

# Classifiers: Naïve Bayes, k-NN, evaluation

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## Bayes optimal strategy

- ▶ The **Bayes optimal strategy** : one minimizing mean risk.  $\delta^* = \arg \min_{\delta} r(\delta)$
- ▶  $s$  states,  $x$  possible measurements,  $P(s, x)$  joint probabilities

$$\begin{aligned} r(\delta) &= \sum_x \sum_s \ell(s, \delta(x)) P(x, s) = \sum_s \sum_x \ell(s, \delta(x)) P(s|x) P(x) \\ &= \sum_x P(x) \underbrace{\sum_s \ell(s, \delta(x)) P(s|x)}_{\text{Conditional risk}} \end{aligned}$$

Risk of a strategy is a weighted sum of conditional risks (conditioned by  $x$ )

- ▶ The optimal strategy is obtained by minimizing the conditional risk *separately* for each  $x$ :

$$\delta^*(x) = \arg \min_d \sum_s \ell(s, d) P(s|x)$$

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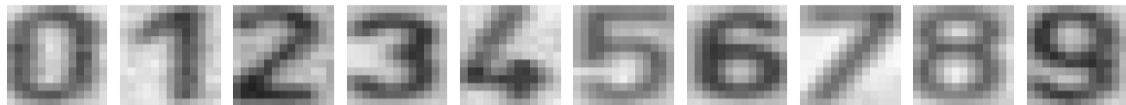
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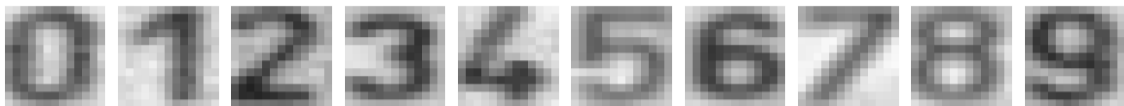


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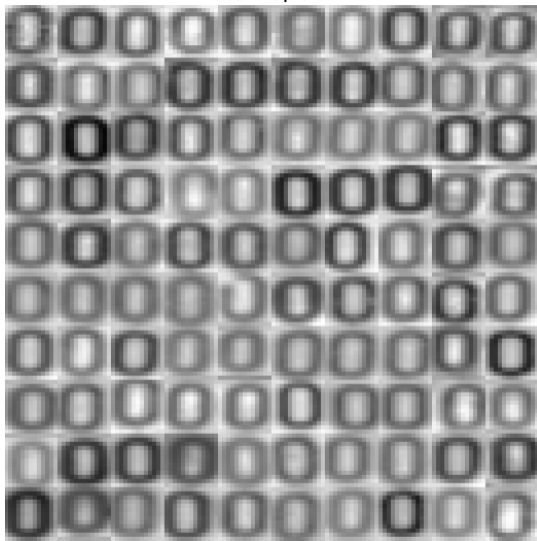


## Optimal (Bayes) Classification

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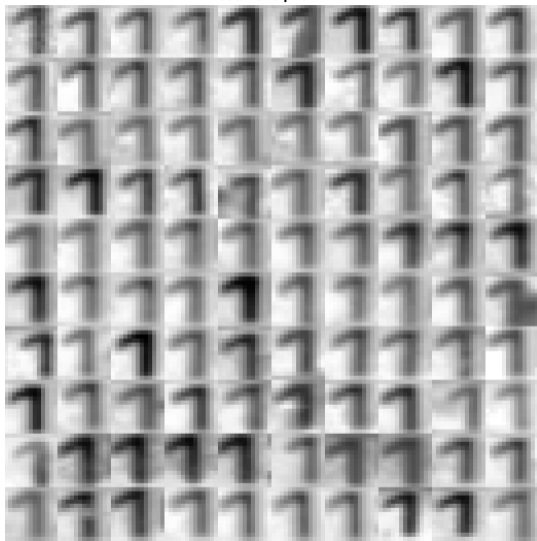
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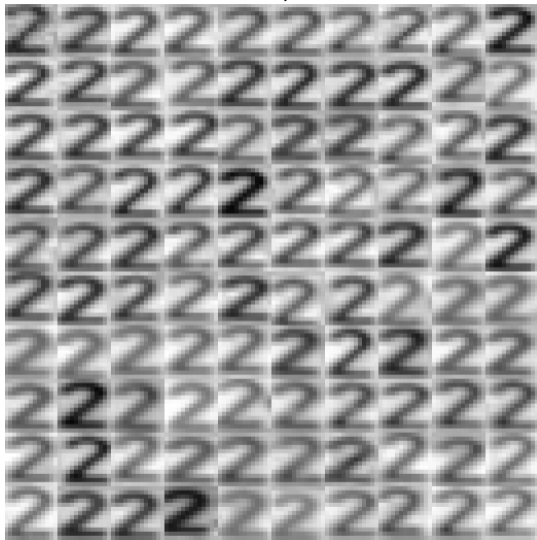
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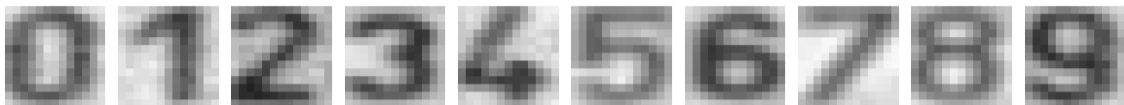
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## How many images?



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- A:  $169^{256}$
- B:  $256^{169}$
- C:  $13^{13}$
- D:  $169 \times 256$
- 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

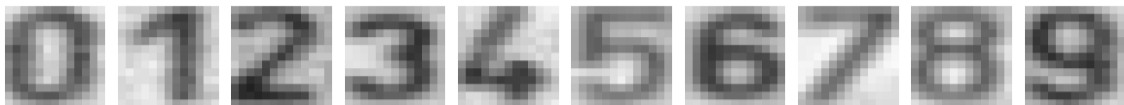
$$P(\vec{x}|s) = P(x[1]|s) \cdot P(x[2]|s) \cdot \dots$$

- ▶ 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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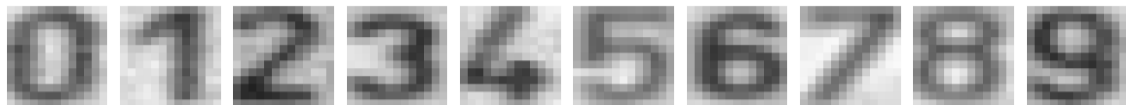


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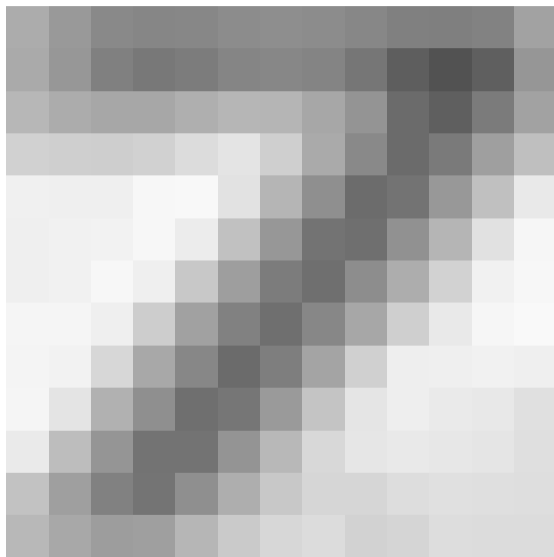
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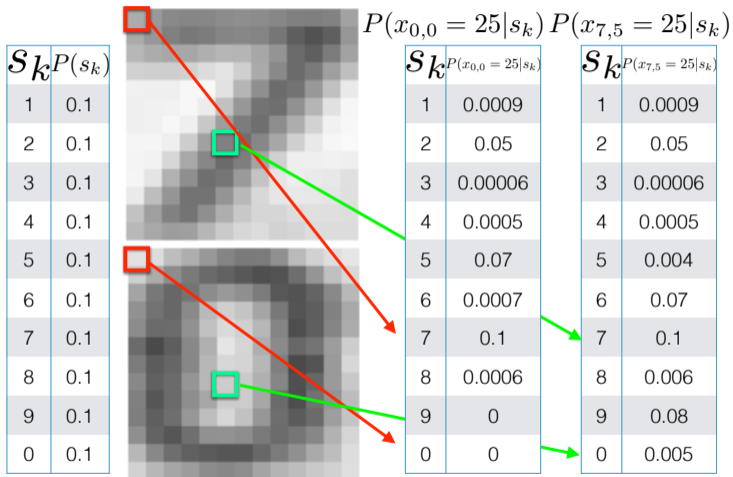


## Conditional probabilities, likelihoods

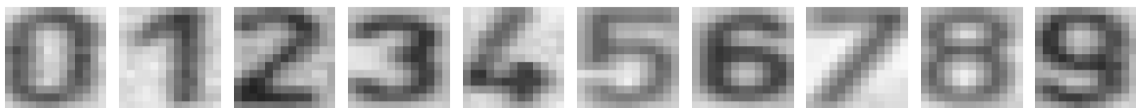


- ▶ Apriori digit probabilities  $P(s_k)$
- ▶ Likelihoods for pixels.  $P(x_{r,c} = l_i | s_k)$

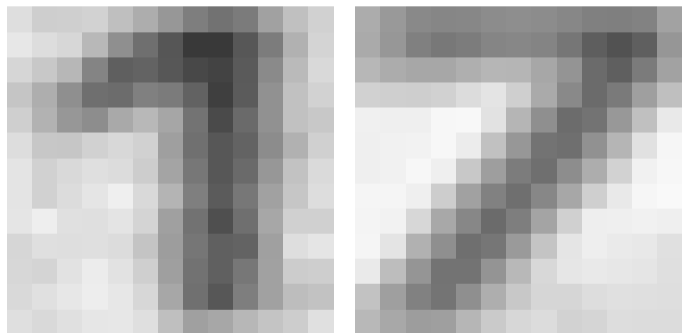
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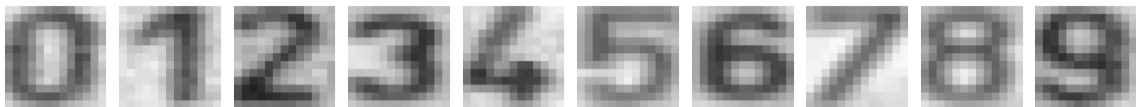
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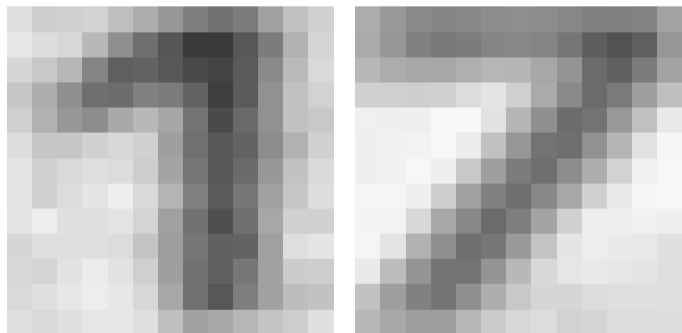
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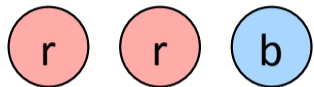
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B:  $P_{\text{LAP}}(X = \text{red}) = 2/3$ ,  $P_{\text{LAP}}(X = \text{blue}) = 1/3$

C:  $P_{\text{LAP}}(X = \text{red}) = 3/5$ ,  $P_{\text{LAP}}(X = \text{blue}) = 2/5$

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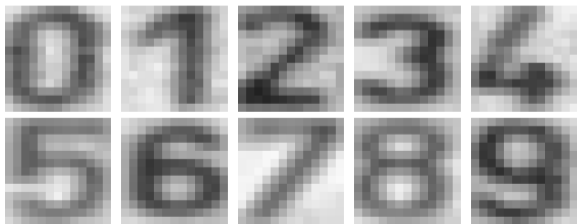
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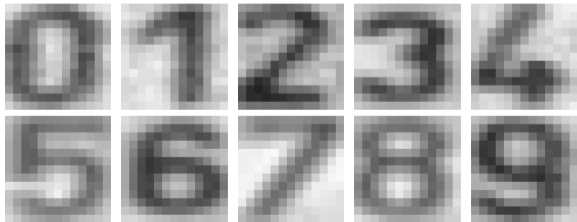
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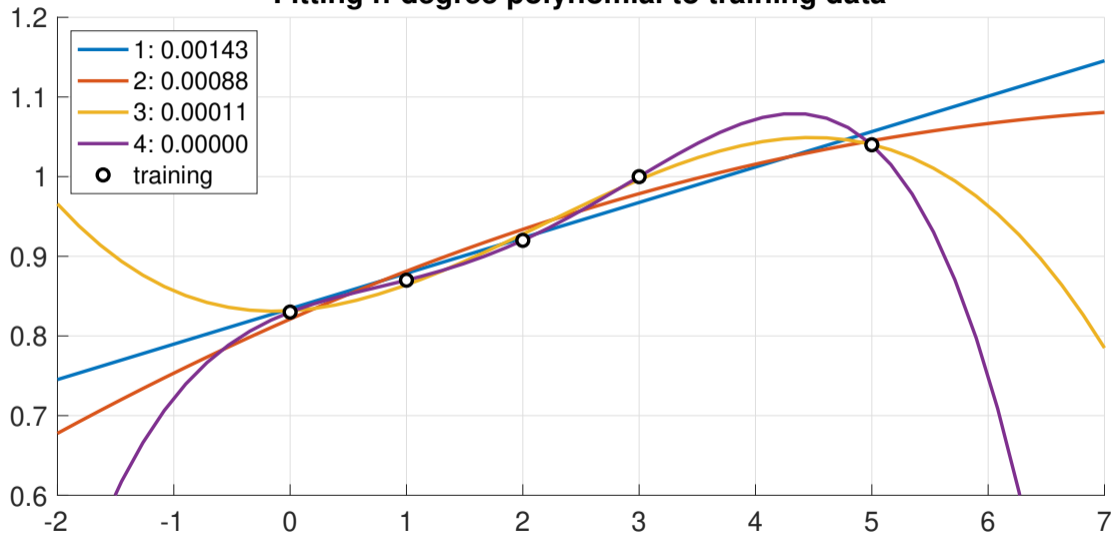


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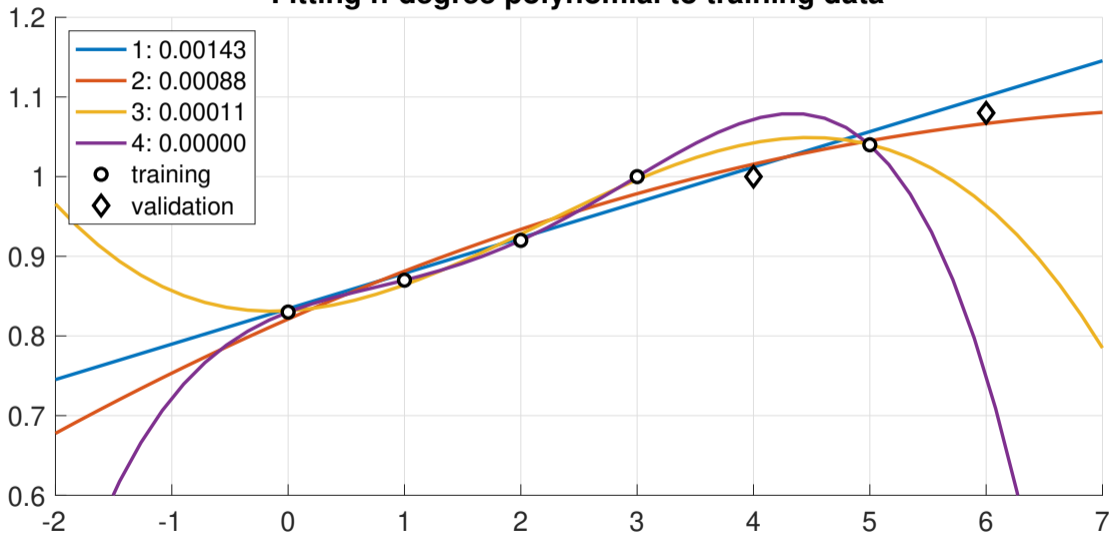
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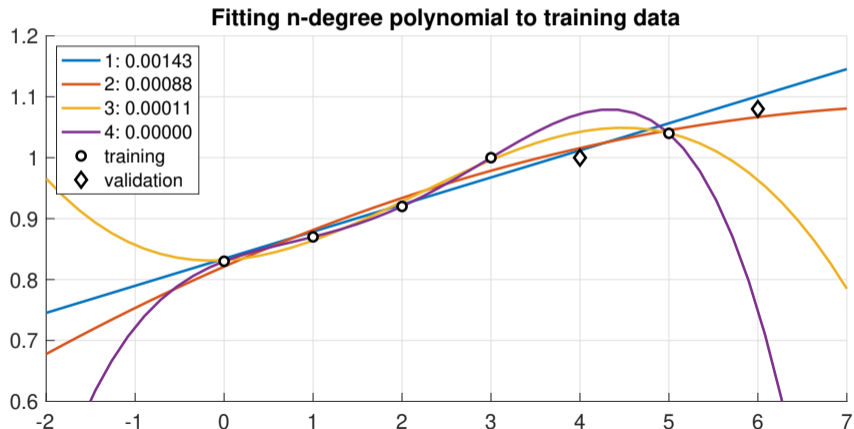
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# Generalization and overfitting

- ▶ **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.



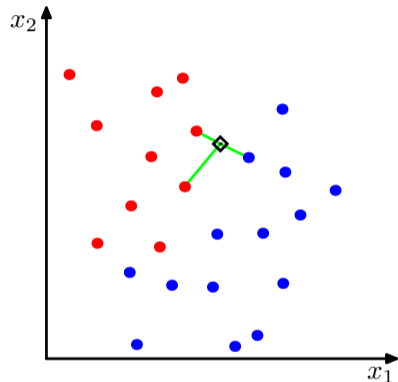
## $K$ – Nearest Neighbor and Bayes $j^* = \operatorname{argmax}_j P(s_j|\vec{x})$

Assume data:

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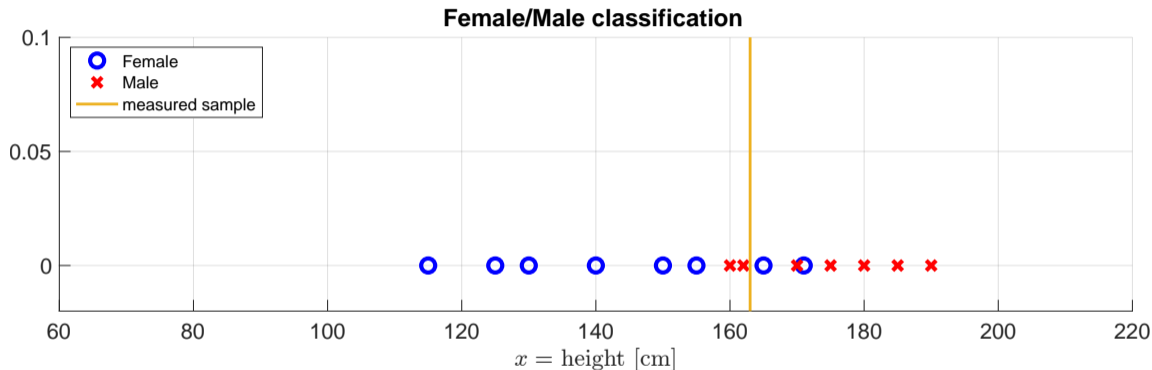
We want classify to  $\vec{x}$ . We draw a circle (hyper-sphere) centered at  $\vec{x}$  containing  $K$  points irrespective of class.  $V$  is the volume of this sphere.  $P(s_j|\vec{x}) = ?$

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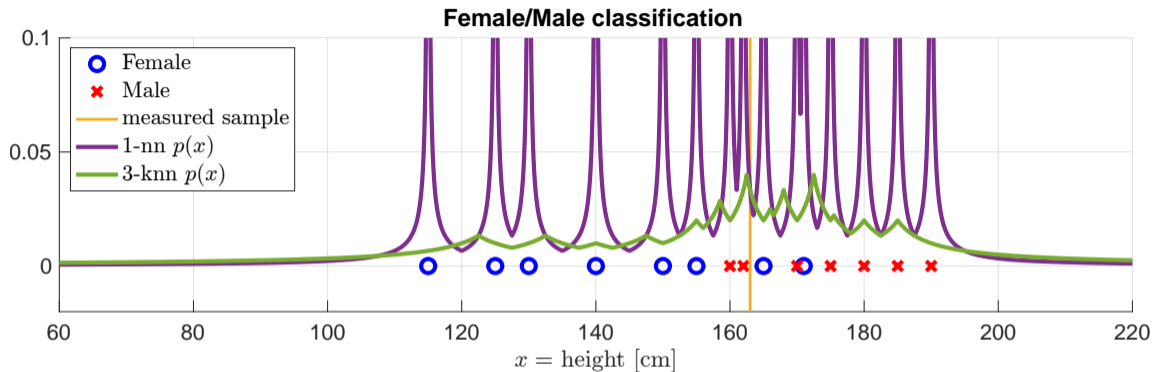
(a)

Female/male classification based on height.  $N$  data points available.



Ignore the y axis. A new measurement comes,  $x = 163$  cm. Female or male?

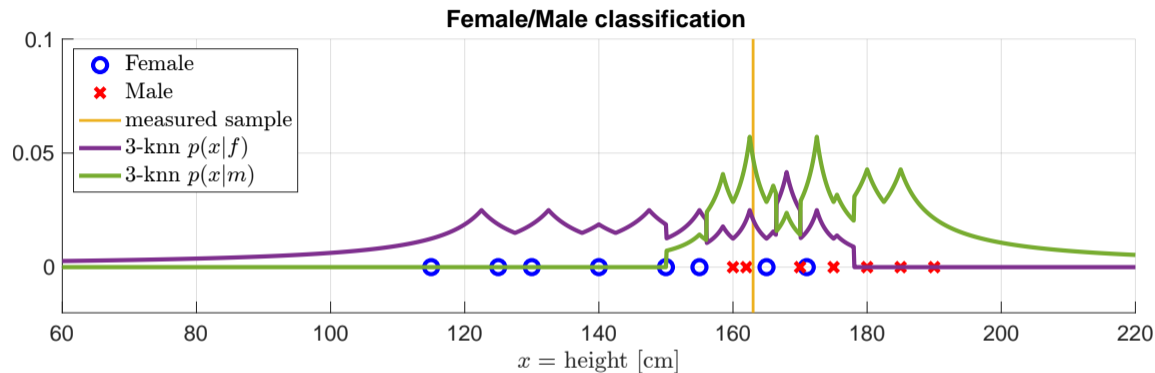
## $K$ -NN $p(x)$ estimate



$$p(x) = \frac{K}{NV}$$

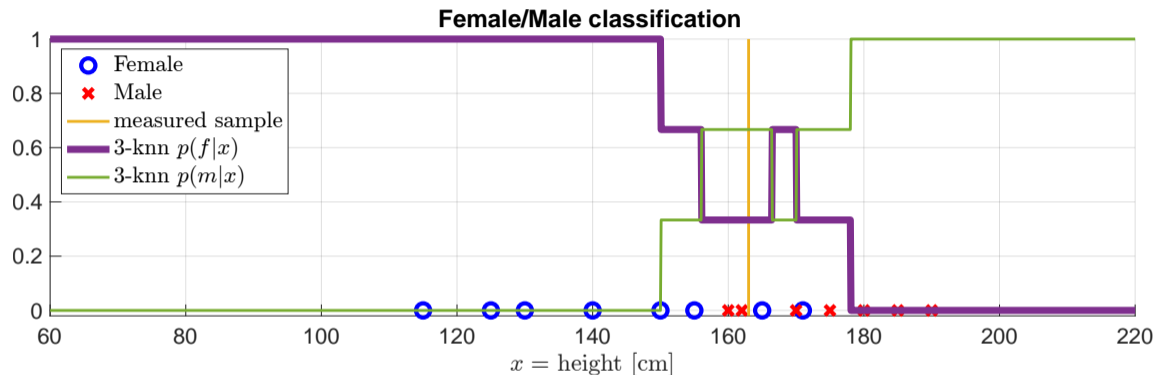
$V = 2r_k(x)$ , where  $r_k(x)$  is the distance of  $k$ -th nearest data point to  $x$

# $K$ -NN $p(x|s_j)$ estimates



$$p(x|s_j) = \frac{K_j}{N_j V}$$

# $K$ -NN $p(s_j|x)$ posteriors



$$p(s_j|x) = \frac{p(x|s_j)p(s_j)}{p(x)}$$



## Volume in $k$ – $NN$ in higher dimensions

*Complement slide, for the sake of completeness. The decision rule  $P(s_j|x) = N_j/N$  is the same for all dimensions.*

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

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

$R_k(\vec{x})$  - 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,

$\Gamma$  denotes gamma function.

$$V_1 = 2, V_2 = \pi, V_3 = \frac{4}{3}\pi$$

# Precision and Recall, and ...

Consider digit **detection** (is there a digit?) or SPAM/HAM, Male/Female classification

**Recall** :

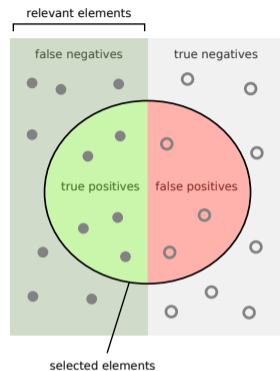
- ▶ How many relevant items are selected?
- ▶ Are we missing some items?
- ▶ Also called: **True positive rate** (TPR), sensitivity, hit rate ...

**Precision**

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

**False positive rate** (FPR)

- ▶ Probability of false alarm



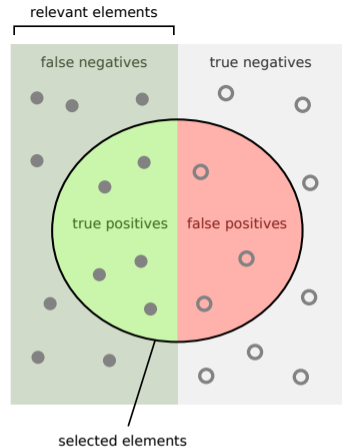
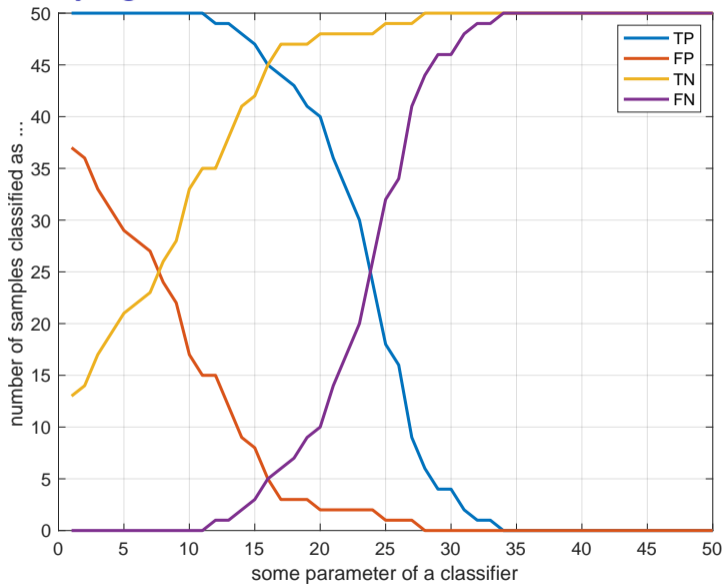
How many selected items are relevant?

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{\text{true positives}}{\text{true positives} + \text{false positives}}$$

How many relevant items are selected?

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{\text{true positives}}{\text{true positives} + \text{false negatives}}$$

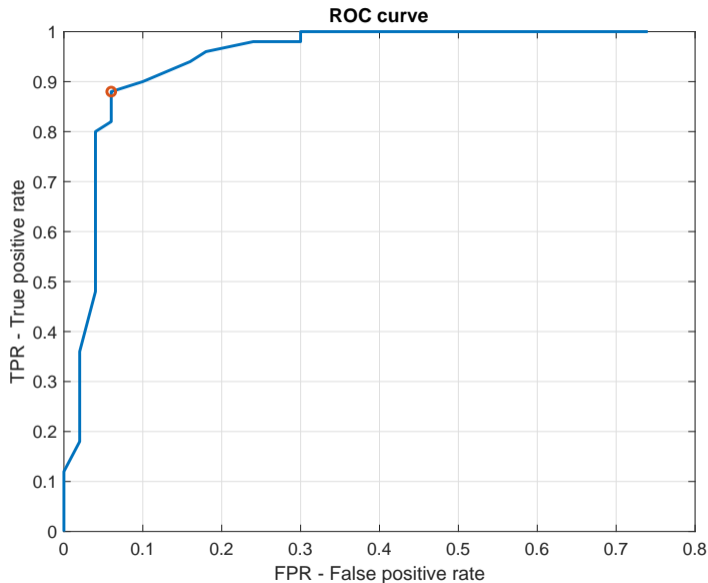
# Studying a classifier ...



How many data samples  $x_i$ ?

- A 50
- B 100
- C 150
- D 200

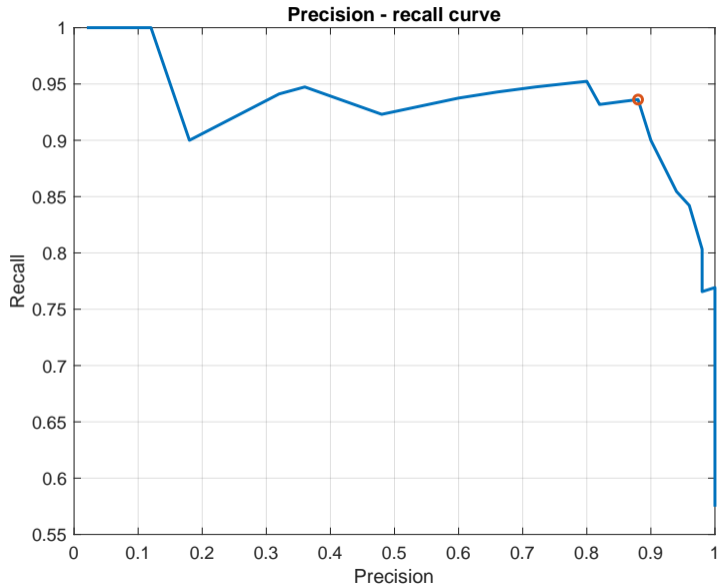
# ROC – Receiver operating characteristics curve



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

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

# Precision – recall curve



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

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

# How to evaluate a multi-class classifier? Confusion table

Matching table for test set

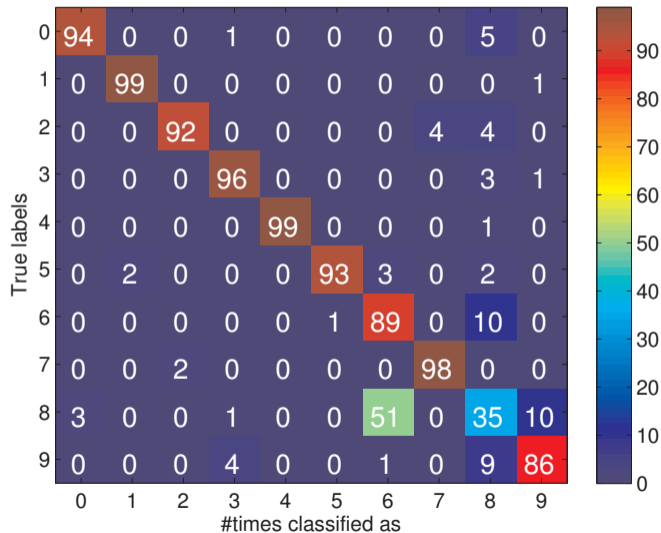


Figure from [6]

## Product of many small numbers ...

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