A photograph of a whiteboard with the Naïve Bayes formula written in blue marker. The formula is $P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)}$. The whiteboard is mounted on a wall, and the lighting is somewhat dim, with the blue marker standing out. The background shows some ceiling tiles and a dark area at the top.
$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)}$$

Naïve Bayes - Numeric Independent Variables

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Naïve Bayes

$$P(c|a_1, \dots, a_n) = \alpha P(c) \prod_{i=1}^d P(a_i|c)$$

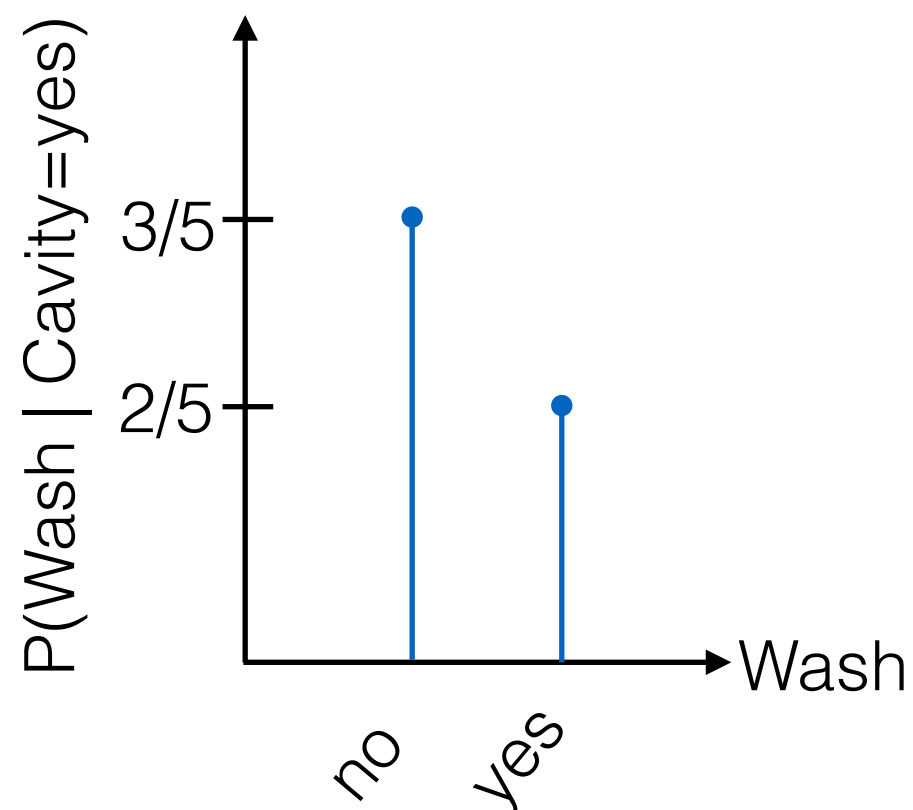
$$\text{where } \alpha = 1 / \beta \text{ and } \beta = \sum_{c \in Y} \left(P(c) \prod_{i=1}^d P(a_i|c) \right)$$

Naïve bayes predicts the class with the maximum $P(c|a_1, \dots, a_n)$.

Dealing with Numeric Independent Variables — Probability Density Functions

We assume that examples are drawn from probability distributions.

Probability Mass Function



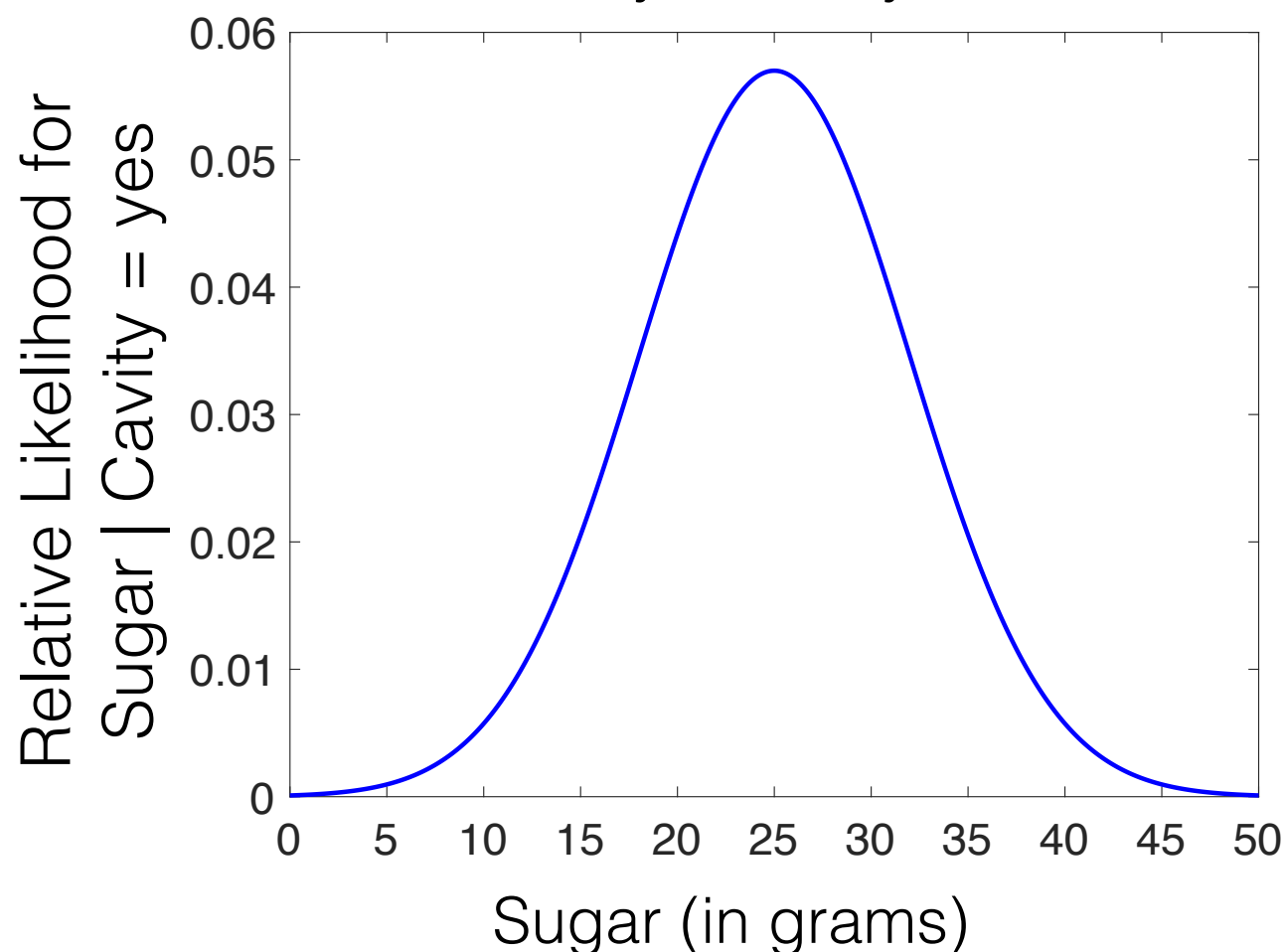
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Total:	3+2	3+2	6+4

Our models were frequency tables that enabled us to compute $P(a_i|c)$ for categorical independent variables.

Dealing with Numeric Independent Variables — Probability Density Functions

We assume that examples are drawn from probability distributions.
Typically, a Gaussian distribution is adopted.

Probability Density Function



Gaussian Distribution $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$

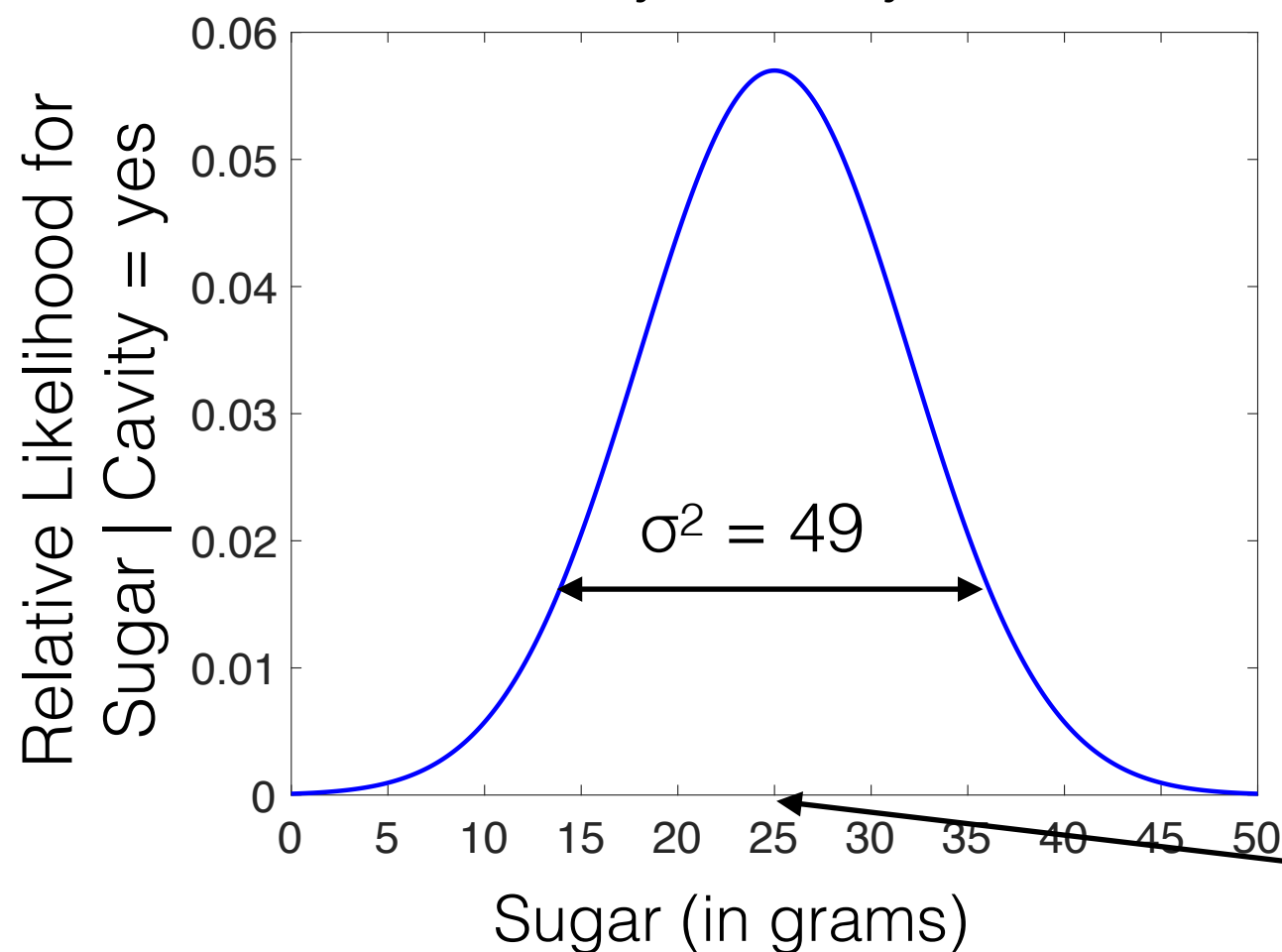
$$P(X=a \mid \mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \sigma^2 \pi}} e^{\frac{-(a - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

$$\pi \approx 3.14159$$

$$e \approx 2.71828$$

Dealing with Numeric Independent Variables — Probability Density Functions

Probability Density Function

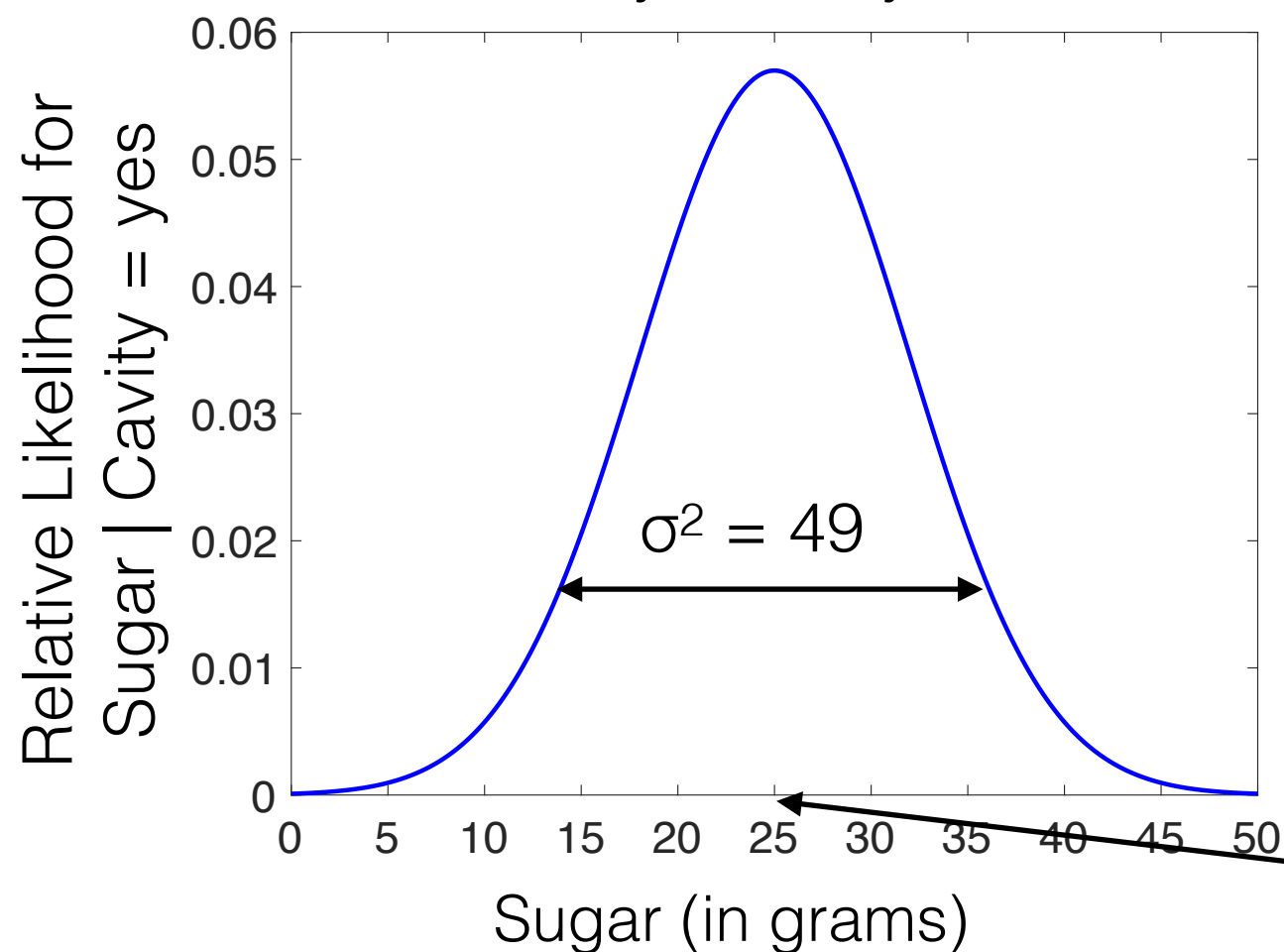


Gaussian Distribution $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$

Probability density functions have parameters that control their shape.

Dealing with Numeric Independent Variables — Probability Density Functions

Probability Density Function



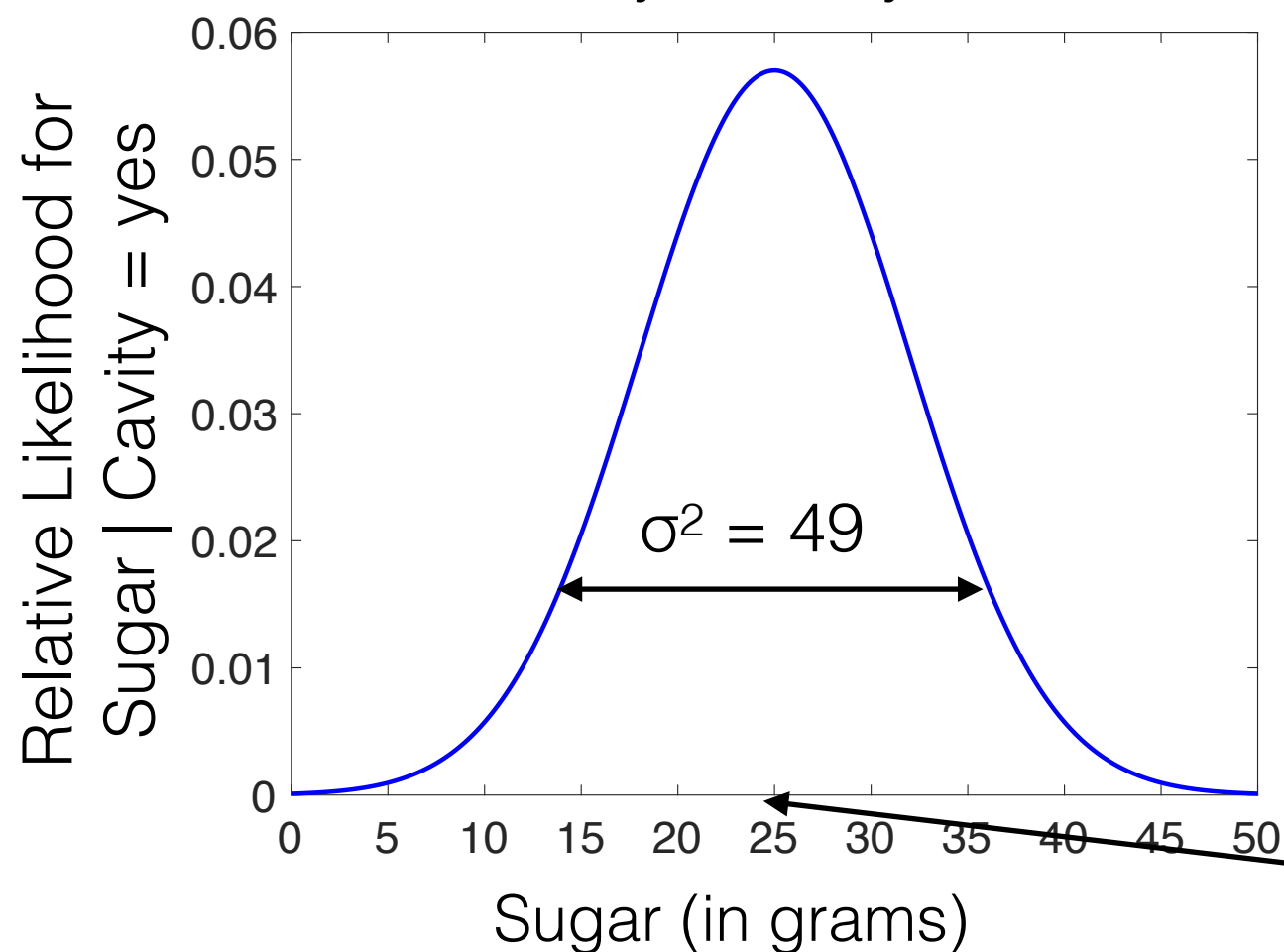
Gaussian Distribution $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$

Our models can learn the values of these parameters.

$\mu = 25$

Dealing with Numeric Independent Variables — Probability Density Functions

Probability Density Function



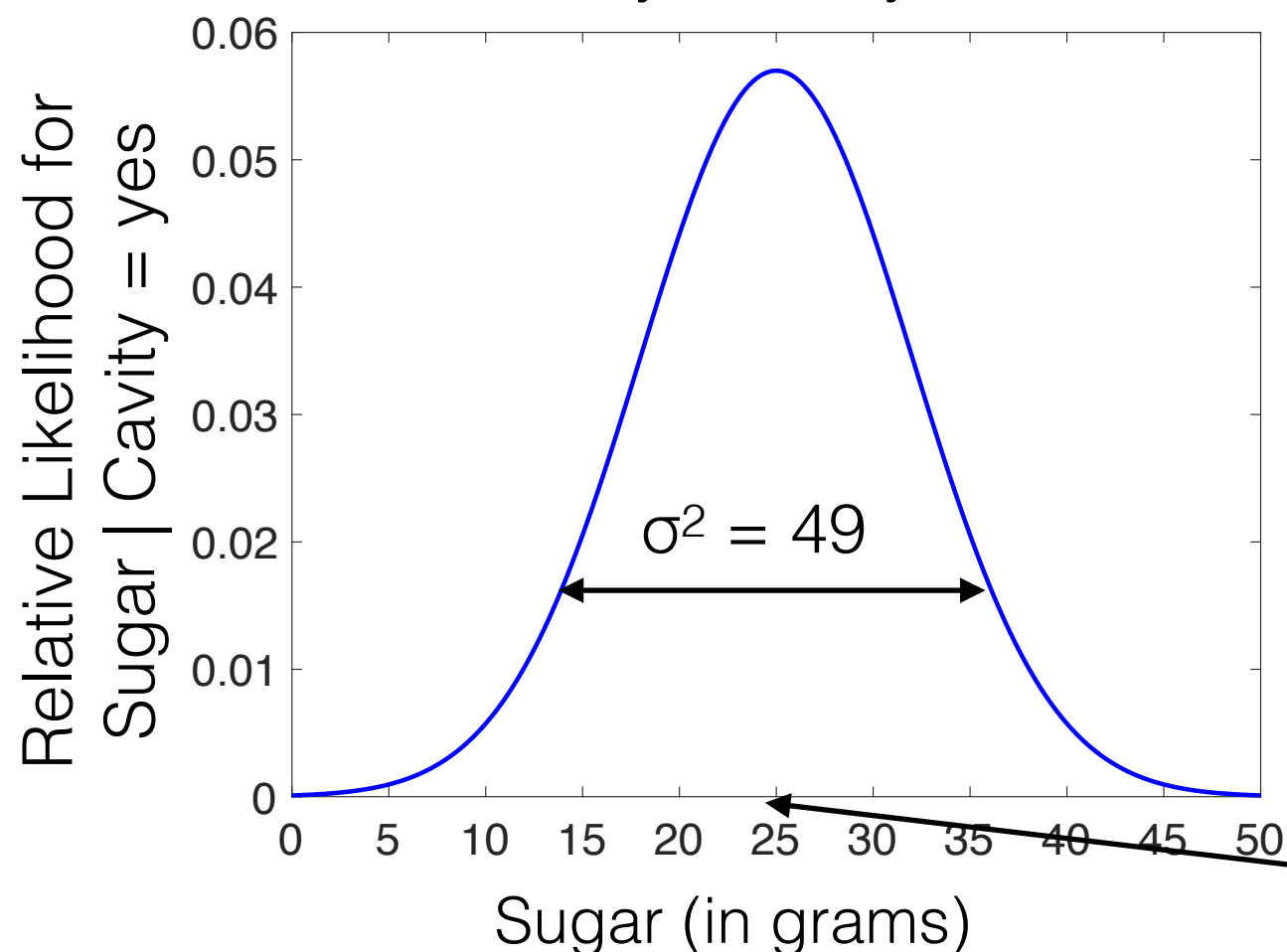
Gaussian Distribution $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$

We can then use the relative likelihoods as $P(a_i|c)$.

$$P(c|a_1, \dots, a_n) = \alpha P(c) \prod_{i=1}^d P(a_i|c)$$

Dealing with Numeric Independent Variables — Probability Density Functions

Probability Density Function



Gaussian Distribution $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$

So, we need to compute the parameters of $P(a_i|c)$ for all possible classes.

$$P(c|a_1, \dots, a_n) = \alpha P(c) \prod_{i=1}^d P(a_i|c)$$

Example

Person	x_1 (Wash)	x_2 (Sugar)	y (Cavity)
P1	no	40	yes
P2	no	35	yes
P3	yes	60	yes
P4	yes	20	no
P5	yes	30	no
P6	no	17	no

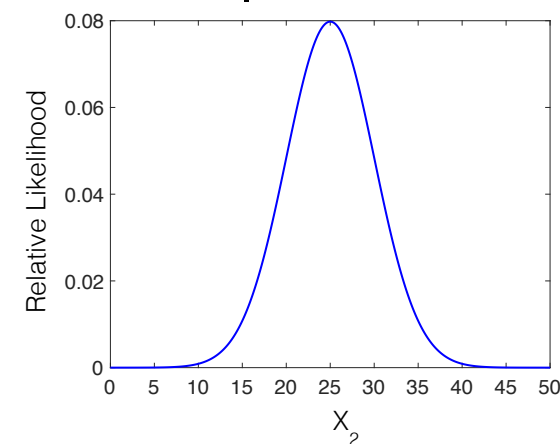
Consider that we have chosen to use a Gaussian probability density function for Sugar.

Example - Computing Parameters for $P(\text{Sugar}|\text{Cavity})$

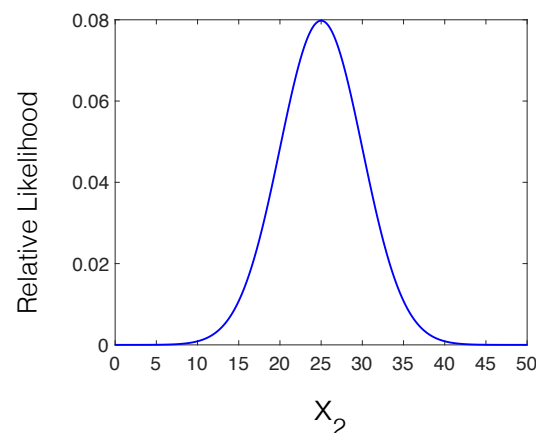
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P5	yes	30	no
P6	no	17	no

We will create one Gaussian probability density function for Sugar when Cavity = yes and one for when Cavity = no.

$P(\text{Sugar}|\text{Cavity}=\text{yes})$



$P(\text{Sugar}|\text{Cavity}=\text{no})$



We need to choose the parameters μ and σ^2 for each of them.

Example - Computing Parameters for $P(\text{Sugar}|\text{Cavity}=\text{yes})$

Person	x_1 (Wash)	x_2 (Sugar)	y (Cavity)
P1	no	40	yes
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P5	yes	30	no
P6	no	17	no

μ = mean of sugar for Cavity=yes
 σ^2 = sample variance of sugar for
Cavity=yes

$$\mu = \frac{40 + 35 + 60}{3} = 45$$

Example - Computing Parameters for $P(\text{Sugar}|\text{Cavity}=\text{yes})$

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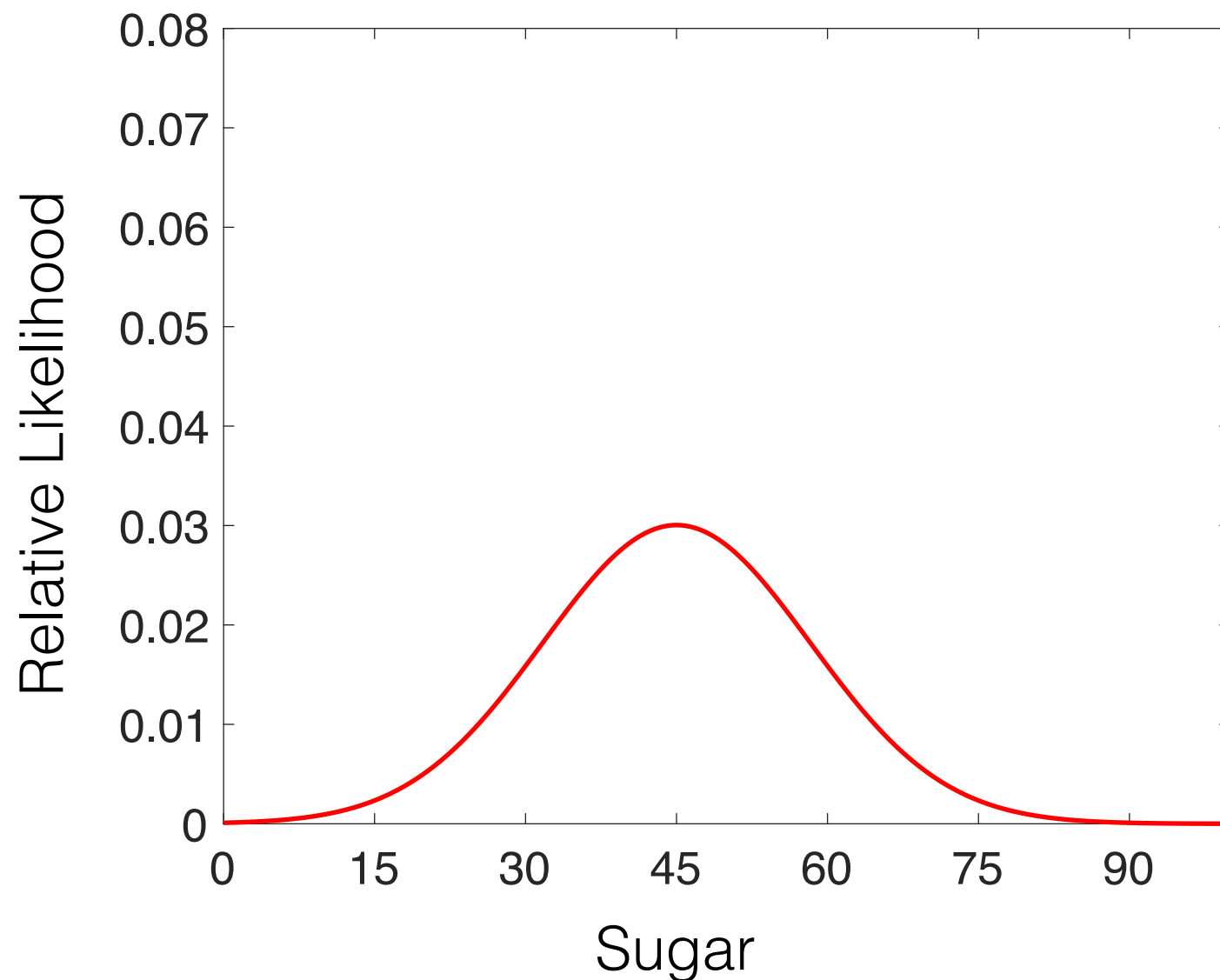
μ = mean of sugar for Cavity=yes
 σ^2 = sample variance of sugar for Cavity=yes

$$\text{Variance}(\text{Values}) = \frac{1}{|\text{Values}| - 1} \sum_{\text{value}_i \text{ in } \text{Values}} [\text{value}_i - \text{mean}(\text{Values})]^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma^2 &= \frac{1}{2} [(40 - 45)^2 + (35 - 45)^2 + (60 - 45)^2] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} [25 + 100 + 225] = 175
 \end{aligned}$$

Example - Computing Parameters for $P(\text{Sugar}|\text{Cavity}=\text{Yes})$

Probability Density Function



$$P(X=a \mid \mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \sigma^2 \pi}} e^{\frac{-(a - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

$$\mu = 45$$

$$\sigma^2 = 175$$

Example - Computing Parameters for $P(\text{Sugar}|\text{Cavity}=\text{no})$

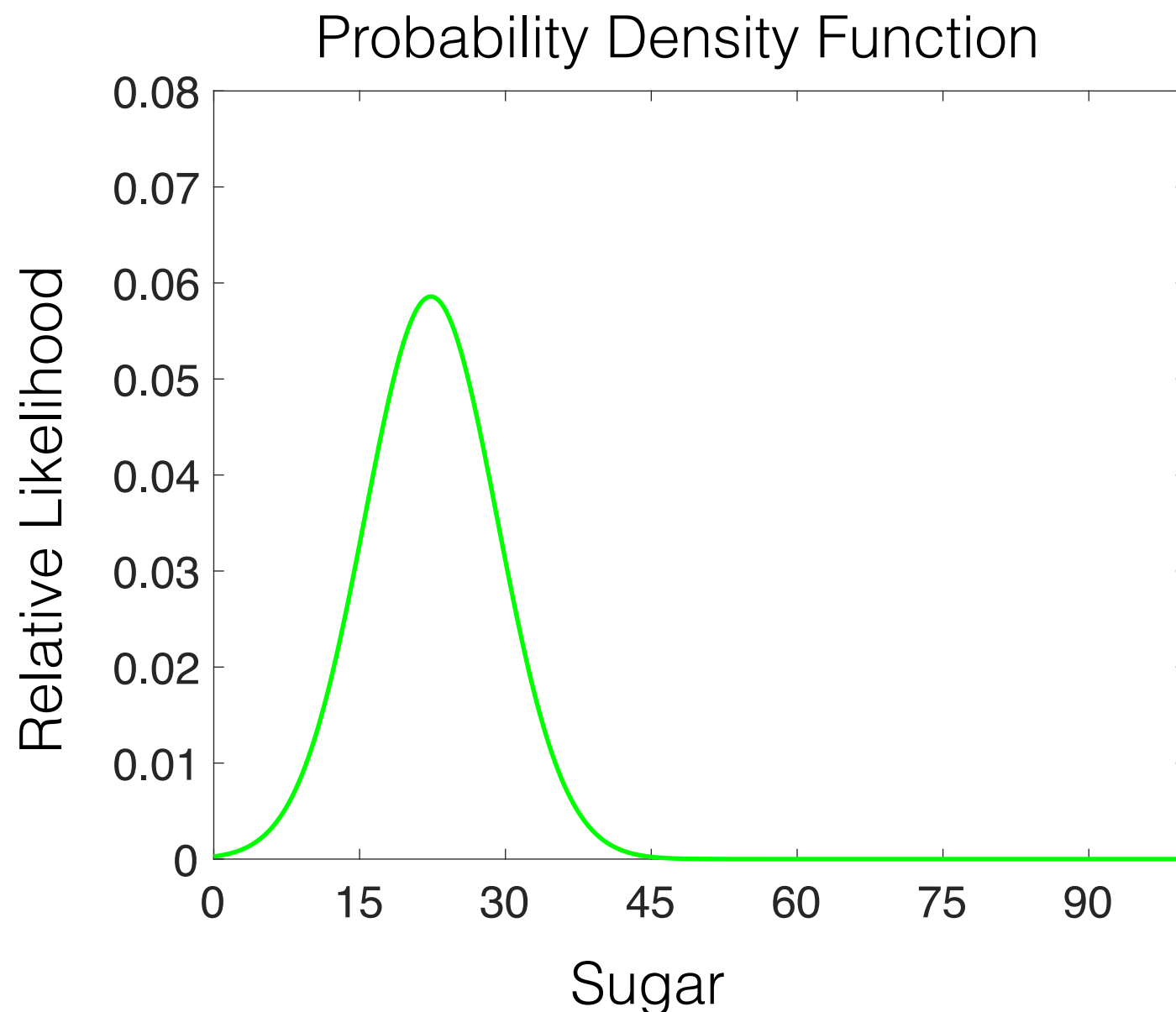
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P6	no	17	no

μ = mean of sugar for Cavity=no,
 σ^2 = variance of sugar for
Cavity=no

$$\mu = 22.33$$

$$\sigma^2 = 46.34$$

Example - Computing Parameters for $P(\text{Sugar}|\text{Cavity}=\text{no})$

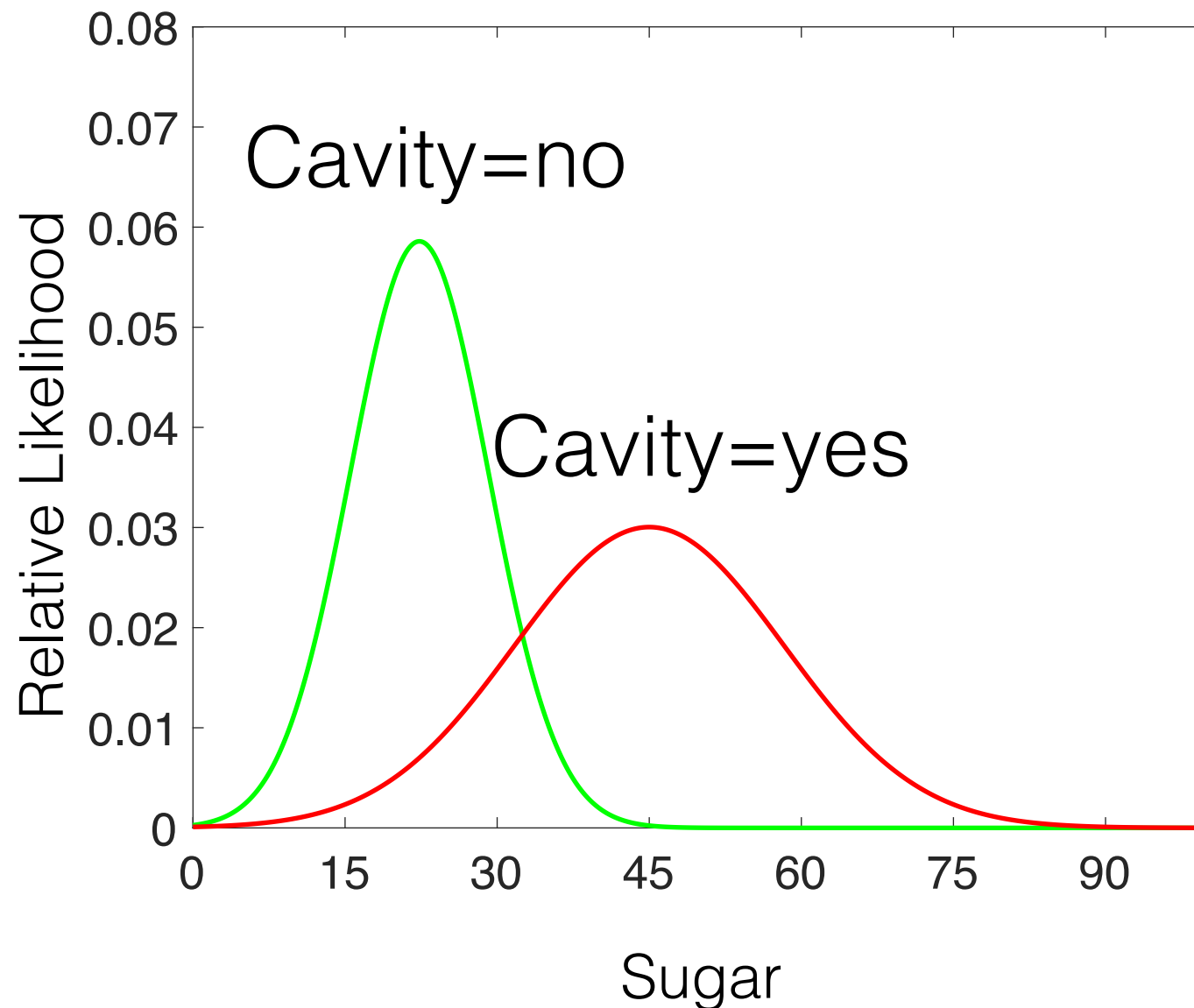


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Probability Density Functions for Sugar Given Cavity=yes and Cavity=no



Naïve Bayes Model — Categorical + Numerical Independent Variables

Training Set

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Parameters Table for Sugar	Cavity = no	Cavity = yes
μ	22.33	45
σ^2	46.34	175

Cavity = no	Cavity = yes	Total:
3	3	6

Model

Making Predictions

Naïve bayes predicts the class with the maximum $P(c|a_1, \dots, a_n)$.

$$P(c|a_1, \dots, a_n) = \alpha P(c) \prod_{i=1}^d P(a_i|c)$$

Compute $P(a_i|c)$ for the categorical independent variables from a frequency table.

Compute $P(a_i|c)$ for the numeric independent variables from a probability density function with the learnt parameters.

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Model

Predicting (Wash=no, Sugar=20, Cavity=?)

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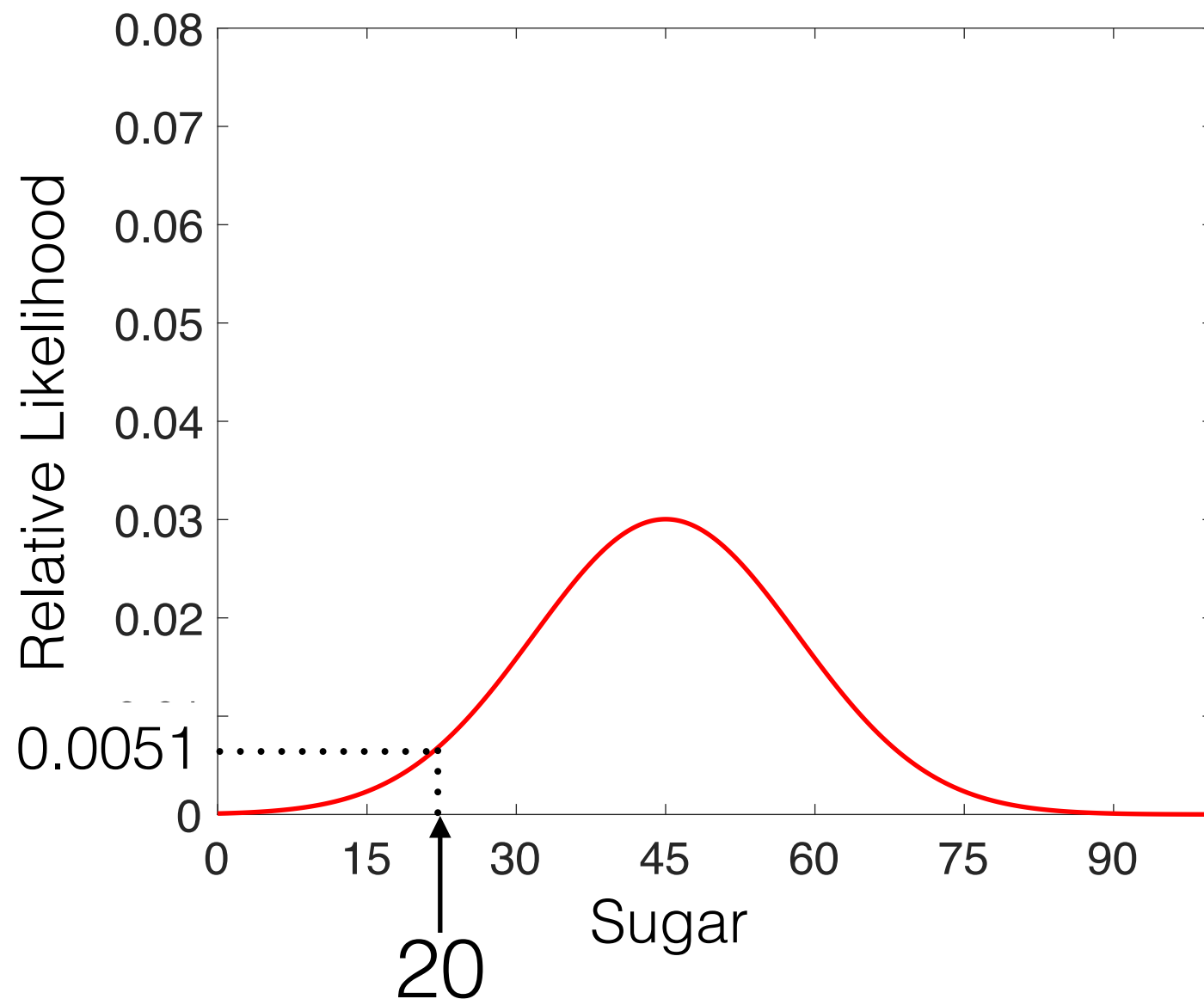
Model

$$P(c|a_1, \dots, a_n) = \alpha P(c) \prod_{i=1}^d P(a_i|c)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &P(\text{Cavity=yes}|\text{Wash=no}, \text{Sugar}=20) = \\
 &= \alpha P(\text{Cavity=yes})P(\text{Wash=no}|\text{Cavity=yes})P(\text{Sugar}=20|\text{Cavity=yes}) \\
 &= \alpha * 3/6 * 3/5 * P(\text{Sugar}=20|\text{Cavity=yes})
 \end{aligned}$$

Getting $P(\text{Sugar}=20|\text{Cavity}=\text{yes})$

Probability Density Function for **Sugar** given **Cavity = yes**



$$P(X=a \mid \mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \sigma^2 \pi}} e^{\frac{-(a - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

$$\mu = 45$$

$$\sigma^2 = 175$$

Predicting (Wash=no, Sugar=20, Cavity=?)

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Parameters Table for Sugar	Cavity = no	Cavity = yes
μ	22.33	45
σ^2	46.34	116.67

Cavity = no	Cavity = yes	Total:
3	3	6

Model

$$P(c|a_1, \dots, a_n) = \alpha P(c) \prod_{i=1}^d P(a_i|c)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &P(\text{Cavity=yes}|\text{Wash=no}, \text{Sugar}=20) = \\
 &= \alpha P(\text{Cavity=yes}) P(\text{Wash=no}|\text{Cavity=yes}) P(\text{Sugar}=20|\text{Cavity=yes}) \\
 &= \alpha * 3/6 * 3/5 * 0.0051 = \alpha * 0.00153
 \end{aligned}$$

Predicting (Wash=no, Sugar=20, Cavity=?)

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Model

$$P(c|a_1, \dots, a_n) = \alpha P(c) \prod_{i=1}^d P(a_i|c)$$

$$P(\text{Cavity=no}|\text{Wash=no}, \text{Sugar}=20) = \alpha * 0.01106$$

Predicting (Wash=no, Sugar=20, Cavity=?)

Example (Wash=no, Sugar=20, Cavity=?)

$$P(\text{Cavity=yes}|\text{Wash=no, Sugar=20}) = \alpha * 0.00153$$

$$P(\text{Cavity=no}|\text{Wash=no, Sugar=20}) = \alpha * 0.01106$$

Predicted class: Cavity = no

Predicting (Wash=no, Sugar=20, Cavity=?)

Example (Wash=no, Sugar=20, Cavity=?)

$$P(\text{Cavity=yes}|\text{Wash=no, Sugar=20}) = \alpha * 0.00153 \approx 12.15\%$$

$$P(\text{Cavity=no}|\text{Wash=no, Sugar=20}) = \alpha * 0.01106 \approx 87.85\%$$

$$\text{where } \alpha = 1 / \beta \text{ and } \beta = \sum_{c \in Y} \left(P(Y=c) \prod_{i=1}^d P(X=a_i|Y=c) \right)$$

$$\alpha = 1 / (0.00153 + 0.01106) \approx 79.43$$

Naïve Bayes Approach for Classification Problems with Categorical and Numerical Independent Variables

- Naïve Bayes Learning Algorithm:
 - Create frequency tables for categorical independent variables.
 - Apply Laplace Smoothing.
 - Determine probability density function parameters for numerical independent variables.
- Naïve Bayes Model:
 - Frequency tables (with and without Laplace Smoothing) and tables of probability density function parameters, associated with the Bayes Theorem using the conditional independence assumption for predictions.
- Naïve Bayes prediction for an instance ($\mathbf{x}, ?$):
 - Use Bayes Theorem with conditional independence assumption.

Advantages and Disadvantages of Naïve Bayes

- Advantages:
 - Training is fast. It needs only one pass through the data, i.e., online learning.
 - Relative probabilities are good for making predictions for many applications.
- Disadvantage:
 - Assumes conditional independence.
 - Assumes a certain probability distribution for numeric independent variables.
 - Does not work very well for regression.

Applications

- Text categorisation, e.g., spam or not spam.
- Medical diagnosis.
- Software defect prediction.
- Etc.

Quiz

- Compute step-by-step by hand the mean and variance values asked in slide 14 and the probability from slide 22.

Further Reading

- Essential:
 - Leandro Minku's notes on "Naïve Bayes for Numeric Independent Variables".
- Background:
 - Russell and Norvig's "Artificial Intelligence: A Modern Approach"
 - Section 13.2 (Basic Probability Notation) up to the end of section 13.6 (The Wumpus World Revisited).