

# Covariance matrices for mean field variational Bayes

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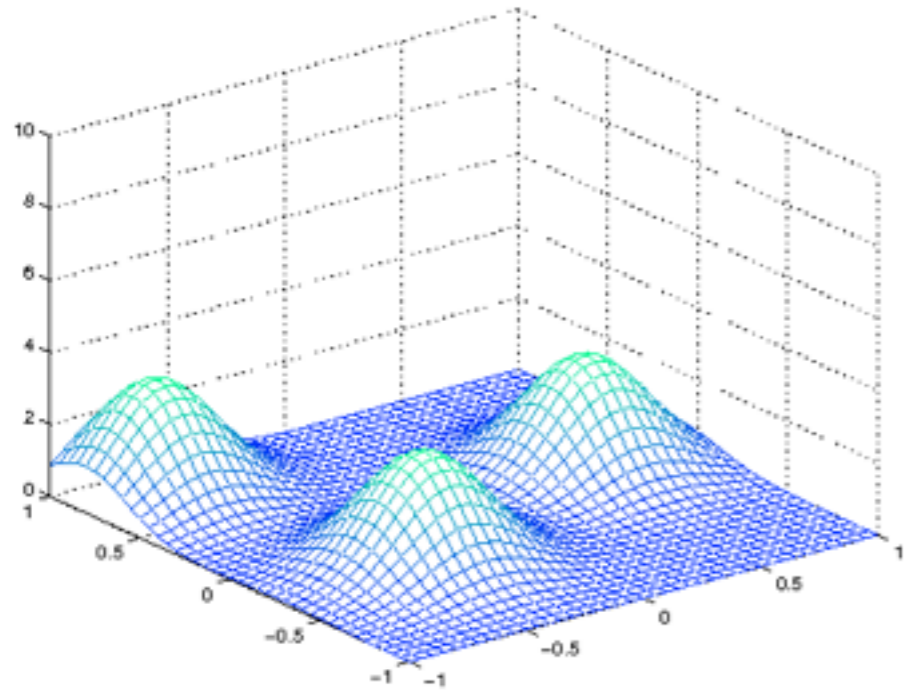
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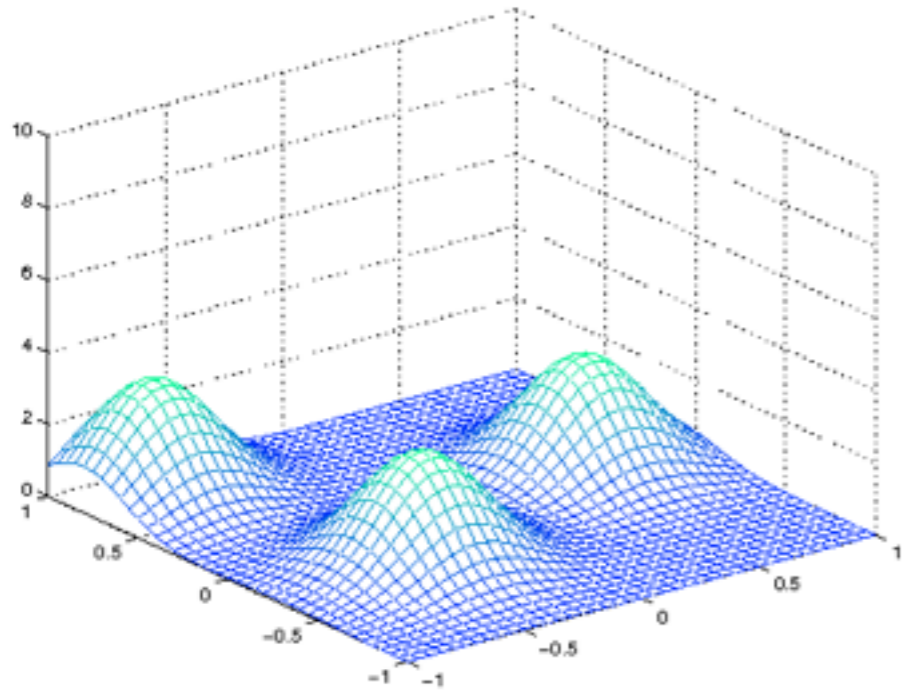
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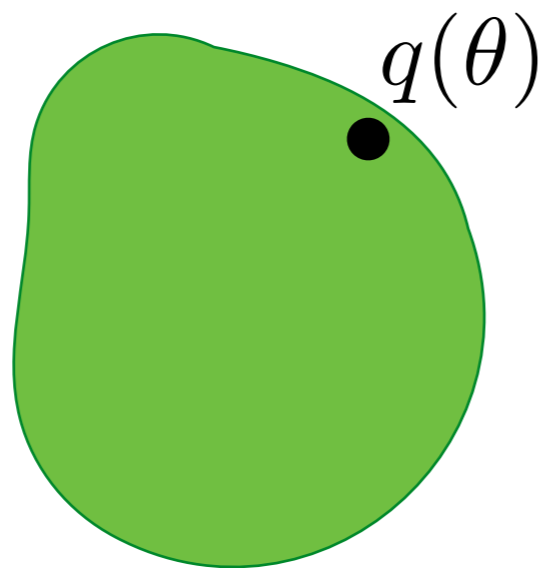


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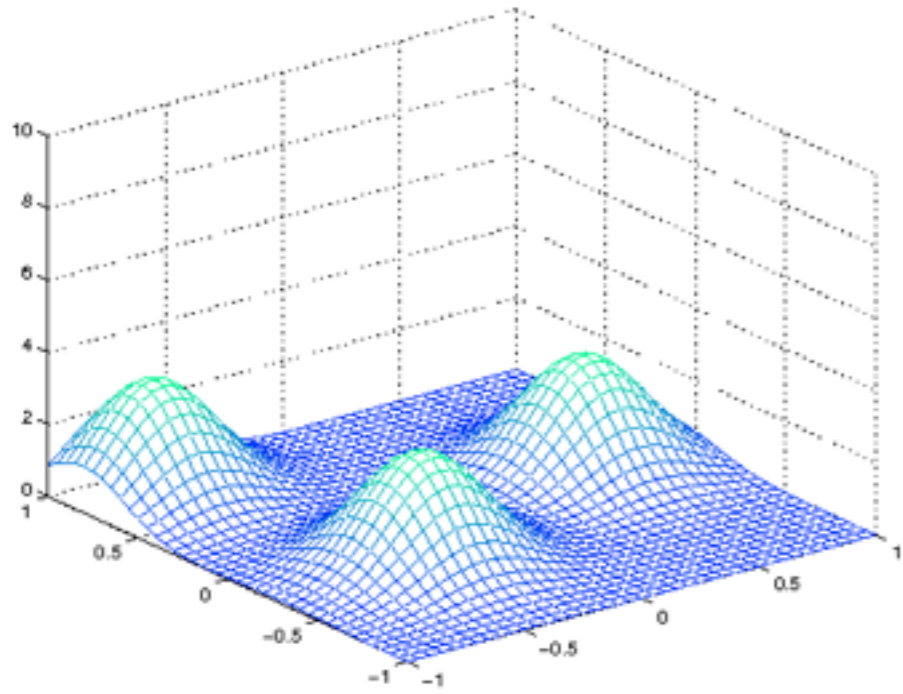
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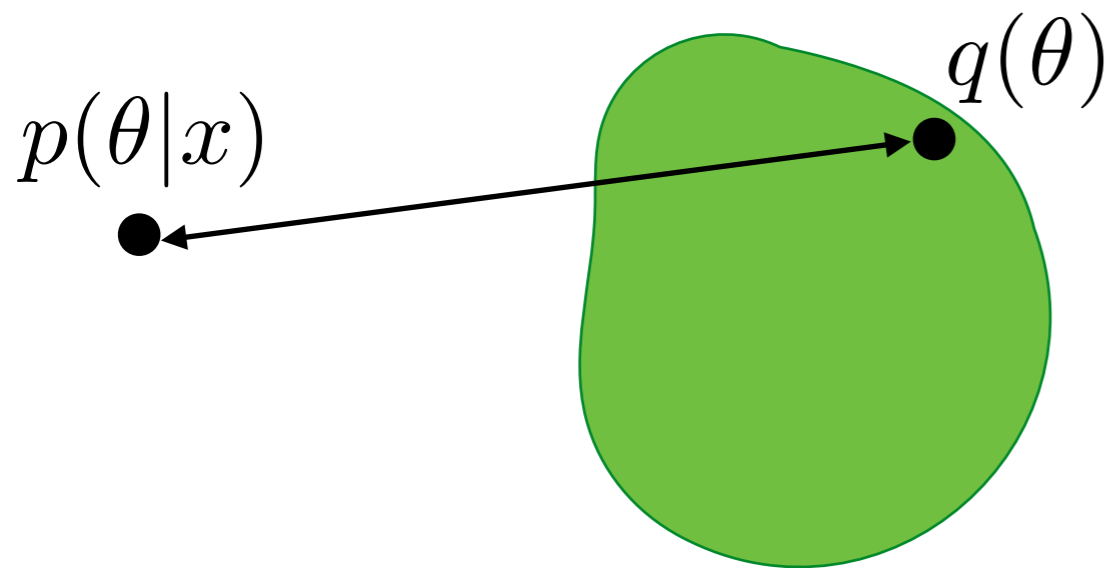
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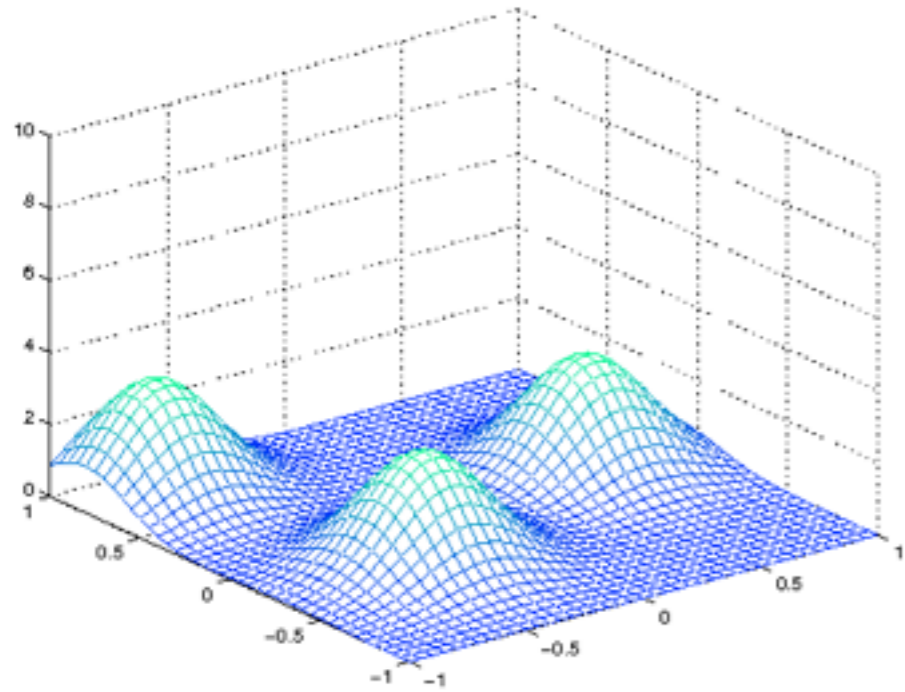
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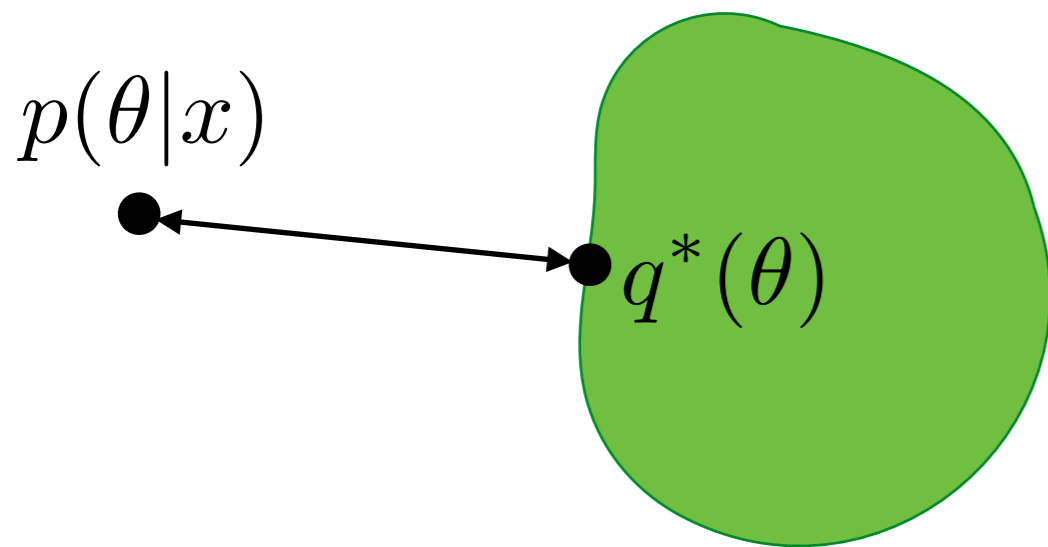
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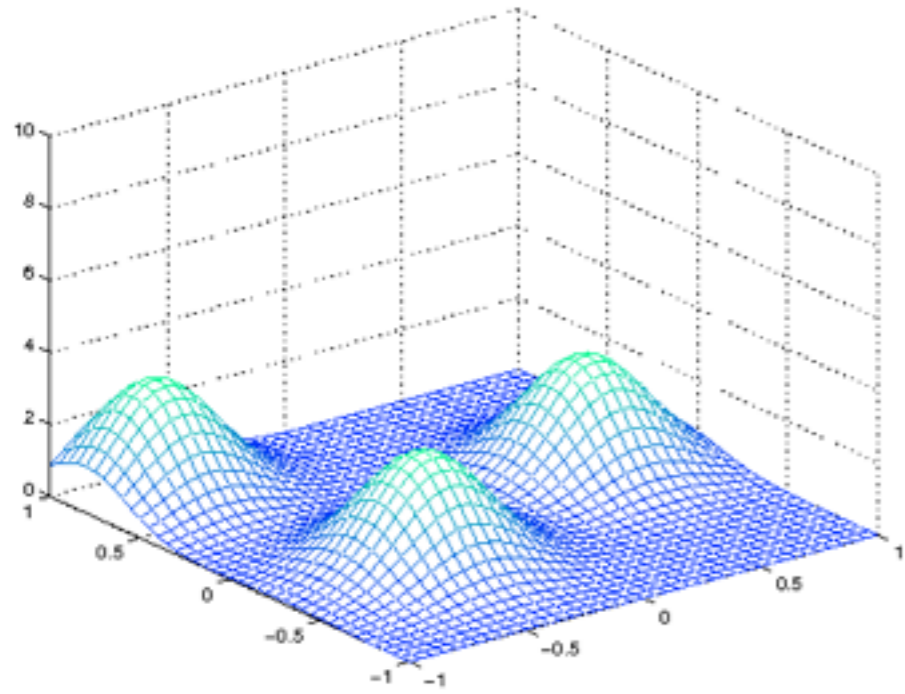
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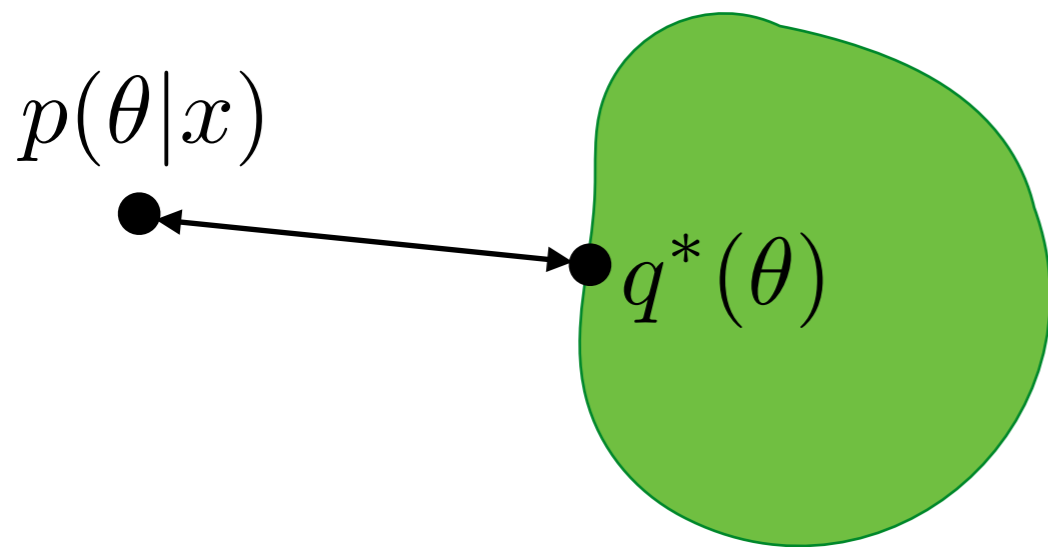


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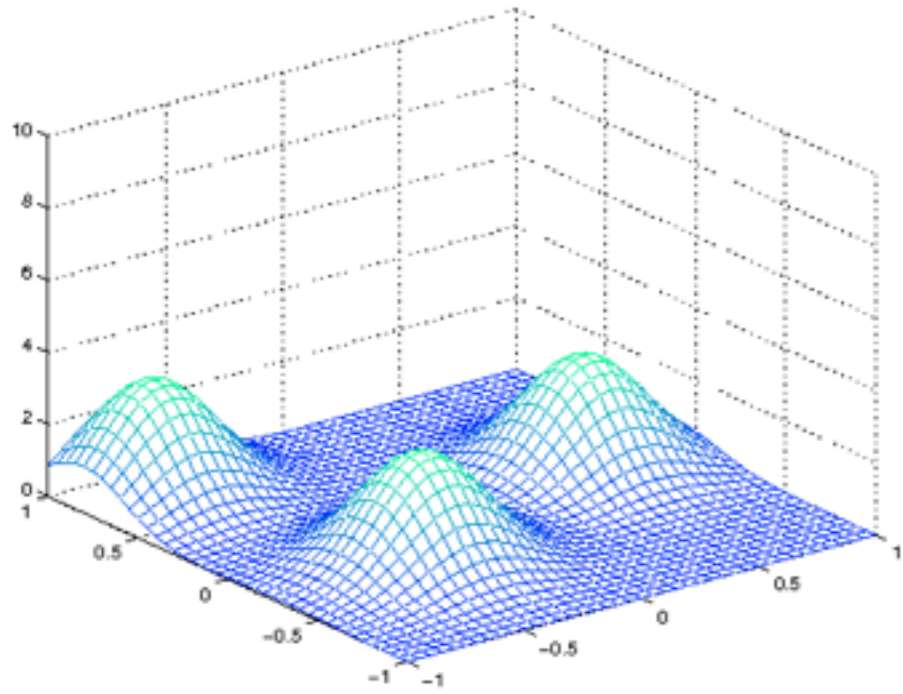
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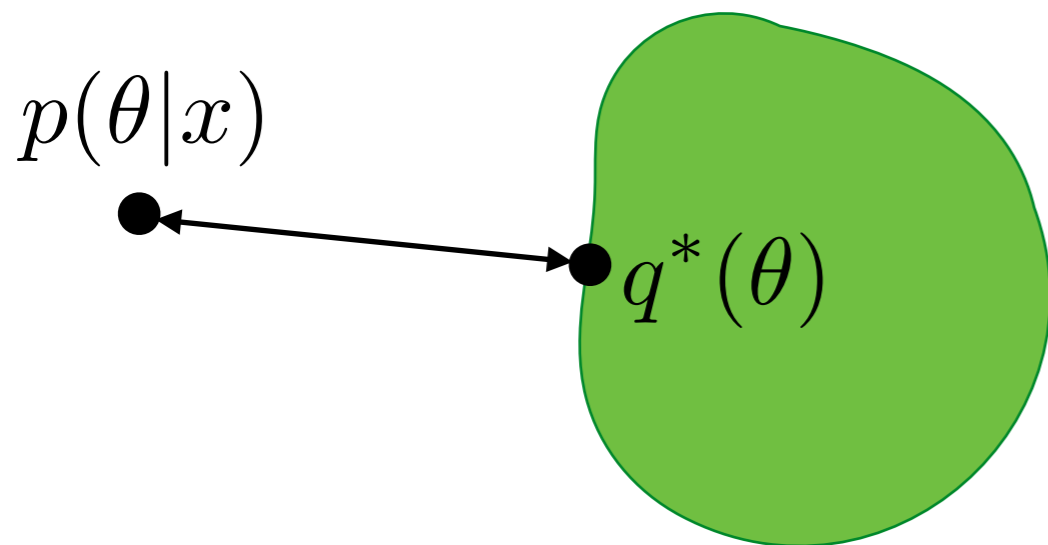


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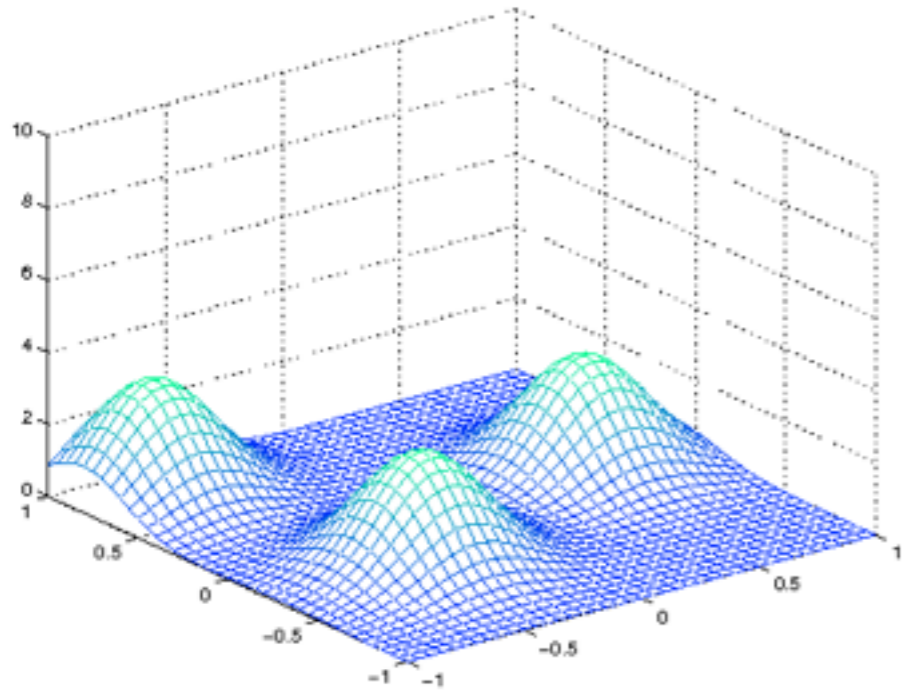
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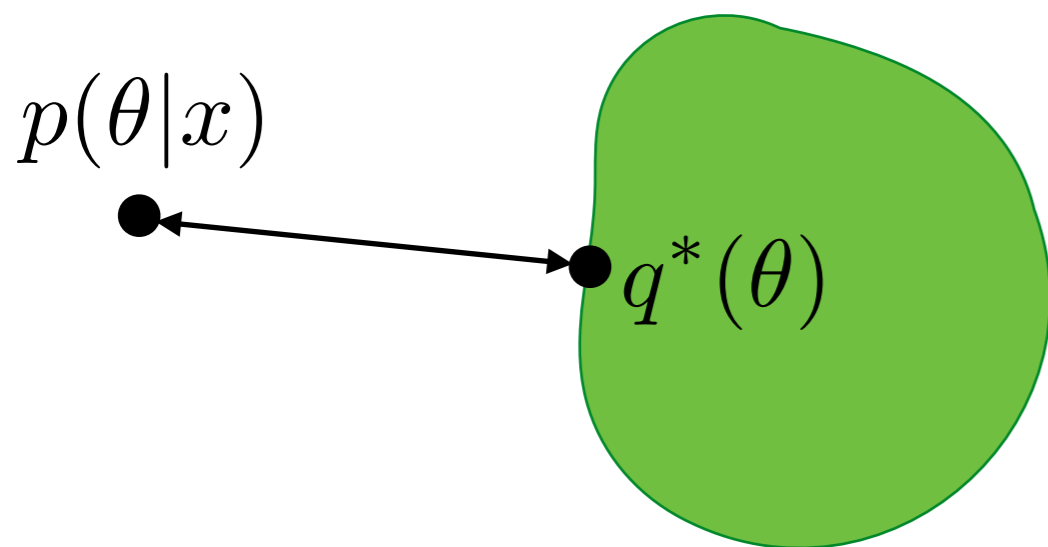
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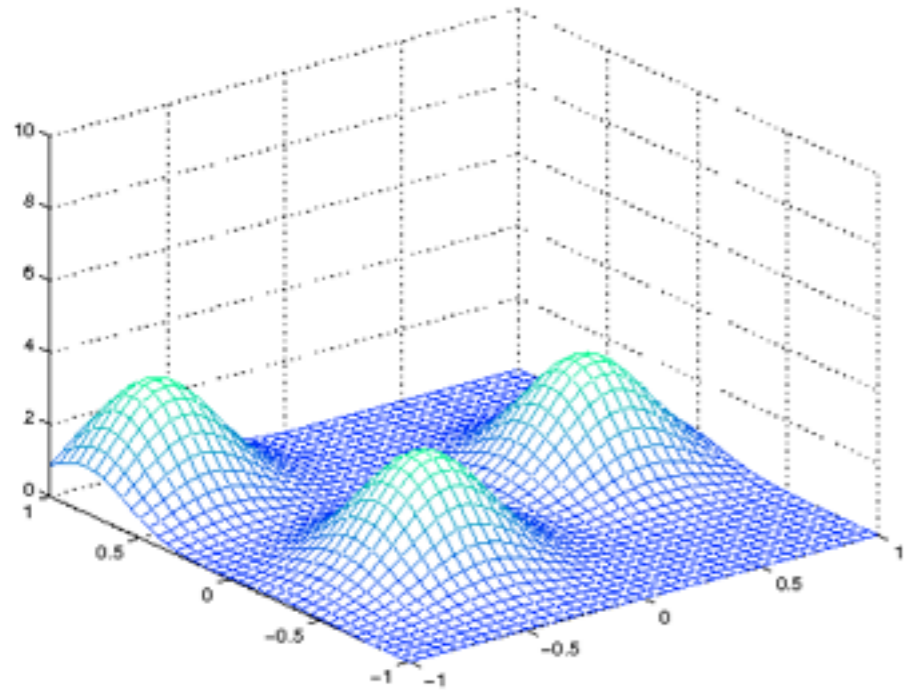
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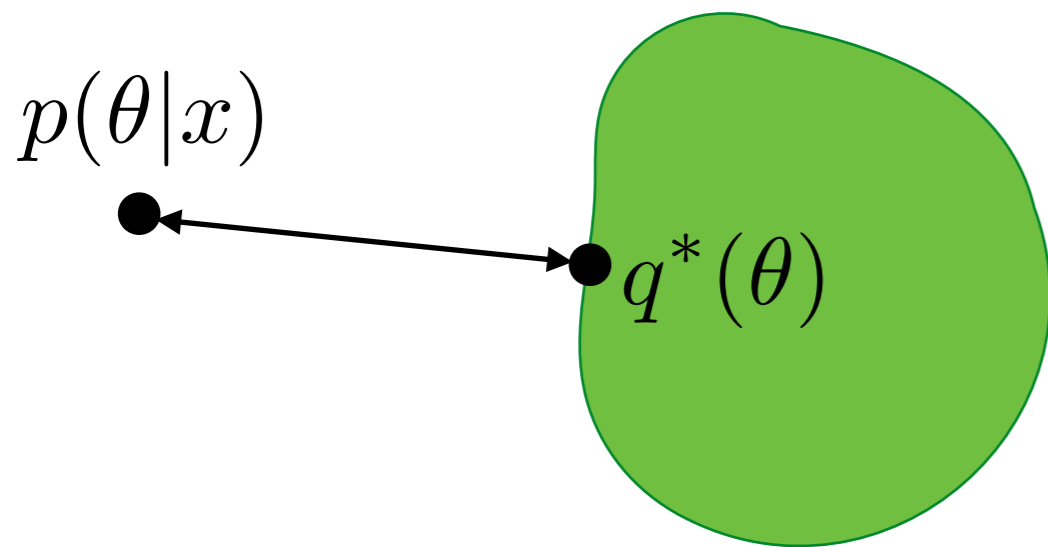
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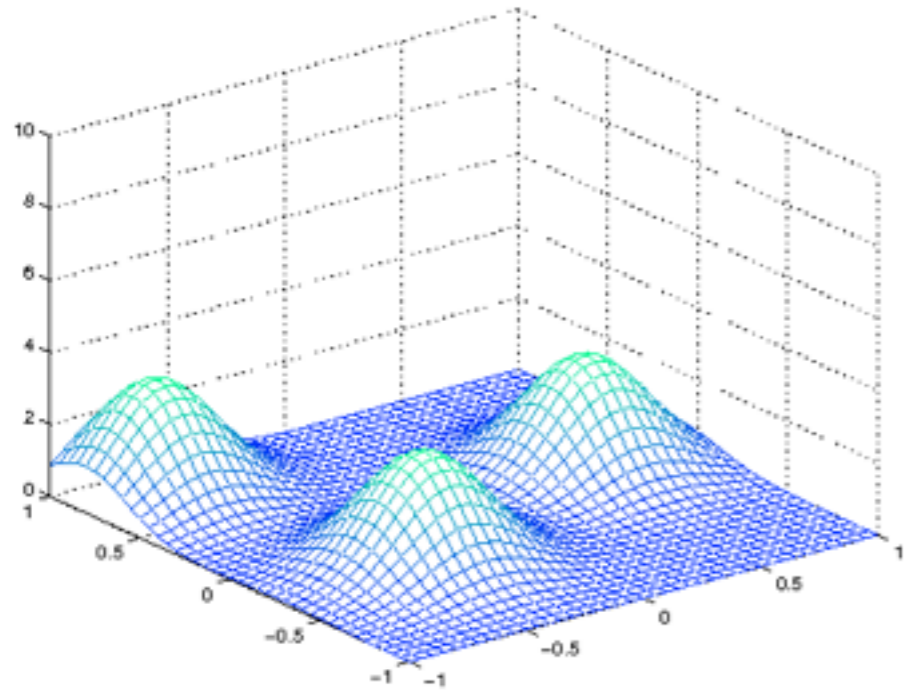
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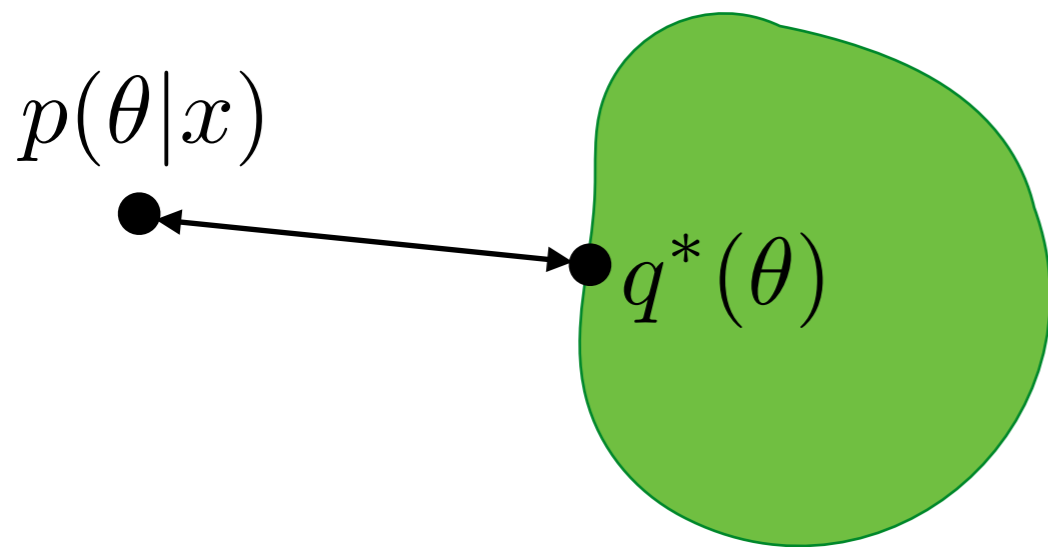
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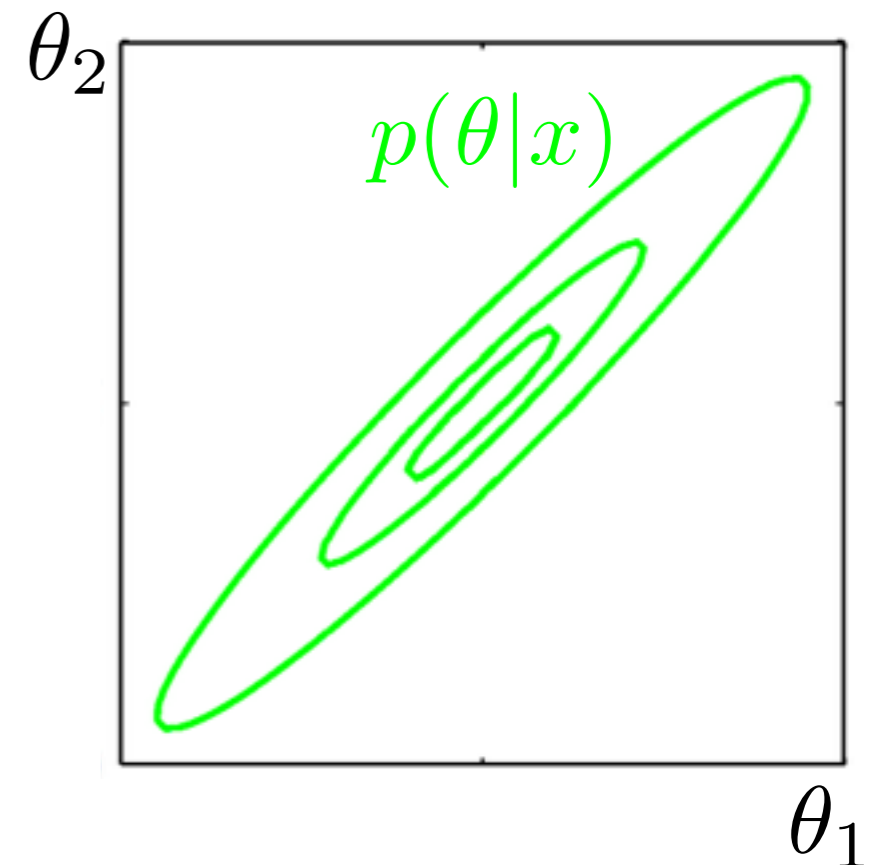
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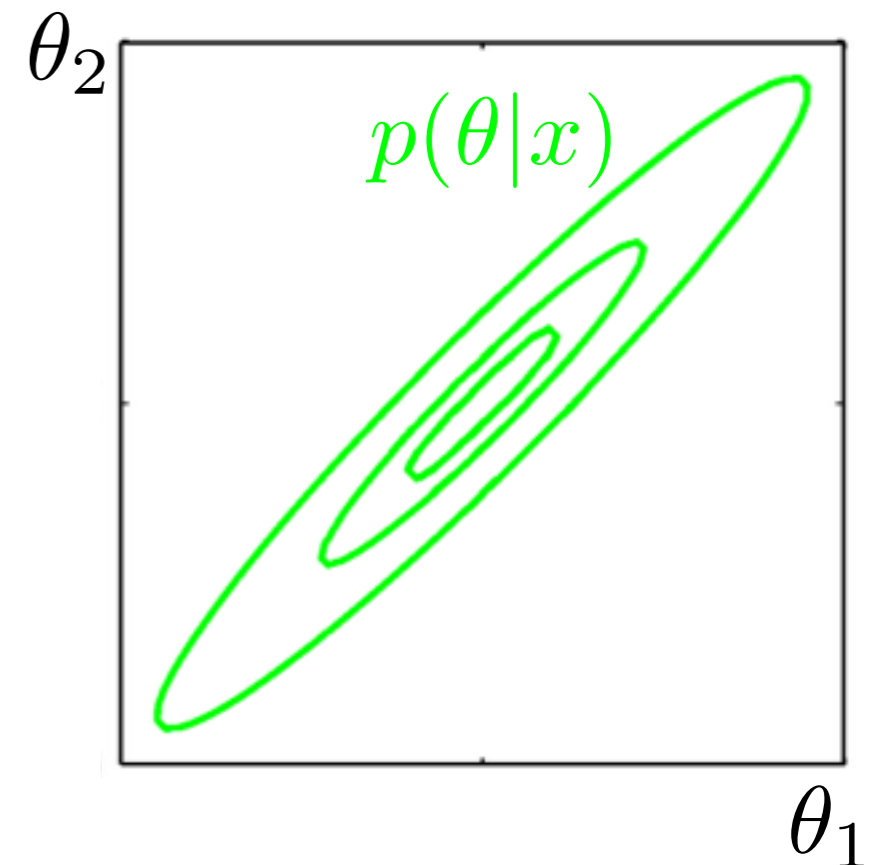
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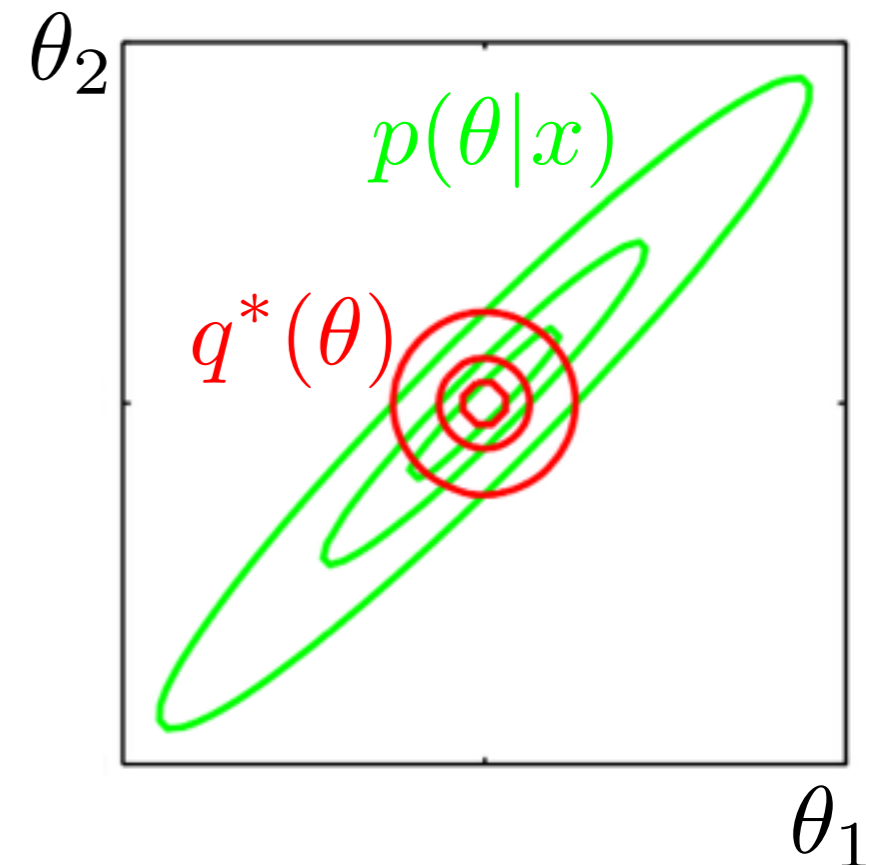
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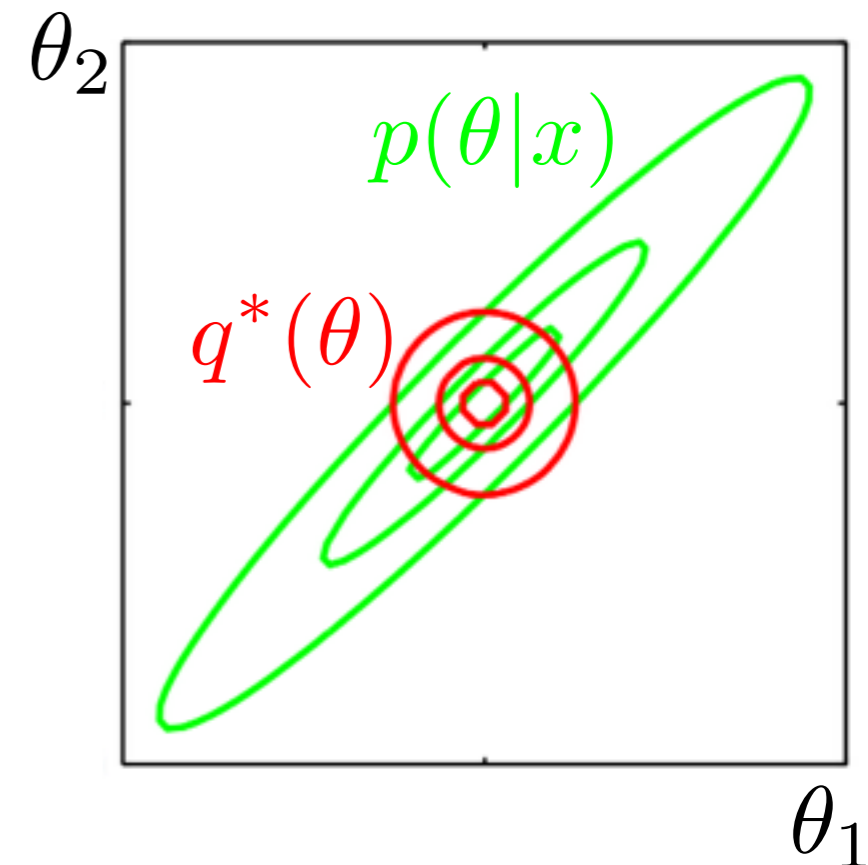
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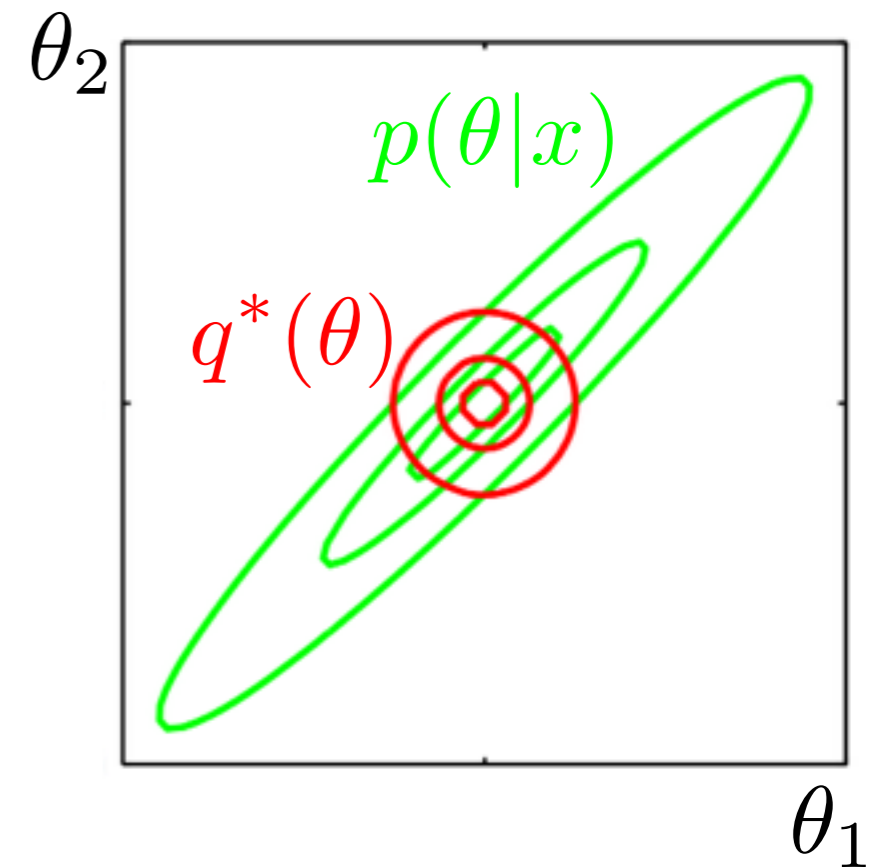
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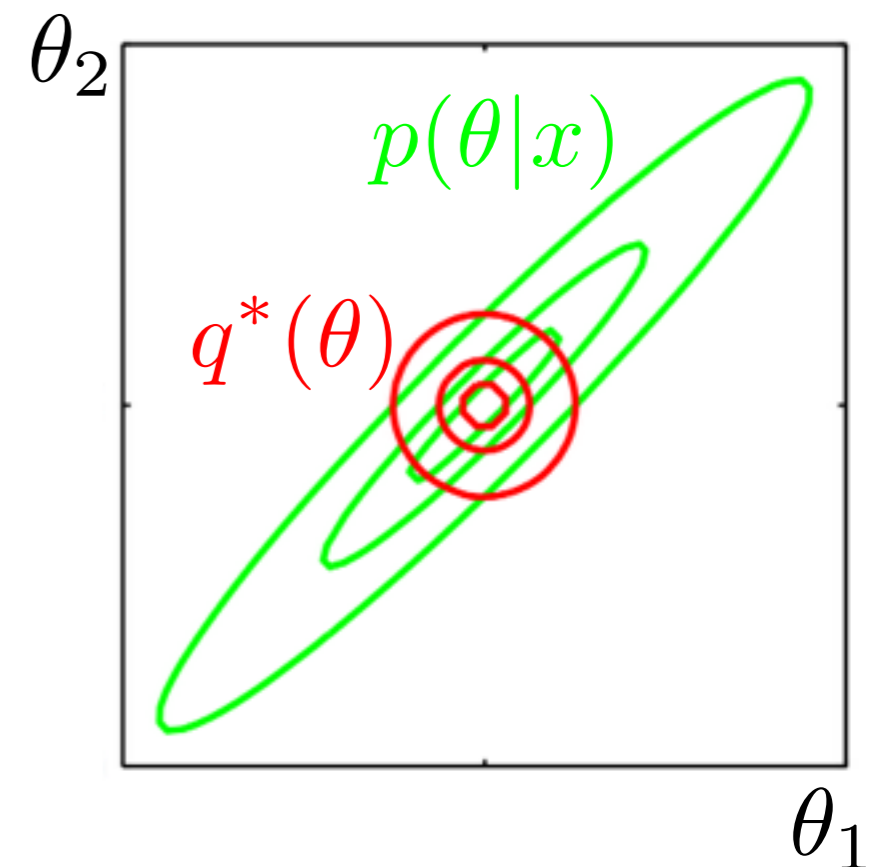
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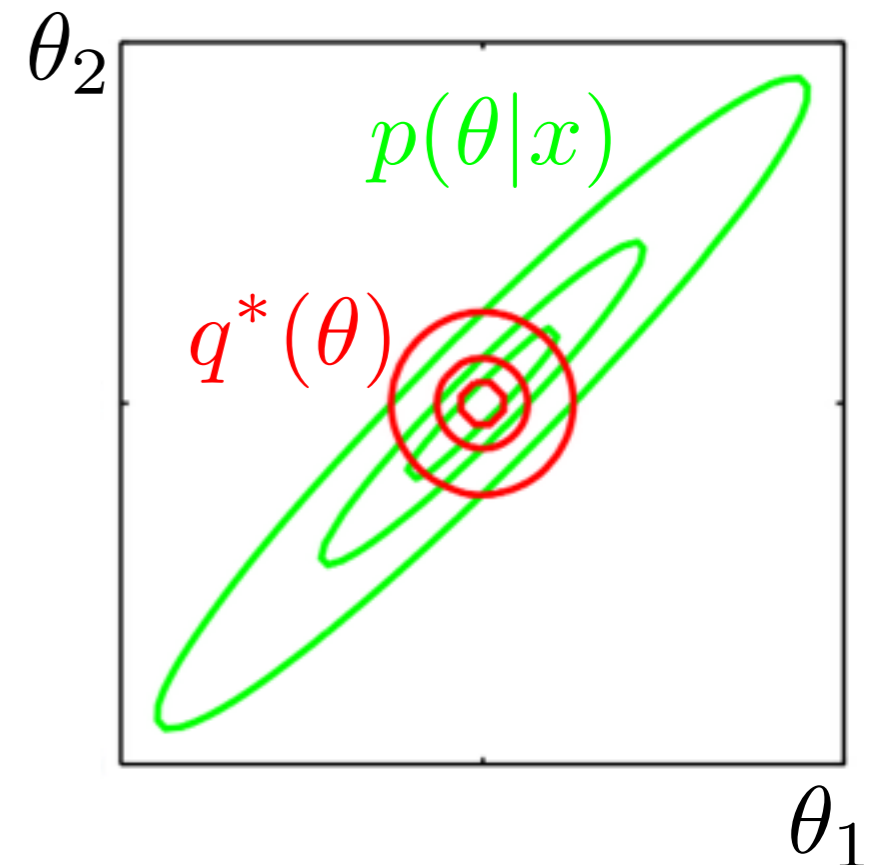
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[MacKay 2003; Bishop 2006; Wang, Titterington 2004; Turner, Sahani 2011]

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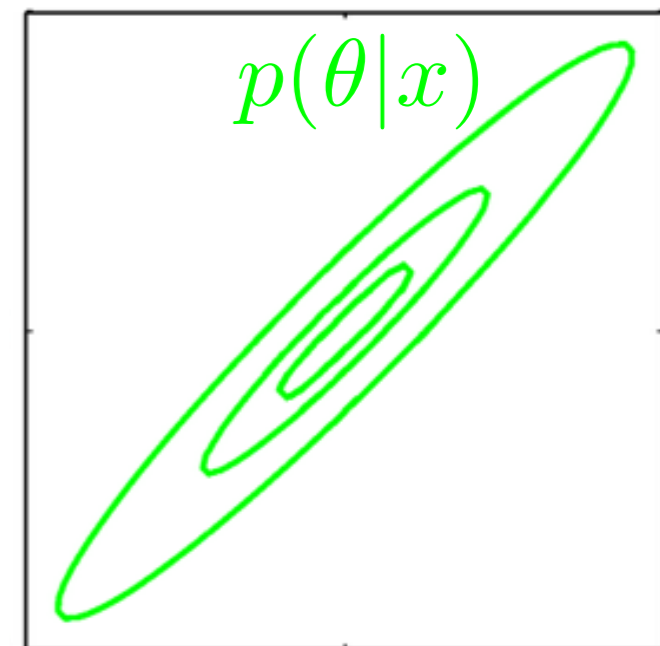
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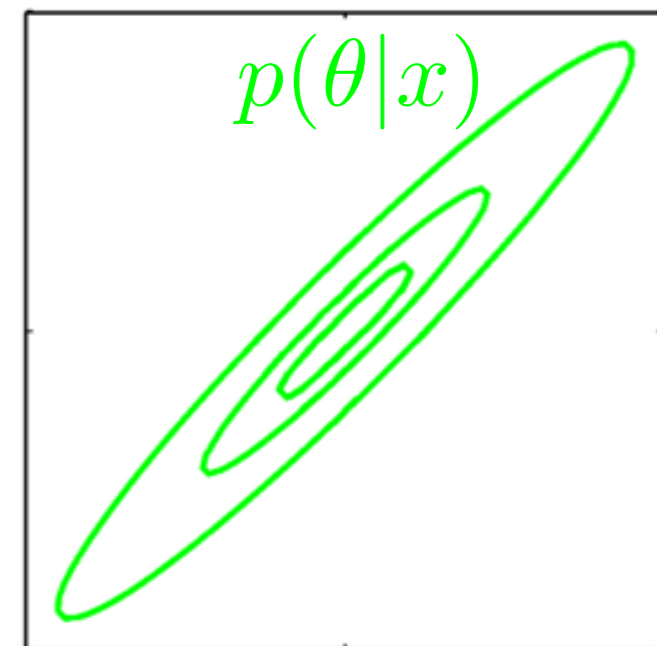
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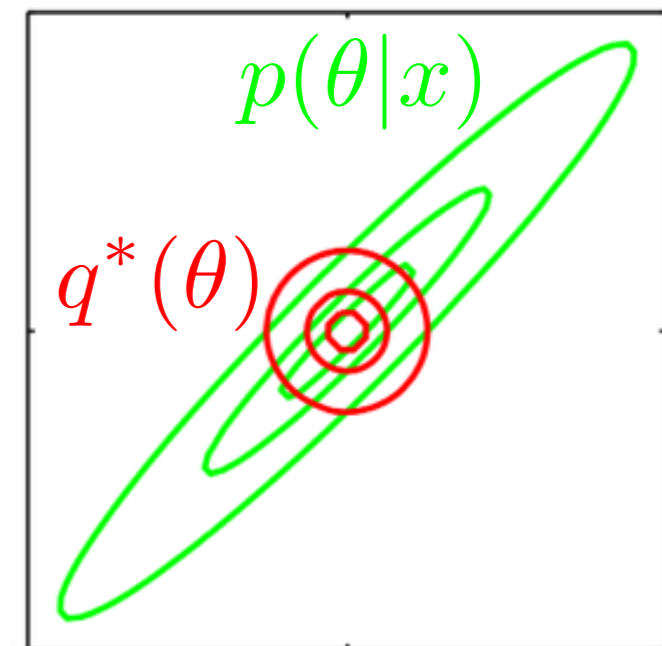
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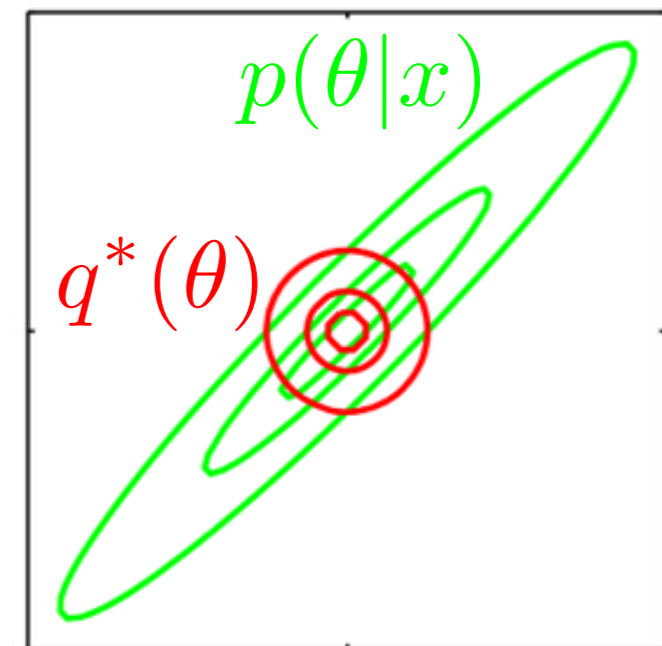
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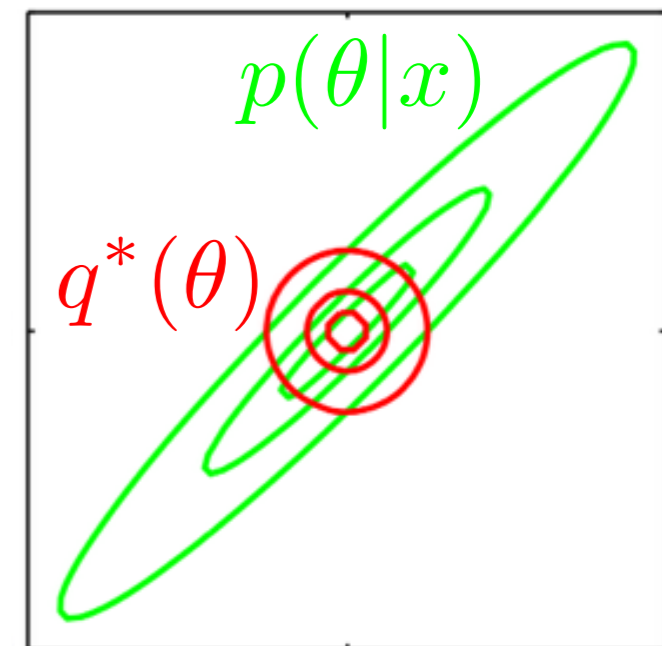
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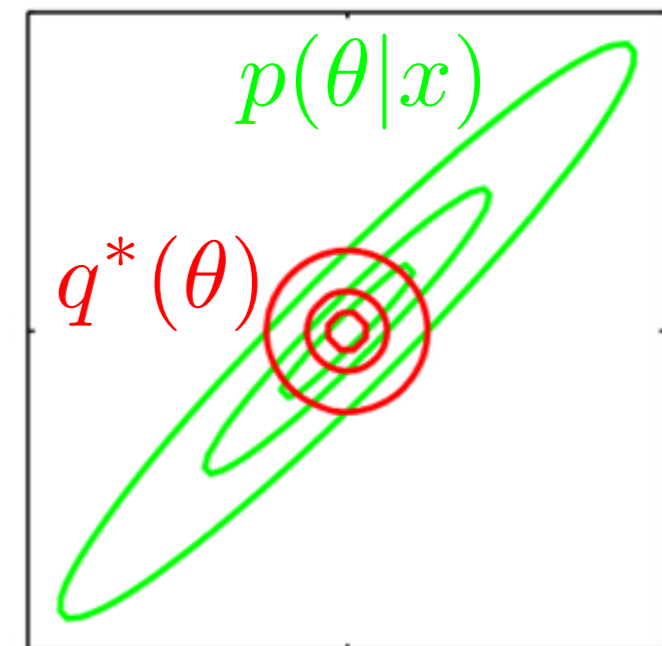
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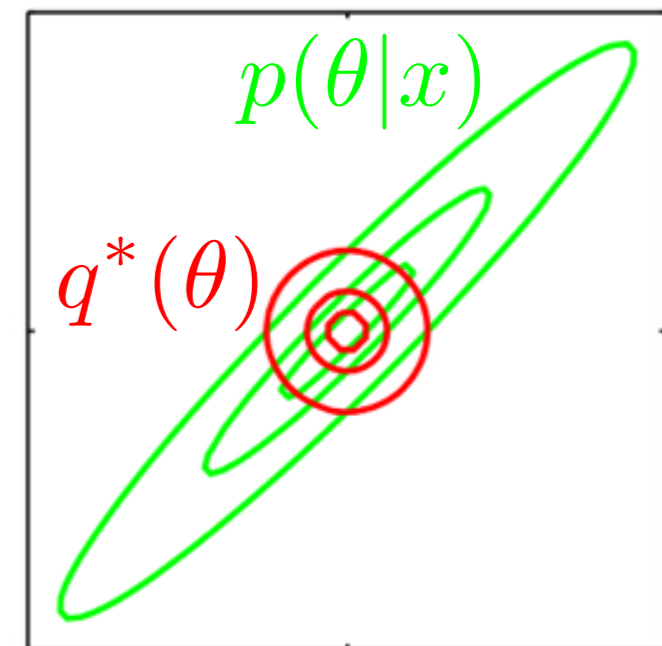
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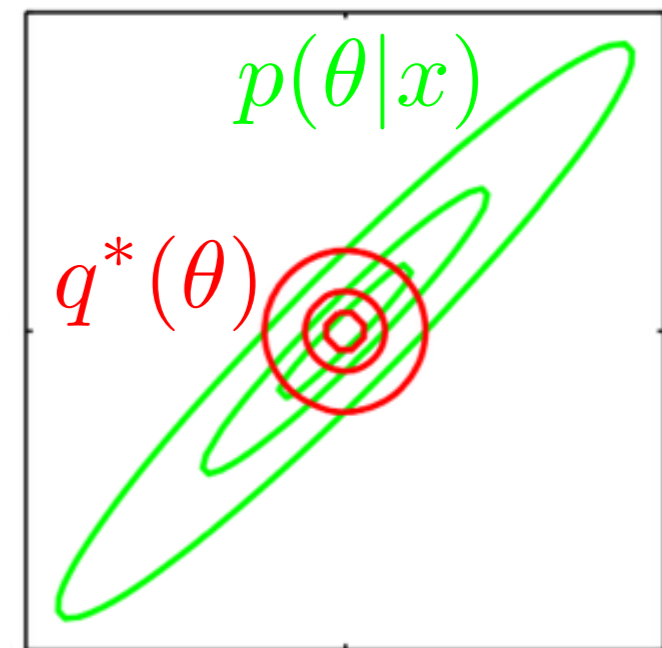
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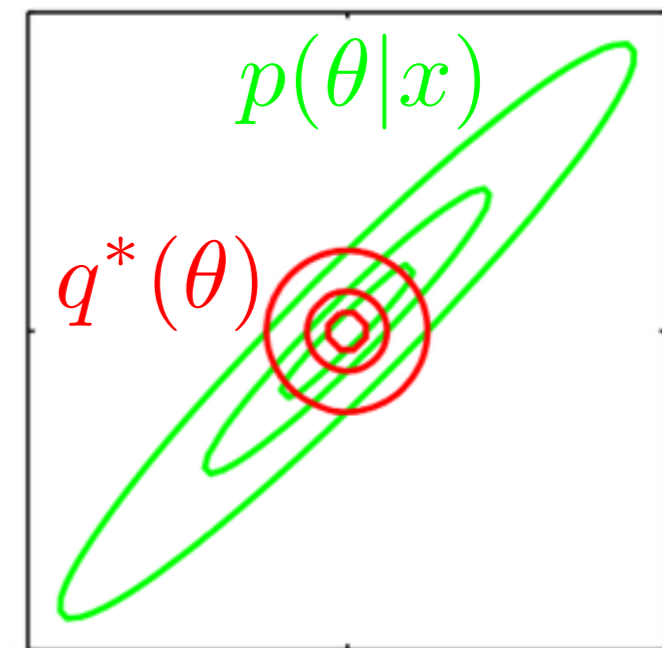
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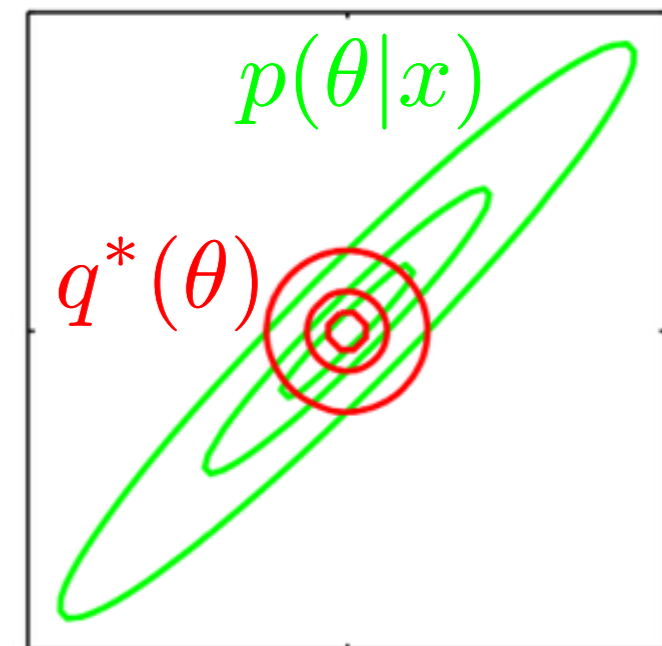
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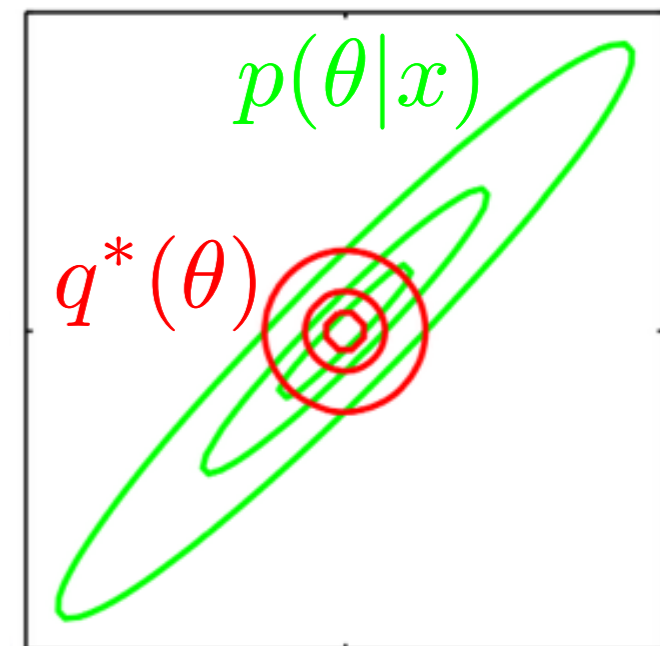
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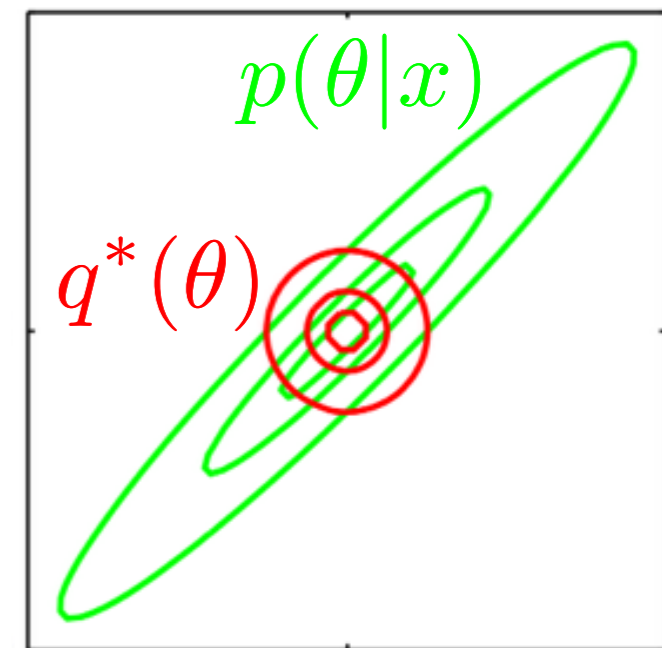
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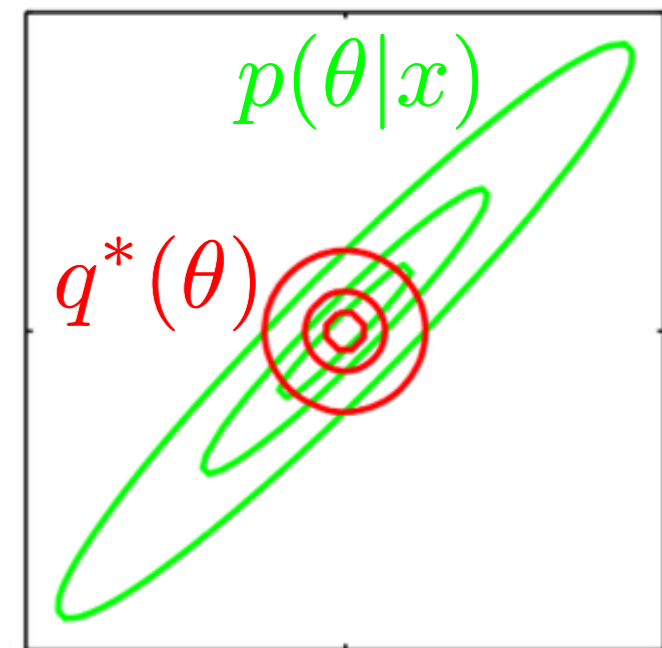
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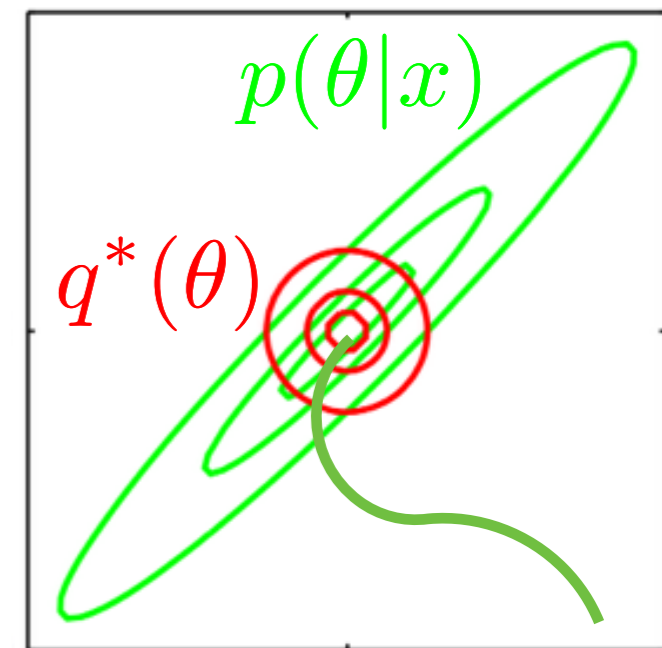
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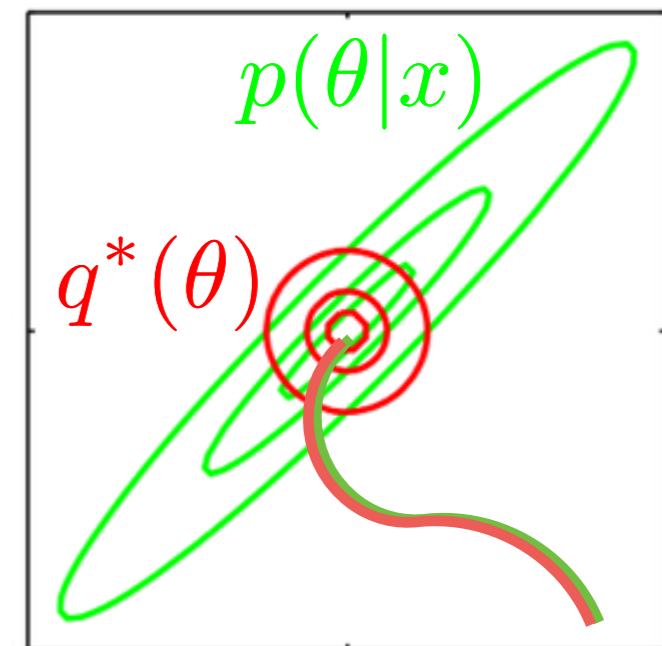
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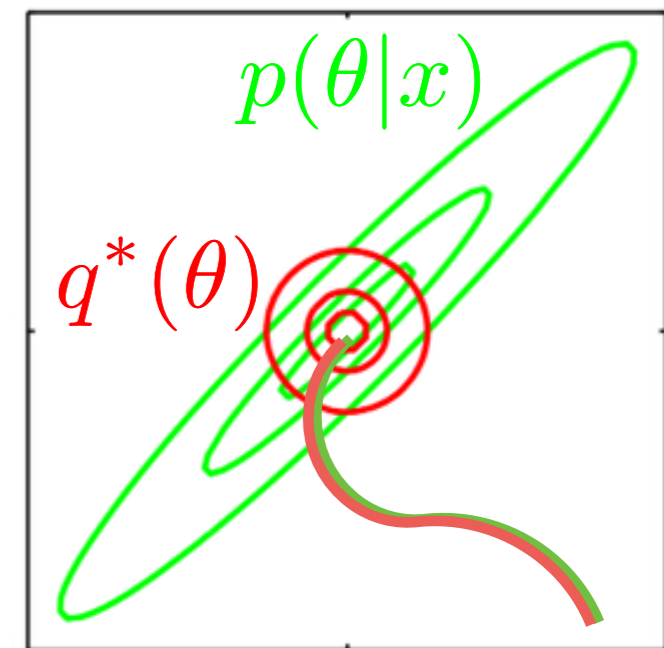
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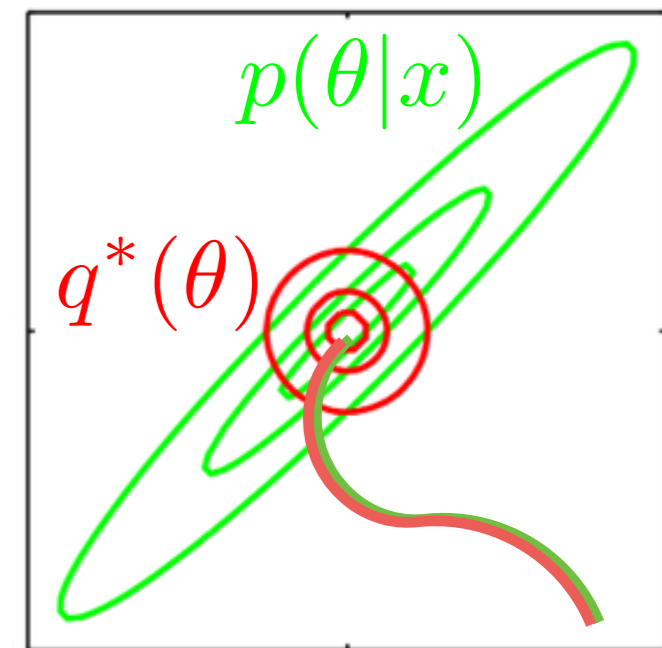
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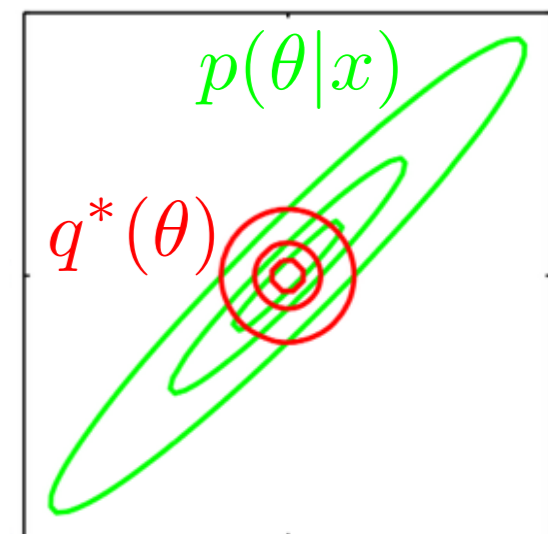
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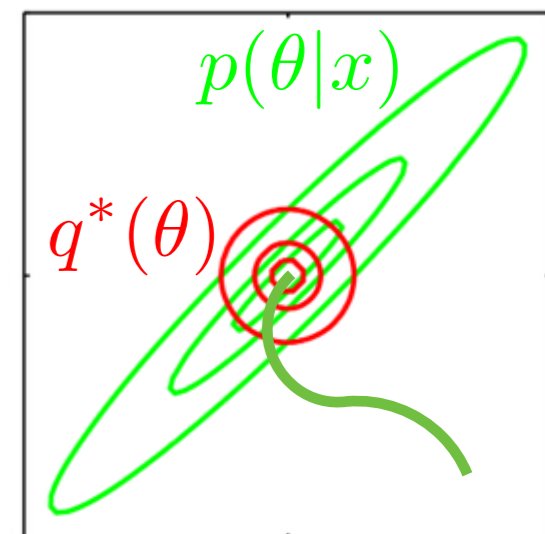
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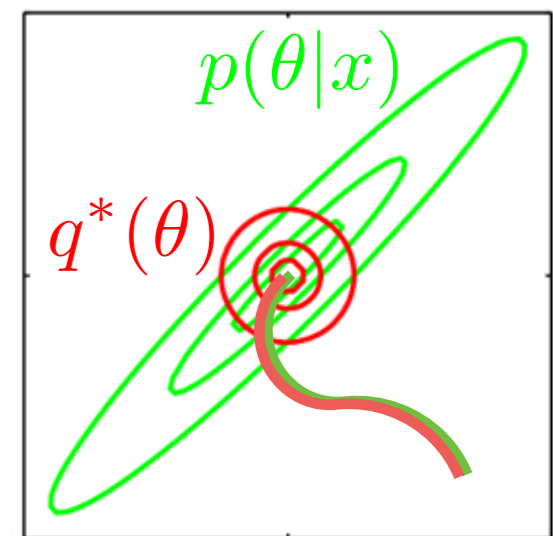
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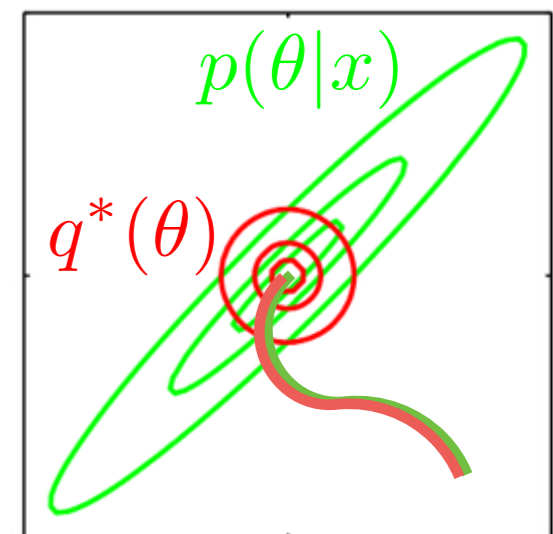
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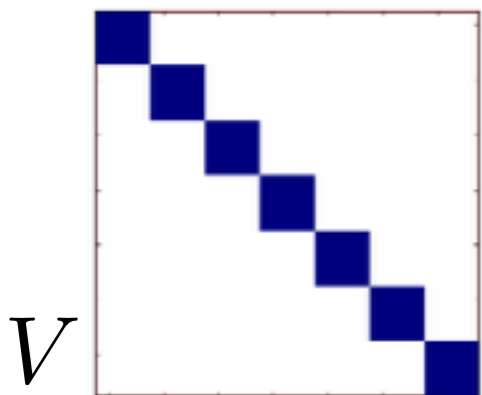
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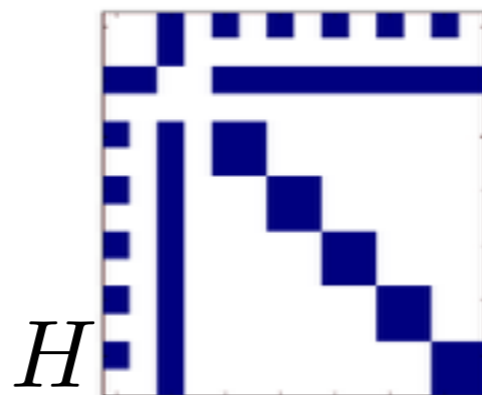
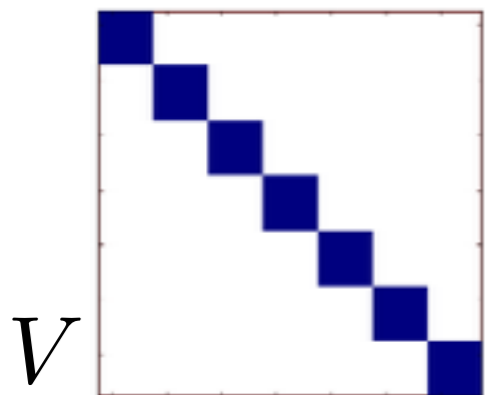
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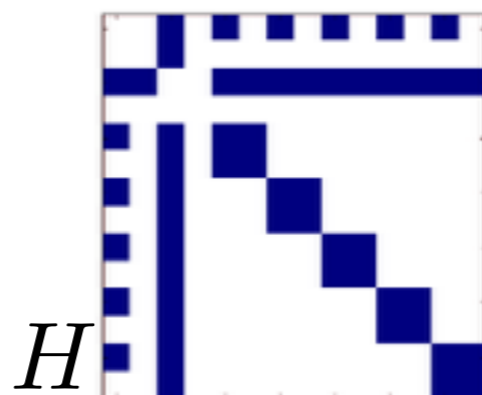
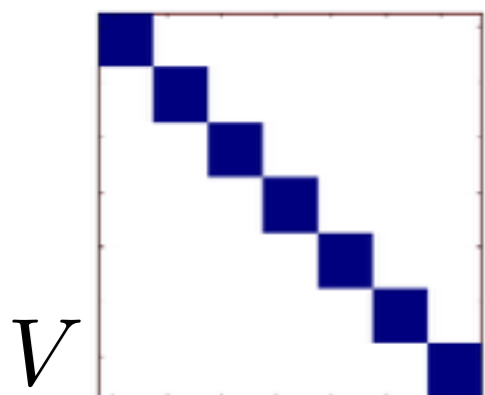
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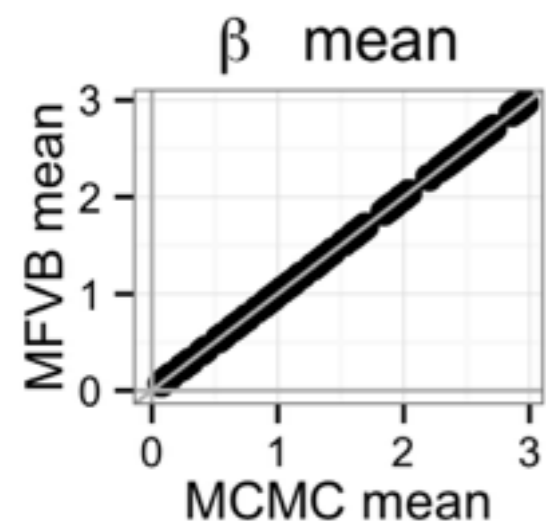


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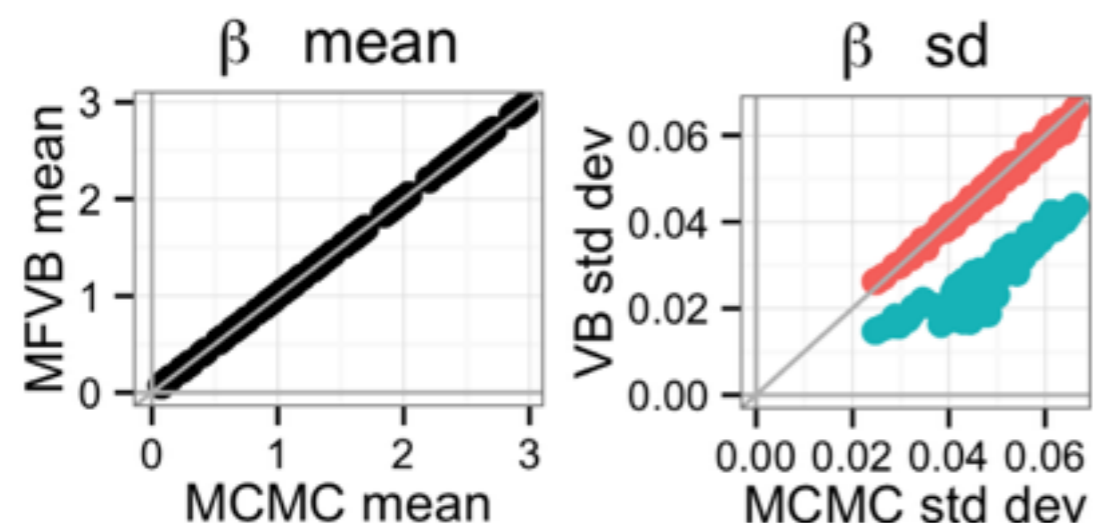
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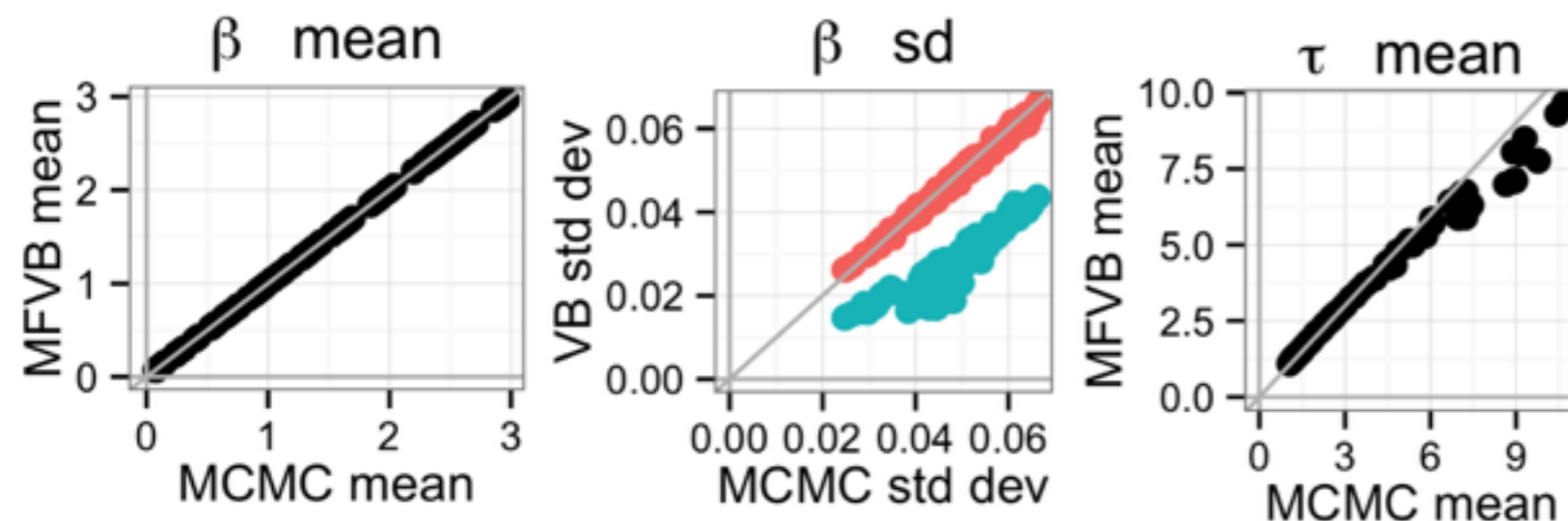
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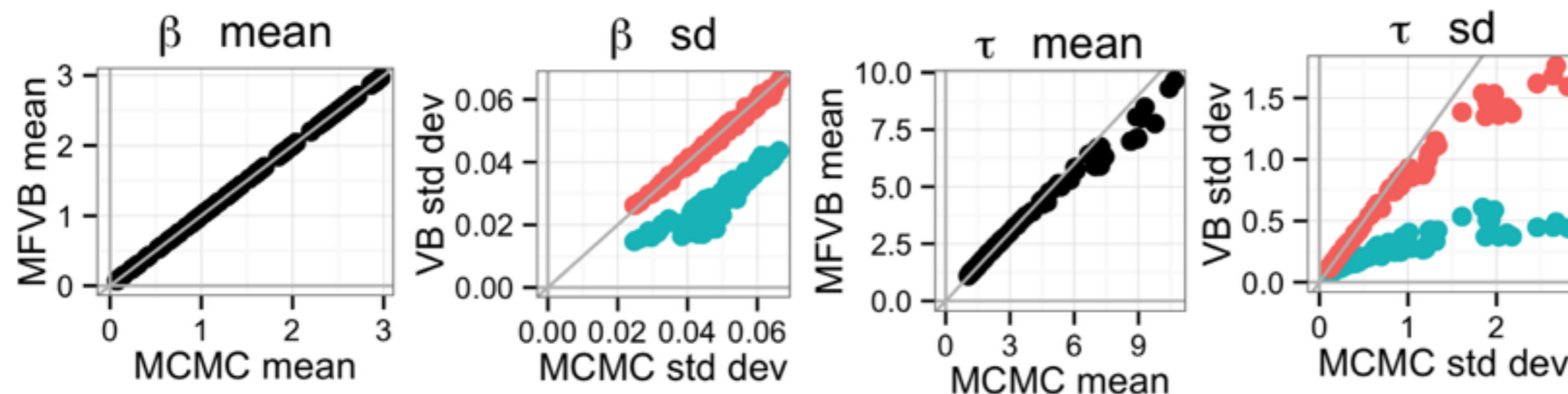
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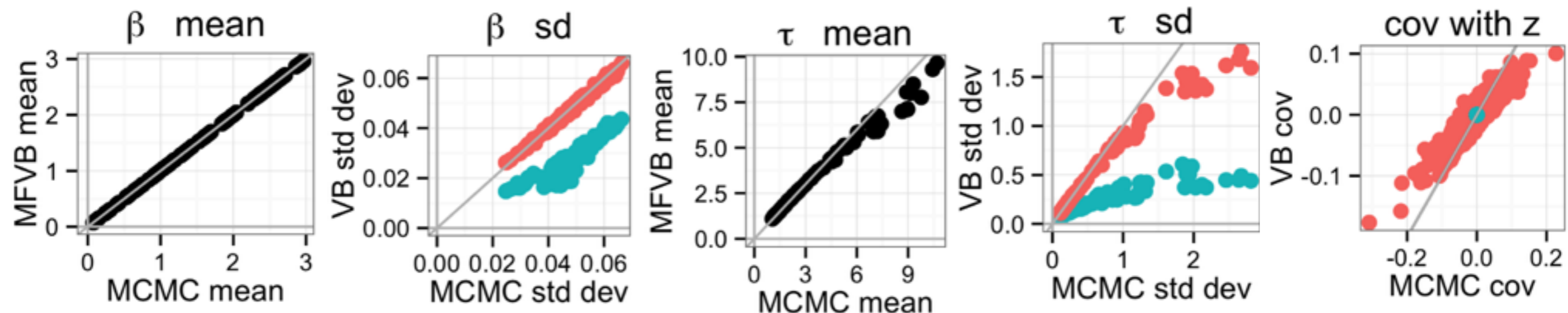
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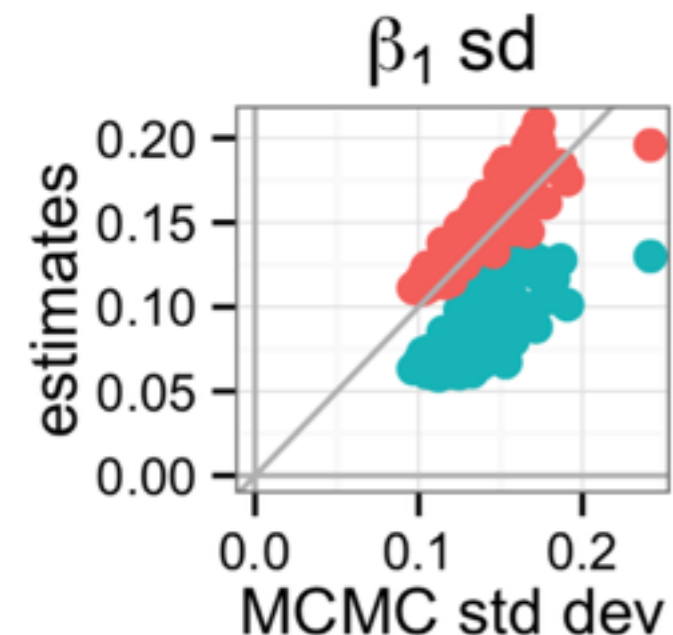
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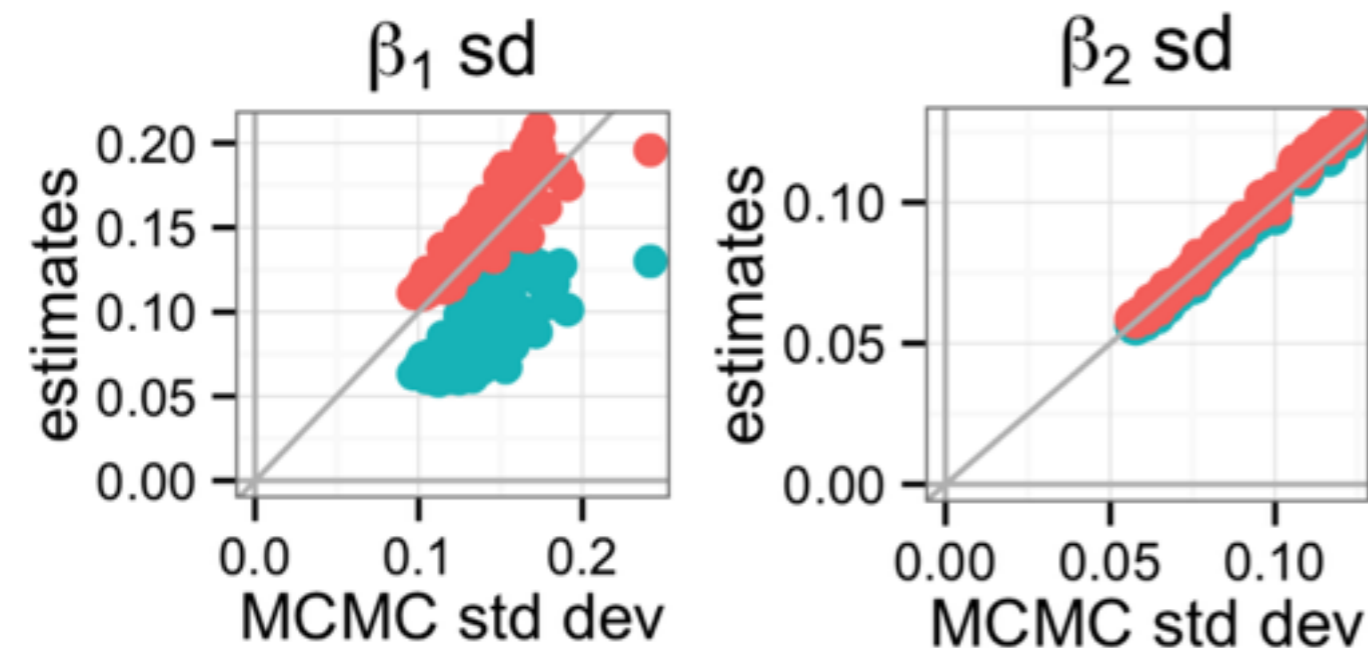
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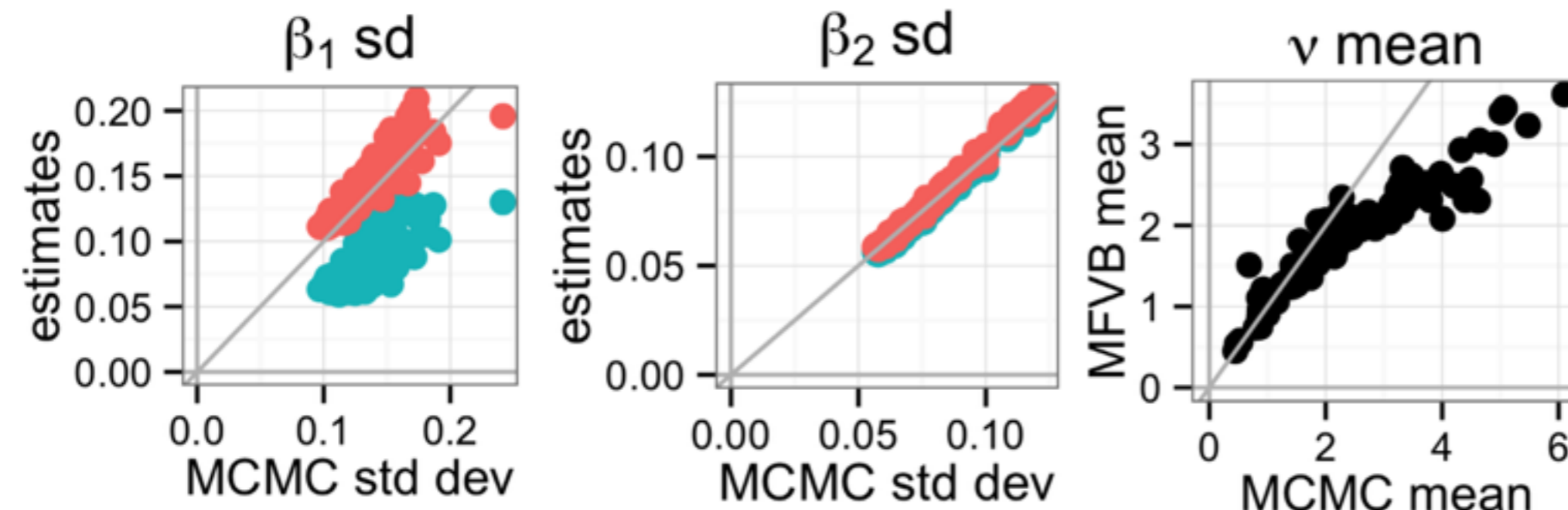
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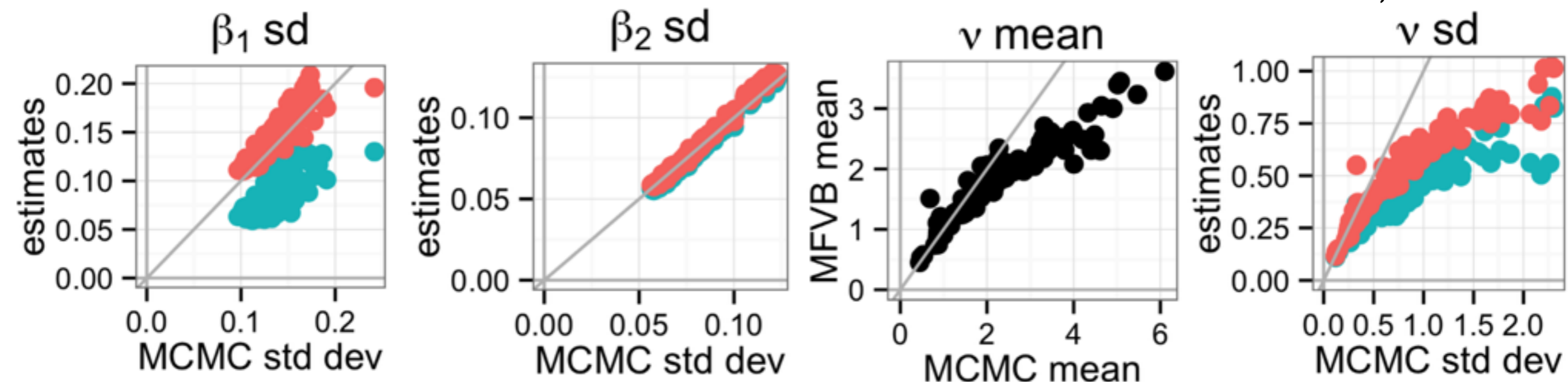
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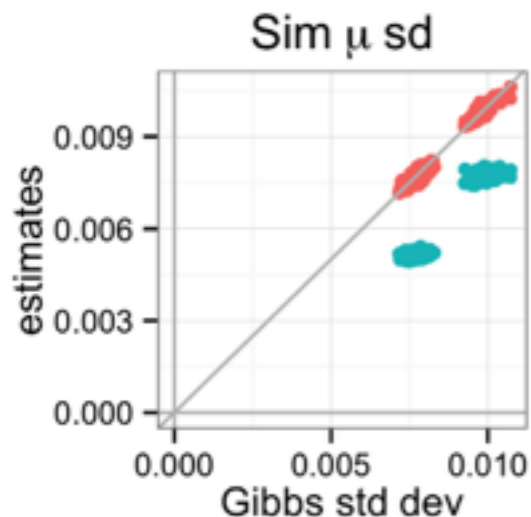
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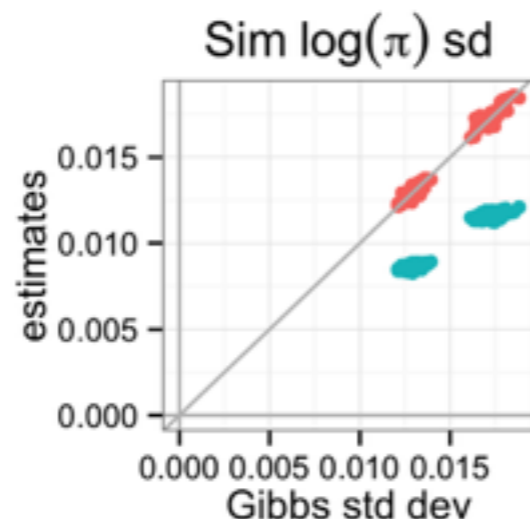
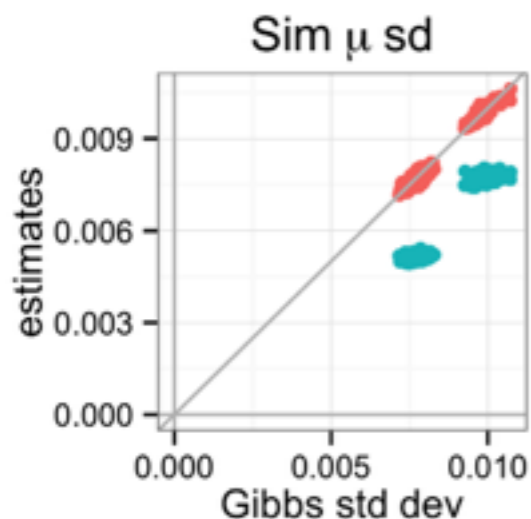
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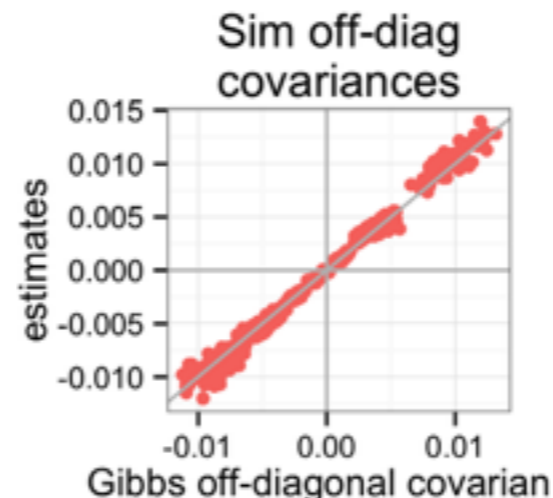
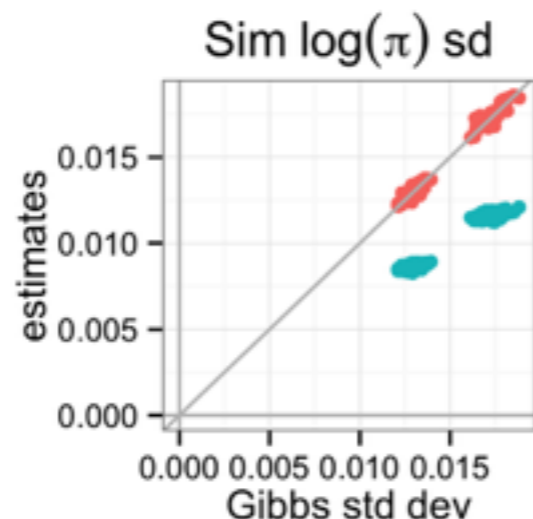
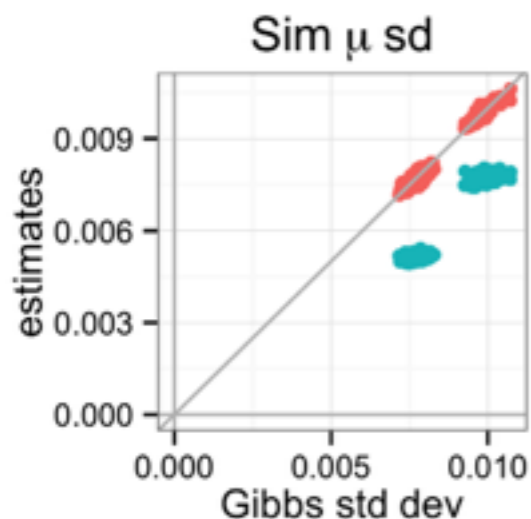
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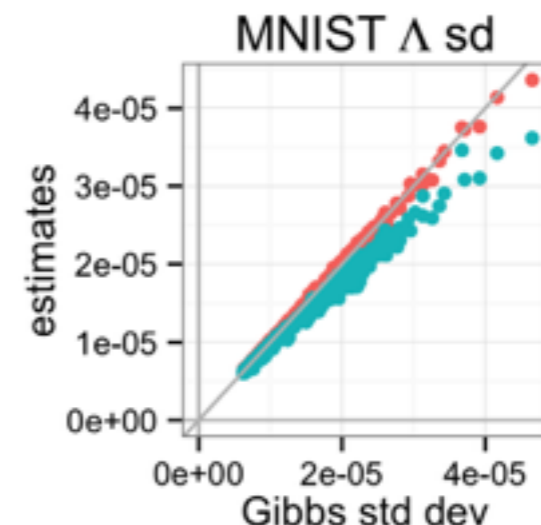
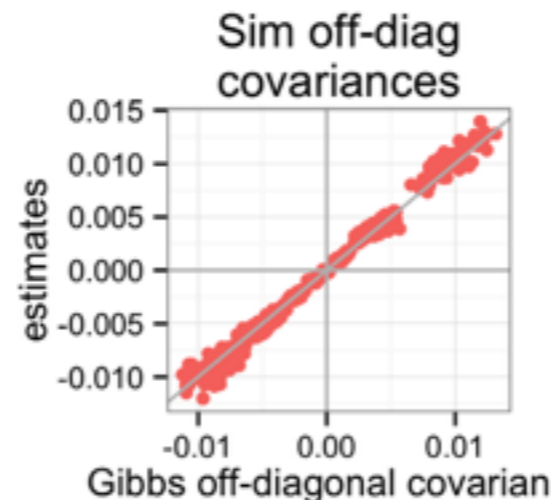
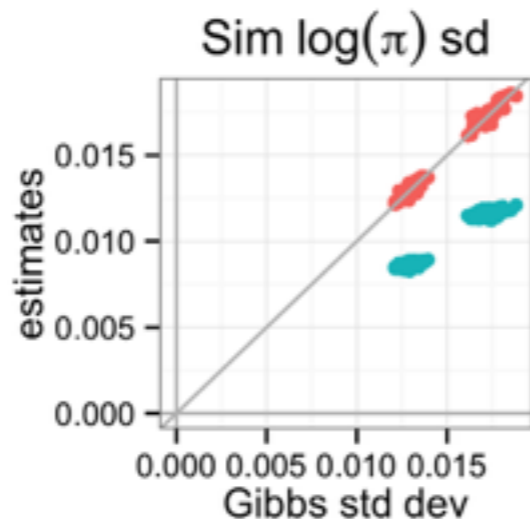
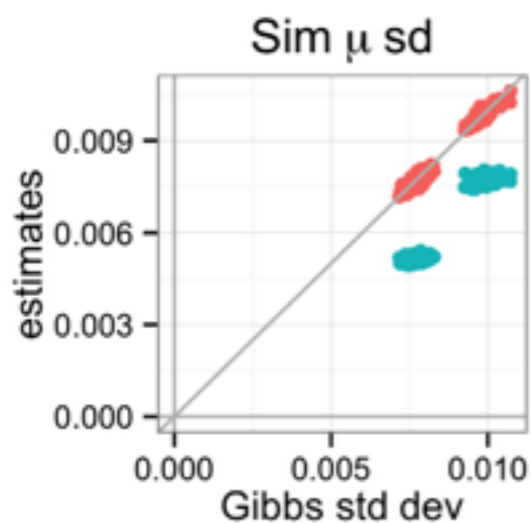
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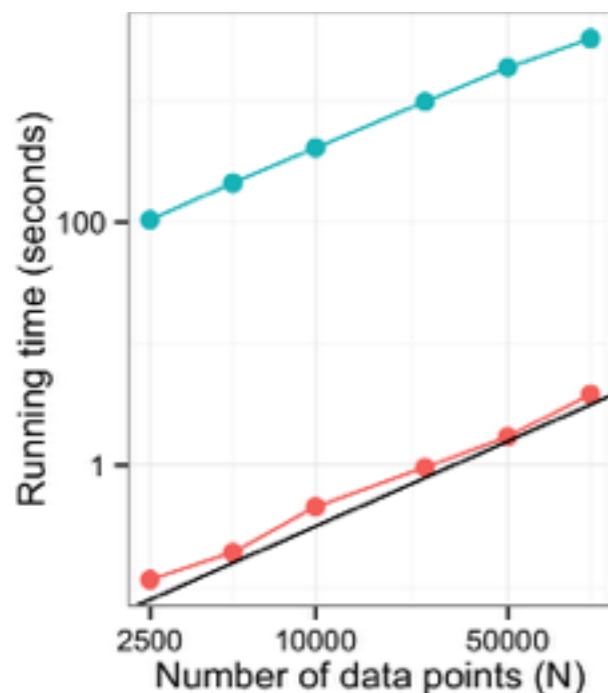
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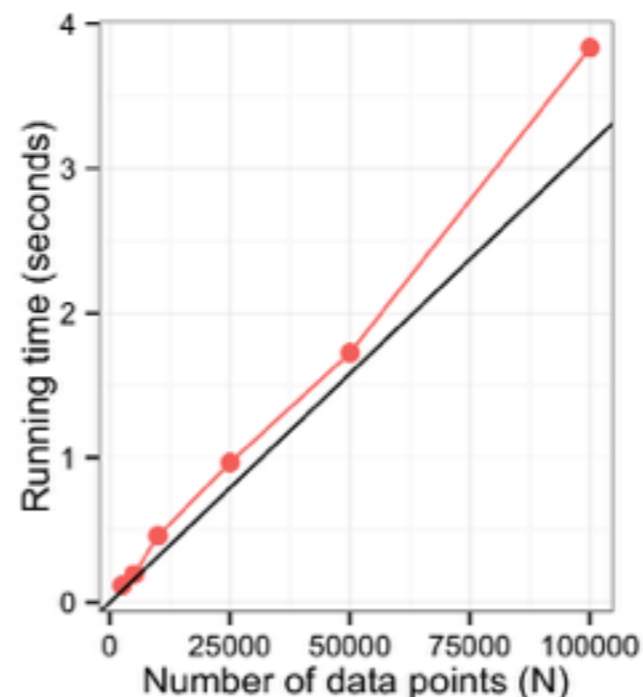
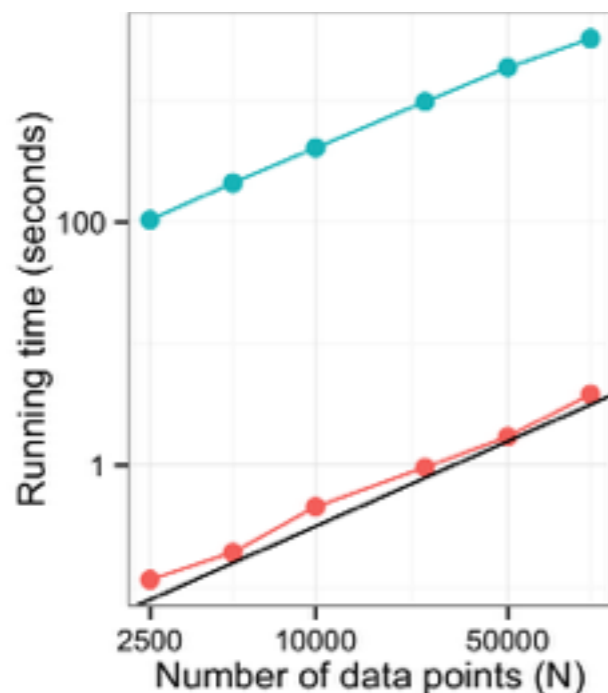
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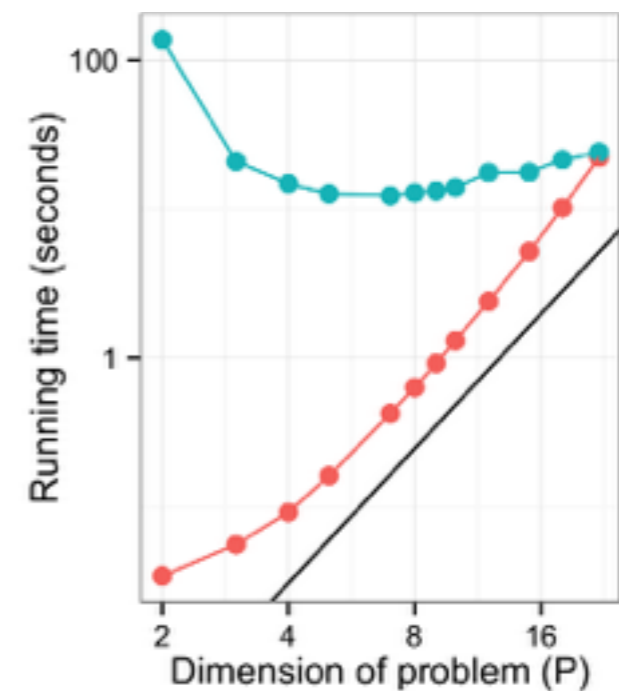
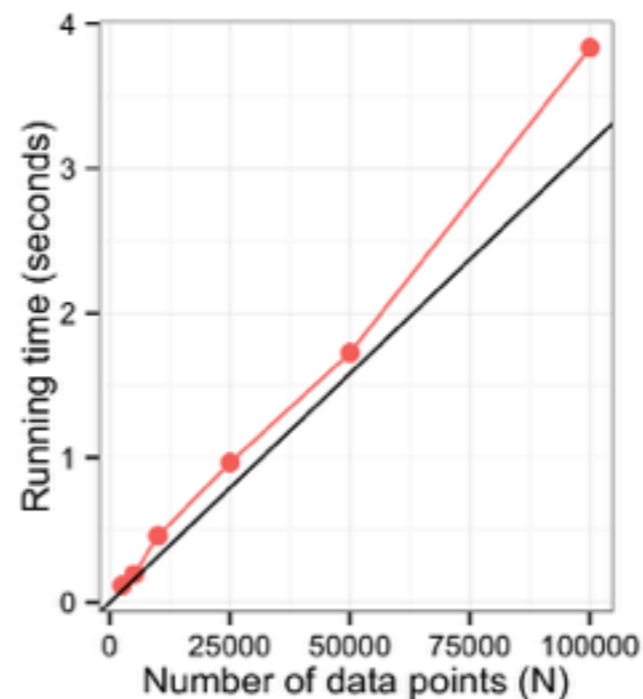
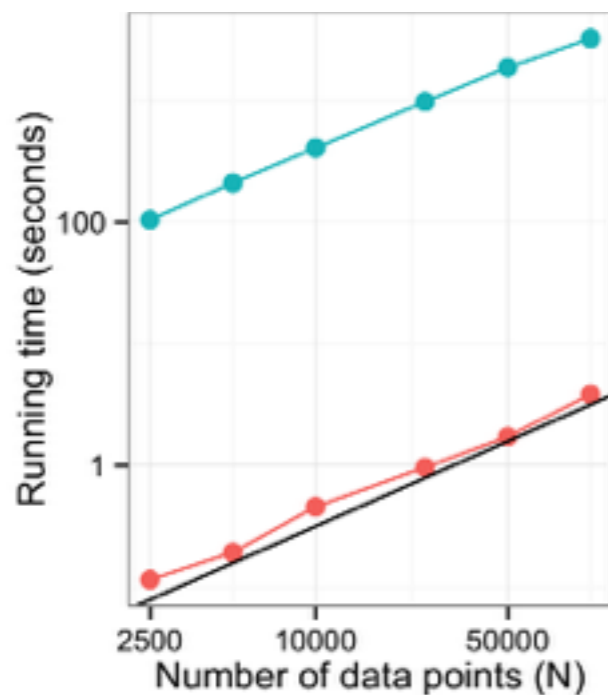


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