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Bayes theorem can be stated as :
(conditional probability)

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$$P(C_k | x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \\ = P(C_k | x) = \frac{P(C_k) \cdot P(x | C_k)}{P(x)}$$

considering the gaussian naive Bayes
for continuous data :

$$P(x = v | C_k) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_k^2}} \cdot e^{-\frac{(v - \mu_k)^2}{2\sigma_k^2}}$$

where μ_k : mean values in x
associated with k .

σ_k^2 : variance of values in
 x associated with k

Now for Bayes classifier, we have

$$P_K(x) = \pi_K \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_K} \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma_K^2}(x-\mu_K)^2\right)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_k} \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma_k^2}(x-\mu_k)^2\right)$$

Our estimate should be k with largest $\delta(x)$,
where taking logarithm

$$\delta(x) = \log \pi_K - \frac{\mu_K^2}{2\sigma_K^2} + \frac{x\mu_K}{\sigma_K^2}$$

$$\delta(x) = \log \pi_K + \log \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_K} - \frac{1}{2\sigma_K^2}(x-\mu_K)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta_K(x) = \log \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_K} - \frac{1}{2\sigma_K^2}x^2 + \frac{\mu_K x}{\sigma_K^2} - \frac{\mu_K^2}{2\sigma_K^2}$$

A quadratic term $\frac{1}{2\sigma_K^2}x^2$ is present + $\log \pi_K$
and cannot be ignored since σ^2 is not being shared.

Hence it proves that the Bayes Classifier is not linear and is quadratic in nature.