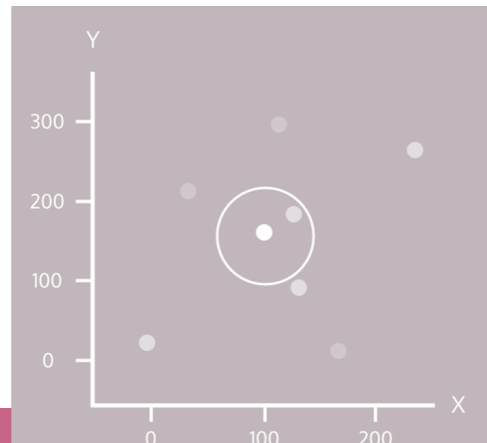


# PATTERN RECOGNITION



## Chapter 3: Non-Parametric Estimation & Nearest-Neighbor Classification

K = 1  
# Red = 0  
Prediction: Green

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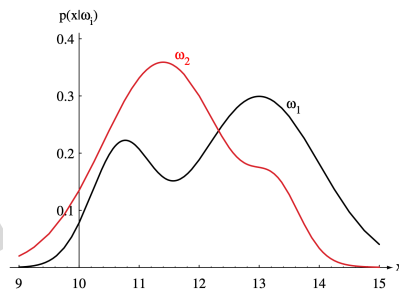
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# 1. Introduction



## • Problems

- In most pattern recognition applications it is suspect that that the forms of the density function were known.
- All Parametric densities are unimodal (have a single local maximum), whereas many practical problems involve multi-modal densities.



## ■ Nonparametric procedures

- Estimating the density functions  $p(x)$ .
- It can be used with arbitrary distributions and without the assumption that the forms of the underlying densities are known.

## ■ Nonparametric estimation methods:

- Histogram Density Estimation
- Parzen Windows
- kn-Nearest-Neighbor Estimation

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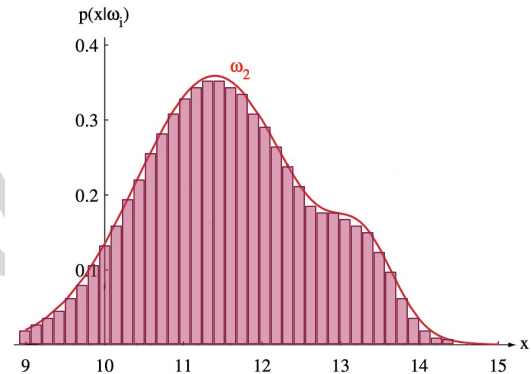
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## 2. Density Estimation

### • Basic idea

A vector  $\mathbf{x}$ :  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_d)^T$

- ① The region  $\mathbf{x}$  in is partitioned into a sequence of small regions  $R_i$ .
- ② Count the number  $k_i$  of samples falling in each small region  $R_i$ .
- ③ Compute the probability in region  $R_i$  as the density estimate at  $\mathbf{x}$ .



- Probability that a vector  $\mathbf{x}$  will fall in region  $R$  is:

$$P_R = \int_R p(\mathbf{x}') d\mathbf{x}' \quad (1)$$

$P_R$  — a smoothed (or averaged) version of the density function  $p(\mathbf{x})$ ;

$R$  — the falling region;

$\mathbf{x}$  — the vector;

## 2. Density Estimation

### • Basic idea

- Probability that  $k$  of these  $n$  fall in  $R$ :

$$P_k = \binom{n}{k} P_R^k (1 - P_R)^{n-k} \quad (2)$$

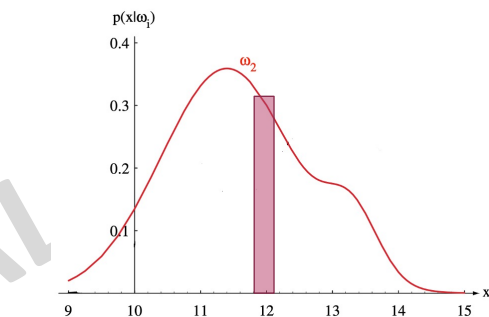
$n$  — sample of size;

$k$  —  $k$  points fall in  $R$ ;

- Expected value for  $k$ :

$$E(k) = nP_R = k \quad (3)$$

$k/n$  — a good estimate for the probability  $P_R$  and for the density function  $p$ .



—  $\mu(\mathcal{R})$  : a hypervolume in the Euclidean space  $\mathcal{R}^n$

When that the region  $\mathcal{R}$  is so small,  $p$  is constant within it.

$$P_R = \int_R p(\mathbf{x}') d\mathbf{x}' \approx p(\mathbf{x}) V$$

$V$  — the volume enclosed by region  $R$ ;

(4)

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathcal{R}} p(\mathbf{x}') d\mathbf{x}' &\approx p(\mathbf{x}) \int_{\mathcal{R}} d\mathbf{x}' \\ &= p(\mathbf{x}) \int_{\mathcal{R}} 1_R(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}' \\ &= p(\mathbf{x}) V(\mathcal{R}) \end{aligned}$$

## 2. Density Estimation

- **Basic idea:**

Combining equation (1) , (3) and (4) yields:

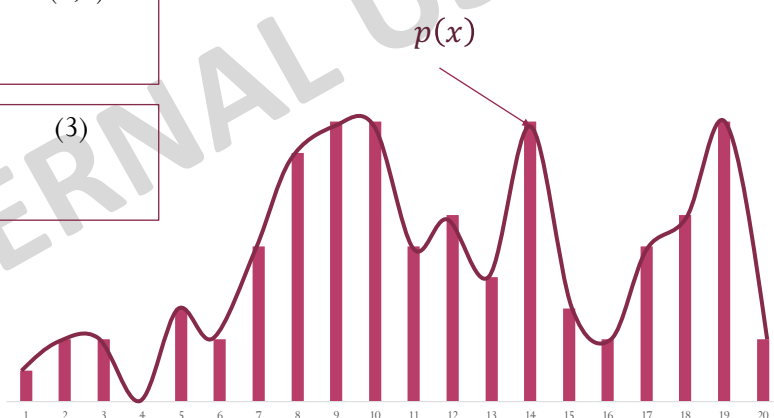
$$P_R = \int_R p(x') dx' \cong p(x)V \quad (1,4)$$

$$\hat{p}(x) = \frac{P_R}{V}$$

$$E(k) = nP_R = k \quad (3)$$

$$\hat{p}_R = \frac{k}{n}$$

$$\hat{p}(x) \cong \frac{k/n}{V}$$

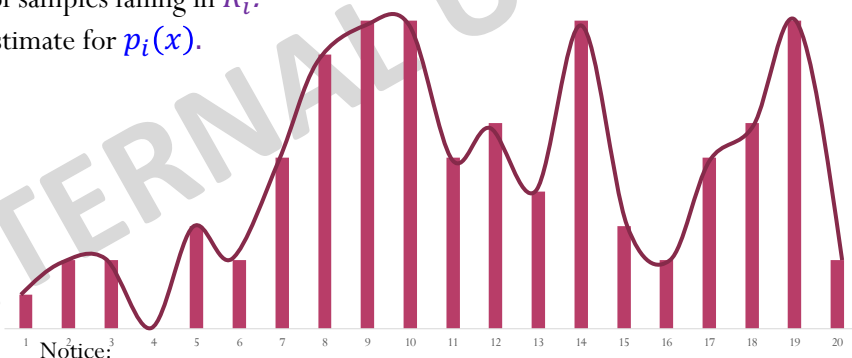


## 2. Density Estimation

- To estimate the density at  $x$ , we form a sequence of regions

- A sequence of regions  $R_1, R_2, \dots, R_N$
- Let  $V_i$  be the volume of  $R_i$ ,
  - $k_i$  be the number of samples falling in  $R_i$ .
  - $\hat{p}_i(x)$  be the  $i^{th}$  estimate for  $p_i(x)$ .

$$\hat{p}_i(x) \cong \frac{k_i/n}{V_i}$$



Notice:

- The volume  $v \rightarrow 0$  anyway if we want to use this estimation.
- $V$  cannot be allowed to become small since the number of samples is always limited.

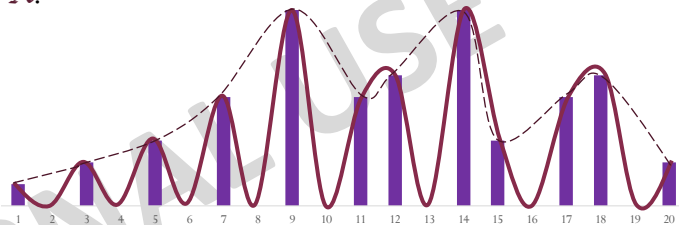
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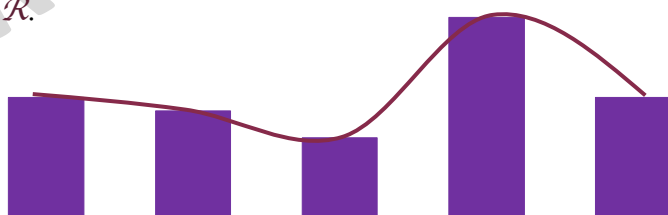
- **Uninteresting case:**

① There is **no sample** included in  $\mathcal{R}$ .

$$\lim_{\substack{v \rightarrow 0 \\ k=0}} \hat{p}(x) = 0 \quad \text{if } n = \text{fixed}$$



② There are **unlimited samples** in  $\mathcal{R}$ .



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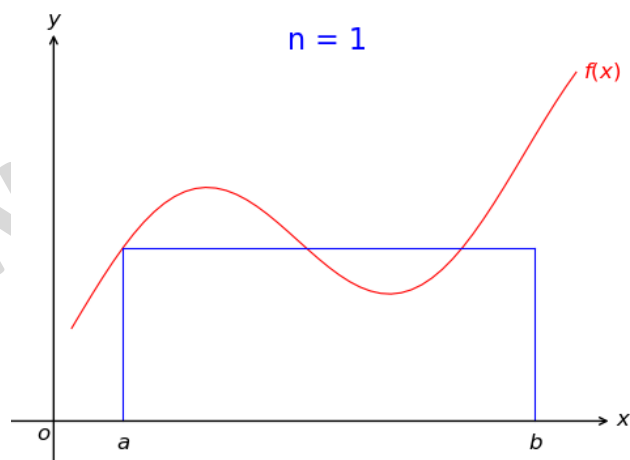


- Three necessary conditions should apply if we want  $\hat{p}_i(x)$  to converge to  $p(x)$ :

①  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} V_i = 0$

②  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} k_i = \infty$

③  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} k_i/n = 0$



## 2. Density Estimation



- There are two different ways of obtaining sequences of regions that satisfy these conditions:

$$\hat{p}_i(\mathbf{x}) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} p(\mathbf{x})$$

- ▣ Parzen-window estimation method
- ▣ The  $k_n$ -nearest neighbor estimation method

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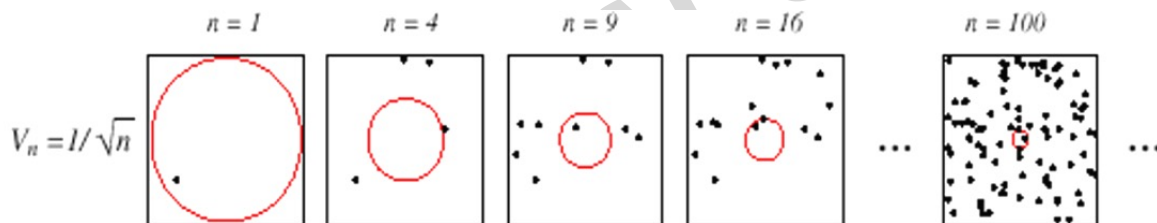
### 3. Parzen Windows



#### Parzen-window estimation method

$$\hat{p}_n(x) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} p(x)$$

- **GOAL:** a solution for the problem of the unknown “best” window function.
- **METHOD:** shrink an initial region by specifying the volume  $V_n$  as some function of  $n$ , such as  $V_n = 1/\sqrt{n}$ .



### 3. Parzen Windows



- ① Parzen-window approach to estimate densities by temporarily assuming that the region  $\mathcal{R}^d$  is in a  $d$ -dimensional **hypercube**  $V_n$ . ( $V = f(n)$ , such as  $h = 1/\sqrt{n}$ )

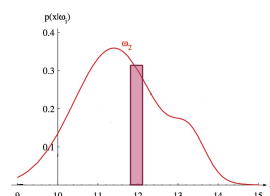
$$V = h^d \quad (h: \text{the length of an edge of } \mathcal{R}^d)$$

- ② Set the window function  $\varphi(\mu)$  : 
$$\varphi(\mu) = \begin{cases} 1 & |\mu_j| \leq \frac{1}{2}, j = 1, \dots, d, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}, \quad u = (\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_d)^T$$

The number  $k_n$  of samples in this hypercube  $V_n$  is:

$$k_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi\left(\frac{x - x_i}{h}\right)$$

— Dataset:  $x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_n$ .  
—  $\varphi((x - x_i)/h)$  is equal to unity if  $x_i$  falls within the hypercube of volume  $V$  centered at  $x$  and equal to zero otherwise.



Kernel function:

$$K(x, x_i) = \frac{1}{V} \varphi\left(\frac{x - x_i}{h}\right)$$

### 3. Parzen Windows

③ We obtain the estimate:

$$\hat{p}(x) \approx (k_n/n)/V$$

$$k_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi\left(\frac{x-x_i}{h}\right)$$

$$\hat{p}(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{V} \varphi\left(\frac{x-x_i}{h}\right)$$

—  $\hat{p}(x)$  estimates  $p(x)$  as an average of functions of  $x$  and the samples  $(x_i, i = 1, \dots, n)$ .  
— These functions  $\varphi$  can be general.

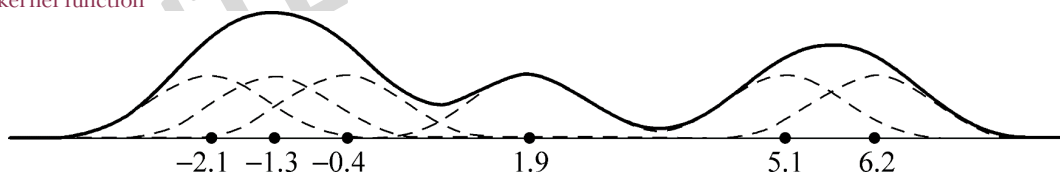
$$K(x, x_i) = \frac{1}{V} \varphi\left(\frac{x-x_i}{h}\right)$$

$$\hat{p}(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n K(x, x_i)$$

$$K(x, x_i) \geq 0, \quad \int K(x, x_i) dx = 1$$

**Example:**

Gaussian kernel function



### 3. Parzen Windows

- **Kernel function**

- Hypercube kernel function:

$$k(x, x_i) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{h^d} & |x^j - x_i^j| \leq \frac{h}{2}, \quad j = 1, \dots, d \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Gaussian kernel function:

$$k(x, x_i) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^d \rho^{2d} |Q|}} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \frac{(x - x_i)^T Q^{-1} (x - x_i)}{\rho^2} \right]$$

- Hypersphere kernel function:

$$k(x, x_i) = \begin{cases} V^{-1} & \|x - x_i\| \leq \rho \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



### 3. Parzen Windows

- Case:  $p(x) \sim N(0,1)$

$$\text{Let } \begin{cases} \varphi(\mu) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\mu^2/2} \\ h_n = h_1/\sqrt{n} \end{cases}, \text{ thus: } \hat{p}(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{h_n} \varphi\left(\frac{x-x_i}{h_n}\right)$$

— an average of normal densities centered at the samples  $x_i$ .

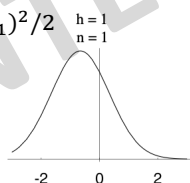
— the contributions of the individual samples are clearly observable.

- For  $n = 1$  and  $h_1 = 1$

$$\hat{p}_1(x) = \varphi(x - x_1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-(x-x_1)^2/2}$$

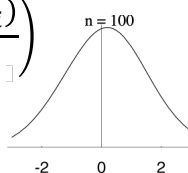
$$\hat{p}_1(x) \sim N(x_1, 1)$$



- For  $n = 100$  and  $h_1 = 1$

$$\hat{p}_{100}(x) = \frac{1}{100} \sum_{i=1}^{100} \frac{1}{0.1} \cdot \varphi\left(\frac{(x-x_i)}{0.1}\right)$$

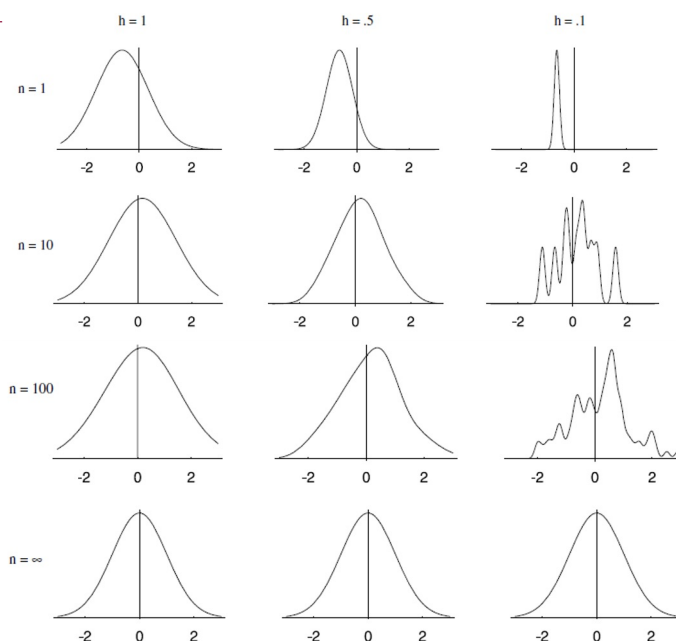
$$= \frac{1}{100} \sum_{i=1}^{100} \frac{1}{0.1\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-x_i)^2}{2 \times 0.1^2}}$$



### 3. Parzen Windows

Example:

Case  $p(x) \sim N(0,1)$

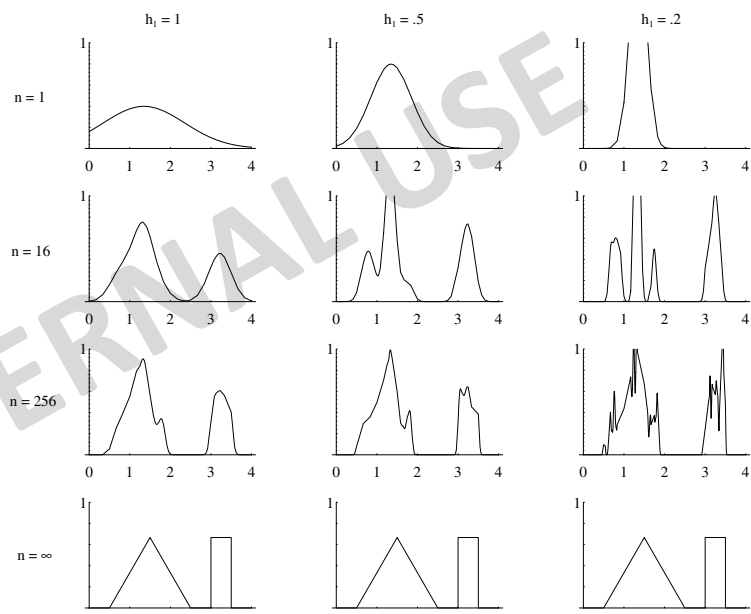


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Example:

$$p(x) = \lambda_1 \cdot U(a, b) + \lambda_2 \cdot T(c, d)$$

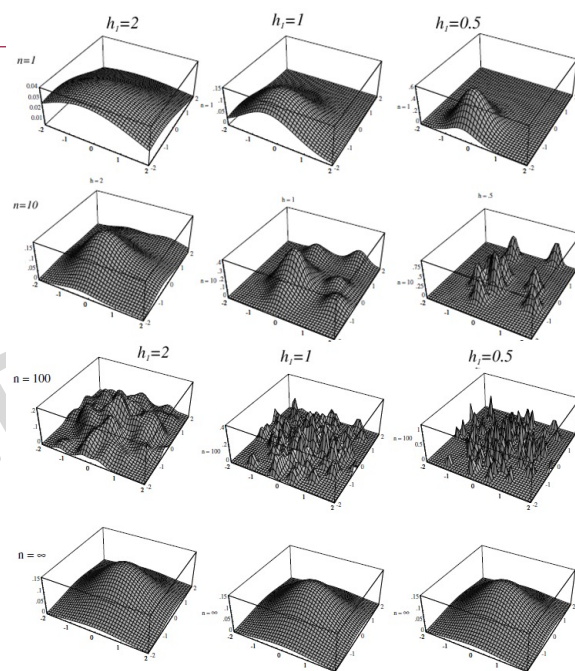


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Example:

Normal distribution in 2D



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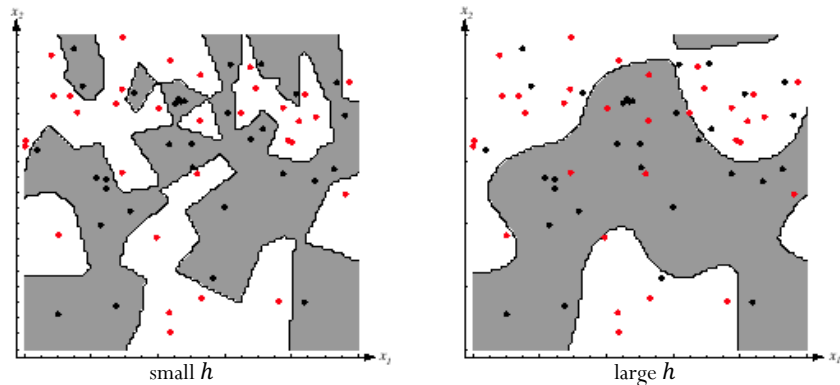


- **Classifiers based on Parzen-window estimation**

- Estimate the **densities for each category** and **classify a test point** by the label corresponding to the maximum posterior.
- The decision region for a **Parzen-window classifier** depends upon the choice of window function.

**Example:**

Classification example  
in 2D Parzen-window



—A small  $h$  leads to boundaries that are complicated than for large  $h$  on same data set.

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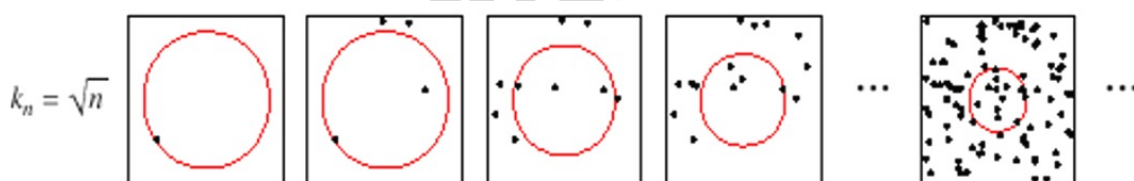
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## 4. $k_n$ - Nearest neighbor estimation

### □ $k_n$ - Nearest neighbor estimation

$$\hat{p}_n(x) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} p(x)$$

- **GOAL**: a solution for the problem of the unknown “best” window function.
- **METHOD**: let the cell volume be a function of the training data number.
  - Specify  $k_n$  as some function of  $n$ , such as  $k_n = \sqrt{n}$ .
  - Grow the volume  $V_n$  (a cell  $V_n$  about  $x$ ) until it encloses  $k_n$  neighbor-samples of  $x$  ( $k_n = f(n)$ , such as  $k_n = k_1 \sqrt{n}$ ).
  - $k_n$  are called the  $k_n$  nearest-neighbors of  $x$ .



## 4. $k_n$ - Nearest neighbor estimation

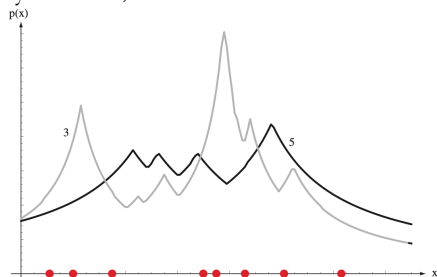
### • 2 possibilities can occur:

$$\hat{p}(x) \cong (k_n/n)/V_n$$

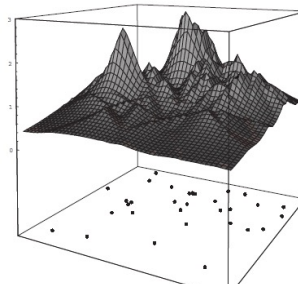
- Density is **high** near  $x$ ; therefore the cell will be **small** which provides a good resolution.
- Density is **low**; therefore the cell will grow **large** and stop until higher density regions are reached.

### Example:

Eight points in one-dimension and the  $k$ -nearest-neighbor density estimates, for  $k = 3$  and  $k = 5$ .



The  $k$ -nearest-neighbor estimate of a two-dimensional density for  $k = 5$ .

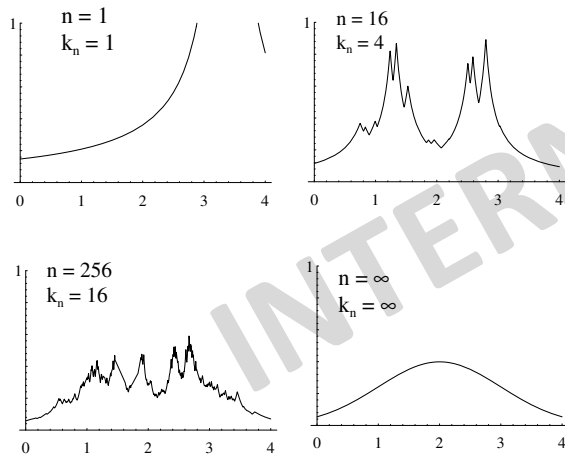


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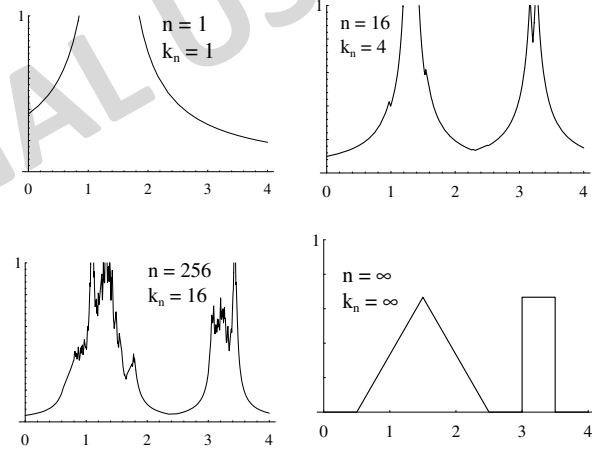


**Example:**  $\begin{cases} k_1 = 1 \\ k_n = k_1 \sqrt{n} = \sqrt{n} \end{cases}$

Gaussian distribution



Bimodal distribution



## 4. $k_n$ - Nearest neighbor estimation



### • Estimation of a posterior probability $P(\omega_i|x)$

■ **GOAL:** estimate  $P(\omega_i|x)$  from a set of  $n$  labeled samples,  $\omega_i \in \{\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_c\}$ .

■ **METHOD:**

- Let's place a cell of volume  $V$  around  $x$  and capture  $k$  samples.
- $k_i$  samples amongst  $k$  turned out to be labeled  $\omega_i$  then:

$$p_n(x, \omega_i) = \frac{k_i/n}{V}$$

An estimate for  $P_n(\omega_i|x)$  is:

$$P_n(\omega_i|x) = \frac{p_n(x, \omega_i)}{\sum_{j=1}^c p_n(x, \omega_j)} = \frac{k_i}{k}$$

- $k_i/k$  is the fraction of the samples within the cell that are labeled  $\omega_i$ .
- For minimum error rate, the most frequently represented category within the cell is selected.
- If  $k$  is large and the cell sufficiently small, the performance will approach the best possible.

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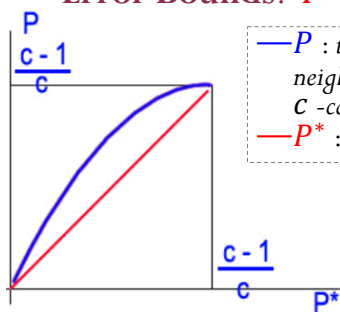
## 5. The nearest –neighbor rule

### • The nearest –neighbor rule

- **GIVEN:**  $\mathcal{D}_c = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_c\}$ ,  $c$  labeled prototypes,  $x_1 \in \omega_1, \dots, x_c \in \omega_c$ ; a test point  $x$ ;
- **METHOD:** Let  $x_i \in \mathcal{D}_c$  be the closest prototype to a test point  $x$  then the nearest-neighbor rule for classifying  $x$  is to assign it the label associated with  $x_i$ .

$$g_i(x) = d_i(x, x_i), i = 1, \dots, c \longrightarrow j = \underset{i}{\operatorname{argmin}} g_i(x) \longrightarrow x \in \omega_j$$

- **Error Bounds:**  $P^* \leq P \leq P^* \left(2 - \frac{c}{c-1} P^*\right)$



—  $P$  : the nearest-neighbor error rate in a  $C$ -category problem  
 —  $P^*$  : the Bayes error.

- The nearest-neighbor rule leads to an error rate greater than the minimum possible (Bayes rate).
- If the number of prototype is large (unlimited), the error rate of the nearest-neighbor classifier is never worse than twice the Bayes rate (it can be demonstrated!)
- If  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , it is always possible to find  $x_i$  sufficiently close so that:  $P(\omega|x_i) \cong P(\omega_i|x)$

## 5. The nearest –neighbor rule

### • The nearest –neighbor rule

**Exercise :** Try to use the nearest neighbor rule to label  $x = (0.68, 0.60)$ .

Prototypes	Labels
$(0.50, 0.30)$	$\omega_3$
$(0.70, 0.65)$	$\omega_5$

$$x = (0.68, 0.60)$$

$$x_1 = (0.50, 0.30), x_1 \in \omega_3$$

$$x_2 = (0.70, 0.65), x_2 \in \omega_5$$

$$d_1 = |x - x_1| = \sqrt{(0.68 - 0.5)^2 + (0.6 - 0.3)^2} \approx 0.35$$

$$d_2 = |x - x_2| = \sqrt{(0.68 - 0.7)^2 + (0.6 - 0.65)^2} \approx 0.05$$

$x_2$  is the nearest neighbor of  $x$ ,  $x \in \omega_5$

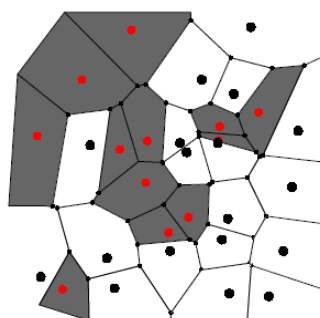
**Decision:**  $\omega_5$  is the label assigned to  $x$

## 5. The nearest –neighbor rule

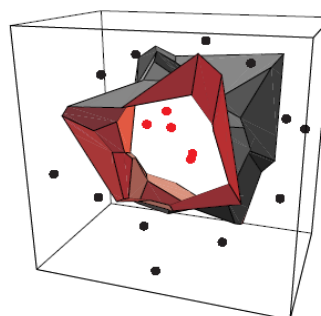
### • The nearest –neighbor rule——Voronoi tessellation

- Partition the **feature space** into **cells** consisting of all points closer to a given training point  $x$  than to any other training points.
- All points in such a cell are thus labelled by the category——a so-called **Voronoi** of the space.

Example:



Voronoi cells in two dimensions



Voronoi cells in three dimensions

## 5. The nearest –neighbor rule

### • The $k$ – nearest-neighbor rule

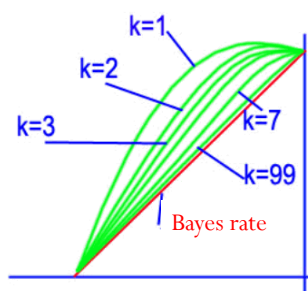
- **GOAL:** Classify  $x$  by assigning it the label most frequently represented among the  $k$ -nearest samples and use a voting scheme.

- **METHOD:**

$$g_i(x) = k_i \longrightarrow j = \underset{i}{\operatorname{argmax}} g_i(x), i = 1, \dots, c$$

—  $k_i$ : the number of neighbor samples with  $i$  label

- **Error Bounds:**



—  $P^*$ : Bayes rate

—  $C_k(P^*)$ : the error-rate for the  $k$ -nearest-neighbor rule for a two-category problem.

—  $k = 1 \Rightarrow$  the nearest neighbor rule

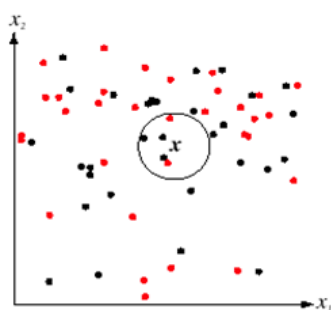
—  $k = \infty \Rightarrow$  Bayes decision

## 5. The nearest –neighbor rule

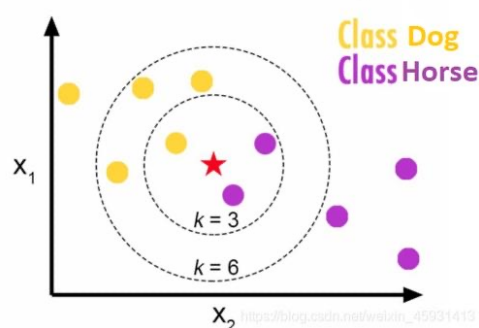
### • The $k$ – nearest-neighbor rule

#### Example:

In this  $k = 5$  case, the test point  $x$  ?



$x$  would be labelled the category of the black points.



The test sample would be labelled Class Horse.



## 5. The nearest –neighbor rule

- The  $k$  – nearest-neighbor rule

**Exercise:**  $k = 3$  (odd value) and  $x = (0.10, 0.25)$  are given. Try to use the  $k$ -nearest neighbor rule to label  $x$ .

Prototypes	Labels
(0.15, 0.35)	$\omega_1$
(0.10, 0.28)	$\omega_2$
(0.09, 0.30)	$\omega_1$
(0.12, 0.20)	$\omega_2$

$$x_1 = (0.15, 0.35), x_1 \in \omega_1; \quad x_2 = (0.10, 0.28), x_2 \in \omega_2$$

$$x_3 = (0.15, 0.35), x_3 \in \omega_1; \quad x_4 = (0.15, 0.35), x_4 \in \omega_2$$

$$d_1 = \sqrt{(0.1 - 0.15)^2 + (0.25 - 0.35)^2} \approx 0.11$$

$$d_2 = \sqrt{(0.1 - 0.1)^2 + (0.25 - 0.28)^2} \approx 0.03$$

$$d_3 = \sqrt{(0.1 - 0.09)^2 + (0.25 - 0.3)^2} \approx 0.051$$

$$d_4 = \sqrt{(0.1 - 0.12)^2 + (0.25 - 0.2)^2} \approx 0.054$$

Closest vectors to  $x$  with their labels are:

$x_2 \in \omega_2; x_3 \in \omega_1; x_4 \in \omega_2$

One voting scheme assigns the label  $\omega_2$  to  $x$ .

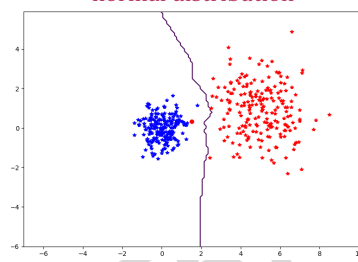
## 5. The nearest –neighbor rule

- The  $k$  – nearest-neighbor rule

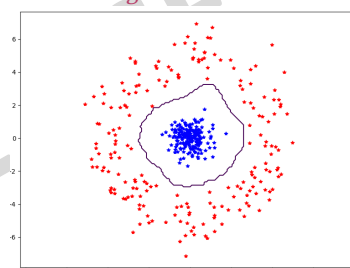
**Example:**

$n = 200, k = 3$

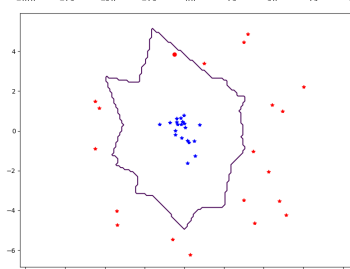
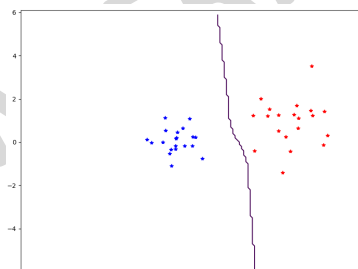
*normal distribution*



*ring distribution*



$n = 20, k = 3$



## 5. The nearest -neighbor rule

- The  $k$  – nearest-neighbor rule

### Example

Iris Plants Database

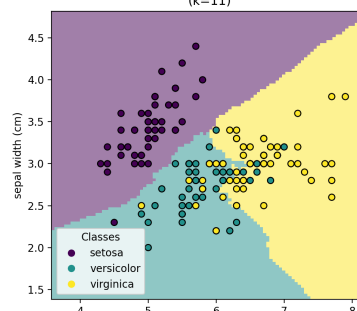
- ❑ Dataset:
  - Training set: 0.8(120)
  - Test set: 0.2(30)
- ❑ Feature Extraction :
  - sepal length, sepal width, petal length, petal width
- ❑ Classifier: knn

Accuracy	kn=1	kn=3	kn=5	kn=7
Training	0.967	0.958	0.95	0.942
Test	0.967	0.9	0.9	0.833

■ **Results:**

- Precision on training dataset: 0.967
- Precision on test dataset: 0.967

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
Setosa	1	1	1	11
Versicolour	1	0.91	0.95	11
Virginica	0.89	1	0.94	8

3-Class classification  
(k=11)

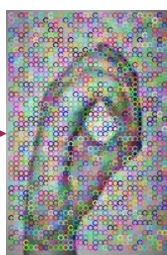
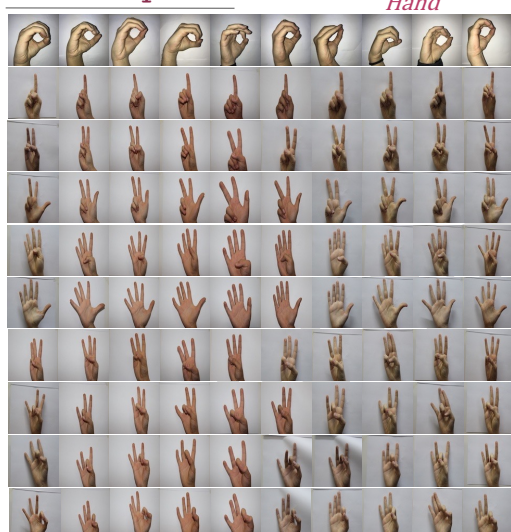
### Confusion-Matrix

Setosa	11	0	0
Versicolour	0	10	1
Virginica	0	0	8
Setosa	Versicolour	Virginica	

## 5. The nearest -neighbor rule

- The  $k$  – nearest-neighbor rule

Example:



Data: 3773

- Training set: 2053
- Test set: 1720

Feature Extraction: SIFT  
Classifier: knn,  $k = 1$

Confusion Matrix:

■ *Accuracy: 99.65%*

	'0'	'1'	'2'	'3'	'4'	'5'	'6'	'7'	'8'	'9'
167	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	171	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	171	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	172	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	177	0	0	1	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	169	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	0	0	173	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	171	1	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	174	0	0

- *Confusion Matrix:*

## Prerequisite Knowledge



- **Prerequisite Knowledge in Ch.4**

- Calculate the extremum by Lagrange function.
- Inverse Matrix

INTERNAL USE

Chapter 3

END

