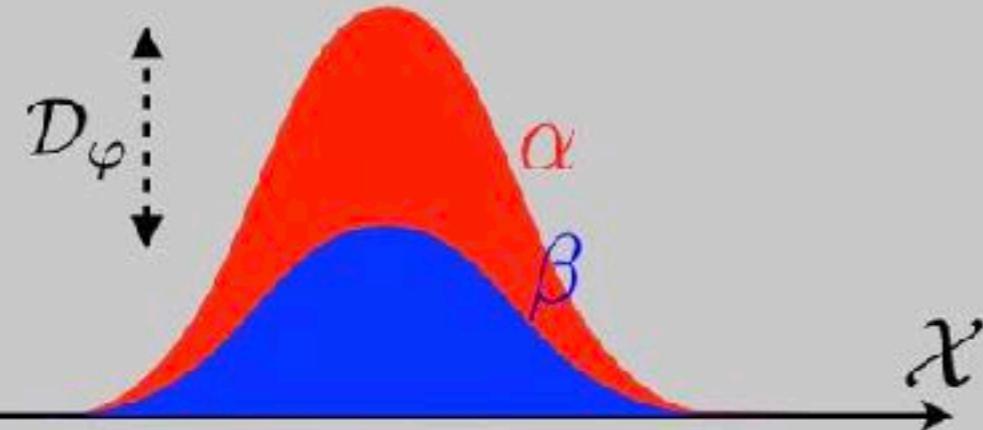


# **Measures and Probability**

Csiszár divergences:

$$\mathcal{D}_\varphi(\alpha|\beta) \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} \int_{\mathcal{X}} \varphi\left(\frac{d\alpha}{d\beta}\right) d\beta$$

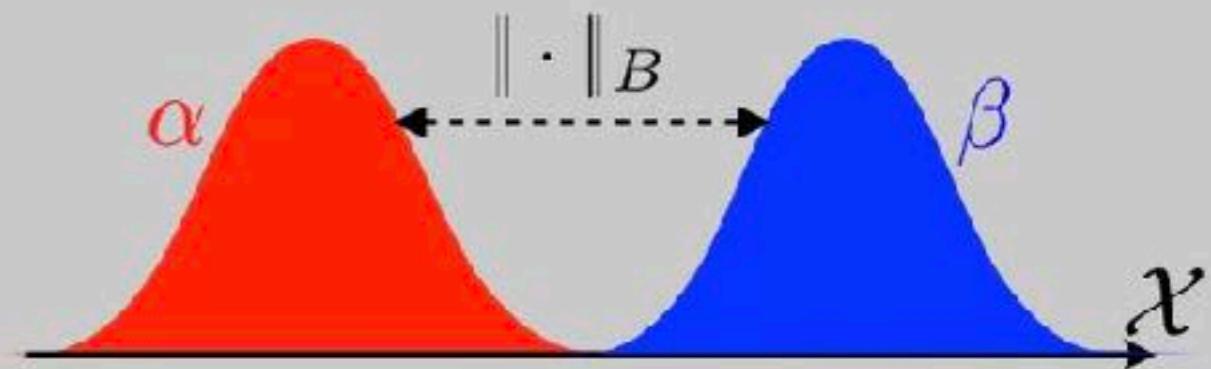


*Strong topology*

→ KL, TV,  $\chi^2$ , Hellinger ...

Dual norms:

$$\|\alpha - \beta\|_B \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} \max_{f \in B} \int_{\mathcal{X}} f(x)(d\alpha(x) - d\beta(x))$$

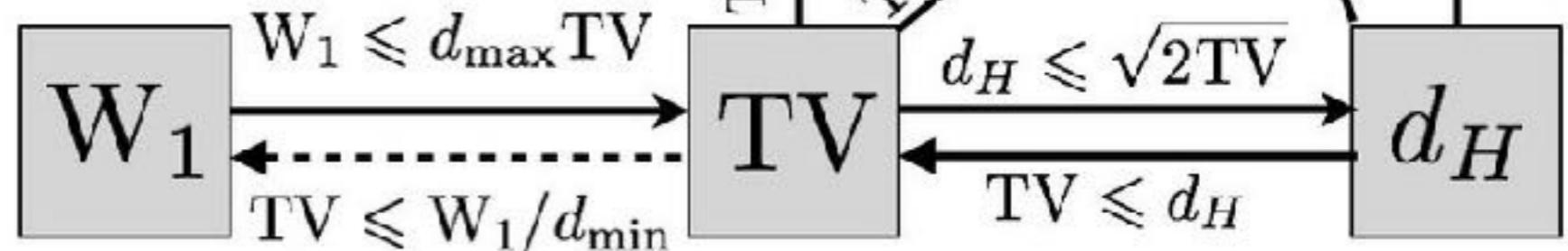
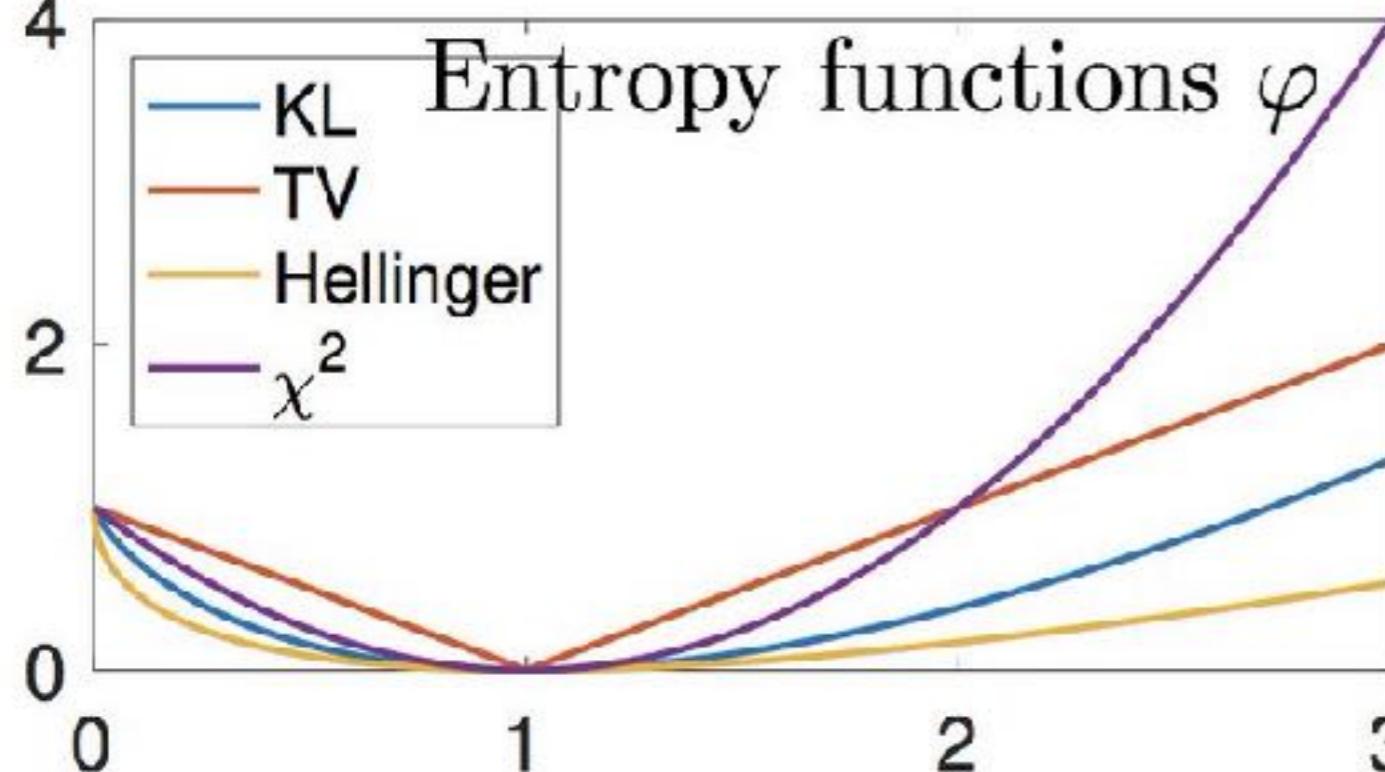


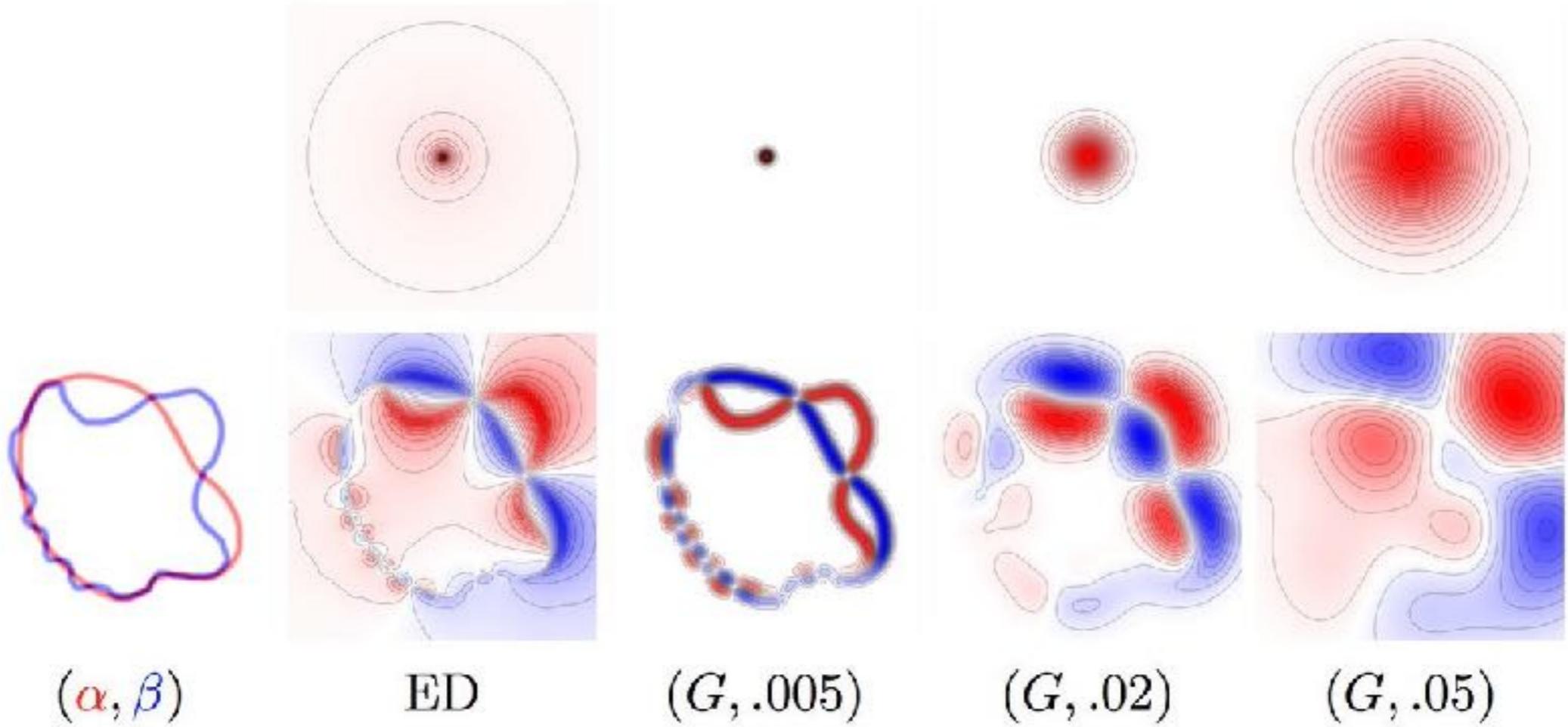
*Weak topology*

→  $W_1$ , flat, RKHS\*, energy dist, ...

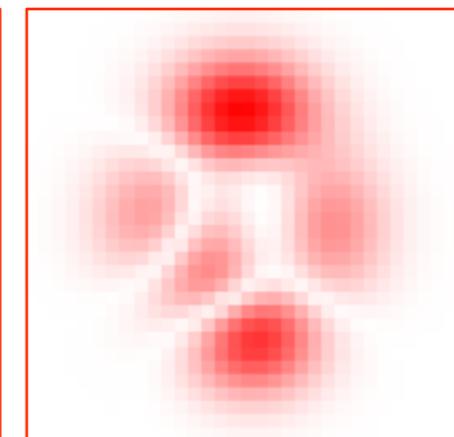
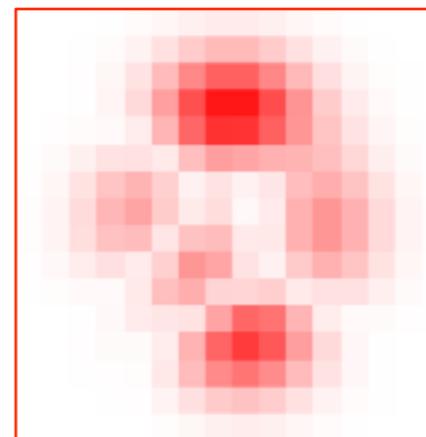
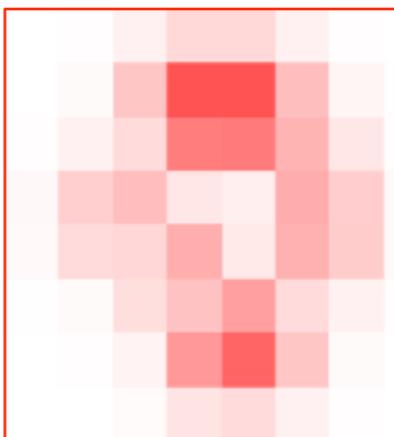
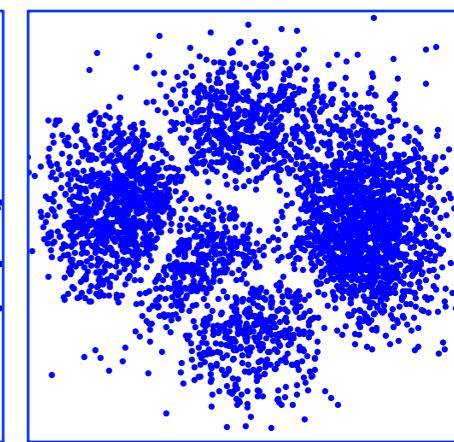
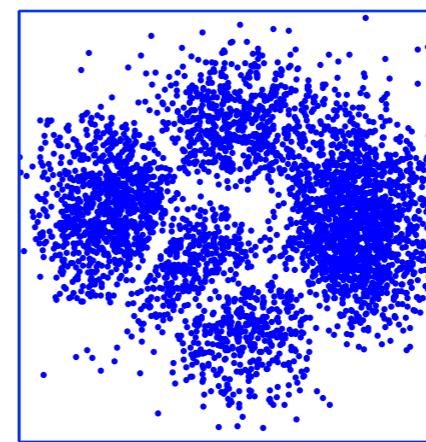
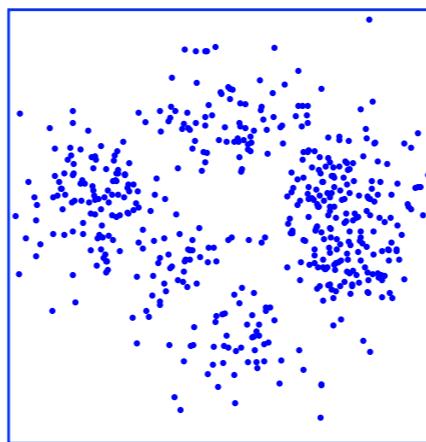
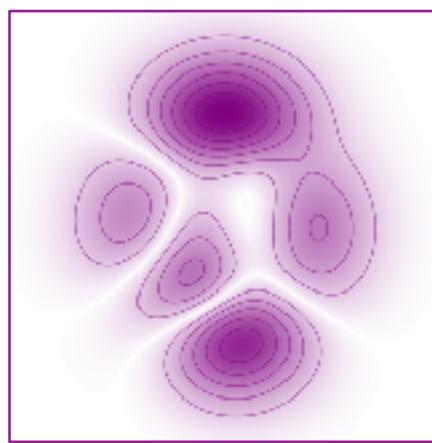
$$\mathcal{D}_\varphi(\alpha|\beta) \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} \int_{\mathcal{X}} \varphi\left(\frac{d\alpha}{d\beta}\right) d\beta + \varphi'_\infty \alpha^\perp(\mathcal{X})$$

$$\varphi'_\infty = \lim_{x \uparrow +\infty} \varphi(x)/x \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$$





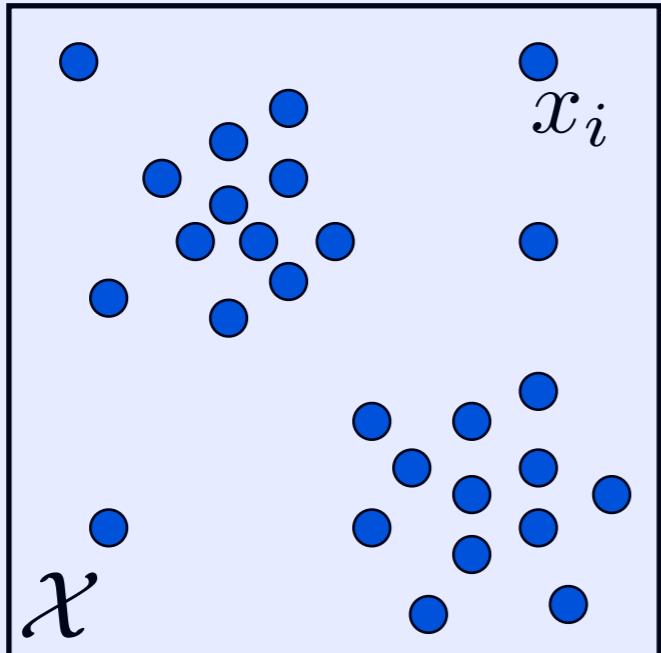
**Figure 8.4:** Top row: display of  $\psi$  such that  $\|\alpha - \beta\|_k = \|\psi \star (\alpha - \beta)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)}$ , formally defined over Fourier as  $\hat{\psi}(\omega) = \sqrt{\hat{\varphi}(\omega)}$  where  $k^*(x, x') = \varphi(x - x')$ . Bottom row: display of  $\psi \star (\alpha - \beta)$ .  $(G, \sigma)$  stands for Gaussian kernel of variance  $\sigma^2$  and ED for Energy Distance kernel (in which case  $\psi(x) = 1/\sqrt{\|x\|}$ ).



Discrete measure:  $\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{a}_i \delta_{x_i} \quad x_i \in \mathcal{X}, \quad \sum_i \mathbf{a}_i = 1$

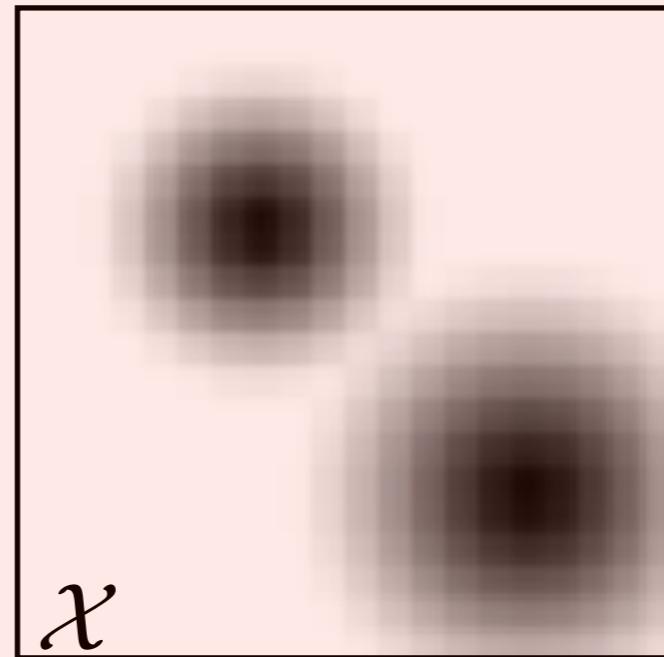
*Lagrangian (point clouds)*

Constant weights  $\mathbf{a}_i = \frac{1}{n}$



*Eulerian (histograms)*

Fixed positions  $x_i$  (e.g. grid)

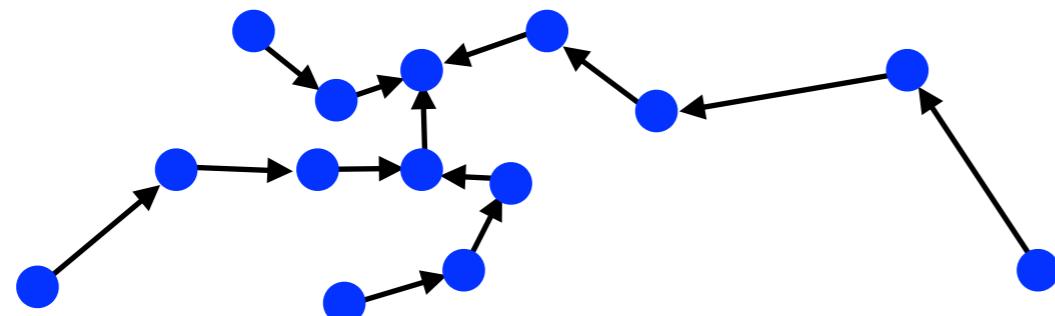
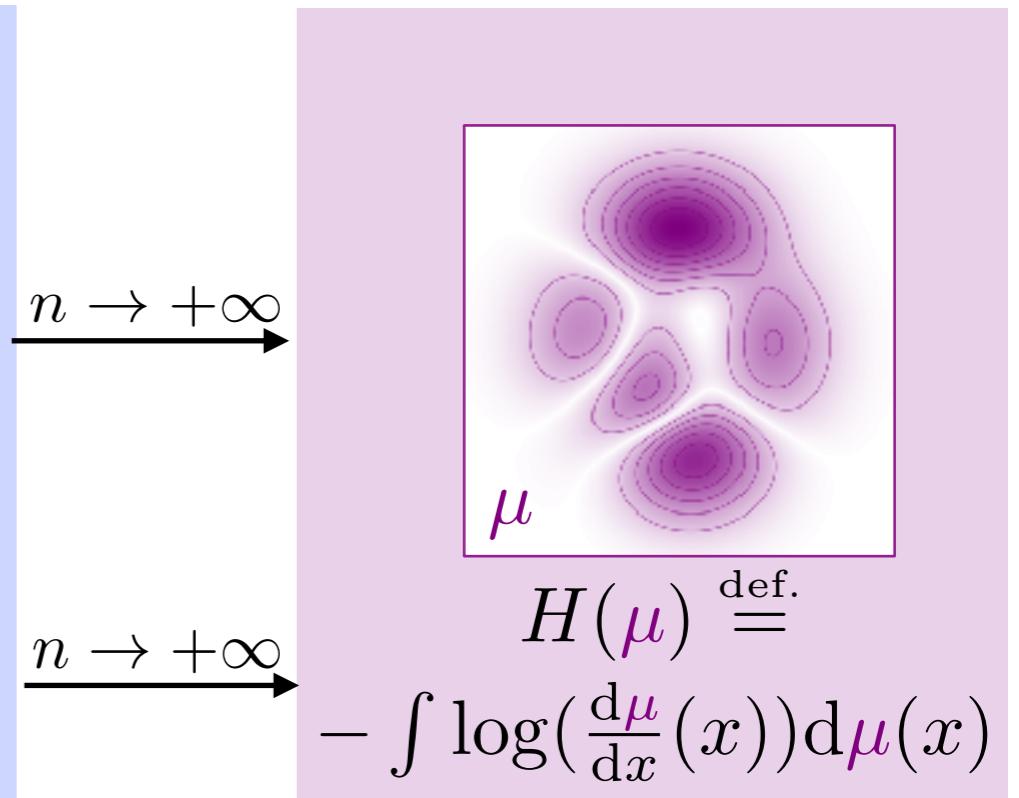
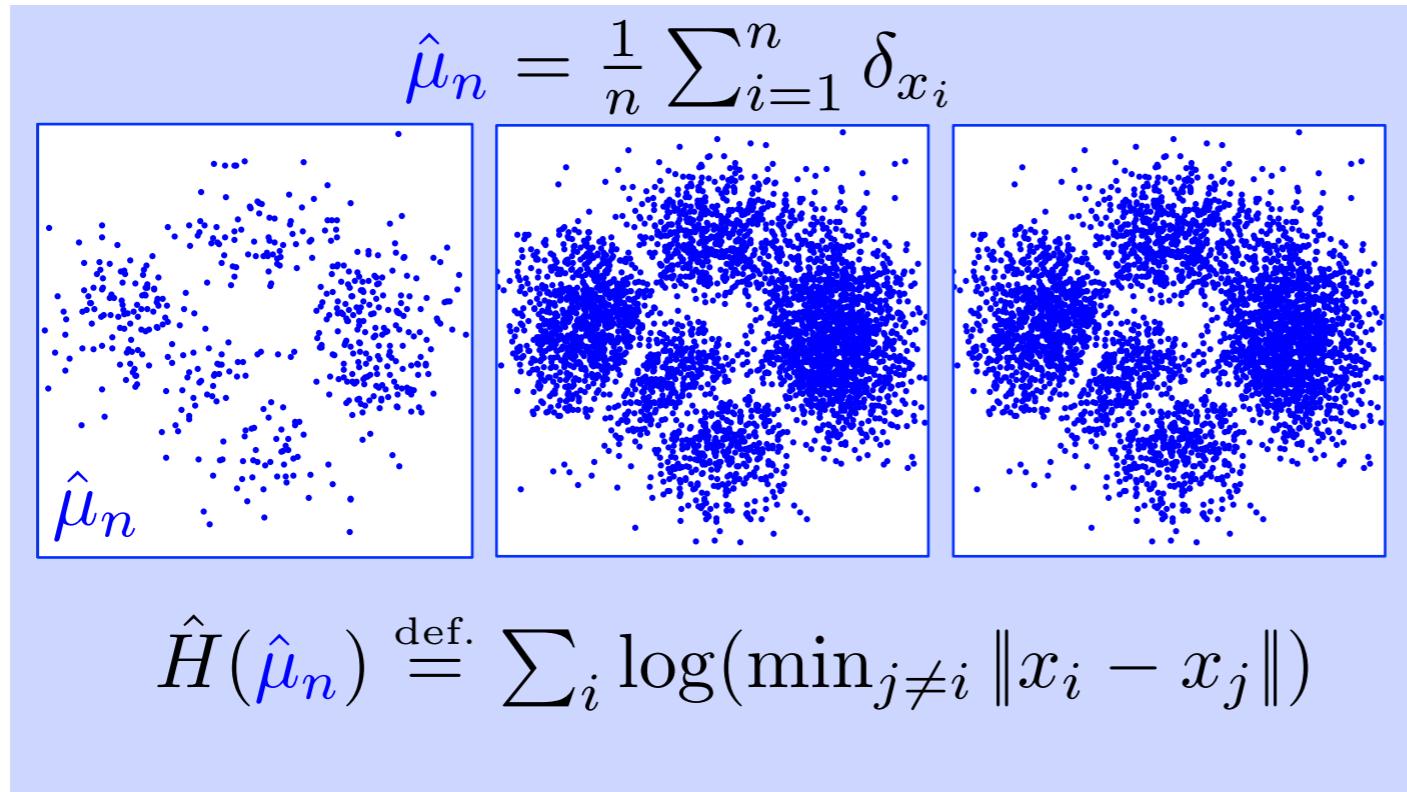


Quotient space:

$$\mathcal{X}^n / \text{Perm}(n)$$

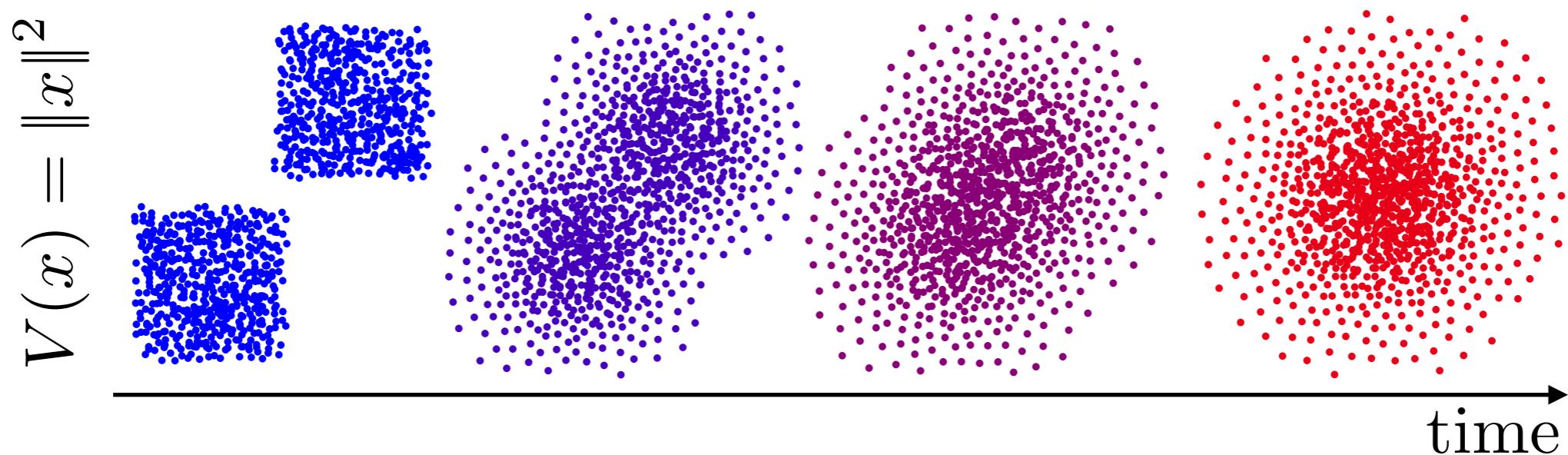
Convex polytope (simplex):

$$\{(\mathbf{a}_i)_i \geqslant 0 ; \sum_i \mathbf{a}_i = 1\}$$



$$\min_{\rho} E(\rho) \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} \int V(x)\rho(x)dx + \int \rho(x) \log(\rho(x))dx$$

Wasserstein flow of  $E$ :  $\frac{d\rho_t}{dt} = \Delta\rho_t + \nabla(V\rho_t)$

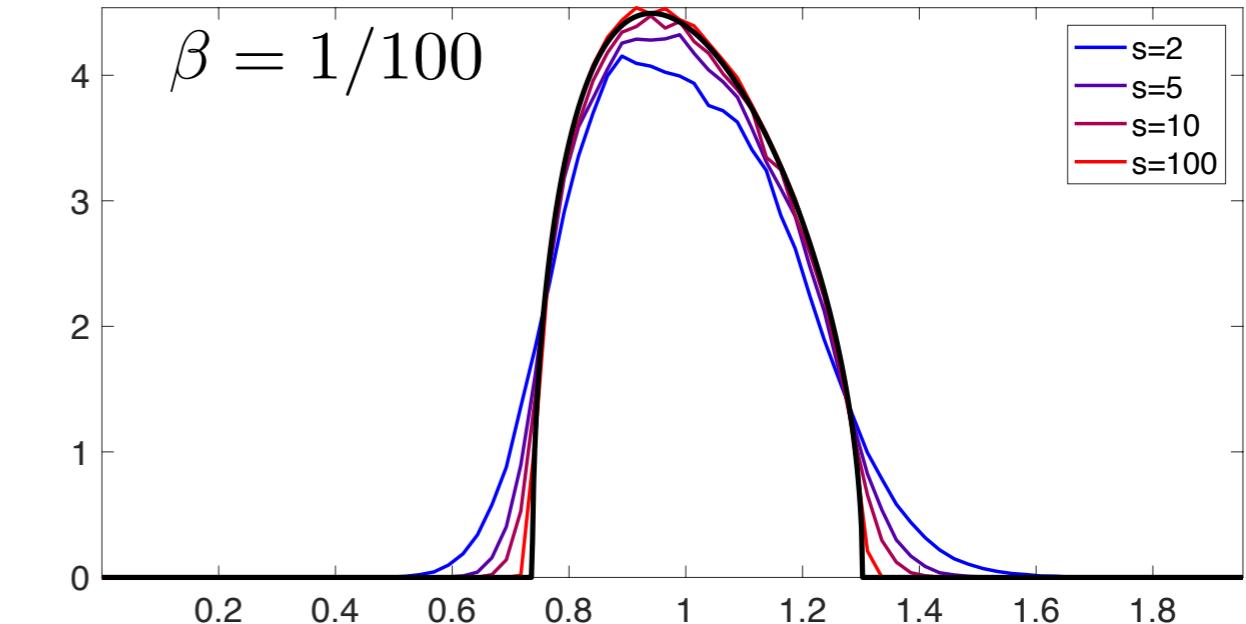
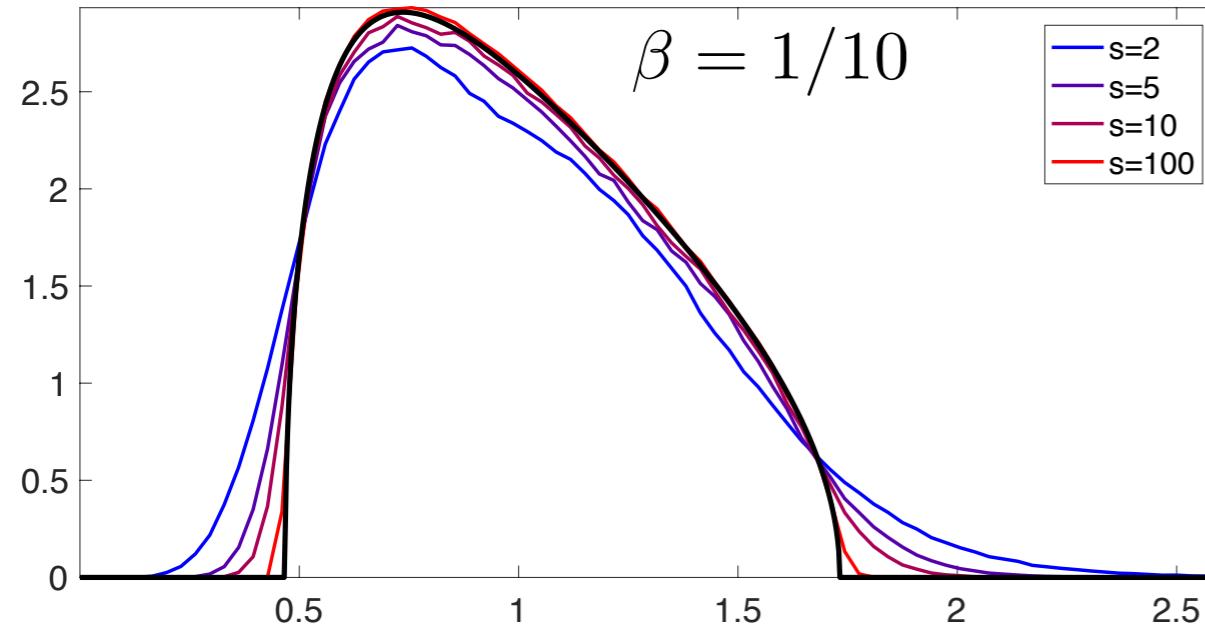
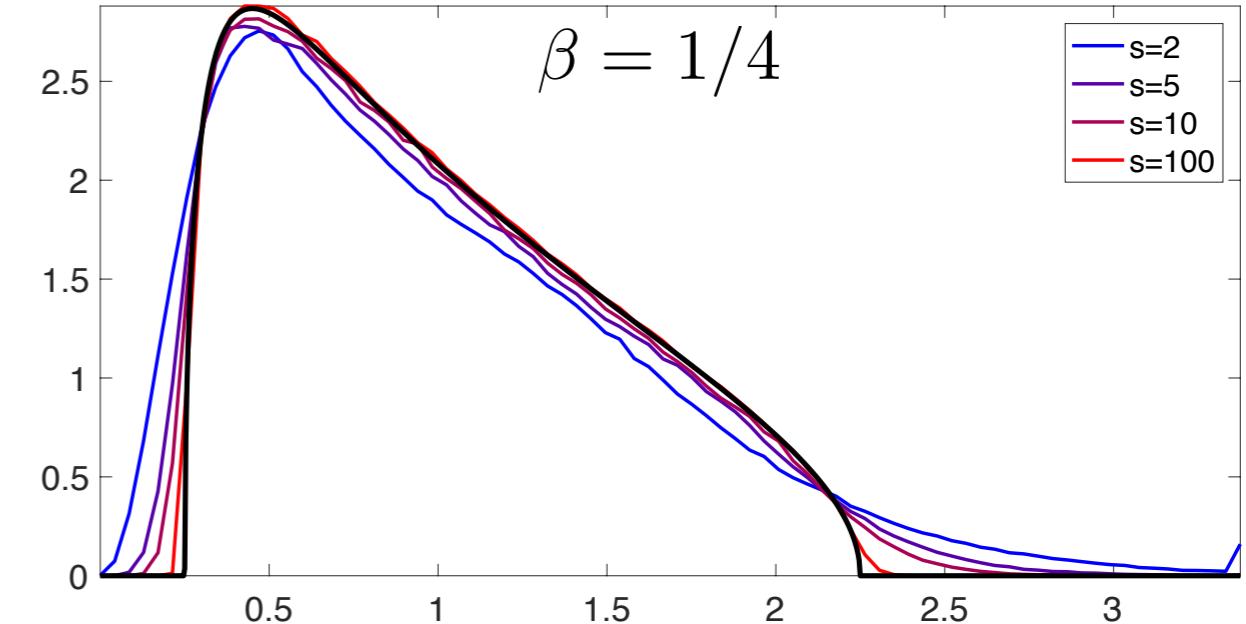
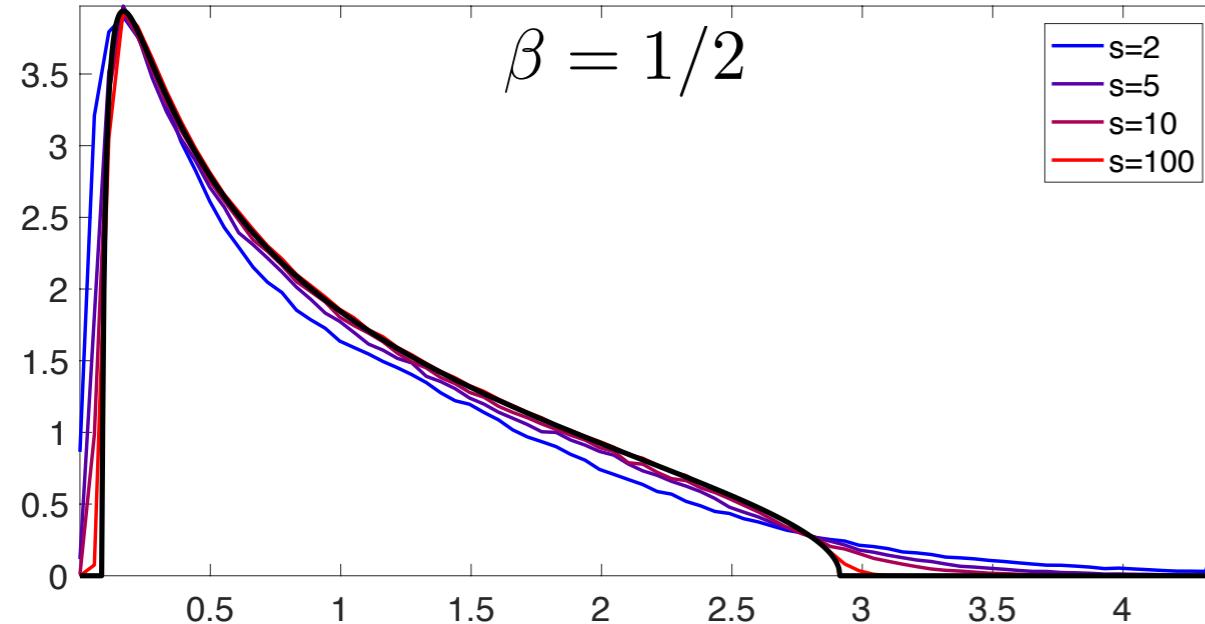


$$B \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{P}} \text{randn}(P, s)$$

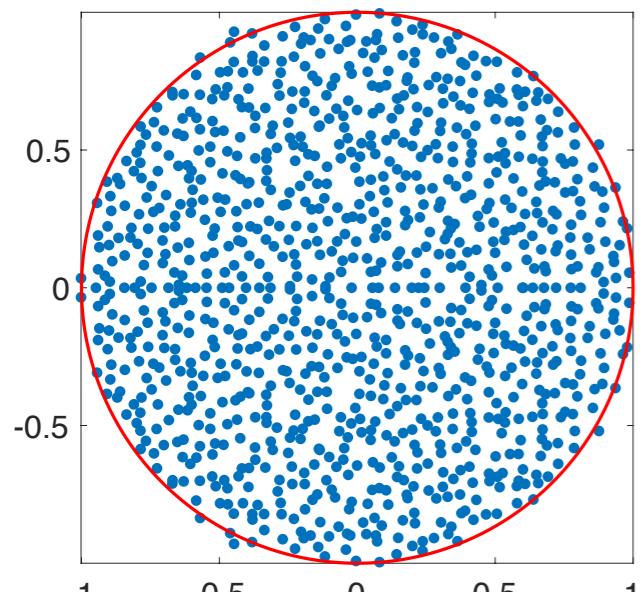
$$\mathbb{P}(\text{eig}(B^\top B) \in [u, v]) \xrightarrow[s \rightarrow +\infty]{\beta \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} \frac{s}{P}} \int_u^v f_\beta(\lambda) d\lambda$$

$$f_\beta(\lambda) \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} \frac{1}{2\pi\beta\lambda} \sqrt{(\lambda - \lambda_-)(\lambda_+ - \lambda)} 1_{[\lambda_-, \lambda_+] }(\lambda)$$

[Marcenko-Pastur]  
 $\lambda_\pm \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} (1 \pm \sqrt{\beta})^2$

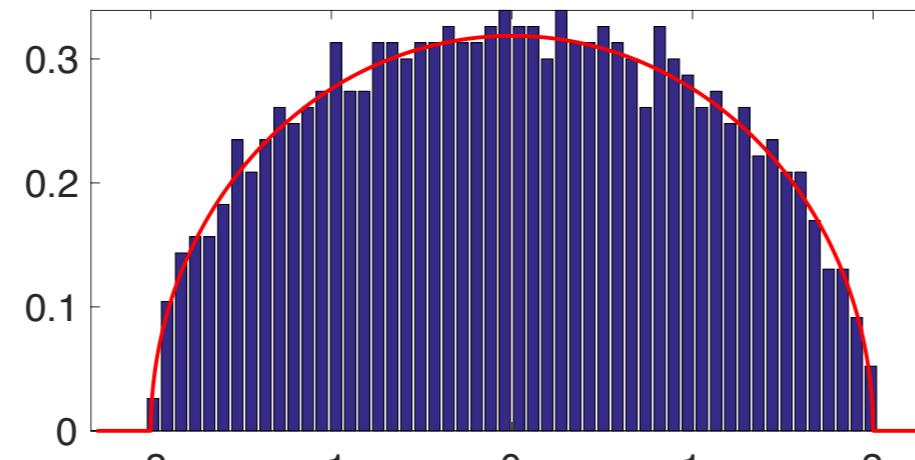


`eig(randn(N, N))`



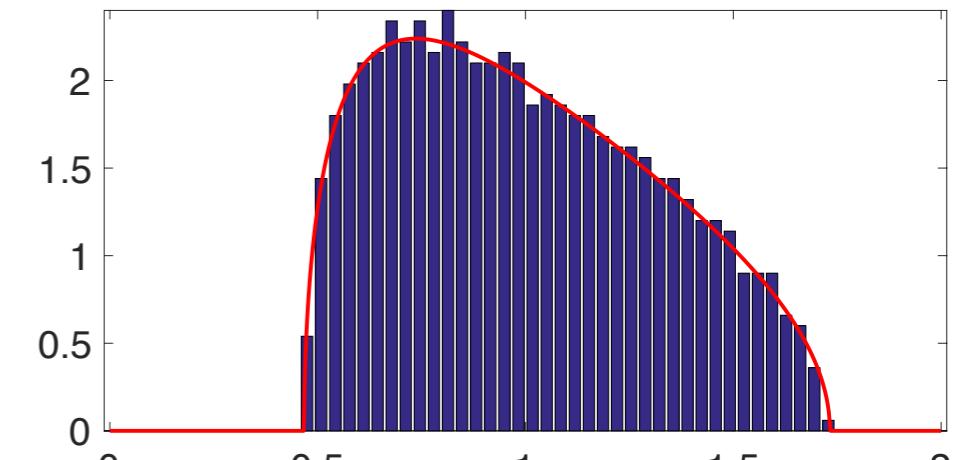
Circle law

$A = \text{randn}(N)$   
 $\text{eig}(A + A^\top)$



Semi-circle law

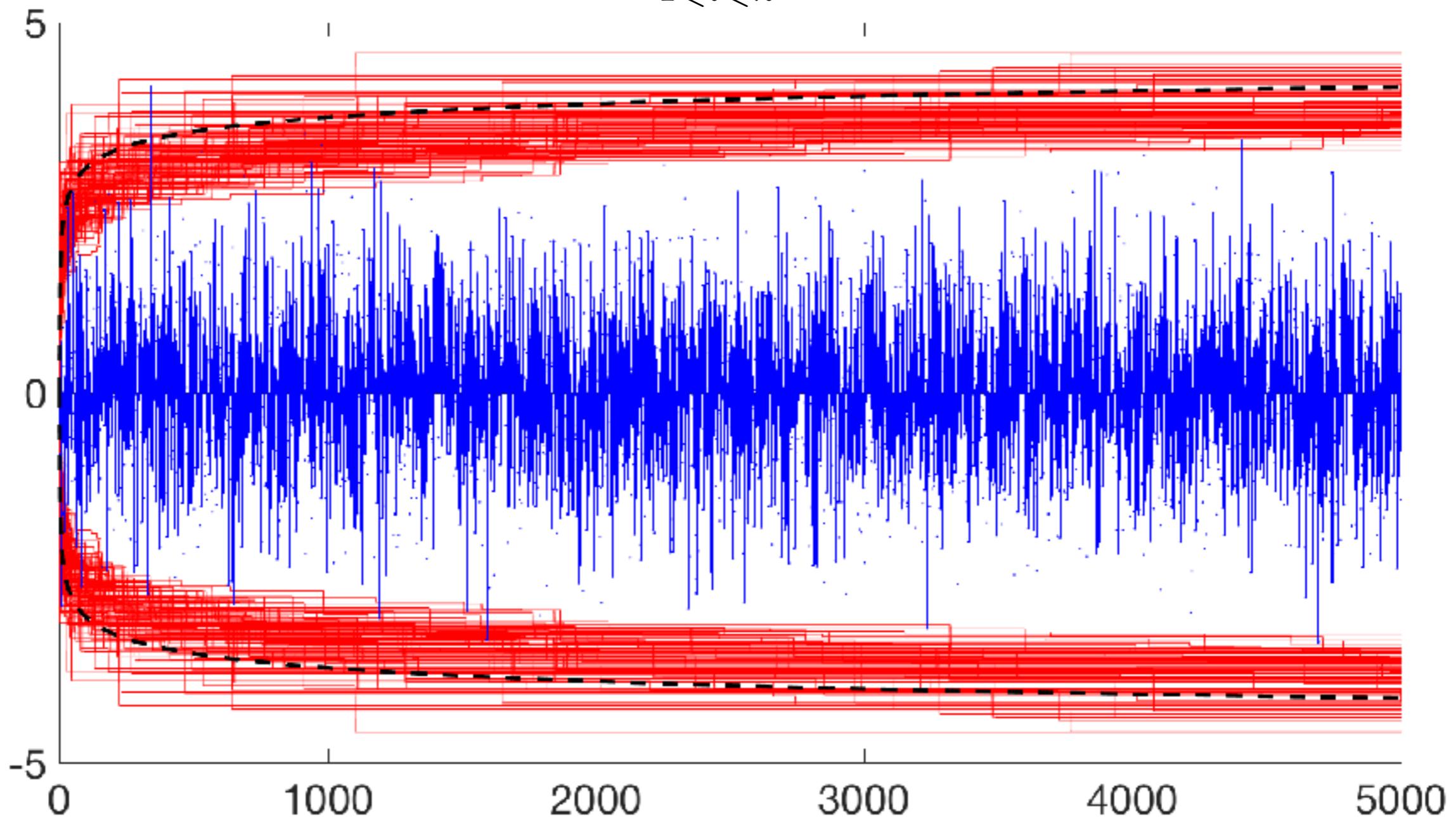
$B = \text{randn}(N, N/10)$   
 $\text{eig}(B^\top B)$



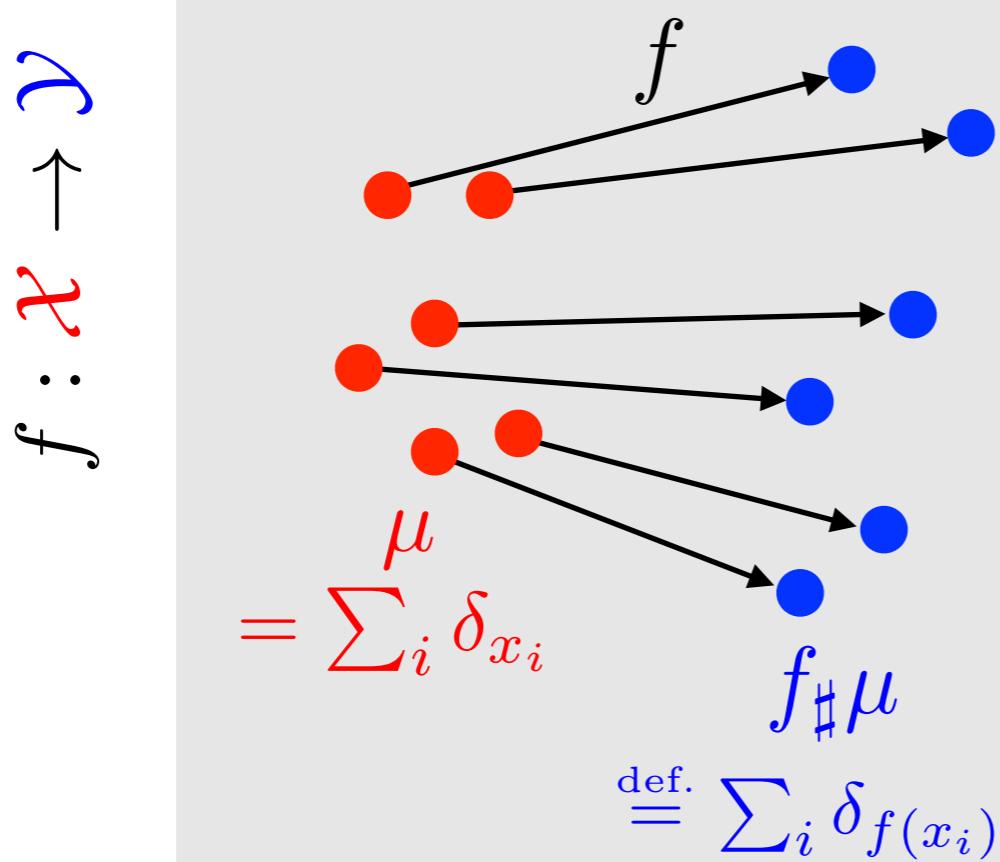
Marcenko Pastur law

$$X_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

$$\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |X_i| \sim \sqrt{2 \log(n)}$$

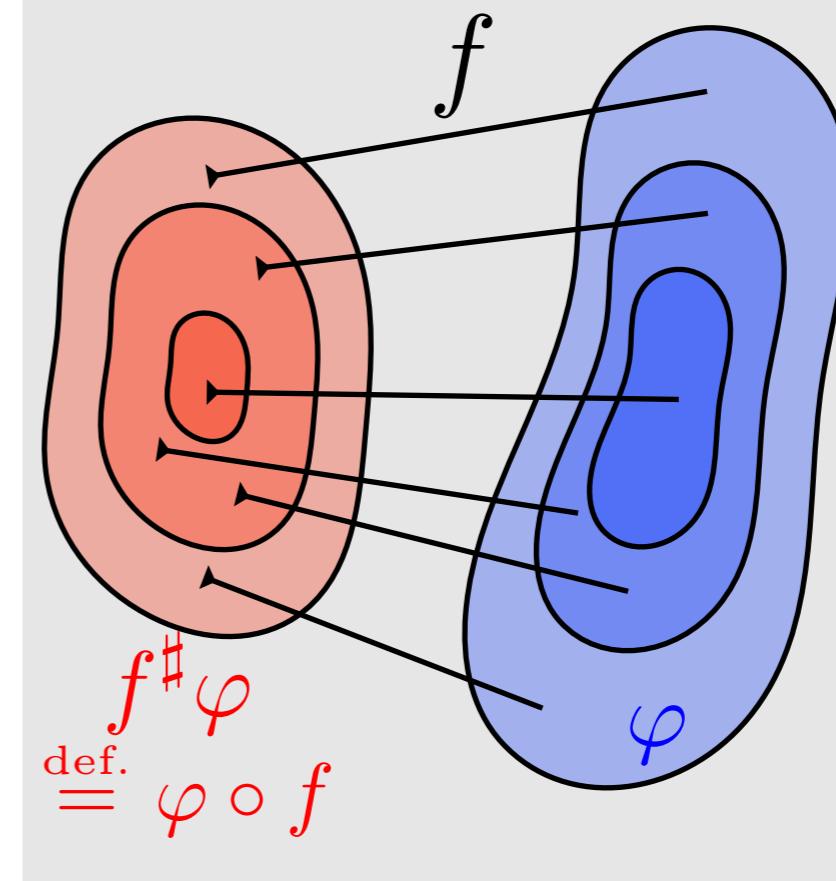


## Measures: push-forward



$$f_\# : \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{X}) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{Y})$$

## Functions: pull-back



$$f^\# : \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{Y}) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{X})$$

*Remark:*  $f^\#$  and  $f_\#$  are adjoints

$$\int_{\mathcal{Y}} \varphi d(f_\# \mu) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} (f^\# \varphi) d\mu$$

Random vectors

$$\mathbb{P}(\textcolor{red}{X} \in A)$$

Weak\* convergence:

$\forall$  set  $A$

$$\mathbb{P}(\textcolor{red}{X}_n \in A) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} \mathbb{P}(\textcolor{red}{X} \in A)$$

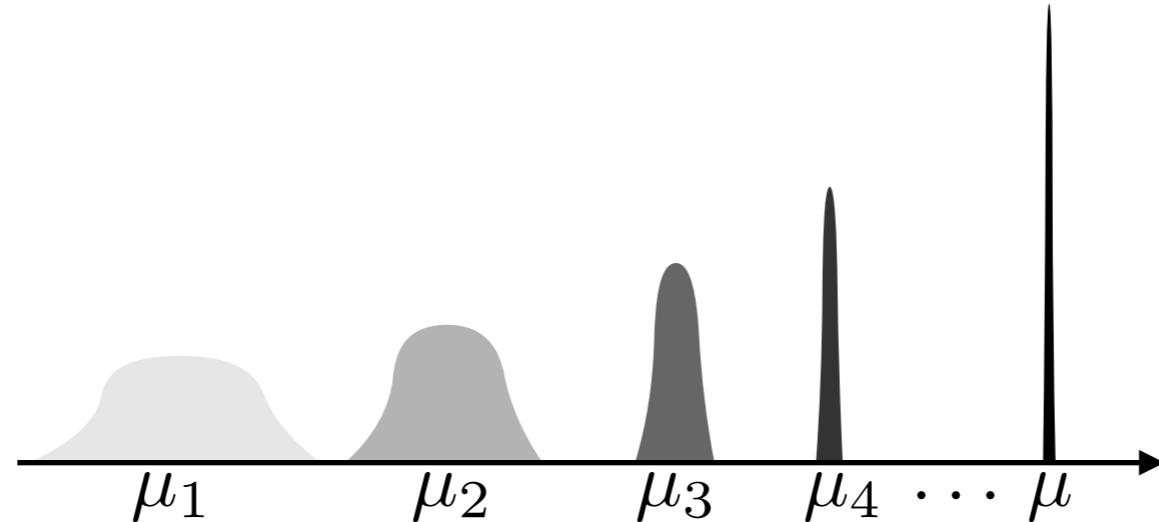
Radon measures

$$\int_A d\mu(x)$$

Convergence in law:

$\forall$  continuous function  $f$

$$\int f d\mu_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} \int f d\mu$$



In mean

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \mathbb{E}(|X_n - X|^p) = 0$$

Almost sure

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} X_n = X\right) = 1$$



In probability

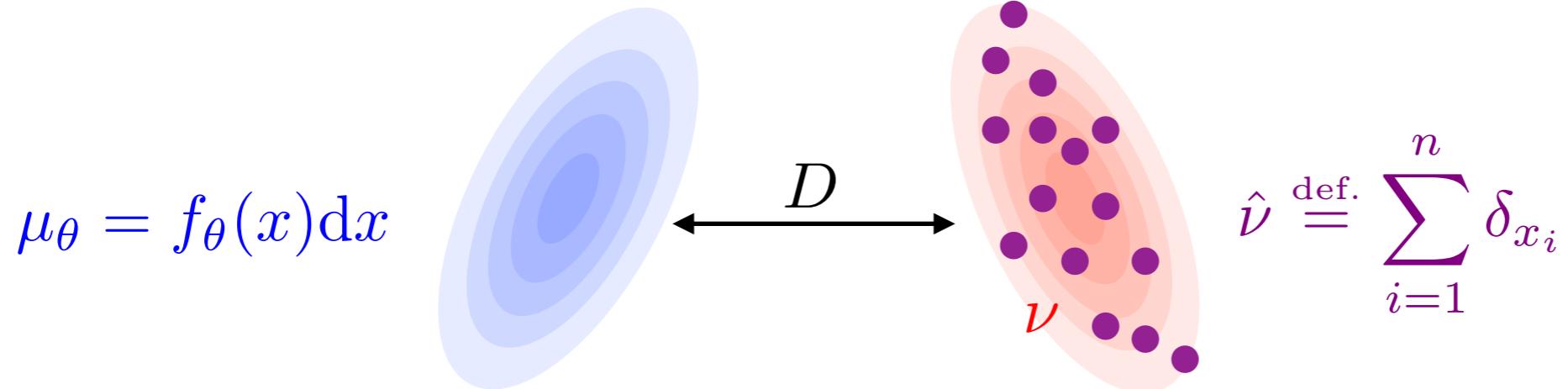
$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \mathbb{P}(|X_n - X| > \varepsilon) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} 0$$



In law

$$\mathbb{P}(X_n \in A) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} \mathbb{P}(X \in A)$$

(the  $X_n$  can be defined on different spaces)

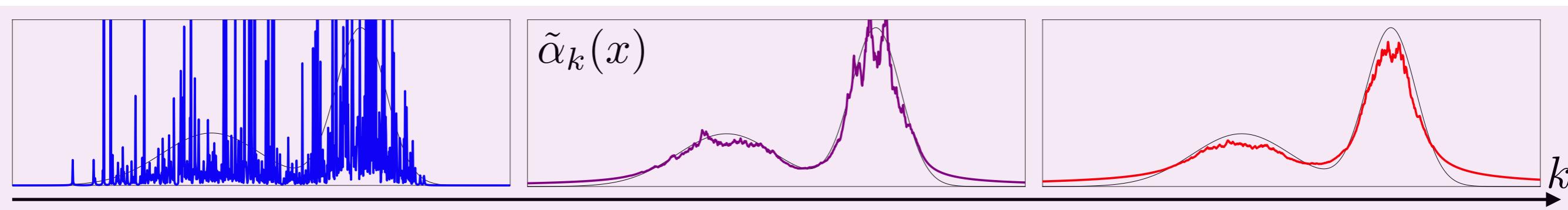
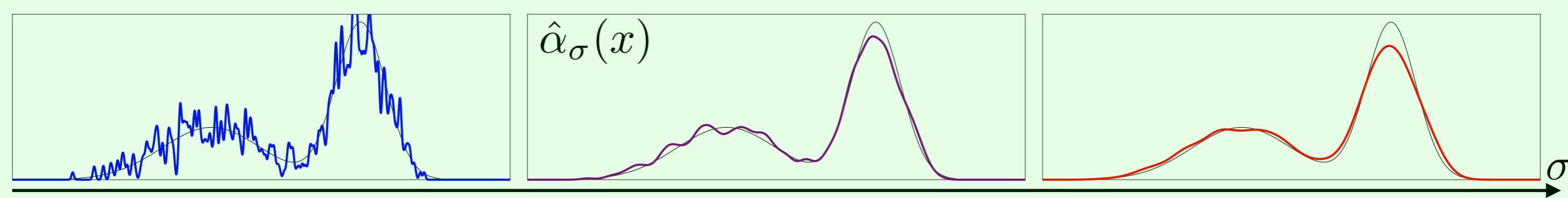
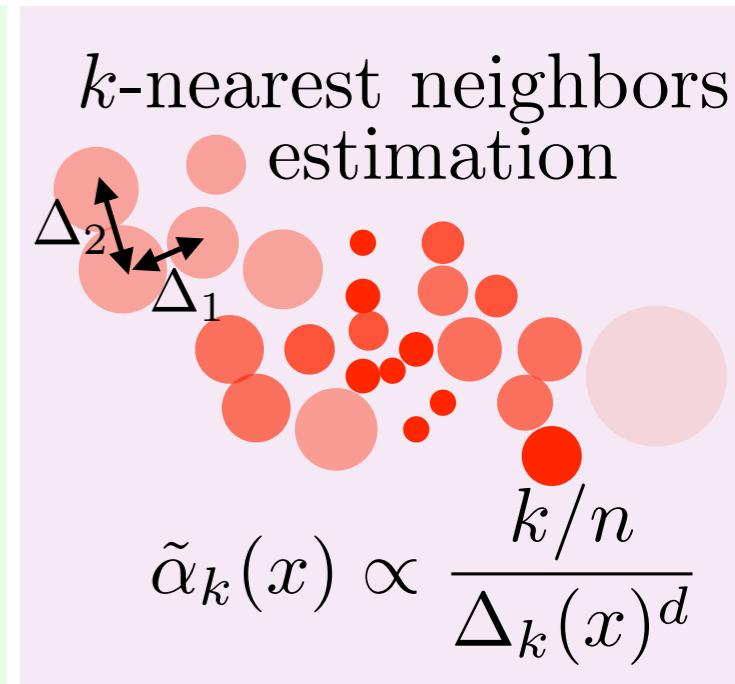
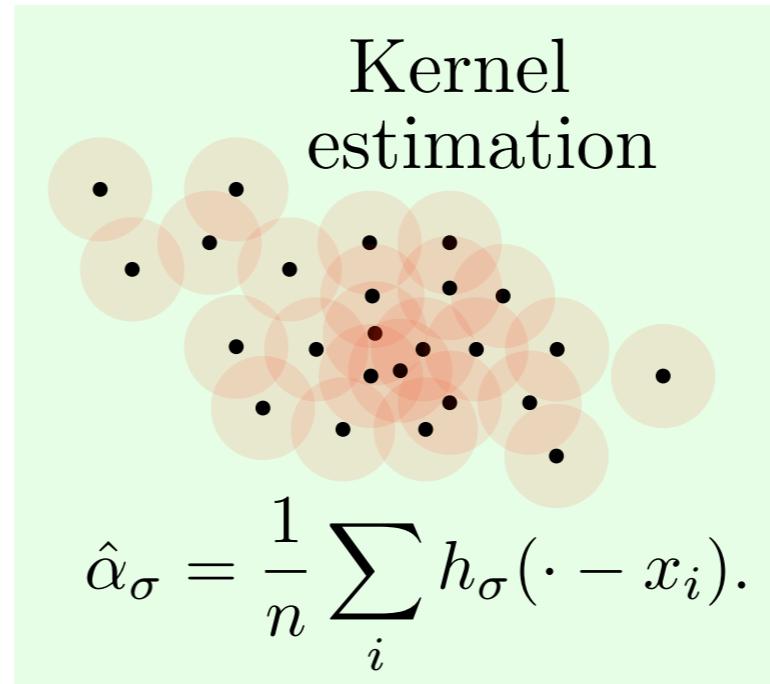
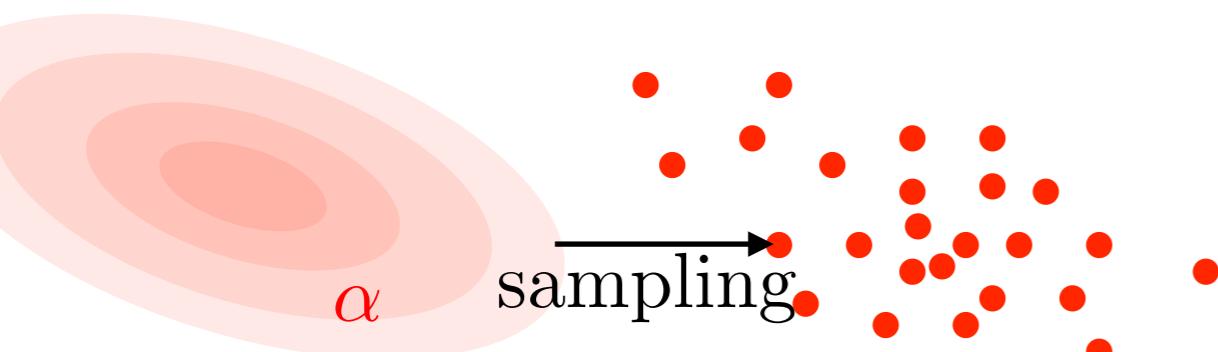


*Density fitting:*  $\min_{\theta} D(\mu_{\theta}, \hat{\nu})$

*Maximum likelihood estimator*

$$\min_{\theta} - \sum_i \log(f_{\theta}(x_i)) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} \text{KL}(\nu | \mu_{\theta}) = \int \log\left(\frac{d\nu}{d\mu_{\theta}}\right) d\nu$$

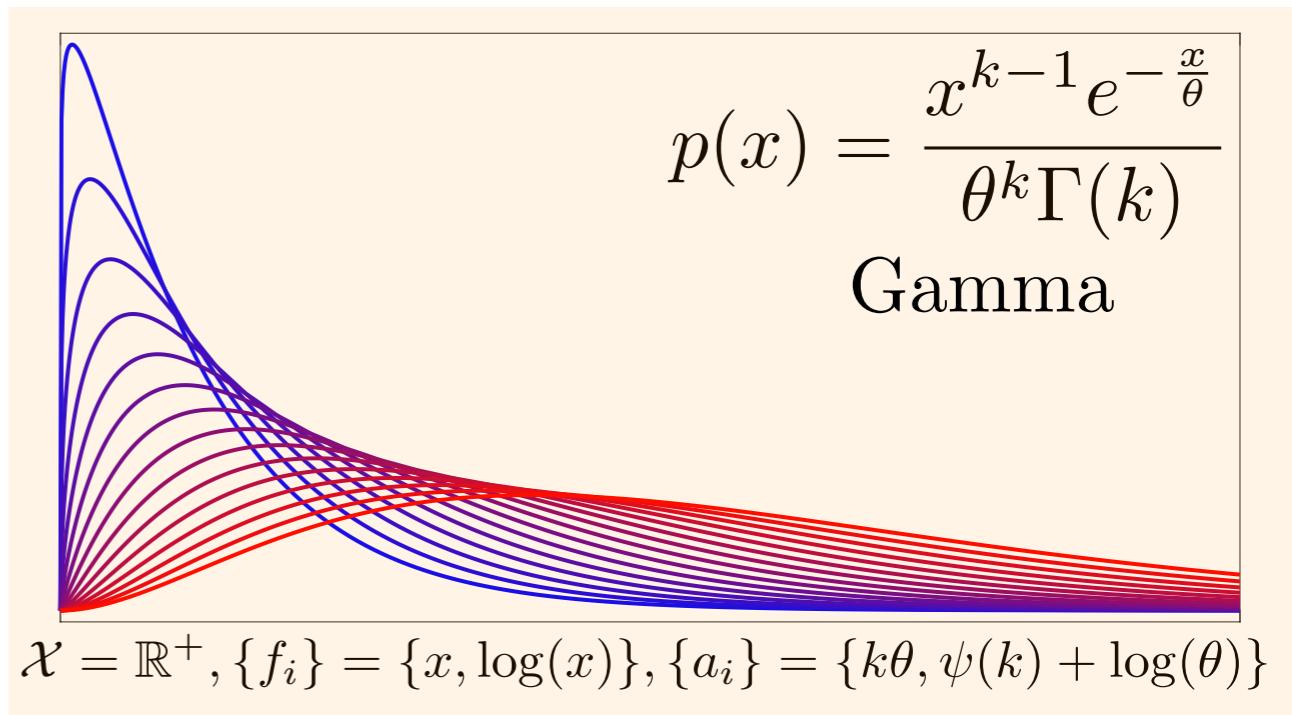
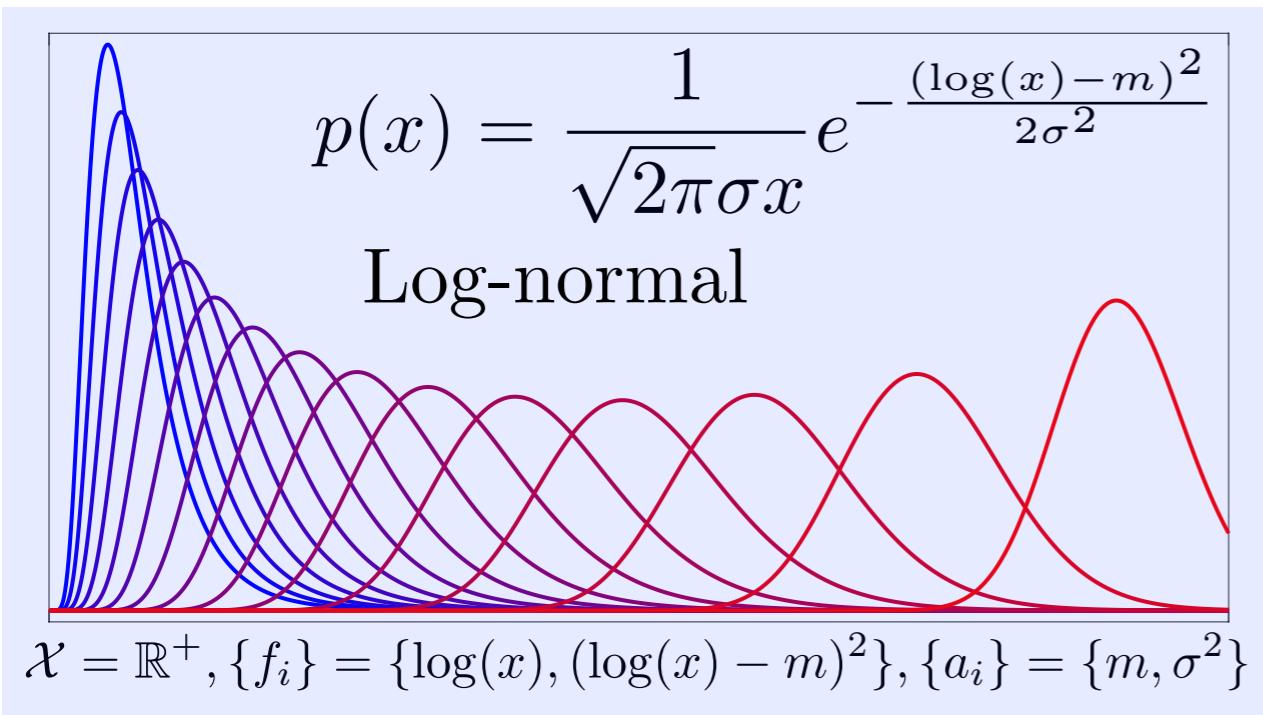
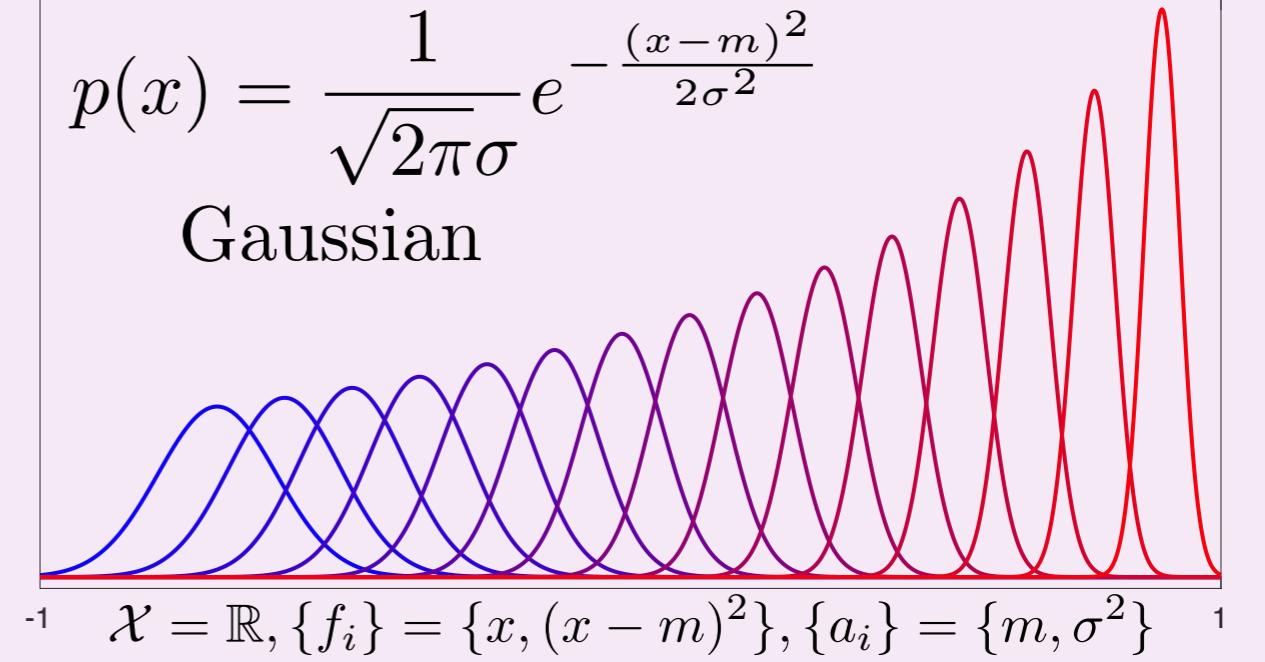
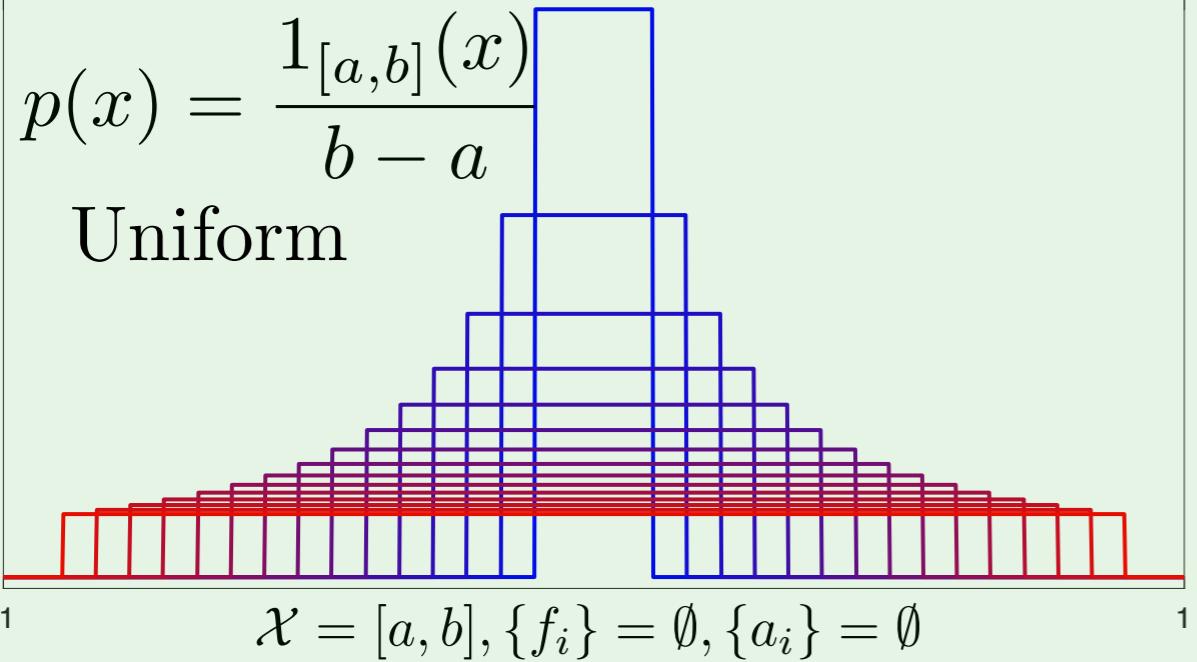
*Minimum Kantorovitch estimator*  $D = \text{Wasserstein}.$



Maximum entropy:

$$\max_p \left\{ - \int_{\mathcal{X}} p(x) \log(p(x)) dx ; \forall i, \int_{\mathcal{X}} p(x) f_i(x) = a_i \right\}$$

$$\implies \exists (\lambda_i)_i, \exists c, \quad p(x) = c \exp(\sum_i \lambda_i f_i(x))$$



A frequently asked question by good students is to know if one can replace the convergence in law by the (stronger) convergence in probability. The answer is negative, and in particular the convergence cannot hold almost surely or in  $L^p$ . Let us examine why. We proceed by contradiction. Suppose that  $Z_n \rightarrow Z_\infty$  in probability for a random variable  $Z_\infty$  (necessarily of standard Gaussian law). Then on the one hand, by the triangle inequality, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$\mathbb{P}(|Z_{2n} - Z_n| \geq 2\varepsilon) \leq \mathbb{P}(|Z_{2n} - Z_\infty| \geq \varepsilon) + \mathbb{P}(|Z_n - Z_\infty| \geq \varepsilon) \rightarrow 0.$$

and therefore  $Z_{2n} - Z_n \rightarrow 0$  in probability. On the other hand we have

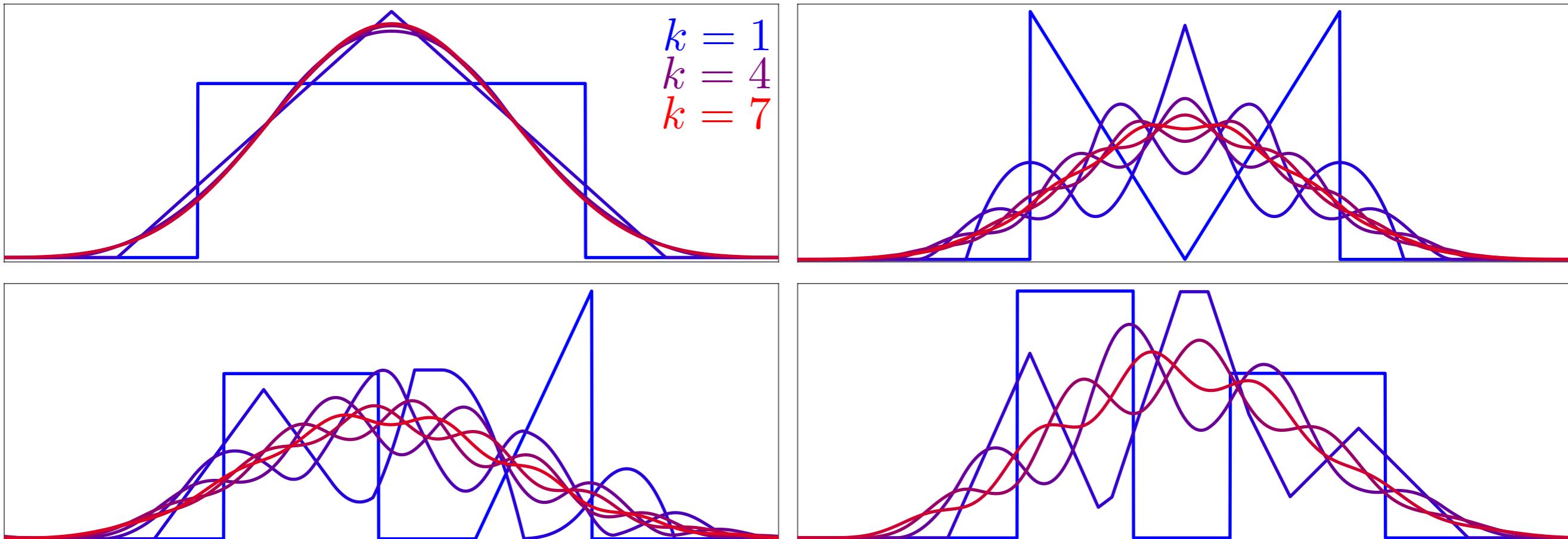
$$\begin{aligned} Z_{2n} - Z_n &= \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_{2n} - \sqrt{2}(X_1 + \dots + X_n)}{\sqrt{2n}} \\ &= \frac{1-\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} Z_n + \frac{X_{n+1} + \dots + X_{2n}}{\sqrt{2n}} \\ &= \frac{1-\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} Z_n + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} Z'_n. \end{aligned}$$

Now  $Z'_n$  is an independent copy of  $Z_n$ , and therefore the CLT used twice shows that  $Z_{2n} - Z_n$  converges in law as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  to a Gaussian law of mean zero and variance  $(1 - \sqrt{2})^2/2 + 1/2 = 2 - \sqrt{2} \neq 0$ . Hence the contradiction.

$$\left. \begin{aligned} Z_n &\xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} Z_\infty \Rightarrow \mathbb{P}(|Z_{2n} - Z_n| \geq 2\varepsilon) \leq \mathbb{P}(|Z_{2n} - Z_\infty| \geq \varepsilon) + \mathbb{P}(|Z_n - Z_\infty| \geq \varepsilon) \rightarrow 0. \Rightarrow Z_{2n} - Z_n \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} 0 \\ Z_{2n} - Z_n &= \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_{2n} - \sqrt{2}(X_1 + \dots + X_n)}{\sqrt{2n}} = \frac{1-\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} Z_n + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} Z'_n. \quad (\text{TCL} \times 2) \quad \mathcal{N}(0, 2 - \sqrt{2}) \end{aligned} \right\} \text{contradiction}$$

Central limit theorem:

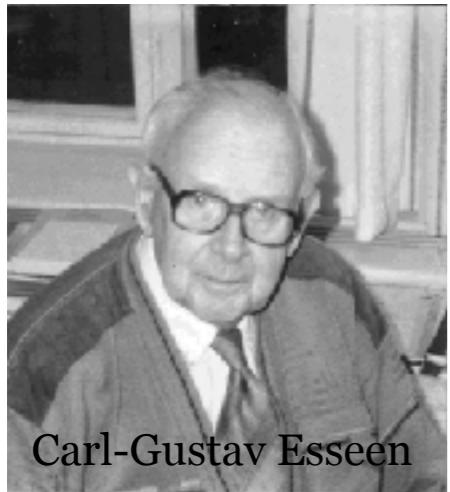
If  $\int(1, x, x^2)f(x)dx = (1, 0, 1)$ , then  $(\underbrace{f \star \dots \star f}_{k \text{ times}})\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{k}}\right) \xrightarrow[k \rightarrow +\infty]{\mathbb{P}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$



Central limit theorem: If  $\mathbb{E}(X) = 0, \mathbb{E}(X^2) = 1$  and  $(X_i)_i \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} X$

$$Y_n \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{\sqrt{n}} \xrightarrow{\text{law}} \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

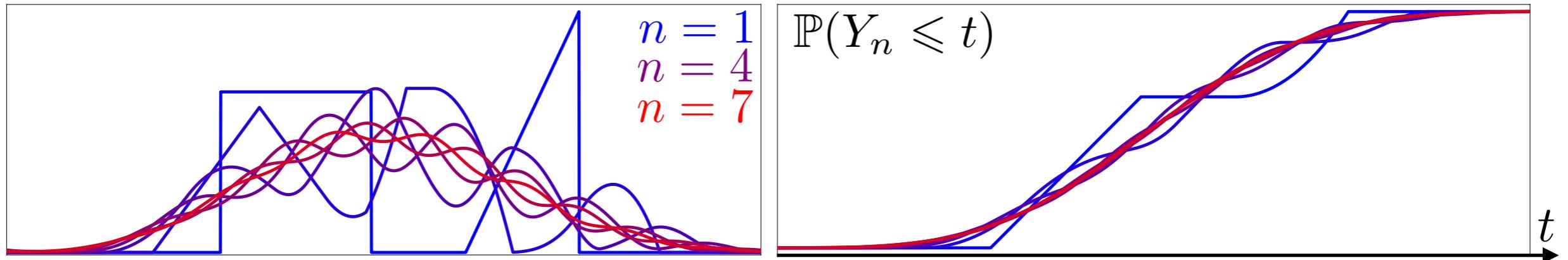
Kolmogorov-Smirnov distance:  $d_{KS}(X, Y) \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} \max_t |\mathbb{P}(X \leq t) - \mathbb{P}(Y \leq t)|$



Carl-Gustav Esseen

*Theorem:*  
 [Berry 1941]      [Esseen, 1942]

$$d_{KS}(Y_n, \mathcal{N}(0, 1)) \leq \frac{C \mathbb{E}(|X|^3)}{\sqrt{n}} \quad C \leq 1/2$$

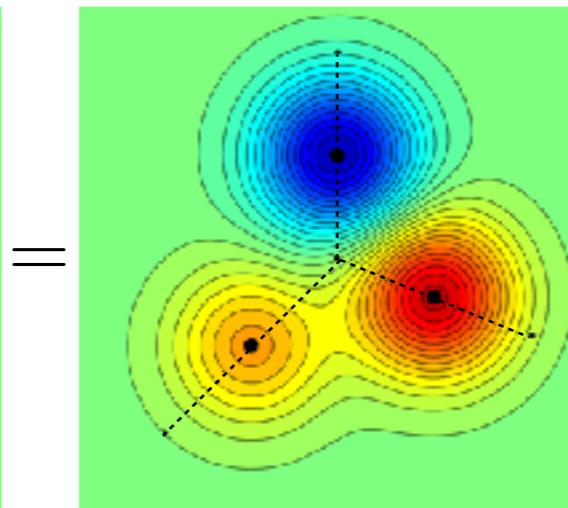
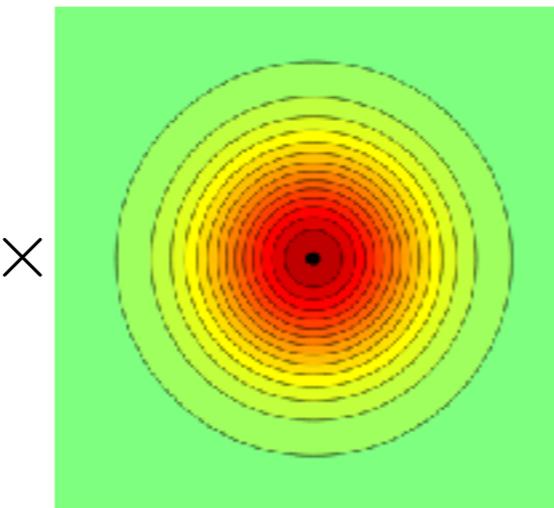
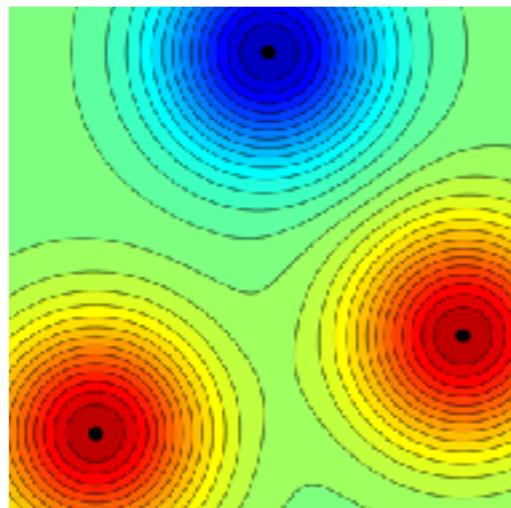


Gaussian bump:  $G_{m,s}(x) \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} e^{-\frac{\|x-m\|^2}{2s}}$

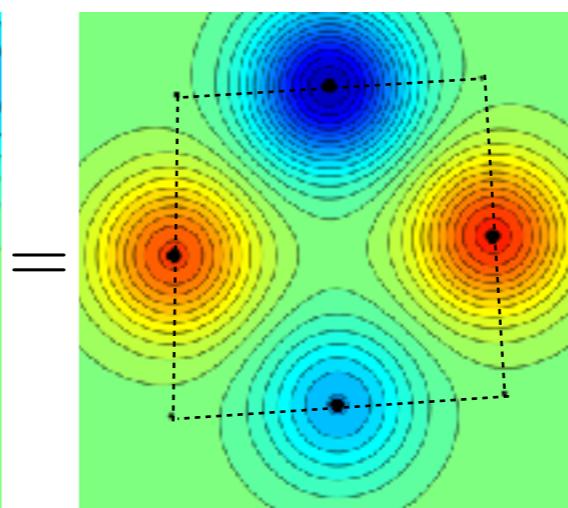
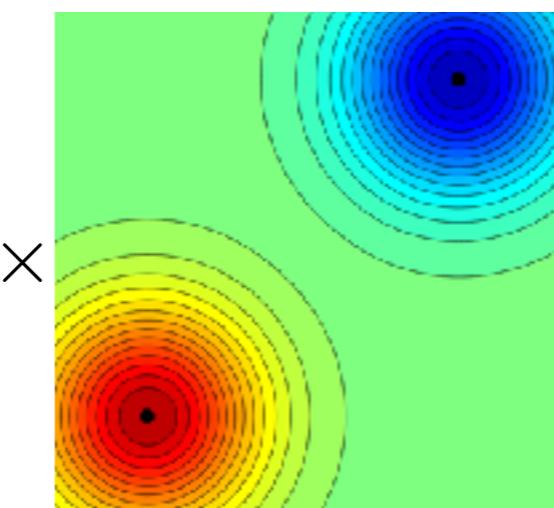
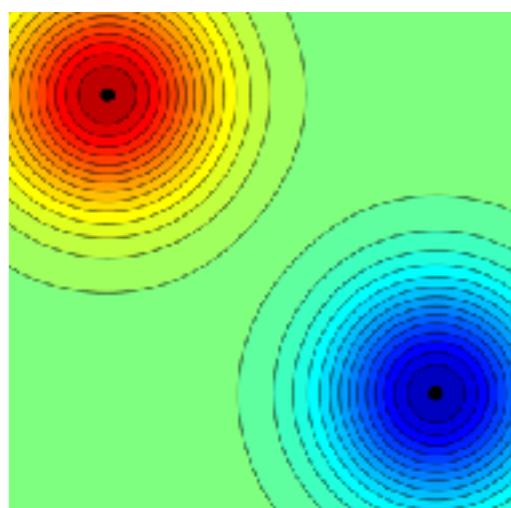
$$\frac{1}{s} = \frac{1}{s_0} + \frac{1}{s_1} \quad \rho \leq 1$$

Prop:  $G_{m_0,s_0}(x)G_{m_1,s_1}(x) = \rho G_{m,s}(x)$

$$m = \frac{s}{s_0}m_0 + \frac{s}{s_1}m_1$$



Hump algebra



Yves Meyer

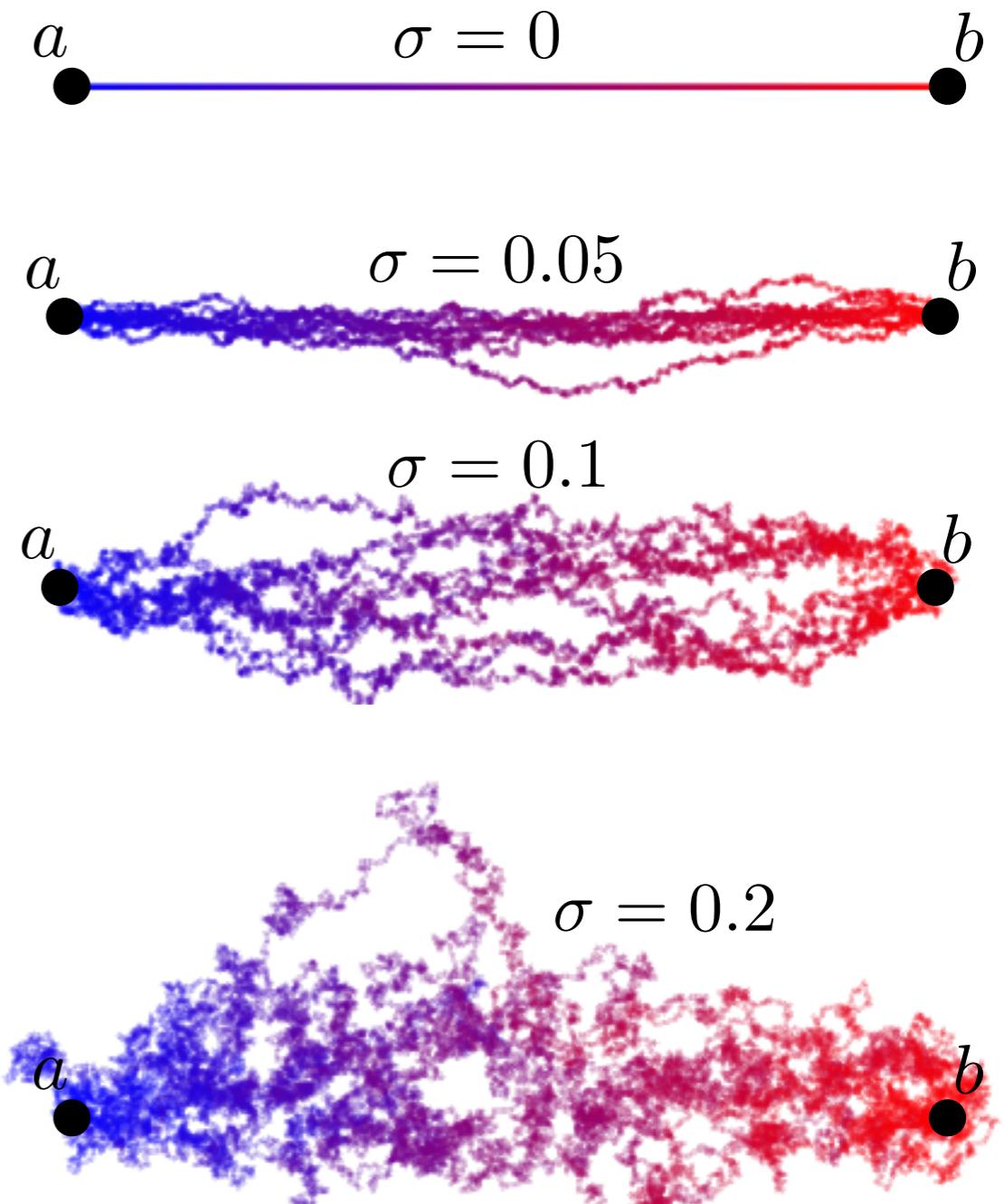
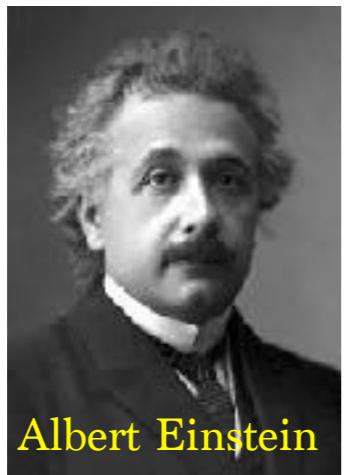
Random walk:  $x_{k+1} = x_k + \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{K}} \varepsilon_k$   
 $\varepsilon_k \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \text{Id}_{\mathbb{R}^2})$

Brownian motion / Wiener process:

$$x_k \xrightarrow[k/K \rightarrow t]{K \rightarrow +\infty} W_t$$

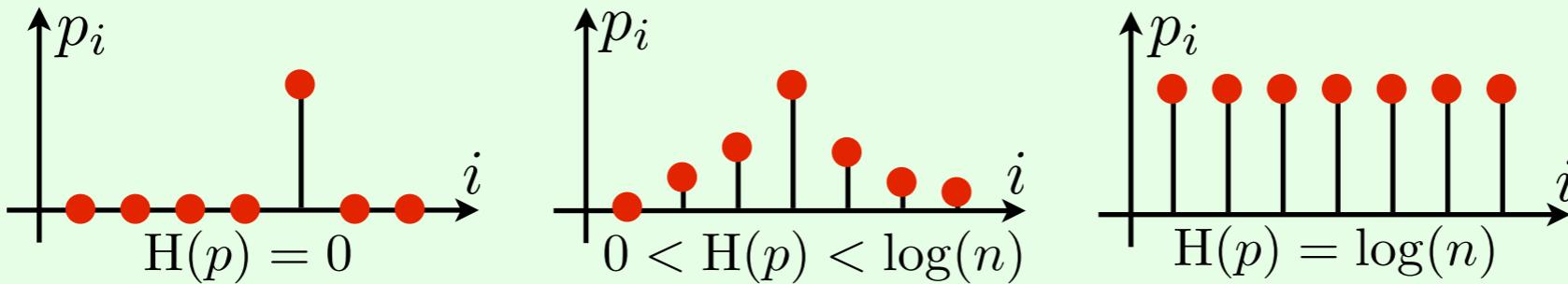
Brownian bridge between  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{C}^2$ :

$$a + (b - a) \frac{x(t) - x(0)}{x(1) - x(0)}$$



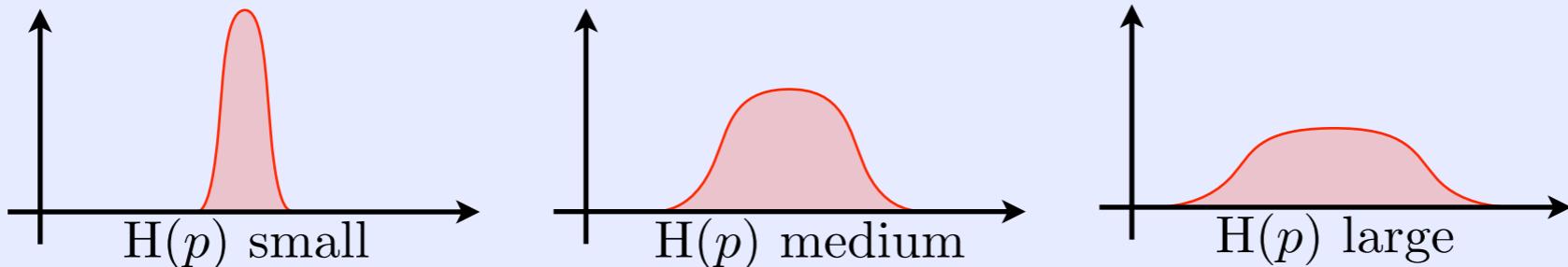
## Discrete

$$p_i \geq 0, \sum_{i=1}^n p_i = 1 \quad H(p) \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} -\sum_i p_i \log(p_i)$$



## Continuous

$$p(x) \geq 0, \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} p(x) = 1 \quad H(p) \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} p(x) \log(p(x)) dx$$



## General

Relative entropy (Kullback-Leibler)

Measures  $(\mu, \nu)$ :  $\text{KL}(\mu|\nu) \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} \int_{\mathcal{X}} \log \left( \frac{d\mu}{d\nu}(x) \right) d\mu(x)$

$H(p) = -\text{KL}(p dx | dx)$



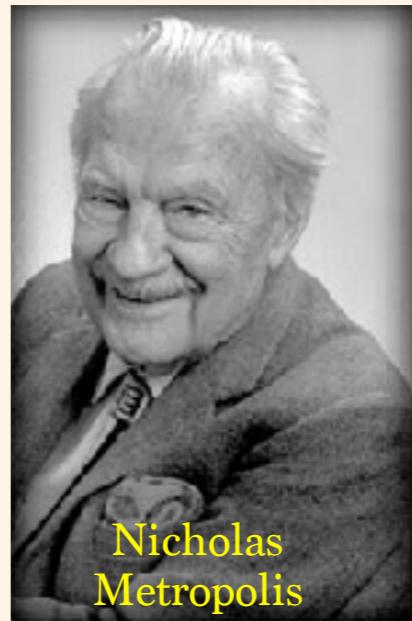
**Goal:** sample from  $\mathbb{P}_X(\textcolor{red}{x}) = \frac{1}{Z} f(\textcolor{red}{x})$ .  
 unknown ↗

**Needs:** transition probability  $\mathbb{P}_{Y|X}(y|\textcolor{red}{x})$

$x_0 \leftarrow \text{initialization}$

Sample  $y_k \sim \mathbb{P}_{Y|X}(\cdot|x_k)$ .

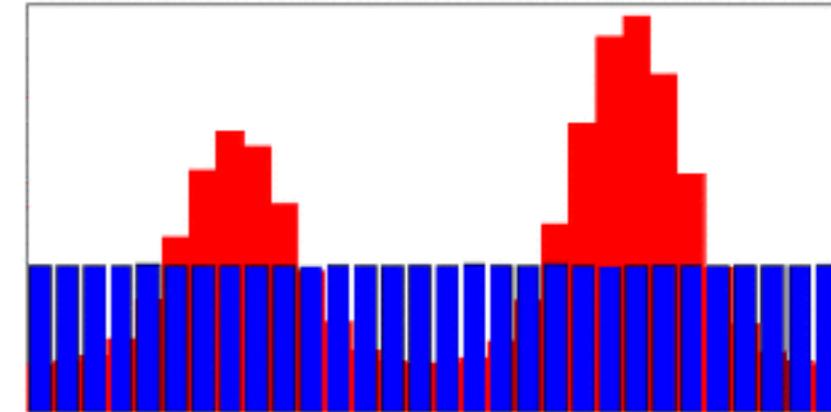
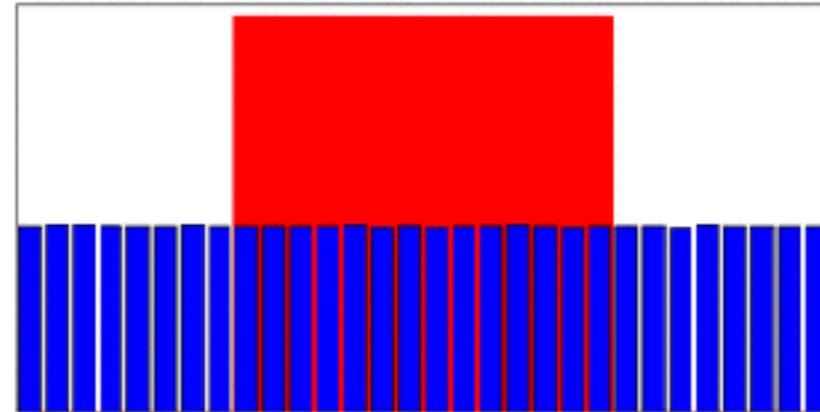
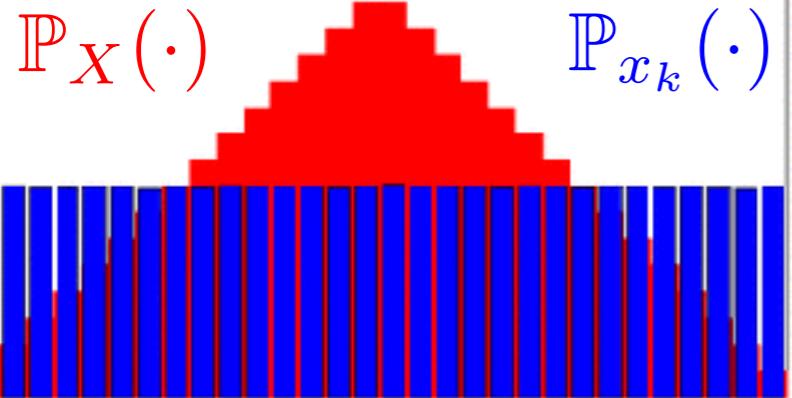
$$x_{k+1} \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} \begin{cases} \textcolor{red}{x}_k & \text{if } \text{rand} < \frac{f(y_k)}{f(x_k)} \\ \textcolor{blue}{y}_k & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



Nicholas  
Metropolis



Wilfred Keith  
Hastings



$\mathbb{P}_{Y|X}(\cdot|x) = \text{uniform on neighbors of } \textcolor{red}{x}$ .