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Computational Biology: Genomes, Networks, Evolution

## Lecture 7

# Gene expression analysis: Clustering and Classification

# Module II: Gene expression analysis and networks

- Computational foundations:
  - Unsupervised Learning: Expectation Maximization
  - Supervised learning: generative/discriminative models
  - Read mapping, significance testing, splice graphs
  - Folding: DP self-alignment, Context Free grammars
- Biological frontiers:
  - L6: RNA-Seq analysis, quantifying transcripts, isoforms
  - L7: Gene expression analysis: cluster genes/conditions
  - L8: Networks I: Bayesian Inference, deep learning
  - L9: Networks II: Network structure, spectral methods

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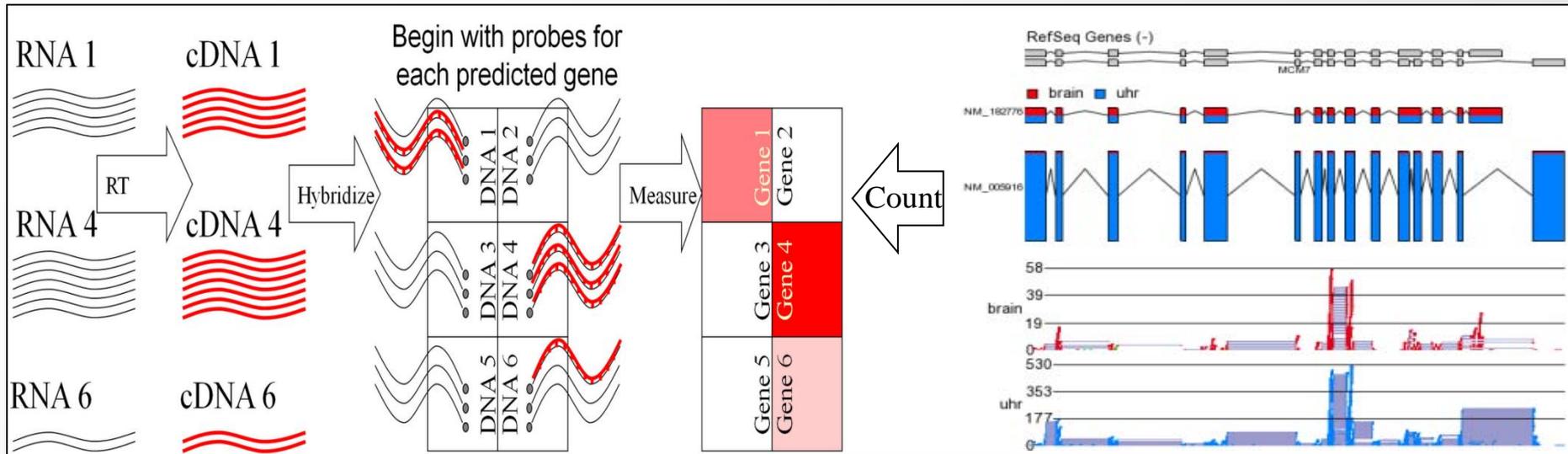
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# RNA-Seq: De novo tx reconstruction / quantification



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## Microarray technology

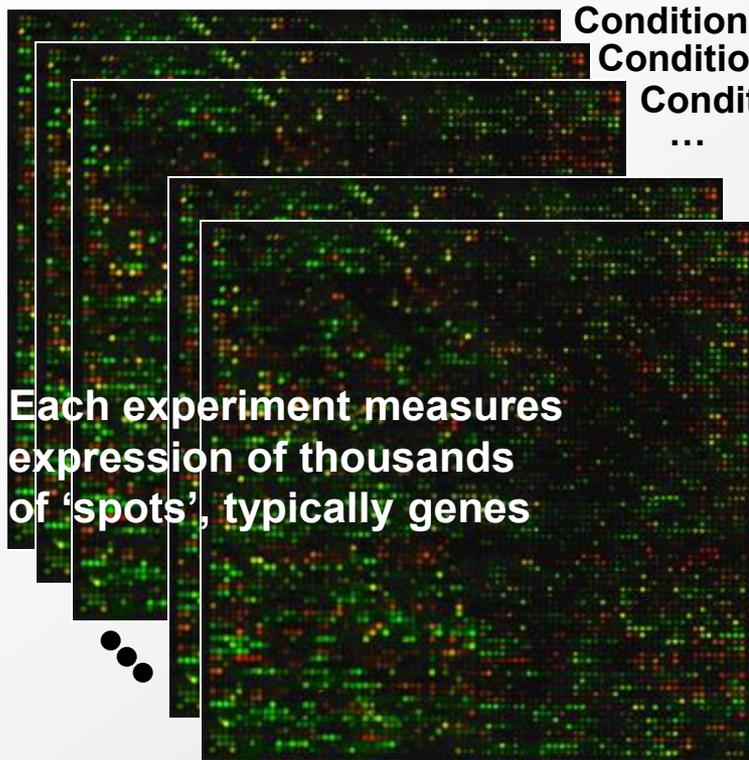
- Synthesize DNA probe array, complementary hybridization
- Variations:
  - One long probe per gene
  - Many short probes per gene
  - Tiled k-mers across genome
- Advantage:
  - Can focus on small regions, even if few molecules / cell

## RNA-Seq technology:

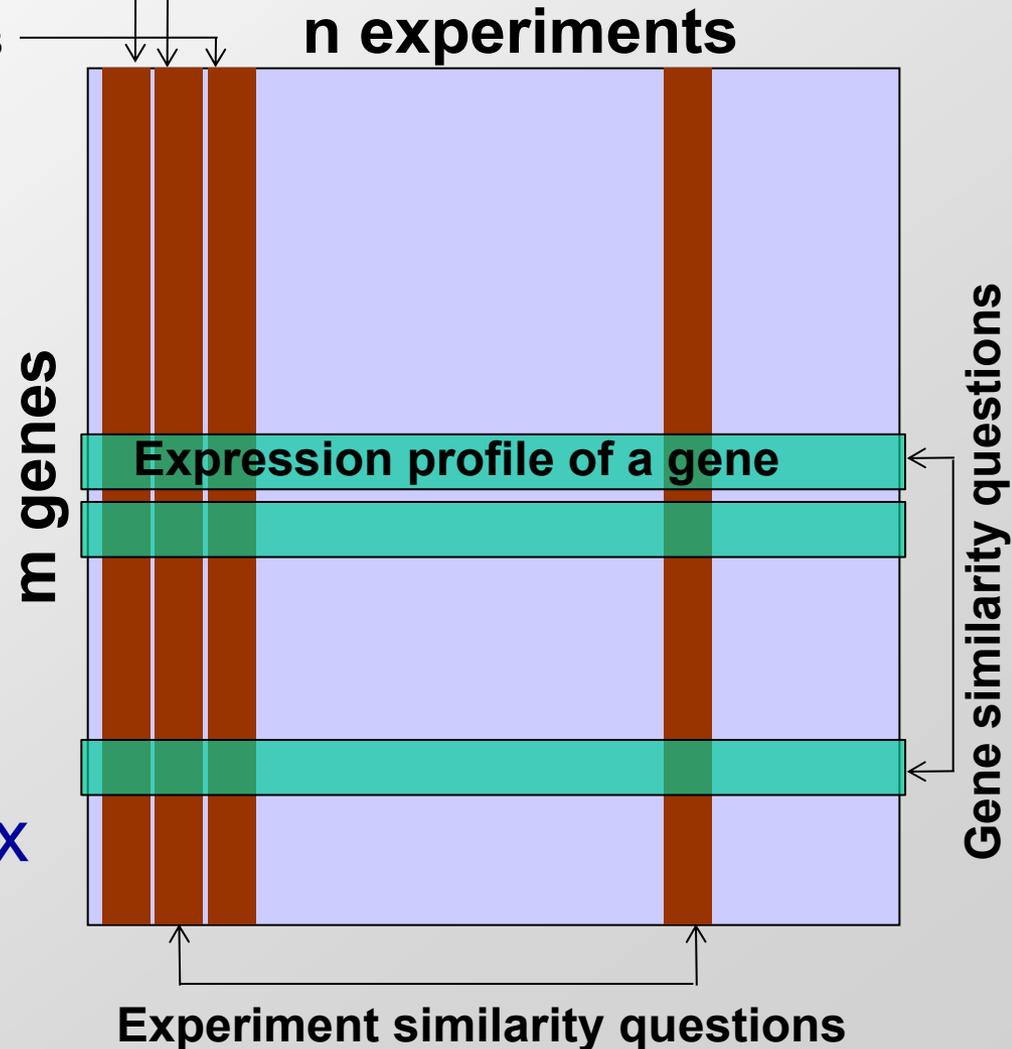
- Sequence short reads from mRNA, map to genome
- Variations:
  - Count reads mapping to each known gene
  - Reconstruct transcriptome *de novo* in each experiment
- Advantage:
  - Digital measurements, *de novo*

# Expression Analysis Data Matrix

- Measure 20,000 genes in 100s of conditions



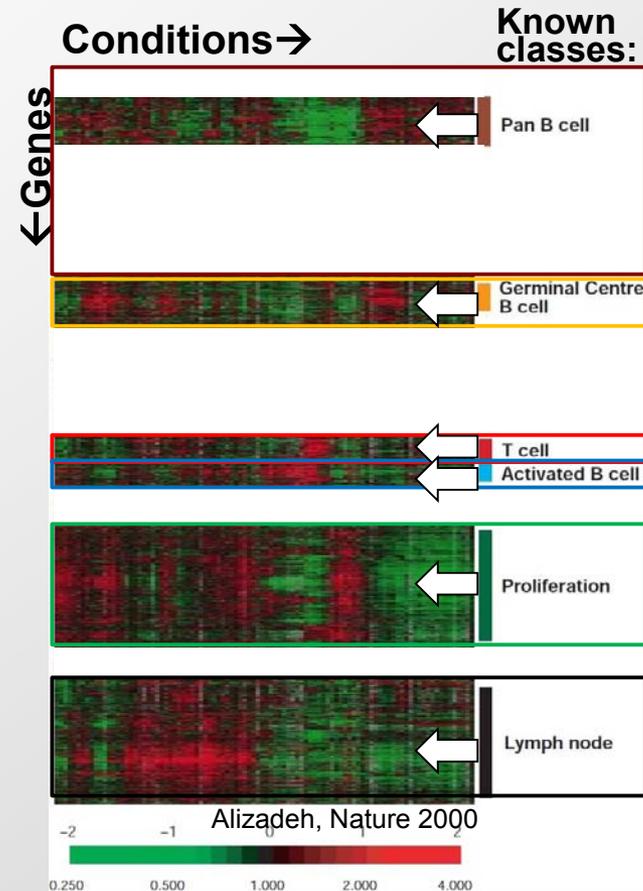
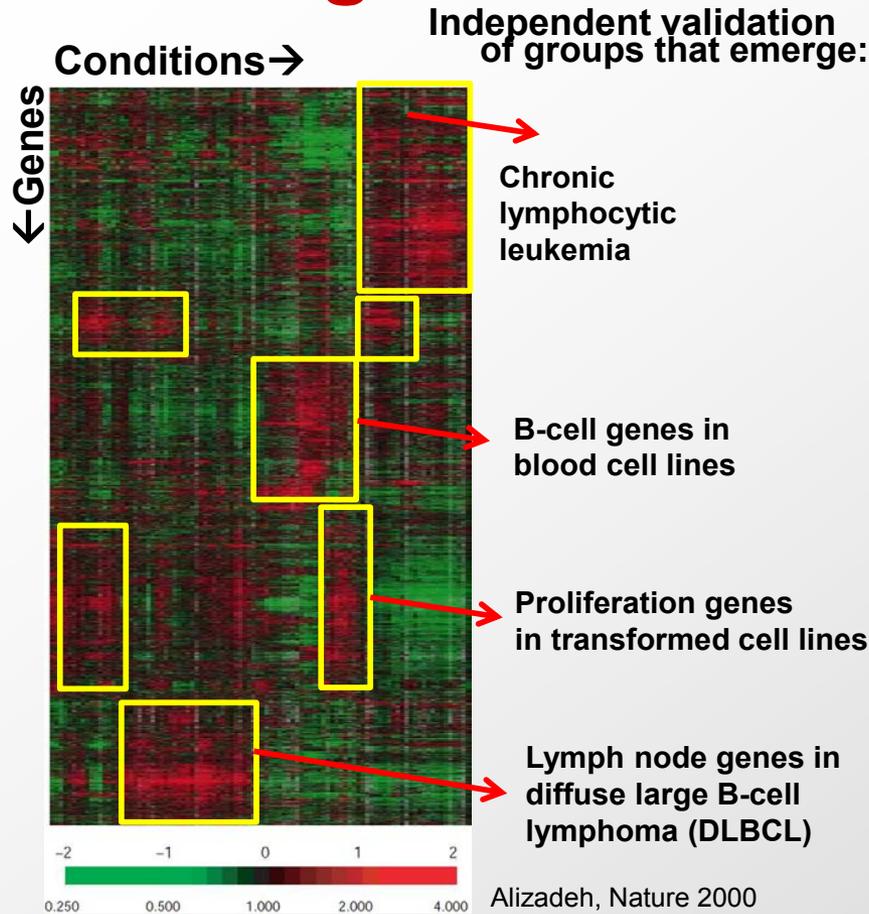
- Study resulting matrix



# Clustering

vs.

# Classification



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"Distinct types of diffuse large B-cell lymphoma identified by gene expression profiling." Nature 403, no. 6769 (2000): 503-511.

**Goal of Clustering:** Group similar items that likely come from the same category, and in doing so **reveal hidden structure**

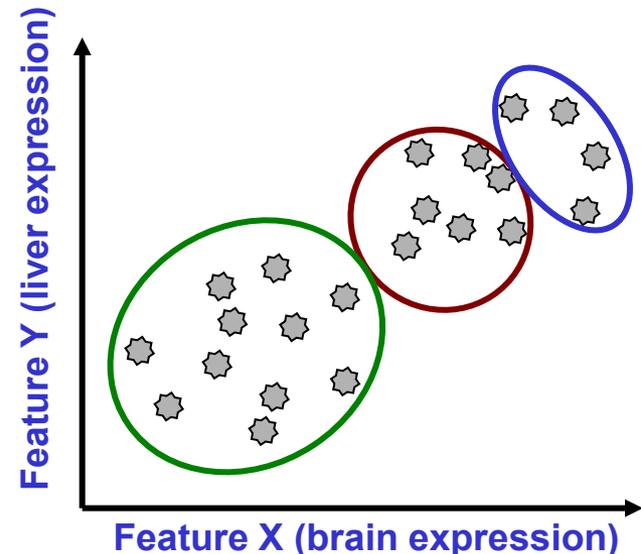
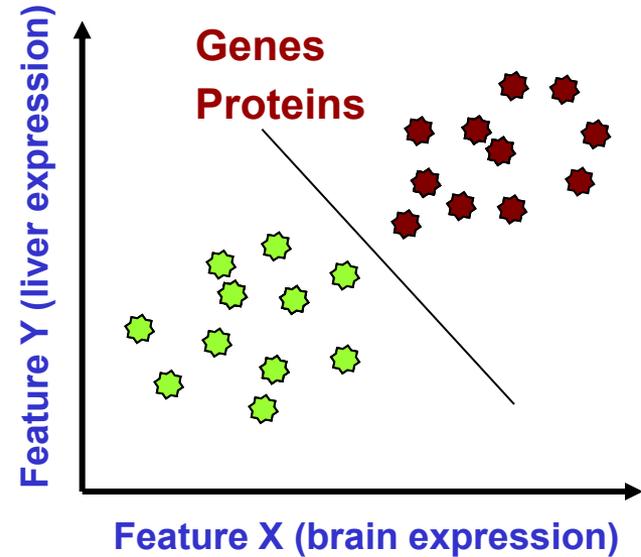
- **Unsupervised learning**

**Goal of Classification:** Extract features from the data that best **assign new elements** to  $\geq 1$  of **well-defined classes**

- **Supervised learning**

# Clustering vs Classification

- **Objects** characterized by one or more features
- **Classification (supervised learning)**
  - Have labels for some points
  - Want a “rule” that will accurately assign labels to new points
  - Sub-problem: Feature selection
  - Metric: Classification accuracy
- **Clustering (unsupervised learning)**
  - No labels
  - Group points into clusters based on how “near” they are to one another
  - Identify structure in data
  - Metric: independent validation features



# Two approaches to clustering

- Partitioning (e.g. k-means)
  - Divides objects into **non-overlapping clusters** such that each data object is in exactly one subset
- Agglomerative (e.g. hierarchical clustering)
  - A set of **nested clusters** organized as a hierarchy

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# K-Means Clustering

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## The Basic Idea

- Assume a **fixed number**  $K$  of clusters
- Partition points into  $K$  compact clusters

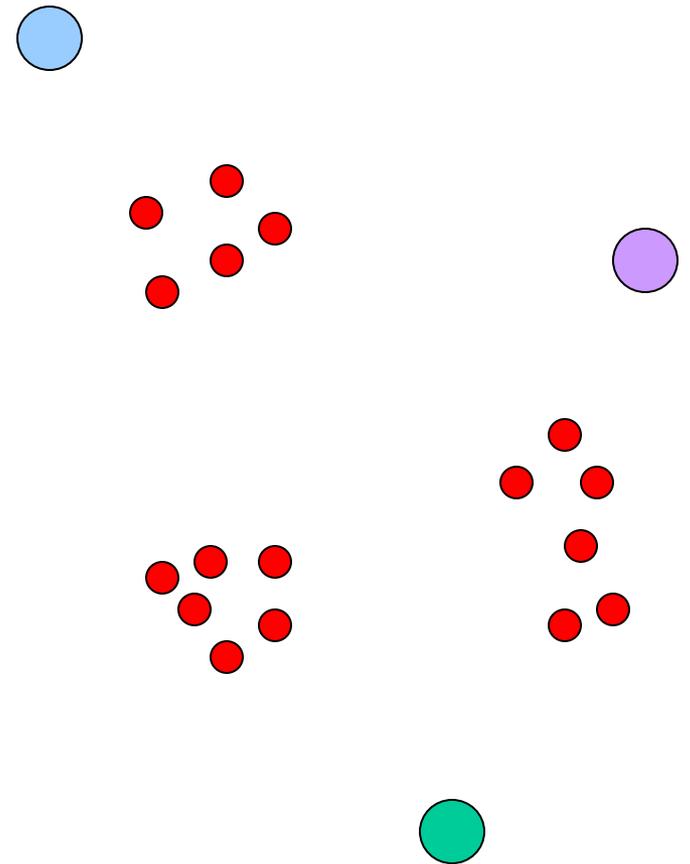
## The Algorithm

- Initialize  $K$  cluster centers randomly
- Repeatedly:
  - Assign points to nearest center
  - Move centers to center of gravity of their points
- Stop at convergence (no more reassignments)

# K-Means Algorithm Example

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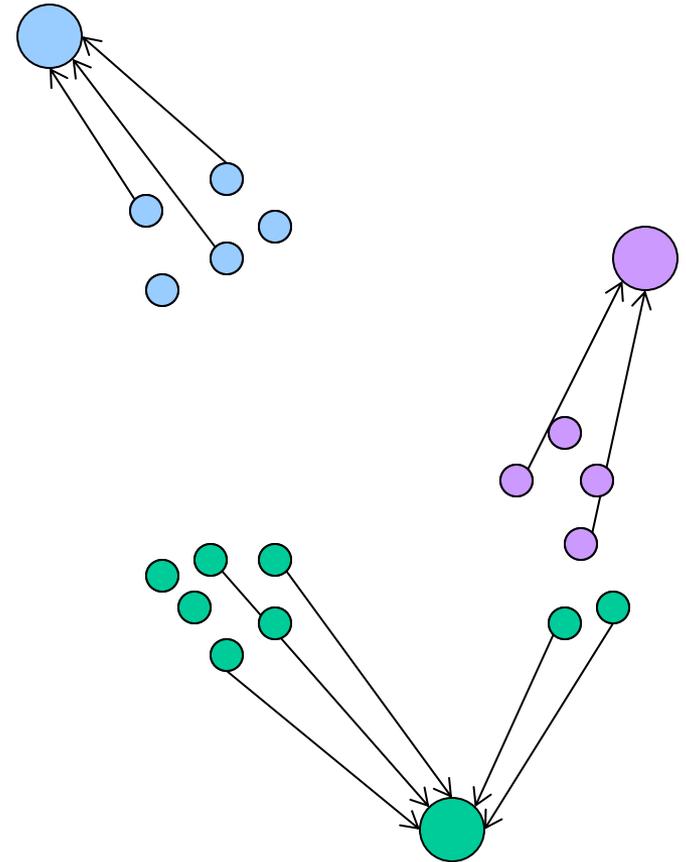
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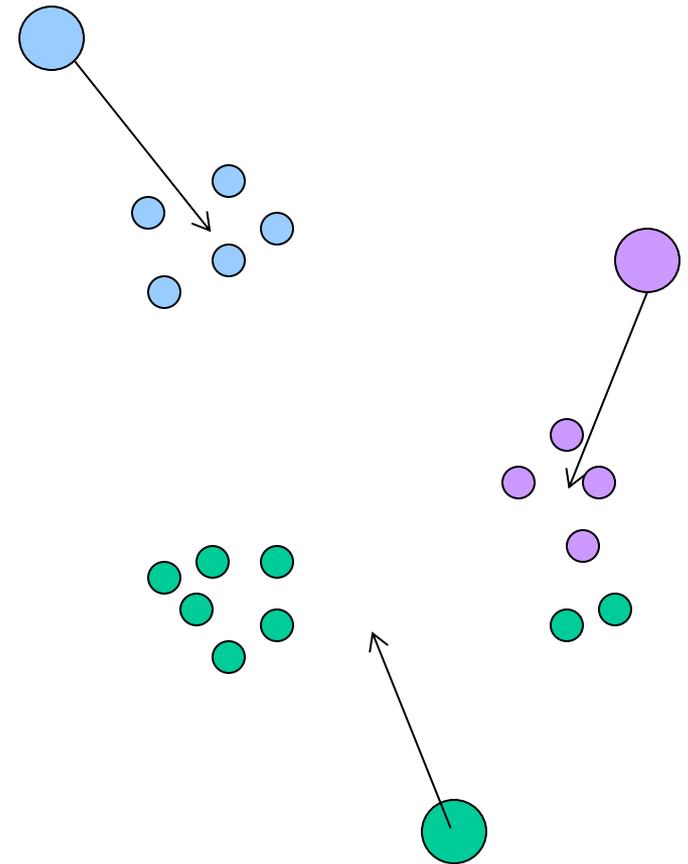
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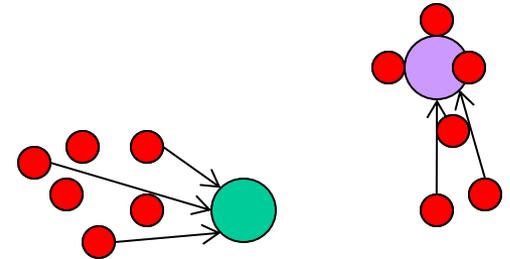
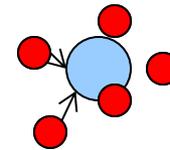
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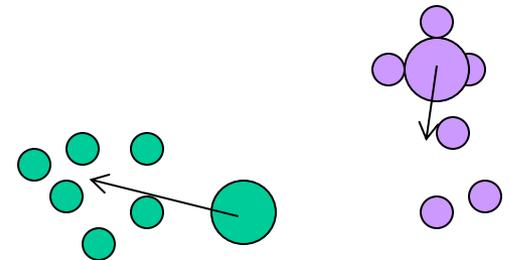
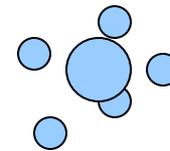
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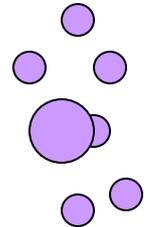
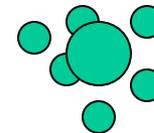
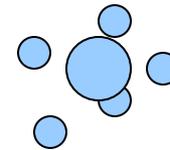
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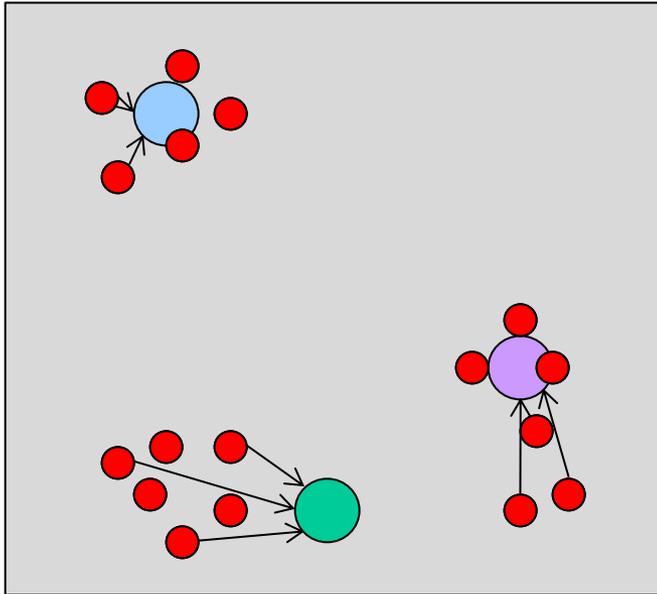
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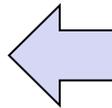
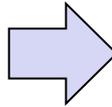
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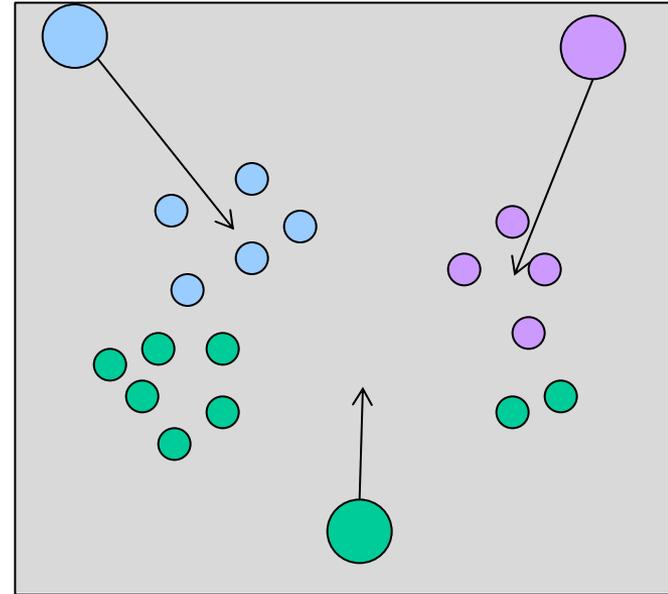
# K-means update rules



(“M”)



(“E”)



**Update** center  $\mu_k$  to the **mean** of the points assigned to it:

$$\mu_k(n+1) = \sum_{x_i \text{ with label } j} \frac{\mathbf{x}_i}{|\mathbf{X}^k|}$$

where:  $|\mathbf{X}^k| = \#\mathbf{x}_i$  with label  $k$

**Re-assign** each point  $\mathbf{x}_i$   
to **nearest center**  $k$

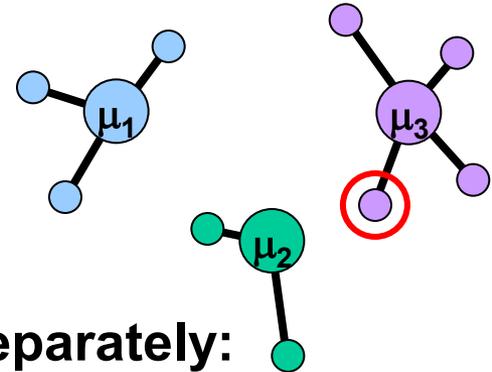
→ Minimize distance from  $\mathbf{x}_i$  to  $\mu_k$ :

$$d_{i,k} = (\mathbf{x}_i - \mu_k)^2$$

# K-means Optimality Criterion

We can think of K-means as trying to create clusters that **minimize a cost criterion** associated with the size of the cluster

$$\text{COST}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n) = \sum_{\mu_k} \sum_{\mathbf{x}_i \text{ with label } k} (\mathbf{x}_i - \mu_k)^2$$



To achieve this, minimize each cluster term separately:

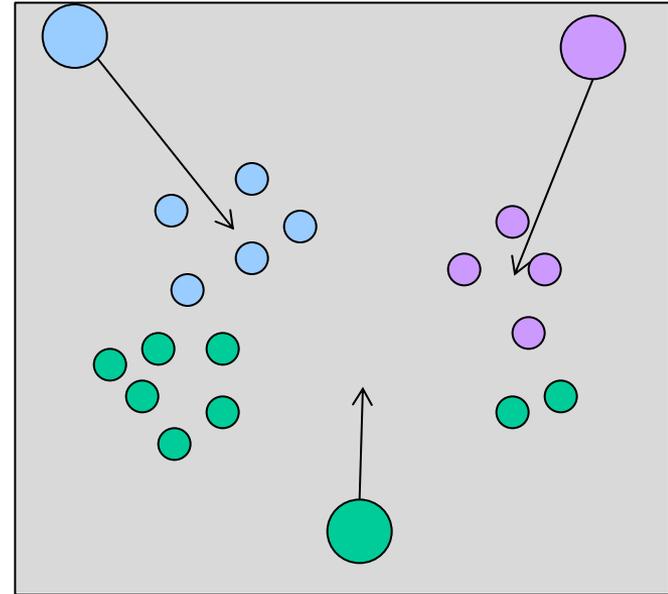
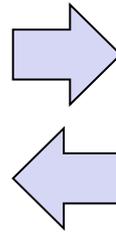
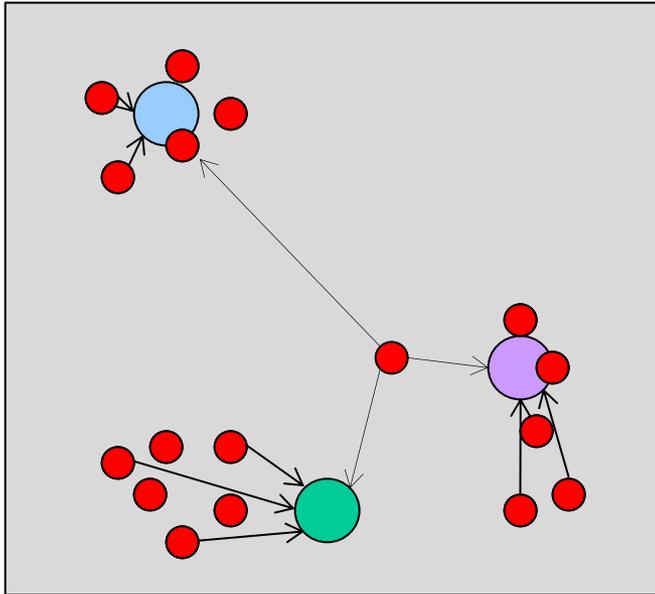
$$\sum_{\mathbf{x}_i \text{ with label } k} (\mathbf{x}_i - \mu_k)^2 = \sum_{\mathbf{x}_i \text{ with label } k} \mathbf{x}_i^2 - 2\mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{u}_k + \mu_k^2 = \sum_{\mathbf{x}_i \text{ with label } k} \mathbf{x}_i^2 - \mathbf{u}_k \sum 2\mathbf{x}_i + |\mathbf{x}^k| \mathbf{u}_k^2$$

Optimum  $\mathbf{u}_k = \sum_{\mathbf{x}_i \text{ with label } k} \frac{\mathbf{x}_i}{|\mathbf{x}^k|}$ , the centroid

However: Some points can be almost halfway between two centers → Assign partial weights

Fuzzy K-means

# Fuzzy K-means update rule



**Re-assign** each point  $\mathbf{x}_i$   
to all centers, weighted by distance

→ For each point calculate the probability of membership for each category K:

$$P(\text{label } K \mid \mathbf{x}_i, \boldsymbol{\mu}_k)$$

**Update** center  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_k$  to the **weighted mean** of the points assigned to it:

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_k(n+1) = \frac{\sum_{\mathbf{x}_i \text{ with label } j} \mathbf{x}_i P(\boldsymbol{\mu}_k \mid \mathbf{x}_i)^b}{\sum_{\mathbf{x}_i \text{ with label } j} P(\boldsymbol{\mu}_k \mid \mathbf{x}_i)^b}$$

Regular K-Means is a special case of fuzzy k-means where:

$$P(\text{label } K \mid \mathbf{x}_i, \boldsymbol{\mu}_k) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \mathbf{x}_i \text{ is closest to } \boldsymbol{\mu}_k \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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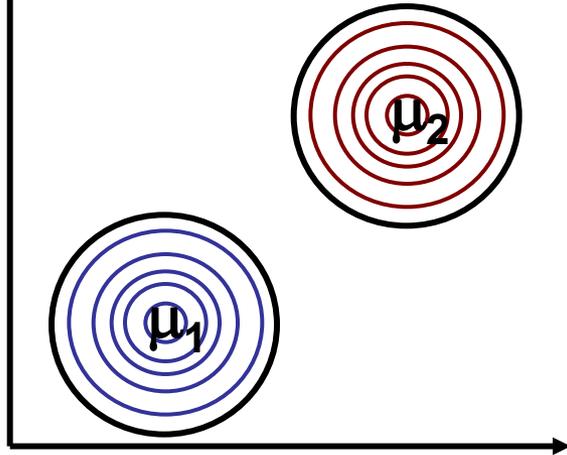
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# K-Means as a Generative Model

Model of  $P(\mathbf{X}, \text{Labels})$

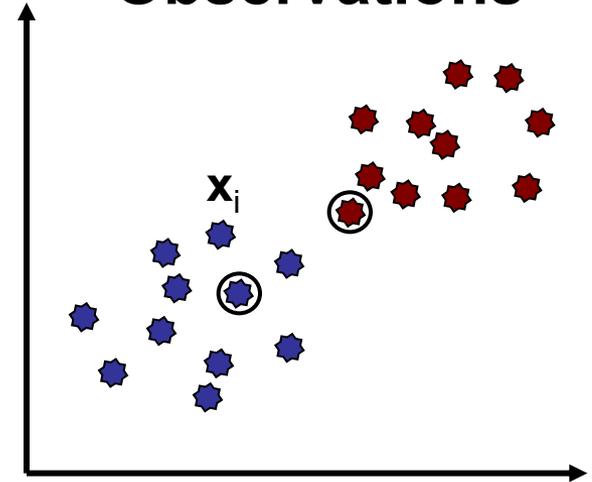


Generate



Estimate

Observations



Samples drawn from normal distributions  
with unit variance - a *Gaussian Mixture Model*

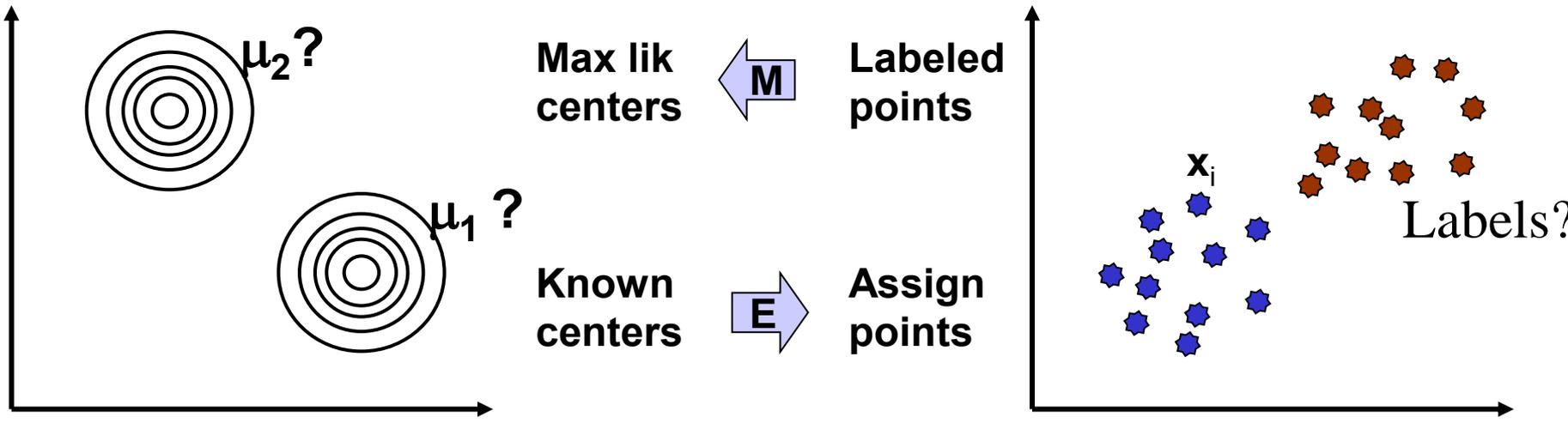
$$P(\mathbf{x}_i | \mathbf{u}_j) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{(\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{u}_j)^2}{2} \right\}$$

Given only samples, how do we estimate max lik model  
params: (1) centroid definitions, (2) point assignments?

# EM solution: iteratively estimate one from the other

E step: If centers are known → Estimate memberships

M step: If assignments known → Compute centroids



**Choose  $\mu_k$  and labels that maximize  $P(\text{data}|\text{model})$**

**Solution is exactly the k-means algorithm!**

M step: assignments known  $\rightarrow$  compute centroids



Max lik centers  $\xleftarrow{M}$  Labeled points

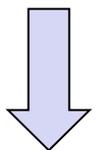
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$$\arg \max_{\mu} \left\{ \log \prod_i P(\mathbf{x}_i | \mu) \right\} = \arg \max_{\mu} \sum_i \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{u})^2 + \log \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right) \right\}$$

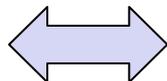
Seeking the **max likelihood** estimate of the cluster mean

$$= \arg \min_{\mu} \sum_i (\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{u})^2$$

Solution is the **centroid** of the  $\mathbf{x}_i$



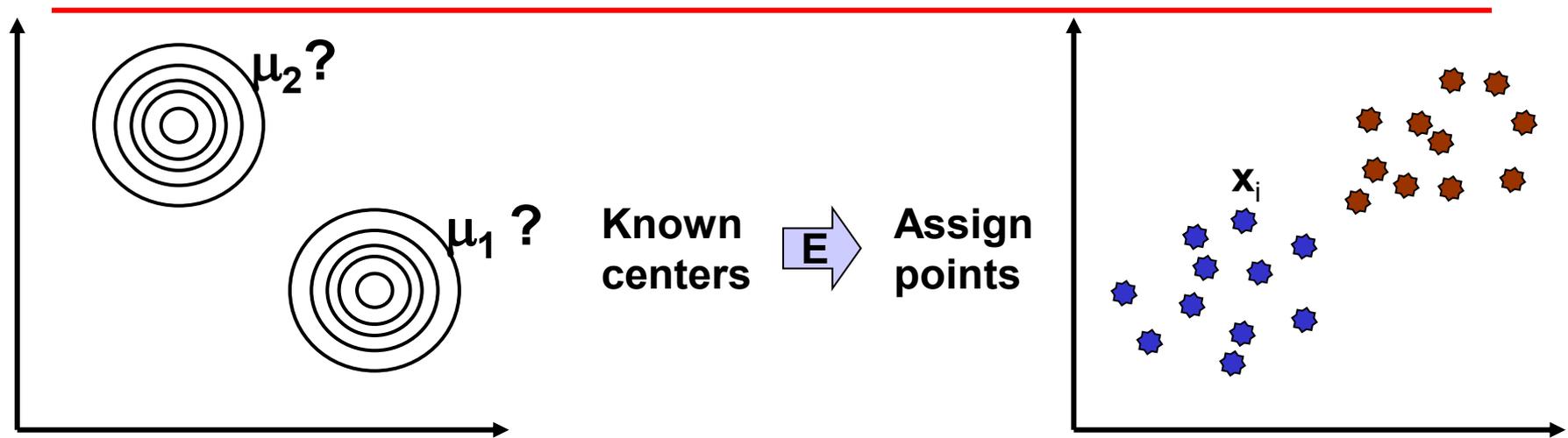
Equivalent



EM solution

K-means solution

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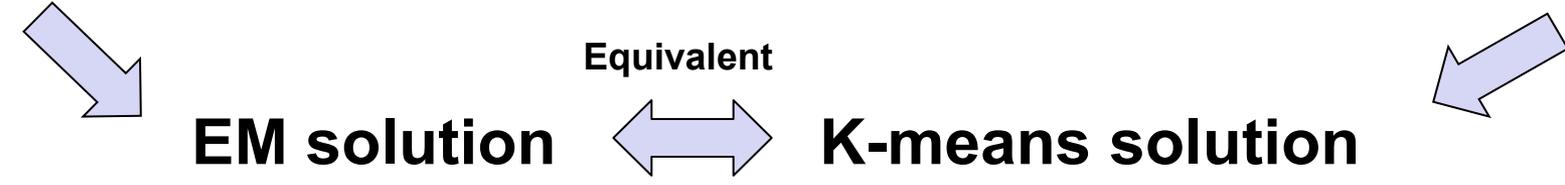


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Seeking the label k that maximizes likelihood of point

Solution is the nearest center

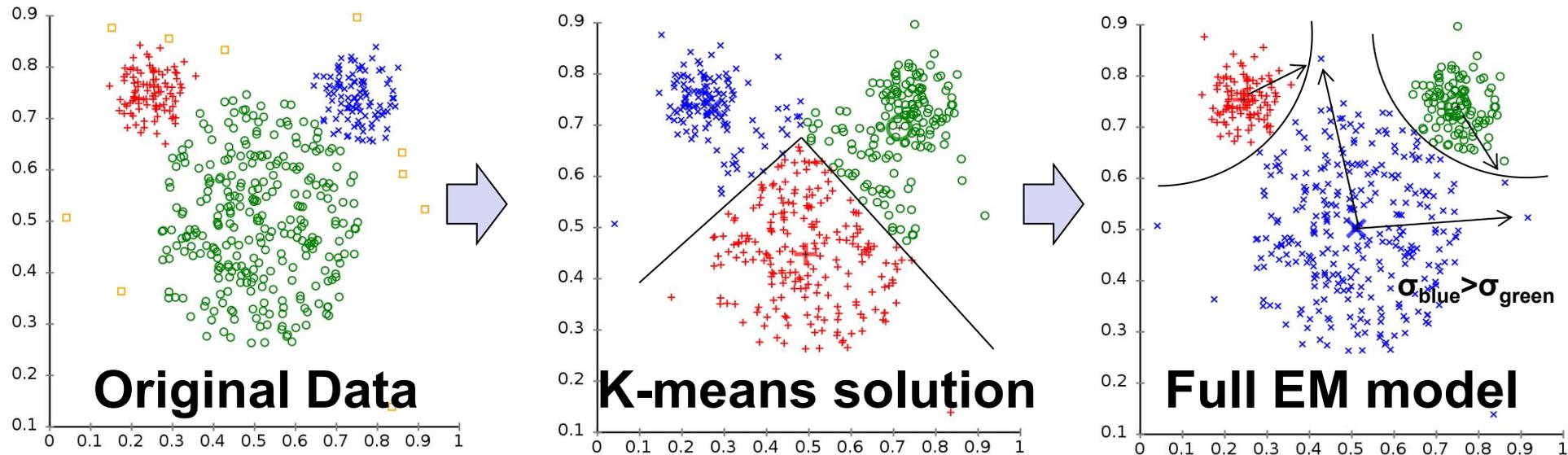


# Algorithmic vs. machine learning formulations

	K-means		Fuzzy K-means	
	<u>algorithmic</u> formulation	<u>probabilistic</u> interpretation	<u>algorithmic</u> formulation	<u>probabilistic</u> interpretation
<b>Initialization</b>	Initialize K centers $\mu_k$	Initialize model parameters	Initialize K centers $\mu_k$	Initialize model parameters
<b>E-step:</b> Estimate prob of hidden labels (point assignments to classes)	Assign $x_i$ label of <b>nearest center</b> distance $d_{i,k} = (\mathbf{x}_i - \mu_k)^2$	Estimate <b>most likely missing label</b> given previous parameters	Calculate <b>probability of membership</b> for each point to each class $P(\text{label } K   \mathbf{x}_i, \mu_k)$	Estimate <b>probability over missing labels</b> given previous parameters
<b>M-step:</b> Update params to max likelihood estimates given assignments	Move $\mu_k$ to <b>centroid</b> of all points with that label	Choose new <b>max likelihood</b> params given points in label	Move $\mu_k$ to <b>weighted centroid</b> of all points, each weighted by $P(\text{label})$	Choose new params to maximize <b>expected likelihood</b> given label estimates
<b>Iteration</b>	Iterate	Iterate	Iterate	Iterate

**$P(x|\text{Model})$  guaranteed to increase each iteration of EM algo**

# EM is much more general than fuzzy K-means



	K-means solution	EM generalization
Cluster sizes	<b>Uniform</b> priors	Class priors $P(class_j)$
Spread of points	<b>Unit</b> distance function	<i>Gaussian</i> $(\mu_j, \sigma_j)$
Cluster shape	<b>Symmetric</b> , x-y indpt	Co-variance matrix $q_{jk} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_{ij} - \bar{x}_j)(x_{ik} - \bar{x}_k)$
Label assignment	K-means: Pick <b>max</b> Fuzzy: Full <b>density</b>	EM: Full <b>density</b> Gibbs: <b>sample</b> posterior <sub>26</sub>

# Three options for assigning points, and their parallels across K-means, HMMs, Motifs

Update rule	Update assignments (E step) → Estimate hidden labels	Algorithm implementing E step in each of the three settings			Update model parameters (M step) → max likelihood
		Expression clustering	HMM learning	Motif discovery	
The hidden label is:		Cluster labels	State path $\pi$	Motif positions	
Pick a best	Assign each point to best label	<b>K-means:</b> Assign each point to nearest cluster	<b>Viterbi training:</b> label sequence with best path	<b>Greedy:</b> Find best motif match in each sequence	Average of those points assigned to label
Average all	Assign each point to all labels, probabilistically	<b>Fuzzy K-means:</b> Assign to all clusters, weighted by proximity	<b>Baum-Welch training:</b> label sequence w all paths (posterior decoding)	<b>MEME:</b> Use all positions as a motif occurrence weighed by motif match score	Average of all points, weighted by membership
Sample one	Pick one label at random, based on their relative probability	<b>N/A:</b> Assign to a random cluster, sample by proximity	<b>N/A:</b> Sample a single label for each position, according to posterior prob.	<b>Gibbs sampling:</b> Use one position for the motif, by sampling from the match scores	Average of those points assigned to label (a sample)

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# Challenge of K-means: picking K

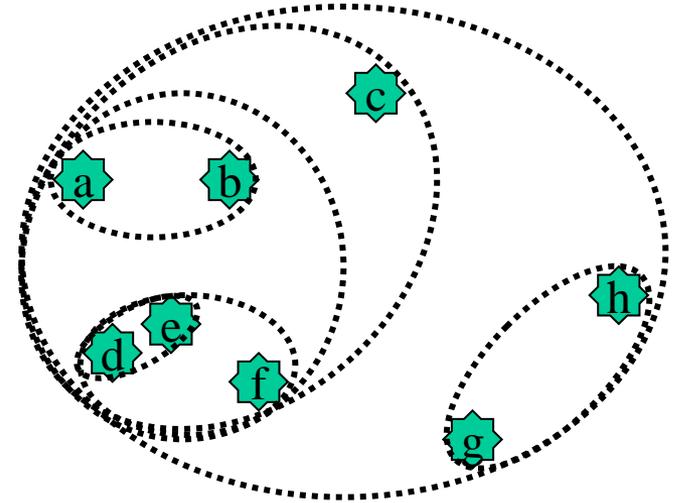
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- How do we select K?
  - We can always make clusters “more compact” by increasing K
  - e.g. What happens is if  $K = \text{number of data points}$ ?
  - What is a meaningful improvement?
- Hierarchical clustering side-steps this issue

# Hierarchical clustering

Most widely used algorithm for expression data

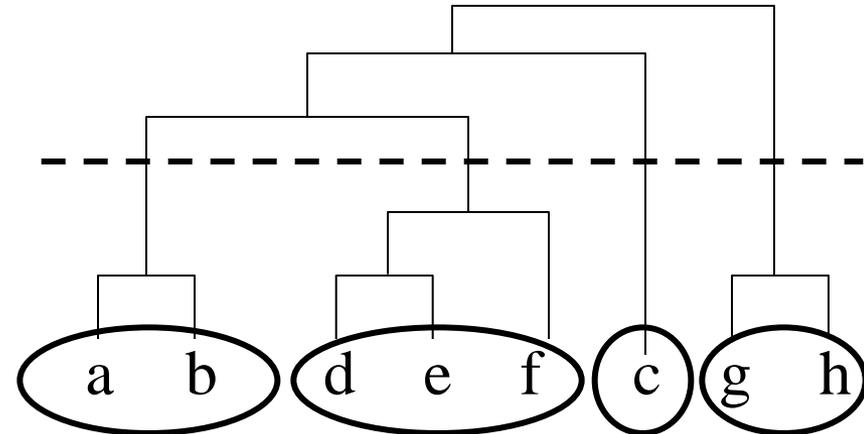
- Start with each point in a separate cluster
- At each step:
  - Choose the pair of **closest clusters**
  - Merge



 **Phylogeny (UPGMA)**

**U**nweighted **P**air **G**roup **M**ethod  
with **A**rithmetic-mean

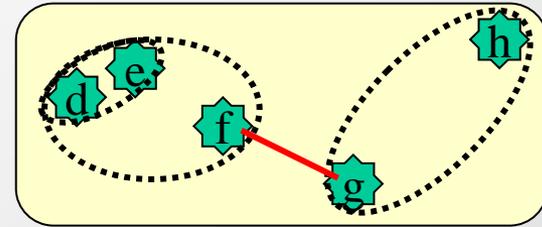
Select a “cut level” to create  
disjoint clusters



# Distance between clusters

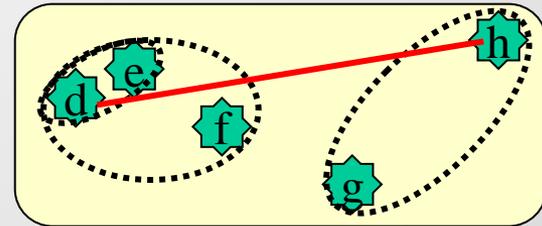
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*Single-link method*



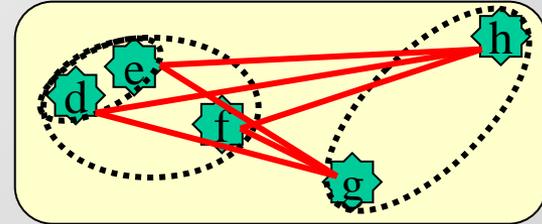
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*Complete-link method*



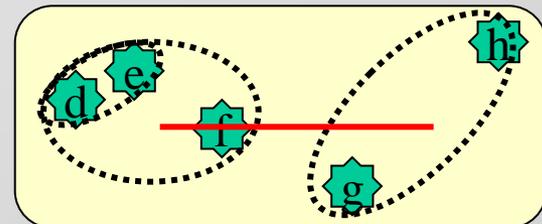
- $CD(X,Y)=\text{avg}_{x \in X, y \in Y} D(x,y)$

*Average-link method*



- $CD(X,Y)=D(\text{avg}(X), \text{avg}(Y))$

*Centroid method*



Cluster distance affects both results and runtime

# Point-to-point (Dis)Similarity Measures

**Table 1 Gene expression similarity measures**

Manhattan distance (city-block distance, L1 norm)	$d_{fg} = \sum_c  e_{fc} - e_{gc} $
Euclidean distance (L2 norm)	$d_{fg} = \sqrt{\sum_c (e_{fc} - e_{gc})^2}$
Mahalanobis distance	$d_{fg} = (\mathbf{e}_f - \mathbf{e}_g)' \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{e}_f - \mathbf{e}_g)$ , where $\Sigma$ is the (full or within-cluster) covariance matrix of the data
Pearson correlation (centered correlation)	$d_{fg} = 1 - r_{fg}$ , with $r_{fg} = \frac{\sum_c (e_{fc} - \bar{e}_f)(e_{gc} - \bar{e}_g)}{\sqrt{\sum_c (e_{fc} - \bar{e}_f)^2 \sum_c (e_{gc} - \bar{e}_g)^2}}$
Uncentered correlation (angular separation, cosine angle)	$d_{fg} = 1 - r_{fg}$ , with $r_{fg} = \frac{\sum_c e_{fc} e_{gc}}{\sqrt{\sum_c e_{fc}^2 \sum_c e_{gc}^2}}$
Spellman rank correlation	As Pearson correlation, but replace $\mathbf{e}_{gc}$ with the rank of $\mathbf{e}_{gc}$ within the expression values of gene $g$ across all conditions $c = 1 \dots C$
Absolute or squared correlation	$d_{fg} = 1 -  r_{fg} $ or $d_{fg} = 1 - r_{fg}^2$

$d_{fg}$ , distance between expression patterns for genes  $f$  and  $g$ .  $e_{gc}$ , expression level of gene  $g$  under condition  $c$ .

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**Cluster-to-cluster distance as a function of point-to-point**

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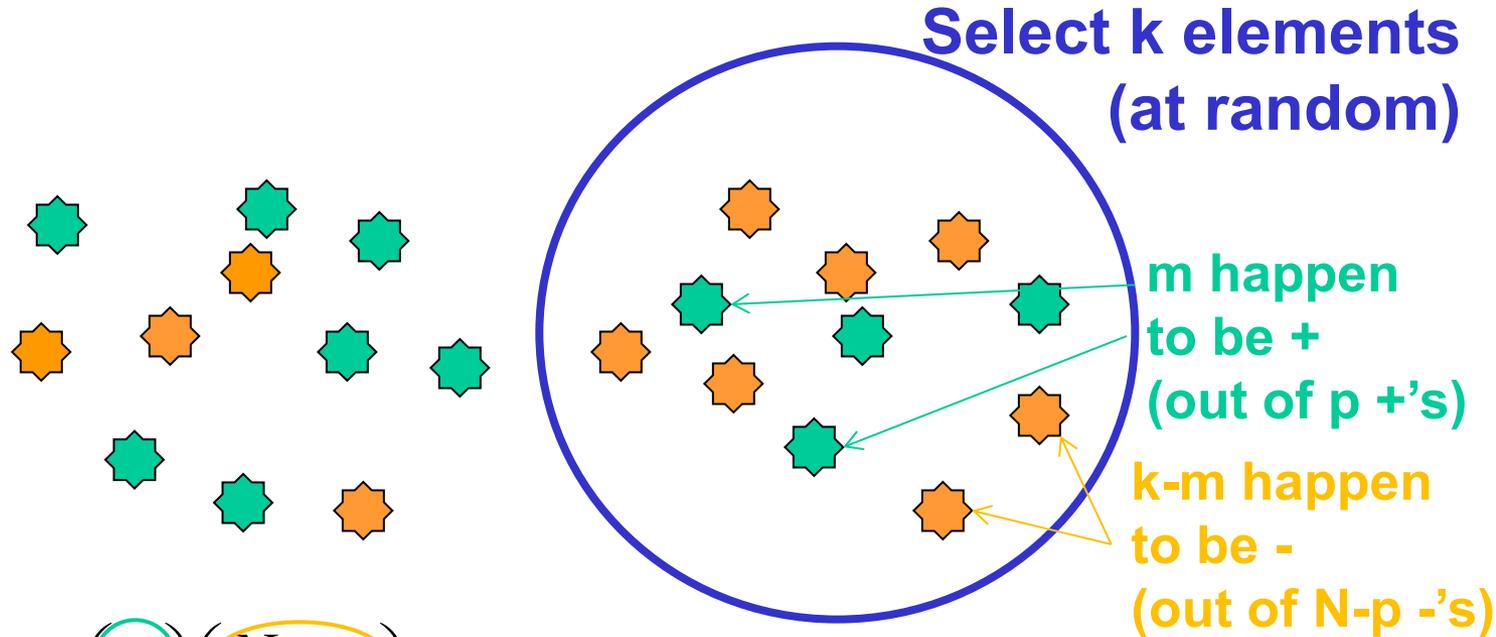
# Evaluating Cluster Performance

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**In general, it depends on your goals in clustering**

- **Robustness**
  - Select random samples from data set and cluster
  - Repeat
  - Robust clusters show up in all clusters
- **Category Enrichment**
  - Look for categories of genes “over-represented” in particular clusters
  - Also used in Motif Discovery

# Evaluating clusters – Hypergeometric Distribution



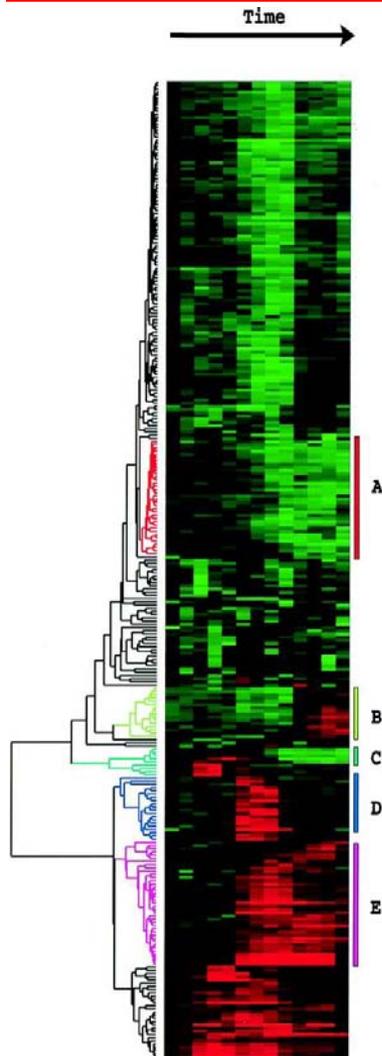
$$P(pos \geq r) = \sum_{m \geq r} \frac{\binom{p}{m} \binom{N-p}{k-m}}{\binom{N}{k}}$$

P-value of uniformity  
in computed cluster

Prob that a randomly chosen  
set of k experiments would  
result in m positive and k-m  
negative

- N experiments, p labeled +, (N-p) -
- Cluster: k elements, m labeled +, k-m labeled -
- P-value of *single* cluster containing k elements of which at least r are +

# Evaluation using functional enrichment

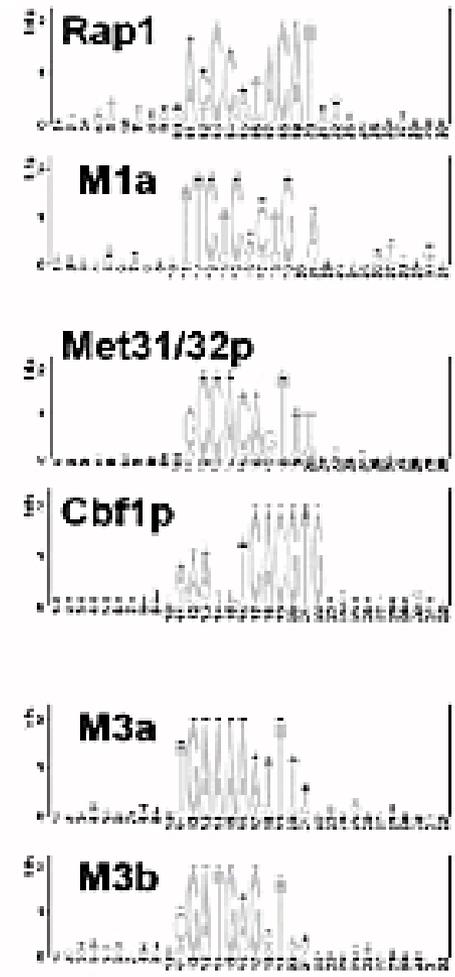
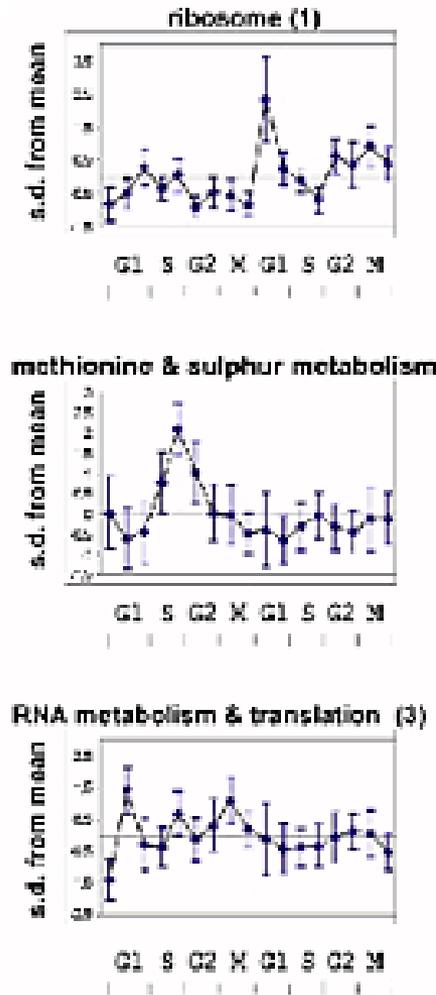


**Clustered 8600 human genes  
using expression time course in  
fibroblasts**

- (A) Cholesterol biosynthesis**
- (B) Cell cycle**
- (C) Immediate early response**
- (D) Signalling and angiogenesis**
- (E) Wound healing**

# Evaluation based on motif content

Expression from  
15 time points  
during yeast  
cell cycle



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# Two Approaches to Classification

- **Generative**

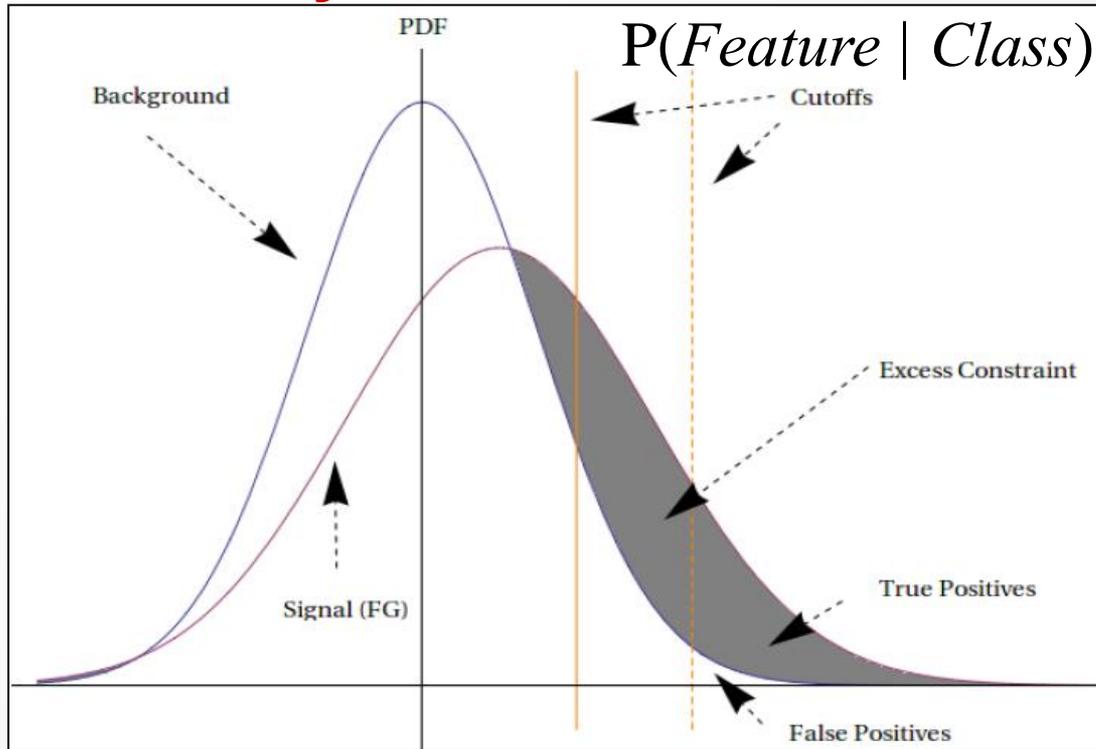
- Bayesian Classification (e.g. Naïve Bayes)
- Pose classification problem in prob terms
- Model feature distribution in different classes
- Use probability calculus for making decisions

- **Discriminative**

- E.g. Support Vector Machines
- No modeling of underlying distributions
- Make decisions using distance from boundary

- **Example: Gene finding: HMMs vs. CRFs**

# Bayesian classification with a single feature



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**Ex 1:** DNA repair genes show higher expression during stress

**Ex 2:** Protein-coding regions show higher conservation levels

**Ex 3:** Regulatory regions show higher GC-content

**In general:** foreground signal vs. background

1. If you know both distributions, how to classify a new example
  - Picking a cutoff. Minimizing classification error. Maximizing posterior prob.
2. If you have many classified examples, how to estimate model params.
  - Parametric vs. non-parametric models. Class-conditional distributions. Priors

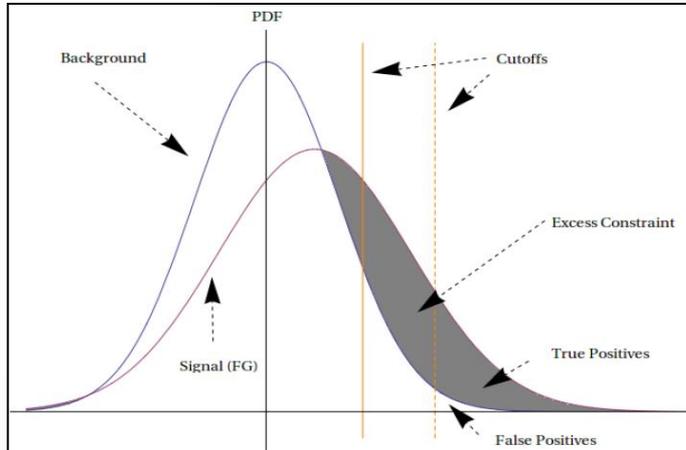
### 3. Bayes' Rule:

–  $P(C|F)$  from  $P(F|C)$

– Take probability ratios

$$P(\text{Class} | \text{Feature}) = \frac{\text{Likelihood} \quad \text{Prior}}{\text{Evidence}} = \frac{P(\text{Feature} | \text{Class})P(\text{Class})}{P(\text{Feature})}$$

# Classification problem: Max Probability Class



Select the class that maximizes posterior:

$$P(\text{Class} | \text{Feature}) = \frac{\text{Likelihood} \quad \text{Prior}}{P(\text{Feature})} = \frac{P(\text{Feature} | \text{Class})P(\text{Class})}{\text{Evidence}}$$

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Maximum-A-Posteriori (MAP) estimates

$$\text{BestClass} = \operatorname{argmax}_C P(\text{Class} | \text{Feature})$$

$$= \operatorname{argmax}_C P(\text{Feature} | \text{Class}) P(\text{Class})$$

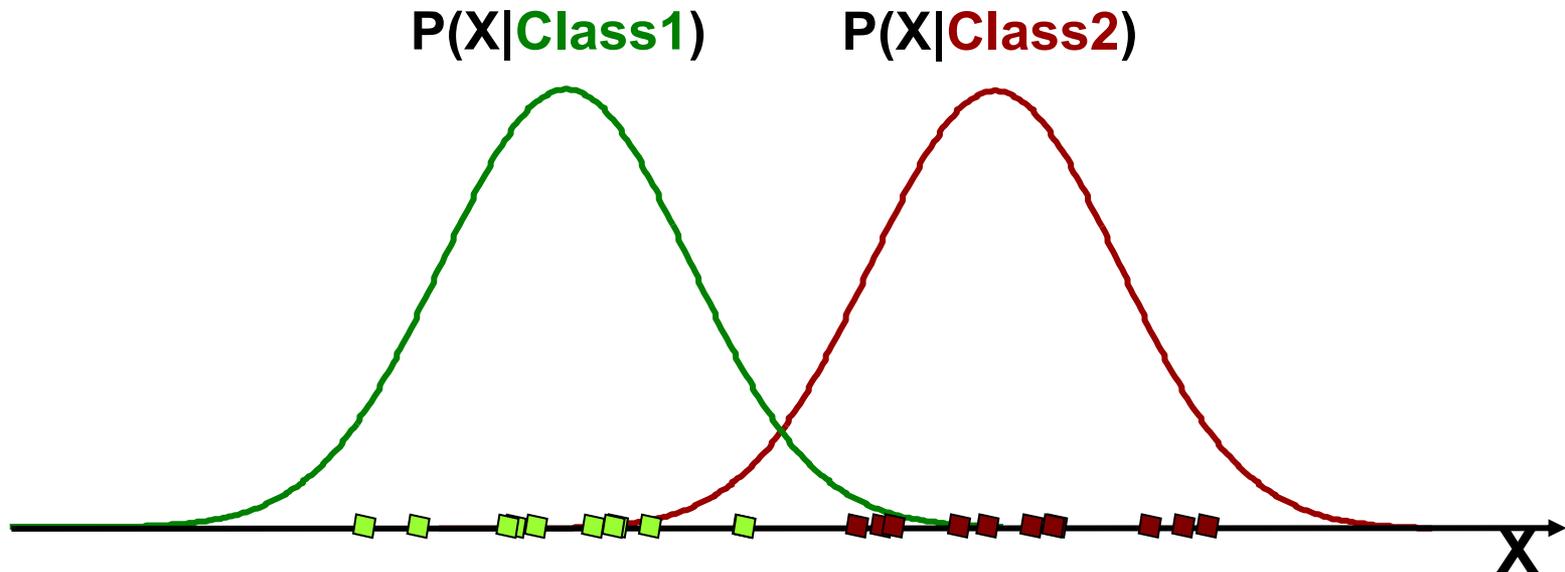
Scaling the above distribution based on class priors

# Likelihood:

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$$P(\text{Class} | \text{Feature}) = \frac{P(\text{Feature} | \text{Class})P(\text{Class})}{P(\text{Feature})}$$

Features for each class drawn from  
**conditional probability distributions**  
(conditional on the **class**)



Our first goal will be to *model* these  
class-conditional probability distributions (CCPD)

# Class Priors: $P(\text{Class} | \text{Feature}) = \frac{P(\text{Feature} | \text{Class})P(\text{Class})}{P(\text{Feature})}$

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We model **prior probabilities** to quantify the expected a *priori* chance of seeing a class

**P(Class2)** & **P(Class1)**

P(mito) = how likely is the next protein to be a mitochondrial protein *before I see any features to help me decide*

We expect ~1500 mitochondrial genes out of ~21000 total, so

$$P(\text{mito}) = 1500/21000$$
$$P(\sim\text{mito}) = 19500/21000$$

# Evidence

$$P(\text{Class} | \text{Feature}) = \frac{P(\text{Feature} | \text{Class})P(\text{Class})}{P(\text{Feature})}$$

**Total evidence is  $P(\text{Feature}) = \sum_i P(\text{Feature} | \text{Class}_i)P(\text{Class}_i)$   
But it does not need to be known for classification**

If we observe an object with feature  $X$ , how do we decide if the object is from Class 1?

The **Bayes Decision Rule** is simply choose Class 1 if:

$$P(\text{Class1} | X) > P(\text{Class2} | X)$$

$$\frac{P(X | \text{Class1})P(L1)}{P(X)} > \frac{P(X | \text{Class2})P(L2)}{P(X)}$$

same

$$P(X | \text{Class1})P(\text{Class1}) > P(X | \text{Class2})P(\text{Class2})$$

**→  $P(\text{Feature})$  does not need to be computed for classification.**

# Discriminant Function for selecting Class 1

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We can create a convenient representation of the Bayes Decision Rule

$$P(X | \text{Class1})P(\text{Class1}) > P(X | \text{Class2})P(\text{Class2})$$

$$\frac{P(X | \text{Class1})P(\text{Class1})}{P(X | \text{Class2})P(\text{Class2})} > 1$$

$$G(X) = \log \frac{P(X | \text{Class1})}{P(X | \text{Class2})} \frac{P(\text{Class1})}{P(\text{Class2})} > 0$$

*If  $G(X) > 0$ , we classify as Class 1*

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# Training and Testing Datasets

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## The Rule

We *must* test our classifier on a different set from the training set: the **labeled test set**

## The Task

We will classify each object in the test set and count the **number of each type of error**

# Getting $P(X|\text{Class})$ from Training Set

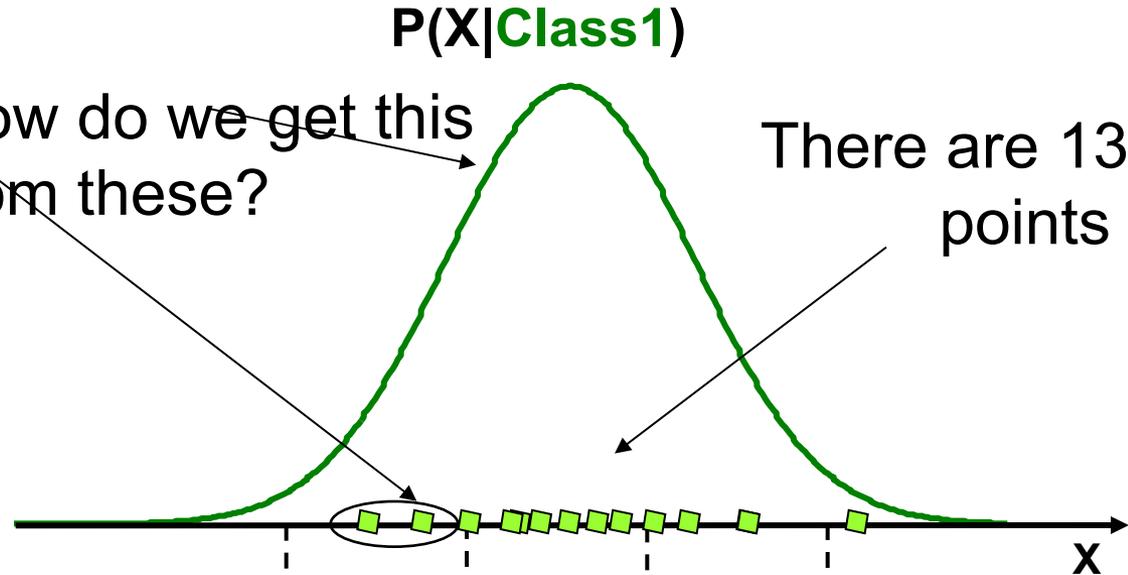
## One Simple Approach

Divide X values into bins

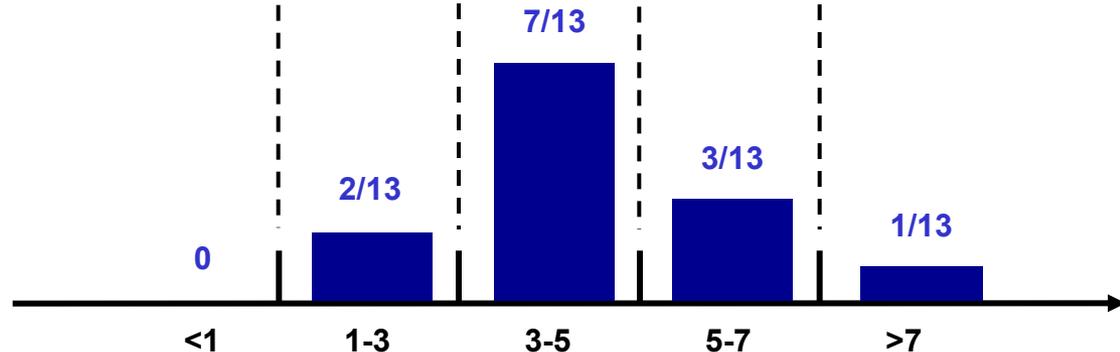
And then we simply count frequencies

How do we get this from these?

There are 13 data points



*In general, and especially for continuous distributions, this can be a complicated problem: **Density Estimation***

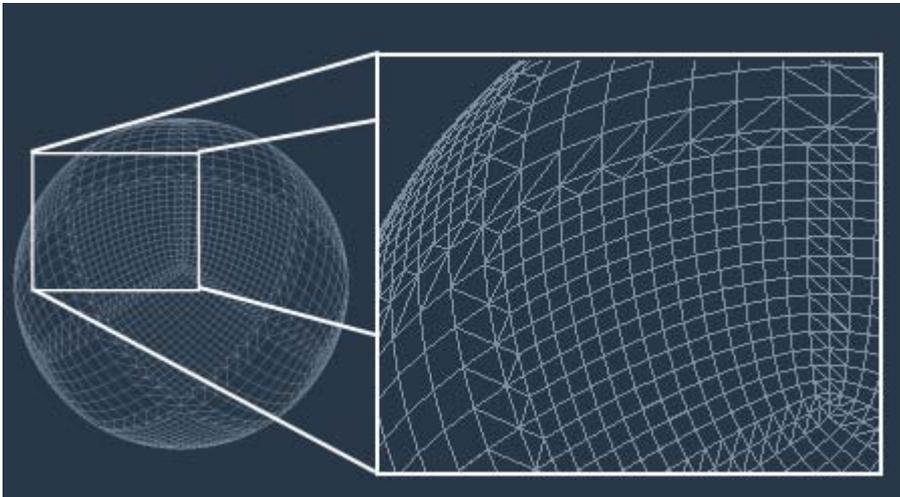


# Distributions Over Many Features

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*Estimating  $P(X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_8 | \text{Class1})$  can be difficult*

- Assume each feature binned into 5 possible values
- We have  $5^8$  combinations of values we need to count the frequency for



- Generally will not have enough data
  - We will have lots of nasty zeros

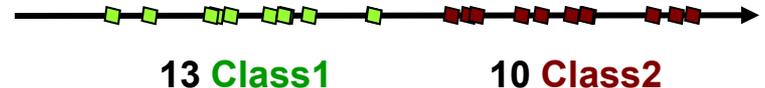
# Getting Priors

## Three general approaches

1. Estimate priors by counting fraction of classes in training set

$$P(\text{Class1})=13/23$$

$$P(\text{Class2})=10/23$$



*But sometimes fractions in training set are not representative of world*

2. Estimate from “expert” knowledge

Example

$$P(\text{mito})=1500/21000$$

$$P(\sim\text{mito})=19500/21000$$

3. We have no idea – use equal (uninformative) priors

$$P(\text{Class1})=P(\text{Class2})$$

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# Combining Multiple Features

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- We have focused on a single feature for an object
- But mitochondrial protein prediction (for example) has **7 features**

Targeting signal
Protein domains
Co-expression
Mass Spec
Homology
Induction
Motifs

***So  $P(X|Class)$  become  $P(X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_8|Class)$  and our discriminant function becomes***

$$G(X) = \log \frac{P(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_7 | \text{Class1}) P(\text{Class1})}{P(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_7 | \text{Class2}) P(\text{Class2})} > 0$$

# Naïve Bayes Classifier

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We are going to make the following assumption:

*All features are **independent given the class***

$$\begin{aligned}P(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n | Class) &= P(X_1 | Class)P(X_2 | Class) \dots P(X_n | Class) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i | Class)\end{aligned}$$

We can thus estimate individual distributions for each feature and just multiply them together!

# Naïve Bayes Discriminant Function

Thus, with the Naïve Bayes assumption, we can now rewrite, this:

$$G(X_1, \dots, X_7) = \log \frac{P(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_7 | \text{Class1}) P(\text{Class1})}{P(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_7 | \text{Class2}) P(\text{Class2})} > 0$$

**As this:**

$$G(X_1, \dots, X_7) = \log \frac{\prod P(X_i | \text{Class1}) P(\text{Class1})}{\prod P(X_i | \text{Class2}) P(\text{Class2})} > 0$$

**Which can be simply computed as the sum of log scores**

# Binary Classification Errors

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	True (Mito)	False (~Mito)
Predicted True	TP	FP
Predicted False	FN	TN

$$\text{Sensitivity} = \text{TP}/(\text{TP}+\text{FN}) \quad \text{Specificity} = \text{TN}/(\text{TN}+\text{FP})$$

- **Sensitivity**
  - Fraction of all Class 1 (True) that we correctly predicted at Class 1
  - *How good are we at finding what we are looking for*
- **Specificity**
  - Fraction of all Class 2 (False) called Class 2
  - *How many of the Class 2 do we filter out of our Class 1 predictions*

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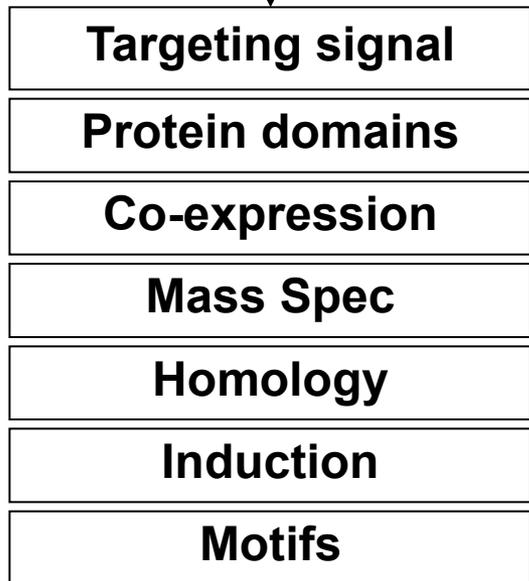
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# Classifying Mitochondrial Proteins

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Derive 7 features for all  
human proteins



Predict nuclear encoded  
mitochondrial genes  
**Maestro**

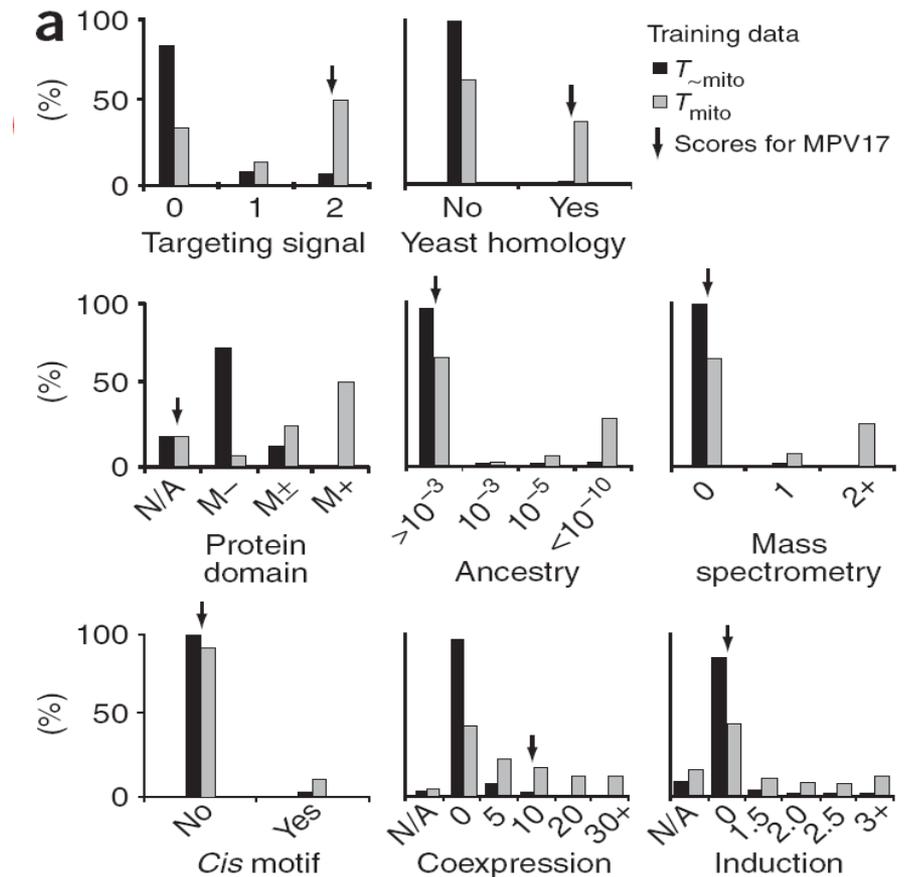
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# Individual Feature Distributions

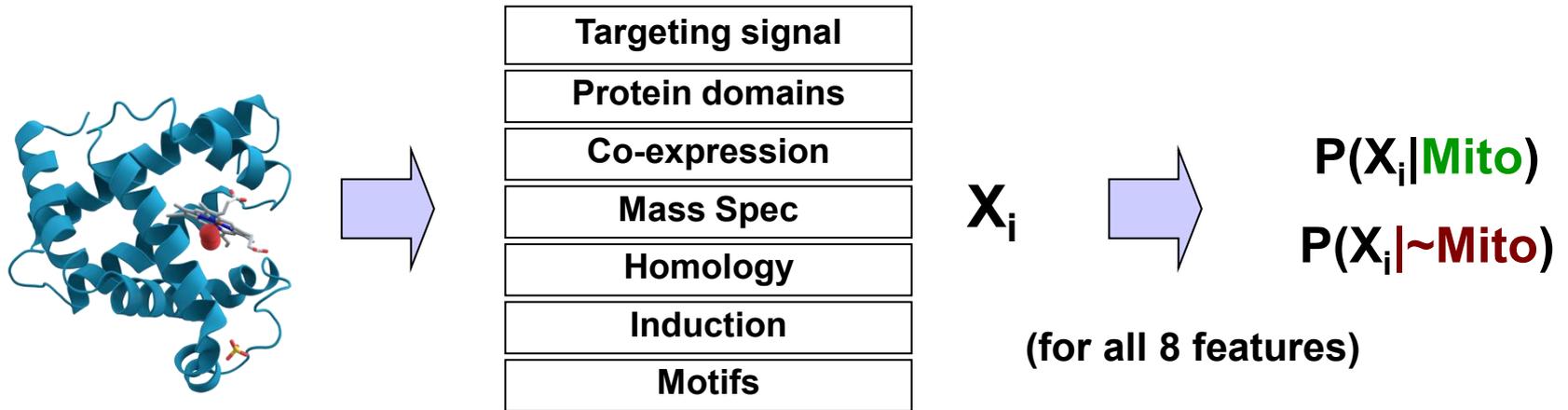
Instead of a single big distribution, we have a smaller one for each feature (and class)

$P(\text{Target} \text{Mito})$	$P(\text{Target} \sim\text{Mito})$
$P(\text{Domain} \text{Mito})$	$P(\text{Domain} \sim\text{Mito})$
$P(\text{CE} \text{Mito})$	$P(\text{CE} \sim\text{Mito})$
$P(\text{Mass} \text{Mito})$	$P(\text{Mass} \sim\text{Mito})$
$P(\text{Homology} \text{Mito})$	$P(\text{Homology} \sim\text{Mito})$
$P(\text{Induc} \text{Mito})$	$P(\text{Induc} \sim\text{Mito})$
$P(\text{Motif} \text{Mito})$	$P(\text{Motif} \sim\text{Mito})$



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# Classifying A New Protein



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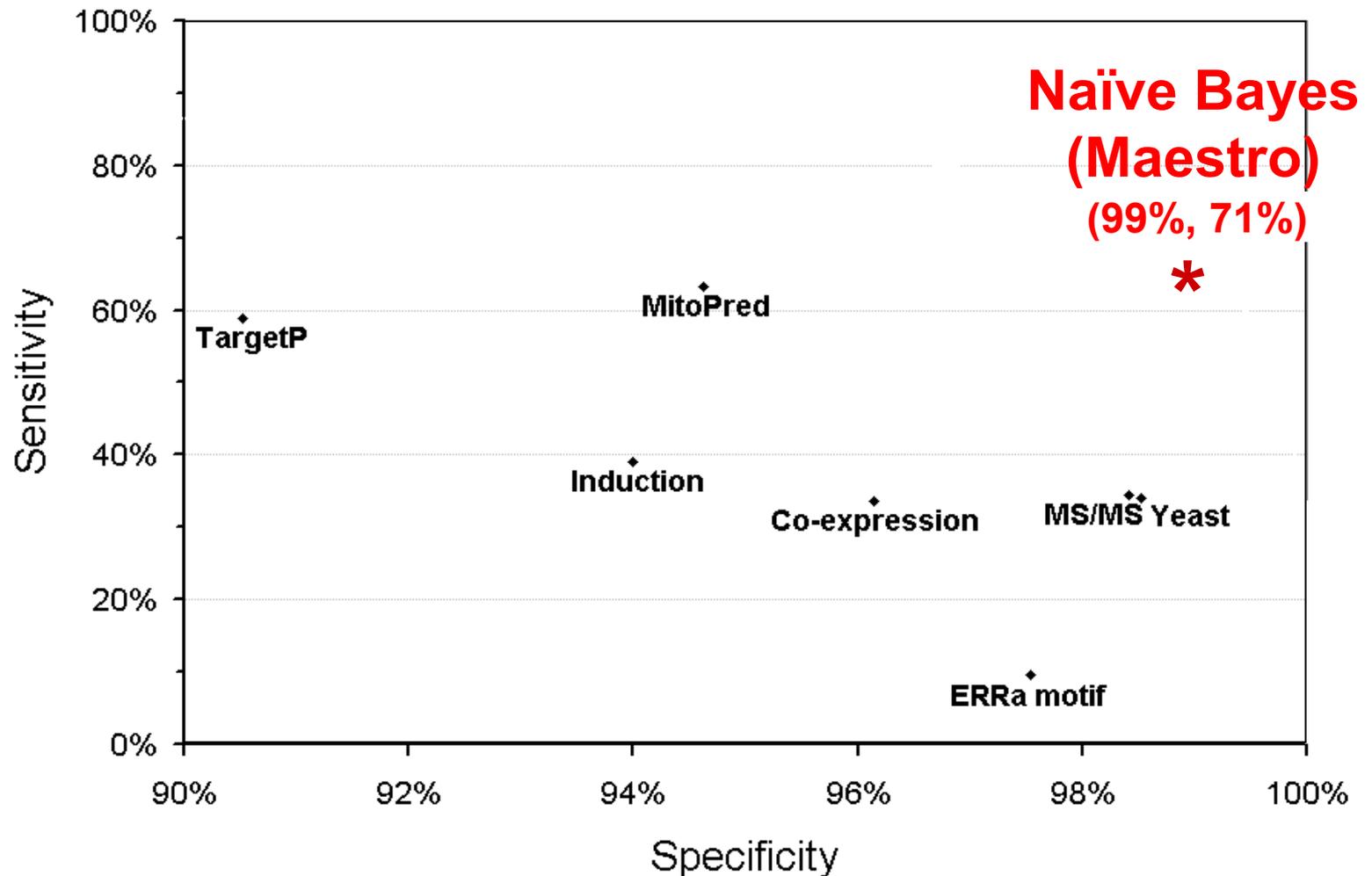
Plug these and priors into the discriminant function

$$G(X_1, \dots, X_7) = \log \frac{\prod P(X_i | \text{Mito}) \frac{P(\text{Mito})}{\prod P(X_i | \sim \text{Mito}) \frac{P(\sim \text{Mito})}{}} > 0$$

***IF  $G > 0$ , we predict that the protein is from class Mito***

# Apply to human proteome: 1,451 predictions (of which 490 are novel predictions)

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**Problem in genomics: not everything novel is false**

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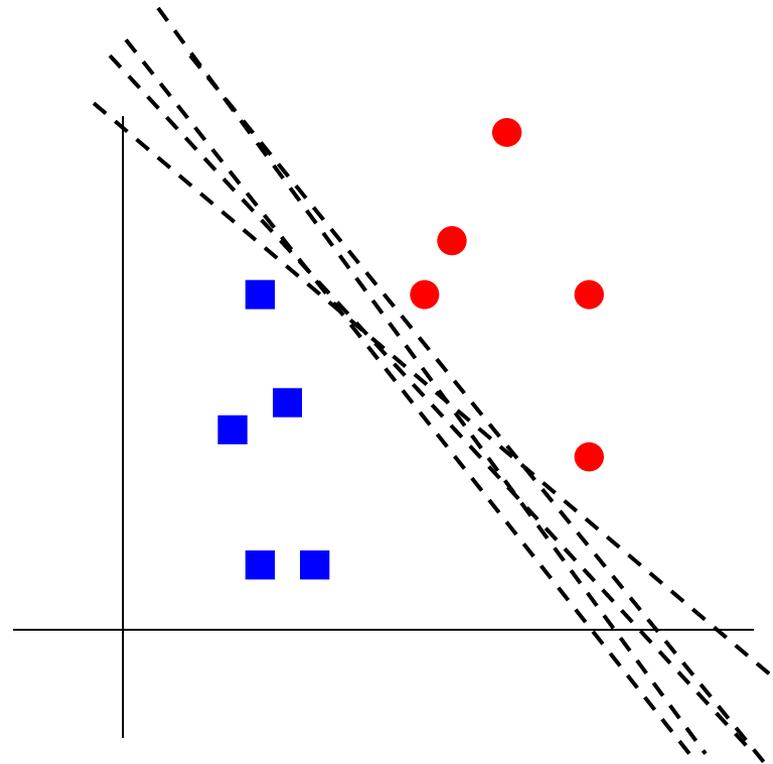
# Support Vector Machines (SVMs)

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Easy to select a line

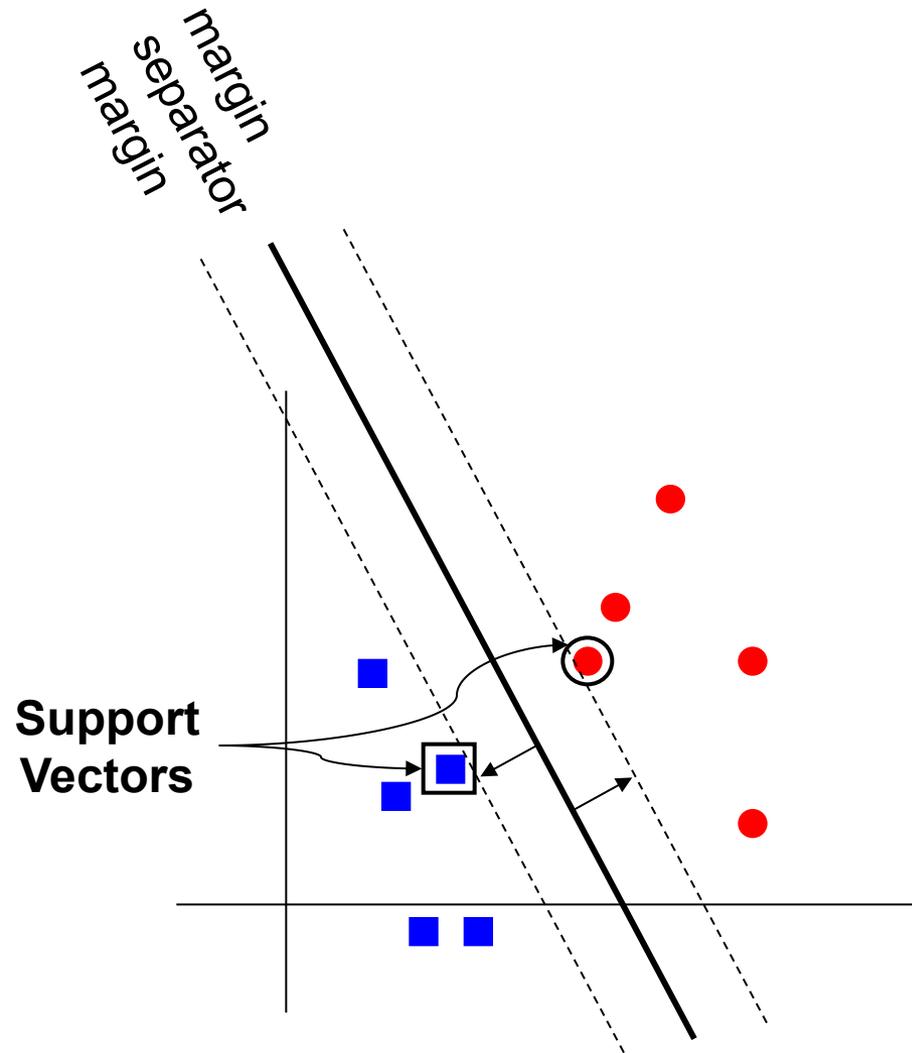
But many lines will separate these training data

What line should we choose?



# Support Vector Machines (SVMs)

A sensible choice is to select a line that maximizes the *margin* between classes



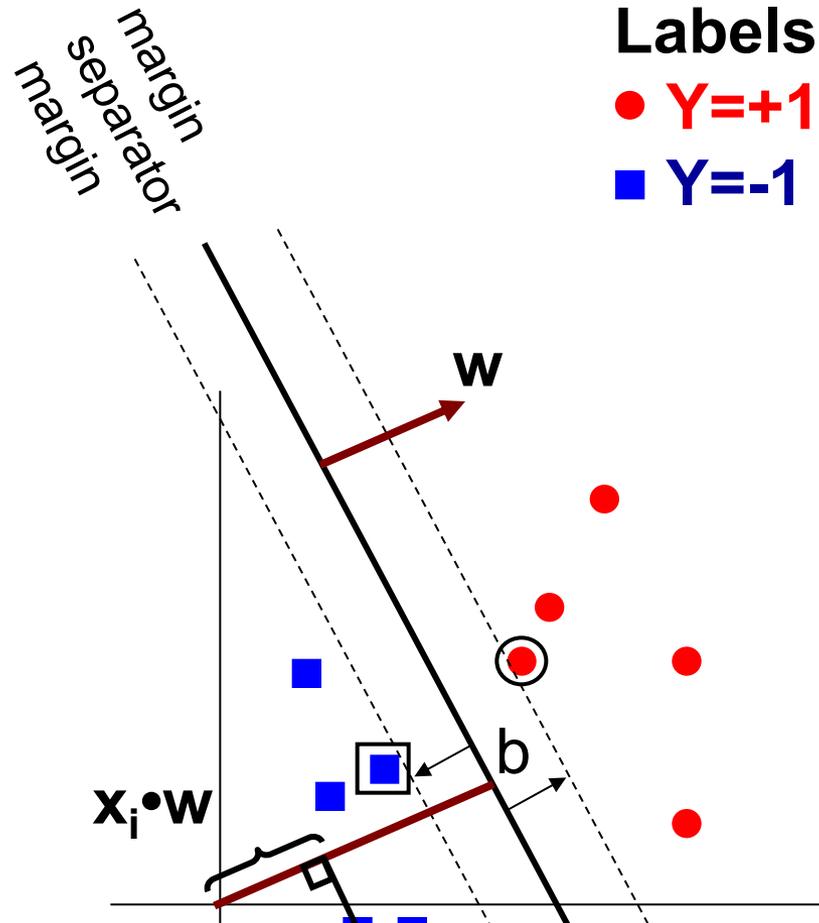
# SVM Formulation

We define a vector  $\mathbf{w}$  normal to the separating line

Assume all data satisfy the following:

$$\mathbf{x}_i \cdot \mathbf{w} - b \geq +1 \text{ for } y_i = +1$$

$$\mathbf{x}_i \cdot \mathbf{w} - b \leq -1 \text{ for } y_i = -1$$



*We want to find the separator with the largest margin*

# An Optimization Problem

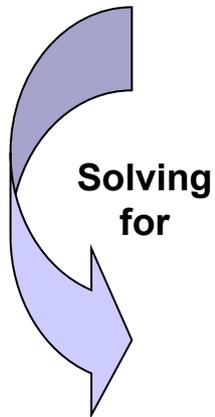
For full derivation, see Burge

Only need dot product of input data!

$$\text{Minimize } L_D = \sum_i \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j \mathbf{x}_i \bullet \mathbf{x}_j$$

Quadratic Programming

$$\text{subject to } \sum_i \alpha_i y_i = 0 \text{ and } \alpha_j > 0$$



$$\alpha_i (y_i (\mathbf{x}_i \bullet \mathbf{w} - b) - 1) = 0$$

Only some  $\alpha_i$  are non-zero

$$\mathbf{w} = \sum_i \alpha_i y_i \mathbf{x}_i$$

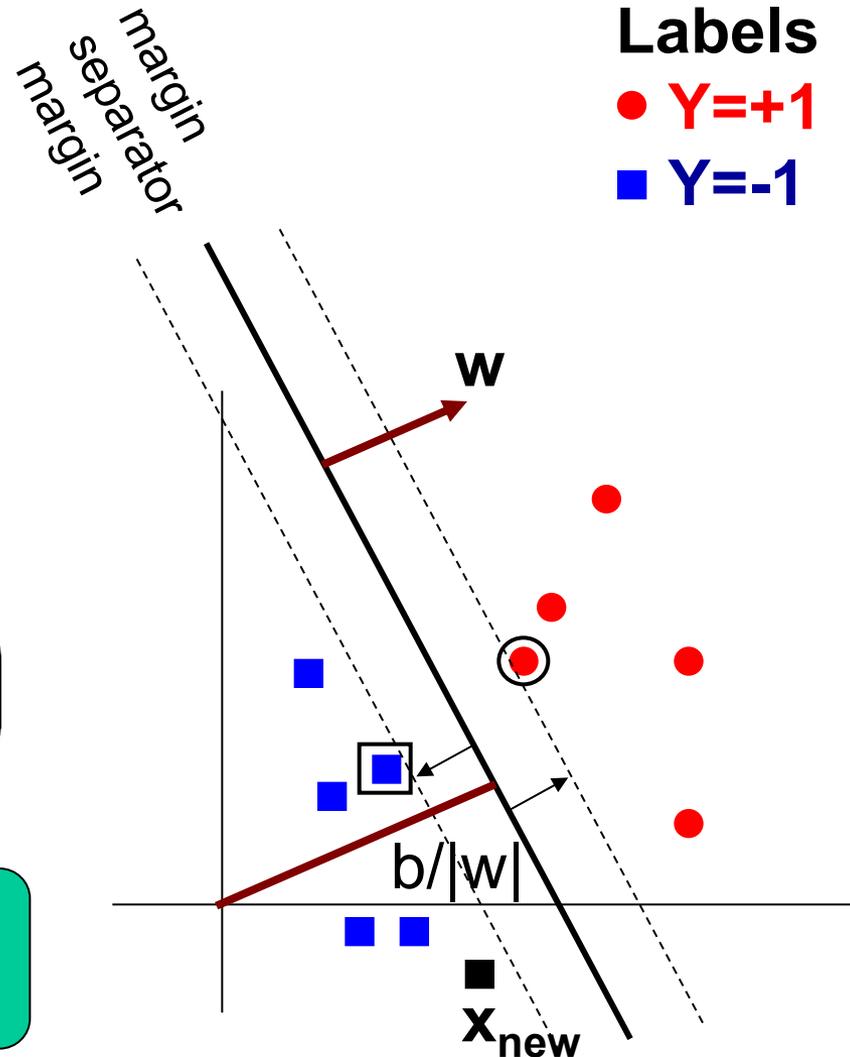
$\mathbf{x}_i$  with  $\alpha_i > 0$  are the *support vectors*  
 $\mathbf{w}$  is *determined by these data points!*

# Using an SVM

Given a new data point we simply assign it the label:

$$y_i = \text{sign}(\mathbf{w} \bullet \mathbf{x}_{\text{new}} - b)$$
$$= \text{sign}\left(\sum_i \alpha_i y_i \mathbf{x}_i \bullet \mathbf{x}_{\text{new}} - b\right)$$

Again, only dot product of input data!



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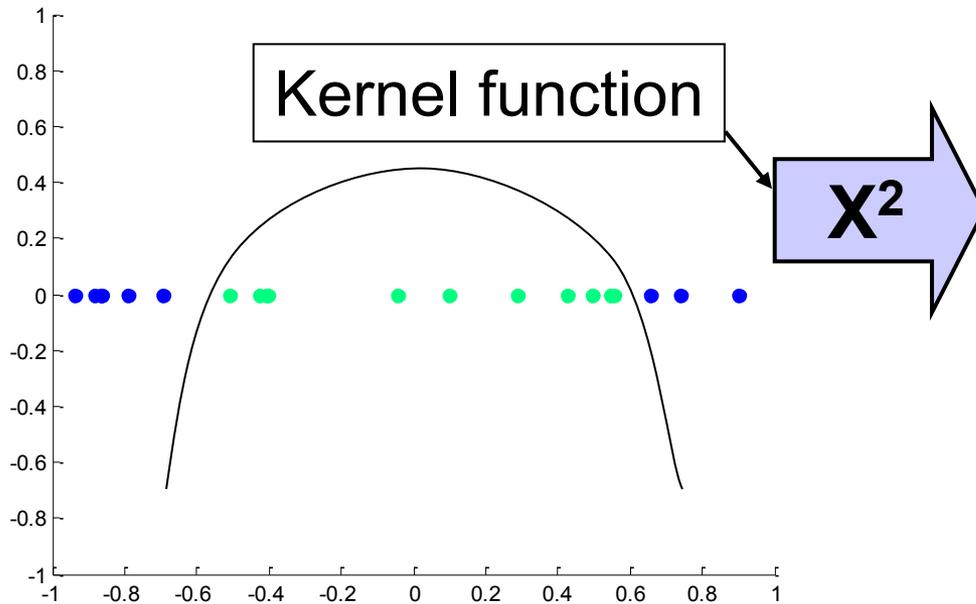
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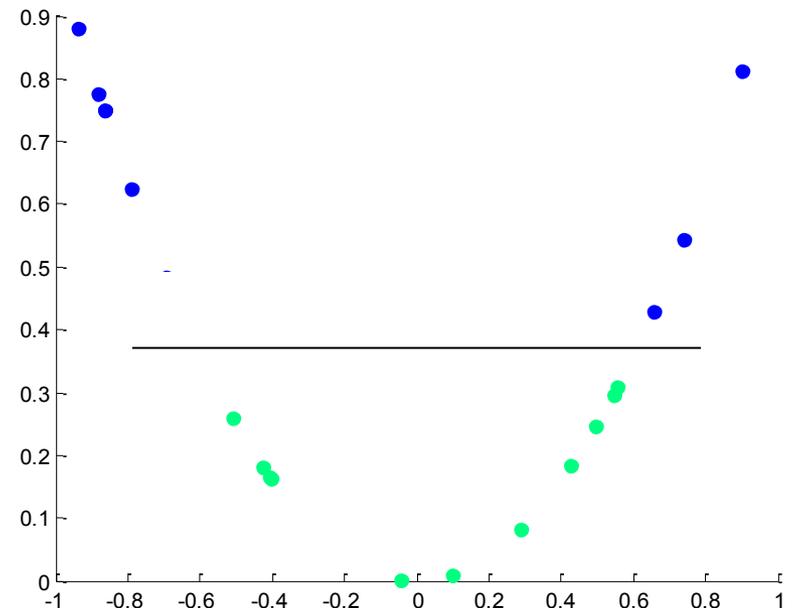
# Non-linear Classifier

- Some data not linearly separable in low dimensions
- What if we **transform** it to a higher dimension?

1 dimensional data



2 dimensional data



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# Kernel Mapping

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Want a **mapping** from input space,  
 $\mathbb{R}^d$ , to other euclidean space,  $H$

$$\Phi(x): \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow H$$

But  $\Phi(X)$  can be a mapping to an infinite dimensional space  
i.e.  $d$  points become an infinite number of points

$$\mathbf{X}=(\mathbf{x}_1,\mathbf{x}_2) \quad \longrightarrow \quad \Phi(\mathbf{X})=(\phi_1,\phi_2,\phi_3,\dots,\phi_\infty)$$

*Rather difficult to work with!*

# Kernel Mapping

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Want a **mapping** from input space,  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , to other euclidean space,  $H$

From previous slide, SVMs *only depend* on **dot product**

$$\Phi(x): \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow H$$

$$\mathbf{X}_i \cdot \mathbf{X}_j \quad \xrightarrow{\text{becomes}} \quad \Phi(\mathbf{X}_i) \cdot \Phi(\mathbf{X}_j)$$

Here is **trick**: if we have a kernel function such that

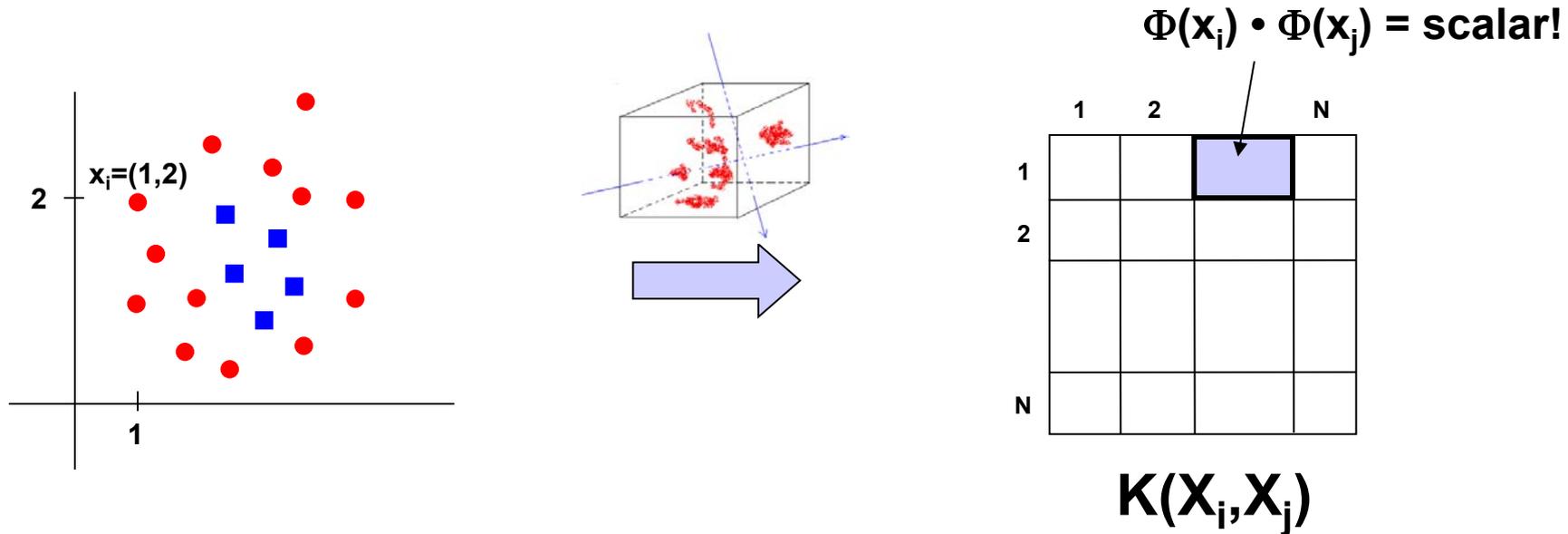
$$K(\mathbf{X}_i, \mathbf{X}_j) = \Phi(\mathbf{X}_i) \cdot \Phi(\mathbf{X}_j)$$

**We can just use  $K$  and never know  $\Phi(x)$  explicitly!**

**$\Phi(\mathbf{X})$  is high dimensional  
 $K$  is a scalar**

# Kernels

So the key step is to take your input data and transform it into a **kernel matrix**



We have then done two very useful things:

1. Transformed  $X$  into a **high (possibly infinite) dimensional** space (where we hope are data are separable)
2. Taken dot products in this space to create **scalars**

# Example Kernels

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$$K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = \mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{x}_j$$

**Linear**

$$K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = (\gamma \mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{x}_j + r)^d$$

**Polynomial**

$$K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = \exp\left(-\gamma \|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j\|^2\right)$$

**Radial Basis Function**

$$K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = \tanh(\gamma \mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{x}_j + r)$$

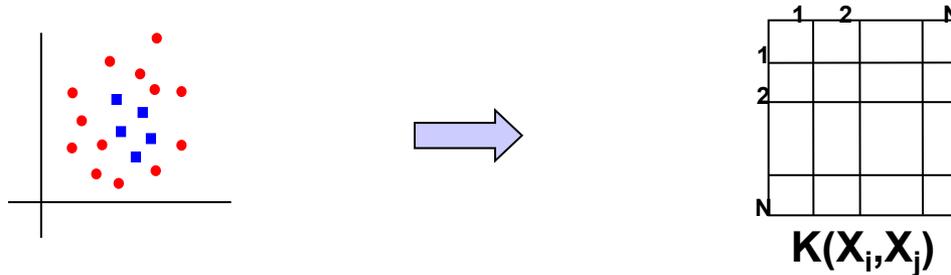
**Sigmoid**

**What  $K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)$  are valid kernels?**

**Answer given by **Mercer's Condition** (see Burgess 1998)**

# Using (Non-Linear) SVMs

Step 1 – Transform data to **Kernel Matrix K**



Step 2 – **Train SVM** on transformed data – get support vectors

$$\text{Minimize } L_D = \sum_i \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j \mathbf{x}_i \bullet \mathbf{x}_j = \sum_i \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)$$

Step 2 – **Test/Classify** on new samples

$$y_{new} = \text{sign}(\mathbf{w} \bullet \mathbf{x}_{new}) = \text{sign}\left(\sum_i \alpha_i y_i \mathbf{x}_i \bullet \mathbf{x}_{new}\right) = \text{sign}\left(\sum_i \alpha_i y_i \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_{new})\right)$$

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- Non-linear discrimination, Kernel functions, SVMs in practice

# Classifying Tumors with Array Data

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- Primary samples:
  - 38 bone marrow samples
  - 27 ALL, 11 AML
  - obtained from acute leukemia patients at the time of diagnosis;

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- Independent samples:
  - 34 leukemia samples
  - 24 bone marrow
  - 10 peripheral blood samples
- Assay ~6800 Genes

# Weighted Voting Classification

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## General approach of Golub et al (1999) paper:

- Choosing a set of **informative genes** based on their correlation with the class distinction
- Each informative gene casts a **weighted vote** for one of the classes
- Summing up the votes to determine the winning class and the **prediction strength**

# Results

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## Initial Samples

- 36 of the 38 samples as either AML or ALL.  
All 36 samples agree with clinical diagnosis
- 2 not predicted

## Independent Samples

- 29 of 34 samples are strongly predicted with 100% accuracy.
- 5 not predicted

# Training Set

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# SVM Approach

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# Methods

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- Generate 4 classifiers using different numbers of genes
  - 7129, 999, 99, 49 most informative
- Linear SVM
- Distance from hyperplane (i.e. margin) provides **confidence level**

# Results

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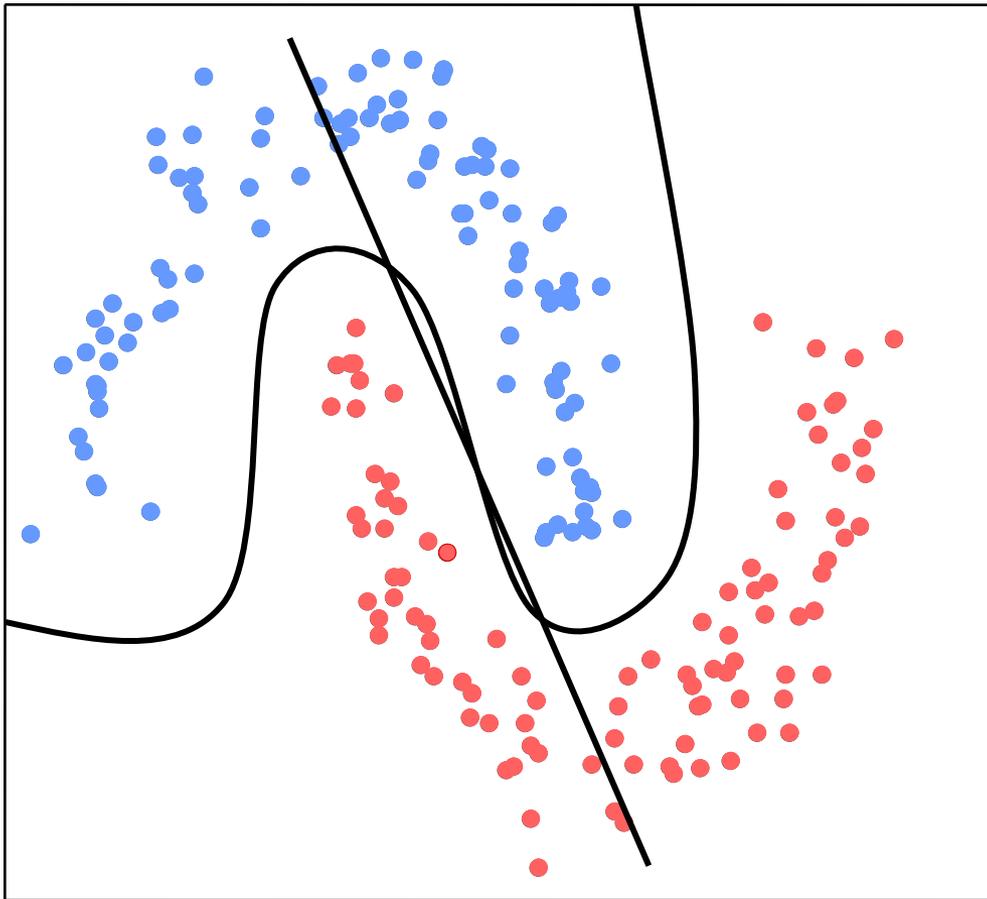
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# Bringing Clustering and Classification Together

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## Semi-Supervised Learning



### Common Scenario

- Few labeled
- Many unlabeled
- Structured data

What if we cluster first?

Then clusters can help us classify

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