

**Mathematics of Big Data, I**

**Lecture 3: Review Probability, GLMs  
(conti), Schur Complement, Multivariate  
Gaussian Distribution**

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# Today

- **Review Probability**
  - **View Probability functions as special kind of functions**
    - Binomial
    - Multinomial
    - Poisson
    - Beta distribution
  - **Key characteristics**
  - **Conditional probability**
- **Generalized Linear Model (GLMs) (continued)**
- **Schur's Complement**
- **Conditional Normal Distributions**
  - **Review: Single variable normal distribution (i.e. Gaussian distribution) and Multivariate Gaussian Distribution**

A probability function is a special function which must satisfy:

$$0 \leq P(X) \leq 1$$

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# A Big Picture of Probability Theory

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**Key Characteristics:**

|                         |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Single rv               | Multi-rv     |
| E(X) & Condit'l Expec'n | Cov (X, Y)   |
| Variance/Stan. Devi.    | Corrl(X, Y)  |
| Moments                 | Cov. Matrix  |
| Skewness etc.           | Corrl Matrix |

**Probability Distributions (Discrete & Continuous) and their Geometric Meanings**

**Other known distrib'ns**

- Bernoulli
- Beta  $\theta \sim \text{Beta}(a, b)$
- Chi-square
- Poisson
- Student's t
- Uniform

**Probability Rules for Events:**

- Product rule/iid
- Joint probability
- Conditional Independence**

|                  | Discrete   | Continuous  |
|------------------|--|---|
| <b>Single-rv</b> | <b>Binomial</b>  | <b>Gaussian/Normal</b>  |
|                  | $\binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$                         | $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\sigma^2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$                            |
| <b>Multi-rv</b>  | <b>Multinomial</b>                                     | <b>Multivari-Gaussian</b>   |
|                  | $\frac{n!}{x_1! \dots x_k!} p_1^{x_1} \dots p_k^{x_k}$ | $(2\pi)^{-\frac{1}{2}k}  \Sigma ^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu)'\Sigma^{-1}(x-\mu)}$ |



Discrete distrib'n  $\rightleftarrows$  Taking limit  $\rightleftarrows$  Conti. distrib'n

Besides **pmf/pdf**, + 3 key fcns:

- cdf** (cumulative distri. fcn)
- cf** (characteristic fcn  $E(e^{itX})$ )
- mgf** (moment generating fcn)  $m_X(t) = E(e^{tX})$

**Condi. Prob & Bayesian Rules**

$$p(A|B) = \frac{p(A, B)}{p(B)} \text{ if } p(B) > 0$$

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$$= \frac{p(X = x)p(Y = y|X = x)}{\sum_{x'} p(X = x')p(Y = y|X = x')}$$

**Central Limit Theorem**

Other Key Tech: Making connection to derivative/Jacobian/integrations.

**Key: View everything as functions. P eats an observation x of a random variable X and spits out a value P(X=x) in [0,1], & the sum of all p(x) is 1.**

- X is a random variable. P(X=x) = p(x).**

**Like the variables in calculus, we can add, subtract, make linear combinations; or make new functions f(x), also can take derivatives/integrations.**

$X \rightarrow f(X)$ . For e.g.s

- $f(X) = \sum a_i X_i$
- $f(X) = AX + b$
- $f(X) = X^n$
- $f(X) = \text{Taylor exp.}$

what is  $E(f(X))$ ?

$y = f(x) = Ax + b$

$$E[y] = E[AX + b] = A\mu + b$$

$$\text{cov}[y] = \text{cov}[AX + b] = A\Sigma A^T$$

$$p_y(y) = p_x(x) \left| \det \left( \frac{\partial x}{\partial y} \right) \right| = p_x(x) \left| \det J_{y \rightarrow x} \right|$$

**$y = f(x)$**

# Two different ways to generalize Binomial distribution

- From Binomial distribution to Poisson distribution
- From Binomial distribution to Multinomial Distribution

- **Recall: What are Multinomial distributions?**

- **For example:** If a 6 sided die has

- 3 faces painted red
- 2 faces painted white
- 1 faces painted blue

And rolled 100 times.

Find  $P(60 \text{ red, } 30 \text{ white, and } 10 \text{ blue})$ .

*Work out details with the students on the board.*

***Generally an experiment with  $m$  outcomes with respective probabilities  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_m$  is performed  $n$  times independently.***

***Let  $x_i = \#$  of times outcome  $i$  appears,  $i=1,2,\dots,m$***

***Then  $P(x_1=k_1, x_2=k_2, \dots, x_m = k_m) = ?$***

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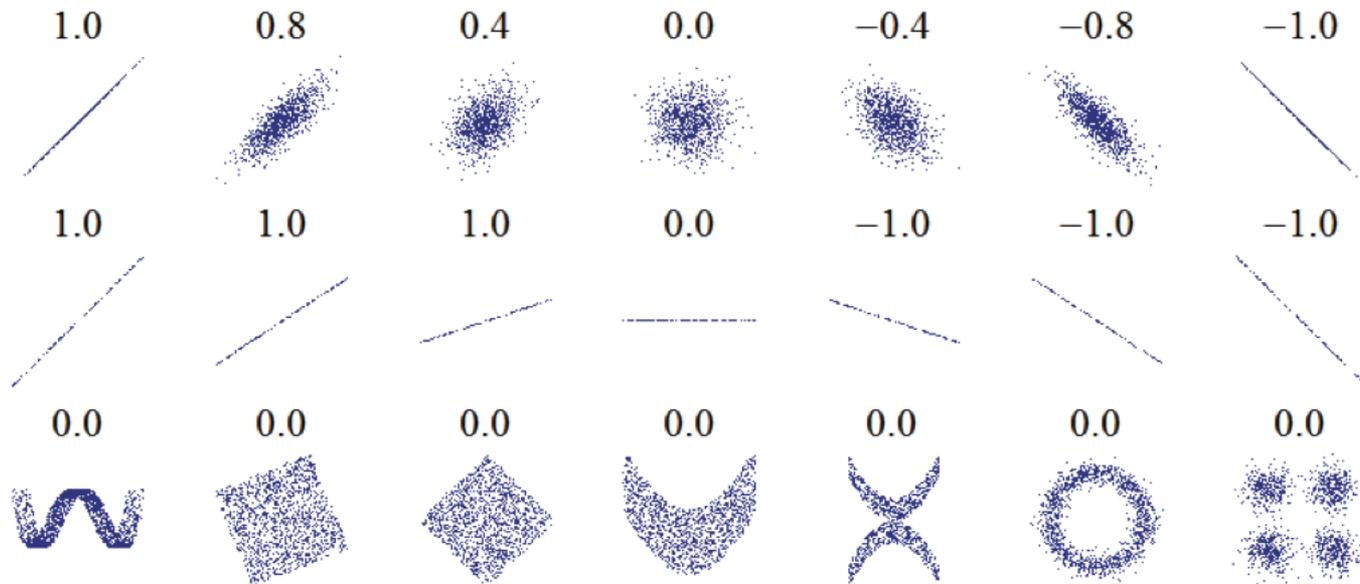
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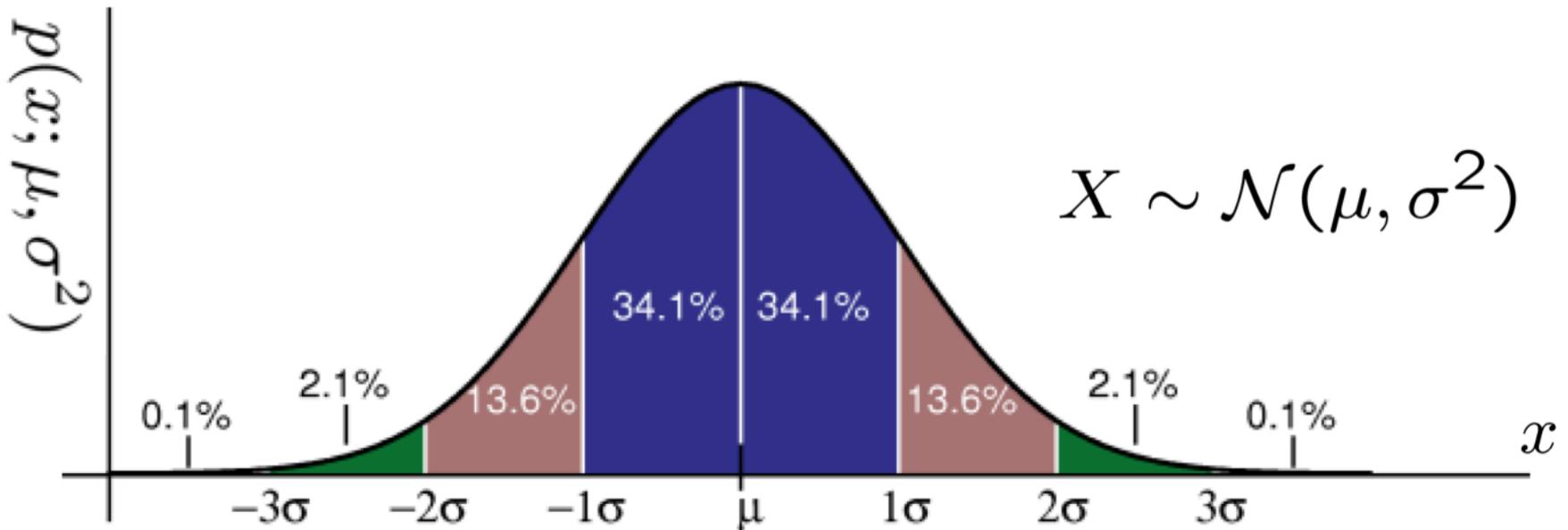
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$$p(X_{1:D}) = p(X_1)p(X_2|X_1)p(X_3|X_2, X_1)p(X_4|X_1, X_2, X_3) \dots p(X_D|X_{1:D-1})$$

Changing gear:

# Recall: Gaussian with one variable (called *Univariate Gaussian*)

Gaussian distribution with mean  $\mu$ , and standard deviation  $\sigma$ .



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

When  $\mu = 0$  and  $\sigma = 1$ , it is called the standard normal distribution.

# Different ways to find expected values

$$E[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} xf(x)dx$$

Where  $f(x)$  is the probability density function of  $X$ .

**Example:** Let  $f(x)$  be the density of the standard normal distribution.

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$$

$$E[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx$$

**Method 1:** Since  $xe^{-x^2/2}$  is an odd function and the limits of the integral are symmetric, so we get  $E[X] = 0$ .

**Method 2:** Directly integrate.

**Method 3:** Using the moment generating function.

## Method 2

$$\begin{aligned} E[X] &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx \\ &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2/2} d\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2} \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

# Method 3

- The moment generating function is defined as

$$\phi(t) = E[e^{tX}].$$

$$\phi(t) = C \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{tx} e^{-x^2/2} dx = C \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-x^2/2+tx} dx = e^{t^2/2} C \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-(x-t)^2/2} dx.$$

$$t^2/2 - (x-t)^2/2 = t^2/2 + (-x^2/2 + tx - t^2/2) = -x^2/2 + tx$$

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$$\phi(t) = e^{t^2/2} = 1 + (t^2/2) + \frac{1}{2}(t^2/2)^2 + \dots + \frac{1}{k!}(t^2/2)^k + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[e^{tX}] &= E \left[ 1 + tX + \frac{1}{2}(tX)^2 + \dots + \frac{1}{n!}(tX)^n + \dots \right] \\ &= 1 + E[X]t + \frac{1}{2}E[X^2]t^2 + \dots + \frac{1}{n!}E[X^n]t^n + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$E[x] = 0$$

When  $k=1$ ,  
 $E[x^2] = 1$ .  
 Variance = 1.

Compare:

$$\frac{1}{(2k)!} E[X^{2k}] t^{2k} = \frac{1}{k!} (t^2/2)^k = \frac{1}{2^k k!} t^{2k},$$

$$E[X^{2k}] = \frac{(2k)!}{2^k k!}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

# Properties of Gaussians

$$X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

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

- Integration of the densities equals to 1.

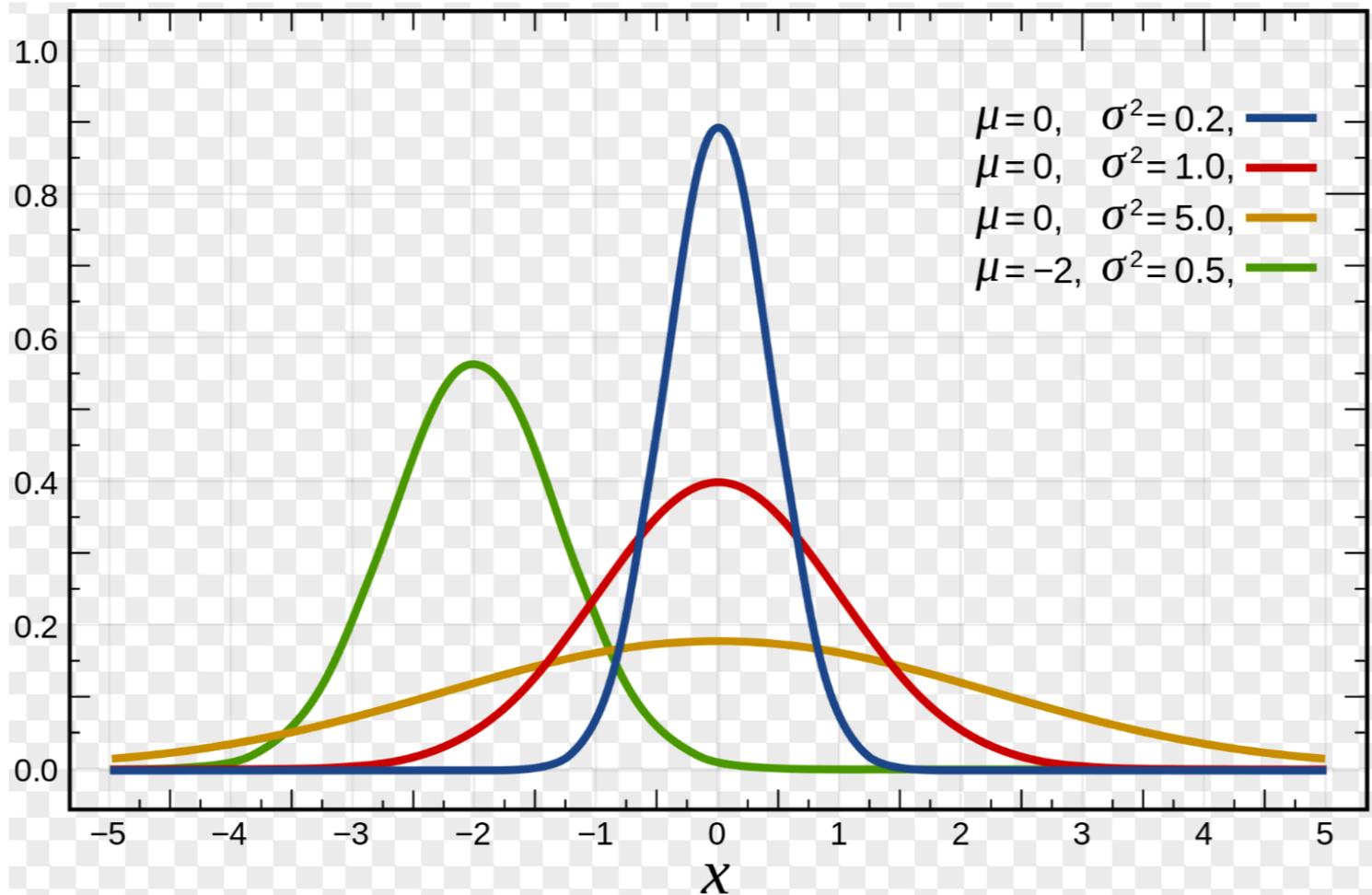
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(x; \mu, \sigma^2) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) dx = 1$$

- Mean:  $\mathbb{E}_X[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} xp(x; \mu, \sigma^2) dx$   
$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) dx$$
$$= \mu$$

- Variance:

$$\mathbb{E}_X[(X - \mu)^2] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu)^2 p(x; \mu, \sigma^2) dx$$
$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu)^2 \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) dx$$
$$= \sigma^2$$

**In general, do translation and scale;  
i.e. change of variables when try to  
find those key characteristic values**



# Covariance, and Covariance Matrix

- The **covariance** between two rv's  $X$  and  $Y$  measures the degree to which  $X$  and  $Y$  are (linearly) related; defined as

$$\text{cov} [X, Y] \triangleq \mathbb{E} [(X - \mathbb{E} [X])(Y - \mathbb{E} [Y])]$$

Exercise

$$= \mathbb{E} [XY] - \mathbb{E} [X] \mathbb{E} [Y]$$

If  $\mathbf{x}$  is a  $d$ -dimensional random vector, its **covariance matrix** is defined to be the following symmetric, positive definite matrix:

$$\text{cov} [\mathbf{x}] \triangleq \mathbb{E} [(\mathbf{x} - \mathbb{E} [\mathbf{x}])(\mathbf{x} - \mathbb{E} [\mathbf{x}])^T]$$

Often denoted by  $\Sigma$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \text{var} [X_1] & \text{cov} [X_1, X_2] & \cdots & \text{cov} [X_1, X_d] \\ \text{cov} [X_2, X_1] & \text{var} [X_2] & \cdots & \text{cov} [X_2, X_d] \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \text{cov} [X_d, X_1] & \text{cov} [X_d, X_2] & \cdots & \text{var} [X_d] \end{pmatrix}$$

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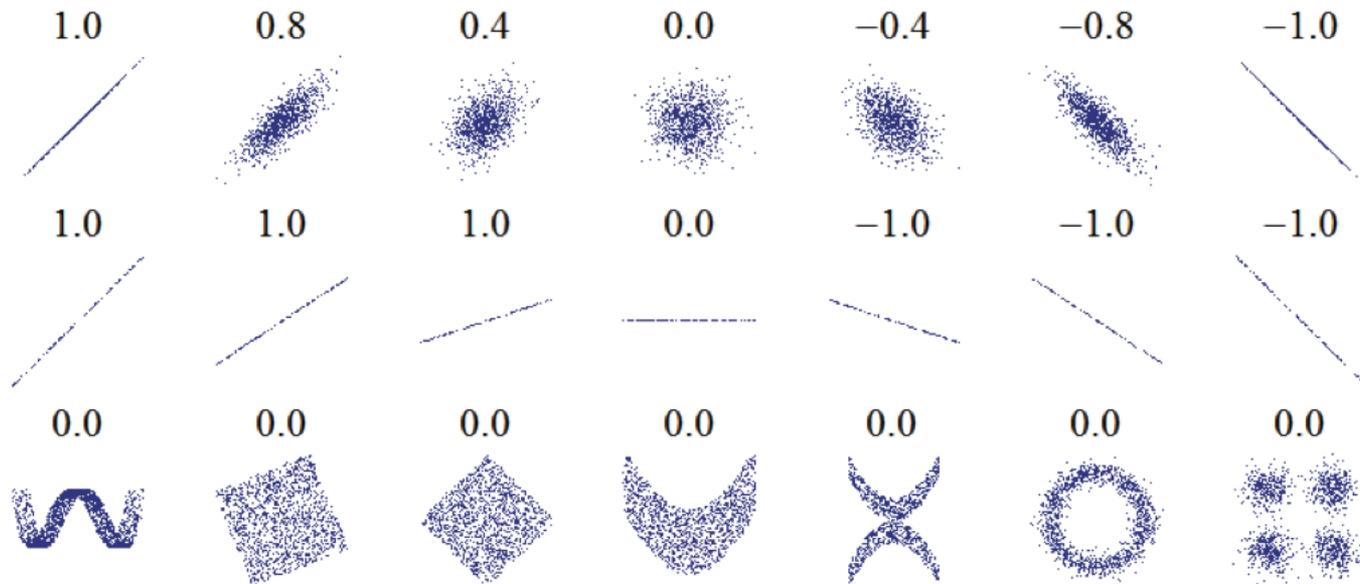
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# The multivariate Gaussian (distribution) or multivariate normal (MVN)

(The most widely used joint probability density function for continuous variables)

$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) \triangleq \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{D/2} |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{1/2}} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \right]$$

determinant

where  $\boldsymbol{\mu} = \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}] \in \mathbb{R}^D$  and  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \text{cov}[\mathbf{x}]$

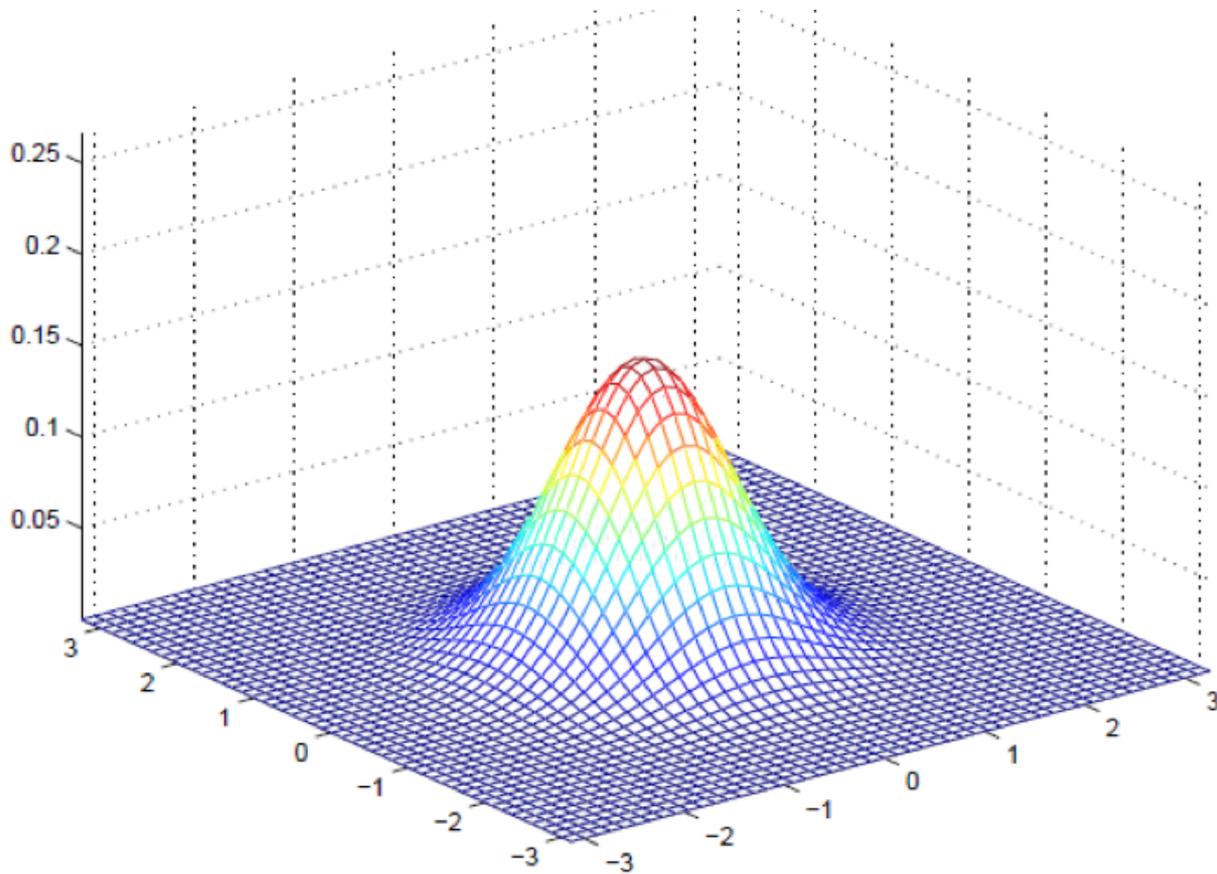
Note: the **precision matrix or concentration matrix** is just

the inverse covariance matrix,  $\boldsymbol{\Lambda} = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}$

A **spherical or isotropic covariance**  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_D$ ,  
has one free parameter.

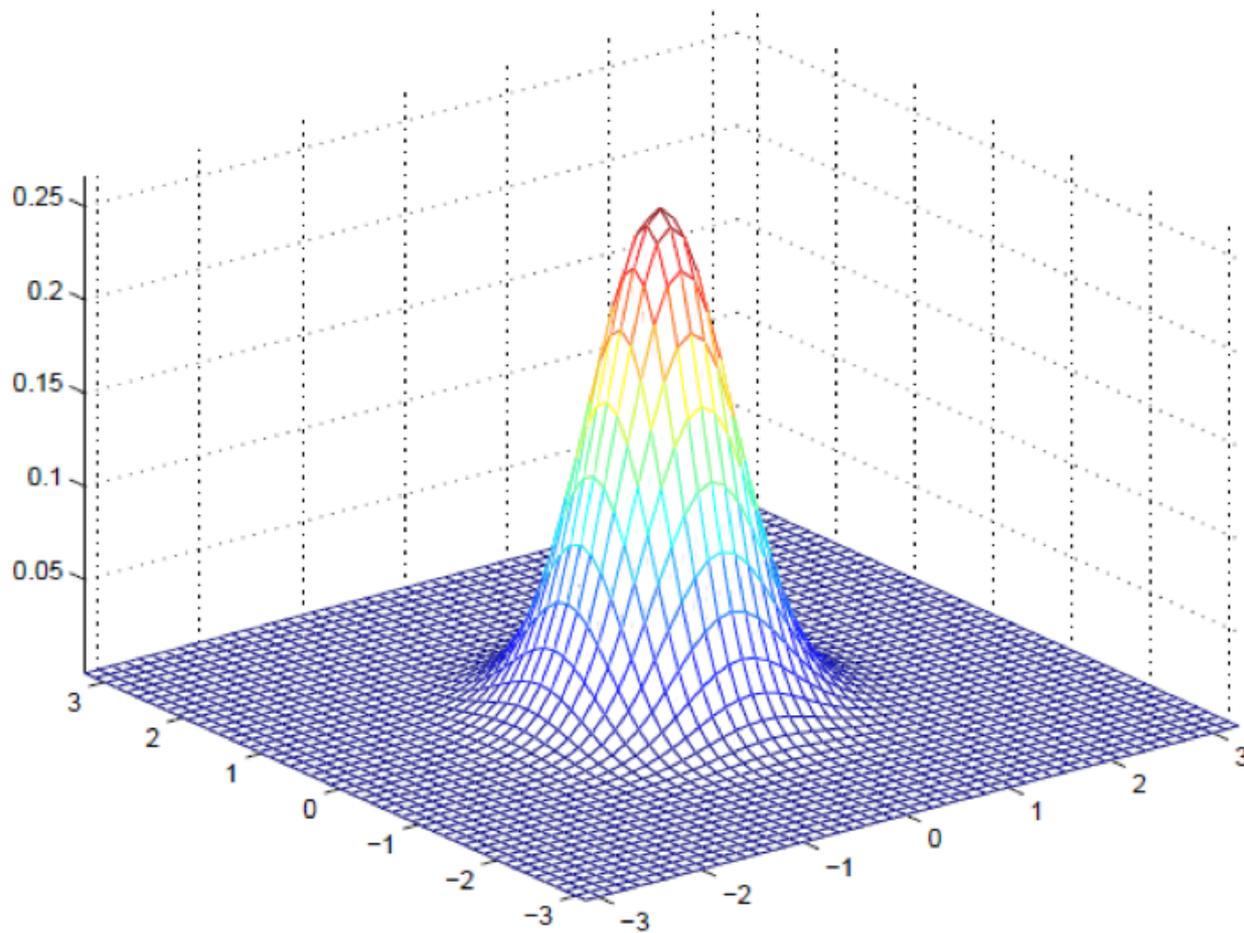
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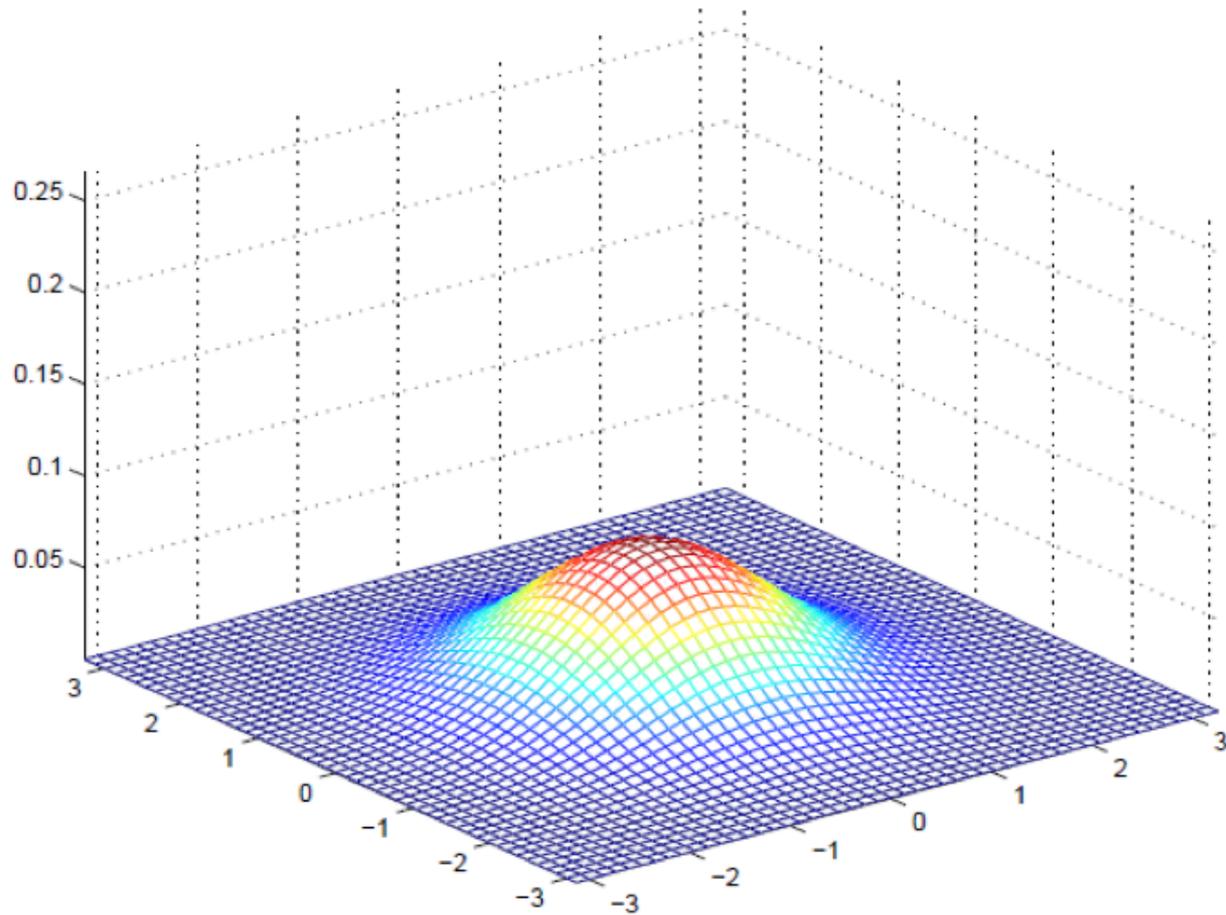
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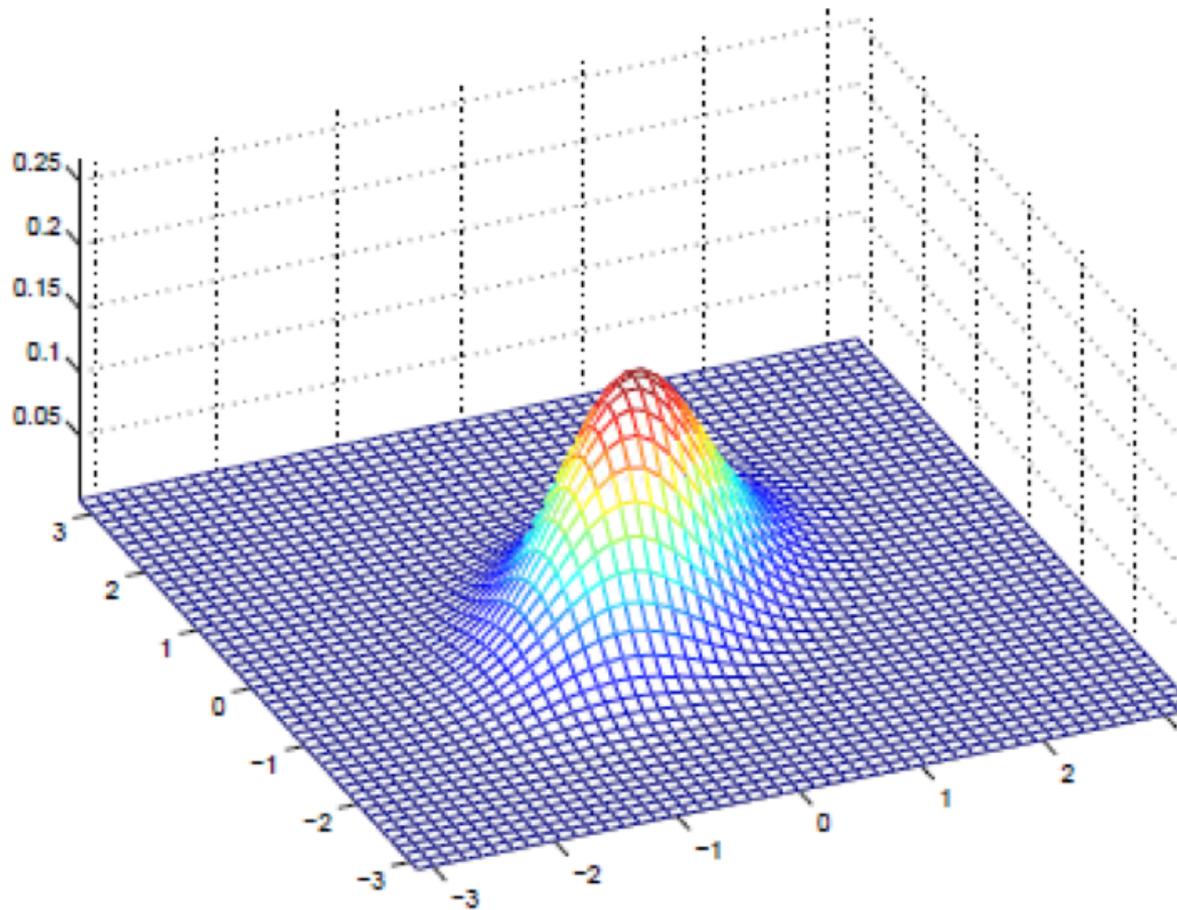
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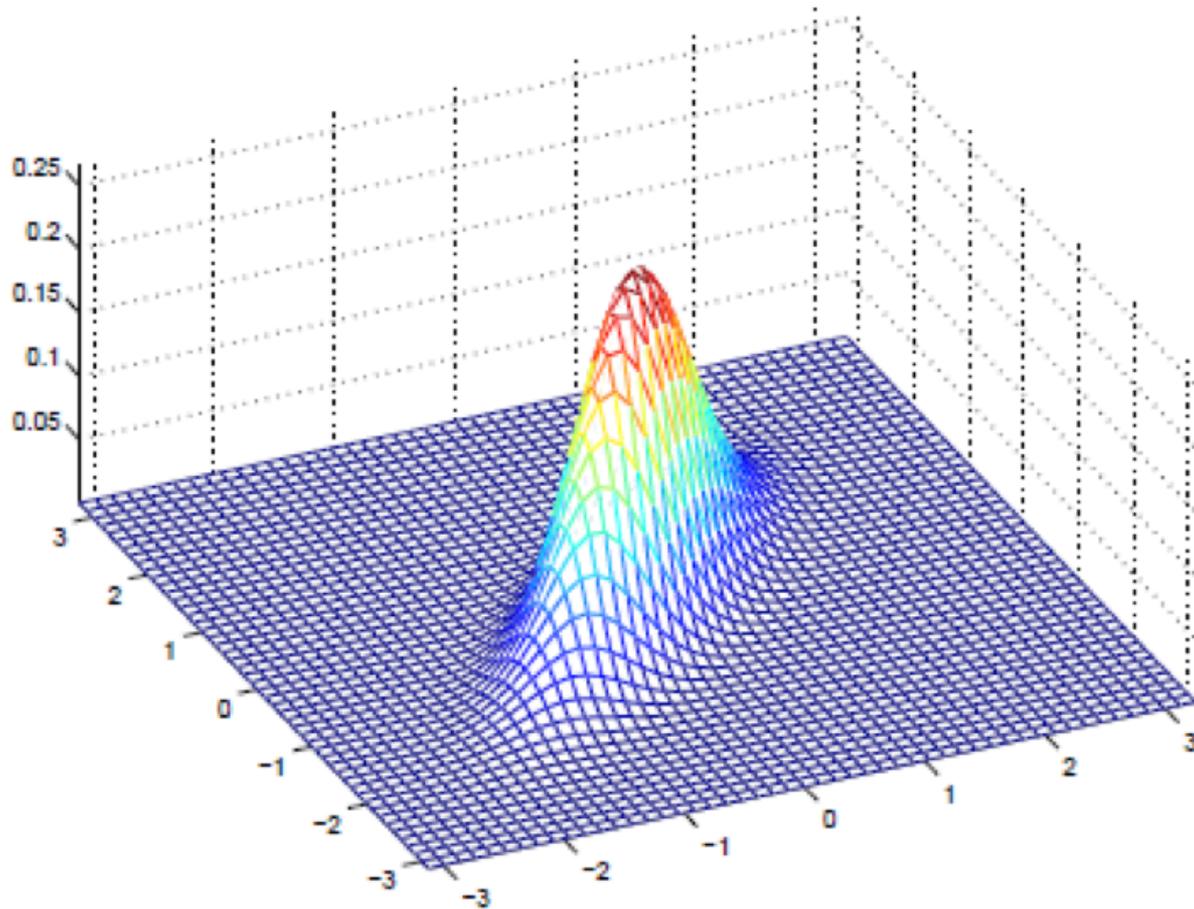
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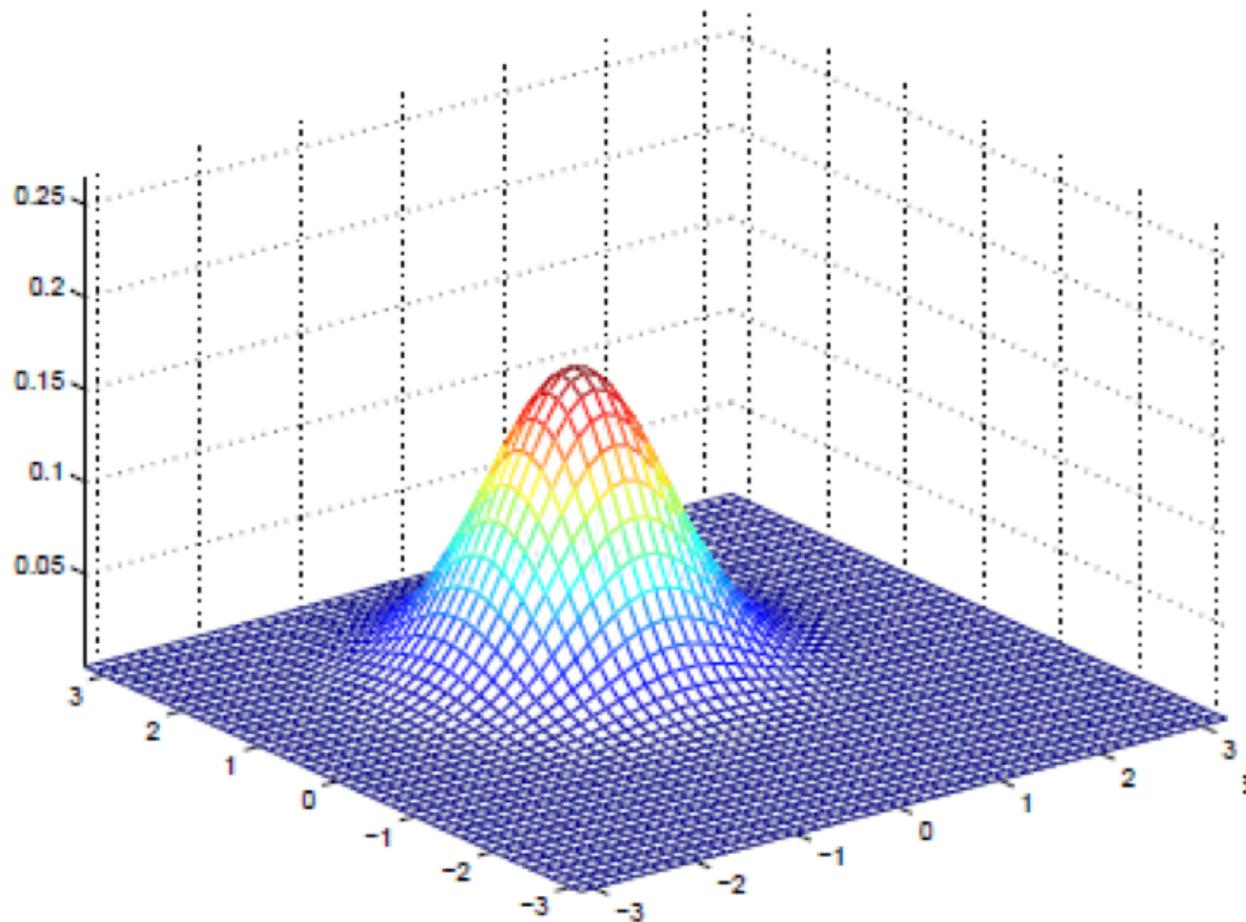
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Now let's visualize as  $\mu$  changes

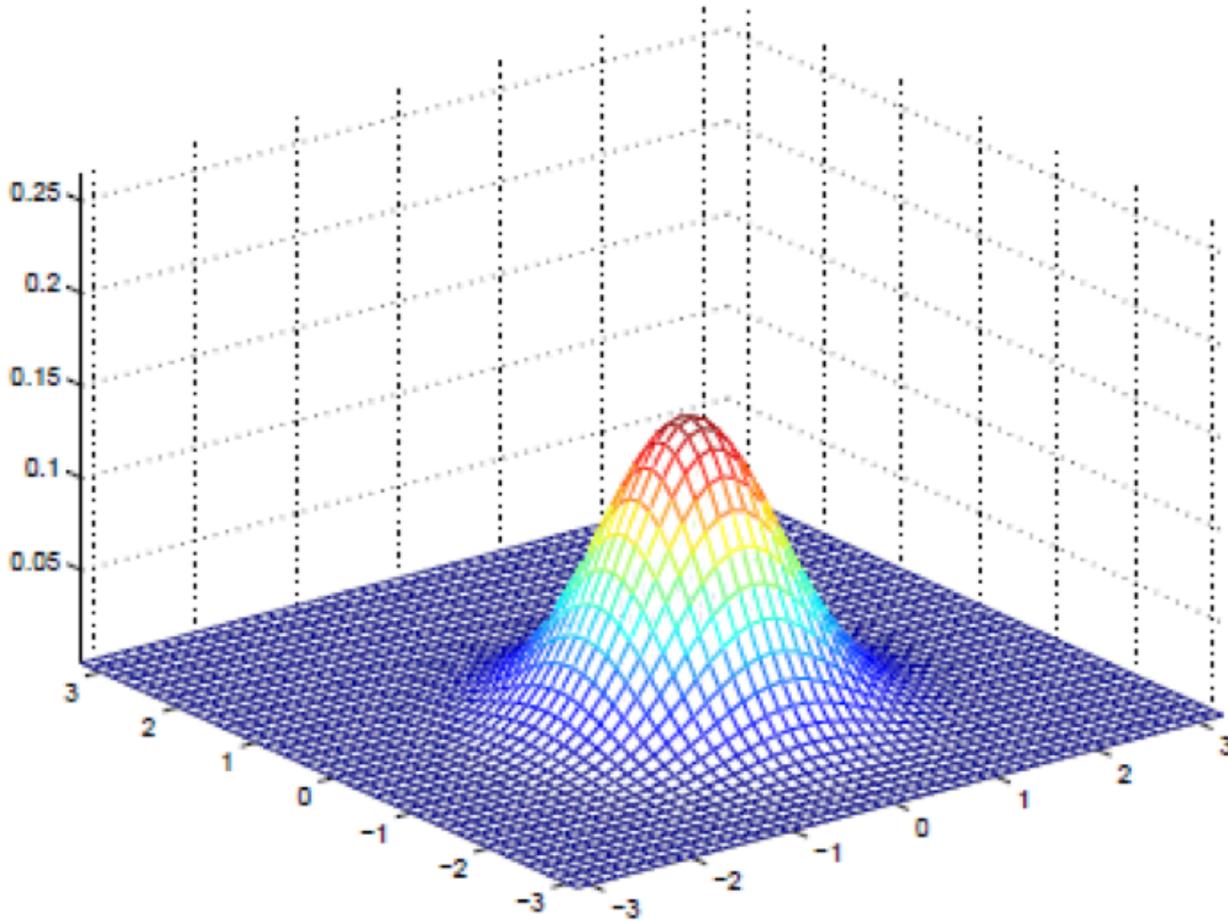
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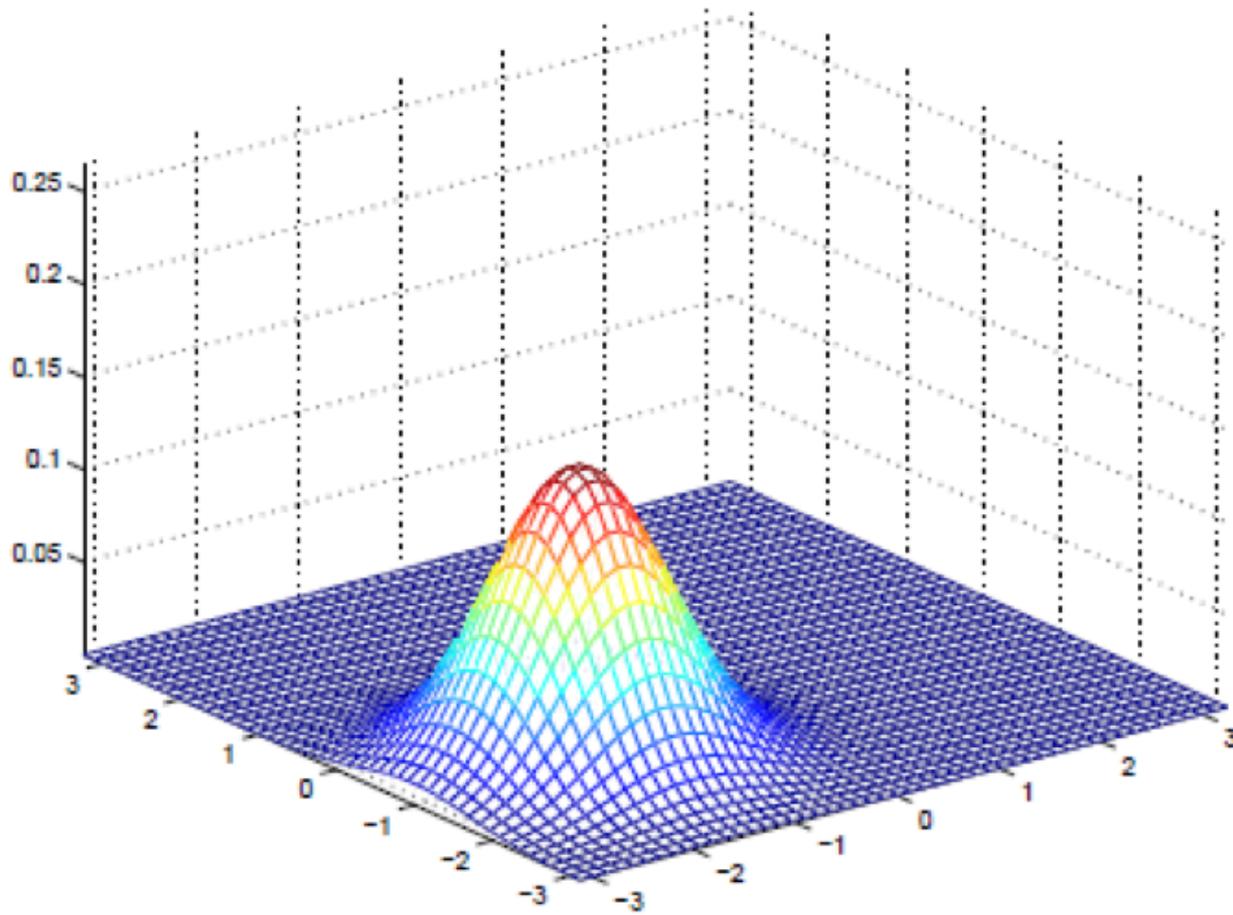
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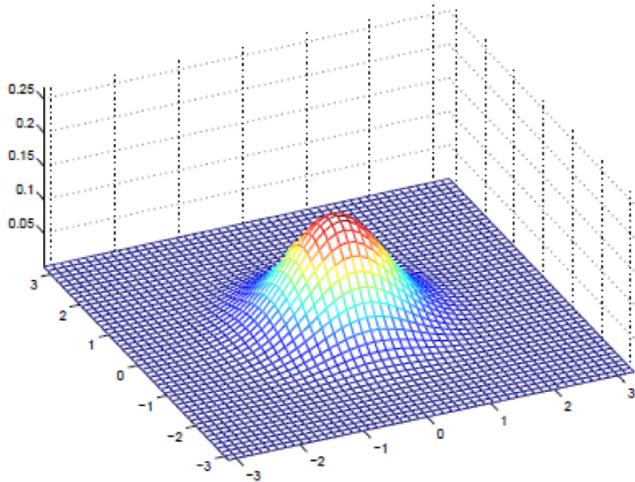
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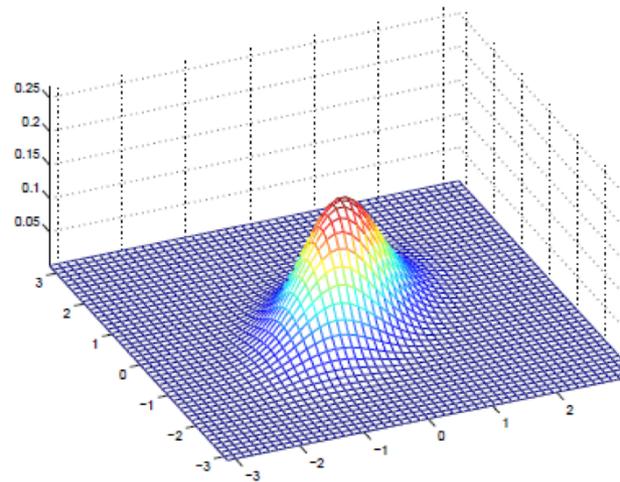


# Level sets visualization

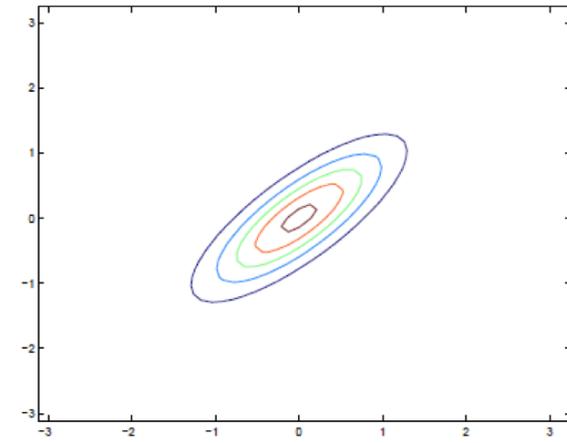
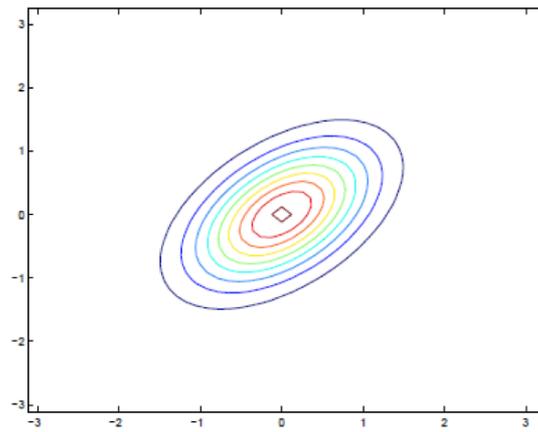
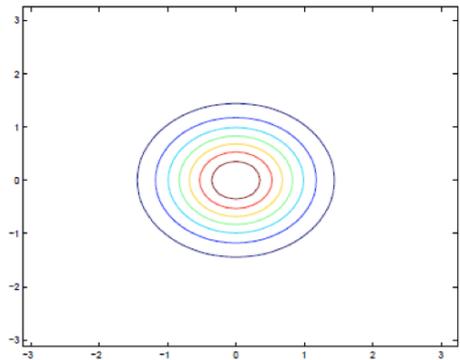
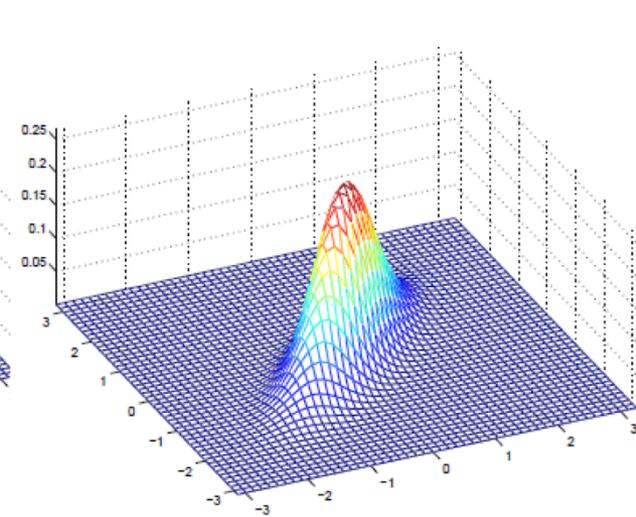
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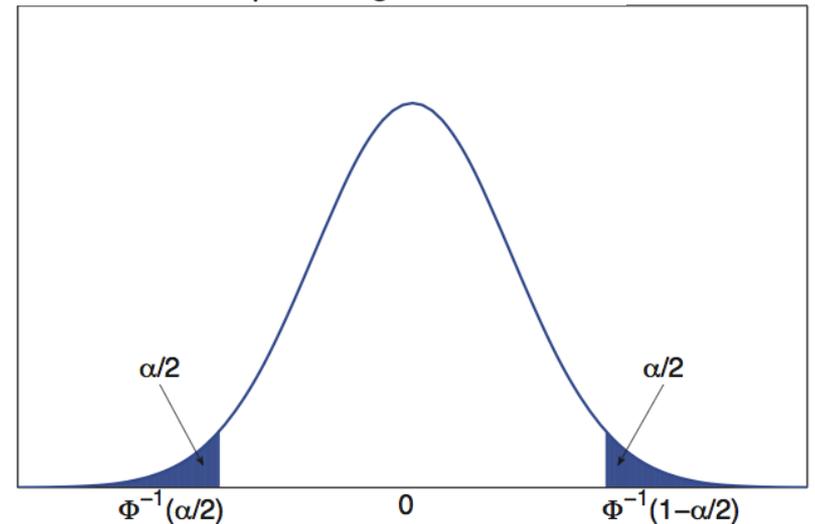
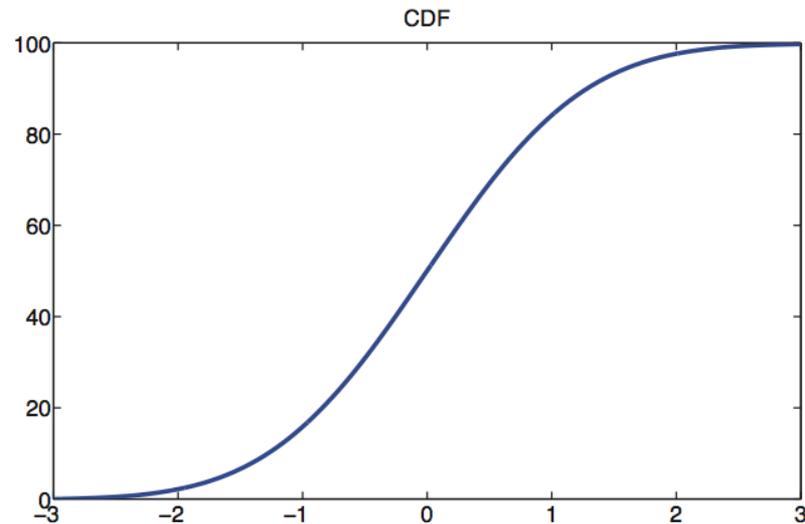
# The cumulative distribution function (cdf)

- For Gaussian distribution:  $\Phi(x; \mu, \sigma^2) \triangleq \int_{-\infty}^x \mathcal{N}(z|\mu, \sigma^2) dz$
- This integral has no closed form expression, but is built in to most software packages.

$$\Phi(x; \mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{2} [1 + \text{erf}(z/\sqrt{2})]$$

where  $z = (x - \mu)/\sigma$  and

$$\text{erf}(x) \triangleq \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^x e^{-t^2} dt$$



(a) Plot of the cdf for the standard normal,  $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ .

(b) Corresponding pdf.

About your homework...

## Beta Distribution

Study it in detail - Homework

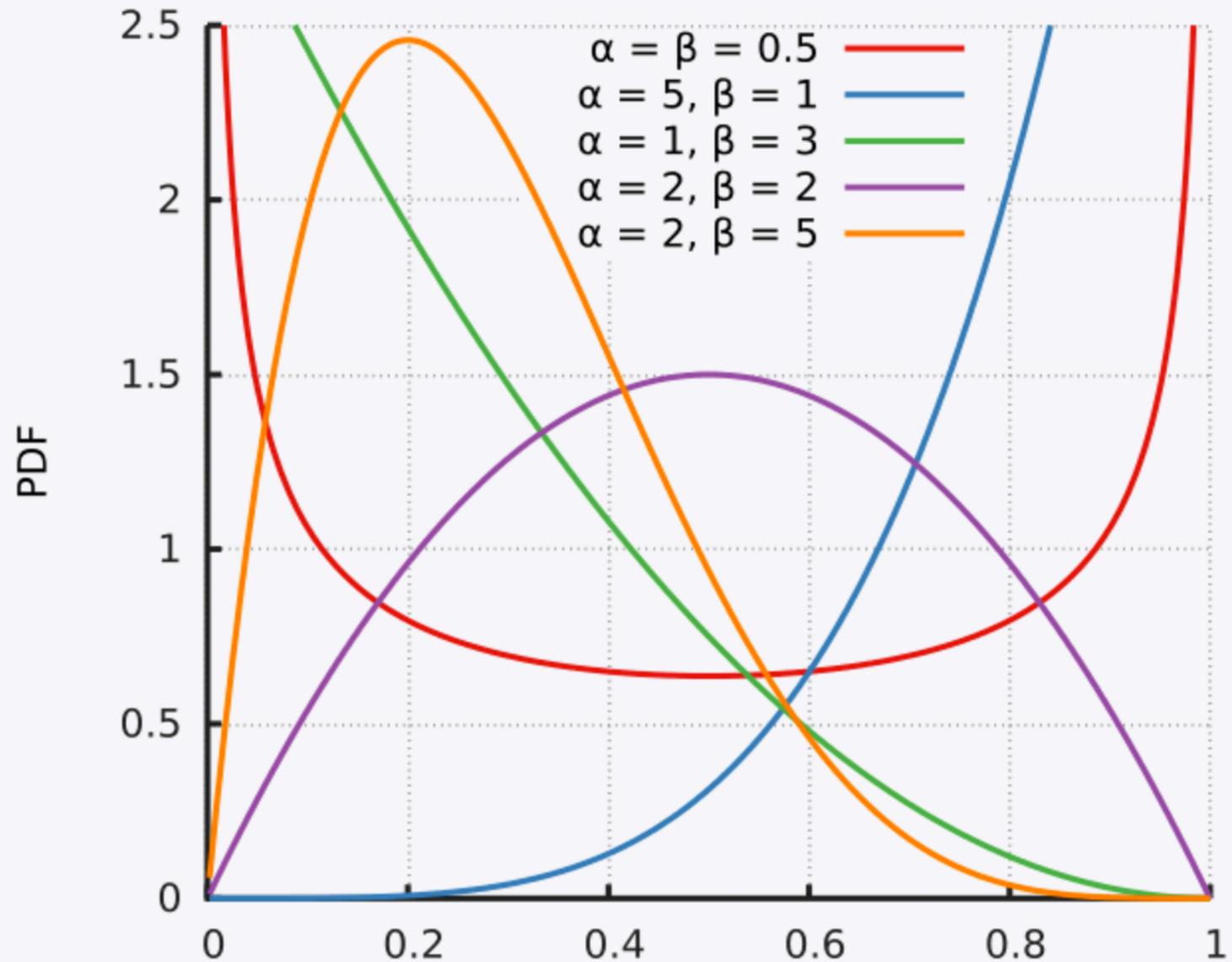
**PDF**

$$\frac{x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1}}{B(\alpha, \beta)}$$

$$\text{where } B(\alpha, \beta) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}$$

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Probability density function



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- Independence (or unconditionally independent or marginally independent) denoted  $X \perp Y$ :

$$X \perp Y \iff p(X, Y) = p(X)p(Y)$$

- Conditional Independence

$$X \perp Y | Z \iff p(X, Y | Z) = p(X | Z)p(Y | Z)$$

Theorem:  $X \perp Y | Z$  iff there exist function  $g$  and  $h$  such that

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for all  $x, y, z$  such that  $p(z) > 0$ .

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$$p(A|B) = \frac{p(A, B)}{p(B)} \text{ if } p(B) > 0$$

**Bayes rule:**

$$p(X = x|Y = y) = \frac{p(X = x, Y = y)}{p(Y = y)} = \frac{p(X = x)p(Y = y|X = x)}{\sum_{x'} p(X = x')p(Y = y|X = x')}$$

# Example: medical diagnosis

- Suppose I did a medical test for breast cancer, called a **mammogram**. If the test is positive, what is the probability I have cancer? (*here  $y=1$  means cancer is true, and  $x=1$  means test is positive*).
- Suppose I have cancer, the test will be positive with probability 0.8. I.e.  $p(x = 1 | y = 1) = 0.8$ .
- If I conclude therefore 80% likely I have cancer.  
***True or False?***
- **False!**
- It ignores the prior probability of having breast cancer, which fortunately is quite low:
- $p(y = 1) = 0.004$

# Using Bayes Rule

$$\begin{aligned} p(y = 1|x = 1) &= \frac{p(x = 1|y = 1)p(y = 1)}{p(x = 1|y = 1)p(y = 1) + p(x = 1|y = 0)p(y = 0)} \\ &= \frac{0.8 \times 0.004}{0.8 \times 0.004 + 0.1 \times 0.996} = 0.031 \end{aligned}$$

Where 1)  $p(y = 0) = 1 - p(y = 1) = 0.996$

2) Take into account the fact that the test may be a false positive or false alarm. With current screening technology:

$$p(x = 1|y = 0) = 0.1$$

In other words, if I test positive, I only have about a 3% chance of actually having breast cancer!

Generative classifier

$$p(y = c|\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{p(y = c|\boldsymbol{\theta})p(\mathbf{x}|y = c, \boldsymbol{\theta})}{\sum_{c'} p(y = c'|\boldsymbol{\theta})p(\mathbf{x}|y = c', \boldsymbol{\theta})}$$

This is called a **generative classifier**, since it specifies how to generate the data using the class-conditional density  $p(\mathbf{x}|y = c)$  and the class prior  $p(y = c)$ .

Change Gear to  
**The Generalized Linear Models  
(GLMs)**

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# What is the Generalized Linear Models?

**Linear Model**  $\longrightarrow Y = mX + b \longrightarrow Y = \theta_0 + \theta_1 X_1$

$X_i$  = house features  
 $Y$  = predicted house price

$$Y = \theta_0 + \theta_1 X_1 + \theta_2 X_2 + \dots + \theta_n X_n$$

$$Y = \mathbf{X}^T \boldsymbol{\theta} \quad \text{Let } X_0 = 1$$

## (General) Linear Models

1. Extend predicted value to be vector valued.  
E.g.  $Y_1$  = price,  $Y_2$  = how many people buy houses with the given the same features ( $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ )  
-> **Multivariable regression**
2. Extend  $\mathbf{X}$  to "categorical".  
 $X_i$  = values of  $i^{\text{th}}$  category
3. Extend to Polynomial fitting:  
 $Y = \theta_0 + \theta_1 X + \theta_2 X^2 + \dots + \theta_n X^n$   
It is still linear with respect to  $\theta_i$ 's.

## Generalized Linear Models

Using hypothesis related to exponential family: the major part of it is an exponential of something, that something is a **Linear Model!**

# (General) Linear Models

Y is a measured dependent variable

$X_i$ s are measured independent variables, may be continuous, may be **categorical** Or may be a mixture.

| $X$ | $\rightarrow$ | <u>New X</u> |
|-----|---------------|--------------|
| 1   | $\rightarrow$ | 1            |
| 2   | $\rightarrow$ | 0            |

| $X$ | $\rightarrow$ | <u>New <math>X_1</math></u> | <u>New <math>X_2</math></u> |
|-----|---------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1   | $\rightarrow$ | 1                           | $\rightarrow$ 0             |
| 2   | $\rightarrow$ | 0                           | $\rightarrow$ 1             |
| 3   | $\rightarrow$ | 0                           | $\rightarrow$ 0             |

Here we have 3 categories. The 3<sup>rd</sup> one with entries all 0, called the reference category.

$$Y = \theta_0 + \theta_1 X_1 + \theta_2 X_2 + \dots + \theta_n X_n + \epsilon$$

$x^T \theta$

Residual/Erro term.

Regression weights, or parameters of the linear model, each assesses the feature/factor,  $X_i$ 's contribution to predict the value of dependent variable Y. Note  $X_0 = 1$ . If all  $X_i=0$ , we will predict that the value Y to be  $\theta_0$ .

Story: How to predict Y from the knowledge of  $X_i$ s?

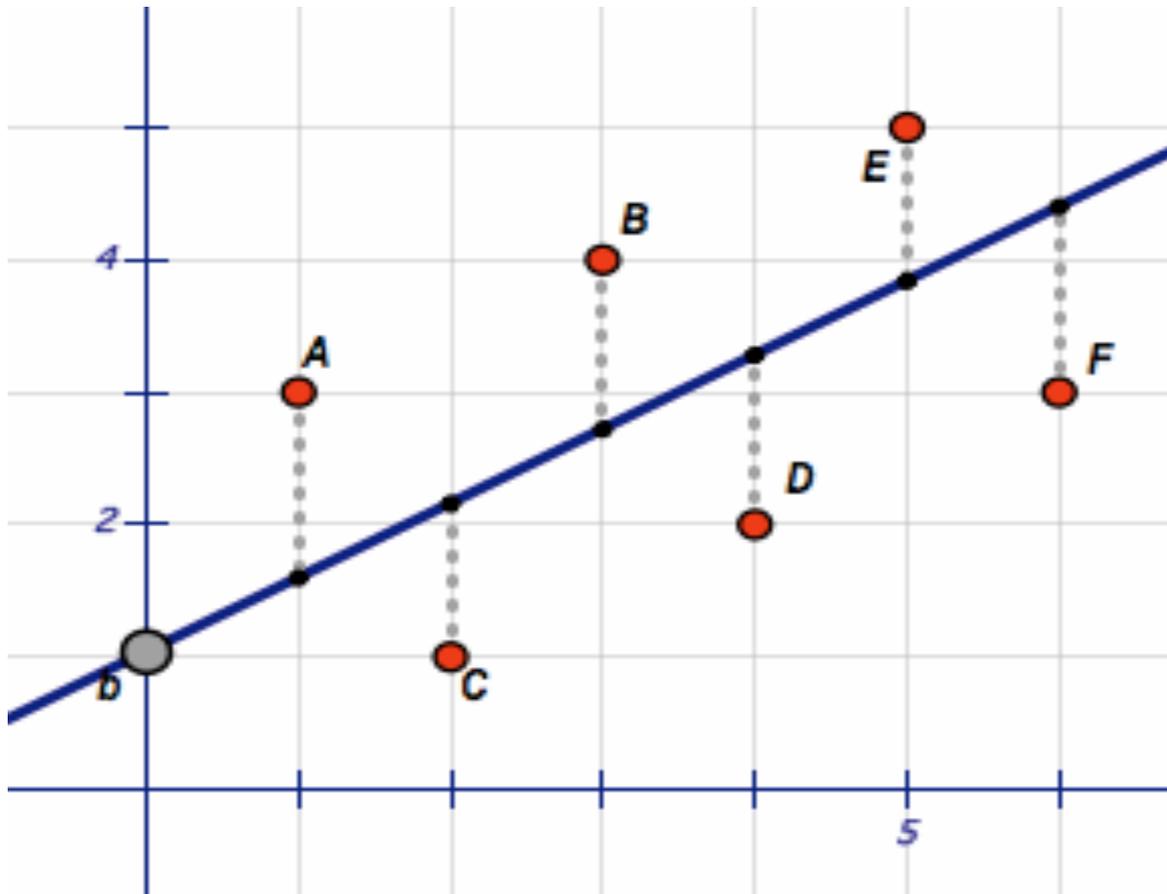
$x^T \theta$  = the estimation of Y. It may not be accurate, too high, or too low.

$\epsilon$  = what can not be predicted from the knowledge of  $x^T \theta$ .  $\epsilon = Y - x^T \theta$

# The linear model answer the following questions:

- How do these independent factors ( $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ ) predict a single dependent variable ( $Y_i$ )?
- What is the best predictor of  $Y_i$  given measured  $X_i$ s?
- Note for each  $Y_i$  there is set of best weights.

$$(Y_1, Y_2) = (X^T \theta_1, X^T \theta_2) = X^T (\theta_1, \theta_2)$$



Recall: For our linear model:  $y^{(i)} = \theta^T x^{(i)} + \epsilon^{(i)}$ ,

$$p(\epsilon^{(i)}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{(\epsilon^{(i)})^2}{2\sigma^2}\right).$$

$$p(y^{(i)} | x^{(i)}; \theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{(y^{(i)} - \theta^T x^{(i)})^2}{2\sigma^2}\right).$$

$$y^{(i)} | x^{(i)}; \theta \sim \mathcal{N}(\theta^T x^{(i)}, \sigma^2).$$

Given  $X$  (the design matrix, which contains all the  $x^{(i)}$ 's) and  $\theta$ , what is the distribution of the  $y^{(i)}$ 's? The probability of the data is given by  $p(\vec{y} | X; \theta)$ . This quantity is typically viewed a function of  $\vec{y}$  (and perhaps  $X$ ), for a fixed value of  $\theta$ . When we wish to explicitly view this as a function of  $\theta$ , we will instead call it the **likelihood** function:

$$L(\theta) = L(\theta; X, \vec{y}) = p(\vec{y} | X; \theta).$$

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} - & (x^{(1)})^T & - \\ - & (x^{(2)})^T & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & (x^{(m)})^T & - \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$X\theta - \vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} (x^{(1)})^T \theta \\ \vdots \\ (x^{(m)})^T \theta \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} y^{(1)} \\ \vdots \\ y^{(m)} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Recap how we find the maximum—This gives a general method called Maximum Likelihood Estimation.**

- Obtain the likelihood

$$L(\mu) = f(y_1) \dots f(y_n)$$

- Log it – to make it easier & fast in calculation. Keep the advantage of the linear predictor.

$$\ln L(\mu)$$

- Differential and set the derivative equal to 0.

$$\frac{d}{d\mu} \ln L(\mu) = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{\mu} = \dots$$

- Check it is a maximum:  $\frac{d^2}{d\mu^2} \ln L(\mu) < 0 \Rightarrow \max$

# Find parameters for the GLMs

- Obtain a likelihood function
- Log it to make it easier in differentiate
- **Use the link function to replace the means** resulting a function in the parameters.
- Differentiate with respect to the parameters and set the derivatives all to zero and solve for the optimal parameters.

Let's Derive

## A GLM using

Multinomial distributions which we have shown that they exponential family distributions.

*Recall: Generally an experiment with  $m$  outcomes with respective probabilities  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_m$  is performed  $n$  times independently.*

*Let  $x_i = \#$  of times outcome  $i$  appears,  $i=1,2,\dots,m$*

*Then  $P(x_1=k_1, x_2=k_2, \dots, x_m = k_m) = ?$*

- Work out details with the students on the board.

# Generalized Linear Models (GLMs)

- Use GLMs and *exponential family to get Softmax Regression*.
- *Recall: What is an exponential family?* A class of distributions is in the exponential family if

$$p(y; \eta) = b(y) \exp(\eta^T T(y) - a(\eta))$$

- $\eta$  = the natural parameter (or the canonical parameter) of the distribution
- $T(y)$  = the sufficient statistic ( often  $T(y) = y$ )
- $a(\eta)$  is the log partition function.

The quantity  $e^{-a(\eta)}$  essentially plays the role of a normalization constant, that makes sure the distribution  $p(y; \eta)$  sums/integrates over  $y$  to 1.

Let  $T$ ,  $a$  and  $b$  fixed and let the parameter  $\eta$  vary, then it defines a family of distribution.  
i.e. We get different distributions within this family.

We saw

**Bernoulli distributions are exponential family distribution.**

- Work out details with the students on the board.

**Gaussian distributions are exponential family distribution.**

$$\begin{aligned} p(y; \mu) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(y - \mu)^2\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}y^2\right) \cdot \exp\left(\mu y - \frac{1}{2}\mu^2\right) \end{aligned}$$

Compare:

$$p(y; \eta) = b(y) \exp(\eta^T T(y) - a(\eta))$$

We get:

$$\begin{aligned} \eta &= \mu \\ T(y) &= y \\ a(\eta) &= \mu^2/2 \\ &= \eta^2/2 \\ b(y) &= (1/\sqrt{2\pi}) \exp(-y^2/2). \end{aligned}$$

# Example of Constructing GLMs

**Note: you need to know which distribution models what kind of problems**  
(Reading assignment)

- Suppose you want to build a model to estimate the number ( $y$ ) of customers arriving in your store in any given hour, based on certain features  $x$  such as store promotions, recent advertising, weather, day-of-week, etc.
- We know that the Poisson distribution usually gives a good model for numbers of visitors.
- Knowing this, how can we come up with a model for this problem?
- Fortunately, the Poisson is an exponential family distribution, so we can apply a Generalized Linear Model (GLM). (*Homework or exam problem?*)
- Lots of known distributions are exponential families.
- Here, we will describe a method for constructing GLM models for problems such as these.

# Assumptions for Generalized Linear Models

- In general, consider a classification or regression problem where we would like to predict the value of some random variable  $y$  as a function of  $x$ .
- To derive a GLM for this problem, we will make the following three assumptions about the conditional distribution of  $y$  given  $x$  and about our model:
  - **1.  $y \mid x; \theta \sim \text{Exponential Family}(\eta)$ .** I.e., given  $x$  and  $\theta$ , the distribution of  $y$  follows some exponential family distribution, with parameter  $\eta$ .
  - **2.** Given  $x$ , our goal is to predict the expected value of  $T(y)$  given  $x$ . Since often  $T(y) = y$ , so this means we would like the prediction  **$h(x)$  output by our learned hypothesis  $h$  to satisfy  $h(x) = E[y \mid x]$ .** (Note that this assumption is satisfied in the choices for  $h_\theta(x)$  for both logistic regression and linear regression. For instance, in logistic regression, we had  $h_\theta(x) = p(y = 1 \mid x; \theta) = 0 \cdot p(y = 0 \mid x; \theta) + 1 \cdot p(y = 1 \mid x; \theta) = E[y \mid x; \theta]$ .)
  - **3. The natural parameter  $\eta$  and the inputs  $x$  are related linearly:  $\eta = \theta^\top x$ .** (Or, if  $\eta$  is vector-valued, then  $\eta_i = \theta_i^\top x$ .)

# Examples: Least square and Logistic regression are GLM family of models

$$\begin{aligned}h_{\theta}(x) &= E[y|x; \theta] \\ &= \mu \\ &= \eta \\ &= \theta^T x.\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}h_{\theta}(x) &= E[y|x; \theta] \\ &= \phi \\ &= 1/(1 + e^{-\eta}) \\ &= 1/(1 + e^{-\theta^T x})\end{aligned}$$

Given that  $y$  is binary-valued, it therefore seems natural to choose the Bernoulli family of distributions to model the conditional distribution of  $y$  given  $x$ . In our formulation of the Bernoulli distribution as an exponential family distribution, we had  $\phi = 1/(1 + e^{-\eta})$ . Furthermore, note that if  $y|x; \theta \sim \text{Bernoulli}(\phi)$ , then  $E[y|x; \theta] = \phi$ .

# Softmax Regression

- Let's look at another example of a GLM. Consider a classification problem in which the response variable  $y \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ .
- For example, rather than classifying email into the two classes spam or not-spam—which would have been a binary classification problem—this time we want to classify it into four classes, such as spam, family-mail, friends-mail, and work-related mail. The response variable is still discrete, but can now take on more than two values. We will thus model it as distributed according to a multinomial distribution.

# Details of Softmax Regression

- Work out details with the students on the board.

Today we also learn:

# Schur Complement

- This is related how we triage data and solve a smaller problem involving big data first.
  - Smaller system to solve
  - Smaller matrix to invert
  - The process can be iterated to make the problem to a smaller and smaller size. (This is very powerful for dealing with big data. This is one of the dimension reduction methods.)
- It is also very important for study the Conditional Gaussian distribution.
- Work out details with the students on the board.

# What is a conditional distribution?

- A conditional distribution is a probability distribution for a sub-population.
- In other words, it shows the probability that a randomly selected item in a sub-population has a characteristic you're interested in.
- For example, if you are studying eye colors (the population) you might want to know how many people have blue eyes (the sub-population).

# Conditional Distribution

## Discrete example

|        |        | Eye Color |       |             | Total |
|--------|--------|-----------|-------|-------------|-------|
|        |        | Blue      | Brown | Green/Other |       |
| Gender | Male   | 15        | 20    | 8           | 43    |
|        | Female | 5         | 25    | 7           | 37    |
|        | Total  | 20        | 45    | 15          | 80    |

e.g. We restrict to only on Blue eyes, the conditional distribution is Male:15 and Female:5 . This is called a conditional distribution.

# Conditional Distribution (continuous)

If  $N$ -dimensional  $\mathbf{x}$  is partitioned as follows

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1 \\ \mathbf{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ with sizes } \begin{bmatrix} q \times 1 \\ (N - q) \times 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Later!

and accordingly  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$  are partitioned as follows

$$\boldsymbol{\mu} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ with sizes } \begin{bmatrix} q \times 1 \\ (N - q) \times 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12} \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22} \end{bmatrix} \text{ with sizes } \begin{bmatrix} q \times q & q \times (N - q) \\ (N - q) \times q & (N - q) \times (N - q) \end{bmatrix}$$

then the distribution of  $\mathbf{x}_1$  conditional on  $\mathbf{x}_2 = \mathbf{a}$  is multivariate normal  $(\mathbf{x}_1 \mid \mathbf{x}_2 = \mathbf{a}) \sim N(\bar{\boldsymbol{\mu}}, \bar{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}})$  where

$$\bar{\boldsymbol{\mu}} = \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22}^{-1} (\mathbf{a} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2)$$

$$\bar{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}} = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21} \leftarrow \text{the Schur complement of } \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22} \text{ in } \boldsymbol{\Sigma}$$

Back up slides

**Note: Polynomial data fitting is also a linear model, also will be resulted in the normal equation**

| $x_i$ | $y_i$ |
|-------|-------|
| 1     | 1     |
| 2     | 5     |
| 3     | 8     |
| 4     | 17    |
| 5     | 16    |

We always get the same normal equation!

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1^2 & 1 & 1 \\ 2^2 & 2 & 1 \\ 3^2 & 3 & 1 \\ 4^2 & 4 & 1 \\ 5^2 & 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 8 \\ 17 \\ 26 \end{bmatrix} .$$

So, a good fit to the data is to find  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  such that  $y(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$  is "closest" to the data. In the least squares sense the means for  $r_i = y_i - y(x_i) = y_i - (a x_i^2 + b x_i + c)$ .

**Same geometric argument works to get the normal equation!**

When we have polynomials with multi-variables, the size of the  $X^T X$  can be very large.