtained for multi-dimensional input models Williams (1998); Neal (1996).**

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