

Probabilistic Generative Models

Classification so far

First solve the inference problem of determining the posterior class probabilities $p(\mathcal{C}_k|\mathbf{x})$, and then subsequently use decision theory to assign each new \mathbf{x} to one of the classes. Approaches that model the posterior probabilities directly are called *discriminative models*.

Find a function $f(\mathbf{x})$, called a discriminant function, which maps each input \mathbf{x} directly onto a class label. For instance, in the case of two-class problems, $f(\cdot)$ might be binary valued and such that $f = 0$ represents class \mathcal{C}_1 and $f = 1$ represents class \mathcal{C}_2 . In this case, probabilities play no role.

Generative classifiers

First solve the inference problem of determining the class-conditional densities $p(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{C}_k)$ for each class \mathcal{C}_k individually. Also separately infer the prior class probabilities $p(\mathcal{C}_k)$. Then use Bayes' theorem in the form

$$p(\mathcal{C}_k|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{C}_k)p(\mathcal{C}_k)}{p(\mathbf{x})}$$

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Approaches that explicitly or implicitly model the distribution of inputs as well as outputs are known as **generative models**, because by sampling from them it is possible to generate synthetic data points in the input space.

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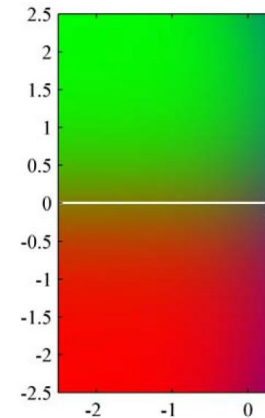
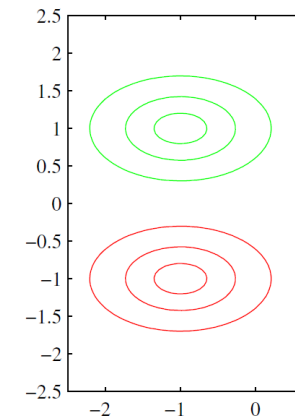
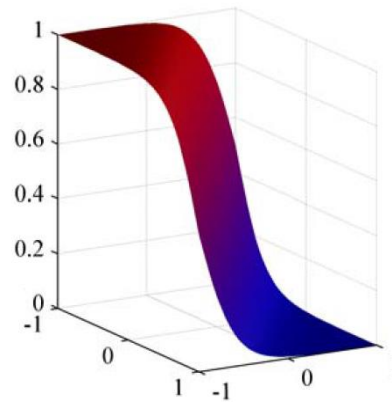
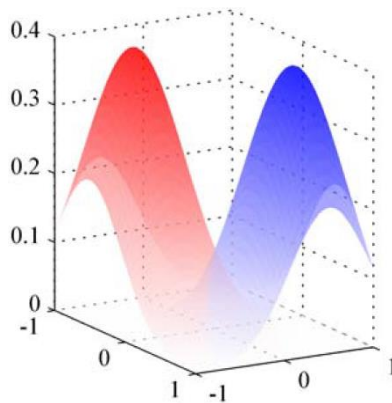
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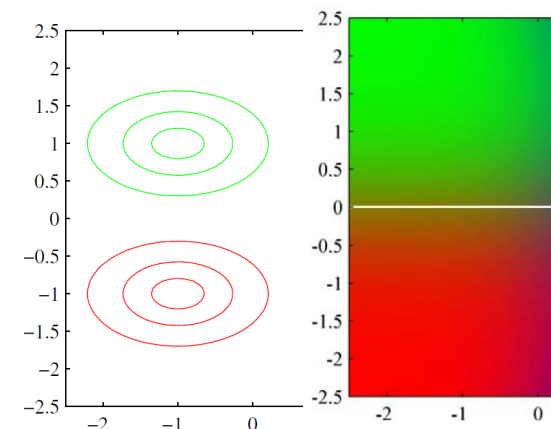
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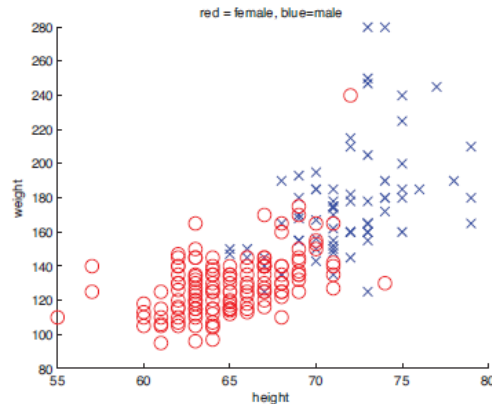
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model the **class-conditional densities** $p(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{C}_k)$, as well as the **class priors** $p(\mathcal{C}_k)$

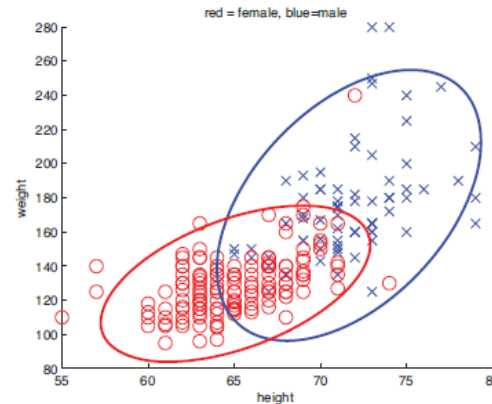
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class-conditional densities $p(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{C})$

$$p(\mathbf{x}|y = c, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}_c, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_c)$$



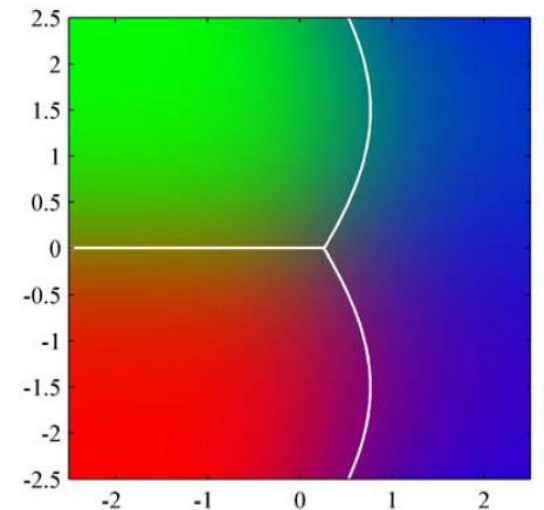
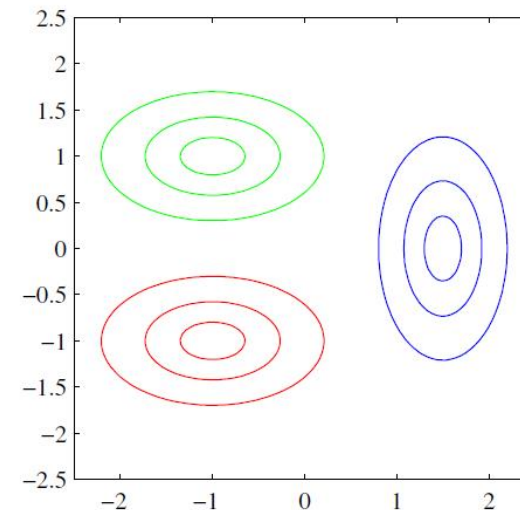
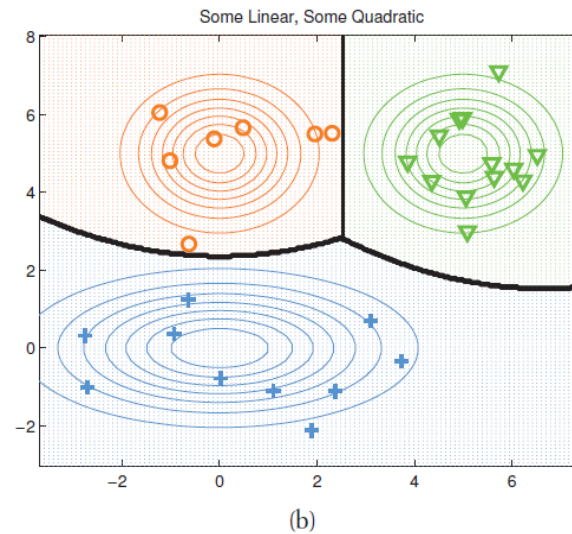
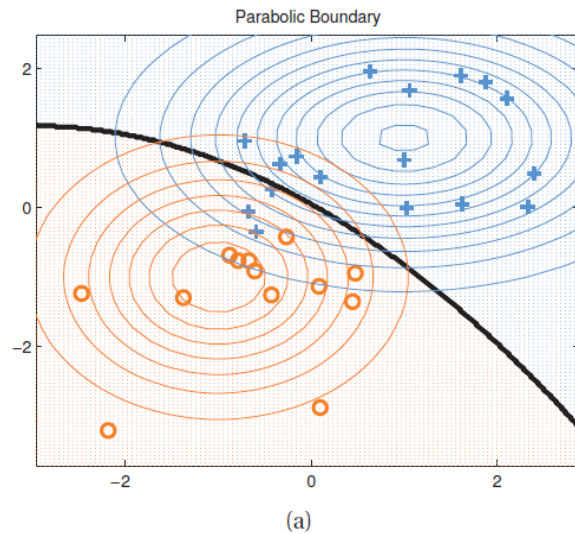
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Quadratic discriminant analysis

$$p(y = c | \mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{\pi_c |2\pi \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_c|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_c)^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_c^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_c) \right]}{\sum_{c'} \pi_{c'} |2\pi \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{c'}|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{c'})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{c'}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{c'}) \right]}$$



Linear Discriminant Analysis

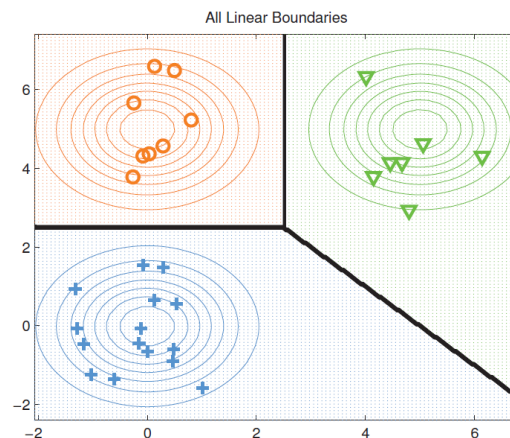
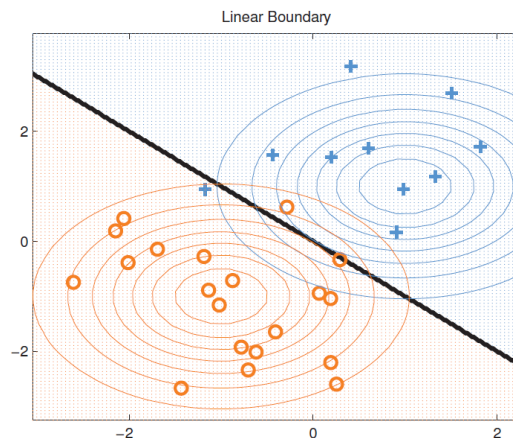
- covariance matrices are **tied** or **shared** across classes, $\Sigma_c = \Sigma$.

$$\begin{aligned} p(y = c | \mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) &\propto \pi_c \exp \left[\boldsymbol{\mu}_c^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbf{x} - \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbf{x} - \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\mu}_c^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_c \right] \\ &= \exp \left[\boldsymbol{\mu}_c^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbf{x} - \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\mu}_c^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_c + \log \pi_c \right] \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbf{x} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$p(y = c | \mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{e^{\boldsymbol{\beta}_c^T \mathbf{x} + \gamma_c}}{\sum_{c'} e^{\boldsymbol{\beta}_{c'}^T \mathbf{x} + \gamma_{c'}}}$$

$$\gamma_c = -\frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\mu}_c^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_c + \log \pi_c$$

$$\boldsymbol{\beta}_c = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_c$$



Generative Models: Parameter estimation

- Models joint probability of observing input and output

$$p(\mathbf{x}_n, \mathcal{C}_1) = p(\mathcal{C}_1)p(\mathbf{x}_n|\mathcal{C}_1) = \pi\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n|\boldsymbol{\mu}_1, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}).$$

$$p(\mathbf{x}_n, \mathcal{C}_2) = p(\mathcal{C}_2)p(\mathbf{x}_n|\mathcal{C}_2) = (1 - \pi)\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n|\boldsymbol{\mu}_2, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}).$$

$$p(\mathbf{t}|\pi, \boldsymbol{\mu}_1, \boldsymbol{\mu}_2, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \prod_{n=1}^N [\pi\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n|\boldsymbol{\mu}_1, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})]^{t_n} [(1 - \pi)\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n|\boldsymbol{\mu}_2, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})]^{1-t_n}$$

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Use **Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE)** to estimate parameters

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$$\hat{\pi}_c = \frac{N_c}{N}, \quad \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_c = \frac{1}{N_c} \sum_{i:y_i=c} \mathbf{x}_i, \quad \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_c = \frac{1}{N_c} \sum_{i:y_i=c} (\mathbf{x}_i - \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_c)(\mathbf{x}_i - \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_c)^T$$

- MLE can badly overfit in high dimensions.
- Use a diagonal covariance matrix for each class, which assumes the features are conditionally independent; this is equivalent to using a **naive Bayes classifier**
- Other approaches : Use **MAP** and **Bayesian approaches**

Naïve Bayes Classifier

- Features are discrete

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- class-conditional density $p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y})$
 - Number of parameters ?

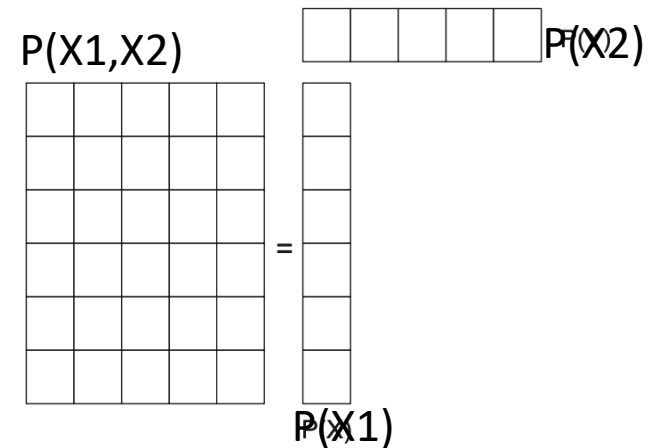
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- “naive” since we do not expect the features to be independent, but results in classifiers that work well
 - model is quite simple and hence it is relatively immune to overfitting, as a lower number of parameters need to be estimated due to independence assumption.
- Class-conditional density $p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y})$

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y} = c, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \prod_{j=1}^D p(x_j|\mathbf{y} = c, \boldsymbol{\theta}_{jc})$$



Naïve Bayes Classifier

- Features are conditionally independent given the class label.

$$p(\mathbf{x}|y = c, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \prod_{j=1}^D p(x_j|y = c, \boldsymbol{\theta}_{jc})$$

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- In the case of real-valued features, we can use the Gaussian distribution: $p(\mathbf{x}|y = c, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \prod_{j=1}^D \mathcal{N}(x_j|\mu_{jc}, \sigma_{jc}^2)$, where μ_{jc} is the mean of feature j in objects of class c , and σ_{jc}^2 is its variance.
- In the case of binary features, $x_j \in \{0, 1\}$, we can use the Bernoulli distribution: $p(\mathbf{x}|y = c, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \prod_{j=1}^D \text{Ber}(x_j|\mu_{jc})$, where μ_{jc} is the probability that feature j occurs in class c .
- In the case of categorical features, $x_j \in \{1, \dots, K\}$, we can model use the multinoulli distribution: $p(\mathbf{x}|y = c, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \prod_{j=1}^D \text{Cat}(x_j|\boldsymbol{\mu}_{jc})$, where $\boldsymbol{\mu}_{jc}$ is a histogram over the K possible values for x_j in class c .

Training NBC : ML Estimation

$$p(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i | \boldsymbol{\theta}) = p(y_i | \boldsymbol{\pi}) \prod_j p(x_{ij} | \boldsymbol{\theta}_j) = \prod_c \pi_c^{\mathbb{I}(y_i=c)} \prod_j \prod_c p(x_{ij} | \boldsymbol{\theta}_{jc})^{\mathbb{I}(y_i=c)}$$

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Bernoulli class conditional likelihood

$$\hat{\pi}_c = \frac{N_c}{N} \quad \hat{\theta}_{jc} = \frac{N_{jc}}{N_c}$$

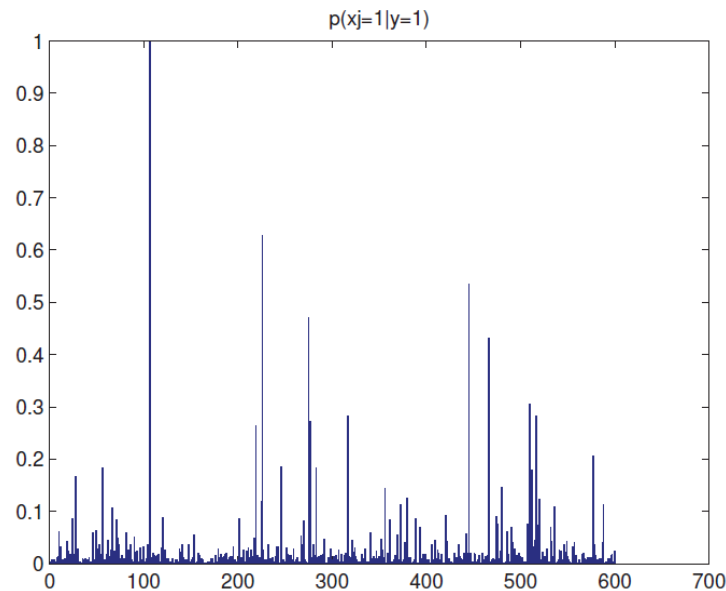
The method is easily generalized to handle features of mixed type.

NBC : Algorithm

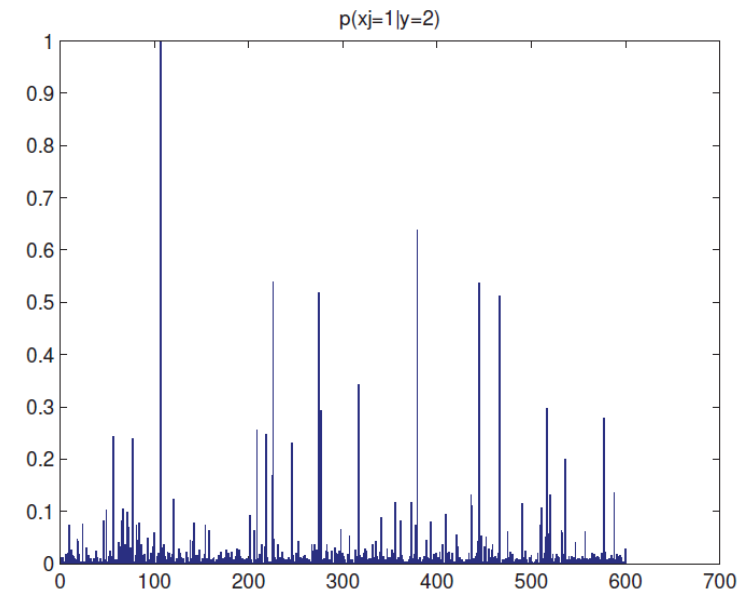
Algorithm 3.1: Fitting a naive Bayes classifier to binary features

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1  $N_c = 0, N_{jc} = 0;$ 
2 for  $i = 1 : N$  do
3    $c = y_i$  // Class label of  $i$ 'th example;
4    $N_c := N_c + 1;$ 
5   for  $j = 1 : D$  do
6     if  $x_{ij} = 1$  then
7        $N_{jc} := N_{jc} + 1$ 
8  $\hat{\pi}_c = \frac{N_c}{N}, \hat{\theta}_{jc} = \frac{N_{jc}}{N}$ 
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$O(ND)$ time.



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Spam Classification example

HAM examples

- d1: {good}
- d2: {very good}

$$P(y=\text{ham}) = 2/5$$

SPAM examples

- d3: {bad}
- d4: {very bad}
- d5: {very bad very bad}

$$p(y=\text{spam}) = 3/5$$

- Test data: d6: {good bad very bad} - **SPAM OR HAM??**
- Vocabulary : $V = \{\text{good, bad, very}\}$
- Use Naive Bayes classifier:
- $P(\text{ham} \mid d6) = \prod P(\text{word} \mid y=\text{ham}) P(y=\text{ham})$
 $= P(\text{good} \mid \text{ham}) * P(\text{bad} \mid \text{ham}) * P(\text{very} \mid \text{ham})$

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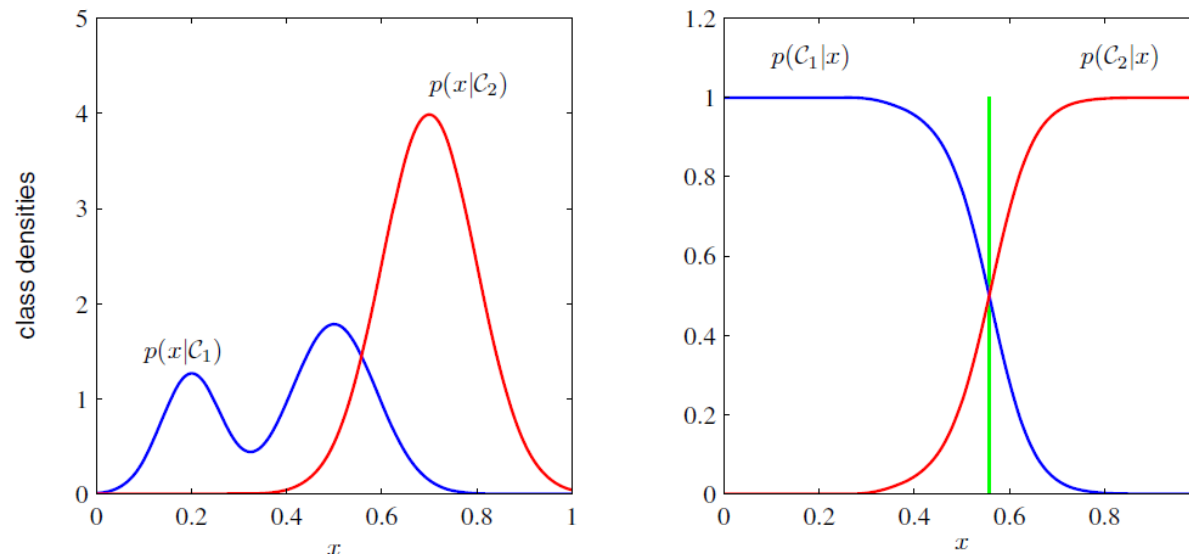
Soln : Bayesian Naïve Bayes Classifiers!

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- Most demanding because it involves finding the joint distribution over both \mathbf{x} and C_k . For many applications, \mathbf{x} will have high dimensionality, and consequently we may need a large training set. if we only wish to make classification decisions, then it can be wasteful of computational resources but can be useful for detecting **outliers or novel classes**.



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- **Easy to adapt to new data** : Use posterior probabilities as prior
- **Multi-Modal Data** : combining multiple modalities and domains

$$p(\mathbf{x}_I, \mathbf{x}_B|C_k) = p(\mathbf{x}_I|C_k)p(\mathbf{x}_B|C_k).$$

- **Easy to fit?** very easy to fit generative classifiers. we can fit a naive Bayes model and an LDA model by simple counting and averaging. logistic regression requires solving a convex optimization problem which is much slower.
- **Fit classes separately?** In a generative classifier, we estimate the parameters of each class conditional density independently, so we do not have to retrain the model when we add more classes.
- **Well-calibrated probabilities?** Some generative models, such as naive Bayes, make strong independence assumptions which are often not valid
- Generative models can easily handle unlabelled data and missing features

Decision Theory

- Inference stage : Learning joint probability distribution $p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{t})$
- Decision stage : Specific prediction for the value of \mathbf{t}

$$p(\mathcal{C}_k|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{C}_k)p(\mathcal{C}_k)}{p(\mathbf{x})}.$$

- If our aim is to minimize the chance of assigning \mathbf{x} to the wrong class, then we would choose the class having the higher posterior probability
- need a rule that assigns each value of \mathbf{x} to one of the available classes,
- divide the input space into regions \mathcal{R}_k called *decision regions* -> *decision boundaries* or *decision surfaces*.

$$\begin{aligned} p(\text{mistake}) &= p(\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{R}_1, \mathcal{C}_2) + p(\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{R}_2, \mathcal{C}_1) \\ &= \int_{\mathcal{R}_1} p(\mathbf{x}, \mathcal{C}_2) d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\mathcal{R}_2} p(\mathbf{x}, \mathcal{C}_1) d\mathbf{x}. \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} p(\text{correct}) &= \sum_{k=1}^K p(\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{R}_k, C_k) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^K \int_{\mathcal{R}_k} p(\mathbf{x}, C_k) d\mathbf{x} \end{aligned}$$

$$p(\mathbf{x}, C_k) = p(C_k|\mathbf{x})p(\mathbf{x}).$$

