

# CS60020: Foundations of Algorithm Design and Machine Learning

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# NAÏVE BAYES

# Generative vs. Discriminative Classifiers

Discriminative classifiers (e.g. **Logistic Regression**)

- Assume some functional form for  $P(Y|X)$  or for the decision boundary
- Estimate parameters of  $P(Y|X)$  directly from training data

Generative classifiers (e.g. **Naïve Bayes**)

- Assume some functional form for  $P(X,Y)$  (or  $P(X|Y)$  and  $P(Y)$ )
- Estimate parameters of  $P(X|Y)$ ,  $P(Y)$  directly from training data

$$\arg \max_Y P(Y|X) = \arg \max_Y P(X|Y) P(Y)$$

# A text classification task: Email spam filtering

From: '''' <takworl1d@hotmail.com>  
Subject: real estate is the only way... gem oalvgkay  
Anyone can buy real estate with no money down  
Stop paying rent TODAY !  
There is no need to spend hundreds or even thousands for  
similar courses  
I am 22 years old and I have already purchased 6 properties  
using the  
methods outlined in this truly INCREDIBLE ebook.  
Change your life NOW !

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Click Below to order:  
<http://www.wholesaledaily.com/sales/nmd.htm>

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How would you write a program that would automatically detect  
and delete this type of message?

# Formal definition of TC: Training

Given:

- A **document set**  $X$ 
  - Documents are represented typically in some type of high-dimensional space.
- A fixed set of **classes**  $C = \{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_J\}$ 
  - The classes are human-defined for the needs of an application (e.g., relevant vs. nonrelevant).
- A **training set**  $D$  of labeled documents with each labeled document  $\langle d, c \rangle \in X \times C$

Using a learning method or **learning algorithm**, we then wish to learn a **classifier**  $\gamma$  that maps documents to classes:

$$\gamma : X \rightarrow C$$

# Formal definition of TC: Application/Testing

Given: a description  $d \in X$  of a document Determine:  $\Upsilon(d) \in C$ ,  
that is, the class that is most appropriate for  $d$

# Examples of how search engines use classification

- Language identification (classes: English vs. French etc.)
- The automatic detection of spam pages (spam vs. nonspam)
- Topic-specific or *vertical* search – restrict search to a “vertical” like “related to health” (relevant to vertical vs. not)

# Derivation of Naive Bayes rule

We want to find the class that is most likely given the document:

$$C_{\text{map}} = \arg \max_{c \in \mathbb{C}} P(c|d)$$

Apply Bayes rule

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)}:$$

$$C_{\text{map}} = \arg \max_{c \in \mathbb{C}} \frac{P(d|c)P(c)}{P(d)}$$

Drop denominator since  $P(d)$  is the same for all classes:

$$C_{\text{map}} = \arg \max_{c \in \mathbb{C}} P(d|c)P(c)$$



# Too many parameters / sparseness

$$\begin{aligned}c_{\text{map}} &= \arg \max_{c \in \mathbb{C}} P(d|c)P(c) \\ &= \arg \max_{c \in \mathbb{C}} P(\langle t_1, \dots, t_k, \dots, t_{n_d} \rangle | c)P(c)\end{aligned}$$

- There are too many parameters  $P(\langle t_1, \dots, t_k, \dots, t_{n_d} \rangle | c)$ , one for each unique combination of a class and a sequence of words.
- We would need a very, very large number of training examples to estimate that many parameters.
- This is the problem of [data sparseness](#).

# Naive Bayes conditional independence assumption

To reduce the number of parameters to a manageable size, we make the [Naive Bayes conditional independence assumption](#):

$$P(d|c) = P(\langle t_1, \dots, t_{n_d} \rangle | c) = \prod_{1 \leq k \leq n_d} P(X_k = t_k | c)$$

We assume that the probability of observing the conjunction of attributes is equal to the product of the individual probabilities  $P(X_k = t_k | c)$ .

# The Naive Bayes classifier

- The Naive Bayes classifier is a probabilistic classifier.
- We compute the probability of a document  $d$  being in a class  $c$  as follows:

$$P(c|d) \propto P(c) \prod_{1 \leq k \leq n_d} P(t_k|c)$$

- $n_d$  is the length of the document. (number of tokens)
- $P(t_k | c)$  is the conditional probability of term  $t_k$  occurring in a document of class  $c$
- $P(t_k | c)$  is a measure of **how much evidence**  $t_k$  contributes that  $c$  is the correct class.
- $P(c)$  is the prior probability of  $c$ .
- If a document's terms do not provide clear evidence for one class vs. another, we choose the  $c$  with highest  $P(c)$ .

# Maximum a posteriori class

- Our goal in Naive Bayes classification is to find the “best” class.
- The best class is the most likely or maximum a posteriori (MAP) class  $c_{\text{map}}$ :

$$c_{\text{map}} = \arg \max_{c \in \mathbb{C}} \hat{P}(c|d) = \arg \max_{c \in \mathbb{C}} \hat{P}(c) \prod_{1 \leq k \leq n_d} \hat{P}(t_k|c)$$

# Taking the log

- Multiplying lots of small probabilities can result in floating point underflow.
  - Since  $\log(xy) = \log(x) + \log(y)$ , we can sum log probabilities instead of multiplying probabilities.
  - Since log is a monotonic function, the class with the highest score does not change.
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- So what we usually compute in practice is:

$$c_{\text{map}} = \arg \max_{c \in \mathbb{C}} [\log \hat{P}(c) + \sum_{1 \leq k \leq n_d} \log \hat{P}(t_k | c)]$$

# Naive Bayes classifier

- Classification rule:

$$c_{\text{map}} = \arg \max_{c \in \mathbb{C}} [\log \hat{P}(c) + \sum_{1 \leq k \leq n_d} \log \hat{P}(t_k|c)]$$

- Simple interpretation:

- Each conditional parameter  $\log \hat{P}(t_k|c)$  is a weight that indicates how good an indicator  $t_k$  is for  $c$ .
- The prior  $\log \hat{P}(c)$  is a weight that indicates the relative frequency of  $c$ .
- The sum of log prior and term weights is then a measure of how much evidence there is for the document being in the class.
- We select the class with the most evidence.

# Parameter estimation take 1: Maximum likelihood

- Estimate parameters  $\hat{P}(c)$  and  $\hat{P}(t_k|c)$  from train data: How?

- Prior:

$$\hat{P}(c) = \frac{N_c}{N}$$

- $N_c$  : number of docs in class  $c$ ;  $N$ : total number of docs

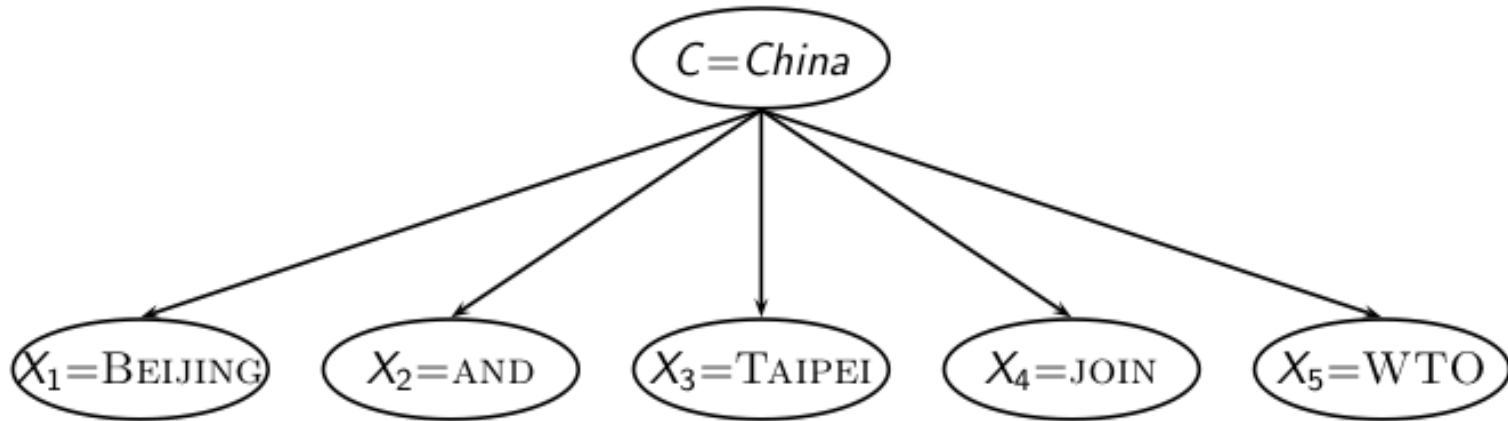
- Conditional probabilities:

$$\hat{P}(t|c) = \frac{T_{ct}}{\sum_{t' \in V} T_{ct'}}$$

- $T_{ct}$  is the number of tokens of  $t$  in training documents from class  $c$  (includes multiple occurrences)

- We've made a [Naive Bayes independence assumption](#) here:

# The problem with maximum likelihood estimates: Zeros



$$P(\text{China} | d) \propto P(\text{China}) \cdot P(\text{BEIJING} | \text{China}) \cdot P(\text{AND} | \text{China}) \\ \cdot P(\text{TAIPEI} | \text{China}) \cdot P(\text{JOIN} | \text{China}) \cdot P(\text{WTO} | \text{China})$$

- If WTO never occurs in class China in the train set:

$$\hat{P}(\text{WTO} | \text{China}) = \frac{T_{\text{China}, \text{WTO}}}{\sum_{t' \in V} T_{\text{China}, t'}} = \frac{0}{\sum_{t' \in V} T_{\text{China}, t'}} = 0$$



# The problem with maximum likelihood estimates: Zeros (cont)

- If there were no occurrences of WTO in documents in class China, we'd get a zero estimate:

$$\hat{P}(\text{WTO} | \text{China}) = \frac{T_{\text{China}, \text{WTO}}}{\sum_{t' \in V} T_{\text{China}, t'}} = 0$$

- → We will get  $P(\text{China} | d) = 0$  for any document that contains WTO!
- Zero probabilities cannot be conditioned away.

# To avoid zeros: Add-one smoothing

- Before:

$$\hat{P}(t|c) = \frac{T_{ct}}{\sum_{t' \in V} T_{ct'}}$$

- Now: Add one to each count to avoid zeros:

- B is the number of different words (in this case the size of the vocabulary:  $|V| = B$ )

$$\hat{P}(t|c) = \frac{T_{ct} + 1}{\sum_{t' \in V} (T_{ct'} + 1)} = \frac{T_{ct} + 1}{(\sum_{t' \in V} T_{ct'}) + B}$$

# To avoid zeros: Add-one smoothing

- Estimate parameters from the training corpus using add-one smoothing
- For a new document, for each class, compute sum of (i) log of prior and (ii) logs of conditional probabilities of the terms
- Assign the document to the class with the largest score

# Exercise

	docID	words in document	in $c = \textit{China}$ ?
training set	1	Chinese Beijing Chinese	yes
	2	Chinese Chinese Shanghai	yes
	3	Chinese Macao	yes
	4	Tokyo Japan Chinese	no
test set	5	Chinese Chinese Chinese Tokyo Japan	?

- Estimate parameters of Naive Bayes classifier
- Classify test document

# Example: Parameter estimates

Priors:  $\hat{P}(c) = 3/4$  and  $\hat{P}(\bar{c}) = 1/4$  Conditional probabilities:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{P}(\text{CHINESE}|c) &= (5 + 1)/(8 + 6) = 6/14 = 3/7 \\ \hat{P}(\text{TOKYO}|c) = \hat{P}(\text{JAPAN}|c) &= (0 + 1)/(8 + 6) = 1/14 \\ \hat{P}(\text{CHINESE}|\bar{c}) &= (1 + 1)/(3 + 6) = 2/9 \\ \hat{P}(\text{TOKYO}|\bar{c}) = \hat{P}(\text{JAPAN}|\bar{c}) &= (1 + 1)/(3 + 6) = 2/9\end{aligned}$$

The denominators are  $(8 + 6)$  and  $(3 + 6)$  because the lengths of  $text_c$  and  $text_{\bar{c}}$  are 8 and 3, respectively, and because the constant  $B$  is 6 as the vocabulary consists of six terms.

# Example: Classification

$$\hat{P}(c|d_5) \propto 3/4 \cdot (3/7)^3 \cdot 1/14 \cdot 1/14 \approx 0.0003$$
$$\hat{P}(\bar{c}|d_5) \propto 1/4 \cdot (2/9)^3 \cdot 2/9 \cdot 2/9 \approx 0.0001$$

Thus, the classifier assigns the test document to  $c = \textit{China}$ . The reason for this classification decision is that the three occurrences of the positive indicator CHINESE in  $d_5$  outweigh the occurrences of the two negative indicators JAPAN and TOKYO.

# Class Conditional Probabilities

To compute,  $P(x_k|C_i)$

- $A_k$  is categorical:

*the number of tuples of class  $C_i$  in  $D$  having the value  $x_k$  for  $A_k$*

$$P(x_k|C_i) = \frac{\text{the number of tuples of class } C_i \text{ in } D \text{ having the value } x_k \text{ for } A_k}{\text{the number of tuples of class } C_i \text{ in } D.}$$

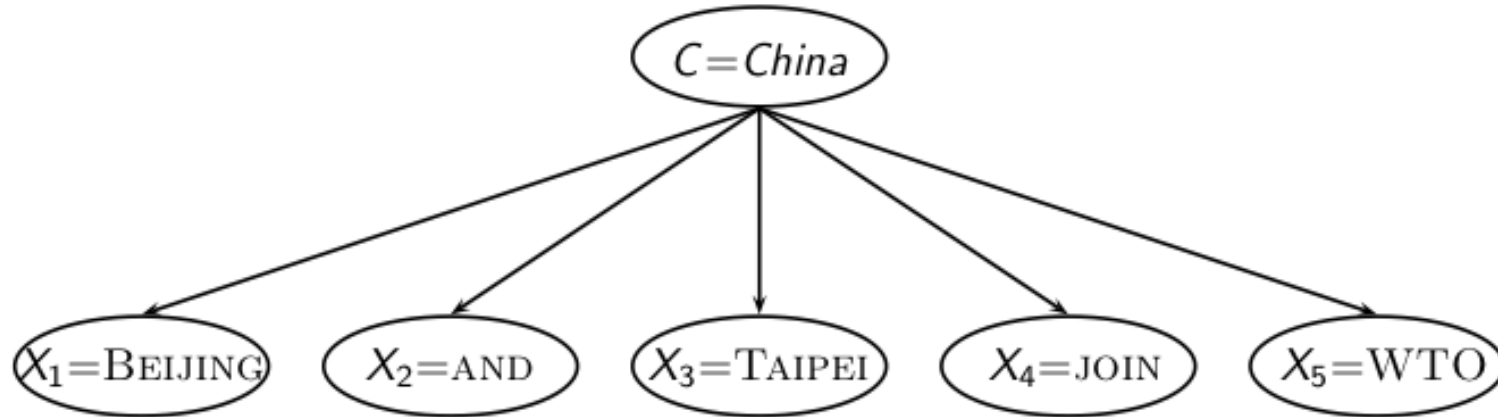
- $A_k$  is continuous:

A continuous-valued attribute is typically assumed to have a Gaussian distribution with a mean  $\mu$  and standard deviation  $\sigma$

$$g(x, \mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}},$$

$$P(x_k|C_i) = g(x_k, \mu_{C_i}, \sigma_{C_i}).$$

# Generative model



$$P(c|d) \propto P(c) \prod_{1 \leq k \leq n_d} P(t_k|c)$$

- Generate a class with probability  $P(c)$
- Generate each of the words (in their respective positions), conditional on the class, but independent of each other, with probability  $P(t_k | c)$
- To classify docs, we “reengineer” this process and find the class that is most likely to have generated the doc.



# On naïve Bayesian classifier

- Advantages:
  - Easy to implement
  - Very efficient
  - Good results obtained in many applications
- Disadvantages
  - Assumption: class conditional independence, therefore loss of accuracy when the assumption is seriously violated (those highly correlated data sets)

# **BAYESIAN LINEAR REGRESSION**

# Maximum Likelihood and Least Squares

- Assume observations from a deterministic function with added Gaussian noise:

$$t = y(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) + \epsilon \quad \text{where} \quad p(\epsilon|\beta) = \mathcal{N}(\epsilon|0, \beta^{-1})$$

- which is the same as saying,

$$p(t|\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}, \beta) = \mathcal{N}(t|y(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}), \beta^{-1}).$$

- Given observed inputs,  $\mathbf{X} = \{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N\}$ , and targets,  $\mathbf{t} = [t_1, \dots, t_N]^T$ , we obtain the likelihood function

$$p(\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{w}, \beta) = \prod_{n=1}^N \mathcal{N}(t_n|\mathbf{w}^T \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_n), \beta^{-1}).$$

# Maximum Likelihood and Least Squares

- Taking the logarithm, we get

$$\begin{aligned}\ln p(\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{w}, \beta) &= \sum_{n=1}^N \ln \mathcal{N}(t_n | \mathbf{w}^T \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_n), \beta^{-1}) \\ &= \frac{N}{2} \ln \beta - \frac{N}{2} \ln(2\pi) - \beta E_D(\mathbf{w})\end{aligned}$$

- where

$$E_D(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N \{t_n - \mathbf{w}^T \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_n)\}^2$$

- is the sum-of-squares error.

# Bayesian Linear Regression (1)

- Define a conjugate prior over  $\mathbf{w}$

$$p(\mathbf{w}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{w} | \mathbf{m}_0, \mathbf{S}_0).$$

- Combining this with the likelihood function and using results for marginal and conditional Gaussian distributions, gives the posterior

$$p(\mathbf{w} | \mathbf{t}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{w} | \mathbf{m}_N, \mathbf{S}_N)$$

- where

$$\mathbf{m}_N = \mathbf{S}_N \left( \mathbf{S}_0^{-1} \mathbf{m}_0 + \beta \Phi^T \mathbf{t} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{S}_N^{-1} = \mathbf{S}_0^{-1} + \beta \Phi^T \Phi.$$

# Bayesian Linear Regression (2)

- A common choice for the prior is

$$p(\mathbf{w}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{w} | \mathbf{0}, \alpha^{-1} \mathbf{I})$$

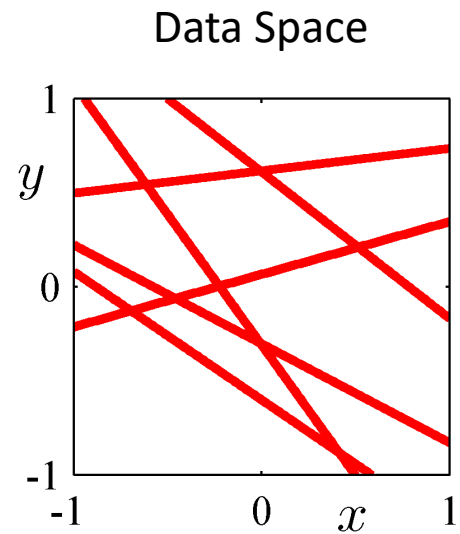
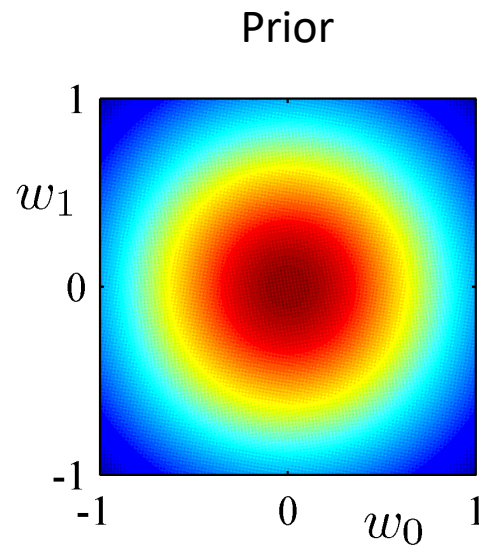
- for which

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{m}_N &= \beta \mathbf{S}_N \Phi^T \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{S}_N^{-1} &= \alpha \mathbf{I} + \beta \Phi^T \Phi. \end{aligned}$$

- Next we consider an example ...

# Bayesian Linear Regression (3)

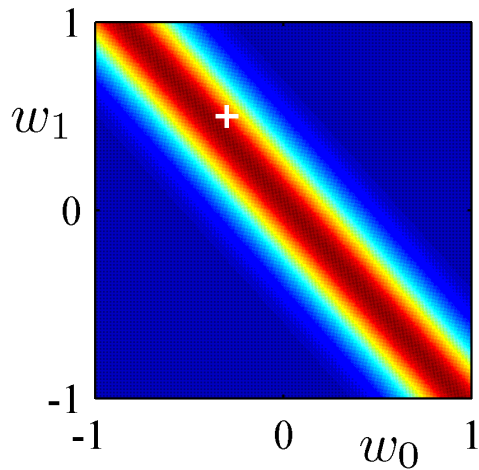
0 data points observed



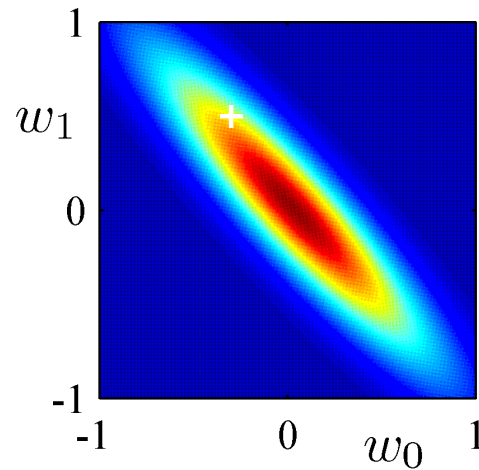
# Bayesian Linear Regression (4)

1 data point observed

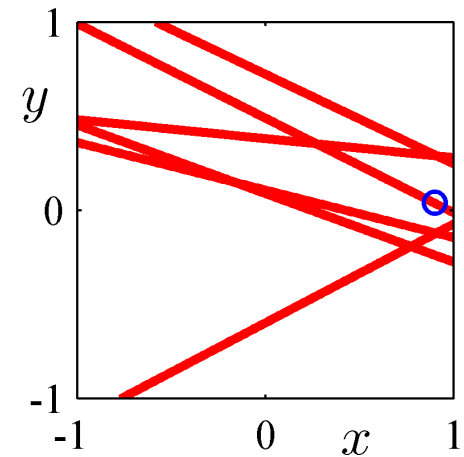
Likelihood



Posterior



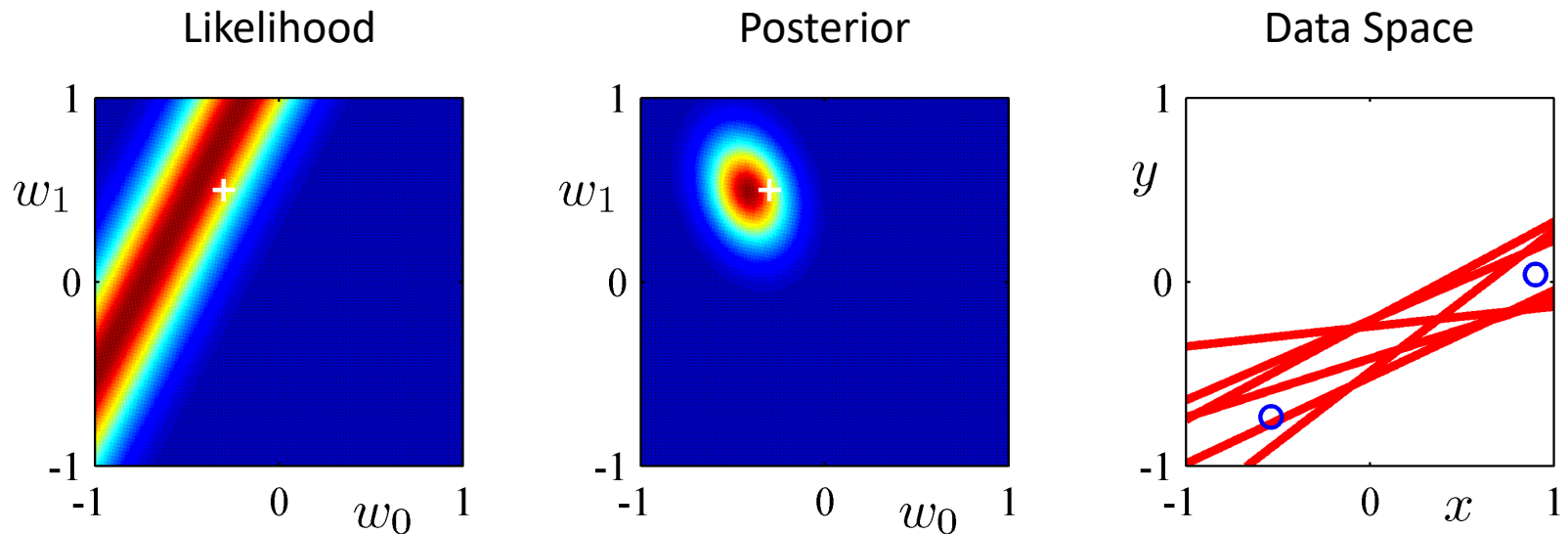
Data Space





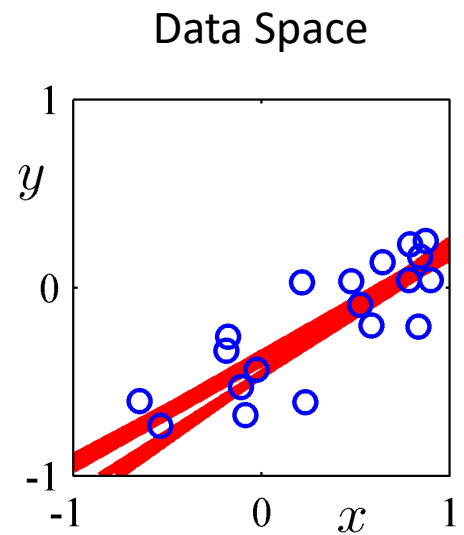
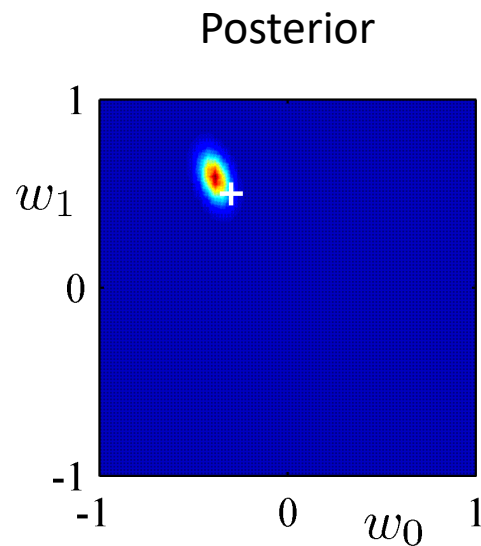
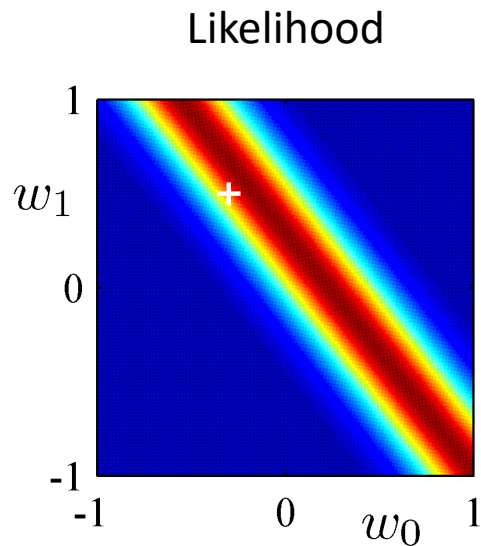
# Bayesian Linear Regression (5)

2 data points observed



# Bayesian Linear Regression (6)

20 data points observed



# Predictive Distribution (1)

- Predict  $t$  for new values of  $\mathbf{x}$  by integrating over  $\mathbf{w}$ :

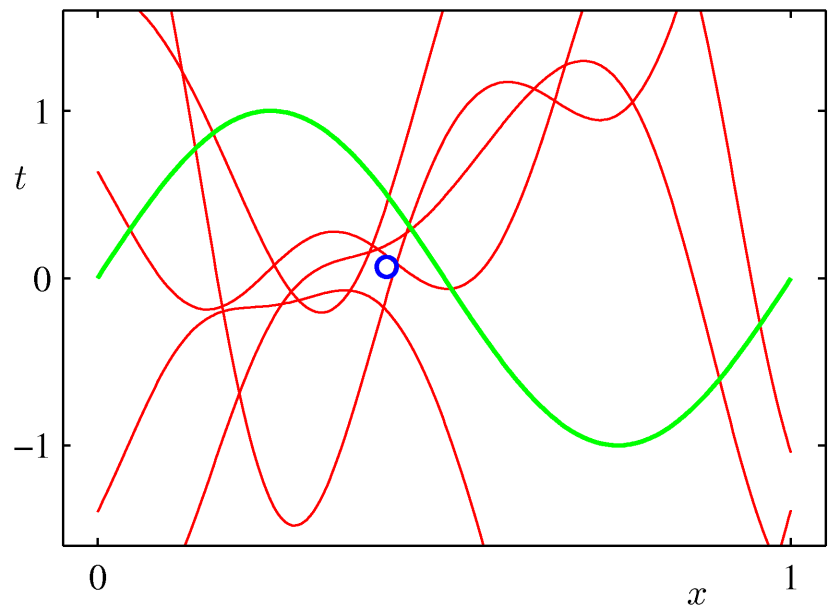
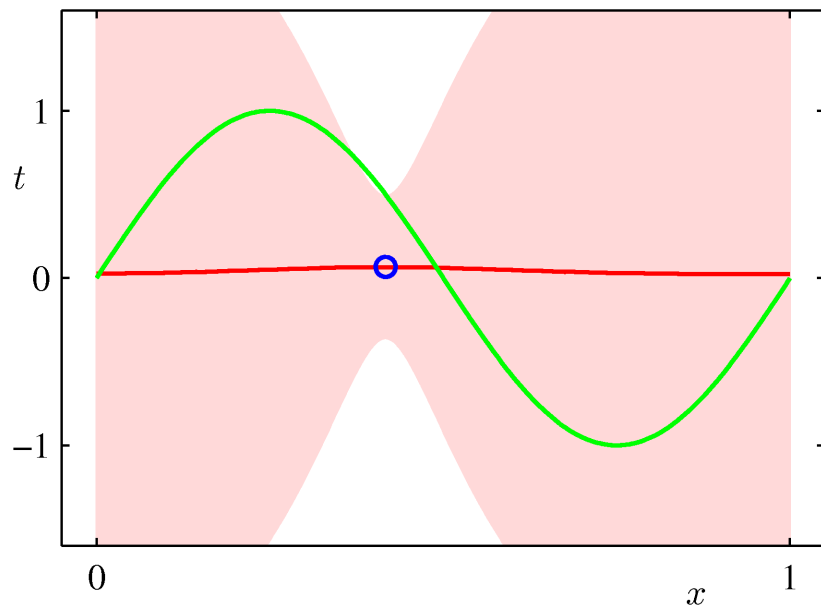
$$\begin{aligned} p(t|\mathbf{t}, \alpha, \beta) &= \int p(t|\mathbf{w}, \beta) p(\mathbf{w}|\mathbf{t}, \alpha, \beta) d\mathbf{w} \\ &= \mathcal{N}(t|\mathbf{m}_N^T \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}), \sigma_N^2(\mathbf{x})) \end{aligned}$$

- where

$$\sigma_N^2(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x})^T \mathbf{S}_N \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}).$$

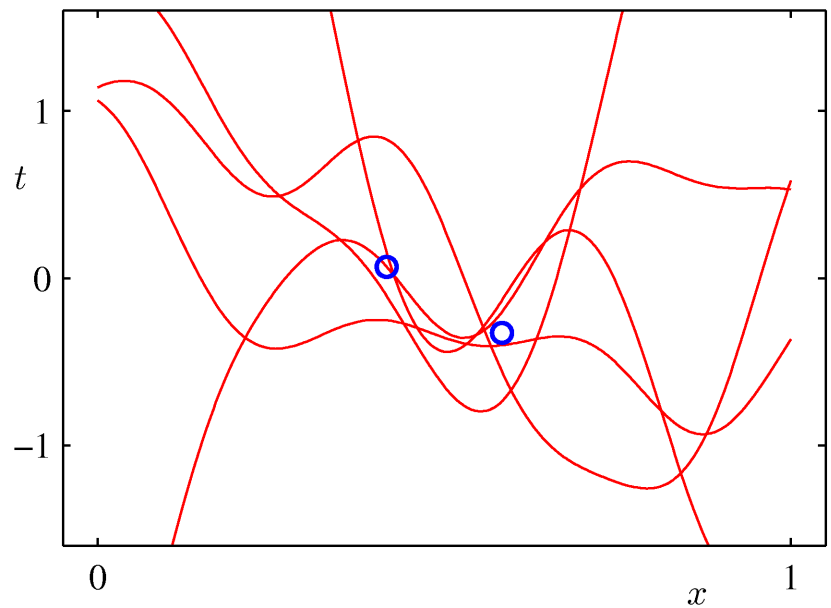
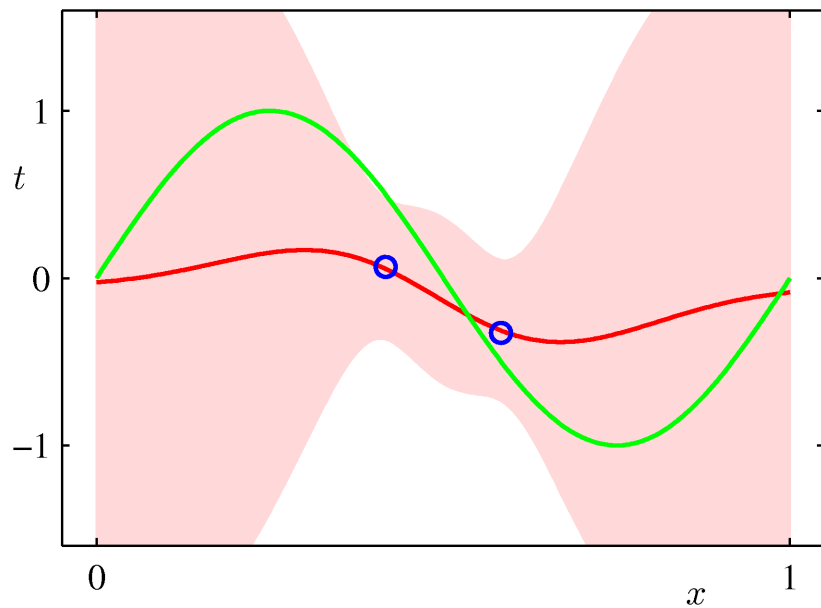
# Predictive Distribution (2)

- Example: Sinusoidal data, 9 Gaussian basis functions, 1 data point



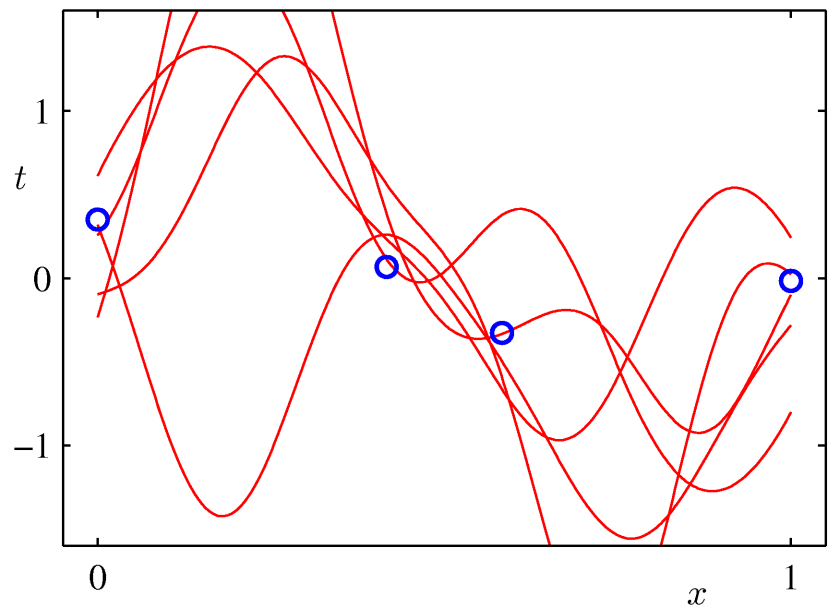
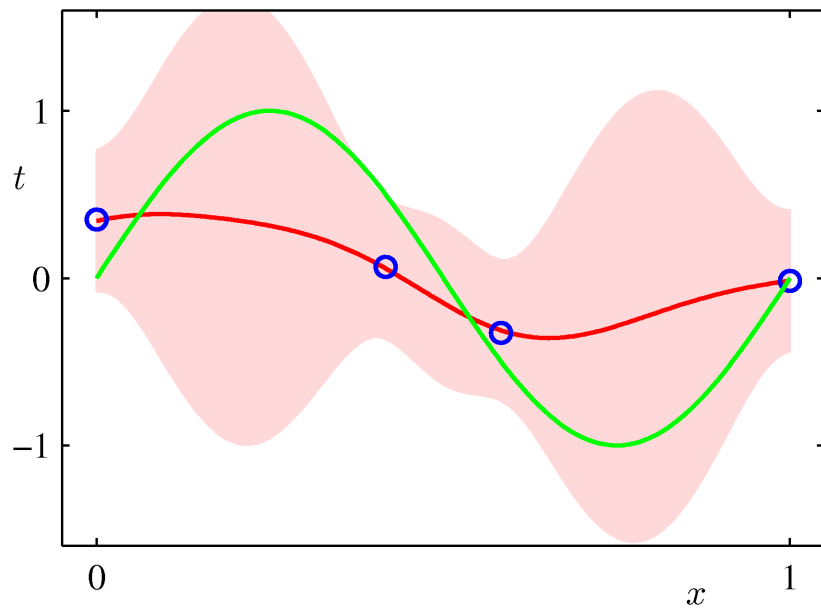
# Predictive Distribution (3)

- Example: Sinusoidal data, 9 Gaussian basis functions, 2 data points



# Predictive Distribution (4)

- Example: Sinusoidal data, 9 Gaussian basis functions, 4 data points



# Predictive Distribution (5)

- Example: Sinusoidal data, 9 Gaussian basis functions, 25 data points

