

#### So Far...

- Two kinds of problems:
  - Supervised Learning
  - Unsupervised Learning
- Supervised Learning
  - Training data: a labeled set of input-output pairs
  - Goal: learn a mapping from inputs x to outputs y
  - y is a categorical variable
    - Classification
  - y is real-valued
    - Regression



## **Basic Concepts of Classification**

- Sample, example, pattern
- ▶ Features, representation
- State of the nature, pattern class, class
- Training data
- Model, statistical model, pattern class model, classifier
- Test data
- Training error & test error
- Generalization

## **Bayesian Decision Theory**

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# **Bayesian Decision Theory**

- Decision problem posed in probabilistic terms
- $\rightarrow$  x: sample
- $\omega$ : state of the nature
- ▶  $P(\omega|x)$ : given x, what is the probability of the state of the nature.

Preprocessing
Feature extraction

Classification

"salmon" "sea bass"

Sea bass / Salman Example



## **Basics of Probability**

An experiment is a well-defined process with observable outcomes.

▶ The set or collection of all outcomes of an experiment is called the sample space, S.

▶ An event E is any subset of outcomes from S.

▶ Probability of an event, P(E) is P(E) = number of outcomes in E / number of outcomes in S.



## Bayes' Theorem

- ► Conditional probability:  $P(A \mid B) = P(A, B)/P(B)$ .
  - Test of Independence: A and B are said to be independent if and only if P(A, B) = P(A) P(B).

Bayes' Theorem: P(A|B) = P(B|A)P(A) prior posterior



#### Illustration

| Α | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| В | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

$$Arr P(A=1) =$$

$$P(A=0) =$$

▶ 
$$P(B=1) =$$

$$P(B=0) =$$

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$$P(A=1, B=1) =$$

▶ 
$$P(A=1 \mid B=1) =$$

▶ 
$$P(A=1 \mid B=1) P(B=1)/P(A=1) =$$

- Bayes' Theorem
- ▶  $P(B=1 \mid A=1) =$



#### **Prior**

- A priori (prior) probability of the state of nature
  - Random variable (State of nature is unpredictable)
  - Reflects our prior knowledge about how likely we are to observe a sea bass or salmon
  - The catch of salmon and sea bass is equiprobable
    - $P(\omega_1) = P(\omega_2)$  (uniform priors)
    - $P(\omega_1) + P(\omega_2) = 1$  (exclusivity and exhaustivity)
- Decision rule with only the prior information
  - Decide  $\omega_1$  if  $P(\omega_1) > P(\omega_2)$ , otherwise decide  $\omega_2$

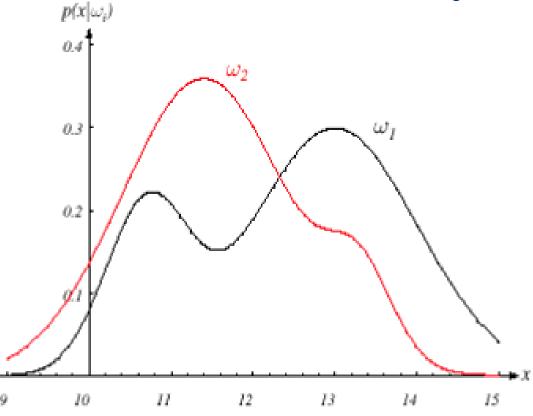


#### Likelihood

- Suppose now we have a measurement or feature on the state of nature - say the fish lightness value
- ▶  $P(x|\omega_1)$  and  $P(x|\omega_2)$  describe the difference in lightness feature between populations of sea bass and salmon
- ▶  $P(x|\omega_j)$  is called the **likelihood** of  $\omega_j$  with respect to x; the category  $\omega_j$  for which  $P(x \mid \omega_j)$  is large is more likely to be the true category
- Maximum likelihood decision
  - Assign input pattern x to class  $\omega_1$  if  $P(x \mid \omega_1) > P(x \mid \omega_2)$ , otherwise  $\omega_2$



Can you tell that whether this feature is "good" based on this figure? How can you get this figure in a real problem?



Amount of overlap between the densities determines the "goodness" of feature



#### **Posterior**

Bayes formula

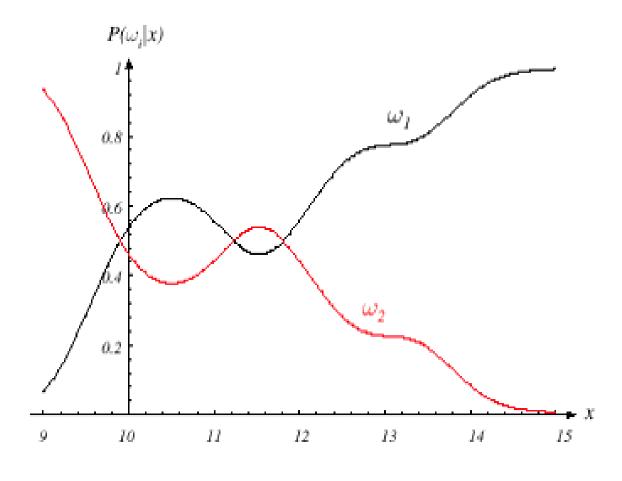
$$P(\omega_i|x) = \frac{P(x|\omega_i)P(\omega_i)}{P(x)}$$

$$P(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{k} P(x|\omega_i)P(\omega_i)$$

- ► **Posterior** = (**Likelihood** × **Prior**) / Evidence
  - Evidence P(x) can be viewed as a scale factor that guarantees that the posterior probabilities sum to 1

**Posterior** ∝ **Likelihood** × **Prior** 





$$P(\omega_1) = \frac{2}{3} \qquad P(\omega_2) = \frac{1}{3}$$



# **Optimal Bayes Decision Rule**

- ▶  $P(\omega_1 \mid x)$  is the probability of the state of nature being  $\omega_1$  given that feature value x has been observed
- Decision given the posterior probabilities, Optimal Bayes Decision rule

X is an observation for which:

if 
$$P(\omega_1 \mid x) > P(\omega_2 \mid x)$$
  $\rightarrow$  True state of nature =  $\omega_1$ 

if 
$$P(\omega_1 \mid x) < P(\omega_2 \mid x)$$
  $\rightarrow$  True state of nature =  $\omega_2$ 

Bayes decision rule minimizes the probability of error, that is the term Optimal comes from. But why? Can you prove it?



## **Optimal Bayes Decision Rule**

Based on Bayes decision rule, whenever we observe a particular x, the probability of error is:

$$P(error \mid x) = P(\omega_1 \mid x)$$
 if we decide  $\omega_2$ 

$$P(error \mid x) = P(\omega_2 \mid x)$$
 if we decide  $\omega_1$ 

Bayes decision rule:

Decide 
$$\omega_1$$
 if  $P(\omega_1 \mid x) > P(\omega_2 \mid x)$ ; otherwise decide  $\omega_2$ 

Therefore:

$$P(error \mid x) = min [P(\omega_1 \mid x), P(\omega_2 \mid x)]$$

▶ The unconditional error, P(error), obtained by integration over all x w.r.t. p(x)



# **Optimal Bayes Decision Rule**

▶ Decide  $\omega_1$  if  $P(\omega_1 \mid x) > P(\omega_2 \mid x)$ ; otherwise decide  $\omega_2$ 

Special cases:

(i) 
$$P(\omega_1) = P(\omega_2)$$
; Decide  $\omega_1$  if  $P(x \mid \omega_1) > P(x \mid \omega_2)$ , otherwise  $\omega_2$ 

Maximum likelihood decision

(ii) 
$$P(x \mid \omega_1) = P(x \mid \omega_2)$$
; Decide  $\omega_1$  if  $P(\omega_1) > P(\omega_2)$ , otherwise  $\omega_2$ 



# **Bayesian Decision Theory – Generalization**

Generalization of the preceding ideas

- Use of more than one feature (p features)
- Use of more than two states of nature (c classes)
- Allowing other actions besides deciding on the state of nature
- Introduce a loss function which is more general than the probability of error



- Let  $\{\omega_1, \omega_2, ..., \omega_c\}$  be the set of c states of nature (or "categories")
- Let  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, ..., \alpha_a\}$  be the set of *a* possible actions
- Let  $\lambda(\alpha_i \mid \omega_j)$  be the loss incurred for taking action  $\alpha_i$  when the true state of nature is  $\omega_j$
- General decision rule  $\alpha(x)$  specifies which action to take for every possible observation x



# **Bayes Risk**

Conditional risk

$$R(\alpha_i|\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^{c} \lambda(\alpha_i|\omega_j) P(\omega_j|\mathbf{x})$$

▶ Select the action for which the conditional risk  $R(\alpha_i|x)$  is minimum

$$R = \int R(\alpha_i | \mathbf{x}) \, p(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$$

- Risk R is minimum and R in this case is called the
  - Bayes risk = best performance that can be achieved!



## **Example 1: Two-category classification**

 $\alpha_1$ : deciding  $\omega_1$ 

 $\alpha_2$ : deciding  $\omega_2$ 

$$\lambda_{ij} = \lambda(\alpha_i \mid \omega_j)$$

Conditional risk:

$$R(\alpha_1 \mid x) = \lambda_{11} P(\omega_1 \mid x) + \lambda_{12} P(\omega_2 \mid x)$$

$$R(\alpha_2 \mid x) = \lambda_{21} P(\omega_1 \mid x) + \lambda_{22} P(\omega_2 \mid x)$$

How to achieve Bayes risk?



## **Example 1: Two-category classification**

Bayes rule is the following:

if 
$$R(\alpha_1 \mid x) < R(\alpha_2 \mid x)$$

action  $\alpha_1$ : "decide  $\omega_1$ " is taken

This results in the equivalent rule:

decide  $\omega_1$  if:

$$(\lambda_{21} - \lambda_{11}) P(x \mid \omega_1) P(\omega_1) > (\lambda_{12} - \lambda_{22}) P(x \mid \omega_2) P(\omega_2)$$

and decide  $\omega_2$  otherwise



## **Example 1: Two-category classification**

The preceding rule is equivalent to the following rule:

If 
$$\frac{P(x|\omega_1)}{P(x|\omega_2)} > \frac{\lambda_{12} - \lambda_{22}}{\lambda_{21} - \lambda_{11}} \times \frac{P(\omega_2)}{P(\omega_1)}$$

Then take action  $\alpha_1$  (decide  $\omega_1$ )

Otherwise take action  $\alpha_2$  (decide  $\omega_2$ )

• "If the likelihood ratio exceeds a threshold value that is independent of the input pattern x, we can take optimal actions"



## **Example 2: Multi-class classification**

- Actions are decisions on classes
  - If action  $\alpha_i$  is taken and the true state of nature is  $\omega_j$  then:
  - the decision is correct if i = j and in error if  $i \neq j$
- Seek a decision rule that minimizes the probability of error or the error rate
  - Minimum Error Rate Classification
  - How?



## **Example 2: Multi-class classification**

➤ Zero-one (0-1) loss function: no loss for correct decision and a unit loss for any error

$$\lambda(\alpha_i|\omega_j) = \begin{cases} 0 & i = j \\ 1 & i \neq j \end{cases}$$
 Homework

Conditional risk:

$$R(\alpha_i|\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^{c} \lambda(\alpha_i|\omega_j) P(\omega_j|\mathbf{x})$$

$$= \sum_{j\neq i} P(\omega_j|\mathbf{x}) = 1 - P(\omega_i|\mathbf{x})$$

► The risk corresponding to this loss function is the average probability of error



## **Example 2: Multi-class classification**

$$R(\alpha_i|\mathbf{x}) = 1 - P(\omega_i|\mathbf{x})$$

▶ Minimizing the risk → Maximizing the posterior  $P(\omega_i|\mathbf{x})$ 

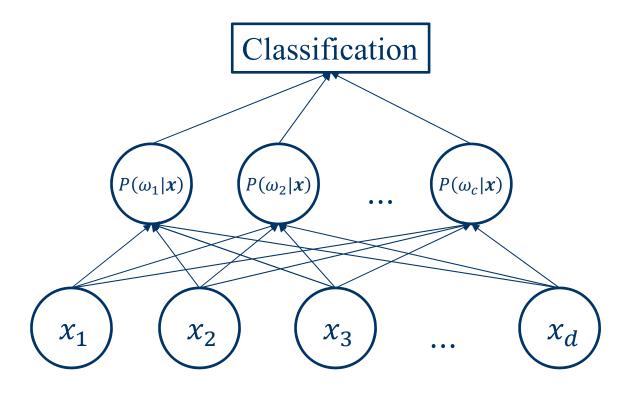
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  - Decide  $\omega_i$  if  $P(\omega_i \mid x) > P(\omega_j \mid x) \ \forall j \neq i$





#### Minimum error rate classification

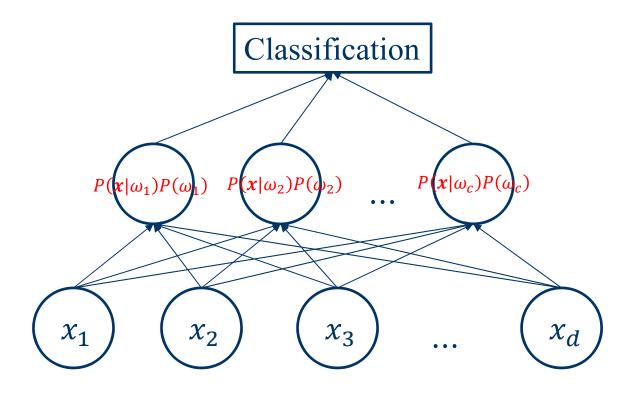
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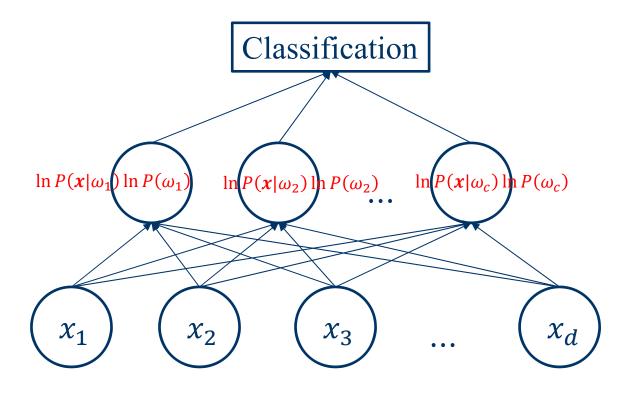
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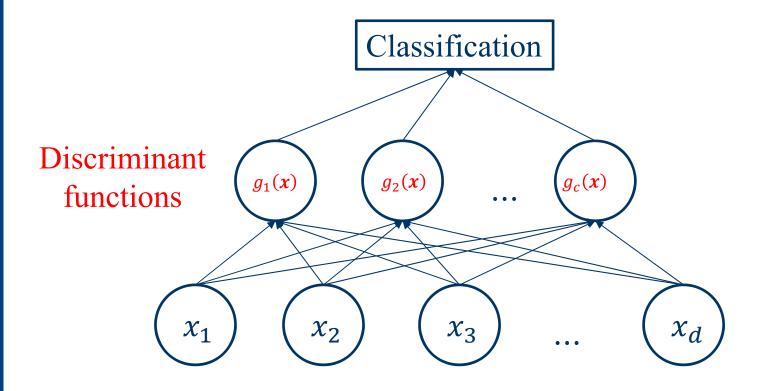
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#### **Discriminant Functions and Classifiers**



- ▶ Set of discriminant functions:  $g_i(x)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, c$
- Classifier assigns a feature vector  $\mathbf{x}$  to class  $\omega_i$  if:

$$g_i(\mathbf{x}) > g_j(\mathbf{x}), \quad \forall j \neq i$$



## **Decision Regions and Surfaces**

- ▶ Effect of any decision rule is to divide the feature space into *c* decision regions
- ▶ If  $g_i(x) > g_j(x) \forall j \neq i$ , then  $x \in \mathcal{R}_i$

(Region  $\mathcal{R}_i$  means assign x to  $\omega_i$ )

- The two-class case
  - Here a classifier is a "dichotomizer" that has two discriminant functions  $g_1$  and  $g_2$

Let 
$$g(x) \equiv g_1(x) - g_2(x)$$

Decide  $\omega_1$  if g(x) > 0; Otherwise decide  $\omega_2$ 



## The importance of Binary Classification

- ▶ Binary classification → Multi-class classfication
  - One vs. Rest
  - One vs. One
  - ECOC (Error-Correcting Output Codes)

|       | h <sub>1</sub> | h <sub>2</sub> | h₃ | h <sub>4</sub> |
|-------|----------------|----------------|----|----------------|
| $C_1$ | 1              | -1             | 0  | 1              |
| $C_2$ | -1             | 0              | -1 | -1             |
| $C_3$ | 1              | 1              | 0  | 1              |
| $C_4$ | -1             | 0              | 1  | 0              |



#### So Far...

- Bayesian framework
  - We could design an optimal classifier if we knew:
    - $P(\omega_i)$ : priors
    - $P(x \mid \omega_i)$  : class-conditional densities

Unfortunately, we rarely have this complete information!

- Design a classifier based on a set of labeled training samples (supervised learning)
  - Assume priors are known (or, estimate from the data)
  - Need sufficient no. of training samples for estimating class-conditional densities, especially when the dimensionality of the feature space is large



#### **Parameter Estimation**

- Assumption about the problem: parametric model of  $P(x \mid \omega_i)$  is available
- Normality of  $P(x \mid \omega_i)$

$$P(x \mid \omega_i) \sim N(\mu_i, \Sigma_i)$$

- Characterized by 2 parameters
- Estimation techniques
  - Maximum-Likelihood (ML) and Bayesian estimation
  - Results of the two procedures are nearly identical, but the approaches are different



## Frequentist & Bayesian

- Parameters in ML estimation are fixed but unknown!
  - MLE: Best parameters are obtained by maximizing the probability of obtaining the samples observed
- Bayesian parameter estimation procedure, by its nature, utilizes whatever prior information is available about the unknown parameter
  - Bayesian methods view the parameters as random variables having some known prior distribution;
- In either approach, we use  $P(\omega_i \mid x)$  for our classification rule!



#### **Maximum-Likelihood Estimation**

- Has good convergence properties as the sample size increases;
   estimated parameter value approaches the true value as n increases
- Simpler than any other alternative technique
- General principle
  - Assume we have c classes  $D_1, \dots D_c$
  - The samples are drawn according to  $p(x|\omega_j)$ , iid.  $p(x|\omega_i) \equiv p(x|\omega_i, \theta_i)$ 
    - $p(x|\omega_j) \sim N(\boldsymbol{\mu}_j, \Sigma_j)$
    - $\bullet \; \boldsymbol{\theta}_j = \left(\boldsymbol{\mu}_j, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j\right)$
- Use class  $\omega_i$  samples to estimate class  $\omega_i$  parameters



#### **Maximum-Likelihood Estimation**

- Use the information in training samples to estimate  $\theta = (\theta_1, \theta_2, ..., \theta_c)$ ;  $\theta_i$  (i = 1, 2, ..., c) is associated with the i-th category
- ▶ Suppose sample set D contains n iid samples,  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n$

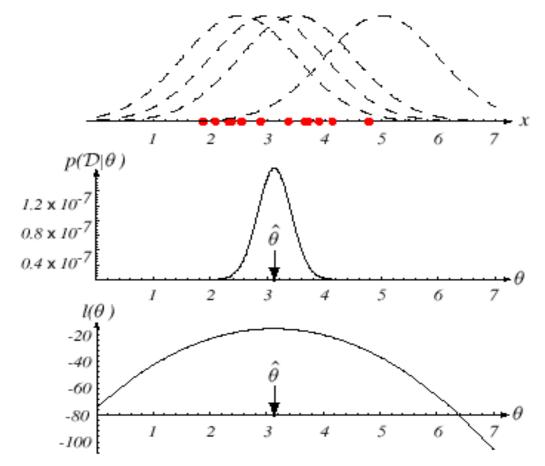
$$p(D|\theta) = \prod_{k=1}^{n} p(x_k|\theta)$$

▶  $p(D|\theta)$  is called the likelihood of  $\theta$  w.r.t. the set of samples.

ML estimate of *θ* is, by definition, the value *θ* that maximizes  $p(D \mid \theta)$ 

"It is the value of  $\theta$  that best agrees with the actually observed training samples"





**FIGURE 3.1.** The top graph shows several training points in one dimension, known or assumed to be drawn from a Gaussian of a particular variance, but unknown mean. Four of the infinite number of candidate source distributions are shown in dashed lines. The middle figure shows the likelihood  $p(\mathcal{D}|\theta)$  as a function of the mean. If we had a very large number of training points, this likelihood would be very narrow. The value that maximizes the likelihood is marked  $\hat{\theta}$ ; it also maximizes the logarithm of the likelihood—that is, the log-likelihood  $I(\theta)$ , shown at the bottom. Note that even though they look similar, the likelihood  $p(\mathcal{D}|\theta)$  is shown as a function of  $\theta$  whereas the conditional density  $p(x|\theta)$  is shown as a function of x. Furthermore, as a function of  $\theta$ , the likelihood  $p(\mathcal{D}|\theta)$  is not a probability density function and its area has no significance. From: Richard O. Duda, Peter E. Hart, and David G. Stork, *Pattern Classification*. Copyright © 2001 by John Wiley & Sons, Inc.



### **Optimal Estimation**

• We define  $l(\theta)$  as the log-likelihood function

$$l(\theta) = \ln P(D \mid \theta)$$

New problem statement:
 determine θ that maximizes the log-likelihood

$$\theta^* = arg\max_{\theta} l(\theta)$$



Let  $\theta = (\theta_1, \theta_2, ..., \theta_p)^t$  and  $\nabla_{\theta}$  be the gradient operator

$$\nabla_{\theta} = \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2}, \cdots, \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_p}\right]^T$$

Set of necessary conditions for an optimum is:

$$\nabla_{\theta} \mathbf{1} = 0$$

$$\nabla_{\theta} l = \sum_{k=1}^{n} \nabla_{\theta} \ln P(x_k | \theta)$$



# Example: Gaussian with unknown µ

 $P(x \mid \mu) \sim N(\mu, \Sigma)$ 

(Samples are drawn from a multivariate normal population)



#### The Normal Distribution

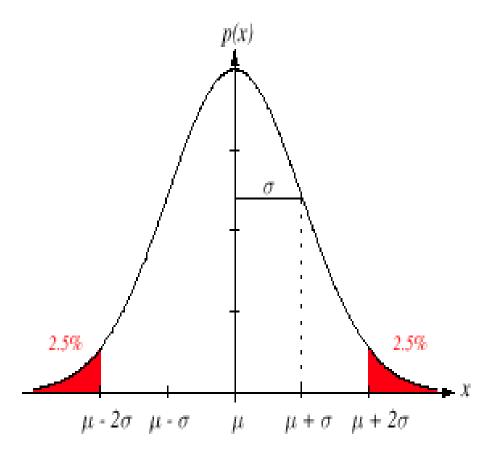
- Normal density is analytically tractable
- Continuous density
- A number of processes are asymptotically Gaussian
- Handwritten characters, speech signals and other patterns can be viewed as randomly corrupted versions of a single typical or prototype (Central Limit theorem)

• Univariate density:  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ 

$$P(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right]$$

- $\mu$  = mean (or expected value) of x
- $\sigma^2$  = variance (or expected squared deviation) of x





**FIGURE 2.7.** A univariate normal distribution has roughly 95% of its area in the range  $|x - \mu| \le 2\sigma$ , as shown. The peak of the distribution has value  $p(\mu) = 1/\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma$ . From: Richard O. Duda, Peter E. Hart, and David G. Stork, *Pattern Classification*. Copyright © 2001 by John Wiley & Sons, Inc.



#### **Normal Distribution**

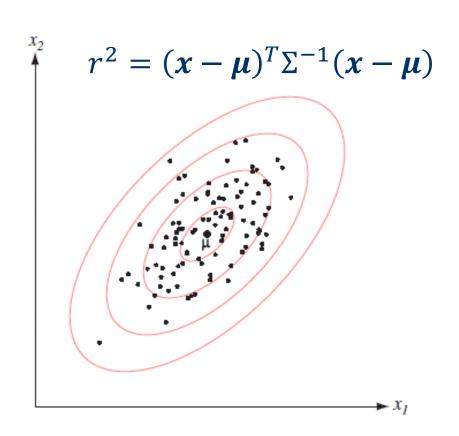
• Multivariate density:  $N(\mu, \Sigma)$  (with dimension d)

$$P(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{d}{2}} |\Sigma|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu) \right]$$

- $\mathbf{x} = [x_1, \cdots, x_d]^T$
- $\Sigma$ :  $d \times d$  covariance matrix,  $|\cdot|$ : determinant
- The covariance matrix is always symmetric and positive semidefinite; we assume  $\Sigma$  is positive definite so the determinant of  $\Sigma$  is strictly positive
- ► The multivariate normal density is completely specified by d + d(d+1)/2 parameters
- ▶ If  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are statistically independent then the covariance of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  is zero.

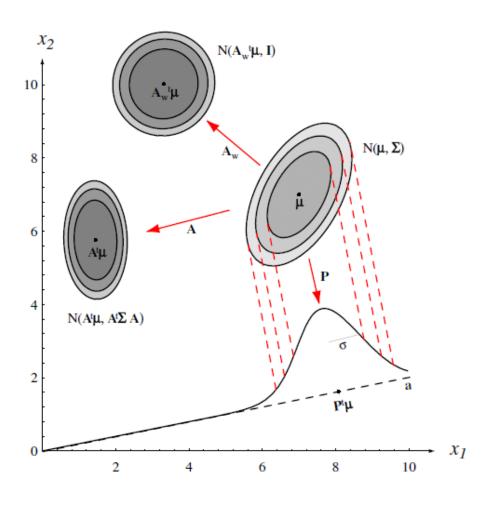


# **Multivariate Normal density**





#### **Transformation of Normal Variable**





### Example: Gaussian with unknown µ

▶  $P(x \mid \mu) \sim N(\mu, \Sigma)$ 

(Samples are drawn from a multivariate normal population)

$$\ln P(x_k|\mu) = -\frac{1}{2} \ln \left[ (2\pi)^d |\Sigma| \right] - \frac{1}{2} (x_k - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x_k - \mu)$$

$$\nabla_{\mu} \ln P(x_k|\mu) = \Sigma^{-1}(x_k - \mu)$$

therefore the ML estimate for  $\mu$  must satisfy:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \Sigma^{-1}(\boldsymbol{x}_k - \boldsymbol{\mu}) = 0$$



# Example: Gaussian with unknown µ

• Multiplying by  $\Sigma$  and rearranging, we obtain:

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}^* = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \boldsymbol{x}_k$$

which is the arithmetic average or the mean of the samples of the training samples!



### Example: Gaussian with unknown $\mu$ and $\Sigma$

• Consider first the univariate case:  $\theta = (\theta_1, \theta_2) = (\mu, \sigma^2)$ 

$$\ln p(x_k|\theta) = -\frac{1}{2} \ln 2\pi\theta_2 - \frac{1}{2\theta_2} (x_k - \theta_1)^2$$

$$\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} l = \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \ln p(x_k | \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\theta_2} (x_k - \theta_1) \\ -\frac{1}{2\theta_2} + \frac{(x_k - \theta_1)^2}{2\theta_2^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} x_k$$

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} (x_k - \hat{\mu})^2$$



# Example: Gaussian with unknown $\mu$ and $\Sigma$

Multivariate case is basically very similar

$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \mathbf{x}_{k}$$

$$\overline{\mathbf{X}} = [\mathbf{x}_{1} - \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}, \mathbf{x}_{2} - \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}, \cdots, \mathbf{x}_{n} - \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}]$$

$$\hat{\Sigma} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} (\mathbf{x}_{k} - \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}})(\mathbf{x}_{k} - \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}})^{t}$$

$$\hat{\Sigma} = \frac{1}{n} \overline{\mathbf{X}} \overline{\mathbf{X}}^{T}$$

- Sample covariance matrix
  - In which case, the covariance matrix is singular?



### **Bayesian Estimation**

- Bayesian learning approach for pattern classification problems
- In MLE  $\theta$  was supposed to have a fixed value
- In BE  $\theta$  is a random variable

- ► The computation of posterior probabilities  $P(\omega_i \mid x)$  lies at the heart of Bayesian classification
- To emphasize the training data: compute  $P(\omega_i \mid x, D)$ Given the training sample set D, Bayes formula can be written

$$P(\omega_i|\mathbf{x}, \mathcal{D}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{x}|\omega_i, \mathcal{D})P(\omega_i|\mathcal{D})}{\sum_{j=1}^{c} p(\mathbf{x}|\omega_j, \mathcal{D})P(\omega_j|\mathcal{D})}.$$



- We assume that the true values of the a priori probabilities are known or obtainable from a trivial calculation:
  - We substitute  $P(\omega_i) = P(\omega_i|D)$
- Furthermore, we can separate the training samples by class into c subsets  $D_1$ ,  $D_2$ , ··· ,  $D_c$ , with the samples in  $D_i$  belonging to  $ω_i$

$$P(\omega_i|\mathbf{x}, \mathcal{D}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{x}|\omega_i, \mathcal{D}_i)P(\omega_i)}{\sum_{j=1}^{c} p(\mathbf{x}|\omega_j, \mathcal{D}_j)P(\omega_j)}.$$

In essence, we have c separate problems of the following form: use a set D of samples drawn independently according to the fixed but unknown probability distribution p(x) to determine

This is the central problem of Bayesian learning



#### The Parameter Distribution

- Again, we assume that p(x) has a known parametric form and the only thing assumed unknown is the value of a parameter vector  $\theta$ 
  - $p(x|\theta)$  is completely known
- Any information we might have about  $\theta$  prior to observing the samples is assumed to be contained in a known prior density  $p(\theta)$
- Observation of the samples converts this to a posterior density  $p(\theta|D)$ , which, we hope, is sharply peaked about the true value of  $\theta$

$$p(x|D) = \int p(x, \theta|D) d\theta = \int p(x|\theta, D) p(\theta|D) d\theta$$
class-conditional density
$$= \int p(x|\theta) p(\theta|D) d\theta \qquad p(\mathbf{x}|D) \simeq p(\mathbf{x}|\hat{\theta})$$
Posterior density
$$p(\mathbf{x}|D) = \int p(x|\theta) p(\theta|D) d\theta \qquad p(\mathbf{x}|D) = p(\mathbf{x}|\hat{\theta})$$

▶ In practice, the integration is performed numerically, for instance by Monte-Carlo simulation



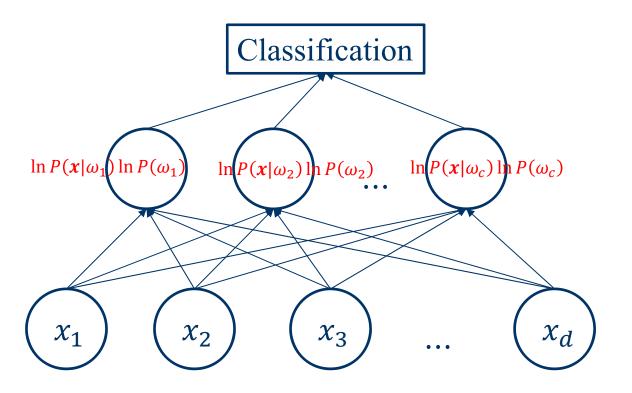
# **Bayesian Parameter Estimation: General Theory**

- ▶  $P(x \mid D)$  computation can be applied to any situation in which the unknown density can be parametrized: the basic assumptions are:
  - The form of  $P(x \mid \theta)$  is assumed known, but the value of  $\theta$  is not known exactly
  - Our knowledge about  $\theta$  is assumed to be contained in a known prior density  $P(\theta)$
  - The rest of our knowledge about  $\theta$  is contained in a set D of n random variables  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n$  that follows P(x)





#### Minimum error rate classification





# Discriminant Functions for the Normal Density

 The minimum error-rate classification can be achieved by the discriminant function

$$g_i(\mathbf{x}) = \ln P(\mathbf{x}|\omega_i) + \ln P(\omega_i)$$

In case of multivariate normal densities

$$P(\boldsymbol{x}|\omega_i) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{d}{2}}|\Sigma_i|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(\boldsymbol{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_i)^T \Sigma_i^{-1} (\boldsymbol{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_i)\right]$$

$$g_i(\mathbf{x}) = -\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_i)^T \Sigma_i^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_i) - \frac{d}{2} \ln 2\pi - \frac{1}{2} \ln |\Sigma_i| + \ln P(\omega_i)$$



Case 
$$\Sigma_i = \sigma^2 I$$

$$g_i(\mathbf{x}) = -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_i)^T \Sigma_i^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_i) - \frac{d}{2} \ln 2\pi - \frac{1}{2} \ln |\Sigma_i| + \ln P(\omega_i)$$

 Features are statistically independent and each feature has the same variance

$$g_i(\mathbf{x}) = -\frac{(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_i)^T (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_i)}{2\sigma^2} + \ln P(\omega_i)$$
$$= -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} - 2\boldsymbol{\mu}_i^T \mathbf{x} + \boldsymbol{\mu}_i^T \boldsymbol{\mu}) + \ln P(\omega_i)$$



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$$\Sigma_i = \sigma^2 I$$

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Equivalent to

$$g_i(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}_i^T \mathbf{x} + w_{i0}$$

• 
$$\mathbf{w}_{i} = \frac{\mu_{i}}{\sigma^{2}}; w_{i0} = -\frac{\mu_{i}^{T} \mu_{i}}{2\sigma^{2}} + \ln P(\omega_{i})$$

Linear discriminant function



Case 
$$\Sigma_i = \sigma^2 I$$

► The decision surfaces for a linear machine are pieces of hyperplanes defined by the linear equations:

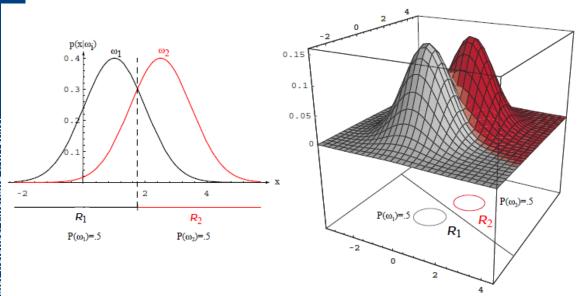
$$g_i(\mathbf{x}) = g_j(\mathbf{x})$$

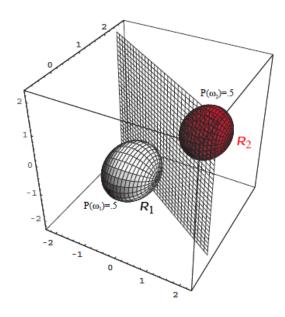
$$0 = \left(\frac{\boldsymbol{\mu}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}_j}{\sigma^2}\right)^T \mathbf{x} - \frac{\boldsymbol{\mu}_i^T \boldsymbol{\mu}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}_j^T \boldsymbol{\mu}_j}{2\sigma^2} + \ln \frac{P(\omega_i)}{P(\omega_j)}$$

 $If P(\omega_i) = P(\omega_j)$ 

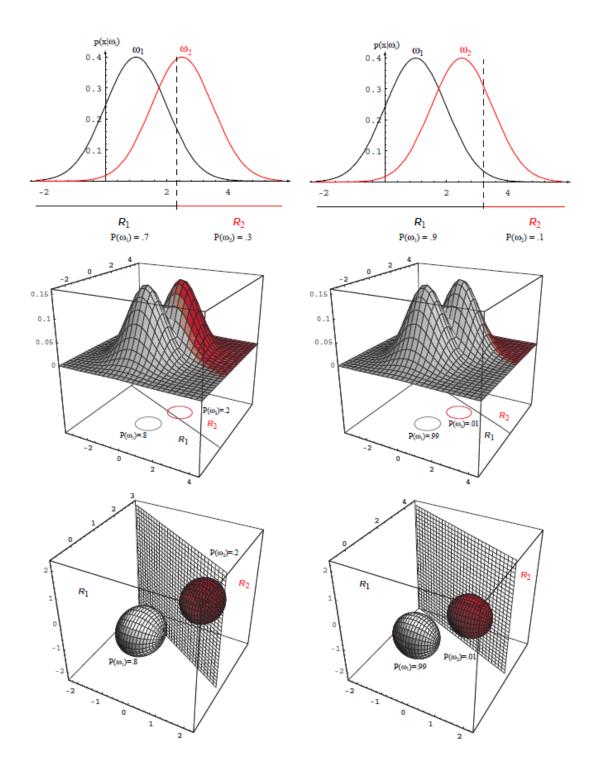
$$\boldsymbol{x}_0 = \frac{1}{2} (\boldsymbol{\mu}_i + \boldsymbol{\mu}_j)$$













Case 
$$\Sigma_i = \Sigma$$
:

$$g_i(\mathbf{x}) = -\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_i)^T \Sigma_i^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_i) - \frac{d}{2} \ln 2\pi - \frac{1}{2} \ln |\Sigma_i| + \ln P(\omega_i)$$

Covariance matrices of all classes are identical but can be arbitrary

$$g_i(\mathbf{x}) = -\frac{1}{2} \left( \mathbf{x}^T \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{x} - 2\boldsymbol{\mu}_i^T \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{x} + \boldsymbol{\mu}_i^T \Sigma^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_i \right) + \ln P(\omega_i)$$

$$g_i(\mathbf{x}) = \boldsymbol{\mu}_i^T \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{x} - \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\mu}_i^T \Sigma^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_i + \ln P(\omega_i)$$

$$g_i(\mathbf{x}) = \boldsymbol{w}_i^T \mathbf{x} + w_{i0}$$

#### **Linear Discriminant Analysis**



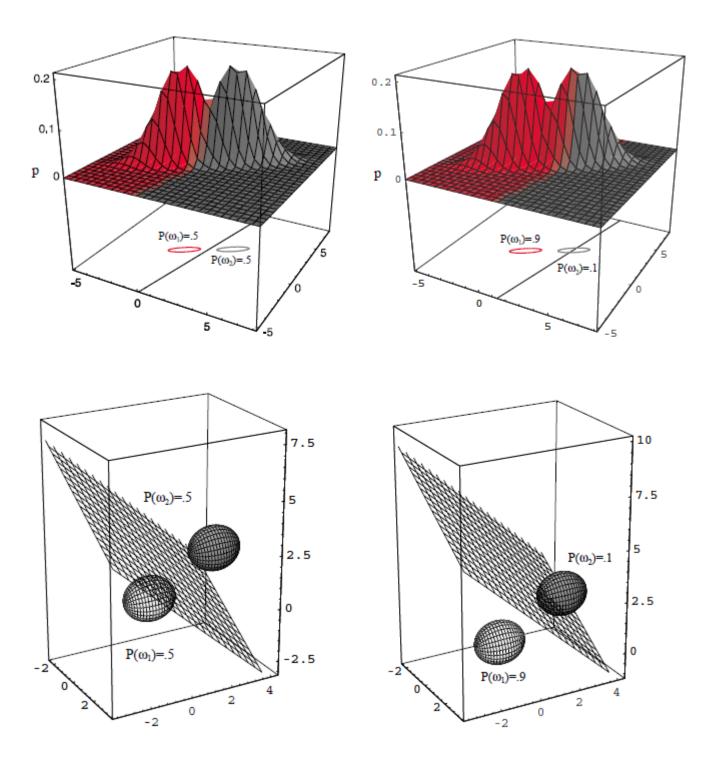
#### Case $\Sigma_i = \Sigma$ : Linear Discriminant Analysis

• Hyperplane separating  $R_i$  and  $R_j$ 

$$g_i(\mathbf{x}) = g_j(\mathbf{x})$$

$$0 = (\boldsymbol{\mu}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}_j)^T \Sigma^{-1} \boldsymbol{x} - \frac{\boldsymbol{\mu}_i^T \Sigma^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}_j^T \Sigma^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_j}{2} + \ln \frac{P(\omega_i)}{P(\omega_j)}$$







#### Case $\Sigma_i = \Sigma$ : Linear Discriminant Analysis

$$g_i(\mathbf{x}) = \boldsymbol{\mu}_i^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbf{x} - \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\mu}_i^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_i + \ln P(\omega_i)$$

- Estimating Parameters
  - $\blacksquare \mu_i$

$$\mu_i = \frac{1}{N_i} \sum_{j \in \omega_i} x_j$$

•  $P(\omega_i)$ 

$$P(\omega_i) = \frac{N_i}{N}$$

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$$\Sigma = \sum_{i=1}^{c} \sum_{j \in \omega_i} \frac{(x_j - \mu_i)(x_j - \mu_i)^T}{N_i}$$



# Case $\Sigma_i$ = arbitrary

$$g_i(\mathbf{x}) = -\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_i)^T \Sigma_i^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_i) - \frac{d}{2} \ln 2\pi - \frac{1}{2} \ln |\Sigma_i| + \ln P(\omega_i)$$

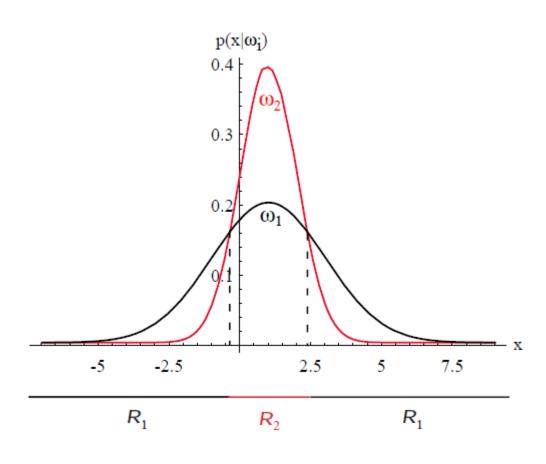
The covariance matrices are different for each category

$$g_i(\mathbf{x}) = -\frac{1}{2} \left( \mathbf{x}^T \Sigma_i^{-1} \mathbf{x} - 2 \boldsymbol{\mu}_i^T \Sigma_i^{-1} \mathbf{x} + \boldsymbol{\mu}_i^T \Sigma_i^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_i \right) - \frac{1}{2} \ln|\Sigma_i| + \ln P(\omega_i)$$

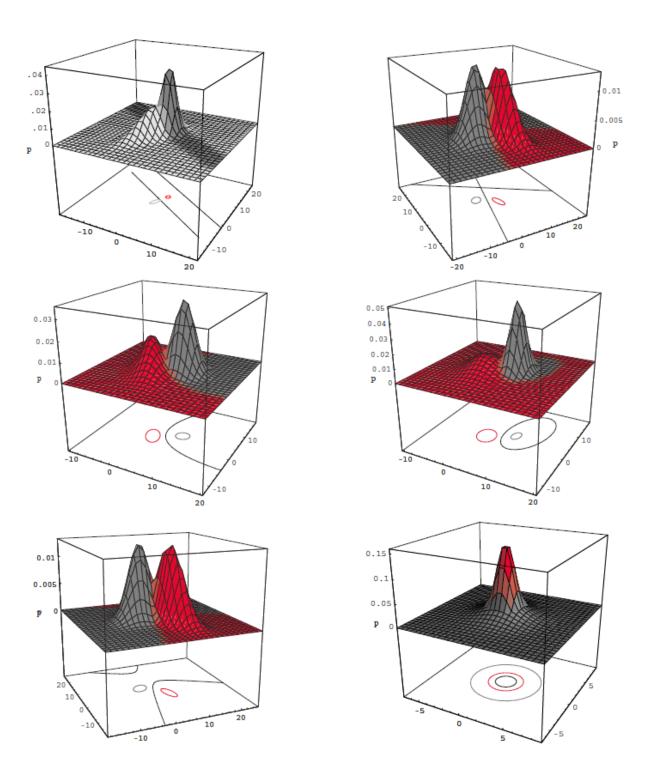
$$g_i(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T W_i \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{w}_i^T \mathbf{x} + w_{i0}$$

#### **Quadratic Discriminant Analysis**

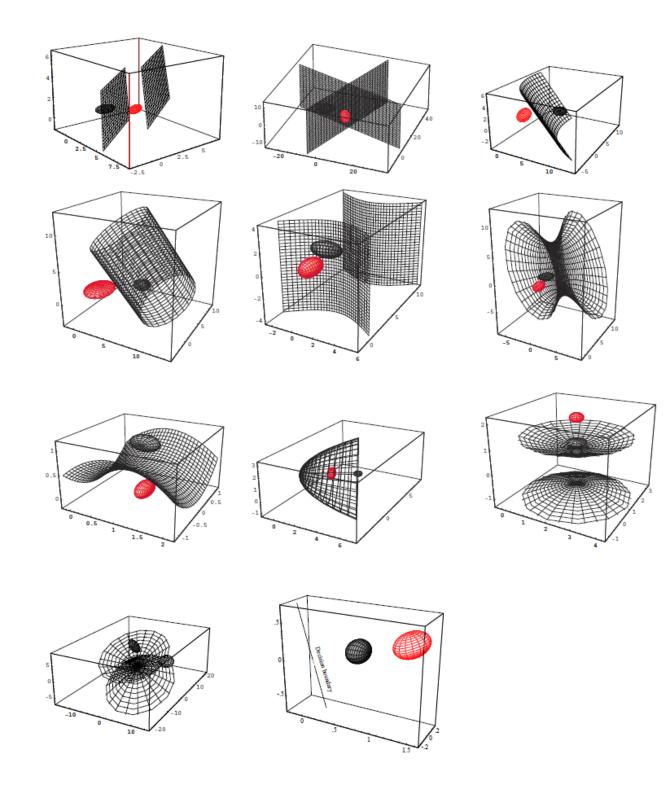




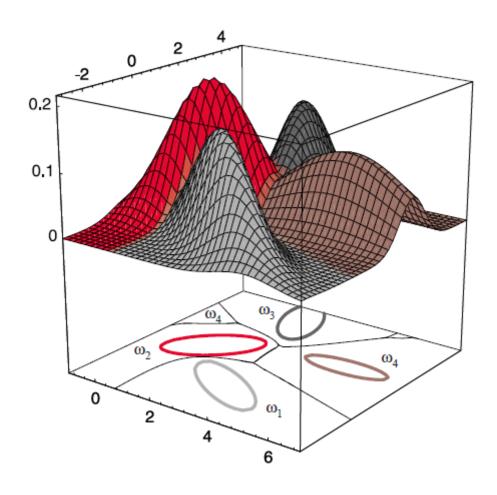








# scriminant Functions for the Normal Density







# **Error Probabilities and Integrals**

- 2-class problem
  - There are two types of errors

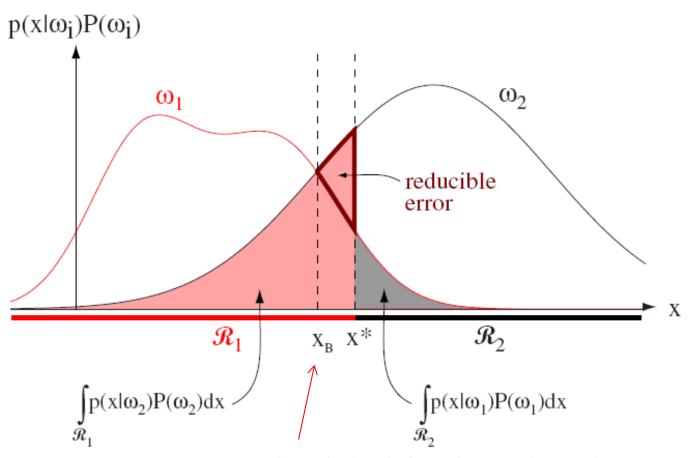
$$P(error) = P(\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{R}_2, \omega_1) + P(\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{R}_1, \omega_2)$$

$$= P(\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{R}_2 | \omega_1) P(\omega_1) + P(\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{R}_1 | \omega_2) P(\omega_2)$$

$$= \int_{\mathcal{R}_2} p(\mathbf{x} | \omega_1) P(\omega_1) d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\mathcal{R}_1} p(\mathbf{x} | \omega_2) P(\omega_2) d\mathbf{x}.$$



# **Error Probabilities and Integrals**



#### Bayes optimal decision boundary in 1-D case

Figure 2.17: Components of the probability of error for equal priors and (non-optimal) decision point  $x^*$ . The pink area corresponds to the probability of errors for deciding  $\omega_1$  when the state of nature is in fact  $\omega_2$ ; the gray area represents the converse, as given in Eq. 68. If the decision boundary is instead at the point of equal posterior probabilities,  $x_B$ , then this reducible error is eliminated and the total shaded area is the minimum possible — this is the Bayes decision and gives the Bayes error rate.



# **Error Probabilities and Integrals**

- Multi-class problem
  - Simpler to computer the prob. of being correct (more ways to be wrong than to be right)

$$P(correct) = \sum_{i=1}^{c} P(\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{R}_{i}, \omega_{i})$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{c} P(\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{R}_{i} | \omega_{i}) P(\omega_{i})$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{c} \int_{\mathcal{R}_{i}} p(\mathbf{x} | \omega_{i}) P(\omega_{i}) d\mathbf{x}.$$





#### Mammals vs. Non-mammals

| Name          | Give Birth | Can Fly | Live in Water | Have Legs | Class       |
|---------------|------------|---------|---------------|-----------|-------------|
| human         | yes        | no      | no            | yes       | mammals     |
| python        | no         | no      | no            | no        | non-mammals |
| salmon        | no         | no      | yes           | no        | non-mammals |
| whale         | yes        | no      | yes           | no        | mammals     |
| frog          | no         | no      | sometimes     | yes       | non-mammals |
| komodo        | no         | no      | no            | yes       | non-mammals |
| bat           | yes        | yes     | no            | yes       | mammals     |
| pigeon        | no         | yes     | no            | yes       | non-mammals |
| cat           | yes        | no      | no            | yes       | mammals     |
| leopard shark | yes        | no      | yes           | no        | non-mammals |
| turtle        | no         | no      | sometimes     | yes       | non-mammals |
| penguin       | no         | no      | sometimes     | yes       | non-mammals |
| porcupine     | yes        | no      | no            | yes       | mammals     |
| eel           | no         | no      | yes           | no        | non-mammals |
| salamander    | no         | no      | sometimes     | yes       | non-mammals |
| gila monster  | no         | no      | no            | yes       | non-mammals |
| platypus      | no         | no      | no            | yes       | mammals     |
| owl           | no         | yes     | no            | yes       | non-mammals |
| dolphin       | yes        | no      | yes           | no        | mammals     |
| eagle         | no         | yes     | no            | yes       | non-mammals |





#### Mammals vs. Non-mammals

| Give Birth | Can Fly | Live in Water | Have Legs | Class |
|------------|---------|---------------|-----------|-------|
| yes        | no      | yes           | no        | ?     |



# Naïve Bayes Classifier

- Given  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots x_p)^T$ 
  - Goal is to predict class  $\omega$
  - Specifically, we want to find the value of  $\omega$  that maximizes  $P(\omega|\mathbf{x}) = P(\omega|x_1, \dots x_p)$

$$P(\omega|x_1, \dots x_p) \propto P(x_1, \dots x_p|\omega)P(\omega)$$

Independence assumption among features

$$P(x_1, \dots x_p | \omega) = P(x_1 | \omega) \dots P(x_p | \omega)$$



#### How to Estimate Probabilities from Data?

| Tid | Refund | Marital<br>Status | Taxable Income | Evade |
|-----|--------|-------------------|----------------|-------|
| 1   | Yes    | Single            | 125K           | No    |
| 2   | No     | Married           | 100K           | No    |
| 3   | No     | Single            | 70K            | No    |
| 4   | Yes    | Married           | 120K           | No    |
| 5   | No     | Divorced          | 95K            | Yes   |
| 6   | No     | Married           | 60K            | No    |
| 7   | Yes    | Divorced          | 220K           | No    |
| 8   | No     | Single            | 85K            | Yes   |
| 9   | No     | Married           | 75K            | No    |
| 10  | No     | Single            | 90K            | Yes   |

$$Class: P(\omega_k) = \frac{N_{\omega_k}}{N}$$

• e.g., 
$$P(No) = 7/10$$
,  $P(Yes) = 3/10$ 

For discrete attributes:

$$P(x_i|\omega_k) = \frac{|x_{ik}|}{N_{\omega_k}}$$

- where  $|x_{ik}|$  is number of instances having attribute  $x_i$  and belongs to class  $\omega_k$
- Examples:



#### How to Estimate Probabilities from Data?

- For continuous attributes:
  - Discretize the range into bins
    - one ordinal attribute per bin
    - violates independence assumption
  - Two-way split: (x < v) or (x > v)
    - choose only one of the two splits as new attribute
  - Probability density estimation:
    - Assume attribute follows a normal distribution
    - Use data to estimate parameters of distribution (e.g., mean and standard deviation)
    - Once probability distribution is known, can use it to estimate the conditional probability  $P(x_1|\omega)$





### How to Estimate Probabilities from Data?

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Normal distribution:

$$P(x_i \mid \omega_j) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_{ij}^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x_i - \mu_{ij})^2}{2\sigma_{ij}^2}\right)$$

- One for each  $(x_i, \omega_i)$  pair
- For (Income, Class=No):
  - If Class=No
    - sample mean = 110
    - sample variance = 2975

$$P(Income = 120 \mid No) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}(54.54)} \exp\left(-\frac{(120 - 110)^2}{2(2975)}\right) = 0.0072$$



### **Example of Naïve Bayes Classifier**

#### Given a Test Record:

X = (Refund = No, Married, Income = 120K)

#### naive Bayes Classifier:

```
P(Refund=Yes|No) = 3/7
\mathbb{P}(\text{Refund=Yes}|\text{Yes}) = 0
 P(Refund=No|Yes) = 1
P(Marital Status=Single|No) = 2/7
₹P(Marital Status=Divorced|No)=1/7
P(Marital Status=Married|No) = 4/7
P(Marital Status=Single|Yes) = 2/7
P(Marital Status=Divorced|Yes)=1/7
P(Marital Status=Married|Yes) = 0
```

For taxable income:

If class=No: sample mean=110

sample variance=2975

If class=Yes: sample mean=90

sample variance=25

```
P(X|Class=No) = P(Refund=No|Class=No)
                   × P(Married | Class=No)
                   × P(Income=120K| Class=No)
                = 4/7 \times 4/7 \times 0.0072 = 0.0024
```

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Since P(X|No)P(No) > P(X|Yes)P(Yes)
Therefore P(No|X) > P(Yes|X)
      => Class = No
```



# **Example of Naïve Bayes Classifier**

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| salmon        | no         | no      | yes           | no        | non-mammals |
| whale         | yes        | no      | yes           | no        | mammals     |
| frog          | no         | no      | sometimes     | yes       | non-mammals |
| komodo        | no         | no      | no            | yes       | non-mammals |
| bat           | yes        | yes     | no            | yes       | mammals     |
| pigeon        | no         | yes     | no            | yes       | non-mammals |
| c∰t           | yes        | no      | no            | yes       | mammals     |
| leopard shark | yes        | no      | yes           | no        | non-mammals |
| turtle        | no         | no      | sometimes     | yes       | non-mammals |
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| porcupine     | yes        | no      | no            | yes       | mammals     |
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| pjatypus      | no         | no      | no            | yes       | mammals     |
| owl           | no         | yes     | no            | yes       | non-mammals |
| do lphin      | yes        | no      | yes           | no        | mammals     |
| eagle         | no         | yes     | no            | yes       | non-mammals |

A: attributes

M: mammals

N: non-mammals

$$P(A \mid M) = \frac{6}{7} \times \frac{6}{7} \times \frac{2}{7} \times \frac{2}{7} = 0.06$$

$$P(A \mid N) = \frac{1}{13} \times \frac{10}{13} \times \frac{3}{13} \times \frac{4}{13} = 0.0042$$

$$P(A|M)P(M) = 0.06 \times \frac{7}{20} = 0.021$$

$$P(A \mid M)P(M) = 0.06 \times \frac{7}{20} = 0.021$$
  
 $P(A \mid N)P(N) = 0.004 \times \frac{13}{20} = 0.0027$ 

| Give Birth | Can Fly | Live in Water | Have Legs | Class |
|------------|---------|---------------|-----------|-------|
| yes        | no      | yes           | no        | ?     |

$$P(A|M)P(M) > P(A|N)P(N)$$

=> Mammals

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# Naïve Bayes (Summary)

- Advantages
  - Robust to isolated noise points
  - Handle missing values by ignoring the instance during probability estimate calculations
  - Robust to irrelevant attributes

- Disadvantages
  - Independence assumption may not hold for some attributes
  - Smoothing

$$P(x_i|\omega_k) = \frac{|x_{ik}| + 1}{N_{\omega_k} + K}$$