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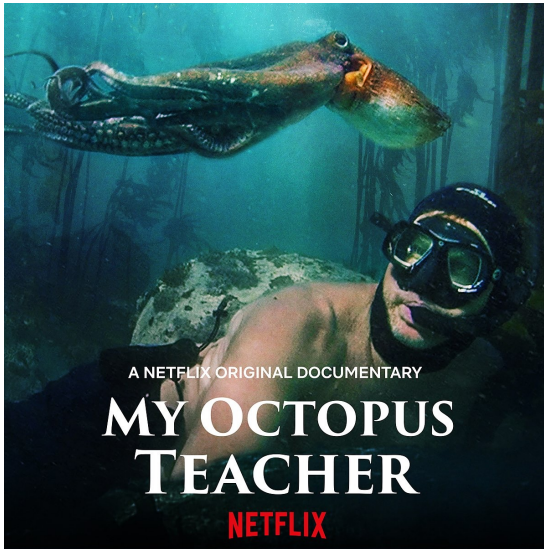
**Introduction** to **Machine Learning**

**Collaborative Filtering (UV Decomp)**  
**and Generative Models**

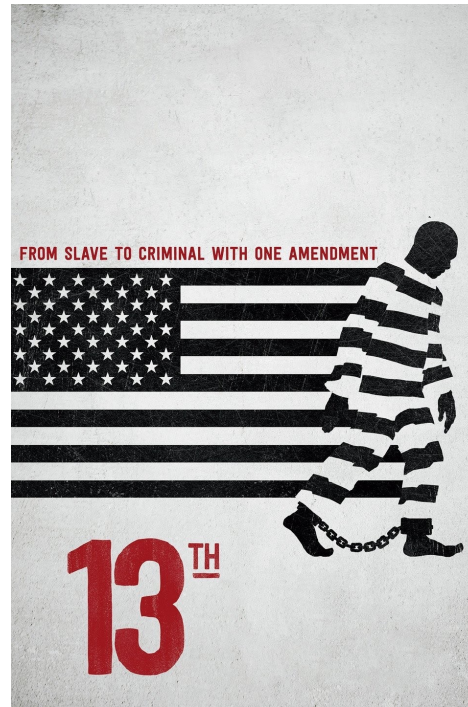
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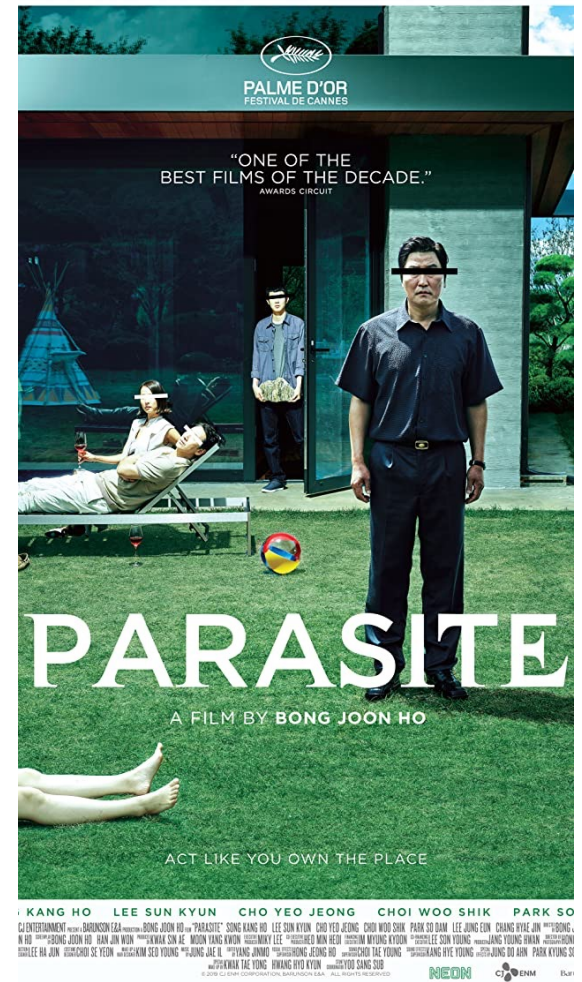
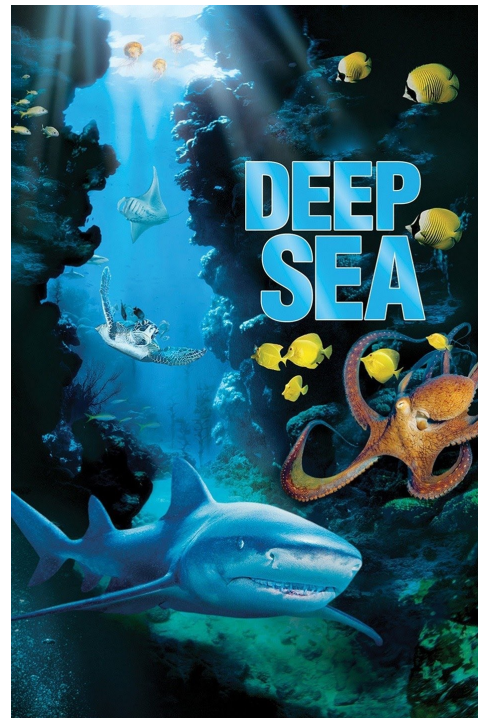


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## Steps:

- generate predictions
- pick movies to present to user



# Recommendations as Matrix Completion

$m$  items

$n$  users

|   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|   | 5 |   |   |   | 4 |
|   |   | 2 | 3 |   |   |
|   | 4 |   |   |   |   |
|   |   |   |   | 4 |   |
| 1 |   |   |   |   |   |
|   | 2 |   | 3 |   |   |
|   | 5 | 1 |   |   | 3 |

call this the utility (or user-item) matrix  $Y$

# How to solve for the missing ratings?

1) Matrix factorization

2) Nearest neighbor prediction

# Collaborative Filtering (kNN)

review

# Approach 2: Nearest Neighbor Prediction

## Key idea:

Suppose user  $a$  has not rated movie  $i$

To predict the rating

- compute *similarity* between user  $a$  and all other users in the system
- find the  $k$  ‘nearest neighbors’ of user  $a$  who have rated movie  $i$
- compute a prediction based on these users’ ratings of  $i$

# Collaborative Filtering

UV Decomposition

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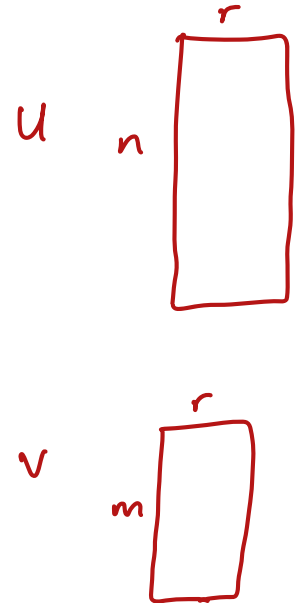
$n \times m$ 

Given  $Y$  with empty cells

Construct **low rank**  $\hat{Y} = UV^T$

 $r$  $n \times m$  $n \times r$  $r \times m$  $r \in \{1, \dots, \min(m, n)\}$ 

$$\hat{Y} = \begin{matrix} & m \\ n & \boxed{\phantom{000000}} \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} & u \\ n & \boxed{\begin{matrix} \bar{u}^{(1)} r \\ \vdots \\ \bar{u}^{(r)} r \end{matrix}} \\ & r \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} & v^{(1)} & v^{(2)} & \dots & v^{(r)} \\ r & \boxed{\phantom{00}} & \boxed{\phantom{00}} & \dots & \boxed{\phantom{00}} \\ & m & & & \end{matrix} V^T$$

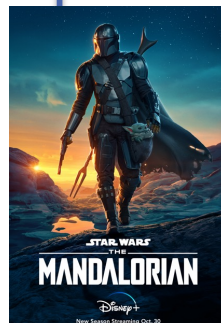




more action

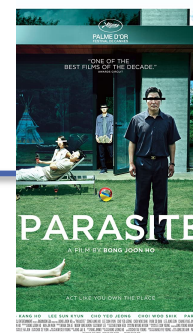


$$\bar{u}^{(5)} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \quad \text{e.g.,} \quad r=2$$



latent factors

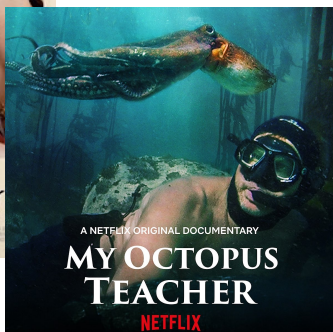
serious



humorous

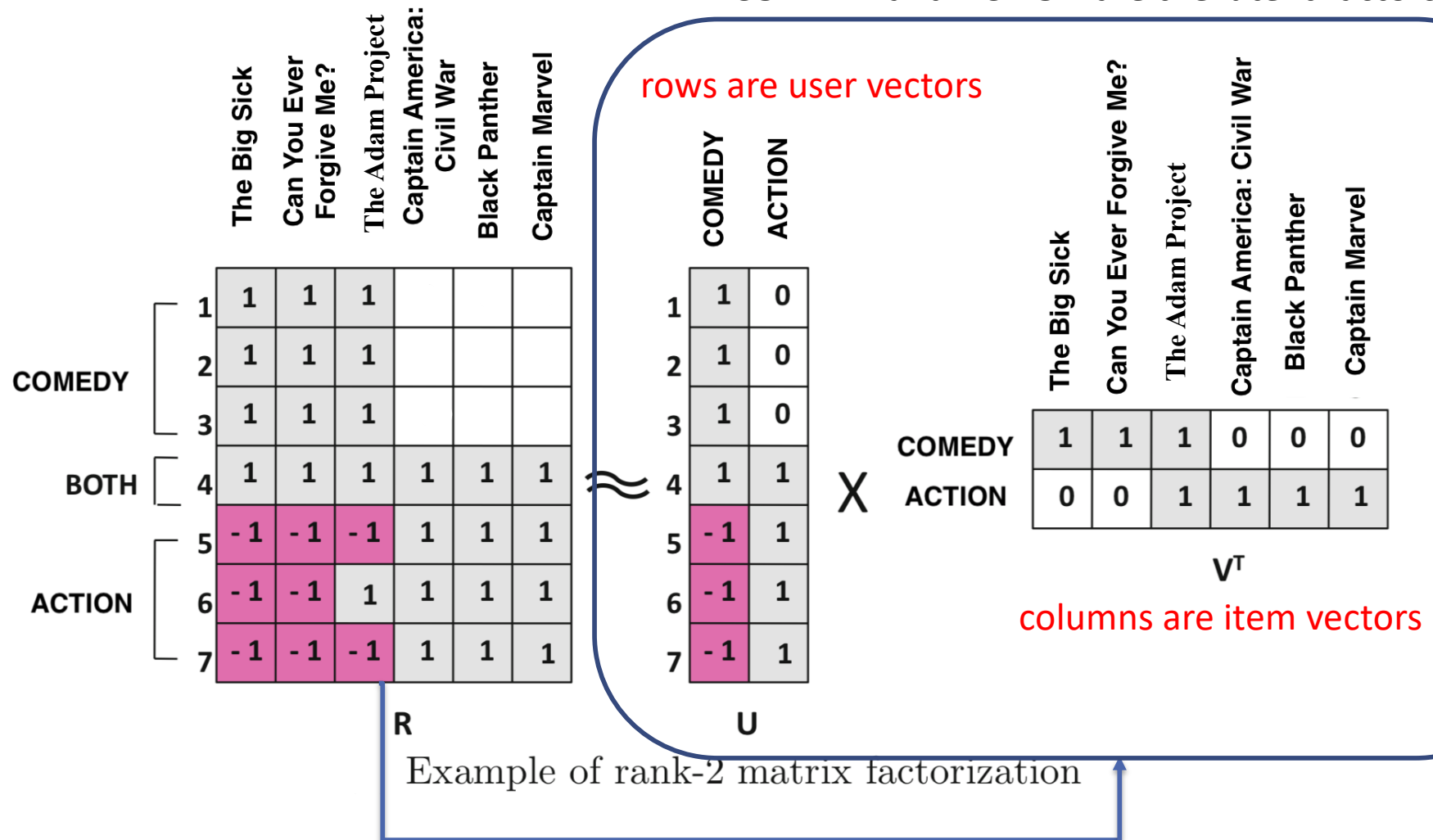


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# Low-Rank Factorization: example

## COMEDY and ACTION are the *latent* factors



approximated by

# Matrix Rank

- **Column rank** of a matrix  $\hat{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  is the size of the largest subset of columns of  $\hat{Y}$  that constitute a linearly independent set.
- Facts:
  - column rank of  $\hat{Y}$  = row rank of  $\hat{Y}$  = **rank**( $\hat{Y}$ )
  - $\text{rank}(\hat{Y}) \leq \min(m, n)$
- If  $\text{rank}(\hat{Y}) = \min(m, n)$  then  $\hat{Y}$  is said to be *full rank*
- **Theorem:** Let  $\hat{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  and  $\text{rank}(\hat{Y}) = r$ . Then there is  $U \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r}$  and  $V^T \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times m}$  such that  $\hat{Y} = UV^T$

# UV factorization

We may think of  $Y$  as being approximated by

$$\hat{Y} = UV^T$$

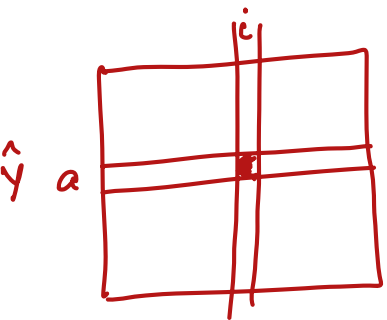
where

$U$  contains the relevant features of the user and

$V$  contains the relevant features of the movie

So

$$\hat{Y}_{ai} = [UV^T]_{ai} = \left[ \begin{array}{c} \left[ \begin{array}{c} \bar{u}^{(a)} \end{array} \right] \cdot \left[ \begin{array}{c} \bar{v}^{(i)} \end{array} \right] \end{array} \right]_{ai} = \bar{u}^{(a)} \cdot \bar{v}^{(i)}$$



|   |    |   |
|---|----|---|
| 1 | 1  | 0 |
| 2 | 1  | 0 |
| 3 | 1  | 0 |
| 4 | 1  | 1 |
| 5 | -1 | 1 |
| 6 | -1 | 1 |
| 7 | -1 | 1 |

U

in this example

$$\hat{Y}_{52} = -1$$

|   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

$V^T$

$$\bar{u}^{(5)} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \bar{v}^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Objective Function

$D$  - set of observed entries

$D = \{(a, i) : Y_{ai} \text{ is non-empty}\}$

Recall that  $\hat{Y} = UV^T$

$$\text{So } \hat{Y}_{ai} = [UV^T]_{ai} = \left[ [\bar{u}^{(1)}, \dots, \bar{u}^{(n)}]^T [\bar{v}^{(1)}, \dots, \bar{v}^{(m)}] \right]_{ai} = \bar{u}^{(a)} \cdot \bar{v}^{(i)}$$

$$J(U, V) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{(a,i) \in D} (Y_{ai} - \bar{u}^{(a)} \cdot \bar{v}^{(i)})^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{a=1}^n \|\bar{u}^{(a)}\|^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{i=1}^m \|\bar{v}^{(i)}\|^2$$

**Idea:** Minimize  $J(U, V)$  using coordinate descent

# Algorithm Overview

- Initialize “movie” features  $\bar{v}^{(1)}, \dots, \bar{v}^{(m)}$  to small (random) values
- Iterate until convergence

fix  $\bar{v}^{(1)}, \dots, \bar{v}^{(m)}$

solve for  $\bar{u}^{(1)}, \dots, \bar{u}^{(n)}$

$$\min_{\bar{u}^{(a)}} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{(a,i) \in D} (Y_{ai} - \bar{u}^{(a)} \cdot \bar{v}^{(i)})^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|\bar{u}^{(a)}\|^2$$

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Ridge regression!!

$$J_{n,\lambda}(\bar{\theta}) = \lambda \frac{\|\bar{\theta}\|^2}{2} + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(y^{(i)} - (\bar{\theta} \cdot \bar{x}^{(i)}))^2}{2}$$

## Example

**Goal:** Find **rank 1**  $\hat{Y}$ . Assume  $\lambda = 1$  in the objective function.

Suppose after 1 iteration  $U = [6, 2, 3, 3, 5]^T$  and  $V = [4, 1, 5]^T$

$Y =$

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 5 |   | 7 |
|   | 2 |   |
|   | 1 | 4 |
| 4 |   |   |
|   | 3 | 6 |

Fix  $V$  find new  $\bar{u}^{(1)}$

<https://forms.gle/ffiBvNbPjHF8ghi77>



$$\min_{\bar{u}^{(a)}} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{(a,i) \in D} (Y_{ai} - \bar{u}^{(a)} \cdot \bar{v}^{(i)})^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|\bar{u}^{(a)}\|^2$$



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|   | 2 |   |
|   | 1 | 4 |
| 4 |   |   |
|   | 3 | 6 |

Fix  $V$  find new  $\bar{u}^{(1)}$

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{\bar{u}^{(1)}} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{(1,i) \in D} (Y_{1i} - \bar{u}^{(1)} \cdot \bar{v}^{(i)})^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|\bar{u}^{(1)}\|^2 \\ &= \min_{\bar{u}^{(1)}} \frac{1}{2} (Y_{11} - \bar{u}^{(1)} \cdot \bar{v}^{(1)})^2 + \frac{1}{2} (Y_{13} - \bar{u}^{(1)} \cdot \bar{v}^{(3)})^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|\bar{u}^{(1)}\|^2 \\ &= \min_{\bar{u}^{(1)}} \frac{1}{2} (5 - 4 \bar{u}^{(1)})^2 + \frac{1}{2} (7 - 5 \bar{u}^{(1)})^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|\bar{u}^{(1)}\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Set partial derivative of this expression to 0 and solve for  $\bar{u}^{(1)}$

$$\bar{u}^{(1)} \approx 1.3$$

Notice that error  $(Y_{11} - [UV^T]_{11})^2$  goes from  $(5 - 24)^2$  to  $(5 - 5.2)^2$

# Related ideas and issues

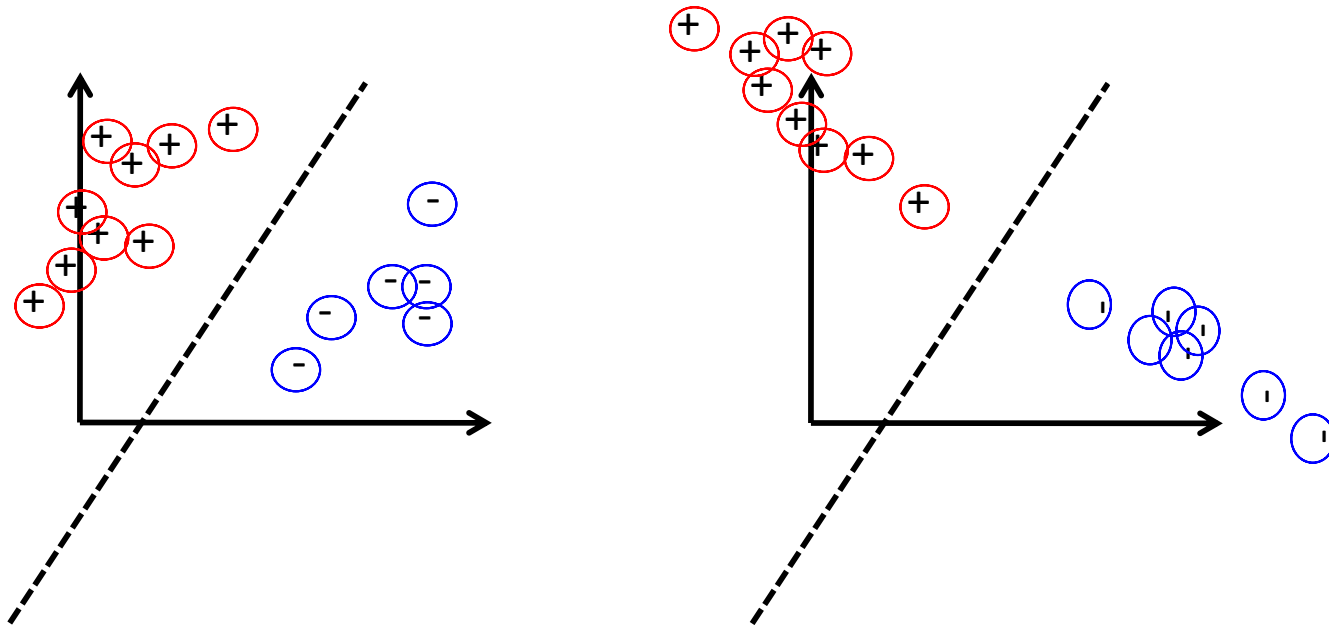
- Context-aware recommender systems
- Cold start problem
- Manipulation in recommender systems

# Discriminative vs Generative Models

# Discriminative Models

**E.g., Classification → learned a separator to discriminate two classes**

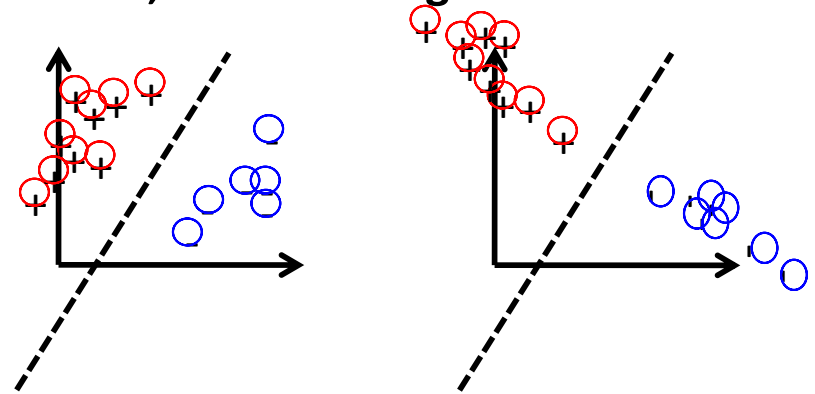
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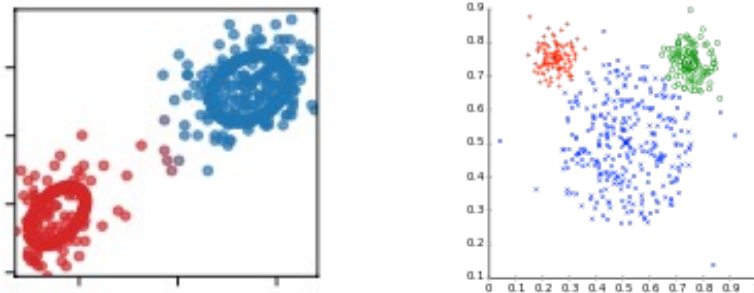
# Why do we care about generative models?

**Better understanding of where our data came from; how it was 'generated'**

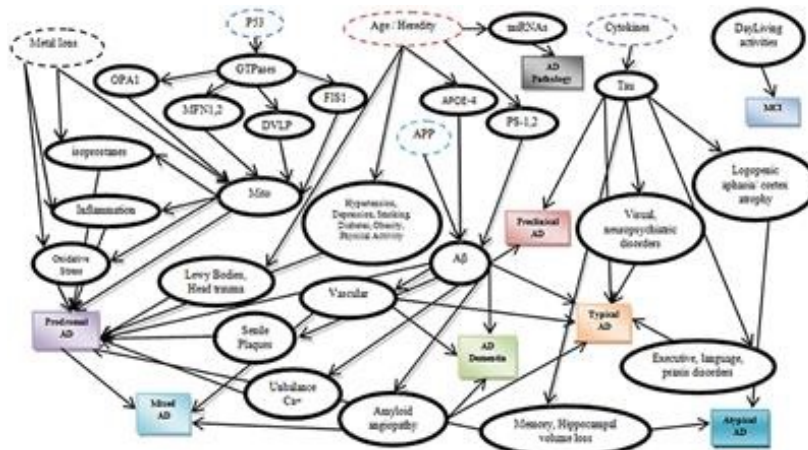
- describes internal structure of the data
- can also be used for classification



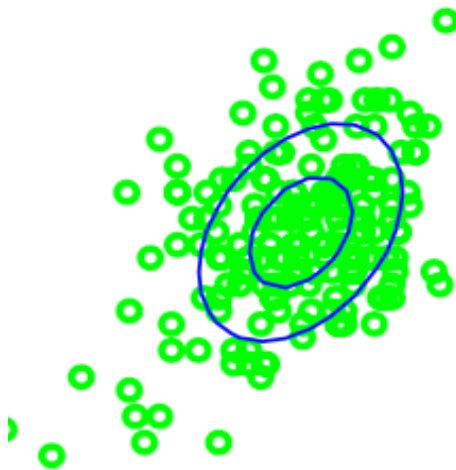
**We can use this as a basis for soft clustering**



**We can use this as a basis for graphical models**



# Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE)



# Underlying Distribution for this (unlabeled) Dataset

| $x^{(i)}$ |
|-----------|
| 0         |
| 1         |
| 0         |
| 0         |
| 1         |
| 0         |
| 0         |

$$\Pr(x^{(i)}=1) = p$$

$$p_{MLE} = \frac{2}{7}$$

We assume data are generated i.i.d. from an unknown Bernoulli distribution that has parameter  $p$   
each of these “coin flips” is with the same coin (same bias towards head) and each coin  
flip is independent of previous flips

# generative story with i.i.d. assumption for Bernoulli

Given  $S_n = \{x^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^n$

Assume

- each  $x^{(i)} \sim \text{Bern}(x; p)$  (identically distributed)  
i.e., each  $x^{(i)} = 1$  with probability  $p$  and  
 $x^{(i)} = 0$  with probability  $1 - p$
- $\forall i \neq j \quad p(x^{(i)}, x^{(j)}) = \text{Bern}(x^{(i)}; p) \text{Bern}(x^{(j)}; p)$  (independently distributed)  
e.g.,  $p(x^{(1)} = 1, x^{(2)} = 0, x^{(3)} = 1, x^{(4)} = 1) = p^3(1 - p)$   
 $p(x^{(1)}=1) \quad p(x^{(2)}=0) \quad p(x^{(3)}=1) \quad p(x^{(4)}=1)$   
 $p \quad (1-p) \quad p \quad p$   
 $0 \leq p \leq 1$

Consequently

$$p(S_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(x^{(i)})$$

$$\frac{\partial P(S_n)}{\partial p} = 0$$

$\hookrightarrow P_{MLE}$

**Goal:** Determine  $p$



# Underlying Distribution for this (unlabeled) Dataset

| $x^{(i)}$ |
|-----------|
| 0.0002    |
| 1110      |
| 0.01      |
| 710       |
| -1120.09  |
| 774.11    |
| 3.532     |

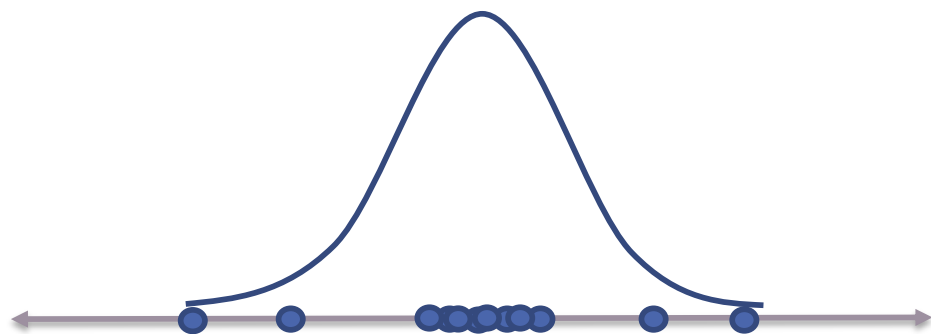
$$x^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}$$

# Maximum Likelihood Estimate: intuition

We assume data are generated i.i.d. from an unknown Gaussian distribution that has parameter  $\mu, \sigma^2$

each datapoint was drawn from the same 'bell curve'

Use MLE to determine the *likeliest* parameter values, given the dataset

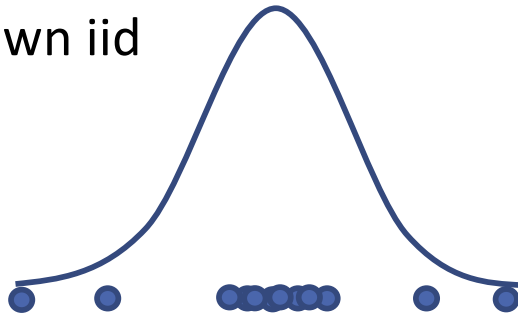


$$\mathcal{N}(x|\mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp - \frac{(x - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}$$

examples: inches of snowfall, heights of people etc.

# generative story with i.i.d. assumption for univariate Gaussian

Given  $S_n = \{\bar{x}^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^n$  drawn iid



Assume

- each  $\bar{x}^{(i)} \sim N(\bar{x}|\mu, \sigma^2)$  (identically distributed)
- $\forall i \neq j \quad p(\bar{x}^{(i)}, \bar{x}^{(j)}) = N(\bar{x}^{(i)}|\mu, \sigma^2)N(\bar{x}^{(j)}|\mu, \sigma^2)$  (independently distributed)

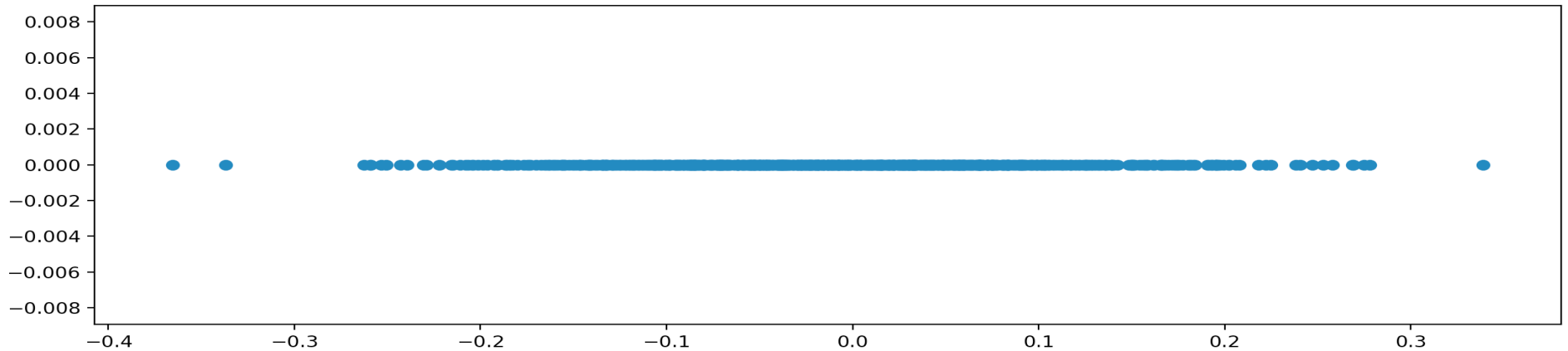
Consequently,

$$p(S_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n N(\bar{x}^{(i)}|\mu, \sigma^2)$$

**Goal:** Determine  $\mu, \sigma^2$

- Want to maximize  $p(S_n)$  wrt  $\mu$
- Want to maximize  $p(S_n)$  wrt  $\sigma^2$

# MLE for the univariate Gaussian



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$$\mu_{\text{MLE}} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x^{(i)}}{n}$$

- Want to maximize  $p(S_n)$  wrt  $\sigma^2$

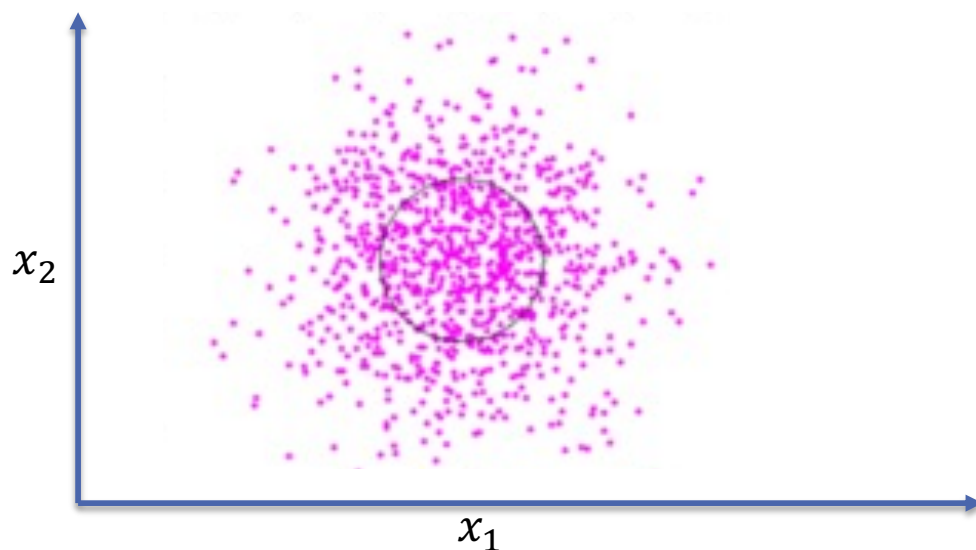
$$\sigma_{\text{MLE}}^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(x^{(i)} - \mu_{\text{MLE}})^2}{n}$$

# Multivariate Gaussian Distribution

# Underlying Distribution for this (unlabeled) Dataset

for  $\bar{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$   $d \geq 2$

Example 1: Here  $\bar{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2$



Example 2: Here  $\bar{x} \in \mathbb{R}^4$

| $x_1^{(i)}$ | $x_2^{(i)}$ | $x_3^{(i)}$ | $x_4^{(i)}$ |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 0.0002      | 10.052      | 8.602       | 227         |
| 1110        | 12.110      | -805.1      | -84.5       |
| 0.01        | 0.01        | 5292.01     | 837.1       |
| 710         | -73610      | 8015.03     | -2.503      |
| -1120.09    | 11.01       | 1680        | -5686       |
| 774.11      | 3.67        | 46.86       | 51.13       |
| 3.532       | 624         | 587.4       | -3700       |