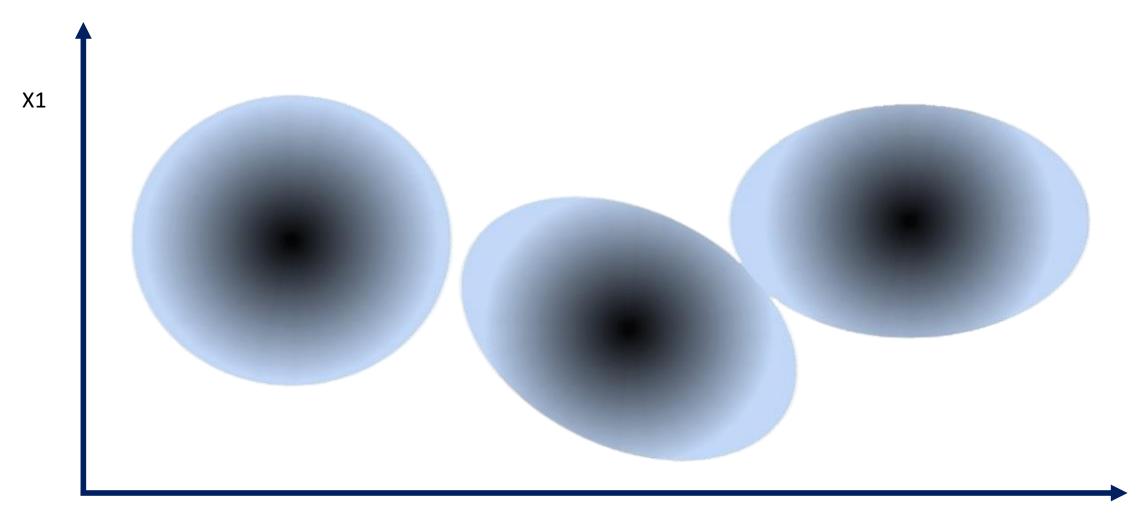
Bayesian Learning

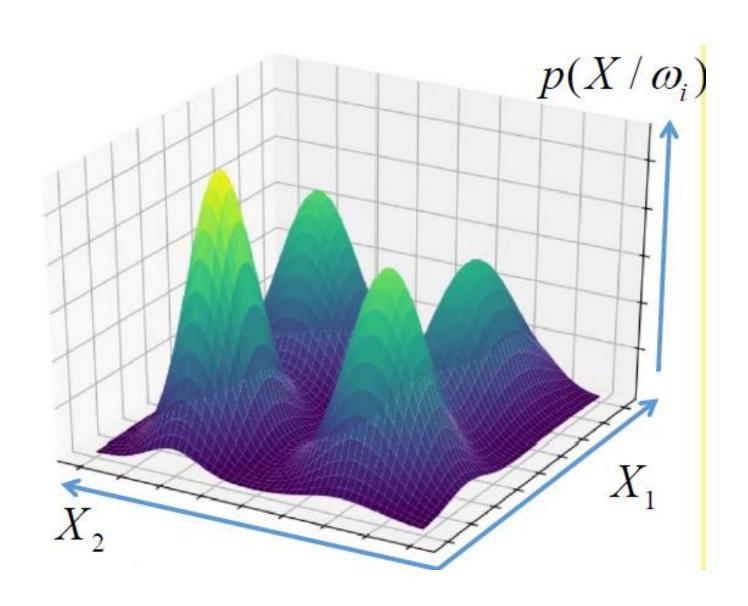
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X1

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- Design classifiers to recommend decisions that minimize some total expected "risk".
 - The simplest risk is the classification error (i.e., costs are equal).
 - Typically, the risk includes the cost associated with different decisions.

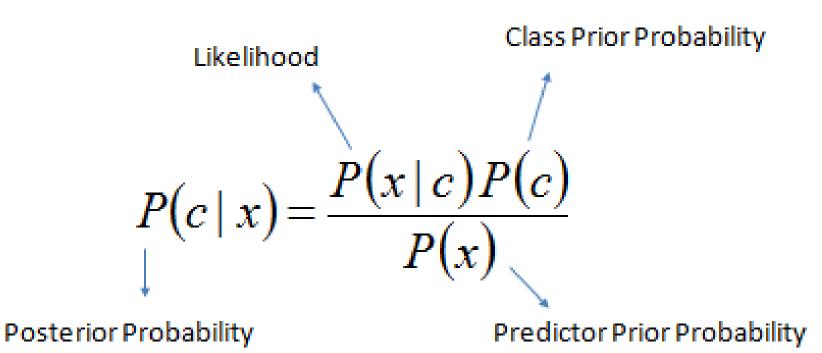
Terminology

- \triangleright State of nature ω (random variable):
 - e.g., $\omega 1$ for car, $\omega 2$ for bird
- \triangleright Probabilities $P(\omega 1)$ and $P(\omega 2)$ (priors):
 - e.g., prior knowledge of how likely is to get a bird or a car
- \triangleright Probability density function p(x) (evidence):
 - e.g., how frequently we will measure a pattern with feature value x (e.g., x corresponds to lightness)

Terminology

- \triangleright Conditional probability density $p(x/\omega j)$ (likelihood):
 - e.g., how frequently we will measure a pattern with feature value x given that the pattern belongs to class ωj
- \triangleright Conditional probability $P(\omega j/x)$ (posterior):
 - e.g., the probability that the fish belongs to class ωj given measurement x.

Terminology



$$P(c \mid X) = P(x_1 \mid c) \times P(x_2 \mid c) \times \cdots \times P(x_n \mid c) \times P(c)$$

Decision Rule Using Prior Probabilities

Decide $\omega 1$ if $P(\omega 1) > P(\omega 2)$; otherwise **decide** $\omega 2$

$$P(error) = \begin{cases} P(\omega_1) & \text{if we decide } \omega_2 \\ P(\omega_2) & \text{if we decide } \omega_1 \end{cases}$$

or
$$P(error) = min[P(\omega_1), P(\omega_2)]$$

Favors the most likely class.

This rule will be making the same decision all times.
i.e., optimum if no other information is available

Decision Rule Using Conditional Probabilities

Using Bayes' rule, the posterior probability of category ωj given measurement x is given by:

$$P(\omega_j / x) = \frac{p(x/\omega_j)P(\omega_j)}{p(x)} = \frac{likelihood \times prior}{evidence}$$

where
$$p(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{2} p(x/\omega_j) P(\omega_j)$$
 (i.e., scale factor – sum of probs = 1)

Decide ω_1 if $P(\omega_1/x) > P(\omega_2/x)$; otherwise **decide** ω_2 or Decide ω_1 if $p(x/\omega_1)P(\omega_1)>p(x/\omega_2)P(\omega_2)$ otherwise decide ω_2