



# CS 540 Introduction to Artificial Intelligence


## **Classification - KNN and Naive Bayes**

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# Class roadmap:

Supervised Learning



Oct 10	Machine Learning: Linear Regression
Oct 12	Machine Learning: K-Nearest Neighbors & Naive Bayes
Oct 17	Machine Learning: Neural Network I (Perceptron)
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Oct 24	Machine Learning: Neural Network II (Calc review and Training)
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Oct 31	Machine Learning: Deep Learning I

Nov 1, Midterm





# Part I: K-nearest neighbors





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# *k*-nearest neighbors algorithm

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

*Not to be confused with k-means clustering.*

(source: wiki)

# Example 1: Predict whether a user likes a song or not



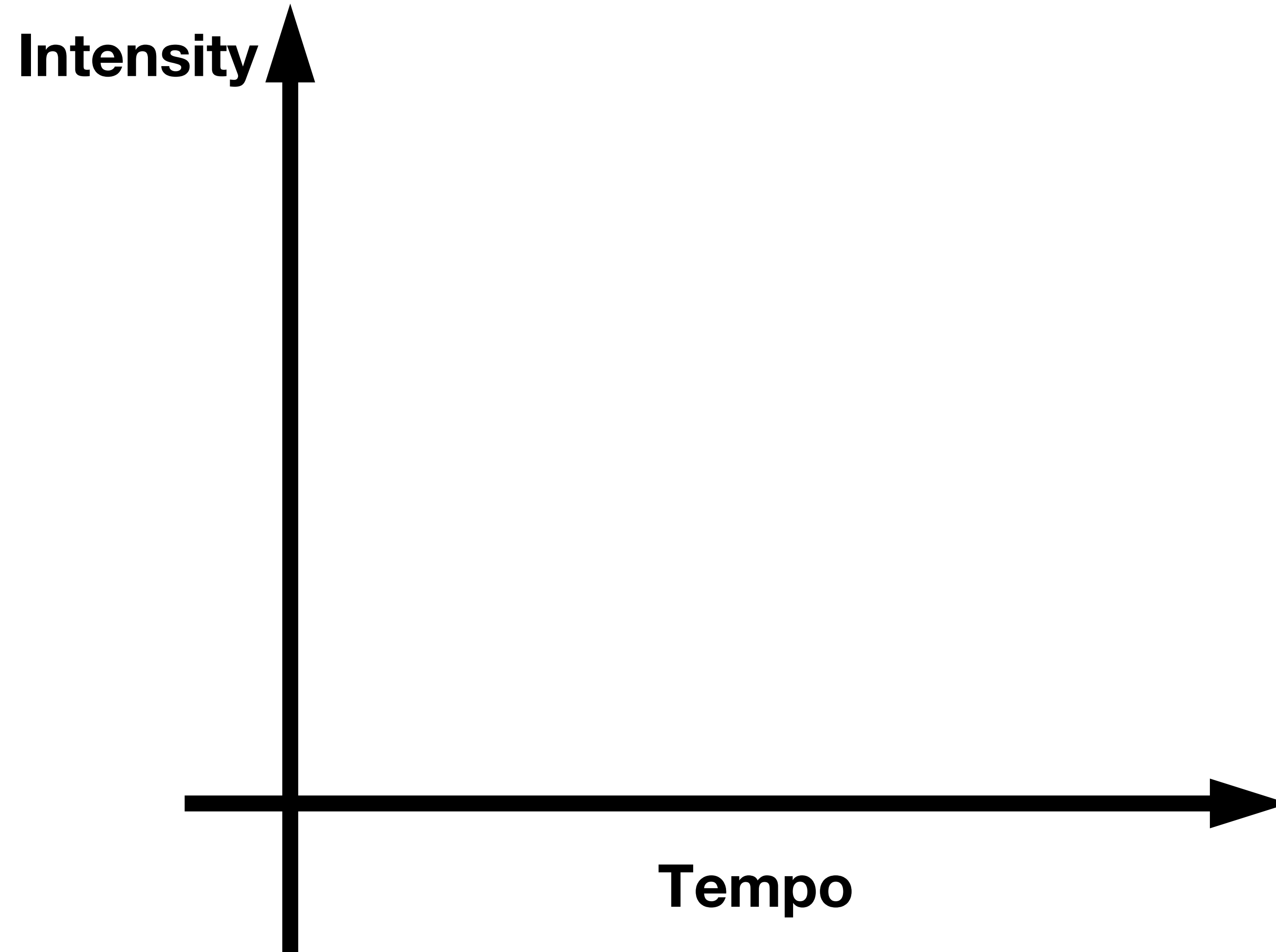
model



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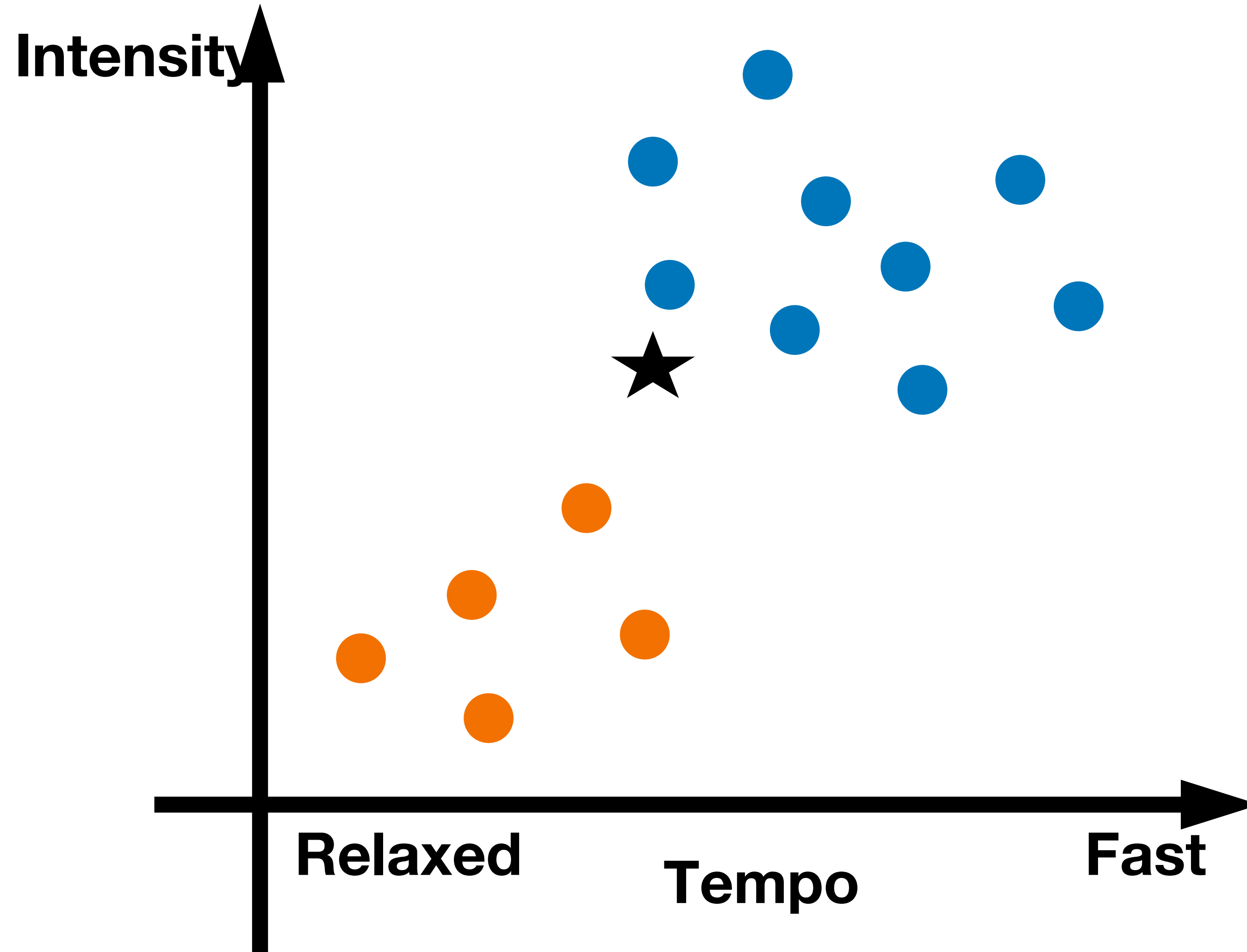
## 1-NN



User Sharon

● DisLike

● Like







# K-nearest neighbors for classification

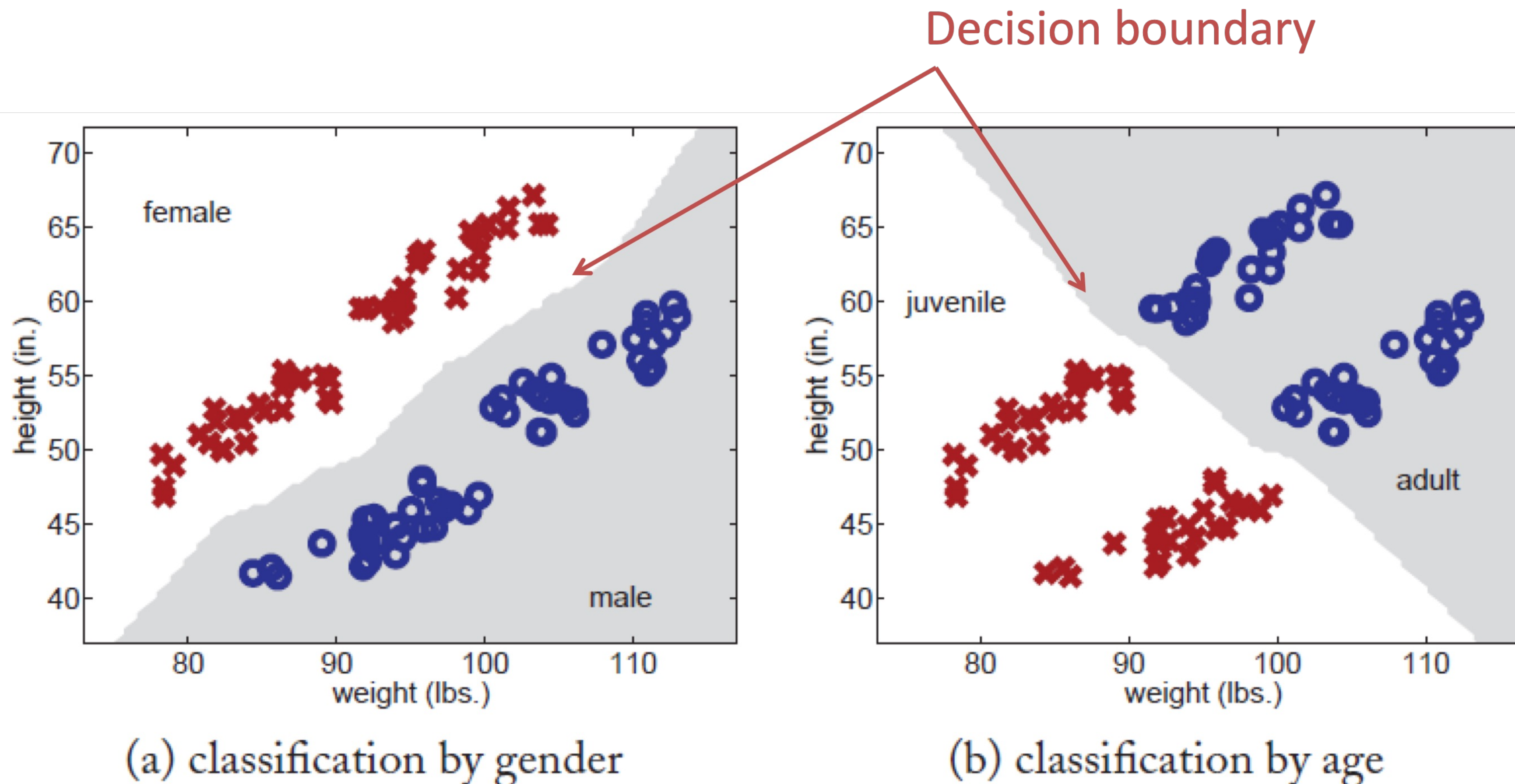
- **Input:** Training data  $(\mathbf{x}_1, y_1), (\mathbf{x}_2, y_2), \dots, (\mathbf{x}_n, y_n)$ 
    - Distance function  $d(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)$ ; number of neighbors  $k$ ; test data  $\mathbf{x}^*$
1. Find the  $k$  training instances  $\mathbf{x}_{i_1}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{i_k}$  closest to  $\mathbf{x}^*$  under  $d(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)$
  2. Output  $y^*$  as the majority class of  $y_{i_1}, \dots, y_{i_k}$ . Break ties randomly.



# Example 2: 1-NN for little green man



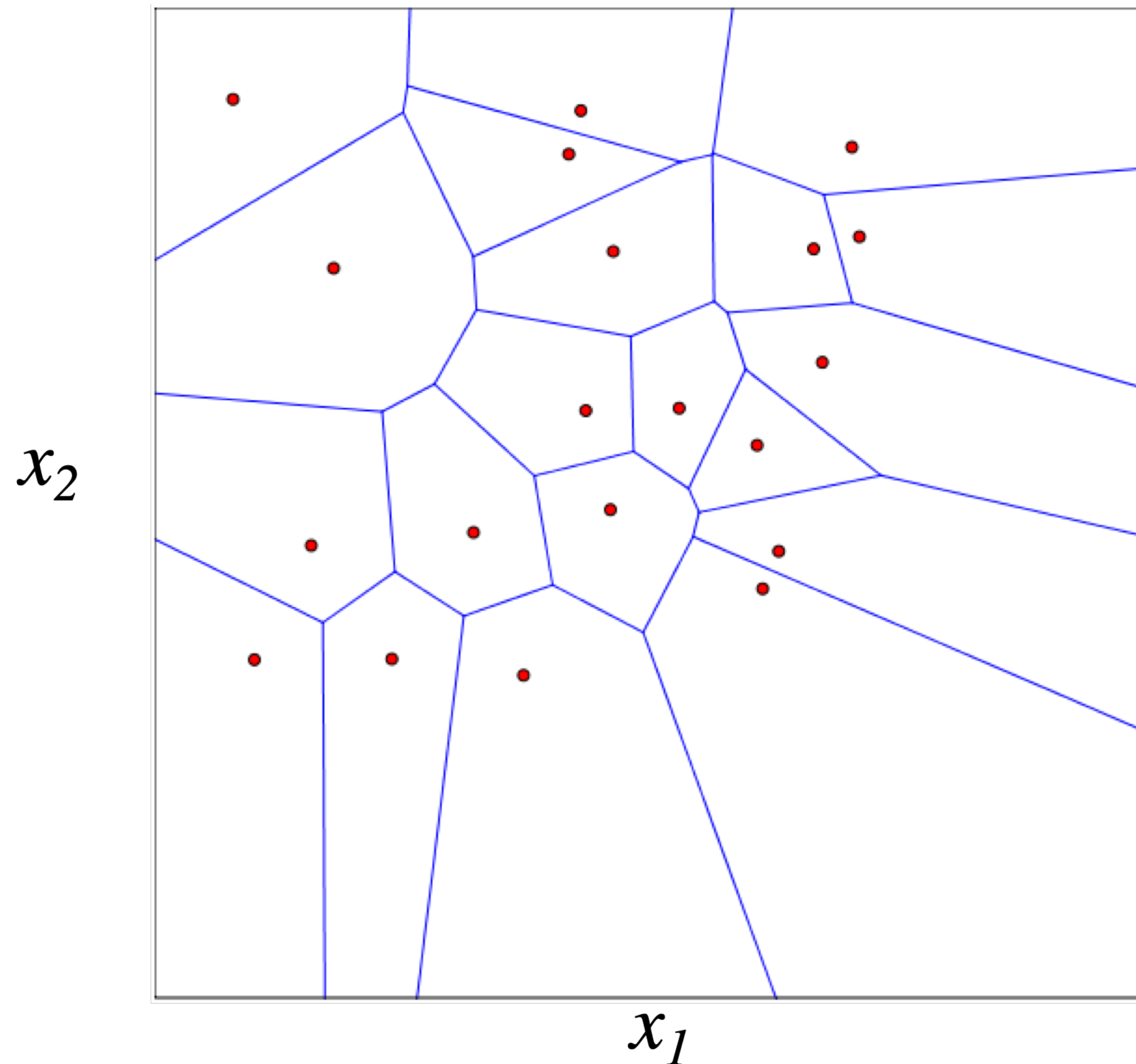
- Predict gender (M,F) from weight, height
- Predict age (adult, juvenile) from weight, height





# The decision regions for 1-NN

**Voronoi diagram:** each polyhedron indicates the region of feature space that is in the nearest neighborhood of each training instance





# K-NN for regression

- What if we want regression?
- Instead of majority vote, take average of neighbors' labels
  - Given test point  $\mathbf{X}^*$ , find its  $k$  nearest neighbors  $\mathbf{X}_{i_1}, \dots, \mathbf{X}_{i_k}$
  - Output the predicted label  $\frac{1}{k} (y_{i_1} + \dots + y_{i_k})$

# What distance function to use?

- K-nearest neighbors requires a distance function to determine nearest neighbors. How to define this?
- All features take on discrete values.
  - Use Hamming distance: count the number of features in which the features values differ.
- All features take on continuous values.
  - Euclidean Distance: sum of squares:
    - $d(p, q) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^d (p_i - q_i)^2}$
  - Manhattan Distance:
    - $d(p, q) = \sum_{i=1}^d |p_i - q_i|$



# What distance function to use?

- Be careful with scale
- Same feature but different units may change relative distance (fixing other features)
- Sometimes OK to normalize each feature dimension (z-score)

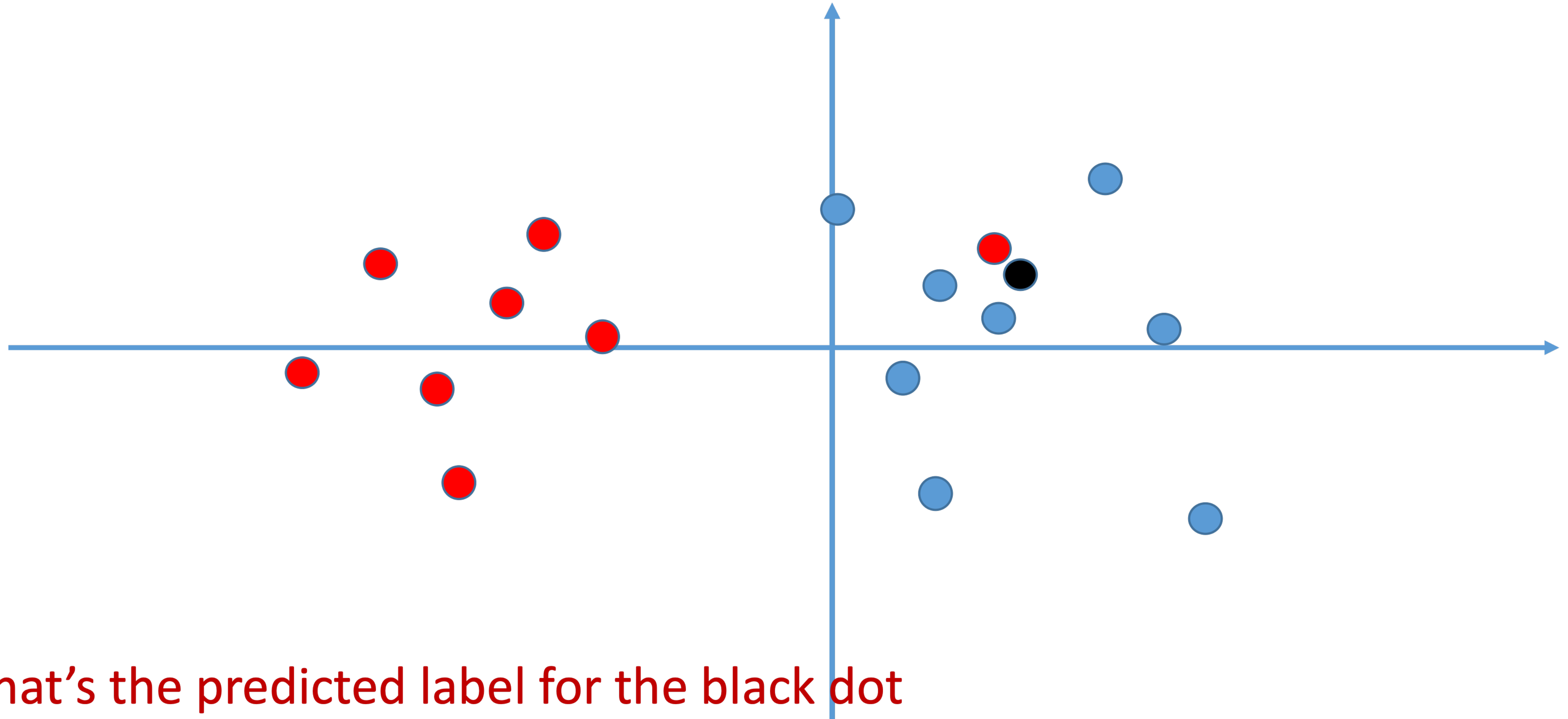
$$x'_{id} = \frac{x_{id} - \mu_d}{\sigma_d}, \forall i = 1 \dots n, \forall d$$

Training set mean for dimension d

Training set standard deviation for dimension d

- Other times not OK: e.g. dimension contains small random noise

# Effect of $k$



What's the predicted label for the black dot using 1 neighbor? 3 neighbors?



# How to pick the number of neighbors

- Split data into training and **tuning sets**
- Classify tuning set with different  $k$
- Pick  $k$  that produces least tuning-set error

(Shuffle whole dataset first)



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Nearest neighbors are  
 $[4,3] \Rightarrow$  positive  
 $[8,6] \Rightarrow$  positive  
 $[8,9] \Rightarrow$  negative  
 $[8,9] \Rightarrow$  negative  
Individually.





# Part II: Maximum Likelihood Estimation



# Supervised Machine Learning

**Non-parametric  
(e.g., KNN)**

vs.

**Parametric**

# Supervised Machine Learning

Statistical modeling approach

Labeled training  
data (n examples)

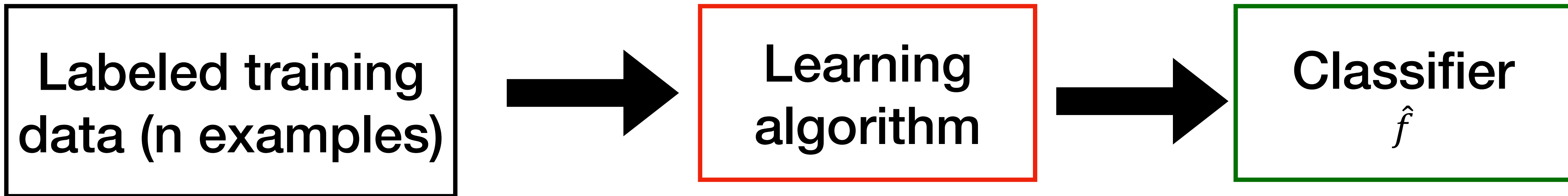
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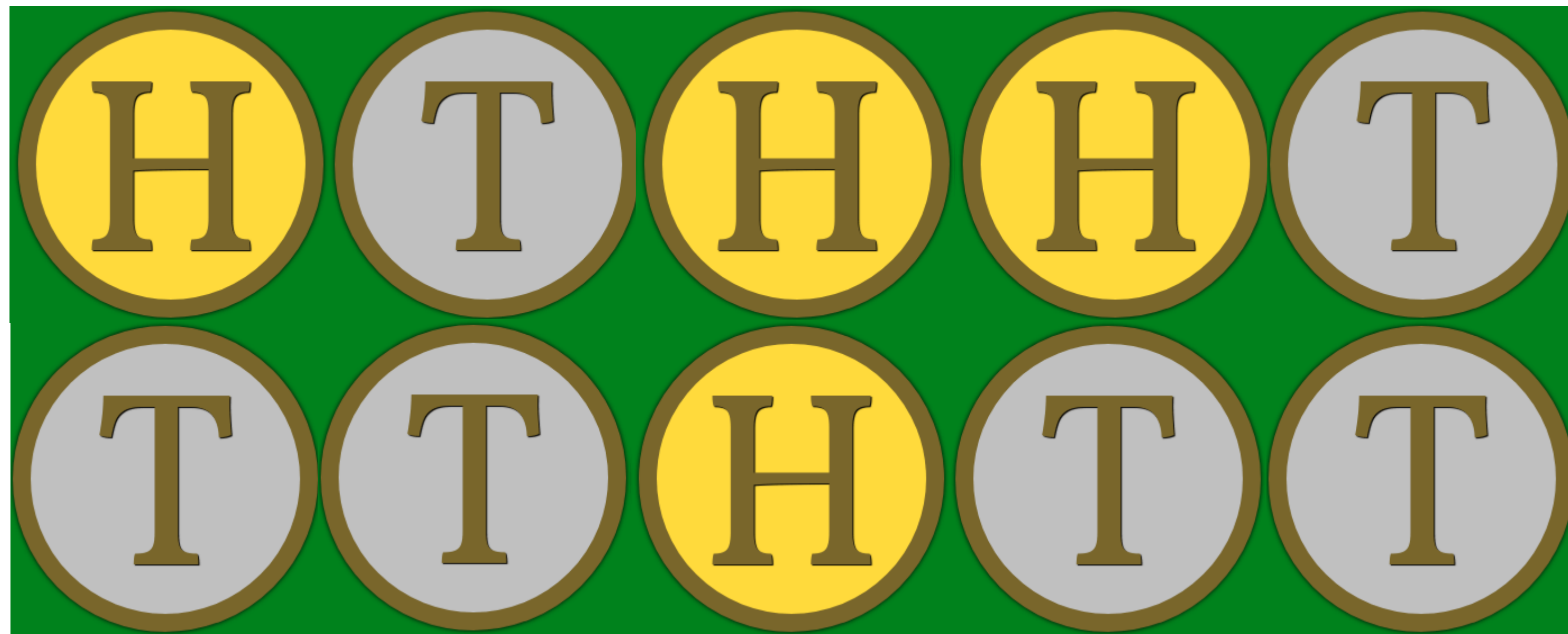
select  $\hat{f}(\theta)$  from a pool of models  $\mathcal{F}$   
that **best describe the data observed**

How to select  $\hat{f} \in \mathcal{F}$ ?

- **Maximum likelihood (best fits the data)**
- Maximum a posteriori (best fits the data but incorporates prior assumptions)
- Optimization of ‘loss’ criterion (best discriminates the labels)

# Maximum Likelihood Estimation: An Example

Flip a coin 10 times, how can you estimate  $\theta = p(\text{Head})$ ?



Intuitively,  $\theta = 4/10 = 0.4$



# How good is $\theta$ ?

It depends on how likely it is to generate the observed data  $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n$  (Let's forget about label for a second)

**Likelihood function**  $L(\theta) = \prod_i p(\mathbf{x}_i | \theta)$

Under i.i.d assumption

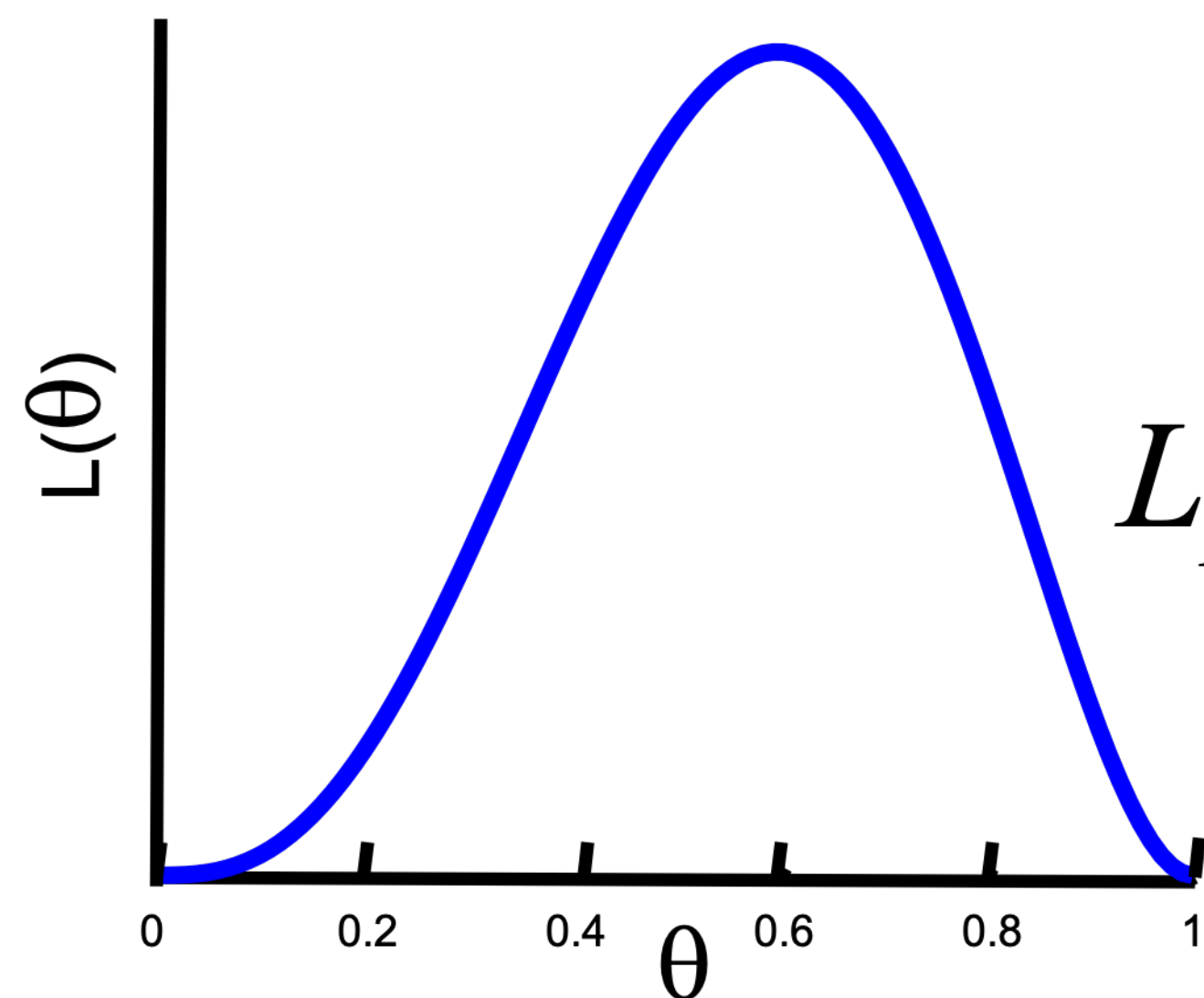
Interpretation: How **probable** (or how likely) is the data given the probabilistic model  $p_\theta$ ?

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H, T, T, H, H



$$L_D(\theta) = \theta \cdot (1 - \theta) \cdot (1 - \theta) \cdot \theta \cdot \theta$$

Bernoulli distribution

# Log-likelihood function

$$\begin{aligned}L_D(\theta) &= \theta \cdot (1 - \theta) \cdot (1 - \theta) \cdot \theta \cdot \theta \\ &= \theta^{N_H} \cdot (1 - \theta)^{N_T}\end{aligned}$$

$N_H, N_T$  is number  
of heads, tails  
respectively.

Log-likelihood function

$$\begin{aligned}\ell(\theta) &= \log L(\theta) \\ &= N_H \log \theta + N_T \log(1 - \theta)\end{aligned}$$



# Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE)

Find optimal  $\theta^*$  to maximize the likelihood function (and log-likelihood)

$$\theta^* = \operatorname{argmax} N_H \log \theta + N_T \log(1 - \theta)$$

$$\frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial \theta} = \frac{N_H}{\theta} - \frac{N_T}{1 - \theta} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \theta^* = \frac{N_H}{N_T + N_H}$$

which confirms your intuition!

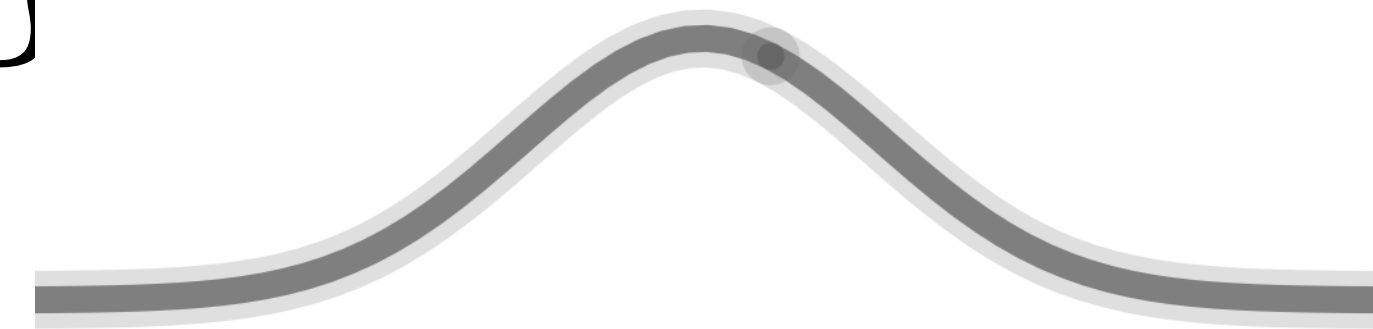
# Maximum Likelihood Estimation: Gaussian Model

Fitting a model to heights of females

**Observed some data** (in inches): 60, 62, 53, 58, ...  $\in \mathbb{R}$

$$\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$$

**Model class:** Gaussian model



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

So, what's the MLE for the given data?

# Estimating the parameters in a Gaussian

- **Mean**

$$\mu = \mathbf{E}[x] \quad \text{hence} \quad \hat{\mu} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

- **Variance**

$$\sigma^2 = \mathbf{E}[(x - \mu)^2] \quad \text{hence} \quad \hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \hat{\mu})^2$$

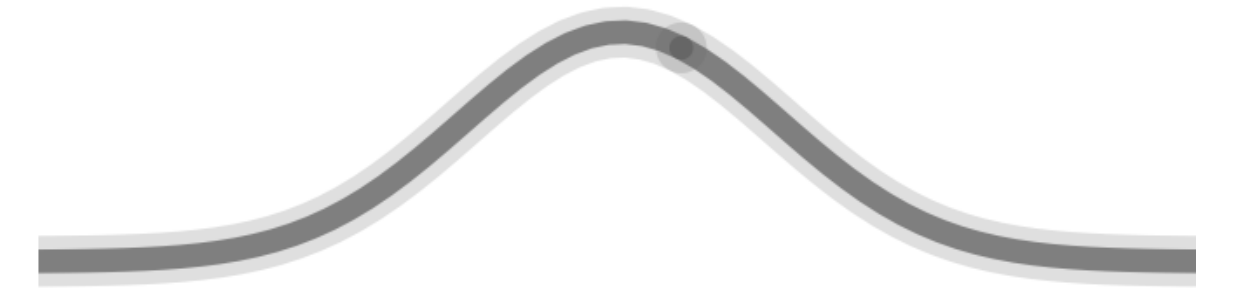
**Why?**



# Maximum Likelihood Estimation: Gaussian Model

**Observe some data** (in inches):  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{R}$

Assume that the data is drawn from a Gaussian



$$L(\mu, \sigma^2 | X) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i; \mu, \sigma^2) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

**Fitting parameters is maximizing likelihood w.r.t  $\mu, \sigma^2$**   
(maximize likelihood that data was generated by model)

**MLE**

$$\arg \max_{\mu, \sigma^2} \prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i; \mu, \sigma^2)$$

# Maximum Likelihood

- Estimate parameters by finding ones that explain the data

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{\mu, \sigma^2} \prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i; \mu, \sigma^2) = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mu, \sigma^2} -\log \prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i; \mu, \sigma^2)$$

- **Decompose likelihood**

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) + \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (x_i - \mu)^2 = \frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) + \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2$$

Minimized for  $\mu = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$

# Maximum Likelihood

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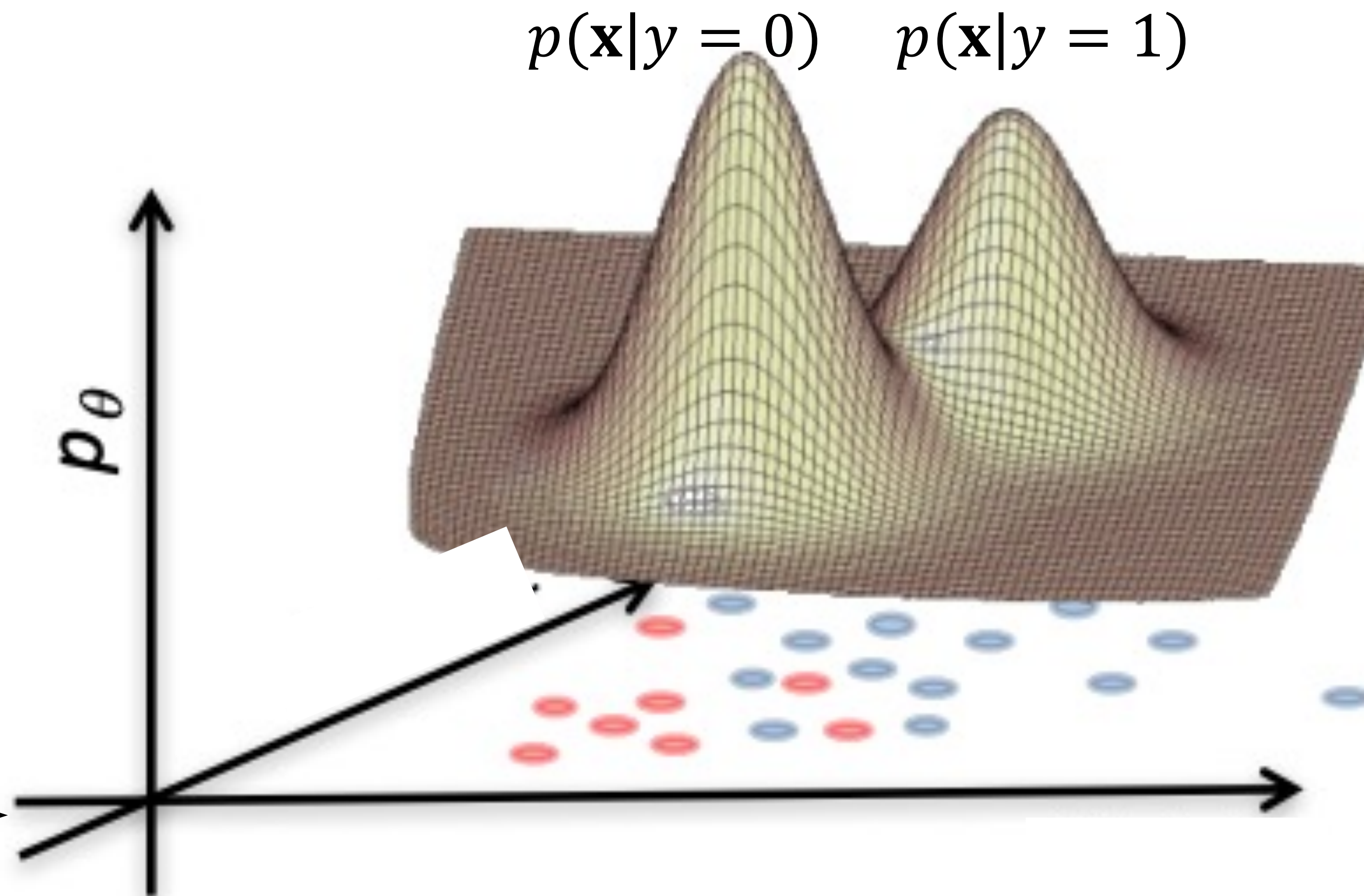
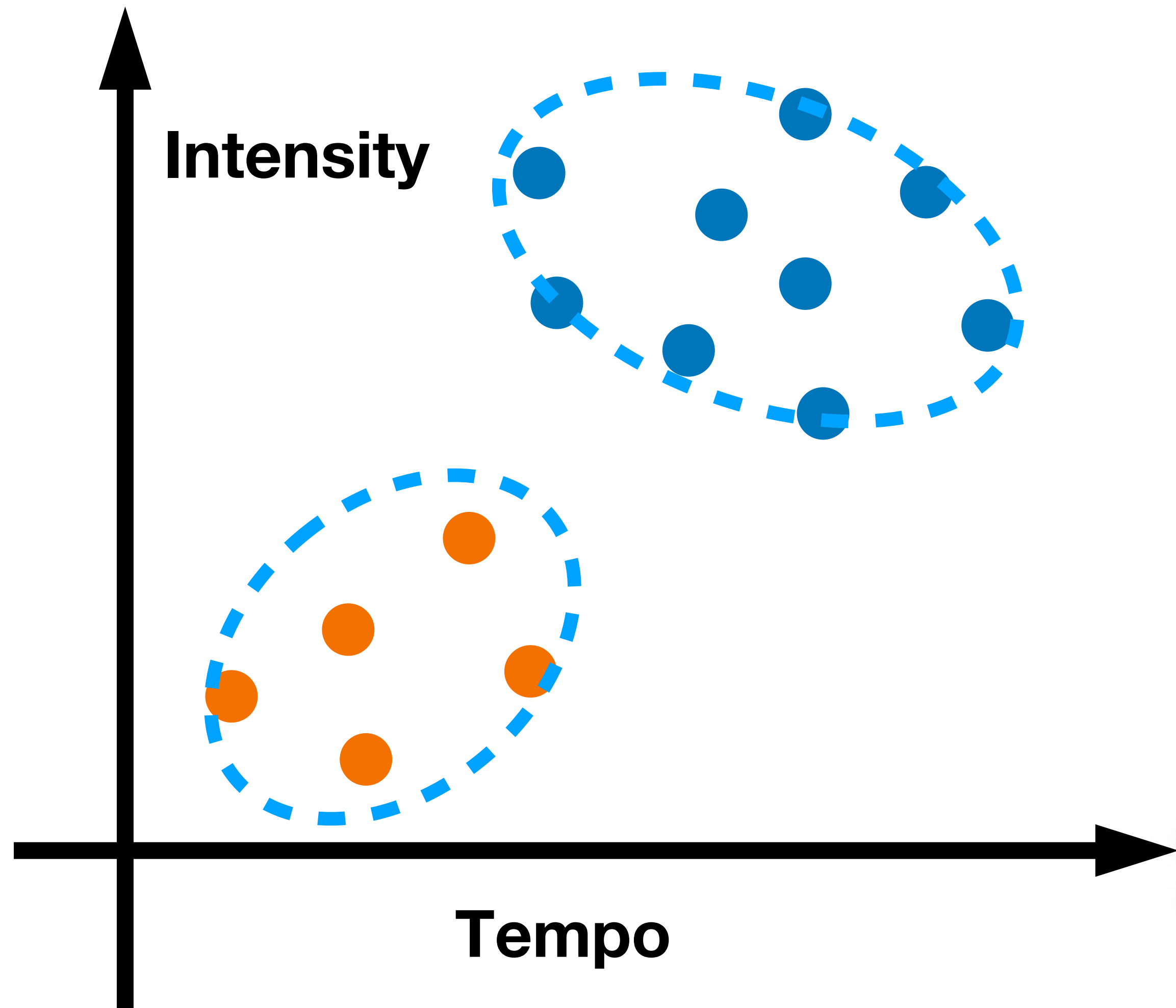
$$\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) + \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2$$

- Take derivatives with respect to it

$$\partial_{\sigma^2} [\cdot] = \frac{n}{2\sigma^2} - \frac{1}{2\sigma^4} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2 = 0$$

$$\implies \sigma^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2$$

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Using labelled training data, learn **class priors** and **class conditionals**

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# Part III: Naïve Bayes



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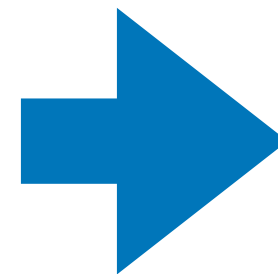
$$p(\text{Play} \mid \text{☀}) = \frac{p(\text{☀} \mid \text{Play}) p(\text{Play})}{p(\text{☀})}$$

**Bayes rule**

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Weather	Play
Sunny	No
Overcast	Yes
Rainy	Yes
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Rainy	No
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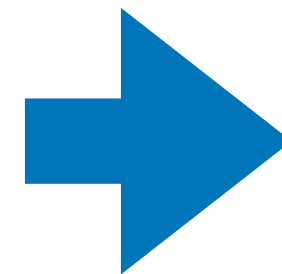
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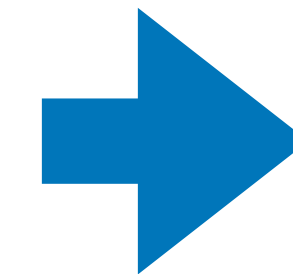
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Likelihood table				
Weather	No	Yes		
Overcast		4	=4/14	0.29
Rainy	3	2	=5/14	0.36
Sunny	2	3	=5/14	0.36
All	5	9		
	=5/14	=9/14		
	0.36	0.64		

$$p(\text{Play} = \text{Yes}) = 0.64$$

$$p(\text{☀️} | \text{Yes}) = 3/9 = 0.33$$



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**Step 3:** Based on the likelihoods and priors, calculate posteriors

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$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{No} | \text{☀}) & \\ &= P(\text{☀} | \text{No}) * P(\text{No}) / P(\text{☀}) \\ &= 0.4 * 0.36 / 0.36 \\ &= 0.4 \end{aligned}$$

$P(\text{Yes} | \text{☀}) > P(\text{No} | \text{☀})$       go outside and play!

# Bayesian classification

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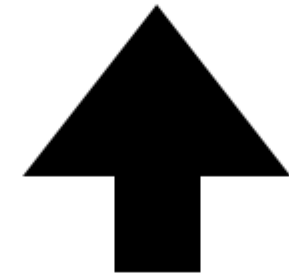
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Independent of  $y$

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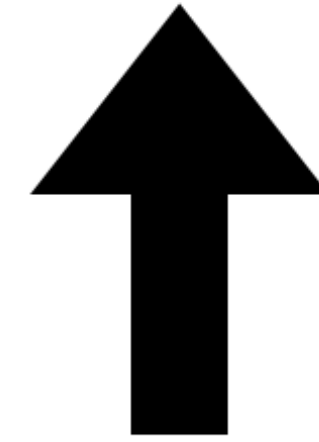
Class conditional likelihood

Class prior

# Naïve Bayes Assumption

Conditional independence of feature attributes

$$p(X_1, \dots, X_k | y)p(y) = \prod_{i=1}^k p(X_i | y)p(y)$$



Easier to estimate

(using MLE!)

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No	Yes	Yes	Fail
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- **A Pass**
- **B Fail**



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# What we've learned today...

- K-Nearest Neighbors
- Maximum likelihood estimation
  - Bernoulli model
  - Gaussian model
- Naive Bayes
  - Conditional independence assumption





**Thanks!**