

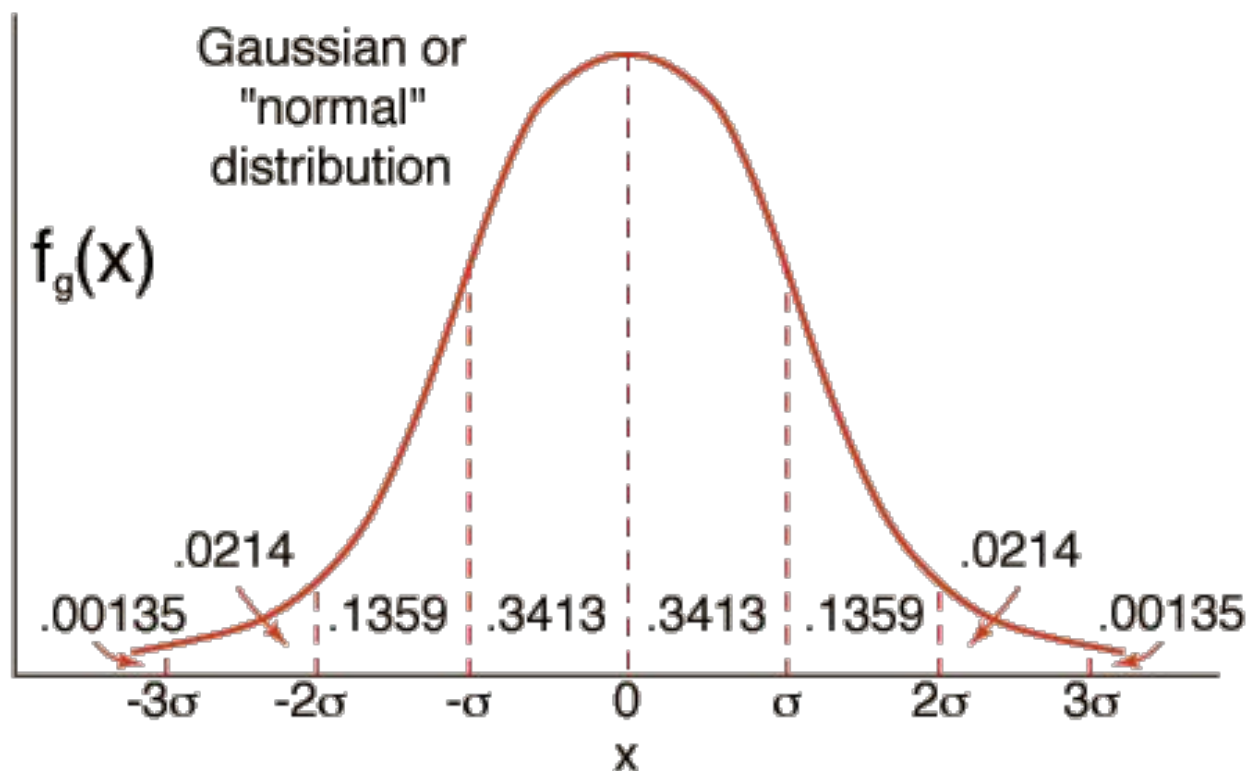
Classification with Generative Models (2)

MGTF 495

Class Outline

- Parametric Methods
 - Generative Models
 - Naive Bayes
 - Binary Features, Multinomial Features
 - *Hands-On*
 - Gaussian Generative Model
 - Fisher Linear Discriminant Analysis
 - *Hands-On*

The univariate Gaussian



The Gaussian $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ has mean μ , variance σ^2 , and density function

$$p(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right).$$

But what if we have **two** variables?

Bivariate distributions

Simplest option: treat each variable as independent.

Example: For a large collection of people, measure the two variables

H = height

W = weight

Independence would mean

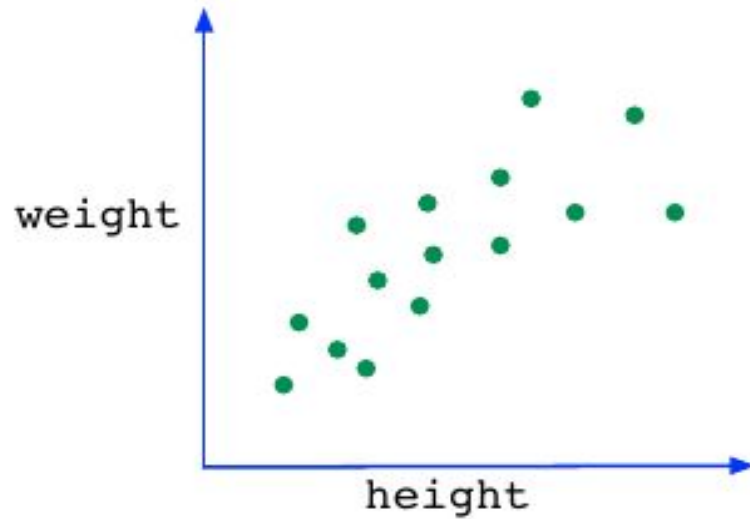
$$\Pr(H = h, W = w) = \Pr(H = h) \Pr(W = w),$$

which would also imply $\mathbf{E}(HW) = \mathbf{E}(H) \mathbf{E}(W)$.

Is this an accurate approximation?

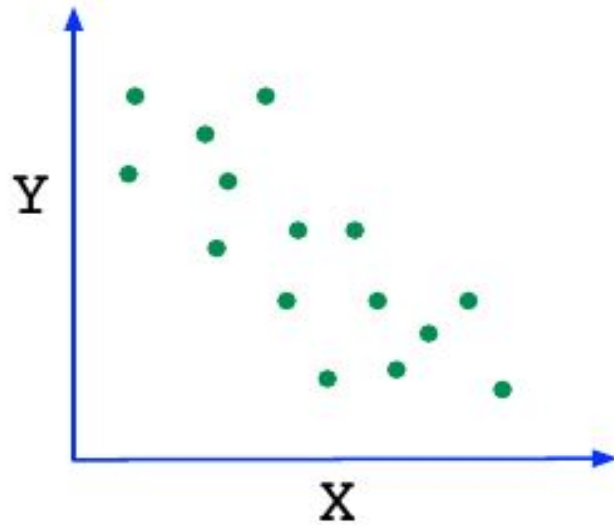
No: we'd expect height and weight to be **positively correlated**.

Types of correlation

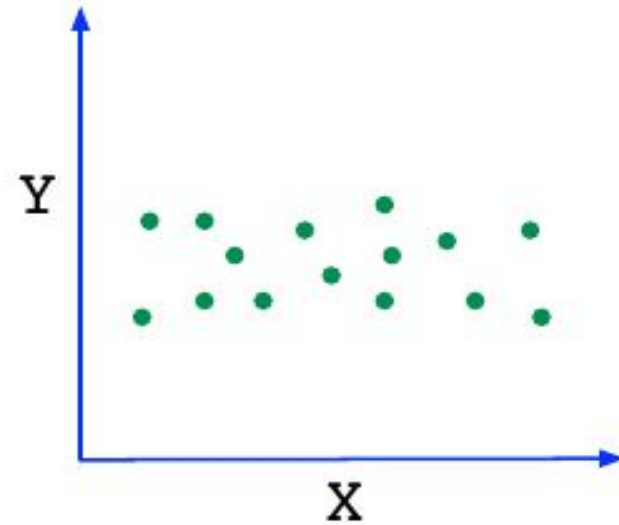


H, W positively correlated.
This also implies

$$\mathbb{E}(HW) > \mathbb{E}(H)\mathbb{E}(W).$$

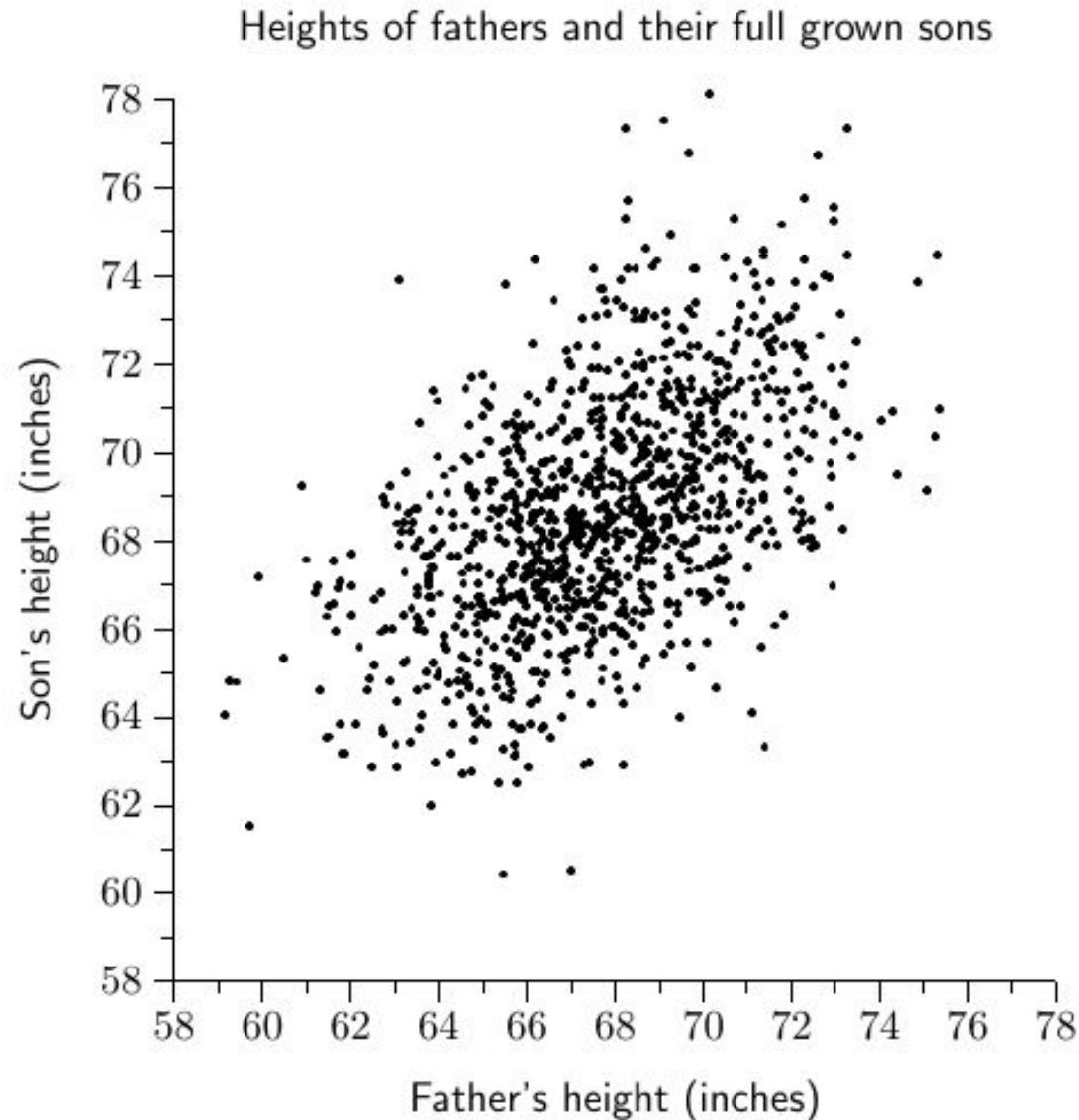


X, Y negatively correlated



X, Y uncorrelated

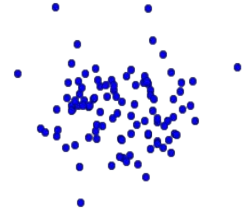
Pearson (1903): fathers and sons



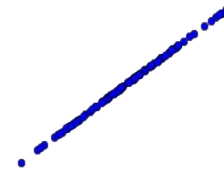
How to quantify the degree of correlation?

Correlation pictures

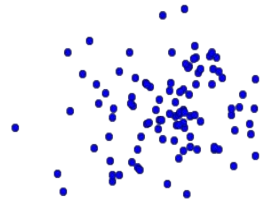
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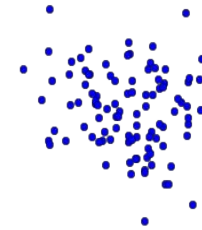
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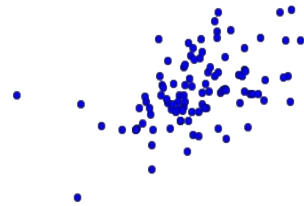
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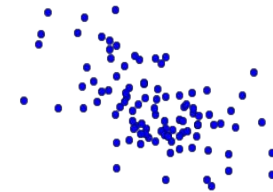
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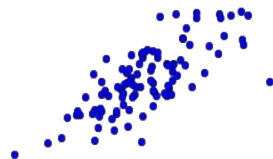
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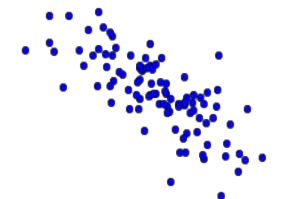
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$r = 0.75$



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Covariance and correlation

Suppose X has mean μ_x and Y has mean μ_y

- Covariance

$$\text{cov}(X, Y) = \mathbf{E}[(X - \mu_x)(Y - \mu_y)] = \mathbf{E}[XY] - \mu_x \mu_y$$

Maximized when $X = Y$, in which case it is $\text{var}(X)$.
In general, it is at most $\text{std}(X)\text{std}(Y)$.

- Correlation

$$\text{corr}(X, Y) = \frac{\text{cov}(X, Y)}{\text{std}(X) \text{std}(Y)}$$

This is always in the range $[-1, 1]$.

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x	y	$P(x,y)$
-1	1	1/3
0	0	1/3
1	1	1/3

$$E[XY] = -1 \times 1/3 + 0 \times 1/3 + 1 \times 1/3 = 0$$

$$E[X] = 0$$

$$E[Y] = 2/3$$

$$\text{Cov}(X,Y) = E[XY] - E[X]E[Y] = 0$$

$$P(X=1,Y=1) = 1/3 \quad P(X=1) = 1/3, \quad P(Y=1) = 2/3$$

$$P(X,Y) \neq P(X)P(Y)$$

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Covariance and correlation: example 1

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x	y	$\text{Pr}(x, y)$
-1	-1	1/3
-1	1	1/6
1	-1	1/3
1	1	1/6

$$\mu_X = 0$$

$$\mu_Y = -1/3$$

$$\text{var}(X) = 1$$

$$\text{var}(Y) = 8/9$$

$$\text{cov}(X, Y) = 0$$

$$\text{corr}(X, Y) = 0$$

In this case, X, Y are independent. Independent variables always have zero covariance and correlation.

Covariance and correlation: example 2

$$\text{cov}(X, Y) = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)] = \mathbb{E}[XY] - \mu_X \mu_Y$$

$$\text{corr}(X, Y) = \frac{\text{cov}(X, Y)}{\text{std}(X)\text{std}(Y)}$$

x	y	$\text{Pr}(x, y)$
-1	-10	1/6
-1	10	1/3
1	-10	1/3
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$$\mu_X = 0$$

$$\mu_Y = 0$$

$$\text{var}(X) = 1$$

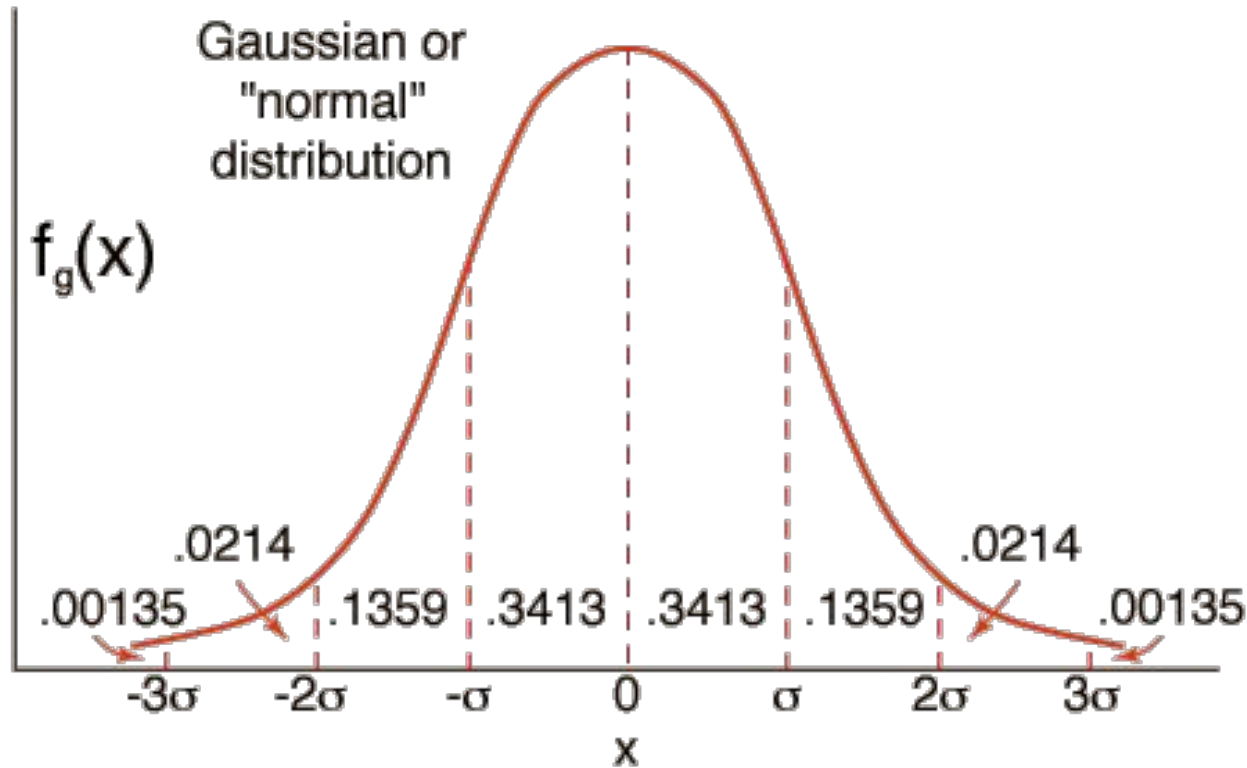
$$\text{var}(Y) = 100$$

$$\text{cov}(X, Y) = -10/3$$

$$\text{corr}(X, Y) = -1/3$$

In this case, X and Y are negatively correlated.

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vector
in space

is a vector

The bivariate (2-d) Gaussian

A distribution over $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$, parametrized by:

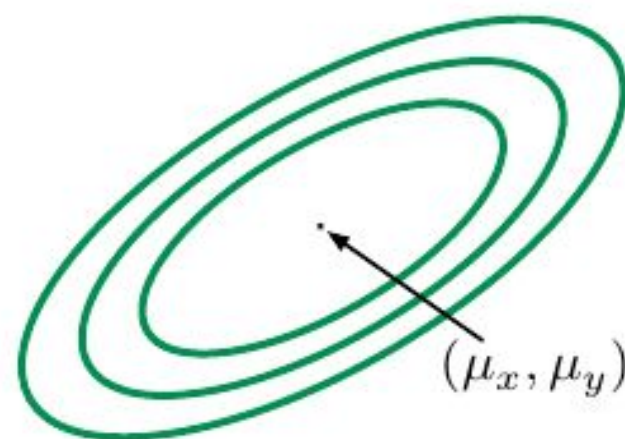
- **Mean** $(\mu_x, \mu_y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$
- **Covariance matrix**

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{xx} & \Sigma_{xy} \\ \Sigma_{yx} & \Sigma_{yy} \end{bmatrix}$$

where $\Sigma_{xx} = \text{var}(X)$, $\Sigma_{yy} = \text{var}(Y)$, $\Sigma_{xy} = \Sigma_{yx} = \text{cov}(X, Y)$

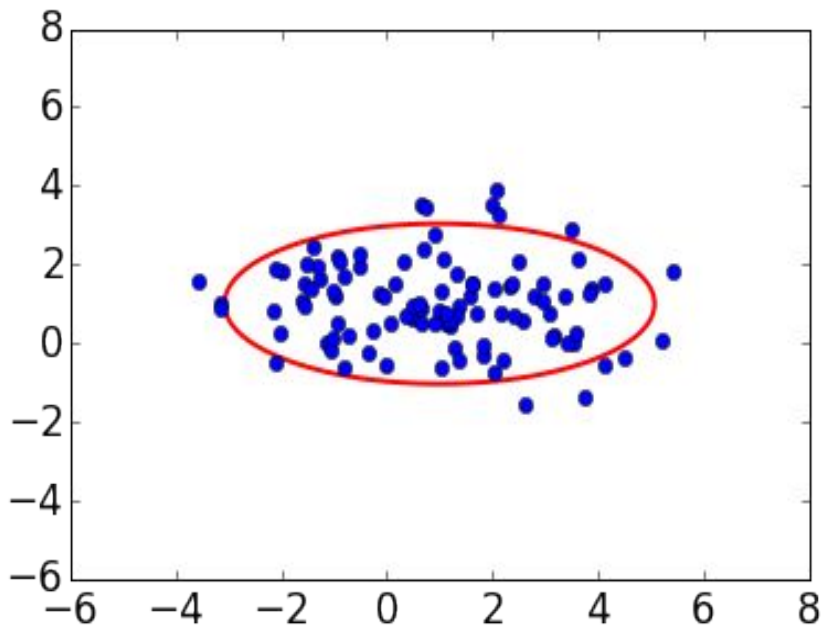
$$\text{Density } p(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi|\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} x - \mu_x \\ y - \mu_y \end{bmatrix}^T \Sigma^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} x - \mu_x \\ y - \mu_y \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

The density is highest at the mean,
and falls off in ellipsoidal contours.



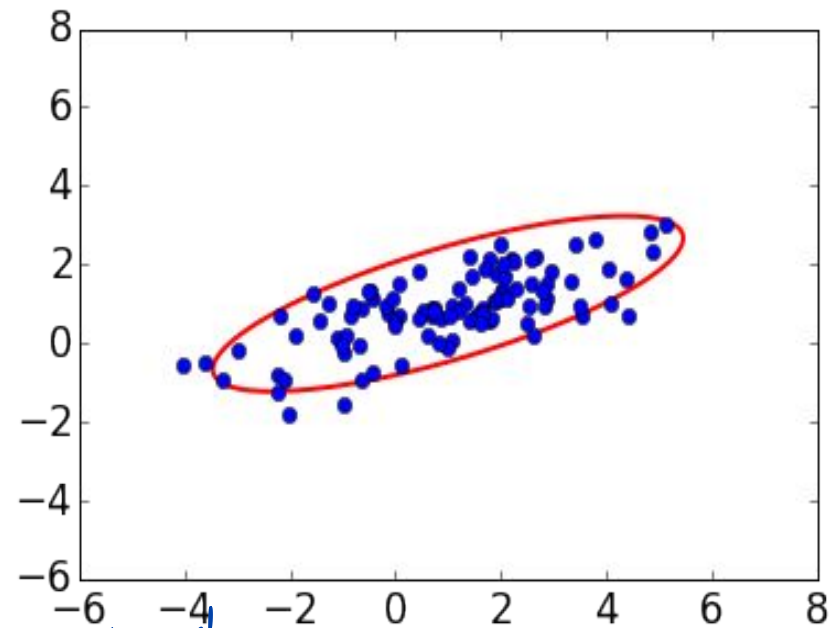
Bivariate Gaussian: examples

In either case, the mean is (1, 1).



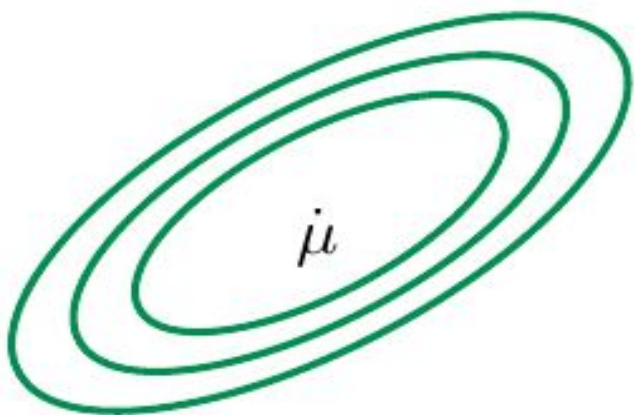
$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

COV = 0 uncorrelated



$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1.5 \\ 1.5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The multivariate Gaussian



$N(\mu, \Sigma)$: Gaussian in \mathbb{R}^p

- mean: $\mu \in \mathbb{R}^p$
- covariance: $p \times p$ matrix Σ

Density
$$p(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{p/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} (x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu) \right)$$

Let $X = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p)$ be a random draw from $N(\mu, \Sigma)$.

- μ is the vector of coordinate-wise means:

$$\mu_1 = \mathbb{E}X_1, \mu_2 = \mathbb{E}X_2, \dots, \mu_p = \mathbb{E}X_p.$$

- Σ is a matrix containing all pairwise covariances:

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_{ij} &= \Sigma_{ji} = \text{cov}(X_i, X_j) \quad \text{if } i \neq j \\ \Sigma_{ii} &= \text{var}(X_i) \end{aligned}$$

- In matrix/vector form: $\mu = \mathbb{E}X$ and $\Sigma = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu)(X - \mu)^T]$.

Special case: spherical Gaussian

The X_i are independent and all have the same variance σ^2 . Thus

$$\Sigma = \sigma^2 I_p = \text{diag}(\sigma^2, \sigma^2, \dots, \sigma^2)$$

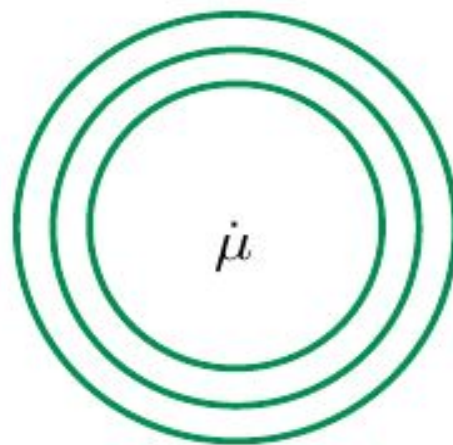
*uncorrelated
share the same variance*

(off-diagonal elements zero, diagonal elements σ^2).

Each X_i is an independent univariate Gaussian $N(\mu_i, \sigma^2)$:

$$\Pr(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_{i=1}^p \left(\frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-(x_i - \mu_i)^2 / 2\sigma^2} \right) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{p/2} \sigma^p} \exp \left(-\frac{\|\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}\|^2}{2\sigma^2} \right)$$

Density at a point depends only on its distance from $\boldsymbol{\mu}$:



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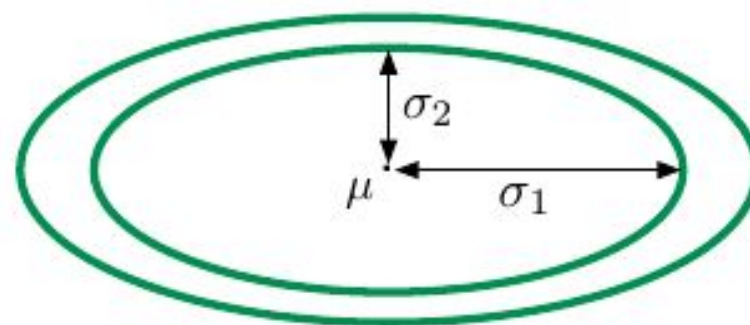
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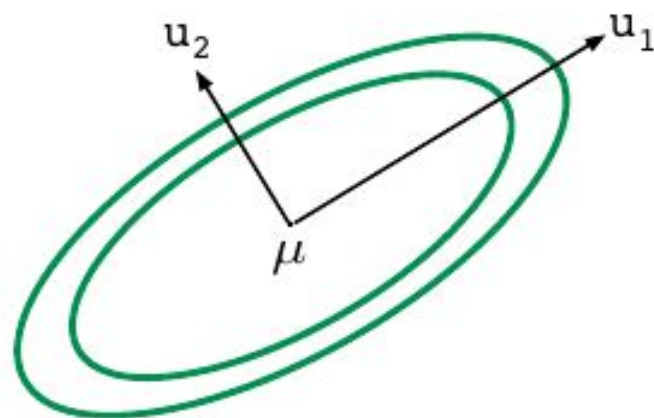
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Contours of equal density are axis-aligned ellipsoids centered at μ :



The general Gaussian $N(\mu, \Sigma)$ in \mathbb{R}^p



Eigendecomposition of Σ yields:

- **Eigenvalues**
 $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_p$
- Corresponding **eigenvectors**
 u_1, \dots, u_p

Recall density:
$$p(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{p/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} \underbrace{(x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu)}_{\text{What is this?}} \right)$$

If we write $S = \Sigma^{-1}$ then S is a $p \times p$ matrix and

$$(x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu) = \sum_{i,j} S_{ij} (x_i - \mu_i) (x_j - \mu_j),$$

a **quadratic function** of x .

Binary classification with Gaussian generative model

Estimate class probabilities π_1, π_2 and fit a Gaussian to each class:

$$P_1 = N(\mu_1, \Sigma_1), P_2 = N(\mu_2, \Sigma_2)$$

E.g. If data points $x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(m)} \in \mathbb{R}^p$ are class 1:

$$\mu_1 = \frac{1}{m} (x^{(1)} + \dots + x^{(m)}) \quad \text{and} \quad \Sigma_1 = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (x^{(i)} - \mu_1)(x^{(i)} - \mu_1)^T$$

Given a new point x , predict class 1 iff:

$$\pi_1 P_1(x) > \pi_2 P_2(x) \Leftrightarrow x^T M x + 2w^T x \geq \theta,$$

where:

$$M = \frac{1}{2}(\Sigma_2^{-1} - \Sigma_1^{-1})$$

$$w = \Sigma_1^{-1}\mu_1 - \Sigma_2^{-1}\mu_2$$

and θ is a constant depending on the various parameters.

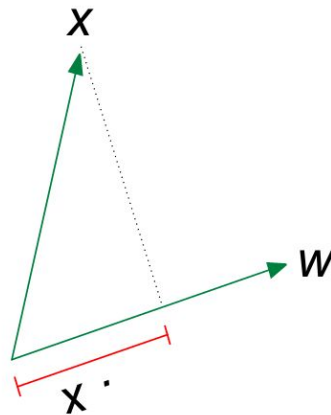
$\Sigma_1 = \Sigma_2$: linear decision boundary. Otherwise, quadratic boundary.

Linear decision boundary

When $\Sigma_1 = \Sigma_2 = \Sigma$: choose class 1 iff

$$x \cdot \underbrace{\Sigma^{-1}(\mu_1 - \mu_2)}_w \geq \theta.$$

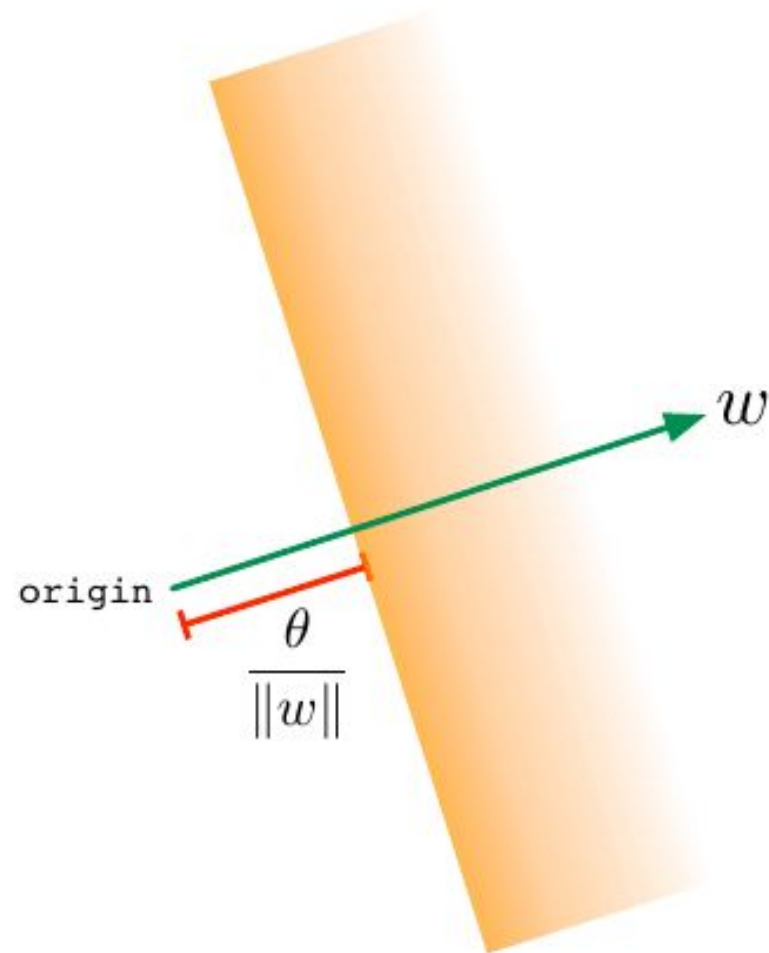
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Linear decision boundary

Let w be any vector in \mathbb{R}^p . What is meant by decision rule $w \cdot x \geq \theta$?

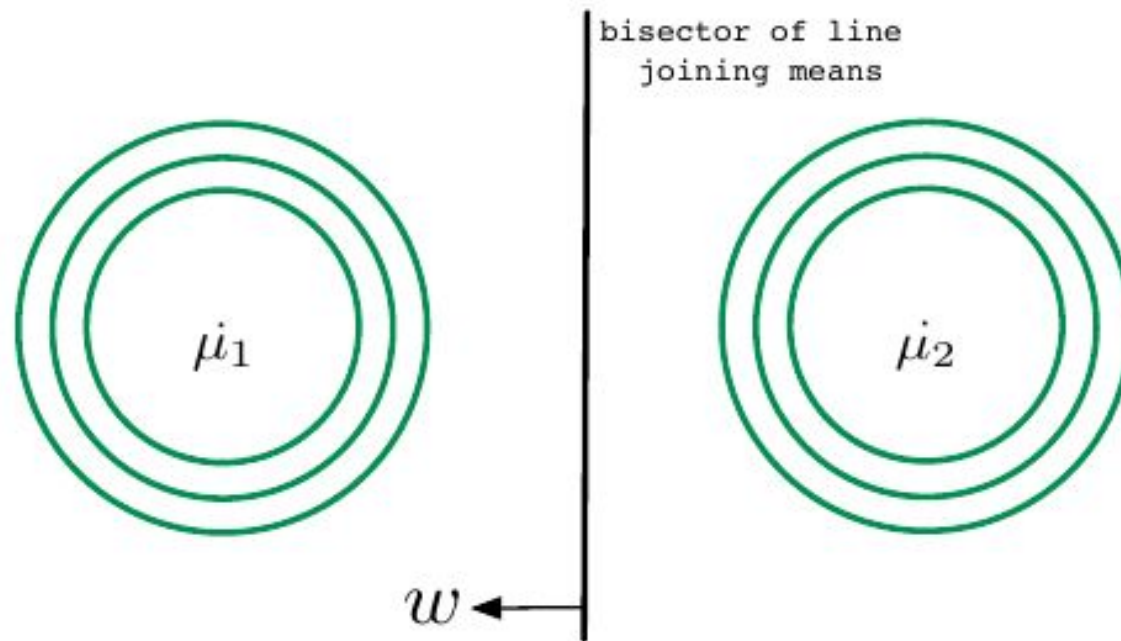


Common covariance: $\Sigma_1 = \Sigma_2 = \Sigma$

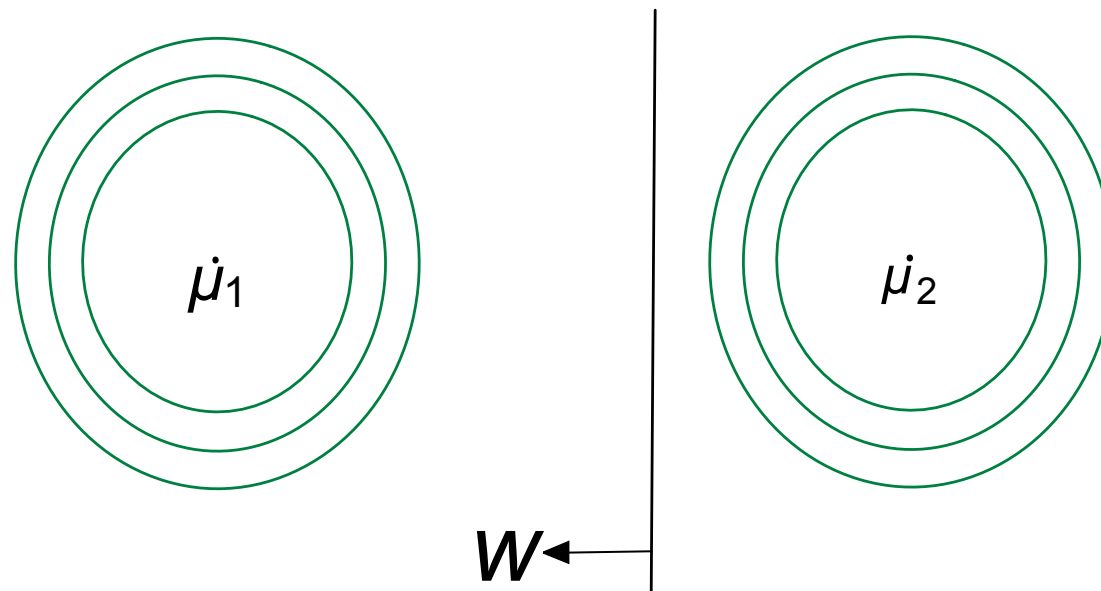
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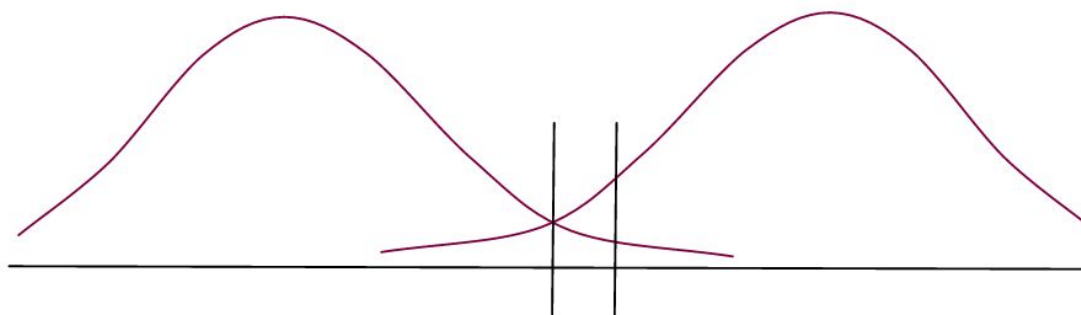
Example 1: Spherical Gaussians with $\Sigma = I_p$ and $\pi_1 = \pi_2$.



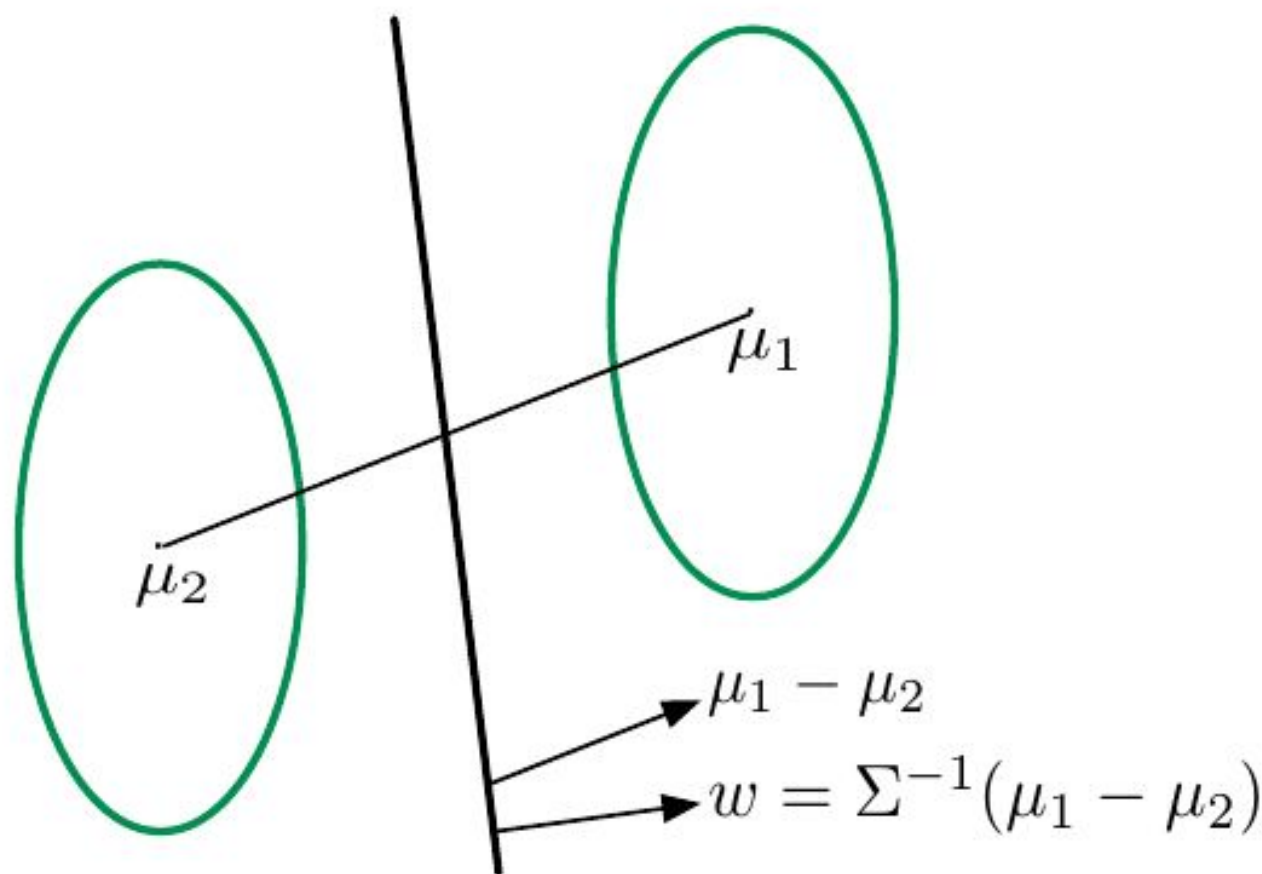
Example 2: Again spherical, but now $\pi_1 > \pi_2$.



One-d projection onto w :



Example 3: Non-spherical.



Rule: $w \cdot x \geq \theta$

- w, θ dictated by probability model, assuming it is a perfect fit
- Common practice: choose w as above, but fit θ to minimize training/validation error

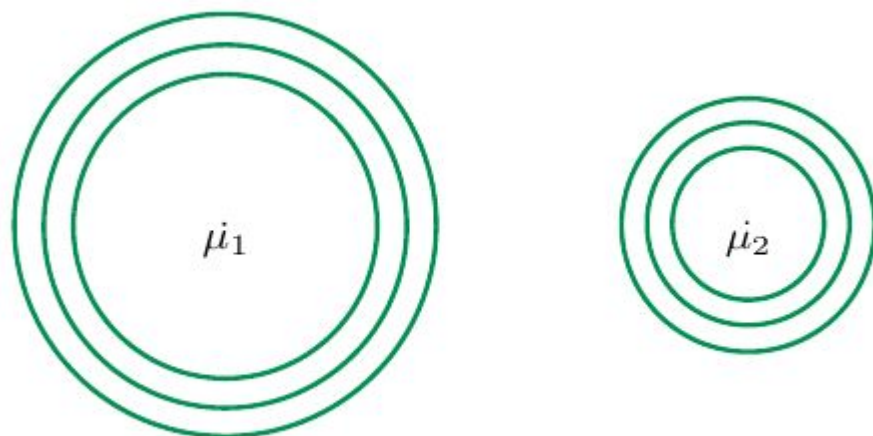
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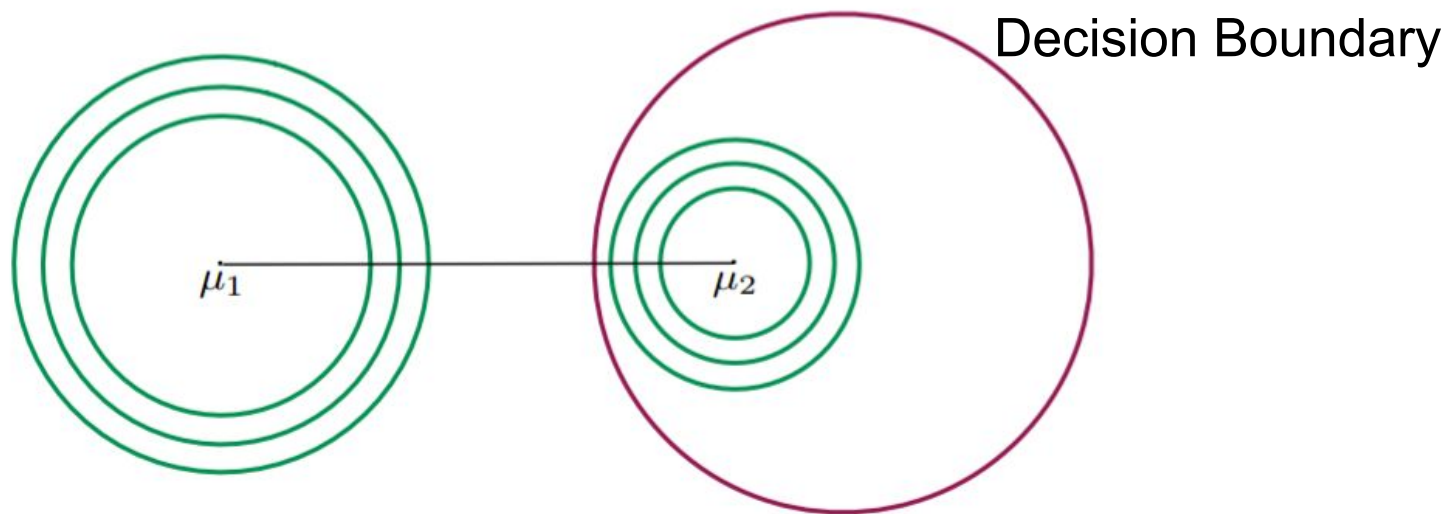
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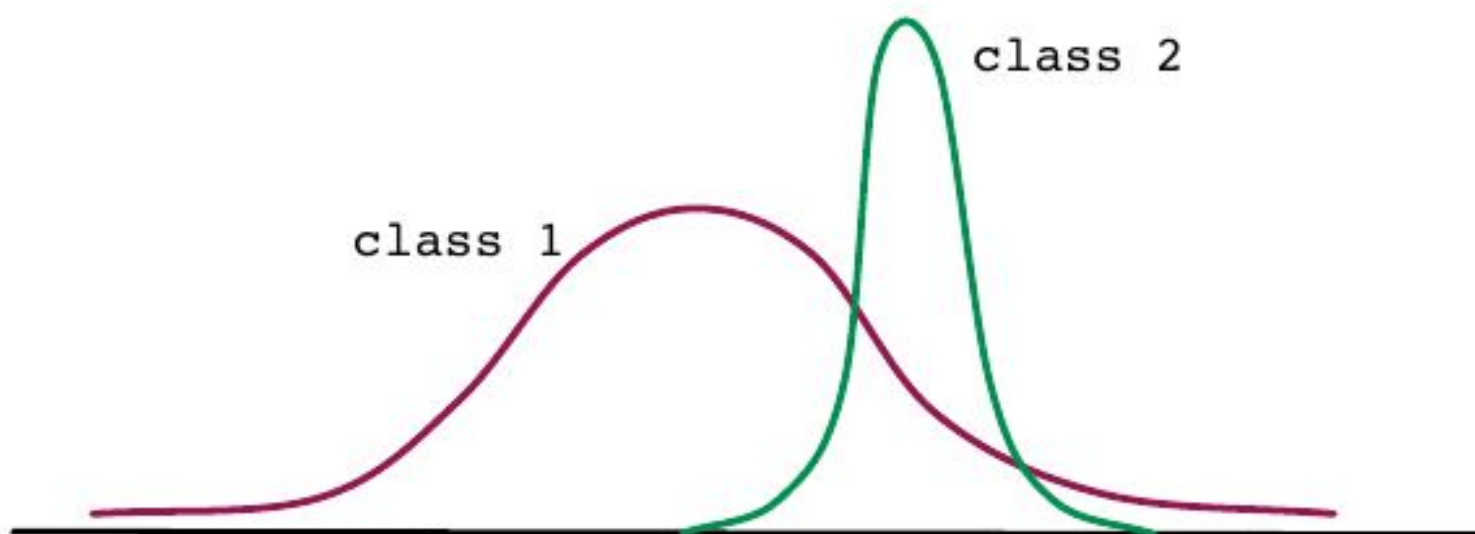
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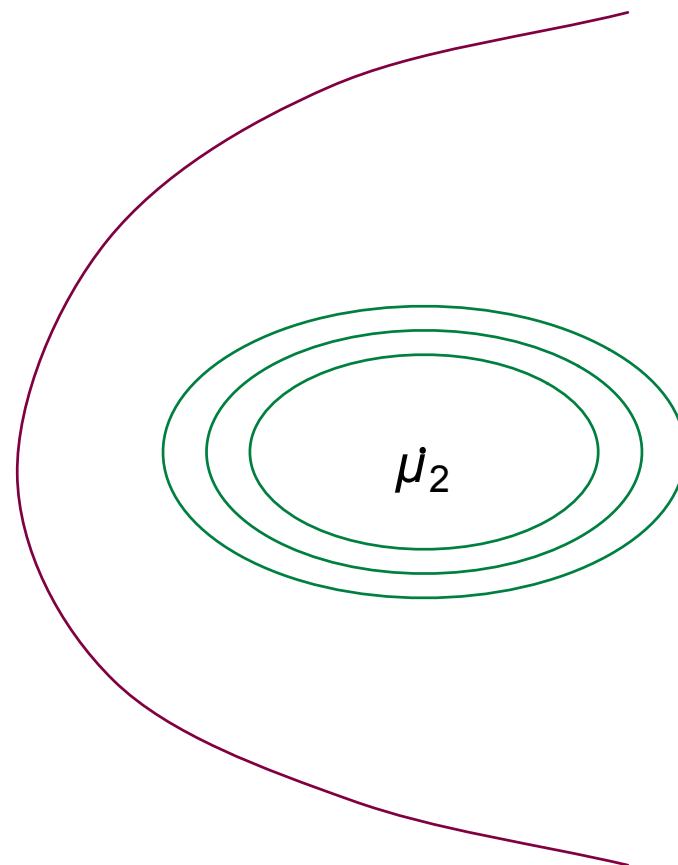
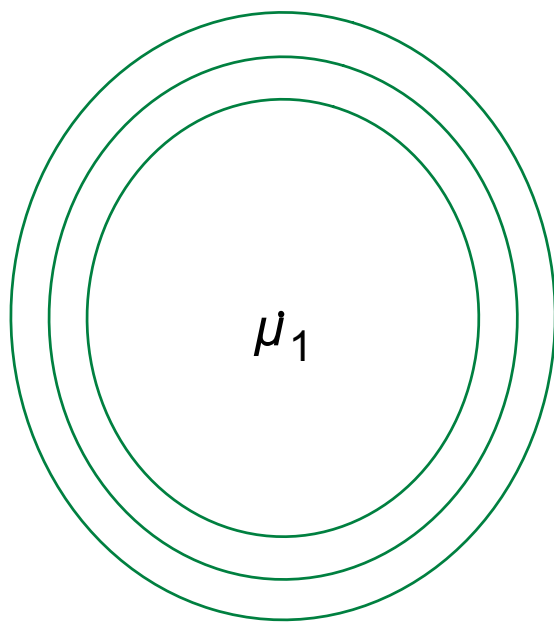
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Example 2: Same thing in 1-d. $\mathcal{X} = \mathbb{R}$.



Example 3: A parabolic boundary.



Many other possibilities!

Multiclass discriminant analysis

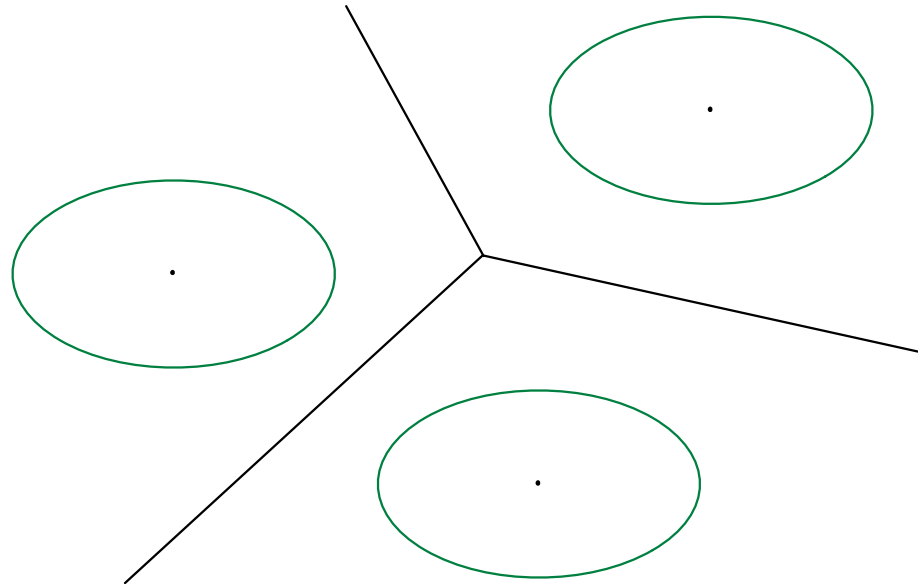
k classes: weights π_j , class-conditional distributions $P_j = N(\mu_j, \Sigma_j)$

Each class has an associated **quadratic** function

$$f_j(x) = \log (\pi_j P_j (x))$$

To class a point x , pick $\arg_j \max f_j(x)$.

If $\Sigma_1 = \dots = \Sigma_k$, the boundaries are **linear**.

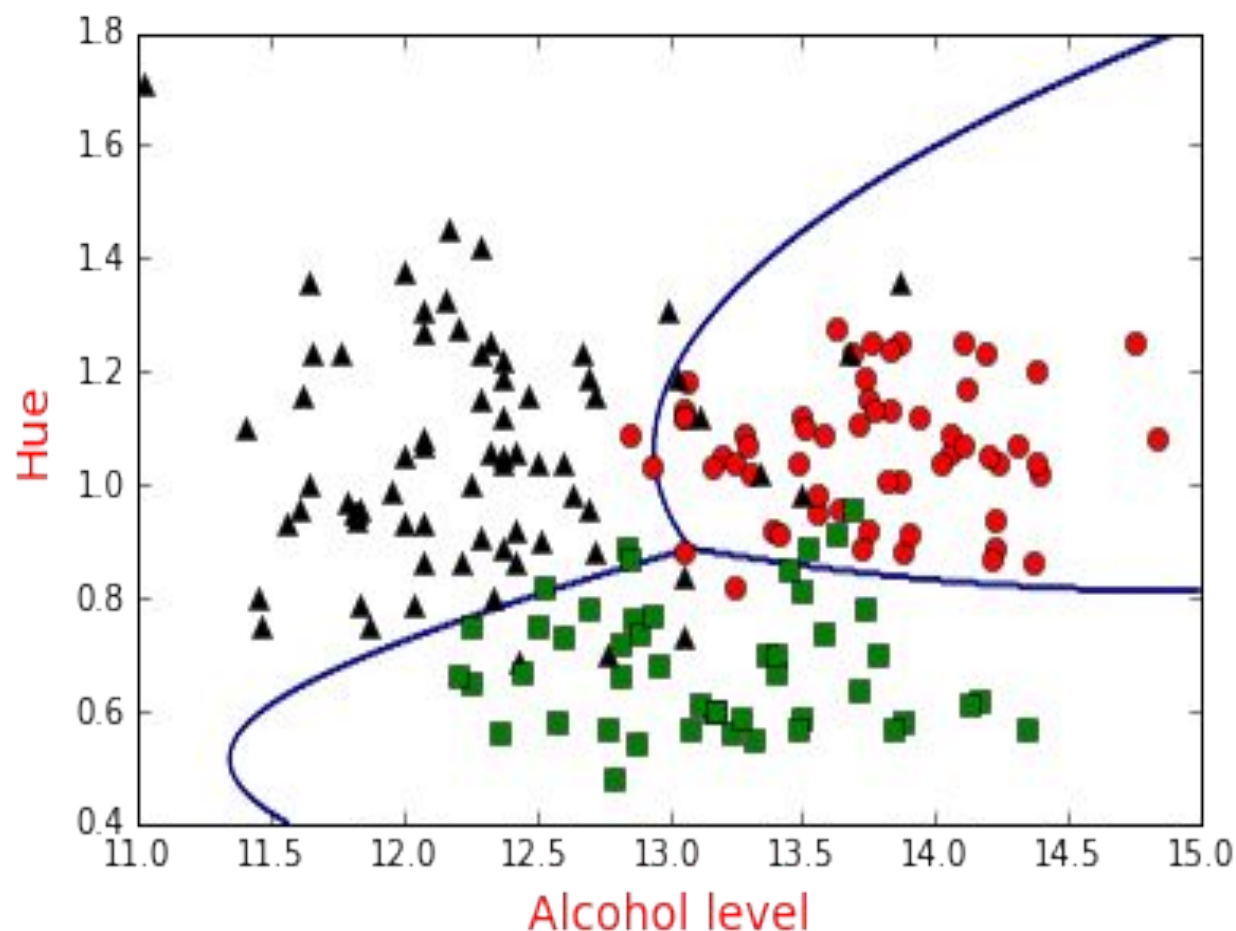


Example: “wine” data set

Data from three wineries from the same region of Italy

- 13 attributes: hue, color intensity, flavanoids, ash content, ...
- 178 instances in all: split into 118 train, 60 test

Test error using multiclass discriminant analysis: 1/60



Example: MNIST



To each digit, fit:

- class probability π_j
- mean $\mu_j \in \mathbb{R}^{784}$
- covariance matrix $\Sigma_j \in \mathbb{R}^{784 \times 784}$

Problem: formula for normal density uses Σ_j^{-1} , which is singular.

- Need to regularize: $\Sigma_j \rightarrow \Sigma_j + \sigma^2 I$
- This is a good idea even without the singularity issue

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Fisher's linear discriminant

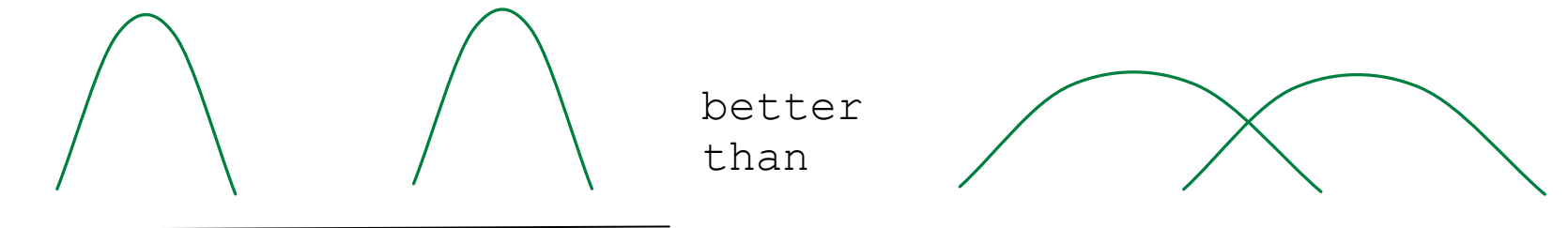
A framework for linear classification without Gaussian assumptions.

Use only first- and second-order statistics of the classes.

Class 1	Class 2
mean μ_1	mean μ_2
cov Σ_1	cov Σ_2
# pts n_1	# pts n_2

A linear classifier projects all data onto a direction w . Choose w so that:

- Projected means are well-separated, i.e. $(w \cdot \mu_1 - w \cdot \mu_2)^2$ is large.
- Projected within-class variance is small.



Fisher LDA (linear discriminant analysis)

Two classes: means μ_1, μ_2 ; covariances Σ_1, Σ_2 ; sample sizes n_1, n_2 .

Project data onto direction (unit vector) w .

- Projected means: $w \cdot \mu_1$ and $w \cdot \mu_2$
- Projected variances: $w^T \Sigma_1 w$ and $w^T \Sigma_2 w$
- Average projected variance:

$$\frac{n_1(w^T \Sigma_1 w) + n_2(w^T \Sigma_2 w)}{n_1 + n_2} = w^T \Sigma w,$$

where $\Sigma = (n_1 \Sigma_1 + n_2 \Sigma_2) / (n_1 + n_2)$.

Find w to maximize $J(w) = \frac{(w \cdot \mu_1 - w \cdot \mu_2)^2}{w^T \Sigma w}$

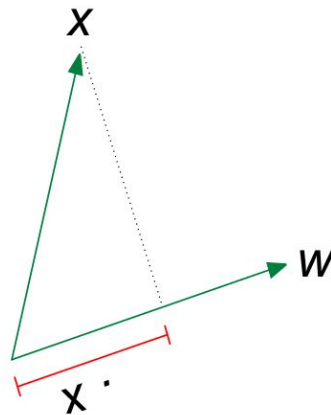
Solution: $w \propto \Sigma^{-1}(\mu_1 - \mu_2)$. Look familiar?

Recall: Linear decision boundary

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Fisher LDA: proof

Goal: find w to maximize $J(w) = \frac{(w \cdot \mu_1 - w \cdot \mu_2)^2}{w^T \Sigma w}$

- 1 Assume Σ_1, Σ_2 are full rank; else project.
- 2 Since Σ_1 and Σ_2 are p.d., so is their weighted average, Σ .
- 3 Write $u = \Sigma^{1/2}w$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \max_w \frac{(w^T(\mu_1 - \mu_2))^2}{w^T \Sigma w} &= \max_u \frac{(u^T \Sigma^{-1/2}(\mu_1 - \mu_2))^2}{u^T u} \\ &= \max_{u: \|u\|=1} (u \cdot (\Sigma^{-1/2}(\mu_1 - \mu_2)))^2 \end{aligned}$$

- 4 Solution: u is the unit vector in direction $\Sigma^{-1/2}(\mu_1 - \mu_2)$.
- 5 Therefore: $w = \Sigma^{-1/2} u \propto \Sigma^{-1}(\mu_1 - \mu_2)$.