

# Scientific Machine Learning

## Lecture 12: Numerical Methods, Bayesian Networks and Clustering

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# Lecture content

- Bayesian networks
- Numerical methods for computing posterior distributions
- Clustering
  - highly related to the topics of Lecture 13

The lecture of this time partially follows the Chapter 8, Chapter 11, and Section 9.1 of the book: Christopher M. Bishop "Pattern Recognition And Machine Learning" Springer-Verlag (2006)  
The name of this book is shown as "PRML" when it is referred in the slides.

The lecture slides contains original topics in addition to the contents of the book.

# Lecture content

- Bayesian networks

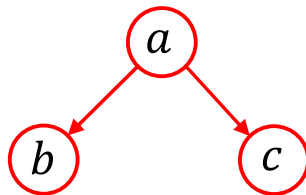


# Graphical Models

The roles of the graphical models:

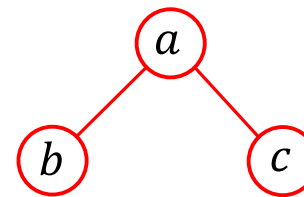
- Some properties in complicated probabilistic models can be visually clarified. (e.g. conditional independence)
- Visualization of the above properties can assist to design new models.

able to describe causal relationships



directed graphical model

**Bayesian network**

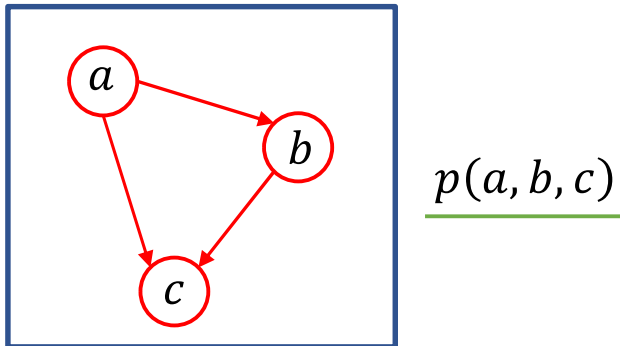


undirected graphical model

○ : stochastic variable

# Bayesian Network

$a, b, c$ : all stochastic variables



## The rules of probability

**sum rule**  $p(y) = \int p(x, y) dx$

**product rule**  $p(x, y) = p(x|y)p(y)$

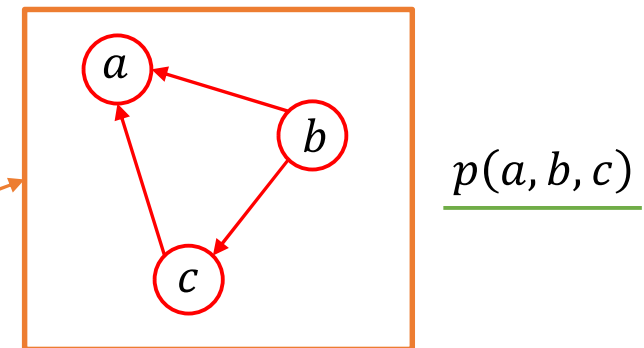
Let's consider the joint distribution:

$$p(a, b, c) = p(c|a, b)p(a, b)$$

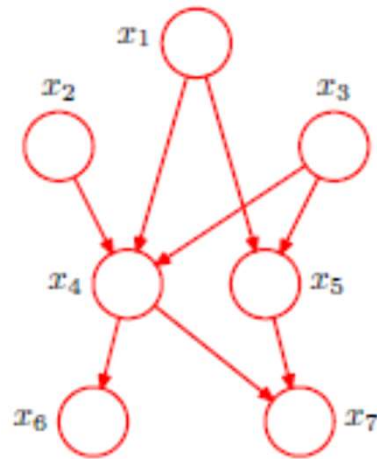
$$p(a, b) = p(b|a)p(a)$$

$$\underbrace{p(a, b, c)}_{\text{symmetric}} = \underbrace{p(c|a, b)p(b|a)p(a)}_{\text{not symmetric}}$$

$$\underbrace{p(a, b, c)} = \underbrace{p(a|b, c)p(c|b)p(b)}$$



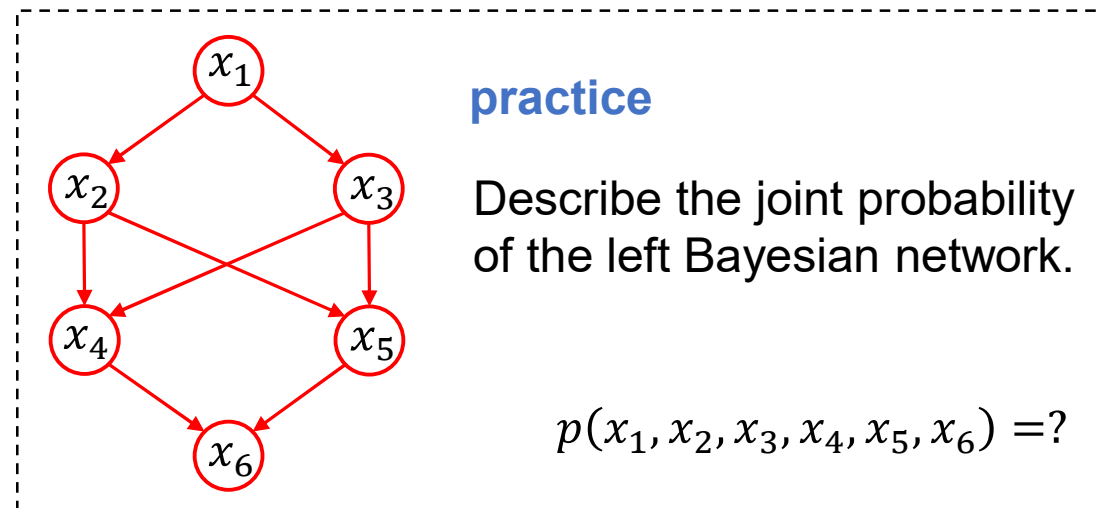
# Bayesian Network: Some Examples



PRML, Fig. 8.2

**product rule**  $p(x, y) = p(x|y)p(y)$

$$p(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6, x_7) \\ = p(x_1)p(x_2)p(x_3)p(x_4|x_1, x_2, x_3)p(x_5|x_1, x_3)p(x_6|x_4)p(x_7|x_4, x_5)$$



**practice**

Describe the joint probability of the left Bayesian network.

$$p(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6) = ?$$

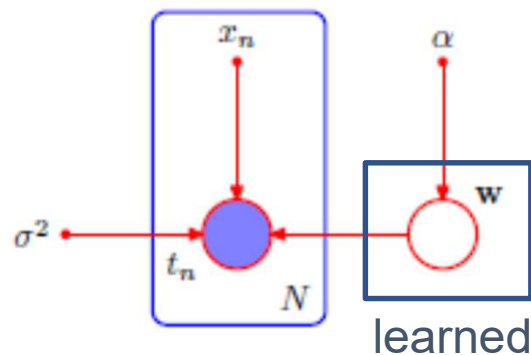


## Example: Bayesian Linear Regression

Let's see an example of graphical models using the Bayesian linear regression.

### Probabilistic model

$$p(t|x, \mathbf{w}) = \mathcal{N}(t|y(x, \mathbf{w}), \sigma^2)$$



PRML, Fig. 8.6

$\mathbf{w}$ : stochastic (prior is therefore introduced)

$\sigma$ : deterministic

**stochastic variables**: open circles

**deterministic variables**: smaller solid circles

**observed variables**: shading

**latent variables**: no shading

$$p(\mathbf{w}) \longrightarrow p(\mathbf{w}|\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{T})$$

# Latent Variables

In a global sense, **non-observed variables** can be classified as **latent variables**

e.g. so-called parameters (e.g. **w**) are **also latent variables**.

just detailed notes:

**w**: intensive variables (fixed in number independent of the size of the data set)

**z**: extensive variables (scale in number with of the size of the data set)

In the Bayesian perspective, all the variables are classified only as:

- **Observed**
- **Non-observed** (i.e. **latent variables**)

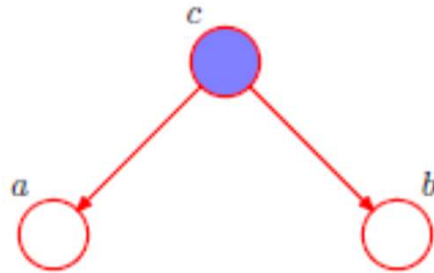
The probabilistic models for unsupervised learning become clear.  
(shown in Lecture 13)



## Three Important Properties (Conditional Independence)

Common for the three cases: Describe  $p(a, b, c)$ , then compute  $p(a, b|c) = \frac{p(a, b, c)}{p(c)}$

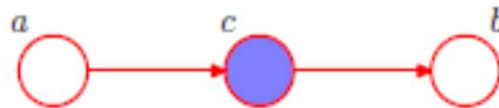
**tail-to-tail**



$$p(a, b, c) = p(a|c)p(b|c)p(c)$$
$$\Rightarrow p(a, b|c) = p(a|c)p(b|c)$$

independent

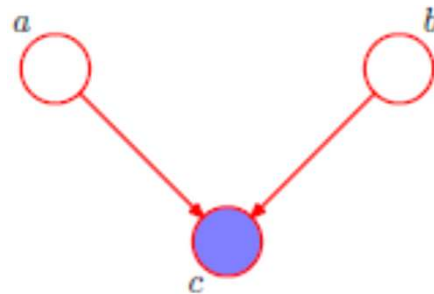
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$$p(a, b, c) = p(a)p(c|a)p(b|c)$$
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independent

**head-to-head**

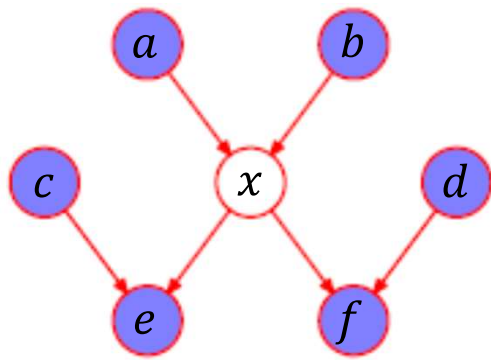


$$p(a, b, c) = p(a)p(b)p(c|a, b)$$
$$\Rightarrow p(a, b|c) = \frac{p(a)p(b)p(c|a, b)}{p(c)}$$

Not independent

# Markov Blanket

to know these properties effectively by the graphical models



**Markov blanket**

When all the variables except for  $x$  were observed, the nodes that have correlation with  $x$  are as shown in the left figure:

- the parent  $a, b$ ,
- the child  $e, f$ ,
- the co-parent with  $x$  as  $e, f$ .

can be checked by the previous **three properties!**

All the other variables outside of the variables from  $a$  to  $f$  do not affect anything on the conditional distribution of  $x$ .

When the probabilistic model becomes complicated, these properties of the graphical models make the conditional independence clear by visual effects.

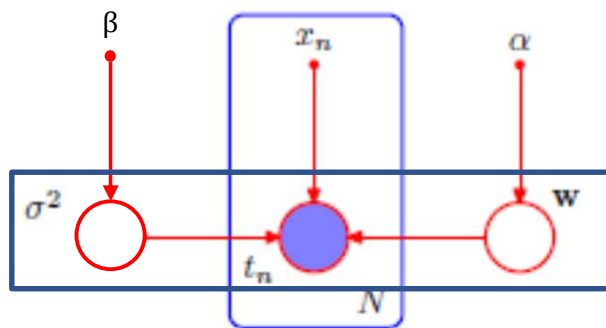
# Example: Bayesian Linear Regression

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## Probabilistic model

another case when  $\sigma$  is also stochastic.

$$p(t|x, \mathbf{w}, \sigma) = \mathcal{N}(t|y(x, \mathbf{w}), \sigma^2)$$



PRML, Fig. 8.6 with modification

$\mathbf{w}$ : stochastic (prior is therefore introduced)

$\sigma$ : stochastic (prior is therefore introduced)

head-to-head

$$\begin{pmatrix} p(\mathbf{w}) \\ p(\sigma) \end{pmatrix}$$



posterior: a joint distribution

$$\frac{p(\mathbf{w}, \sigma | \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{T})}{\text{not like } p(\mathbf{w} | \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{T}), p(\sigma | \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{T})}$$

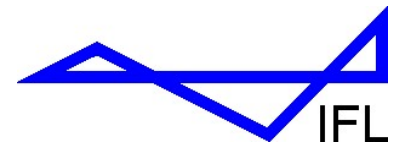
$\mathbf{w}, \sigma$  became correlated when  $\mathbf{T}$  was observed.

## Predictive distribution

$$p(t|x, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{T}) = \iint p(t|x, \mathbf{w}, \sigma) p(\mathbf{w}, \sigma | \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{T}) d\mathbf{w} d\sigma$$

# Lecture content

- Numerical methods for computing posterior distributions



# Posterior Distribution and Predictive Distribution

Let's think about **the curve fitting problem**.

$\mathbf{w}$ : stochastic  
 $\sigma$ : stochastic

Probabilistic model

$$p(t|x, \mathbf{w}, \sigma) = \mathcal{N}(t|y(x, \mathbf{w}), \sigma^2)$$

e.g. **neural network**

Likelihood function

$$p(\mathbf{T}|\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{w}, \sigma) = \prod_{i=1}^N \mathcal{N}(t_i|y(x_i, \mathbf{w}), \sigma^2)$$

need optimizer

$$\text{MLE: } \max_{\mathbf{w}, \sigma} p(\mathbf{T}|\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{w}, \sigma)$$



Posterior distribution  $p(\mathbf{w}, \sigma|\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{T}) = \textit{complicated}$

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**probabilistic model  $\times$  posterior**

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Predictive distribution

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**probabilistic model**  $\times$  **posterior**

# Posterior Distribution and Predictive Distribution

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Probabilistic model

$$p(t|x, w) = \mathcal{N}(t|y(x, w), \sigma^2)$$

e.g. linear regression as  $w^T \phi(x)$

Likelihood function

$$p(\mathbf{T}|\mathbf{X}, w) = \prod_{i=1}^N \mathcal{N}(t_i|y(x_i, w), \sigma^2)$$

no need of optimizer

$$\text{MLE: } \max_{w, \sigma} p(\mathbf{T}|\mathbf{X}, w)$$

➡ Posterior distribution  $p(w|\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{T}) = \text{Gaussian}$

Predictive distribution

$$p(t|x, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{T}) = \int p(t|x, w) p(w|\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{T}) dw = \text{Gaussian}$$

probabilistic model  $\times$  posterior

➡ Gaussian process  
by dual representation

# Numerical Approximation of Posterior Distributions

Posterior distribution

$$\underline{p(\mathbf{w}|\mathcal{D})} = \textit{complicated}$$

Predictive distribution

$$p(t|x, \mathcal{D}) = \int p(t|x, \mathbf{w}) \underline{p(\mathbf{w}|\mathcal{D})} d\mathbf{w} = \textit{complicated}$$

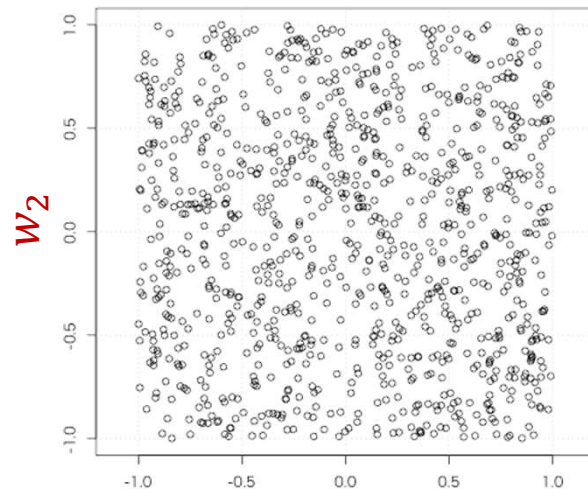
**Numerical approximation** of the posterior:

- Markov-Chain Monte Carlo
  - Variational inference
  - Laplace approximation
- approximation by sampling
- approximation by parametric pdf  
e.g. a Gaussian distribution



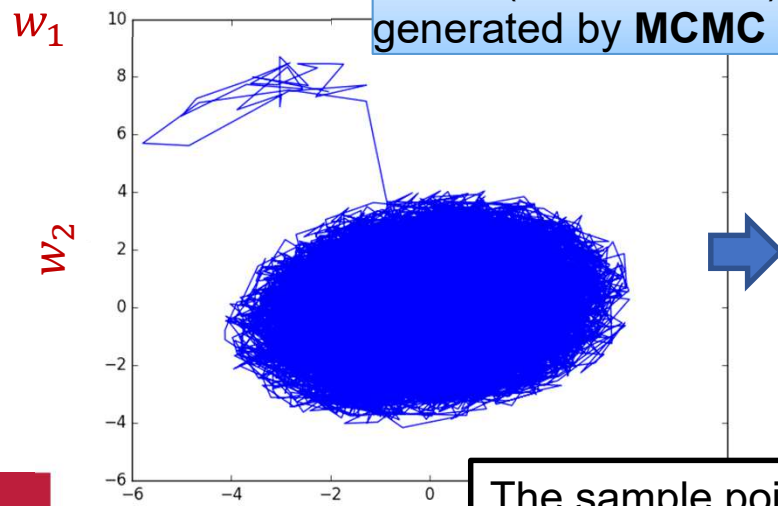
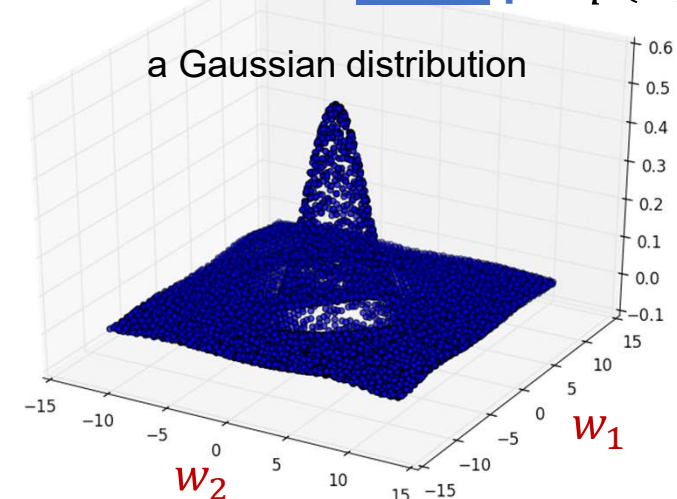
# Markov-Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC)

Monte Carlo sampling (random sampling)



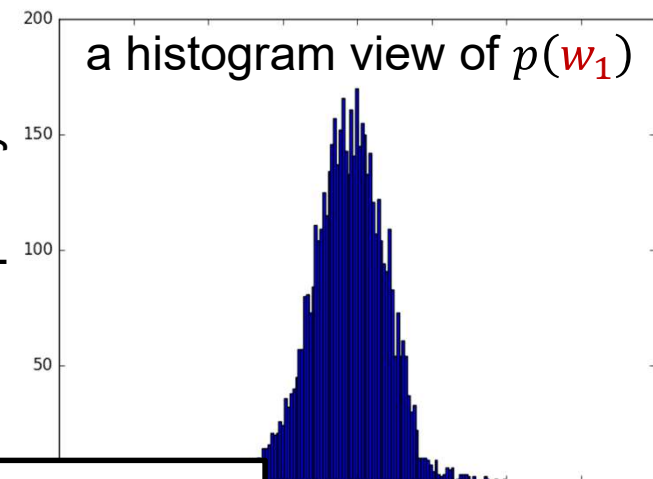
$p(\mathbf{w}) = 1$   
(uniform distribution)

visualization of the target pdf  $p(\mathbf{w})$



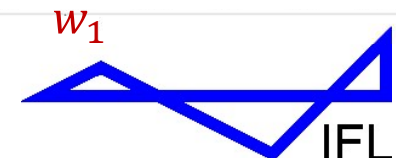
Points (and the trace)  
generated by **MCMC**

Frequency



a histogram view of  $p(w_1)$

The sample points are  
generated to describe the  
function  $p(\mathbf{w})$  by the frequency.



# Markov-Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC)

## Random walk

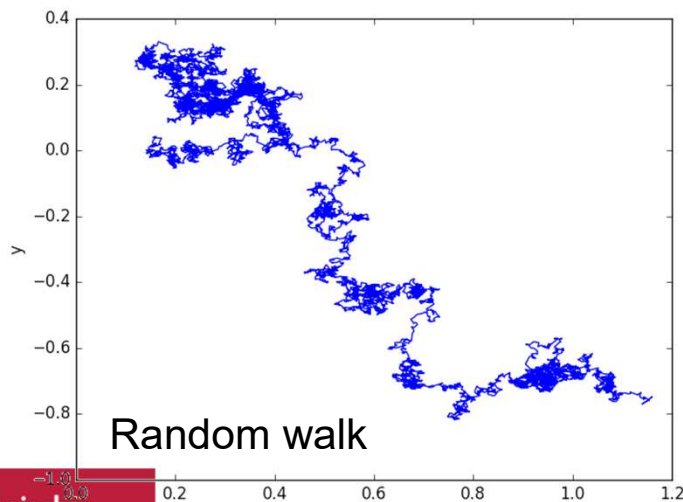
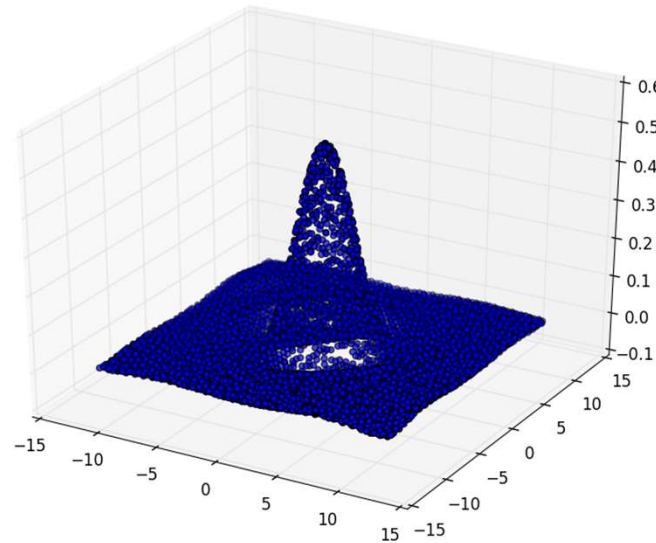
$$\text{candidate} = \text{current} + \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma)$$

## Metropolis Hastings

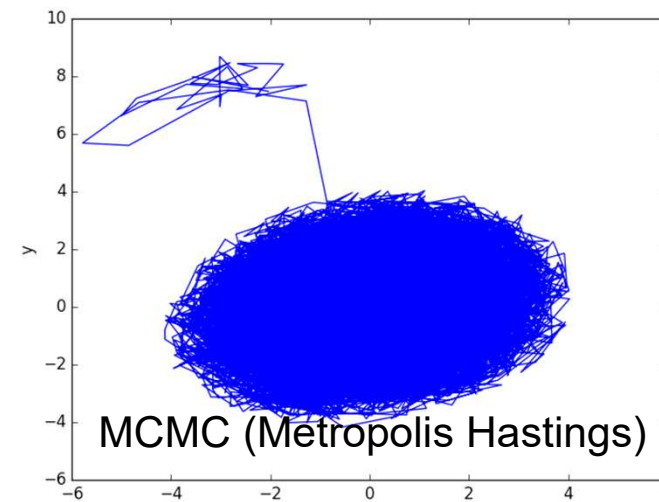
$$a = \frac{p(\text{candidate})}{p(\text{current})}$$

If  $a > 1$ , or  $a > r$  : a random number  $r \in (0,1)$ :

$\text{candidate} \rightarrow \text{current}$



Random walk

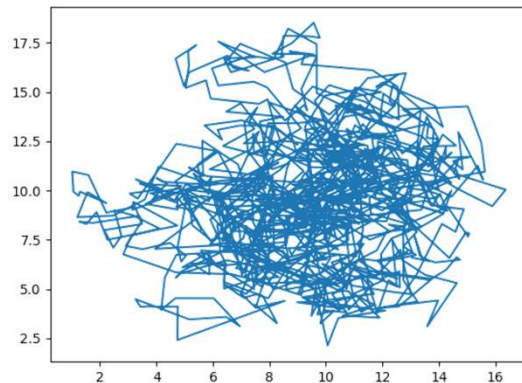


MCMC (Metropolis Hastings)

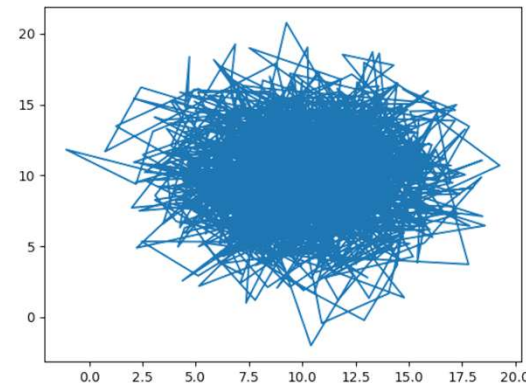
## Some Variations of Algorithms in MCMC

There are many algorithms in MCMC (like many algorithms in optimizer).

12 dimensional Gaussian distributions (analytical function test case) as the target posterior (extracted 2 input parameters to visualize)



by Metropolis-Hastings



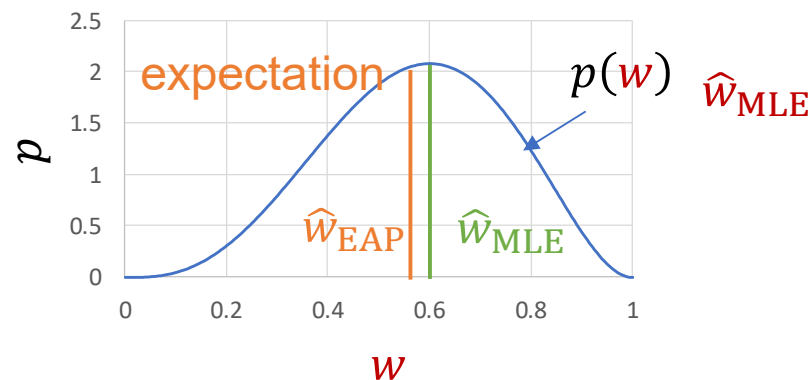
by Hamiltonian MC

e.g. Hamiltonian Monte Carlo

- More effective in high-dimensional spaces
- Requires gradient information of the target function wrt the parameters

# Applications of MCMC

Example: There is a pdf  $p(w)$  (prior  $p(w)$  or posterior  $p(w|\mathcal{D})$ ).



The **point estimate** approaches ( $w$  is deterministic)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \hat{w}_{MLE} = \max_w p(w) \\ \hat{w}_{EAP} = E[w] \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{by a optimizer} \\ \text{how?} \end{array}$$

**Note:** if no weights  $\Rightarrow$  conventional DoE

$$E[w] = \int w dw \approx \frac{1}{N_{mc}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{mc}} w$$

Approximation by using e.g. Monte Carlo

$$E[w] = \int w \times p(w) dw \approx \frac{1}{N_{mcmc}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{mcmc}} w$$

Sampling approximation by using MCMC

# Applications of MCMC

## Predictive distribution (the goal)

The **probability distribution** approaches  
( $w$  is stochastic)

only in special cases! (see Lectures 6,7)

$$p(t|x, \mathcal{D}) = \int p(t|x, \mathbf{w})p(\mathbf{w}|\mathcal{D})d\mathbf{w} = \mathcal{N}(t|\mathbf{m}_N^T\phi(x), \sigma_N^2(x))$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{N_{mcmc}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{mcmc}} p(t|x, \mathbf{w}_i)$$

If you have the result of MCMC  
on the posterior  $p(\mathbf{w}|\mathcal{D})$

weighted sum of the probability  $p(t|x, \mathbf{w})$



- the posterior distribution
  - the predictive distribution
- } represented by the sample points



## Other applications of MCMC

A function distribution can be revealed (by weighted samples).

- ➔
- Can be used to find **global optimum**
  - Can be used for **robust design**

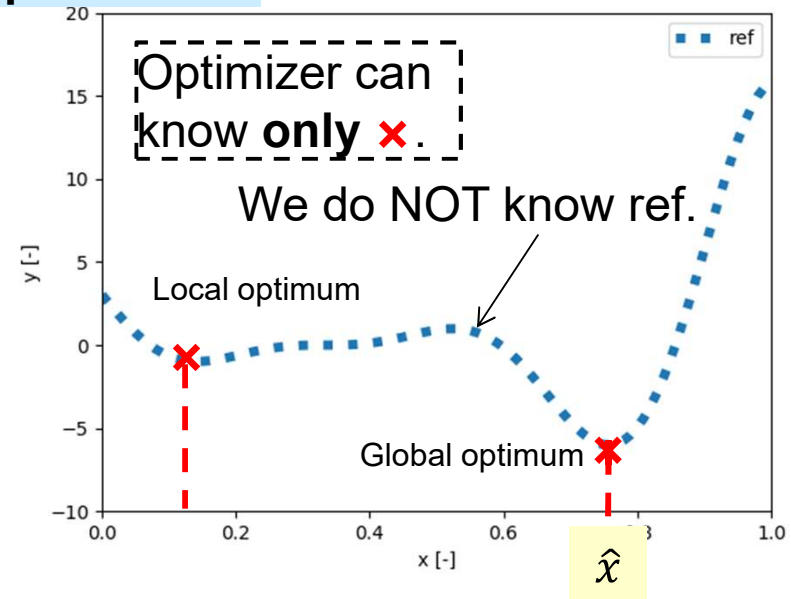
But expensive (since it is sampling method)

It is common with optimization that we have to care the parameters input to the algorithms.

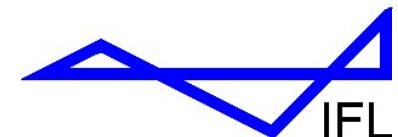
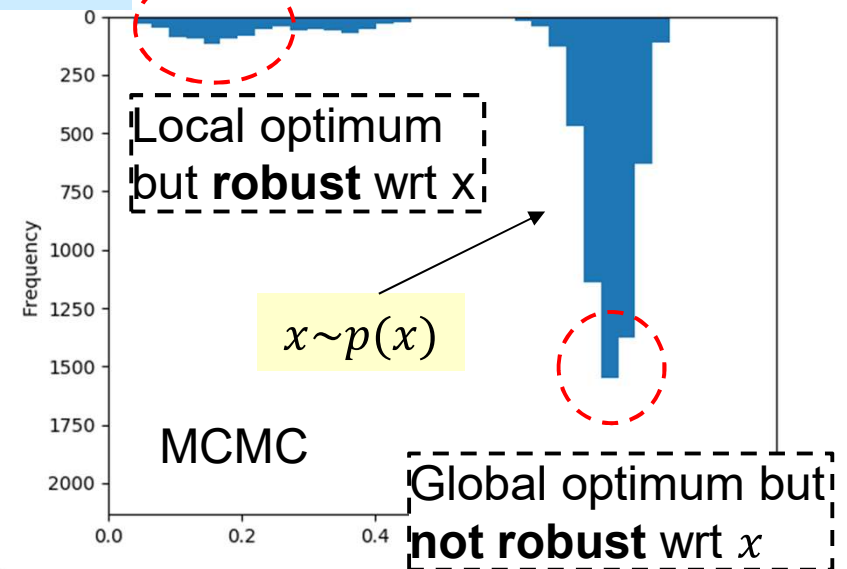
Input parameters in MCMC:

- step length
- burn-in
- etc.

## Optimization



## MCMC



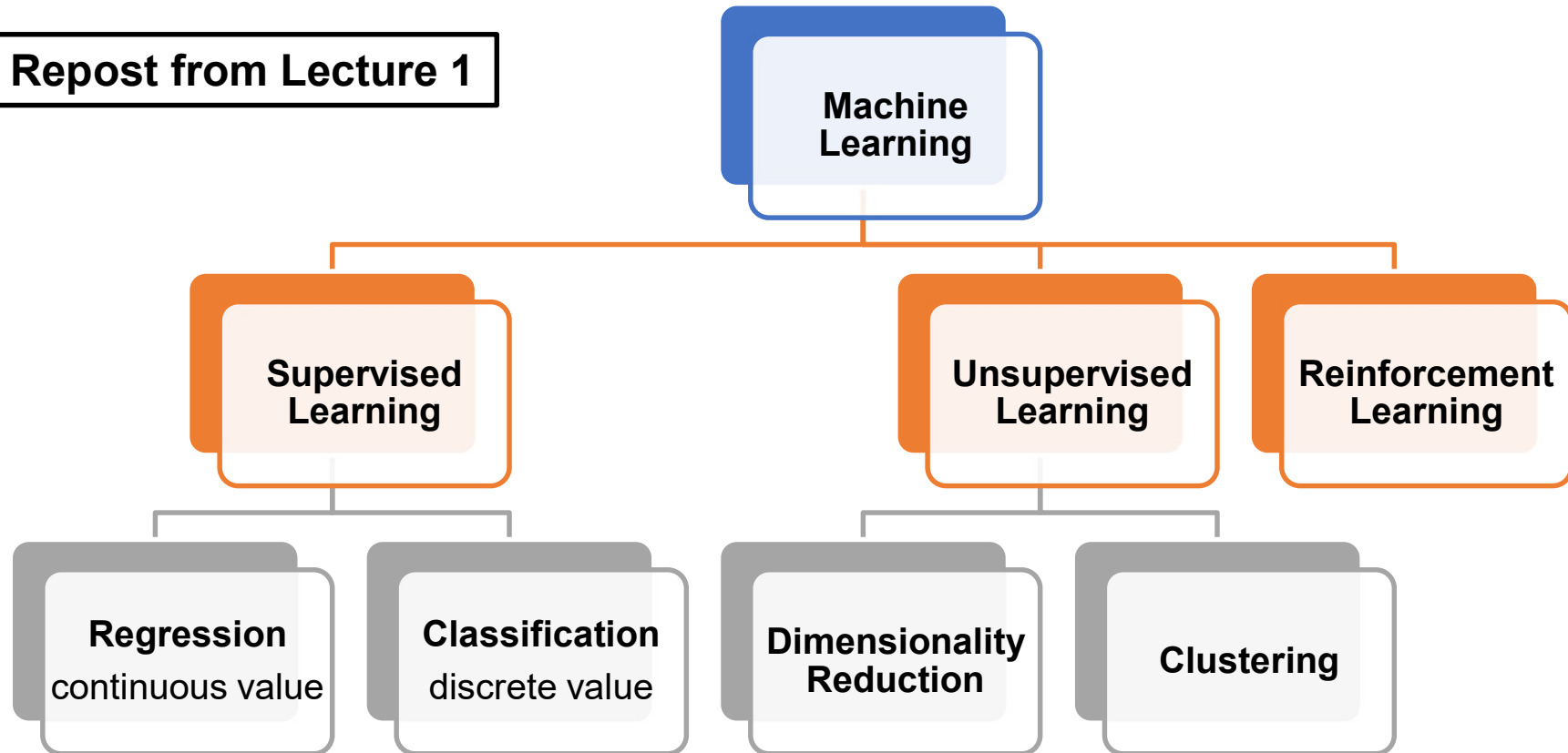
# Lecture content

- Clustering
  - highly related to the topics of Lecture 13



# Machine Learning Classification by Use/Application

Repost from Lecture 1



In this course, machine learning classification is done by **methods and their concepts**.



Then the use/application is naturally derived/understood.



# Clustering (*K*-means algorithm)

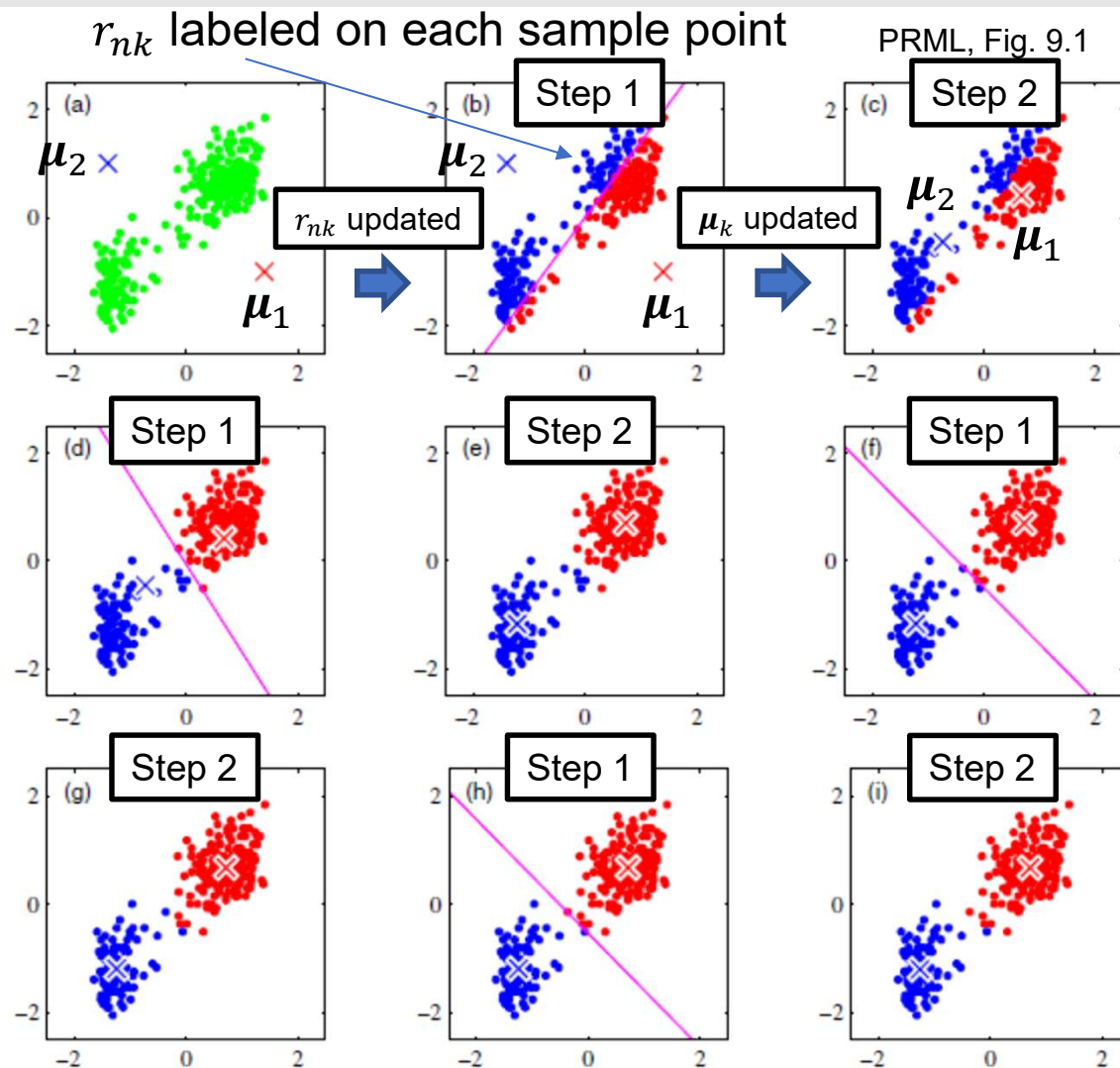
$$E(r_{nk}, \boldsymbol{\mu}_k) = \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K r_{nk} \|\mathbf{x}^{(n)} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k\|^2$$

One iteration is composed of two steps:

1.  $\min_{r_{nk}} E(r_{nk}, \boldsymbol{\mu}_k)$
2.  $\min_{\boldsymbol{\mu}_k} E(r_{nk}, \boldsymbol{\mu}_k)$

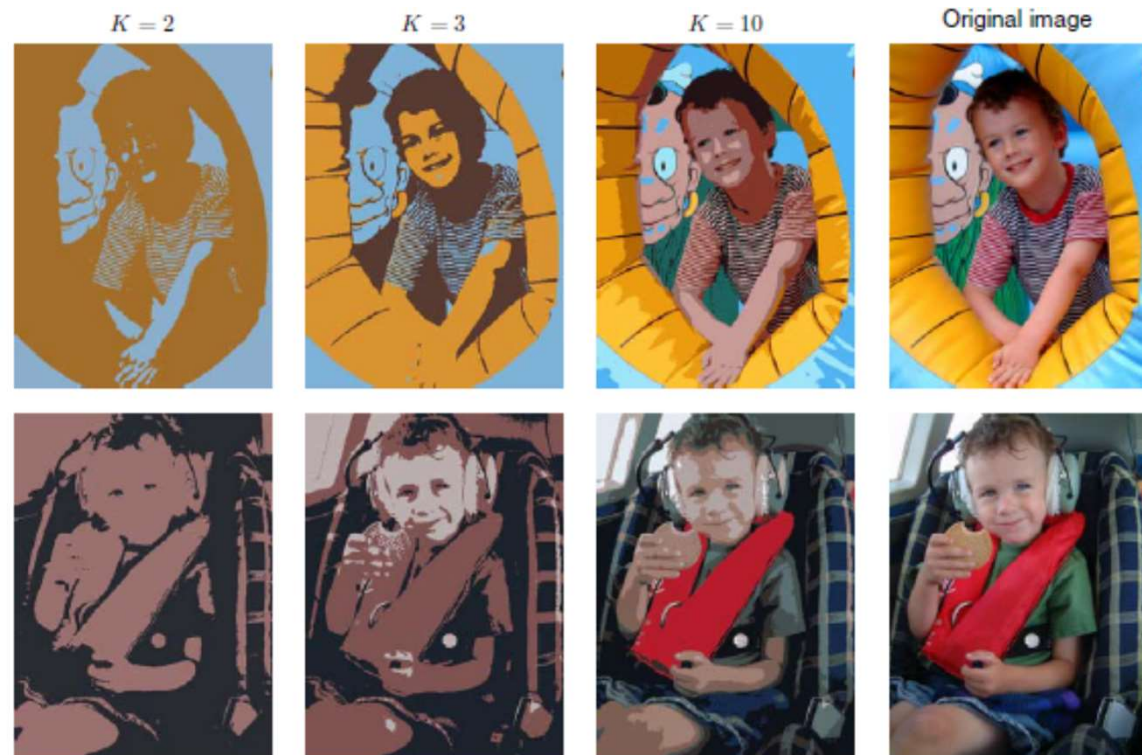
$\boldsymbol{\mu}_k$ : the mean of  $\mathbf{x}^{(n)}$  in the current cluster  $k$

$r_{nk}$ : when the nearest  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_k$ , 1. Otherwise 0.



## Clustering ( $K$ -means algorithm) – Other Examples

compression data files



PRML, Fig. 9.3

Similar colors are summarized as one color, which corresponds to each cluster.

# Clustering (*K*-means algorithm) as a Probabilistic Model

The message here is that:

Even this algorithm can be regarded as a special case, it can be a modeling using the probability theory.

Not from the classification from Use/ Application



Lecture 13

Mixtures of Gaussians

## Summary

- The graphical models were learned to assist to model complicated probabilistic models  
by **using know properties easily judged by the graph as visualization information**
- **Approximation methods** to compute **the posterior / predictive distributions** in the Bayesian approaches
  - The point estimate is fine since we can use optimizer but clarifying distributions needs more information
  - **Markov-Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC)** is expensive but can represent the distributions by sampling. Other methods are the variational inference, Laplace approximation, etc.
- Clustering from application viewpoint was introduced  
extended to mixture of Gaussians



more generalized perspective of probabilistic modeling in Lecture 13