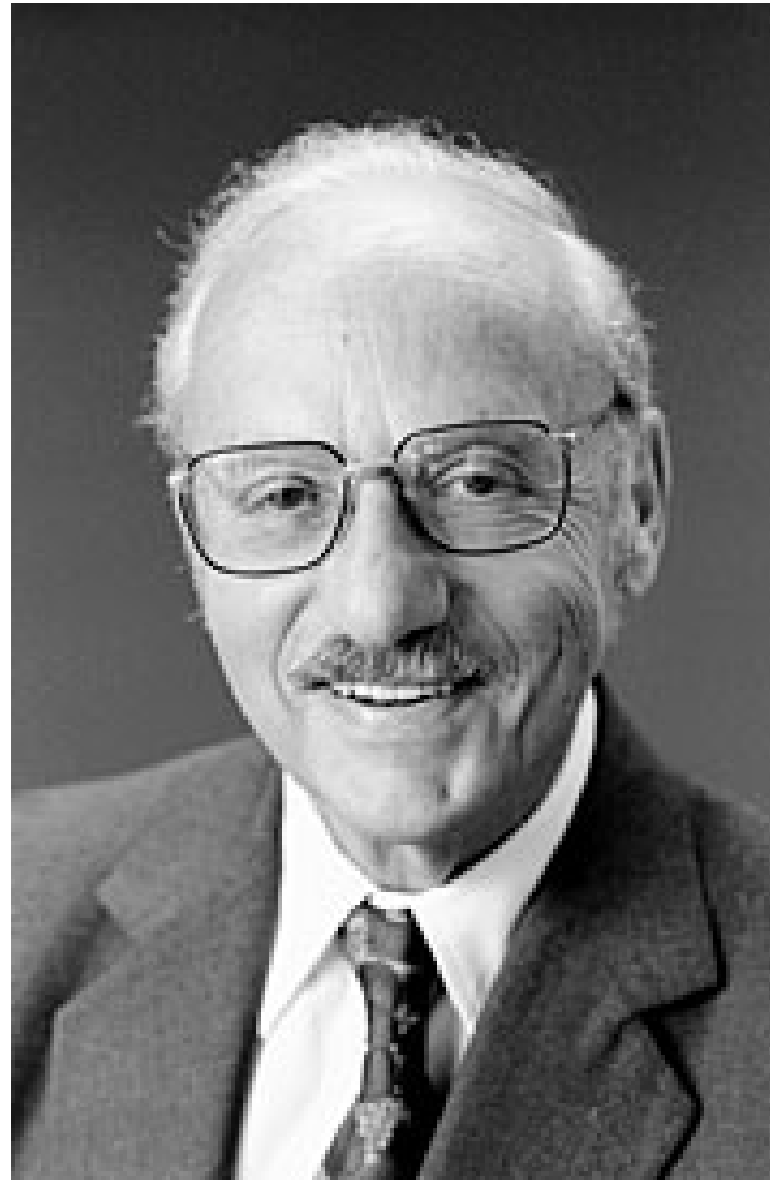


The Harms of Historical Hyperbole

Dylan Spicker, PhD Candidate (Presented on June 30th 2021)



Who was George Dantzig?

An American Mathematician/Statistician who created the simplex algorithm for linear programming.

Operations Researchers: "Oh no. We can't check $70!$ combinations. That will take longer than the heat death of the universe. Aweh shucks."

The Simplex Algorithm ENTER STAGE RIGHT

The Simplex Algorithm: "I can do that, fast and effectively! Even on computers from the 1940s!"

Operations Researchers: "Yay! Now we can solve all of these allocation problems effectively."

A young man with dark hair, wearing a dark blue long-sleeved shirt, is standing in profile, writing on a chalkboard. The chalkboard has some faint white lines drawn on it. The background is a classroom with wooden walls and a window showing a bright outdoor scene.

Good ~~George Dantzig~~ Will Hunting

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Today I will tell you a relatively short story about a young man, which occurred many years ago. Even though the story contains nothing supernatural, I'm not exaggerating when I say that it was able to change the lives of millions across the world. In one way or another, every self-

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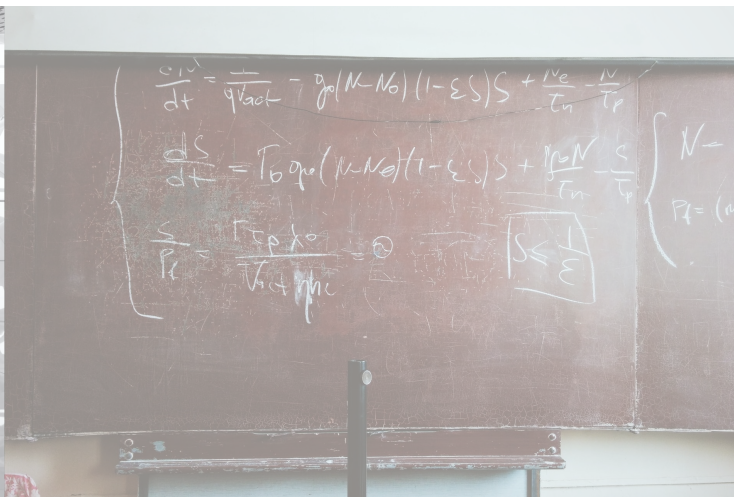
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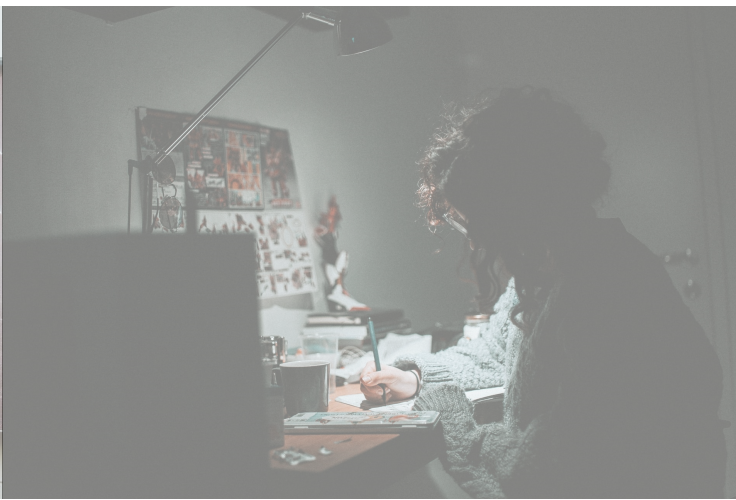
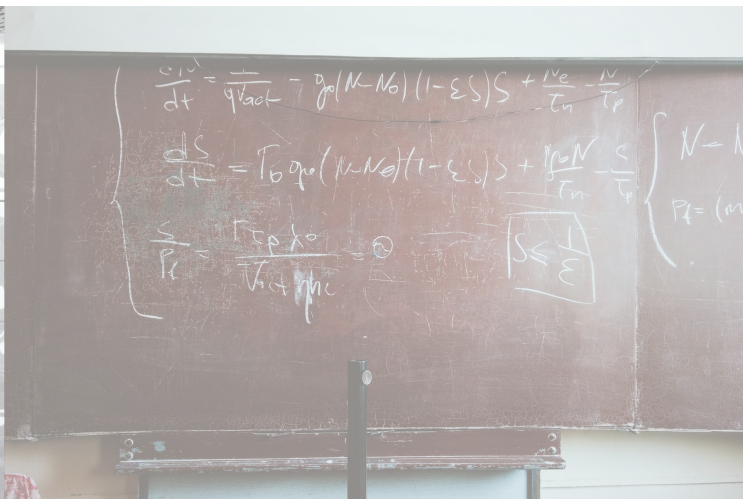
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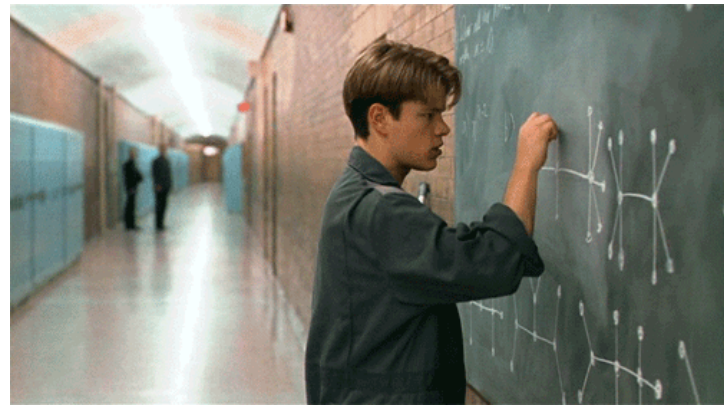


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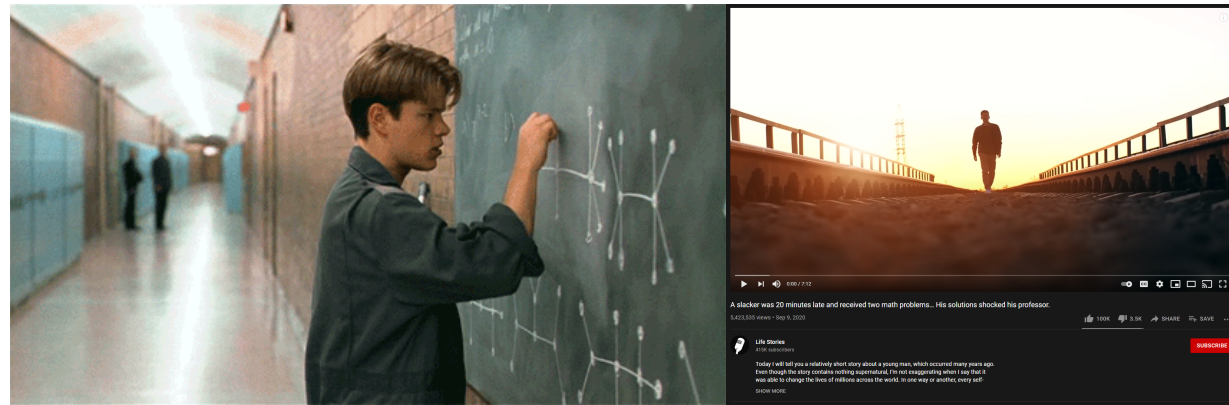
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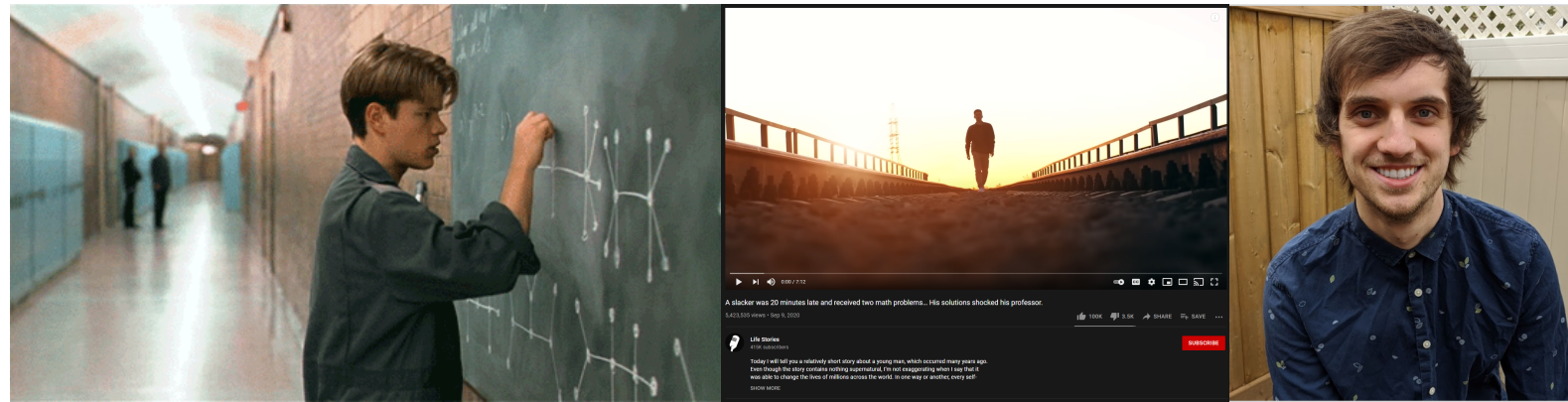
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What lessons are learned from this?



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2. **Positive thinking** makes you into a genius.

What lessons are learned from this?



1. **George Dantzig** was a genius.
2. **Positive thinking** makes you into a genius.
3. Geniuses **finish their dissertations** in a week.



Therein lies my **beef**.

Those **lessons** are lies*.

* or at least not justified by the storied event.

the cake is a lie.



May 13, 2005



Vanguard Mathematician George Dantzig Dies

By **Joe Holley**
May 19, 2005

George B. Dantzig, 90, a mathematician who devised a formula that revolutionized planning, scheduling, network design and other complex functions integral to modern-day business, industry and government, died May 13 at his home in Palo Alto, Calif. The cause of death, according to his daughter, was complications from diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

Dr. Dantzig was known as the father of linear programming and as the inventor of the "simplex method," an algorithm for solving linear programming problems.

"He really created the field," said Irvin Lustig, an operations research software consultant who was Dr. Dantzig's student at Stanford University.

Dr. Dantzig's seminal work allows the airline industry, for example, to schedule crews and make fleet assignments. It's the tool that shipping companies use to determine how many planes they need and where their delivery trucks should be deployed. The oil industry long has used linear programming in refinery planning, as it determines how much of its raw product should become different grades of gasoline and how much should be used for petroleum-based byproducts. It's used in manufacturing, revenue management, telecommunications, advertising, architecture, circuit design and countless other areas.

"The virtually simultaneous development of linear programming and computers led to an explosion of applications, especially in the industrial sector," Stanford University Professor Arthur F. Veinott Jr. said in a statement. "For the first time in history, managers were given a powerful and practical method of simulating and comparing extremely large numbers of interdependent alternative courses of action to find one that was optimal."

May 13, 2005

Look at all the famous
people.

Plot Twist

I used to kind of love Dantzig.

We need to make sure we always take care of ourselves. It is important to do what is right for us, always, regardless of any extrinsic forces. You matter.

Please, if you ever need to chat, email me or reach out.
dylan.spicker@uwaterloo.ca


We need to do a better job at recognizing the impact of the environments that we create have on others. My talk is tongue-in-cheek and meant to be entertaining, but that is simply a tool at cutting through our inability to discuss these issues frankly. I promise I will get back to less serious slides next, but please take this to heart. If it is helpful, remember that other people feel like you do and want to be there to support you.

So What is My Take?

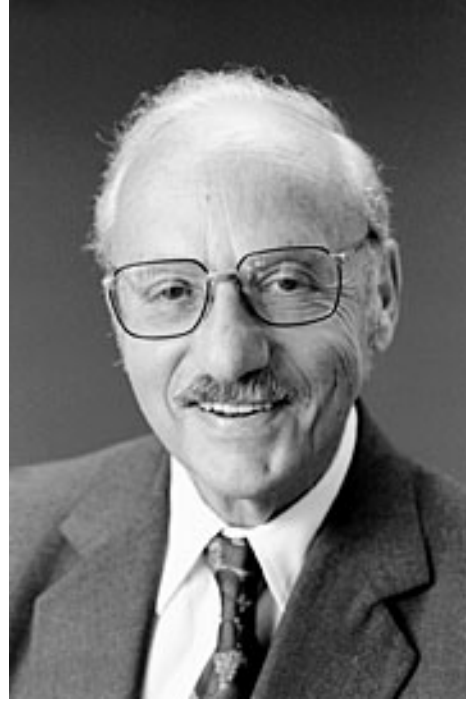
George Dantzig did what most graduate students do...
... and that is something we should celebrate.



Myth #1

These were very famous problems...



**One
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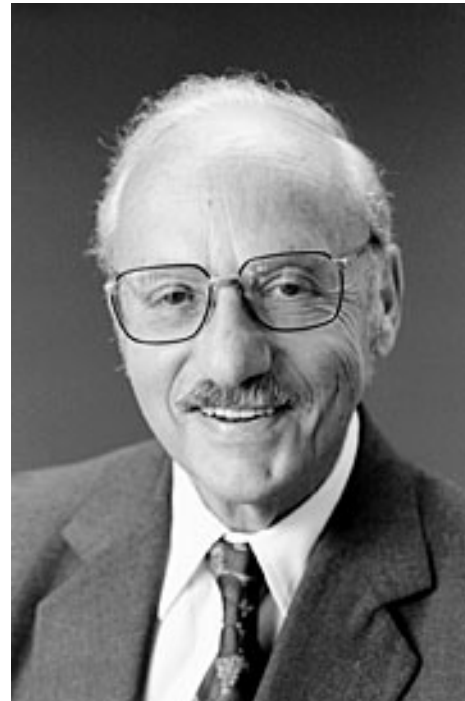




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² Research under contract with the Office of Naval Research.

How about we co-author this one?



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1. Summary and introduction. The following lemma proved by Neyman and Pearson [1] is basic in the theory of testing statistical hypotheses:

LEMMA. Let $f_1(x), \dots, f_{m+1}(x)$ be $m + 1$ Borel measurable functions defined over a finite dimensional Euclidean space R such that $\int_R |f_i(x)| dx < \infty$ ($i = 1, \dots, m + 1$). Let, furthermore, c_1, \dots, c_m be m given constants and S the class of all Borel measurable subsets S of R for which

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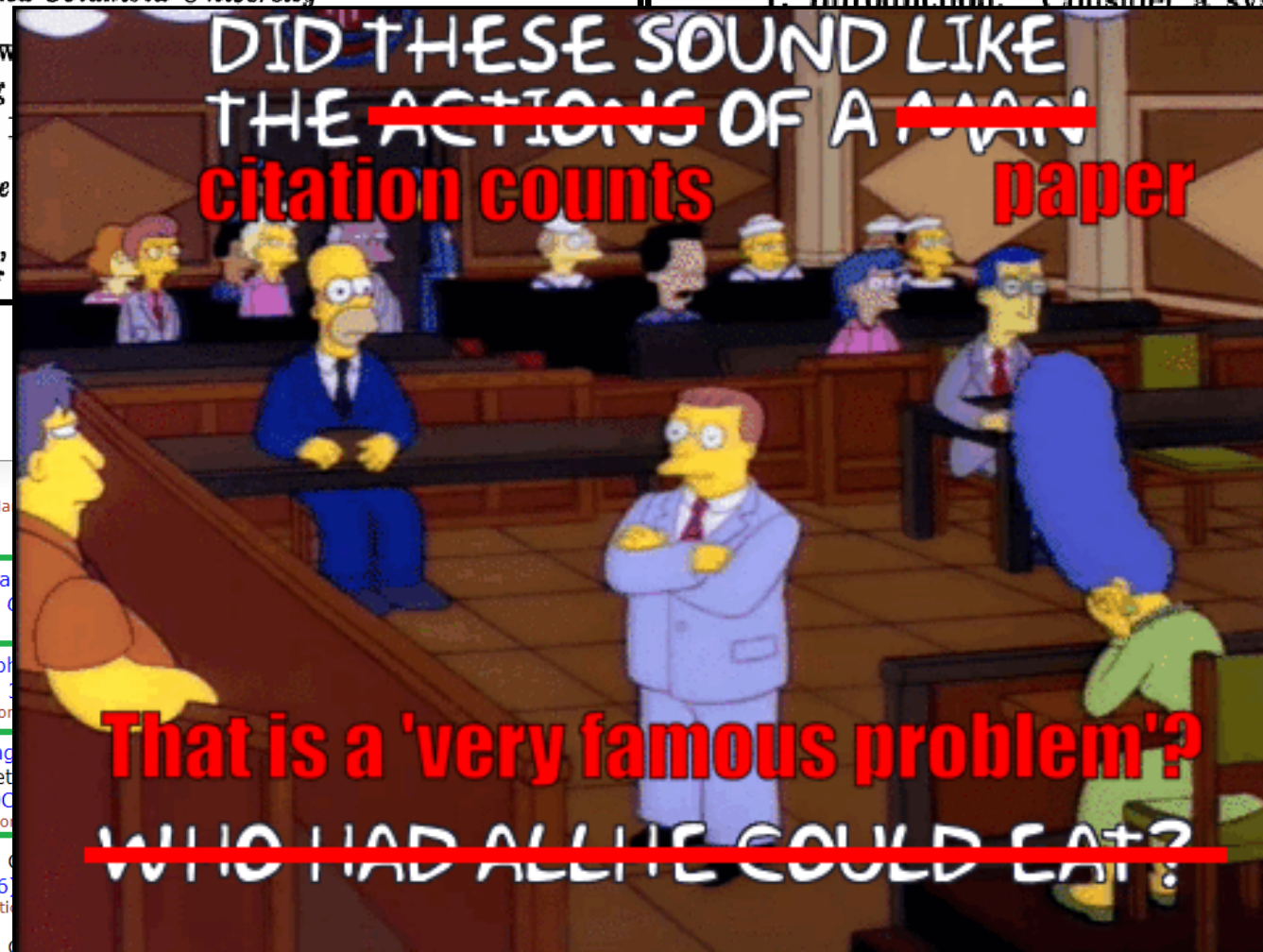
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That is a 'very famous problem'

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Myth #2

These problems were unsolved...

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↓ **Why are there things called unsolved mysteries? Shouldn't they be unsolved in the first place to be called a mystery?**

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TRUUUUUUUE yo.

This is the exact same principle by saying that someone's novel research approached "unsolved" problems. Of course the problems that the novel research is solving are unsolved, otherwise they would not be unsolved problems any longer! It baffles the mind that so many people call Dantzig's homework 'unsolved' instead of just pointing out that Dantzig did some research -- something all graduate students do, mind you -- which itself implies that the questions that were being solved had not previously been solved (to anyone's knowledge).

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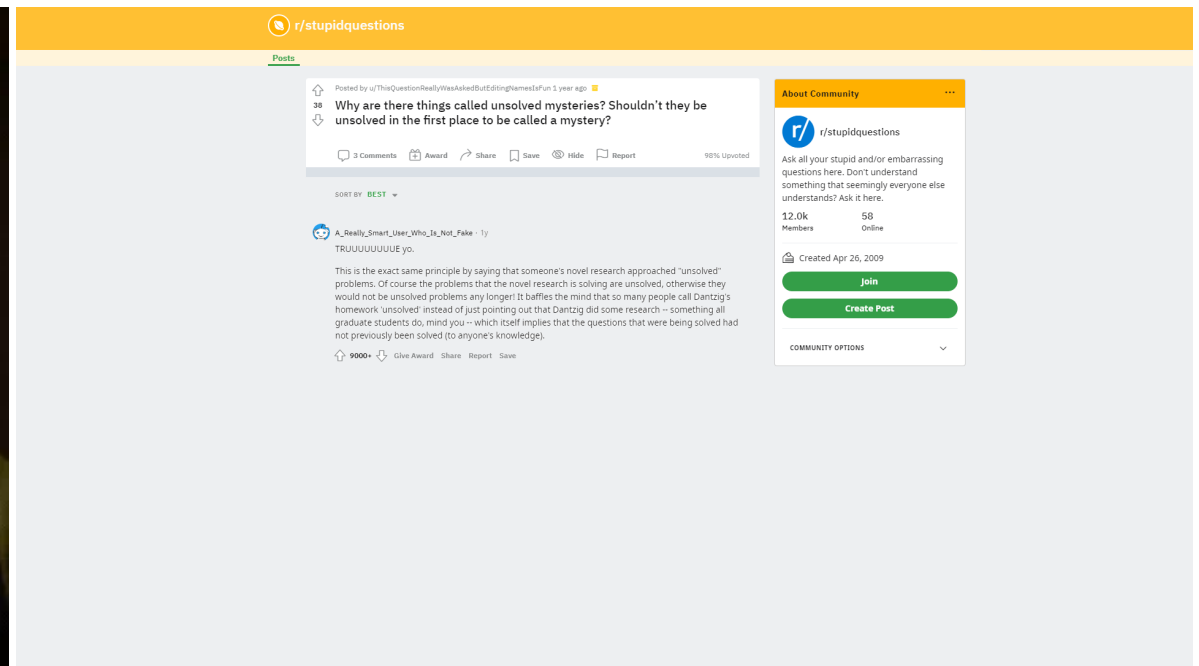
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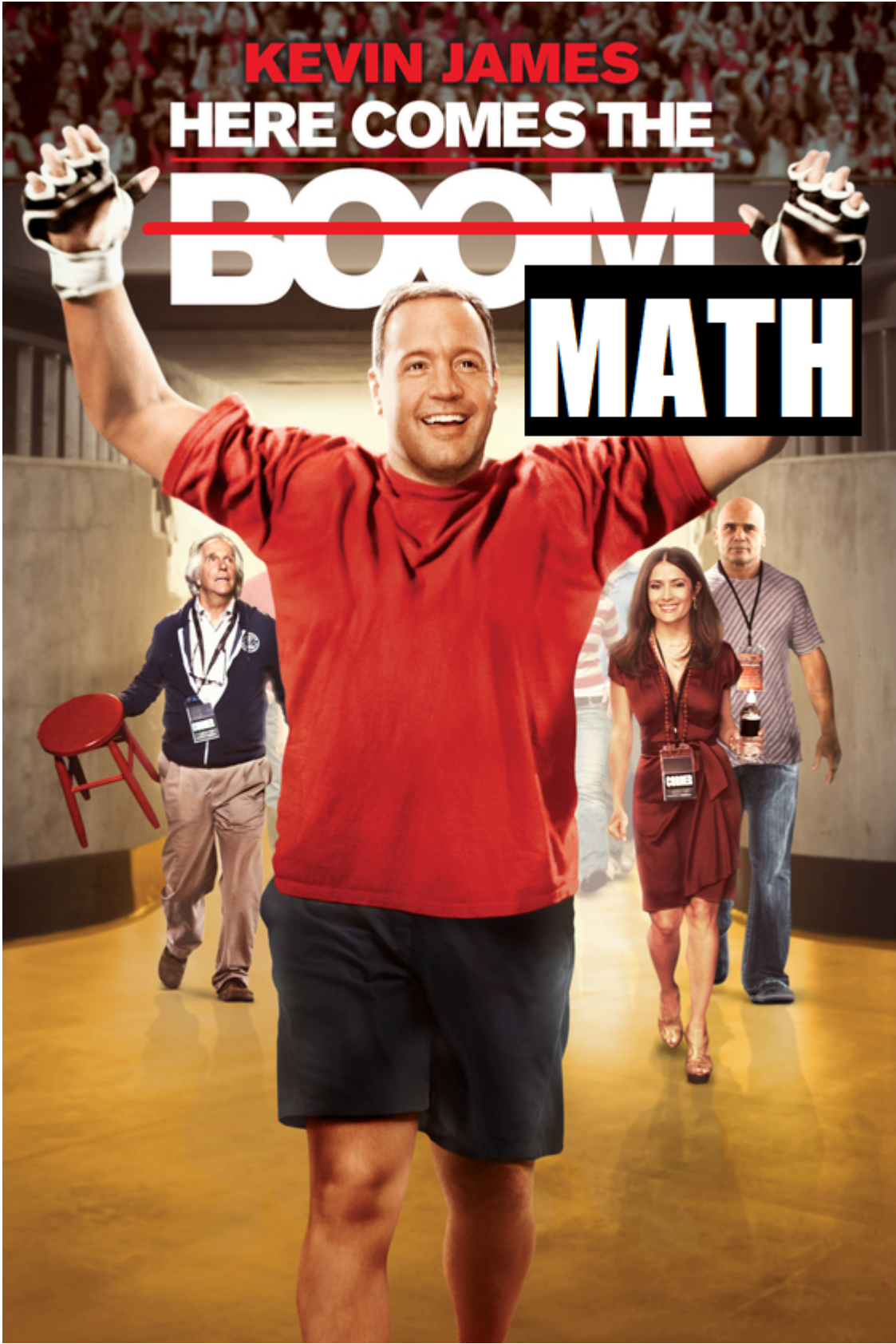
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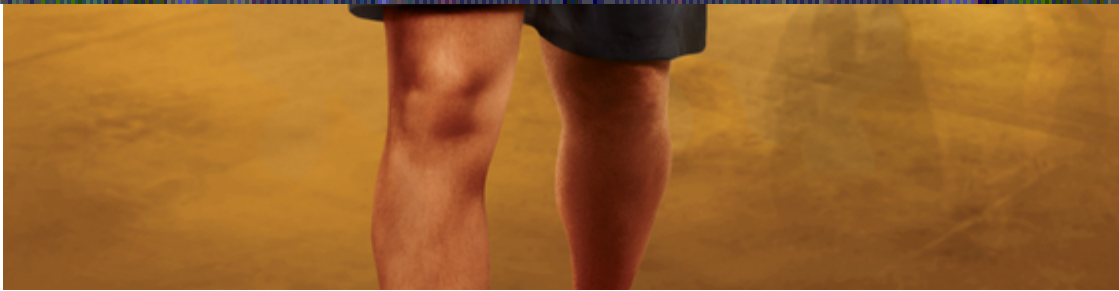
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Myth #3

Many statisticians tried and failed to solve these...







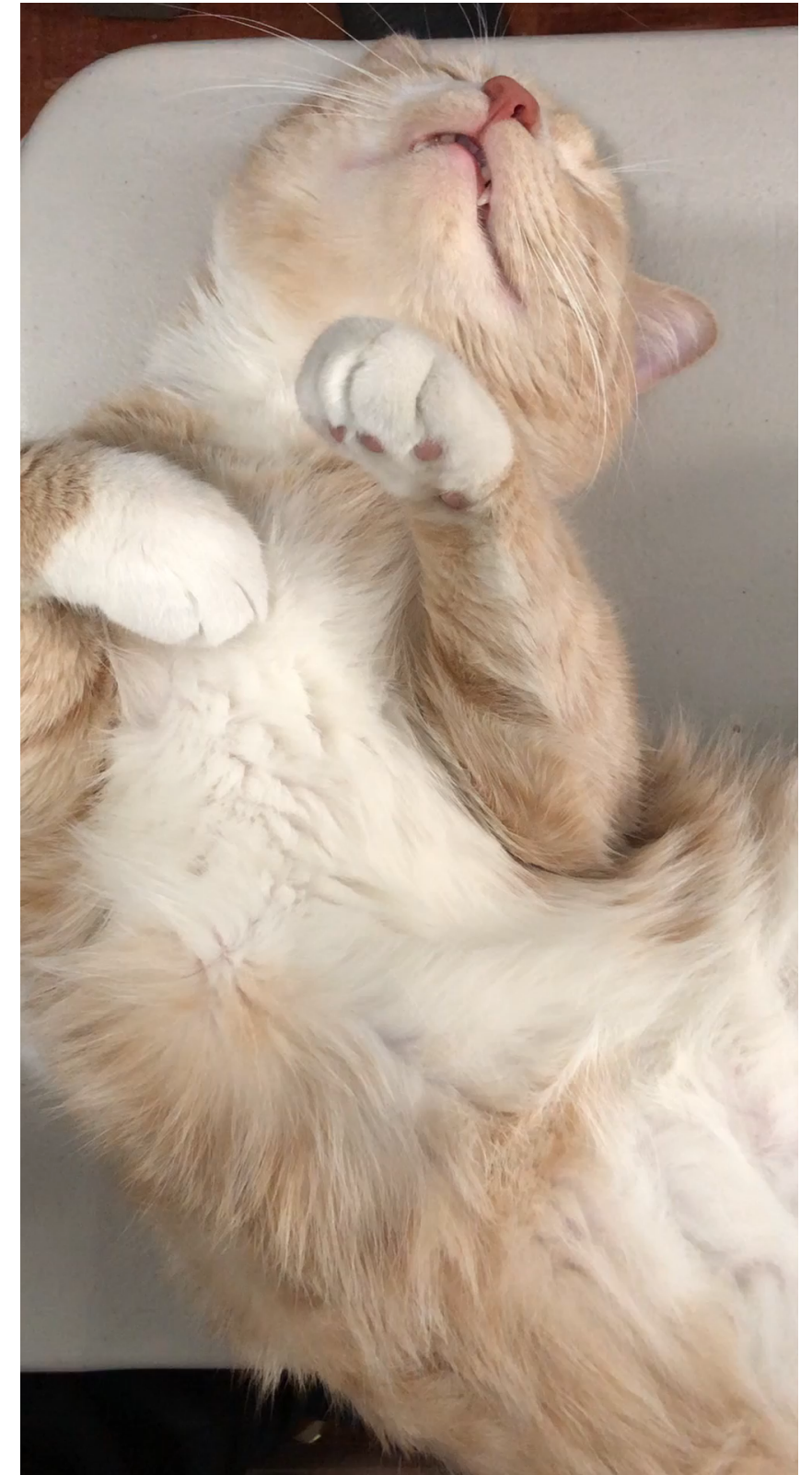
Assume that X_1, \dots, X_n are all i.i.d. $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$.

We **wish to test** $H_0 : \mu = \mu_0$, versus the alternative,
 $H_1 : \mu \neq \mu_0$.

Recall that the statistical power of a test is:

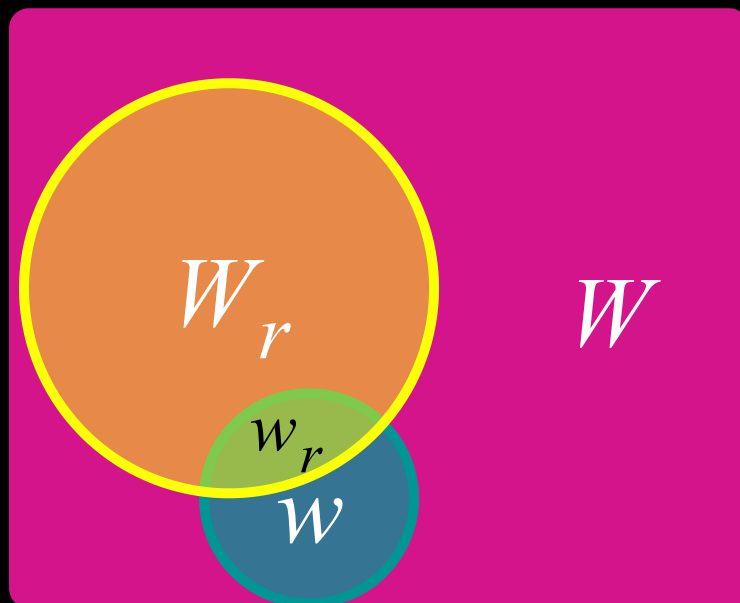
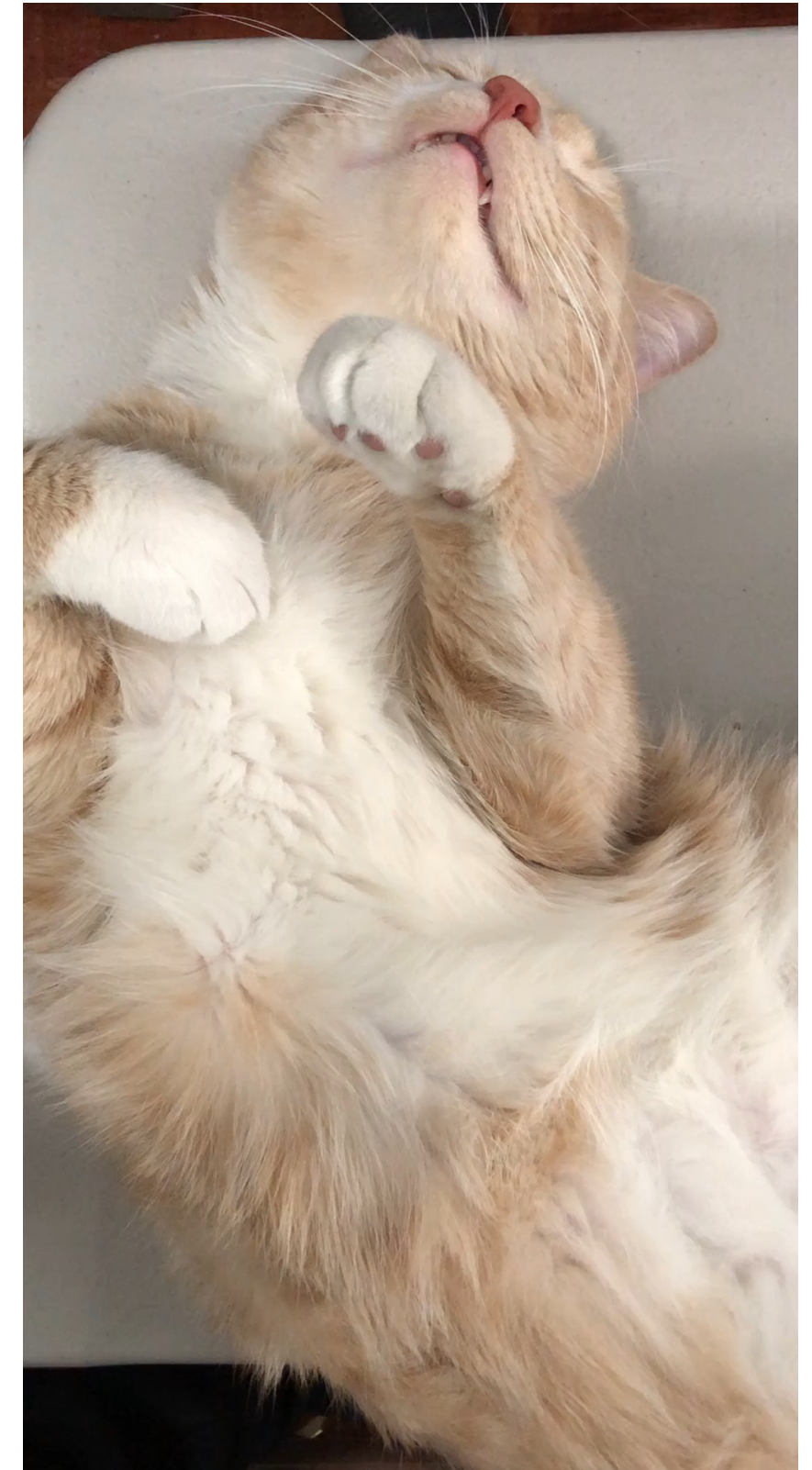
$$\text{Power} = \beta(\mu, \sigma) = P(\text{Reject } H_0; \mu, \sigma)$$

Can you devise a test with power that is independent of σ ?



GENERALIZED POLAR COORDINATE TRANSFORMATION:

We can transform \mathbb{R}^n to a space with $(r, \theta_2, \theta_3, \dots, \theta_n)$. The Jacobian of the transformation is given by $|\Delta_r| = r^{n-1}T(\theta)$.



W is the **sample space**.

$\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ is a **sample point**.

w is the **rejection region**.

W_r is an n -dimensional **hypersphere**
(i.e. $\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu_0)^2 = r^2$).

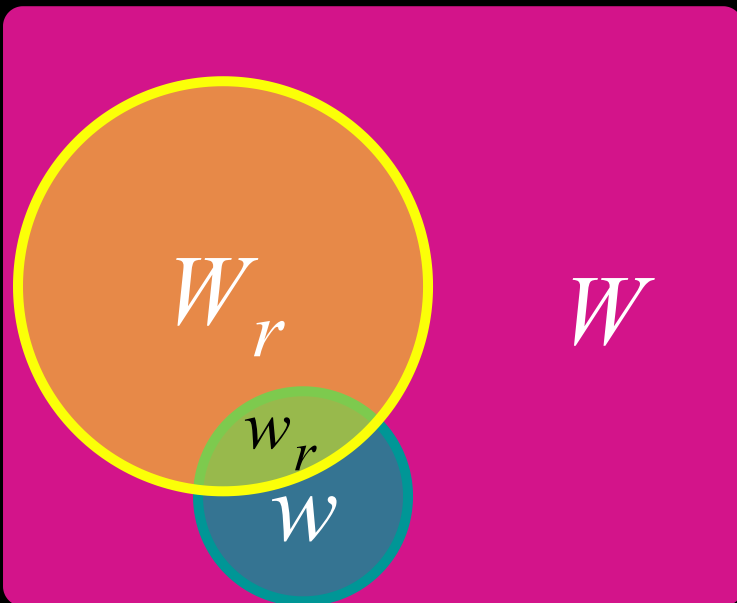
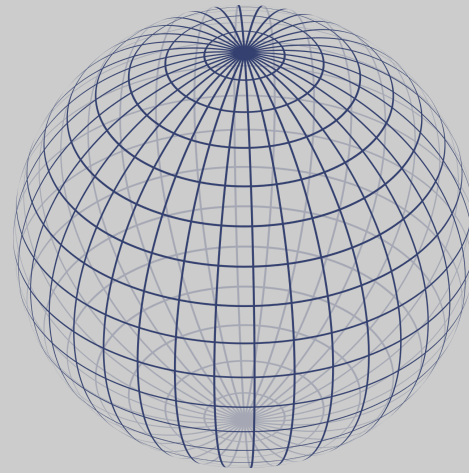
w_r is the **intersection** $W_r \cap w$.

SURFACE AREA OF A HYPERSPHERE:

The surface area of W_r is given by

$$\int \dots \int_{W_r} |\Delta| d\theta_1 \dots d\theta_n = r^{n-1} K, \text{ where } K \text{ is}$$

functionally independent of r .



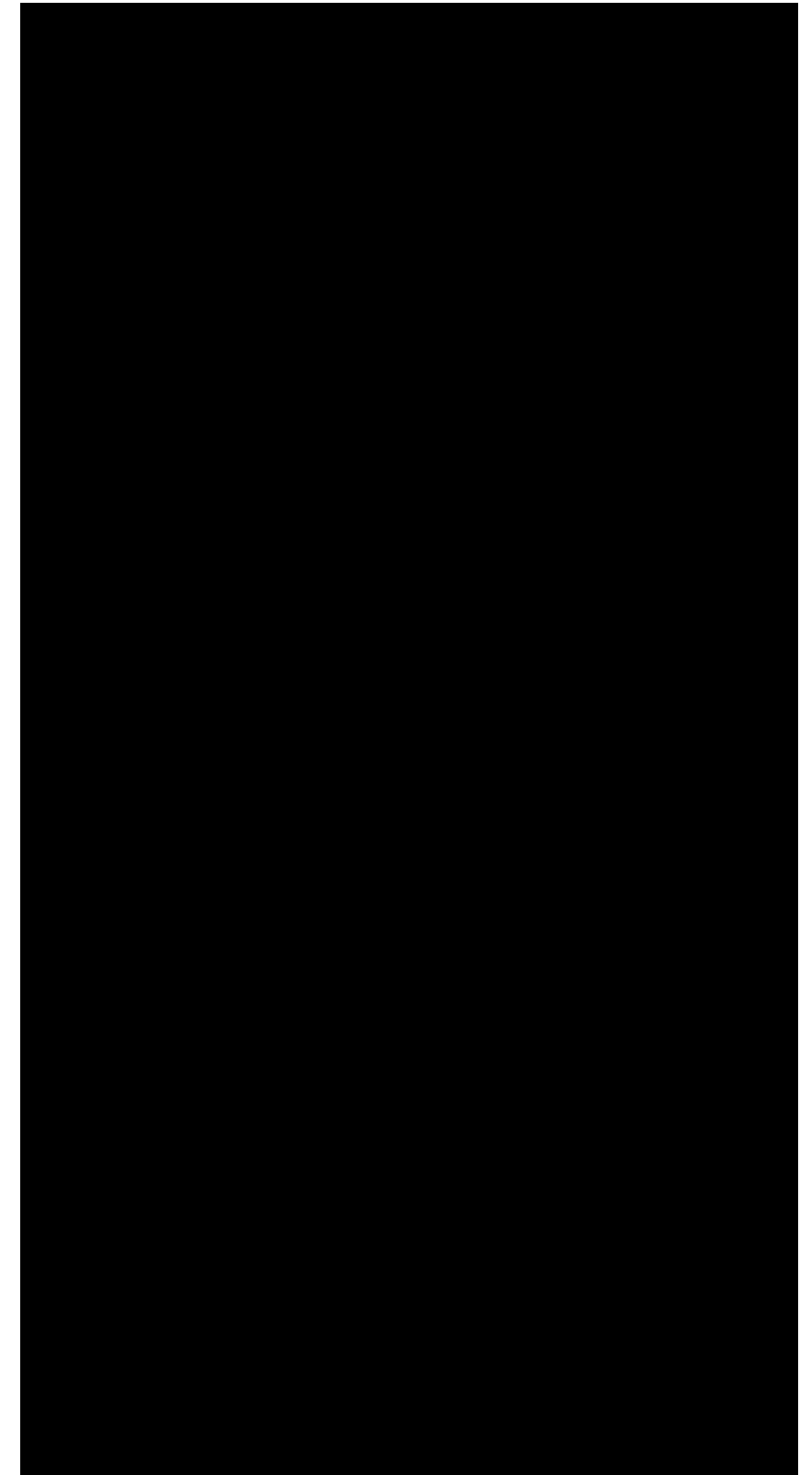
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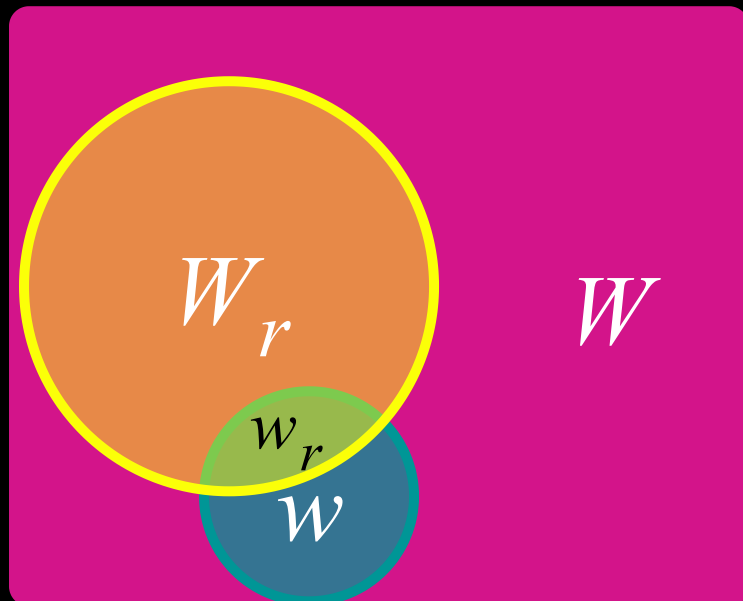
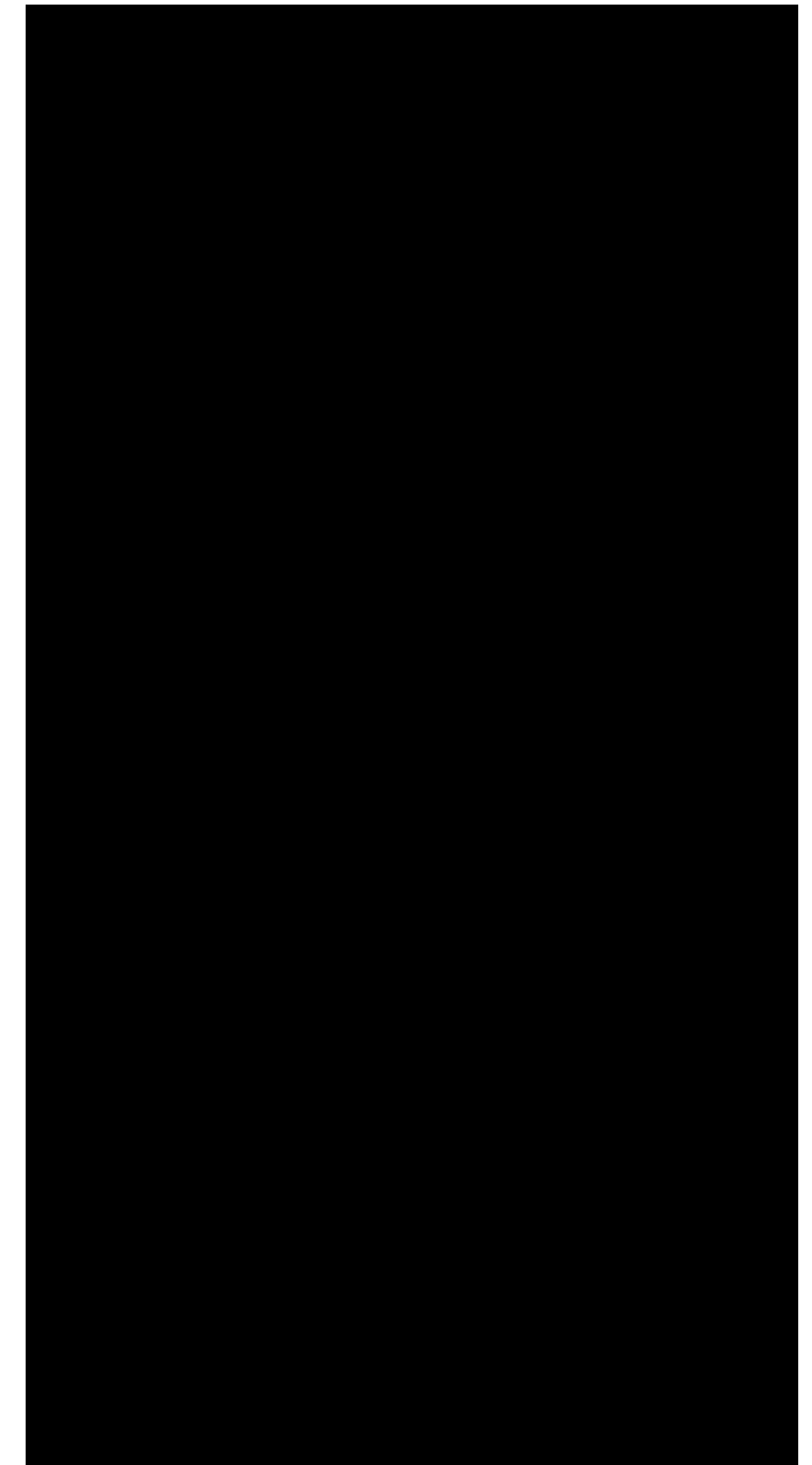
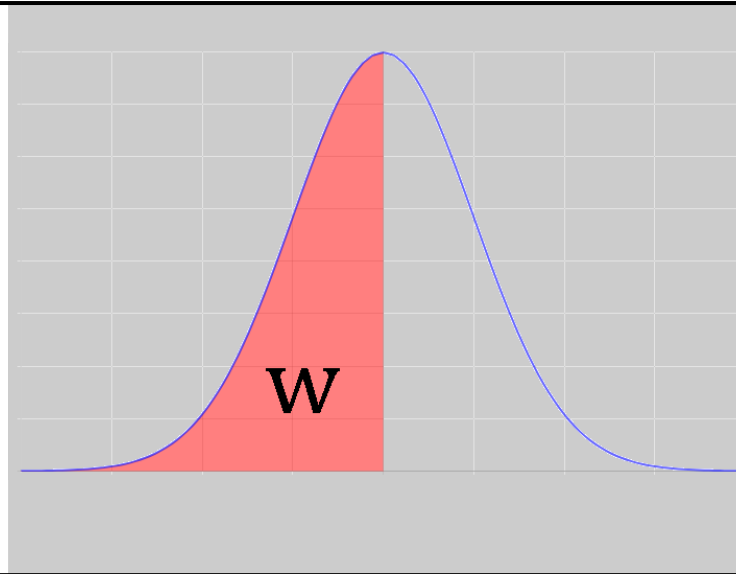
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SIMILAR REGION:

Given a parametric family of distributions, parameterized by $\theta \in \Theta$, w is called similar to W with size α if $P(\mathbf{x} \in w; \theta) = \alpha$ for all $\theta \in \Theta$.



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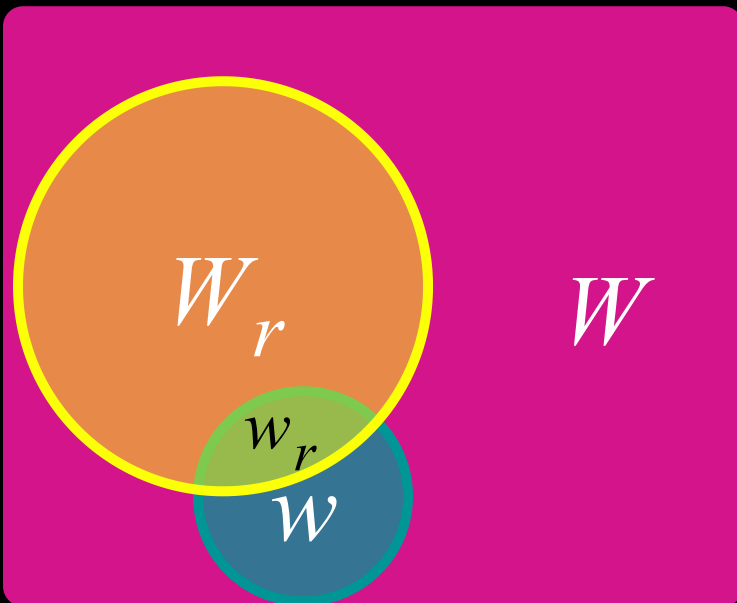
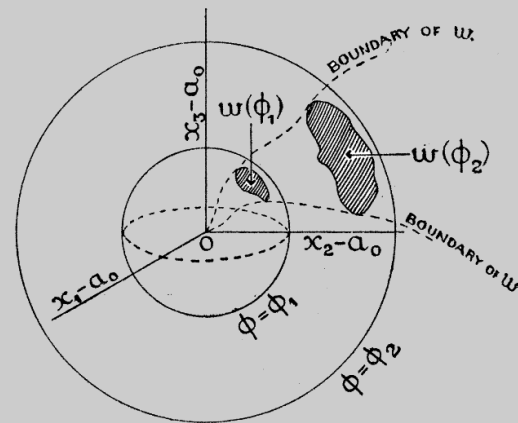
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THEOREM 1 (NEYMAN-PEARSON, 1933):

If \mathbf{x} is normally distributed, then w is similar to W with size α if and only if, for all $r \geq 0$ we have $P(\mathbf{x} \in w_r | \mathbf{x} \in W_r) = \alpha$.



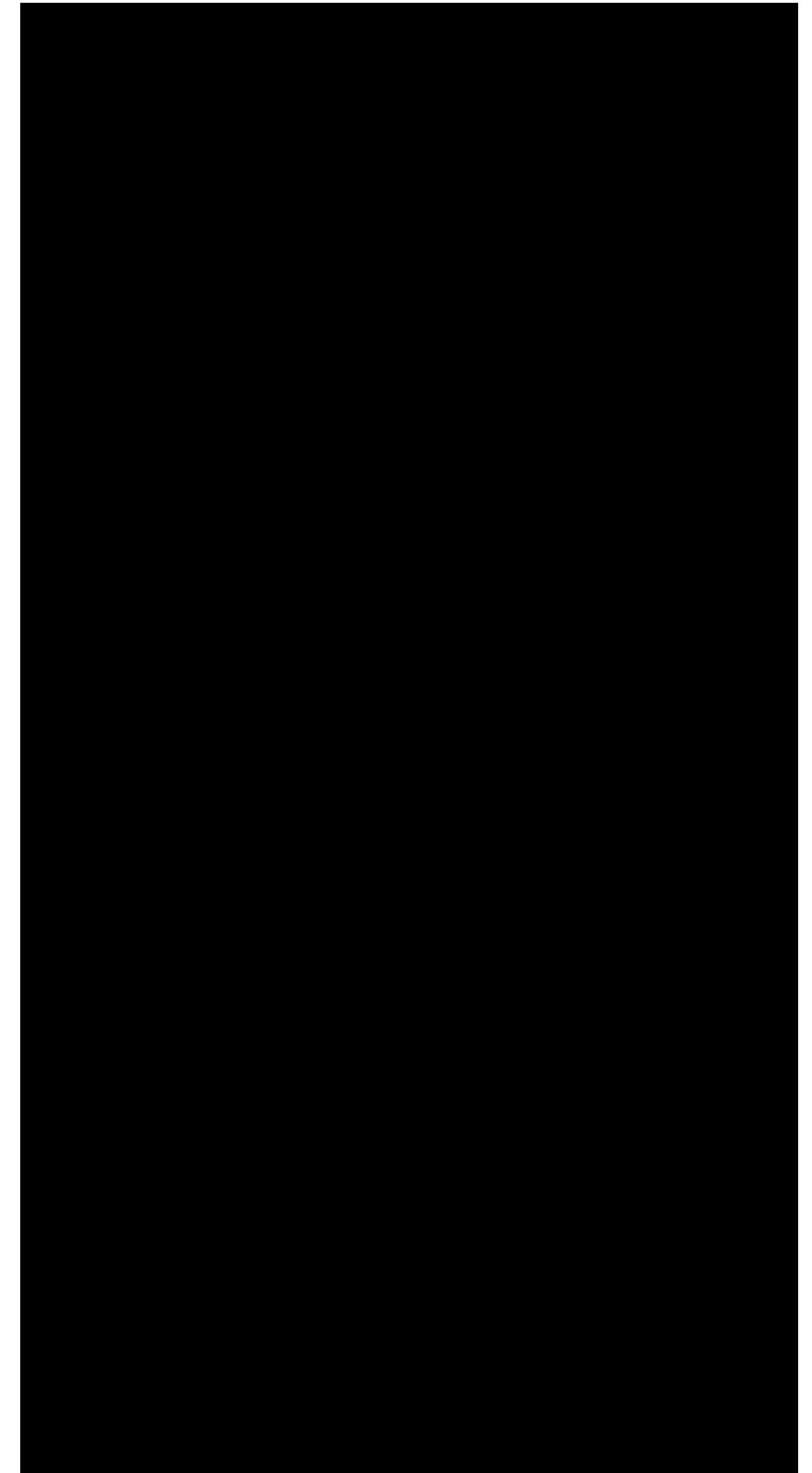
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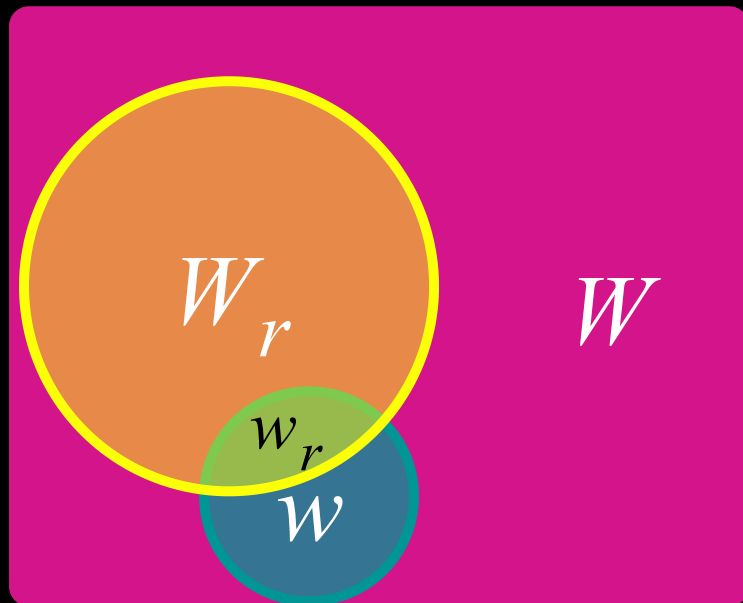
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STEP 1 (ASSUME THAT THE REGION EXISTS):

Suppose w exists with $P(\mathbf{x} \in w; \mu_0) = \alpha$ and $P(\mathbf{x} \in w; \mu_1) = \beta$ for all σ .

That is, w is similar with size α similar with size β , to normal distributions parameterized by σ .



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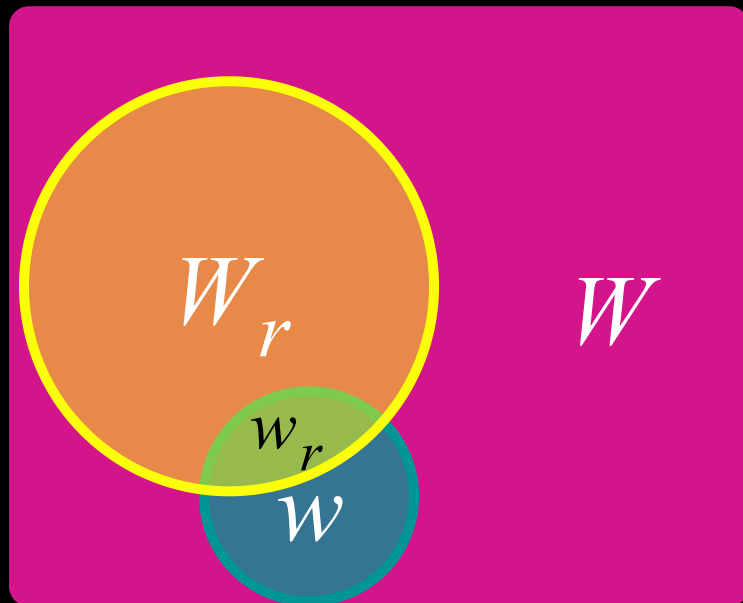
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STEP 2 (INVOKING THE NEYMAN-PEARSON THEOREM):

Define W_r, W_p, w_r, w_p . Then by **Theorem 1** $P(\mathbf{x} \in w_r \mid \mathbf{x} \in W_r) = \alpha$
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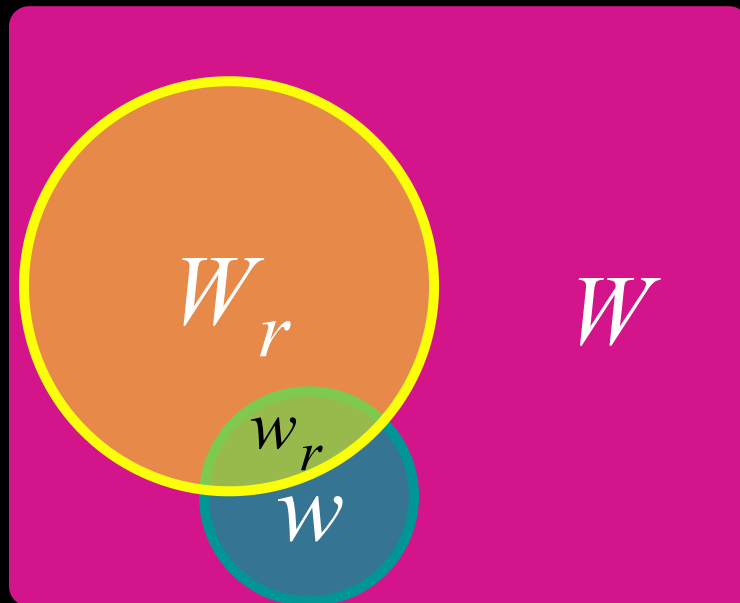
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STEP 3 (USE SOME CLEVER GEOMETRY):

Note that normal distributions are constant on hyperspheres around their means.

By (S2) we know that w_r (and w_p) must be a constant proportion of the area of W_r (and W_p). Therefore $\int \cdots \int_{w_r} |\Delta| d\theta_1 \cdots d\theta_n = \alpha r^{n-1} K$ and $\int \cdots \int_{w_p} |\Delta_p| d\theta_1 \cdots d\theta_n = \beta p^{n-1} K$.



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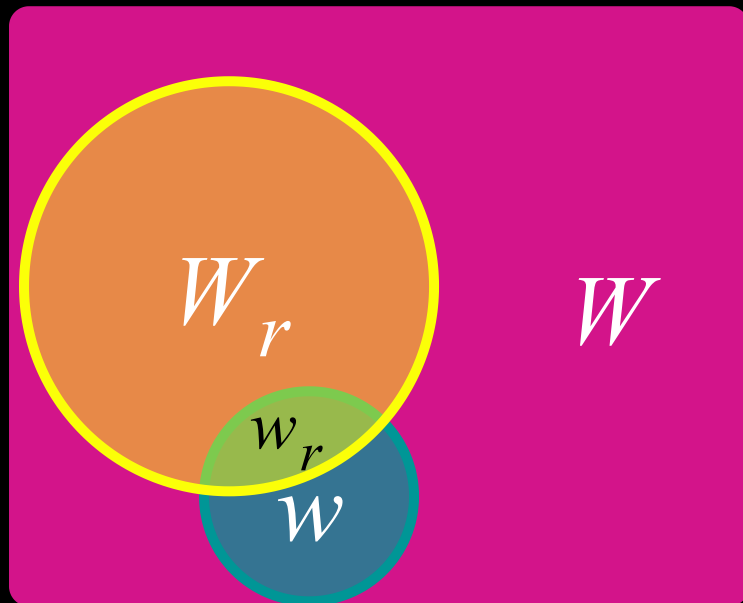
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STEP 4 (INVOKE TRIANGLE INEQUALITY)

The distance from μ_0 to \mathbf{x} is r , from μ_1 to \mathbf{x} is p , and from μ_0 to μ_1 is $L = \sqrt{n} |\mu_0 - \mu_1|$. By the triangle inequality we get $r \leq L + p$ and $p \leq r + L$.

If $g(t)$ is taken to be an arbitrary monotone function, then the inequality is preserved*.

* or flipped, if $g(t)$ is monotonically decreasing.



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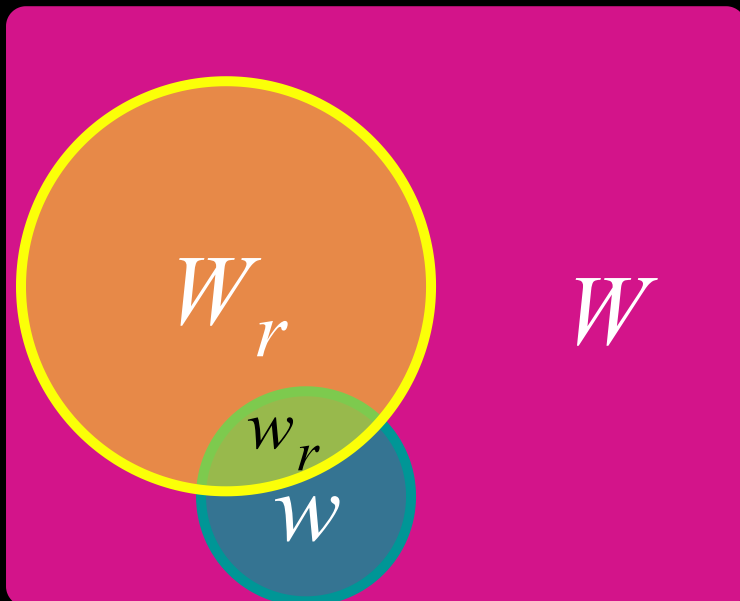
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STEP 5 (INTEGRATE OVER OUR REGION):

Define $I_r(g) = \int_w g(r) dx_1 \cdots dx_n$ which is transformed to
 $I_r(g) = \int_w g(r) |\Delta| dr d\theta_2 \cdots d\theta_n$. We can compute

$$I_r(g) = \alpha K \int_0^\infty r^{n-1} g(r) dr.$$

Also: $I_p(g) = \beta K \int_0^\infty p^{n-1} g(p) dp$ and $I_{p+L}(g) = \beta K \int_0^\infty g(p+L) p^{n-1} dp$.



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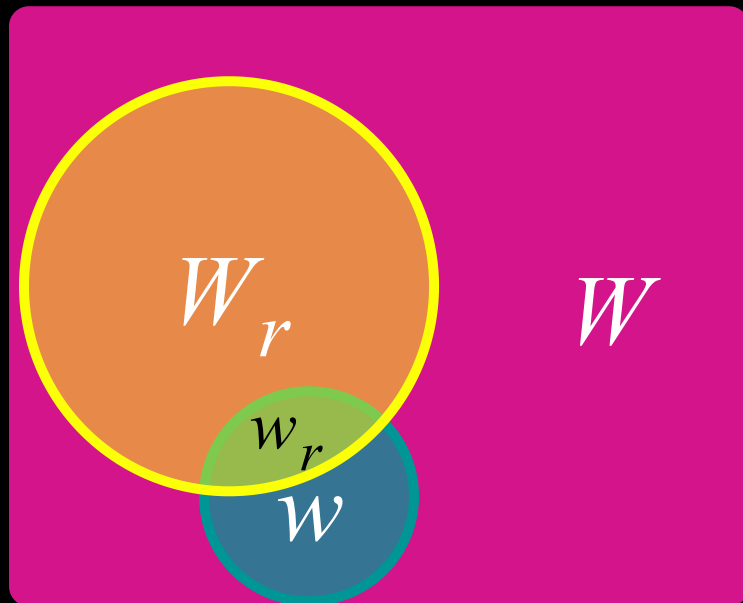
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STEP 6 (FIX THE MONOTONE FUNCTION):

Take $g(t) = \exp(-ct)$ for $c \geq 0$.

Then $g(r) \geq g(p+L) = g(p)g(L)$.

Integrating gives $I_r = \alpha K \frac{\Gamma(n)}{c^n}$, $I_p = \beta K \frac{\Gamma(n)}{c^n}$ and $I_{p+L} = \beta K e^{-cL} \frac{\Gamma(n)}{c^n}$.



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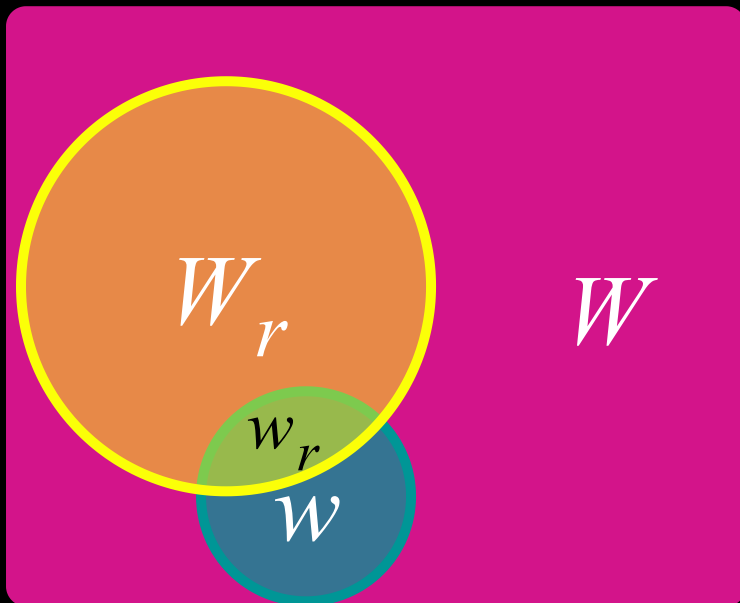
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STEP 7 (SIMPLIFY AND ARRIVE AT CONTRADICTION):

Simplifying (since $K > 0$) we get: $\alpha \geq \beta e^{-cL}$ and by symmetry $\beta \geq \alpha e^{-cL}$. Therefore, $\alpha = \beta$.



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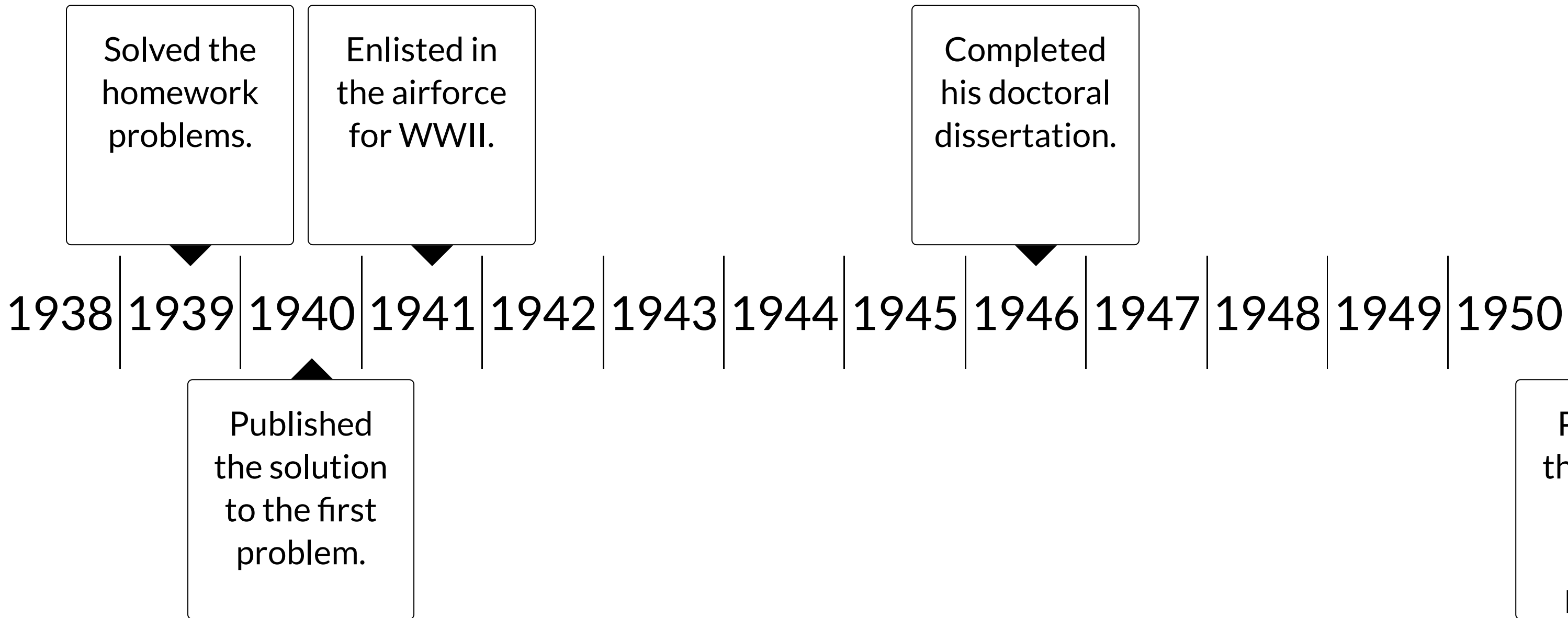


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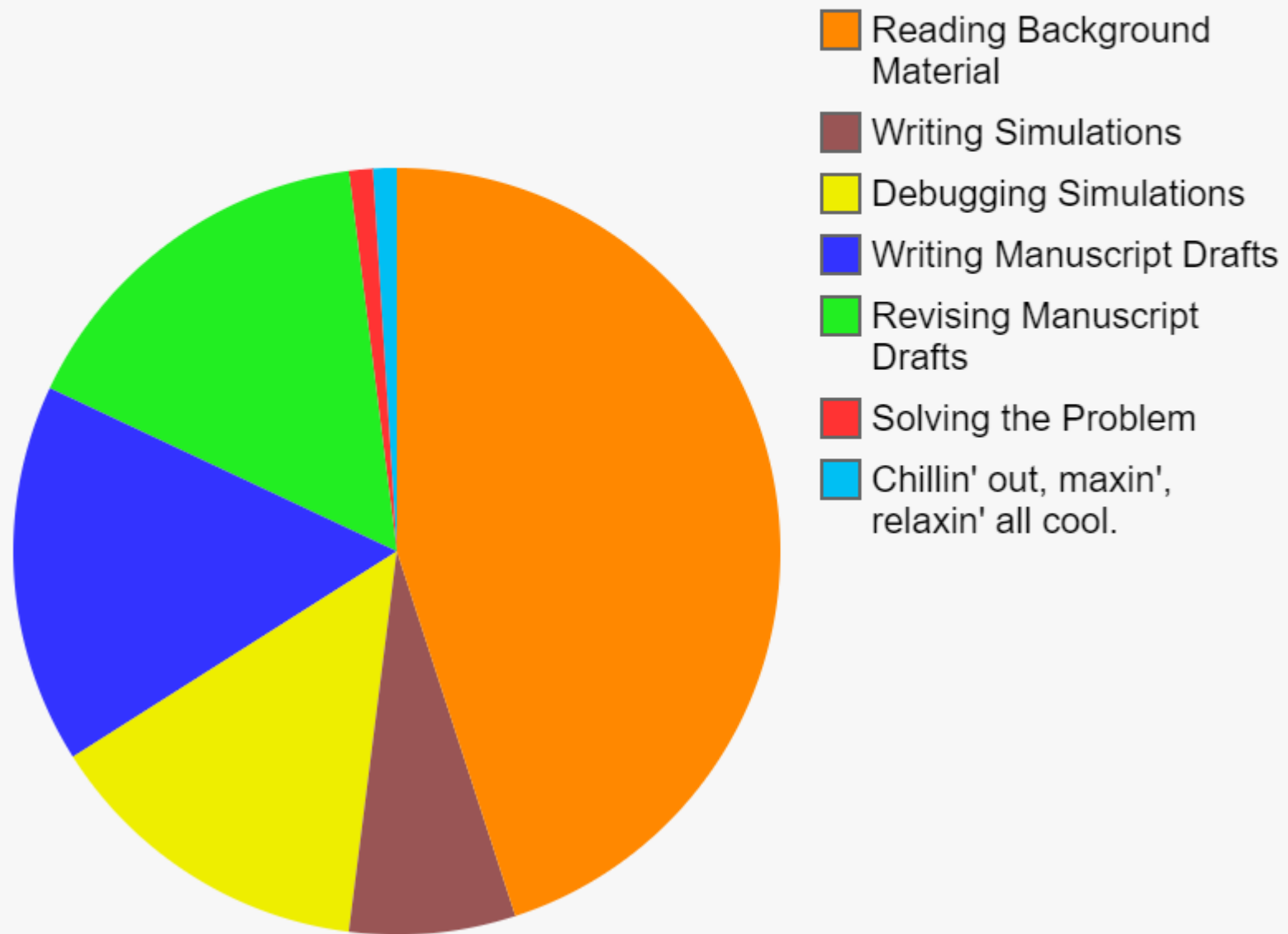
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