

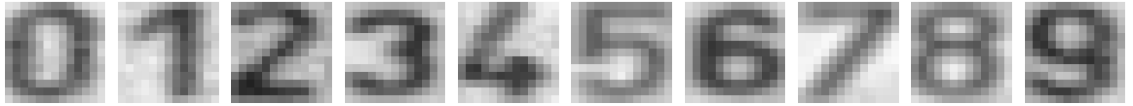
Classifiers: Naïve Bayes, evaluation

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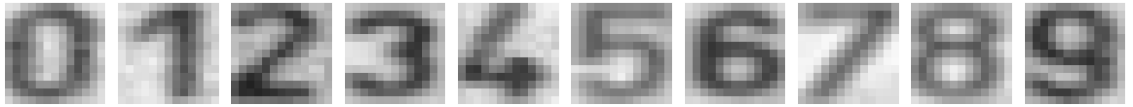
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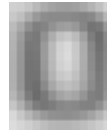
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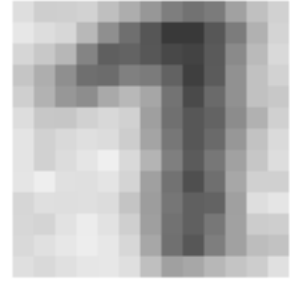


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Classification as a special case of statistical decision theory

- ▶ Attribute vector $\vec{x} = [x_1, x_2, \dots]^T$: pixels 1, 2, ...
- ▶ **State set \mathcal{S} = decision set $\mathcal{D} = \{0, 1, \dots, 9\}$.**
- ▶ **State = actual class, Decision = recognized class**
- ▶ **Loss function:** $l(s, d) = \begin{cases} 0, & d = s \\ 1, & d \neq s \end{cases}$



Optimal decision strategy:

$$\delta^*(\vec{x}) = \arg \min_d \sum_s \underbrace{l(s, d)}_{0 \text{ if } d=s} P(s|\vec{x}) = \arg \min_d \sum_{s \neq d} P(s|\vec{x})$$

Obviously $\sum_s P(s|\vec{x}) = 1$, then: $P(d|\vec{x}) + \sum_{s \neq d} P(s|\vec{x}) = 1$

Inserting into above:

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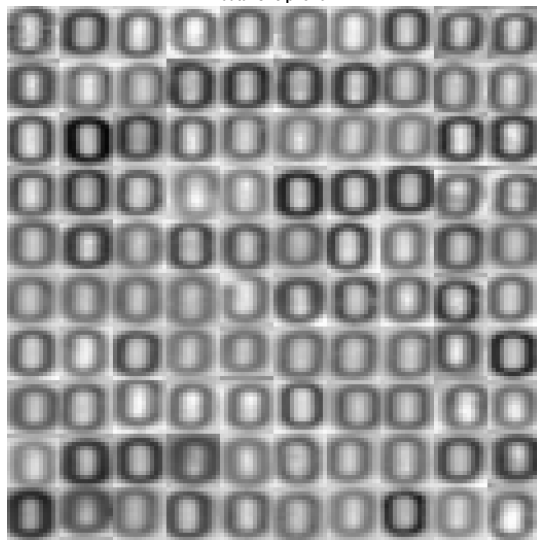
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We are using different word – *classification* instead of *decision* but the reasoning and methods can be well applied in both. In classification problem we usually treat all mistakes – wrong classifications – equally painful, contrary to decision problem – remember “What to cook for dinner” problem?

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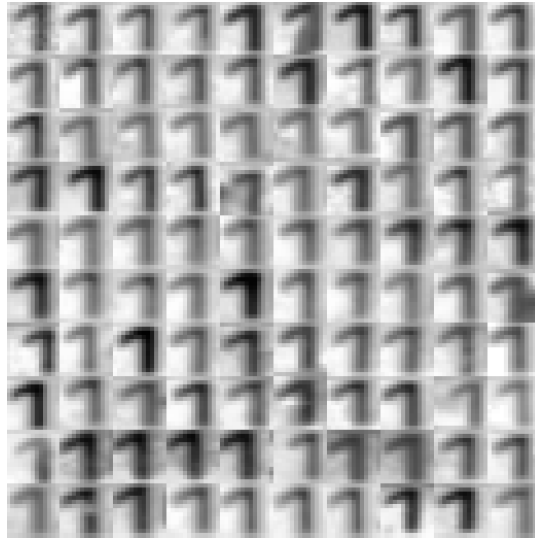
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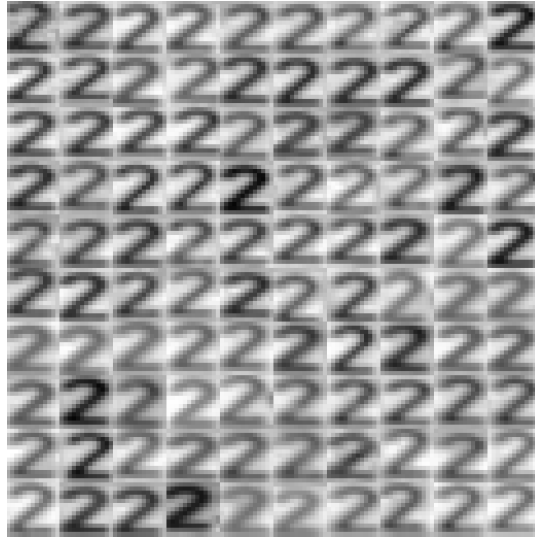
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data for cipher 2



Training samples: $(\vec{x}_i, s = 2)$

Bayes classification in practice; $P(s|\vec{x}) = ?$

- ▶ Usually, we are not given $P(s|\vec{x})$
- ▶ It has to be estimated from already classified examples – **training data**
- ▶ For discrete \vec{x} , training examples $(\vec{x}_1, s_1), (\vec{x}_2, s_2), \dots, (\vec{x}_I, s_I)$
 - ▶ every (\vec{x}_i, s_i) is drawn independently from $P(\vec{x}, s)$, i.e. sample i does not depend on $1, \dots, i-1$
 - ▶ so-called i.i.d (independent, identically distributed) multiset
- ▶ Without knowing anything about the distribution, a non-parametric estimate:

$$P(s|\vec{x}) = \frac{P(\vec{x}, s)}{P(\vec{x})} \approx \frac{\# \text{ examples where } \vec{x}_i = \vec{x} \text{ and } s_i = s}{\# \text{ examples where } \vec{x}_i = \vec{x}}$$

- ▶ Hard in practice:

- ▶ To reliably estimate $P(s|\vec{x})$, the number of examples grows exponentially with the number of elements of \vec{x} .
 - ▶ e.g. with the number of pixels in images
 - ▶ curse of dimensionality
 - ▶ denominator often 0



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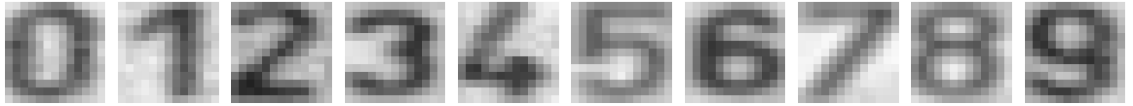
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Why hard? Way too many various \vec{x} .

What is the difference between set and multiset?

Reminder about math notation. In literature, vectors are mostly denoted by bold lower case \mathbf{x} . In lectures, we use \vec{x} to match notation used on blackboard. It is difficult to write bold with a chalk.

How many images?



8-bit image 13×13 , pixel intensities 0 – 255. (0 means black, 255 means white)

A: 169^{256}

B: 256^{169}

C: 13^{13}

D: 169×256

E: different quantity

Naïve Bayes classification

- ▶ For efficient classification we must thus rely on additional assumptions.
- ▶ In the exceptional case of **statistical independence** between components of \vec{x} for each class s it holds

$$P(\vec{x}|s) = P(x[1]|s) \cdot P(x[2]|s) \cdot \dots$$

- ▶ Use simple Bayes law and maximize:

$$P(s|\vec{x}) = \frac{P(\vec{x}|s)P(s)}{P(\vec{x})} = \frac{P(s)}{P(\vec{x})} P(x[1]|s) \cdot P(x[2]|s) \cdot \dots =$$

- ▶ No combinatorial curse in estimating $P(s)$ and $P(x[i]|s)$ separately for each i and s .
- ▶ No need to estimate $P(\vec{x})$. (Why?)
- ▶ $P(s)$ may be provided apriori.
- ▶ **naïve** = when used despite statistical dependence

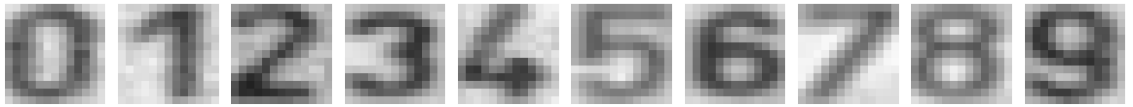
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Why naïve at all? Consider N -dimensional feature space and 8-bit values. Instead of considering 8^N combinations (joint prob. distribution), we can consider only $N \times 8$ —treating every feature separately.

Think about statistical independence. Example1: person's weight and height. Are they independent? Example2: pixel values in images.

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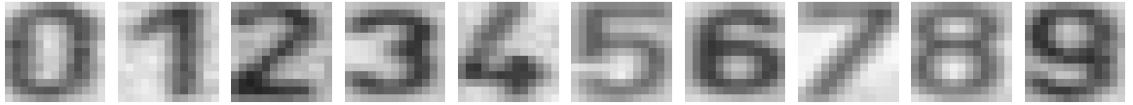
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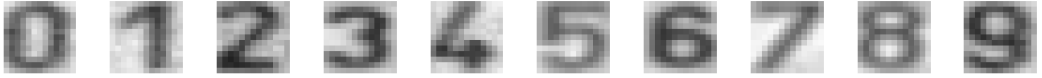
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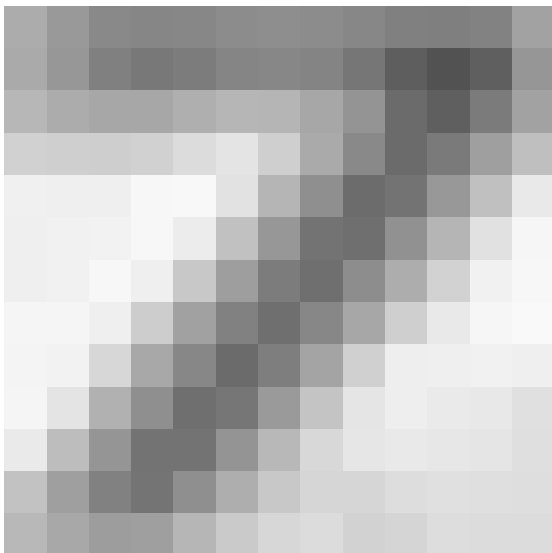
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From images to \vec{x}



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Conditional probabilities, likelihoods



- ▶ Apriori digit probabilities $P(s_k)$
- ▶ Likelihoods for pixels. $P(x_{r,c} = I_i | s_k)$

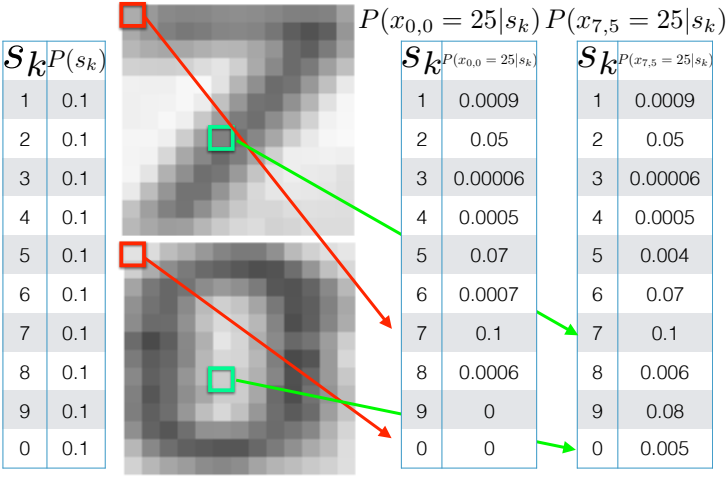
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A lexical note, especially for Czech speakers. *probability* as well as *likelihood* can be translated as *pravděpodobnost*. I suggest the following mental model than can work for our purposes.

- **Probability** is related to the future events (unknown outcome). E.g. what is the probability of selecting blue box? What is the probability that a random ZIP Code number begins with 7?
- **Likelihood** refers to past events (known outcome). In my data, how many images of 7 have dark pixel in top right corner? We can think about relative frequency (relativní četnost).

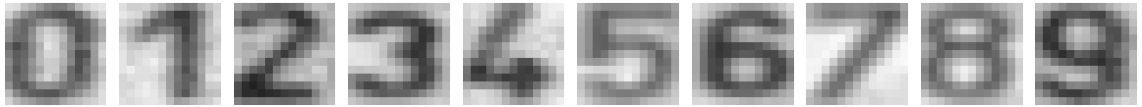
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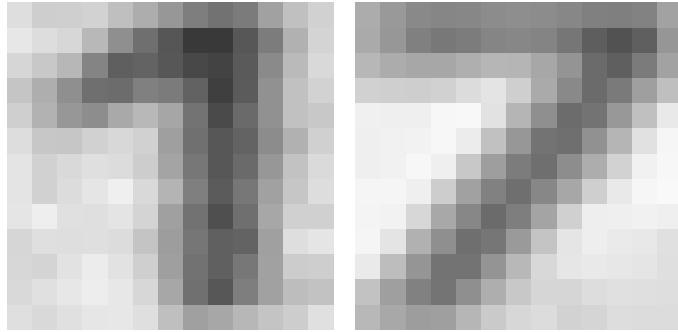
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For each pixel (position) and possible intensity (image/pixel value) we create such a table.

Unseen events



Images 13×13 , intensities 0 – 255, 100 exemplars per each class.



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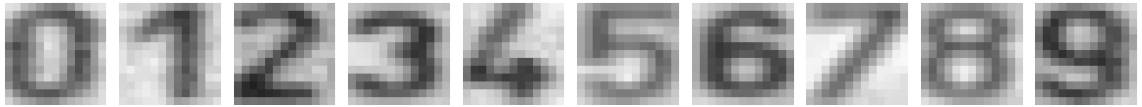
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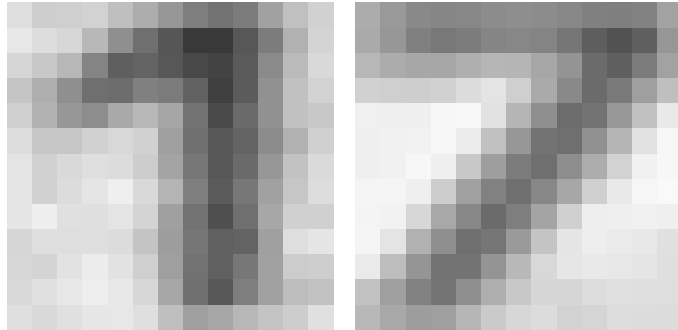
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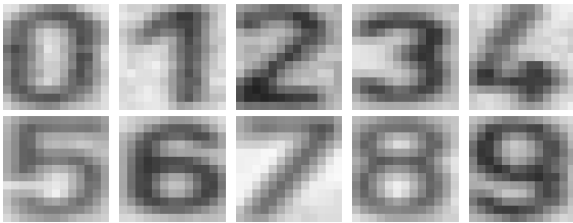
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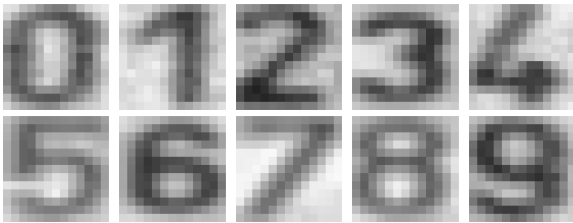
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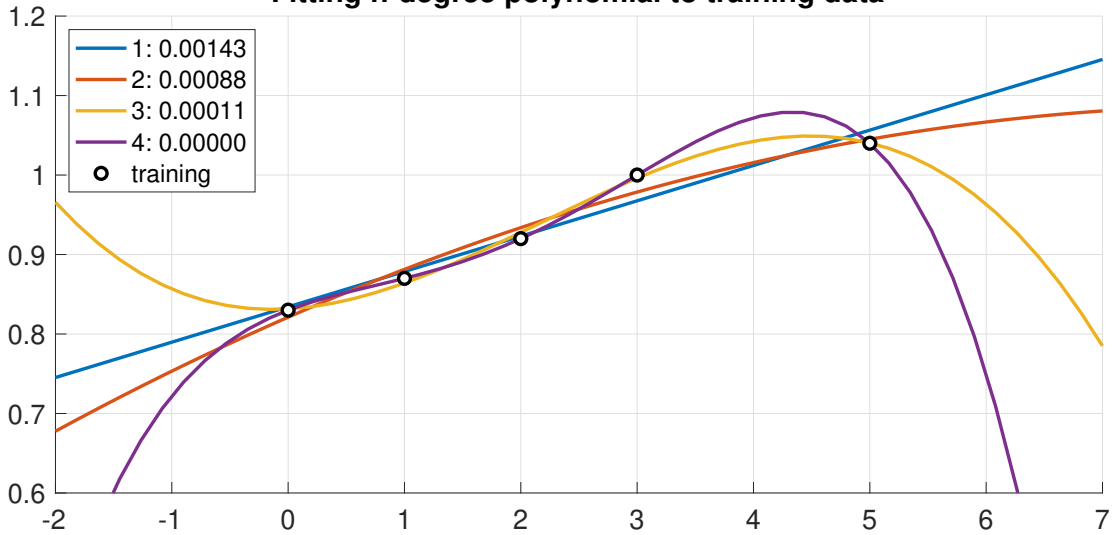
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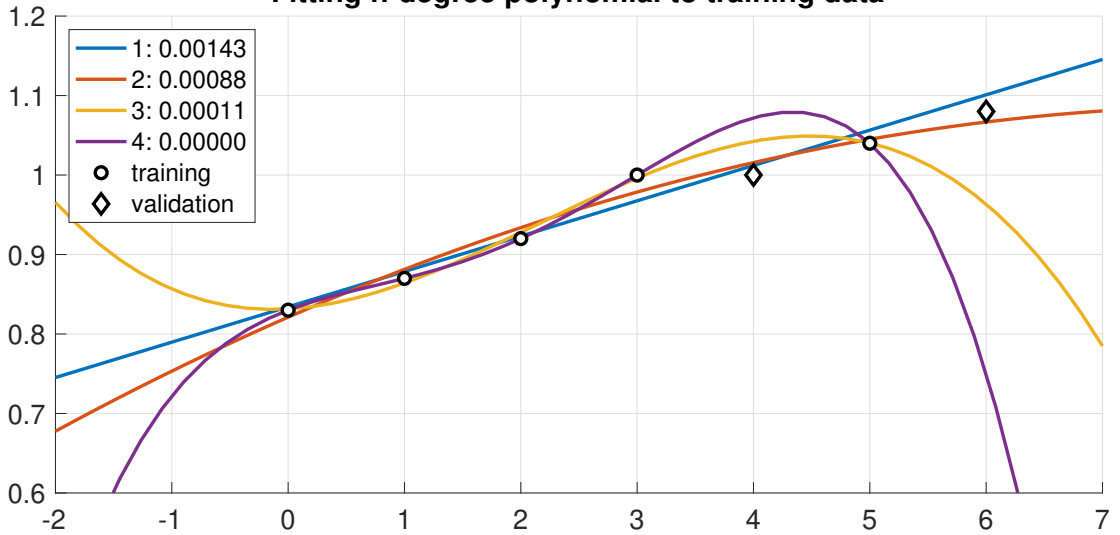


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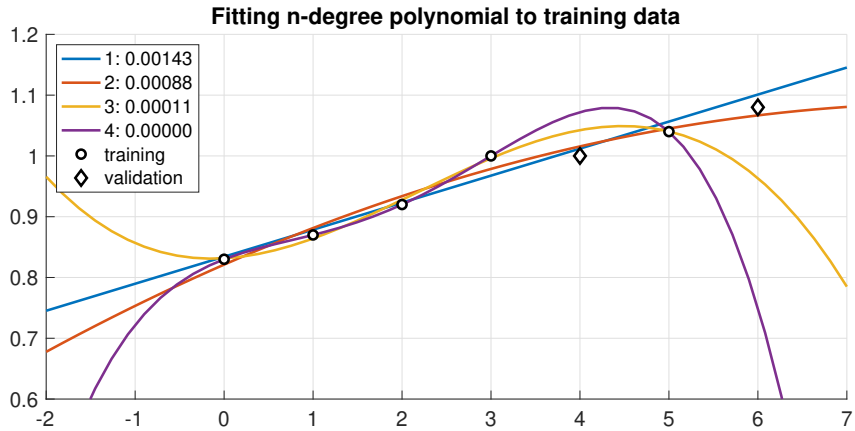


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Generalization and overfitting

- ▶ **Data: training, validating, testing** . Wanted classifier performs well on what data?
- ▶ Overfitting: too close to training, poor on testing.



Training and testing

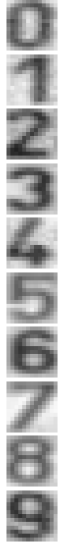
Data labeled instances.

- ▶ Training set
- ▶ Held-out (validation) set
- ▶ Testing set.

Features : Attribute-value pairs.

Learning cycle:

- ▶ **Learn** parameters (e.g. probabilities) on training set.
- ▶ **Tune** hyperparameters on held-out (validation) set.
- ▶ **Evaluate** performance on testing set.



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Training set - biggest part.

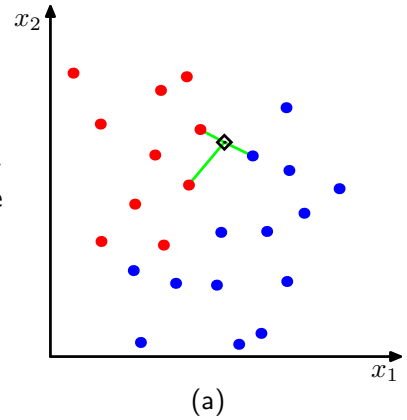
K – Nearest Neighbor and Bayes $j^* = \operatorname{argmax}_j P(s_j | \vec{x})$

Assume data:

- ▶ N samples \vec{x} in total.
- ▶ N_j samples in s_j class. Hence, $\sum_j N_j = N$.

We want classify to \vec{x} . We draw a circle (hyper-sphere) centered at \vec{x} containing K points irrespective of class. V is the volume of this sphere. $P(s_j | \vec{x}) = ?$

$$P(s_j | \vec{x}) = \frac{P(\vec{x} | s_j) P(s_j)}{P(\vec{x})}$$



$k - NN$ for non-parametric density estimation

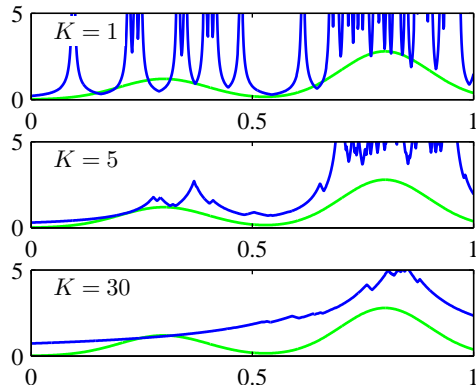
$$P(\vec{x}) = \frac{K}{NV}$$

$$V = V_d R_k^d(\vec{x})$$

$R_k(\vec{x})$ - distance from \vec{x} to its k -th nearest neighbour point (radius)

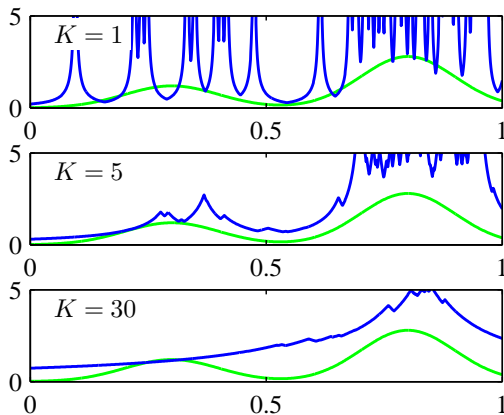
$$V_d = \frac{\pi^{d/2}}{\Gamma(d/2 + 1)}$$

volume of unit d -dimensional sphere,
 Γ denotes gamma function. $V_1 = 2, V_2 = \pi, V_3 = \frac{4}{3}\pi$



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More details, including a computational example, in [2].

A K -NN belongs to non-parametric methods for density estimation, see section 2.5 from [1]. (Figure from [1])

Try yourself, <https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/density.html#kernel-density>

How to evaluate a classifier? Confusion table

Matching table for test set

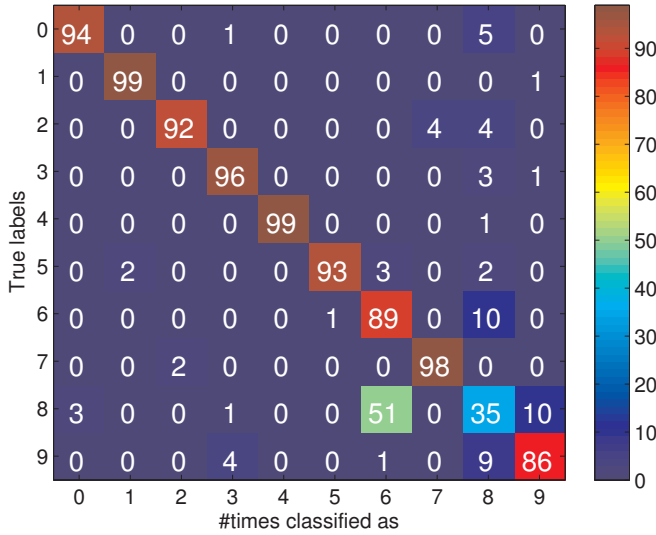


Figure from [6]

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A result for a one particular classifier and its setting (parameters), one particular testing set.

Precision and Recall, and ...

Consider digit **detection** (is there a digit?) or SPAM/HAM classification.

Recall :

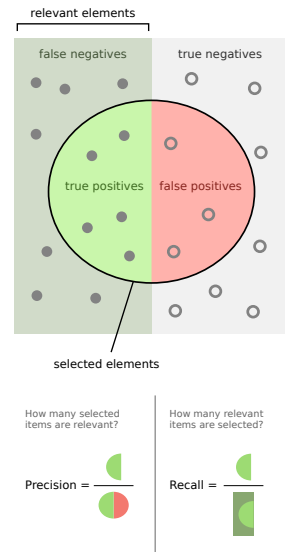
- ▶ How many relevant items are selected?
- ▶ Are we missing some items?
- ▶ Also called: **True positive rate** (TPR), sensitivity, hit rate ...

Precision

- ▶ How many selected items are relevant?
- ▶ Also called: Positive predictive value

False positive rate (FPR)

- ▶ Probability of false alarm



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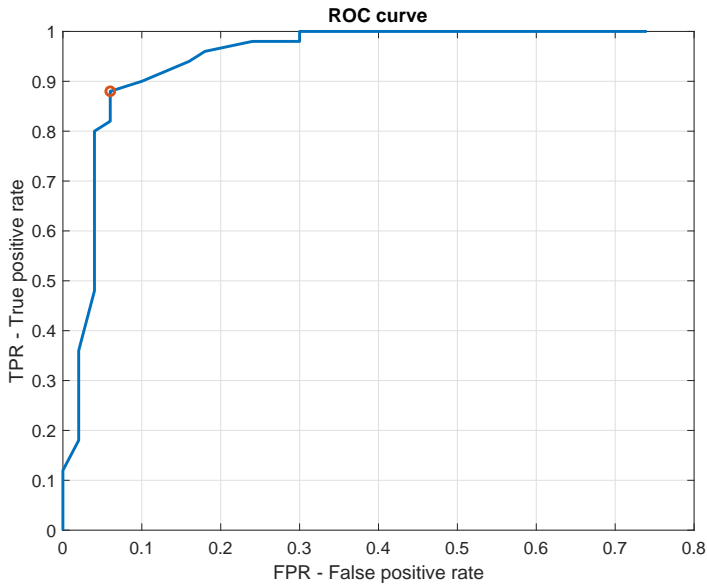
$$\text{TPR} = \frac{\text{TP}}{P} = \frac{\text{TP}}{\text{TP} + \text{FN}}$$

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{\text{TP}}{\text{TP} + \text{FP}}$$

$$\text{FPR} = \frac{\text{FP}}{N} = \frac{\text{FP}}{\text{FP} + \text{TN}}$$

Think about TPR vs FPR graph, what is the best classifier?

ROC – Receiver operating characteristics curve



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Notes

- How do you slide along the curve?
- What is the meaning of the diagonal?
- What would be the shape of the curve for the ideal/worst classifier?
- How would you compare various curve and select the best classifier?
- Think/read about other ways to evaluate/visualise classification results.

Product of many small numbers ...

$$P(s|\vec{x}) = \frac{P(\vec{x}|s)P(s)}{P(\vec{x})} = \frac{P(s)}{P(\vec{x})} P(x[1]|s) \cdot P(x[2]|s) \cdot \dots$$

$P(\vec{x})$ not needed,

$$\log(P(x[1]|s)P(x[2]|s) \dots) = \log(P(x[1]|s)) + \log(P(x[2]|s)) + \dots$$

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just try

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