

# Imprecise Gaussian Discriminant Classification

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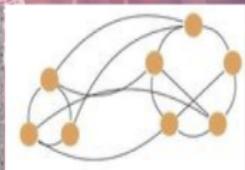


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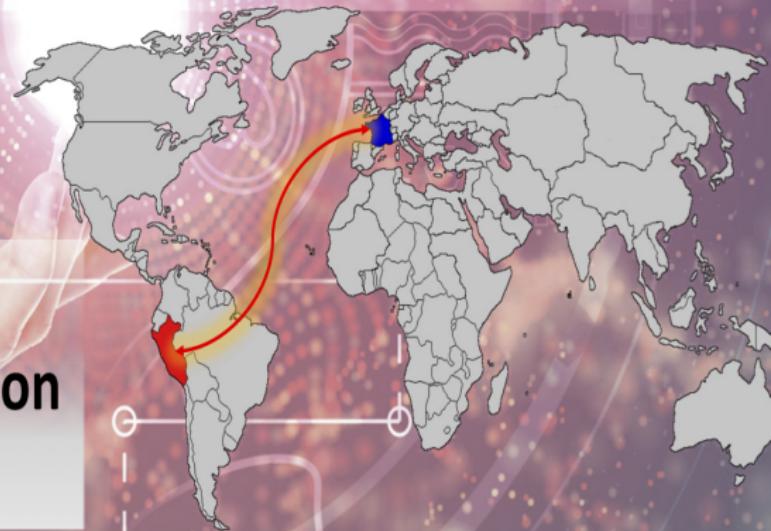
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## New challenges

- Multi label classification
- Label Ranking

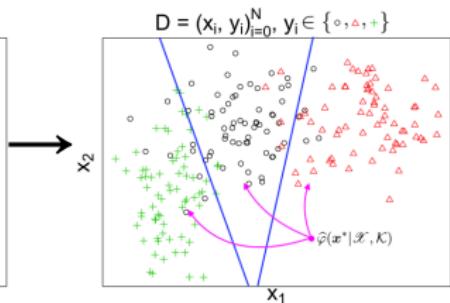
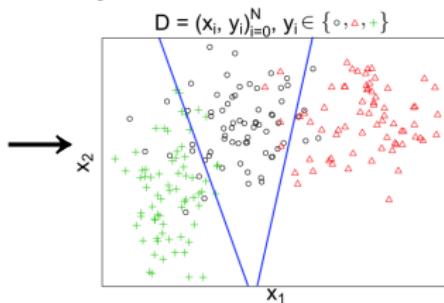
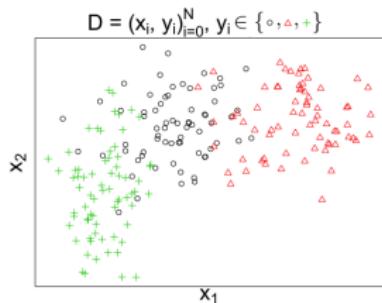


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# Classification - Outline (Example)

☞ Data training  $D = \{x_i, y_i\}_{i=0}^N \subseteq \mathbb{R}^p \times \mathcal{K}$



## Objective

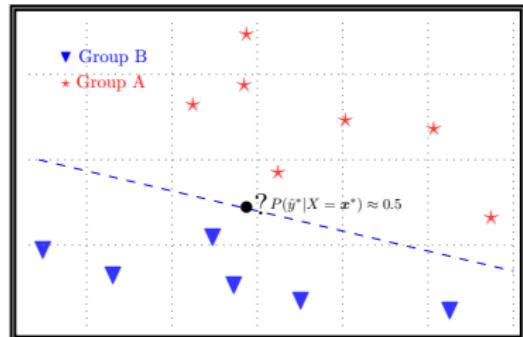
Given training data  $D = \{x_i, y_i\}_{i=0}^N$  :

- ① learning a classification rule :  $\varphi : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$ .
- ② predicting new instances  $\hat{\varphi}(x^*)$

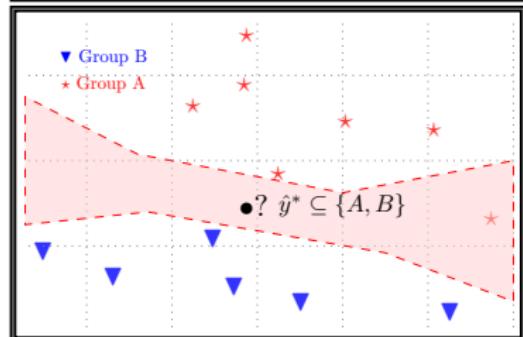
# Motivation

## What is the bigger problem in (precise) Classification ?

- Precise models can produce many mistakes for hard to predict unlabeled instances.



- One way to recognize such instances and avoid making such mistakes too often → **Making a cautious decision.**



# Precise Classification

Step ① Learning the conditional probability distribution  $\mathbb{P}_{Y|\mathbf{x}^*}$ .

Step ② Predicting the “optimal” label amongst  $\mathcal{K} = \{m_1, \dots, m_K\}$ , under  $\mathcal{L}_{0/1}$  loss function, for a new instance  $\mathbf{x}^*$  :

$$m_{i_K} > m_{i_{K-1}} > \dots > m_{i_1} \iff P(y = m_{i_K} | \mathbf{x}^*) > \dots > P(y = m_{i_1} | \mathbf{x}^*)$$

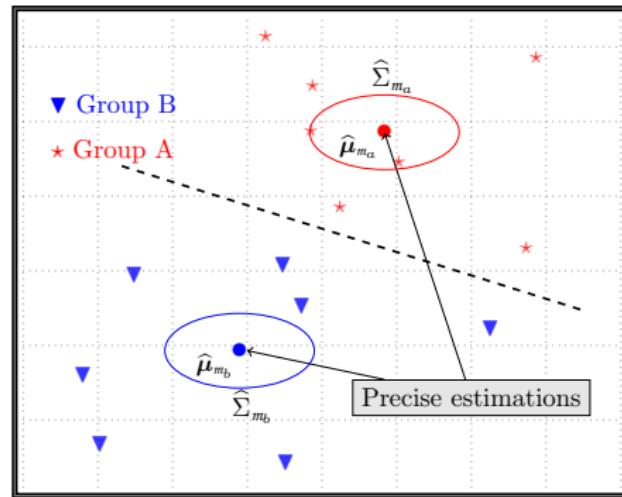
- ☞ Pick out the most preferable label  $m_{i_K}$   
 $\iff$  maximal probability plausible  $P(y = m_{i_K} | \mathbf{x}^*)$

# (Precise) Gaussian Discriminant Analysis

Applying Baye's rules to  $P(Y = m_a | X = \mathbf{x}^*)$ :

$$P(y = m_k | X = \mathbf{x}^*) = \frac{P(X = \mathbf{x}^* | y = m_k)P(y = m_k)}{\sum_{m_l \in \mathcal{K}} P(X = \mathbf{x}^* | y = m_l)P(y = m_l)}$$

Normality  $P_{X|Y=m_k} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_{m_k}, \Sigma_{m_k})$  and precise marginal  $\pi_{m_k} := P_{Y=m_k}$ .



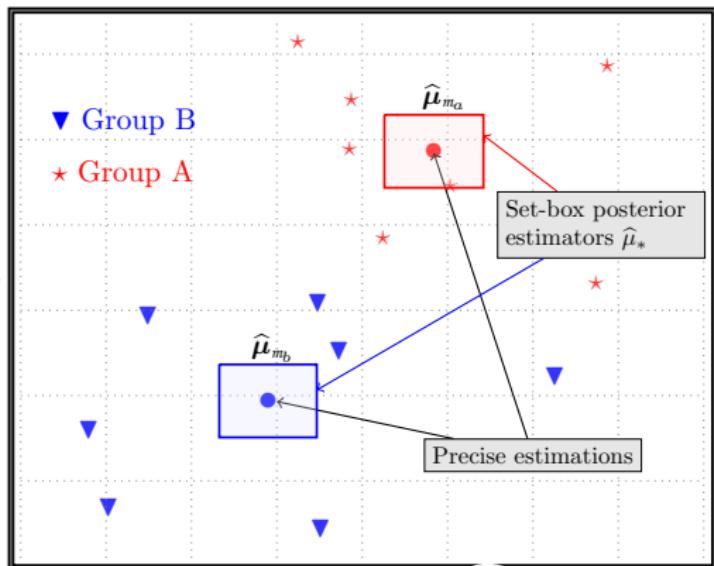
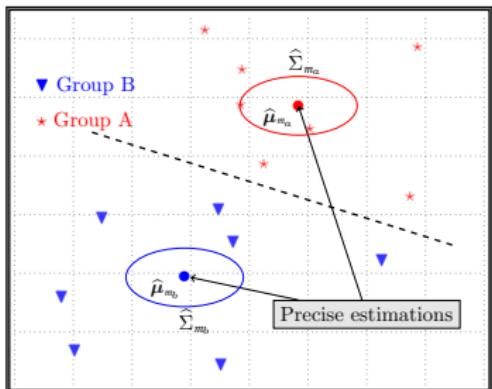
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# Imprecise Gaussian Discriminant Analysis (IGDA)

**Objective :** Making imprecise the parameter mean  $\mu_k$  of each Gaussian distribution family  $\mathcal{G}_k := P_{X|Y=m_k} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_k, \hat{\Sigma}_{m_k})$

**Proposition :** Using a set of posterior distribution  $\mathcal{P}$  ([4, eq 17]).



# Decision Making in Imprecise Probabilities

## Definition (Partial Ordering by Maximality [1])

Under  $\mathcal{L}_{0/1}$  loss function and let  $\mathcal{P}_{Y|\mathbf{x}^*}$  a set of probabilities then  $m_a$  is preferred to  $m_b$  if and only if

$$\inf_{\mathbb{P}_{Y|\mathbf{x}^*} \in \mathcal{P}_{Y|\mathbf{x}^*}} P(Y = m_a | \mathbf{x}^*) - P(Y = m_b | \mathbf{x}^*) > 0 \quad (1)$$

- ☞ This definition give us a partial order  $>_M$
- ☞ The maximal element of partial order is the cautious decision :

$$Y_M = \{m_a \in \mathcal{K} \mid \nexists m_b : m_a >_M m_b\}$$

# Decision Making in IGDA

- Using the Bayes' rule on the criterion of maximality :

$$\inf_{\mathbb{P}_{Y|\mathbf{x}^*} \in \mathcal{P}_{Y|\mathbf{x}^*}} P(Y = m_a | \mathbf{x}^*) - P(Y = m_b | \mathbf{x}^*) > 0 \quad (2)$$

- We can reduce it to solving two different optimization problems :

$$\sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}_{X|m_b}} P(\mathbf{x}^* | y = m_b) \iff \bar{\mu}_{m_b} = \arg \max_{\mu_{m_b} \in \mathcal{P}_{\mu_{m_b}}} -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x}^* - \mu_{m_b})^T \widehat{\Sigma}_{m_b}^{-1} (\mathbf{x}^* - \mu_{m_b}) \quad (\text{BQP})$$

$$\inf_{P \in \mathcal{P}_{X|m_a}} P(\mathbf{x}^* | y = m_a) \iff \underline{\mu}_{m_a} = \arg \min_{\mu_{m_a} \in \mathcal{P}_{\mu_{m_a}}} -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x}^* - \mu_{m_a})^T \widehat{\Sigma}_{m_a}^{-1} (\mathbf{x}^* - \mu_{m_a}) \quad (\text{NBQP})$$

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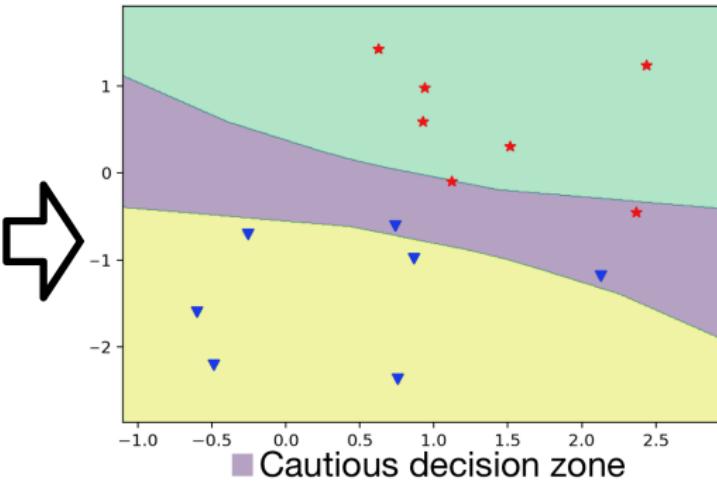
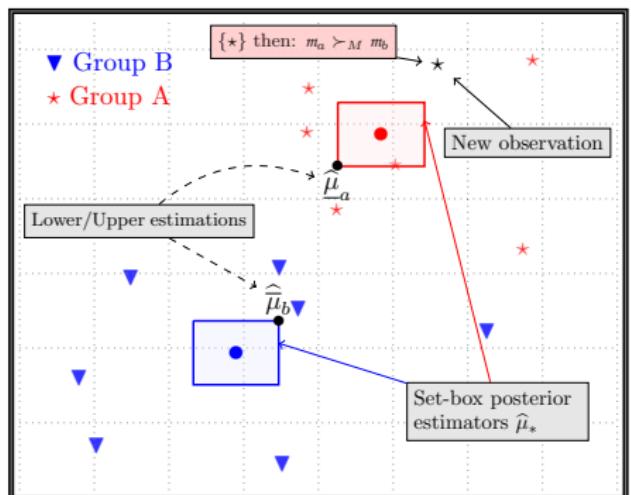
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# Cautious decision zone (example with 2 class)



☞ Note the non-linearity boundary decision !!

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# Datasets and experimental setting

- ☞ 9 data sets issued from UCI repository [2].
- ☞  $10 \times 10$ -fold cross-validation procedure.
- ☞ Utility-discounted accuracy measure proposed to Zaffalon et al on [3].

$$u(y, \hat{Y}_M) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } y \notin \hat{Y}_M \\ \frac{\alpha}{|\hat{Y}_M|} - \frac{1-\alpha}{|\hat{Y}_M|^2} & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

**Goal :** reward cautiousness to some degree  $\alpha$  :

- ⇒  $\alpha = 1$  : cautiousness = randomness
- ⇒  $\alpha \rightarrow \infty$  : best classifier vacuous

#	name	# instances	# features	# labels
a	iris	150	4	3
b	wine	178	13	3
c	forest	198	27	4
d	seeds	210	7	3
e	dermatology	385	34	6
f	vehicle	846	18	4
g	vowel	990	10	11
h	wine-quality	1599	11	6
i	wall-following	5456	24	4

TABLE – Data sets used in the experiments

# Experimental results

#	LDA	ILDA		QDA	IQDA		Avg. time (sec.)
	acc.	$U_{80}$	$U_{65}$	acc	$U_{80}$	$U_{65}$	
a	97.96	<b>98.38</b>	97.16	97.29	<b>98.08</b>	97.13	0.56
b	98.85	<b>98.99</b>	98.95	99.03	<b>99.39</b>	99.09	1.49
c	94.61	<b>94.56</b>	94.05	89.43	<b>91.77</b>	88.90	12.14
d	96.35	<b>96.59</b>	96.51	94.64	<b>95.20</b>	94.72	1.50
e	96.58	<b>97.06</b>	96.94	82.47	<b>84.24</b>	84.05	19.24
f	77.96	<b>81.98</b>	79.59	85.07	<b>87.96</b>	86.13	3.10
g	60.10	<b>67.45</b>	62.41	87.83	<b>89.96</b>	88.40	4.95
h	59.25	<b>65.83</b>	60.31	55.62	<b>65.85</b>	60.36	34.85
i	67.96	<b>71.34</b>	66.65	65.87	<b>71.79</b>	69.75	10.77
avg.	83.68	<b>86.05</b>	84.03	80.34	<b>87.16</b>	85.33	10.1

TABLE – AVERAGE UTILITY-DISCOUNTED ACCURACIES (%)

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# Conclusions and Perspectives

## Imprecise Gaussian Discriminant Classification

- ① Works done since submission of ISIPTA paper :
  - ✓ Considering the diagonal structure of the covariance matrix.
  - ✓ Releasing precise estimation of marginal distribution  $\mathbb{P}_Y$  to convex set of distributions  $\mathcal{P}_Y$ .
  - ✓ Considering a generic loss function  $\mathcal{L}$  instead of  $\mathcal{L}_{0/1}$ .
- ② What remains to do
  - ✗ Make imprecise the covariance matrix  $\Sigma_{m_k}$  by using a set of prior distributions (cf. Poster).
  - ✗ Making imprecise the components eigenvalues and eigenvectors of covariance matrix  $\Sigma_{m_k}$ .



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