



# Chapter 3

## Parameter Estimation

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# Bayesian Theorem

$$P(\omega_i | \mathbf{x}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{x} | \omega_i)P(\omega_i)}{p(\mathbf{x})}$$

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^c p(\mathbf{x} | \omega_j)P(\omega_j)$$

- To compute posterior probability  $P(\omega_i | \mathbf{x})$  , we need to know:

$$p(\mathbf{x} | \omega_i) \quad P(\omega_i)$$

*How can we get these values?*

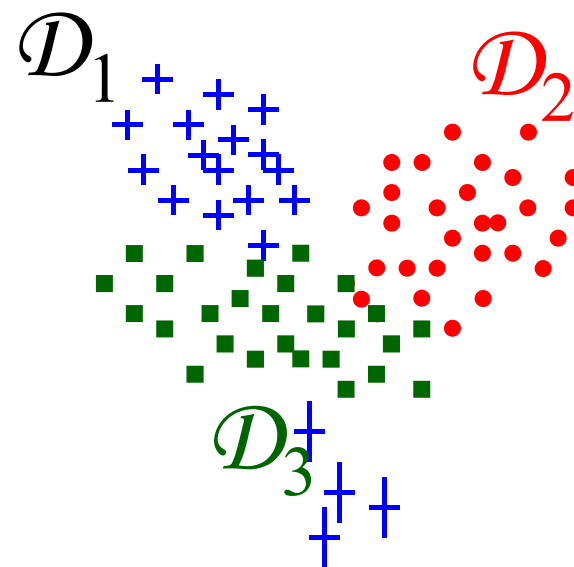
# Samples

$$\mathcal{D} = \{\mathcal{D}_1, \mathcal{D}_2, \dots, \mathcal{D}_c\}$$

The samples in  $\mathcal{D}_j$  are drawn independently according to the probability law  $p(x|\omega_j)$ . That is, examples in  $\mathcal{D}_j$  are i.i.d. random variables, i.e., **independent and identically distributed**.

It is easy to compute the prior probability:

$$P(\omega_i) = \frac{|\mathcal{D}_j|}{\sum_{i=1}^c |\mathcal{D}_i|}$$



- For class-conditional pdf:
  - Case I:  $p(\mathbf{x}|\omega_j)$  has certain parametric form

- e.g.

$$p(\mathbf{x} | \omega_j) \sim N(\boldsymbol{\mu}_j, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j)$$

$$\underbrace{\boldsymbol{\theta}_j}_{\text{parameters}} \longrightarrow \boldsymbol{\theta}_j = (\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_m)^T$$

- If  $X \in R^d$   $\boldsymbol{\theta}_j$  contains “ $d+d(d+1)/2$ ” free parameters.
- Case II:  $p(\mathbf{x}|\omega_j)$  doesn't have parametric form
  - Next chapter.

# Goal

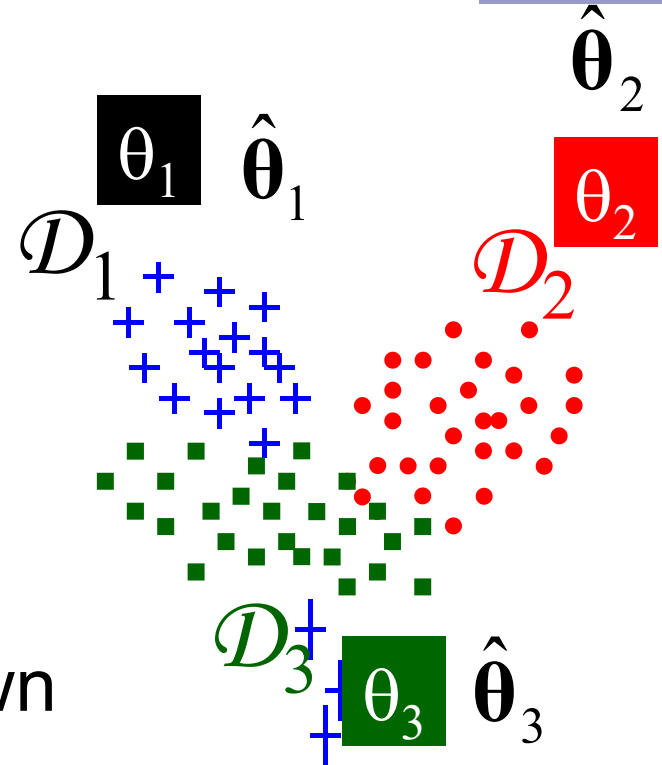
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$$\mathcal{D} = \{\mathcal{D}_1, \mathcal{D}_2, \dots, \mathcal{D}_c\}$$

$$p(\mathbf{x} | \omega_j) \equiv p(\mathbf{x} | \boldsymbol{\theta}_j)$$

Use  $\mathcal{D}_j$  to estimate the unknown parameter vector  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_j$

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}_j = (\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_m)^T$$



# Estimation Under Parametric Form

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## ■ Maximum-Likelihood Estimation

View parameters as quantities whose values are fixed but unknown



Estimate parameter values by maximizing the likelihood (probability) of observing the actual examples.

## ■ Bayesian Estimation

View parameters as random variables having some known prior distribution

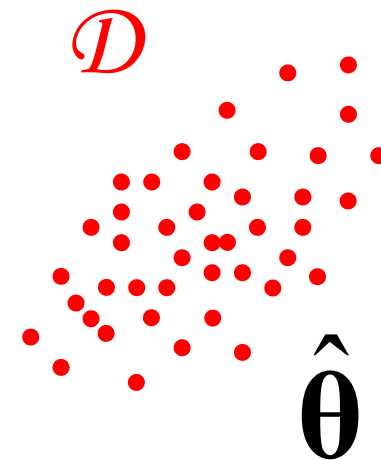


Observation of the actual training examples transforms parameters' prior into posterior distribution. (via Bayes rule)

# Maximum-Likelihood Estimation

- Because each class is considered individually, the **subscript** used before will be **dropped**.
- Now the problem becomes:

*Given a sample set  $\mathcal{D}$ , whose elements are drawn independently from a population possessing a known parameter form, say  $p(x|\theta)$ , we want to choose a  $\hat{\theta}$  that will make  $\mathcal{D}$  to occur most likely.*





# Maximum-Likelihood Estimation (Cont.)

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- Criterion of ML

$$\mathcal{D} = \{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n\}$$

- By the independence assumption, we have

$$p(\mathcal{D} | \boldsymbol{\theta}) = p(\mathbf{x}_1 | \boldsymbol{\theta}) p(\mathbf{x}_2 | \boldsymbol{\theta}) \dots p(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \prod_{k=1}^n p(\mathbf{x}_k | \boldsymbol{\theta})$$

- The Likelihood Function

$$L(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathcal{D}) = p(\mathcal{D} | \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \prod_{k=1}^n p(\mathbf{x}_k | \boldsymbol{\theta})$$

- The maximum-likelihood estimation:

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \arg \max_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} L(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathcal{D})$$

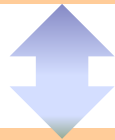
# Maximum-Likelihood Estimation (Cont.)

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- Often, we resort to maximize the **log-likelihood function**

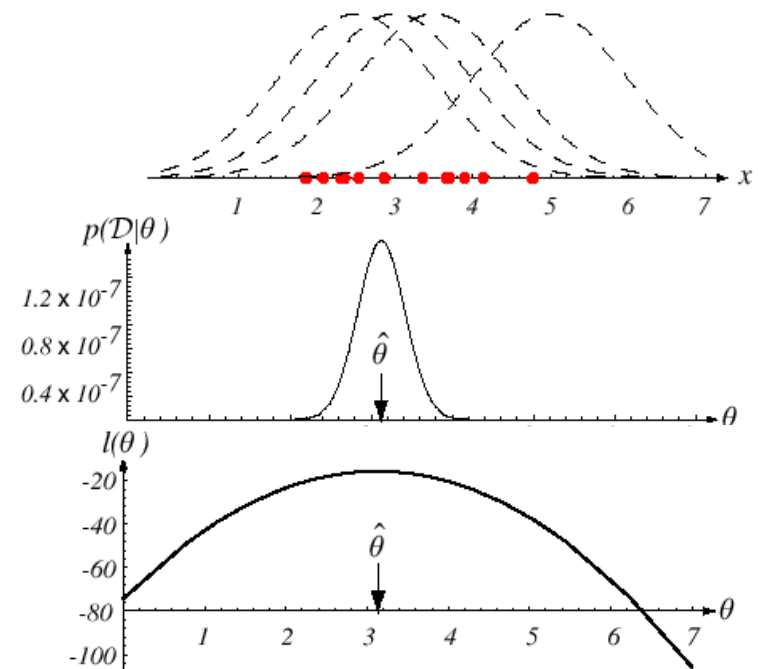
$$l(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathcal{D}) = \ln L(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathcal{D}) = \sum_{k=1}^n \ln p(\mathbf{x}_k | \boldsymbol{\theta})$$

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \arg \max_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} l(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathcal{D})$$



$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \arg \max_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} L(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathcal{D})$$

*why?*



# Maximum-Likelihood Estimation (Cont.)

MMA

- Find **the extreme values** using the method in **differential calculus**.
- Gradient Operator
  - Let  $f(\theta)$  be a continuous function, where  $\theta = (\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_n)^T$ .

*Gradient Operator*

$$\nabla_{\theta} = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_n} \right)^T$$

- Find the extreme values by solving

$$\nabla_{\theta} f = 0$$


# The Gaussian Case I

- Case I: unknown  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ , and  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$  is known

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

$$L(\boldsymbol{\mu} | \mathcal{D}) = p(\mathcal{D} | \boldsymbol{\mu}) = \prod_{k=1}^n p(\mathbf{x}_k | \boldsymbol{\mu})$$

$$= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{nd/2} |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{n/2}} \prod_{k=1}^n \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x}_k - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_k - \boldsymbol{\mu})\right]$$


$$l(\boldsymbol{\mu} | \mathcal{D}) = \ln L(\boldsymbol{\mu} | \mathcal{D})$$


$$= -\ln(2\pi)^{nd/2} |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{n/2} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^n (\mathbf{x}_k - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_k - \boldsymbol{\mu})$$

# The Gaussian Case I

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$$\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\mu}} l(\boldsymbol{\mu} | \mathcal{D}) = \sum_{k=1}^n \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_k - \boldsymbol{\mu}) = 0$$


$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \mathbf{x}_k \quad \longrightarrow \quad \textit{Sample Mean!}$$

*Intuitive Result: Maximum estimate for the unknown  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  is just the arithmetic average of training samples---sample mean.*

# The Gaussian Case II

- Case II: both  $\mu$  and  $\Sigma$  are unknown
- Consider univariate case

$$p(x | \mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left[-\frac{(x - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right] \quad \theta = (\theta_1, \theta_2)^T = (\mu, \sigma^2)^T$$

$$L(\theta | \mathcal{D}) = p(\mathcal{D} | \theta) = \prod_{k=1}^n p(x_k | \theta) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} \sigma^n} \prod_{k=1}^n \exp\left[-\frac{(x_k - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} l(\theta | \mathcal{D}) &= \ln L(\theta | \mathcal{D}) = -\ln(2\pi)^{n/2} \sigma^n - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{k=1}^n (x_k - \mu)^2 \\ &= -\ln(2\pi)^{n/2} \theta_2^{n/2} - \frac{1}{2\theta_2} \sum_{k=1}^n (x_k - \theta_1)^2 \end{aligned}$$

# The Gaussian Case II

$$l(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathcal{D}) = -\ln(2\pi)^{n/2} \theta_2^{n/2} - \frac{1}{2\theta_2} \sum_{k=1}^n (x_k - \theta_1)^2$$

$$\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} l(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathcal{D}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\theta_2} \sum_{k=1}^n (x_k - \theta_1) \\ -\frac{n}{2\theta_2} + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(x_k - \theta_1)^2}{2\theta_2^2} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

*Unbiased Estimator:*

$$E[\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}] = \boldsymbol{\theta}$$

*Consistent Estimator:*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E[\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}] = \boldsymbol{\theta}$$

*unbiased*

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \hat{\mu} = \hat{\theta}_1 &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \\ \hat{\sigma}^2 = \hat{\theta}_2 &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n (x_k - \hat{\mu})^2 \end{aligned} \right.$$

Arithmetic average of  $n$  vectors

Arithmetic average of  $n$  matrices

$$(\mathbf{x}_k - \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}})(\mathbf{x}_k - \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}})^T$$

*biased*

# MLE for Normal Population

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \mathbf{x}_k$$

*Sample Mean*

$$E[\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}] = \boldsymbol{\mu}$$

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n (\mathbf{x}_k - \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}})(\mathbf{x}_k - \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}})^T$$

$$E[\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}] = \frac{n-1}{n} \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \neq \boldsymbol{\Sigma}$$

$$\mathbf{C} = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{k=1}^n (\mathbf{x}_k - \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}})(\mathbf{x}_k - \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}})^T$$

*Sample Covariance Matrix*

$$E[\mathbf{C}] = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}$$



$$\begin{aligned} E(\sigma_{ML}^2) &= E\left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (x_n - \mu_{ML})^2\right) = E\left[\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (x_n^2 - 2x_n\mu_{ML} + \mu_{ML}^2)\right] \\ &= E\left[\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (x_n^2) - 2\mu_{ML} \cdot \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N x_n + \mu_{ML}^2\right] = E\left[\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (x_n^2) - 2\mu_{ML} \cdot \mu_{ML} + \mu_{ML}^2\right] \\ &= E\left[\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (x_n^2) - \mu_{ML}^2\right] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N E(x_n^2) - E(\mu_{ML}^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$E(x_n^2) = \sigma^2 + \mu^2$$

$$E(\mu_{ML}^2) = D(\mu_{ML}) + [E(\mu_{ML})]^2 = D\left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N x_n\right) + [E(\mu_{ML})]^2 = \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{n=1}^N D(x_n) + \mu^2$$

# Bayesian Estimation

## ■ Settings

- The **parametric form** of the likelihood function for each category is known
- However,  $\theta_j$  is considered to be **random variables** instead of being fixed (but unknown) values.

*In this case, we can no longer make a single ML estimate  $\hat{\theta}$  and then infer  $P(\omega_i | \mathbf{x})$  based on  $P(\omega_i)$  and  $p(\mathbf{x} | \omega_i)$*



How can we proceed?



Fully exploit training examples!

# Posterior Probabilities from sample

$$\mathcal{D} = \{\mathcal{D}_1, \mathcal{D}_2, \dots, \mathcal{D}_c\}$$

$$P(\omega_i | \mathbf{x}, \mathcal{D}) = \frac{P(\omega_i, \mathbf{x}, \mathcal{D})}{P(\mathbf{x}, \mathcal{D})} = \frac{P(\omega_i, \mathbf{x}, \mathcal{D})}{\sum_{j=1}^c P(\omega_j, \mathbf{x}, \mathcal{D})}$$

$$P(\omega_i, \mathbf{x}, \mathcal{D}) = P(D) \cdot P(\omega_i, \mathbf{x} | \mathcal{D}) = P(D) \cdot P(\omega_i | \mathcal{D}) \cdot P(\mathbf{x} | \omega_i, \mathcal{D})$$

Assumptions:

$$P(\omega_i | \mathcal{D}) = P(\omega_i)$$

$$P(\mathbf{x} | \omega_i, \mathcal{D}) = P(\mathbf{x} | \omega_i, \mathcal{D}_i)$$

$$P(\omega_i | \mathbf{x}, \mathcal{D}) = \frac{P(\mathbf{x} | \omega_i, \mathcal{D}_i)P(\omega_i)}{\sum_{j=1}^c P(\mathbf{x} | \omega_j, \mathcal{D}_j)P(\omega_j)}$$

*Each class can be considered independently*

# Problem Formulation

$$P(\omega_i | \mathbf{x}, \mathcal{D}) = \frac{P(\mathbf{x} | \omega_i, \mathcal{D}_i)P(\omega_i)}{\sum_{j=1}^c P(\mathbf{x} | \omega_j, \mathcal{D}_j)P(\omega_j)}$$

*The key problem is to determine,  $P(\mathbf{x} | \omega_i, \mathcal{D}_i)$ , treat each class independently, the problem becomes  $P(\mathbf{x} | \mathcal{D})$*

*This is always the central problem of **Bayesian Learning**.*

# Class-Conditional Density Estimation

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Assume  $p(\mathbf{x})$  is unknown but knowing it has a fixed form with parameter vector  $\theta$ .

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{x} | \mathcal{D}) &= \int p(\mathbf{x}, \theta | \mathcal{D}) d\theta \quad \theta: \text{Random variable w.r.t. parametric form} \\ &= \int p(\mathbf{x} | \theta, \mathcal{D}) p(\theta | \mathcal{D}) d\theta \\ &= \int p(\mathbf{x} | \theta) p(\theta | \mathcal{D}) d\theta \quad \mathbf{x} \text{ is independent of } \mathcal{D} \text{ given } \theta \end{aligned}$$

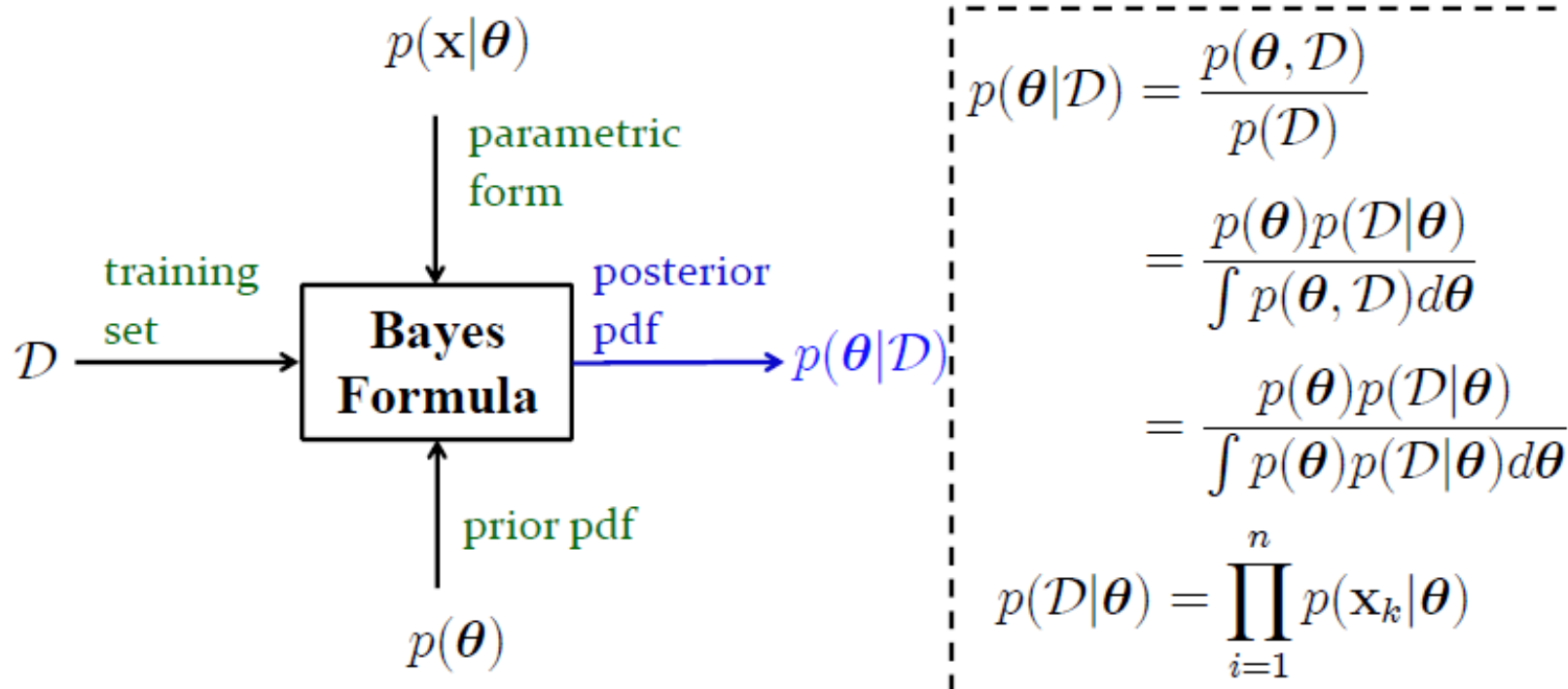
*The form of  
distribution is assumed  
known*

*The posterior density  
we want to estimate*

# Bayesian Estimation: General Procedure

$$p(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathcal{D}) = ?$$

Phase I:

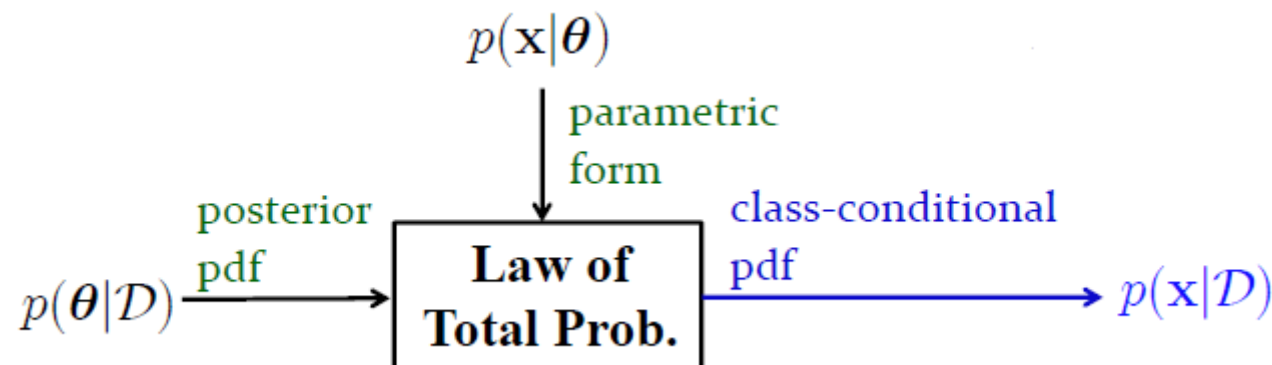


# Bayesian Estimation: General Procedure

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Phase II:

$$p(\mathbf{x} | \mathcal{D}) = \int p(\mathbf{x} | \boldsymbol{\theta}) p(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathcal{D}) d\boldsymbol{\theta}$$



Phase III:

$$P(\omega_i | \mathbf{x}, \mathcal{D}) = \frac{P(\mathbf{x} | \omega_i, \mathcal{D}_i) P(\omega_i)}{\sum_{j=1}^c P(\mathbf{x} | \omega_j, \mathcal{D}_j) P(\omega_j)}$$

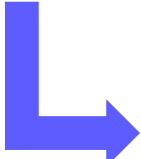
# The Gaussian Case

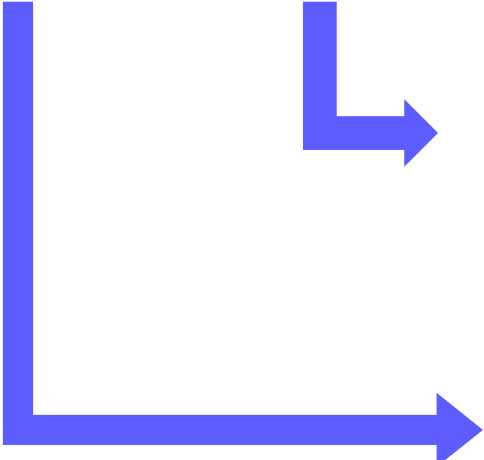
- The univariate Gaussian: unknown  $\mu$

Phase I:

$$p(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathcal{D}) = \alpha \prod_{k=1}^n p(\mathbf{x}_k | \boldsymbol{\theta}) p(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

$$\underline{\underline{p(\mu)}} + \underline{\underline{p(x | \mu)}} + D \quad \Longrightarrow \quad p(\mu | D)$$


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


$$p(\mu) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_0} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\mu - \mu_0}{\sigma_0}\right)^2\right]$$

*Other form of prior pdf could be assumed as well*



# The Gaussian Case

$$p(\mu) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_0}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\mu - \mu_0}{\sigma_0}\right)^2\right] \quad p(x | \mu) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right]$$

$$p(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathcal{D}) = \alpha \prod_{k=1}^n p(\mathbf{x}_k | \boldsymbol{\theta}) p(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

$$p(\mu | \mathcal{D}) = \alpha \prod_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x_k - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right] \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_0}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\mu - \mu_0}{\sigma_0}\right)^2\right]$$

$$= \alpha' \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left(\sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{x_k - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\mu - \mu_0}{\sigma_0}\right)^2\right)\right]$$

$$= \alpha'' \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left[\left(\frac{n}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma_0^2}\right)\mu^2 - 2\left(\frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{k=1}^n x_k + \frac{\mu_0}{\sigma_0^2}\right)\mu\right]\right]$$

# The Gaussian Case

*$p(\mu | \mathcal{D})$  is an exponential function of a quadratic function of  $\mu$ ;  
thus  $p(\mu | \mathcal{D})$  is also a normal.*

$$p(\mu | \mathcal{D}) \sim N(\mu_n, \sigma_n^2)$$

$$\rightarrow p(\mu | \mathcal{D}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_n}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\mu - \mu_n}{\sigma_n}\right)^2\right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_n}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma_n^2}(\mu^2 - 2\mu_n\mu + \mu_n^2)\right]$$

$$p(\mu | \mathcal{D}) = \alpha'' \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left[\left(\frac{n}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma_0^2}\right)\mu^2 - 2\left(\frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{k=1}^n x_k + \frac{\mu_0}{\sigma_0^2}\right)\mu\right]\right]$$

Comparison

# The Gaussian Case

- Equating the coefficients in both form; then, we have

$$\mu_n = \left( \frac{n\sigma_0^2}{n\sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2} \right) \hat{\mu}_n + \frac{\sigma^2}{n\sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2} \mu_0 \quad \hat{\mu}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n x_k$$

$$\sigma_n^2 = \frac{\sigma_0^2 \sigma^2}{n\sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2}$$

# The Gaussian Case

Phase II:  $p(\mathbf{x} | \mathcal{D}) = \int p(\mathbf{x} | \boldsymbol{\theta}) p(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathcal{D}) d\boldsymbol{\theta}$

$p(\mu | D)$  +  $p(x | \mu)$   $\implies$   $p(x | D)$

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

$p(\mu | \mathcal{D}) \sim N(\mu_n, \sigma_n^2)$

*How would  $p(x | \mathcal{D})$  look like in this case?*

# The Gaussian Case

$$p(\mathbf{x} | \mathcal{D}) = \int p(\mathbf{x} | u) p(u | \mathcal{D}) d\theta$$
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} p(x | \mu) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right] \\ p(\mu | \mathcal{D}) \sim N(\mu_n, \sigma_n^2) \end{array} \right.$$



$$p(x | \mathcal{D}) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma\sigma_n} \int \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right] \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\mu - \mu_n}{\sigma_n}\right)^2\right] d\mu$$
$$= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma\sigma_n} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(x - \mu_n)^2}{\sigma^2 + \sigma_n^2}\right] \underbrace{\int \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \frac{\sigma^2 + \sigma_n^2}{\sigma^2 \sigma_n^2} \left(\mu - \frac{\sigma_n^2 x + \sigma^2 \mu_n}{\sigma^2 + \sigma_n^2}\right)^2\right] d\mu}_{= ?}$$

*$p(x | \mathcal{D})$  is an exponential function of a quadratic function of  $x$ ; thus, it is also a normal pdf.*

*$= ?$*

# The Gaussian Case

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$$p(\mathbf{x} | \mathcal{D}) = \int p(\mathbf{x} | u) p(u | \mathcal{D}) d\theta \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} p(x | \mu) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right] \\ p(\mu | \mathcal{D}) \sim N(\mu_n, \sigma_n^2) \end{array} \right.$$

$$p(x | \mathcal{D}) \sim N(\mu_n, \sigma^2 + \sigma_n^2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma\sigma_n} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(x-\mu_n)^2}{\sigma^2 + \sigma_n^2}\right] \int \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \frac{\sigma^2 + \sigma_n^2}{\sigma^2\sigma_n^2} \left(\mu - \frac{\sigma_n^2 x + \sigma^2 \mu_n}{\sigma^2 + \sigma_n^2}\right)^2\right] d\mu$$

*$p(x | \mathcal{D})$  is an exponential function of a quadratic function of  $x$ ; thus, it is also a normal pdf.*

*=?*

# The Gaussian Case

Phase III:

$$P(\omega_i | \mathbf{x}, \mathcal{D}) = \frac{P(\mathbf{x} | \omega_i, \mathcal{D}_i)P(\omega_i)}{\sum_{j=1}^c P(\mathbf{x} | \omega_j, \mathcal{D}_j)P(\omega_j)}$$

# Summary

- Key issue
  - Estimate prior and class-conditional pdf from training set
  - Basic assumption on training examples: i.i.d.
- Two strategies to key issue
  - Parametric form for class-conditional pdf
    - Maximum likelihood estimation
    - Bayesian estimation
  - No parametric form for class-conditional pdf



# Summary

- Maximum likelihood estimation
  - Settings: parameters as fixed but unknown values
  - The objective function: log-likelihood function
  - The gradient for the objective function should be zero
  - Gaussian
- Bayesian estimation
  - Settings: parameters as random variables
  - General procedure: I, II, III
  - Gaussian case

Project 3.2

*MIMA Group*

[ Thank You ! ]

**Any Question?**