

# Linear and Quadratic Discriminant Analysis

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$$P(G = k|X = x) = \frac{f_k(x)\pi_k}{\sum_{l=1}^K f_l(x)\pi_l}$$

For Gaussian &  
distribution

$$f_k(x) = \frac{\pi_k}{\Sigma_k^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\Sigma_k^2} (x - \mu_k)^2\right)$$



$$\log \frac{P(G=k|X=x)}{P(G=l|X=x)} = \log \frac{\pi_k}{\pi_l} - \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{\Sigma_k}{\Sigma_l} - \frac{1}{2} (x - \mu_k)^T \Sigma_k^{-1} (x - \mu_k) + \frac{1}{2} (x - \mu_l)^T \Sigma_k^{-1} (x - \mu_l)$$



$$\delta_k = \log \pi_k - \frac{1}{2} \log \Sigma_k - \frac{1}{2} (x - \mu_k)^T \Sigma_k^{-1} (x - \mu_k)$$

If  $\Sigma_k = \Sigma$ :  
(LDA)



$$\delta_k = \log \pi_k + x^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu_k - \frac{1}{2} \mu_k^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu_k$$

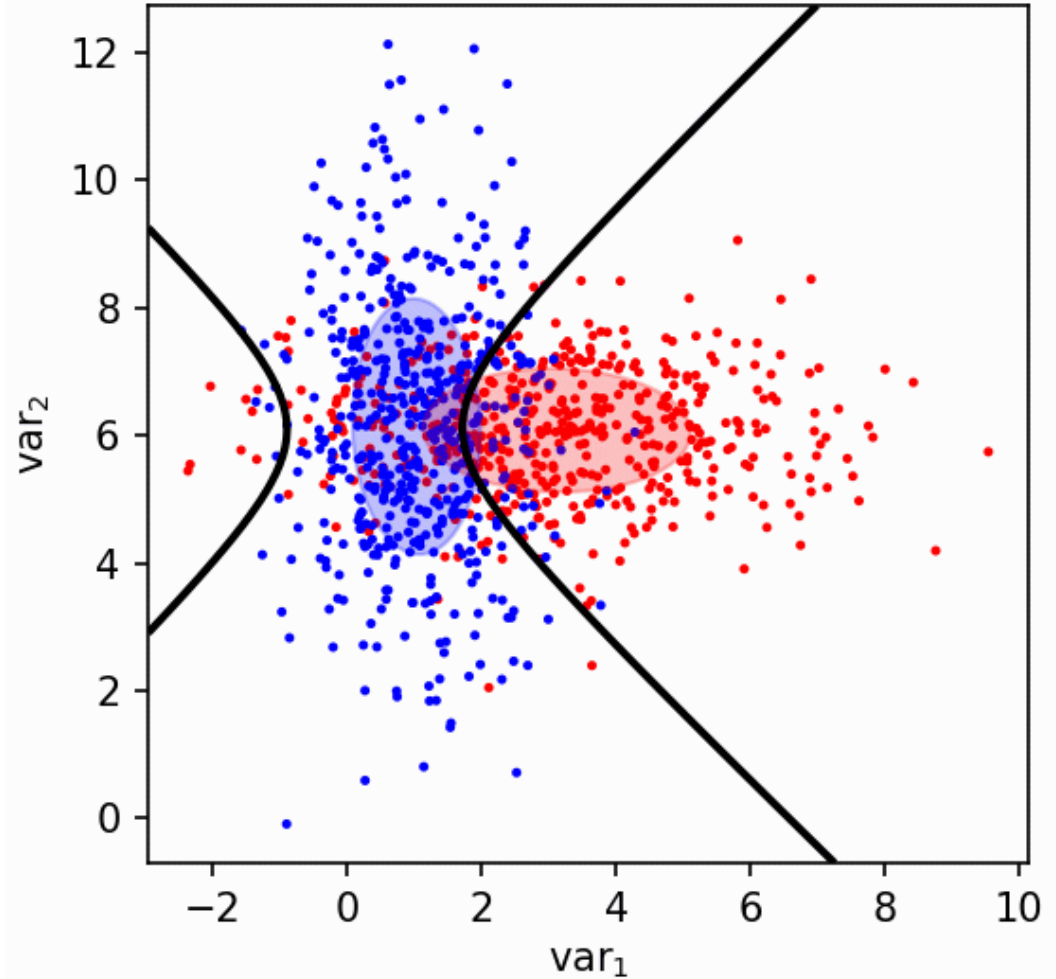
## LDA and QDA

- LDA and QDA are **classification** methods
- Assume k classes are normally distributed in **m**-dimensional space.
- Means and covariance matrices taken from training data
- Assigns observation x to class with greatest discriminant  $\delta(x)$ .
- Decision boundaries are contours of equal  $\delta$

## QDA

- Decision boundaries in QDA are parabolic contours of equal  $\delta_k = \delta_k$

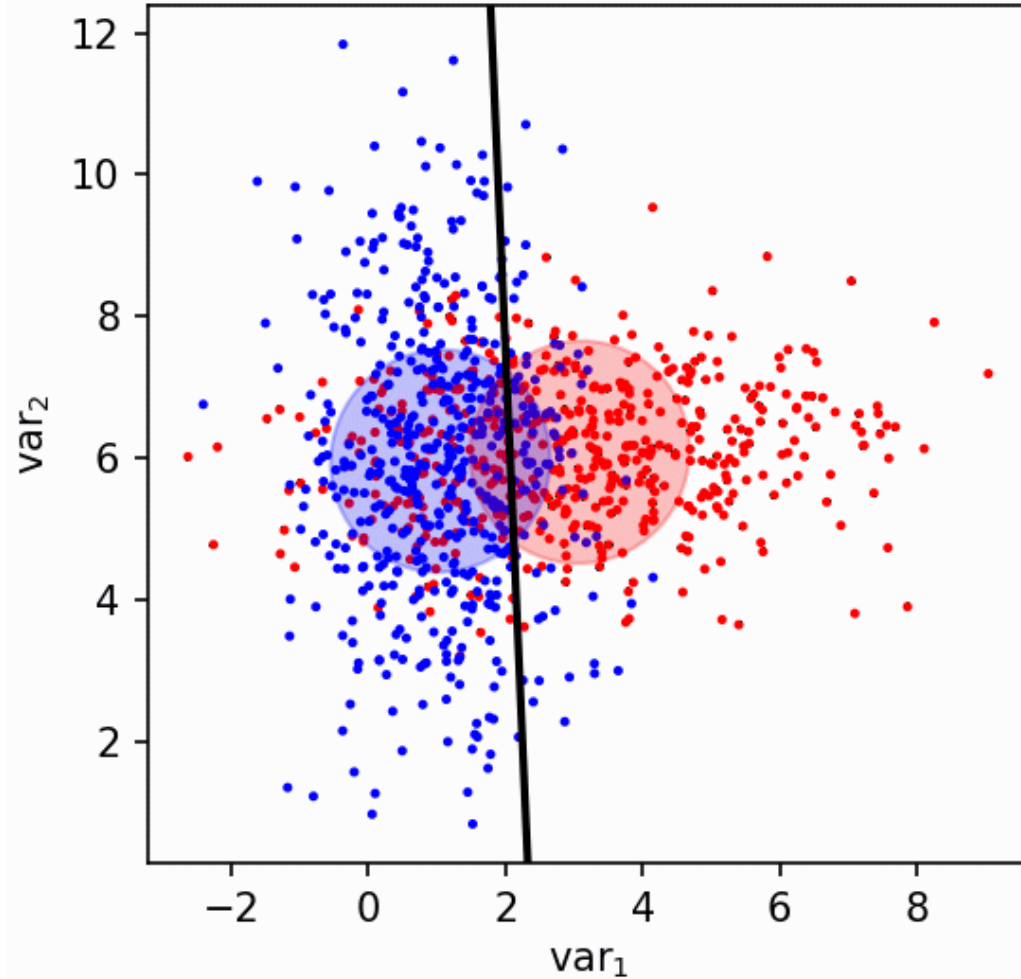
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# LDA

- LDA makes the simplifying assumption that the classes have **identical covariances**.
- This reduces the decision boundaries to lines

$$\delta_k = \log \pi_k + x^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu_k - \frac{1}{2} \mu_k^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu_k$$

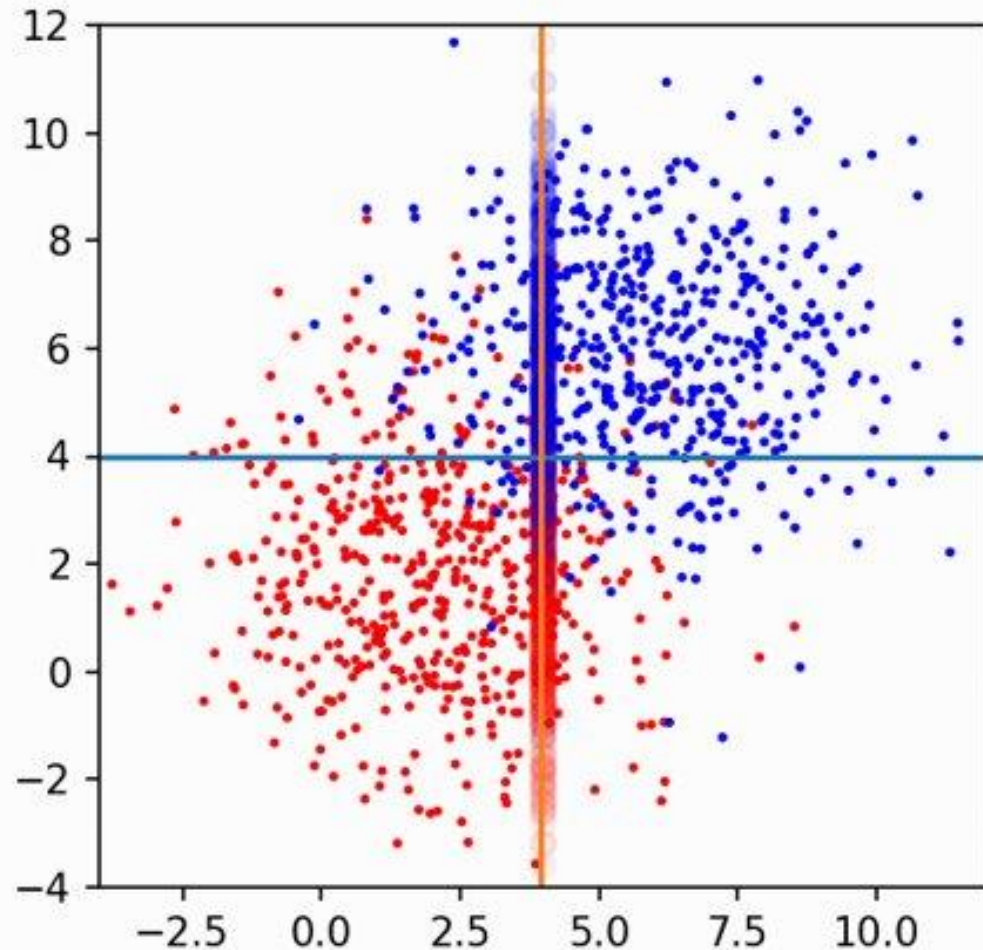


# LDA

- These decision boundaries produce new axes perpendicular to the boundaries that maximize the separation between the classes

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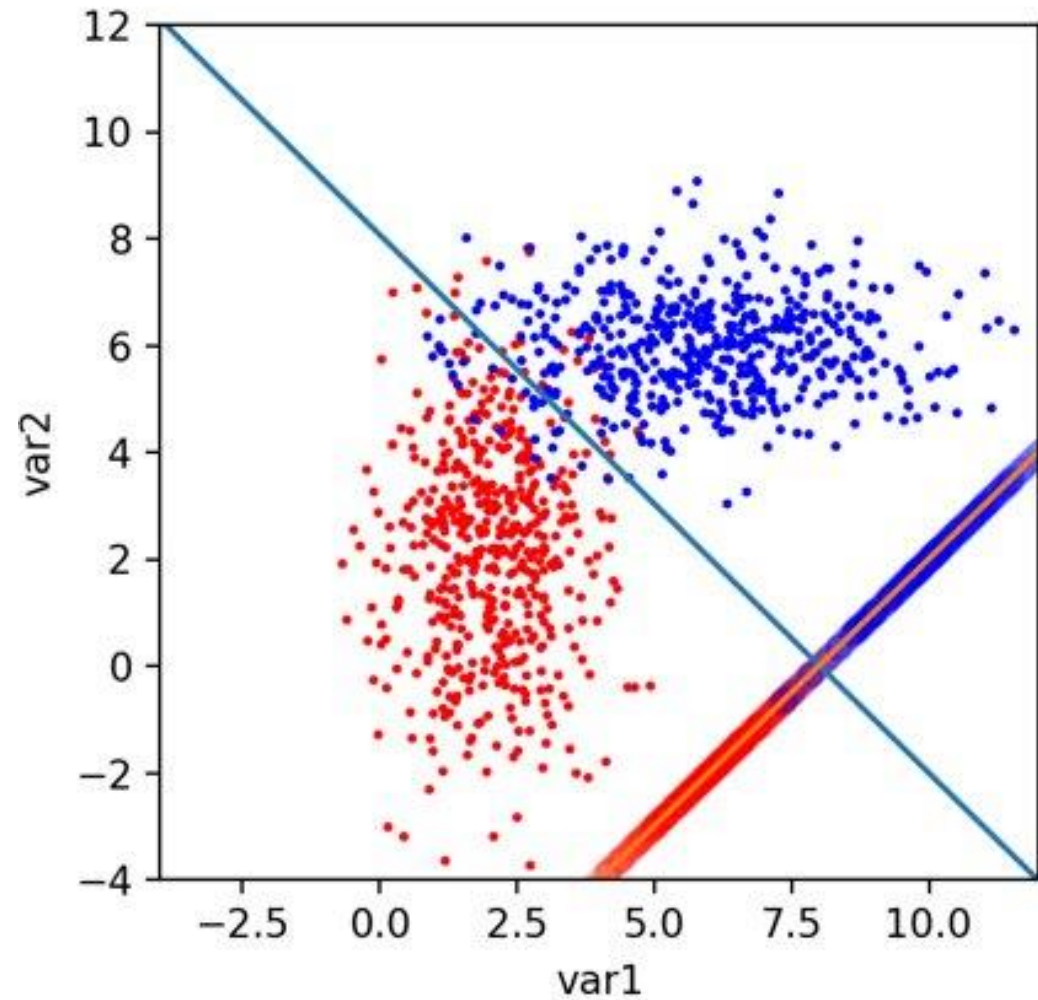
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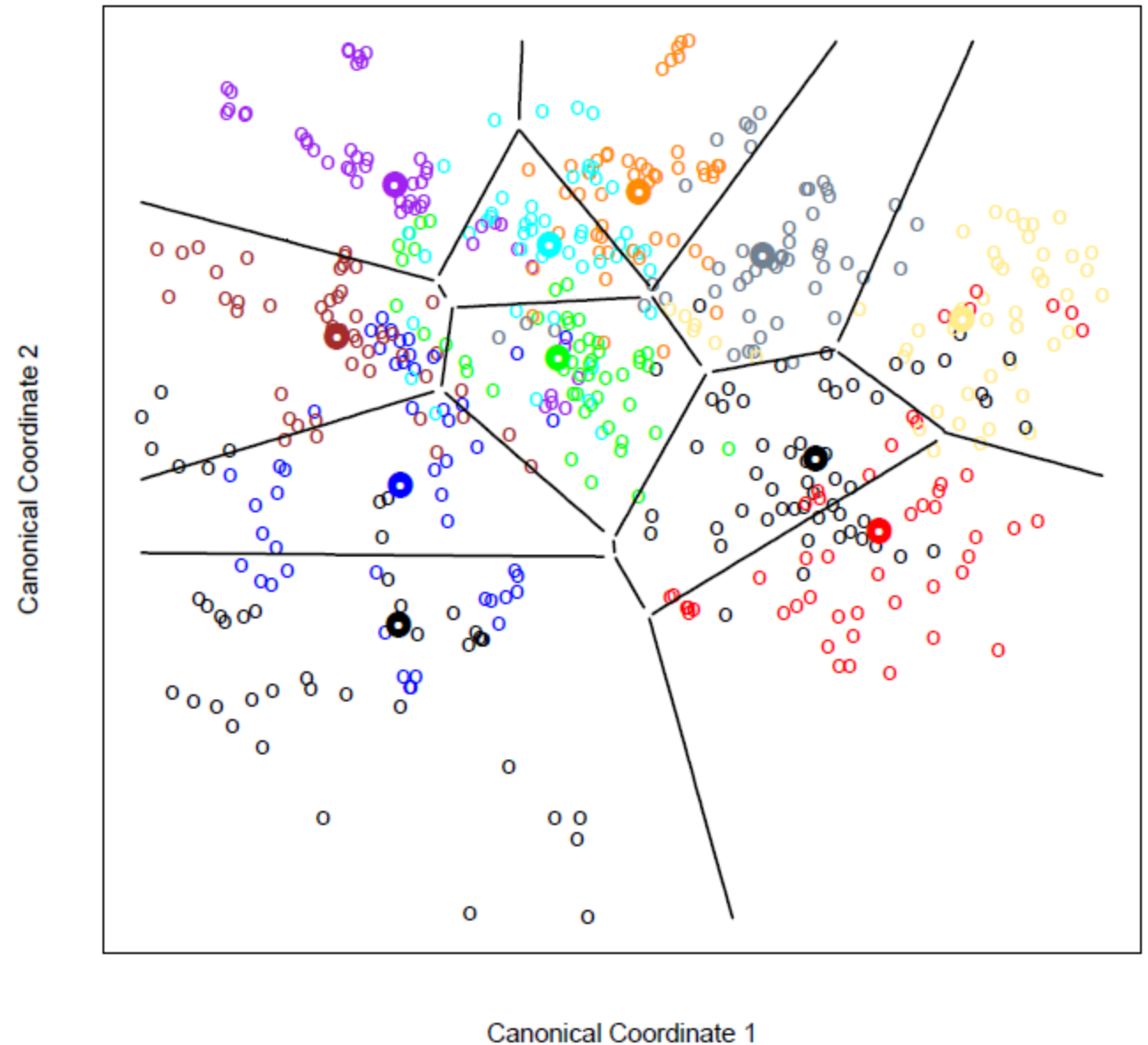
- Projecting the data onto these new axes effectively reduces dimensionality to (p-1)

$$\delta_k = \log \pi_k + x^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu_k - \frac{1}{2} \mu_k^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu_k$$



## Summary

- Both LDA and especially QDA work well on a very wide range of real datasets
- In particular, LDA is often used for dimensionality reduction prior to further analysis



Vowel training data, from *Elements of Statistical Learning* (Hastie et al.)

## Appendix: Matthews Correlation Coefficient

- Useful metric for highly imbalanced classes
- Essentially the correlation coefficient between the observed and predicted binary classifications
- Ranges from -1 to 1

$$MCC = \frac{(TP \cdot TN) - (FP \cdot FN)}{\sqrt{(TP + FP) \cdot (TP + FN) \cdot (TN + FP) \cdot (TN + FN)}}$$

$$MCC = \frac{\frac{TP}{N} - S \cdot P}{\sqrt{P \cdot S \cdot (1 - S) \cdot (1 - P)}}$$

$$S = \frac{TP + FN}{N}$$

$$P = \frac{TP + FP}{N}$$