

# Physically Based Rendering (600.657)

Monte Carlo Integration

# Probability

## Definition:

The *probability density function* (PDF)  $p(x)$  of a random variable  $X$  in a domain  $\Omega$  describes the relative likelihood for this variable to occur at a given point in  $\Omega$ :

1.  $0 \leq p(x)$
2.  $\int_{\Omega} p(x) dx = 1$

# Probability

Note:

Given any subdomain  $D \subset \Omega$ , the probability of the variable occurring within  $D$  is:

$$\Pr\{X \in D\} = \int_D p(x) dx$$

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## Definition:

For a (1D) domain  $\Omega=[a,b]$  the *cumulative distribution function* (CDF)  $P(x)$  of a random variable  $X$  is the probability that a value from the variable's distribution is less than or equal to so some value  $x$ :

$$P(x) = \Pr\{X \leq x\} = \int_a^x p(x') dx'$$

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And more generally:

$$p(x) = \left. \frac{dP}{dx} \right|_x$$

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$$p(x_1) = \int_{\Omega_2} p(x_1, x_2) dx_2$$

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Note:

The marginal density function is also a PDF because it is non-negative and:

$$\int_{\Omega_1} p(x_1) dx_1 = \int_{\Omega_1} \int_{\Omega_2} p(x_1, x_2) dx_2 dx_1 = 1$$



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## Definition:

The marginal densities  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  are *independent* if the probability distribution on  $\Omega_1 \times \Omega_2$  is the product of marginal probability distributions on  $\Omega_1$  and  $\Omega_2$ :

$$p(x_1, x_2) = p(x_1)p(x_2)$$

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Given a PDF  $p(x_1, x_2)$  on the domain  $\Omega_1 \times \Omega_2$ , the *conditional density function* of  $x_2 \in \Omega_2$  given  $x_1 \in \Omega_1$  is obtained by integrating out one of the dimensions:

$$p(x_2 \mid x_1) = \frac{p(x_1, x_2)}{p(x_1)}$$

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The conditional density function is a PDF because it is non-negative and:

$$\int_{\Omega_2} p(x_2 | x_1) dx_2 = \int_{\Omega_2} \frac{p(x_1, x_2)}{p(x_1)} dx_2 = \frac{1}{p(x_1)} \int_{\Omega_2} p(x_1, x_2) dx_2 = \frac{p(x_1)}{p(x_1)} = 1$$

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Given a PDF  $p$  on a domain  $\Omega$ , the *expected value*,  $E_p[f]$ , of a function  $f$  is the average value of the function over a distribution of values  $p(x)$  over its domain:

$$E_p[f] = \int_{\Omega} f(x) p(x) dx$$

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Note:

For functions  $f$ ,  $f_1$ , and  $f_2$  and constant  $c$ :

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$$\begin{aligned} E_p[f_1 + f_2] &= \int (f_1(x) + f_2(x))p(x)dx = \int f_1(x)p(x)dx + \int f_2(x)p(x)dx \\ &= E_p[f_1] + E_p[f_2] \end{aligned}$$

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where  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  are the marginal distributions.

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Given independent PDFs  $p_1$  on  $\Omega_1$  and  $p_2$  on  $\Omega_2$ ,  
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$$E_p[f_1(x_1) \cdot f_2(x_2)] = \iint_{\Omega_1 \times \Omega_2} f_1(x_1) f_2(x_2) p(x_1, x_2) dx_2 dx_1$$

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Note:

For functions  $f$  and constant  $c$ :

$$V_p[cf] = E_p[(cf)^2] - E_p[cf]^2 = c^2(E_p[f^2] - E_p[f]^2) = c^2V_p[f]$$

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Given a PDF  $p(x_1, x_2)$  on the domain  $\Omega_1 \times \Omega_2$  and given a function  $f$  on  $\Omega_1 \times \Omega_2$ , the *conditional expectation* over  $\Omega_2$  given  $x_1 \in \Omega_1$  is:

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Similarly, the conditional variance over  $\Omega_2$  given  $x_1 \in \Omega_1$  is:

$$V_{\Omega_1}[f \mid x_1] = \int_{\Omega_2} (f(x_1, x_2) - E[f \mid x_1])^2 \cdot p(x_2 \mid x_1) dx_2$$

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Note:

$$V_{\Omega_1 \times \Omega_1}[f] = E_{\Omega_1 \times \Omega_1}[f^2] - (E_{\Omega_1 \times \Omega_1}[f])^2$$

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# Monte Carlo Estimator

## Definition:

Given a PDF  $p$  on domain  $\Omega$  corresponding to random variable  $X$ , and given a function  $f$  on  $\Omega$ , the ( $n$ -th) Monte Carlo estimate of the integral of  $f$  over  $\Omega$  is:

$$I_n(X) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{f(X_i)}{p(X_i)}$$

# Monte Carlo Estimator

Note:

The expected value of the estimate is:

$$E_p[I_n] = E_p\left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{f}{p}\right] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n E_p\left[\frac{f}{p}\right] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{\Omega} \frac{f(x)}{p(x)} p(x) dx = \int_{\Omega} f(x) dx$$

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The expected value of the estimate is the integral of the function, regardless of the PDF.  
(So long as  $p(x) \neq 0$  when  $f(x) \neq 0$ .)

# Monte Carlo Estimator

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The variance of the estimate is:

$$V_p[I_n] = V_p\left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{f}{p}\right] = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n V_p\left[\frac{f}{p}\right] = \frac{1}{n} V_p\left[\frac{f}{p}\right]$$

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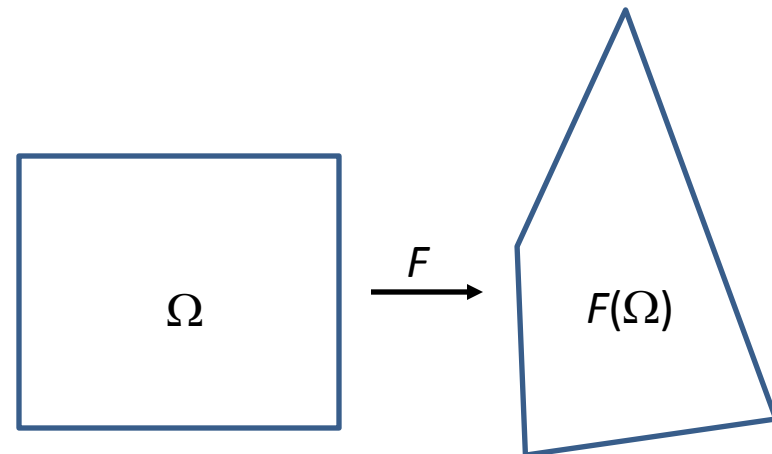
Variance decreases as:

1. We use more samples
2. The variance of  $f/p$  decreases (e.g. if  $p \propto f$ .)

# Sampling

## Challenge:

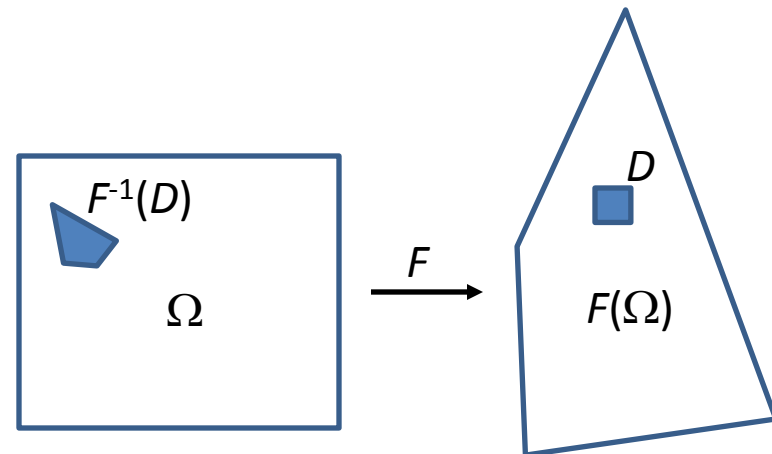
Given a random variable  $X$  on domain  $\Omega$  with PDF  $p$ , and given a bijective map  $F:\Omega\rightarrow F(\Omega)$  what is the PDF  $q$  of the random variable  $F(X)$ ?



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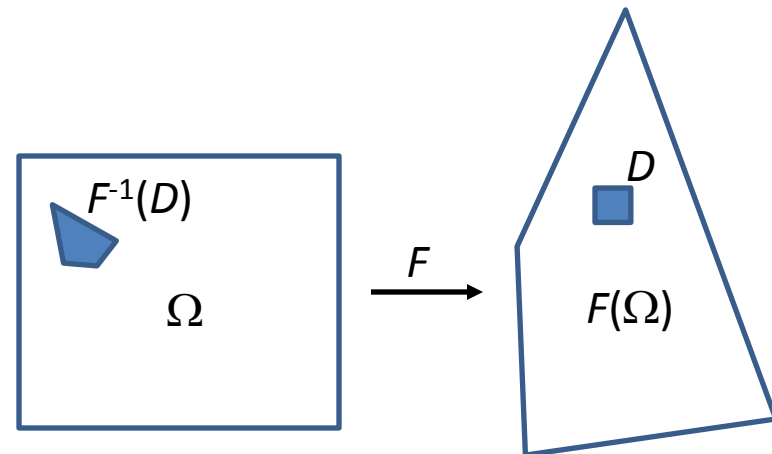
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Thus, the differential probability of choosing the point  $F(x)$  is:

$$q(F(x)) = \frac{p(x)}{|J_F(x)|}$$





# Sampling

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## Definition:

A *canonical uniform random variable*  $\xi$  is a random variable that takes on all values in the domain  $\Omega=[0,1]$  with equal probability:

$$p(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \in [0,1] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# Sampling

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## Challenge:

Given a canonical uniform random variable  $\xi$ ,  
how do we generate a uniform random variable  
in the range  $[a, b]$ ?

# Sampling

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Solution:

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$$\theta = -(P(\xi_1) - 1)^{-1} = \cos^{-1} \xi_1 \quad \phi = (Q(\xi_1) - 1)^{-1} = 2\pi\xi_2$$

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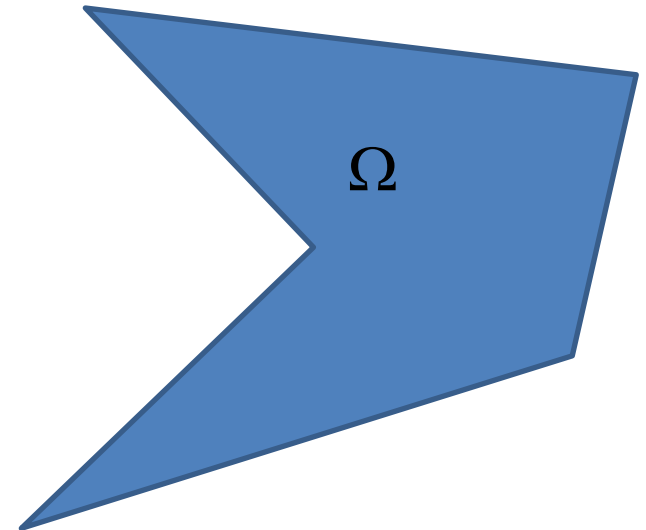
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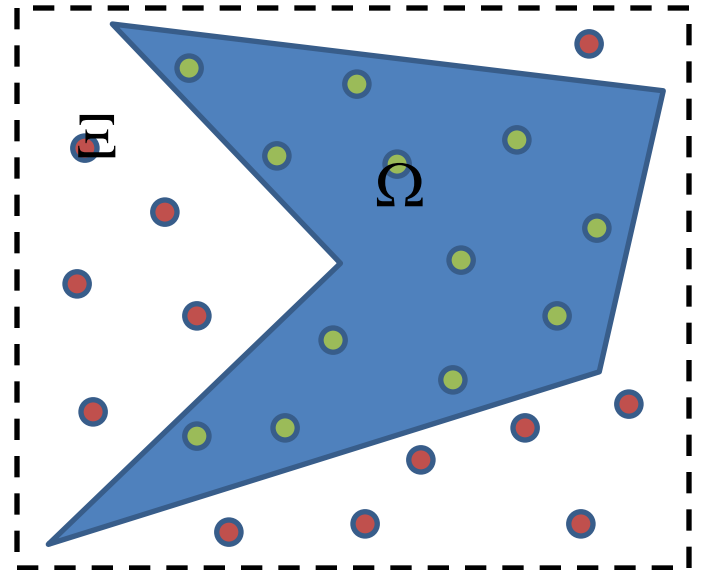
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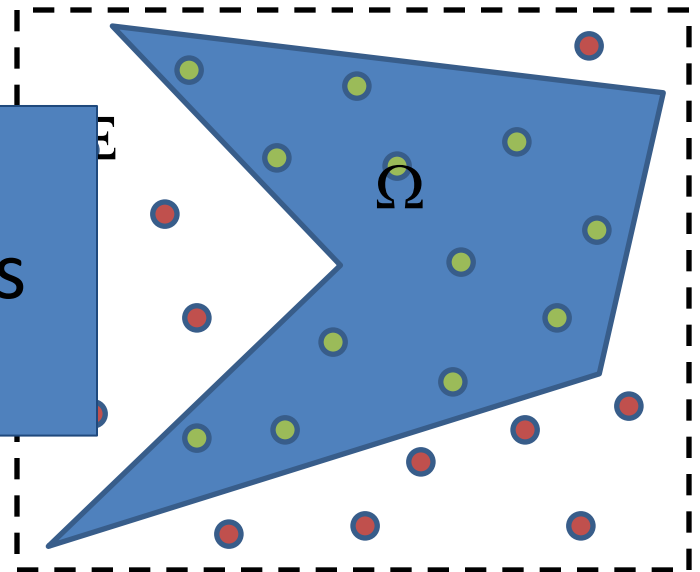
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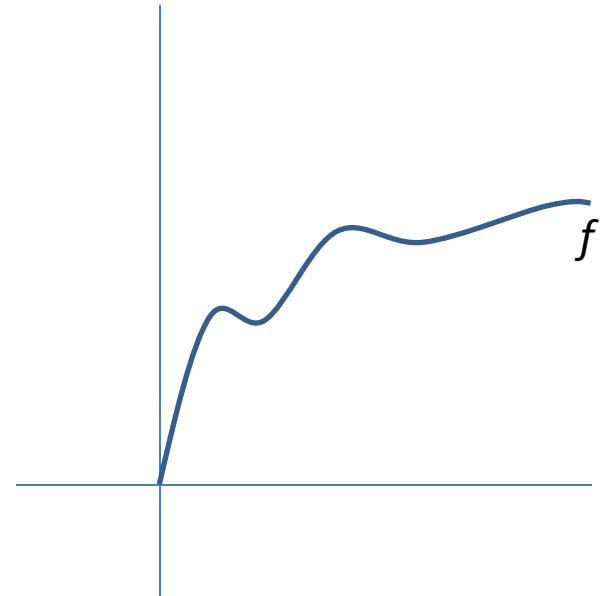
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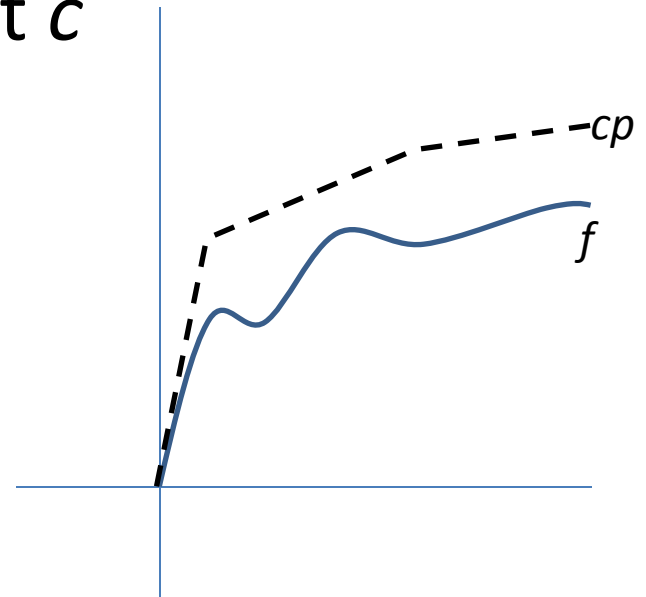
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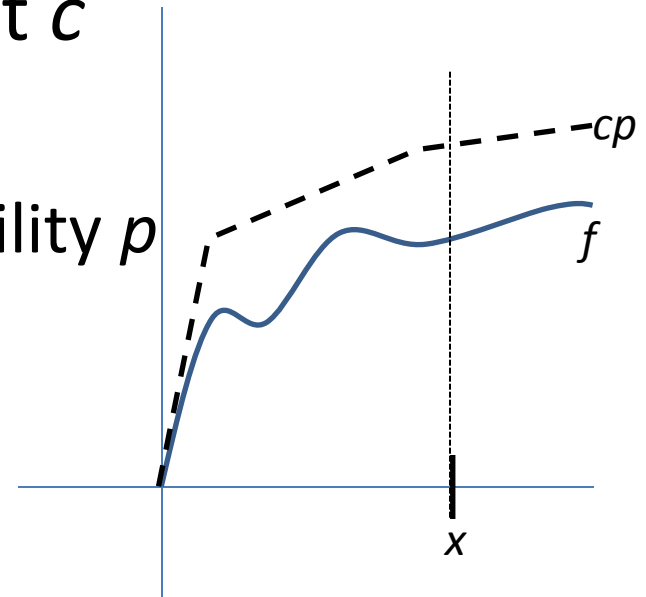
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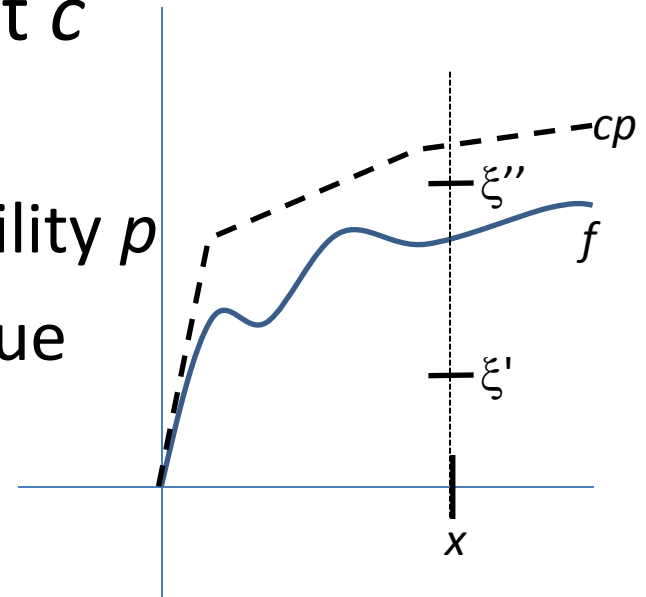
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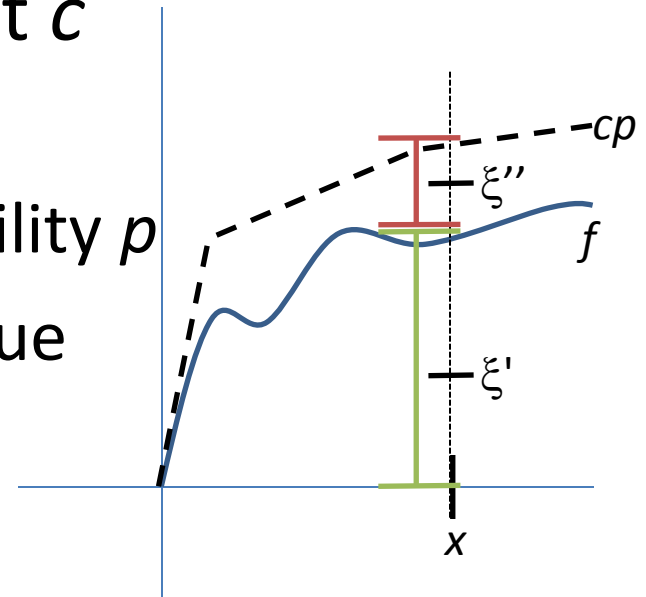
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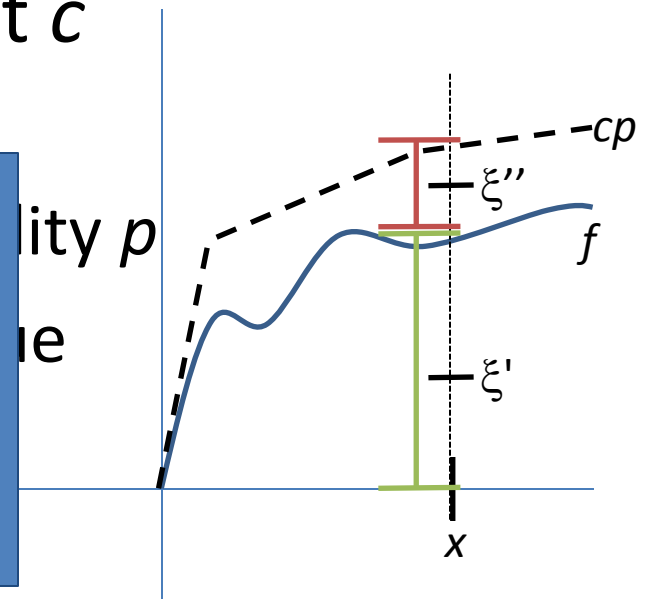
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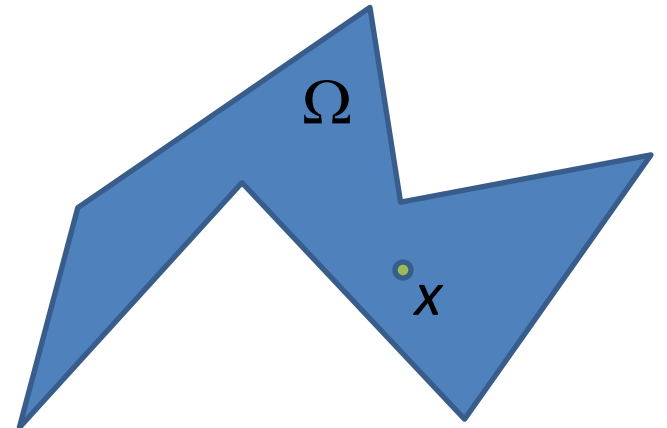
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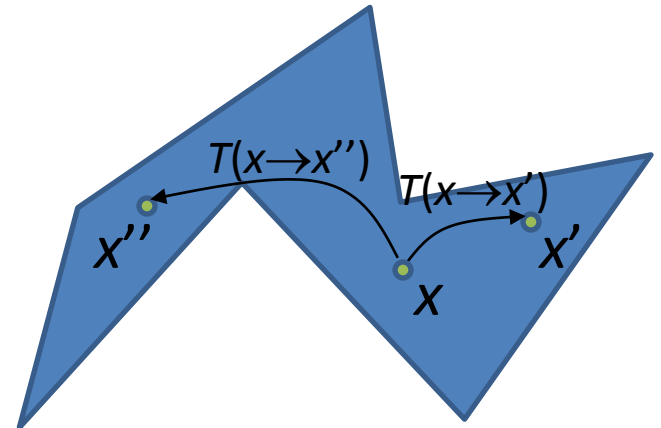
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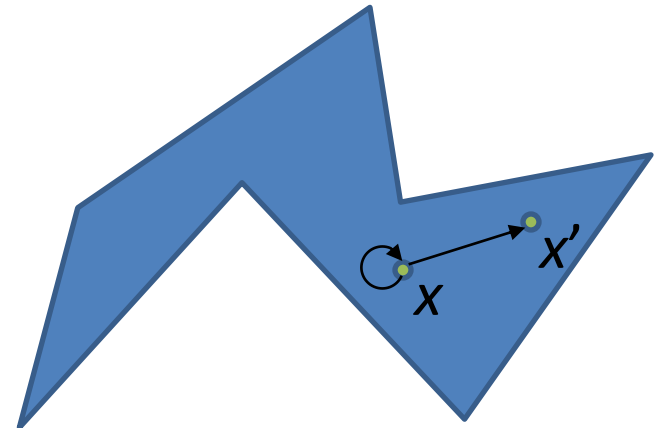
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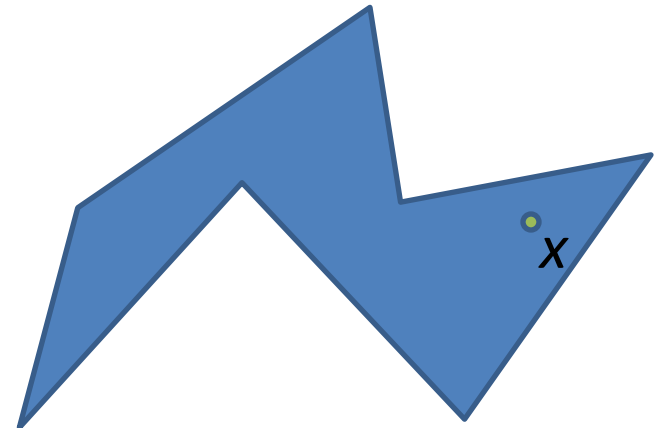




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with:

$$f_i = f(x_i), \quad T_{ij} = T(x_i \rightarrow x_j), \quad a_{ij} = a(x_i \rightarrow x_j), \quad \alpha = \frac{1}{f_1 + f_2}, \quad p_i = p(x_i) = \alpha f_i$$

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Note that this ensures stationarity of  $p$  but does not ensure convergence or uniqueness:

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Assuming  $T_{ij} > 0$ , we can get uniqueness and convergence by setting:

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This not only ensures that mutating  $p$  we get back  $p$ , but also that repeatedly mutating and PDF  $q$  we get a multiple of  $p$ .



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## Solution (Burn In):

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Setting  $M$  be the matrix  $M_{ij} = T_{ji} a_{ji}$ , and setting  $p = \{p_1, \dots, p_n\}$  and  $q = \{q_1, \dots, q_n\}$  this becomes:

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## Conditions on $M$ :

1. Stationarity: Applying  $M$  to  $f$  we should get back  $f$ :  $Mf=f$ . ( $f$  is an eigenvector of  $M$  with eigenvalue 1).
2. Convergence: Repeatedly applying  $M$  to a PDF  $p$  we should converge to something. (All eigenvalues of  $M$  have magnitude  $\leq 1$ .)
3. Uniqueness: That “something” should be a scalar multiple of  $f$ . (All other eigenvalues of  $M$  have magnitude  $< 1$ .)