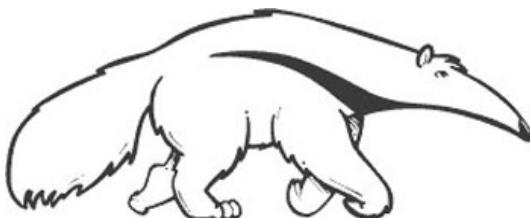


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CS178: Machine Learning and Data Mining

Bayesian Classifiers & Naïve Bayes

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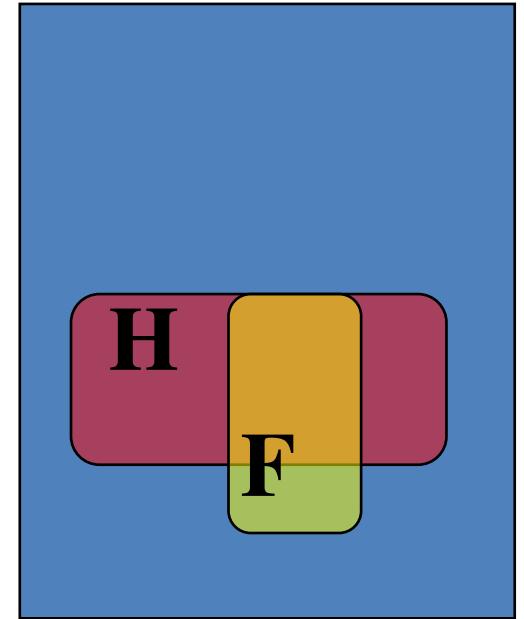
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 - Can normalize into probability:
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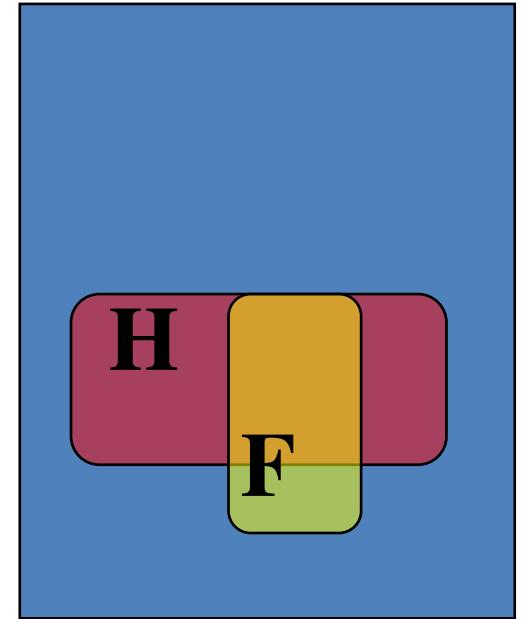


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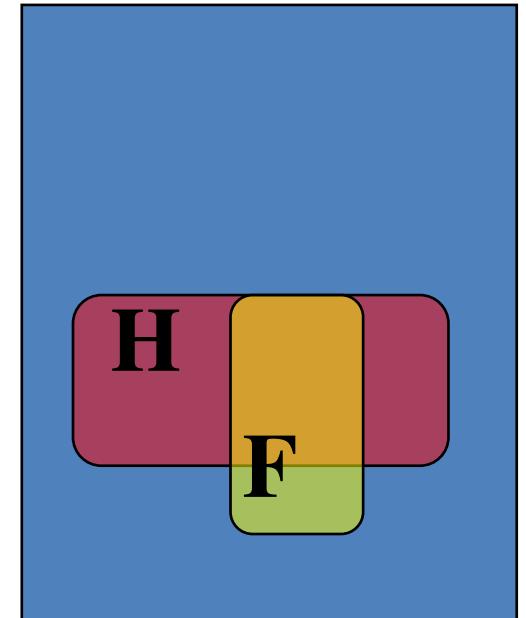


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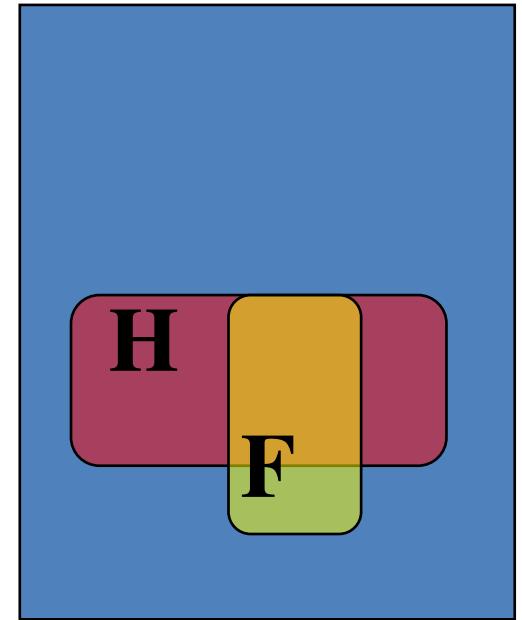


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- $P(F|H) = p(H \& F) / p(H)$
 $= (1/80) / (1/10) = 1/8$



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Classification and probability

- Suppose we want to model the data
- Prior probability of each class, $p(y)$
 - E.g., fraction of applicants that have good credit
- Distribution of features given the class, $p(x | y=c)$
 - How likely are we to see “x” in users with good credit?
- Joint distribution $p(y|x)p(x) = p(x,y) = p(x|y)p(y)$

• Bayes Rule:

$$p(y|x) = p(x|y)p(y)/p(x)$$
$$= \frac{p(x|y)p(y)}{\sum_c p(x|y=c)p(y=c)}$$

(Use the rule of total probability
to calculate the denominator!) 

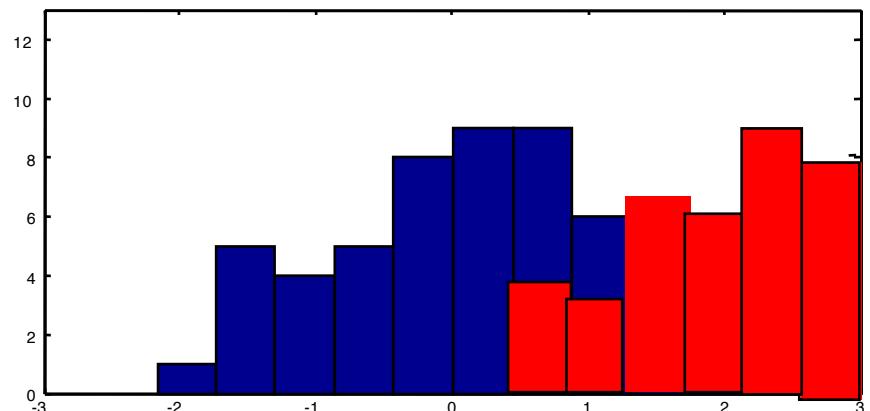
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- Training data
 - Split by class
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- Estimate $p(x | y=c)$ using D_c
- For a discrete x , this recalculates the same table...

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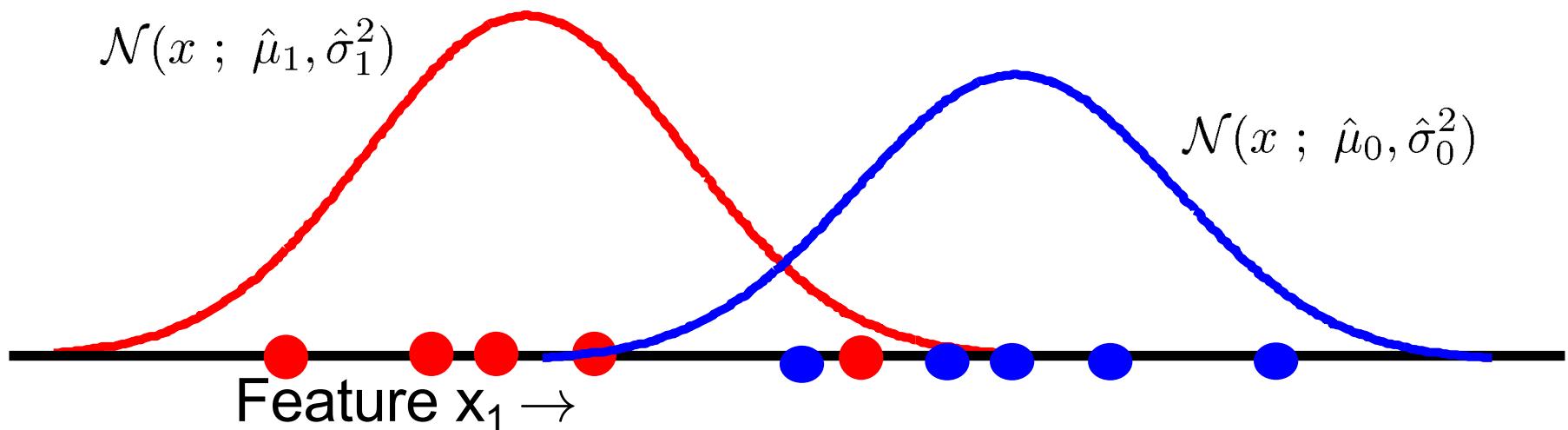
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- For continuous x , can use any density estimate we like
 - Histogram
 - Gaussian
 - ...



Gaussian models

- Estimate parameters of the Gaussians from the data

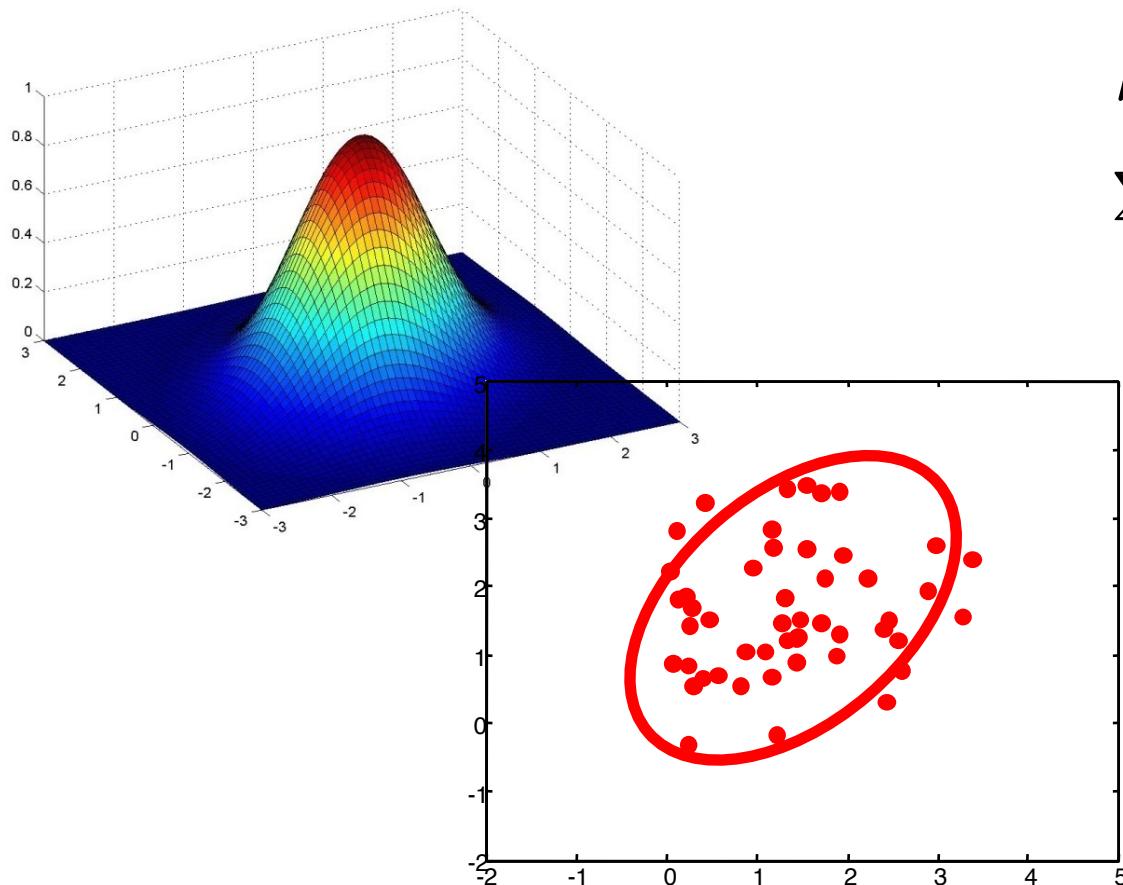
$$\alpha = \frac{m_1}{m} = \hat{p}(y = c_1) \quad \hat{\mu} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_j x^{(j)} \quad \hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{m} \sum_j (x^{(j)} - \mu)^2$$



Multivariate Gaussian models

- Similar to univariate case

$$\mathcal{N}(\underline{x} ; \underline{\mu}, \Sigma) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2}} |\Sigma|^{-1/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (\underline{x} - \underline{\mu})^T \Sigma^{-1} (\underline{x} - \underline{\mu}) \right\}$$



$\mu = n \times 1$ mean vector

$\Sigma = n \times n$ covariance matrix

Maximum likelihood estimate:

$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_j \underline{x}^{(j)}$$

$$\hat{\Sigma} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_j (\underline{x}^{(j)} - \hat{\mu})^T (\underline{x}^{(j)} - \hat{\mu})$$

Example: Gaussian Bayes for Iris Data

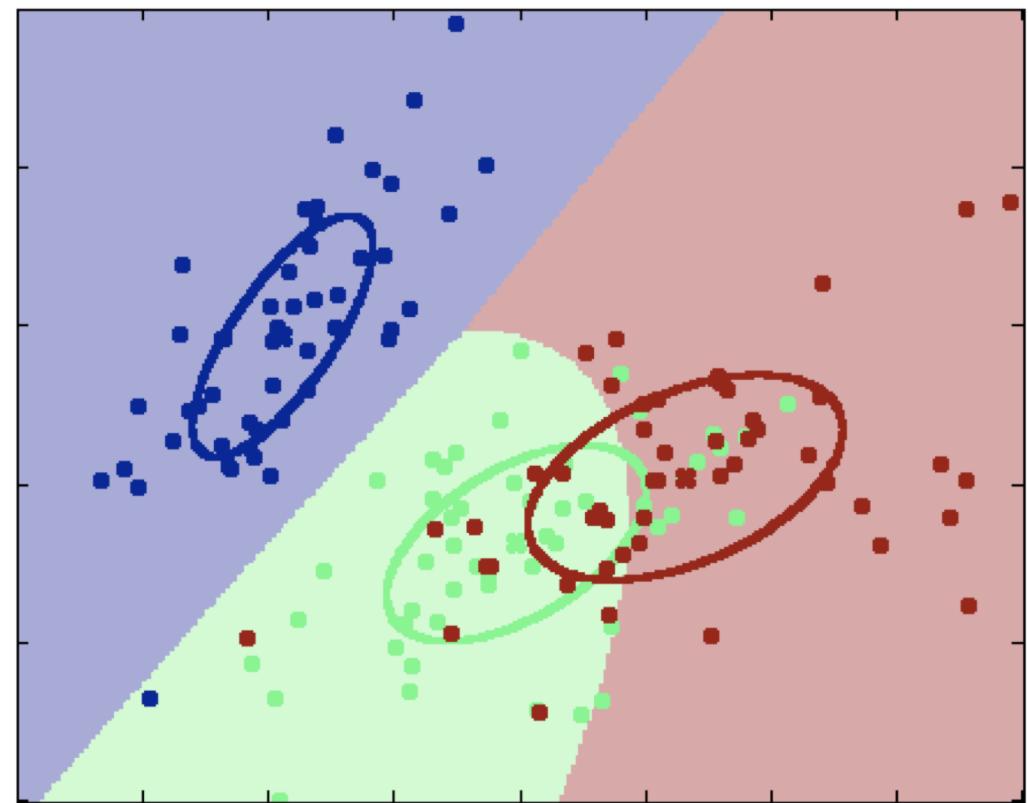
- Fit Gaussian distribution to each class $\{0,1,2\}$

$$p(y) = \text{Discrete}\left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$p(x_1, x_2 | y = 0) = \mathcal{N}(x ; \mu_0, \Sigma_0)$$

$$p(x_1, x_2 | y = 1) = \mathcal{N}(x ; \mu_1, \Sigma_1)$$

$$p(x_1, x_2 | y = 2) = \mathcal{N}(x ; \mu_2, \Sigma_2)$$



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- Estimate $p(y) = [p(y=0), p(y=1) \dots]$
 - Estimate $p(x | y=c)$ for each class c
 - Calculate $p(y=c | x)$ using Bayes rule
 - Choose the most likely class c
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- For a discrete x, can represent as a contingency table...
 - What about if we have more discrete features?

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Joint distributions

- Make a truth table of all combinations of values

A	B	C
0	0	0
0	0	1
0	1	0
0	1	1
1	0	0
1	0	1
1	1	0
1	1	1

Joint distributions

- Make a truth table of all combinations of values
- For each combination of values, determine how probable it is
- Total probability must sum to one
- How many values did we specify?

A	B	C	$p(A,B,C y=1)$
0	0	0	0.50
0	0	1	0.05
0	1	0	0.01
0	1	1	0.10
1	0	0	0.04
1	0	1	0.15
1	1	0	0.05
1	1	1	0.10

Overfitting & density estimation

- Estimate probabilities from the data
 - E.g., how many times (what fraction) did each outcome occur?
- m data $\ll 2^n$ parameters?
- What about the zeros?
 - We learn that certain combinations are impossible?
 - What if we see these later in test data?
- Overfitting!

A	B	C	$p(A,B,C \mid y=1)$
0	0	0	4/10
0	0	1	1/10
0	1	0	0/10
0	1	1	0/10
1	0	0	1/10
1	0	1	2/10
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- One option: regularize $\hat{p}(a, b, c) \propto (M_{abc} + \alpha)$
- Normalize to make sure values sum to one...

A	B	C	$p(A,B,C y=1)$
0	0	0	4/10
0	0	1	1/10
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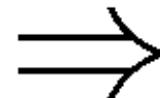
Overfitting & density estimation

- Another option: reduce the model complexity by assuming the features are independent of one another
- Independence:
- $p(a,b) = p(a) p(b)$
- $p(x_1, x_2, \dots x_N | y=1) = p(x_1 | y=1) p(x_2 | y=1) \dots p(x_N | y=1)$
- Only need to estimate each individually

A	$p(A y=1)$
0	.4
1	.6

B	$p(B y=1)$
0	.7
1	.3

C	$p(C y=1)$
0	.1
1	.9



A	B	C	$p(A,B,C y=1)$
0	0	0	.4 * .7 * .1
0	0	1	.4 * .7 * .9
0	1	0	.4 * .3 * .1
0	1	1	...
1	0	0	
1	0	1	
1	1	0	
1	1	1	

Example: Naïve Bayes

Observed Data:

x_1	x_2	y
1	1	0
1	0	0
1	0	1
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$$\hat{p}(x_1 = 1 | y = 0) = \frac{3}{4} \quad \hat{p}(x_1 = 1 | y = 1) = \frac{2}{4}$$

$$\hat{p}(x_2 = 1 | y = 0) = \frac{2}{4} \quad \hat{p}(x_2 = 1 | y = 1) = \frac{1}{4}$$

Prediction given some observation x ?

$$\hat{p}(y = 1) \hat{p}(x = 11 | y = 1) < \hat{p}(y = 0) \hat{p}(x = 11 | y = 0)$$
$$\frac{4}{8} \times \frac{2}{4} \times \frac{1}{4} \qquad \qquad \qquad \frac{4}{8} \times \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{2}{4}$$

Decide class 0

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Example: Joint Bayes

Observed Data:

x_1	x_2	y
1	1	0
1	0	0
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x_1	x_2	$p(x y=0)$
0	0	1/4
0	1	0/4
1	0	1/4
1	1	2/4

x_1	x_2	$p(x y=1)$
0	0	1/4
0	1	1/4
1	0	2/4
1	1	0/4

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{p}(y = 1 | x_1 = 1, x_2 = 1) &= \frac{\frac{4}{8} \times \frac{4}{8}}{\frac{2}{4} \times \frac{4}{8} + 0 \times \frac{4}{8}} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Naïve Bayes Models

- Variable y to predict, e.g. “auto accident in next year?”
- We have ***many*** co-observed vars $\mathbf{x}=[x_1 \dots x_n]$
 - Age, income, education, zip code, ...
- Want to learn $p(y | x_1 \dots x_n)$, to predict y
 - Arbitrary distribution: $O(d^n)$ values!
- Naïve Bayes:
 - $p(y|\mathbf{x}) = p(\mathbf{x}|y) p(y) / p(\mathbf{x})$; $p(\mathbf{x}|y) = \prod_i p(x_i|y)$
 - Covariates are independent given “cause”
- Note: may not be a good model of the data
 - Doesn’t capture correlations in x ’s
 - Can’t capture some dependencies
- But in practice it often does quite well!

Naïve Bayes Models for Spam

- $y \in \{\text{spam}, \text{ not spam}\}$
- $X = \text{observed words in email}$
 - Ex: ["the" ... "probabilistic" ... "lottery" ...]
 - "1" if word appears; "0" if not
- 1000's of possible words: 2^{1000s} parameters?
- # of atoms in the universe: $\approx 2^{270} \dots$
- Model words *given* email type as independent
- Some words more likely for spam ("lottery")
- Some more likely for non-spam ("probabilistic")
- Only 1000's of parameters now...

Naïve Bayes Gaussian Models

$$p(x_1) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma_1^2} (x_1 - \mu_1)^2 \right\}$$

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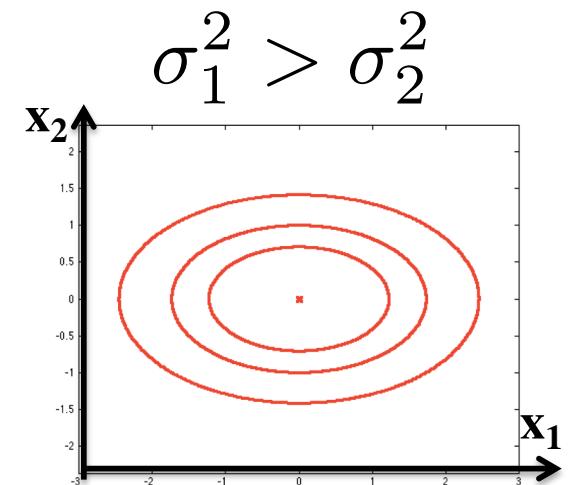
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$$\underline{\mu} = [\mu_1 \ \mu_2]$$

$$\Sigma = \text{diag}(\sigma_1^2, \ \sigma_2^2)$$

Again, reduces the number of parameters of the model:

Bayes: $n^2/2$ Naïve Bayes: n



You should know...

- Bayes rule; $p(y | x)$
- Bayes classifiers
 - Learn $p(x | y=C)$, $p(y=C)$
- Naïve Bayes classifiers
 - Assume features are independent given class:
$$p(x | y=C) = p(x_1 | y=C) p(x_2 | y=C) \dots$$
- Maximum likelihood (empirical) estimators for
 - Discrete variables
 - Gaussian variables
 - Overfitting; simplifying assumptions or regularization

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Gets these examples wrong:

$$\Pr[\text{error}] = (15 + 287 + 3) / (690)$$

(empirically on training data:
better to use test data)

Bayes Error Rate

- Suppose that we knew the true probabilities:

$$p(x, y) \Rightarrow p(y), p(x|y=0), p(x|y=1)$$

- Observe any x : $\Rightarrow p(y=0|x)$ (at any x)
 $p(y=1|x)$

- Optimal decision at that particular x is:

$$\hat{y} = f(x) = \arg \max_c p(y=c|x)$$

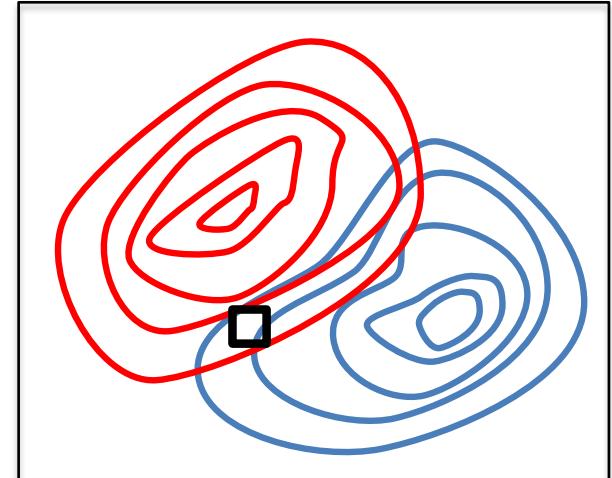
- Error rate is:

$$\mathbb{E}_{xy}[y \neq \hat{y}] = \mathbb{E}_x[1 - \max_c p(y=c|x)] = \text{"Bayes error rate"}$$

- This is the best that **any** classifier can do!
- Measures fundamental hardness of separating y -values given only features x

- Note: conceptual only!

- Probabilities $p(x,y)$ must be estimated from data
- Form of $p(x,y)$ is not known and may be very complex



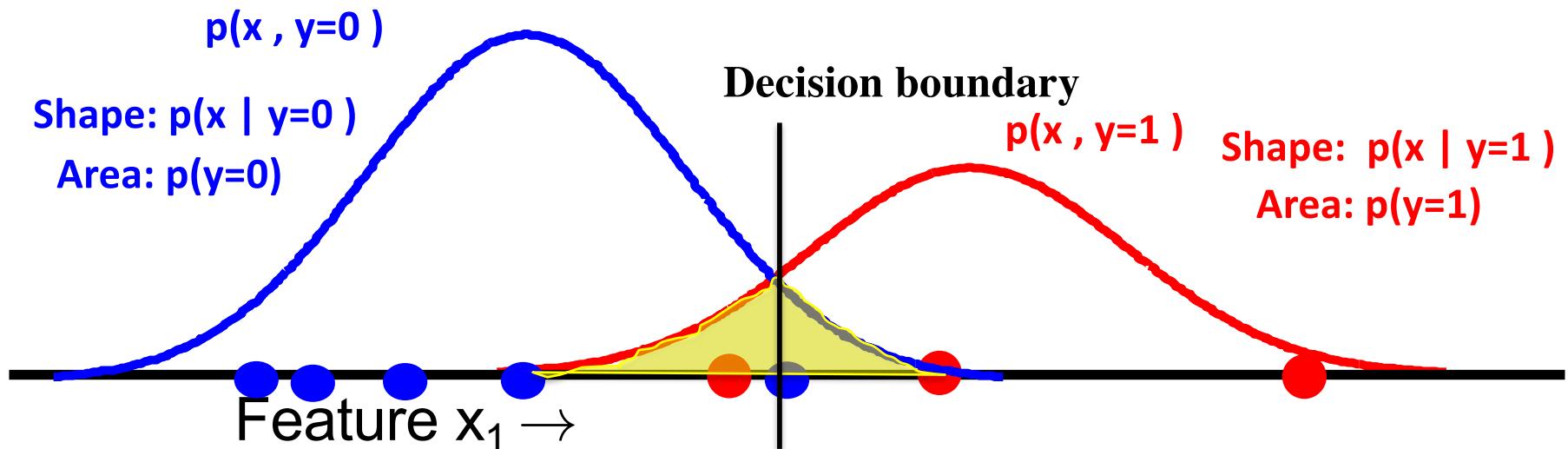
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- Bayes classification decision rule compares probabilities:

$$p(y = 0|x) \underset{>}{\text{<}} p(y = 1|x)$$

$$= p(y = 0, x) \underset{>}{\text{<}} p(y = 1, x)$$

- Can visualize this nicely if x is a scalar:

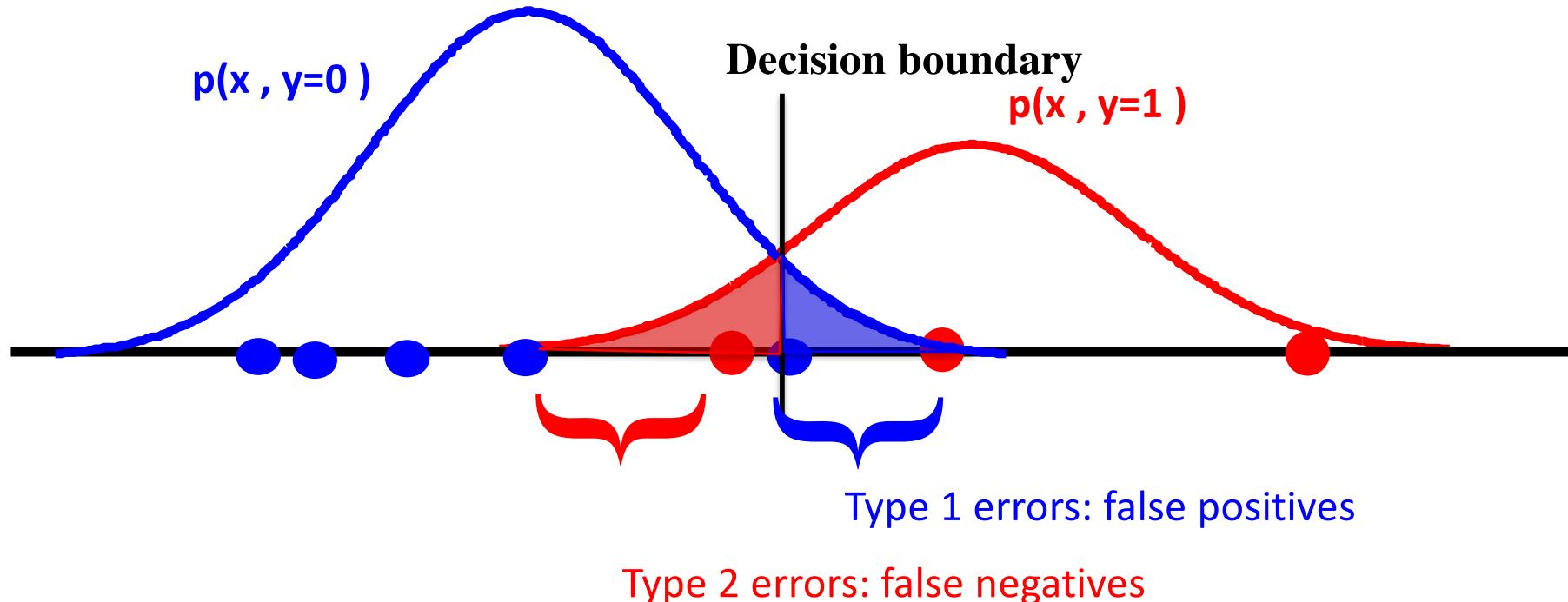


A Bayes classifier

- Not all errors are created equally...
- Risk associated with each outcome?

Add multiplier alpha:

$$\alpha p(y = 0, x) \underset{<}{\text{>}} p(y = 1, x)$$



False positive rate: $(\# y=0, \hat{y}=1) / (\#y=0)$

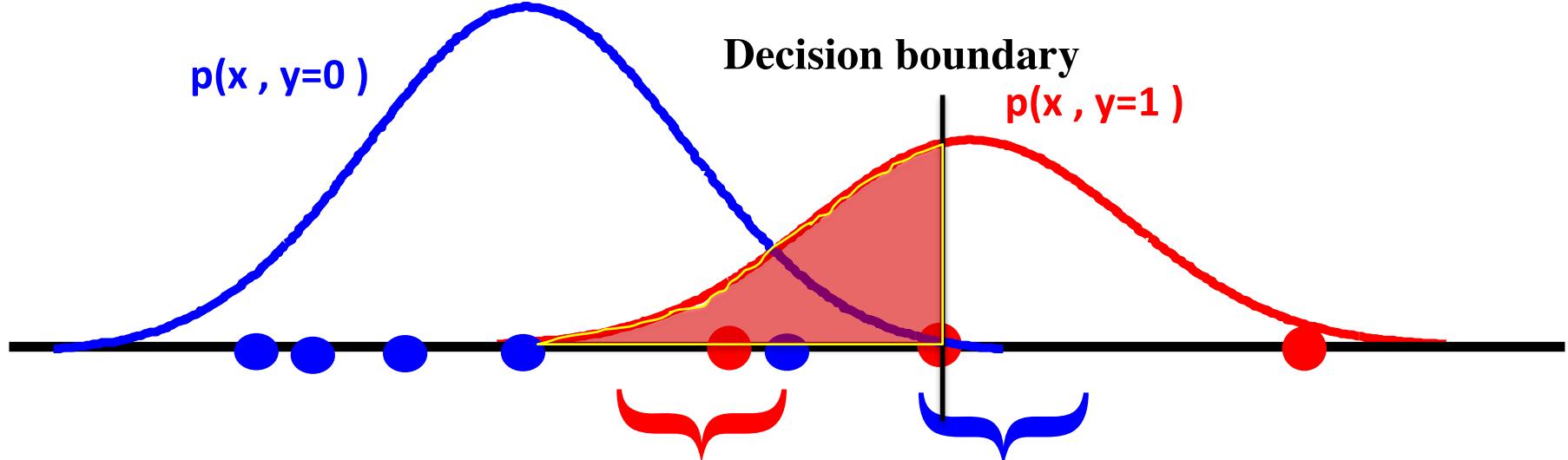
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A Bayes classifier

- Increase alpha: prefer class 0
- Spam detection

Add multiplier alpha:

$$\alpha p(y = 0, x) < p(y = 1, x)$$



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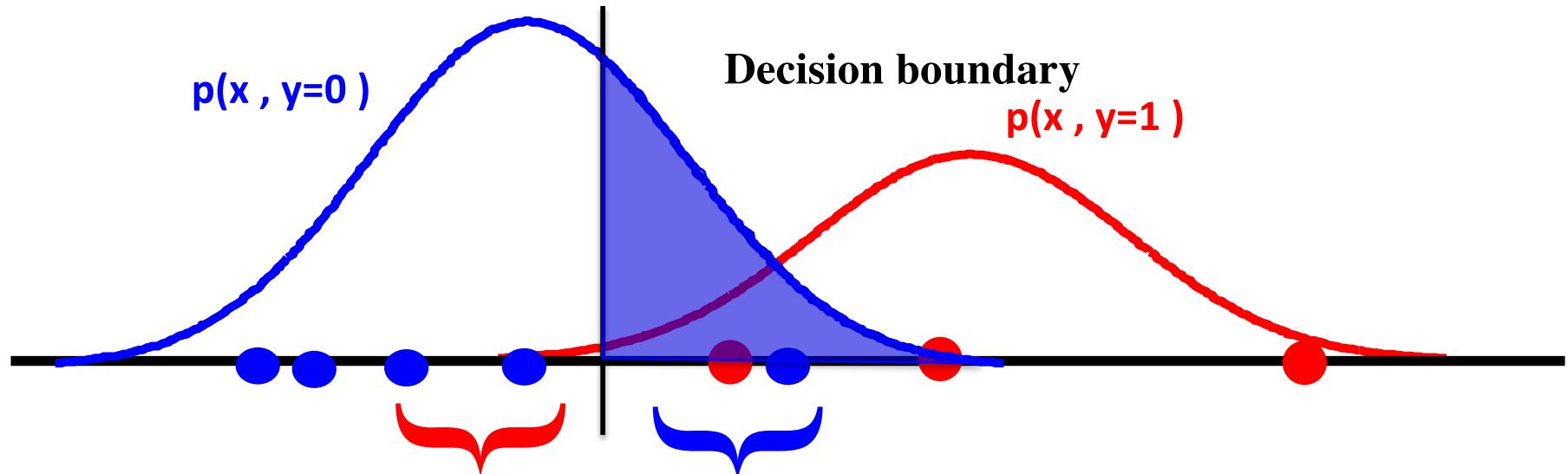
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- Decrease alpha: prefer class 1
- Cancer detection

Add multiplier alpha:

$$\alpha p(y = 0, x) < p(y = 1, x)$$



False positive rate: $(\# y=0, \hat{y}=1) / (\#y=0)$

False negative rate: $(\# y=1, \hat{y}=0) / (\#y=1)$

Measuring errors

- Confusion matrix
- Can extend to more classes

	Predict 0	Predict 1
Y=0	380	5
Y=1	338	3

- True positive rate: $\#(y=1, \hat{y}=1) / \#(y=1)$ -- “sensitivity”
- False negative rate: $\#(y=1, \hat{y}=0) / \#(y=1)$
- False positive rate: $\#(y=0, \hat{y}=1) / \#(y=0)$
- True negative rate: $\#(y=0, \hat{y}=0) / \#(y=0)$ -- “specificity”

Likelihood ratio tests

- Connection to classical, statistical decision theory:

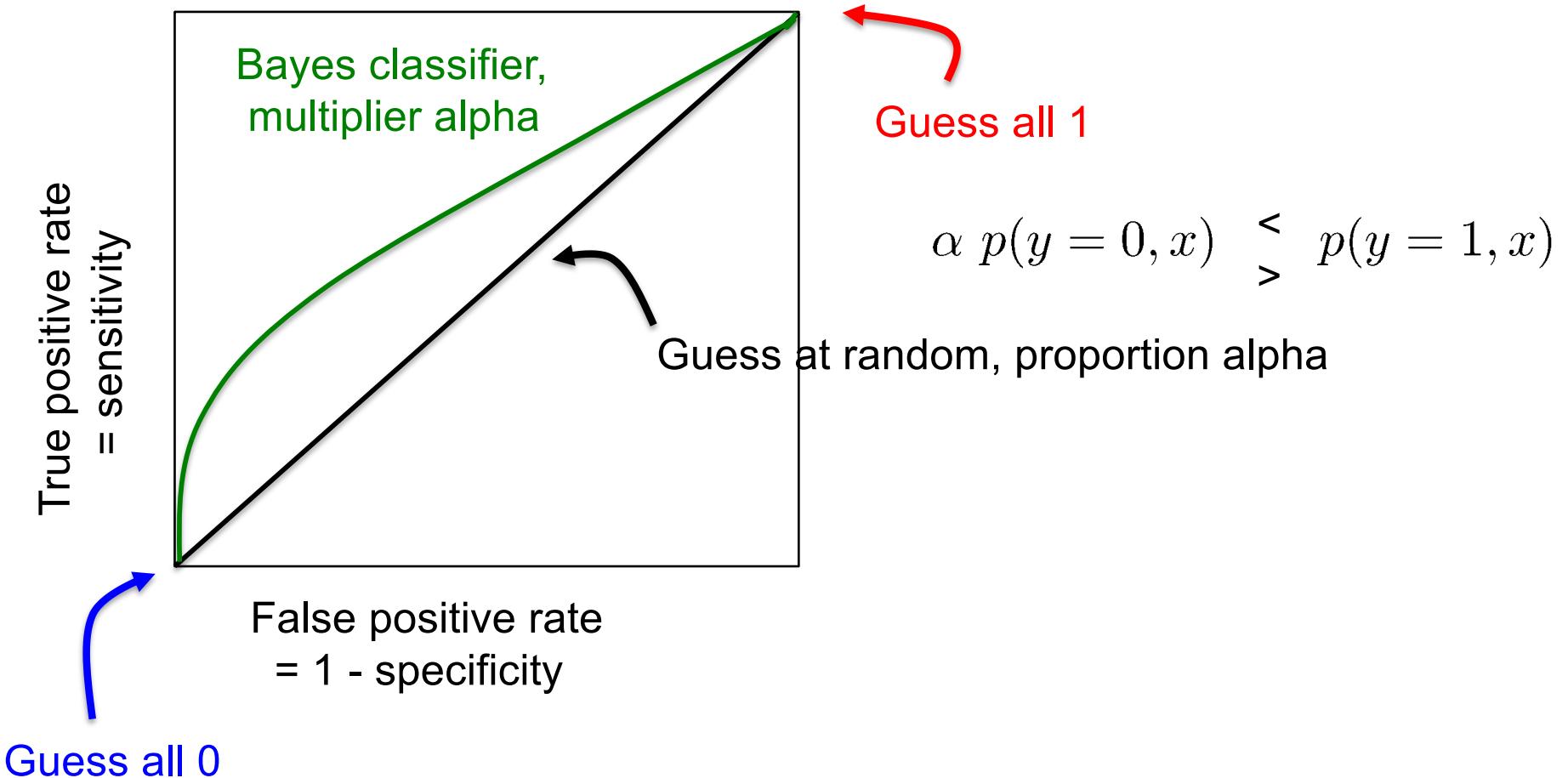
$$p(y = 0, x) \underset{>}{<} p(y = 1, x) \quad = \quad \log \frac{p(y = 0)}{p(y = 1)} \underset{>}{<} \log \frac{p(x|y = 1)}{p(x|y = 0)}$$

“log likelihood ratio”

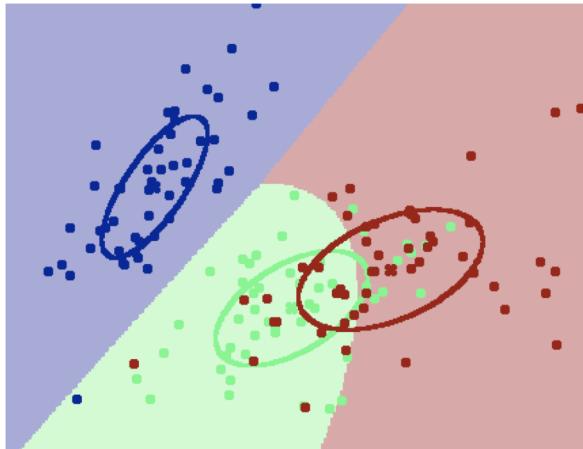
- Likelihood ratio: relative support for observation “x” under “alternative hypothesis” $y=1$, compared to “null hypothesis” $y=0$
- Can vary the decision threshold: $\gamma \underset{<}{>} \log \frac{p(x|y = 1)}{p(x|y = 0)}$
- Classical testing:
 - Choose gamma so that FPR is fixed (“p-value”)
 - Given that $y=0$ is true, what’s the probability we decide $y=1$?

ROC Curves

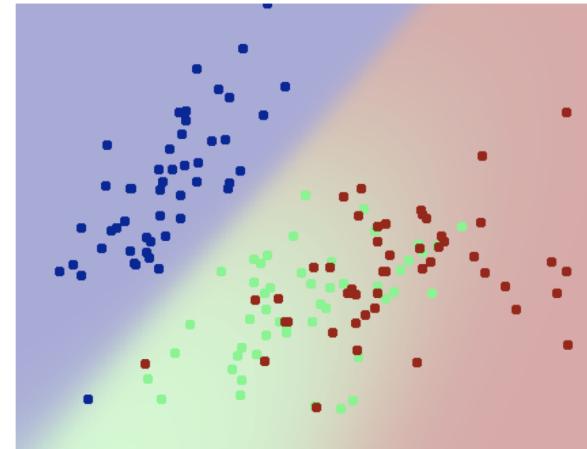
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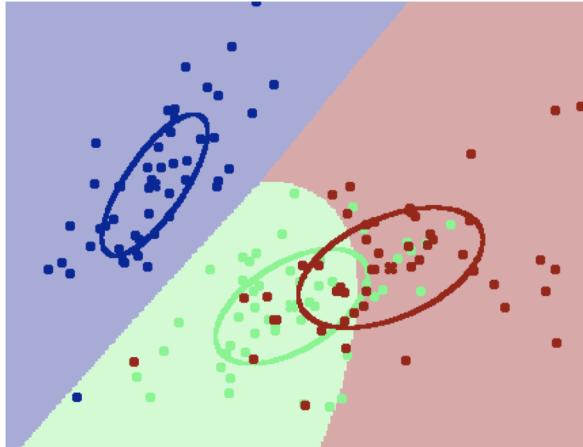
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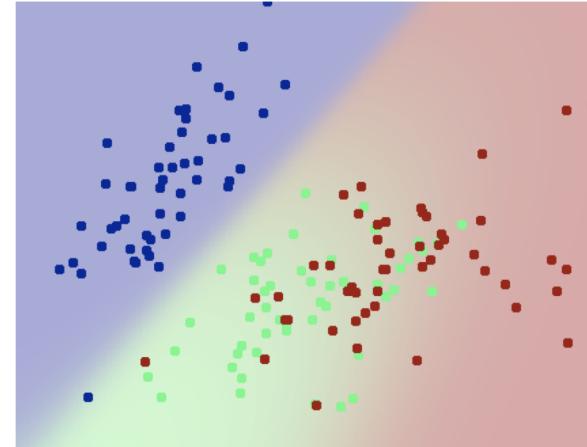
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- “Probabilistic” learning
 - Conditional models just explain y : $p(y|x)$
 - Generative models also explain x : $p(x,y)$
 - Often a component of unsupervised or semi-supervised learning
 - Bayes and Naïve Bayes classifiers are generative models

Probabilistic vs. Discriminative learning



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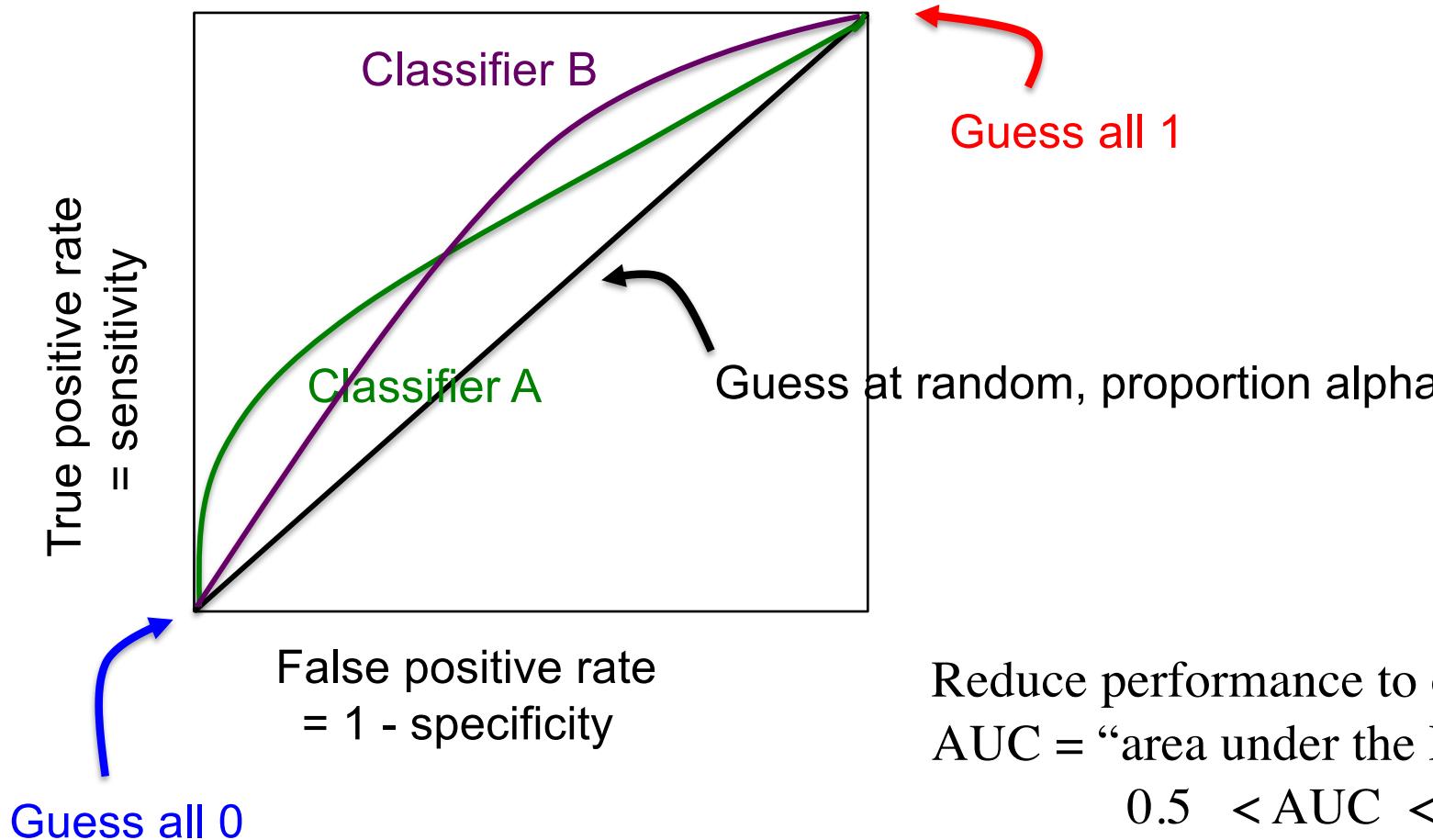
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- Can use ROC curves for discriminative models also:
 - Some notion of confidence, but doesn't correspond to a probability
 - In our code: “predictSoft” (vs. hard prediction, “predict”)

```
learner = gaussianBayesClassify(X,Y) # build a classifier  
Ysoft = predictSoft(learner, X)       # N x C matrix of confidences  
plotSoftClassify2D(learner,X,Y)      # shaded confidence plot
```

ROC Curves

- Characterize performance as we vary our confidence threshold?



Reduce performance to one number?
AUC = “area under the ROC curve”
 $0.5 < \text{AUC} < 1$

Machine Learning

Bayesian Classification

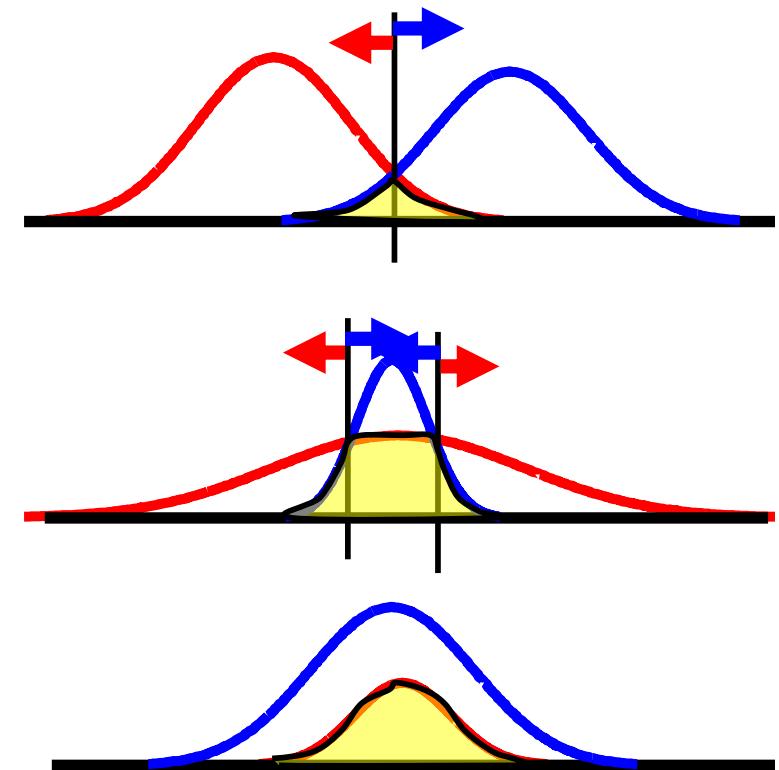
Naïve Bayes

Bayes Error Rates

Gaussian Bayes Classifiers

Gaussian models

- “Bayes optimal” decision
 - Choose most likely class
- Decision boundary
 - Places where probabilities equal
- What shape is the boundary?



Gaussian models

- Bayes optimal decision boundary
 - $p(y=0 | x) = p(y=1 | x)$
 - Transition point between $p(y=0|x) >/< p(y=1|x)$
- Assume Gaussian models with equal covariances

$$\mathcal{N}(\underline{x} ; \underline{\mu}, \Sigma) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2}} |\Sigma|^{-1/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (\underline{x} - \underline{\mu})^T \Sigma^{-1} (\underline{x} - \underline{\mu}) \right\}$$

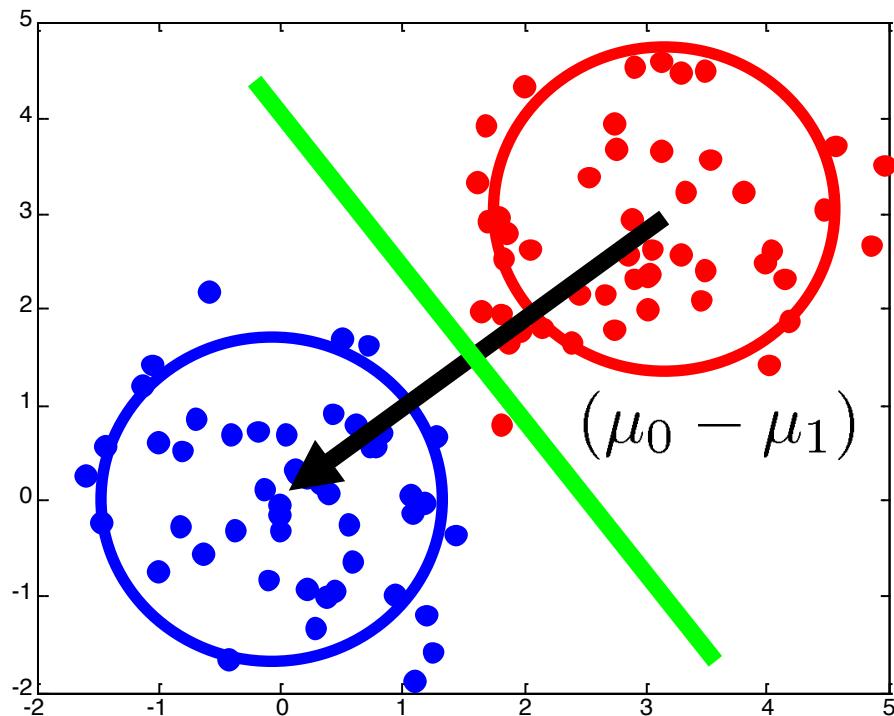
$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \log \frac{p(x|y=0)}{p(x|y=1)} \frac{p(y=0)}{p(y=1)} = \log \frac{p(y=0)}{p(y=1)} + \\ &\quad -.5(x\Sigma^{-1}x - 2\mu_0^T\Sigma^{-1}x + \mu_0^T\Sigma^{-1}\mu_0) \\ &\quad + .5(x\Sigma^{-1}x - 2\mu_1^T\Sigma^{-1}x + \mu_1^T\Sigma^{-1}\mu_1) \\ &= (\mu_0 - \mu_1)^T \Sigma^{-1} x + constants \end{aligned}$$

Gaussian example

- Spherical covariance: $\Sigma = \sigma^2 I$
- Decision rule

$$= (\mu_0 - \mu_1)^T \Sigma^{-1} x + \text{constants}$$

$$(\mu_0 - \mu_1)^T x < C$$

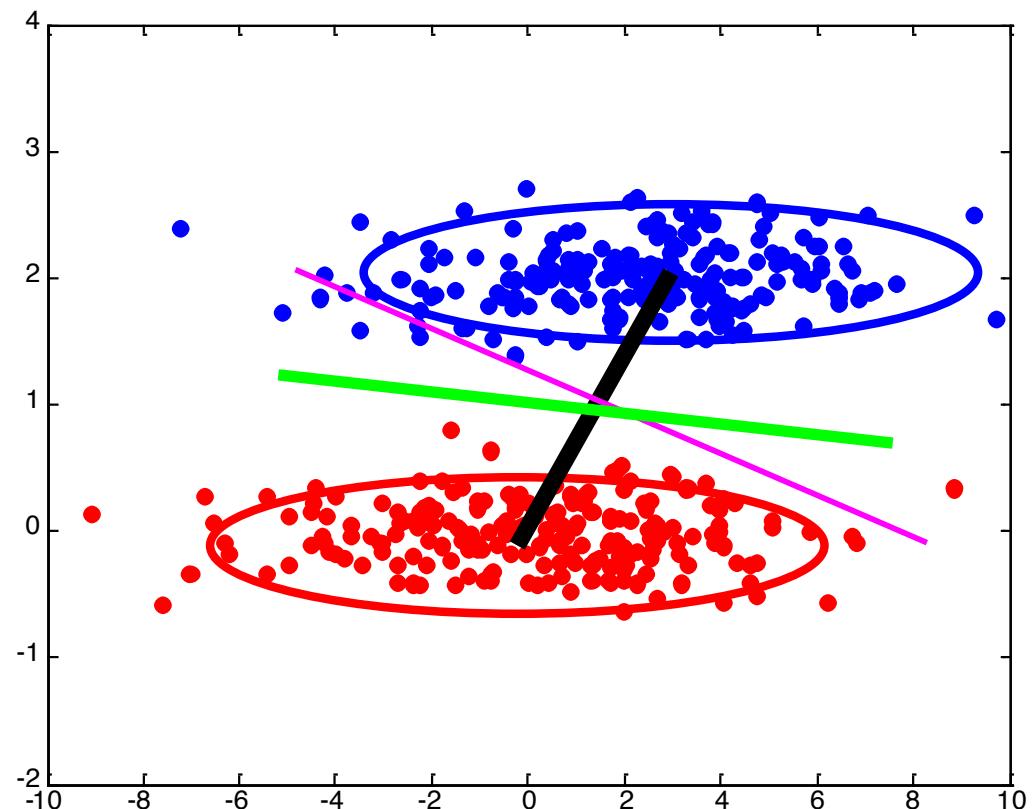


$$\begin{aligned} C = & .5(\mu_0^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu_0 \\ & - \mu_1^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu_1) \\ & - \log \frac{p(y=0)}{p(y=1)} \end{aligned}$$

Non-spherical Gaussian distributions

- Equal covariances => still linear decision rule
 - May be “modulated” by variance direction
 - Scales; rotates (if correlated)

Ex:
Variance
 $[3 \ 0]$
 $[0 \ .25]$



Class posterior probabilities

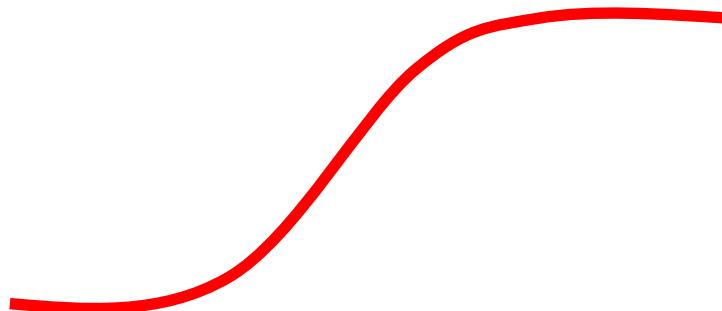
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- We can compute posterior using Bayes’ rule
 - $p(y=c | x) = p(x|y=c) p(y=c) / p(x)$
- Compute $p(x)$ using sum rule / law of total prob.
 - $p(x) = p(x|y=0) p(y=0) + p(x|y=1)p(y=1)$

Class posterior probabilities

- Consider comparing two classes
 - $p(x | y=0) * p(y=0)$ vs $p(x | y=1) * p(y=1)$
 - Write probability of each class as
 - $$\begin{aligned} p(y=0 | x) &= p(y=0, x) / p(x) \\ &= p(y=0, x) / (p(y=0,x) + p(y=1,x)) \\ &= 1 / (1 + \exp(-a)) \quad (***) \end{aligned}$$
 - $a = \log [p(x|y=0) p(y=0) / p(x|y=1) p(y=1)]$
 - (**) called the logistic function, or logistic sigmoid.



Gaussian models

- Return to Gaussian models with equal covariances

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(**)

Now we also know that the probability of each class is given by:

$$p(y=0 | x) = \text{Logistic}(**) = \text{Logistic}(a^T x + b)$$

We'll see this form again soon...