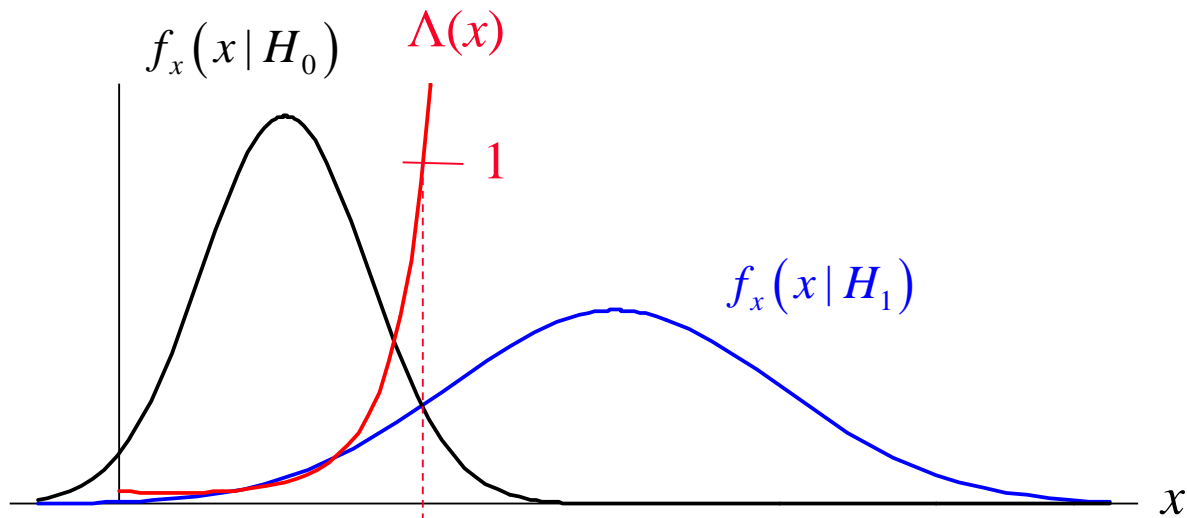


Estimation Theory

3 - Detection

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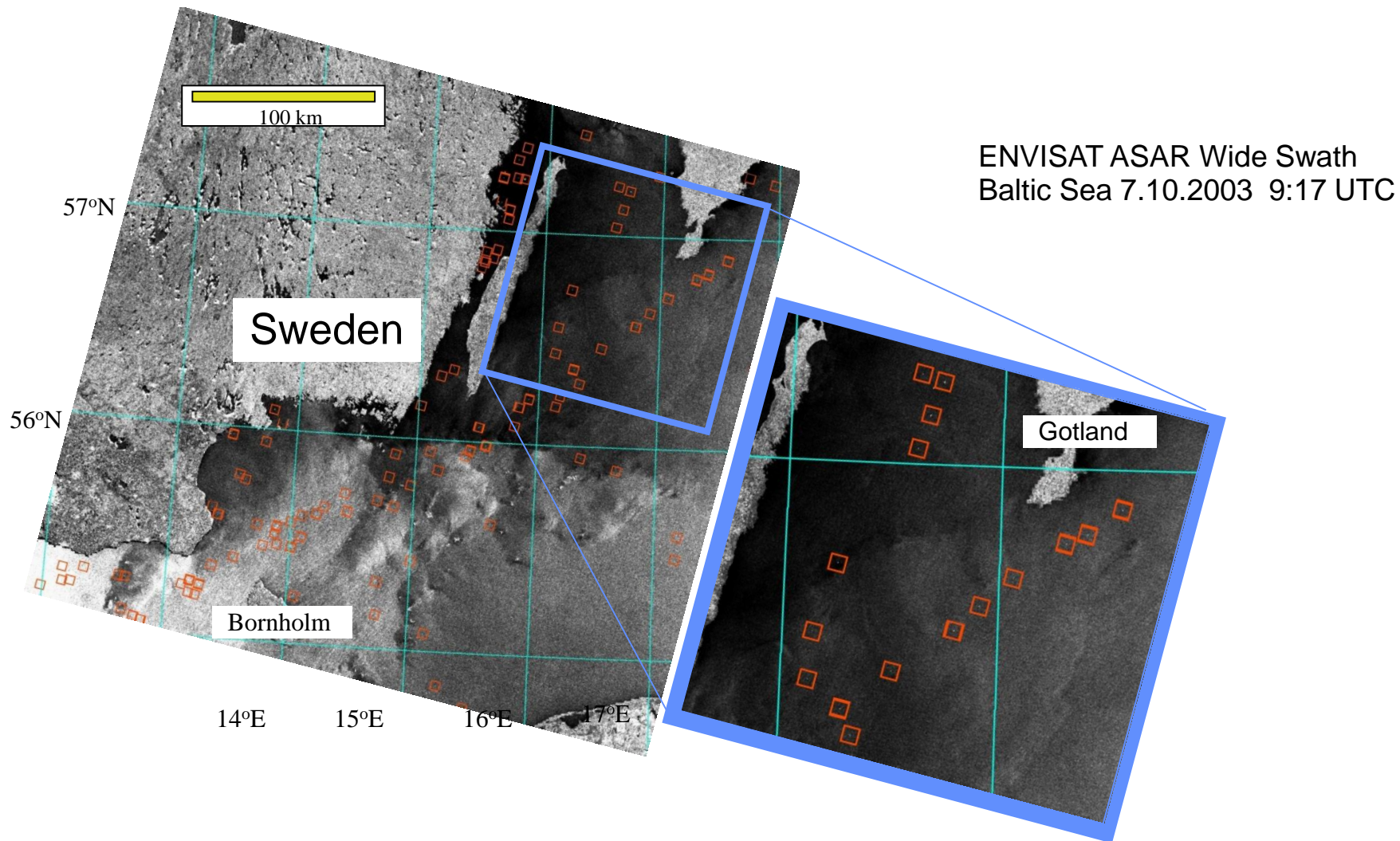
- Decision between 2 hypotheses H_0 and H_1 , e.g:

H_0 : no edge, bit “0”, no airplane, no ship, ...

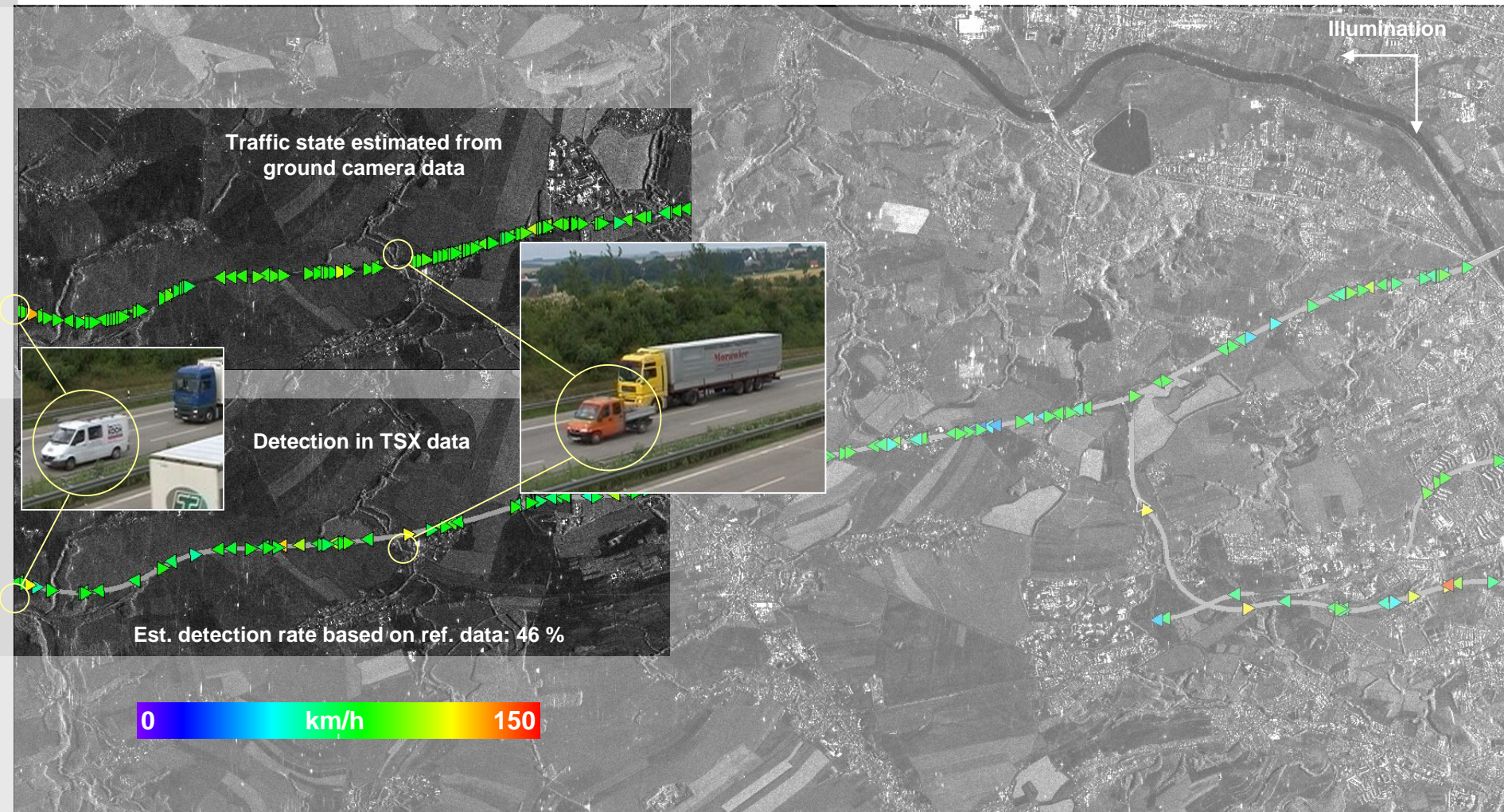
H_1 : edge, bit “1”, airplane, ship, ...

- Equivalent to the problem of testing theory
- Optimum decision strategies require the formulation of a target function to be minimized or maximized
- Basis of decision: measurement vector \mathbf{x} , e.g. pixel values in an estimation window, signal record, ...

Ship Detection (ENVISAT Data)



Vehicle Detection & Traffic Monitoring (TerraSAR-X Data)



Approx. 17 km →

Number of detections for motorways: 156

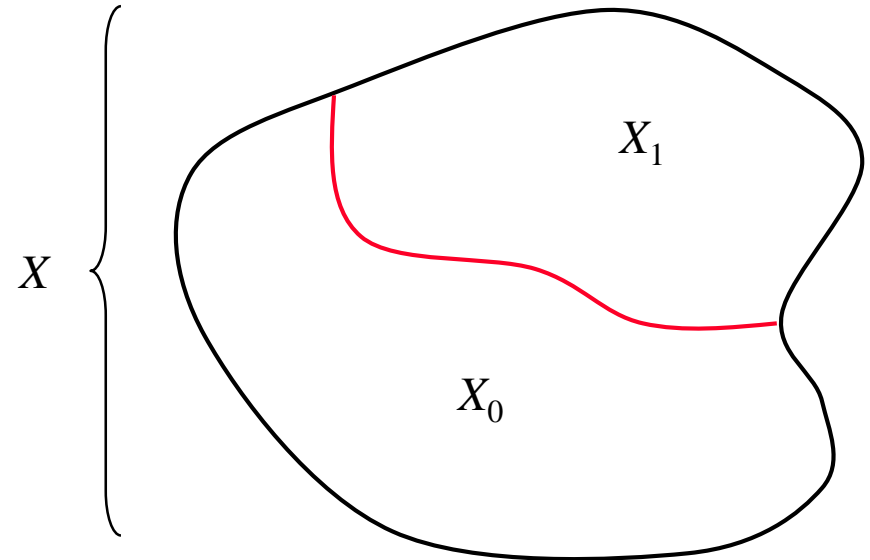
Measurement Space

- All possible \mathbf{x} span the measurement (observation) space X :

- detection algorithm:
division of X into X_0 and X_1 , such that

decision for H_0 if $\mathbf{x} \in X_0$

decision for H_1 if $\mathbf{x} \in X_1$



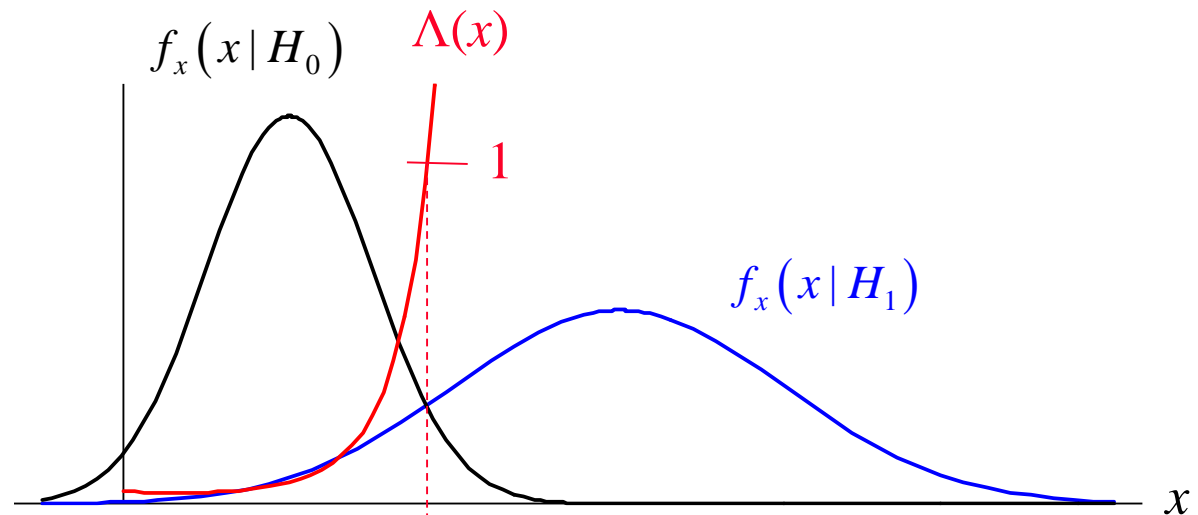
- Decision Strategies:
 - Bayesian decision rule
 - Minimization of Expected Total Cost
 - Minimization of Error Probability
 - Minimization of Maximum Cost (Minimax Test)
 - Neyman-Pearson Test

...

- Likelihoods $f_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x} | H_0)$ and $f_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x} | H_1)$ are assumed to be known

$$\text{Likelihood ratio: } \Lambda(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{f_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x} | H_1)}{f_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x} | H_0)}$$

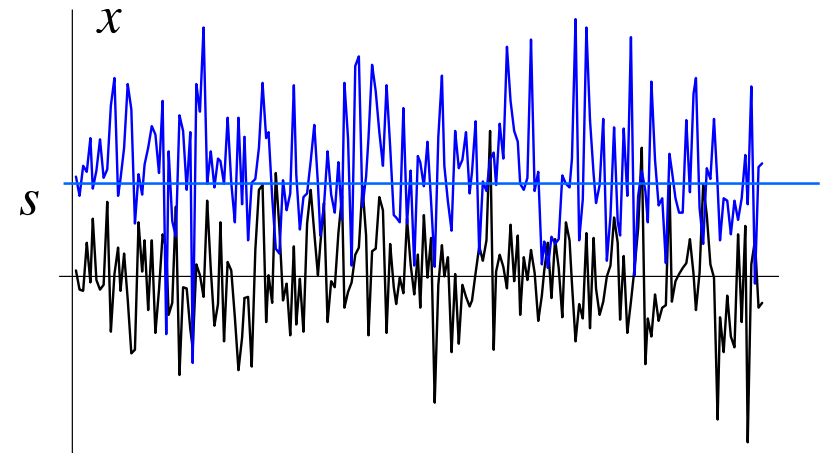
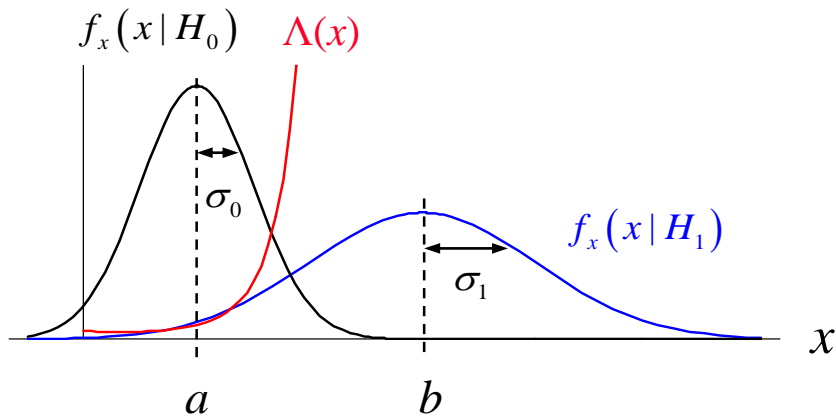
- Often $\ln \Lambda(\mathbf{x})$ is used
„log-likelihood ratio“



- $\Lambda(\mathbf{x})$ or $\ln \Lambda(\mathbf{x})$ are compared to some threshold:

$$\ln \Lambda(\mathbf{x}) \stackrel{H_1}{>} \lambda \quad \text{log-likelihood test}$$

Example: Detection of Signal in Gaussian noise (general case)



$$f_x(x|H_0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_0} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-a)^2}{2\sigma_0^2}\right)$$

$$f_x(x|H_1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_1} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-b)^2}{2\sigma_1^2}\right)$$

$$\Lambda(x) = \frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_0} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-b)^2}{2\sigma_1^2} + \frac{(x-a)^2}{2\sigma_0^2}\right)$$

$$\ln \Lambda(x) = \ln \frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_0} - \frac{(x-b)^2}{2\sigma_1^2} + \frac{(x-a)^2}{2\sigma_0^2}$$

Example: Detection of a Signal in Gaussian noise (specific)

$$\begin{aligned}\ln \Lambda(x) &= -\frac{1}{2\sigma_n^2} \left((x-s)^2 - x^2 \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2\sigma_n^2} (-2xs + s^2) \stackrel{H_1}{>} \lambda\end{aligned}$$

$$-2xs + s^2 < -2\sigma_n^2 \lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow x \stackrel{H_1}{>} \frac{\sigma_n^2 \lambda}{s} + \frac{s}{2}$$

Assumptions:

- Noise is zero-mean ($\mu = 0$)
- Noise has same variance as the signal.
- Variance is not dependent on the signal's amplitude.

Example: Detection of an Edge based on the Values of two adjacent pixels (Additive Gaussian Noise)

■ Given: two pixel values $x_1, x_2 \Rightarrow \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$

▶ H_0 : x_1 and x_2 belong to the same PDF (noise std = σ):

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \Rightarrow \text{no edge}$$

Assumption:

PDFs have same variance

▶ H_1 : x_1 and x_2 belong to different PDFs:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu_1)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \text{ and } \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu_2)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \Rightarrow \text{edge}$$

Example: Detection of an Edge based on the values of two adjacent pixels (Additive Gaussian Noise) (cont.)

- x_1 and x_2 be independent. Then

$$f_{\mathbf{x}}(x_1, x_2 | H_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}\left((x_1 - \mu)^2 + (x_2 - \mu)^2\right)\right)$$

$$f_{\mathbf{x}}(x_1, x_2 | H_1) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}\left((x_1 - \mu_1)^2 + (x_2 - \mu_2)^2\right)\right)$$

- log-likelihood ratio:

$$\ln \Lambda(x_1, x_2) = -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}\left((x_1 - \mu_1)^2 + (x_2 - \mu_2)^2 - (x_1 - \mu)^2 - (x_2 - \mu)^2\right)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{\sigma^2}\left(\underbrace{\frac{\mu_1^2 + \mu_2^2}{2} - \mu^2}_{=: k} + \left(\mu(x_1 + x_2) - \mu_1 x_1 - \mu_2 x_2\right)\right)$$

Example: Detection of an Edge based on the values of two adjacent pixels (Additive Gaussian Noise) (cont.)

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \blacksquare \text{ let: } & \mu_1 = \mu - \Delta & \\ & \mu_2 = \mu + \Delta & \end{array} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} \mu_1 = \mu - \Delta \\ \mu_2 = \mu + \Delta \end{array}} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \mu = \frac{1}{2}(\mu_1 + \mu_2) \\ \Delta = \frac{1}{2}(\mu_2 - \mu_1) \end{array} \Rightarrow k = \Delta^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln \Lambda(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} (\Delta(x_2 - x_1) - \Delta^2) \stackrel{H_1}{>} \lambda \quad \text{for edge}$$

- Leads to one of the classical edge detectors in image processing:

$$|x_2 - x_1| \stackrel{\text{edge}}{>} \frac{\lambda \sigma^2}{\Delta} + \Delta$$

=> i.e. edges are easier to detect for small σ or large Δ

=> Recap slide before, signal in Gaussian noise: $\Rightarrow x \stackrel{H_1}{>} \frac{\sigma_n^2 \lambda}{s} + \frac{s}{2} \quad \text{for } s = 2\Delta:$

variance has double influence in edge detection, since difference of random variables x_1, x_2 is tested (see law of variance propagation)

Detection in the Case of Multivariate ND RVs

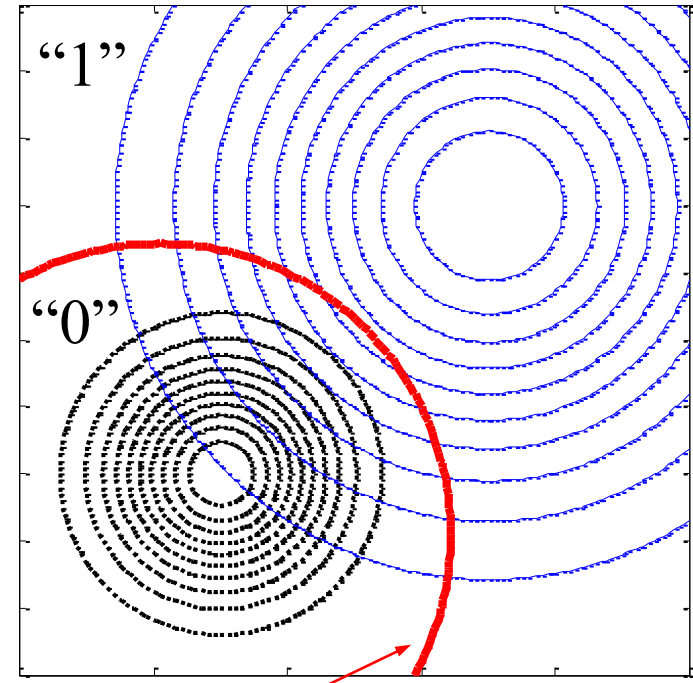
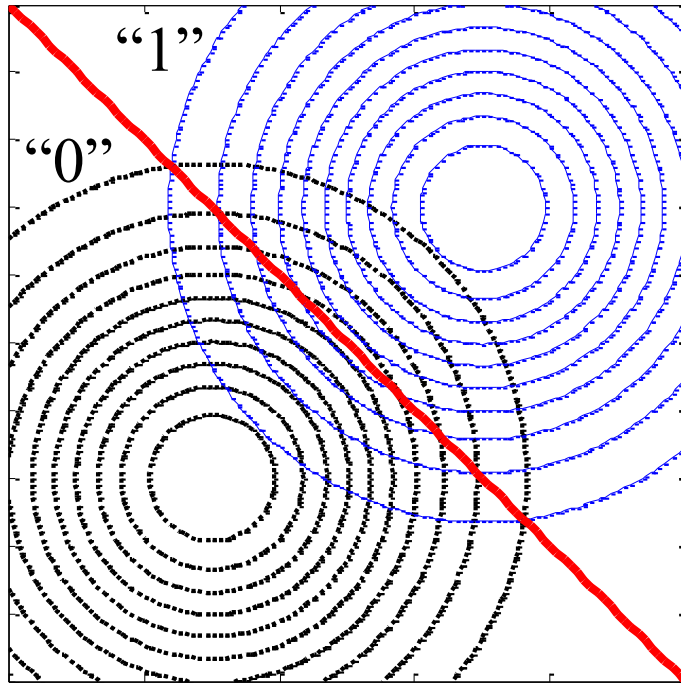
Notation for block matrix

$$f(\mathbf{x} | H_{0,1}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^n \det(\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{xx},0,1})}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_{0,1})^T \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{xx},0,1}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_{0,1})\right)$$

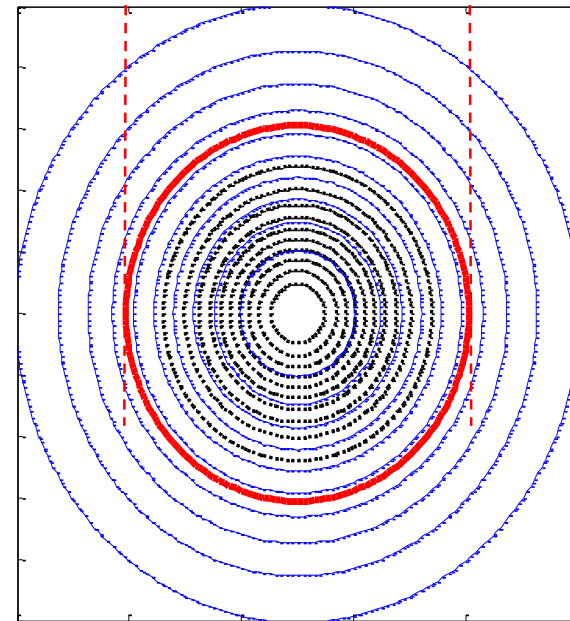
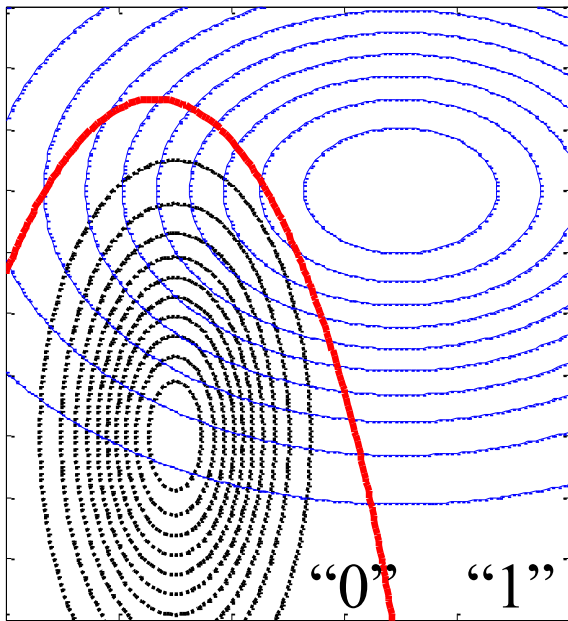
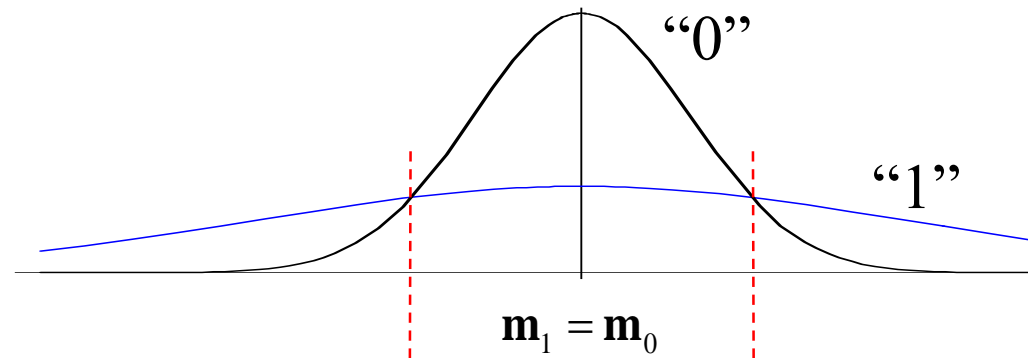
$$\ln \Lambda(\mathbf{x}) = -\frac{1}{2} \left(\ln \frac{\det(\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{xx},1})}{\det(\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{xx},0})} + (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_1)^T \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{xx},1}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_1) - (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_0)^T \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{xx},0}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_0) \right)$$



quadratic form in \mathbf{x} space
 \Rightarrow conic sections, e.g. planes,
hyperboloids, ellipsoids ...



$$(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_1)^T \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{xx},1}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_1) - (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_0)^T \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{xx},0}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_0) = \text{const}$$



Detection of a (Known) Signal in Multivariate Noise

- Known signal

$$\mathbf{s} = \begin{pmatrix} s_1 \\ s_2 \\ \vdots \\ s_n \end{pmatrix} \quad s_i : \text{signal samples}$$

- Only one pdf (for “noise” or “background”)
- Noise: zero-mean ($m_0 = 0$), Gaussian with covariance $\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{xx}}$
=> measurement and signal are shifted towards mean of noise beforehand

Detection of a (Known) Signal in Multivariate Noise (cont.)

$$\ln \Lambda(\mathbf{x}) = -\frac{1}{2} \left((\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{s})^T \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{xx}}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{s}) - \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{xx}}^{-1} \mathbf{x} \right) \stackrel{H_1}{>} \lambda$$

$$\cancel{\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{xx}}^{-1} \mathbf{x}} - \underbrace{\mathbf{s}^T \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{xx}}^{-1} \mathbf{x}}_{\uparrow} - \underbrace{\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{xx}}^{-1} \mathbf{s}}_{\uparrow} + \underbrace{\mathbf{s}^T \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{xx}}^{-1} \mathbf{s}}_{\text{const.}} - \cancel{\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{xx}}^{-1} \mathbf{x}} \stackrel{H_1}{<} -2\lambda$$

=

$$\mathbf{s}^T \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{xx}}^{-1} \mathbf{x} \stackrel{H_1}{>} \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{s}^T \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{xx}}^{-1} \mathbf{s} + \lambda$$

■ Detector:

$$\mathbf{s}^T \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{xx}}^{-1} \mathbf{x} \stackrel{H_1}{>} \alpha$$

- Interpretation of the detector using

$$\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{xx}}^{-1} = \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{xx}}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{xx}}^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{xx}}^{-\frac{1}{2}T} \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{xx}}^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

Rotation and
diagonal matrix

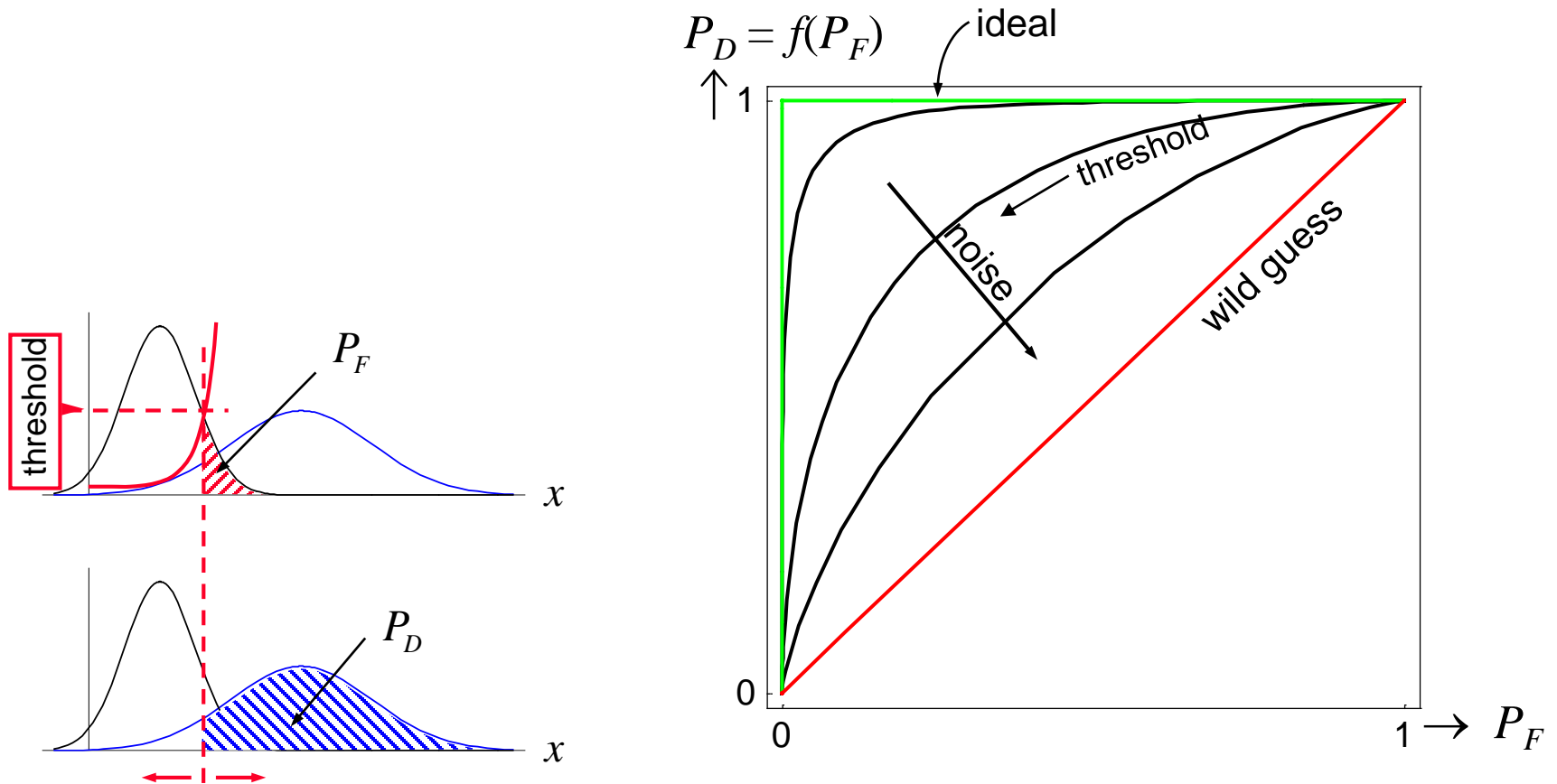
- Apply **whitening filter**, similar to **PCA**, see: $\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{xx}}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{xx}}^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \underbrace{\mathbf{P} \mathbf{\Lambda}_{\mathbf{xx}}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cancel{\mathbf{P}^T} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{\Lambda}_{\mathbf{xx}}^{-\frac{1}{2}}}_{\mathbf{\Lambda}_{\mathbf{xx}}} \mathbf{P}^T = \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{xx}}$

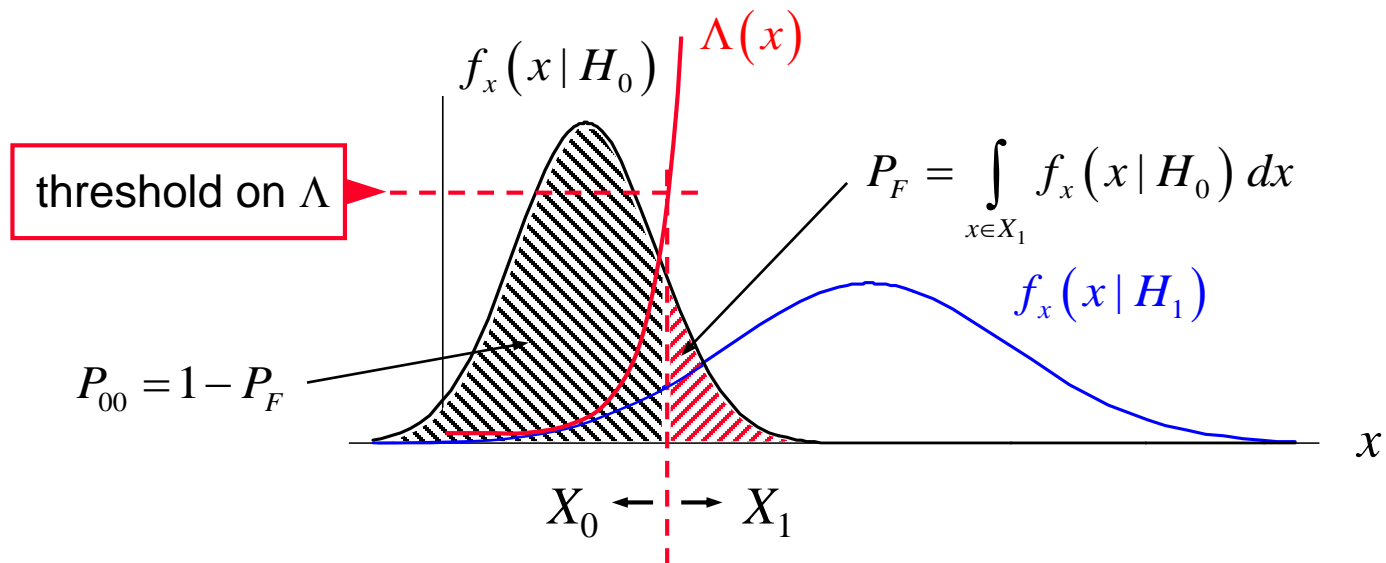
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{xx}}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{s}' = \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{xx}}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{s} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \mathbf{s}^T \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{xx}}^{-1} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{s}^T \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{xx}}^{-\frac{1}{2}T} \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{xx}}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{s}'^T \mathbf{x}'$$

- Detector is scalar product of the whitened measurement and the whitened expected signal (= **matched filter**):

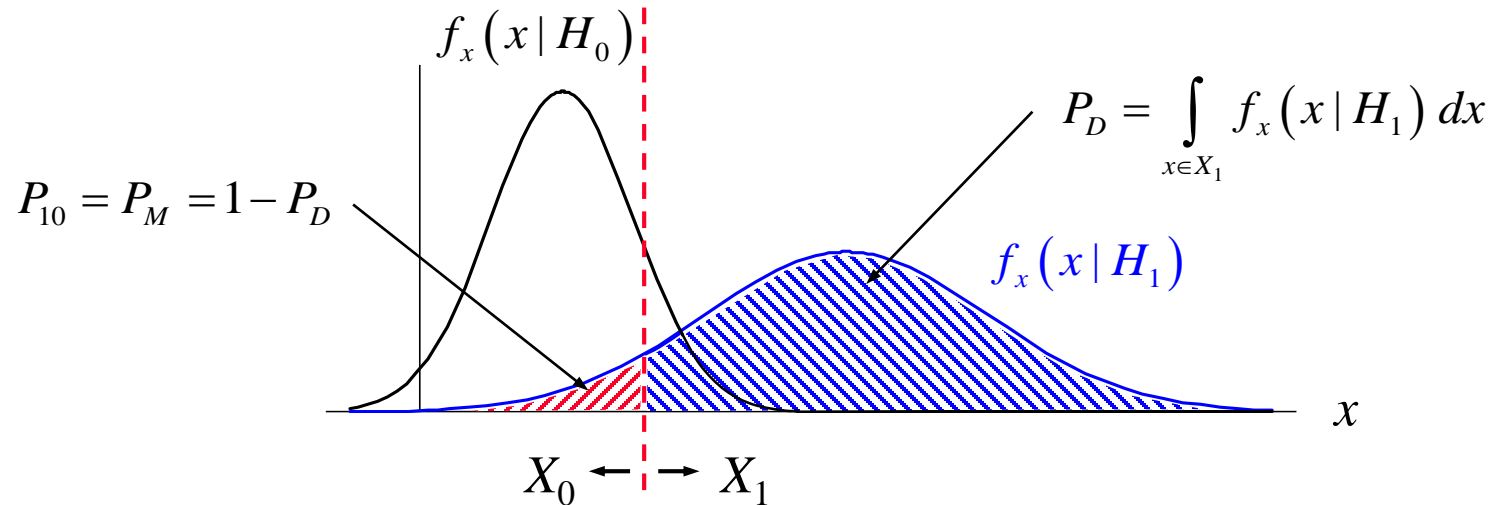
$$\mathbf{x}' \cdot \mathbf{s}' \stackrel{H_1}{>} \alpha'$$

Receiver Operation Characteristics (ROC) Curve



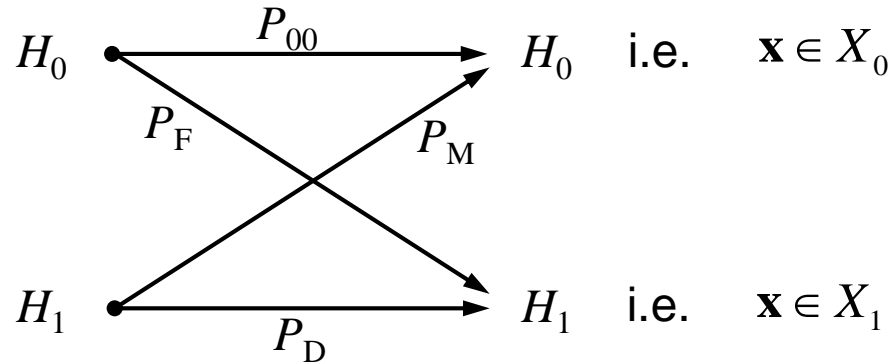


devision of X in X_0 and X_1



true is

decision for



$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} P_{00} &= 1 - P_F \\ P_M &= 1 - P_D \end{aligned}$$

$$P_F = \int_{\mathbf{x} \in X_1} f_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x} | H_0) d\mathbf{x}$$

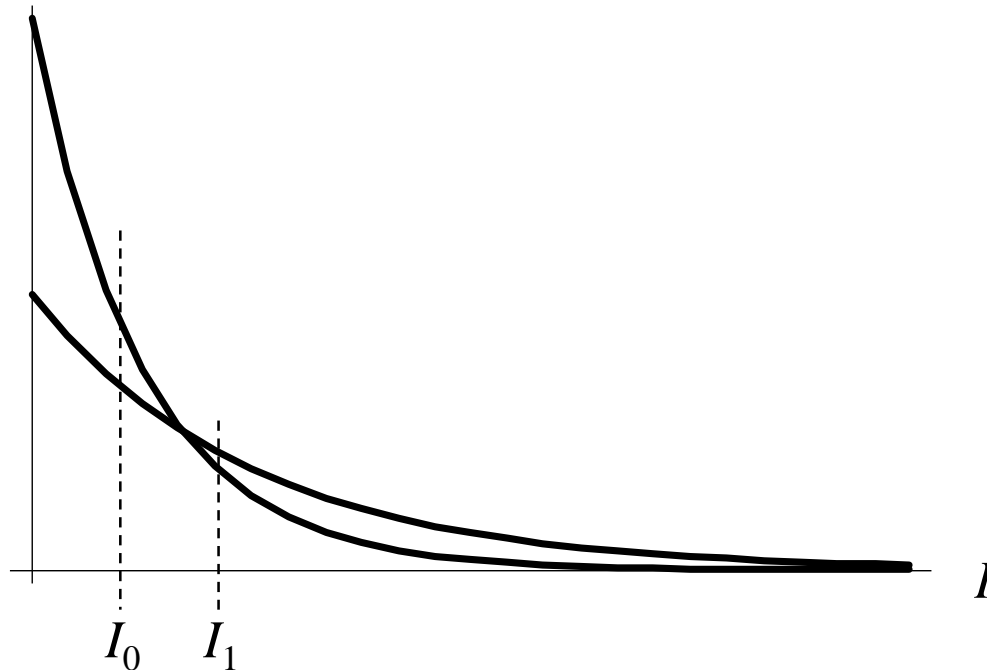
$$P_D = \int_{\mathbf{x} \in X_1} f_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x} | H_1) d\mathbf{x}$$

$$P_{ij} = \int_{\mathbf{x} \in X_j} f_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x} | H_i) d\mathbf{x} \quad i, j \in \{0, 1\}$$

Example: ROC for Decision Between Two Levels of „Brightness“ in a SAR Image

Brightness levels: I_0 and I_1

$$f_I(I | H_0) = \frac{1}{I_0} \exp\left(-\frac{I}{I_0}\right); \quad f_I(I | H_1) = \frac{1}{I_1} \exp\left(-\frac{I}{I_1}\right) \quad \forall I \geq 0$$



Example: ROC for Decision Between Two Levels of „Brightness“ in a SAR Image (cont.)

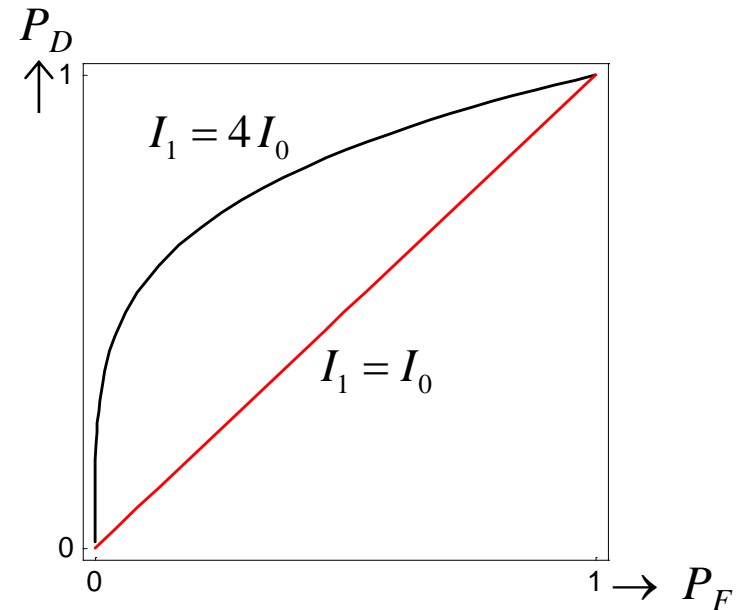
Threshold on I : β

$$P_D = \int_{\beta}^{\infty} \frac{1}{I_1} \exp\left(\frac{-I}{I_1}\right) dI = \frac{1}{I_1} \left(-I_1 \exp\left(\frac{-I}{I_1}\right) \right) \Bigg|_{\beta}^{\infty} = \exp\left(-\frac{\beta}{I_1}\right)$$

$$P_F = \int_{\beta}^{\infty} \frac{1}{I_0} \exp\left(\frac{-I}{I_0}\right) dI = \exp\left(-\frac{\beta}{I_0}\right)$$

eliminate β

$$P_D = (P_F)^{\frac{I_0}{I_1}} \quad \frac{I_0}{I_1} < 1$$



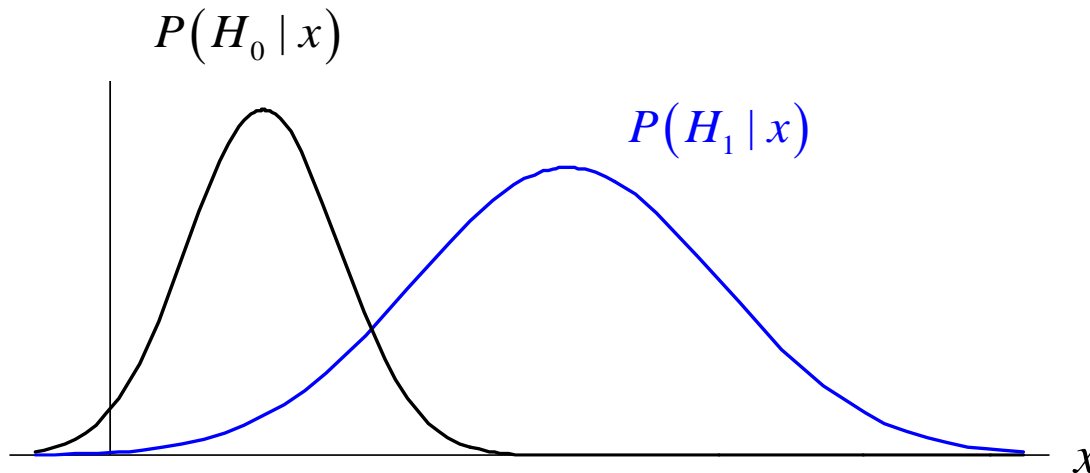
Likelihood Ratio: Incorporating Prior Knowledge

- Known prior probabilities: $P(H_0) = P_0$
 $P(H_1) = P_1$

- Posterior probabilities (Bayes' theorem):

$$P(H_0 | \mathbf{x}) = \frac{f_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x} | H_0) \cdot P_0}{f_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x})}$$

$$P(H_1 | \mathbf{x}) = \frac{f_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x} | H_1) \cdot P_1}{f_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x})}$$



Compare to likelihoods,
here: $P_1 > P_0$

NB: $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(H_{0,1} | x) dx \neq 1$

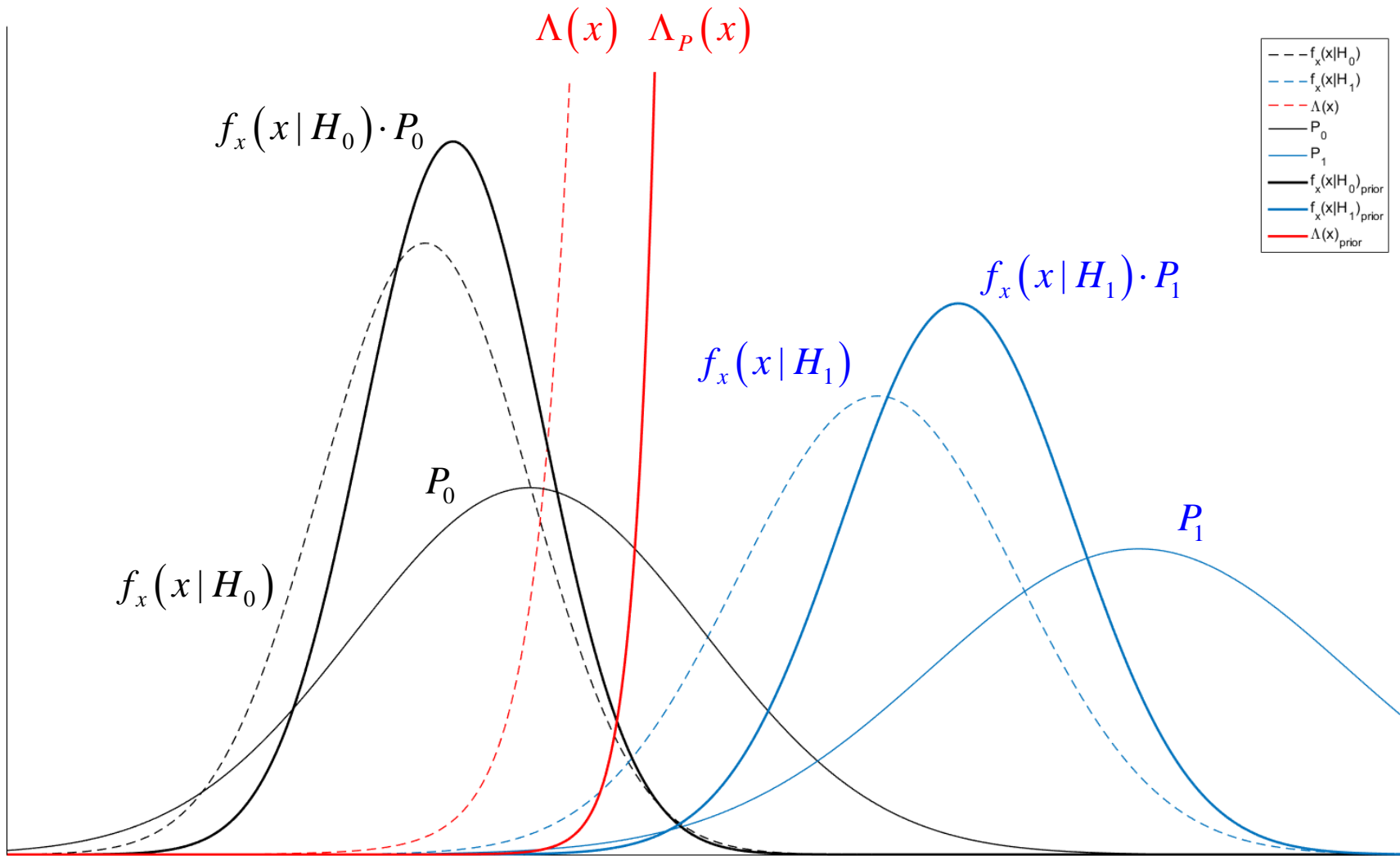
- Ratio of posterior probabilities:

$$\frac{P(H_1 | \mathbf{x})}{P(H_0 | \mathbf{x})} = \frac{f_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x} | H_1) \cdot P_1}{f_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x} | H_0) \cdot P_0} = \Lambda(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \frac{P_1}{P_0}$$

- Decide for H_1 if $P(H_1 | \mathbf{x}) > P(H_0 | \mathbf{x})$, i.e. $\frac{P(H_1 | \mathbf{x})}{P(H_0 | \mathbf{x})} \stackrel{H_1}{>} 1$

Bayesian decision rule: $\Lambda(\mathbf{x}) \stackrel{H_1}{>} \frac{P_0}{P_1}$

Influence of Prior Knowledge on Decision



Consideration of Costs in Bayesian Decision

	true hypothesis	a priori probability	decision for hypothesis	cost	conditional probability
correct	H_0	P_0	H_0	C_{00}	P_{00}
false alarm	H_0	P_0	H_1	C_{01}	$P_{01} = P_F$
missed hit	H_1	P_1	H_0	C_{10}	$P_{10} = P_M$
correct detection	H_1	P_1	H_1	C_{11}	$P_{11} = P_D$

P_F : “false alarm probability” or “false alarm rate”

P_D : “detection probability”

Total Expected Cost of Decision

- Plausible assumptions: $C_{01} > C_{00}$
 $C_{10} > C_{11}$

- Total cost:

$$C = C_{00} P_0 P_{00} + C_{01} P_0 P_F + C_{10} P_1 P_M + C_{11} P_1 P_D$$

$$= C_{00} P_0 (1 - P_F) + C_{01} P_0 P_F + C_{10} P_1 (1 - P_D) + C_{11} \cdot P_1 \cdot P_D$$

$$= C_{00} P_0 + C_{10} P_1 + (C_{01} - C_{00}) P_0 P_F - (C_{10} - C_{11}) P_1 P_D \rightarrow \min$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}$
independent
of data, we cannot
influence these costs

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 > 0

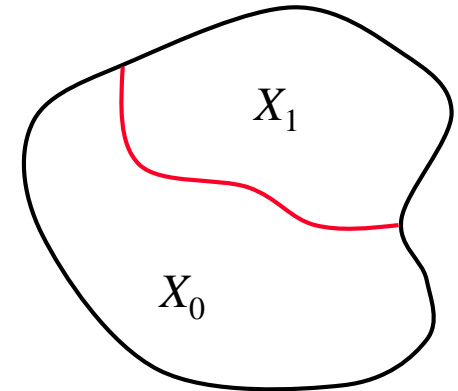
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 > 0

Strategy 1: Minimize Total Expected Cost

- Choose the separation (e.g. threshold) between spaces X_0 and X_1 such that

$$\underbrace{(C_{01} - C_{00}) P_0 P_F}_{> 0} - \underbrace{(C_{10} - C_{11}) P_1 P_D}_{> 0} \rightarrow \min$$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} P_F \rightarrow \min \\ P_D \rightarrow \max \end{array} \right\} \text{mutually exclusive}$$



- “Compromise” required between low P_F and high P_D

Minimize Total Expected Cost (cont.)

$$(C_{01} - C_{00}) P_0 P_F - (C_{10} - C_{11}) P_1 P_D$$

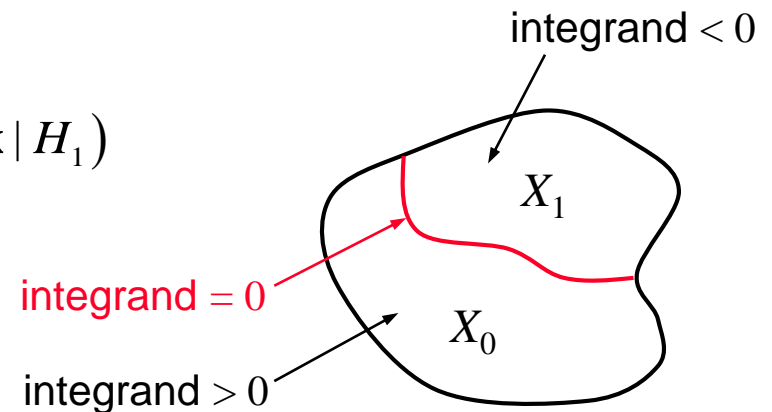
Replace probability by
integral over pdf

$$= \int_{X_1} \underbrace{((C_{01} - C_{00}) P_0 f_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x} | H_0))}_{> 0} - \underbrace{(C_{10} - C_{11}) P_1 f_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x} | H_1))}_{> 0} d\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \min$$

\Rightarrow Choose X_1 as the set of those \mathbf{x} where the integrand is negative,

i.e. decide for H_1 , if

$$(C_{01} - C_{00}) P_0 f_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x} | H_0) < (C_{10} - C_{11}) P_1 f_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x} | H_1)$$



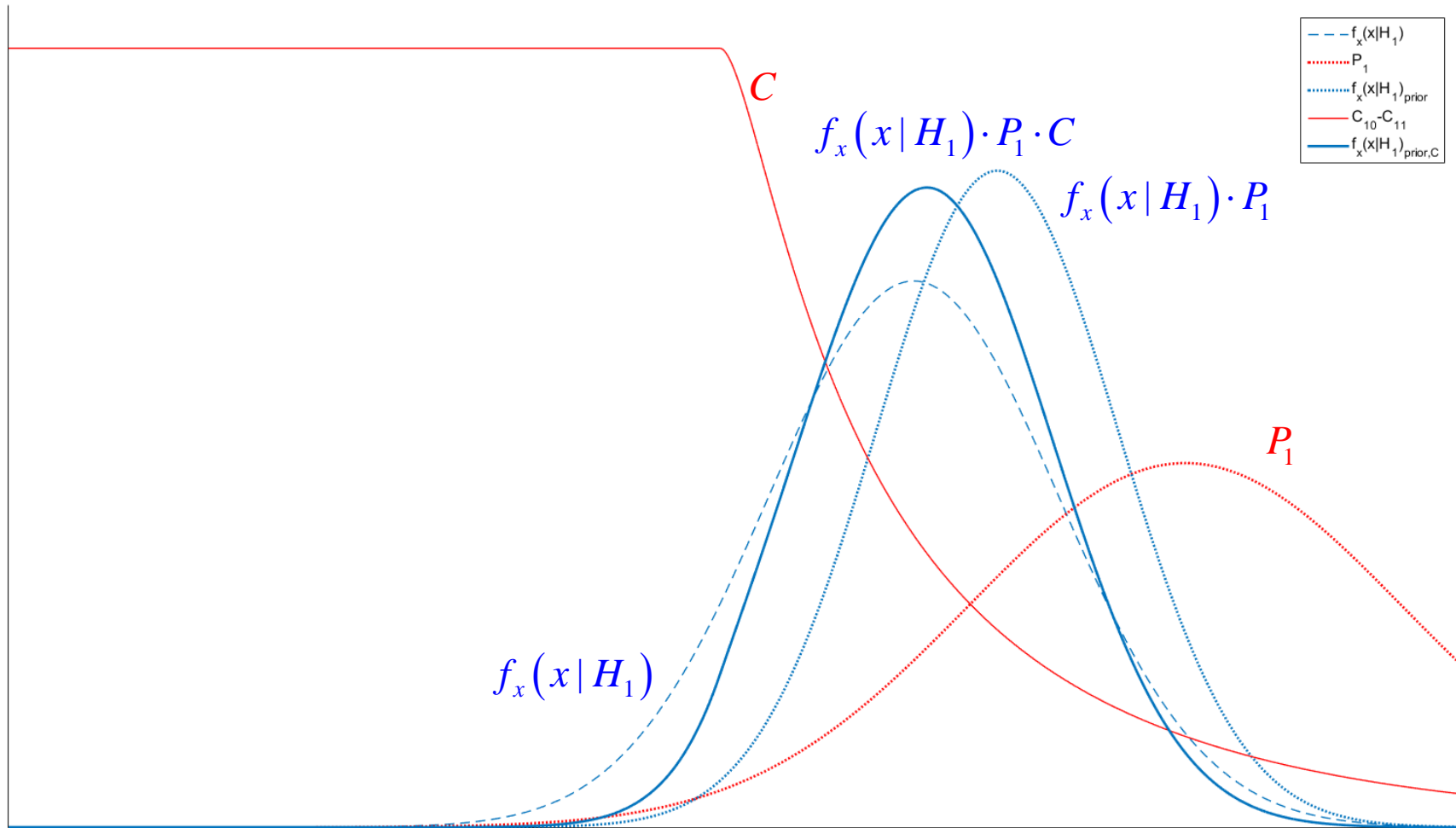
Decision Rule for Minimization of Total Expected Cost

$$\Rightarrow \Lambda(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{f_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x} | H_1)}{f_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x} | H_0)} \stackrel{H_1}{>} \frac{C_{01} - C_{00}}{C_{10} - C_{11}} \frac{P_0}{P_1}$$

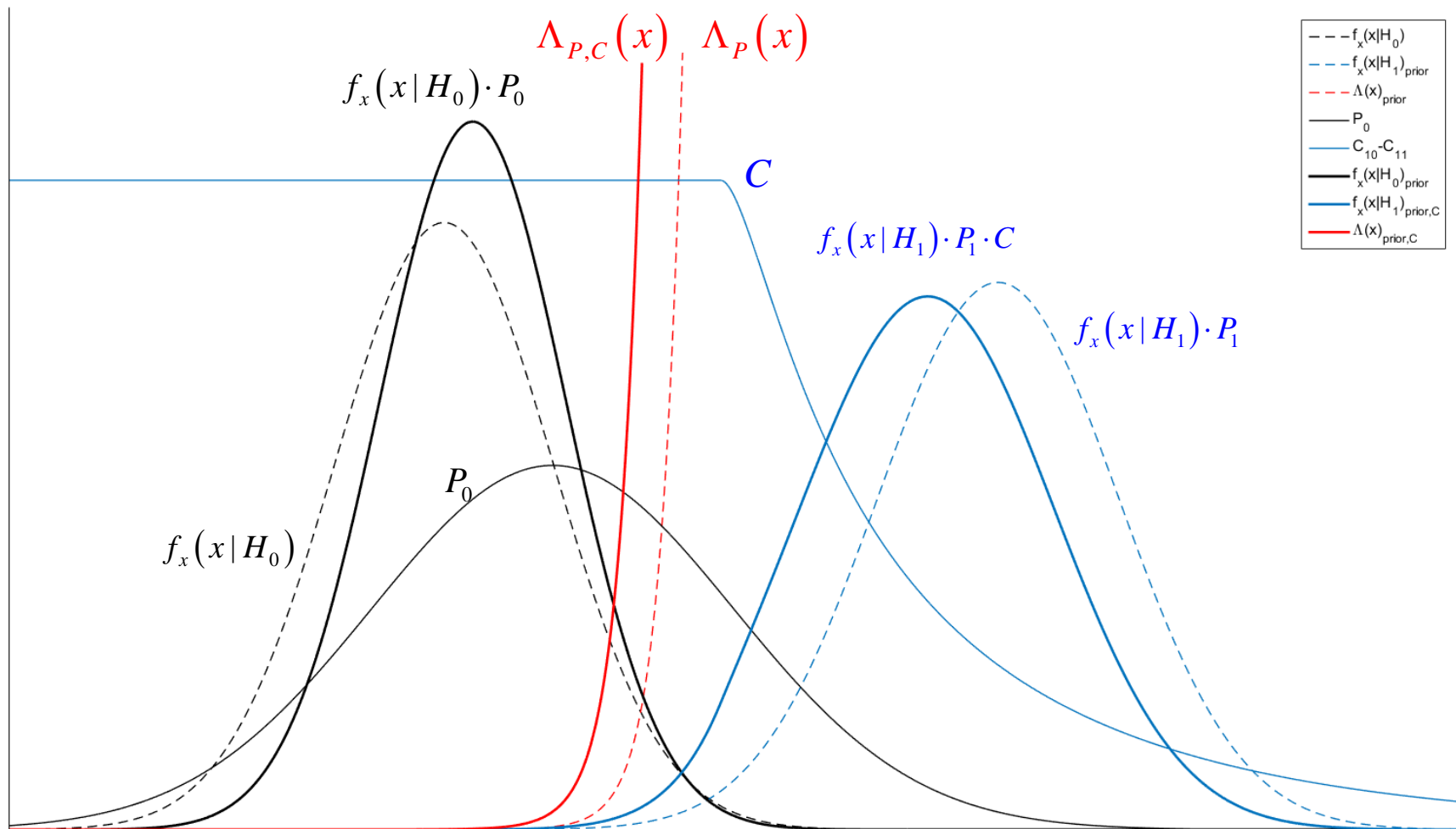
given by the
measurement
system (noise)

known a priori
or arbitrarily
chosen

Influence of Prior Knowledge and Costs on PDF



Influence of Prior Knowledge and Costs on Decision



Example: $C = C_{10}$, i.e. missed hits are penalized (e.g. detection of corsairs)

Relation between cost minimization and minimization of Error Probability

- Useful, if costs are not known (or symmetric)
- Minimization of Error Probability can be cast into the theory of cost minimization by setting

$$\begin{array}{ll} C_{00} = C_{11} = 0 & \text{no cost for correct decision} \\ C_{01} = C_{10} = C_e & \text{identical costs for wrong decision} \end{array} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} C_{00} = C_{11} = 0 \\ C_{01} = C_{10} = C_e \end{array}} \right\} \Rightarrow \frac{C_{01} - C_{00}}{C_{10} - C_{11}} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \Lambda(\mathbf{x}) \stackrel{H_1}{>} \frac{P_0}{P_1} = \frac{1 - P_1}{P_1}$$

$$\text{e.g.: } P_1 = P_0 = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \Lambda(\mathbf{x}) \stackrel{H_1}{>} 1$$

Strategy 2: Minimax Test

- Prior probabilities P_0 and P_1 are often unknown
- Strategy: pessimistic approach, i.e. minimum cost maximization
- Assumption (for simplicity's sake): $C_{00} = C_{11} = 0$ (correct decision)

$$\Rightarrow C = C_{01} P_0 P_F + C_{10} P_1 P_M \quad \text{where} \quad P_0 = 1 - P_1$$

$$= C_{01} P_F + P_1 (C_{10} P_M - C_{01} P_F)$$

Minimax Test (cont.)

- Given the likelihoods $f_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x} | H_0)$ and $f_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x} | H_1)$
- For any threshold λ (treated as free parameter) in the log-likelihood test we get

$$P_F(\lambda) \quad \text{and} \quad P_M(\lambda)$$

- These result in a total cost, that still depends (linearly) on the unknown P_1 :

$$C(\lambda, P_1) = C_{01} P_F(\lambda) + P_1 (C_{10} P_M(\lambda) - C_{01} P_F(\lambda))$$

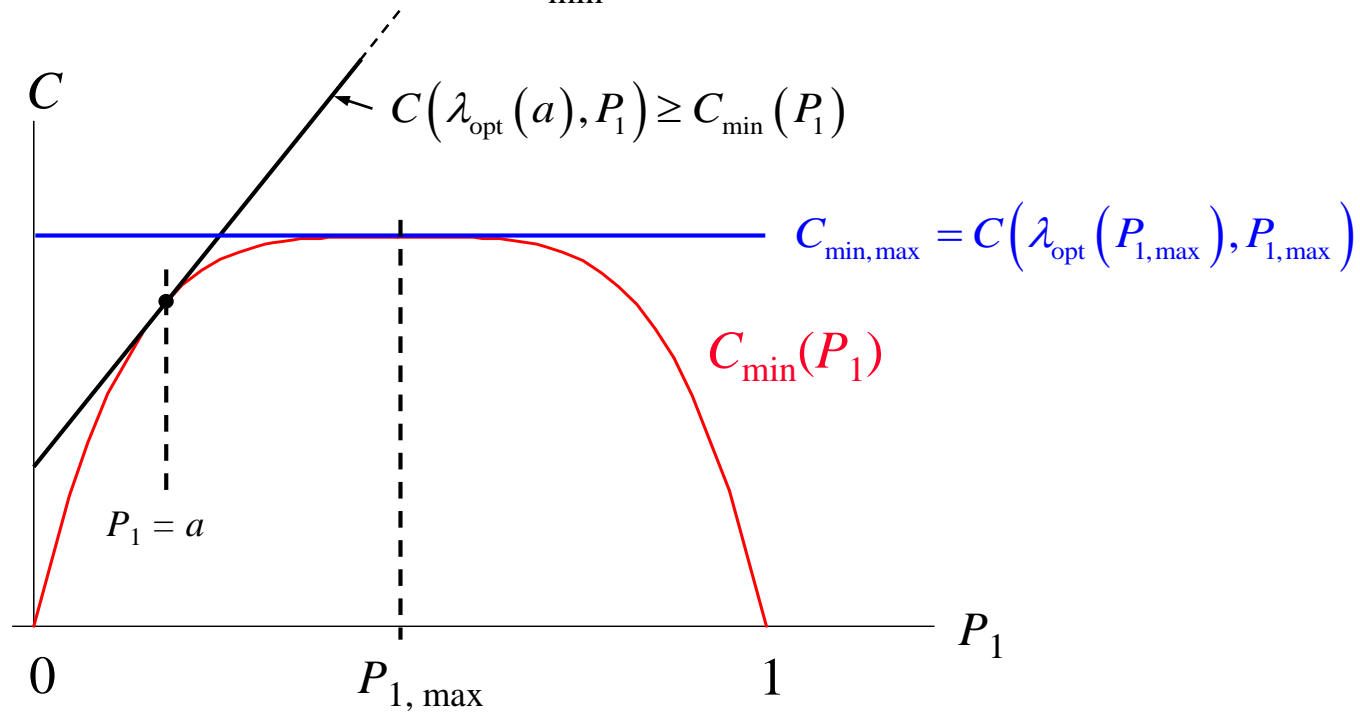
- P_1 is bounded by $[0 ; 1]$
- For every $0 \leq P_1 \leq 1$ determine numerically or analytically the optimum threshold $\lambda_{\text{opt}}(P_1)$ for minimum cost

$$C_{\min}(P_1) = C(\lambda_{\text{opt}}(P_1), P_1)$$

- Find the value of $P_{1, \max}$ with the largest minimum cost $C_{\min, \max}$ and choose this threshold for decision: $\lambda = \lambda_{\text{opt}}(P_{1, \max})$

Minimax Test (cont.)

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} P_1 = 0 \Rightarrow \text{always } H_0 \Rightarrow C_{\min} = 0 \\ P_1 = 1 \Rightarrow \text{always } H_1 \Rightarrow C_{\min} = 0 \\ C_{\min} \geq 0 \end{array} \right\} \text{maximum of } C_{\min}(P_1) \text{ at } 0 < P_1 < 1$$



Minimax Test (cont.)

- We find $P_{1, \max}$ from

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial P_1} C_{\min}(P_1) = 0$$

- Leading to the **minimax decision rule**:

$$C_{10} \cdot P_M = C_{01} \cdot P_F$$

- Properties of this solution:
 - independent of P_1
 - often not analytically solvable
 - equal conditional costs for both wrong decisions

Strategy 3: Neyman-Pearson Criterion

- Prior probabilities P_0, P_1 unknown
- Costs C_{ij} unknown
- Strategy: Maximize the detection probability, given a maximum allowable false alarm rate, i.e.:

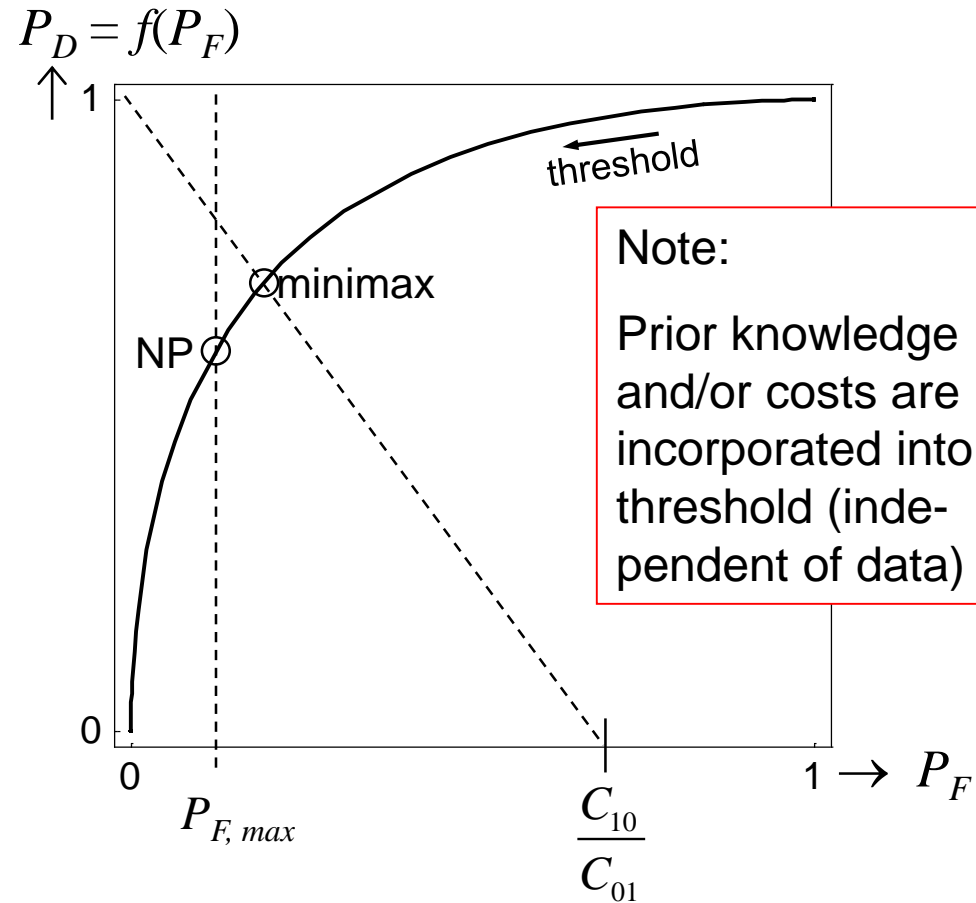
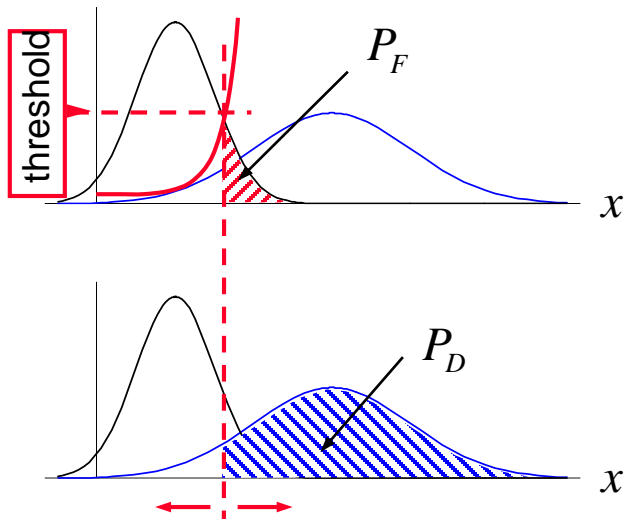
$$\begin{aligned} \text{maximize} \quad & P_D = \int_{X_1} f_x(\mathbf{x} | H_1) d\mathbf{x} \\ \text{for} \quad & P_F = \int_{X_1} f_x(\mathbf{x} | H_0) d\mathbf{x} \leq P_{F,\max} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln \Lambda(\mathbf{x}) \stackrel{H_1}{>} \lambda \quad \text{with } \lambda \text{ chosen, such that } P_F = P_{F,\max}$$

- Often: “Constant False Alarm Rate” (CFAR) detector

Recall: Receiver Operation Characteristics (ROC) Curve

- Parametric plot illustrating the trade-off between false alarm and detection rates



$$\text{Minimax: } P_M = \frac{C_{01}}{C_{10}} \cdot P_F \Rightarrow P_D = 1 - P_M = 1 - \frac{C_{01}}{C_{10}} \cdot P_F \quad \text{for } P_D = 0 \Rightarrow P_F = \frac{C_{10}}{C_{01}}$$

$$\text{for } P_F = 0 \Rightarrow P_D = 1$$

Concluding Remark

- So far, we have assumed that we know $f(\mathbf{x} | H_0)$ and $f(\mathbf{x} | H_1)$.
- In practice, this is not always the case.

$\Rightarrow f(\mathbf{x} | H_0)$ and $f(\mathbf{x} | H_1)$ must be estimated from test data.

- See: Lecture module on classification.