

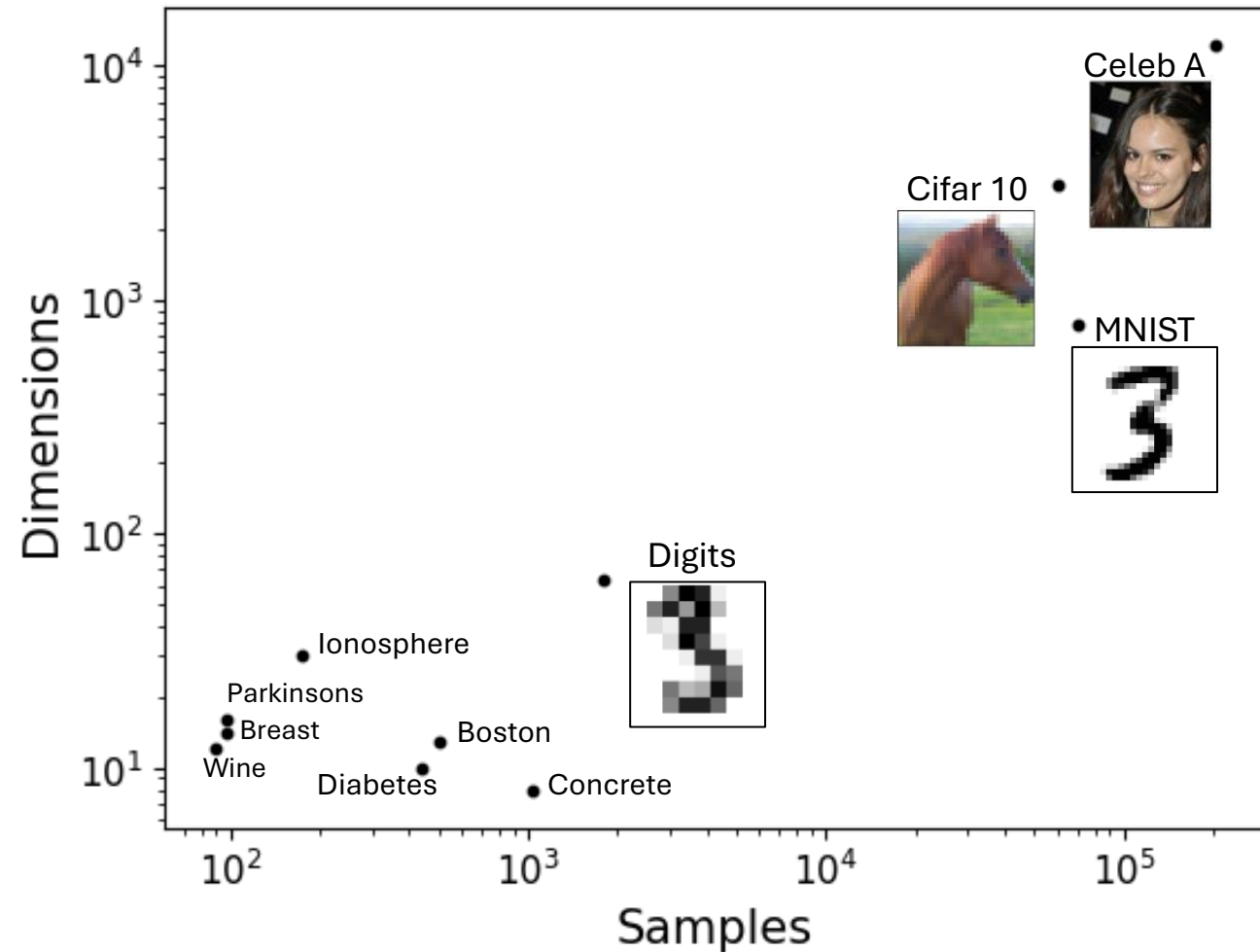
Quasi-Bayes meets Vines

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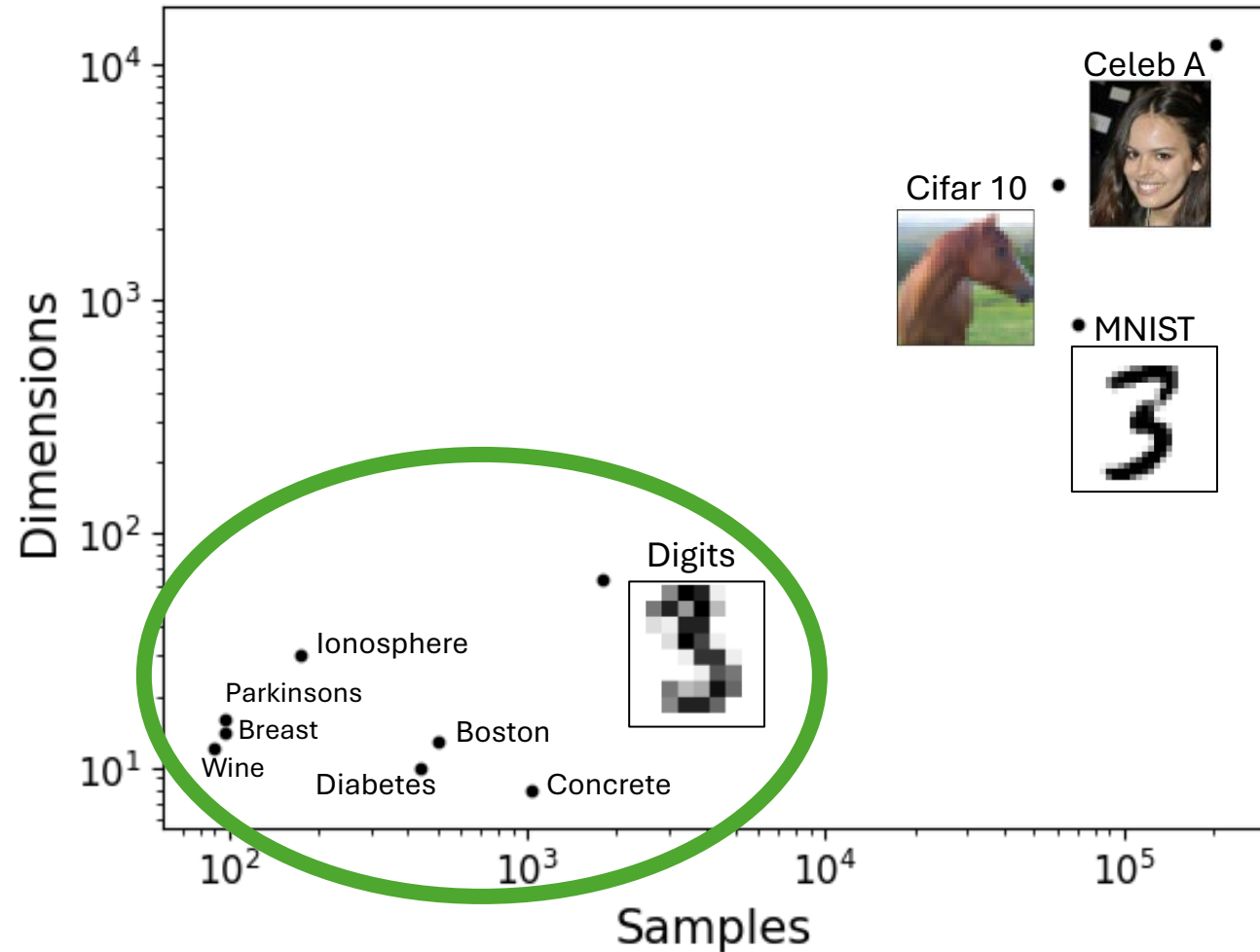


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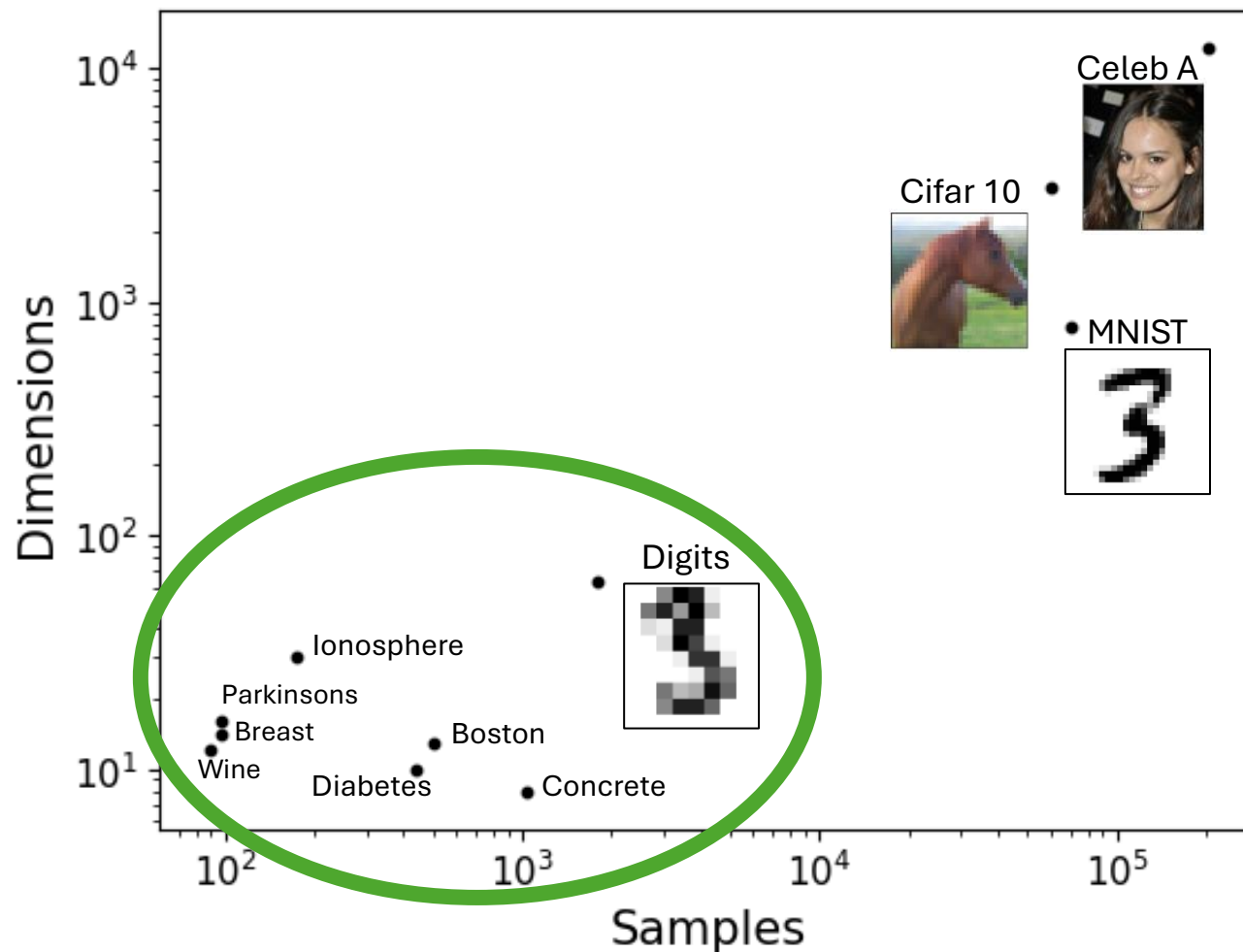
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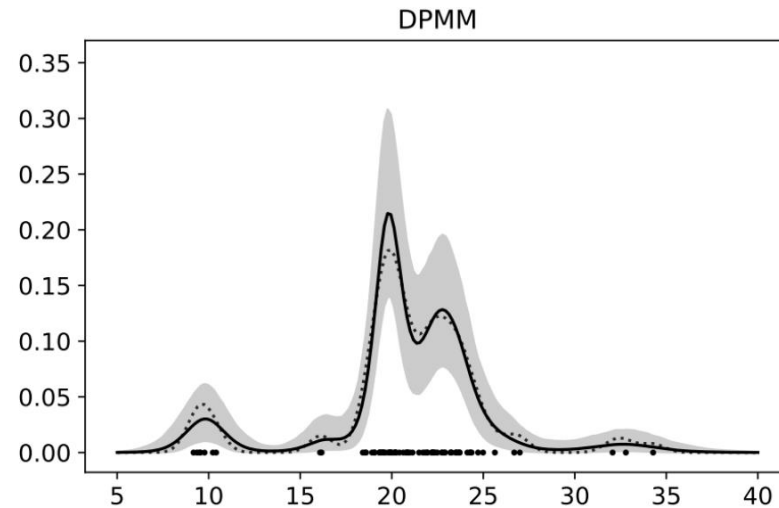
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Existing work

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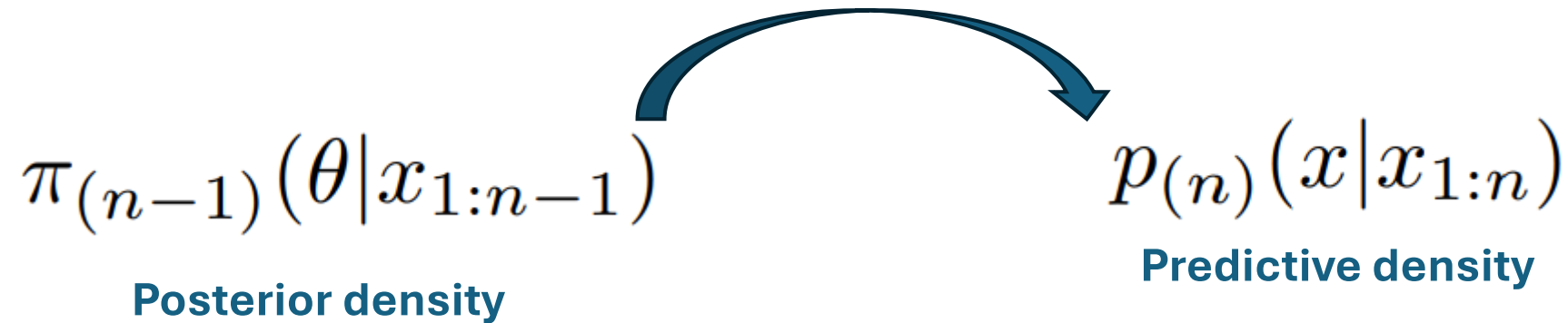
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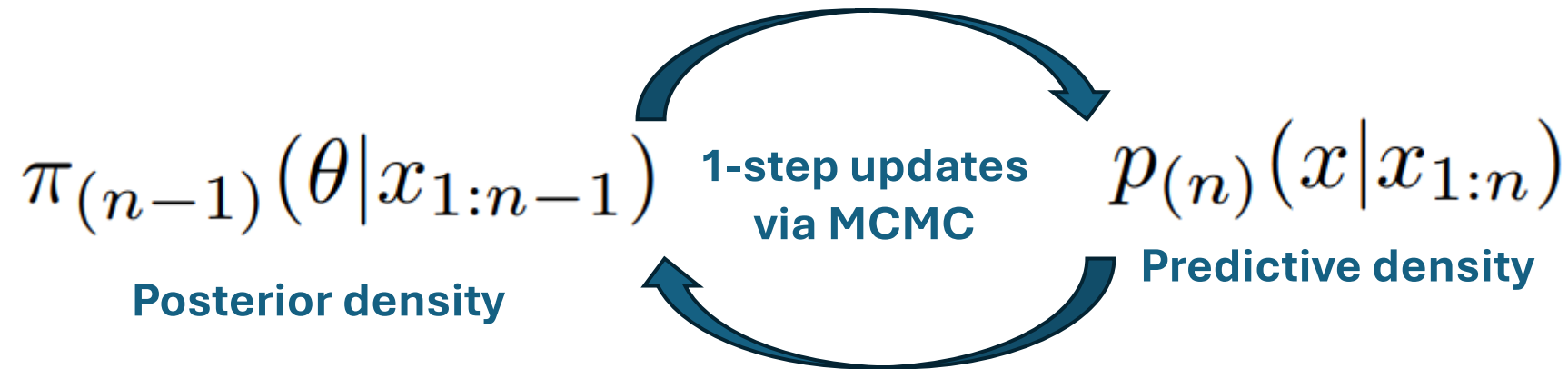
$$p_{(n)}(x|x_{1:n})$$

Predictive density

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Expensive and slow with the dimension!



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- ✗ Extensions to multivariate settings are non-trivial
- ✗ Restrictive assumptions on dependence structure
- ✗ Computed sequentially with the dimension

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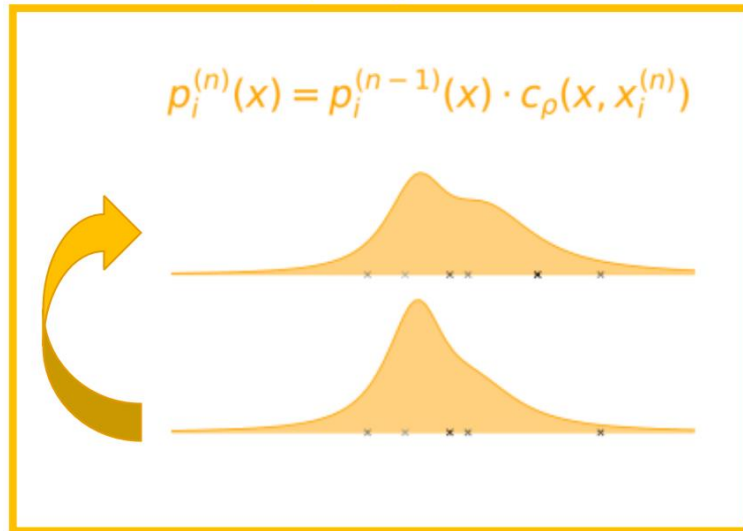
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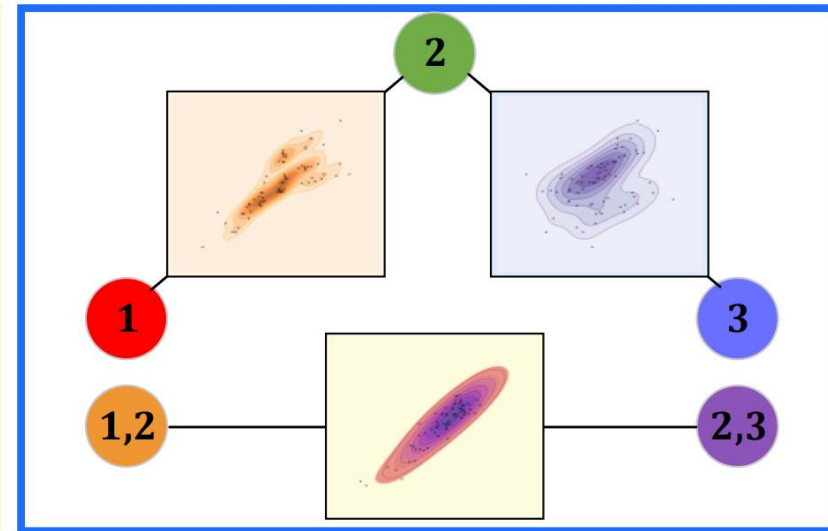
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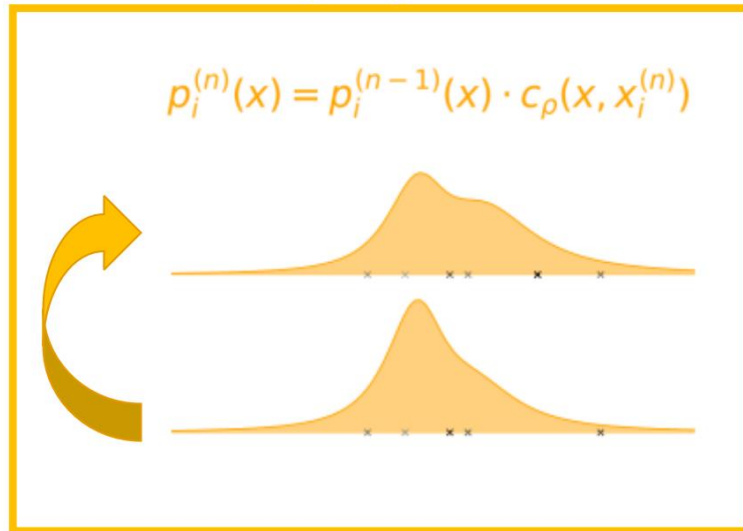


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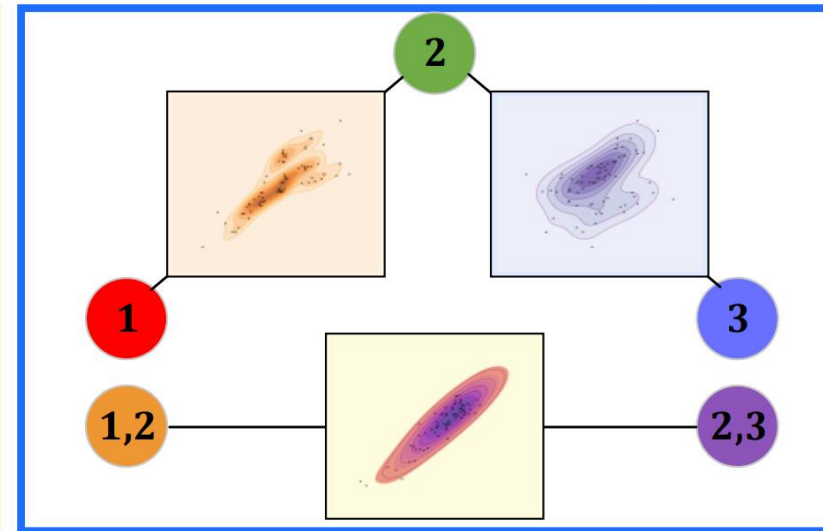


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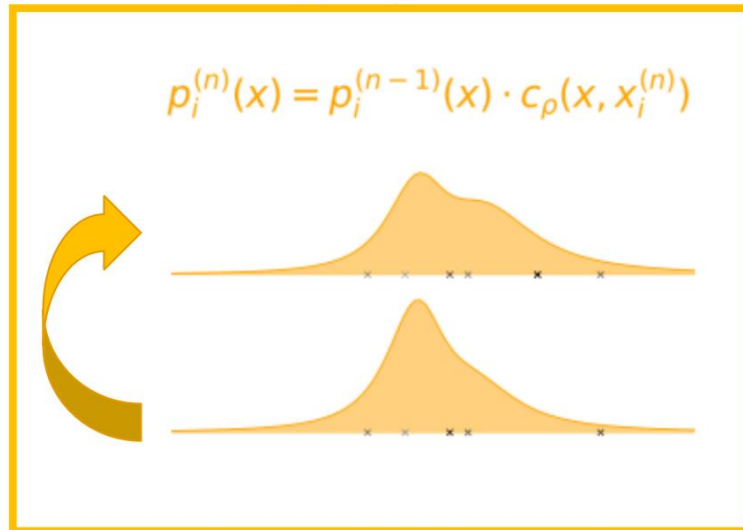


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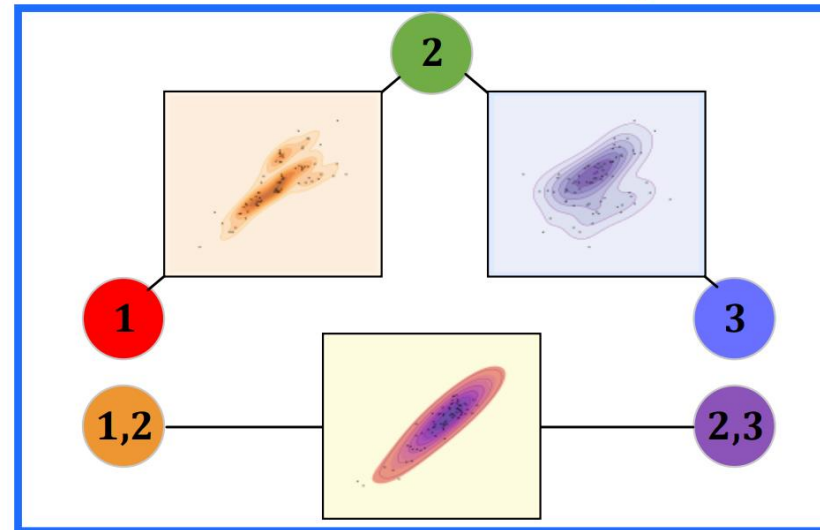
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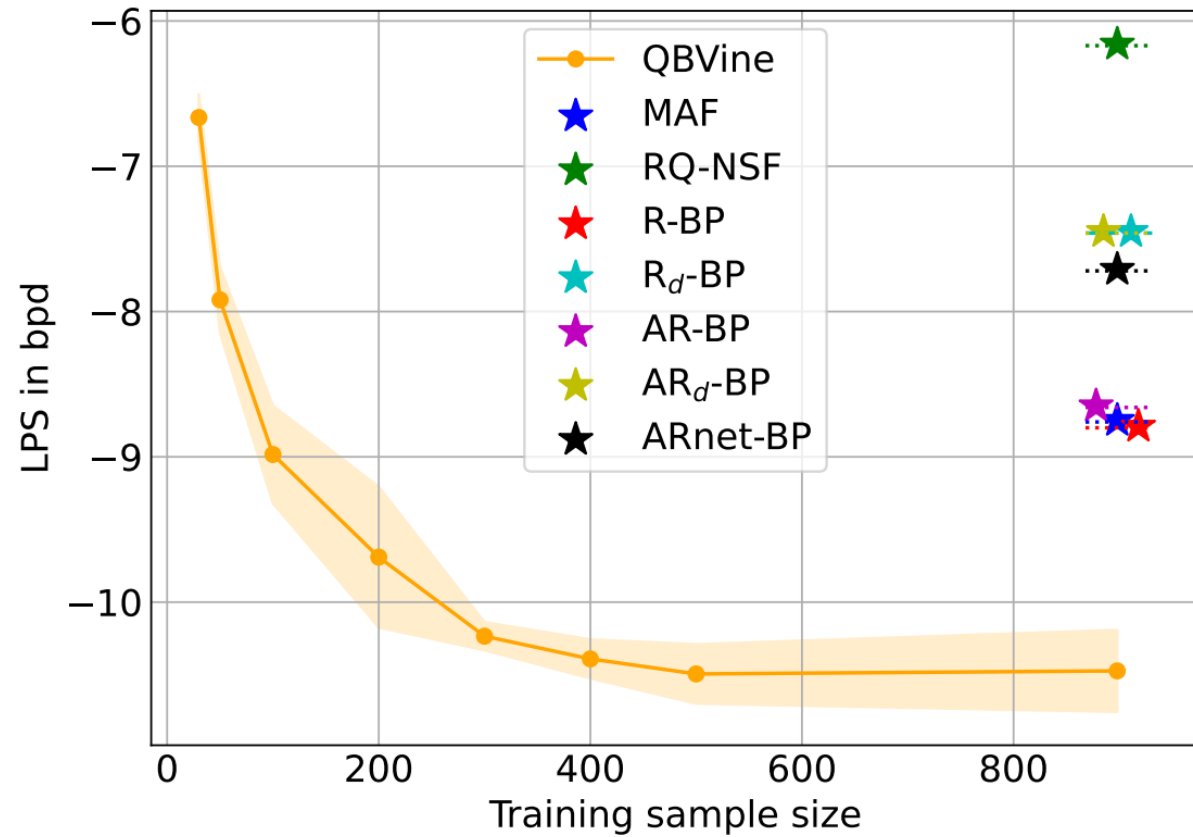
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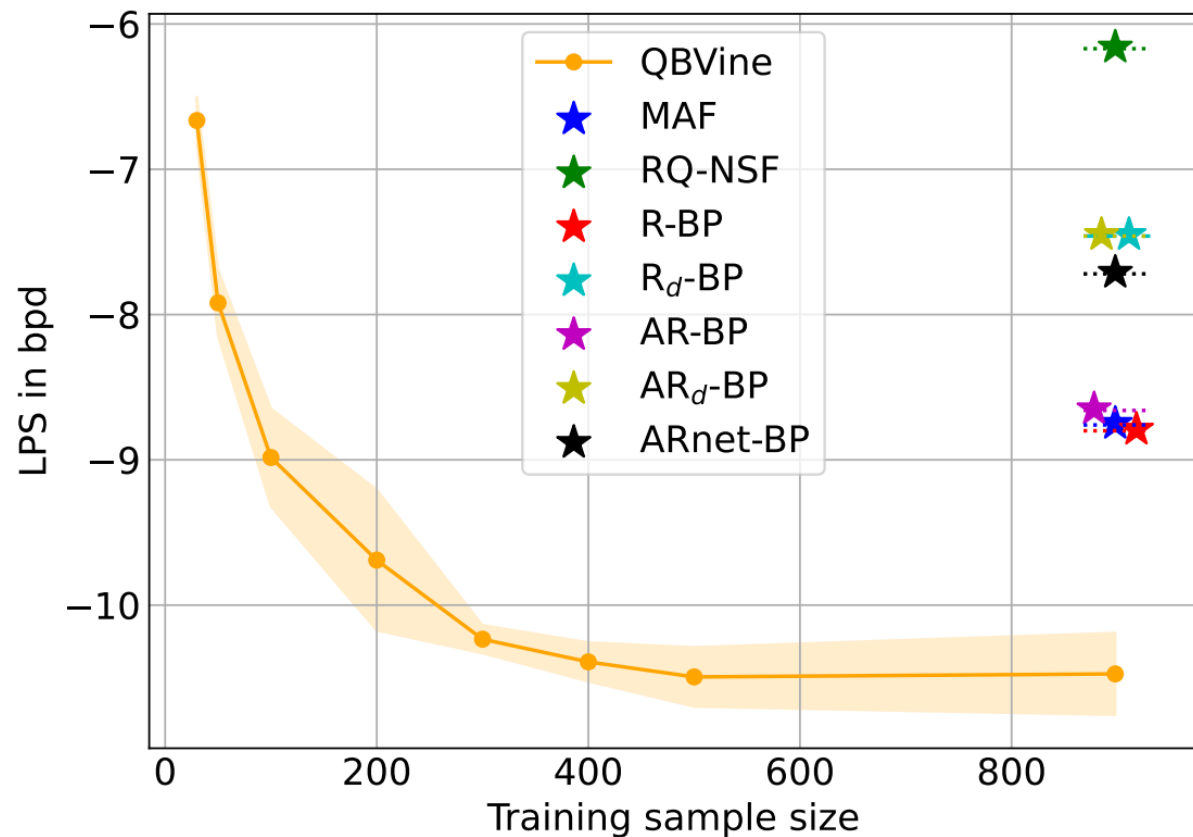
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Regression

n/d	WINE 89/12	BREAST 97/14	PARKIN 97/16	IONO 175/30	BOSTON 506/13
KDE	13.69 \pm 0.00	10.45 \pm 0.24	12.83 \pm 0.27	32.06 \pm 0.00	8.34 \pm 0.00
DPMM (Diag)	17.46 \pm 0.60	16.26 \pm 0.71	22.28 \pm 0.66	35.30 \pm 1.28	7.64 \pm 0.09
DPMM (Full)	32.88 \pm 0.82	26.67 \pm 1.32	39.95 \pm 1.56	86.18 \pm 10.22	9.45 \pm 0.43
MAF	39.60 \pm 1.41	10.13 \pm 0.40	11.76 \pm 0.45	140.09 \pm 4.03	56.01 \pm 27.74
RQ-NSF	38.34 \pm 0.63	26.41 \pm 0.57	31.26 \pm 0.31	54.49 \pm 0.65	-2.20 \pm 0.11
PRticle Filter	23.89 \pm 0.93	25.98 \pm 1.06	34.79 \pm 3.95	79.22 \pm 9.87	27.18 \pm 3.12
R-BP	13.57 \pm 0.04	7.45 \pm 0.02	9.15 \pm 0.04	21.15 \pm 0.04	4.56 \pm 0.04
R_d -BP	13.32 \pm 0.01	6.12 \pm 0.05	7.52 \pm 0.05	19.82 \pm 0.08	-13.50 \pm 0.59
AR-BP	13.45 \pm 0.05	6.18 \pm 0.05	8.29 \pm 0.11	17.16 \pm 0.25	-0.45 \pm 0.77
AR_d -BP	13.22\pm0.04	6.11 \pm 0.04	7.21 \pm 0.12	16.48 \pm 0.26	-14.75 \pm 0.89
ARnet-BP	14.41 \pm 0.11	6.87 \pm 0.23	8.29 \pm 0.17	15.32 \pm 0.35	-5.71 \pm 0.62
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Classification

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	BOSTON 506/13	CONCR 1,030/8	DIAB 442/10	IONO 351/33	PARKIN 195/22
Linear	0.87 \pm 0.03	0.99 \pm 0.01	1.07 \pm 0.01	0.33 \pm 0.01	0.38 \pm 0.01
GP	0.42 \pm 0.08	0.36 \pm 0.02	1.06 \pm 0.02	0.30 \pm 0.02	0.42 \pm 0.02
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Our paper

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