

Foundations of Machine Learning CentraleSupélec — Fall 2016

4. Bayesian decision theory

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Practical matters...

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- **Lecture handouts**

Learning objectives

After this lecture, you should be able to

- **Apply Bayes rule** for simple inference and decision problems;
- Explain the connection between **Bayes decision rule**, **empirical risk minimization**, **maximum a priori** and **maximum likelihood**;
- Use a graph to express **conditional independence** among random variables;
- Apply the **Naive Bayes** algorithm.

Let's start by tossing coins...

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- What's a good model for the probability distribution P ?

E.g: a complex physical function of the composition of the coin, the force that is applied to it, initial conditions, etc.

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How can we achieve this?

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- **What's the prediction rule for a new toss?**

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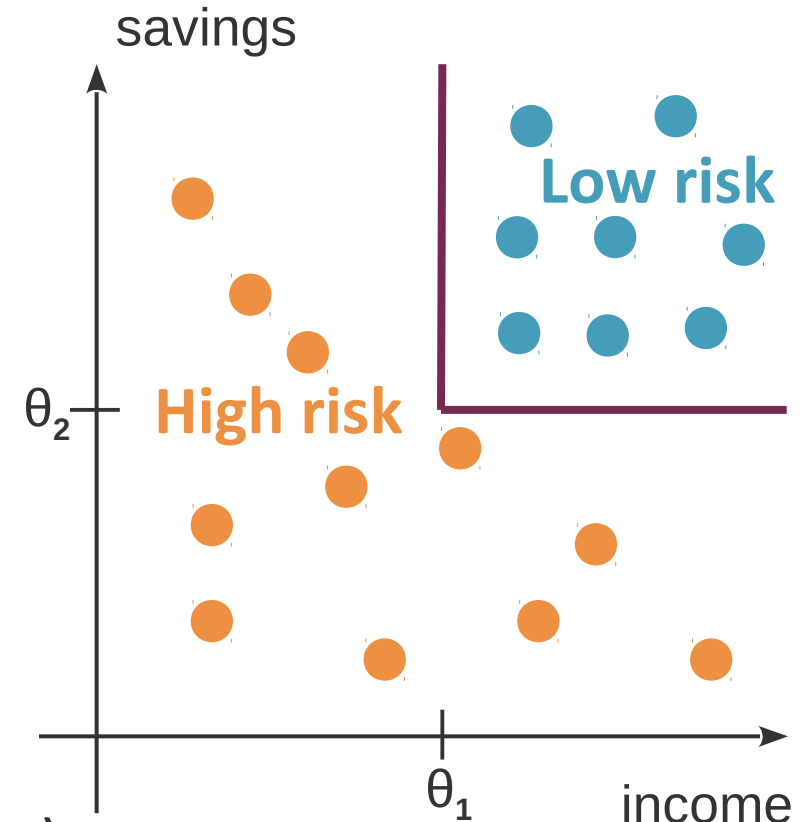
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- **Prediction** of next toss:

heads if $p_0 > 0.5$, tails otherwise

Classification

- Credit scoring:
 - Input = income (x_1), savings (x_2)
 - Output = {low-risk, high-risk}
- **Prediction:**
 - $C = 1$ if $P(C=1 | x_1, x_2) > 0.5$
 $C = 0$ otherwise
or
 - $C = 1$ if $P(C=1 | x_1, x_2) > P(C=0 | x_1, x_2)$
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Bayes rule

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Bayes rule

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)}$$

Example: rare disease testing

- test is correct 99% of the time
- disease prevalence = 1 out of 10,000

What is the probability that a patient that tested positive actually has the disease?

99% ?

90% ?

10% ?

1% ?

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Bayes rule

The diagram shows the Bayes' rule formula with four labels and arrows pointing to specific parts of the equation:

- prior** points to $P(C = c)$
- likelihood** points to $p(\mathbf{x} | C = c)$
- posterior** points to $P(C = c | \mathbf{x})$
- evidence** points to $p(\mathbf{x})$

$$P(C = c | \mathbf{x}) = \frac{P(C = c)p(\mathbf{x} | C = c)}{p(\mathbf{x})}$$

$$P(C = 0) + P(C = 1) = 1$$
$$P(C = 0 | \mathbf{x}) + P(C = 1 | \mathbf{x}) = 1$$

evidence

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = p(\mathbf{x} | C = 1)P(C = 1) + p(\mathbf{x} | C = 0)P(C = 0)$$

Bayes' decision rule:

$$C = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } P(C = 1 | \mathbf{x}) > P(C = 0 | \mathbf{x}) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Maximum A Posteriori criterion

- **MAP decision rule:**

- pick the hypothesis that is most probable

- i.e. **maximize the posterior** $P(C|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{P(C)p(\mathbf{x}|C)}{p(\mathbf{x})}$

$$\Lambda_{\text{MAP}}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{P(C = 1|\mathbf{x})}{P(C = 0|\mathbf{x})}$$

- **Decision rule:**

If $\Lambda_{\text{MAP}}(\mathbf{x}) > 1$

then choose $C=1$

else choose $C=0$.

$$C = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } P(C = 1|\mathbf{x}) > P(C = 0|\mathbf{x}) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Likelihood ratio test (LRT)

$$\Lambda_{\text{MAP}}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{P(C = 1|\mathbf{x})}{P(C = 0|\mathbf{x})} \quad \Lambda_{\text{MAP}}(\mathbf{x}) >? 1 \quad P(C|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{P(C)p(\mathbf{x}|C)}{p(\mathbf{x})}$$

$$\Lambda_{\text{MAP}}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{P(C = 1)p(\mathbf{x}|C = 1)p(\mathbf{x})}{P(C = 0)p(\mathbf{x}|C = 0)p(\mathbf{x})}$$

$p(\mathbf{x})$ does not affect the decision rule.

- **Likelihood ratio test:**

test whether the **likelihood ratio** $\Lambda(\mathbf{x})$ is larger than $\frac{P(C = 0)}{P(C = 1)}$

$$\Lambda(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{x}|C = 1)}{p(\mathbf{x}|C = 0)}$$

decision rule:

$$\Lambda(\mathbf{x}) >? \frac{P(C = 0)}{P(C = 1)}$$

Example: LRT decision rule

$$\Lambda(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{x}|C = 1)}{p(\mathbf{x}|C = 0)} \stackrel{?}{>} \frac{P(C = 0)}{P(C = 1)}$$

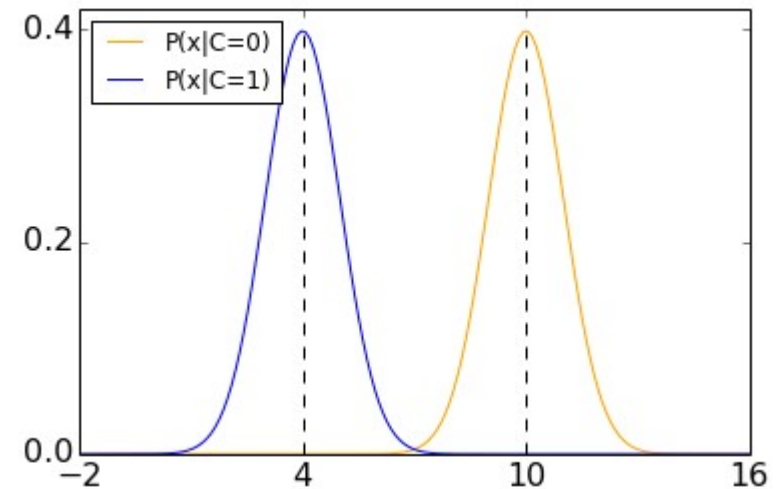
Assuming the likelihoods below and equal priors, derive a decision rule based on the LRT.

$$p(x|C = 1) \sim \mathcal{N}(4, 1)$$

$$p(x|C = 0) \sim \mathcal{N}(10, 1)$$

$$Z \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2) :$$

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-(z-\mu)^2/(2\sigma^2)}$$



- **Likelihood ratio:**

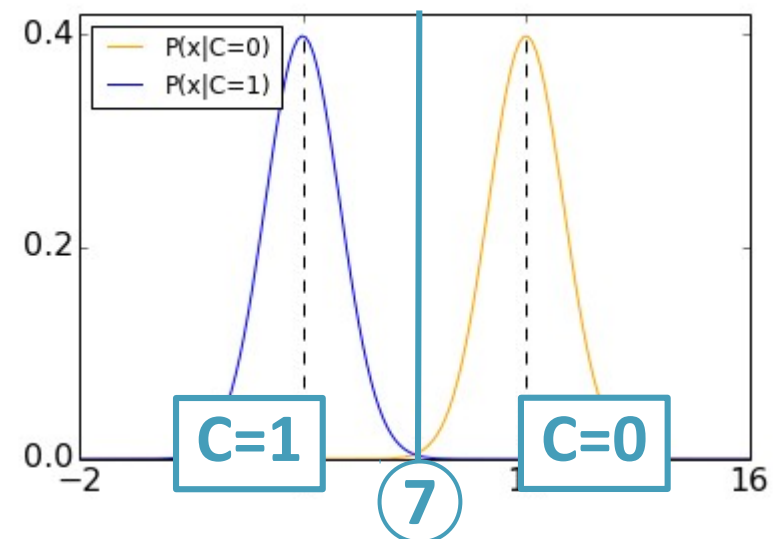
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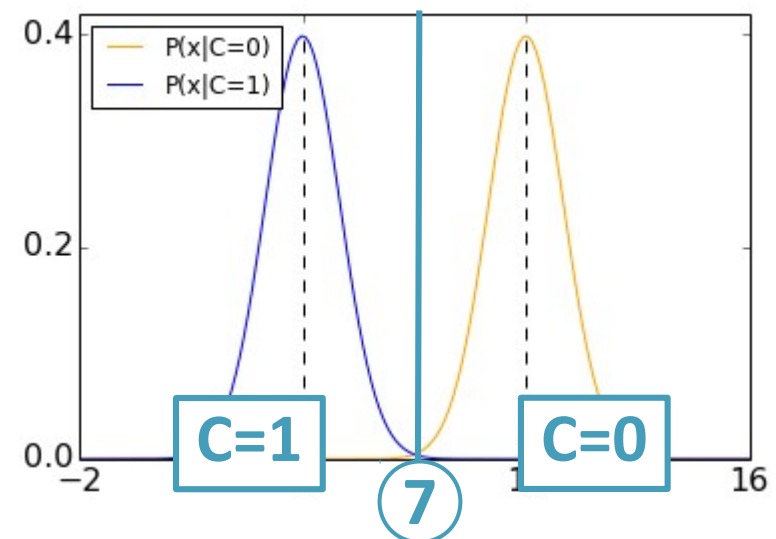
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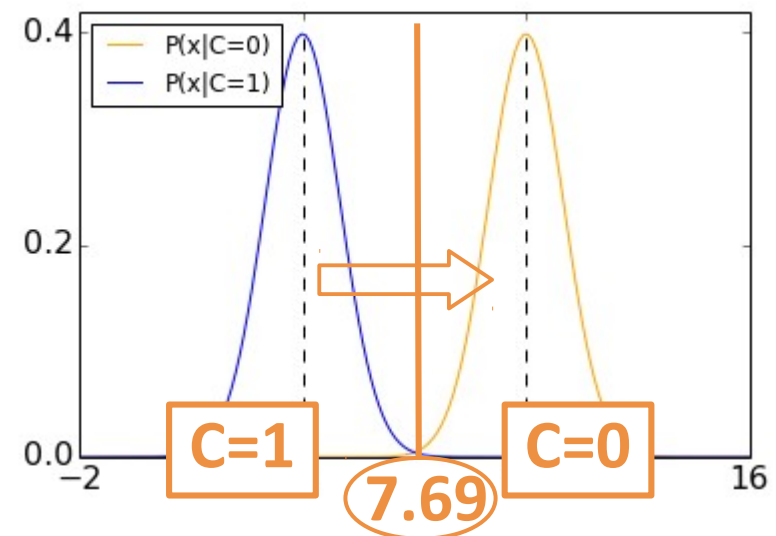
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$$x < 7 - \log(1/2) \approx 7.69$$

$C=1$ is more likely.



Bayes rule for $K > 2$

- Bayes rule:

$$P(C_k|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{x}|C_k)P(C_k)}{\sum_{k=1}^K p(\mathbf{x}|C_k)P(C_k)}$$

- $P(C_k) \geq 0$ and $P(C_1) + P(C_2) + \dots + P(C_K) = 1$
- What is the decision rule?

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- **Decision:**

Choose C_k if $P(C_k | \mathbf{x}) = \max_k P(C_k | \mathbf{x})$

Risk minimization

Losses and risks

- So far we've assumed all errors were **equally costly**.

But misclassifying a cancer sufferer as a healthy patient is much more problematic than the other way around.

- **Action α_k** : assigning class C_k
- **Loss**: quantify the cost λ_{kl} of taking action α_k when the true class is C_l

- **Expected risk**:

$$R(\alpha_k | \mathbf{x}) = \sum_{l=1}^K \lambda_{lk} P(C_l | \mathbf{x})$$

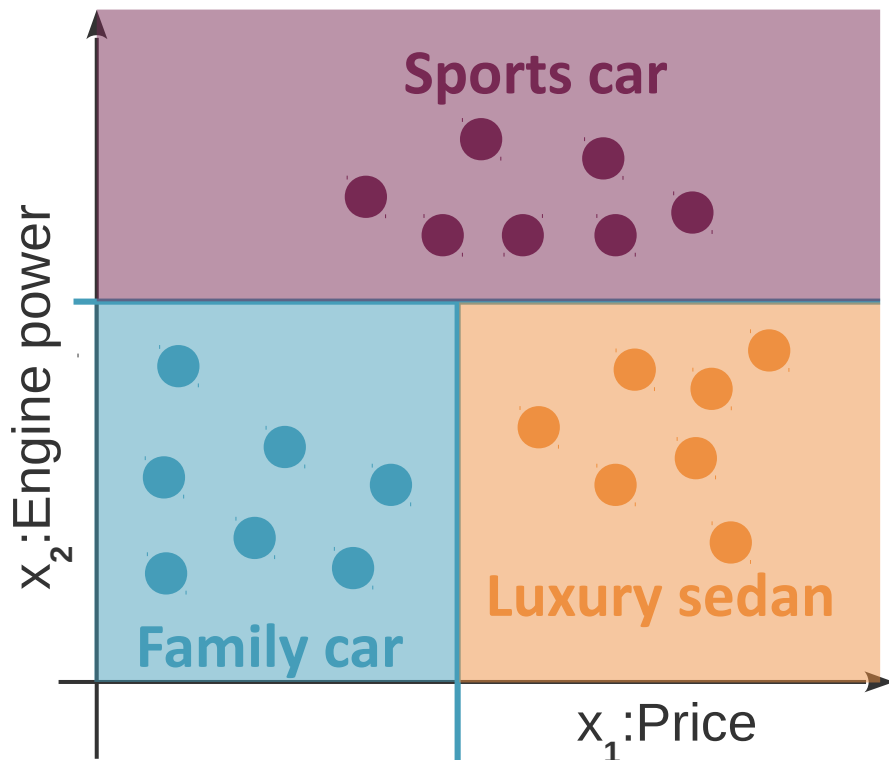
- **Decision (Bayes Classifier)**: $\arg \min_k R(\alpha_k | \mathbf{x})$

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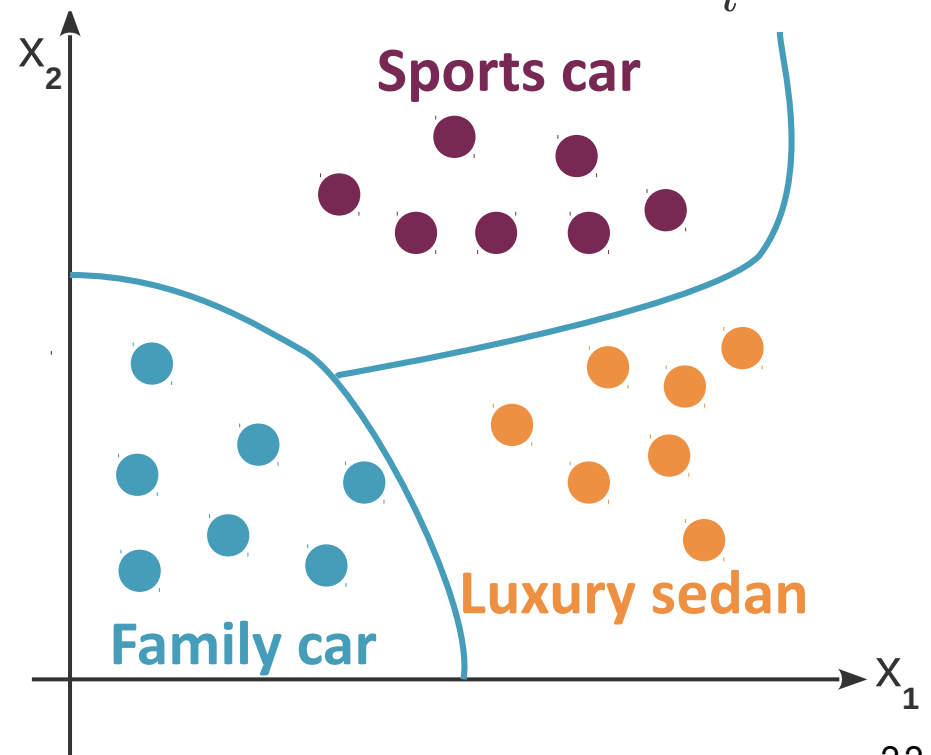
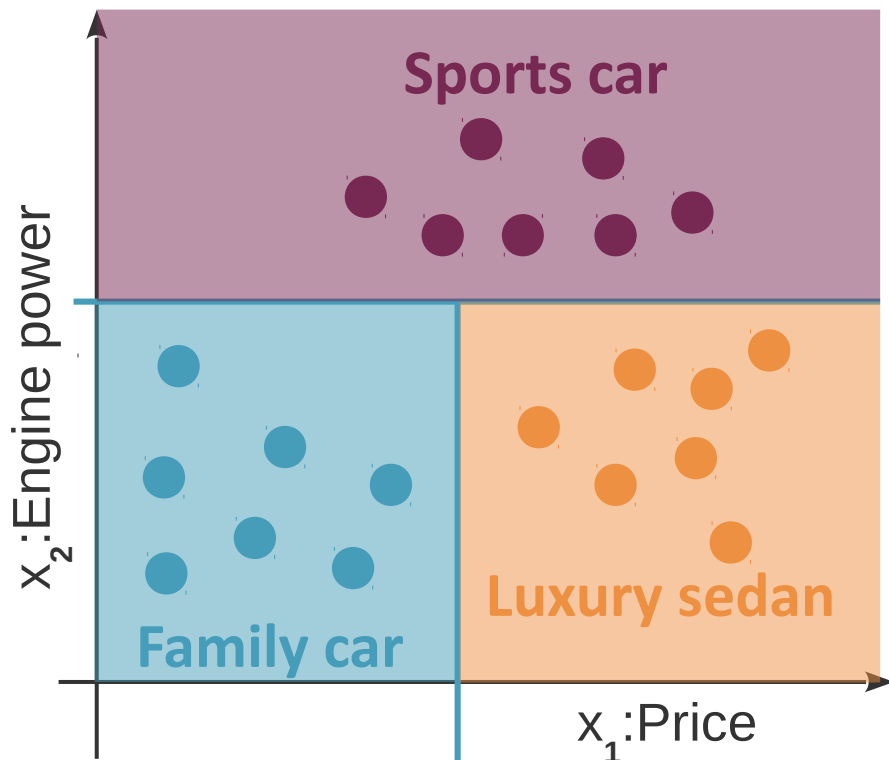
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- This is also a LRT.

For 2 classes, let us show that Bayes decision rule is equivalent to:

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0/1 Loss

- All misclassifications are **equally costly**.
- $\lambda_{kl} = 0$ if $k=l$ and 1 otherwise

$$\begin{aligned} R(\alpha_k | \mathbf{x}) &= \sum_{l=1}^K \lambda_{lk} P(C_l | \mathbf{x}) \\ &= \sum_{l \neq k} P(C_l | \mathbf{x}) \\ &= 1 - P(C_k | \mathbf{x}) \end{aligned}$$

- **Minimizing the risk:**
 - choose the most probable class (MAP)
 - this is equivalent to the Bayes decision rule.

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Reject

- Add an artificial “reject” class ($K+1$) for **refusing to take a decision**.

E.g. Zip code detection.

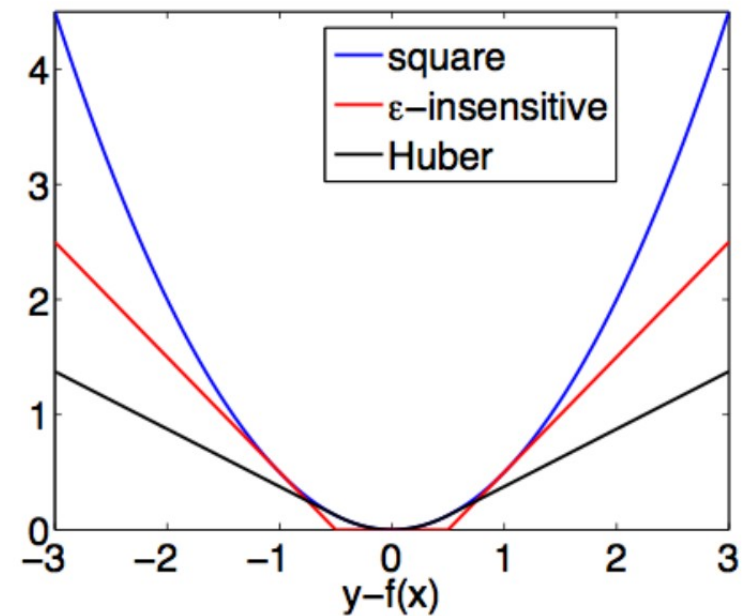
- $\lambda_{kl} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } k = l \\ \lambda & \text{if } k = K+1 \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
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 $R(\alpha_{K+1} | \mathbf{x}) = \sum_{l=1}^K \lambda P(C_l | \mathbf{x}) = \lambda$
- **Decision:**

C_k if $P(C_k | \mathbf{x}) > P(C_l | \mathbf{x})$ for all $l \neq k$ and $P(C_k | \mathbf{x}) > 1 - \lambda$
else reject.

Only meaningful if $0 < \lambda < 1$

Losses for regression

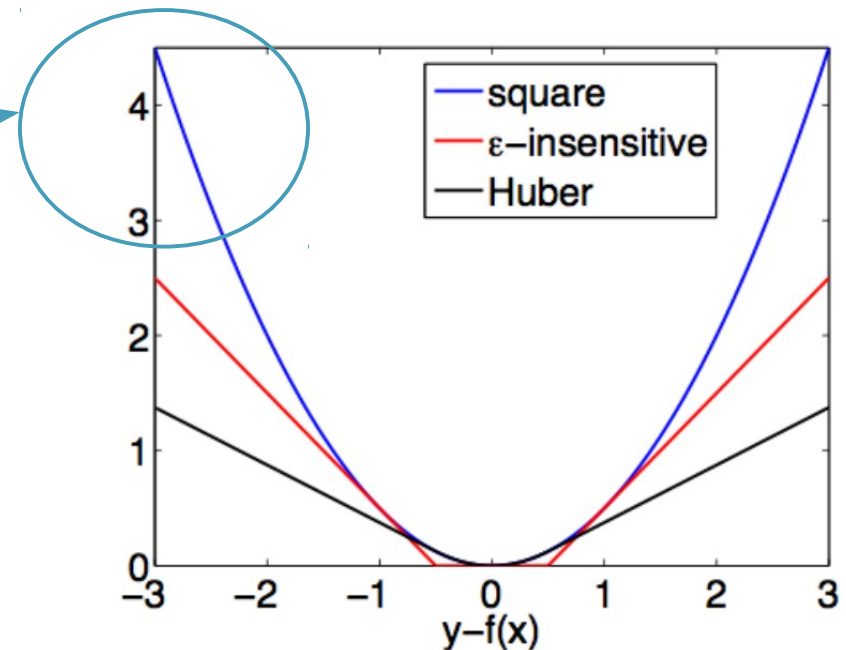
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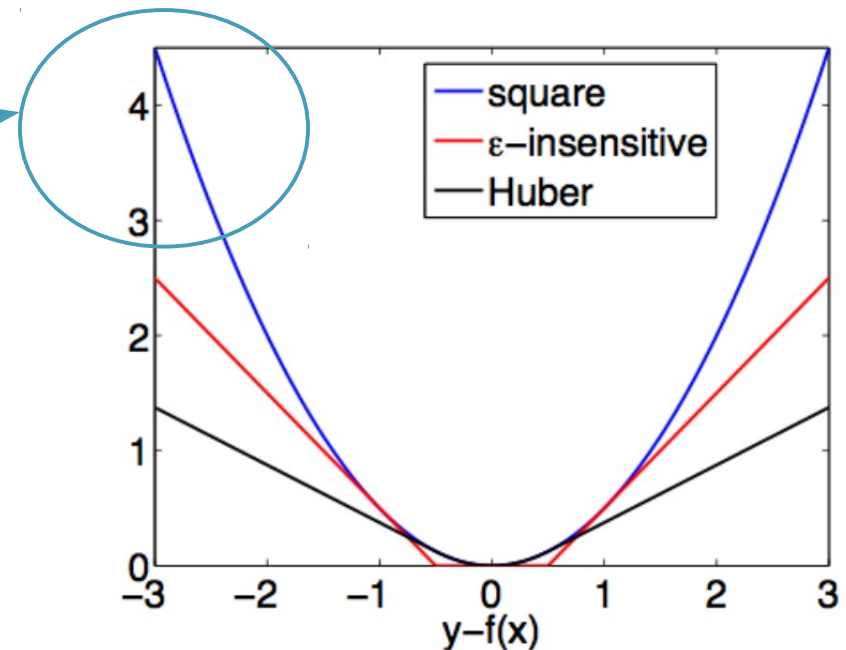
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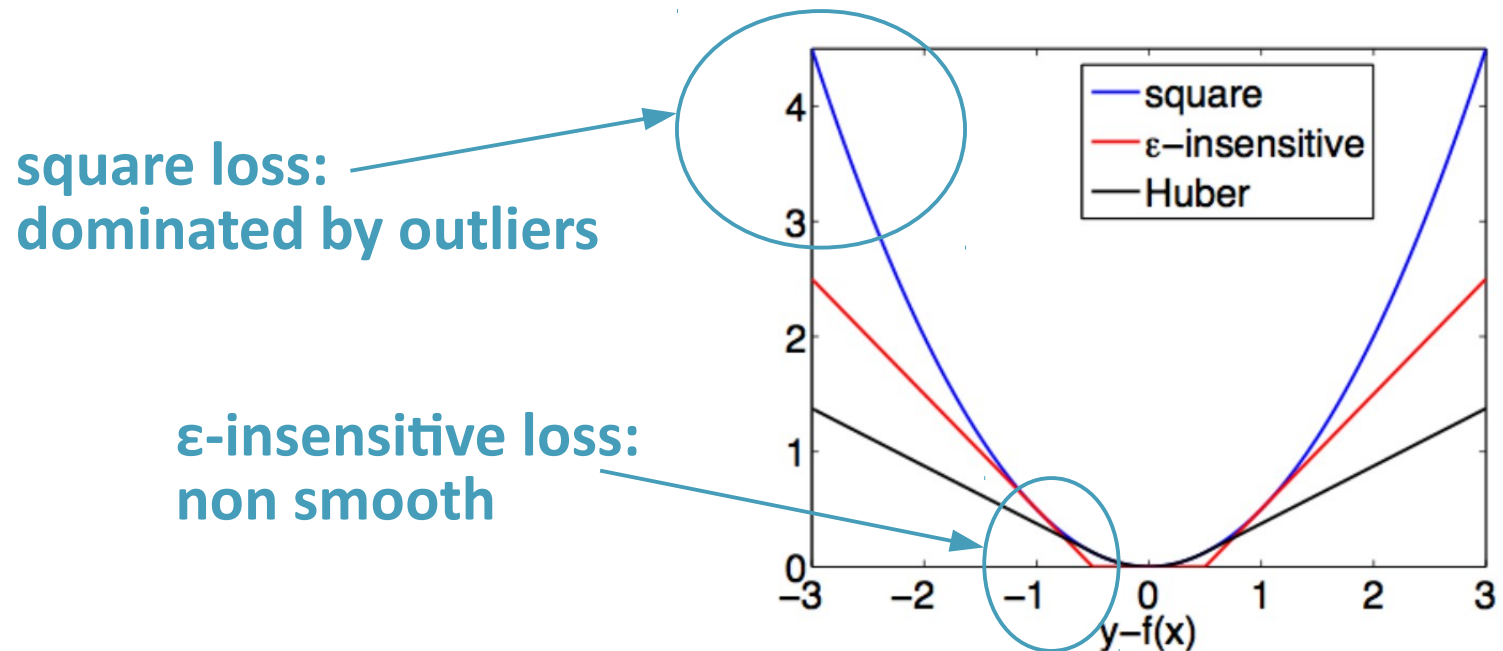
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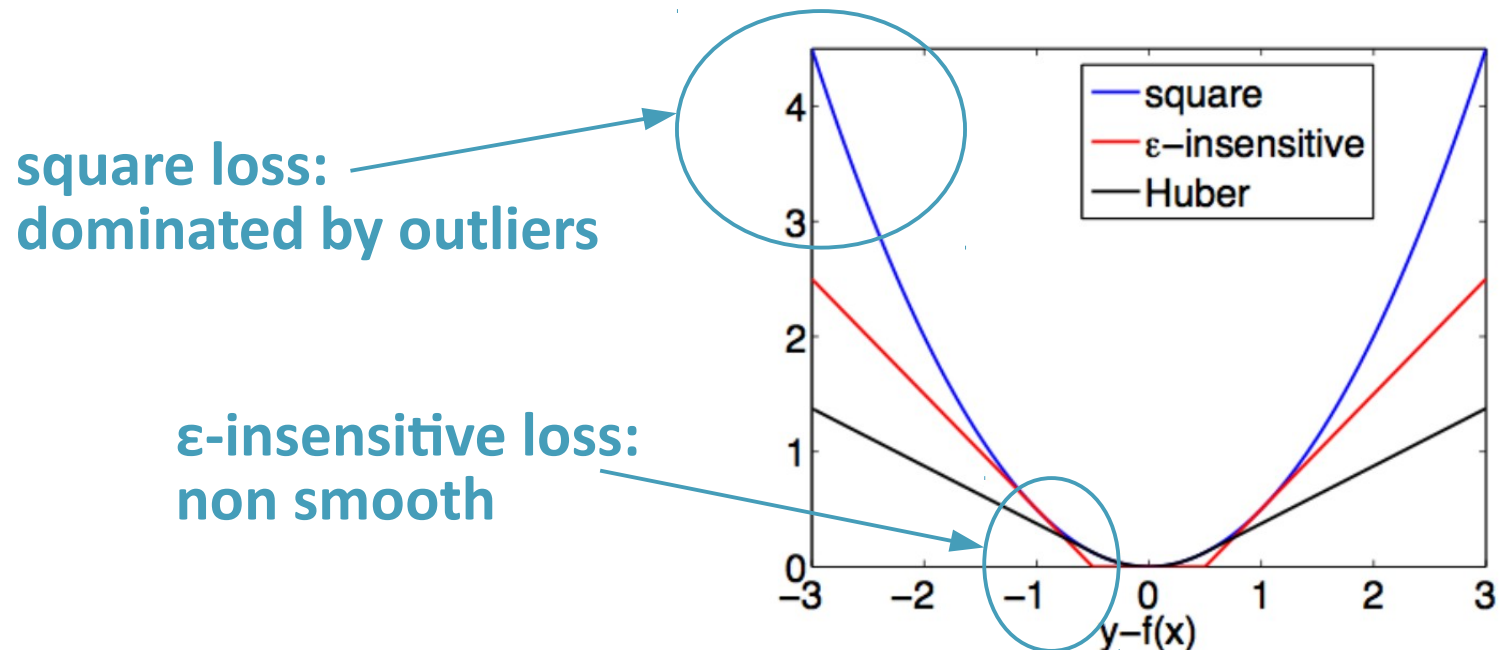
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- **Huber loss:** mix of linear and quadratic

$$L_{\delta}(f(\mathbf{x}), y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} (y - f(\mathbf{x}))^2 & \text{if } |y - f(\mathbf{x})| \leq \delta \\ \delta |y - f(\mathbf{x})| - \frac{1}{2} \delta^2 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



Empirical risk minimization (ERM)

- **Loss:** $L(f(\mathbf{x}), y)$ small when $f(\mathbf{x})$ predicts y well
- **Expected risk:**

$$R = \mathbb{E}[L(f(\mathbf{x}), y)]$$

- **Empirical risk:**

$$R_n(f) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n L(f(\mathbf{x}^i), y^i)$$

- The **ERM estimator** of the functional class F is the solution, when it exists, of:

$$\hat{f}_n = \arg \min_{f \in \mathcal{F}} R_n(f)$$

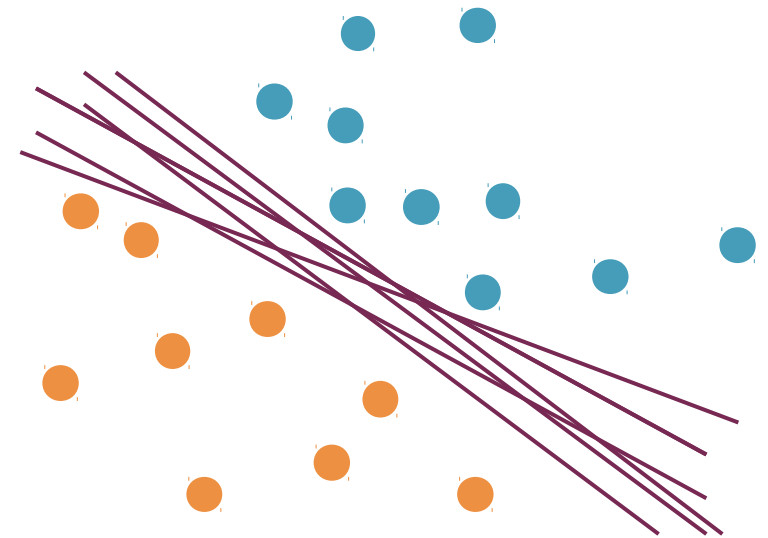
Solving ERM

- There can sometimes be an **explicit analytical solution**
- Otherwise: **convex optimization** (if the loss function is convex in f)
- **Limits of ERM:**
 - **ill-posed**
 - **not statistically consistent**

This is particularly true in **high dimension**.

ERM is ill-posed

- **Well-posed problems** (Hadamard):
 - Mathematical models of physical phenomena such that
 - a solution exists;
 - the solution is unique;
 - the solution's behavior changes continuously with the initial conditions.
- It can be that **an infinite number of solutions minimize the empirical risk** to zero.



ERM is not statistically consistent

- **Statistical consistency:** Estimator θ_N of θ that converges in probability towards θ as N increases.

$$\forall \epsilon > 0 \quad \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \Pr(|\theta_N - \theta| \geq \epsilon) = 0$$

- From the **law of large numbers**,

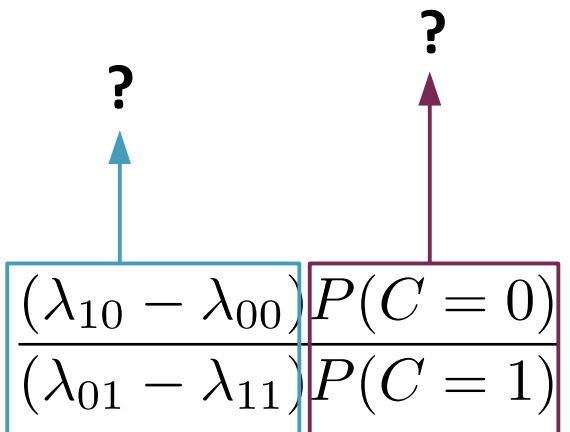
$$\forall f \in \mathcal{F}, \quad R_N(f) \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} R(f)$$

but this isn't enough to guarantee that minimizing $R_N(f)$ gives a good estimator of the minimizer of $R(f)$.

- Vapnik showed that this is only true if the capacity of \mathcal{F} is “not too large”.

Maximum likelihood criterion

- Consider **equal priors** $P(C=1) = P(C=0)$
- Consider the **0/1 loss function**

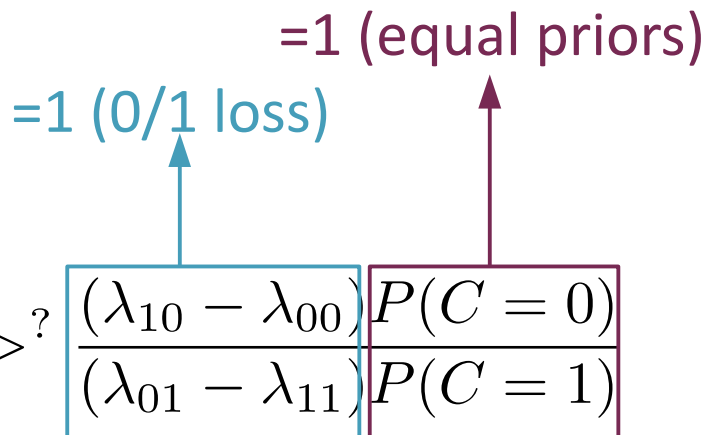
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The diagram illustrates the decision rule for the maximum likelihood criterion. It shows the likelihood ratio $\Lambda(x) = \frac{p(x|C=1)}{p(x|C=0)}$ compared to a threshold. The threshold is a fraction where the numerator is $(\lambda_{10} - \lambda_{00})$ and the denominator is $(\lambda_{01} - \lambda_{11})$, multiplied by the ratio of priors $\frac{P(C=0)}{P(C=1)}$. A blue arrow points from the numerator of the threshold fraction to a question mark, and a purple arrow points from the denominator of the threshold fraction to another question mark, indicating the need to determine the optimal threshold values.

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- Consider the **0/1 loss function**
- Bayes decision rule seeks to maximize $P(x|C=c)$ and is hence called the **Maximum Likelihood criterion**

Decision rule:

If $\Lambda_{\text{ML}}(x) > 1$ then choose $C=1$ else choose $C=0$

$$\Lambda_{\text{ML}}(x) = \frac{p(x|C=1)}{p(x|C=0)}$$

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Annotations:

- A blue arrow points from the fraction $\frac{(\lambda_{10} - \lambda_{00})P(C=0)}{(\lambda_{01} - \lambda_{11})P(C=1)}$ to the text **=1 (0/1 loss)**.
- A purple arrow points from the fraction $\frac{(\lambda_{10} - \lambda_{00})P(C=0)}{(\lambda_{01} - \lambda_{11})P(C=1)}$ to the text **=1 (equal priors)**.

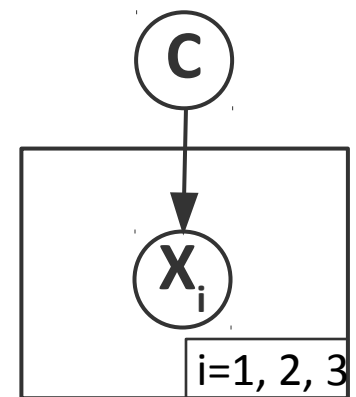
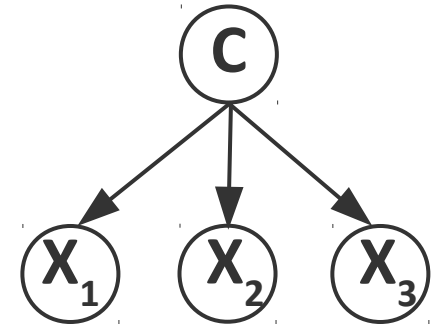
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Graphical representation

- We can use a graph to represent **conditional independence**:
 - arc from C to X_j means the distribution of X_j **depends** on C
 - no arc between X_{j_1} and X_{j_2} means that X_{j_1} and X_{j_2} are **independent given C** :
$$p(x_{j_1} | C_k, x_{j_2}) = p(x_{j_1} | C).$$
- A **plate** represents repeated structure:
 - all X_j inside the same plate follow the same probability distribution.



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$$p(x_1, \dots, x_p | C_k) = p(x_1 | C_k) p(x_2 | C_k) \dots p(x_p | C_k)$$

Hence:

$$P(C_k | x_1, \dots, x_p) = \left(\frac{1}{Z} \right) P(C_k) p(x_1 | C_k) p(x_2 | C_k) \dots p(x_p | C_k)$$

scaling factor, independent of C_k

Maximum a posteriori estimation

- **MAP decision rule:** pick the hypothesis that is most probable
- For Naive Bayes:

$$\hat{y} = \arg \max_{k=1,\dots,K} p(C_k) \prod_{i=1}^n p(\mathbf{x}^i | C_k)$$

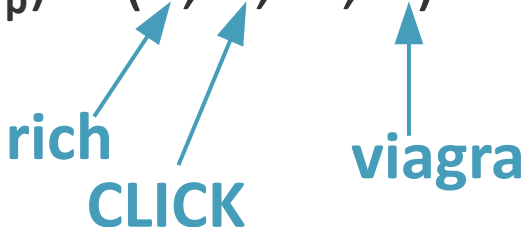
Naive Bayes spam filtering

- Input: email

bag of words

$(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p) = (0, 1, \dots, 0)$

rich CLICK viagra



- Output: spam / ham
- Naive Bayes assumption:
conditional independence

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Thank you very much for your review of manuscript CHIN-D-15-00031

We greatly appreciate your assistance.

Best wishes,

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For a word that's not in the training set
now $p_j = 0.5$ instead of 0

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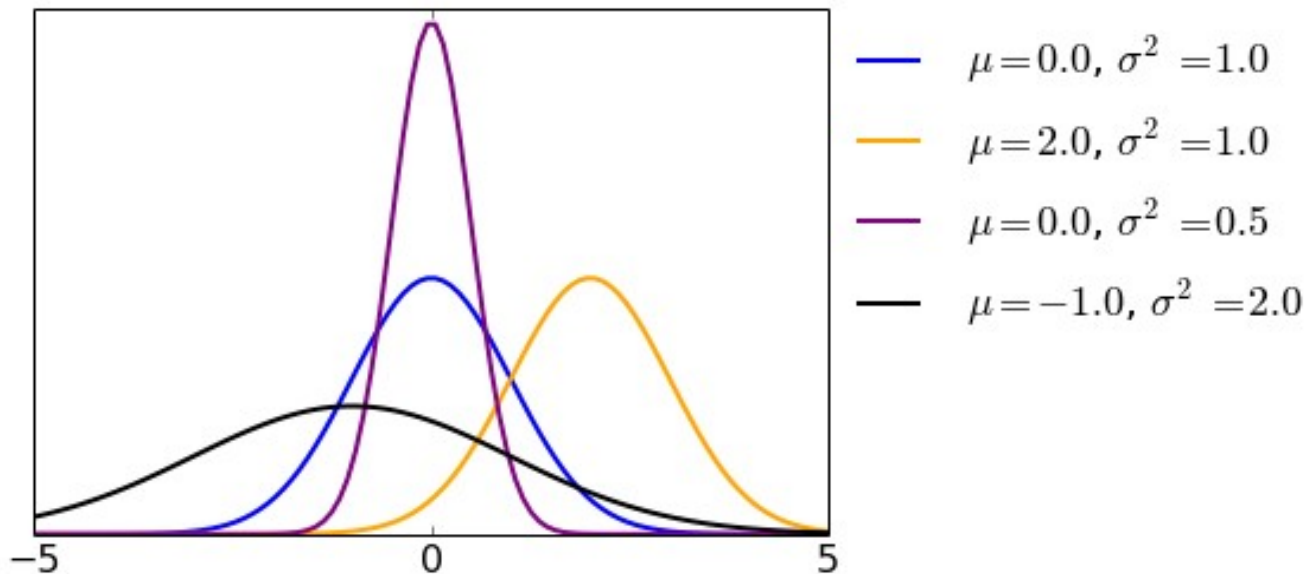
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Gaussian naive Bayes

- Assume

$p(x_j | C_k)$ **univariate Gaussian**

$$p(x_j | C_k) = \frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-(x_j - \mu)^2 / (2\sigma^2)}$$



Bayesian model selection

- **Priors on model:** $p(\text{model})$

$$p(\text{model}|\text{data}) = \frac{p(\text{data}|\text{model})p(\text{model})}{p(\text{data})}$$

- Regularization \equiv prior that favors simpler models.

- Take the log

$$\log p(\text{model}|\text{data}) = \underbrace{\log p(\text{data}|\text{model})}_{\equiv \text{training error}} + \underbrace{\log p(\text{model})}_{\equiv \text{model complexity}} - c$$

- MAP similar to minimizing

$$E' = \text{empirical error} + \lambda \text{ model complexity}$$

Summary

A diagram illustrating Bayes' theorem. The equation is $P(C|x) = \frac{P(C)p(x|C)}{p(x)}$. The terms are labeled with orange arrows: 'prior' points to $P(C)$, 'likelihood' points to $p(x|C)$, 'evidence' points to $p(x)$, and 'posterior' points to $P(C|x)$. The terms $P(C)$ and $p(x|C)$ are circled in orange.

$$\text{posterior} \rightarrow P(C|x) = \frac{\text{prior} \cdot \text{likelihood}}{\text{evidence}}$$

- **Bayes decision rule** \equiv **likelihood ratio test**

choose the most probable class, given evidence (data) and prior belief.

- Equivalent to **minimizing Bayes risk**

usually achieved approximately through **empirical risk minimization** (not equivalent!!)

- For the 0/1 loss, equivalent to **maximizing the posterior.**
- For the 0/1 loss and equal priors (uniform prior), equivalent to **maximizing the likelihood.**

Further reading

- Ghahramani, Z. (2015). **Probabilistic machine learning and artificial intelligence**. *Nature* 521, 452-459.
- Paul Graham, **A plan for spam**
<http://www.paulgraham.com/spam.html>

Jupyter

- **Web application**
- **Notebooks:** webpages that contain
 - text (explanations, comments, conclusions...)
 - live code
 - equations
 - visualizations.
- Instructions for labs:
 - Get a **local version** of the notebook
 - Open the .ipynb file in Jupyter
 - > `cd ma2823_2016/lab_notebooks`
 - > `jupyter notebook`

GitHub

- **Version control**

- Multiple people use/edit the same file(s) at the same time
- Grownup version of `mydoc_v2_chloe_new.txt`

- **For our labs**

- Instead of downloading the latest version of `ma_2823`, making sure not to overwrite work from the previous weeks...

`> git pull`

automatically updates the files that need updating.

- **Fork:** to version control your own work

<https://help.github.com/articles/fork-a-repo/>

https://github.com/chagaz/ma2823_2016/blob/master/lab_notebooks/Lab%20202016-09-21%20Introduction%20to%20scikit-learn.ipynb