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# Machine Learning

## Expectation Maximization (and Probability Review)

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# Axioms of Probability

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- Let there be a space  $S$  composed of a countable number of events

$$S \equiv \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n\}$$

- The probability of each event is between 0 and 1

$$0 \leq P(e_1) \leq 1$$

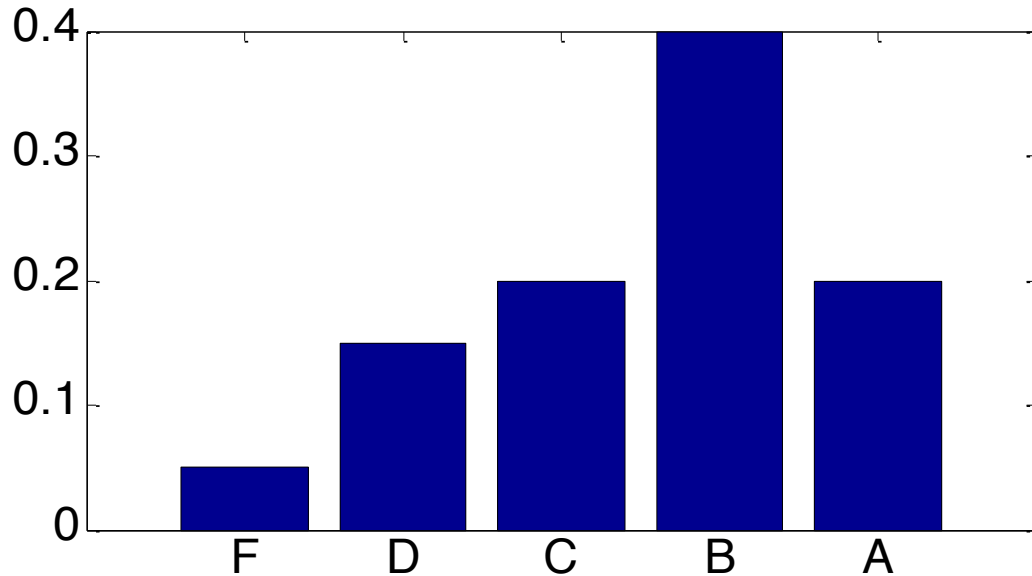
- The probability of the whole sample space is 1

$$P(S) = 1$$

- **When two events are mutually exclusive,** their probabilities are additive

$$P(e_1 \vee e_2) = P(e_1) + P(e_2)$$

# Discrete Random Variables



Grade	Probability
A	0.2
B	0.4
C	0.2
D	0.15
F	0.05

- $P(\text{Grade})$  is a distribution over possible grades
- Each grade is mutually exclusive
- Probabilities sum to 1

# Boolean Random Variable

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- Boolean random variable: A random variable that has only two possible outcomes

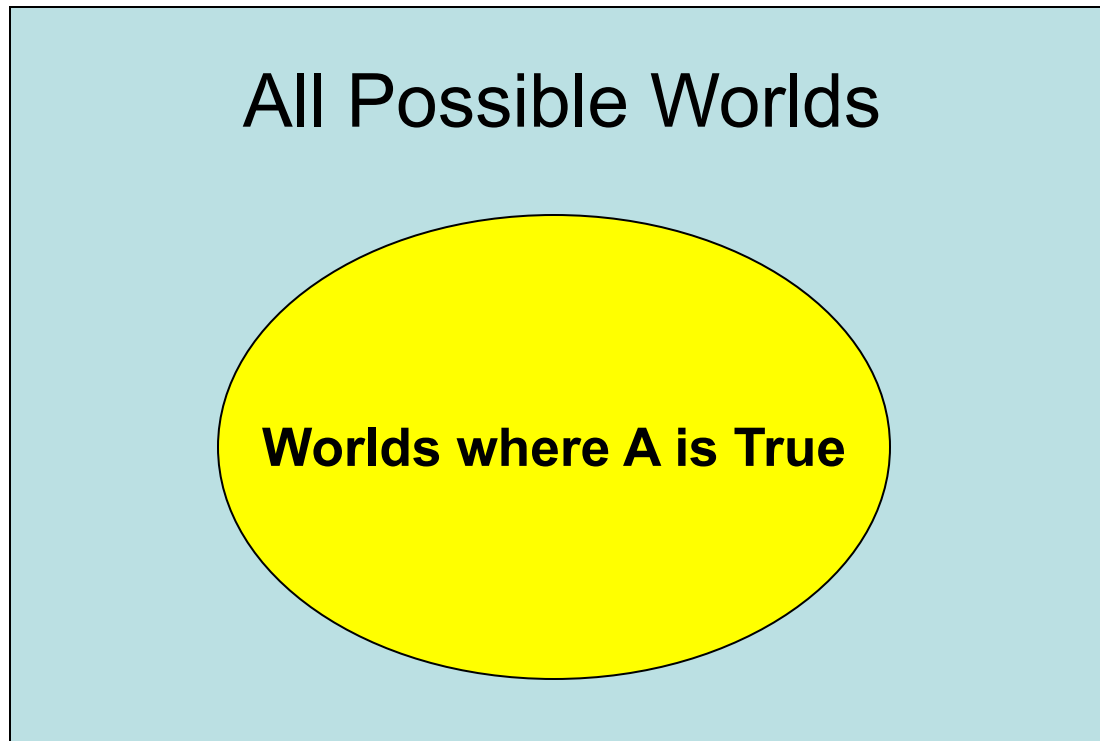
e.g.

**X** = "Tomorrow's high temperature > 60" has only two possible outcomes

As a notational convention, **P(X)** for a Boolean variable will mean **P(X="true")**, since it is easy to infer the rest of the distribution.

# Vizualizing $P(A)$ for a Boolean variable

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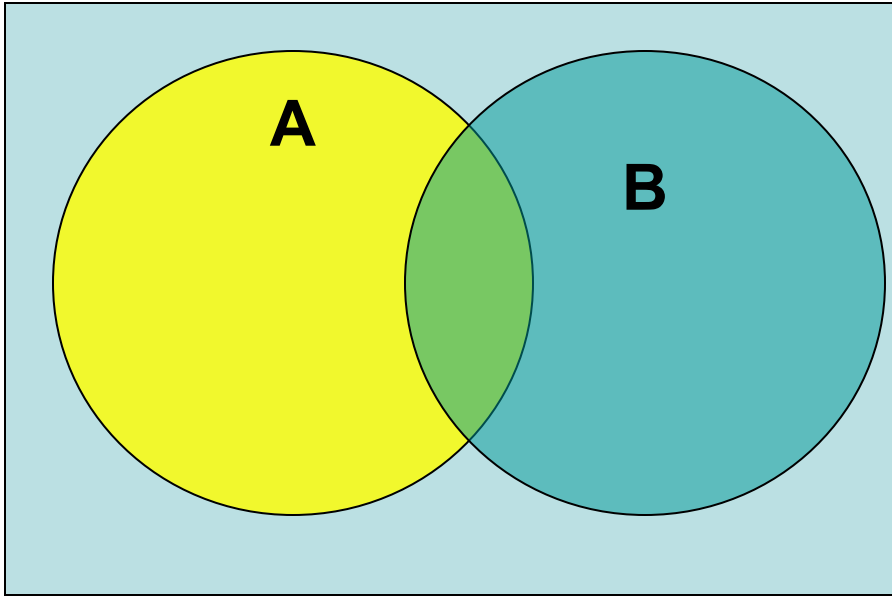
$$0 \leq P(A) \leq 1$$

If a value is over 1 or under 0, it isn't a probability

$$P(A) = \frac{\text{area of yellow oval}}{\text{area of blue rectangle}}$$

# Visualizing two Booleans

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$$P(A \vee B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \wedge B)$$

# Independence

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- variables  $A$  and  $B$  are said to be *independent* iff...

$$P(A)P(B) = P(A \wedge B)$$

# Bayes Rule

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- Definition of Conditional Probability

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

- Corollary:  
The Chain Rule

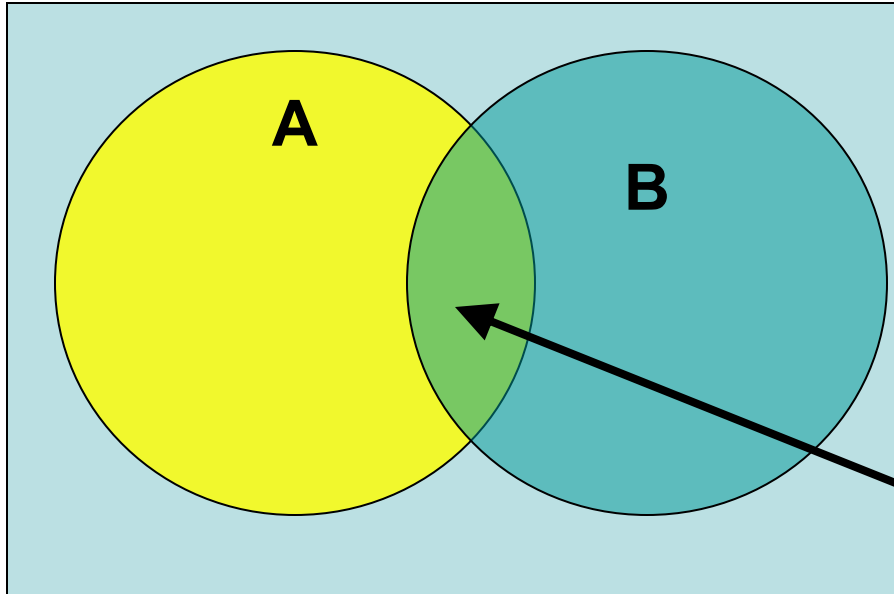
$$P(A | B)P(B) = P(A \wedge B)$$

- Bayes Rule  
(Thomas Bayes, 1763)

$$\begin{aligned} P(B | A) &= \frac{P(A \wedge B)}{P(A)} \\ &= \frac{P(A | B)P(B)}{P(A)} \end{aligned}$$



# Conditional Probability



The conditional probability of A given B is represented by the following formula

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

**Overlap implies NOT independent**

Can we do the following?

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

Only if A and B are ***independent***

# The Joint Distribution

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- Truth table lists all combinations of variable assignments
- Assign a probability to each row
- Probabilities sum to 1

A	B	C	Prob
0	0	0	0.1
0	0	1	0.2
0	1	0	0.1
0	1	1	0.05
1	0	0	0.05
1	0	1	0.2
1	1	0	0.25
1	1	1	0.05

# Using The Joint Distribution

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- Find  $P(A)$
- Sum the probabilities of all rows where  $A=1$

$$\begin{aligned} P(A) &= 0.05 + 0.2 \\ &\quad + 0.25 + 0.05 \\ &= 0.55 \end{aligned}$$

A	B	C	Prob
0	0	0	0.1
0	0	1	0.2
0	1	0	0.1
0	1	1	0.05
1	0	0	0.05
1	0	1	0.2
1	1	0	0.25
1	1	1	0.05

# Using The Joint Distribution

- Find  $P(A|B)$

$$p(A | B) = \frac{p(A, B)}{p(B)}$$

$$p(B = b) = \sum_{a \in \{0,1\}} p(A = a, B = b)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (0.25 + 0.05) \\ &\quad \div (0.25 + 0.05 + \\ &\quad 0.1 + 0.05) \\ &= 0.3 \div 0.45 \\ &= 0.667 \end{aligned}$$

A	B	C	Prob
0	0	0	0.1
0	0	1	0.2
0	1	0	0.1
0	1	1	0.05
1	0	0	0.05
1	0	1	0.2
1	1	0	0.25
1	1	1	0.05

# Using The Joint Distribution

Are A and B Independent?

$$P(A, B) = 0.25 + 0.05$$

$$P(A) = 0.3 + 0.2 + 0.05$$

$$P(B) = 0.3 + 0.1 + 0.05$$

$$P(A) \times P(B) = 0.55 \times 0.45$$

$$P(A, B) = 0.3 \neq 0.248$$

A and B NOT independent

A	B	C	Prob
0	0	0	0.1
0	0	1	0.2
0	1	0	0.1
0	1	1	0.05
1	0	0	0.05
1	0	1	0.2
1	1	0	0.25
1	1	1	0.05

# Why not use the Joint Distribution?

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- Given  $m$  boolean variables, we need to estimate  $2^m$  values.
- 20 yes-no questions = a million values
- How do we get around this combinatorial explosion?
  - Assume independence of variables!

# ...back to independence

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- The probability I eat pie today is independent of the probability of a blizzard in Japan.
- This is DOMAIN knowledge, typically supplied by the problem designer
- Independence implies:

$$A \perp B \Rightarrow p(A | B) = p(A)$$

$$A \perp B | C \Rightarrow p(A, B | C) = p(A | C)p(B | C)$$

# Let's show that

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assuming independence...

$$P(A \wedge B) = P(A)P(B)$$

plus the chain rule...

$$P(A \wedge B) = P(A | B)P(B)$$

imply...

$$P(A)P(B) = P(A | B)P(B)$$

which means...

$$P(A | B) = P(A)$$



# Some Definitions

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- **Prior probability of  $h$ ,  $P(h)$ :**
  - background knowledge on probability that  $h$  is a correct hypothesis (before having observed the data)
- **Conditional Probability of  $D$ ,  $P(D | h)$ :**
  - the probability of observing data  $D$  given that hypothesis  $h$  holds
- **Posterior probability of  $h$ ,  $P(h | D)$ :**
  - the probability of, given the observed training data  $D$
  - this is what we want!

# Maximum A Posteriori (MAP)

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- **Goal:** To find the most probable hypothesis  $h$  from a set of candidate hypotheses  $H$  given the observed data  $D$ .
- **MAP Hypothesis,  $h_{MAP}$**

$$\begin{aligned}h_{map} &= \arg \max_{h \in H} (P(h | D)) \\ &= \arg \max_{h \in H} \left( \frac{P(D | h)P(h)}{P(D)} \right) \\ &= \arg \max_{h \in H} (P(D | h)P(h))\end{aligned}$$

# Maximum Likelihood (ML)

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- ***ML hypothesis*** is a special case of the MAP hypothesis where all hypotheses are, to begin with, equally likely

$$h_{map} = \arg \max_{h \in H} (P(D | h)P(h))$$

Assume...

$$P(h) = \frac{1}{|H|} \quad \forall h \in H$$

Then...

$$h_{ml} = \arg \max_{h \in H} (P(D | h))$$

# MAP vs Maximum Likelihood

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$$P(\text{cancer}) = 0.01$$

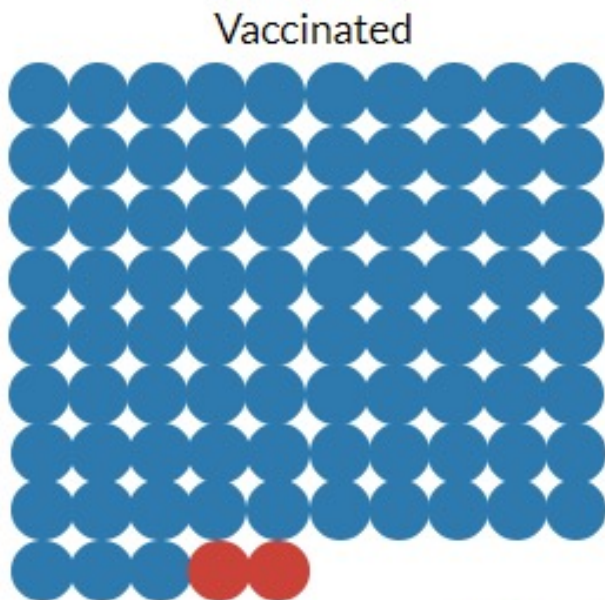
$$P(\text{positive test} \mid \text{cancer}) = 0.97$$

$$P(\text{positive test} \mid \text{no cancer}) = 0.02$$

What is  $p(\text{cancer} \mid \text{positive test})$ ?

# Base Rate Fallacy

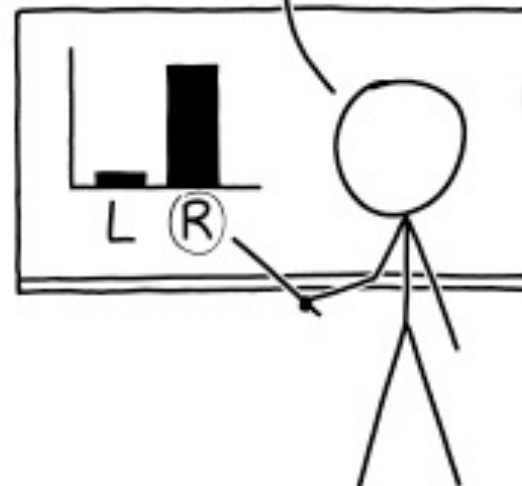
Total Population= 100 people;  
83% vaccination rate



50% of infections were  
among vaccinated

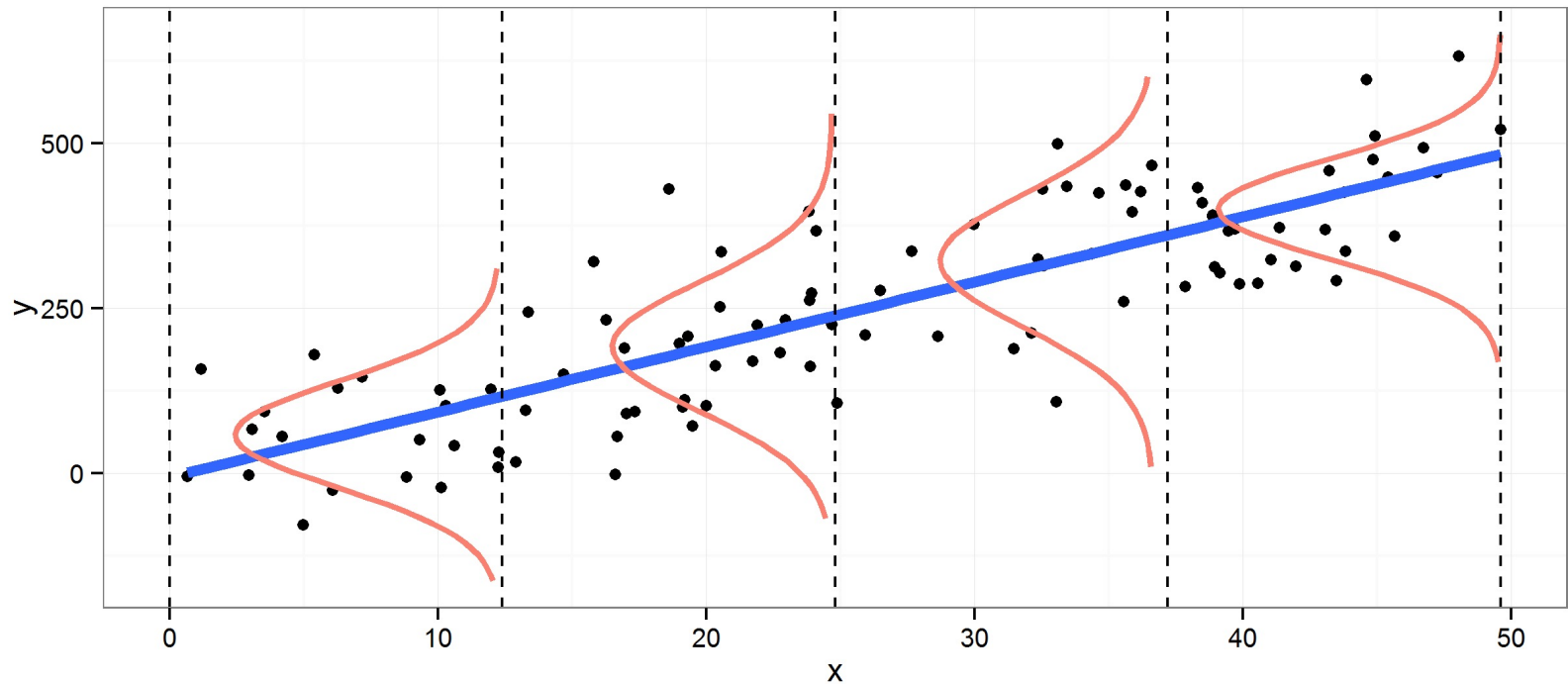
[yourlocalepidemiologist.substack.com](http://yourlocalepidemiologist.substack.com)

REMEMBER, RIGHT-HANDED  
PEOPLE COMMIT 90% OF  
ALL BASE RATE ERRORS.



[xkcd.com/2476/](http://xkcd.com/2476/)

# Linear Regression, Again



Observed  $(x, y)$  is the combination of a point on the regression line plus noise.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{w}_{\text{MAP}} &= \arg \max_w p(\mathbf{w} \mid \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y}) \\ &= \arg \max_w p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{w})p(\mathbf{w}) \end{aligned}$$

What is  $p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{w})$ ?  $p(\mathbf{W})$ ?

# Linear Regression, Again

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$$p(\langle x_i, y_i \rangle; \mathbf{w}) = \mathcal{N}(y_i; \mu = \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i, \sigma = \sigma)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \log p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{w}, \sigma) &= \log \prod_{i=1}^N \mathcal{N}(y_i; \mu = \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i, \sigma = \sigma) \\ &= -\frac{N}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{w}^* = \arg \max_w \log p(\mathbf{w} \mid \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y}, \sigma)$$

$$= \arg \max_w (\log p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y}, \mid \mathbf{w}, \sigma) + \log p(\mathbf{w}))$$

$$= \arg \max_w \left( -\frac{N}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i)^2 + \log p(\mathbf{w}) \right)$$

# Linear Regression, Again

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# Linear Regression, Again

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For linear regression,  
minimizing loss and maximizing likelihood are equivalent!

$$L_s(X, Y; \theta) = \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - h_{\theta}(x_i))^2$$
$$- \frac{N}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \mathbf{w}^{\top} \mathbf{x}_i)^2$$

But what about that  $p(\mathbf{w})$  term?

$$\arg \max_{\mathbf{w}} \left( -\frac{N}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \mathbf{w}^{\top} \mathbf{x}_i)^2 + \log p(\mathbf{w}) \right)$$

# What is $p(\mathbf{w})$ for linear regression?

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

$$\mathbf{w}^* = \arg \max_w \log p(\mathbf{w} \mid \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y}, \sigma)$$

$$= \arg \max_w (\log p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y}, \mid \mathbf{w}, \sigma) + \log p(\mathbf{w}))$$

$$= \arg \max_w \left( -\frac{N}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i)^2 + \log p(\mathbf{w}) \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \arg \max_w \left( \dots - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{w}^\top \lambda^2 \mathbf{w} \right)$$

$$L_R(X, Y; \theta) = L(X, Y; \theta) + \lambda R(\theta) \quad R_2(\theta) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^d |\theta_i|^2$$

# Latent Variable Models

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$$\max_w p(Y|X; w) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(y_i|x_i; w)$$

$$\max_w p(X; \Theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i; \Theta)$$

$$\max_w p(X; \Theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \sum_k p(x_i, z_k; \Theta)$$

# Expectation Maximization

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Given joint distribution  $p(X, Z | \Theta)$ ,  
with  $X$  observed and  $Z$  latent,  
and parameters  $\Theta$ ,  
we want to find a  $\Theta$  that maximizes  $p(X | \Theta)$ .

First: initialize  $\Theta^0$ . Then, repeat until converged:

1. Estimate  $p(Z | X, \theta^t)$
2. Set  $\theta^{t+1} = \arg \max_{\hat{\theta}} p(Z | X, \theta^t) \log p(X, Z | \hat{\theta})$

# EM for Gaussian Mixture Model

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(Log) Likelihood of GMM:

$$p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z} | \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}, \boldsymbol{\pi}) = \prod_{n=1}^N \prod_{k=1}^K \pi_k^{z_{nk}} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)^{z_{nk}}$$

$$\ln p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z} | \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}, \boldsymbol{\pi}) = \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K z_{nk} \{ \ln \pi_k + \ln \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k) \}$$

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# Gaussian Mixture Model

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Cluster Responsibilities

$$\gamma(z_{n,k}) = \frac{\pi_k \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \mu_k, \Sigma_k)}{\sum_{j=1}^K \pi_j \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \mu_j, \Sigma_j)}$$

Cluster means, variances, and weight coefficients

$$N_k = \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{n,k})$$

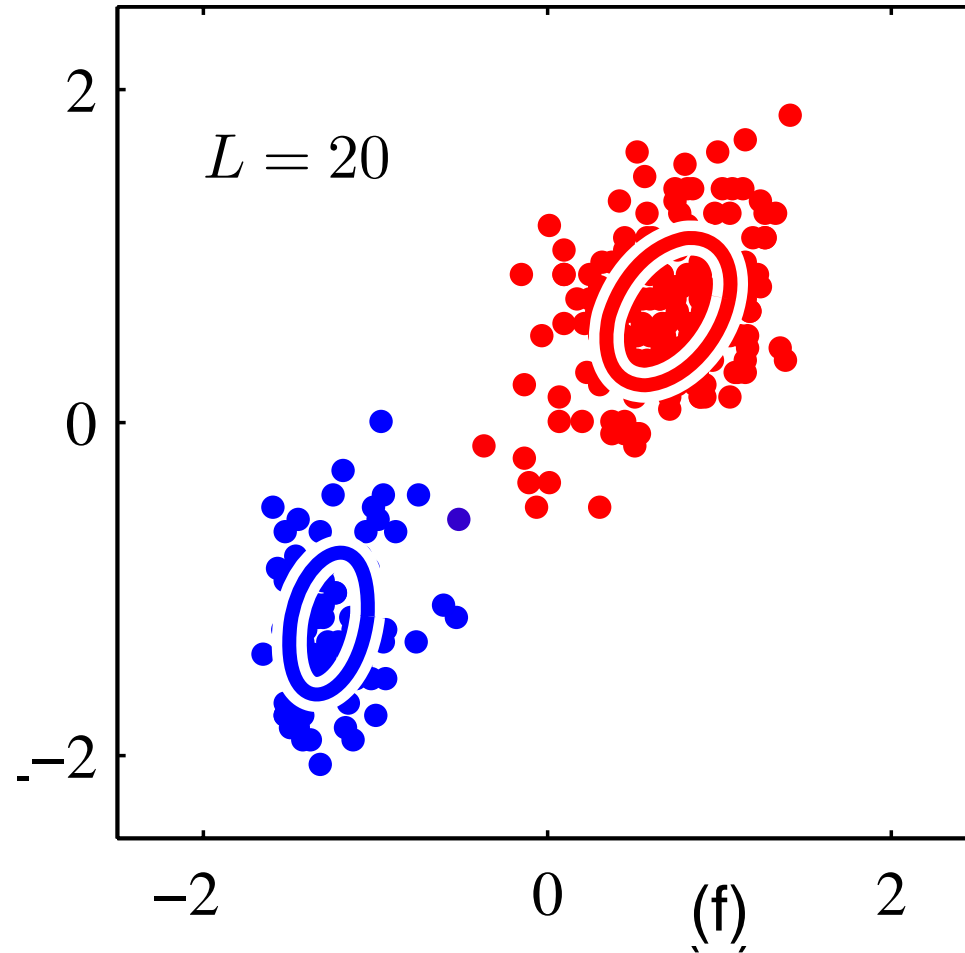
$$\pi_k = \frac{N_k}{N}$$

$$\mu_k = \frac{1}{N_k} \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{n,k}) \mathbf{x}_n$$

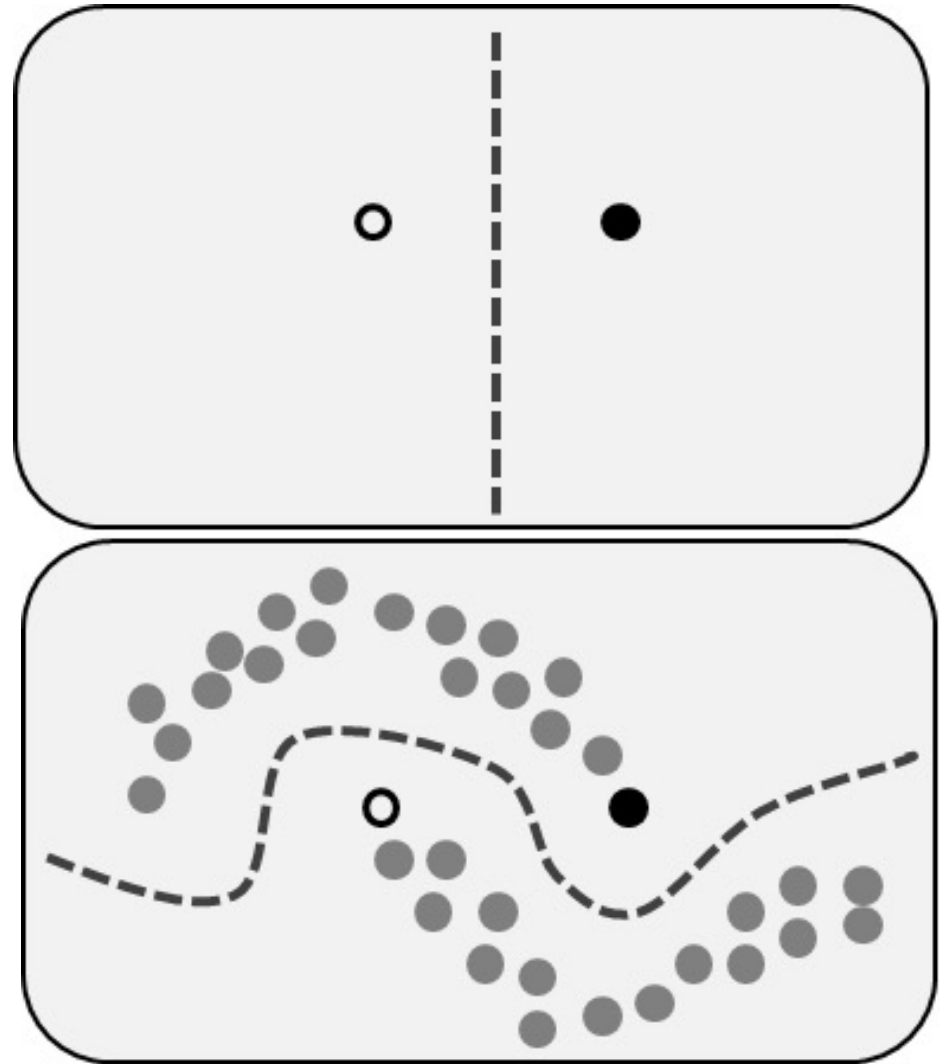
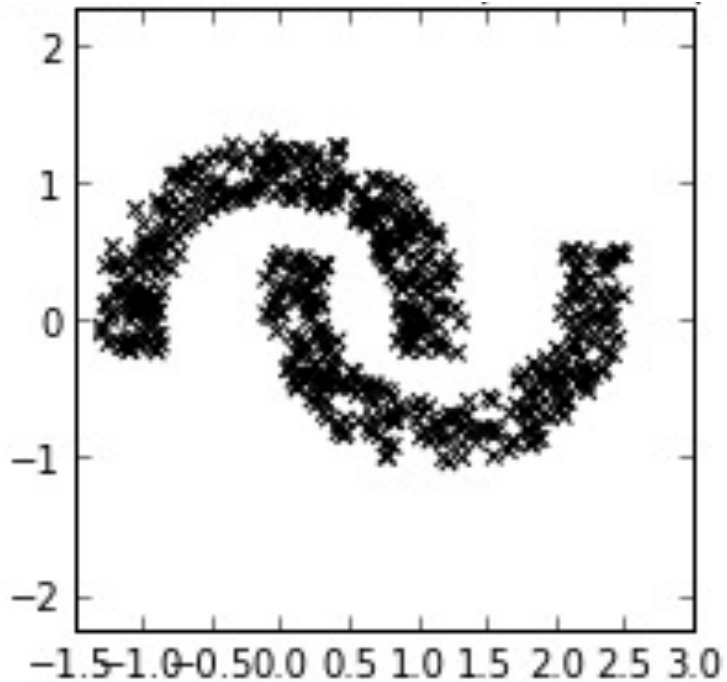
$$\Sigma_k = \frac{1}{N_k} \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{n,k}) (\mathbf{x}_n - \mu_k)(\mathbf{x}_n - \mu_k)^\top$$

# Expectation Maximization

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# Semi-supervised Learning





# Recall: Supervised Learning Tasks

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There is a set of possible examples  $X = \{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n\}$

Each example is a **vector** of  $d$  **real valued attributes**

$$\mathbf{x}_i = \langle x_{i,1}, \dots, x_{i,d} \rangle$$

A target function maps  $X$  onto some **real or categorical value**  $Y$

$$f : X \rightarrow Y$$

The DATA is a set of tuples <example, response value>

$$\{\langle \mathbf{x}_1, y_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle \mathbf{x}_n, y_n \rangle\}$$

Find a **hypothesis**  $h$  such that...

$$\forall \mathbf{x}, h(\mathbf{x}) \approx f(\mathbf{x})$$

# Unsupervised Learning Tasks

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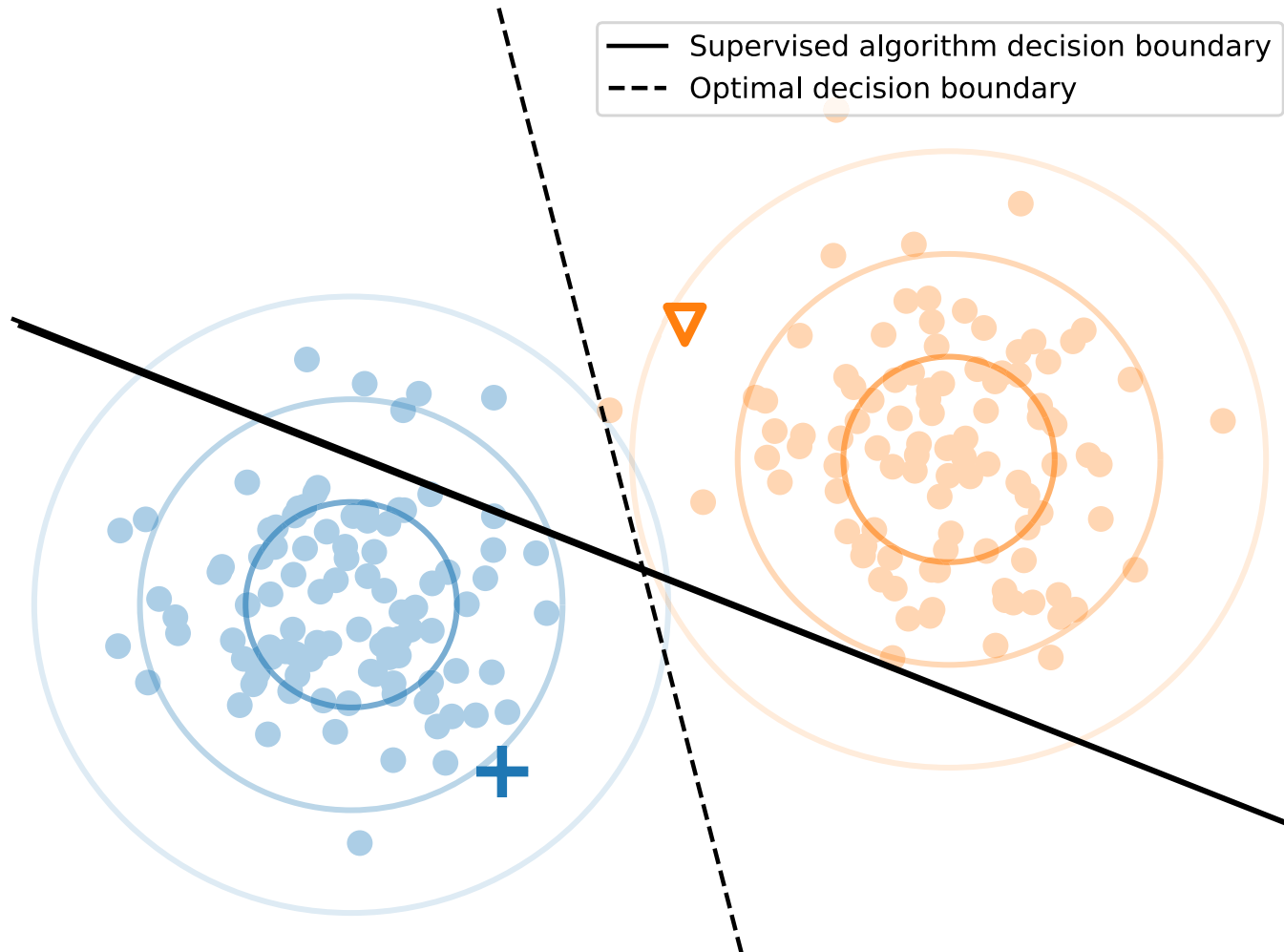
Assume some latent variable(s)  $z$  that correspond to the observed data

$$\{\langle \mathbf{x}_1, z_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle \mathbf{x}_n, z_n \rangle\}$$

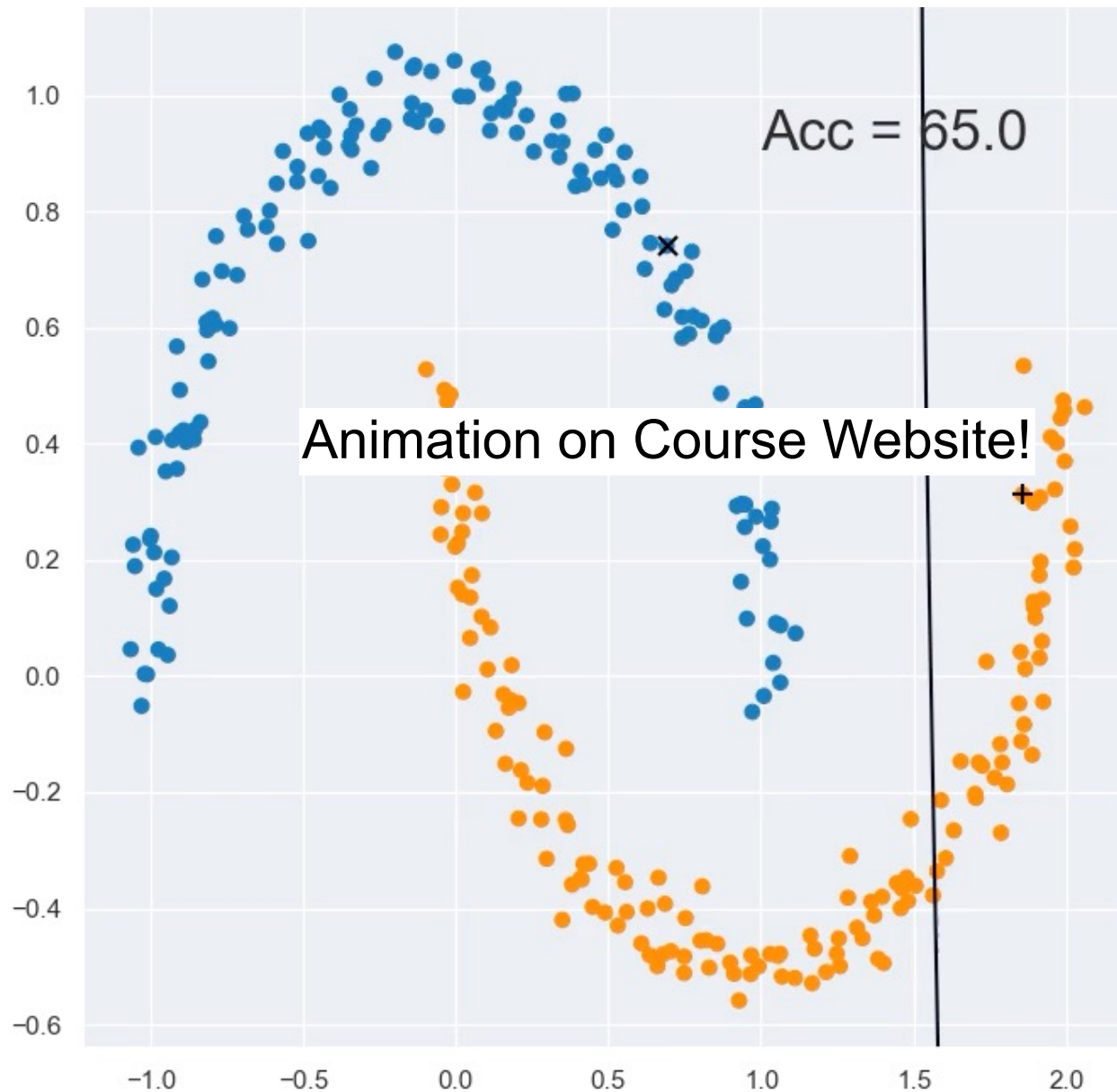
Learn a joint distribution of  $p(X, Z)$

# Semi-Supervised Learning

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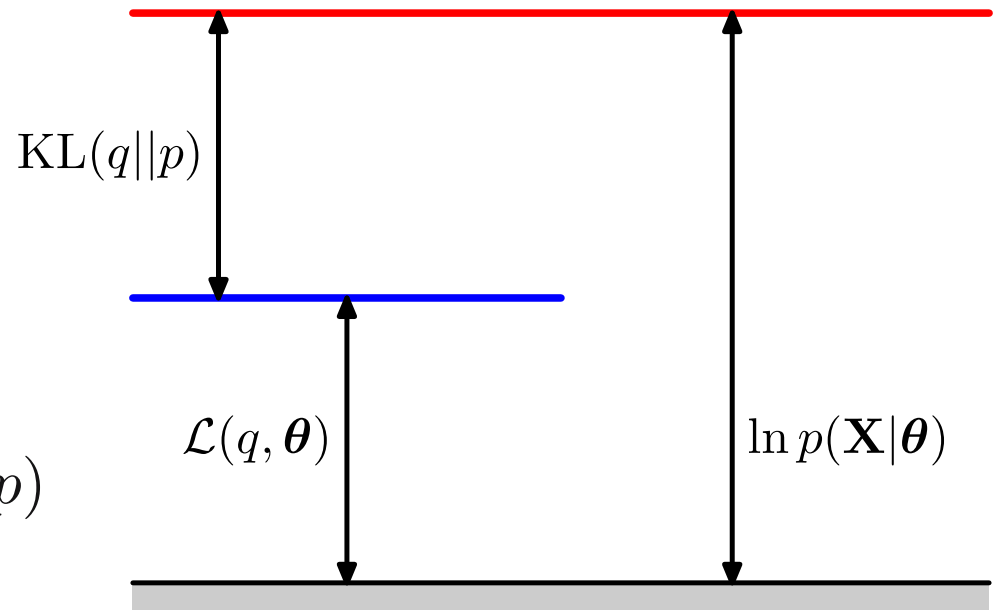
# Semi-Supervised Learning



# Bonus Math: EM in General

Illustration of the decomposition given by (9.70), which holds for any choice of distribution  $q(\mathbf{Z})$ . Because the Kullback-Leibler divergence satisfies  $\text{KL}(q||p) \geq 0$ , we see that the quantity  $\mathcal{L}(q, \boldsymbol{\theta})$  is a lower bound on the log likelihood function  $\ln p(\mathbf{X}|\boldsymbol{\theta})$ .

$$\ln p(\mathbf{X}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathcal{L}(q, \boldsymbol{\theta}) + \text{KL}(q||p)$$

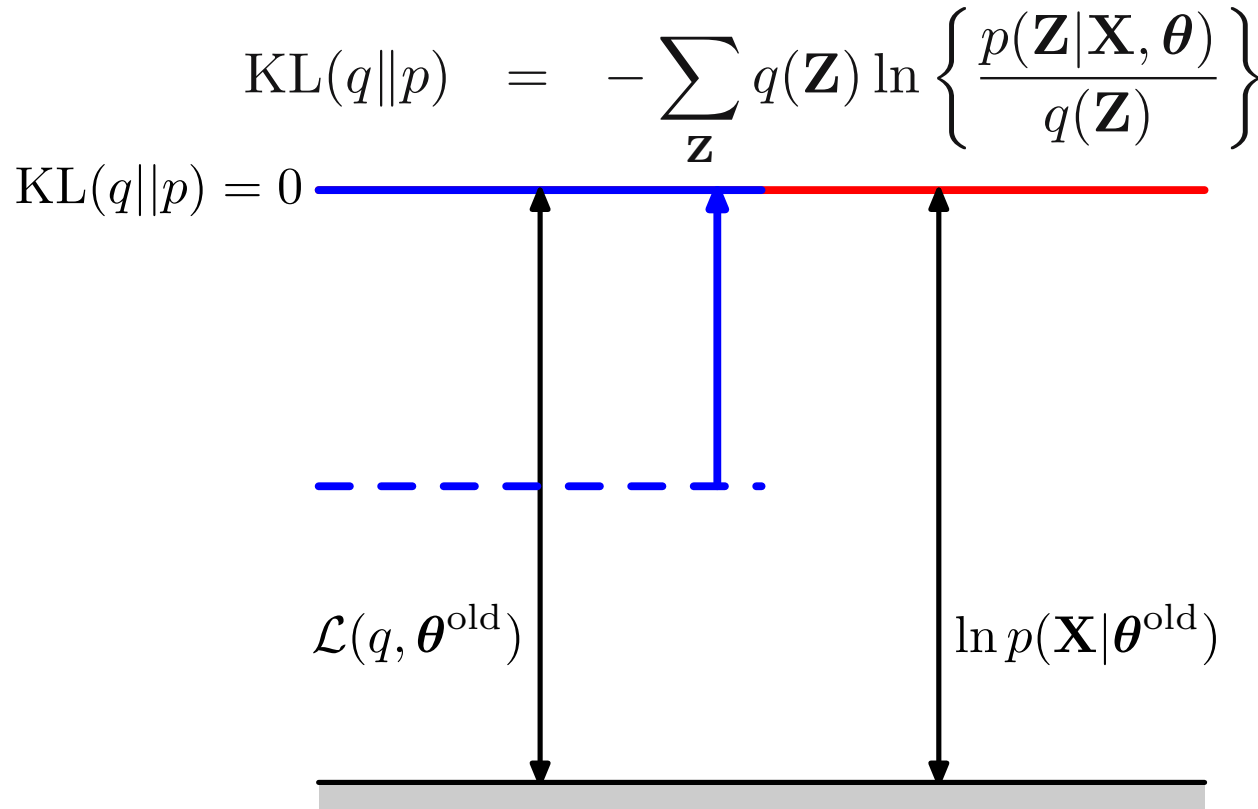


$$\mathcal{L}(q, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \sum_{\mathbf{Z}} q(\mathbf{Z}) \ln \left\{ \frac{p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z}|\boldsymbol{\theta})}{q(\mathbf{Z})} \right\}$$

$$\text{KL}(q||p) = - \sum_{\mathbf{Z}} q(\mathbf{Z}) \ln \left\{ \frac{p(\mathbf{Z}|\mathbf{X}, \boldsymbol{\theta})}{q(\mathbf{Z})} \right\}$$

# EM: Pictorial View

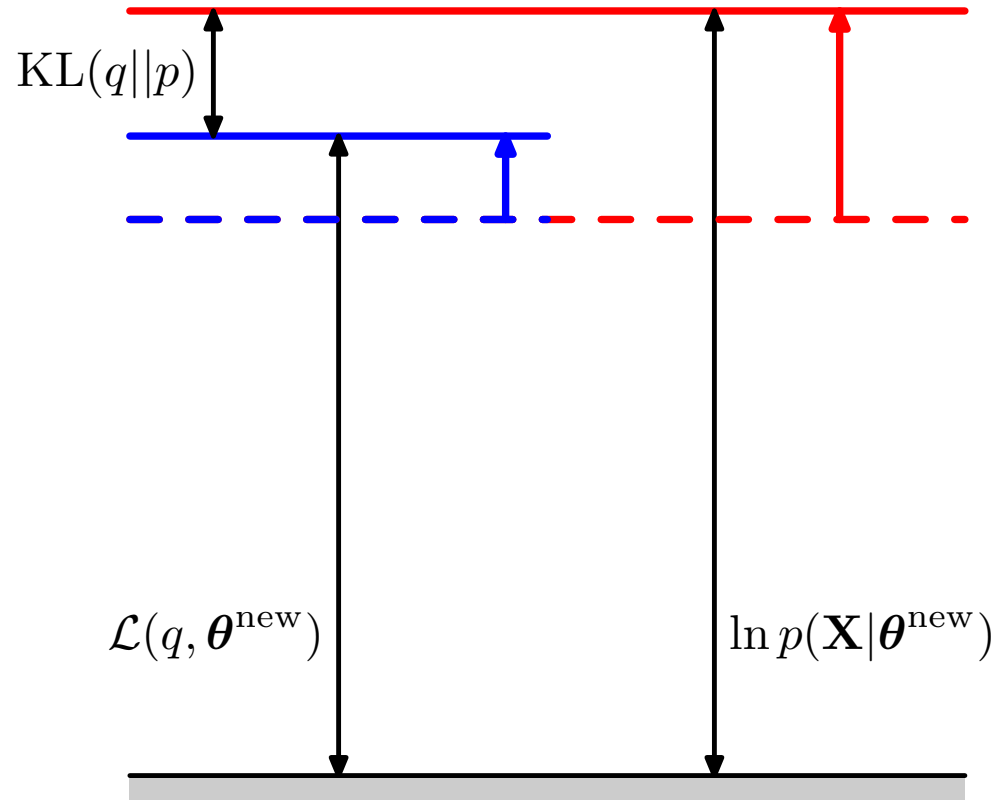
Illustration of the E step of the EM algorithm. The  $q$  distribution is set equal to the posterior distribution for the current parameter values  $\theta^{\text{old}}$ , causing the lower bound to move up to the same value as the log likelihood function, with the KL divergence vanishing.



$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(q, \boldsymbol{\theta}) &= \sum_{\mathbf{z}} p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{X}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{\text{old}}) \ln p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) - \sum_{\mathbf{z}} p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{X}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{\text{old}}) \ln p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{X}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{\text{old}}) \\ &= Q(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{\text{old}}) + \text{const} \end{aligned} \quad (9.74)$$

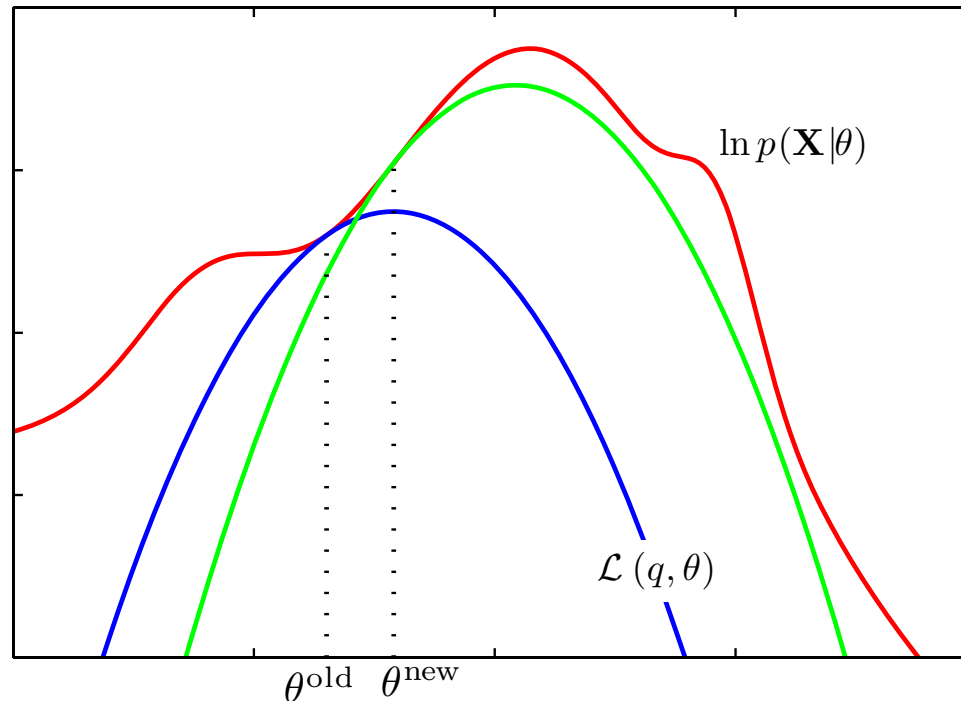
# EM: Pictorial View

Illustration of the M step of the EM algorithm. The distribution  $q(\mathbf{Z})$  is held fixed and the lower bound  $\mathcal{L}(q, \theta)$  is maximized with respect to the parameter vector  $\theta$  to give a revised value  $\theta^{\text{new}}$ . Because the KL divergence is nonnegative, this causes the log likelihood  $\ln p(\mathbf{X}|\theta)$  to increase by at least as much as the lower bound does.





# EM: Pictorial View



$$\log p(X | \theta) = \boxed{L(q, \theta)} + \boxed{KL(q || p)}$$

Increases      Can only increase

$$\log p(X | \theta) \geq \log p(X | \theta^{old})$$