# Generative Models for Classification

Lecture 10

### Classifiers

Covered so far

K-Nearest Neighbors

Perceptron

Logistic Regression

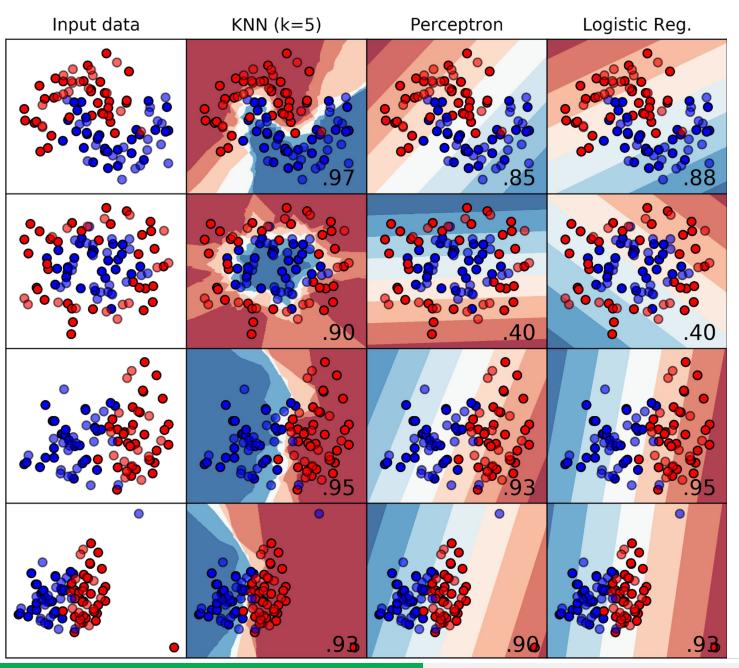
Linear Discriminant Analysis

Quadratic Discriminant Analysis

Naïve Bayes

#### Along the way...

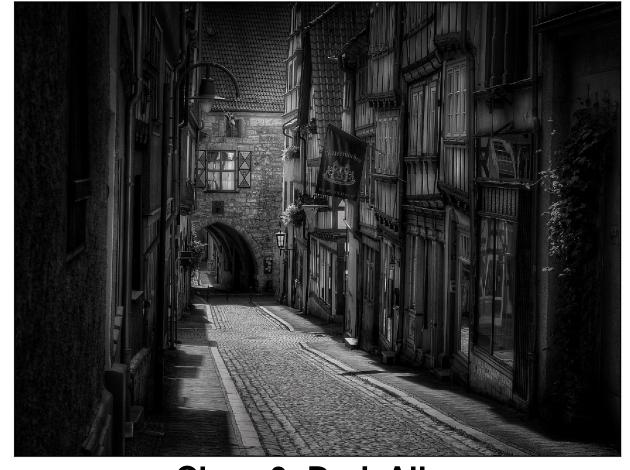
Revisiting Bayes' Rule Projections from higher dimensions Multivariate normal distributions



Comparison of classifiers we've seen so far

## Bayes rule in the context of classification





**Class 1: Light Post** 

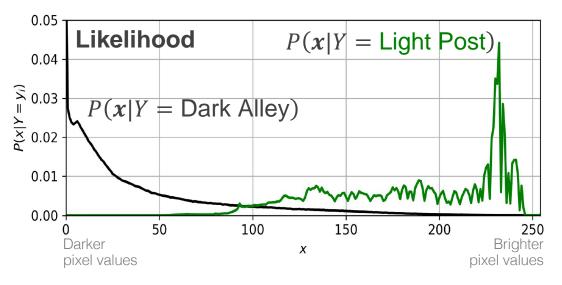
Class 0: Dark Alley

Randomly draw a pixel from either of the images:

$$x_i = 149$$

Darker pixel values are lower numbers (closer to 0), brighter pixels are higher numbers (closer to 255)

How do we determine which image it was most likely to have come from?







**Class 1: Light Post** 

 $y_1$ 

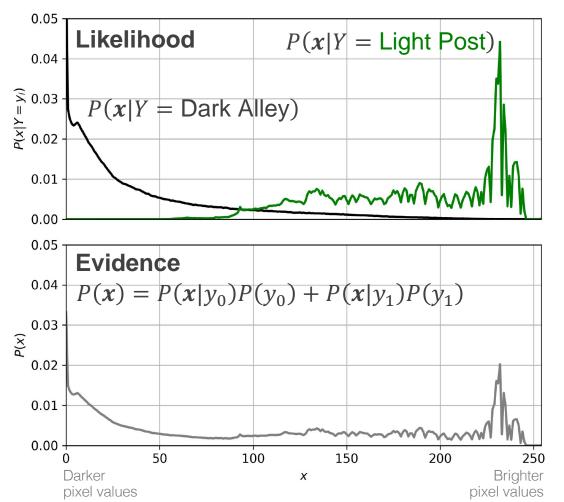
Class 0: Dark Alley  $y_0$ 

Prior:  $P(Y = y_i)$ 0.5

0.4 0.20.1

Dark Alley Light Post

Bayes' Rule 
$$P(Y = y_i | x) = \frac{P(x | Y = y_i)P(Y = y_i)}{P(x) \text{ Evidence}}$$







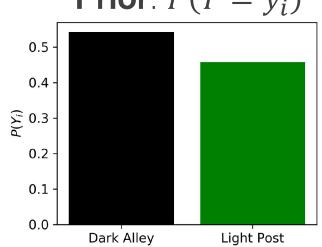
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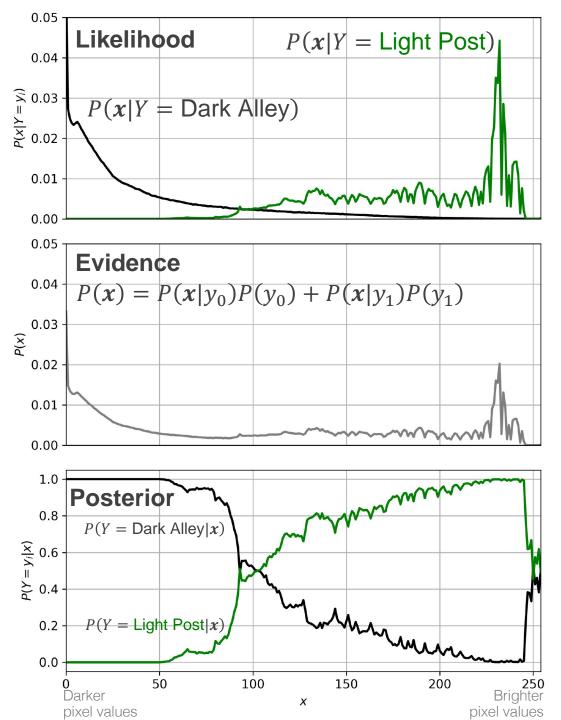
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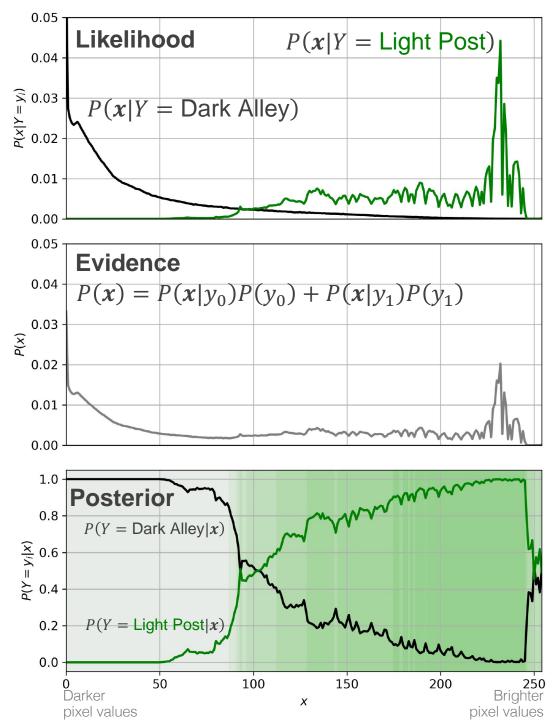
Class 0: Dark Alley

 $y_0$ 

Prior:  $P(Y = y_i)$ 0.5 0.4 6.0 (<del>)</del> 0.2 0.1 0.0 Dark Alley Light Post

Posterior 
$$P(Y = y_i | x)$$

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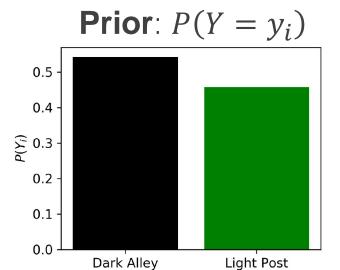


**Class 1: Light Post** 

 $y_1$ 

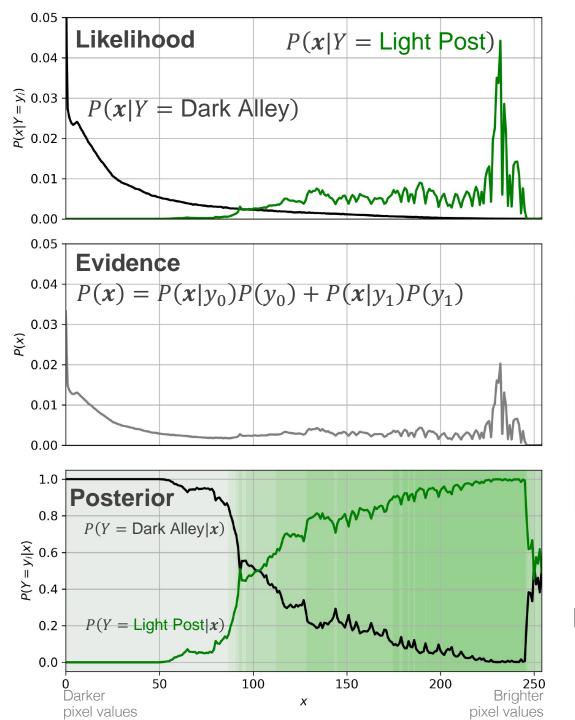
Class 0: Dark Alley

 $y_0$ 

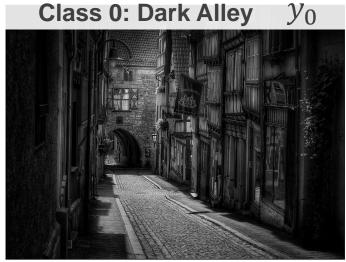


#### **Decision rule:**

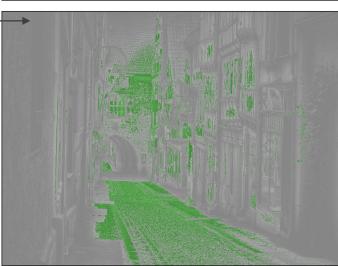
If P(Y = Light Post|x) > P(Y = Dark Alley|x) then Light Post else Dark Alley



**Class 1: Light Post** 



Green = classified as from Light Post
Grey = classified as from Dark Alley

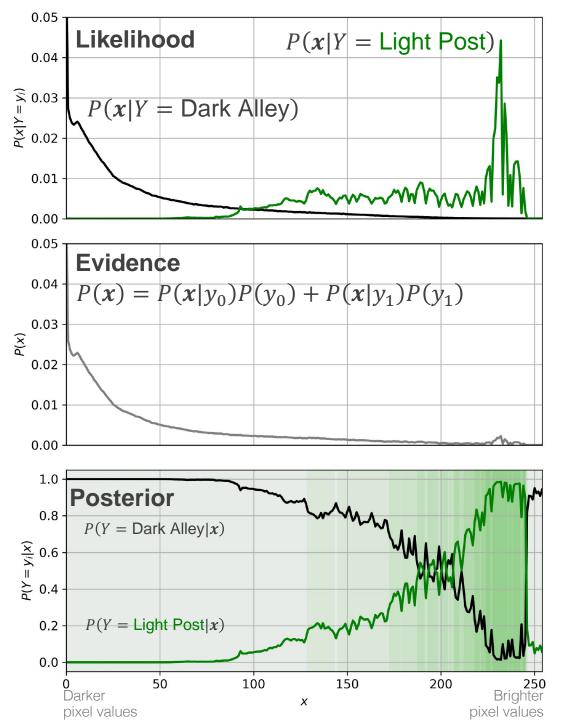


Classifying each of the individual pixels as being either from **Light Post** or **Dark Alley** results in classification above

 $y_1$ 

#### **Decision rule:**

If P(Y = Light Post|x) > P(Y = Dark Alley|x) then Light Post else Dark Alley



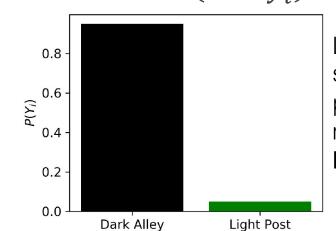


**Class 1: Light Post** 

 $y_1$ 

Class 0: Dark Alley  $y_0$ 

Prior:  $P(Y = y_i)$ 



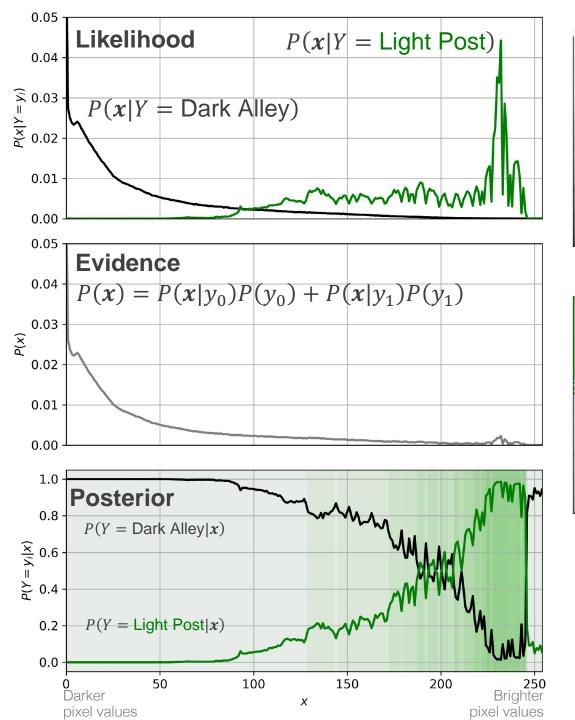
Let's assume the sampling of pixels occurred more from the **Dark Alley** 

Bayes' Rule

Posterior 
$$P(Y = y_i | x) =$$

$$P(x|Y = y_i)P(Y = y_i) = \frac{P(x|Y = y_i)P(Y = y_i)}{P(x|Y = y_i)P(Y = y_i)}$$

$$P(x)$$
 Evidence





 $y_0$ 

Class 0: Dark Alley





Prior:  $P(Y = y_i)$ 

Dark Alley

Light Post

Assuming we the sampling of pixels occurred more from the **Dark Alley** 

#### 0.05 Likelihood P(x|Y| = Light Post)0.04 (i) 0.03 P(x|Y = Dark Alley)0.01 0.00 0.05 **Evidence** 0.04 $P(x) = P(x|y_0)P(y_0) + P(x|y_1)P(y_1)$ 0.03 0.02 0.01 0.00 Posterior 4 6 1 0.8 P(Y = Dark Alley|x) $\begin{array}{c} (x) \\ 0.6 \\ 0.4 \end{array}$ P(Y = Light Post | x)0.0 50 100 150 200 pixel values pixel values

#### Generative models model the likelihood

- These can also be used to generate synthetic data
- Often good performance when sample size is small Examples: linear discriminant analysis, naïve Bayes, hidden Markov models, Guassian mixture models, Generative Adversarial Networks

Posterior
$$P(Y = y_i | x) = \frac{P(x | Y = y_i)P(Y = y_i)}{P(x)}$$
Evidence

#### Discriminative models model the posterior

- Or they just directly estimate labels without a probabilistic interpretation,  $f(x) \rightarrow y$
- Often better performance for large sample sizes

Examples: logistic regression, support vector machines, neural networks, k nearest neighbors

## Generative modeling for classification

Assume we have c different classes

Define the **posterior probability** as a discriminant function:  $d_i(x) = P(y = i | x)$ i = 1, ..., c

For a new sample, classify it as the class with the **largest**  $d_i(x)$ 

## Generative modeling for classification

If we have c different classes, we define a discriminant function,  $d_i(x)$  for i = 1, ..., c

If  $d_i(x) > d_i(x)$  for  $i \neq j$ , then we classify feature x to class i

$$d_i(x) = P(y = i|x) = \frac{P(x|y = i)P(y = i)}{P(x)}$$
$$P(x|y = i)P(y = i)$$

$$= \frac{P(x|y=i)P(y=i)}{\sum_{i=1}^{c} P(x|y=i)P(y=i)} \longrightarrow$$

Bayes' Rule:  $P(Y|X) = \frac{P(X|Y)P(Y)}{P(X)}$ Evidence

 $= \frac{P(x|y=i)P(y=i)}{\sum_{i=1}^{c} P(x|y=i)P(y=i)}$  Denominator is the same for all classes *i*, s won't help us tell which class's posterior is higher relative to other classes, so we ignore Denominator is the same for all classes i, so it higher relative to other classes, so we ignore it going forward

We can simply write  $d_i(x) = P(x|y=i)P(y=i)$ 

Or in log form:

$$\ln d_i(x) = \ln P(x|y=i) + \ln P(y=i)$$

If we know the true likelihood and **prior** for our data, this process yields our Bayes' classifier (minimum misclassification error classifier)

Likelihood Prior

# Generative modeling for classification

$$d_i(x) = P(y = i | x) = P(x | y = i)P(y = i)$$

1 Assume a form for P(x|y=i)

Gaussian for Linear and Quadratic Discriminant Analysis Gaussian mixture models Nonparametric density estimates Naïve Bayes models

Assign the class, i, for which  $d_i(x)$  is largest Applies to both binary and multiclass problems

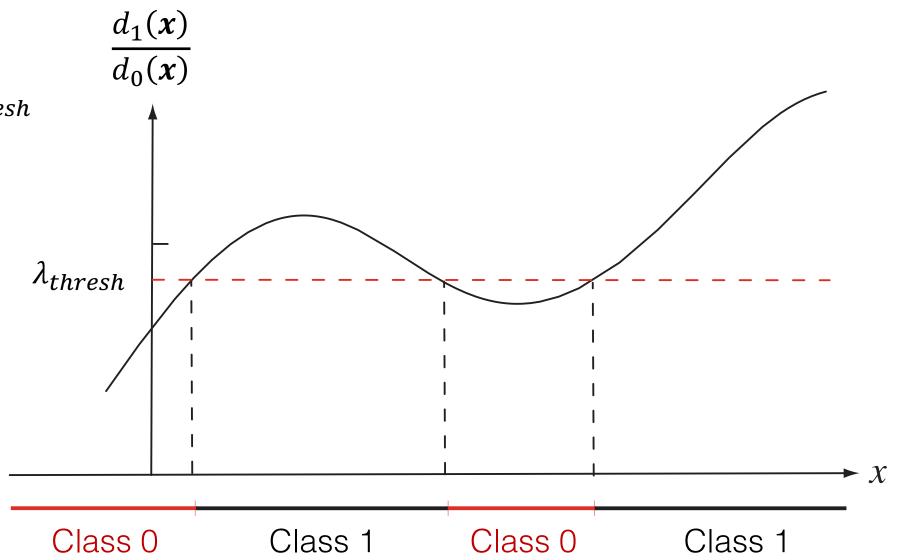
We **rarely** know our **true likelihood** for our data so we need to make assumptions

### Discriminant Functions: 2 classes

Decision rule:

Class 1 if:  $\frac{d_1(x)}{d_0(x)} > \lambda_{thresh}$ 

Otherwise, class 0



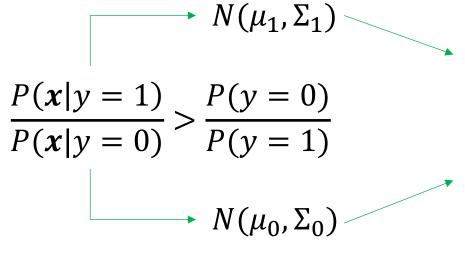
Duda, Hart, and Stork, Pattern Classification, 2006

#### Discriminant Function: 2 classes

We build a classifier that assigns the class with the higher posterior probability:

If 
$$\frac{P(y=1|x)}{P(y=0|x)} = \frac{P(x|y=1)P(y=1)}{P(x|y=0)P(y=0)} > 1$$
 Assign class 1, else class 0

Assumes these likelihoods are normal



Estimate the class-conditional mean and covariance matrix from the data

#### Discriminant Function: 2 classes

We build a classifier that assigns the class with the higher posterior probability:

Likelihood ratio: 
$$\frac{P(x|y=1)}{P(x|y=0)} > \frac{P(y=0)}{P(y=1)}$$

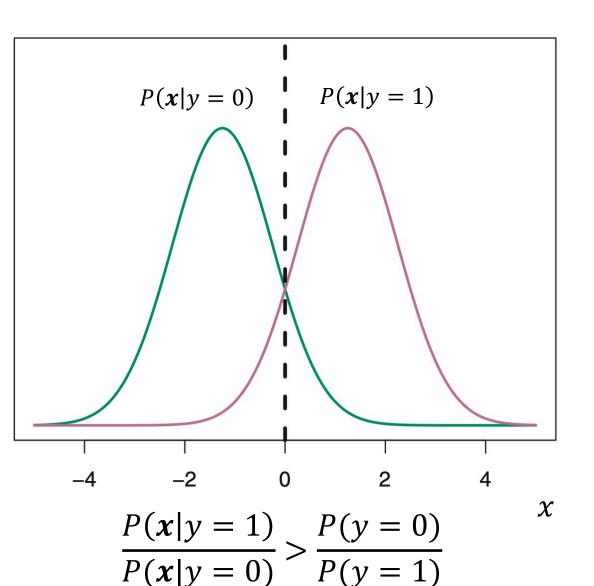
If we assume the class conditional distributions are Gaussian, this represents

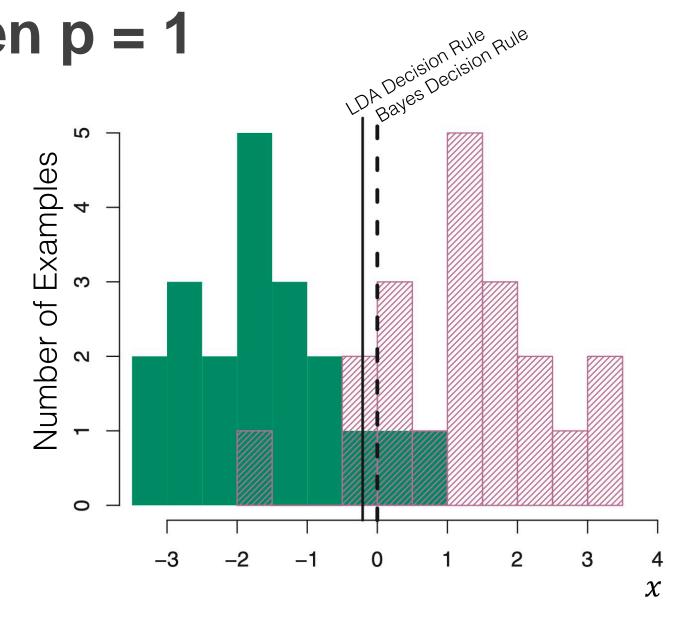
#### **Quadratic Discriminant Analysis**

If we further assume the covariance matrices are the same,  $\Sigma_0 = \Sigma_1$ , this represents

#### **Linear Discriminant Analysis**

# Simple example when p = 1





### **Multivariate Gaussian**

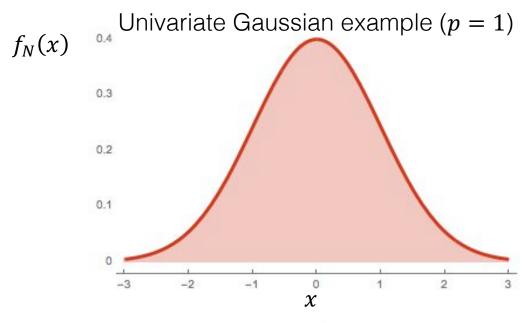
Univariate Gaussian (1 predictor)

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

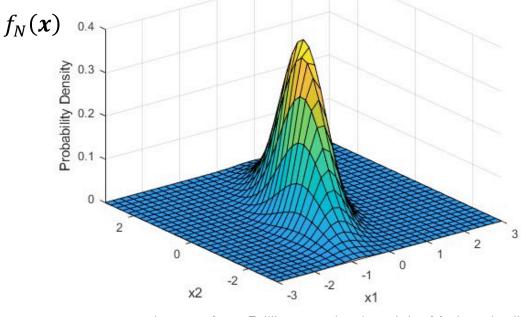
Multivariate Gaussian (p predictors)

$$f_N(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{p/2} |\mathbf{\Sigma}|^{1/2}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})\right]$$

Estimate our means and variances and we can use this as our likelihood



Multivariate Gaussian example (p = 2)



Images from Brilliant.org (top) and the Mathworks (bottom

# Linear Discriminant Analysis ( $\Sigma_0 = \Sigma_1$ )

We build a classifier that assigns the class with the higher posterior probability:

$$\frac{P(x|y=1)}{P(x|y=0)} = \frac{\frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2}|\mathbf{\Sigma}|^{1/2}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu_1)^T \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1}(x-\mu_1)\right]}{\frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2}|\mathbf{\Sigma}|^{1/2}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu_0)^T \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1}(x-\mu_0)\right]}$$

$$= \frac{\exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu_1)^T \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1}(x-\mu_1)\right]}{\exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu_0)^T \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1}(x-\mu_0)\right]}$$

$$\ln \left| \frac{P(\boldsymbol{x}|\boldsymbol{y}=1)}{P(\boldsymbol{x}|\boldsymbol{y}=0)} \right| = -\frac{1}{2} (\boldsymbol{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1)^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\boldsymbol{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1) + \frac{1}{2} (\boldsymbol{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_0)^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\boldsymbol{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_0)$$

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Expanding this expression yields:

These combine since 
$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_i = \boldsymbol{\mu}_i^T \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbf{x}$$
 for symmetric matrices 
$$= -\frac{1}{2} \left[ \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1^T \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbf{x} + \boldsymbol{\mu}_1^T \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 \right. \\ \left. - \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_0 + \boldsymbol{\mu}_0^T \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_0^T \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_0 \right. \\ \left. = \frac{1}{2} \left[ 2 \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_0) - (\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 + \boldsymbol{\mu}_0) \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_0) \right] \right. \\ \left. = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_0) - \frac{1}{2} (\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 + \boldsymbol{\mu}_0) \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_0) \right.$$

# Linear Discriminant Analysis: 2 Class

 $\Sigma$  is the same for both classes

$$\ln \left| \frac{P(\boldsymbol{x}|\boldsymbol{y}=1)}{P(\boldsymbol{x}|\boldsymbol{y}=0)} \right| = \boldsymbol{x}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_0) - \frac{1}{2} (\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 + \boldsymbol{\mu}_0) \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_0)$$

Since our decision rule is to classify as class 1 if the following is true:

$$\ln \left| \frac{P(x|y=1)}{P(x|y=0)} \right| > \ln \left| \frac{P(y=0)}{P(y=1)} \right|$$

We can rewrite our decision rule as:

(see appendix slides for full derivation)

$$x^{T} \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\mu}_{1} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{0}) > \frac{1}{2} (\boldsymbol{\mu}_{1} + \boldsymbol{\mu}_{0}) \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\mu}_{1} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{0}) + \ln \left| \frac{P(y=0)}{P(y=1)} \right|$$

Project the data into a 1-dimensional space

Set the threshold for classifying as class 1 or 0

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Or simply as:

$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_0) > \lambda_{thresh}$$

If we define  $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mu_1 - \mu_0)$ , then this becomes  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} > \lambda_{thresh}$ 

#### Remember linear models?

#### **Linear Regression**

#### **Linear Classification**

Perceptron

$$\hat{f}(\boldsymbol{x}) = \sum_{i=0}^{p} w_i x_i$$
$$\boldsymbol{w}^T \boldsymbol{x}$$

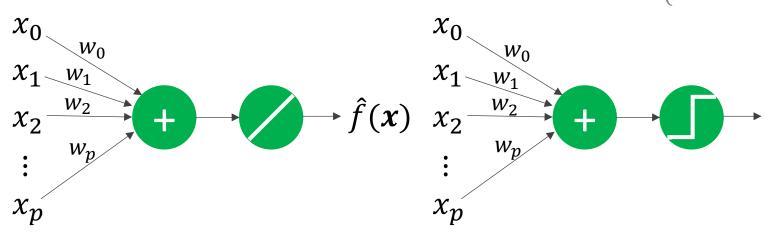
$$\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}) = sign\left(\sum_{i=0}^{p} w_i x_i\right)$$

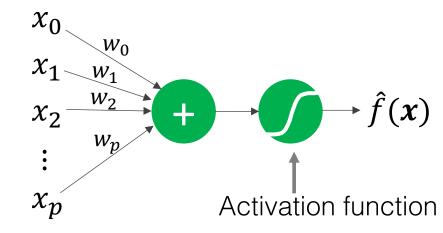
$$sign(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x > 0 \\ -1 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$



$$\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}) = \sigma\left(\sum_{i=0}^{p} w_i x_i\right)$$

$$\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}$$





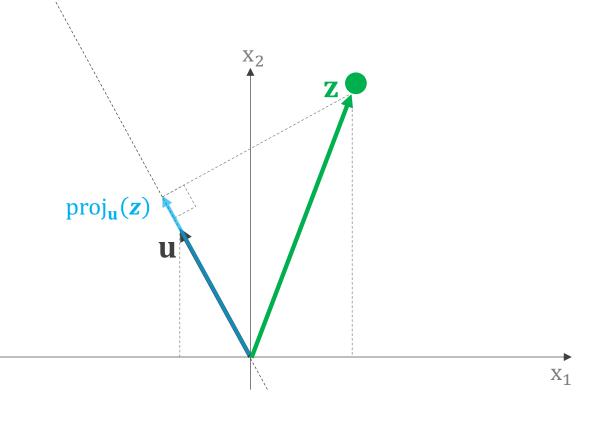
Source: Abu-Mostafa, Learning from Data, Caltech

# Intuitively interpreting LDA in terms of projections

# **Projections**

The vector projection of **z** onto **u**:

$$\operatorname{proj}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{z}) = \left(\frac{\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{z}}{\|\mathbf{u}\|}\right) \frac{\mathbf{u}}{\|\mathbf{u}\|}$$



The scalar length (Euclidean or  $L_2$  norm) of the vector  $\mathbf{u}$  is  $\|\mathbf{u}\|$ 

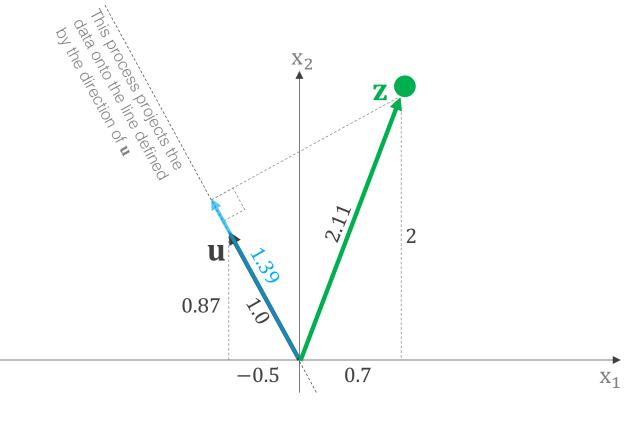
If we assume  $\mathbf{u}$  is a unit vector then  $\|\mathbf{u}\| = 1$   $\operatorname{proj}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{z}) = (\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{z})\mathbf{u}$ 

Magnitude of projection onto direction of  ${\bf u}$ 

# **Projections**

$$\mathbf{u^Tz} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 & u_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{Z_1} \\ \mathbf{Z_2} \end{bmatrix}$$
 This is an inner product, but assuming  $\mathbf{u}$  is a unit vector computes this as the magnitude (length) of the projection of  $\mathbf{z}$  onto  $\mathbf{u}$  
$$= u_1 \ \mathbf{Z_1} + u_2 \mathbf{Z_2}$$
 
$$= (-0.5)(0.7) + (0.87)(2)$$
 
$$= 1.39$$
Length (magnitude) of the

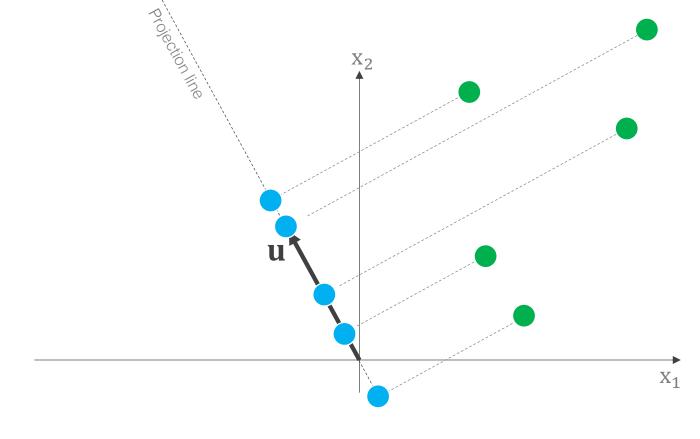
projection of z onto u



This is valid because **u** is a unit vector (length is 1:  $\|\mathbf{u}\|_2 = \sqrt{u_1^2 + u_2^2} = \sqrt{(-0.5)^2 + (0.87)^2} \cong 1$ )

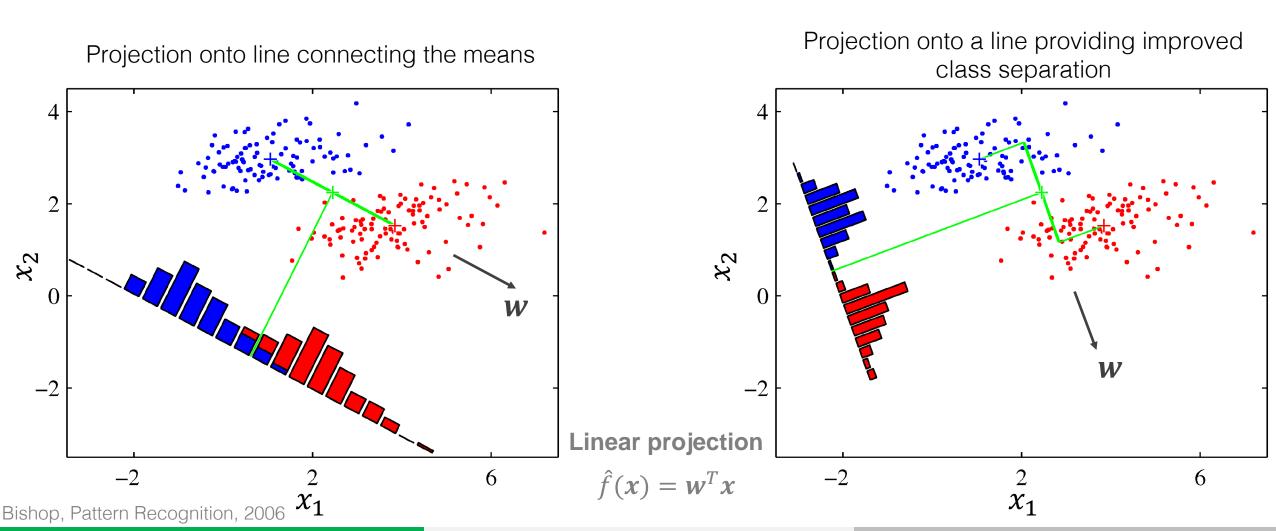
## **Projections**

We could project any points in this space onto the line defined by the direction of unit vector **u** 



### **Linear Discriminant Analysis**

Looks for the projection into the one dimension that "best" separates the classes



# Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA)

Finds a projection into a lower dimension that "best" separates the classes

$$\hat{f}(x) = w^T x$$

Consider w is a unit vector of parameters

Similar to PCA, but accounts for class separability

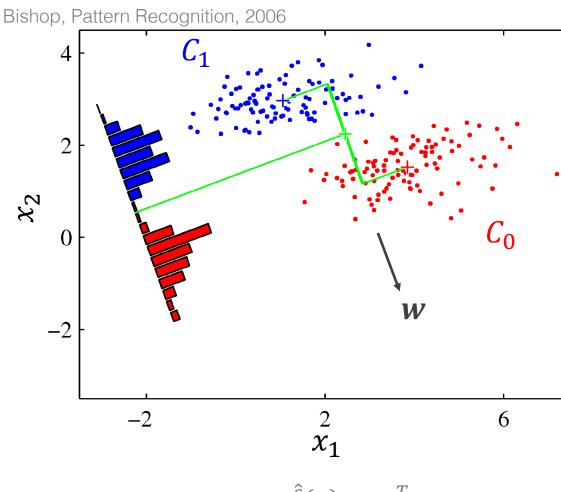
2 We then classify the data in this space linearly

Our decision rule becomes:

if 
$$\hat{f}(x) = w^T x > \lambda_{thresh}$$
 Class 1

else

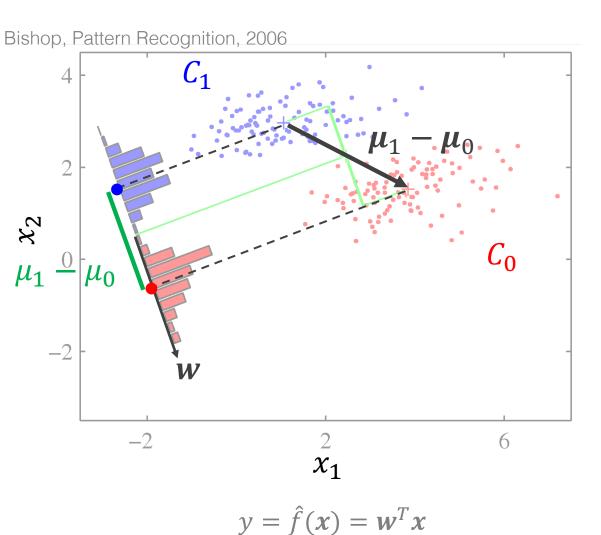
Class 0



**Increase** the distance between class **means** 

**Decrease** the **variance** within the classes

$$y = \hat{f}(x) = \mathbf{w}^T x$$



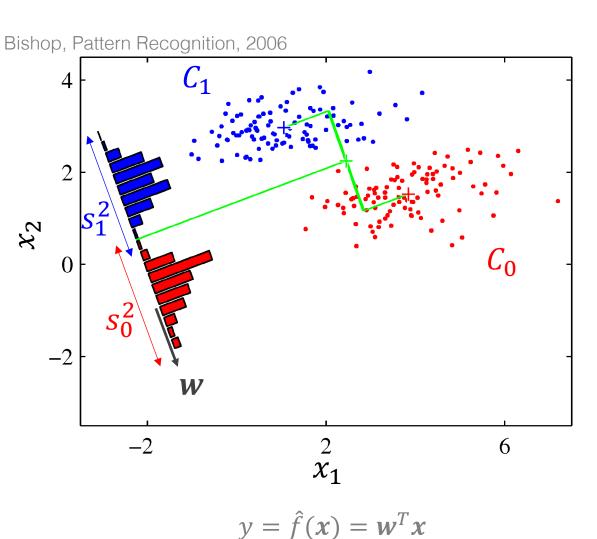
**Increase** the distance between the **means** 

$$\mu_1 = \frac{1}{N_1} \sum_{i \in C_1} x_i \qquad \qquad \mu_0 = \frac{1}{N_0} \sum_{i \in C_0} x_i$$
mean of class 1 mean of class 0

The means projected onto  $\mathbf{w}$ :  $\mu_k = \mathbf{w}^T \boldsymbol{\mu}_k$ 

The distance between the means:

$$\mu_1 - \mu_0 = \mathbf{w}^T (\mu_1 - \mu_0)$$



**Decrease** the **variance** within the classes

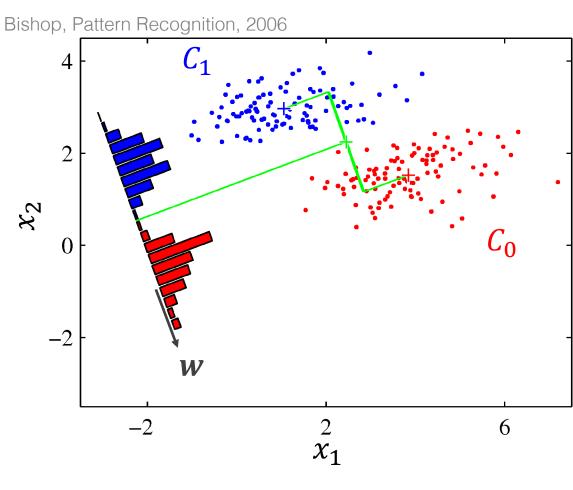
The "scatter" of the **projected** data:

$$s_k^2 = \sum_{i \in C_k} (y_i - \mu_k)^2$$

where 
$$\mu_k = \mathbf{w}^T \boldsymbol{\mu}_k$$
  $y_i = \mathbf{w}^T \boldsymbol{x}_i$ 

We assume these are the same:

$$S = s_1^2 = s_0^2$$



**Increase** the distance between the **means** 

$$\mu_1 - \mu_0 = \mathbf{w}^T (\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_0)$$

**Decrease** the **variance** within each class

$$S = s_1^2 = s_0^2$$

$$\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_0)$$

We use this to project the features into one dimension for classification,  $\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}$ 

# This approach is a supervised dimensionality reduction technique that we use for classification

# Linear Discriminant Analysis: Multiclass

 $\Sigma$  is the same for all classes

We build a classifier that assigns the class with the higher posterior probability:

$$\delta_k(\mathbf{x}) = P(\mathbf{x}|y=k)P(y=k) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2}|\mathbf{\Sigma}|^{1/2}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k)^T \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k)\right] \pi_k \qquad P(y=k) \triangleq \pi_k$$

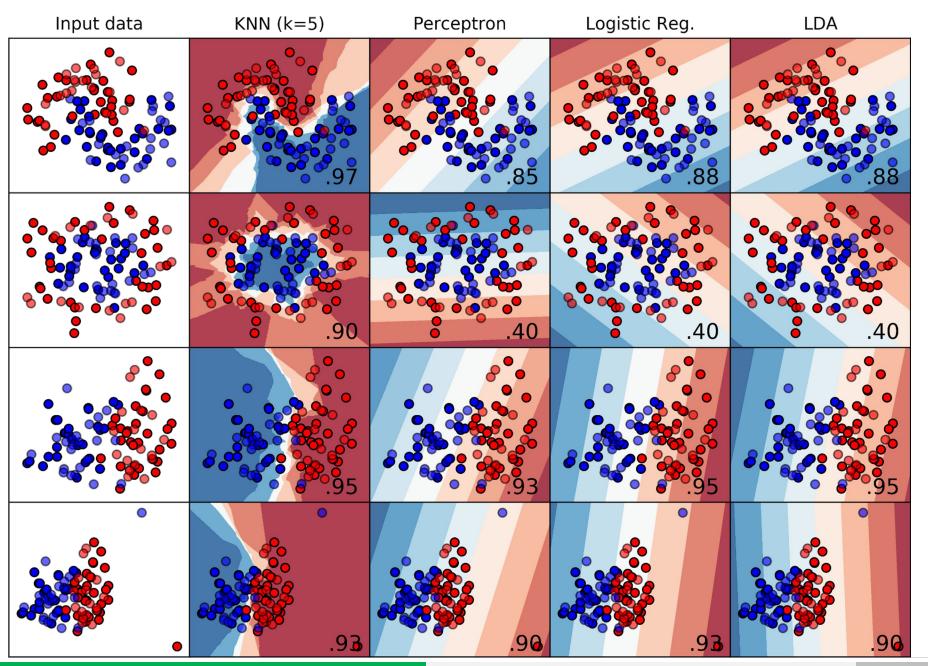
$$\ln|\delta_k(\mathbf{x})| = -\frac{p}{2}\ln|2\pi| - \frac{p}{2}\ln|\mathbf{\Sigma}| - \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k)^T \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k) + \ln|\pi_k|$$
$$-\frac{1}{2}[\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbf{x} - 2\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_k + \boldsymbol{\mu}_k^T \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_k]$$

$$\ln|\delta_k(\mathbf{x})| = -\frac{p}{2}\ln|2\pi| - \frac{p}{2}\ln|\mathbf{\Sigma}| - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1}\boldsymbol{\mu}_k + \frac{1}{2}\boldsymbol{\mu}_k^T\mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1}\boldsymbol{\mu}_k + \ln|\pi_k|$$

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Since we'll be looking for the choice of class k that maximizes the value of  $\delta_k(x)$ , we can ignore terms that are independent of class

We compute this for each k and assign the class with the largest discriminant  $\delta_k(x)$ 



## **Quadratic Discriminant Analysis**

We build a classifier that assigns the class with the higher posterior probability:

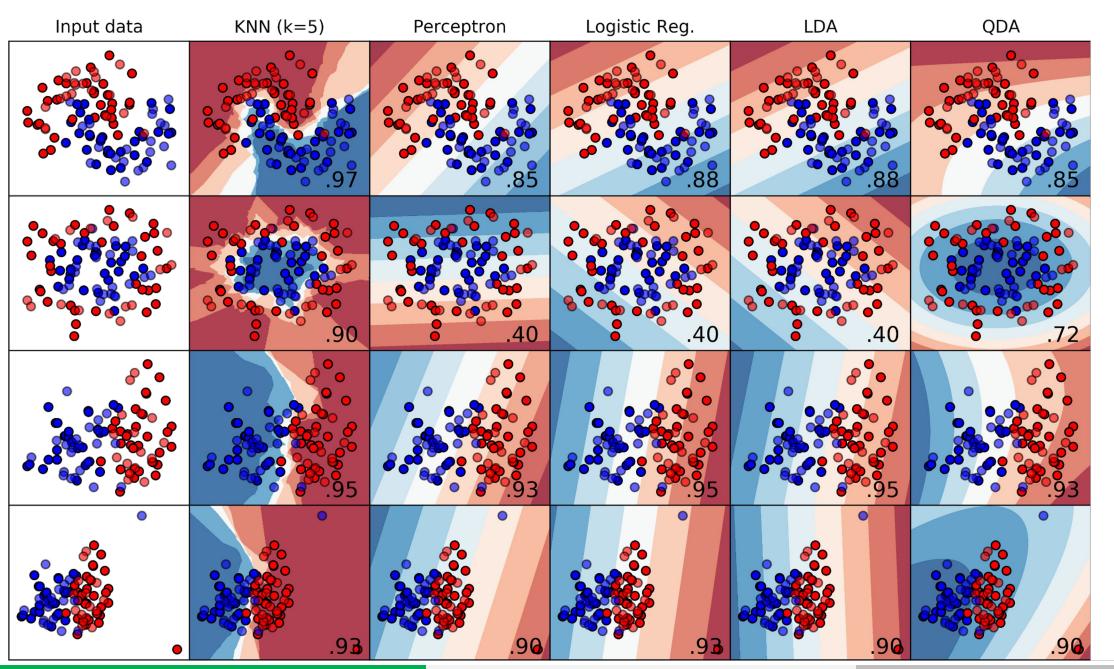
$$d_k(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2} |\mathbf{\Sigma}_k|^{1/2}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k)^T \mathbf{\Sigma}_k^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k)\right] \pi_k$$

We assume a normal distribution, but different covariance matrices

Produces a quadric decision boundary

## **Summary Comparison**

	Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA)	Quadratic Discriminant Analysis (QDA)
Assumes Gaussian Likelihood $P(x y)$ (class conditional density)	Yes	Yes
Assumes equivalent covariance $\Sigma_i = \Sigma_j$	Yes	No

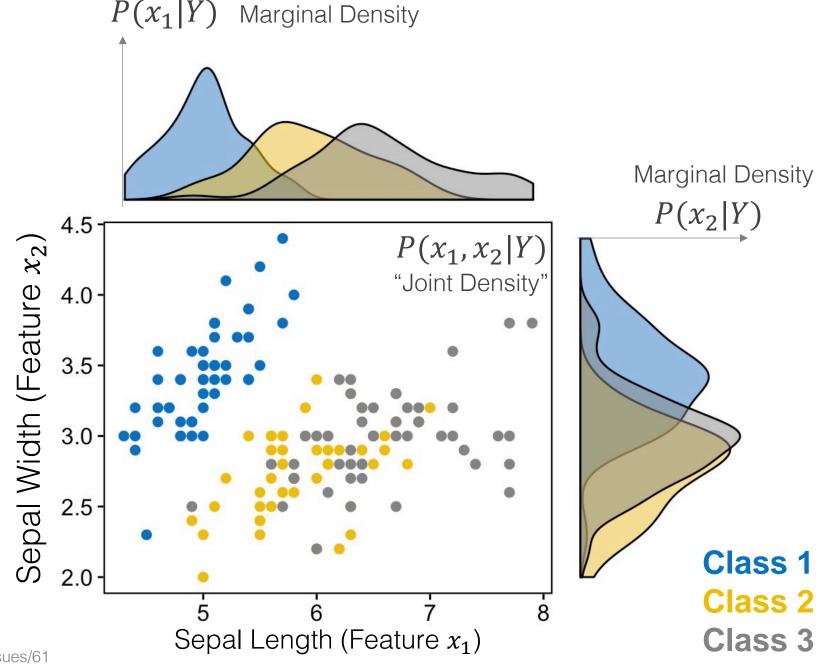


## Joint vs Marginal Densities

The marginal densities don't factor in relationships between features

What if the joint density is too hard to estimate?

Note: The plot in the middle is actually a scatterplot, but could be used to estimate  $P(x_1, x_2|Y)$ 



## **Naïve Bayes**

Sometimes called "Idiot's Bayes"

For independent events: A, B, and C P(A and B and C) = P(A)P(B)P(C)

Start with our original expression for our posterior distribution

$$P(y = i | \mathbf{x}) = \frac{P(\mathbf{x}|y = i)P(y = i)}{P(\mathbf{x})}$$

Write out the full expression with all the terms in x (assume p predictors/features)

$$P(y = i | x_1, x_2, ..., x_p) = \frac{P(x_1, x_2, ..., x_p | y = i)P(y = i)}{P(x_1, x_2, ..., x_p)}$$

#### Assumption: Given the class, the features are independent

Note: The denominator (evidence) is a constant if we know the values of the predictor variables

$$P(y = i | x_1, x_2, ..., x_p) = \frac{P(y = i) \prod_{j=1}^{p} P(x_j | y = i)}{P(x_1, x_2, ..., x_p)}$$

Predict the class with the highest posterior probability

$$P(y = i | x_1, x_2, ..., x_p) \propto P(y = i) \prod_{j=1}^{p} P(x_j | y = i)$$

## **Naïve Bayes**

We assign the class that has the largest posterior,  $P(y = i | x_1, x_2, ..., x_p)$ 

$$P(y = i | x_1, x_2, ..., x_p) \propto P(y = i) \prod_{j=1}^{p} P(x_j | y = i)$$

This implies we estimate the density of each feature **separately** 

This independence assumption is a strong assumption that is rarely valid

Considerably simplifies computation and data needs

Is flexible to allow for different distributional forms (i.e. Gaussian) or nonparametric techniques

## Naïve Bayes: Gaussian example

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$$P(y = i | x_1, x_2, ..., x_p) \propto P(y = i) \prod_{j=1}^{p} P(x_j | y = i)$$

This implies we estimate the density of each feature **separately** 

If  $P(x_j|y=i)$  is  $N(\mu_{ji}, \sigma_{ji}^2)$ , so for each class we estimate one mean and variance for each of the p features and for each class. We multiply **univariate** distributions together

$$P(y = i | x_1, x_2, ..., x_p) \propto P(y = i) \prod_{j=1}^{p} N(\mu_{ji}, \sigma_{ji}^2)$$

### Naïve Bayes: Parameters

p predictors, c classes

For each predictor,  $x_i$ , and class,  $y_j$ :  $(\mu_{ij}, \sigma_{ij}^2)$ 

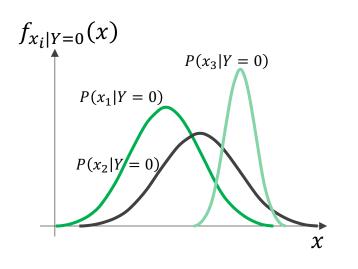
Total parameters = 2cp

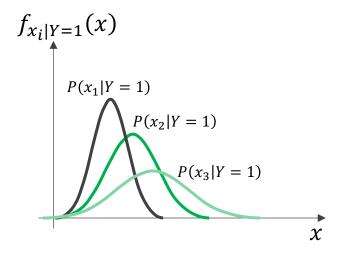
Without the Naïve Bayes assumption, each class would be a multivariate Gaussian with  $(\mu_j, \Sigma_j)$ 

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_{j} = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_{1} \\ \mu_{2} \\ \vdots \\ \mu_{p} \end{bmatrix}, \; \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{j} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{11}^{2} & \sigma_{12}^{2} & \cdots & \sigma_{1p}^{2} \\ \sigma_{21}^{2} & \sigma_{22}^{2} & \cdots & \sigma_{2p}^{2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \sigma_{p1}^{2} & \sigma_{p2}^{2} & \cdots & \sigma_{pp}^{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

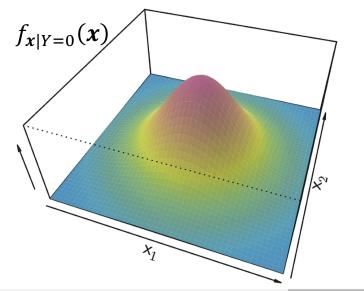
Total parameters =  $c(p + p^2)$ 

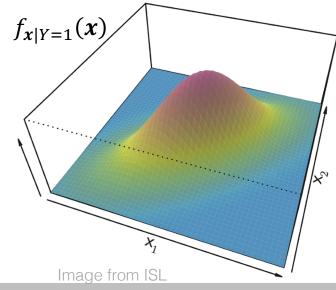
Naïve Bayes (p = 3)

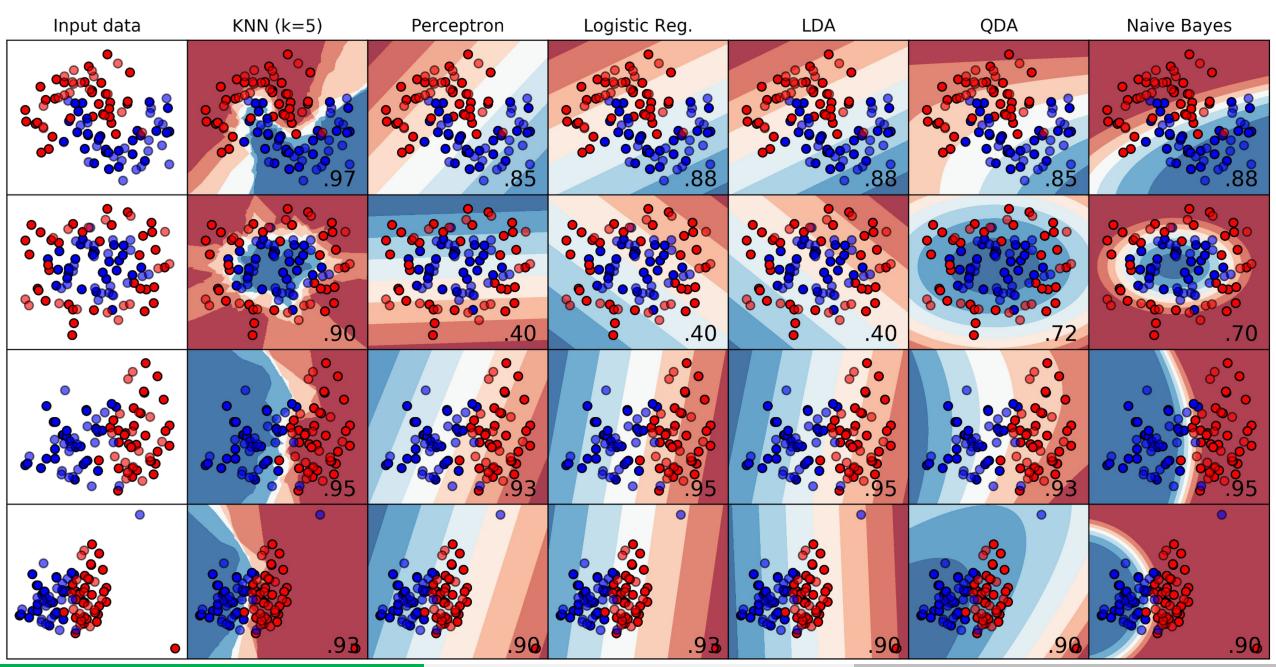




Multivariate Gaussian (example shown for p = 2)







## Classifiers

Covered so far

K-Nearest Neighbors

Perceptron

Logistic Regression

Linear Discriminant Analysis

Quadratic Discriminant Analysis

Naïve Bayes

Have closed-form solutions

Apply to multiclass problems

Have no hyperparameters

Fast to train

Requires small amounts of training data Only model choice is the form of P(X|Y)

Fast to train