



10-301/10-601 Introduction to Machine Learning

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MLE/MAP + Naïve Bayes

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Reminders

- **Lecture 18: this Friday; Recitation on Wednesday**
- **Homework 6: Learning Theory / Generative Models**
 - **Out: Fri, Mar. 17**
 - **Due: Fri, Mar. 24 at 11:59pm**
 - **IMPORTANT: only 2 grace/late days permitted**
- **Exam 2 (Thu, Mar 30)**
- **Exam 3 (Tue, May 2)**

MAP ESTIMATION

MLE vs. MAP

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Principle of maximum likelihood estimation (MLE):

Choose the parameters that maximize the likelihood of the data.

$$\theta^{\text{MLE}} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} p(\mathcal{D}|\theta) = \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} \prod_{i=1}^N p(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}|\theta)$$

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Important!

Usually the parameters are **continuous**, so the prior is a probability **density** function

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Maximum *a posteriori* (MAP) estimate

The MAP Estimation Objective

MLE: $p(\mathcal{D} | \boldsymbol{\theta})$

MAP: $p(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathcal{D}) = \frac{p(\mathcal{D} | \boldsymbol{\theta})p(\boldsymbol{\theta})}{p(\mathcal{D})}$

Diagram annotations for the MAP equation:

- Blue bracket above $p(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathcal{D})$ labeled "posterior".
- Blue bracket above $p(\mathcal{D} | \boldsymbol{\theta})p(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ labeled "likelihood".
- Blue bracket above $p(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ labeled "prior".
- Blue bracket below $p(\mathcal{D})$ labeled "not a function of θ ".

$$\int_{\boldsymbol{\theta}'} p(\mathcal{D} | \boldsymbol{\theta}')p(\boldsymbol{\theta}')d\boldsymbol{\theta}'$$

Diagram annotations for the integral:

- Red bracket below the integral labeled "not a function of θ ".

Bayes Rule

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}_{MAP} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} p(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathcal{D})$$

$$= \operatorname{argmax}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \frac{p(\mathcal{D} | \boldsymbol{\theta})p(\boldsymbol{\theta})}{p(\mathcal{D})}$$

Diagram annotation: Red circle around $p(\mathcal{D})$ in the denominator.

$$= \operatorname{argmax}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} p(\mathcal{D} | \boldsymbol{\theta})p(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

$$= \operatorname{argmax}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \underbrace{\log p(\mathcal{D} | \boldsymbol{\theta}) + \log p(\boldsymbol{\theta})}_{\ell_{MAP}(\boldsymbol{\theta})}$$

Recipe for Closed-form MLE

1. Assume data was generated iid from some model, i.e., write the *generative story*

$$x^{(i)} \sim p(x|\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

2. Write the log-likelihood

$$\ell(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \log p(x^{(1)}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) + \dots + \log p(x^{(N)}|\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

3. Compute partial derivatives, i.e., the gradient

$$\partial \ell(\boldsymbol{\theta}) / \partial \theta_1 = \dots$$

...

$$\partial \ell(\boldsymbol{\theta}) / \partial \theta_M = \dots$$

4. Set derivatives equal to zero and solve for $\boldsymbol{\theta}$

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$\boldsymbol{\theta}^{\text{MLE}}$ = solution to system of M equations and M variables

5. Compute the second derivative and check that $\ell(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ is concave down at $\boldsymbol{\theta}^{\text{MLE}}$

Recipe for Closed-form MAP

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$$\boldsymbol{\theta} \sim p(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \text{ and then for all } i: x^{(i)} \sim p(x|\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

2. Write the log posterior

$$\ell_{\text{MAP}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \underbrace{\log p(\boldsymbol{\theta})}_{\text{prior}} + \log p(x^{(1)}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) + \dots + \log p(x^{(N)}|\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

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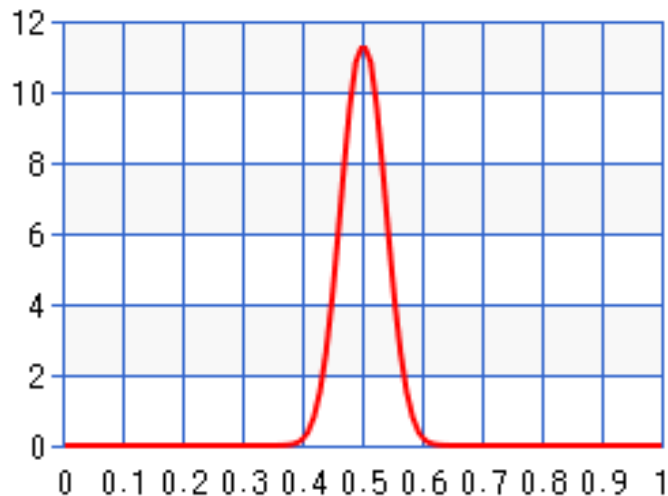
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The Prior Distribution

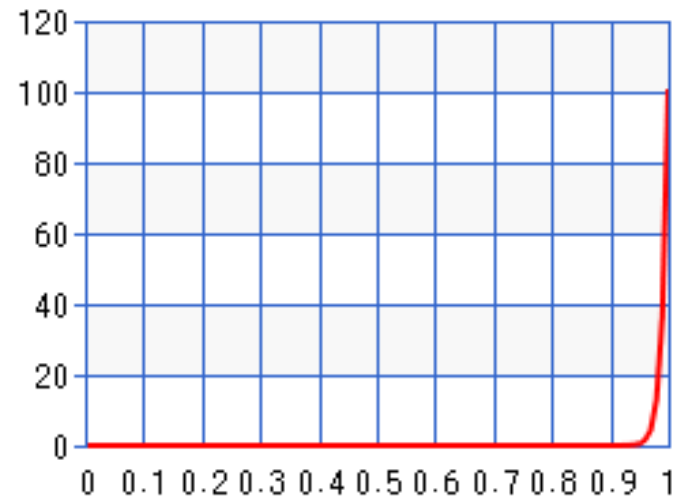
- The prior distribution encodes domain knowledge about the problem.
- Question: Why do we use the Beta distribution as the prior for the Bernoulli?
- Reason #1: It has the right support, i.e. $[0,1]$.

Example: Beta prior “fair coin”



$$f(\phi \mid \alpha = 101, \beta = 101)$$

Example: Beta prior “unfair coin”



$$f(\phi \mid \alpha = 101, \beta = 1)$$

The Prior Distribution

- The prior distribution encodes domain knowledge about the problem.
- Question: Why do we use the Beta distribution as the prior for the Bernoulli?
- Reason #2: The Beta is a conjugate prior for the Bernoulli.
- Definition: A distribution is the **conjugate prior** of a likelihood if the form of the posterior is the same as the form of the prior.

Posterior $p(\theta D)$	Likelihood $p(D \theta)$	Prior $p(\theta)$	Conjugate?
Beta	Bernoulli	Beta	yes
Dirichlet	Multinomial	Multinomial Dirichlet	yes
Gaussian	Guassian	Guassian	yes
Gamma	Exponential	Gamma	yes
??	Multinomial	Logistic Normal	no



MLE of Bernoulli Model

1. Model: $\mathbf{x}^{(i)} \sim \text{Bernoulli}(\phi)$ for $i = 1, \dots, N$

2. Log-~~posterior~~^{likelihood}:

$$N_1 = \#(x^{(i)} = 1)$$

$$N_0 = \#(x^{(i)} = 0)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\ell_{\text{MLE}}(\phi) &= \log p(\mathcal{D} \mid \phi) \\ &= \log (\phi^{N_1} (1 - \phi)^{N_0}) \\ &= N_1 \log(\phi) + N_0 \log(1 - \phi)\end{aligned}$$

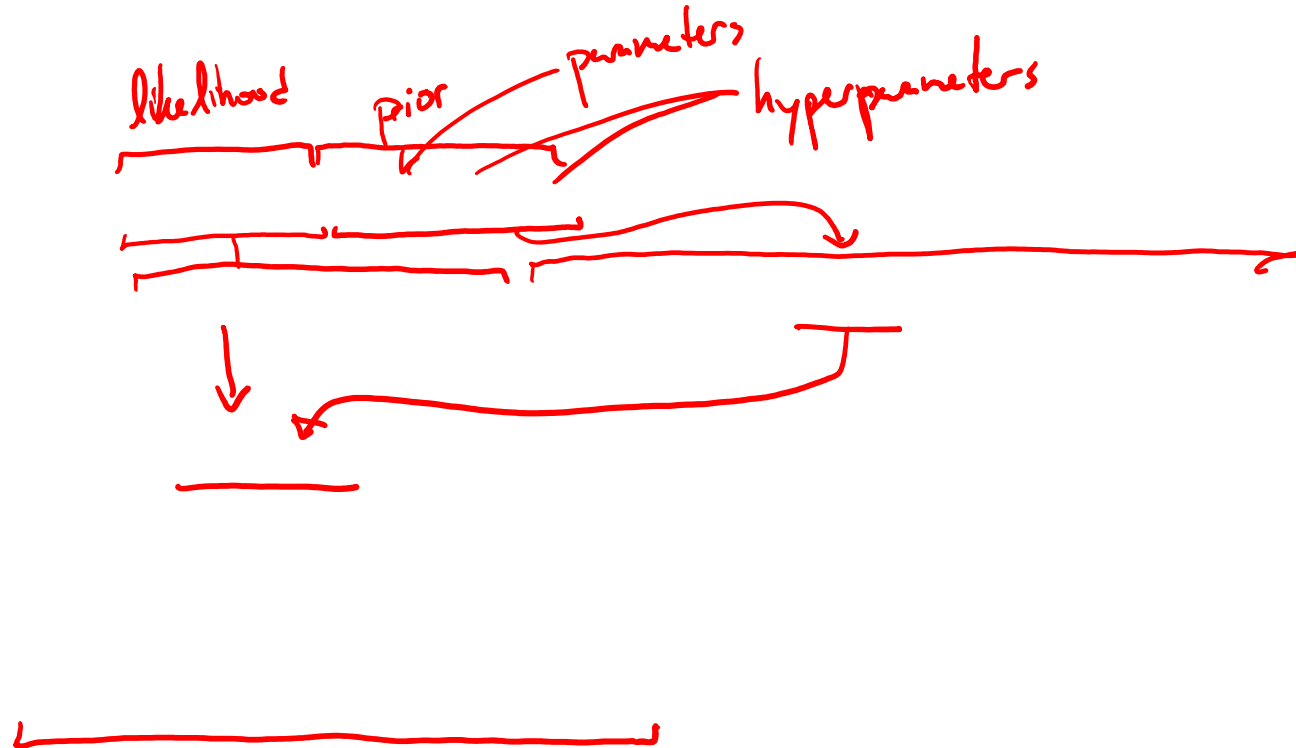
3. Derivative: $\frac{\partial \ell_{\text{MLE}}(\phi)}{\partial \phi} = \frac{N_1}{\phi} - \frac{N_0}{1 - \phi}$

4. Set to zero and solve: $\phi_{\text{MLE}} = \frac{N_1}{N_1 + N_0} = \frac{N_1}{N}$

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MAP of Beta-Bernoulli Model

Example 1 (MLE) Suppose $D = \{8H, 2T\}$

$$\phi_{\text{MLE}} = \frac{8}{10} = 0.8$$

pseudocounts!

Example 2 (MAP) Same dataset, but $\phi \sim \text{Beta}(\alpha = 101, \beta = 101)$

$$\phi_{\text{MAP}} = \frac{8 + 101 - 1}{8 + 101 - 1 + 2 + 101 - 1} = \frac{108}{108 + 102} \approx 0.5$$

“fair coin” prior

Example 3 (MAP) Same dataset, but $\phi \sim \text{Beta}(\alpha = 101, \beta = 1)$

$$\phi_{\text{MAP}} = \frac{108}{108 + 2} \approx 1.0$$

“unfair coin” prior

Example 4 (MLE) Suppose $D = \{108H, 102T\}$

$$\phi_{\text{MLE}} = \frac{108}{108 + 102} \approx 0.5$$

Takeaways

- One view of what ML is trying to accomplish is **function approximation**
- The principle of **maximum likelihood estimation** provides an alternate view of learning
- **Synthetic data** can help **debug** ML algorithms
- Probability distributions can be used to **model** real data that occurs in the world
(don't worry we'll make our distributions more interesting soon!)

Learning Objectives

MLE / MAP

You should be able to...

1. Recall probability basics, including but not limited to: discrete and continuous random variables, probability mass functions, probability density functions, events vs. random variables, expectation and variance, joint probability distributions, marginal probabilities, conditional probabilities, independence, conditional independence
2. Describe common probability distributions such as the Beta, Dirichlet, Multinomial, Categorical, Gaussian, Exponential, etc.
3. State the principle of maximum likelihood estimation and explain what it tries to accomplish
4. State the principle of maximum a posteriori estimation and explain why we use it
5. Derive the MLE or MAP parameters of a simple model in closed form

NAÏVE BAYES

Naïve Bayes

- Why are we talking about Naïve Bayes?
 - It's **just another decision function** that fits into our “big picture” recipe from last time
 - But it's our first **example of a Bayesian Network** and provides a *clearer* picture of **probabilistic learning**
 - Just like the other Bayes Nets we'll see, it **admits a closed form solution** for MLE and MAP
 - So learning is **extremely efficient** (just counting)

Fake News Detector

Today's Goal: To define a generative model of emails of two different classes (e.g. real vs. fake news)

The Economist

Soybean Prices Surge as South American Outlook Deteriorates

Drought is pushing prices up, with shortfalls in production expected to boost demand for U.S. beans



Agricultural research firm Farm Futures last month forecast that planted soybean acreage in the U.S. may exceed corn for only the second time in history.

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By [Kirk Maltais](#)

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U.S. soybean prices have surged in recent months amid shrinking forecasts for South American crops.

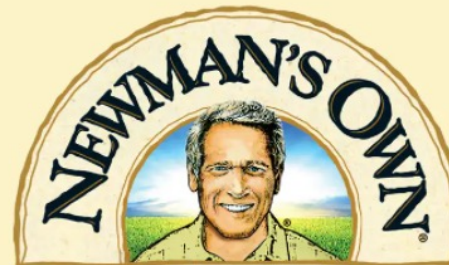
Prices for soybeans—the base ingredient in many food products, poultry and livestock feed and renewable fuel, among other things—are edging back toward highs reached last year, which hadn't previously been seen in a decade.

The Onion

NEWS IN BRIEF

Watchdog Warns Nearly Every Food Brand In U.S. Owned By Handful Of Companies, Which In Turn Are Controlled By Newman's Own

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WASHINGTON—Calling for a full-scale Federal Trade Commission investigation into the sauce and salad dressing brand, the American Antitrust Institute issued a report Thursday warning that nearly every food brand in the United States was owned by a handful of companies, which in turn were controlled by Newman's Own. “Kellogg’s, General Mills, PepsiCo, Kraft Heinz—all of these companies are just Newman’s Own by another name,” said Diana L.

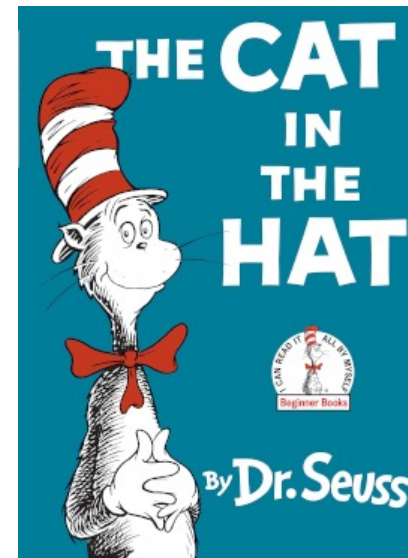
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The **Cat** in the **Hat**
(by Dr. Seuss)

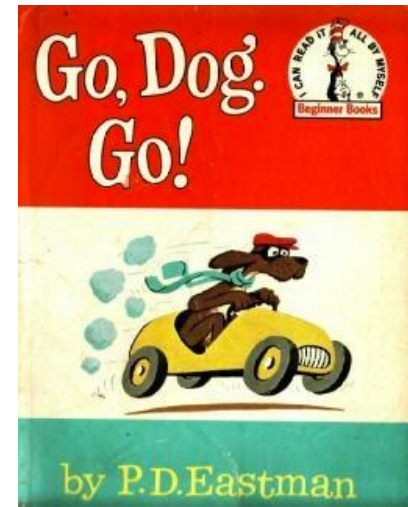


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Go, **Dog**. Go!
(by P. D. Eastman)

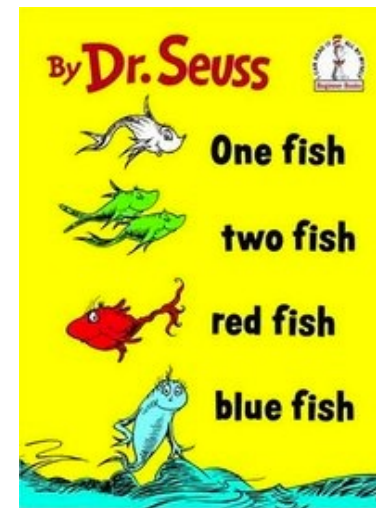


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One Fish, Two Fish,
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(by Dr. Seuss)



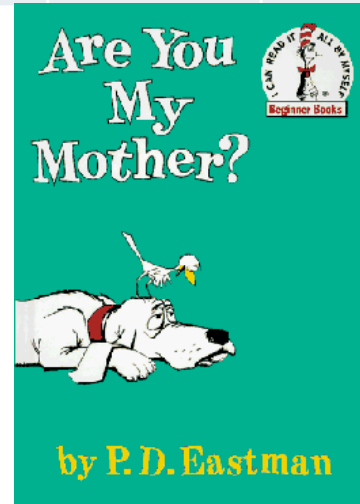
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Are You My **Mother**?
(by P. D. Eastman)



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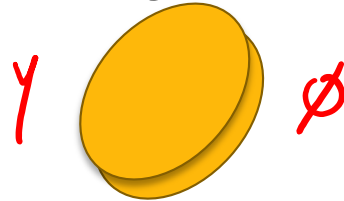
Naive Bayes: Model

Whiteboard

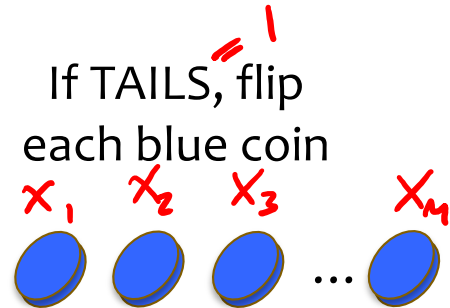
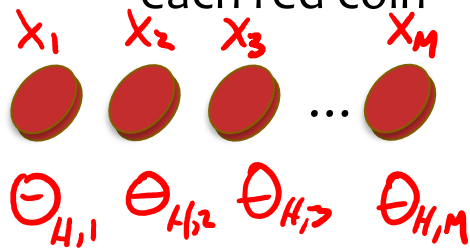
- Generating synthetic "labeled documents"
- Definition of model
- Naive Bayes assumption
- Counting # of parameters with / without NB assumption

Model 1: Bernoulli Naïve Bayes

Flip weighted coin



If HEADS, flip
each red coin



We can generate data in this fashion. Though in practice we never would since our data is **given**.

Instead, this provides an explanation of **how** the data was generated (albeit a terrible one).

y	x_1	x_2	x_3	...	x_M
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Each red coin corresponds to an x_m

What's wrong with the Naïve Bayes Assumption?

The features might not be independent!!

- Example 1:
 - If a document contains the word “Donald”, it's extremely likely to contain the word “Trump”
 - These are not independent!
- Example 2:
 - If the petal width is very high, the petal length is also likely to be very high



Q&A

Q: Why would we use Naïve Bayes? Isn't it too Naïve?

A: Naïve Bayes has one **key advantage** over methods like Perceptron, Logistic Regression, Neural Nets:

Training is lightning fast!

While other methods require slow iterative training procedures that might require hundreds of epochs, Naïve Bayes computes its parameters in closed form by counting.

Naïve Bayes: Learning from Data

Whiteboard

- Data likelihood
- MLE for Naive Bayes
- Example: MLE for Naïve Bayes with Two Features
- MAP for Naive Bayes

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BERNOULLI NAÏVE BAYES

Model 1: Bernoulli Naïve Bayes

Data: Binary feature vectors, Binary labels

$$\mathbf{x} \in \{0, 1\}^M$$

$$y \in \{0, 1\}$$

Generative Story:

$$y \sim \text{Bernoulli}(\phi)$$

$$x_1 \sim \text{Bernoulli}(\theta_{y,1})$$

$$x_2 \sim \text{Bernoulli}(\theta_{y,2})$$

\vdots

$$x_M \sim \text{Bernoulli}(\theta_{y,M})$$

Model:

$$p_{\phi, \theta}(\mathbf{x}, y) = p_{\phi, \theta}(x_1, \dots, x_M, y)$$

$$= p_{\phi}(y) \prod_{m=1}^M p_{\theta}(x_m | y)$$

$$= \left[(\phi)^y (1 - \phi)^{(1-y)} \right.$$

$$\left. \prod_{m=1}^M (\theta_{y,m})^{x_m} (1 - \theta_{y,m})^{(1-x_m)} \right]$$

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Maximum Likelihood Estimation

Training: Find the **class-conditional MLE** parameters

Count Variables:

$$N_{y=1} = \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{I}(y^{(i)} = 1)$$
$$N_{y=0} = \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{I}(y^{(i)} = 0)$$
$$N_{y=0, x_m=1} = \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{I}(y^{(i)} = 0 \wedge x_m^{(i)} = 1)$$

...

Maximum Likelihood Estimators:

$$\phi = \frac{N_{y=1}}{N}$$
$$\theta_{0,m} = \frac{N_{y=0, x_m=1}}{N_{y=0}}$$
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Question 1:

Q1

What is the MLE of ϕ ?

90%

- ~~(A) 0/6~~ (B) 1/6 (C) 2/6 (D) 3/6
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Question 2: Q2

What is the MLE of $\theta_{0,1}$?

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MLE for Naïve Bayes is a splendid learning algorithm for when you have say billions of training examples and hundreds of millions of features!

You only need one pass through the data to perform some counting.



MAP ESTIMATION FOR BERNOULLI NAÏVE BAYES

MLE

What does maximizing likelihood accomplish?

- There is only a finite amount of probability mass (i.e. sum-to-one constraint)
- MLE tries to allocate **as much** probability mass **as possible** to the things we have observed...

... at the expense of the things we have **not** observed

A Shortcoming of MLE

For Naïve Bayes, suppose we **never** observe the word “**unicorn**” in a **real** news article.

In this case, what is the MLE of the following quantity?

$$p(x_{\text{unicorn}} = 1 \mid y = \text{real}) = 0$$

Recall:
$$\theta_{k,0} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{I}(y^{(i)} = 0 \wedge x_k^{(i)} = 1)}{\sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{I}(y^{(i)} = 0)}$$

Now suppose we observe the word “**unicorn**” at test time. What is the posterior probability that the article was a **real** article?

$$p(y = \text{real} \mid \mathbf{x}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{x} \mid y = \text{real})p(y = \text{real})}{p(\mathbf{x})} = 0$$

Recipe for Closed-form MAP Estimation

1. Assume data was generated i.i.d. from some model (i.e. write the generative story)

$$\boldsymbol{\theta} \sim p(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \text{ and then for all } i: x^{(i)} \sim p(x|\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

2. Write log-likelihood

$$\ell_{\text{MAP}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \log p(\boldsymbol{\theta}) + \log p(x^{(1)}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) + \dots + \log p(x^{(N)}|\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

3. Compute partial derivatives (i.e. gradient)

$$\partial \ell_{\text{MAP}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) / \partial \theta_1 = \dots$$

$$\partial \ell_{\text{MAP}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) / \partial \theta_2 = \dots$$

...

$$\partial \ell_{\text{MAP}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) / \partial \theta_M = \dots$$

4. Set derivatives to zero and solve for $\boldsymbol{\theta}$

$$\partial \ell_{\text{MAP}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) / \partial \theta_m = 0 \text{ for all } m \in \{1, \dots, M\}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}^{\text{MAP}} = \text{solution to system of } M \text{ equations and } M \text{ variables}$$

5. Compute the second derivative and check that $\ell(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ is concave down at $\boldsymbol{\theta}^{\text{MAP}}$

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for $i \in \{1, \dots, N\}$:

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for $m \in \{1, \dots, M\}$:

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$$\ell_{MAP}(\phi, \theta)$$

$$= \log [p(\phi, \theta | \alpha', \beta', \alpha, \beta) p(\mathcal{D} | \phi, \theta)]$$

$$= \log \left[\underbrace{\left(p(\phi | \alpha', \beta') \prod_{m=1}^M p(\theta_{0,m} | \alpha, \beta) \right)}_{\text{prior}} \underbrace{\left(\prod_{i=1}^N p(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, y^{(i)} | \phi, \theta) \right)}_{\text{likelihood}} \right]$$

3. MAP Estimators: $(\phi^{MAP}, \theta^{MAP}) = \underset{\phi, \theta}{\text{argmax}} \ell_{MAP}(\phi, \theta)$

Take derivatives, set to zero and solve...

$$\phi = \frac{(\alpha' - 1) + N_{y=1}}{(\alpha' - 1) + (\beta' - 1) + N}$$

$$\theta_{0,m} = \frac{(\alpha - 1) + N_{y=0, x_m=1}}{(\alpha - 1) + (\beta - 1) + N_{y=0}}$$

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A common choice for the class prior:

$$\alpha' = 1 \text{ and } \beta' = 1$$

Since $\text{Beta}(1,1) = \text{Uniform}(0,1)$

THE NAÏVE BAYES FRAMEWORK

Many NB Models

There are many Naïve Bayes models!

1. **Bernoulli Naïve Bayes:**
 - for **binary features**
2. **Multinomial Naïve Bayes:**
 - for **integer features**
3. **Gaussian Naïve Bayes:**
 - for **continuous features**
4. **Multi-class Naïve Bayes:**
 - for classification problems with > 2 classes
 - **event model** could be any of Bernoulli, Gaussian, Multinomial, depending on features

Model 2: Multinomial Naïve Bayes

Support: Option 1: Integer vector (word IDs)

$\mathbf{x} = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_M]$ where $x_m \in \{1, \dots, K\}$ a word id.

Generative Story:

for $i \in \{1, \dots, N\}$:

$y^{(i)} \sim \text{Bernoulli}(\phi)$

for $j \in \{1, \dots, M_i\}$:

$x_j^{(i)} \sim \text{Multinomial}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{y^{(i)}}, 1)$

Model:

$$\begin{aligned} p_{\phi, \boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}, y) &= p_{\phi}(y) \prod_{k=1}^K p_{\boldsymbol{\theta}_k}(x_k | y) \\ &= (\phi)^y (1 - \phi)^{(1-y)} \prod_{j=1}^{M_i} \theta_{y, x_j} \end{aligned}$$

Model 3: Gaussian Naïve Bayes

Support:

$$\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^K$$

Model: Product of **prior** and the event model

$$p(\mathbf{x}, y) = p(x_1, \dots, x_K, y)$$

$$= p(y) \prod_{k=1}^K p(x_k | y)$$


Gaussian Naive Bayes assumes that $p(x_k | y)$ is given by a Normal distribution.

Model 3: Gaussian Naïve Bayes

Support:

$$\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^K$$

Model:

- Binary label
 - $Y \sim \text{Bernoulli}(\pi)$ 
 - $\hat{\pi} = N_{Y=1}/N$
 - $N = \#$ of data points
 - $N_{Y=1} = \#$ of data points with label 1

- Real-valued features

$p(x_d|y)$

- $X_d|Y = y \sim \text{Gaussian}(\mu_{d,y}, \sigma_{d,y}^2)$
- $\hat{\mu}_{d,y} = \frac{1}{N_{Y=y}} \sum_{n:y^{(n)}=y} x_d^{(n)}$
- $\hat{\sigma}_{d,y}^2 = \frac{1}{N_{Y=y}} \sum_{n:y^{(n)}=y} (x_d^{(n)} - \hat{\mu}_{d,y})^2$
 - $N_{Y=y} = \#$ of data points with label y

Model 4: Multiclass Naïve Bayes

Model:

The only change is that we permit y to range over C classes.

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{x}, y) &= p(x_1, \dots, x_K, y) \\ &= \underbrace{p(y)} \prod_{k=1}^K p(x_k | y) \end{aligned}$$


Now, $y \sim$ Multinomial($\phi, 1$) and we have a separate conditional distribution $p(x_k | y)$ for each of the C classes.

Model 4': Multiclass Gaussian Naïve Bayes

Support:

$$\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^K$$

Model:

- Discrete label (Y can take on one of M possible values)
 - $Y \sim \text{Categorical}(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_M)$ 
 - $\hat{\pi}_m = N_{Y=m} / N$
 - $N = \#$ of data points
 - $N_{Y=m} = \#$ of data points with label m
- Real-valued features
 - $X_d | Y = y \sim \text{Gaussian}(\mu_{d,y}, \sigma_{d,y}^2)$
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Generic Naïve Bayes Model

Support: Depends on the choice of **event model**, $P(X_k|Y)$

Model: Product of **prior** and the event model

$$P(\mathbf{X}, Y) = P(Y) \prod_{k=1}^K P(X_k|Y)$$

Training: Find the **class-conditional** MLE parameters

For $P(Y)$, we find the MLE using all the data. For each $P(X_k|Y)$ we condition on the data with the corresponding

Classification: Find the class that maximizes the posterior

$$\hat{y} = \underset{y}{\operatorname{argmax}} p(y|\mathbf{x})$$

Generic Naïve Bayes Model

$p(\vec{x}, y)$

Classification:

$$\hat{y} = \operatorname{argmax}_y p(y|\mathbf{x}) \quad (\text{posterior})$$

$$= \operatorname{argmax}_y \frac{p(\mathbf{x}|y)p(y)}{p(\mathbf{x})} \quad (\text{by Bayes' rule})$$

$$= \operatorname{argmax}_y \underbrace{p(\mathbf{x}|y)p(y)}_{p(\vec{x}, y)}$$

VISUALIZING GAUSSIAN NAÏVE BAYES



Fisher Iris Dataset

Fisher (1936) used 150 measurements of flowers from 3 different species: Iris setosa (0), Iris virginica (1), Iris versicolor (2) collected by Anderson (1936)

Species	Sepal Length	Sepal Width	Petal Length	Petal Width
0	4.3	3.0	1.1	0.1
0	4.9	3.6	1.4	0.1
0	5.3	3.7	1.5	0.2
1	4.9	2.4	3.3	1.0
1	5.7	2.8	4.1	1.3
1	6.3	3.3	4.7	1.6
1	6.7	3.0	5.0	1.7

Iris Data (2 classes)

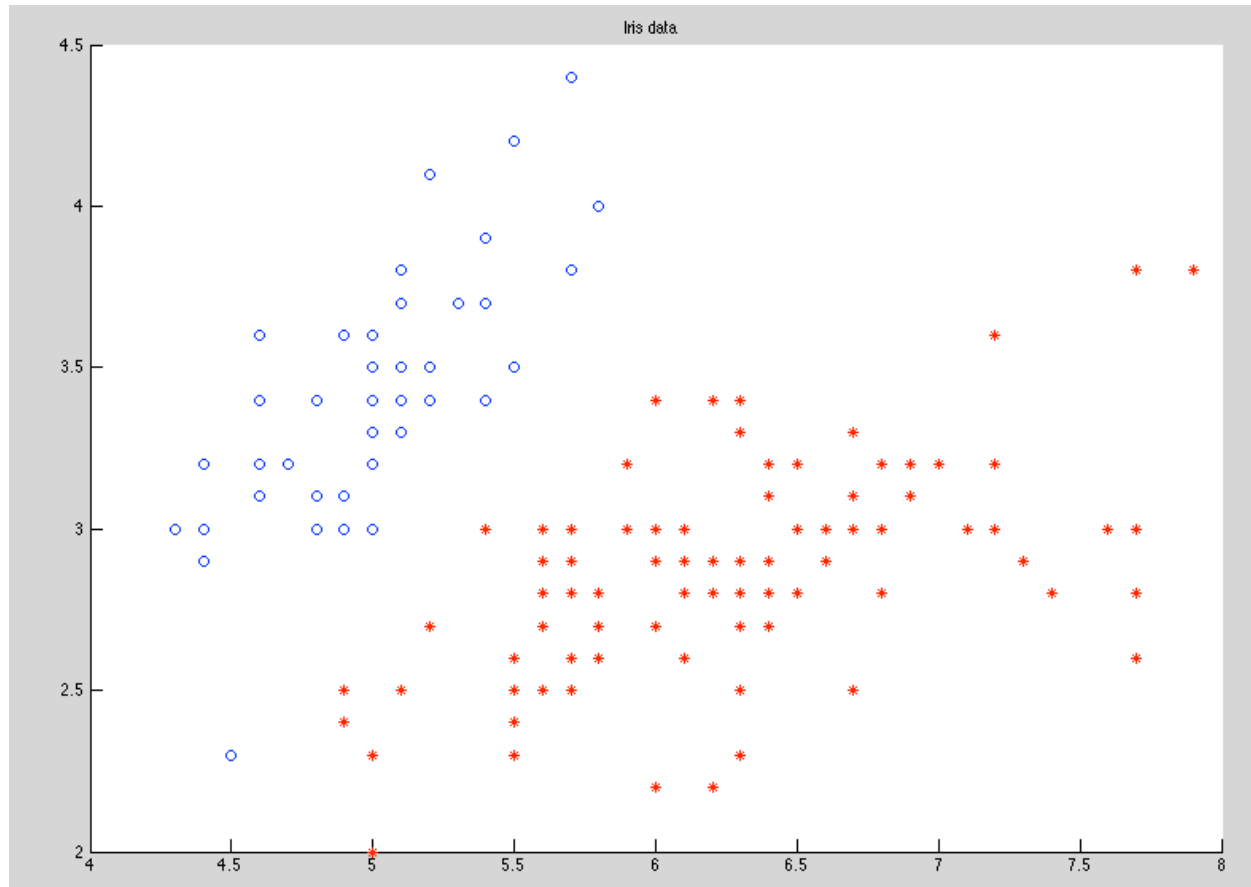


Figure from William Cohen

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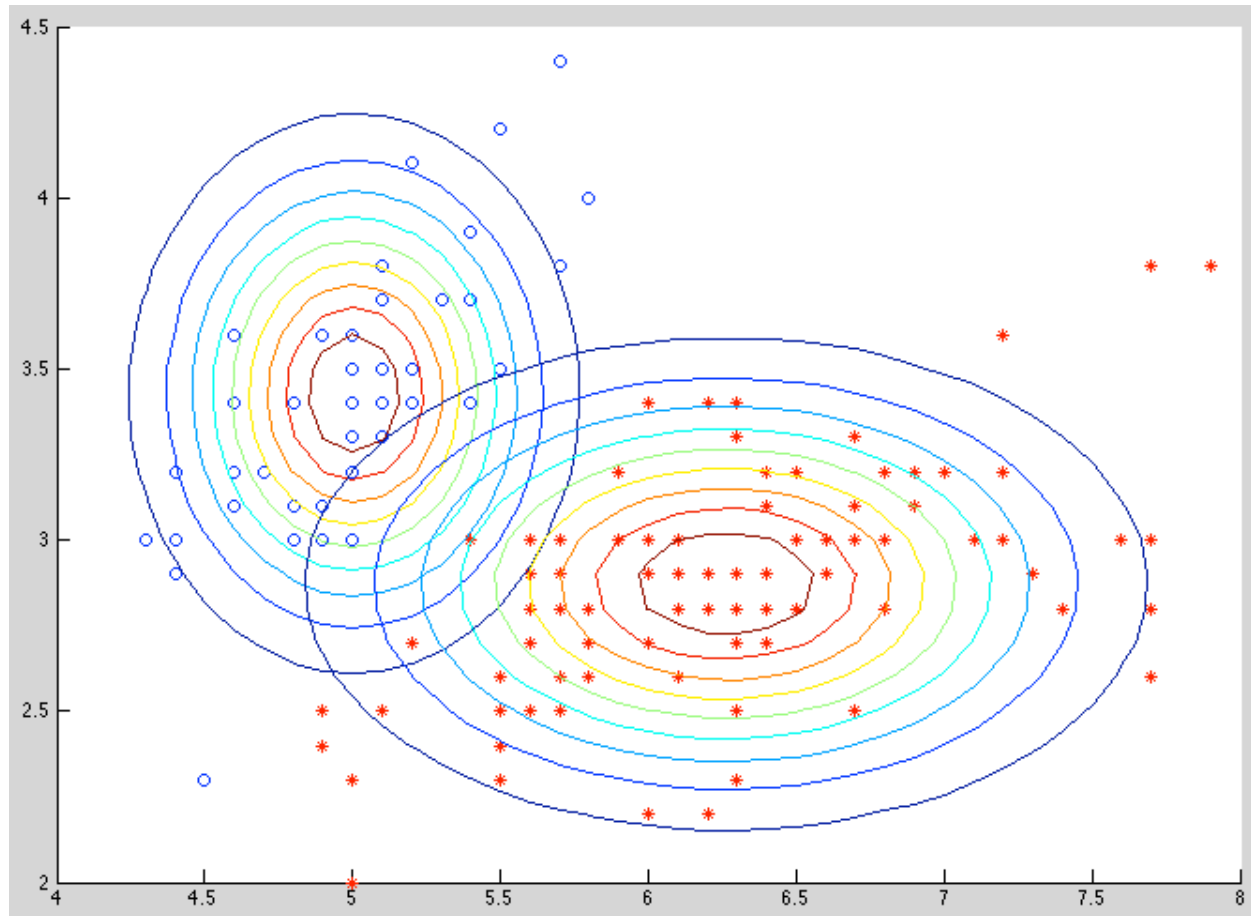


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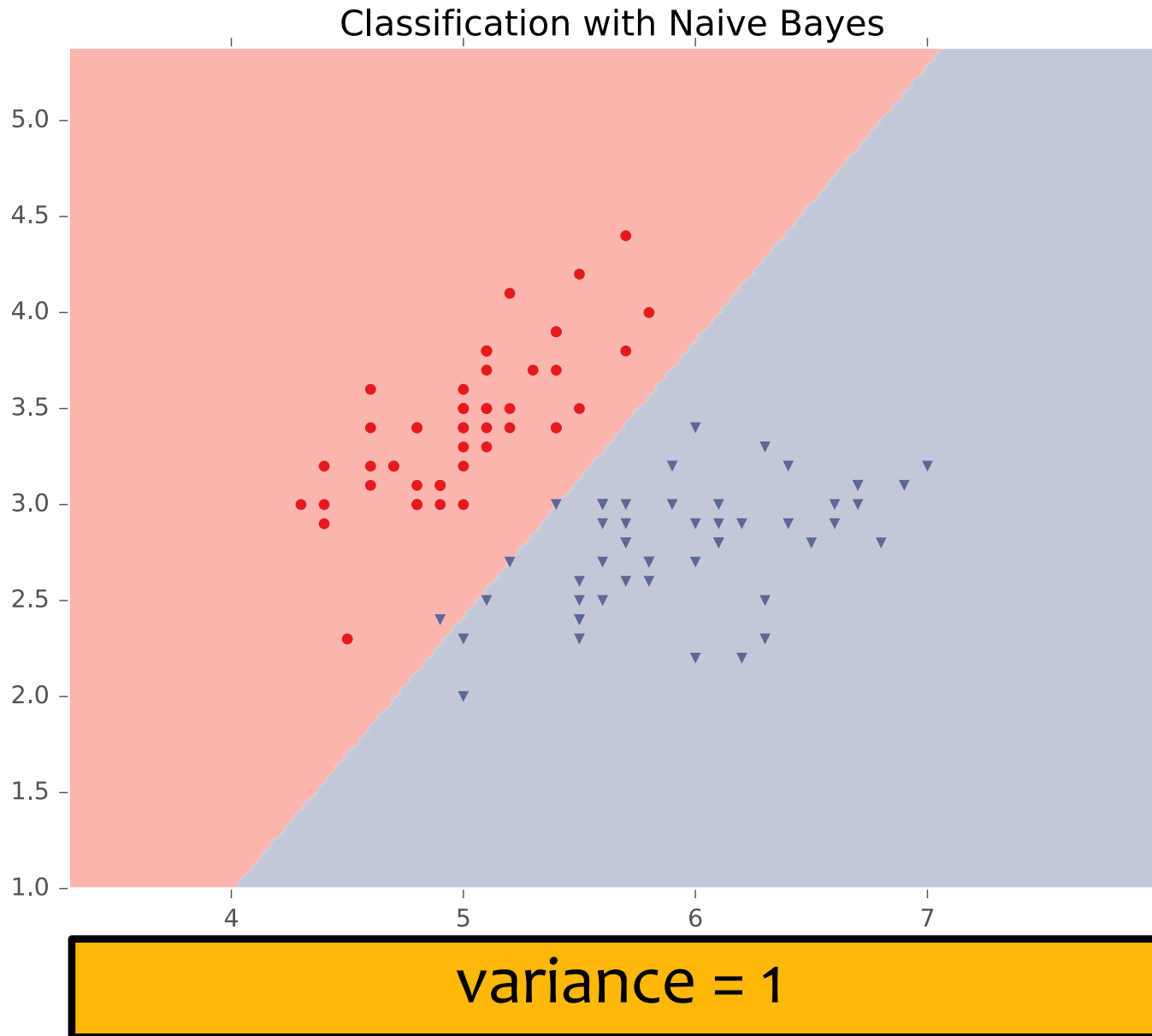
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Classification with Naive Bayes

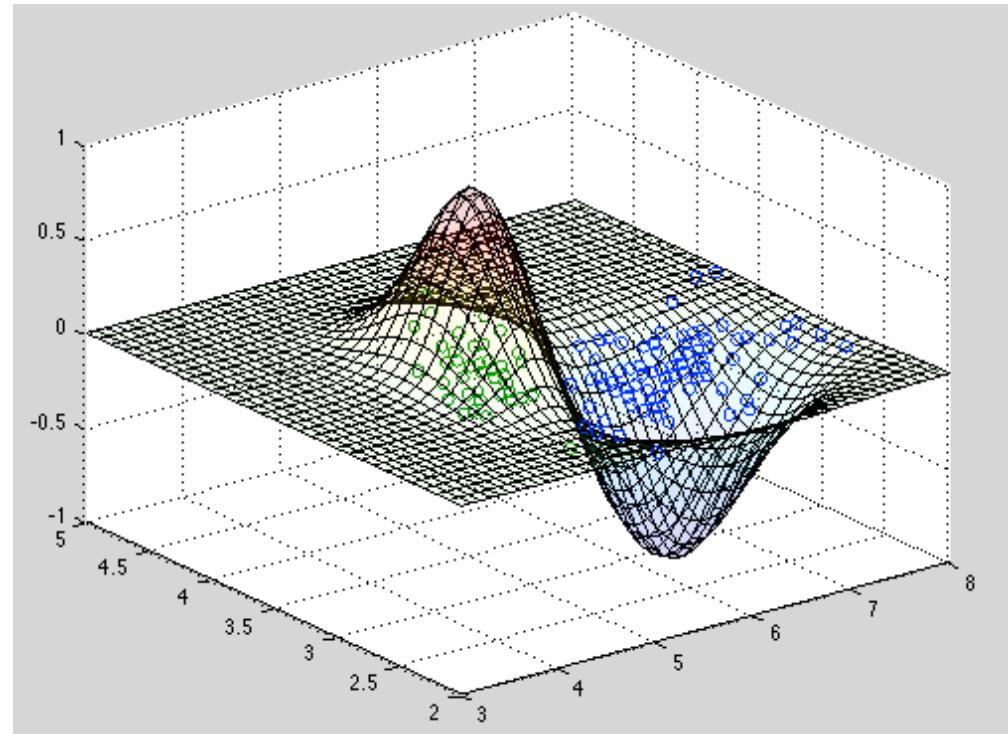
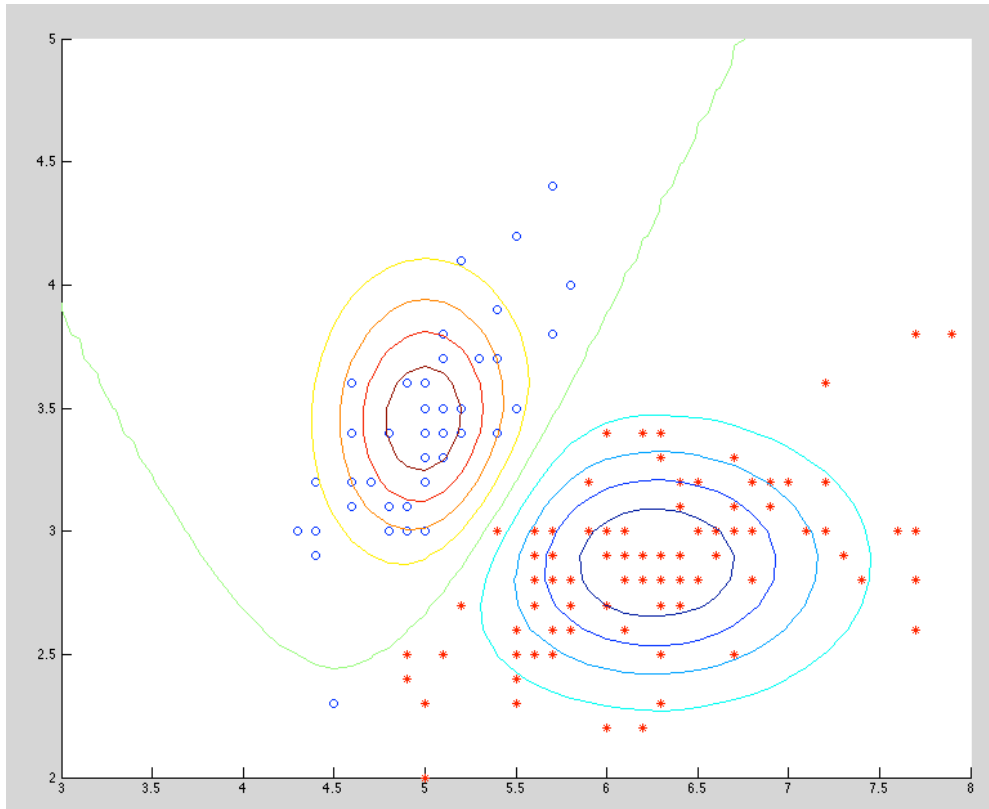
Naïve Bayes can have a **nonlinear** decision boundary if variance (sigma) can vary across classes



variance learned for each class

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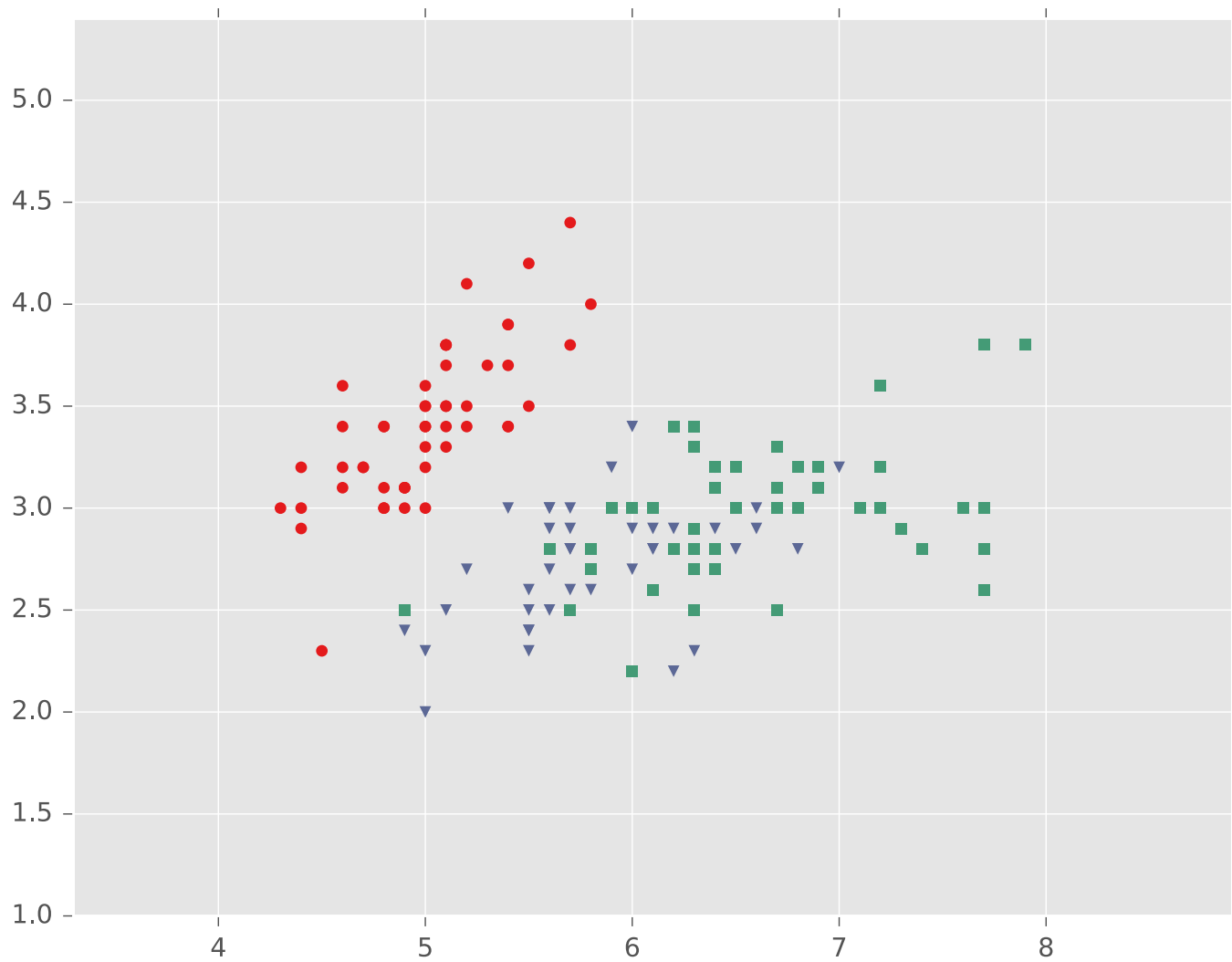
z-axis is the difference of the posterior probabilities: $p(y=1 | \mathbf{x}) - p(y=0 | \mathbf{x})$



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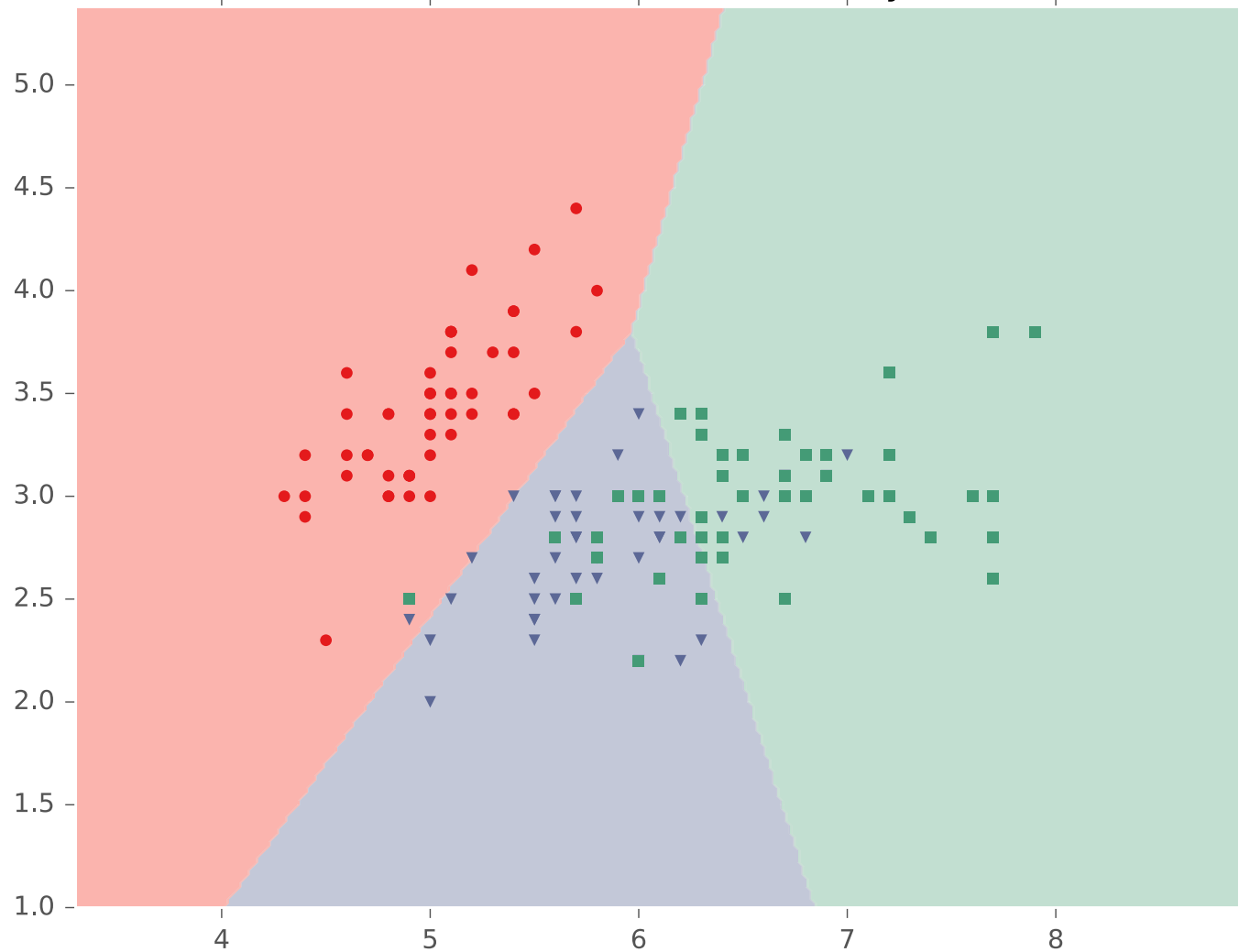
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variance = 1

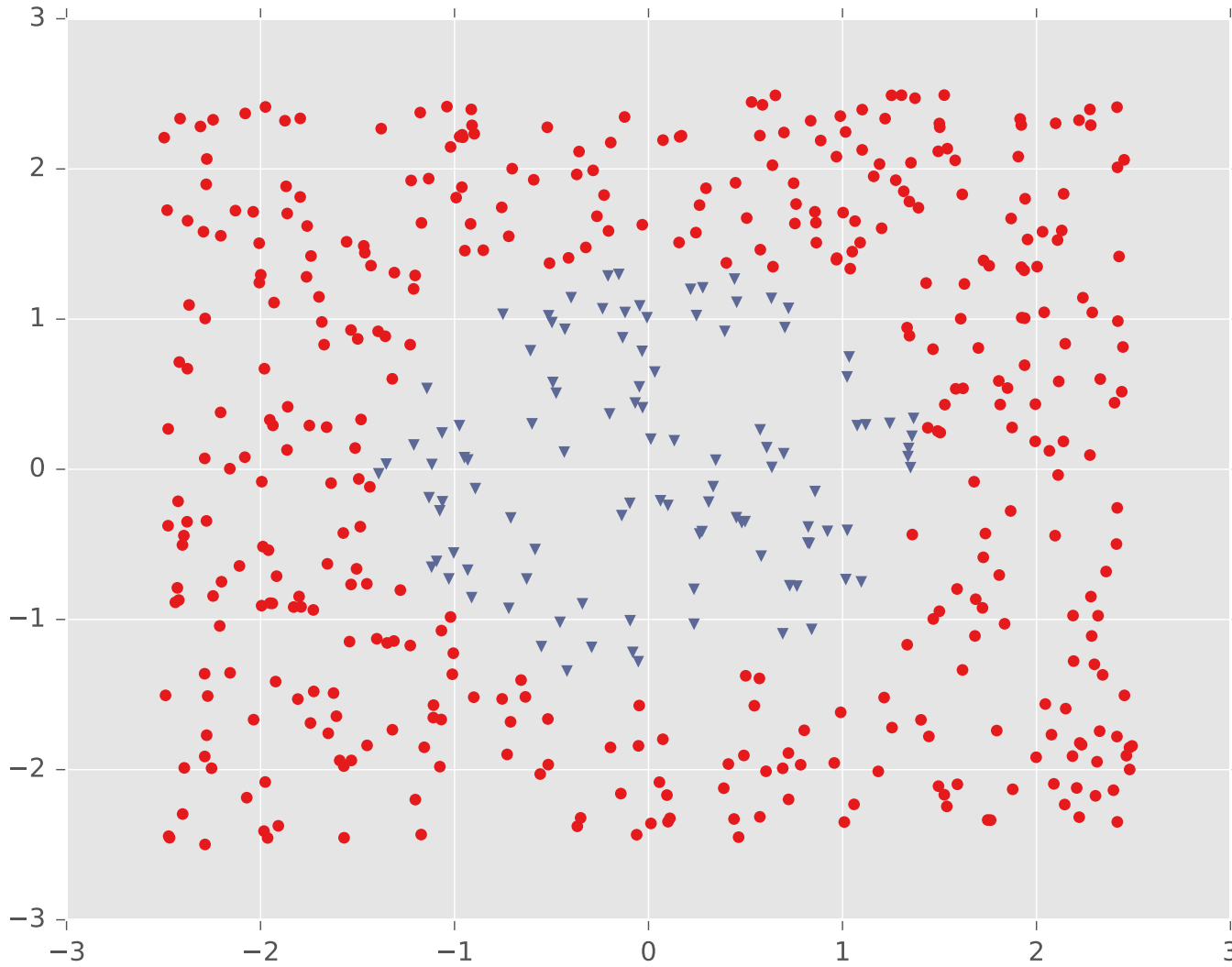
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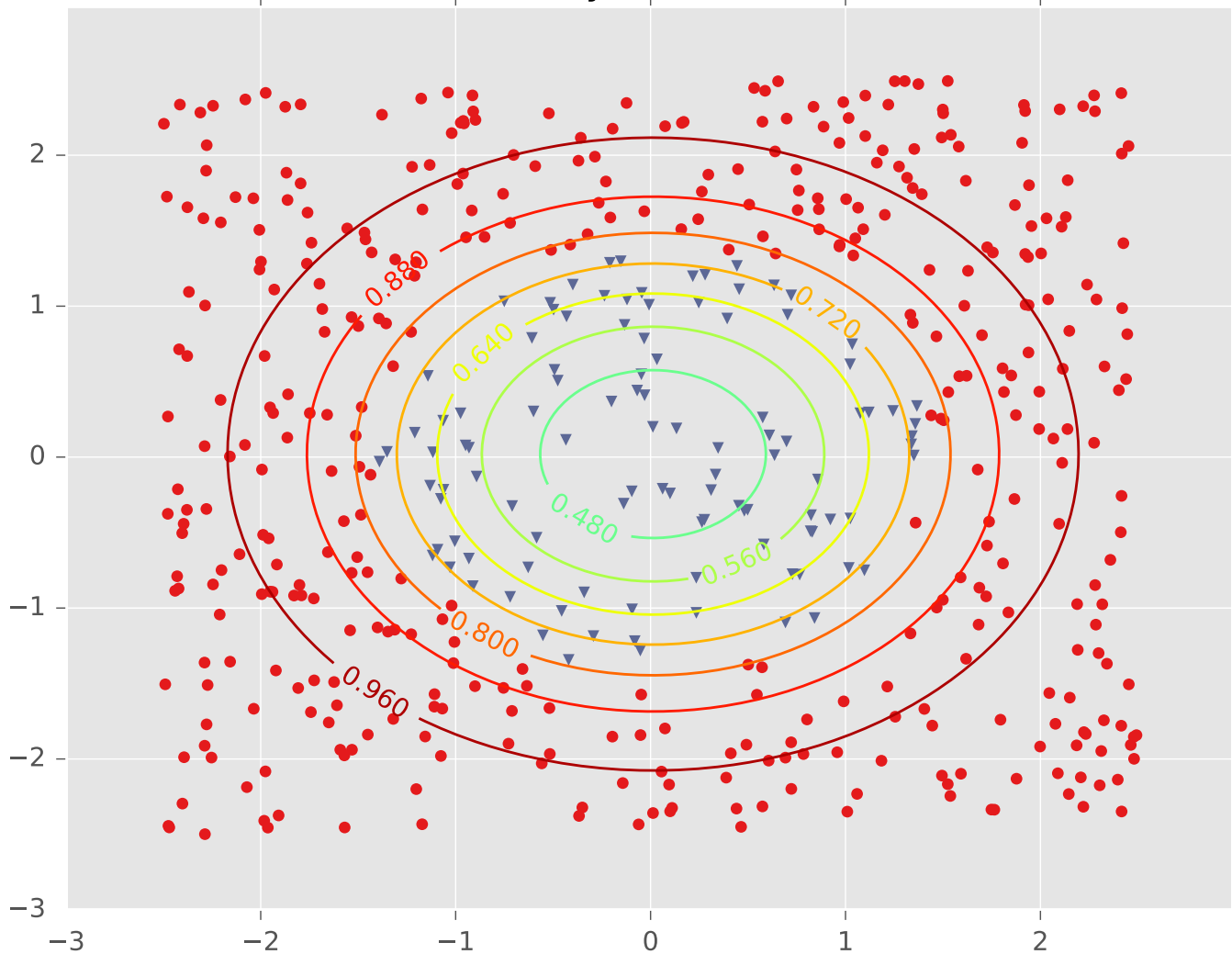
variance learned for each class

One Pocket



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Naive Bayes Distribution

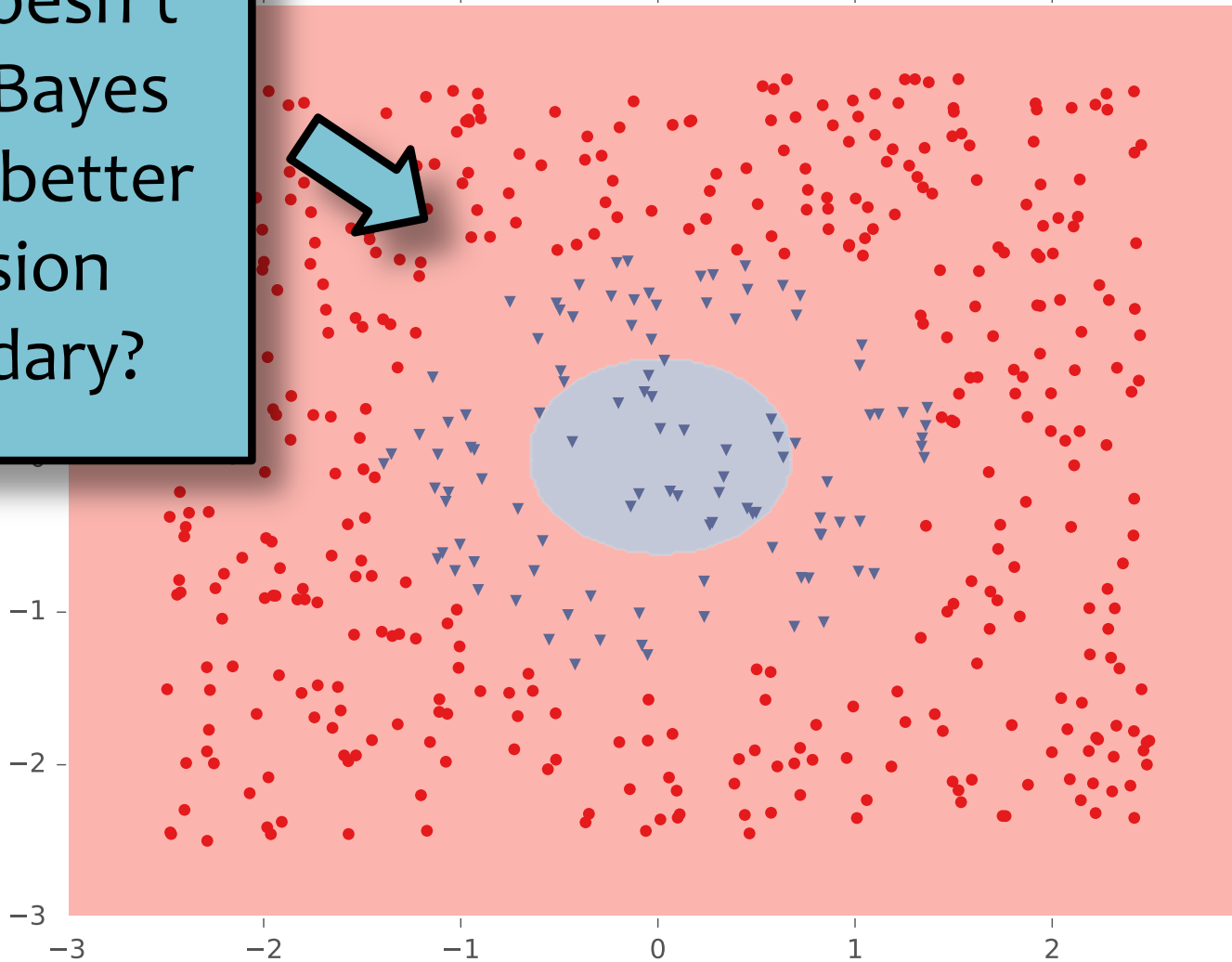


variance learned for each class

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Classification with Naive Bayes

Why doesn't Naive Bayes learn a better decision boundary?



variance learned for each class

DISCRIMINATIVE AND GENERATIVE CLASSIFIERS

Generative vs. Discriminative

- **Generative Classifiers:**

- Example: Naïve Bayes
- Define a joint model of the observations \mathbf{x} and the labels y : $p(\mathbf{x}, y)$
- Learning maximizes (joint) likelihood
- Use Bayes' Rule to classify based on the posterior:

$$p(y|\mathbf{x}) = p(\mathbf{x}|y)p(y)/p(\mathbf{x})$$

- **Discriminative Classifiers:**

- Example: Logistic Regression
- Directly model the conditional: $p(y|\mathbf{x})$
- Learning maximizes conditional likelihood

Generative vs. Discriminative

	Gen.	Disc.
<u>MLE</u>	$\prod_i p(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, y^{(i)} \boldsymbol{\theta})$	$\prod_i p(y^{(i)} \mathbf{x}^{(i)}, \boldsymbol{\theta})$
<u>MAP</u>	$p(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \prod_i p(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, y^{(i)} \boldsymbol{\theta})$	$p(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \prod_i p(y^{(i)} \mathbf{x}^{(i)}, \boldsymbol{\theta})$