OPEN STOCHASTIC SYSTEMS

&

THEIR INTERCONNECTION

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When & where & how we first met

Stochastic systems

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- Motivation
- Definitions
- Interconnection
- [Variable sharing versus input/output]
- [Identification]
- Conclusions

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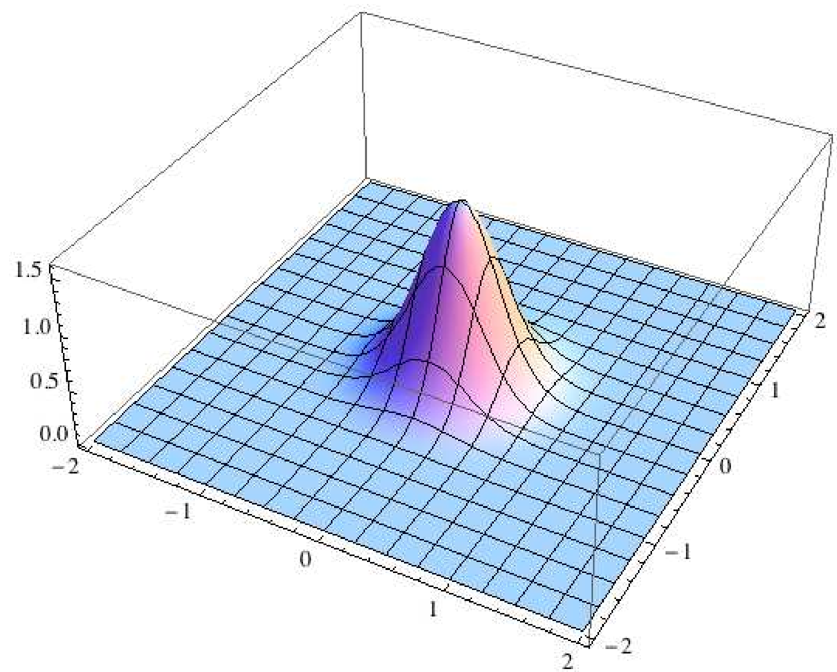

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Thesis:

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Motivating examples

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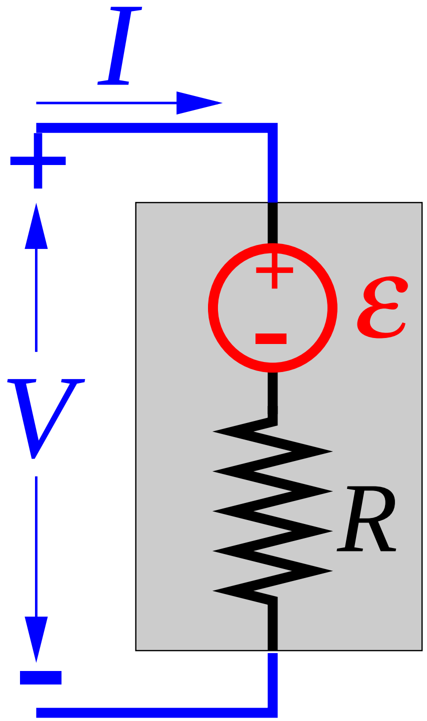

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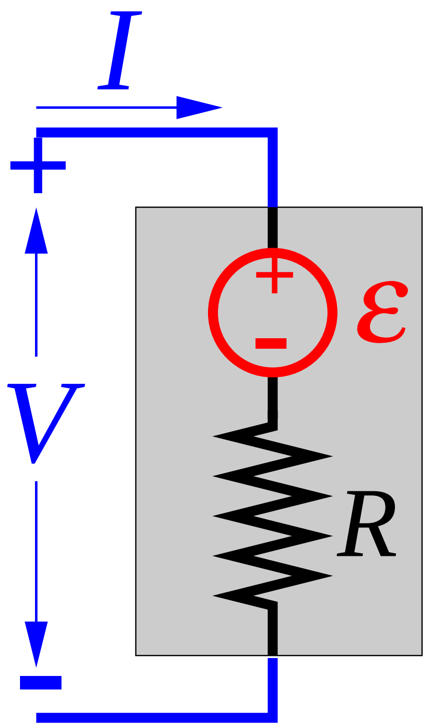

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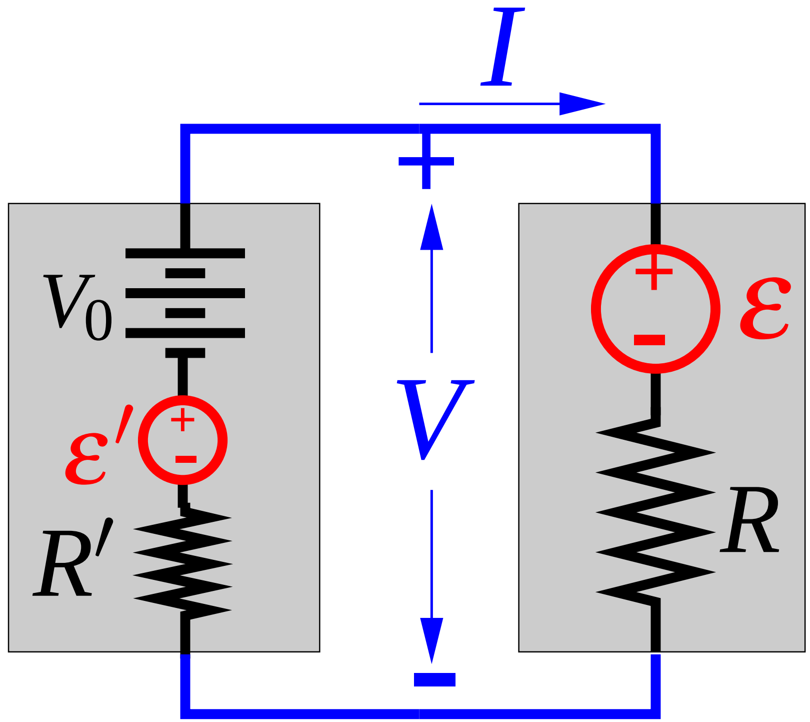

How do we deal with interconnection?

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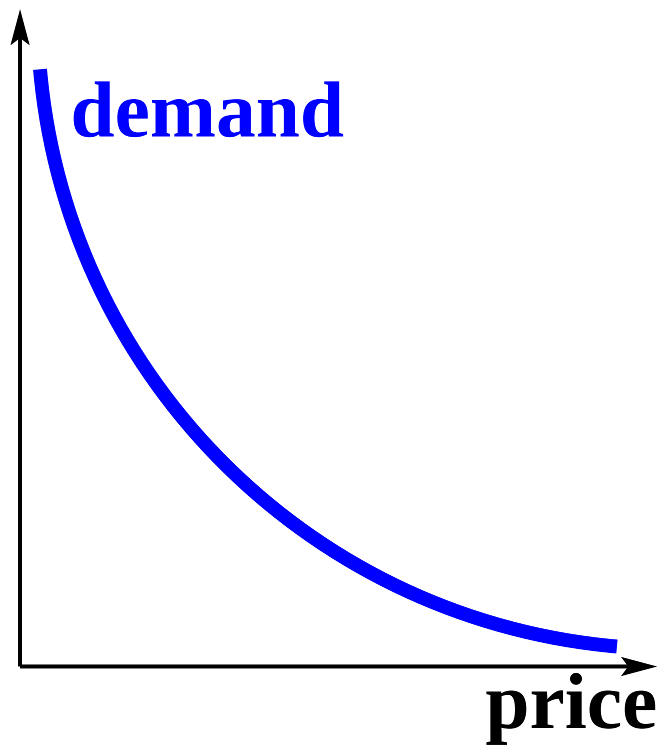

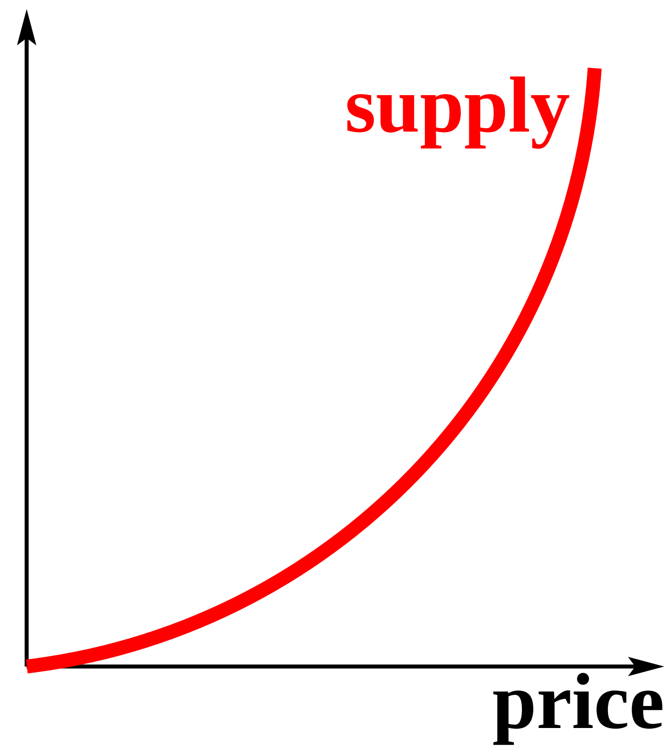

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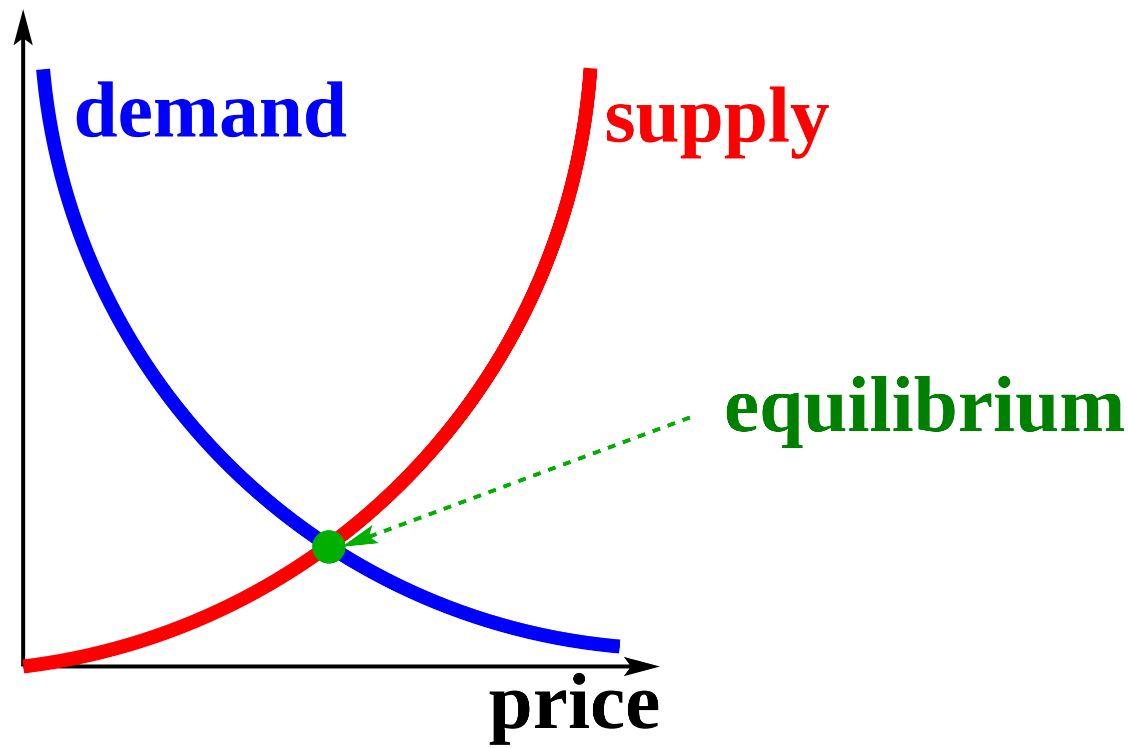

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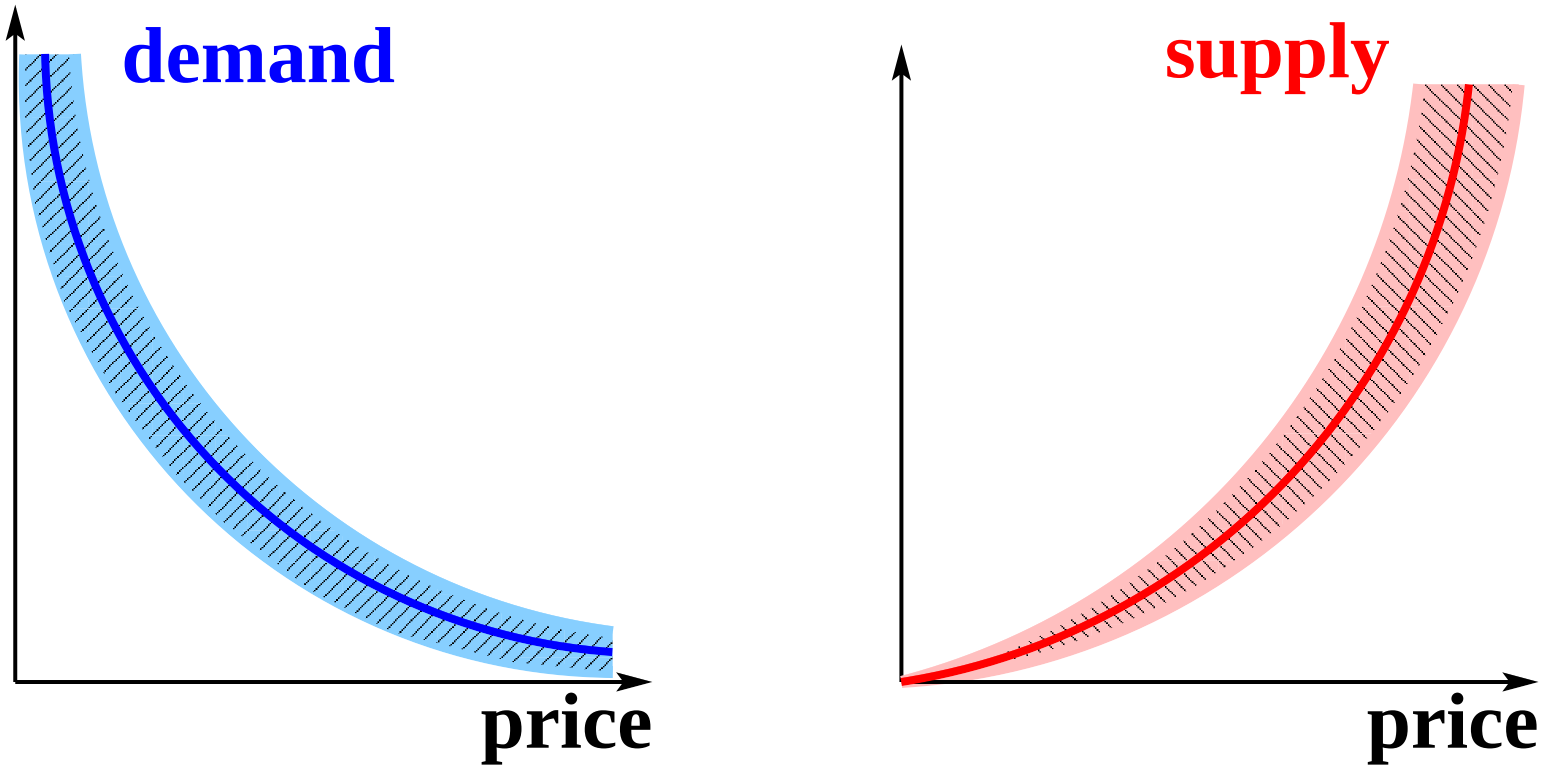

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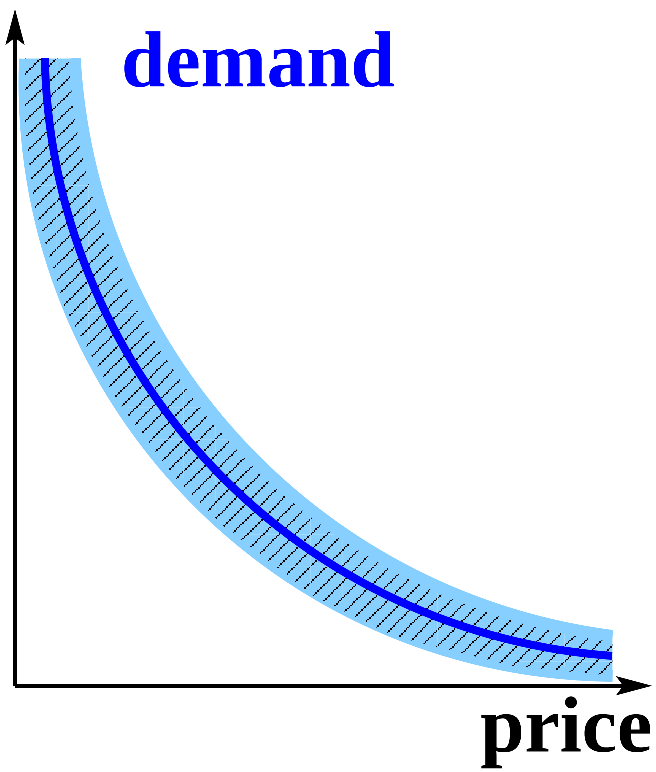

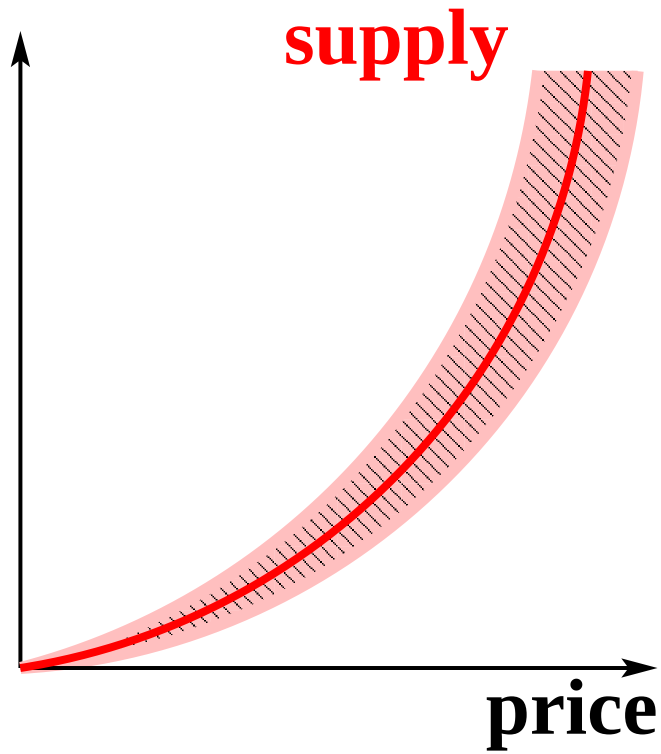

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How do we deal with equilibrium supply = demand?

Formal definitions

Definition

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- $\mathbb{W}$ **a non-empty set, the *outcome space*,**
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- $P : \mathscr{E} \to [0, 1]$ **a *probability measure*.**

$\mathscr{E}$**: the subsets that are assigned a probability.**

Probability that outcomes $\in E$, $E \in \mathscr{E}$**, is** $P(E)$**.**

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'Classical' stochastic system:

$\mathbb{W} = \mathbb{R}^{\mathtt{n}}$ **and $\mathscr{E}$ = the Borel subsets of $\mathbb{R}^{\mathtt{n}}$.**

$\mathscr{E}$ **is inherited from the topology on $\mathbb{R}^{\mathtt{n}}$.**

P **can then be specified by a probability distribution.**

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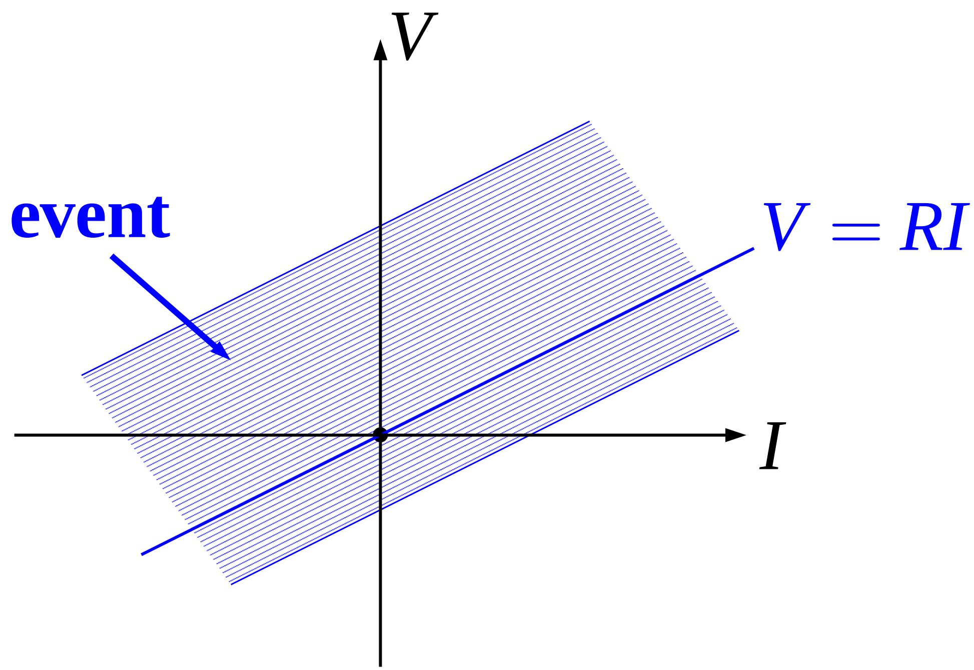

$V = RI + \varepsilon$: **stoch. system,** $\mathbb{W} = \mathbb{R}^2$**, outcomes** $\begin{bmatrix} V \\ I \end{bmatrix}$**.**

Events: $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} V \\ I \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid V - RI \in A \text{ with } A \text{ a Borel subset of } \mathbb{R} \right\}$.

$P(\textbf{event}) =$ **gaussian measure of** A**.**

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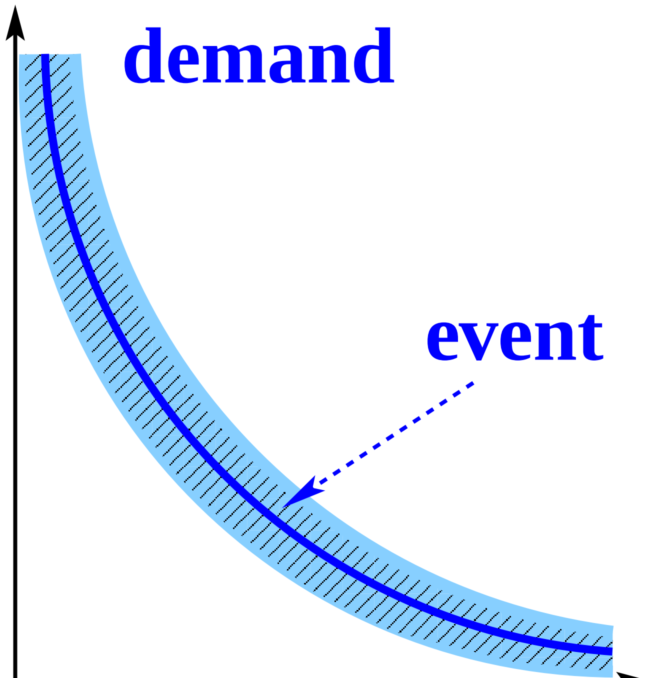

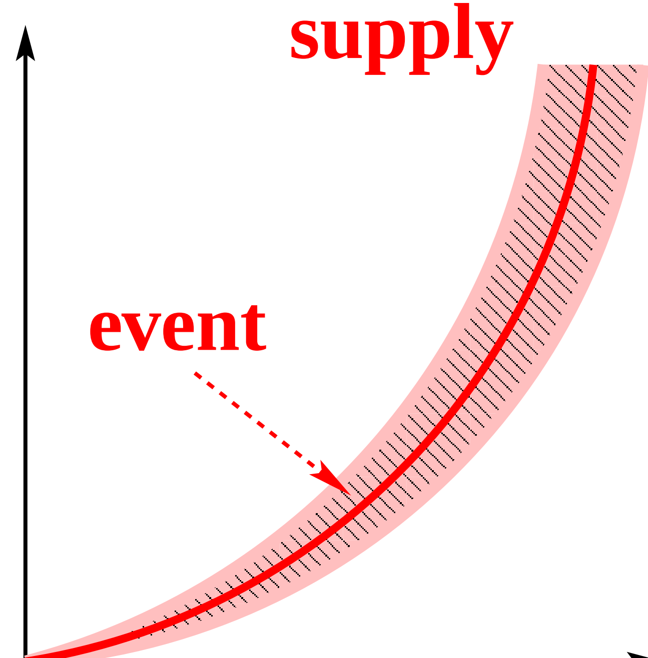

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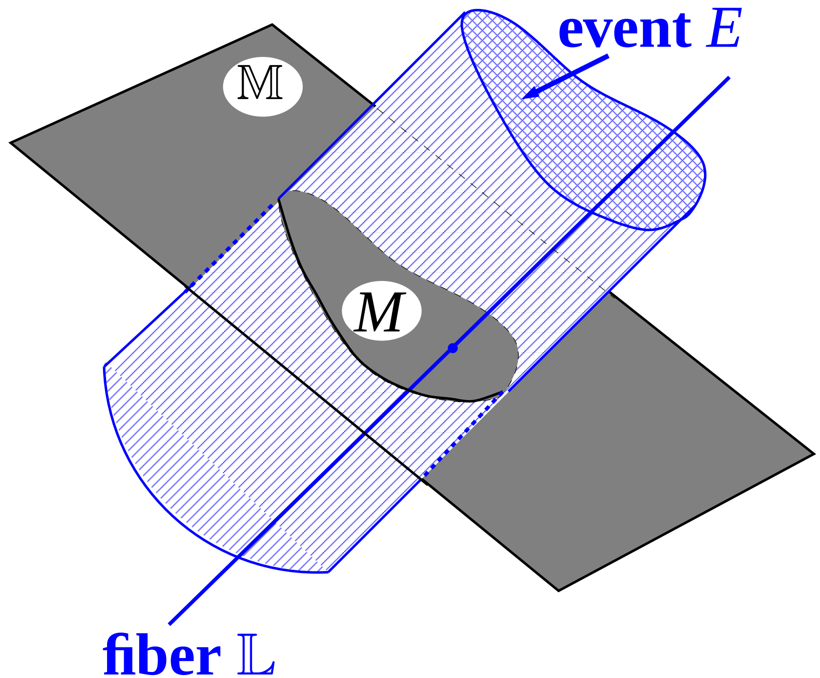

Borel probability on $\mathbb{M} \cong \mathbb{R}^{\mathtt{n}}/\mathbb{L}$.

gaussian **:$\Leftrightarrow$ linear, Borel probability gaussian.**

Classical $\Rightarrow$ linear.

Deterministic

$(\mathbb{W}, \mathscr{E}, P)$ **is said to be *deterministic* if**

$$\mathscr{E} = \{\emptyset, \mathbb{B}, \mathbb{B}^{complement}, \mathbb{W}\} \text{ and } P(\mathbb{B}) = 1.$$

If $\mathbb{B} = \mathbb{W}$, the variables are said to be *free*.

noisy resistor: linear, gaussian, fiber $V = RI$.

$w = V - RI$ is a classical random variable.

V and I are free.

Only statements $P(\{V \in \mathbb{R}\}) = 1$, $P(\{I \in \mathbb{R}\}) = 1$.

$\begin{bmatrix} V \\ I \end{bmatrix}$ no pdf, no cumulative, no conditional distr'ions.

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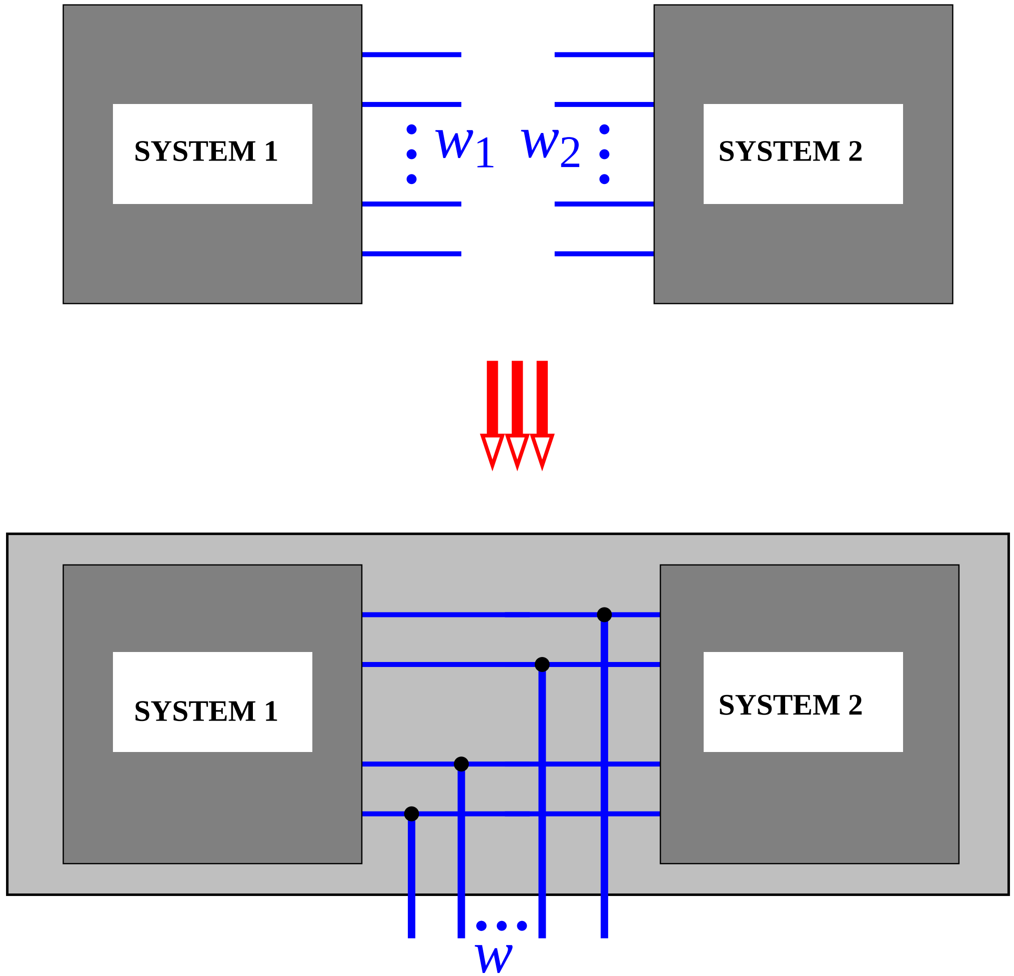

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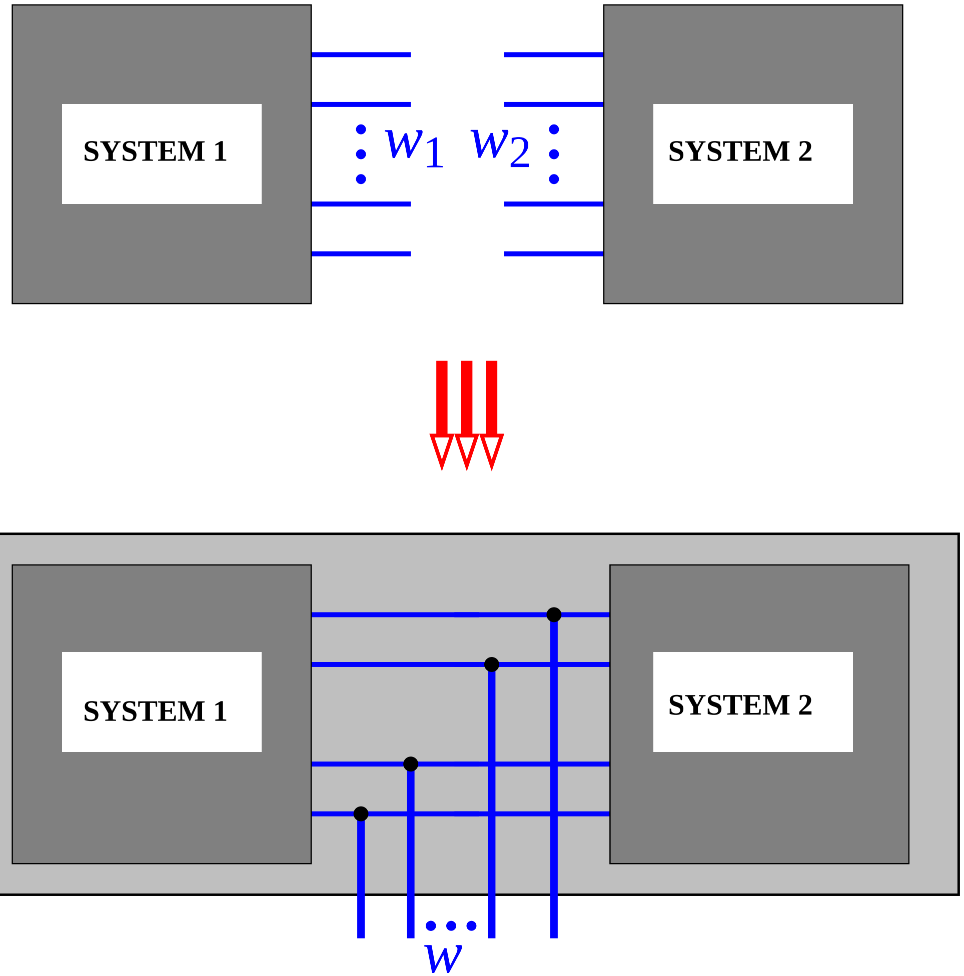

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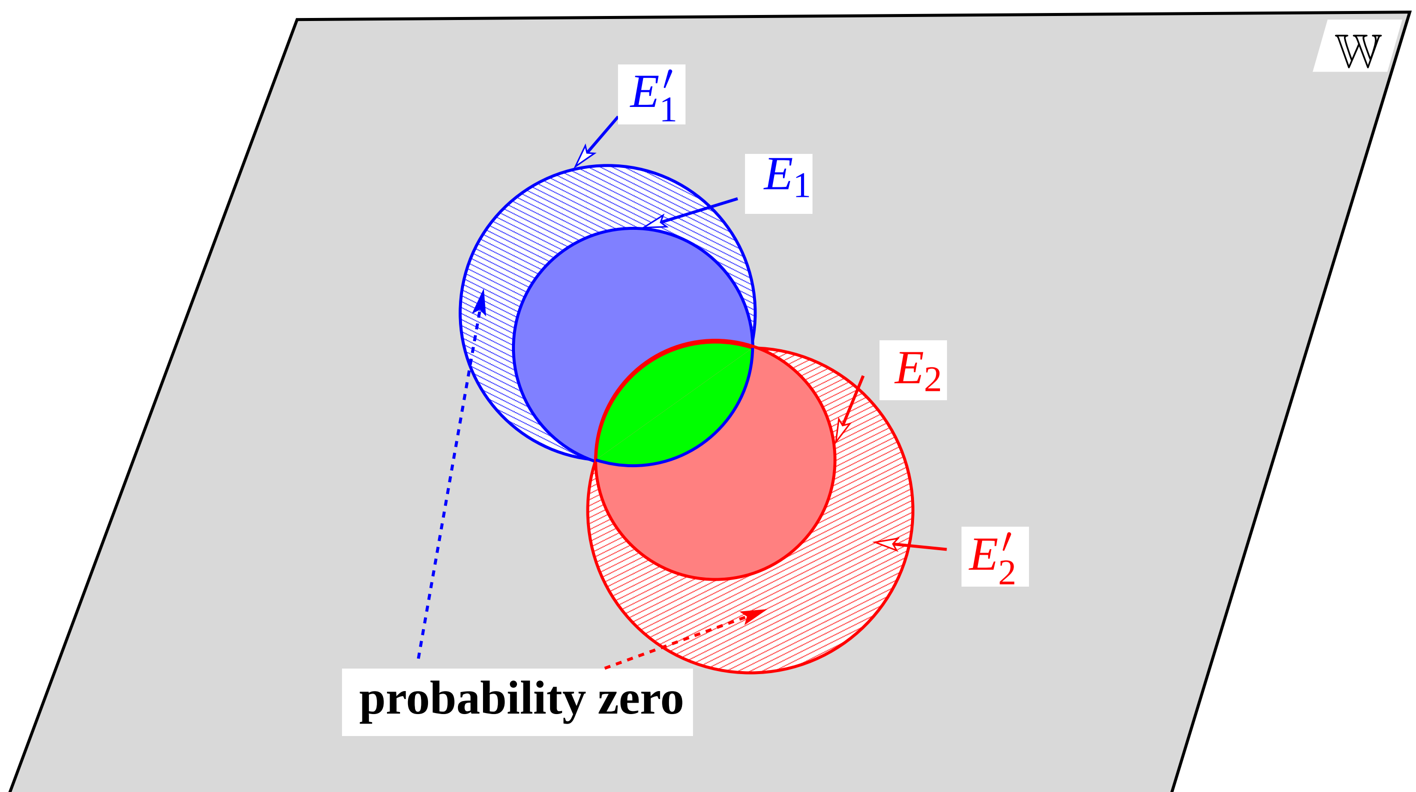
Complementarity

$\Sigma_1 = (\mathbb{W}, \mathscr{E}_1, P_1)$ **and** $\Sigma_2 = (\mathbb{W}, \mathscr{E}_2, P_2)$ **are said to be** ***complementary*** $:\Leftrightarrow$ **for** $E_1, E_1' \in \mathscr{E}_1$ **and** $E_2, E_2' \in \mathscr{E}_2$**:**

$$[\![E_1 \cap E_2 = E_1' \cap E_2']\!] \Rightarrow [\![P_1(E_1)P_2(E_2) = P_1(E_1')P_2(E_2')]\!].$$



Interconnection of complementary systems

Let $\Sigma_1 = (\mathbb{W}, \mathscr{E}_1, P_1)$ and $\Sigma_2 = (\mathbb{W}, \mathscr{E}_2, P_2)$ be complementary stochastic systems (assumed stochastically independent). Their *interconnection* is

$$(\mathbb{W}, \mathscr{E}, P)$$

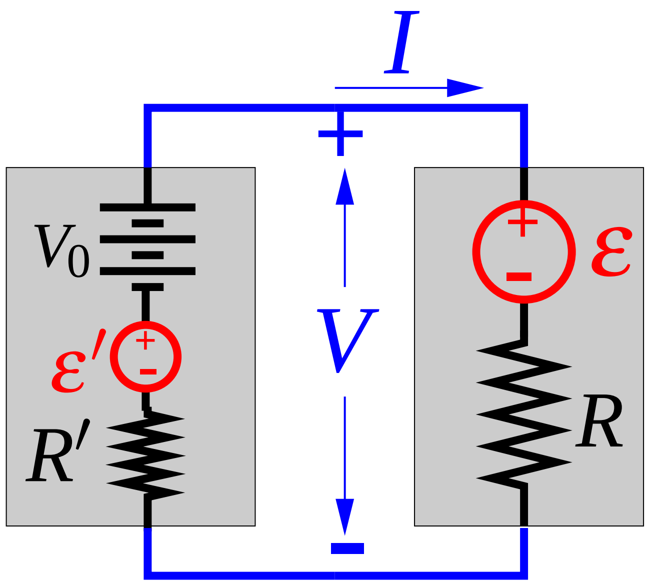
with $\mathscr{E}$:= the σ-algebra generated by the 'rectangles'

$$\{E_1 \cap E_2 \mid E_1 \in \mathscr{E}_1, E_2 \in \mathscr{E}_2\},$$

and P defined through the rectangles by

$$\boxed{P(E_1 \cap E_2) := P_1(E_1)P_2(E_2).}$$

Noisy resistor terminated by voltage source



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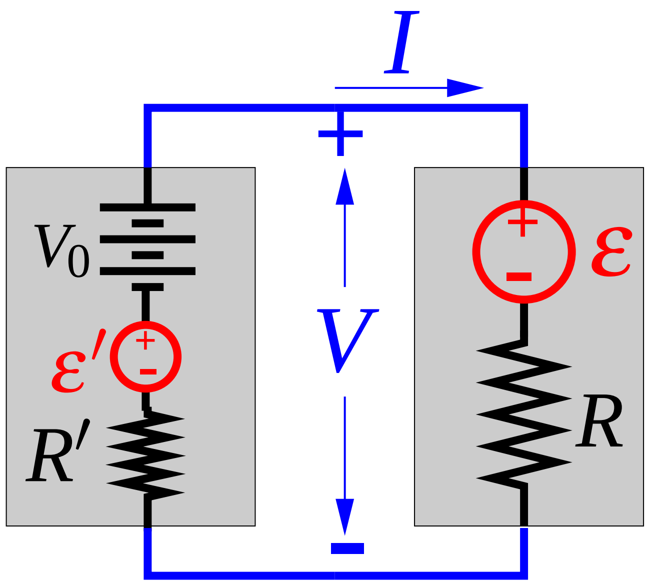

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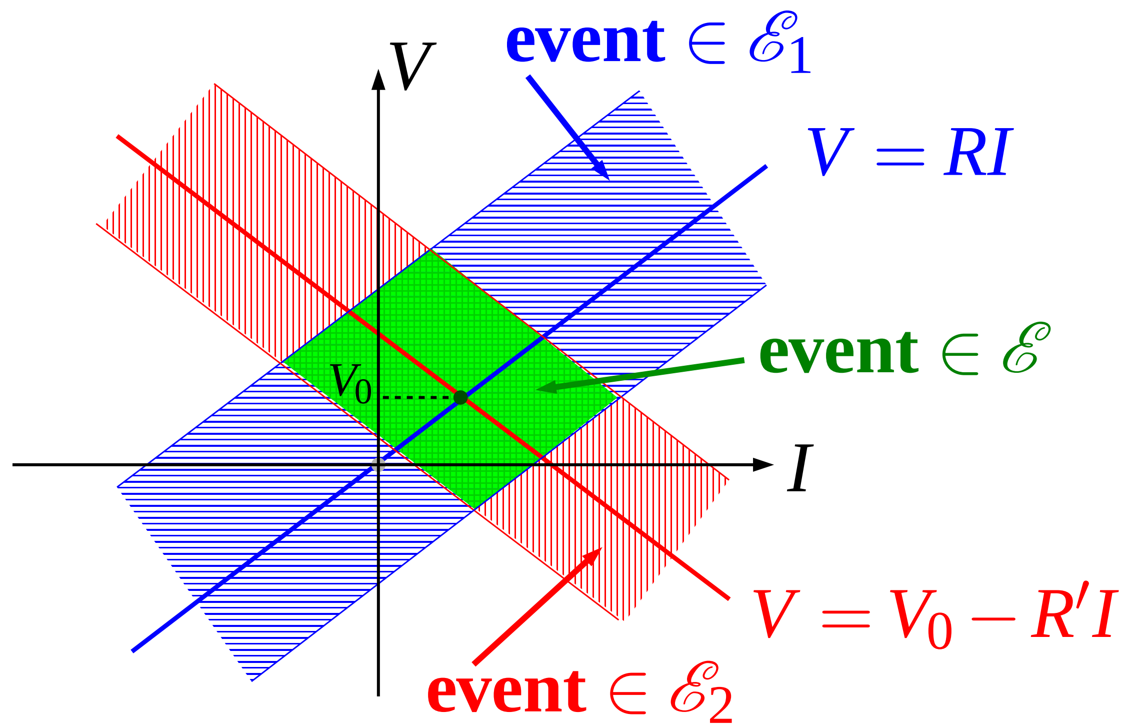
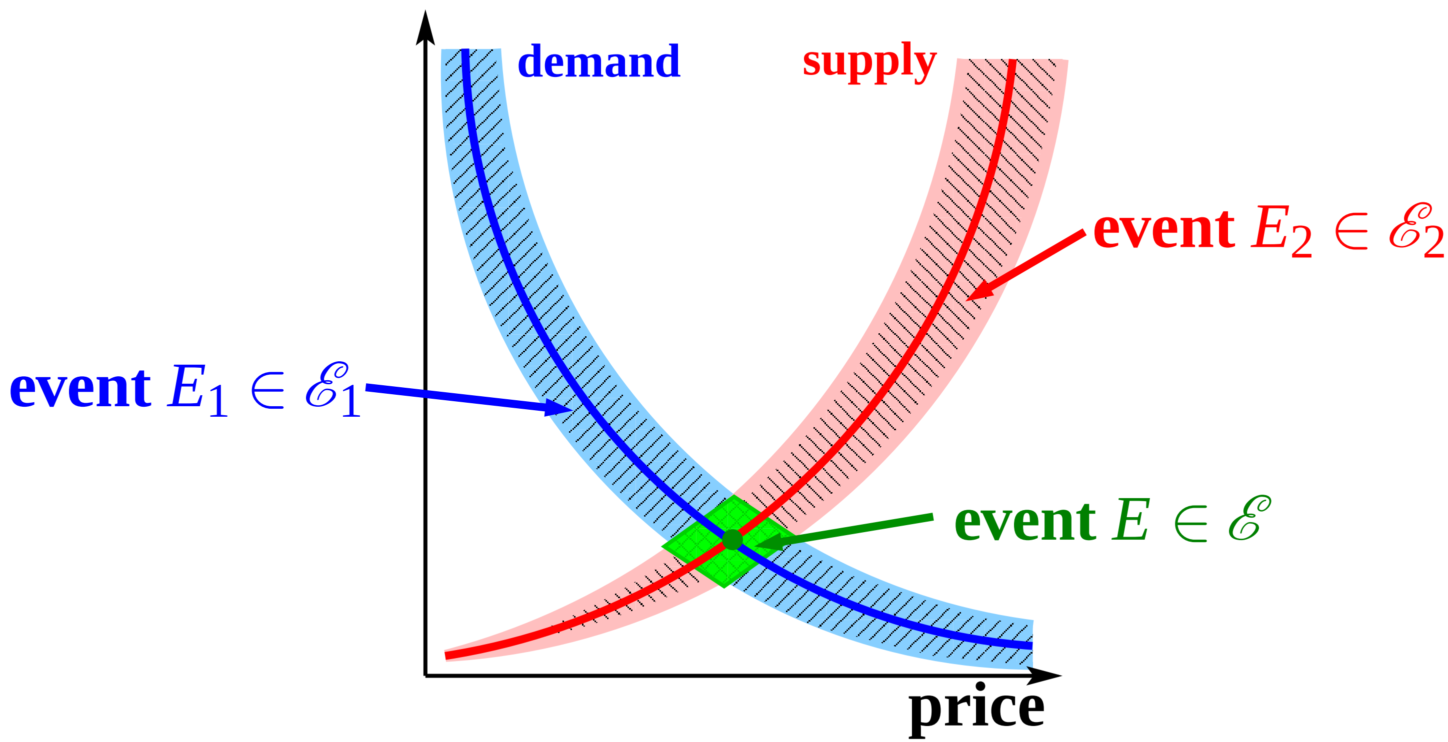


Equilibrium price/demand/supply



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Open stochastic systems

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Parsimonious $\mathscr{E}_1$

$\Rightarrow$ **Σ_1 is interconnectable.**

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Interconnection $\Leftrightarrow$ variable sharing

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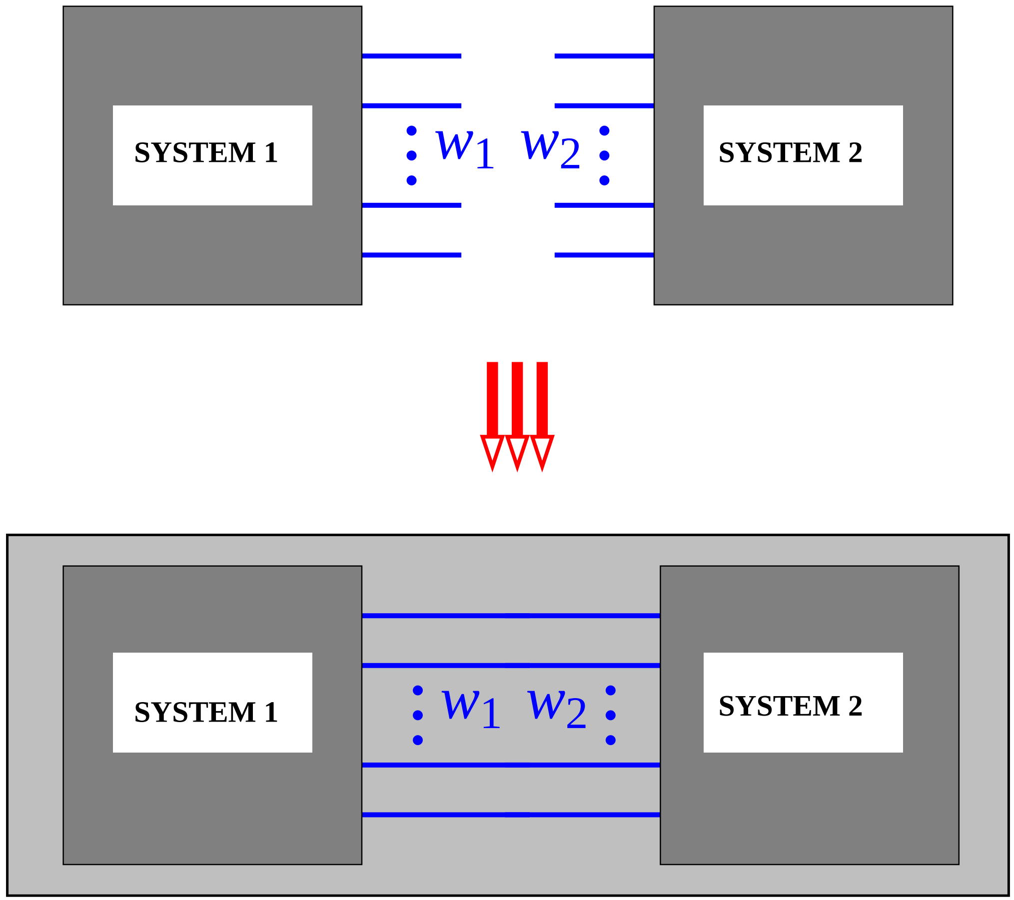
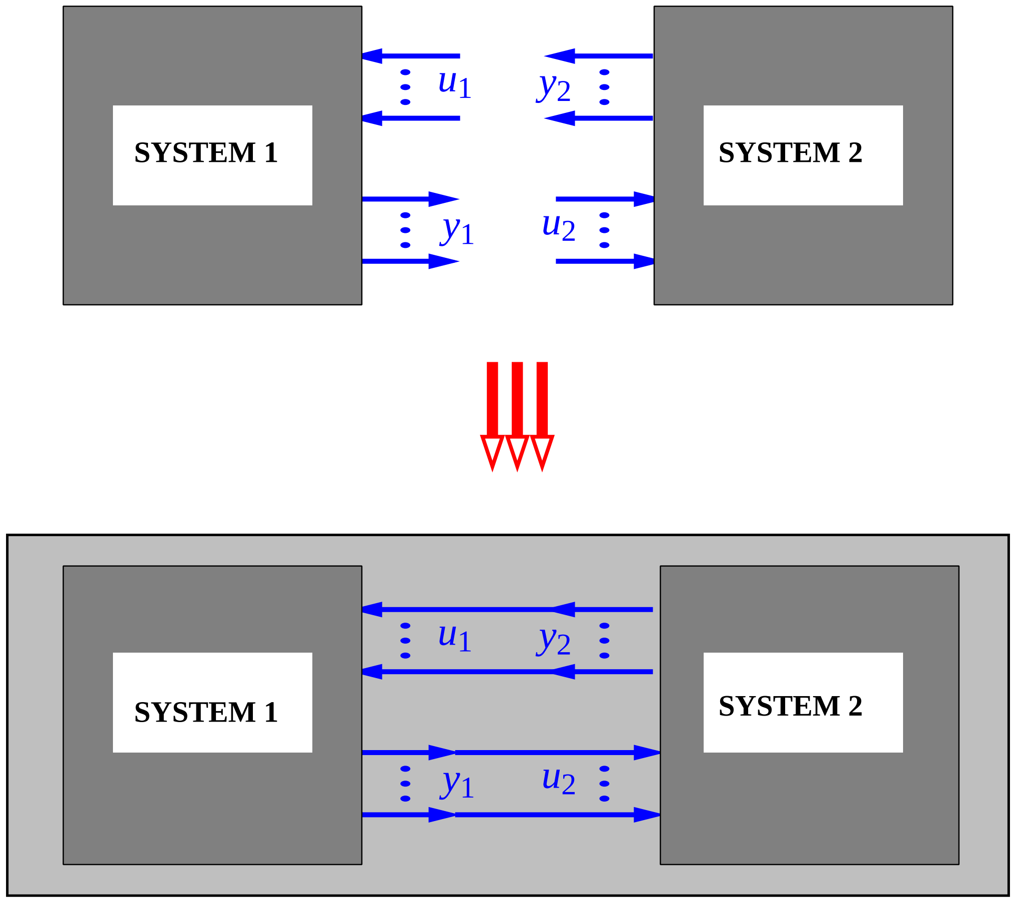


$$w_1 = w_2$$

Output-to-input assignment



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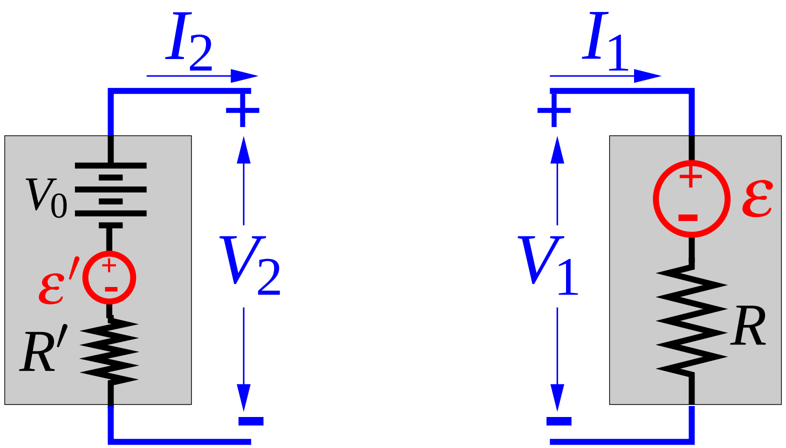

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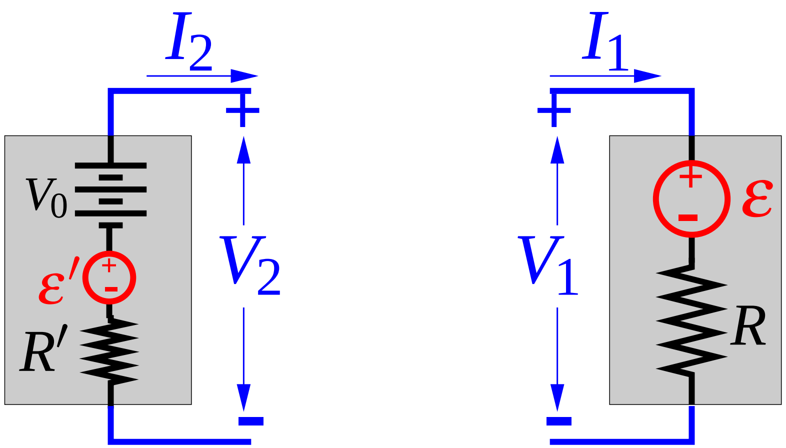

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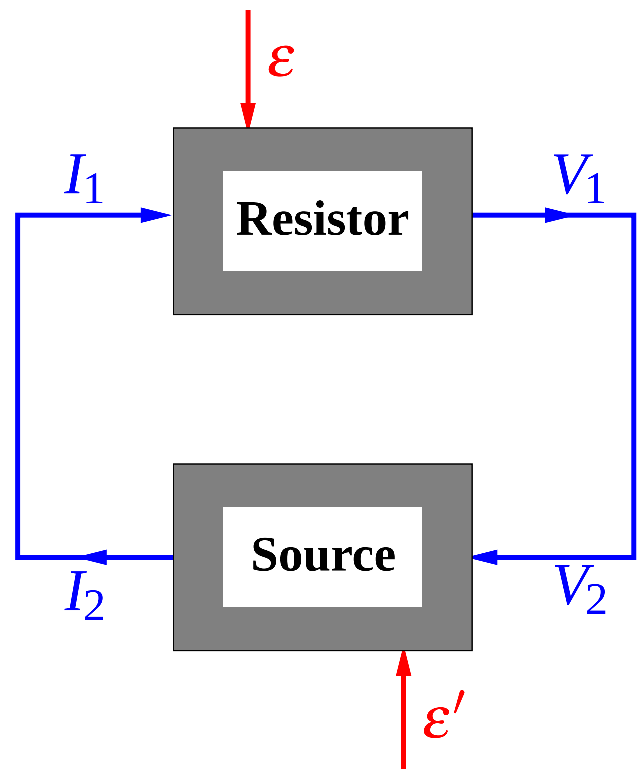

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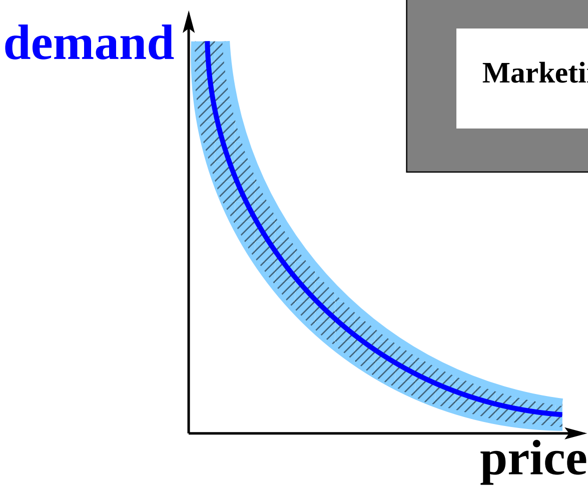

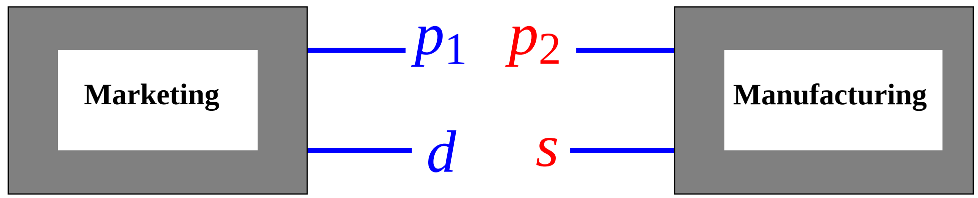

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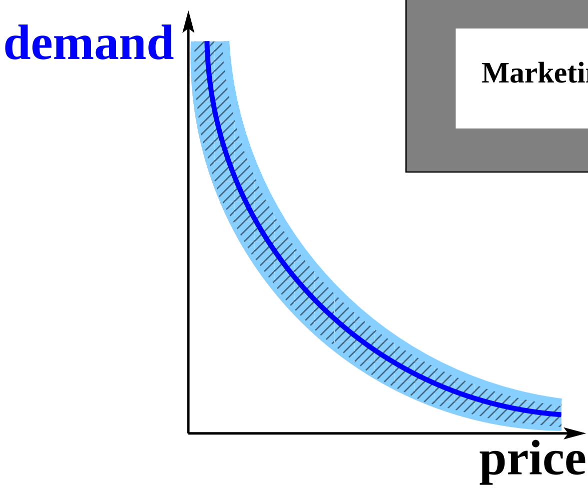

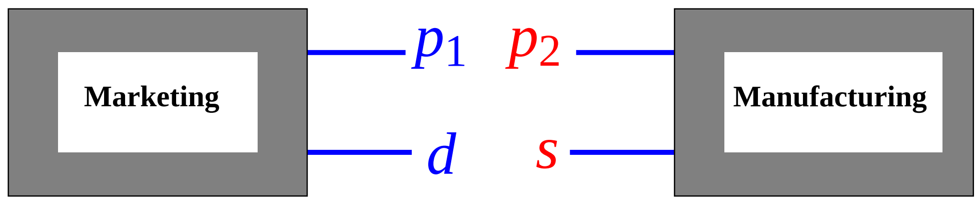

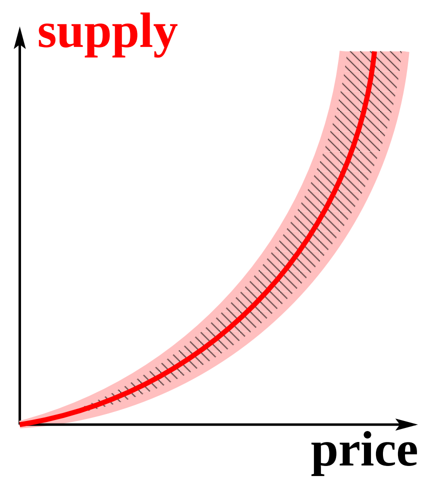

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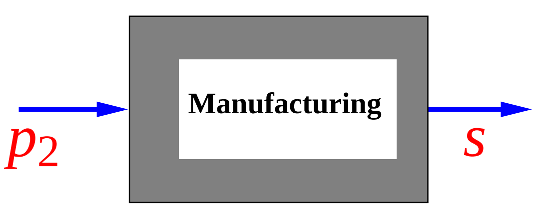

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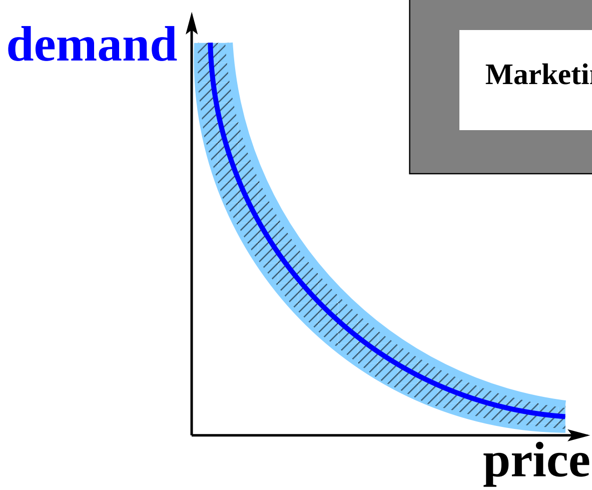

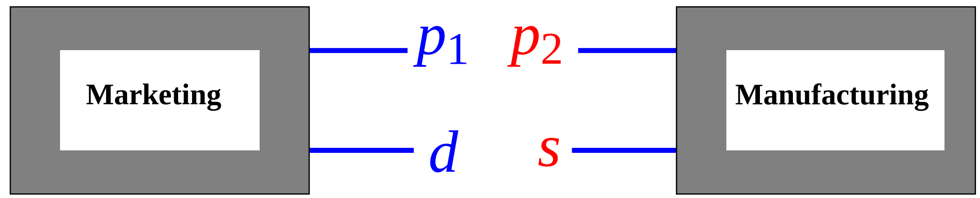

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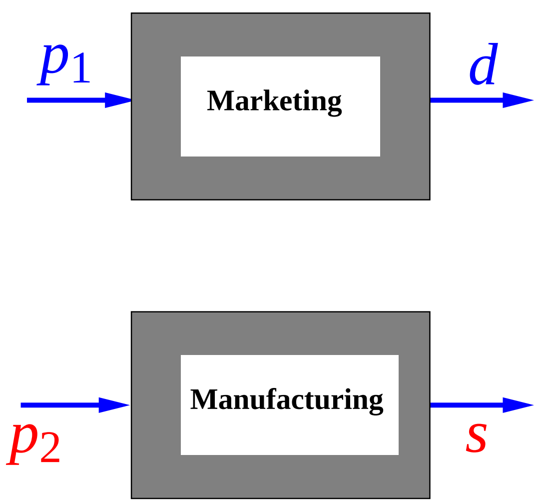

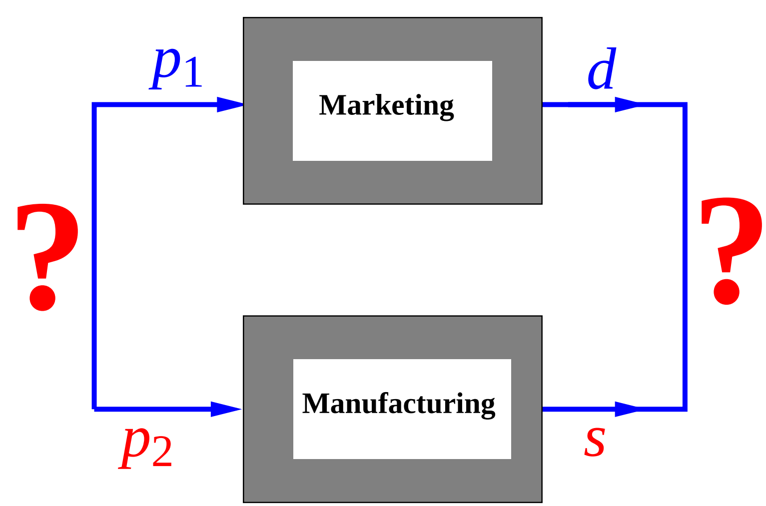

Identification

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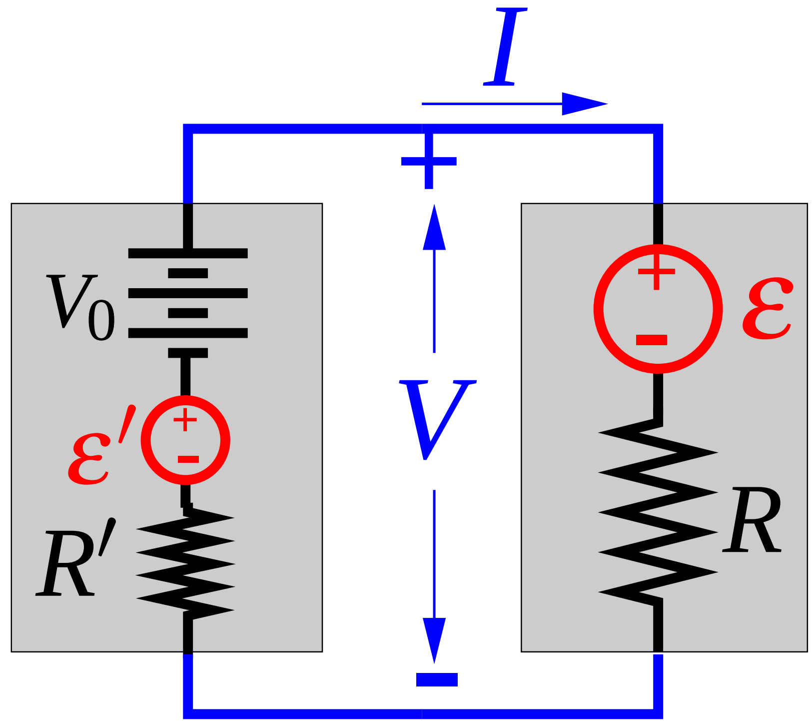
In engineering, it may be possible to set the experimental conditions.
In economics and the social sciences (and biology?), data often gathered passively ‘in vivo’.

Disentangling



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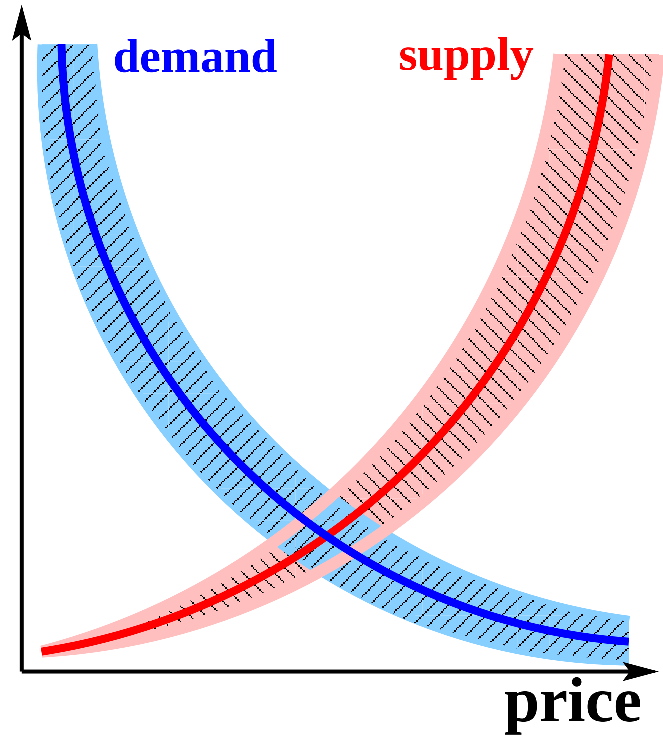

Can the price/demand characteristic be deduced by sampling (p, d) in equilibrium?

SYSID for gaussian systems

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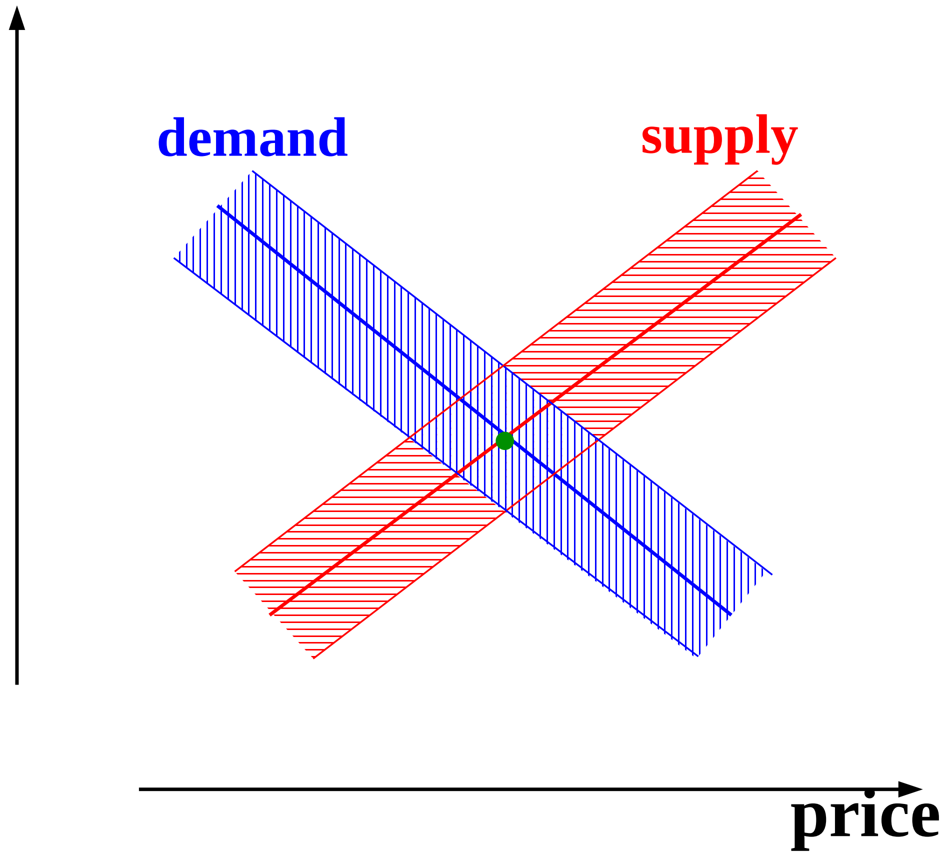
Given the fiber of Σ_1 or Σ_2, all the other parameters of Σ_1 and Σ_2 can be deduced from $\Sigma_1 \wedge \Sigma_2$.

The fiber of Σ_1 or Σ_2 can be chosen freely.

Linearized gaussian price/demand/supply



Identifiability provided one of the fibers is known.

Sampling alone does not give the elasticities.

Conclusions

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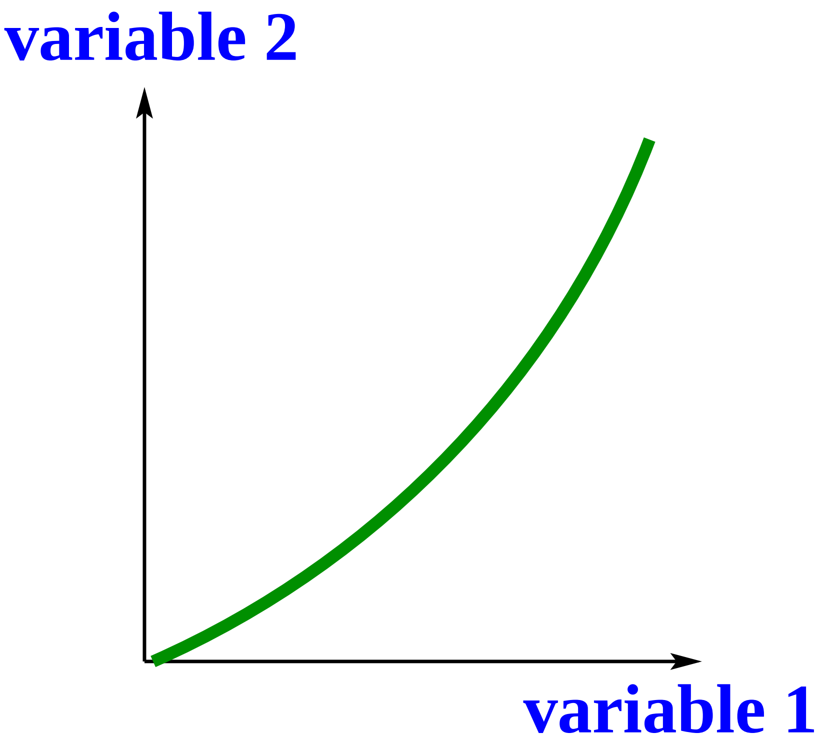
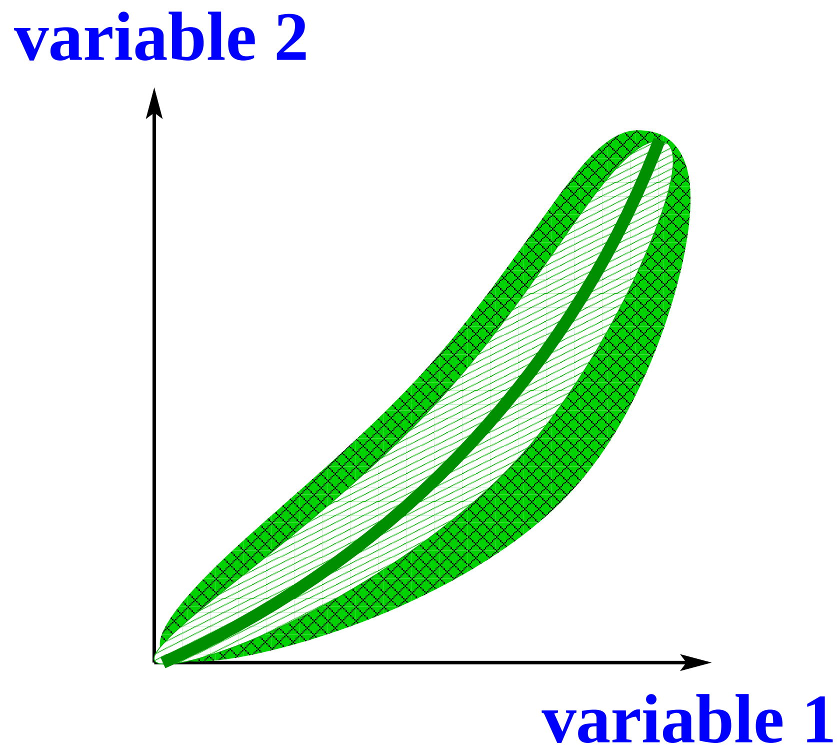


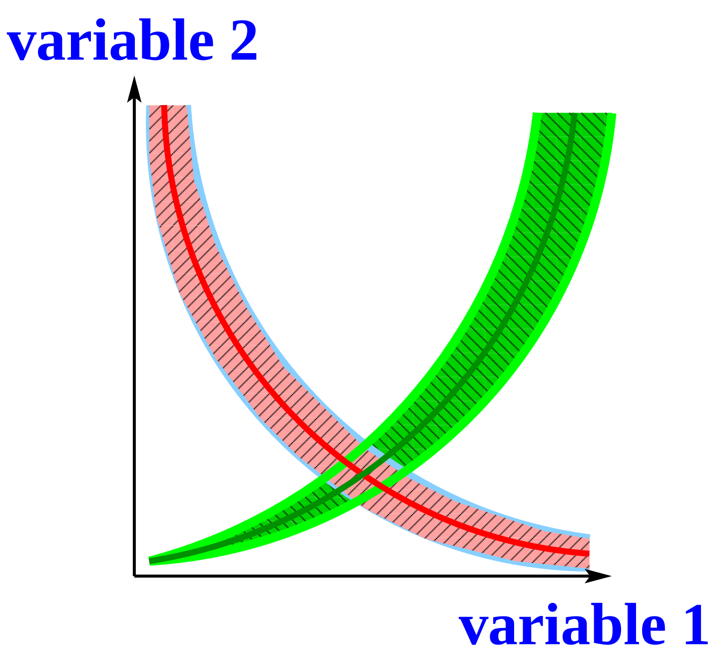


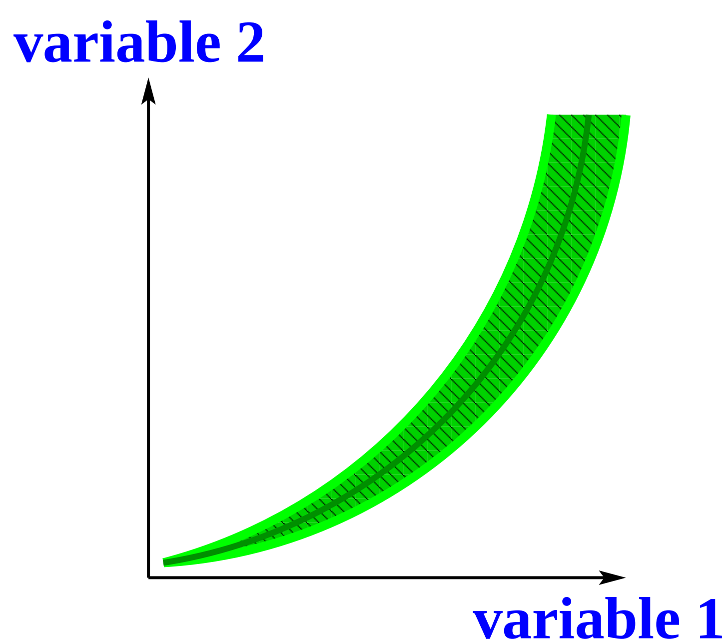
Stochastic systems

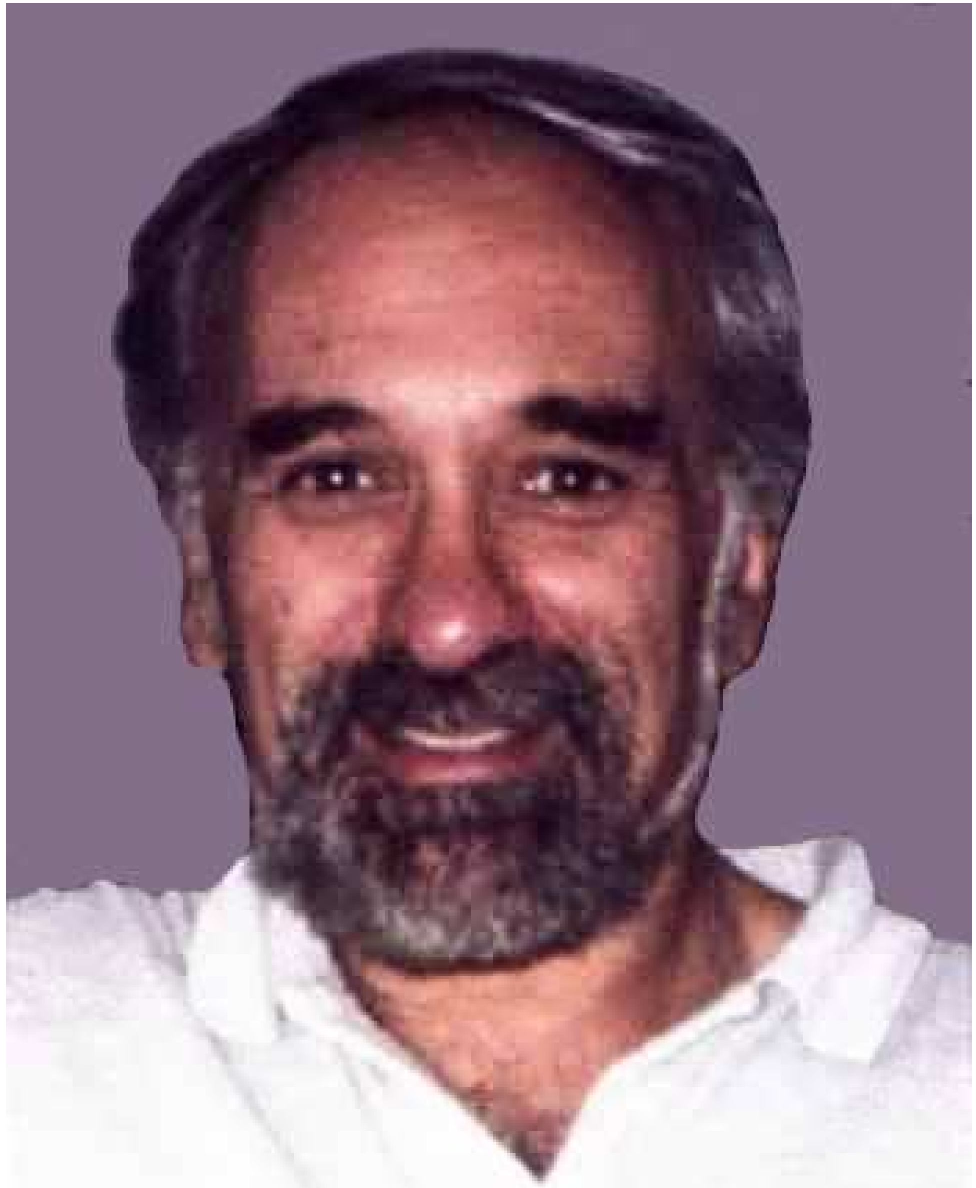
- The Borel σ-algebra is inadequate even for elementary applications.
- Complementary stochastic systems can be interconnected:
  two distinct laws imposed on one set of variables.

  Open stochastic systems require a parsimonious σ-algebra.
  Classical stochastic systems are closed systems.

- **Measurements are the result of interaction with an environment.**
  Modeling from data requires disentanglement.
  The data alone are insufficient for identifiability.







Happy birthday, Eduardo!
Ad multos annos felices!

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