



# MAP Estimation and Bayesian

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# Outline

- Maximum A Posteriori (MAP) estimation
- Bayes classifier
- Naïve Bayes classifier

# Maximum A Posteriori (MAP) estimation

- ▶ MAP estimation

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}_{MAP} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} p(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathcal{D})$$

- ▶ Since  $p(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathcal{D}) \propto p(\mathcal{D}|\boldsymbol{\theta})p(\boldsymbol{\theta})$

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}_{MAP} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} p(\mathcal{D}|\boldsymbol{\theta})p(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

- ▶ Example of prior distribution:

$$p(\theta) = \mathcal{N}(\theta_0, \sigma^2)$$

# MAP estimation Gaussian: unknown $\mu$

$$\begin{array}{ll} p(x|\mu) \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2) & \mu \text{ is the only unknown parameter} \\ p(\mu|\mu_0) \sim N(\mu_0, \sigma_0^2) & \mu_0 \text{ and } \sigma_0 \text{ are known} \end{array}$$

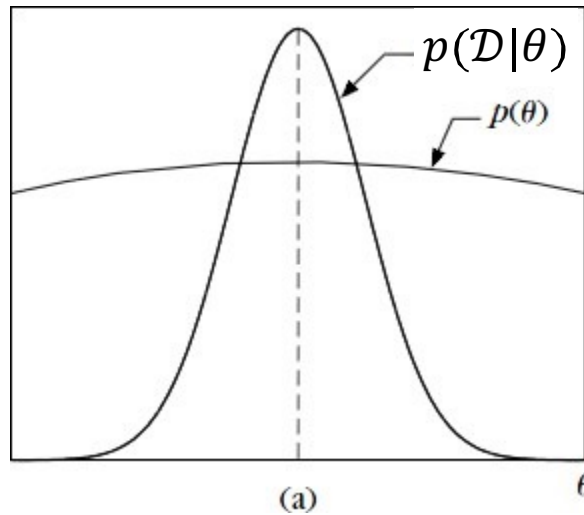
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{d\mu} \ln \left( p(\mu) \prod_{i=1}^N p(x^{(i)}|\mu) \right) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{\sigma^2} (x^{(i)} - \mu) - \frac{1}{\sigma_0^2} (\mu - \mu_0) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu_{MAP} = \frac{\mu_0 + \frac{\sigma_0^2}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^N x^{(i)}}{1 + \frac{\sigma_0^2}{\sigma^2} N}$$

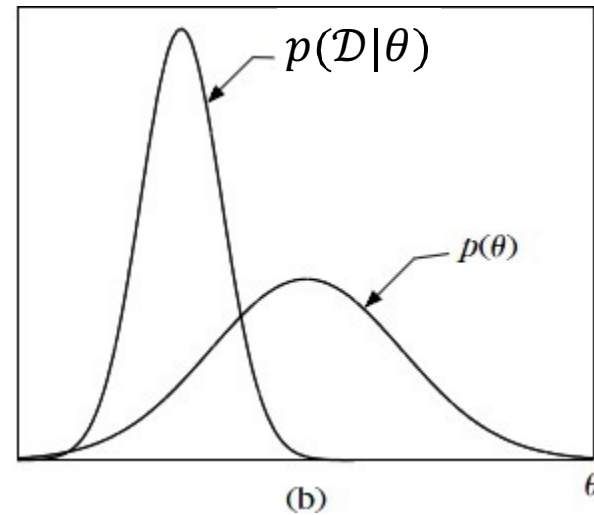
$$\frac{\sigma_0^2}{\sigma^2} \gg 1 \text{ or } N \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow \mu_{MAP} = \mu_{ML} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N x^{(i)}}{N}$$

# Maximum A Posteriori (MAP) estimation

- ▶ Given a set of observations  $\mathcal{D}$  and a prior distribution  $p(\boldsymbol{\theta})$  on parameters, the parameter vector that maximizes  $p(\mathcal{D}|\boldsymbol{\theta})p(\boldsymbol{\theta})$  is found.



$$\theta_{MAP} \cong \theta_{ML}$$

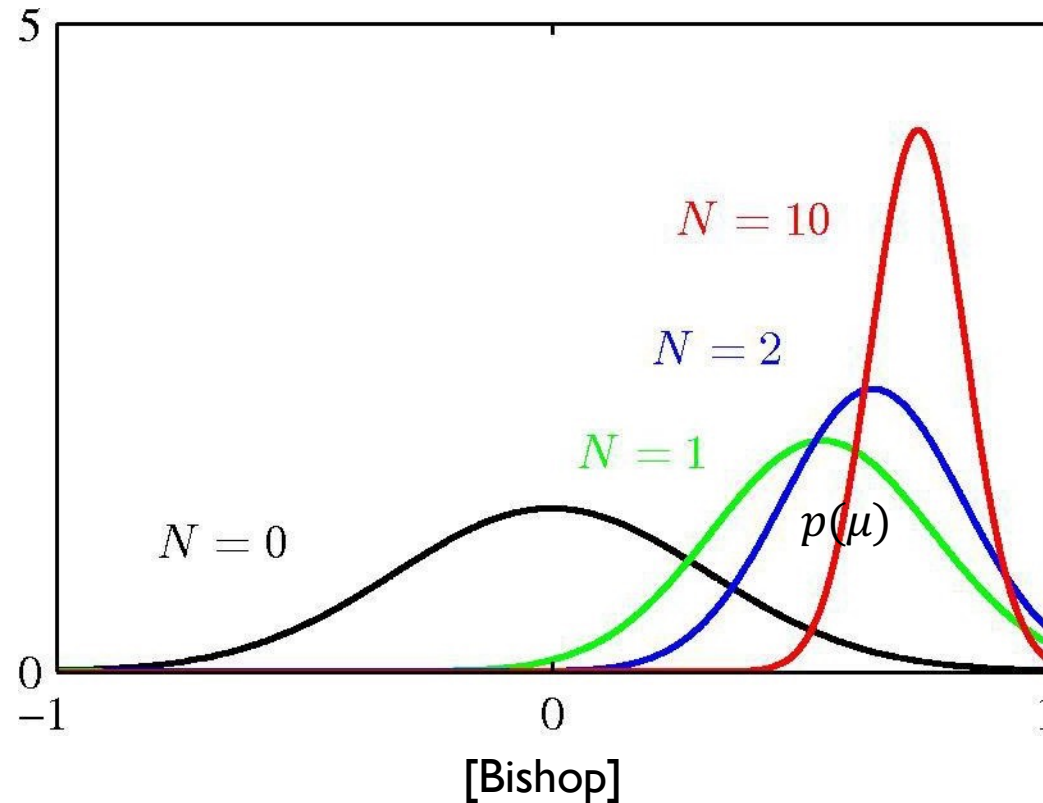


$$\theta_{MAP} > \theta_{ML}$$

$$\mu_N = \frac{\sigma^2}{N\sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2} \mu_0 + \frac{N\sigma_0^2}{N\sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2} \mu_{ML}$$

# MAP estimation

## Gaussian: unknown $\mu$ (known $\sigma$ )



$$p(\mu|\mathcal{D}) \propto p(\mu)p(\mathcal{D}|\mu)$$

$$p(\mu|\mathcal{D}) = N(\mu|\mu_N, \sigma_N)$$

$$\mu_N = \frac{\mu_0 + \frac{\sigma_0^2}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^N x^{(i)}}{1 + \frac{\sigma_0^2}{\sigma^2} N}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_N^2} = \frac{1}{\sigma_0^2} + \frac{N}{\sigma^2}$$

More samples  $\Rightarrow$  sharper  $p(\mu|\mathcal{D})$   
Higher confidence in estimation

# Definitions

- Posterior probability:  $p(\mathcal{C}_k | \mathbf{x})$
- Likelihood or class conditional probability:  $p(\mathbf{x} | \mathcal{C}_k)$
- Prior probability:  $p(\mathcal{C}_k)$

$p(\mathbf{x})$ : pdf of feature vector  $\mathbf{x}$  ( $p(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{k=1}^K p(\mathcal{C}_k | \mathbf{x}) p(\mathcal{C}_k)$ )

$p(\mathbf{x} | \mathcal{C}_k)$ : pdf of feature vector  $\mathbf{x}$  for samples of class  $\mathcal{C}_k$

$p(\mathcal{C}_k)$ : probability of the label be  $\mathcal{C}_k$

# Bayes decision rule

If  $P(\mathcal{C}_1|\mathbf{x}) > P(\mathcal{C}_2|\mathbf{x})$  decide  $\mathcal{C}_1$   
otherwise decide  $\mathcal{C}_2$

$K = 2$

$$p(error|\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} p(\mathcal{C}_2|\mathbf{x}) & \text{if we decide } \mathcal{C}_1 \\ P(\mathcal{C}_1|\mathbf{x}) & \text{if we decide } \mathcal{C}_2 \end{cases}$$

- If we use Bayes decision rule:

$$P(error|\mathbf{x}) = \min\{P(\mathcal{C}_1|\mathbf{x}), P(\mathcal{C}_2|\mathbf{x})\}$$

Using Bayes rule, for each  $\mathbf{x}$ ,  $P(error|\mathbf{x})$  is as small as possible and thus this rule minimizes the probability of error



# Optimal classifier

- ▶ The optimal decision is the one that minimizes the expected number of mistakes
- ▶ We show that Bayes classifier is an optimal classifier

# Bayes theorem

► Bayes' theorem

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

Diagram illustrating the components of Bayes' theorem:

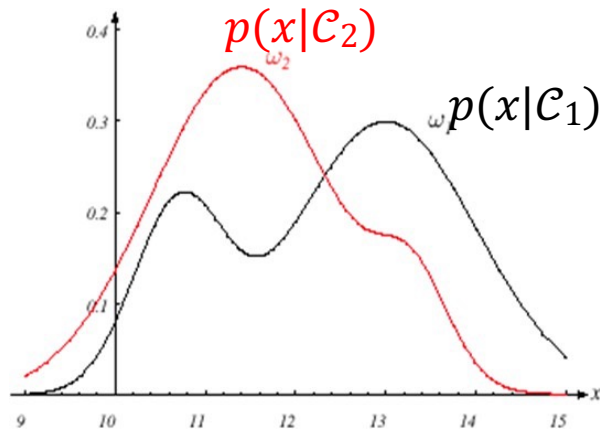
- Posterior:  $p(\mathcal{C}_k | \mathbf{x})$
- Likelihood:  $p(\mathbf{x} | \mathcal{C}_k)$
- Prior:  $p(\mathcal{C}_k)$

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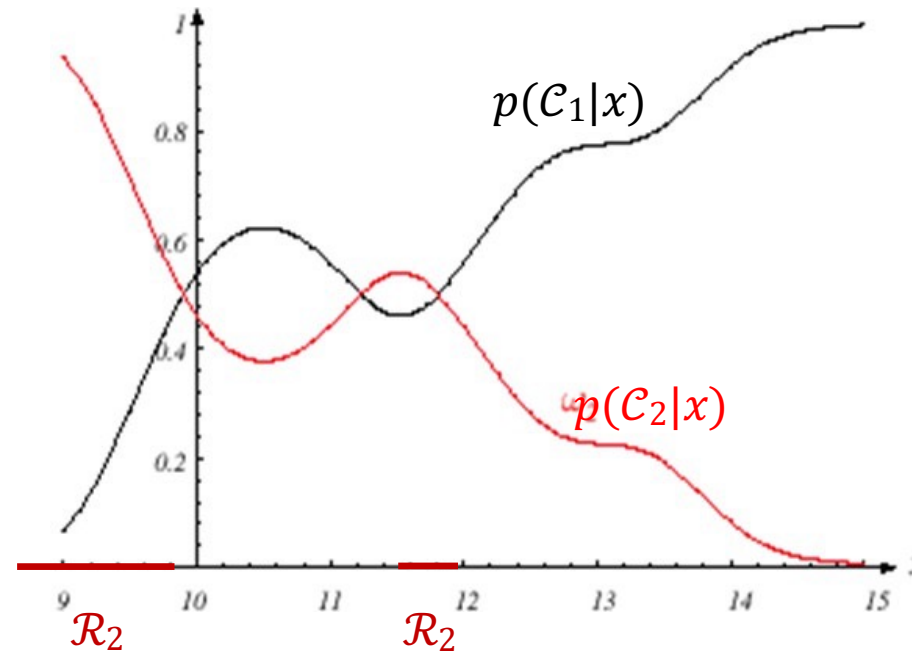
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# Bayes decision rule: example

- Bayes decision: Choose the class with highest  $p(\mathcal{C}_k|\mathbf{x})$



$$p(\mathcal{C}_1) = \frac{2}{3}$$
$$p(\mathcal{C}_2) = \frac{1}{3}$$



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

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = p(\mathcal{C}_1)p(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{C}_1) + p(\mathcal{C}_2)p(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{C}_2)$$

# Bayesian decision rule

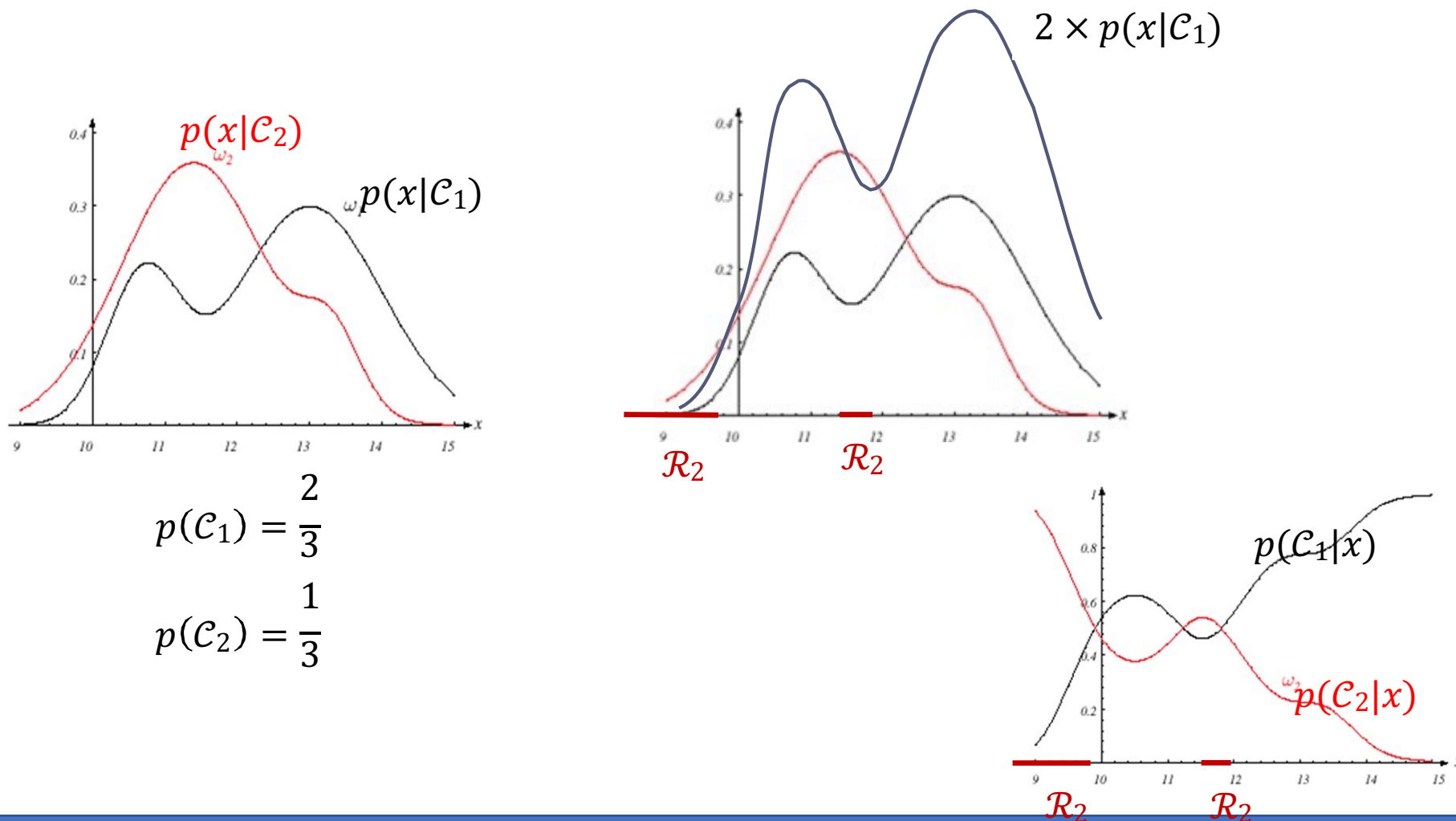
- ▶ If  $P(\mathcal{C}_1|\mathbf{x}) > P(\mathcal{C}_2|\mathbf{x})$  decide  $\mathcal{C}_1$   
otherwise decide  $\mathcal{C}_2$
- ▶ If  $\frac{p(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{C}_1)P(\mathcal{C}_1)}{p(\mathbf{x})} > \frac{p(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{C}_2)P(\mathcal{C}_2)}{p(\mathbf{x})}$  decide  $\mathcal{C}_1$   
otherwise decide  $\mathcal{C}_2$
- ▶ If  $p(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{C}_1)P(\mathcal{C}_1) > p(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{C}_2)P(\mathcal{C}_2)$  decide  $\mathcal{C}_1$   
otherwise decide  $\mathcal{C}_2$

Equivalent

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# Bayes decision rule: example

- Bayes decision: Choose the class with highest  $p(\mathcal{C}_k|\mathbf{x})$

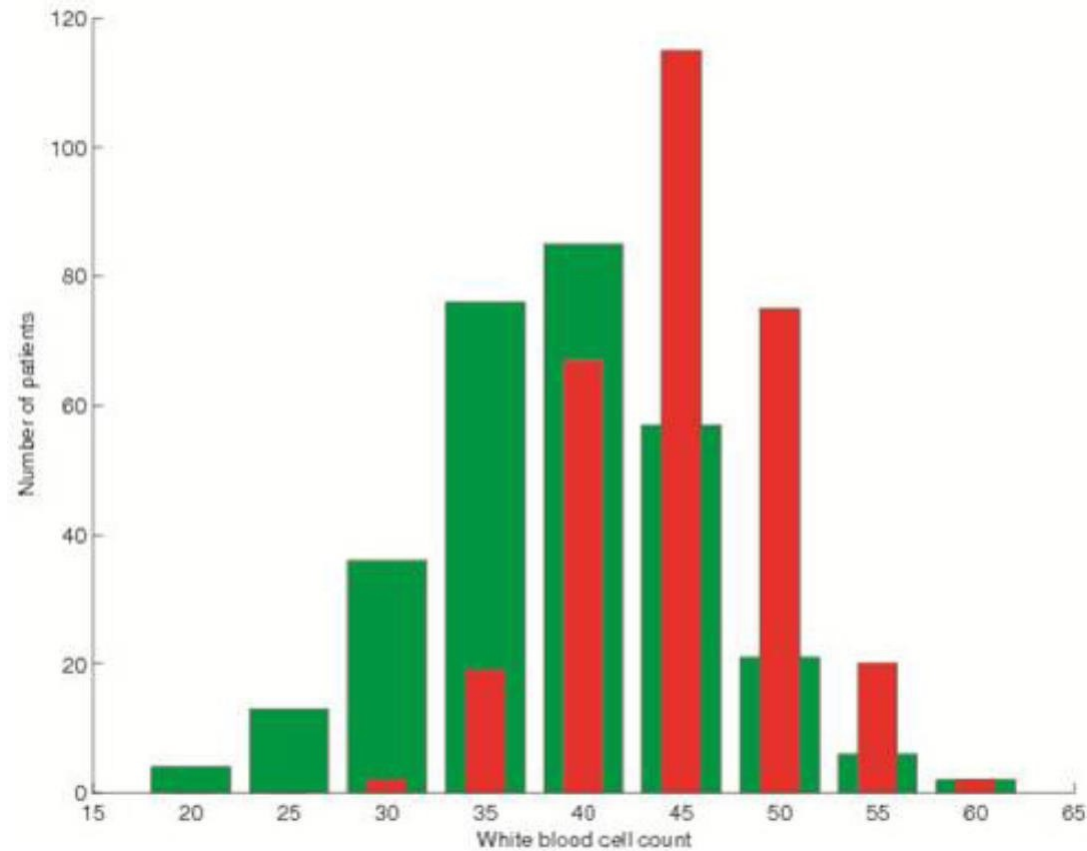


# Bayes Classifier

- ▶ Simple Bayes classifier: estimate posterior probability of each class
- ▶ What should the decision criterion be?
  - ▶ Choose class with highest  $p(\mathcal{C}_k | \mathbf{x})$
- ▶ The optimal decision is the one that minimizes the expected number of mistakes

# Diabetes example

- ▶ white blood cell count



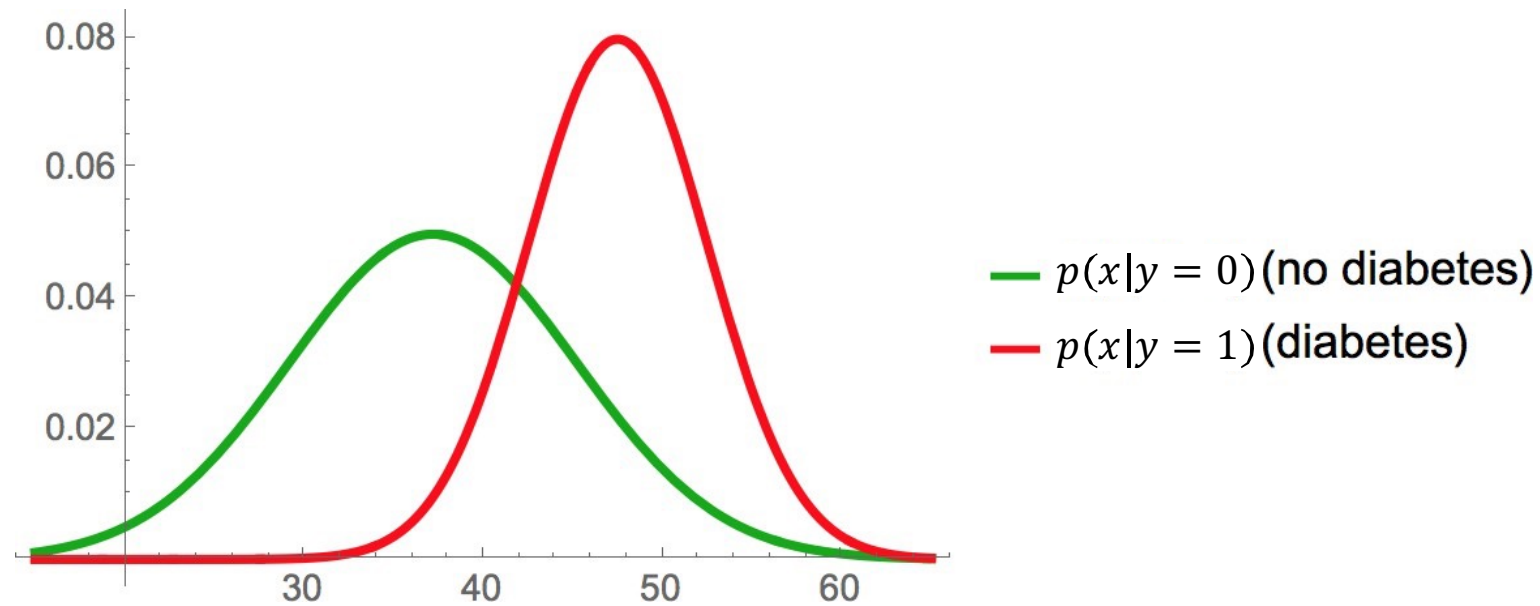
This example has been adopted from Sanja Fidler's slides, University of Toronto, CSC411

# Diabetes example

- ▶ Doctor has a prior  $p(y = 1) = 0.2$ 
  - ▶ Prior: In the absence of any observation, what do I know about the probability of the classes?
- ▶ A patient comes in with white blood cell count  $x$
- ▶ Does the patient have diabetes  $p(y = 1|x)$ ?
  - ▶ given a new observation, we still need to compute the posterior



# Diabetes example

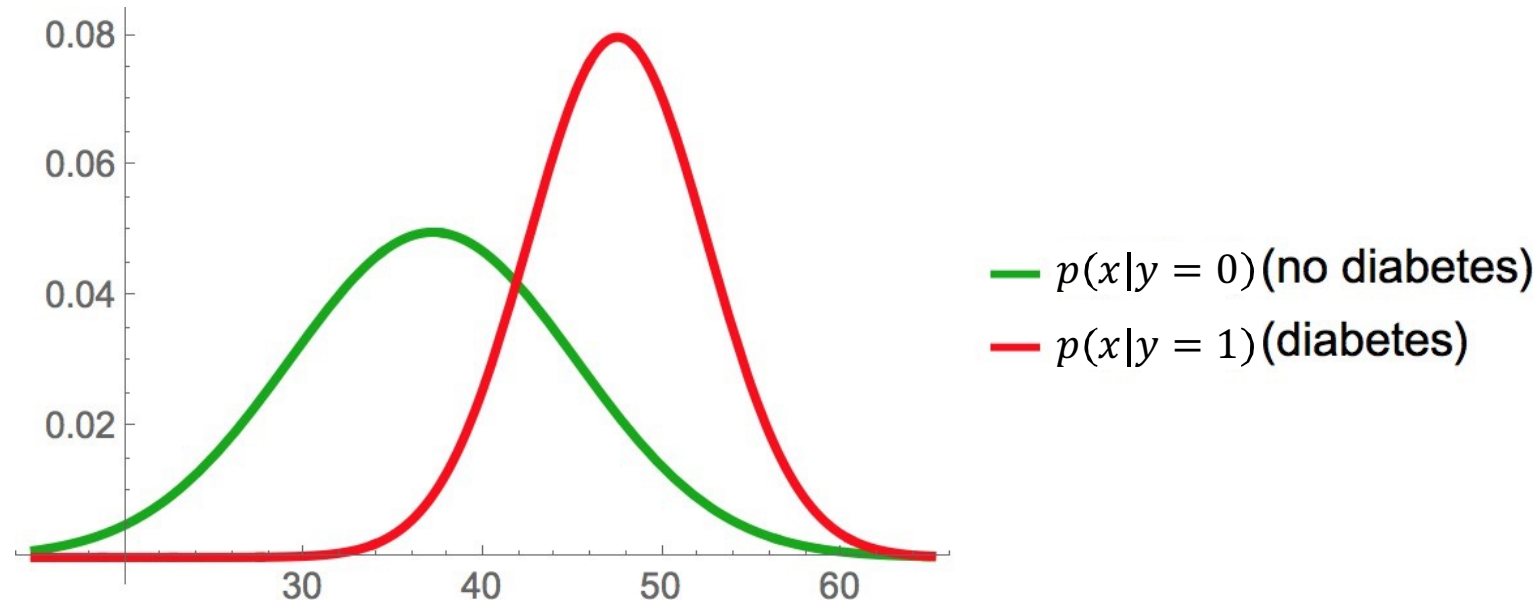


# Estimate probability densities from data

- ▶ If we assume Gaussian distributions for  $p(x|\mathcal{C}_1)$  and  $p(x|\mathcal{C}_2)$
- ▶ Recall that for samples  $\{x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(N)}\}$ , if we assume a Gaussian distribution, the MLE estimates will be

$$\begin{aligned}\mu &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N x^{(n)} \\ \sigma^2 &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (x^{(n)} - \mu)^2\end{aligned}$$

# Diabetes example

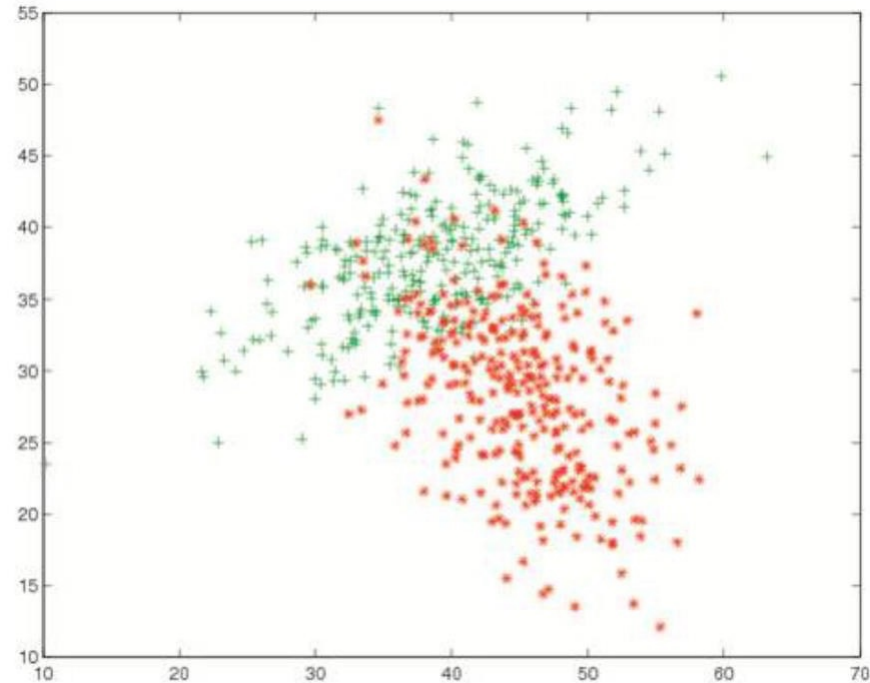


$$p(x|y = 1) = N(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2)$$

$$\mu_1 = \frac{\sum_{n: y^{(n)}=1} x^{(n)}}{\sum_{n: y^{(n)}=1} 1} = \frac{\sum_{n: y^{(n)}=1} x^{(n)}}{N_1}$$
$$\sigma_1^2 = \frac{\sum_{n: y^{(n)}=1} (x^{(n)} - \mu_1)^2}{N_1}$$

# Diabetes example

- ▶ Add a second observation: Plasma glucose value



# Generative approach for this example

- ▶ Multivariate Gaussian distributions for  $p(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{C}_k)$ :

$$p(\mathbf{x}|y = k) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k)^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k)\right\}$$

$$k = 1, 2$$

- ▶ Prior distribution  $p(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{C}_k)$ :
  - ▶  $p(y = 1) = \pi, \quad p(y = 0) = 1 - \pi$

# MLE for multivariate Gaussian

- ▶ For samples  $\{\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}^{(N)}\}$ , if we assume a multivariate Gaussian distribution, the MLE estimates will be:

$$\boldsymbol{\mu} = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N \mathbf{x}^{(n)}}{N}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (\mathbf{x}^{(n)} - \boldsymbol{\mu})(\mathbf{x}^{(n)} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T$$

# Correlation matrix

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{N} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} &= \frac{1}{N} \begin{bmatrix} x_1^{(1)} & \dots & x_1^{(N)} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_d^{(1)} & \dots & x_d^{(N)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1^{(1)} & \dots & x_d^{(1)} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_1^{(N)} & \dots & x_d^{(N)} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{n=1}^N x_1^{(n)} x_1^{(n)} & \dots & \sum_{n=1}^N x_1^{(n)} x_d^{(n)} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sum_{n=1}^N x_d^{(n)} x_1^{(n)} & \dots & \sum_{n=1}^N x_d^{(n)} x_d^{(n)} \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$
$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^{(1)} & \dots & x_d^{(1)} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_1^{(N)} & \dots & x_d^{(N)} \end{bmatrix}$$

# Covariance Matrix

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_x = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mu_d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} E(x_1) \\ \vdots \\ E(x_d) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = E[(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_x)(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_x)^T]$$

- ▶ ML estimate of covariance matrix from data points  $\{\mathbf{x}^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^N$ :

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (\mathbf{x}^{(i)} - \boldsymbol{\mu})(\mathbf{x}^{(i)} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T = \frac{1}{N} (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})$$

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}^{(1)} \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{x}^{(N)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}^{(1)} - \boldsymbol{\mu} \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{x}^{(N)} - \boldsymbol{\mu} \end{bmatrix} \quad \boldsymbol{\mu} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{x}^{(i)}$$



Mean-centered data



# Generative approach: example

Maximum likelihood estimation ( $D = \{(\mathbf{x}^{(n)}, y^{(n)})\}_{n=1}^N$ ):

▶  $\pi = \frac{N_1}{N}$

▶  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N y^{(n)} \mathbf{x}^{(n)}}{N_1}, \boldsymbol{\mu}_2 = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N (1 - y^{(n)}) \mathbf{x}^{(n)}}{N_2}$

▶  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_1 = \frac{1}{N_1} \sum_{n=1}^N y^{(n)} (\mathbf{x}^{(n)} - \boldsymbol{\mu})(\mathbf{x}^{(n)} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T$

▶  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_2 = \frac{1}{N_2} \sum_{n=1}^N (1 - y^{(n)}) (\mathbf{x}^{(n)} - \boldsymbol{\mu})(\mathbf{x}^{(n)} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T$

$$N_1 = \sum_{n=1}^N y^{(n)}$$

$$N_2 = N - N_1$$

# Decision boundary for Gaussian Bayes classifier

$$p(\mathcal{C}_1|\mathbf{x}) = p(\mathcal{C}_2|\mathbf{x})$$

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

$$\ln p(\mathcal{C}_1|\mathbf{x}) = \ln p(\mathcal{C}_2|\mathbf{x})$$

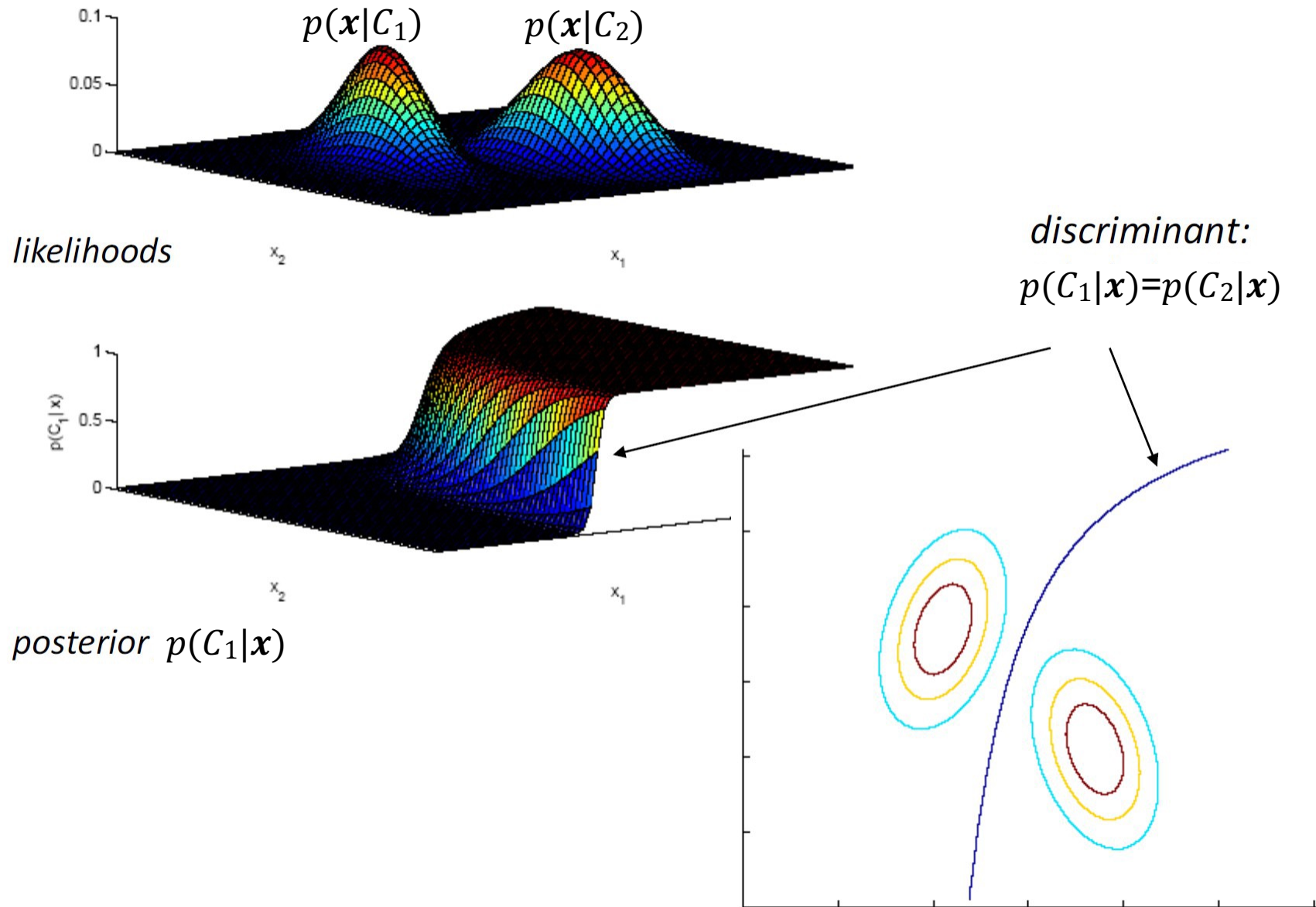
$$\begin{aligned} \ln p(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{C}_1) + \ln p(\mathcal{C}_1) - \ln p(\mathbf{x}) \\ = \ln p(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{C}_2) + \ln p(\mathcal{C}_2) - \ln p(\mathbf{x}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\ln p(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{C}_1) + \ln p(\mathcal{C}_1) = \ln p(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{C}_2) + \ln p(\mathcal{C}_2)$$

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

$$= -\frac{d}{2} \ln 2\pi - \frac{1}{2} \ln |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k^{-1}| - \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k)^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k)$$

# Decision boundary



# Shared covariance matrix

- ▶ When classes share a single covariance matrix  $\Sigma = \Sigma_1 = \Sigma_2$

$$p(\mathbf{x}|C_k) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k)^T \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k)\right\}$$

$$k = 1, 2$$

- ▶  $p(C_1) = \pi, \quad p(C_2) = 1 - \pi$

# Likelihood

$$\begin{aligned} & \prod_{n=1}^N p(\mathbf{x}^{(n)}, y^{(n)} | \pi, \boldsymbol{\mu}_1, \boldsymbol{\mu}_2, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) \\ &= \prod_{n=1}^N p(\mathbf{x}^{(n)} | y^{(n)}, \boldsymbol{\mu}_1, \boldsymbol{\mu}_2, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) p(y^{(n)} | \pi) \end{aligned}$$

# Shared covariance matrix

- ▶ Maximum likelihood estimation ( $D = \{(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, y^{(i)})\}_{i=1}^n$ ):

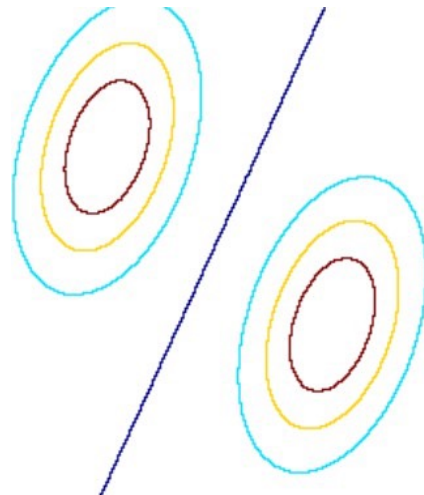
$$\begin{aligned}\pi &= \frac{N_1}{N} \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 &= \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N y^{(n)} \mathbf{x}^{(n)}}{N_1} \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_2 &= \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N (1 - y^{(n)}) \mathbf{x}^{(n)}}{N_2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \frac{1}{N} \left( \sum_{n \in C_1} (\mathbf{x}^{(n)} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1)(\mathbf{x}^{(n)} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1)^T + \sum_{n \in C_2} (\mathbf{x}^{(n)} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2)(\mathbf{x}^{(n)} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2)^T \right)$$

# Decision boundary when shared covariance matrix

$$\ln p(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{C}_1) + \ln p(\mathcal{C}_1) = \ln p(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{C}_2) + \ln p(\mathcal{C}_2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \ln p(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{C}_k) \\ = -\frac{d}{2} \ln 2\pi - \frac{1}{2} \ln |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k^{-1}| - \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k)^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k) \end{aligned}$$



# Naïve Bayes classifier

- ▶ Generative methods
  - ▶ High number of parameters
- ▶ Assumption: Conditional independence

$$p(\mathbf{x}|C_k) = p(x_1|C_k) \times p(x_2|C_k) \times \cdots \times p(x_d|C_k)$$



# Naïve Bayes classifier

- ▶ In the decision phase, it finds the label of  $\mathbf{x}$  according to:

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{k=1,\dots,K} p(C_k|\mathbf{x})$$

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{k=1,\dots,K} p(C_k) \prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i|C_k)$$

$$p(\mathbf{x}|C_k) = p(x_1|C_k) \times p(x_2|C_k) \times \dots \times p(x_d|C_k)$$

$$p(C_k|\mathbf{x}) \propto p(C_k) \prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i|C_k)$$

# Naïve Bayes: discrete example

- ▶  $p(H = \text{Yes}) = 0.3$

- ▶  $p(D = \text{Yes} | H = \text{Yes}) = \frac{1}{3}$

- ▶  $p(S = \text{Yes} | H = \text{Yes}) = \frac{2}{3}$

- ▶  $p(D = \text{Yes} | H = \text{No}) = \frac{2}{7}$

- ▶  $p(S = \text{Yes} | H = \text{No}) = \frac{2}{7}$

Diabetes (D)	Smoke (S)	Heart Disease (H)
Y	N	Y
Y	N	N
N	Y	N
N	Y	N
N	N	N
N	Y	Y
N	N	N
N	Y	Y
N	N	N
Y	N	N

- ▶ Decision on  $\mathbf{x} = [\text{Yes}, \text{Yes}]$  (a person that has diabetes and also smokes):

- ▶  $p(H = \text{Yes} | \mathbf{x}) \propto p(H = \text{Yes})p(D = \text{yes} | H = \text{Yes})p(S = \text{yes} | H = \text{Yes}) = 0.066$

- ▶  $p(H = \text{No} | \mathbf{x}) \propto p(H = \text{No})p(D = \text{yes} | H = \text{No})p(S = \text{yes} | H = \text{No}) = 0.057$

- ▶ Thus decide  $H = \text{yes}$

# Probabilistic classifiers

- ▶ How can we find the probabilities required in the Bayes decision rule?
- ▶ Probabilistic classification approaches can be divided in two main categories:

## Generative

- ▶ Estimate pdf  $p(\mathbf{x}, \mathcal{C}_k)$  for each class  $\mathcal{C}_k$  and then use it to find  $p(\mathcal{C}_k|\mathbf{x})$ 
  - or alternatively estimate both pdf  $p(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{C}_k)$  and  $p(\mathcal{C}_k)$  to find  $p(\mathcal{C}_k|\mathbf{x})$

## Discriminative

- ▶ Directly estimate  $p(\mathcal{C}_k|\mathbf{x})$  for each class  $\mathcal{C}_k$

# Generative approach

- ▶ Inference stage
  - ▶ Determine class conditional densities  $p(\mathbf{x}|\mathcal{C}_k)$  and priors  $p(\mathcal{C}_k)$
  - ▶ Use the Bayes theorem to find  $p(\mathcal{C}_k|\mathbf{x})$
- ▶ Decision stage: After learning the model (inference stage), make optimal class assignment for new input
  - ▶ if  $p(\mathcal{C}_i|\mathbf{x}) > p(\mathcal{C}_j|\mathbf{x}) \quad \forall j \neq i$  then decide  $\mathcal{C}_i$

# Resource

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