

# Naïve Bayes

The diagram shows the Naïve Bayes formula with four labels and arrows pointing to its components:

- Likelihood**: Points to  $P(x|c)$  in the numerator.
- Class Prior Probability**: Points to  $P(c)$  in the numerator.
- Posterior Probability**: Points to  $P(c|x)$  on the left side of the equation.
- Predictor Prior Probability**: Points to  $P(x)$  in the denominator.

$$P(c|x) = \frac{P(x|c)P(c)}{P(x)}$$

$$P(c|X) = P(x_1|c) \times P(x_2|c) \times \cdots \times P(x_n|c) \times P(c)$$

how Naïve!

# Naïve Bayes

Article	Occurrences of "ball"	Total # of words
Sports 1	5	101
Sports 2	7	93
Sports 3	0	122
Politics 1	0	39
Politics 2	0	81
Politics 3	0	142
Politics 4	0	77
Arts 1	2	198

$$P(\text{"ball"}|\text{sports}) = \frac{5 + 7 + 0}{101 + 93 + 122} = \frac{12}{316} = 0.038$$

$$P(\text{"ball"}|\text{politics}) = \frac{0 + 0 + 0 + 0}{39 + 81 + 142 + 77} = \frac{0}{339} = 0.0$$

$$P(\text{"ball"}|\text{arts}) = \frac{2}{198} = 0.010$$

# Naïve Bayes

Which category for very short article “the giants beat the nationals”?

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{sports}|X) = & P(\text{sports}) \\ & \times P(\text{“the”}|\text{sports}) \\ & \times P(\text{“giants”}|\text{sports}) \\ & \times P(\text{“beat”}|\text{sports}) \\ & \times P(\text{“the”}|\text{sports}) \\ & \times P(\text{“nationals”}|\text{sports}) \end{aligned}$$

Don’t forget Laplace smoothing....

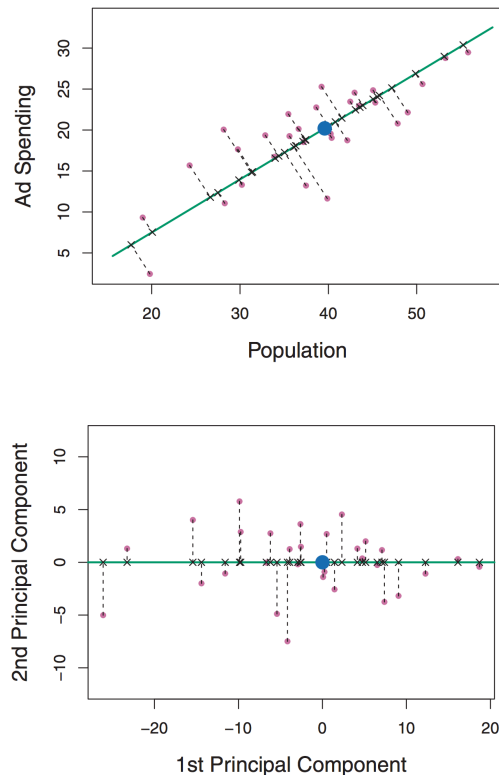
$$P(x|c) = \frac{(\# \text{ of times } x \text{ appears in articles of class } c) + \alpha}{(\text{total } \# \text{ of words in articles of class } c) + \alpha \cdot (\# \text{ of words in corpus})}$$

# Unsupervised Learning

Two most common and contrasting unsupervised techniques

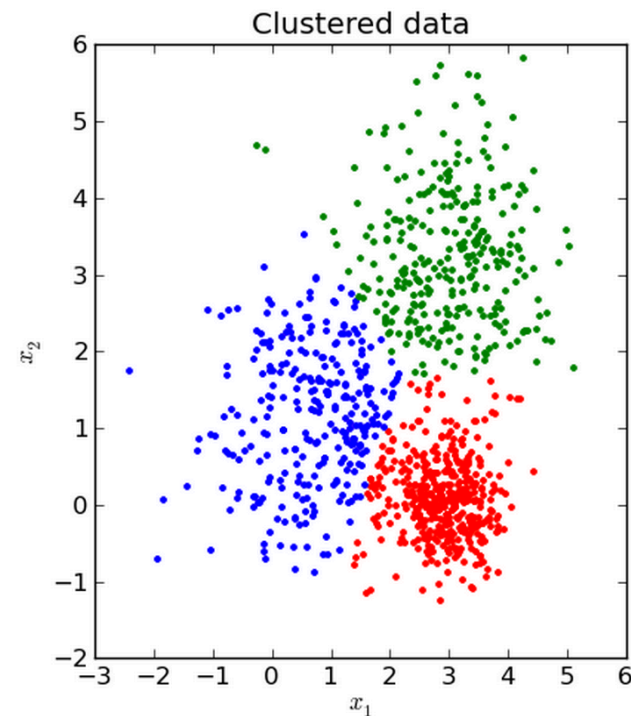
## PCA

Low-dim representation of data that explains good fraction of variance



## Clustering

Find homogenous subgroups among data

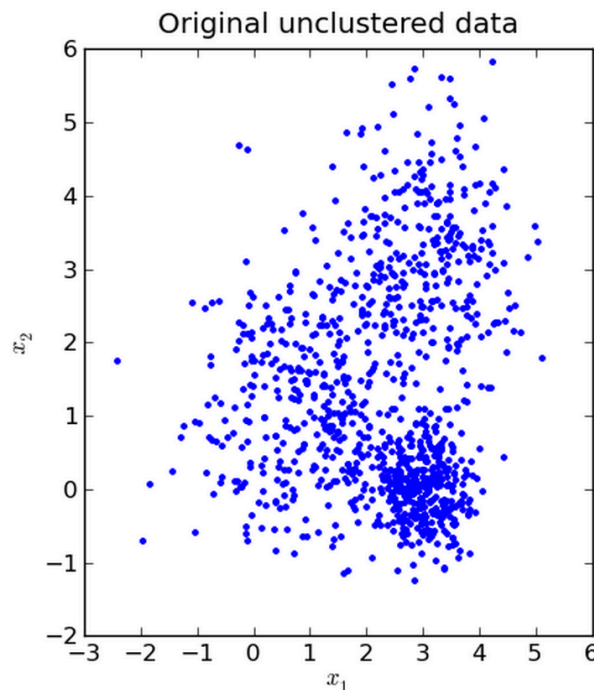


# K-means

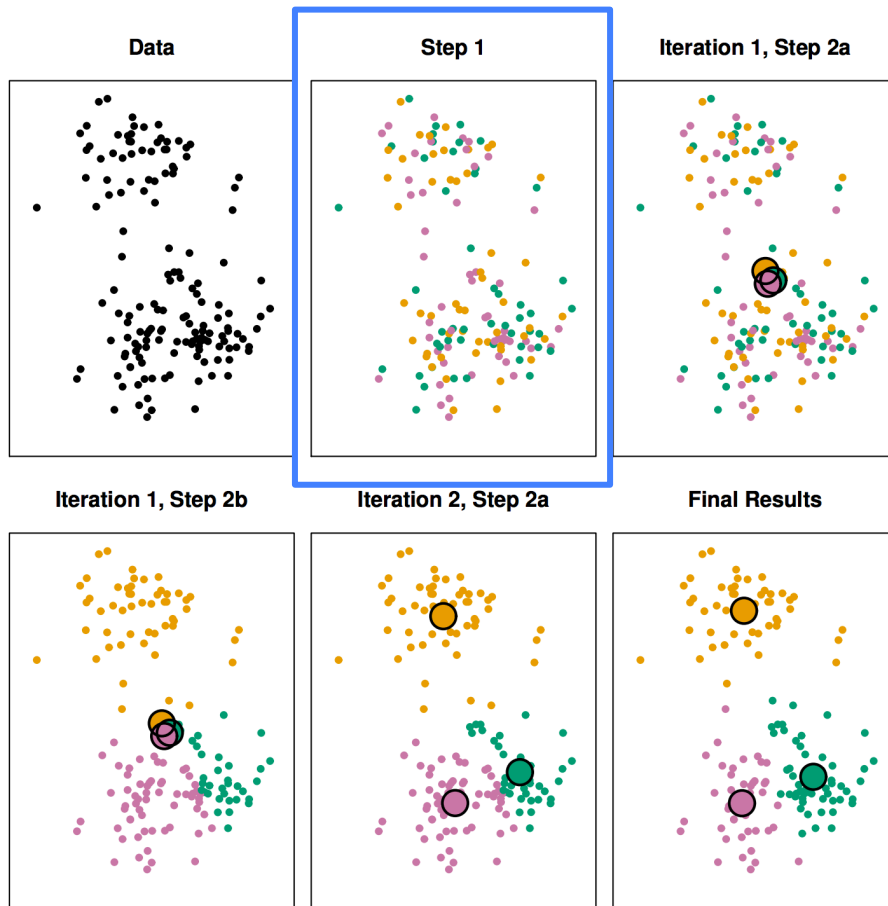
Idea: Want “within-cluster variation” to be small

Suppose: A fixed  $K$ , say  $K=3$ . Want to assign each of  $n$  data point to one of 3 clusters, such that “within-cluster variation” is smallest

- There are  $K^n$  possible choices! Pretty unwieldy



# K-means algorithm



Finds local optimum!

Results depend on  
**random initialization**

Solution

Try **multiple initializations**  
and pick one with lowest

$$\underset{C_1, \dots, C_K}{\text{minimize}} \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^K \frac{1}{|C_k|} \sum_{i, i' \in C_k} \sum_{j=1}^p (x_{ij} - x_{i'j})^2 \right\}$$

\* Also could consider smarter initializations such as  
kmeans++ <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/K-means%2B%2B>

# Choosing K

- No easy answer
- A fuzzy endeavor
  - May just want K similar groups
  - But more often, want something **useful or interpretable that exposes some interesting aspect of data**
    - Presence/absence of natural distinct groups
    - Descriptive statistics about groups
  - Ex. Are there certain segments of my market that tend to be alike?
    - Ex. middle-aged living in suburbs who log-in infrequently

# Choosing K – “Elbow” method

- Same Idea: Choose a number of clusters so that adding another cluster doesn't give us that much more

$$W(C) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{C(i)=k} \sum_{C(i')=k} ||x_i - x_{i'}||^2$$

## Within Cluster Point Scatter

A natural loss function is the sum pairwise distances of the points within each cluster, summed over all clusters.

