

# ESD.86 Spatial Models



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# Outline

- ◆ Min, Max
  - ◆ Ratio of Urban Distance to Airplane Dist.
  - ◆ Spatial Poisson Processes
  - ◆ Facility Location
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# Min, Max. Deriving a Joint PDF

Suppose  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are i.i.d. uniformly distributed over  $[0, 1]$ . They could, for instance, be the locations of 2 police cars. We seek to derive the joint pdf of  $Y$  and  $Z$ , where

$$Y = \text{Min}(X_1, X_2)$$

$$Z = \text{Max}(X_1, X_2)$$

That is, we seek

$$f_{Y,Z}(y,z) dy dz = P\{y < Y < y+dy, z < Z < z+dz\}$$

# Four Steps to Happiness

1. Define the random variables

$$Y = \text{Min}(X_1, X_2)$$

$$Z = \text{Max}(X_1, X_2)$$

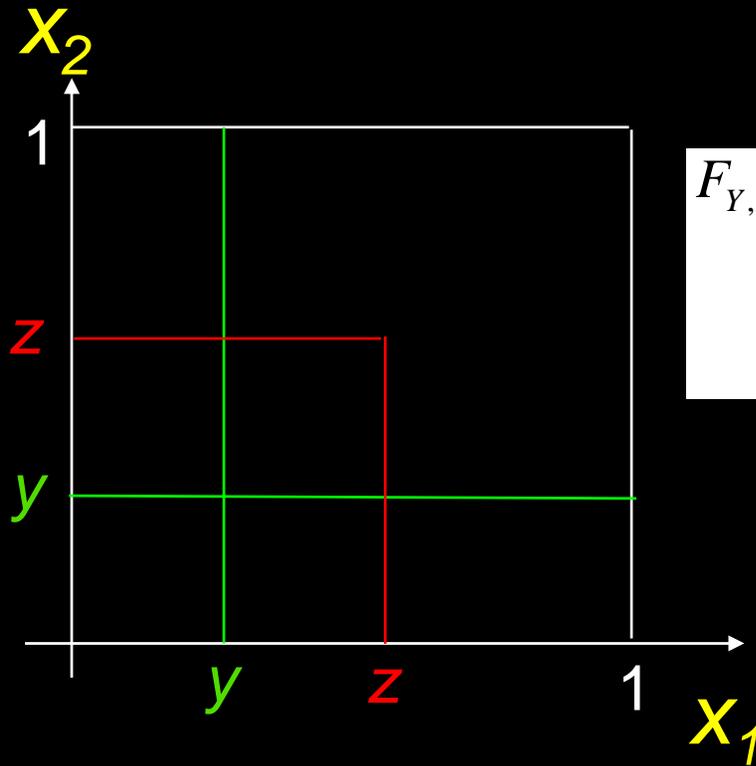
2. Define the joint sample space:

**Unit square** in positive quadrant

3. Identify the probability measure over the joint sample space: **Uniform.**

4. Work within the sample space to answer any questions of interest.

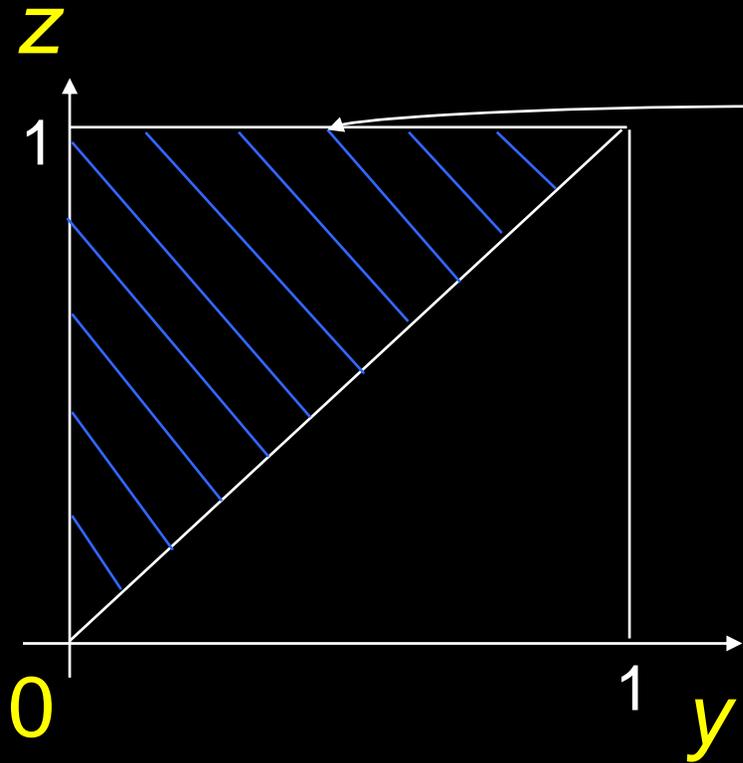
# Work within the sample space



Use CDF

$$F_{Y,Z}(y,z) \equiv P\{Y \leq y, Z \leq z\}$$

# Work within the sample space



Height of pdf = 2

What do we do if we do not have the simple square symmetry of this problem?

What do we do if the pdf is not uniform?

$$f_{Y,Z}(y,z) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y \partial z} F_{Y,Z}(y,z) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (2y) = 2, \quad 0 \leq y \leq z \leq 1$$

# Ratio of Manhattan to Euclidean Distance Metrics

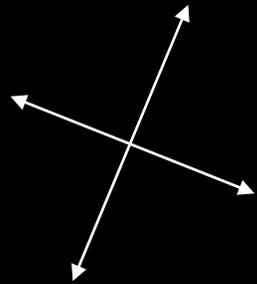
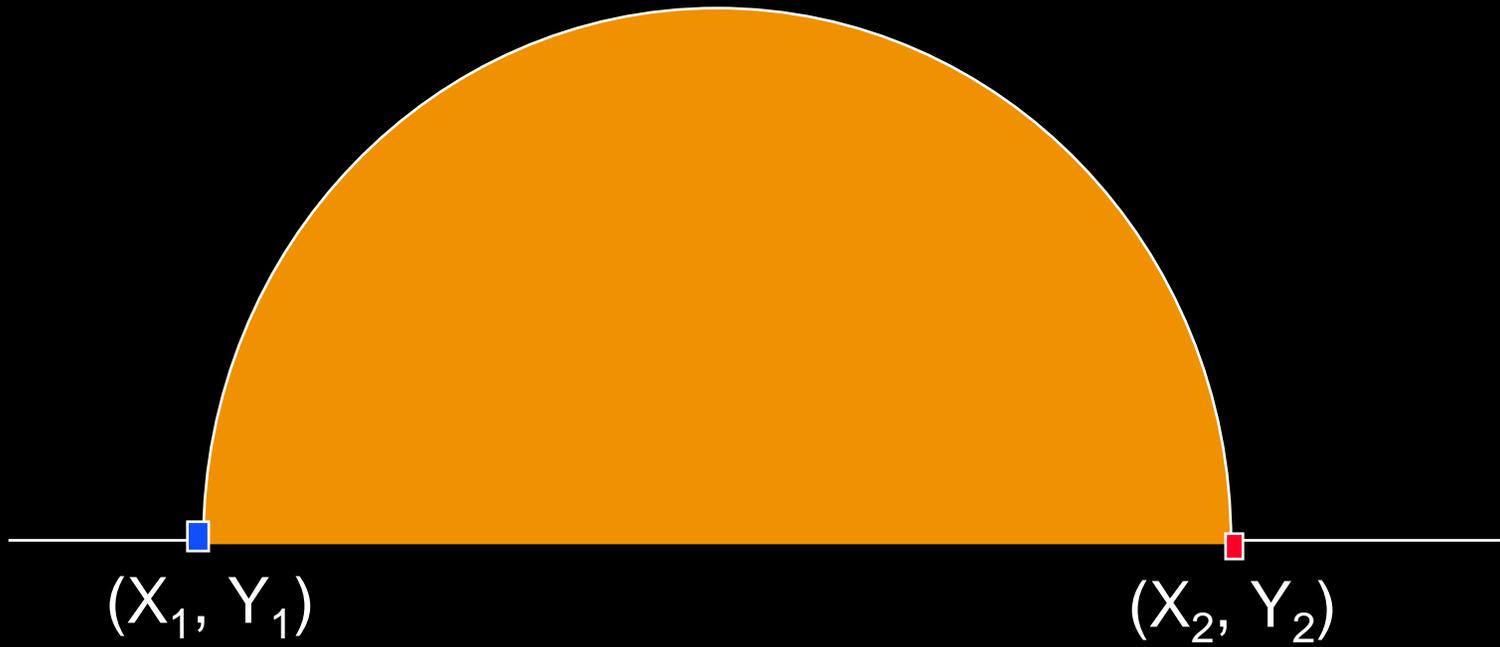
## ◆ 1. Define R.V.'s

»  $D_1 = |X_1 - X_2| + |Y_1 - Y_2|$

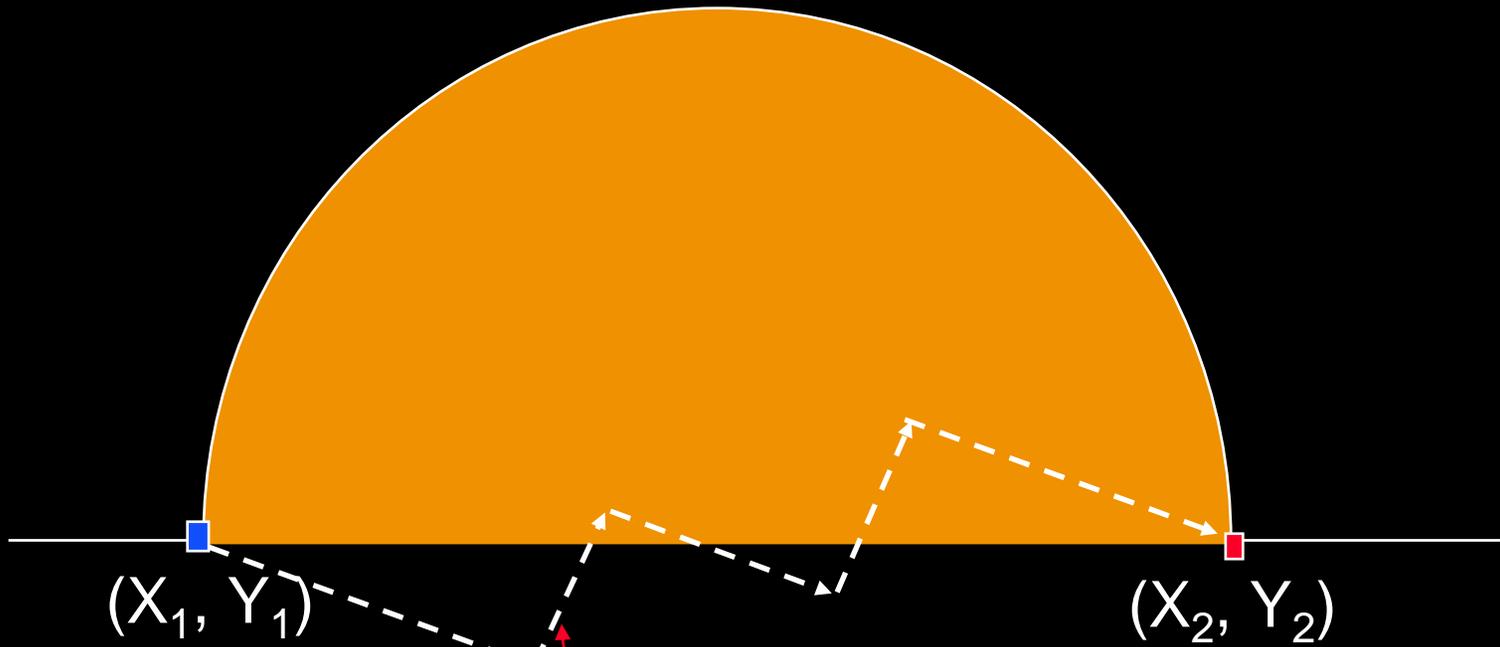
»  $D_2 = \sqrt{(X_1 - X_2)^2 + (Y_1 - Y_2)^2}$

» Ratio =  $R = D_1 / D_2$

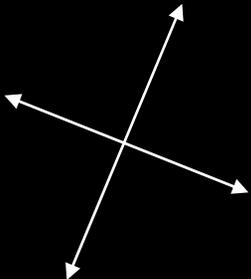
$\Psi$  = angle of directions of travel wrt straight line connecting  $(X_1, Y_1)$  &  $(X_2, Y_2)$



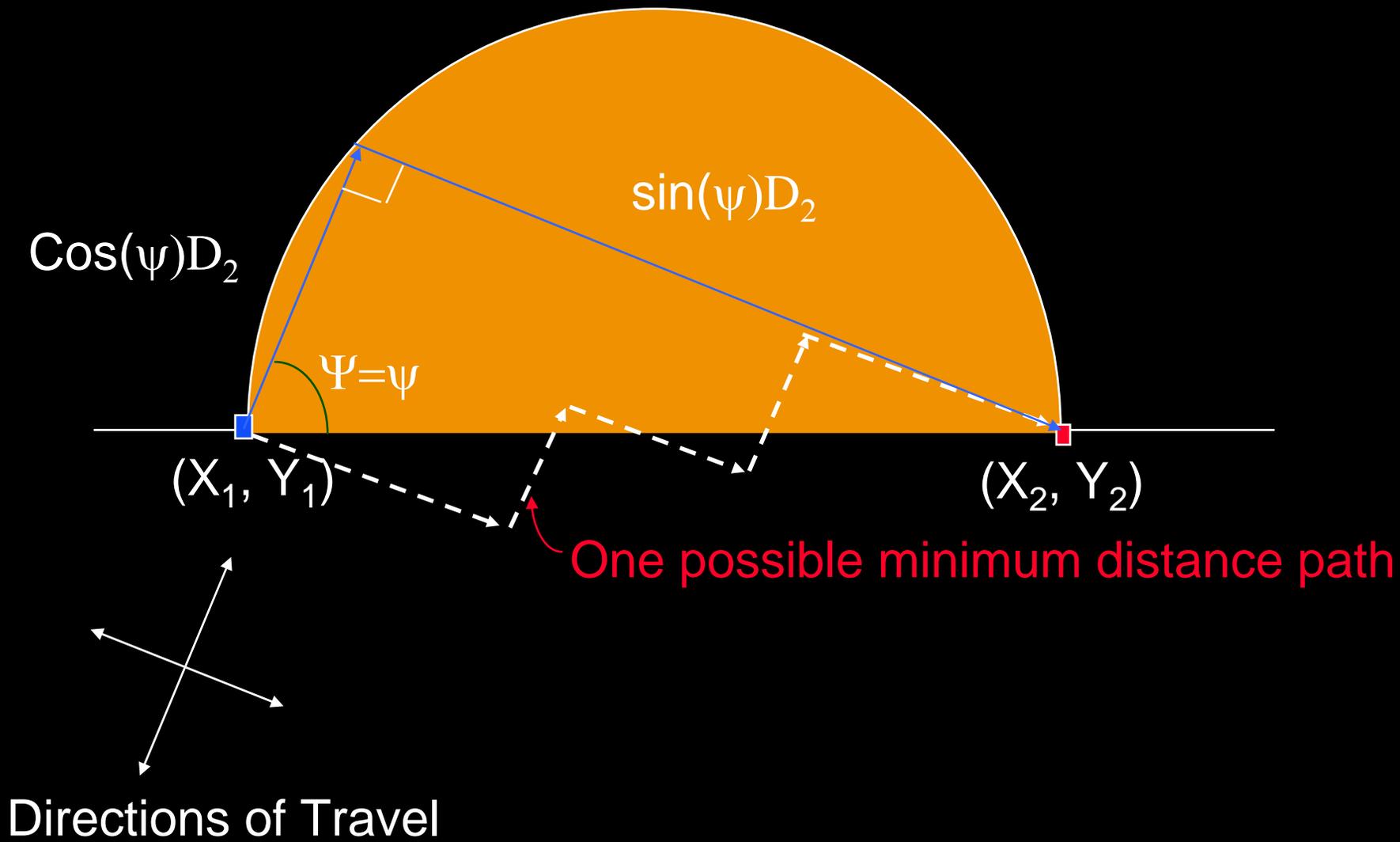
Directions of Travel



One possible minimum distance path



Directions of Travel

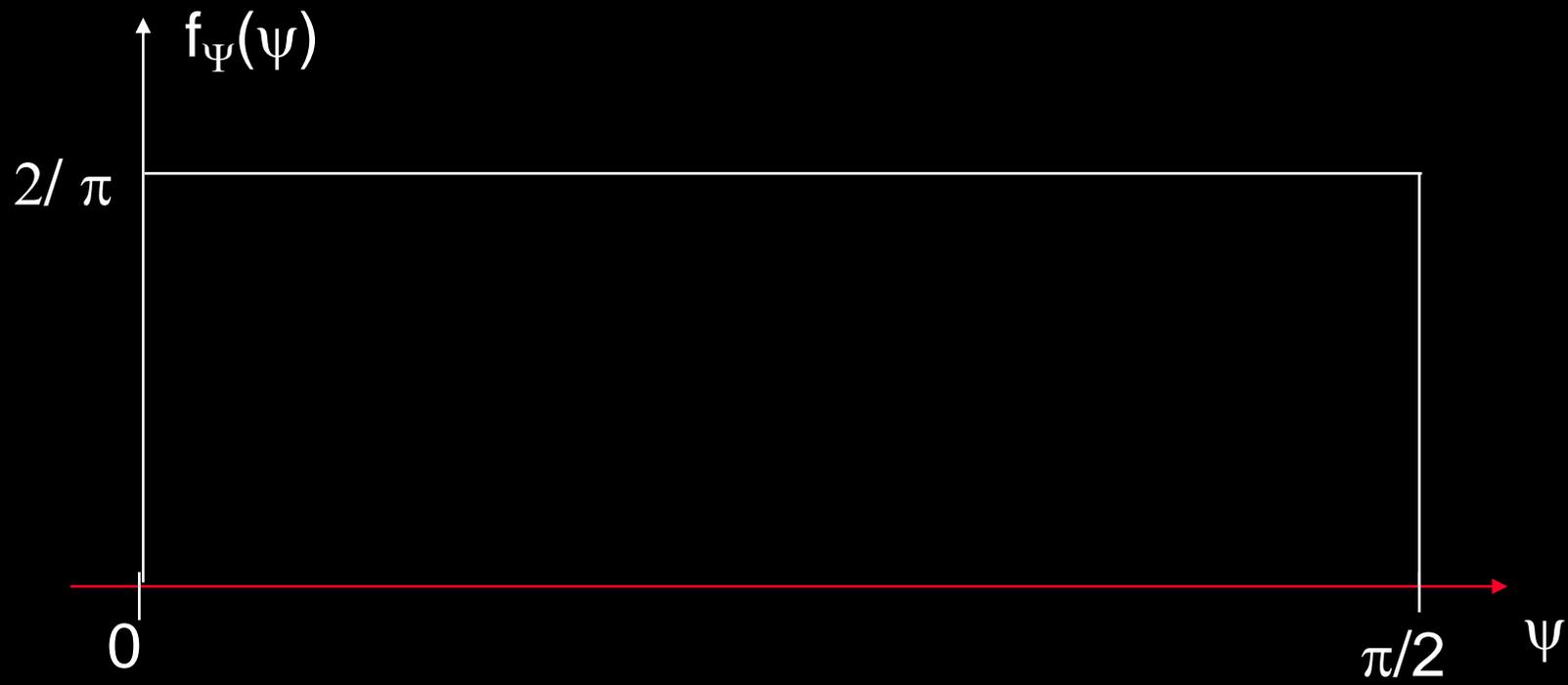


$$(R|\Psi) = \cos \Psi + \sin \Psi = 2^{1/2} \cos(\Psi - \pi/4)$$

## 2. Identify Sample Space



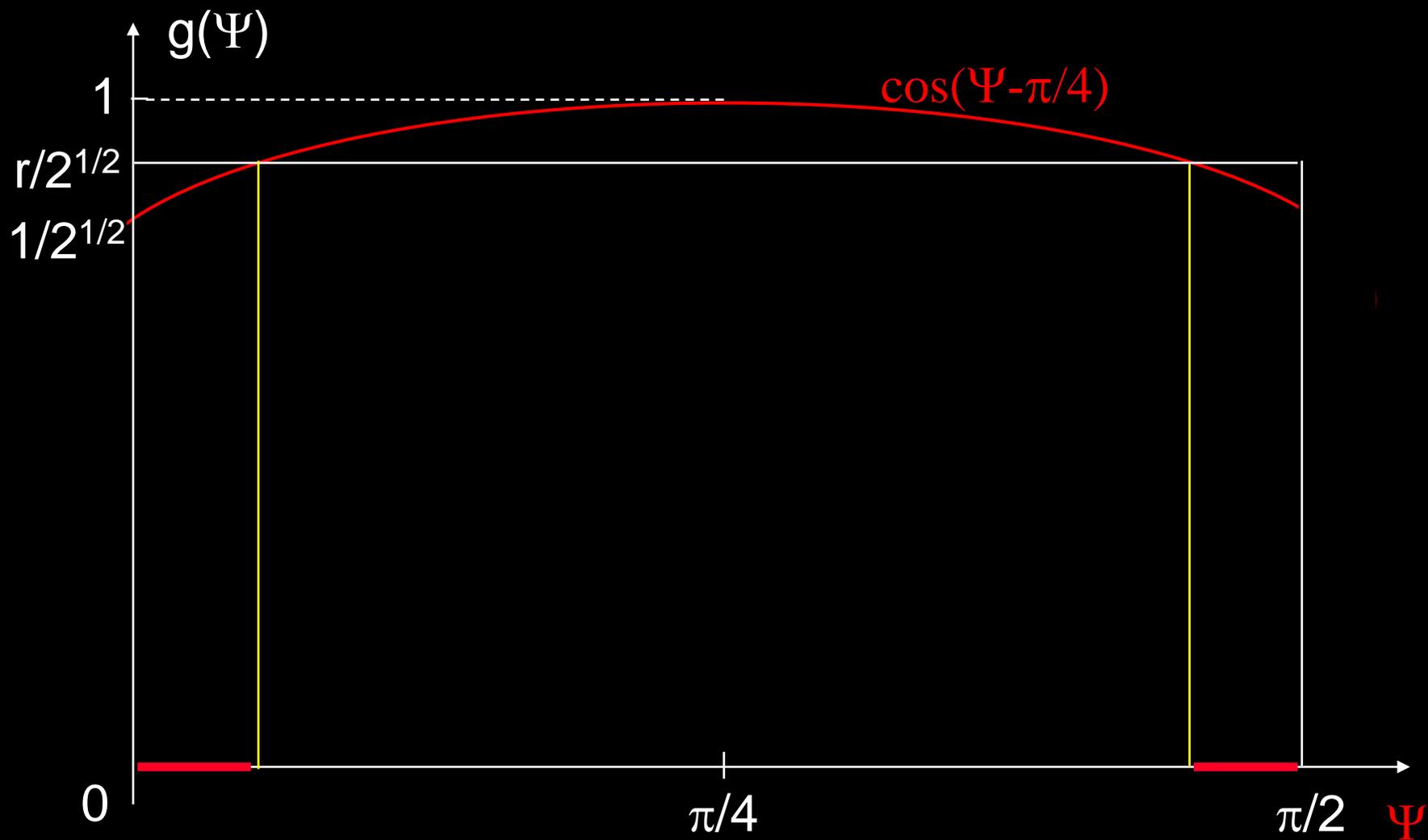
## 3. Probability Law over Sample Space: Invoke isotropy implying uniformity of angle

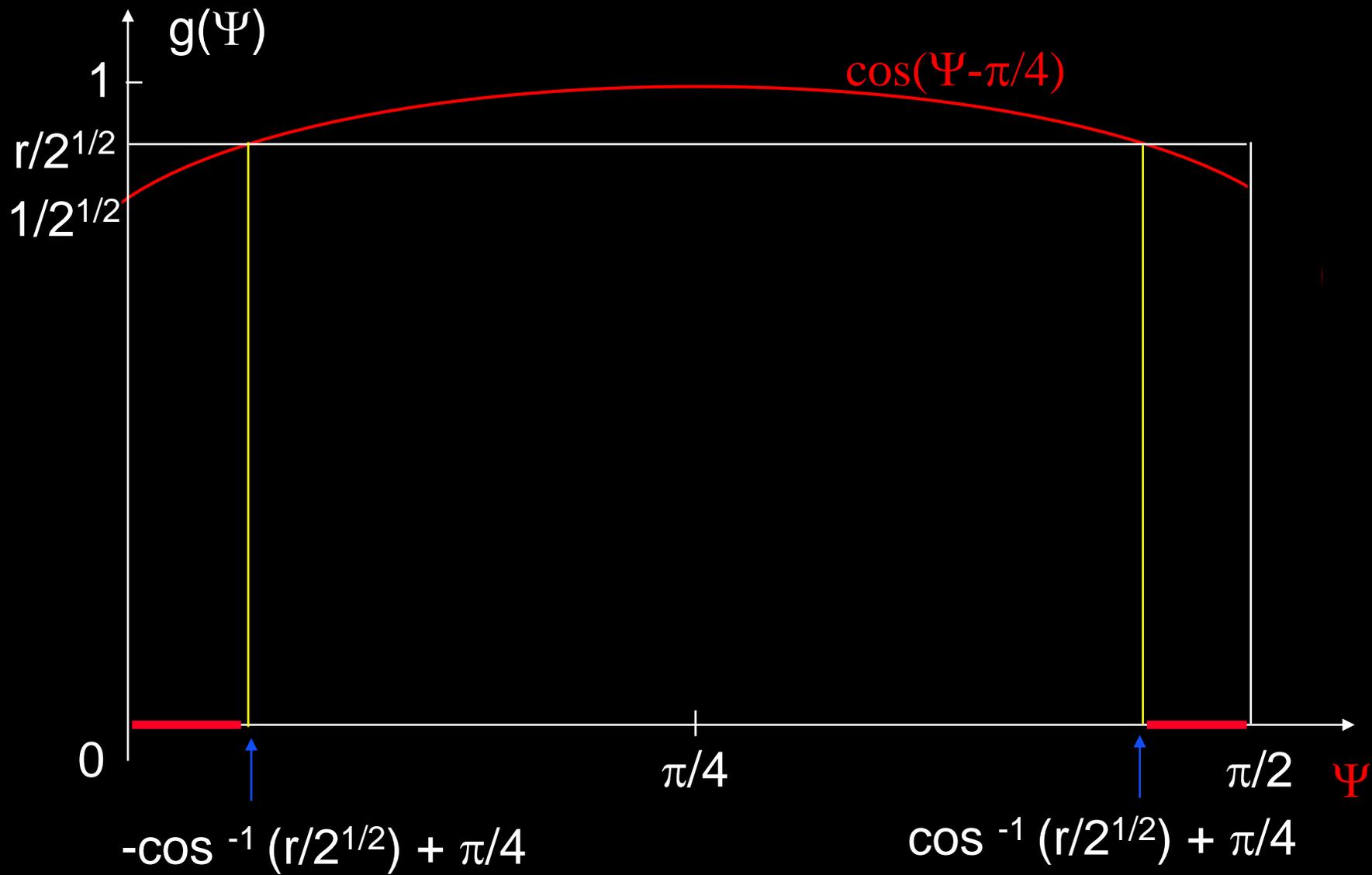


## 4. Find CDF

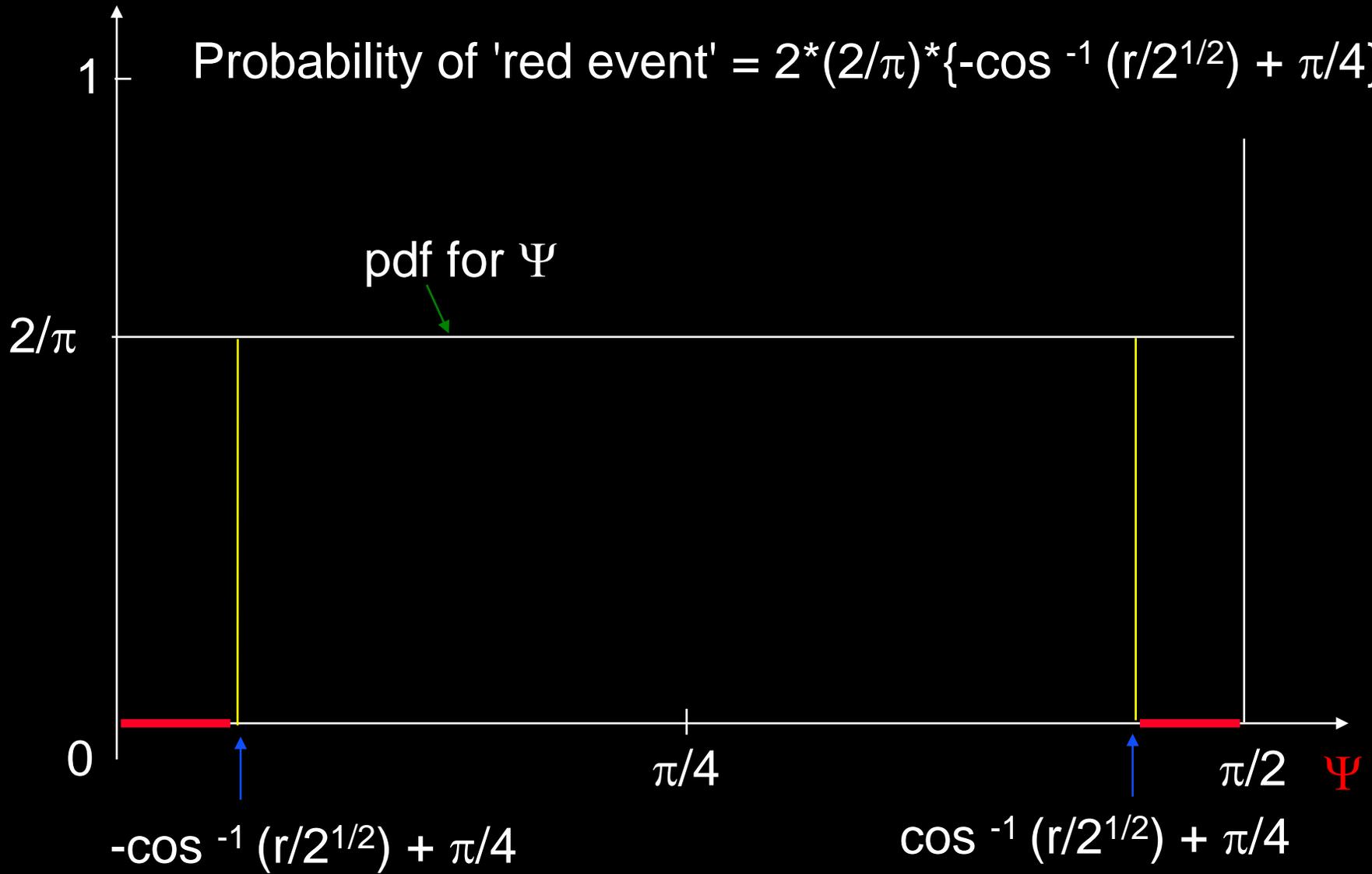
$$\blacklozenge F_R(r) = P\{R < r\} = P\{2^{1/2} \cos(\Psi - \pi/4) < r\}$$

$$\blacklozenge F_R(r) = P\{R < r\} = P\{\cos(\Psi - \pi/4) < r / 2^{1/2}\}$$





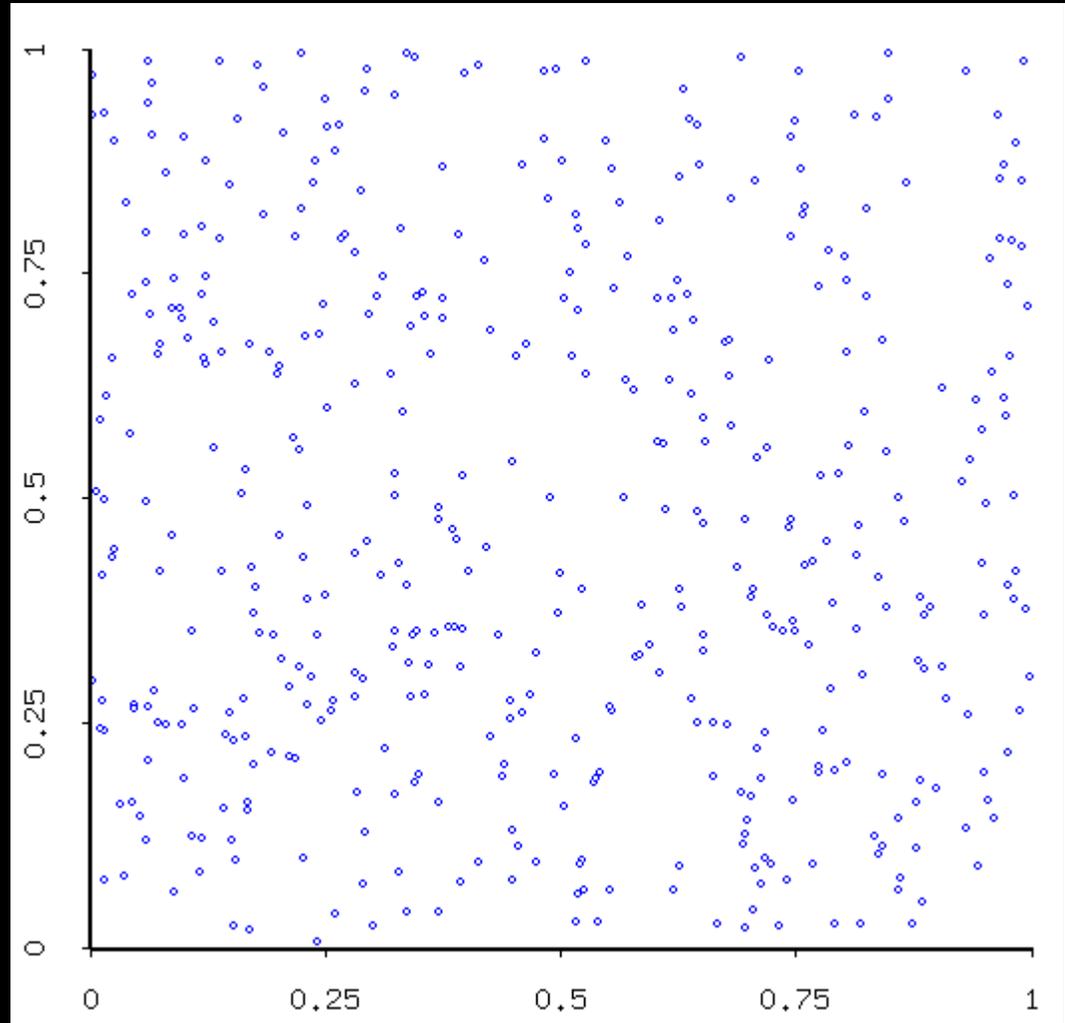
$$\text{Probability of 'red event'} = 2 \cdot (2/\pi) \cdot \{-\cos^{-1}(r/2^{1/2}) + \pi/4\}$$



# And finally...

- ◆ After all the computing is done, we find:
- ◆  $F_R(r) = 1 - (4/\pi)\cos^{-1}(r/2^{1/2}), \quad 1 < r < 2^{1/2}$
- ◆  $f_R(r) = d[F_R(r)]/dr = (4/\pi) \{1/(2 - r^2)^{1/2}\}$
- ◆ Median  $R = 1.306$
- ◆  $E[R] = 4/\pi = 1.273$
- ◆  $\sigma_R/E[R] = 0.098$ , implies very robust

# Spatial Poisson Processes



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# Spatial Poisson Processes

- ◆ Entities distributed in space (Examples?)
- ◆ Follow postulates of the (time) Poisson process
  - $\lambda dt = \text{Probability of a Poisson event in } dt$
  - *History not relevant*
  - *What happens in disjoint time intervals is independent, one from the other*
  - *The probability of a two or more Poisson events in  $dt$  is second order in  $dt$  and can be ignored*
- ◆ Let's fill in the spatial analogue.....

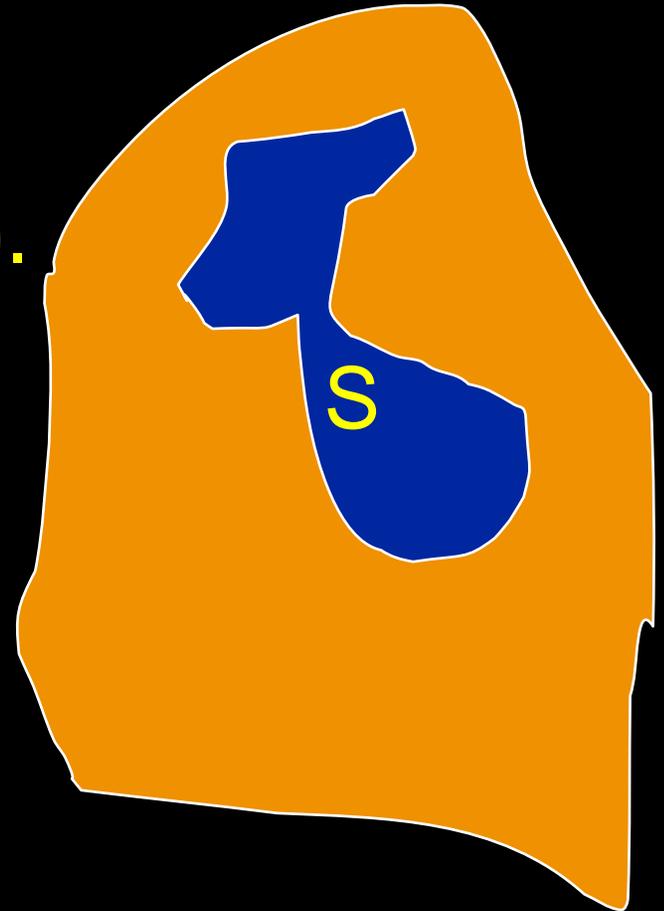
Set  $S$  has area  $A(S)$ .

Poisson intensity is  $\gamma$

Poisson entities/(unit area).

$X(S)$  is a random variable

$X(S)$  = number of Poisson  
entities in  $S$



$$P\{X(S) = k\} = \frac{(\gamma A(S))^k}{k!} e^{-\gamma A(S)}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

# Nearest Neighbors: Euclidean

Define  $D_2$  = distance from a random point to nearest Poisson entity

Want to derive  $f_{D_2}(r)$ .

Happiness:

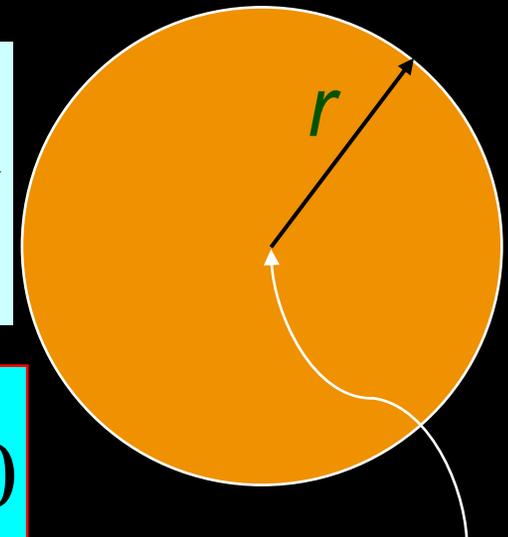
$$F_{D_2}(r) \equiv P\{D_2 \leq r\} = 1 - P\{D_2 > r\}$$

$$F_{D_2}(r) = 1 - \text{Prob}\{\text{no Poisson entities in circle of radius } r\}$$

$$F_{D_2}(r) = 1 - e^{-\gamma\pi r^2} \quad r \geq 0$$

$$f_{D_2}(r) = \frac{d}{dr} F_{D_2}(r) = 2r\gamma\pi e^{-\gamma\pi r^2} \quad r \geq 0$$

Rayleigh pdf with parameter  $\sqrt{2\gamma\pi}$



Random Point

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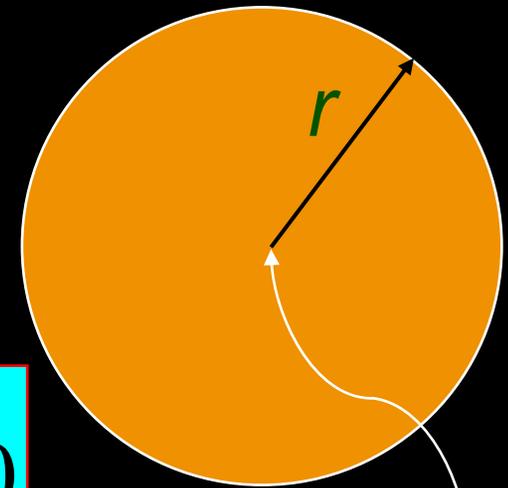
Want to derive  $f_{D_2}(r)$ .

$$E[D_2] = (1/2) \sqrt{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \quad \text{"Square Root Law"}$$

$$\sigma_{D_2}^2 = (2 - \pi/2) \frac{1}{2\pi\gamma}$$

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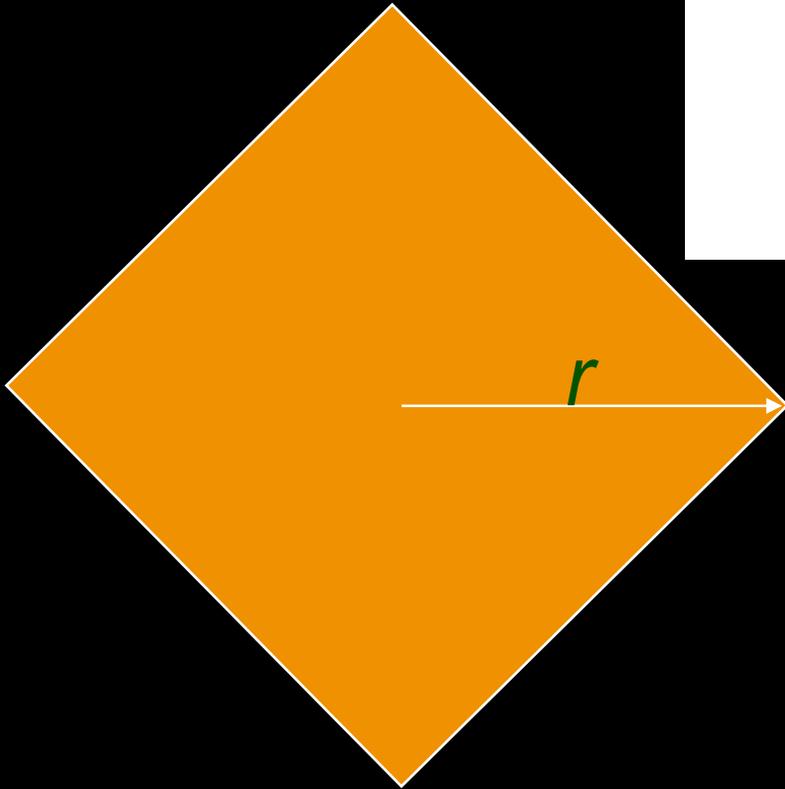


Random Point

# Nearest Neighbor: Taxi Metric

$$F_{D_1}(r) \equiv P\{D_1 \leq r\}$$

$$F_{D_1}(r) = 1 - \Pr\{\text{no Poisson entities in diamond}\}$$



# What Have We Learned?

- ◆ Within a spatial context, how to use the Four Steps to Happiness to derive joint distributions
- ◆ Within a spatial context, how to derive a difficult distribution involving geometry
- ◆ Spatial Poisson Processes, with nearest neighbor applications