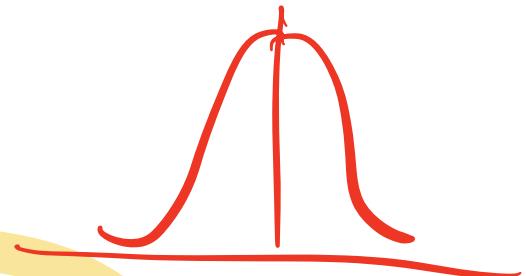


We will use the Bayesian decision criteria applied to normally distributed classes, whose parameters are either known or estimated from the sample.

Parametric Classification

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- If $p(x | C_i) = \mathcal{N}(\mu_i, \Sigma_i)$



$$p(x | C_i) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2} |\Sigma_i|^{1/2}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} (x - \mu_i)^T \Sigma_i^{-1} (x - \mu_i)\right]$$

- Discriminant functions are:

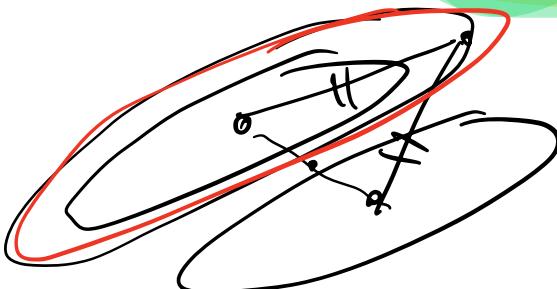
→ think as score for C_i .

$$\begin{aligned} g_i(x) &= \log P(C_i | x) = \log \left(\frac{P(x | C_i) \cdot P(C_i)}{P(x)} \right) \\ &= \log p(x | C_i) + \log P(C_i) \end{aligned}$$

$$g_i(x) = P(C_i | x)$$

$\downarrow i=1 \text{ to } K \text{ classes}$

$$= -\frac{d}{2} \log 2\pi - \frac{1}{2} \log |\Sigma_i| - \frac{1}{2} (x - \mu_i)^T \Sigma_i^{-1} (x - \mu_i) + \log P(C_i)$$



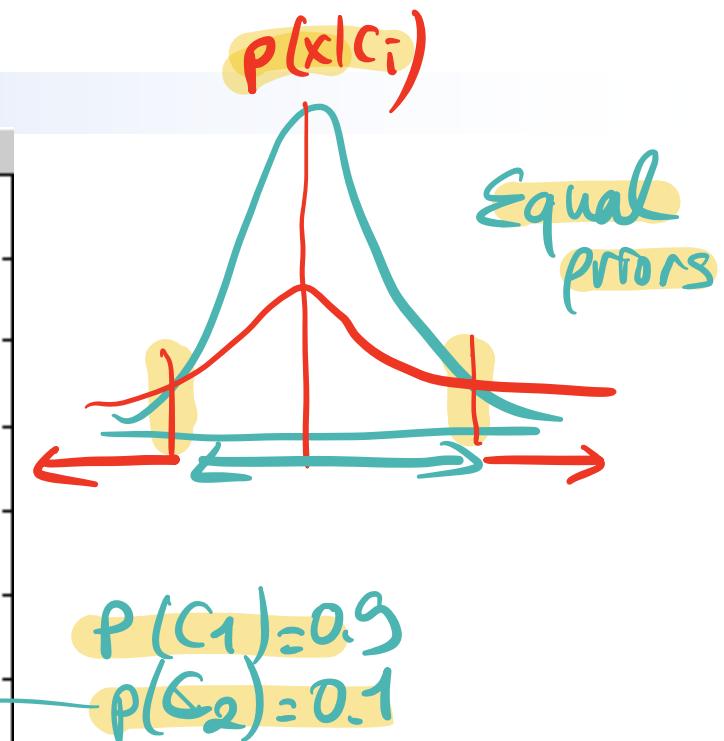
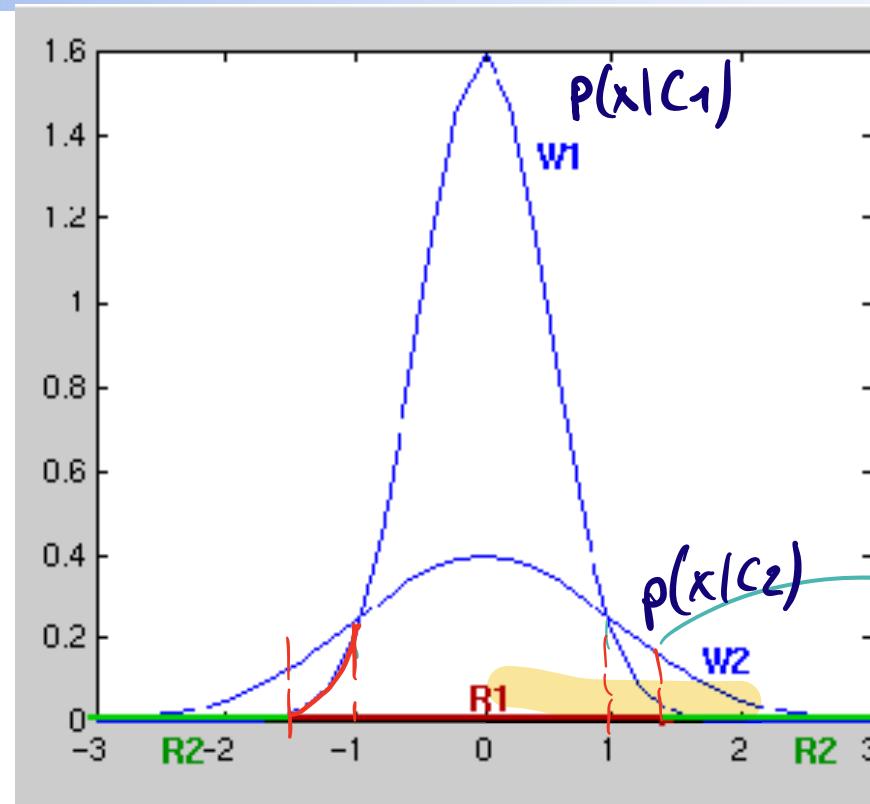
Estimation of Parameters

If we estimate the unknown parameters from the sample,
the discriminant function becomes:

$$g_i(\mathbf{x}) = -\frac{1}{2} \log |\mathbf{S}_i| - \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_i)^T \mathbf{S}_i^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_i) + \log \hat{P}(C_i)$$

μ, σ : population parameters

M, S : sample



Typical single-variable normal distributions showing a disconnected decision region R_2

$$\exp \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (x-\mu)^T (\Sigma^{-1}) (x-\mu) \right\}$$

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$$\Sigma_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

red

$$\mu_2 = [5 \ 4]^T$$

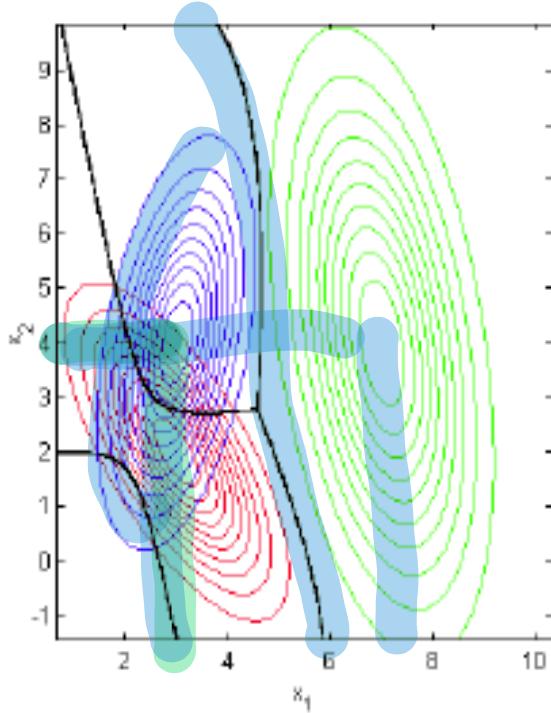
$$\Sigma_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

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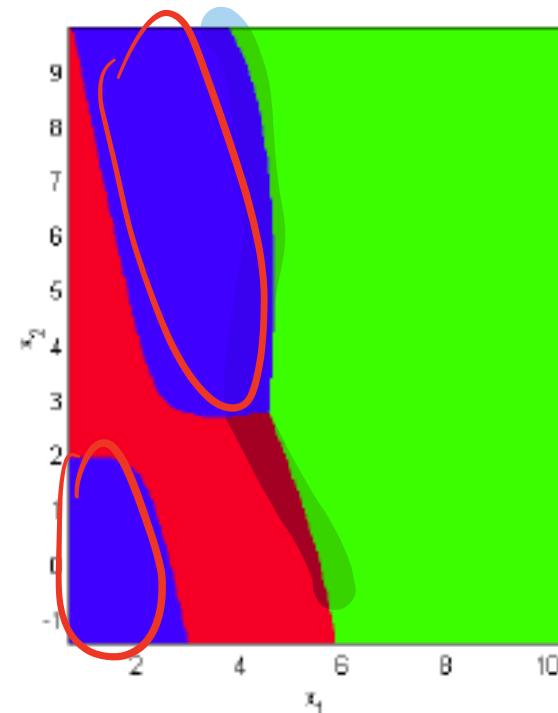
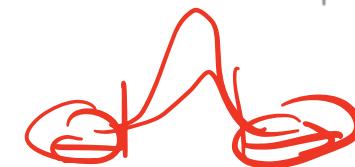
$$\mu_3 = [2 \ 5]^T$$

$$\Sigma_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0.5 \\ 0.5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

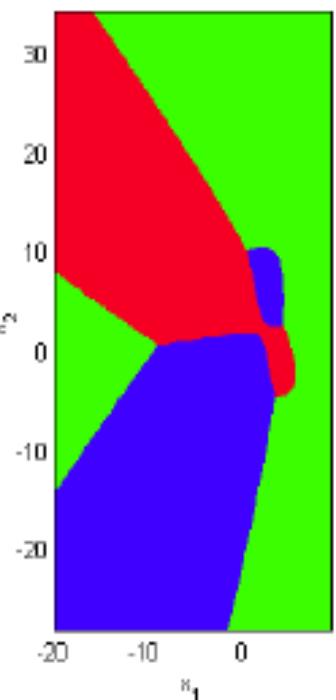
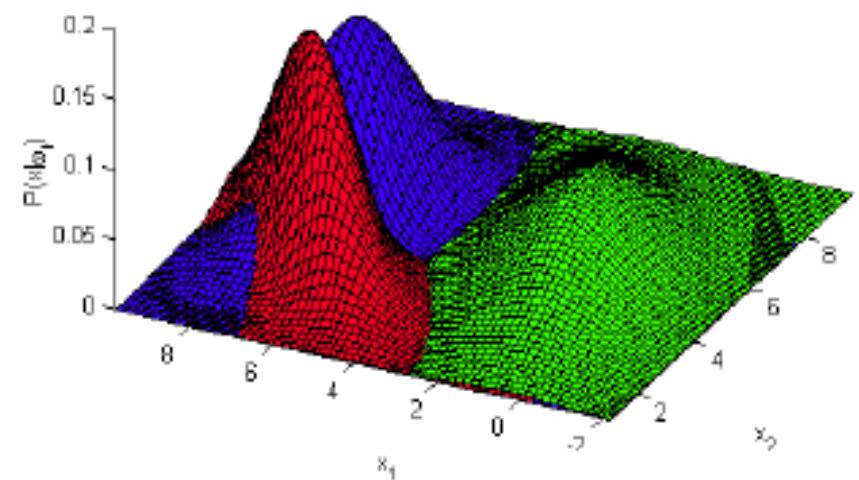
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Boundaries



Zoom
out



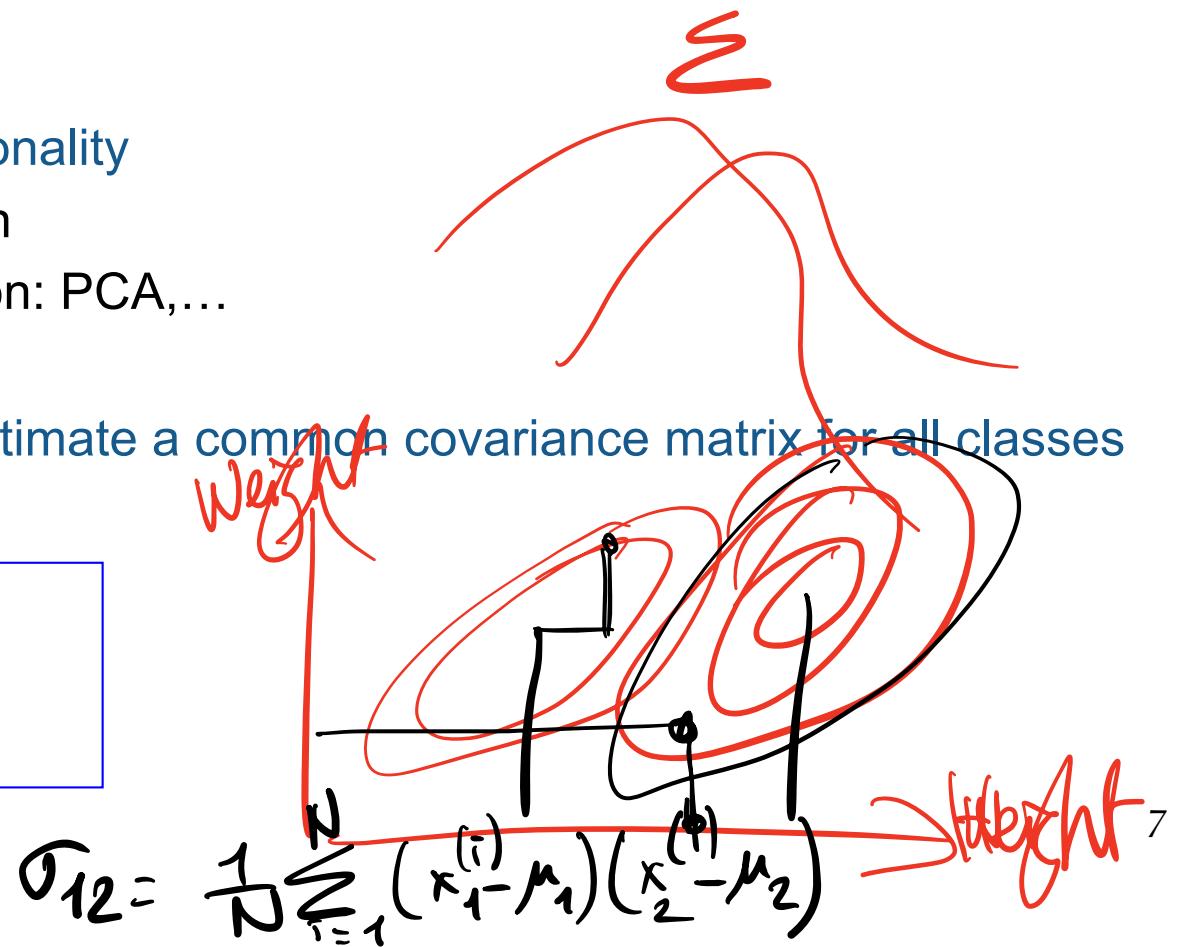
- If d (dimension) is large with respect to N (number of samples), we may have a problem with this approach:

- $|\Sigma|$ may be zero, thus Σ will be singular (inverse does not exist)
- $|\Sigma|$ may be non-zero, but very small, instability would result
 - Small changes in Σ would cause large changes in Σ^{-1}

- Solutions:

- Reduce the dimensionality
 - Feature selection
 - Feature extraction: PCA,...
- Pool the data and estimate a common covariance matrix for all classes

$$\Sigma = \sum_i P(C_i) * \Sigma_i$$



- In the following slides, **we will make increasing assumptions about the covariance matrix** and see what the corresponding discriminant function and resulting boundaries look like.
 - QDA, LDA, Naïve Bayes, Nearest Mean classifiers

Case 2) Common Covariance Matrix $S=S_i$

$$S_i = S$$

- Shared common sample covariance S
 - An arbitrary covariance matrix – **but shared between the classes**
- We had this full discriminant function:

$$g_i(x) = -\frac{1}{2} \cancel{\log |S|} - \frac{1}{2} (x - m_i)^T S_i^{-1} (x - m_i) + \log \hat{P}(C_i)$$

which now reduces to:

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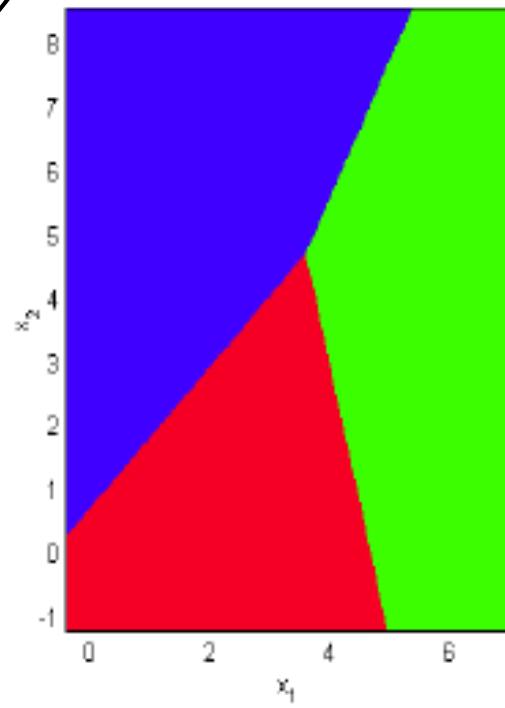
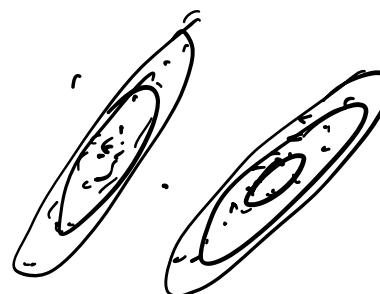
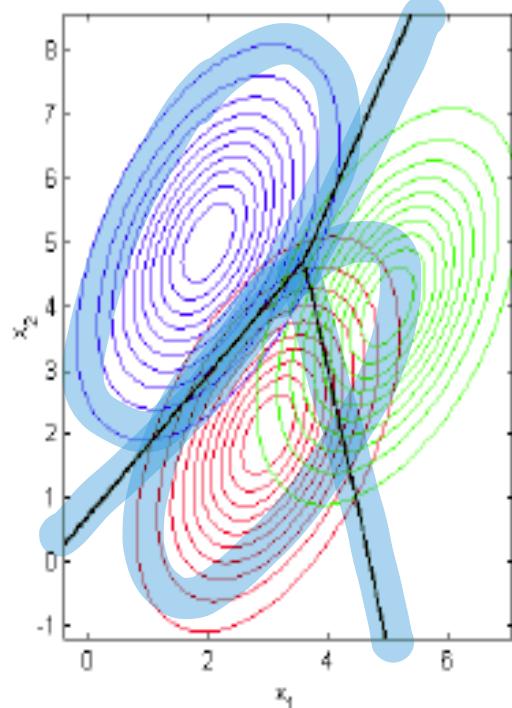
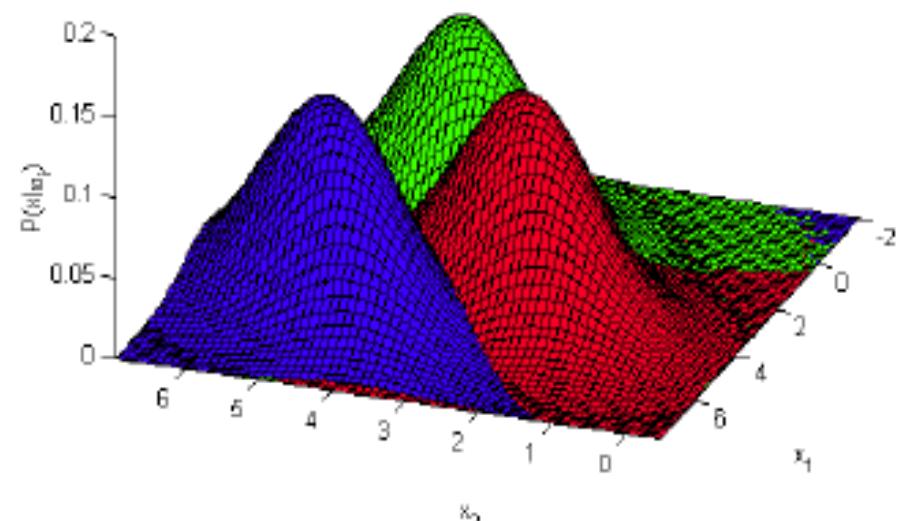
which is a **linear discriminant** (decision boundaries are hyper-planes)

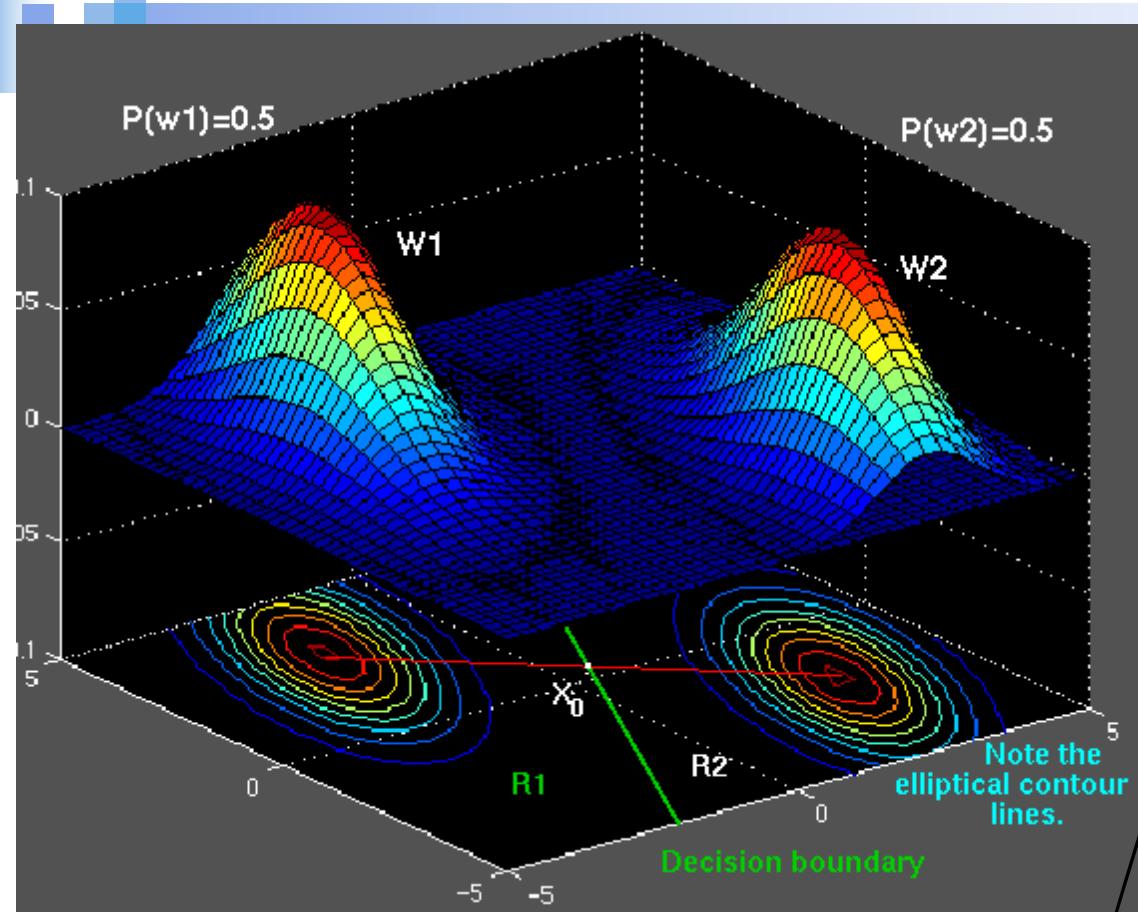
Which class to assign x to? $\max_i g_i(x)$

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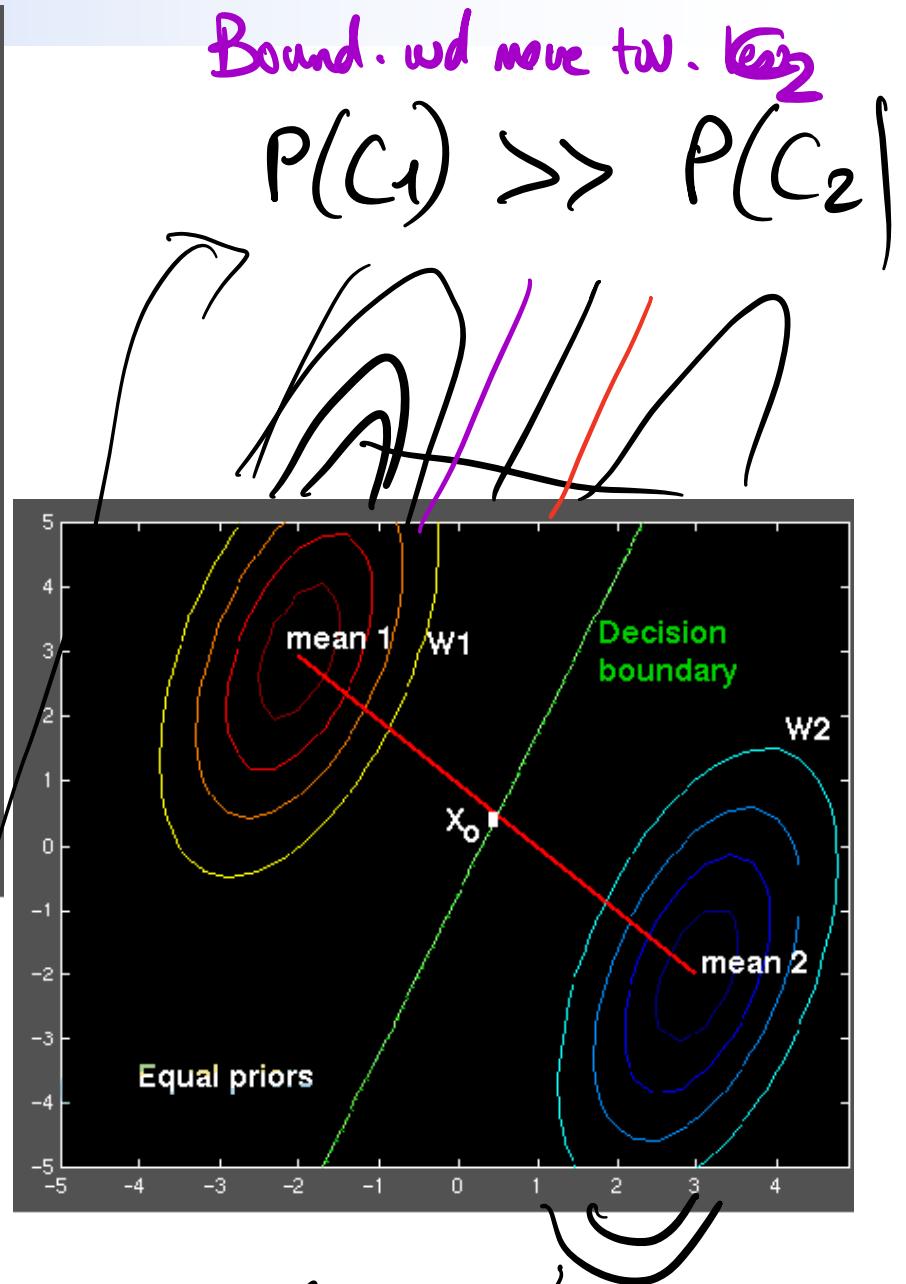
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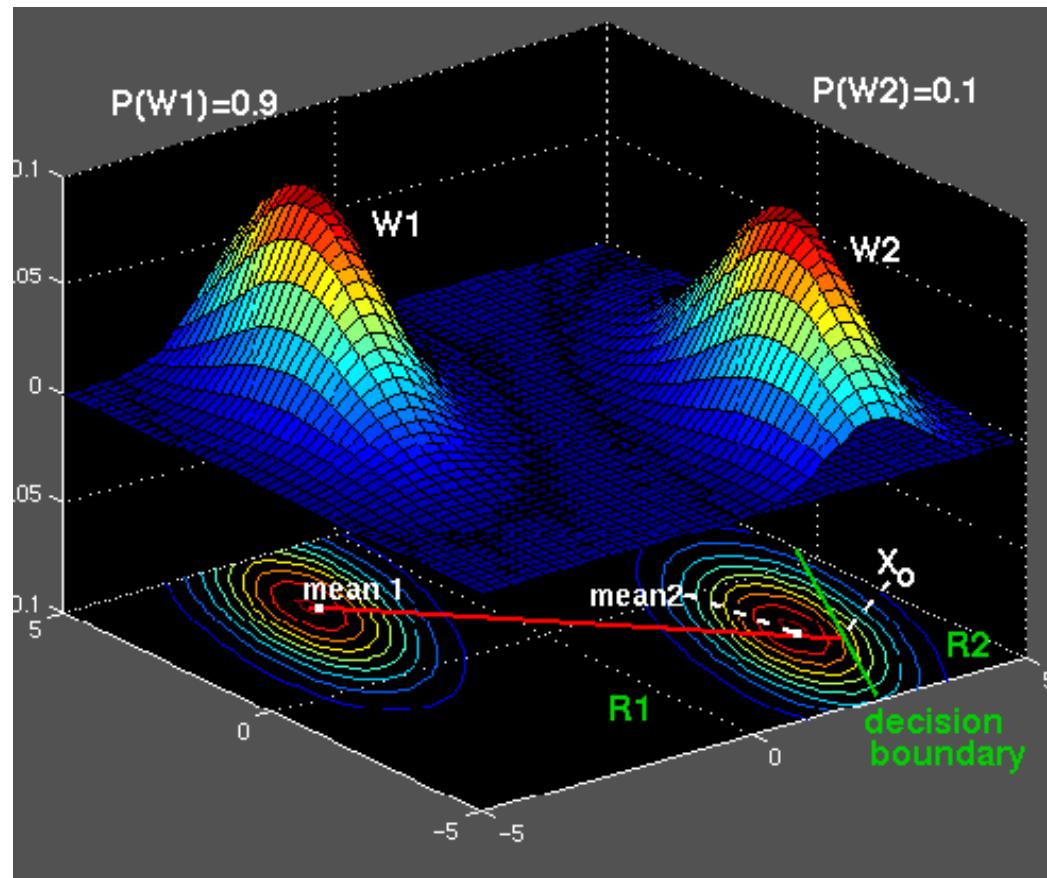




If we assume equal class priors, the classifier becomes a minimum Mahalanobis classifier



Not equal priors!
What happens -



Unequal priors shift the decision boundary towards the less likely class.

Case 3) Common Covariance Matrix S which is Diagonal

$$S_i = S + \text{Diagonal}$$

- In the previous case, we had a common, general covariance matrix, resulting in these discriminant functions:

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$$\mathbf{S} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & \rho_{12}^2 & \phi \\ \rho_{12}^2 & \sigma_2^2 & \rho_{23}^2 \\ \phi & \rho_{23}^2 & \sigma_3^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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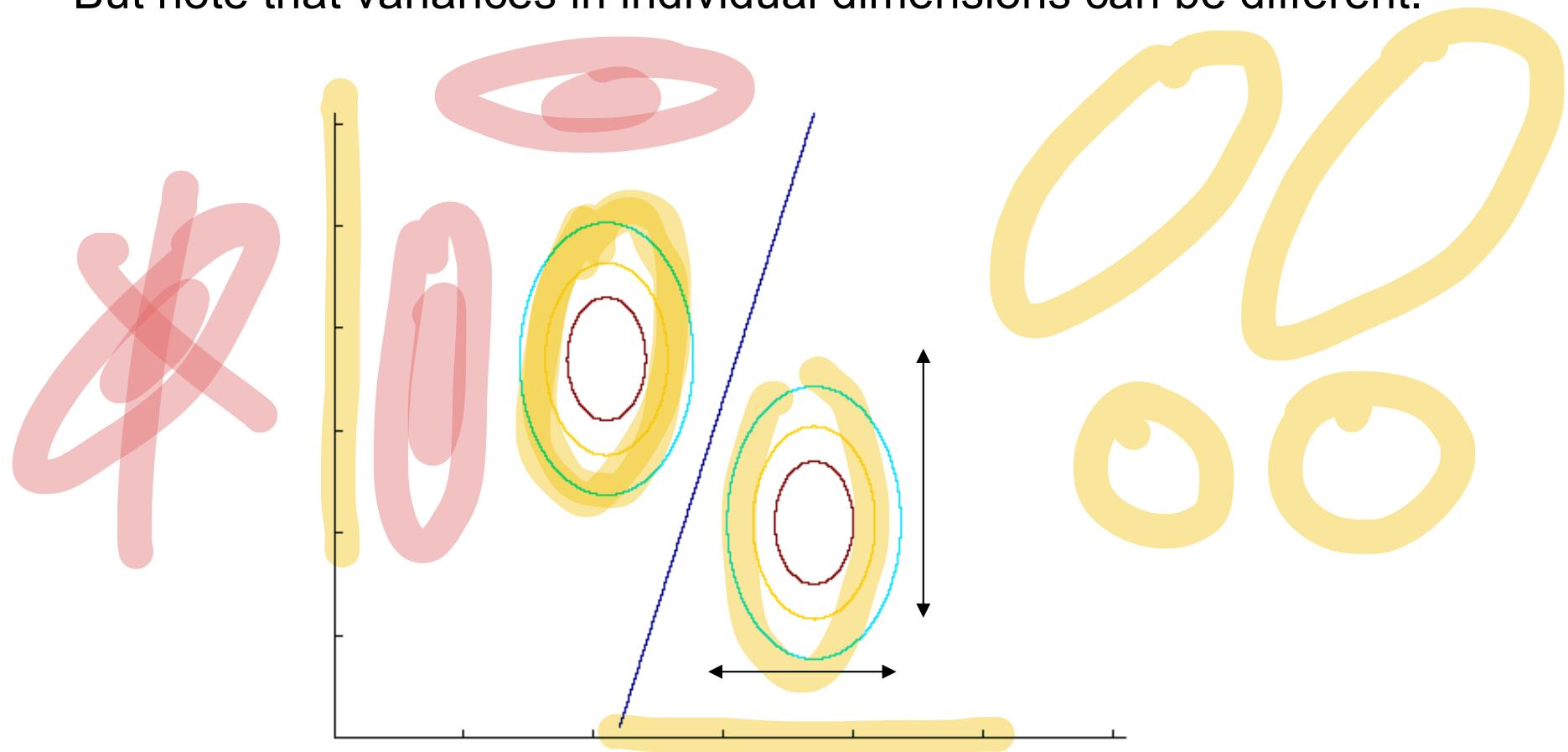
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This is the **Naive Bayes classifier** where $p(x_j|C_i)$ are univariate Gaussian.

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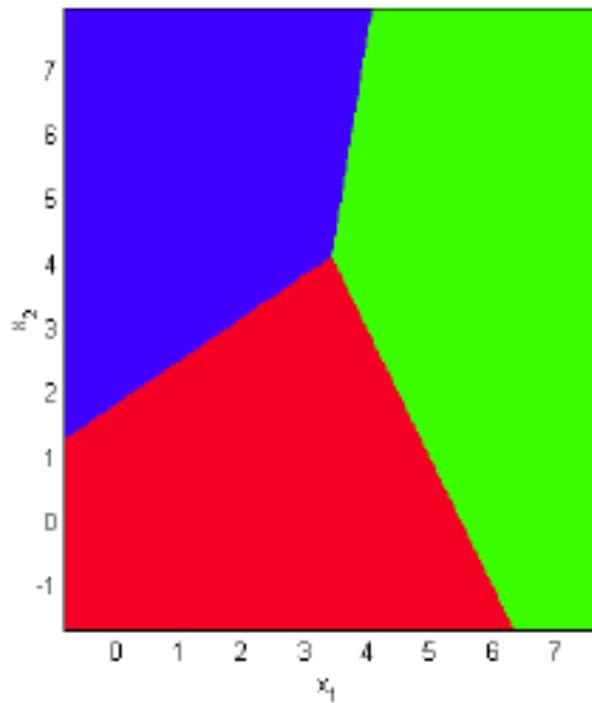
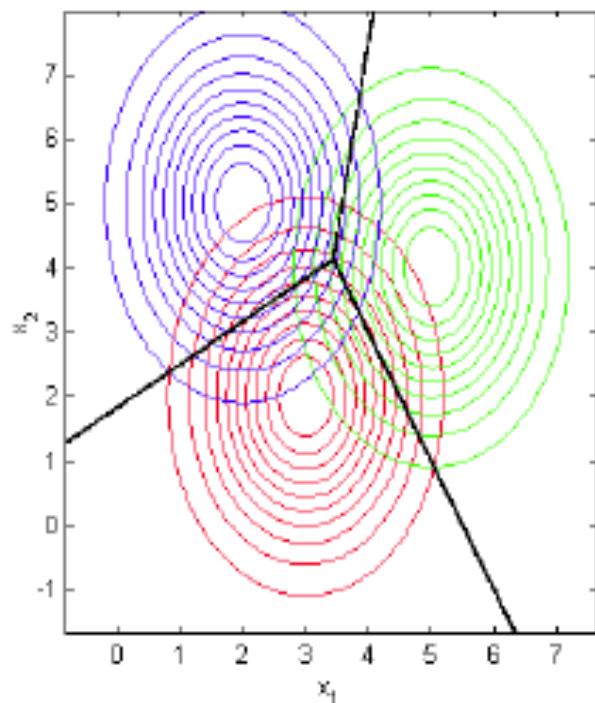
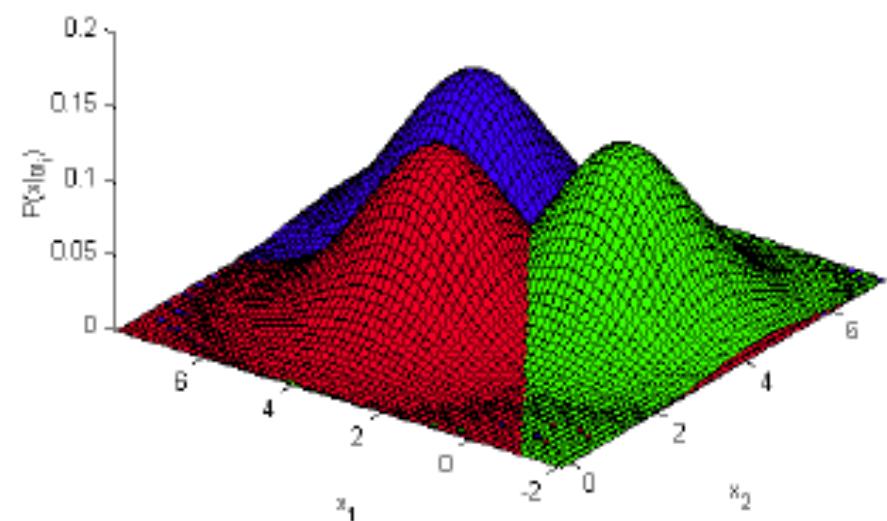
Diagonal covariance matrices means no correlation among attributes – hence contours are axis-aligned

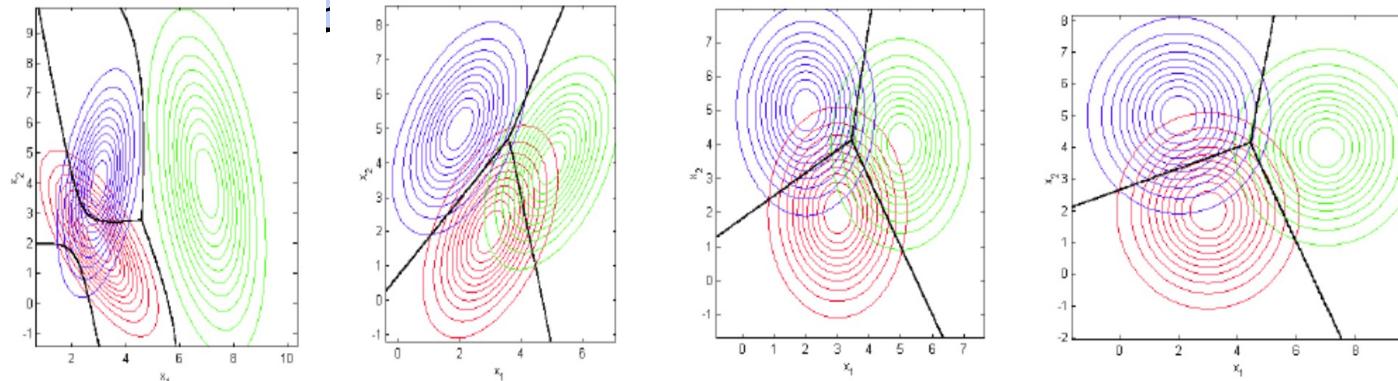
But note that variances in individual dimensions can be different.



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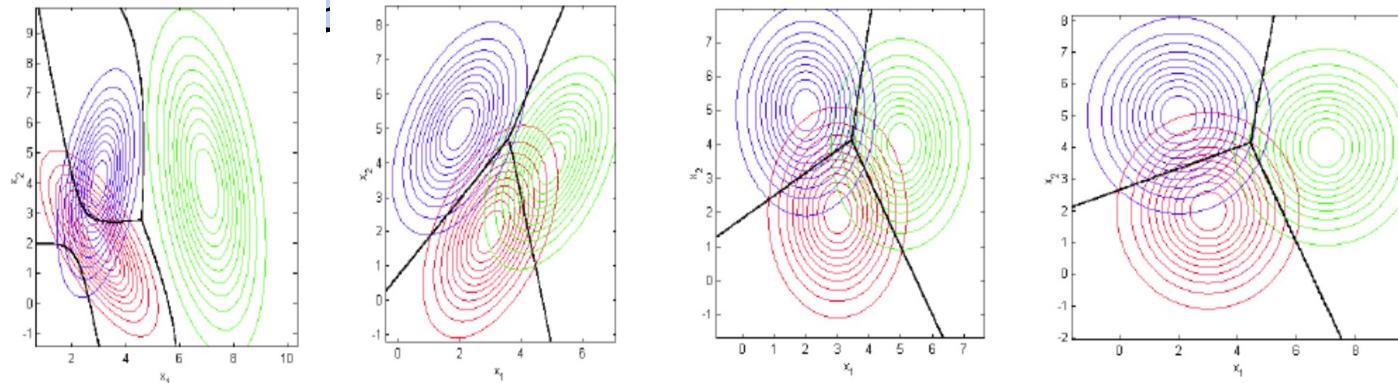
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- As we increase complexity (less restricted \mathbf{S}), it is more important to have sufficient data to properly estimate the parameters.
- Simpler models may not model the underlying distributions fully correctly, but may even work better.

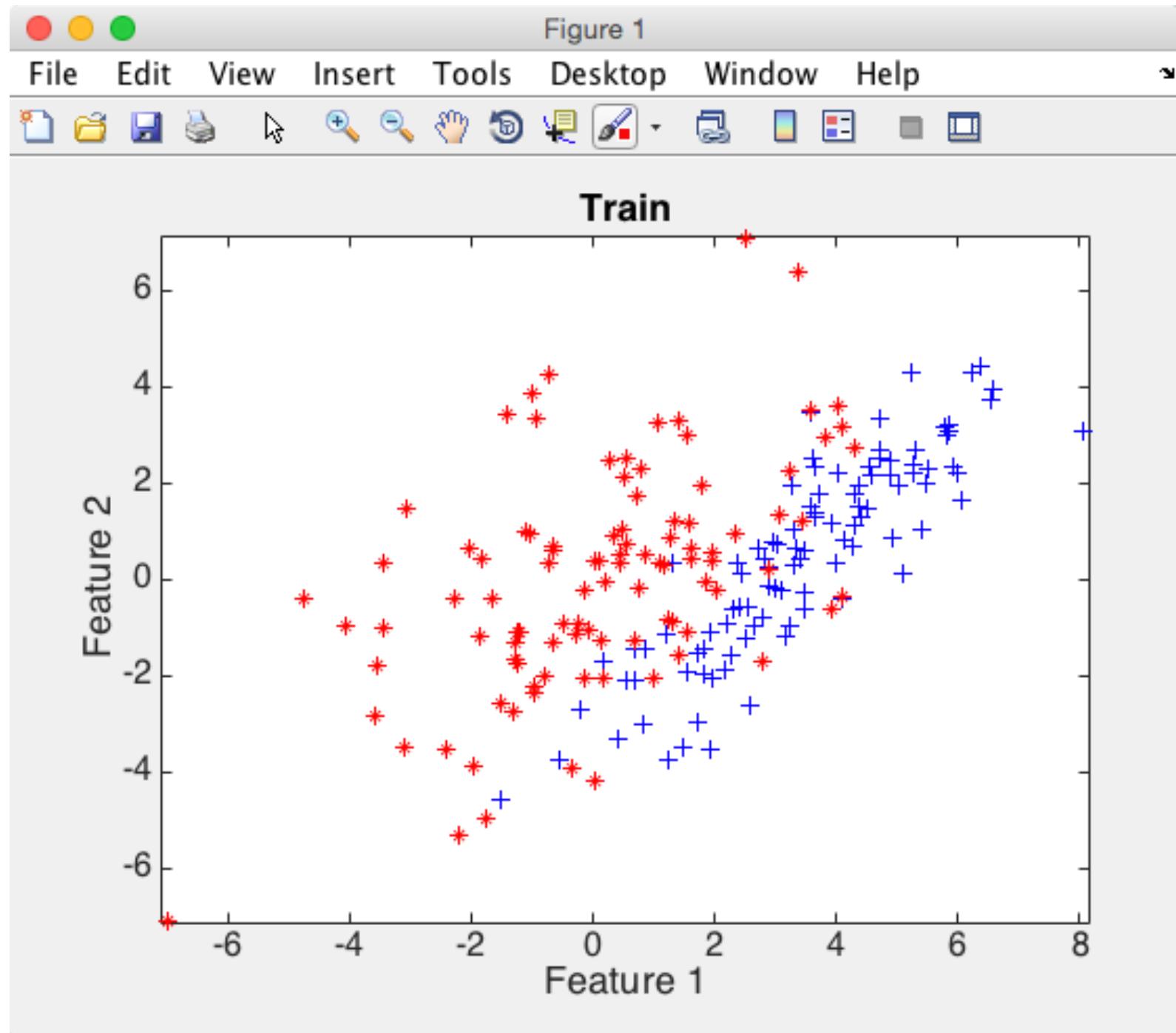


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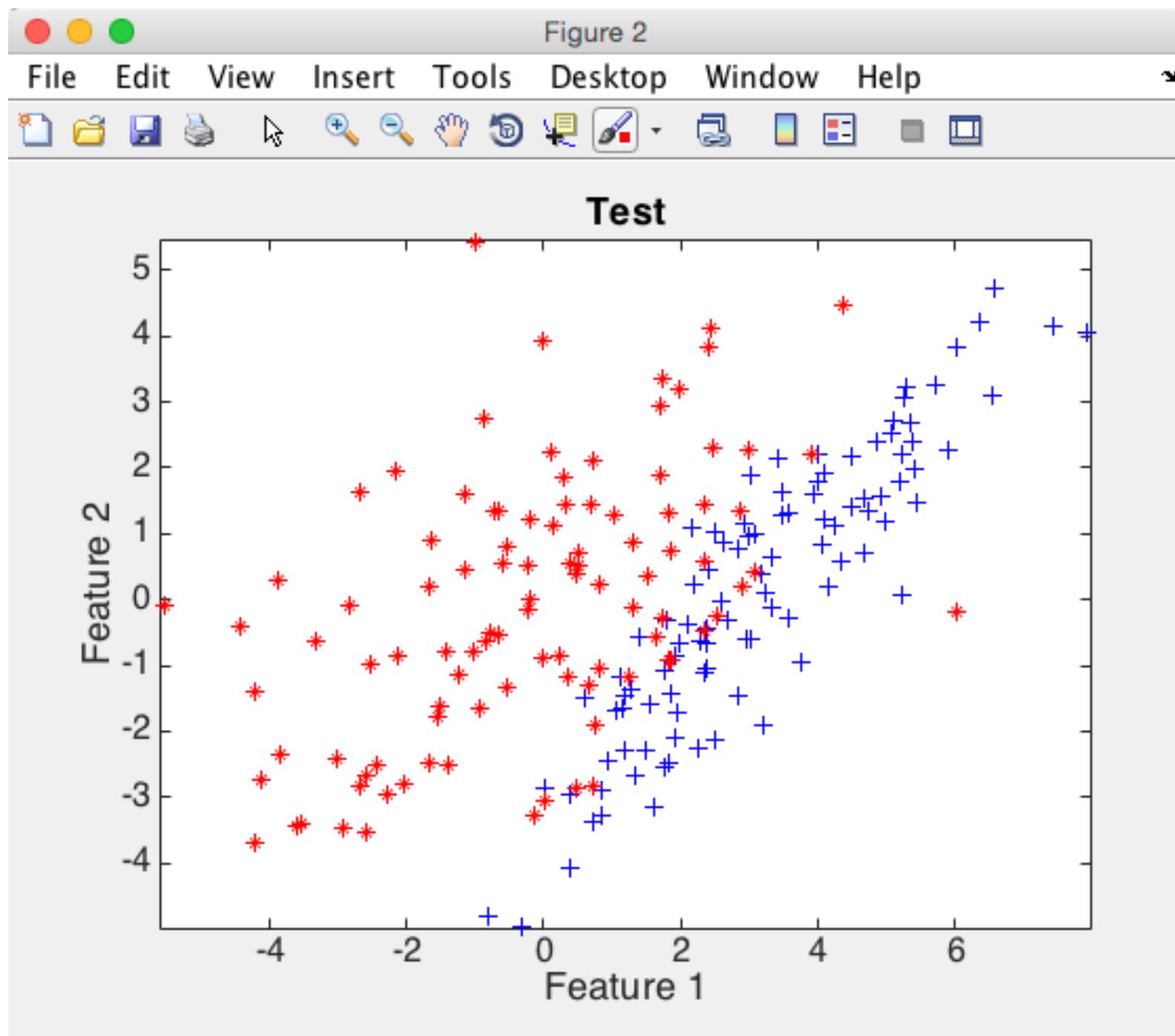
- As we increase complexity (less restricted \mathbf{S}), bias decreases and variance increases
- Assume simple models (allow some bias) to control variance (regularization)

- **QDA** (short for Quadratic Bayes classifier or Quadratic Discriminant Analysis) and
- **LDA** (short for Linear Bayes classifier or Linear Discriminant Analysis) are the two Gaussian Bayes classifiers;....
 - First one corresponds to the general covariance matrix case and second one to the shared covariance matrix case
 - See http://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/lda_qda.html Section 1.2.2.

Matlab Exercise: Generate some training data

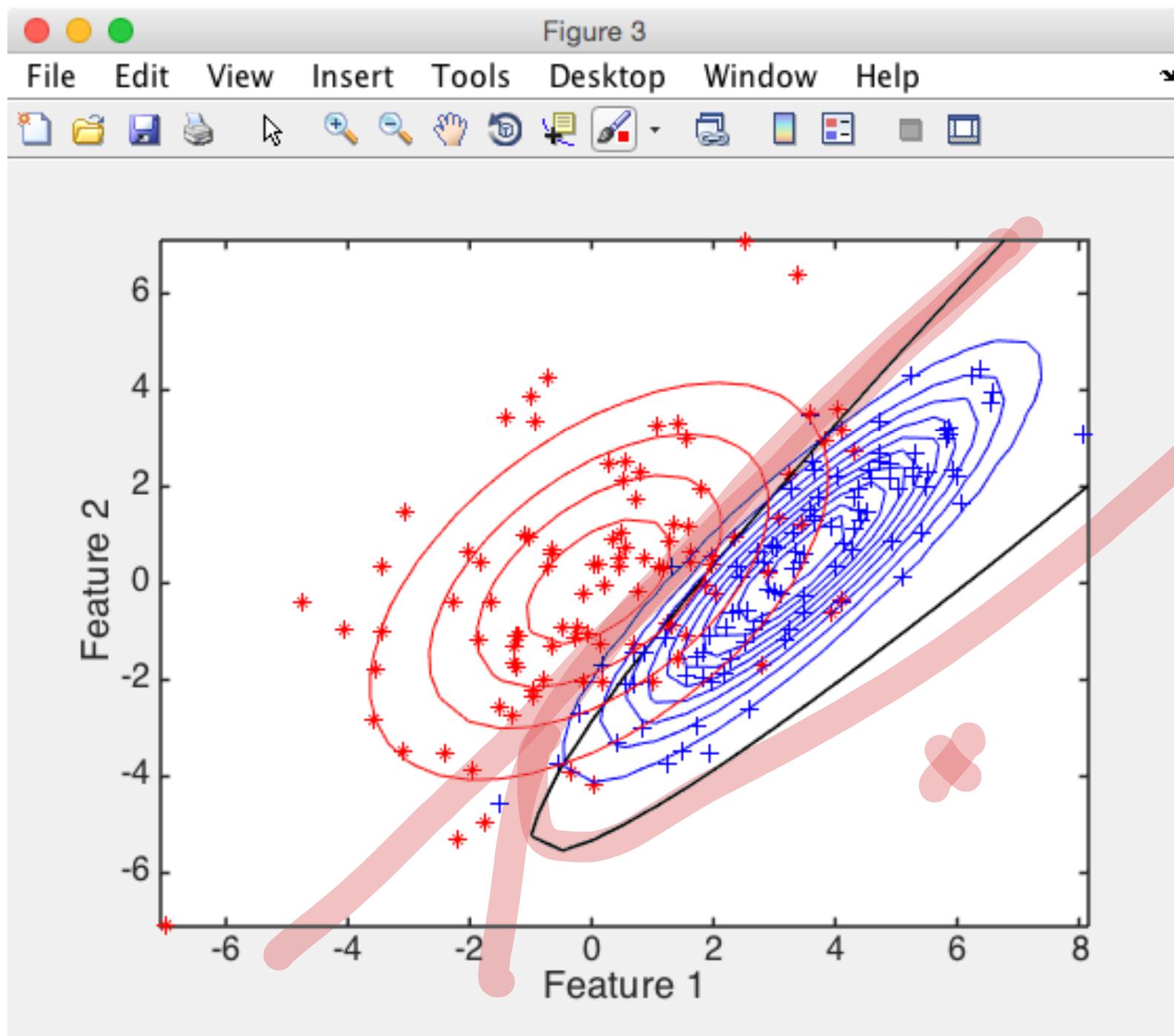


Matlab Exercise: Generate some test data



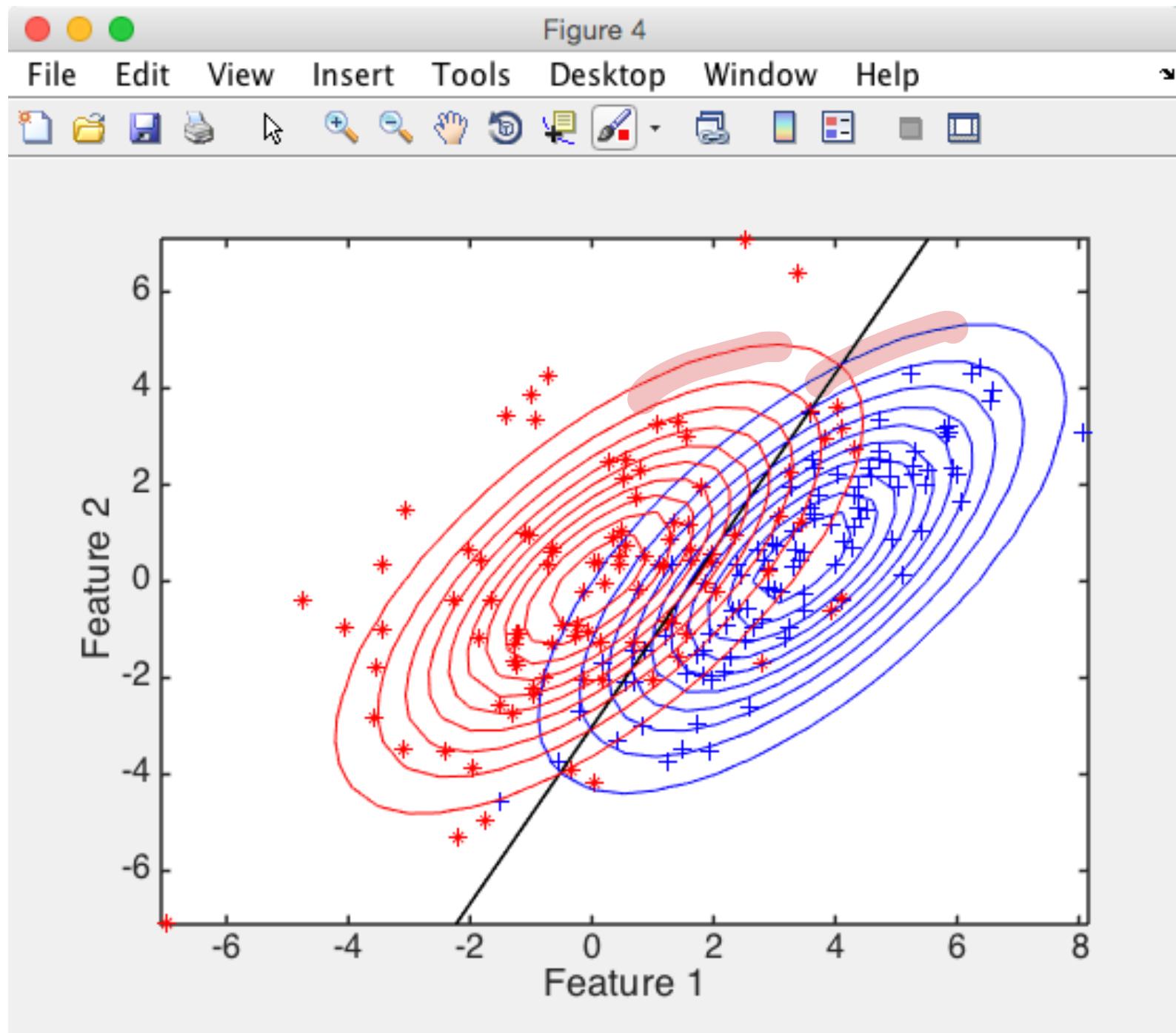
Quadratic classifier

error on test: 9.5%



Linear classifier

error on test: 11.5%



Another example with N=20 points

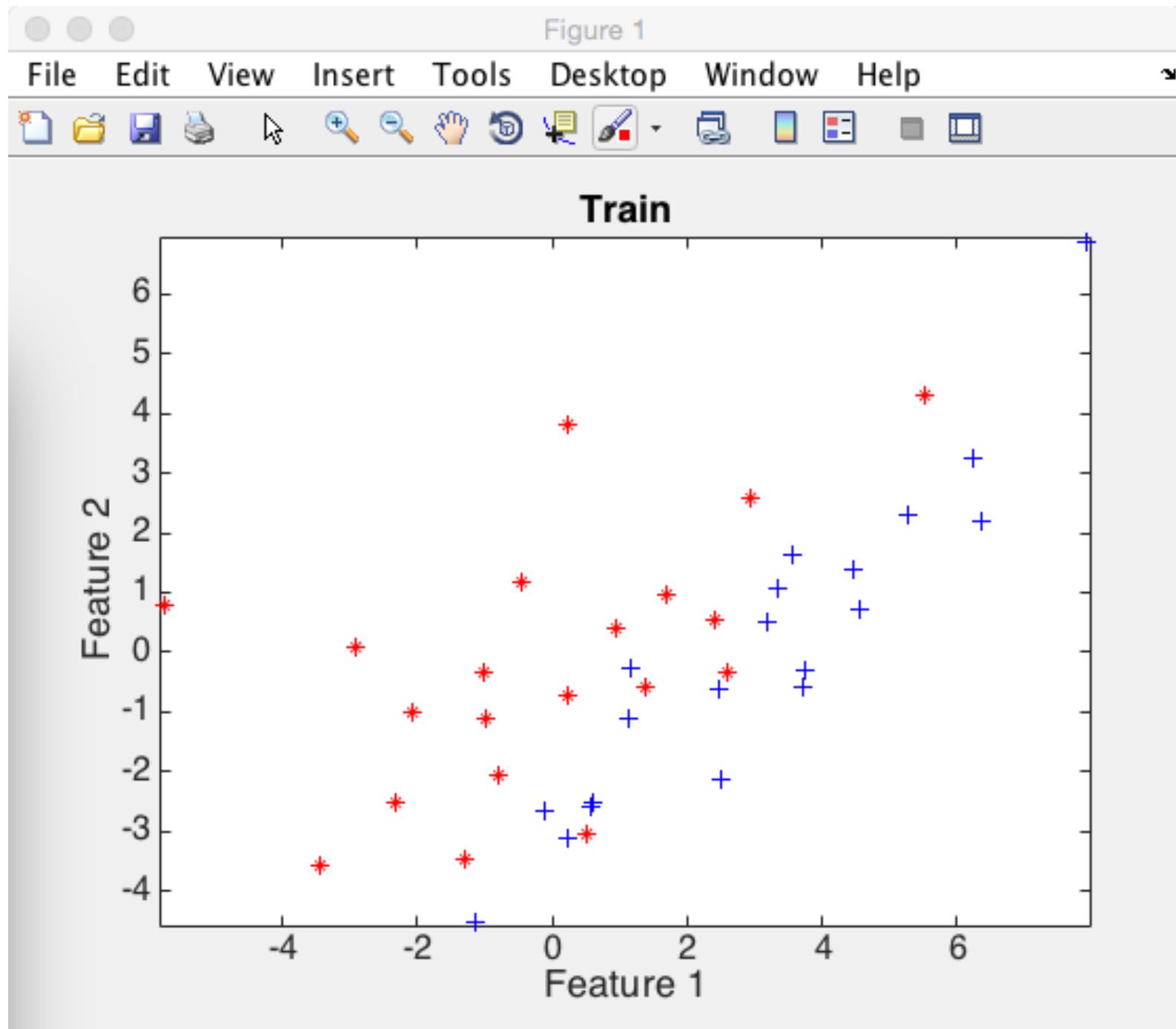


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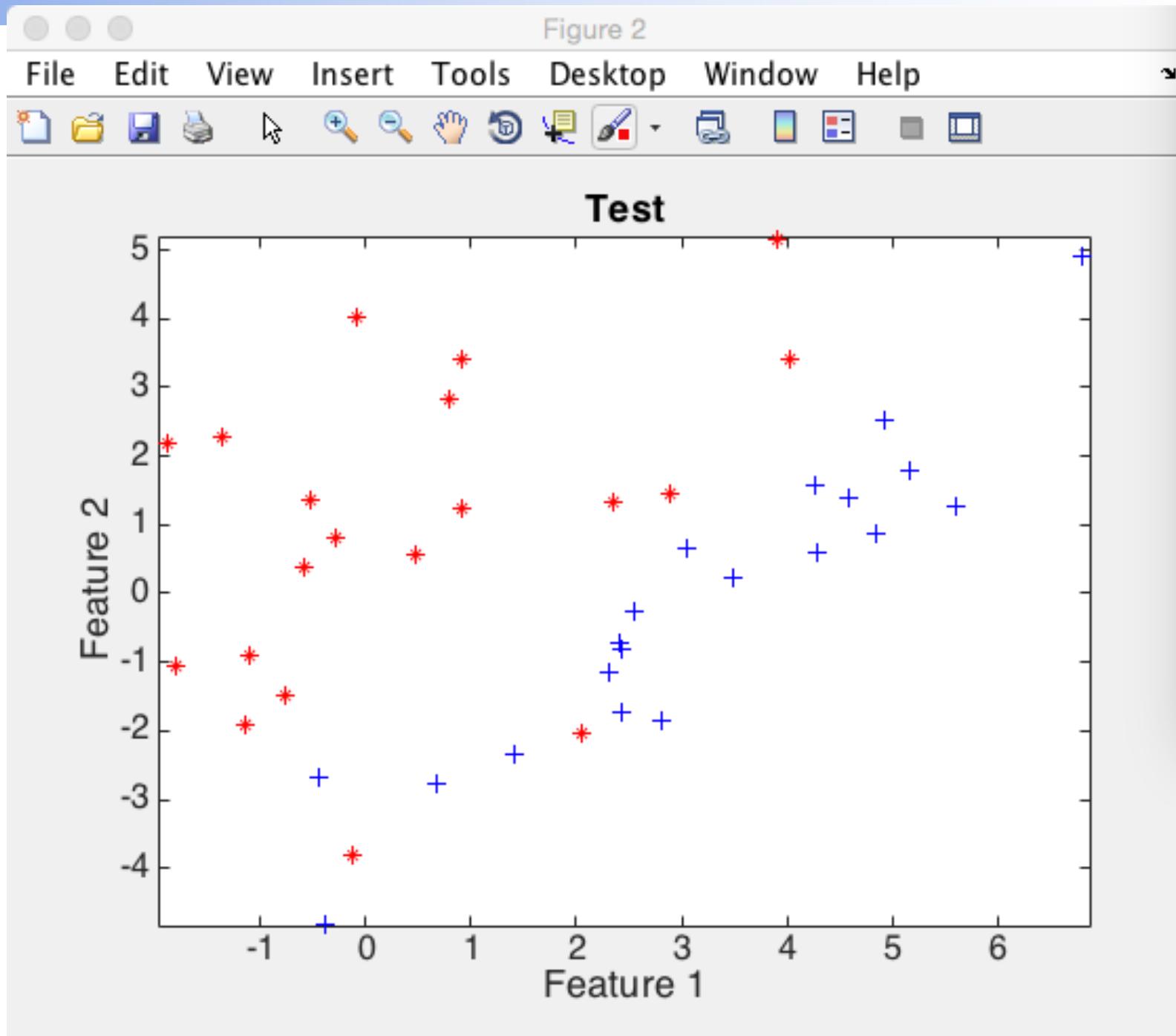


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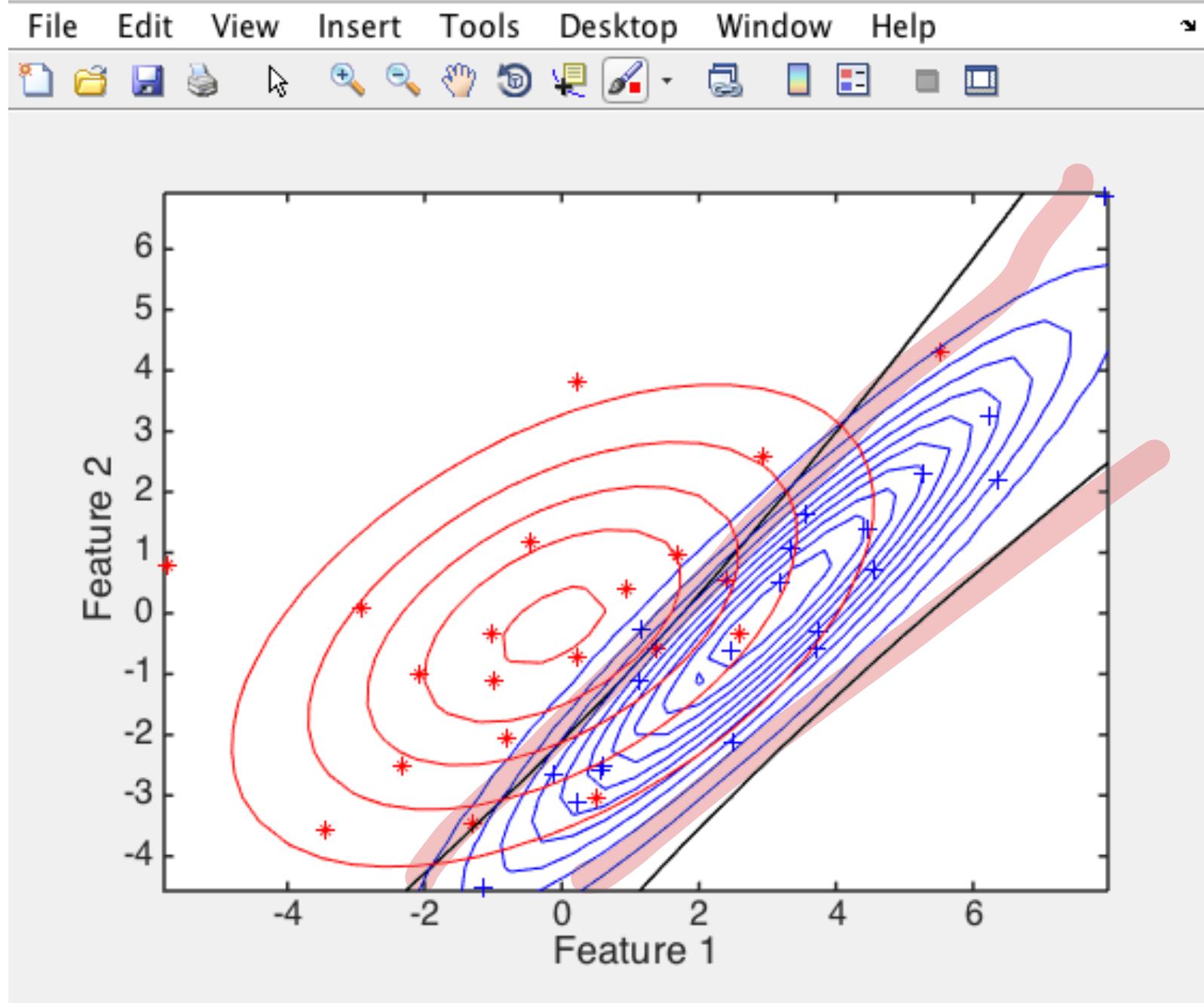
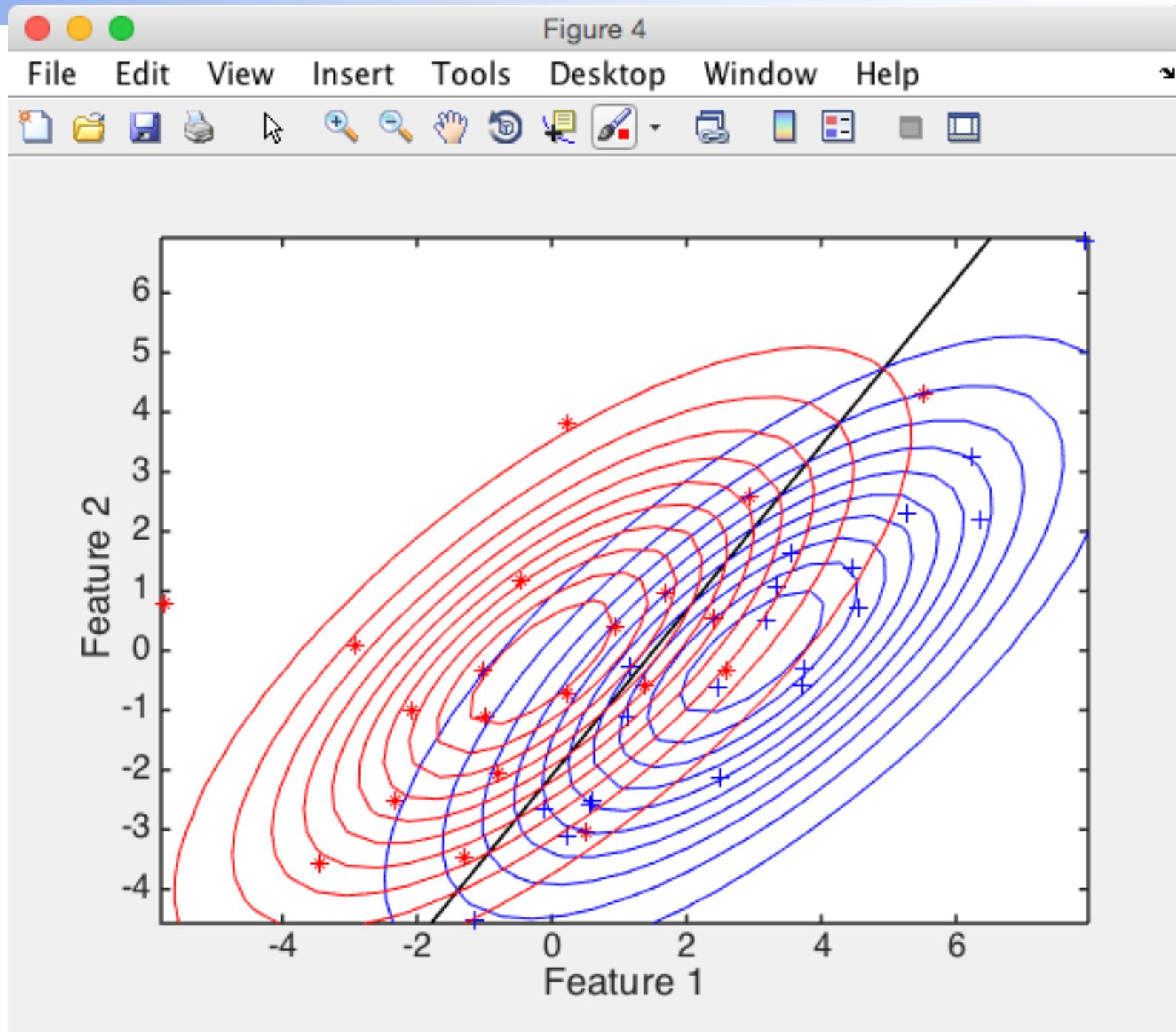


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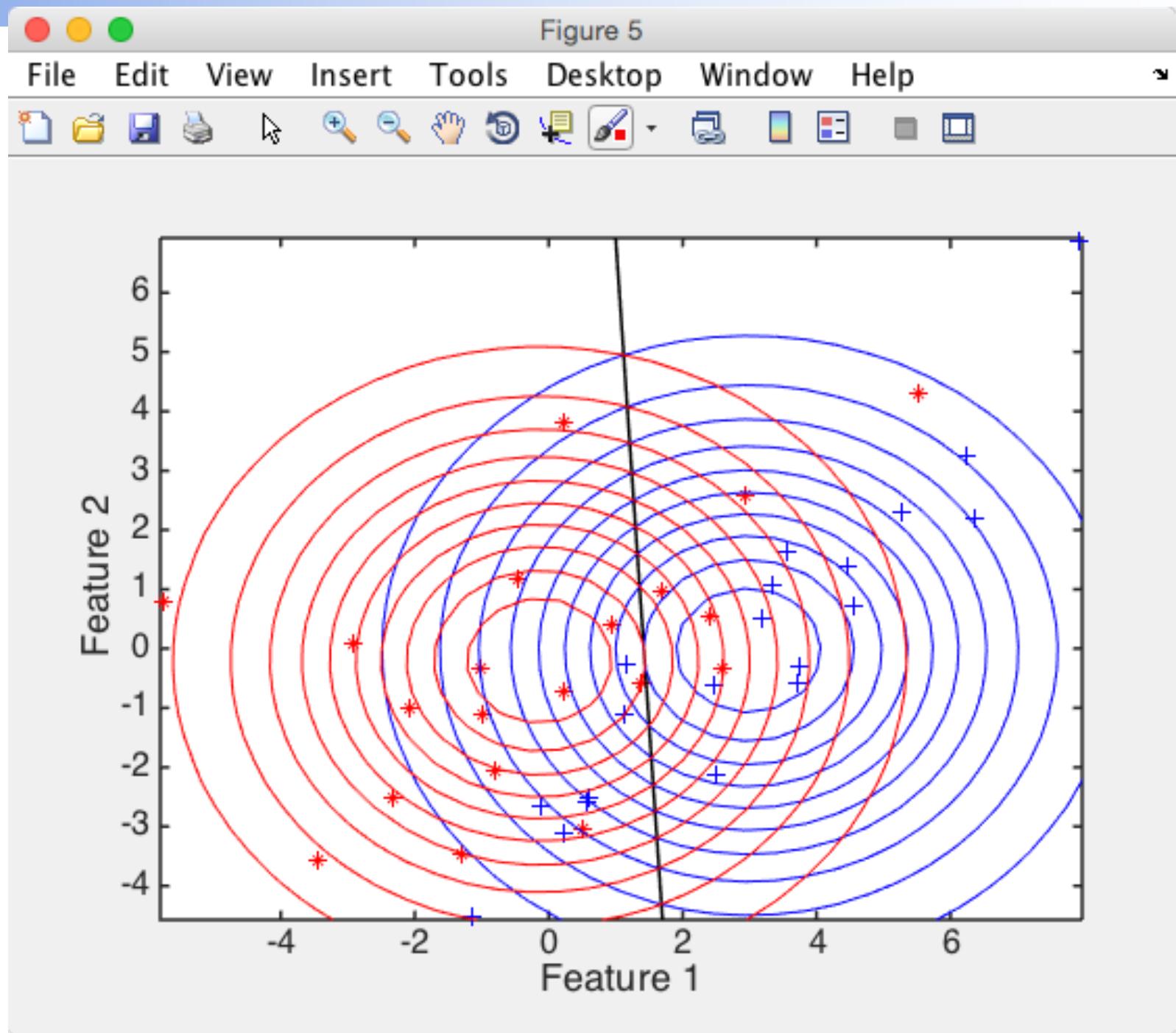


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