

# Foundations of Machine Learning (ECE 5984)

- Probabilistic Perspective -

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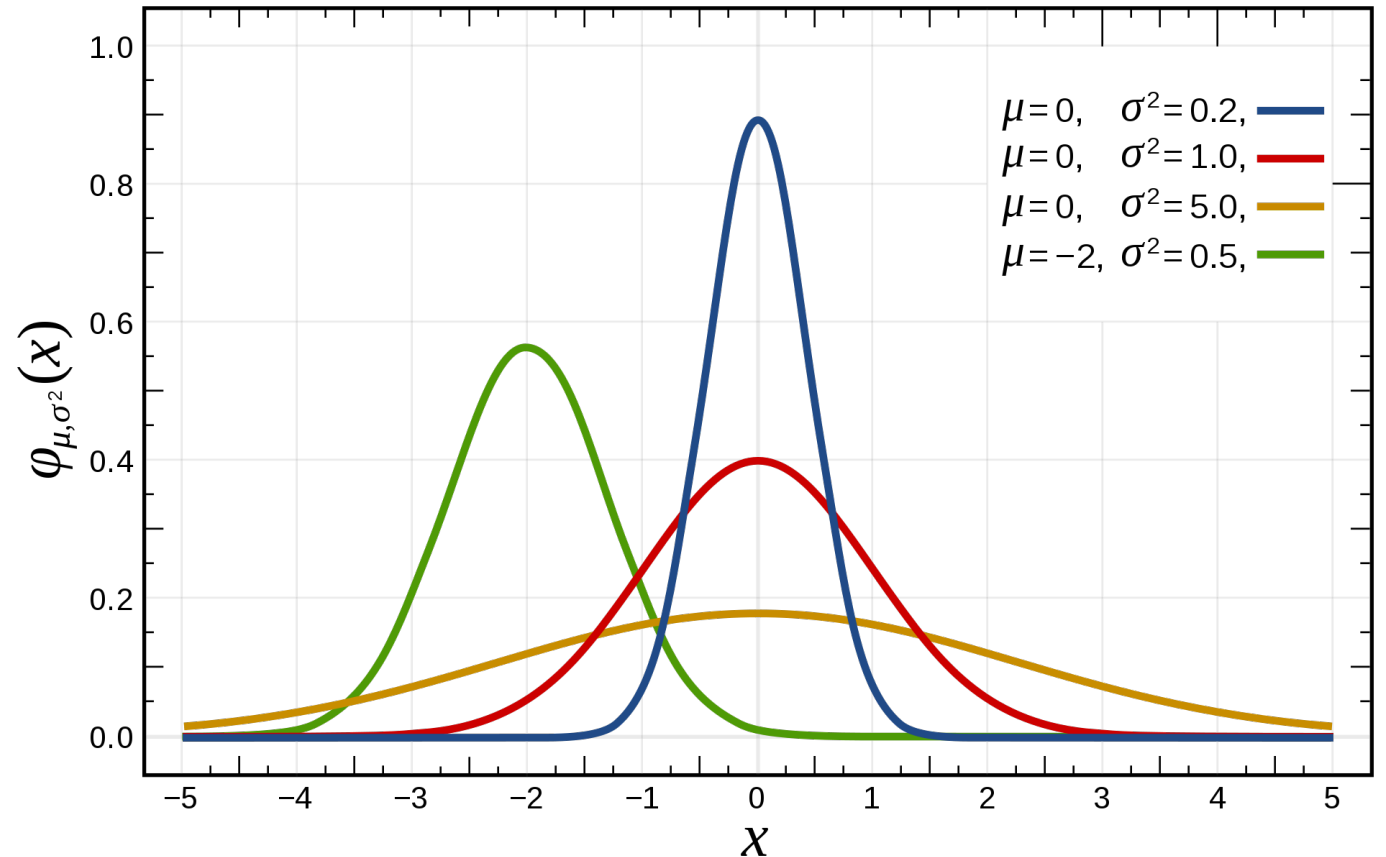
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# Gaussian Distribution

- Normal distribution
- Widely used model for the distribution of continuous variable

$$p(x; \mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

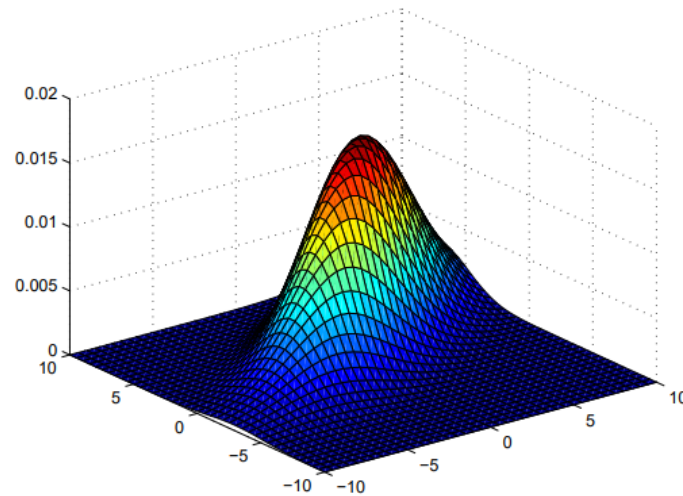


# Multivariate Gaussian Distribution

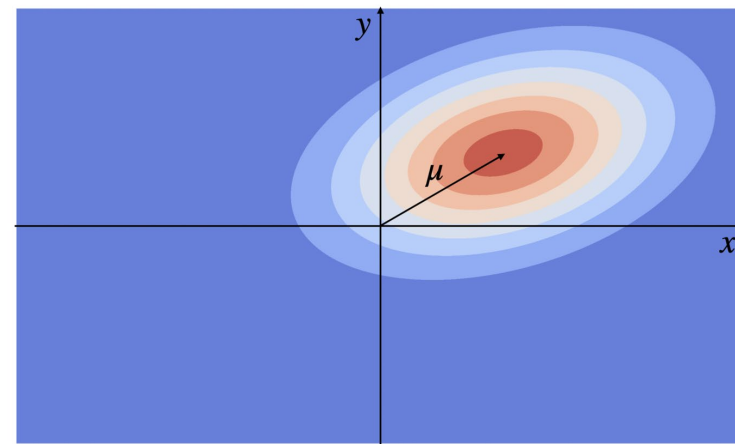
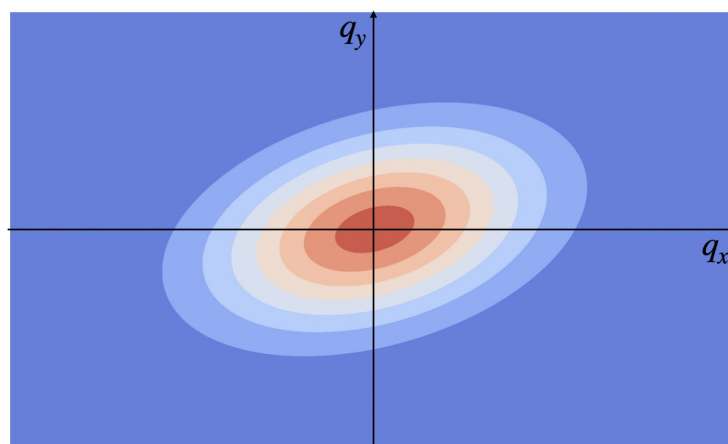
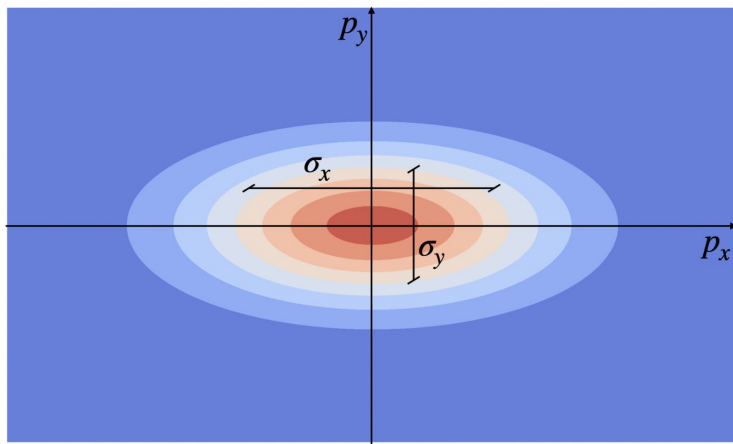
$$x, \mu \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

$$\Sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$$

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



# Multivariate Gaussian Distribution



# 2D Multivariate Gaussian Distribution

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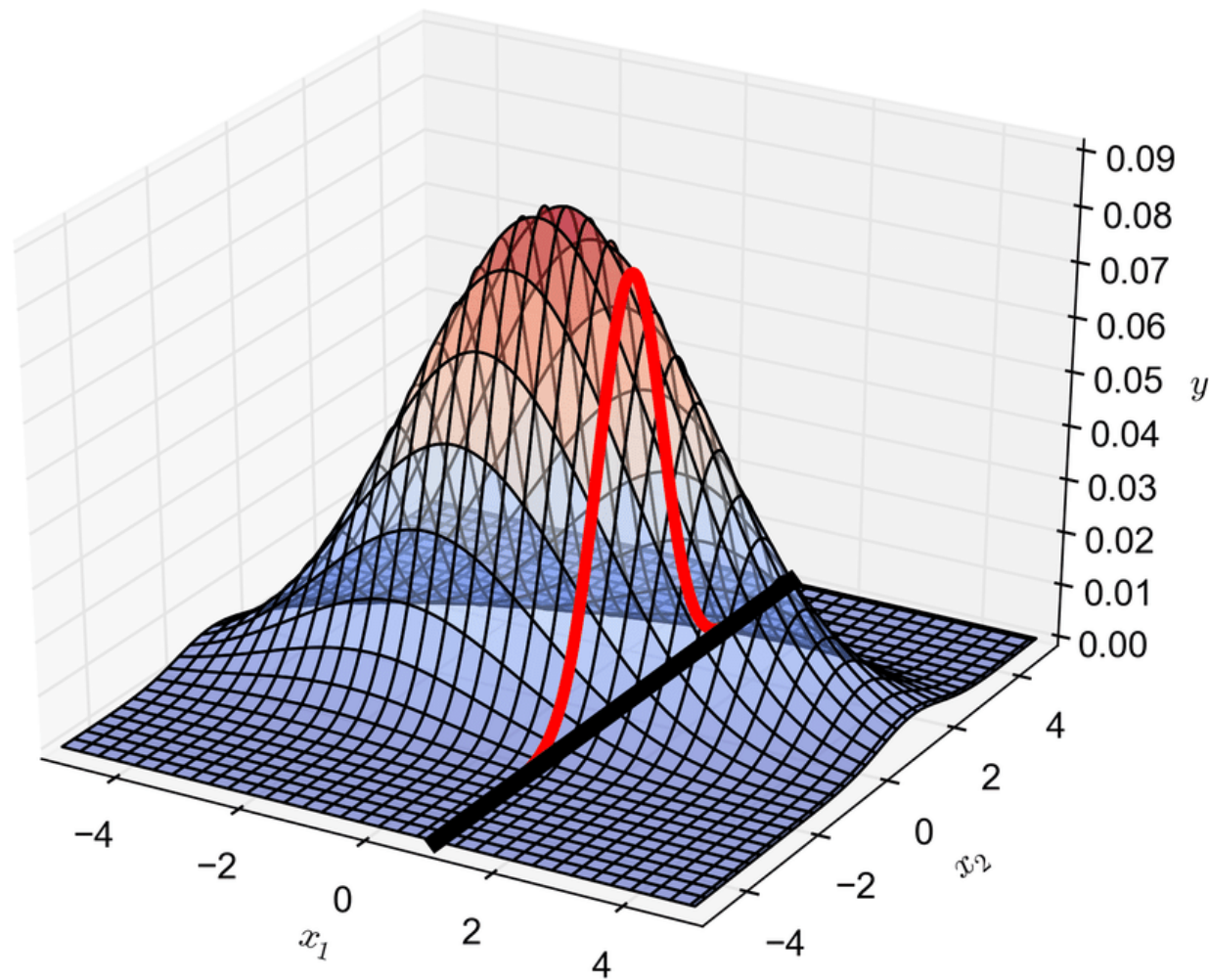
$$\begin{aligned} p(x; \mu, \Sigma) &= \frac{1}{2\pi \left| \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2^2 \end{bmatrix} \right|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - \mu_1 \\ x_2 - \mu_2 \end{bmatrix}^{\top} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2^2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - \mu_1 \\ x_2 - \mu_2 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi (\sigma_1^2 \sigma_2^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - \mu_1 \\ x_2 - \mu_2 \end{bmatrix}^{\top} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sigma_1^2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sigma_2^2} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - \mu_1 \\ x_2 - \mu_2 \end{bmatrix} \right) \end{aligned}$$

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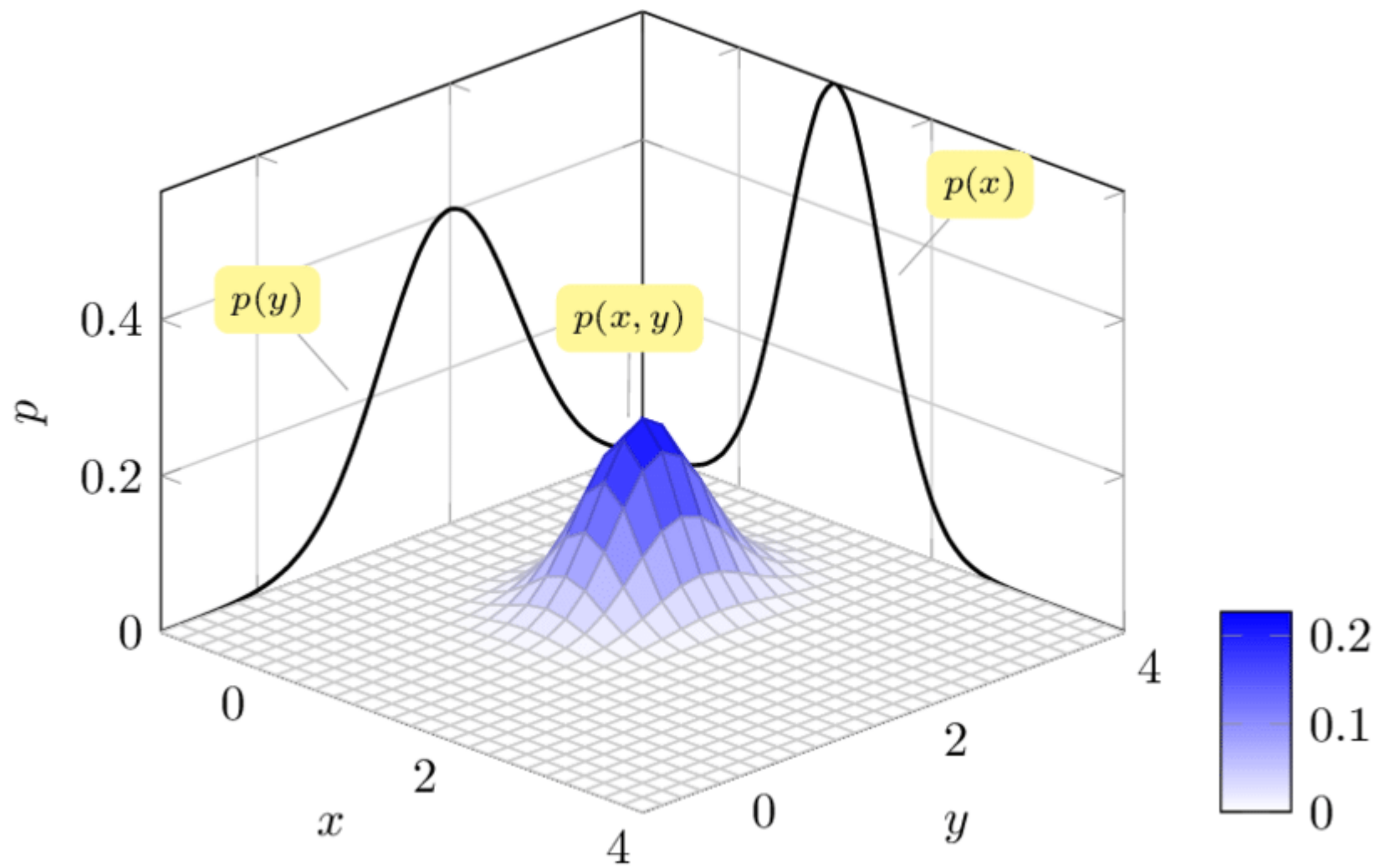
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# Conditional Gaussian





# Marginal Gaussian



# Maximum Likelihood Estimation

# Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE)

## Probability

A (probability density/mass) **function of the data** given the fixed parameters

$$p(\mathbf{x}; \mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(\mathbf{x}-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

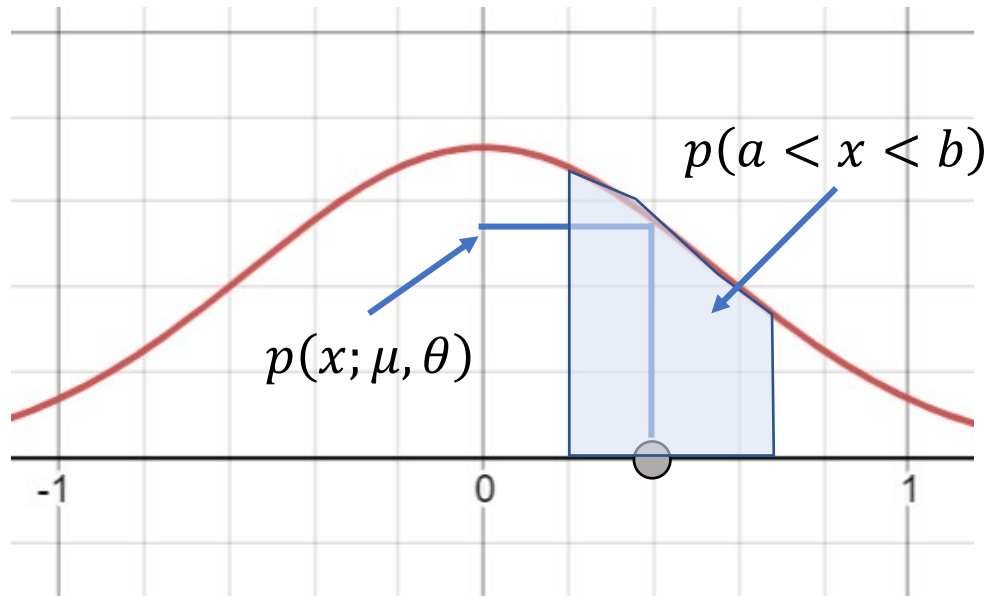
## Likelihood

A (probability density /mass) **function of parameters** given the data

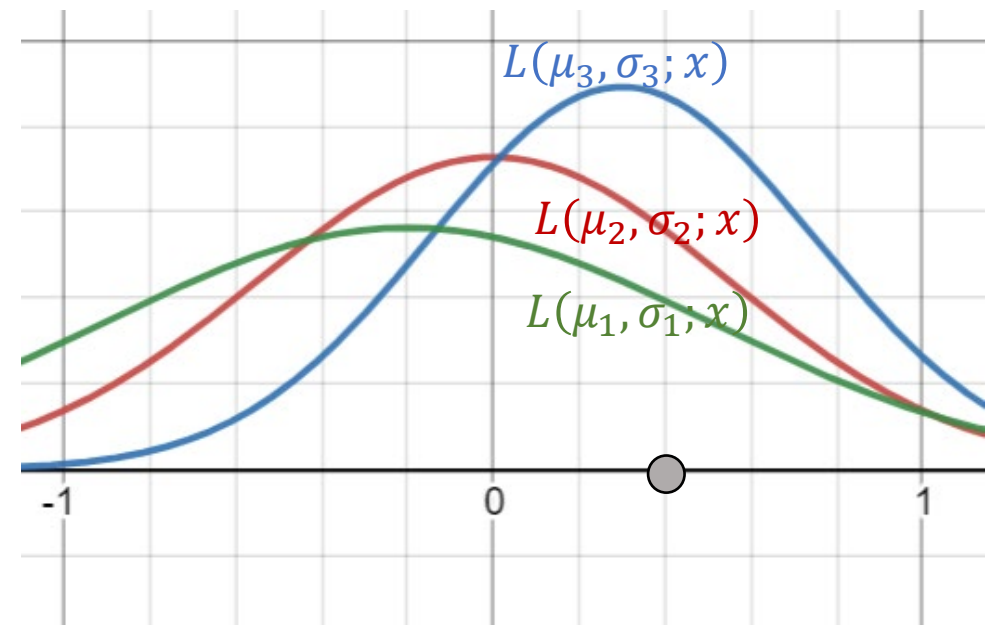
$$L(\mu, \sigma; \mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(\mathbf{x}-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

# Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE)

Probability Density Function



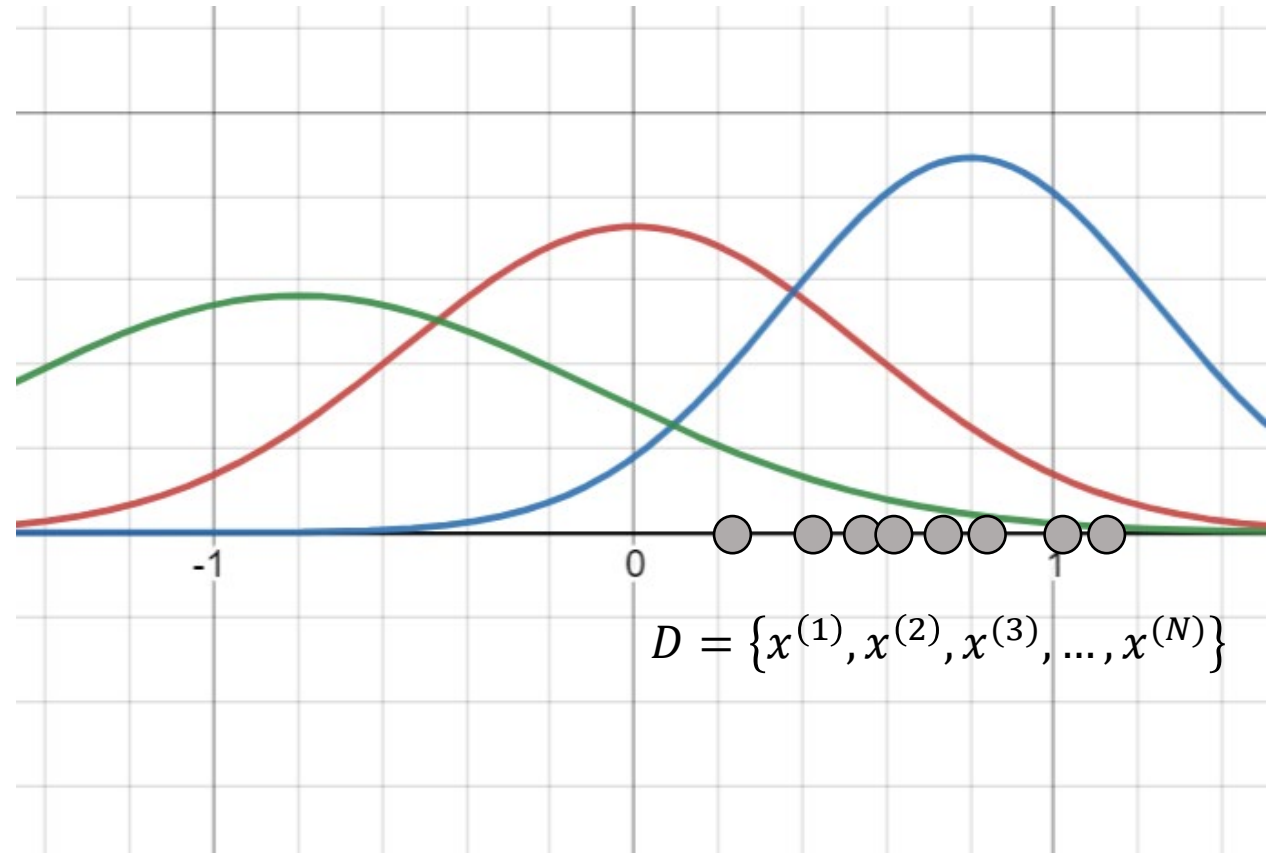
Likelihood



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- Finding the parameters that maximize the probability (density/mass) function

$$\arg \max_{\theta} L(\theta; D)$$



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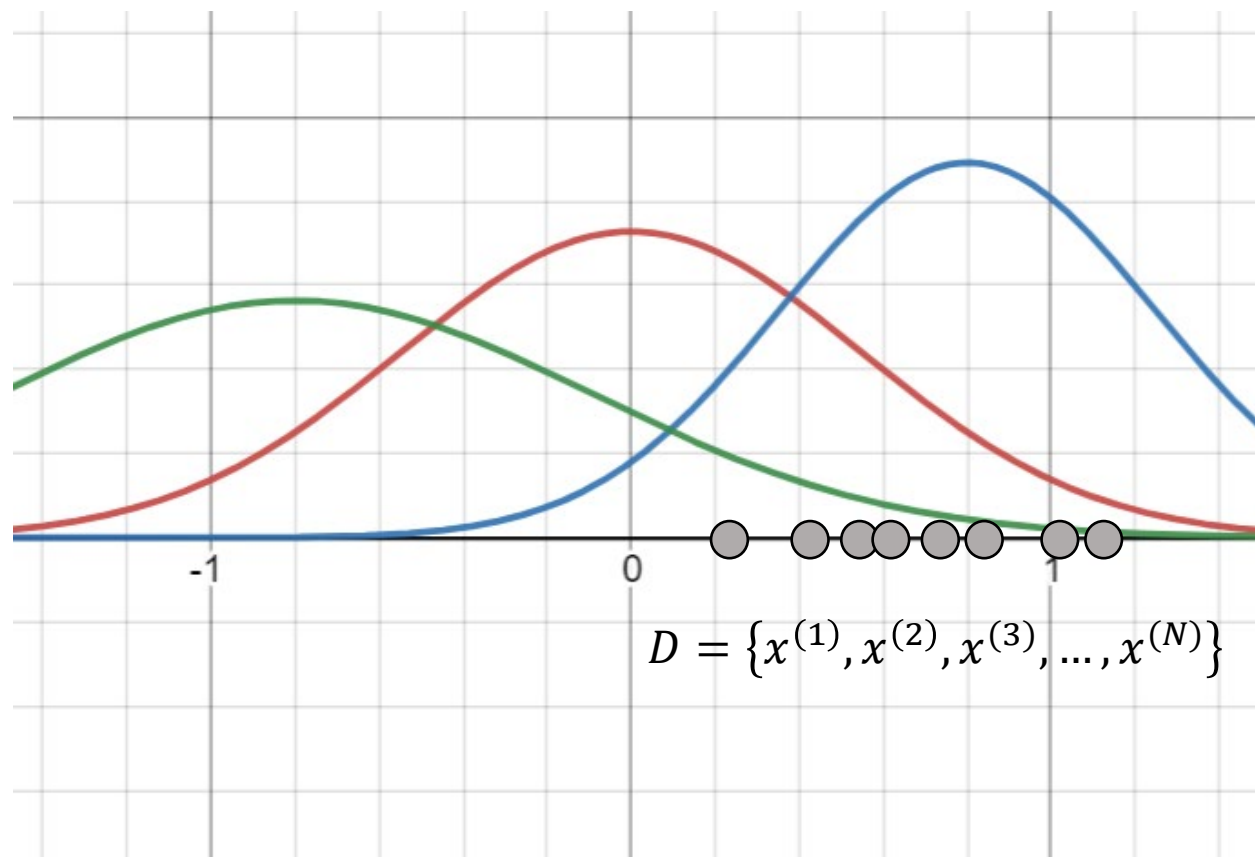
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I.I.D assumption

$$\arg \max_{\theta} L(\theta; D) = \arg \max_{\theta} \prod_{i=1}^N p(x^{(i)}; \theta)$$

$$= \arg \max_{\theta} \log \prod_{i=1}^N p(x^{(i)}; \theta)$$

$$= \arg \max_{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^N \log p(x^{(i)}; \theta)$$



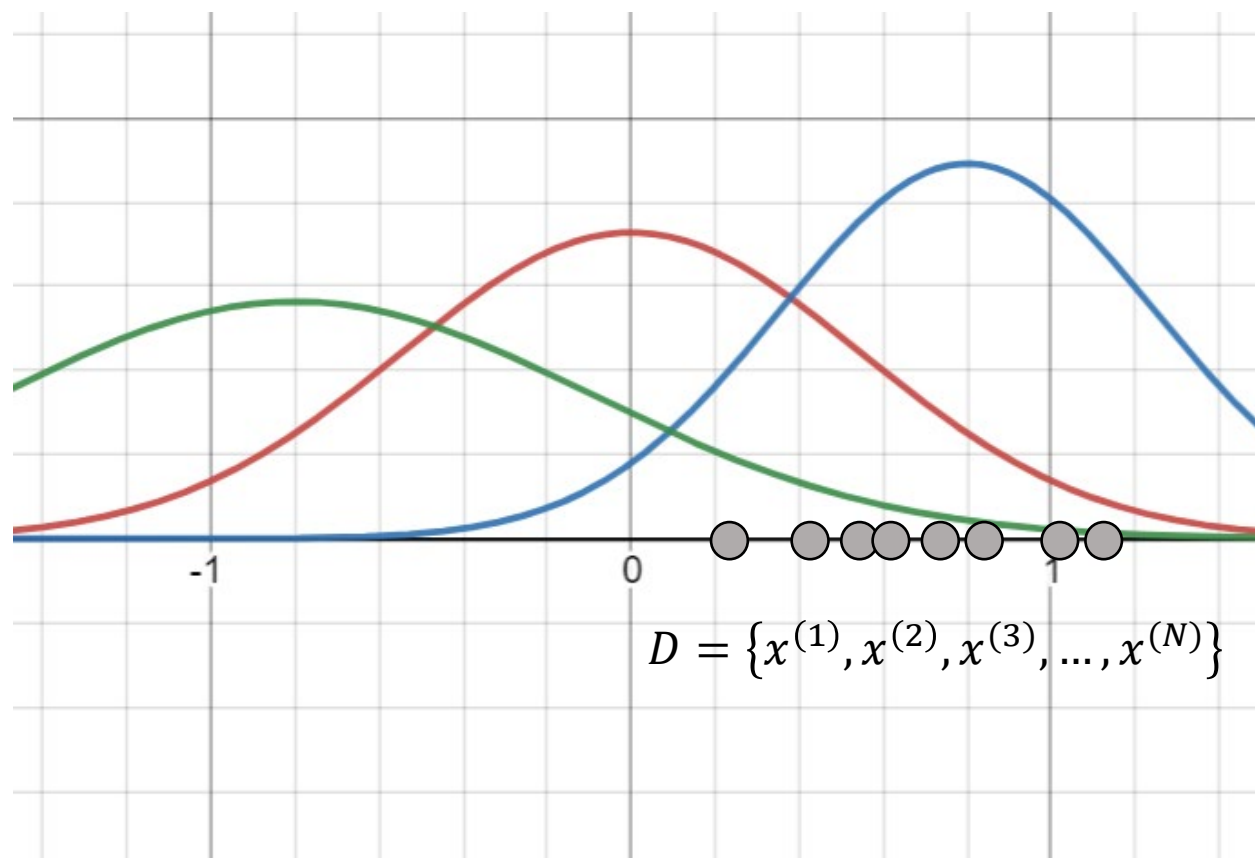
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$$= \arg \max_{\mu, \sigma} \sum_{i=1}^N \log \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x^{(i)} - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \right)$$

$$= \arg \max_{\mu, \sigma} \sum_{i=1}^N -\frac{(x^{(i)} - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2} - \log(\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2})$$



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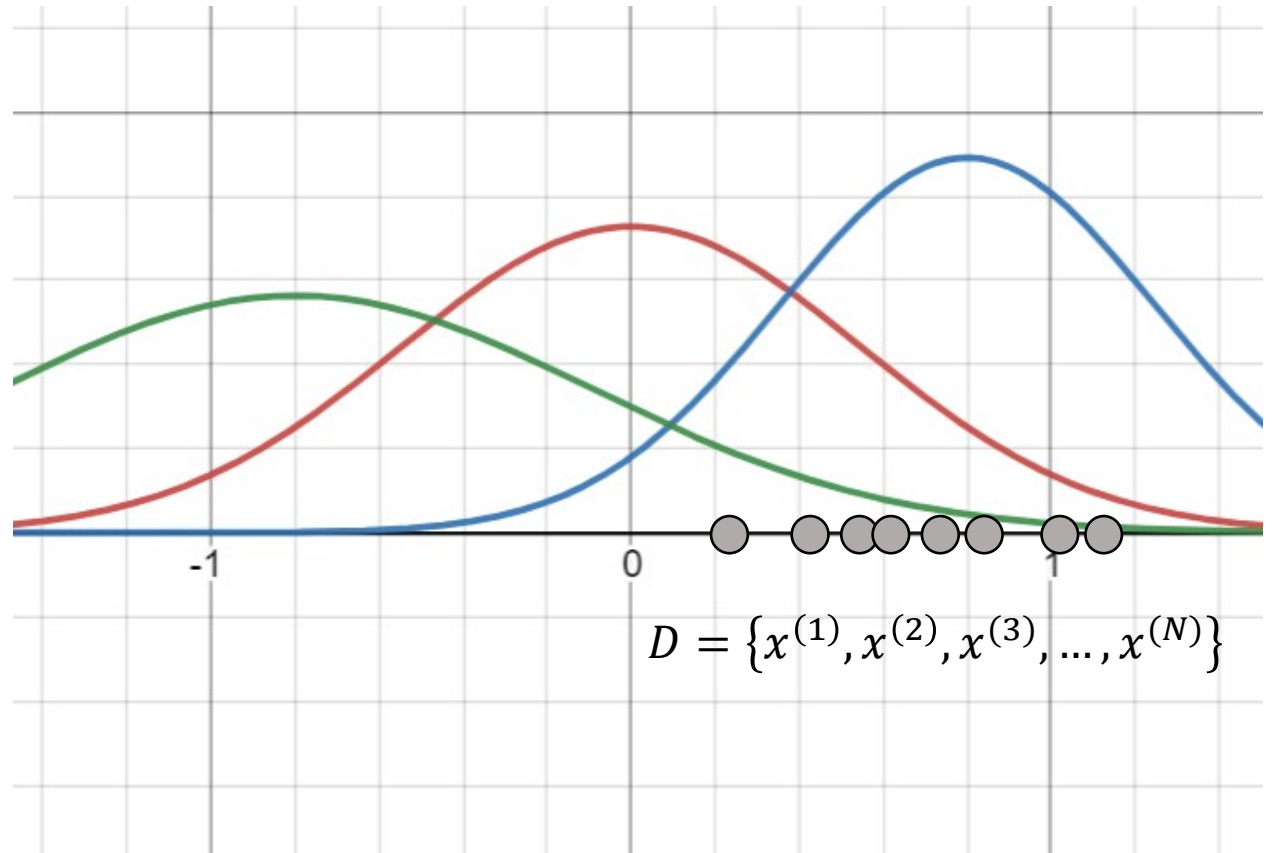
$$\arg \max_{\mu} \sum_{i=1}^N -\frac{(x^{(i)} - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2} - \log(\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2})$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \sum_{i=1}^N -\frac{(x^{(i)} - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2} - \log(\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2})$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{(x^{(i)} - \mu)}{\sigma^2} = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^N x^{(i)} - N\mu = 0$$

$$\mu^* = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x^{(i)}$$





# MLE - Linear Regression

# MLE for Linear Regression

- Finding the parameters that the errors are distributed from  $N(0, \sigma^2)$

Assumption1:  $\epsilon = y - w^\top x, \quad \epsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$

Assumption2: I.I.D

$$y = w^\top x + \epsilon \quad \epsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$$

“We are going to predict  $y$  except for the white noise”

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$$L(w) = \prod_{i=1}^N p(y^{(i)} | x^{(i)}; w) = \sum_{i=1}^N \log p(y^{(i)} | x^{(i)}; w)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^N \log \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{((y^{(i)} - w^\top x^{(i)}) - 0)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \right) \quad \epsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$$

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$\sigma = 1$ , we recover MSE Loss

# MLE for Linear Regression

- Finding the parameters that maximize 'conditional likelihood'

